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Dear Mostafa:

Nei Shafer-Ray wrote me about the move to have an issue of the Journal of Physical Chemistry dedicated to honor Richard Bersohn at his retirement, which is expected to occur early in 2004. I contributed to two such issues this past year, the one for John Tully and the one for Steve Berry, so was looking forward to a breather to send more of our work to J. Chem. Phys, but I was VERY pleased to see the move to make such an issue for Richard Bersohn. I would definitely send a paper for such an issue. He has been a major figure in gas-phase chemical reaction dynamics for decades, and as you know he is one of the most lovely collegial scientists you will ever meet. Thus I strongly encourage you to approve the plan to make a Festschrift issue for Richard.

Sincerely,

Laurie J. Butler
Professor of Chemistry
and The James Franck Institute

P.S. Richard, I understand you will also read this, so I just want to say that you are NOT ALLOWED to retire; so this retirement better be to reduce your teaching commitments only or I'll send a Chicago mobster to NYC. Just your wonderful science would have been enough to warrant ten issues of JPC, but I hope you also know how much your intelligent collegiality has meant to all of us entering the field after you. (I hope to meet your twin brother sometime, too.) Love, Laurie