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At this point the Jury ended the factual portion of the inquiry. Anne left the room. Because Anne's remark could have been taken as an indication of the degree of difficulty of the quiz, the Jury consensed that a violation had occurred.

The circumstantial portion of the inquiry began. Anne once again said that she made the remark not to affect Sara's performance on the test, but because she did not want to see her roommate working so hard. Anne felt that had the quiz been difficult her remark to Sara would have been the same. Anne told the Jury that she was completely unaware that her remark could be thought of as transferring information, and therefore a violation of the
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