Mr. or Ms. Plagiarist:

In academia, plagiarism is a **High Crime**.

As part of your application process for admission to MJI, you indicated and verified that you were a high school graduate. It is unlikely that you could get all the way through high school without learning about plagiarism. Further, it is most likely that during the first or second session of your class the professor advised you and the rest of the students in the class against plagiarizing any course submissions. If you have already taken several previous classes at MJI, you have repeatedly received this message.

Finally, upon admission you were provided with the *MJI academic catalog and student handbook*. You acknowledged receipt of this catalog. I quote directly from a main section in it:

**ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT**

The Michigan Jewish Institute has made a commitment to provide an academic community and learning environment based on honest inquiry and scholarly work. The faculty and administration of the Institute have established the following acts as serious violations of personal honesty and academic ideals that jeopardize the quality of education within an institution of higher learning:

1. Submitting material copied from a published source as one’s own;
2. Submitting another person’s unpublished work or examination material as one’s own;
3. Submitting a rewritten or paraphrased version of another person’s work as one’s own;
4. Purchasing, acquiring and using for course credit a pre-written paper;
5. Allowing another to write or conduct research for a paper that is submitted for course credit;
6. Copying electronic or printed materials from any source unlawfully or without permission or licensing from appropriate publishers and,
7. Copy/pasting brief quotations from sources without proper citation.

Incidents of academic dishonesty may lead to the assignment of a failing grade for the course by the instructor. Further, all students should be advised that the Office of the Dean of Academic Administration will not entertain appeals by students in response to grades so earned.

In the event of further instances of academic dishonesty, the Dean will convene a hearing board to consider the seriousness of the misconduct and the imposition of additional sanctions, including expulsion. Students may appeal the decision of the Dean and hearing board to the President, whose decision is final.

Your only recourse at this time is to convince your professor that you **did not** engage in plagiarism. Only the instructor of record can change a grade originally submitted by that
instructor. I have highlighted a particular part of the catalog quote exhibited above. Do not contact me again about this matter as I will simply delete such messages without any further action.

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