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Dear Alex,

Does your name stink. Aaron was convinced that once you had weeded out the details of his structure you would attempt to publish it as your own. This is exactly what has happened. I realise that you had already gone some distance along the same lines, but the fact remains that you said nothing about this at all in public at the Madison meeting and that Kim obtained the details of the Cambridge structure from Robertus at the Gordon Conference. There is absolutely nothing to suggest that you would have actually published a revised structure at this time except for the knowledge you obtained of the Cambridge structure. Moreover you did not even have the elementary courtesy to acknowledge the Cambridge work. In addition to use your special influence with Science to rush into publication is quite inexcusable.

Unless you are prepared to make a suitable apology in public I must tell you that your visits to Cambridge in future will not be welcomed.

F. H. C. Crick

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