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Dear Professor Reid,

Almost ten years ago, Professor Bliss accepted for publication an article of mine which turned out to be quite unique-- As Professor Bliss later told me, it was the only article he ever accepted for publication in the AIChE Journal and then did not publish! Professor Bliss' acceptance for publication was based on a favorable review by Professor Seban and a highly favorable review by an anonymous reviewer which began:

This is possibly the most stimulating and exciting article I have ever been asked to review. It will be highly controversial and persons with axes to grind will try to disparage it, but the truth of the author's contentions is unquestionable.

Unfortunately, after the article was accepted for publication and after I had received the galley proof for correction (see enclosed reproduction of one page of the proof-- particularly the region between the stars), persons with axes to grind succeeded in convincing Professor Bliss that publication at that time would be unwise and consequently the article has not yet been published.

My purpose in writing you is to determine whether you would be willing to reopen the question of my accepted but as yet unpublished article. Your editorial in the Jan '73 AIChE Journal seemed to suggest that you would be open-minded with regard to my unique manuscript--particularly your observation that

. . . papers which are truly advances are few and far between. In fact, they are not often even recognized as milestones in the sense that they must, by definition, diverge from the existing mainstream of thought.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene F. Adiutori