S: 220 Beta.gov Simple Mail Transfer Service Ready
C: HELO Alpha.edu
S: 250 Beta.gov

C: MAIL FROM:<Smith@Alpha.edu>
S: 250 OK

C: RCPT TO:<Jones@Beta.gov>
S: 250 OK

C: RCPT TO:<Green@Beta.gov>
S: 550 No such user here

C: RCPT TO:<Brown@Beta.gov>
S: 250 OK

C: DATA
S: 354 Start mail input; end with <CR><LF>.<CR><LF>
C: ...sends body of mail message...
C: ...continues for as many lines as message contains
C: <CR><LF>.<CR><LF>
S: 250 OK

C: QUIT
S: 221 Beta.gov Service closing transmission channel

Figure 24.3  Example of an SMTP transfer from Alpha.edu to Beta.gov during which recipient Green is not recognized. Lines that begin with “C:” are transmitted by the client (Alpha), and lines that begin “S:” are transmitted by the server.