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Time	Speaker	
0.00		
0.01	I	I'll hold that.
	Bernadine	(over) Oh, you'll hold it, okay.
	I	(over) Say your name.
	Bernadine	Okay, just say, just my name, nothing—
	I	(over) If you say your name—
	Bernadine	(over) Want me to say, (stumbles) should I say, my name is...
	I	And spell it.
	Bernadine	(over) Oh, okay, all right.
	I	So I can set levels.
	Bernadine	Okay? (I: Yeah.) My name is Bernadine Price. B-E-R-N-A-D-I-N-E. Capital P-R-I-C-E.
0.48	I	How do you feel about the great outdoors?
	Bernadine	I have a great (stammers), feeling for the outdoors, but I don't have a passionate for it.
	I	What do you enjoy about it?
	Bernadine	The outdoors? I like the ocean. I used to go swimming in the ocean.
1.25	I	Tell me some details about what it's like when you're outside.
	Bernadine	When I'm outside in the uh, outdoors, when it's not too hot, it makes me feel wonderful. I feel like running and I do a lot of walking in the uh, outdoors.
		(technical – adjusts mic)
2.01	I	Have you ever had fears about being attacked by predators?
	Bernadine	(over) No. Not yet. (laughs) When I always walked, I never had those fears. But today it's a different story. I turn around and look.
	I	For what?
	Bernadine	Whoever's out there to attack me, whether it's an animal or a person.
2.30	I	Explain that.
	Bernadine	I didn't used to (stumbles) look when I went walking, but now (stumbles)

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		I uh, (stumbles) now I look around for an animal or a uh, predator.
	I	Have you ever had confrontations with predators?
	Bernadine	I have never had any confrontations with anyone.
		(technical re: repeating question)
3.13	I	What do you think of bird watching?
	Bernadine	I've never been interested in bird watching.
	I	Why not?
	Bernadine	I don't know. I just never had the interest. (laughs)
		(technical re: repeating question)
3.50	I	How are you treated here?
	Bernadine	They treat me very well. I'm very pleased with this place.
	I	Why?
	Bernadine	This place has wonderful uh, service. The food is good. The uh, place is beautiful. And they have entertainment and activities. What more do I want?
4.25	I	Tell me more about living here.
	Bernadine	The other things that I like about here are uh, the exercises. I, they have wonderful teachers for uh, yoga and for fitness class. And there's so many things I can't really uh, remember them all, that I enjoy here. Oh, and entertainment. We have entertainment uh, at nights. And there's bingo here for those people that uh, like it. I don't happen to be one that likes bingo.
	I	Why is the yoga a good thing?
	Bernadine	The exercise is wonderful. I never had that before I came here. It's that stretching just is marvelous for your body.
5.12	I	How do you feel about being somewhere where exercise is part of it?
	Bernadine	Oh, (stumbles) where exercise, it was very important to me. That's why I left the other place where I was, because I didn't like uh, the exercises that they did. It was not for me.
	I	Tell me about that decision to leave the other place.
	Bernadine	Well, the decision I made to leave the other place, I was there for one year. And uh, I didn't like the food. I didn't like the activities. I didn't

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		like, what else? There's so many things there, I can't remember, that I didn't like. The service in the dining room was very bad. And when I first moved into the other place, it was all right for about three months. And then it was sold and once it was sold to another company, it went downhill. And I left.
6.07	I	Tell me about the other place.
	Bernadine	(over) Wanna name it?
	I	No.
	I	Just say the old place.
	Bernadine	Right. I left the old place after one year. And I came uh, here and I'm very happy here. I like it much better.
6.32	I	Why?
	Bernadine	The food here is very good. That's all I can tell you. And uh, (stammers) the waiters, the service is wonderful. And whatever they uh, you can always ask for something if you don't like what's on the menu.
	I	If you ran this place, what would you change?
	Bernadine	If I was running this place, there's only one thing I would change and, if possible, and that was the laundry facilities. When uh, you wanna do laundry yourself, it is almost impossible to get to the machines because the companions are there doing, their women, their (stumbles) people's (stumbles) laundry all the time.
7.24	I	What do you think of the authorities that run the place?
	Bernadine	(stammers) The uh, the authorities here are wonderful. They're the nicest people, and they'll do anything for you.
	I	How do they treat you?
	Bernadine	The uh, the personal contact is uh, is great. If there's anything I need or that I find wrong, uh, they have someone come and correct it. Uh, just now it was uh, my two sinks in my apartment uh, I was having trouble with it. And they send up a man to correct it.
8.12	I	What did you do in the past, career-wise?
	Bernadine	I haven't worked in (stammers) 21 years. I was a secretary uh, years ago. But uh, I haven't worked in 21 years. My husband retired and I retired. And we were, (stumbles) we retired. (laughs)
	I	Can I ask a cheesy question?
	Bernadine	Yeah.

