Introduction:

Jacques and Maria were studying together for a physics final. Jacques was drilling Maria on what she had studied, and at one point asked if she had studied centripetal force. Maria said she had, and Jacques said that was good because he had seen a diagram of a question on the final.

Later that day, Maria began to think that what had happened might be an Honor Code violation. The test was self-scheduled, and she wanted to take it that afternoon. Since she couldn't find Jacques, she went directly to Prof. Rodriguez. He felt that an Honor Code violation had taken place but told Maria to go ahead and take the test anyway. After hearing Jacques' side of the story, Honor Council agreed that a trial would be necessary.

Fact-Finding:

Maria began. She told the jury she had been about to stop studying when Jacques had said, "Good luck. You have to know centripetal force problems. I saw them in class." Maria returned to the dorm but felt uncomfortable so, not being able to find Jacques, she went to Prof. Rodriguez.

Prof. Rodriguez explained what happened in the class. He was standing at the front of the room leafing through the exam to tell the students what they needed to know about it. The outline of the problem in question (a circular diagram) would have been seen by anyone who happened to have been looking. The question had been on a previous exam.

Jacques agreed that this was what happened. Since it seemed obvious to him that such a question would be on the exam, it hadn't crossed his mind to talk with Prof. Rodriguez.

After the study session with Maria he was bothered. He didn't think he was cheating but felt that he might have been wrong to tell Maria about the question. He didn't think knowing the subject of the question gave him an advantage. The problem was easy and students knew to expect something like it on the exam. Furthermore, he saw only the outline of the problem and students knew to expect material from previous exams.

Prof. Rodriguez felt that any student who "glimpsed privileged information" should have come to see him.

One juror asked Jacques why he had told Maria about the outline of the question. He said that he was just trying to think of everything. If the
information had been more important he would have gone to Prof. Rodriguez.

The Chair asked each party in turn if they thought there was a violation. Maria was unsure. Jacques thought telling Maria might be a violation, and Prof. Rodriguez thought that not telling him was a violation.

**Deliberations:**

The jury quickly agreed that, while this case was not a serious infraction, telling someone the content of the exam was a violation of the code. It troubled some jurors that many students might have seen the exam and these jurors thought that Jacques might be something of a scapegoat. It was agreed, though, that Jacques had violated the Honor Code, even if others had too. The jury consensed on the following statement:

 Jacques violated the Honor Code by giving Maria information about the content of the exam.

The next question was whether or not there was a second violation in Jacques having not gone to Prof. Rodriguez. After much discussion, the jury agreed that since Jacques had not actually taken the test, it could not find a violation. However, the jury agreed to tell Jacques that he would have been in violation had he taken the exam. The jury consensed on the following statement:

 The jury recognizes that Jacques' poor judgment in not realizing his responsibilities under the Honor Code led to one violation and nearly led to a second. The jury agrees that the resolutions should in part seek to educate Jacques about these responsibilities.

**Circumstantial:**

Jacques told the jury he agreed he should not have told Maria but didn't see the need to have gone to Prof. Rodríguez. He saw how his actions could be considered a violation but said he didn't consider himself guilty. There were few questions.

**Deliberations:**

The jury consensed on the following resolutions:

1. Jacques will re-read the Honor Code.
2. Jacques will meet with an Honor Council member and the jury hopes also Prof. Rodriguez to discuss what has happened.
3. Jacques will write a 3-5 page paper about his responsibilities under the Code.

(These resolutions should be complied with in order)

Some jury members felt that a statement should be added suggesting that Prof. Rodriguez be more careful in the future. However, since he was well aware of the problem and not a confronted party, it was agreed that a formal statement was inappropriate.

Presentation:

Prof. Rodriguez could not attend but was content with the resolutions. Jacques agreed with the resolutions, though Maria felt they were too harsh. Both parties left, and the jury reached final consensus.