**DIALOGUE III**

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Jack Hampton has been in New York on business for several days. It’s 8.45, and he has a 9.00 appointment. He’s just gotten off the bus station in midtown Manhattan and is trying to find the Applegate Building.

Jack: *(to himself)* Well, where is it? I knew I should have taken a cab. *(to a passenger by)* Excuse me… sir?

Passer-by: Yes?

Jack: Could you tell me how to get to the Applegate Building? It’s supposed to be on this street somewhere, but I can’t seem to find it.

Passer-by: Sorry, I’m from out of town myself. There is a policeman over there. Try him.

Jack: Thanks. *(to the policeman)* Excuse me, officer? I’m trying to locate the Applegate Building. It’s supposed to be on 55th Street, but I don’t see it anywhere.

Officer: Do you have the number?

Jack: Yes, let’s see. *(searching through his pockets)* I should have it here somewhere, if I haven’t lost it. Oh, here it is. *(he pulls a piece of paper out of his pocket)* It says 15 East 55th Street.

Officer: Ah, you are headed the wrong way. You are on West 55th.

Jack: Just my luck! How do I get to East 55th?

Officer: Turn round and go back to Fifth Avenue. It’s only two blocks. That’s where West changes to East.

Jack: You mean I’m on the right street, but going in the wrong direction?

Officer: Right. Number 15 will be in the first block on the right-hand side of the street.

Jack: Oh, one more thing! Can you tell me where the nearest subway is? I have to get to the World Trade Center by two o’clock.

Officer: Sure. When you leave the Applegate Building, go right to the Third Avenue – that’s four blocks – then turn right again and go two blocks south to 53rd. You’ll see a subway station on the right. You can’t miss it. Take the “E” train downtown.

Jack: OK. Let’s see if I’ve got this straight – right out of the building to Third Avenue, then another right to 53rd. Got it. Thanks very much!

Officer: No problem. Take it easy!