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	I	Do you pee in the pool?
	Bernadine	What pool?
	I	A pool.
	Bernadine	(stumbles) I never pee in the pool. When, I very seldom go swimming in the pool because there isn't one here. When I lived in Florida, I used to go swimming in the pool all the time. And we weren't allowed to pee in the pool. (laughs)
9.06	I	What do you think of those that do?
	Bernadine	(over) Oh, I think it's, I think it's disgusting. Anyone that does it. It's bad enough when little babies do.
	I	If you could say your names. You don't need to hold it.
	Roland	(over) You wanna hold it?
9.34	I	You can sit back in your chair.
	Roland	Okay.
	I	I'll do the work.
	Roland	(over) Okay.
9.41	I	Say your names.
	Roland	My name is Roland I'm French.
	I	Can you spell that?
	Roland	Roland, R-O-L-A-N-D Courtois. C-O-U-R-T-O-I-S. Courtois. (I: ?) Meaning in English, courteous.
	I	Excellent.
	Wilma	My name is Wilma Shore. And uh, I'm from Chicago, Illinois. And I don't have any interpretation for my name, but I know I was named after my grandfather.
10.13	I	What do you both think about the great outdoors?
	Wilma	You want me to go first?
	I	Maybe discuss—
	Roland	(over) The great outdoor? Oh, I think it's fantastic. I love fishing. I love fresh air. I love to go on beautiful rides and cruise. And it's a beautiful

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		life, the great outdoor.
10.41	I	Ask each other what you think.
	Wilma	Well—
	Roland	(over) Uh, do you enjoy that, we've enjoyed our self and (Wilma: Yes.) And our trip together.
	Wilma	(over) Yes. We, we went on a wonderful trip to Greece. And we went on some wonderful, wonderful islands. (stammers) I love the outdoors. I'm a sports person. I'm a golfer. I've golfed with my first husband and had a wonderful time. And (stammers) I know Roland, oh, Roland, likes, loves fishing. And we have a lot in common because we have so many different diversified interests that we can get to talk (stumbles) to teach other. And not become bored. Anyway, Roland—
	Roland	(over) Yeah, and we just come back last week from a (stumbles) beautiful cruise, Alaska (stumbles) tour. We enjoyed our self. It was different and beautiful. I met Wilma here, we both lost our loved ones. And we became friends. And we're together now and having a wonderful time trying to (stumbles) do the best uh, to end up our life and be happy and make others happy.
11.43	I	When you're outside, are you ever scared of being attacked by predators?
	Wilma	No, I never thought of that. My favorite animal is a pussycat. So I (stumbles) never even thought about bears of, (stammers) actually, I haven't camped a lot. So I, that didn't enter my mind. But it's something to think about. Especially watching television and listening, and hearing all those terrible things. (stumbles) How about you, Roland?
	Roland	About animals?
	Wilma	Yeah. Are you afraid of being attacked by a tiger or a lion or—
	Roland	No. I love animal. And I like to be near them. And I think they love me and I love them. And I'm not afraid of them. I have no fear of animal.
	Wilma	Well, that's a good answer. Yeah. I can't say if I saw a great big bear and he started to jump up, I wouldn't be frightened. I'd be screaming. (laughs) I'd be frightened.
12.37	Roland	Well, I wouldn't like to be attacked by a bear. I guess I would try and (laughs) talk to him and say, hey, bear, I didn't hurt you, don't hurt me. (laughs) No, I love animals and it's beautiful.
	Wilma	Are you interested in bird watching?
	Wilma	I've uh, not done a lot of bird watching. Uh, I'm uh, an Illinois gal and I know some birds from (stammers) the state. Uh, although just the other day, I saw two black birds, and they come here all the time. And I found

