Assignment 3: Initial contacts in the neighborhood.
Due Sep 28.

1. In the course of observing the use of public space for verbal interaction, some of you did make contacts with local residents. This week, making initial contacts should be the center of your attention. Each group has already made observation. Return to one of these blocks to make initial contacts, according to the procedures outlined in the handout Principles for Initial Contacts.

2. Each group member should approach one person. The group should then meet and listen together to bits of the recordings you make, and come up with suggestions for improvement.

3. When you are satisfied with your approach, return to the block you have chosen to focus on, and make contact with one more person each. The "practice" contacts will not be abandoned, and may prove useful later on, so be sure to include them in your report for this assignment.

4. Prepare a brief report (1 - 2 pgs.) on the following points:
   a. Your physical posture and location in relation to the speakers with a sketch of the block.
   b. If you did make any recordings, note:
      i. reaction of the speakers to being recorded;
      ii. quality of the sound;
      iii. response of your contacts in terms of amount of information volunteered. For each topic dealt with, specify the number of predications that were direct responses to questions that you asked, and the number of predications that were not.
   c. Prospects for future contacts and interviews.
d. Append to your report an interview report form for each contact made. Not all the blanks on this form will be relevant for initial contacts: fill in what you can.
e. Copy any tapes that you recorded into the class database.