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Dear Mr. Friedmann:

I have concluded my examination of the allegation you raised that Drs. Simon Hakim and Erwin Blackstone neglected to mention funding sources in a working paper containing research results and in at least three newspaper editorials.

As you know, the working paper was withdrawn and is no longer widely available. Additionally, University records do not reveal that it received grant funds for the specific work under examination. Consistent with this information, many months ago we directed that correction be made to any publication that inaccurately attributed Temple's connection to this work.

The university will address its conclusions, including any action specific pertaining to the respondents, individually with Drs. Hakim and Blackstone.

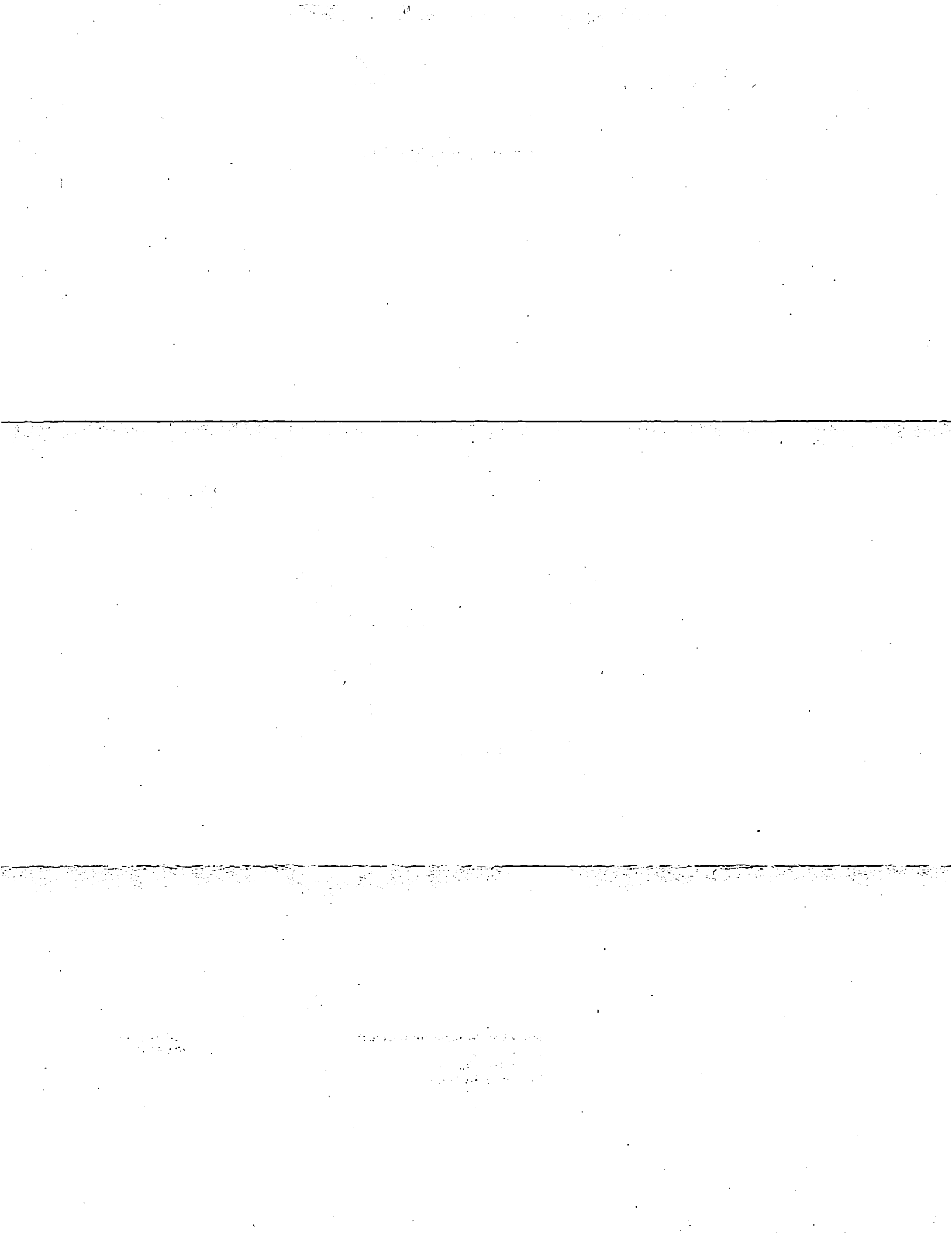
On behalf of Temple University, I thank you for bringing important questions of research integrity to our attention and will continue to do my part to ensure that University policies and ethical norms of research publishing are rigorously followed.

Thank you,



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