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		out they're crows. They're crows that pop up and back. And then on uh, by the same token, I saw two little ones. And I thought, oh, I know that bird. That's a swallow. And they were going up and back, up and back. But I don't know too much, I know uh, they're, cardinals, I think, have the red top. There're woodpeckers. And uh, and uh, I don't know too much about birds
	Roland	Uh, I didn't know anything about birds until I, I had an experience with a blue jay that I found hurt. And I treated him. And I kept him and fed him and repaired one of his wing. Then I could never get him, get (stumbles) out of, of our house. And he became (stumbles) my friend and (stumbles) that's how I know about birds. The experience I had with a blue jay (Wilma: Oh--), which was fantastic.
	Wilma	I just thought of something. (stumbles) Is a turkey a form of bird? A turkey?
14.19	I	I think so.
	Wilma	I think so. Well, I had a very traumatic experience with a turkey. My papa brought home a live turkey. A turkey. And we put it in our garage. And we were gonna have that turkey for Thanksgiving. And I cried for weeks while they fed the turkey, 'cos I knew they were gonna kill that turkey and that was gonna be our Thanksgiving, and I remember that.
15.00	I	How are you treated here?
	Wilma	Well, how do you feel about (Roland: Well--), about it here?
	Roland	When I first arrive here, of course, I have just lost my wife. I was lost. I was very lonely and I never thought I could survive here on my own without my wife. Until you came along, Wilma, and you took, we got along together, and we just happened to like each other. And since then we've had a wonderful life. We've been here a year and a half. And we, we're just stick together and we help each other. And we, like everybody here, we're well treated. Beautiful entertainment.
	Wilma	(over) Make me cry.
	Roland	(over) And I think this is gonna be my home and for the rest of my life, I have nowhere else to go.
	Wilma	I'm gonna cry. I like it here. It took me a little while to adjust, 'cos I came from my own home. And I also lost my husband at the same time he lost his wife. But I think I like it here. I like it better everyday. Because they're, they really cater to us. They, we have uh, a director who does, (stumbles) plans activities for us. Wonderful activities. We go to the Getty, we go to, we're going to (stumbles) Simon. We've had uh, trips to the beach. We do (stumbles) walks at the beach. And you can be busy all the time, or if you don't wanna be busy, you can sit and watch television. But that's not the thing to do. Here, you have to be busy. And they really, they really do a good job of keeping us busy, giving us good food. Good

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		rooms. And, and really nice entertainment. Very, this is not like an administration. They're very courteous here. Very nice. A wonderful staff. We're lucky to be here.
	Roland	It's like a family. All the staff, we're all (Wilma: Yeah.) friends and we all get along together and (Wilma: Mm hm.) it's a beautiful place to, to stay when, in our condition, which we uh, we can't handle a home anymore. We're not young anymore. We had a full life and we finish it.
	Wilma	(over) Speak for yourself, speak for yourself. You said you're not young anymore.
	Roland	Ah. Well. (laughs)
17.13	I	Are you happy with the people here?
	Wilma	Are you talking about the administration here? I think they're wonderful. They're very courteous. And uh, they help us quite a bit. When we have problems, they're Johnny on the Spot. The food here is wonderful. I'm back again to the food. And uh, the rooms are great. And I think we're very lucky to be here. If we had to be anyplace, we're very lucky to be here. Don't you feel that way, Roland?
	Roland	Absolutely. I mean, you get to get up in the morning and you, you find yourself alone and you say to myself, well, this is my home and I'm, you know who gonna meet and you like them. And you get used to the newcomers. And it's, you're so well treated and, and all the stuff here is so beautiful. So it's a wonderful place to be. And the palm court is so beautiful that by itself, it's a nice place to just to, to enjoy.
18.27	I	What do you think of different aspects of this place?
	Roland	Well—
	Wilma	Well, (stumbles) I'll ask you, Roland. Generally speaking, what do you think of the food here?
	Roland	The food, it's uh, very nice. Uh, some nights, you know, sometimes it's not always what you like, but it's always good to eat. And it's uh, good service. And uh, there's no complaint about the service and the food. The food is beautiful.
	Wilma	You know, (Roland: Yeah?) I had two (stumbles) of my girlfriends here for lunch today. Where we used to live, I used to live in a co-op, and they had never been here before. And they came here and they had lunch. And they saw this place. They were very impressed. Especially with the food. They thought the food here was wonderful. And they thought, you know, Willie, that's my (stumbles) nickname, you really are lucky to be here.
19.30	I	Did they want to come here?
	Wilma	Well, one is, one is thinking, yes, one is thinking 'cos she lost her

