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Mr. Chris Brown  
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Dear Mr. Brown:

Re: CMAJ Volume 133, November 15, 1985  
"Psychiatric Assessment of Patients with "Twentieth Century  
Disease" (Total Allergy Syndrome) - Dr. Donna E. Stewart

This is to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of December 25 regarding this matter. I would also like to acknowledge that, to my knowledge, this is the first business letter I have ever received that was dated December 25 --- Christmas Day.

Your letter deals almost exclusively with the publication of this article in the CMA Journal. Responsibility for the management of such issues within the CMA rests with the Scientific Editor, Dr. Bruce Squires. I note you have provided Dr. Squires with a copy of this correspondence. Via a copy of this letter I will request that the Scientific Editor respond to your questions and comments related to the publication of the article. As I have indicated to you previously, the publication of a scientific article in CMAJ, or the fact that it has been accepted for publication in the Journal, does not constitute CMA policy.

Responsibility for the evolution of policy in this area rests with the Council on Health Care. We note that you have provided a copy of your correspondence to Drs. Da Sylva and McCourt, the CMA staff directly responsible for the activities of this Council.

Yours sincerely,

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