

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT 1

Telephone rings, she picks it up.

SHE

Hello?

HE

Uh, hi, is this Sydney?

SHE

Leo?

HE

No, this is Andrew Shepherd.

SHE

Andrew Shepherd. You're hilarious, Richard. You're a regular riot.

HE

Uhh... this isn't Richard, it's Andrew Shepherd.

SHE

Oh, really. Well, I'm so glad you called because I forgot to tell you today what a nice ass you have. I'm also impressed that you were able to get my phone number, considering I don't have a phone. Good night, Richard.

She hangs up. The phone rings.

SHE

I don't believe this. *(picks up phone)* Hello?

HE

Sydney?

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT 2

SHE

Are you learning-impaired?

HE

Listen, do me a favour. Hang up the phone.

SHE

What?

HE

Hang up the phone. Then dial 456-1414. When you get the White House operator, give her your name and tell her you want to speak to the President. (*he hangs up*)

SHE

This isn't happening to me. (*she dials*) It's not possible I did this twice in one day.

OPERATOR

Good evening, the White House.

SHE

Oh no.... Er, my name's Sydney Ellen Wade. I'd like to...

OPERATOR

The President's expecting your call, madam. I'll put you right through.

HE

Hello.

SHE

Mr. President, I'm sure there's an appropriate thing to say at this moment. Probably some formal apology for the "nice ass" remark would be in order. I just don't quite know how to word it.

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT 3

HE

It's my fault. I shouldn't have called you at home.
Should I call you at the office tomorrow?

SHE

No, sir, of course not. I mean... yes, you can call me any
time you want... this is fine. Right now is fine. When I
said "of course not", I meant that... You know what? The
hell with it, I'm moving to another country.