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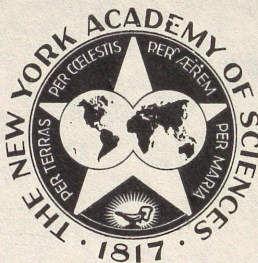
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Dear Member:

As you may have read, a case of mistaken identity led to an individual being notified of his election as a Fellow of The Academy who was not worthy of the honor.

The Scientific Council has now determined the circumstances in which the error occurred, and taken steps to preclude a recurrence. We deeply regret the embarrassment in which this incident has involved certain distinguished members and individuals associated with The Academy.

This person has been advised that the honor has been withdrawn, and upon investigation of his record that he is not eligible for Membership in The Academy. His membership in The Academy is being terminated in accordance with the Bylaws. I trust that this unfortunate episode will now become a minor footnote to the fallibility of human systems in the history of The Academy.

Most cordially yours,

Eunice Thomas Miner
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