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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20550

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Office of  
Inspector General

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in response to your January 22 letter to the Inspector General of the National Science Foundation. It concerns a publication of the National Academy of Sciences prepared under the chairmanship of [REDACTED]. NSF was one of a large number of sponsors of that publication but is not otherwise involved.

Your letter claims that this publication fraudulently represents some of your past work. We note, however, that you are really alleging inaccuracy in the way your work is represented, rather than fraud in the legal sense. We find that there is no clear indication that the publication is discussing your work at all, so that there are no grounds for saying your work is misrepresented.

Your letter also claims that the publication fails to cite your patents and other source documents. On the assumption that the work under discussion is in fact yours, we note that this publication is a popular review of the current state of knowledge in chemistry. As such, it does not give citations to any of the information sources it uses. There is no reason to believe that this is damaging to the original researchers or to users of the publication.

I should point out that [REDACTED] is deceased, so that your letter to him will unfortunately remain unanswered.

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We find that your January 22 letter contains no substantive allegations. Consequently, this Office plans to take no further action.

I hope this information is useful.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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