

A few days later, Happy Jack made an announcement (объявление) to all the physics classes. He read the letter in class. He wanted to know immediately who had written the letter and who the cheating student was. I kept silent and did not raise my hand and neither did Jimmy or Johnny Farrar.

A few days later, Happy Jack Fielder gave us another test. However, he did not give the same test to all three classes. Instead, he gave an easy test to the students in period four. Everybody in that class got 100 on that test. Then, he gave an extremely difficult test to the students in periods 5 and 6. His message was clear: "If you do not say the name of the cheating student, all of you will fail. You will not be able to go to college and your futures will be ruined."

I went over to Jimmy and Johnny Farrar's house again. Now, we were really worried. We decided that we had no choice. We wrote another letter. The second letter contained only one sentence: "The person referred to in the previous letter is Charles Pryor." A few days later, I was walking down the high school corridor past the classroom door and saw A.J. Fielder with my letter in his hand, having a heart-to-heart talk with Charles Pryor. I do not know what happened next and heard nothing more about this. We all passed our exams and went to college.

For 40 long years since 1961 I have been keeping this secret. In all these years, until today, I have never told anyone about this letter.

Today, after 40 years, I decided to look up Charles Pryor on the Internet, and here is what I found:

Charles W. Pryor has a Ph.D. degree<sup>1</sup> in Physics and is the CEO and Chairman of the Board<sup>2</sup> of Westinghouse Electric Corporation, whose technologies are used in nuclear power plants (ядерные электростанции) all over the world. Charles W. Pryor won the Academy of Distinguished Alumni Award<sup>3</sup> for 1998.

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<sup>2</sup> **CEO and Chairman of the Board** – исполнительный директор и председатель правления

<sup>3</sup> **Academy of Distinguished Alumni Award** – награда Академии выдающихся выпускников