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Gerald Davis, Editor  
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Dear Dr. Davis:

A while back, a group of Kean University faculty members began to suspect that Dawood Farahi has falsified his academic credentials. Farahi has been Kean University president since 2003.

Our suspicion led us to investigate. For the relevant journals, we have checked their web sites and their hard copy bound volumes. We have also checked electronic bibliographic databases. The results of this investigation support our suspicion, but we want to confirm our findings; hence this letter.

Has your journal published, or at any time accepted for publication but not published, either of the following papers or both:

AUTHOR: Farahi, Dawood (sometimes Dawood Y. Farahi)

TITLE OF PAPERS: (i) Patterns of Administrative Efficiency  
(ii) Fiscal Control and Budget Policy

Why do we ask if your journal has accepted these papers for publication, even if none was published? In his conflicting vitae, Farahi does not use proper bibliographic format to refer to his alleged work. He gives just the title of each paper followed by "accepted by . . . " This has made our investigation difficult and time consuming. Our lack of bibliographic specificity reflects Farahi's.

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Farahi claims that *Administration and Society* and *Management Science* also accepted "Patterns of Administrative Efficiency" for publication. Considering that we have not found the paper where it ought to be if published, the claim that three journals accepted it is implausible. Journals rarely, if ever, publish articles other journals have published; if a journal accepts a paper, its author cannot submit it to another journal. Moreover, no candidate for tenure, promotion, or post-tenure review, as Farahi was, would miss three opportunities to publish his work.

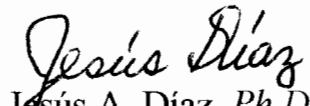
Due to the sensitive nature of this inquiry, please reply to my home address, not to my campus address. The two forms for Certified Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and a check for \$10 payable to the journal, are enclosed. My home address is:

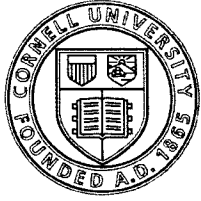
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The factual question in this letter is the only request we will make of you.

Sincerely,

  
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Jesus A. Diaz  


Dear Professor Diaz:

We have received your letter of December 5, 2011, addressed to Professor Gerald Davis, ASQ Editor, inquiring about possible publications in ASQ by Dawood Farahi. Because the administrative office for the journal is here at Cornell, I take the liberty of replying to your query. I have been in the Managing Editor position here at ASQ since December 1980.

ASQ has never published an article by Dawood Farahi, nor have we ever accepted an article by Dawood Farahi that has not yet been published. Your search of the bibliographic records for this journal are correct. You are also correct that ASQ policy prohibits us from publishing an article that has been published elsewhere, and we confirm that a submission is solely to our journal before we send it out for review.

I hope that this information is helpful. Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Best regards,



Linda Johanson  
Managing Editor