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		husband. And the other one has a uh, friend who lives with, who lives with her. But it gets to a point uh, where you don't wanna be alone. And you're much better off being with someone and, (stumbles) and more so, being at a place that really is great to be, to live here.
20.01	I	If you ran the place, what would you change?
	Wilma	Well, if—
	Roland	(over) I guess I would—
	Wilma	Go ahead.
	Roland	I would make sure that everybody is (stumbles) comfortable. Well taken care of. And protected at any time when they're alone in their room. Which, that's what's happening right now here. You have all the protection you want. And all the, the transport, whenever you wanna go. It's just no, (stumbles) perfect, (stumbles) excellent place to be. And a very happy place to be.
	Wilma	Uh, I feel the, (stumbles) I feel the same way. Uh, (stumbles) I like being here for several reasons. And I'm very lucky to have Roland as a friend. At this stage of the game, I think you needed a little humor in your life. And we get it here. We get it by meeting certain people and associating. And also by (stumbles) being in some of these uh, these uh, different uh, oh, like, (stumbles) they have arts and crafts here. And you could make uh, a few little things. Uh, they take us to the museum, we just went to the Getty. We're going to the Neil Simon. And I understand they're going to the Hollywood Casino. Is that not right, Roland?
	Roland	Which it, yes, tomorrow. (stumbles) Anybody wants to go, they're want their uh, gonna have a good time. And uh, it's up to them to decide to go. I mean, there's so many place, so many things to go that you haven't got time to be lonely. And uh, everybody helps one another here. (Wilma: Yeah.) Uh, now there's a friend of mine just moved in, he lost his wife. He came here, I had him for breakfast and he asked me if I liked it. (?) think he would be happy here. I says, John, I says, it's up to you. He's been, he moved in, he's been here already three months, and he's very happy. And there's another one, (stumbles) these are all friends from McDonald's that I met 25, 30 years ago, I grew with them. And then I moved here when I lost my wife. And now (stammers) they're in uh, lost their wife and they want to find a place to live. And I'm helping them to come here, because I think it's the best place, because I've been to a few places before coming here. I've been to the beach and I've been and uh, this is, was my choice.
	Wilma	(over) It's your choice, yeah.
	Roland	(over) And (stumbles) I'm sure I made the right choice.
22.28	Wilma	(over) Yeah, you know, life is very funny. (stumbles) What's that saying, what goes around comes around? When, right before I got married, I

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		worked at Metro Goldwyn Mayer studios. Which is around the corner on Washington Boulevard. Now I'm living right across the street of Sony, (stumbles) Sony, which is a continuation. So it's sort of funny. I once started, I started (background noise) at Metro Goldwyn Mayer and now I have Sony across street, which gives me many, many memories.
23.00	I	Why is this place better than other places?
	Wilma	Well—
	Roland	Well, first of all, it's, you're surrounded by palm trees. Beautiful uh, how you call that, uh, promenade outside? Uh, where (stammers) the fountain is.
	Wilma	(?) fountain (?).
	Roland	(over) Beautiful furniture outside. Comfortable. The rooms are so, balcony, (stammers) it's just, compared to the ones that I've seen, <b>it's uh, it's very hard to, to leave this place.</b>
	Wilma	<b>You know, this place is like a resort.</b> I mean, since we were going away on a vacation, this is the type of place you want. <b>You want a place where there's comfort,</b> nice bedroom, a veranda, a swimming pool.. Well, we got a fountain. Good food. Tennis or golf, (stumbles) if it's so inclined. <b>And things to make us comfortable. And things to keep us happy. And this is what we have here.</b> There's a lot of activities here. You could be busy all the time. And they provide this for us. It's a very well organized uh, organization.
24.15	I	Did you come from a different place before this?
	Wilma	No, this was my first place like this. I came from a co-op. That's—
		(technical, re: repeating question)
24.42	Wilma	All right. Well, this is the first place I've been to. I lived in a small co-op. And after my husband died, uh, my daughter uh, looked at a few places and said, Mama, I know the place for you. And we came and we were introduced to a few uh, people. And Henry, I think, was the manager, is the manager.
	Roland	(over) Yes, beautiful man.
	Wilma	And he's a wonderful, wonderful man. And the minute I saw him, I knew, I felt like I was at home. And this is the first place. And it'll be the only place for me. How do you feel about it, Roland?
	Roland	(over) I feel the same. Caroline is in charge here and she (Wilma: Yeah, she's wonderful.) couldn't do enough to please you. Or to do anything to make you feel at home and feel comfortable. There is no other way I can explain how they take care of you here. And you cannot (stumbles) have any better. I know that I left my home to come here. I've been married 60

