Problem set #8

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This is due on Monday.

Consider the story of Sly Pete (due to Allan Gibbard):

"Sly Pete and Mr. Stone are playing poker on a Mississippi riverboat. It is now up to Pete to call or fold. My henchman Zack sees Stones hand, which is quite good, and signals its content to Pete. My henchman Jack sees both hands, and sees that Petes hand is rather low, so that Stones is the winning hand. At this point, the room is cleared. A few minutes later, Zack slips me a note which says 'If Pete called, he won,' and Jack slips me a note which says 'If Pete called, he lost."

Answer the following questions:

- 1. Is Zach's utterance true?
- 2. Is Jack's utterance true?
- 3. Can you think of any theory of indicative conditions on which both utterances are true?