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Dear Dr. Cachon:

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, the following paper:

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

**TITLE OF PAPER:** Patterns of Administrative Efficiency

Why do we ask if your journal has accepted for publication a paper Farahi wrote, even if the paper was not 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.

- over, please -
Farahi claims that Administration and Society and Administrative Science Quarterly 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 to cover postage, payable to the journal, are enclosed. My home address is:

Jesus A. Diaz

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

Jesus,

Management Science publishes everything we accept. There is a delay from the "accept" decision to the article appearing in print because of the type setting and production process. I have been told that

we have no pages in that stage which were accepted more than 2 years ago.

We never accept a paper that we know appears in another journal.

Encls: (1) USPS forms
(2) Check for postage

Sincerely,

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