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		years. And I've never known to live alone, what it's like until I came here the first month. <b>And I thought I was going to die, until I met this, this friend of mine.</b>
	Wilma	(over) Wilma. My name is Wilma.
	Roland	(over) Wilma. I'm trying to describe the best I can what I'm trying to say, because I'm French-Canadian. And I'm trying to find the right words to go with the right what I want to say.
	Wilma	(over) You're doing fine.
	Roland	(over) So I'm doing my best. So all I can tell you is that I wouldn't (stumbles) move from here for anything in the world. This is my home and I'm going to remain here the rest of my life.
	Wilma	(over) And it's close to a casino.
	Roland	With you, Wilma.
	Wilma	Yes, thank you.
26.10	Roland	(over) Without you, I couldn't make it. And without a lot of people, we're all—
	Wilma	(over) Thank you, I feel the same way. I feel the same way.
	Roland	(over) —become a family. It's just like, we know each other for years. When we get up the morning, hello, good morning. And we're just a happy family.
	Wilma	Yeah, we're very lucky to be here. We really are. Because uh, if we had to stay home alone, or even if we went to another place, there's a certain charm about this place. And a warmness, a friendliness (stammers) that gets right into your bones. And you need that. When you come here and you don't know anybody. Like, the first day, (stumbles) I opened the door, I didn't know a soul here. I was introduced to the staff and they were wonderful. I opened the door. And my neighbor said to me, oh, hello, are you new here? And I said, yes, I'm the new kid on the block. And she said to me, well, come sit at our table. Because the table, (stumbles) our tables are all assigned (stumbles) for night sitting. And I thought, gee, isn't that nice? And here I don't know anybody and I'm already sitting at a table with three other girls that I'm going to get to know. And it's stuff like that that really helps. And I'm a friendly person, so it isn't hard for me to, and so is Roland.
27.18	Roland	And we have beautiful entertainment here, as anybody knows. I mean, and we have uh, bingo and we have all kinds of games. And at night uh, it's just uh, a pleasure to be here.
	I	What was your first day like?

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	Roland	My first day? That I arrive here? I thought I was lost and I thought I was, I was going to just die. I wanted to die. That's the way I felt. I had just lost my wife, and I have never known to live (stumbles) alone without, and I've learned to live here without my wife, and live, continue my life with the people that I have met here, that made it easy for me to like this place. And to become human and live normally again, a life that I am in love with right now. And I hope to finish my day comfortable here, and (stumbles) I'm very satisfied with Palm Court.
	Wilma	(over) I hope you finish your days comfortably with me.
	Roland	With you. Well, I am with you always. (laughs)
28.22	I	What's Roland's reputation here?
	Wilma	Roland, (stumbles) Roland's reputation. How many hours do you have? (laughs) Roland is sweet. He's wonderful. He's like a little girl with the curl. He's either very, very good or he's horrid. And he is so much fun. And everybody, and all the caretakers, the little girls that care, that take, they all, they scream, oh, there's Roland. Here comes Roland. But I'm lucky, 'cos I've got him. He's very (?).
	Roland	(over) Well, I became an entertainer here uh, (stammers) Daniel. I like to dance with them and sing and play the piano. And this isn't me. And they all love it. And I'm accepted here. And this is a great thing for me to be accepted and to be loved again.
	Wilma	It's important.
29.11	I	How did you meet?
	Wilma	Uh, yeah, it was very interesting. Roland plays by ear. To me, this is a genius. I play, but I (stumbles) was taught to play. And Roland was playing the piano one day. And I, I think it was the second or third day I was here. And I came into the music room and I sat down and listened to him play. And I said, Roland, I didn't even call him Roland, I said, you know, you're playing all of these songs. And then I realized he's playing by ear. He hears it and then he, he picks out the tunes. And I thought, how wonderful. And I think that's how we met. And it made Roland very happy that I sat down next to him and told him how wonderful I thought he was to play by ear.
	Roland	That was the first day (stumbles) that I found myself, the day I met you, Wilma. This is the day that we both saved our self by getting to know each other and taking care of each other—
	Wilma	(over) Do you mean that?
	Roland	Each our caretaker.
	Wilma	Print that in bold-face caps. (laughs)

