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Dear Professor Reid,

Thank you for your letter of Oct 30 in which you express a certain open-mindedness with regard to my article which was accepted for publication in the AIChE Journal in 1964 and has yet to appear in the AIChE Journal.

I found your letter perplexing. What would be the use of reviewing any article which had already been favorably reviewed and accepted for publication? It seems to me that my article does not require another review decision--one should be quite enough. What is now required is an editorial decision. It is my understanding that reviewers recommend--and editors decide. And what we now require is a decision with regard to publication--not a review recommendation.

Ten years ago, the reviewers recommended in favor of publication--and the Editor decided--favorably. Unfortunately, several non-reviewers who evidently considered themselves "defenders of the literature" prevailed upon the Editor and convinced him that publication would be unwise at that time. The article has been in limbo ever since--which brings us down to the present.

In the present, the person of Editor has changed---you have replaced Dr. Bliss. But I always divorce the person from the position--I am carrying on a dialogue with the AIChE Journal Editor--not with Dr. Reid. In my earlier letter, I was asking, "Would the Editor like to rectify an error of omission which has been carried on for 10 years? Or does the Editor wish to carry on this error of omission for another 10 years? Or even indefinitely?" It seems to me this question can be answered only by the Editor--I simply fail to see how the reviewers could possibly enter into this obviously editorial decision.

I have sent you one copy--a reproduction of the galley proofs--in order that you may base your editorial decision on the article itself. What I actually desire is that you publish the article with the original acceptance date--April 21, 1964!!!

Sincerely yours,

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