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Dear Sir,

Last year you published an article by Raimond Damadian arguing that a Nobel Prize had been awarded unjustly. That was not the first time that the scientific community has not agreed with the choice of a Nobel Prize winner. A few years ago 250 leading experts in neurophysiology spoke out in favor of the Austrian researcher Oleh Hornykewytsch and last year well-known chemists disputed the award of the prize to Japanese engineer Koiti Tanaka. Such misunderstandings could be avoided if the selection and award procedure was transparent. I speak from my own experience. The Nobel Prize Committee asked me to take part in the nomination of candidates for this year's Nobel Prize for Chemistry. I was most disappointed and shocked by the procedure for submitting documentation. The documentation I sent was lost twice and I am still not sure today if my candidates were even evaluated by the committee. This led me to write an open letter to the Nobel Prize Committee with my concerns and suggestions.

I know how well your newspaper is regarded in the world and I ask you to publish this letter with the hope that it meets with a wide public response and helps to make the award procedure for the Nobel Prize open and transparent.

Yours truly,
Prof. Leonid Nefyodov

P.S. You can see from the enclosed book "Anticancer Pharmaceutical Ukrain: Criminal Story of a Prevention" by E. Thun-Hohenstein that it is in someone's interest to withhold this medicament from the public. Perhaps the powers described in this book and those that caused the documentation to disappear in Stockholm are of one and the same origin?