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	Roland	Beautiful life here.
	Wilma	(over) Yeah, (stumbles) we're lucky.
	Roland	(over) God save Palm Court and love it.
	Wilma	Just to keep our health (Roland: Yeah.) (stammers) You're a young person. And you seem to be very, (stumbles) you're a very charming uh, young man. But you know, my grandmother used to say to me, she used to call me little sister. Little sister, if you got your health, you've got everything. Well, what? I was 15 years old. Who cared about health then? You know, I just wanted to go Woolworth's and buy stuff. But I realize now, you know, when you get to be late in life in your 80s, if you got your health, you're lucky.
30.52	I	Is there anything you disagree with each other about?
	Wilma	We don't have disagreements about this place. We have (stumbles) disagreements about (stumbles) some of the things that sometimes he does or says or some of the things I do and I say. But as far as this place is concerned, we don't have disagreements. How do you feel about that?
	Roland	Not at all. (stammers) I would have to invent one, if I, but there's no, no problem here at all. No disagreement at all. (Wilma: No.) It's just a wonderful place.
31.46	I	Is there a divide among different groups here?
	Wilma	Yeah. I think so. I think—
	I	(over) Tell me about that.
	Wilma	Well, there's certain people that sit together all the time.
		(technical re: terminology)
32.08	Wilma	(over) Groups? You want me to use the word groups? (I: Yeah.) Well, certain groups sit together. (stumbles) Certain people are assigned to these groups when they come in. And they get to know each other. And when you get to, and then when we go on these uh, away uh, programs like, going to the museums or going, we kind of gravitate (background noise) to certain people. And we become friendly. And uh, how can I put it? There's certain—
	Roland	(over) I don't know.
	Wilma	There's certain people that somehow or other you just shine to. You're very, (stumbles) it's very easy to talk to them.
	Roland	Most of them are very easy to be friends with, and (stammers) at lunchtime or dinnertime, I go to every table. I love it. Uh, how are you tonight? Roland, you gonna sing for us tonight? And they make me feel

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		happy and they make me feel wanted. And we, (stumbles) it's such a pleasure to know and go around and being with somebody you know you're gonna live the rest of your life. And (stumbles) you're satisfied in your place.
	Wilma	I don't think there's any discrimination here, if that's what you mean.
	Roland	Absolutely none.
	Wilma	(over) No discrimination at all. There's uh, different sex, uh, different religions. But uh, everybody uh, respects, you respect, (stammers) you respect everybody and their, their thing. What they do. And some people like to be alone. That's fine. Some people are very gregarious and some people are, are easy (stumbles) to make friends with. They're friendly.
	Roland	Yeah, this month we had a few newcomers coming here. Lonely as I feel like I was when I arrive. And it's always a pleasure to make them feel at home and help them to get around and tell them what, to come and they're welcome here and anything they need, just, we'll help you at any time.
	Wilma	(over) I think, too, the staff here helps quite a bit. Caroline is very friendly. Henry's very friendly. The staff is just wonderful. As a matter of fact, when we were in Alaska, we sent a card to the staff telling them (stumbles) that we're having a great time. But they are very friendly.
	Roland	(over) Like a family.
	Wilma	And I've heard places, (stumbles) a place at the beach where a friend of ours transferred. And she said it was like, (stumbles) like an establishment. It was like a cold administration. And we don't get that feeling here at all. Just a warm, big happy family. And they're, if you need anything or if you're in trouble, just like that, they're right here for you. And that's important. Especially when you're alone.
34.45	I	Talk about Roland as an entertainer and ask him to sing.
	Wilma	Okay. I'd be happy to do that.
	Roland	(over) I didn't hear that too well, but I'll know what you're saying.
	Wilma	(over) Well, you listen to me, you listen to me. Uh, Roland, I feel, and a lot of people here feel that you're an entertainer.
	Roland	Oh, yes, that absolutely.
	Wilma	(over) And, and you don't mind telling anybody.
	Roland	(over) No, I'm not bragging, but I'm just a natural and then—
	Wilma	(over) And you're, and you're a natural and you're a clown. (Roland: Yeah.) And uh, you love to entertain. We had a man playing the piano

