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LINDA – Fieldnotes – Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Subject: Phone Conversation with Randreta Ward-Evans, Friends of Harlem Hospital  
Location: my office  
Time: 11:39-11:40

I've been trying to get through to someone at Harlem Hospital to let me see some health programs. I went through at least two receptionists and sent our IRB to a Naomi Griffin, who said she had to check with her superiors. Today I received a message from Ms. Randreta Ward-Evans, who is the Associate Director of the organization Friends of Harlem Hospital. It turns out that she called me by mistake, not knowing who I was, and did not want to hear at all about our project. Well, at least I have her direct line should I ever be able to catch her attention.

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Message sent at 9:44am from 212-234-8172 12 seconds

Hi this is Rondrita Ward-Evans, uh, at Harlem Hospital Center? 212-939 -1390 Thank you.

At 11:38 return call

R: Did you call me on your cell?

L: No

R: Because I pressed call on my phone.

L:

R: It's a new blackberry, anything can happen.

L: So you haven't heard anything about my project? I'm working with Professors Herve Varenne and Professor Ed Gordon on a project on supplementary education?

R: I'm with, I've been working with Teachers College, I've been working with, I can't think of the name right now, so no, uh uh.

L: uh, ok [tone of defeat]