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James L. Perry, Editor-in-Chief Public Administration Review Yonsei University Department of Public Administration Room 410 E 1315 E. Tenth Street Bloomington, IN 47405-1701

Dear Dr. Perry:

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)

<u>TITLE OF PAPER</u>: Determining your MIS Needs

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 -

▶ In a 1985 resume, Farahi claims that he served on your journal's editorial board as reviewer of papers on MIS. Is this true?

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:

Jesús A. Díaz

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

Sincerely,

Jesús A. Díaz, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Philosophy



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We did not find anything.

Thank you.

James L. Perry Editor-in-Chief

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