Dear Suzanne Hackett,

I got a letter from Richard Lapp saying you wanted to know if Richard bought land and built all stuff here. He carved all dolls with his pocket knife. The doll's head and body are carved out of Redwood. Their noses, hands, arms, legs, feet are made out of porpino. He had to take over the load of raising his sister, brothers, and take care of his mother. He sure had it rough as he just a child. He went onto the carnival trying to make a living for mother and brothers and sisters. That where he got idea for many gorilla and animals. Well, we wrote up a "Sweet Life" by couple from Amsterdam Holland. Been Well. Time here we write up in Backroads Calif. by Earl Thorland. First got dolls in the store, then once he got out got the doll called Rhodeo or Reycclout front and another Calif. 20th Century America Falk art earliest.
February 23, 1948

Dear Mother,

I have just received your letter from Box 91. I am glad to hear from you.

Please write soon.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]