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Dear Dave:

I thought you would find the enclosed article about Governor Dreyfus from The Washington Star of April 12, 1980 amusing.

Unfortunately, it's been quite a long time since we've been in touch. I am now busily and, on the whole, happily engaged in the practice of law in Washington, with little leisure time left for the scholarly pursuits of my earlier days. I hope you and your family are well.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Howard Roffman

Enclosure

cc: Harold Weisberg ✓

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■ Governor Stung by Remark

Wisconsin Gov. Lee Dreyfus' remark to a "honey queen" that his wife used to refer to honey jokingly as "bee poop" has created a sticky situation in the state capital. Dreyfus made the remark to the state's honey queen during a social gathering in his capitol office on Agriculture Day last month. Honey producers are mad as hornets. The northwestern district of the Wisconsin Beekeepers Association has written Dreyfus to request that he refrain from making such references. The talkative Dreyfus also commented to the state's "commodity queens" — the queens of pork, beef, maple syrup and honey — that beef and pork were poor protein converters. A weekly columnist for the Amery Free Press, Evy Peterson Nerbonne, excoriated the governor for "total disrespect for the agribusiness community" and "sarcastic remarks to the commodity queens." But not everyone took offense. Wisconsin's pork queen, Trudy Jeidy, wrote the governor, "I did not realize how someone could misinterpret what was said. I still chuckle about what you said about the honey."