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CHARACTERS

OPERATOR

CALLER

SETTING: A telephone company, and a private residence.

TIME: The present.

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AT THE CURTAIN: *LIGHTS up on OPERATOR.*

OPERATOR. Information.

(LIGHTS up on CALLER.)

CALLER. Yes, Operator, I'd like the number for a Dr.

Phillip Carey on Ridgmont Avenue.

OPERATOR. Carey?

CALLER. Yes, that's right.

OPERATOR. Is that spelled C-A-R-E-Y?

CALLER. I believe so.

OPERATOR. Checking.

CALLER. Thank you, Operator.

OPERATOR. With a C?

CALLER. Yes, with a C.

OPERATOR. I don't see a Dr. Phillip Carey with a C on
Ridgmont Avenue.

CALLER. I wonder if he spells his name with a K.

OPERATOR. I don't know, sir.

CALLER. Would you see if there's a Dr. Phillip Carey
with a K on Ridgmont?

OPERATOR. K-A-R-E-Y?

CALLER. Yes.

OPERATOR. Checking.

CALLER. Thank you.

OPERATOR. There's a Phillip Carey with a K on
Columbo Circle.

CALLER. Columbo Circle?

OPERATOR. Yes, sir.

CALLER. But I was told his office is on Ridgemont Avenue.

OPERATOR. The one I've got listed here is on Columbo Circle.

CALLER. Columbo Circle?

OPERATOR. Yes, sir.

CALLER. Wonder if that's the same Phillip Carey.

OPERATOR. I wouldn't know, sir.

CALLER. I don't even know where Columbo Circle is.

OPERATOR. Question.

CALLER. Yes, Operator?

OPERATOR. Could he have moved?

CALLER. I don't know.

OPERATOR. Is there a way for you to find out?

CALLER. Not until I get the phone number and ask him.

OPERATOR. Would you like me to give you the number?

CALLER. I just don't think that's the correct Phillip Carey. I never heard of Columbo Circle, plus I honestly believe he spells his name with a C.

OPERATOR. Did you say you would like the number?

CALLER. Yes, give me the damn number.

OPERATOR. Beg your pardon, sir?

CALLER. Please give me the number.

OPERATOR. The number is...are you writing this down?

CALLER. Yes, Operator, as we speak.

OPERATOR. As what?

CALLER. Nothing. Just give me the number, thank you.

OPERATOR. The number is 689-3417.

CALLER. Operator?

OPERATOR. Yes?