



## *The Girl Who Heard Amelia*

Here's an update on our ongoing investigation of a notebook purported to be a real-time record of distress calls from Amelia Earhart heard by "Betty," a fifteen year old girl in St. Petersburg, Florida (first reported in the October 2000 issue of *TIGHAR Tracks*).

On November 5, 2000 we interviewed Betty on videotape at her home in the Midwest. (We're not disclosing Betty's full name and location at this time because she has a heart condition and we don't want her to be assailed by the press.) She was able to provide us with much more detail about her own history and her recollections about the entries she made in her notebook. One of her neighbors was also able to provide us with correspondence dating from 1970 which documents that he attempted unsuccessfully to interest Earhart author Fred Goerner in Betty's story at that time.

The same neighbor also had notes of a conversation he had with Betty's mother, then still living. Although differing in some minor details, the notes generally agree with Betty's version of the story. While we were there we

also collected handwriting examples from Betty which will be used in an evaluation of her notebook by a recognized expert in document authentication.