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SFX: PICKS UP RECEIVER

AGNES: (screaming into the telephone) Hello, what do you want? Stop ringing! Will you stop...

WESTERN U: Hello? Is this Plaza 3-2099?

AGNES: Yes. (regaining her poise but still crying) Yes, this is Plaza 3-2099.

WESTERN U. This is Western Union. I have a telegram here for Mrs. Elbert Stevenson. Is there anyone there to receive the message?

AGNES: I - I'm Mrs. Stevenson...

WESTERN U: The telegram is as follows: (reading) Mrs. Elbert Stevenson. 53 north Sutton Place, New York, New York. Darling, terribly sorry. Tried to get you for last hour, but line busy. Leaving for Boston eleven PM tonight on urgent business. Back tomorrow afternoon. Keep happy. Love. Signed, Elbert.

AGNES: (softly) Oh, no...

WESTERN U: Do you wish us to deliver a copy of the message?

AGNES: (on the brink of despair) No. No, thank you.

WESTERN U: Thank you, madam. Good night.

AGNES: (weakly, resigned) Good night.

SFX: TELEPHONE HANGS UP.

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