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		here and he was playing Ragtime from The Sting. And Roland—
	Roland	(over) And Roland took over.
	Wilma	--got up and he started to dance.
35.35	I	Do people like watching him?
	Wilma	I think they all like Roland. And I think they all like watching him. Now I can't speak—
	I	(over) Tell me that.
	Wilma	I think the people (stumbles) like watching Roland. I think they're, uh, they're very happy to see somebody come up that's lively that way and dance. It makes you feel good. Lots of times when he dances, I get up and (stumbles) I join him. Because you can't sit still. He's got a lot of rhythm and a lot of musician his soul. And so have I.
	Roland	(over) Well, uh, this is my big pleasure here, to entertain them and to make them happy. And I know I'm, they want me. Otherwise, (stumbles) you know, I'm just happy here to sing for them and dance for them. And I love it and they love me.
	Wilma	(over) You know you love it. (Roland: Yeah.) You know you'd do it whether they didn't like you or not (?).
	Roland	(over) And if I miss a night or two of playing the piano, (stammers) they all say, Roland, what's the matter with, well, it's like, you know, I'm missing. It's wonderful.
36.31	I	How does Roland do with everyone watching him? Does he mind?
	Wilma	I don't think Roland has that, a mean bone in his body as far as that's concerned. He has it in him. And when that music is going, something clicks and he gets up and he dances. I know the feeling. I do it myself. And you know what, he's enjoying himself more sometimes than (background noise) the people that are watching him. Because they all like him, and he's having such a good time. And so they want him to (stumbles), to dance. They clap for him. Boy, are you gonna have a swell head when I (stumbles) finish (Roland: Yeah.) with this. (laughs)
	Roland	Well, it happens to be the truth. And I mean, I love all the waiters here, and my maid and my roommate. I take care of them and they take care of me. And that's how it goes here. You give a little and you get a lot.
	Wilma	You give a little and, (stumbles) you know that song. You got to give a little. Yes, sir.
37.34	I	Can you ask Roland to sing?
	Wilma	Roland, you know, we've been talking about you entertaining. (Roland:

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		Yeah.) You think you could get up and do a little entreating now?
	Roland	Yes, but I, I can't dance. There's no camera. I can sing.
38.0	I	We can record.
	Wilma	(over) He's got a very good voice. He's got a wonderful voice.
	Roland	(over) What is it?
	Wilma	Why don't you, why don't you sing something? Something—
	Roland	Why not?
	Wilma	Okay.
	Roland	Okay. Are you listening, guys? (singing) Oh, I'll be down to get you in the taxi, honey, better be ready by half past eight. (Wilma: Oh yeah.) Oh honey, don't you be late. I wanna be there when the band starts playing. Remember when (stumbles) we get their, honey, the two steps we're gonna have them (out?). We're gonna dance off (?) shoes. (Wilma: Oh yeah.) Oh, (?) old blues. Tomorrow night, at the (?), one, two, don't you be blue. (hand clap) Good evening, friends.
	Wilma	(over) Oh, what a ham. (laughs)
	Roland	(hand claps) That's just, I love it. I just, that's my style and I do it natural and they love it.
	Wilma	(over) See, he does it and he has no inhibitions about it. If I did it, I've got that music and I've got that spirit. But I would, I'm a little, (stumbles) I would be a little shy to do it. But he, the minute he hears the music, he's up and he's doing it.
	Roland	And that's how it is, Daniel.
	Wilma	Daniel.
	I	Thank you. What was that song?
	Roland	(Dog Town Strutters' Ball?)
	I	What?
	Roland	(over) Dog Town Strutters' Ball.
	Wilma	(over) Strutters, strutters.
	Roland	Strutters Ball.
	Wilma	(stammers) It's (stumbles) a song, I think, that was introduced by black uh, by black people in the South.

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	Roland	Oh, that's an old, that's uh, (stumbles) in the, in the '40s, the '30s. It's very popular and everybody loves it.
	Wilma	Well, they had, in England, where they, we sung—
	Roland	(over) That's one of them, yeah.
	Wilma	-- a comparable in England like that.
	I	Thank you.
39.48	Roland	(over) You are welcome, Daniel.
	Wilma	(over) You're more than welcome.
	Roland	And I hope I pleased you like I like to please everybody here.
	Wilma	It was our pleasure, believe me. And I enjoyed. (Roland: Yeah.) And I know it brings out the (Roland: Yeah.), that, that (?) in him. (Roland: Yeah.) He loves to entertain. He loves to be on the (Roland: ?) on the stage, which is great.
	Roland	And I told, everything I told you come from my heart. Natural.
	Wilma	(over) Of course. Of course.
	Roland	And long live Palm Court.
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