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Dr. J. Downey  
President, University of Waterloo  
Waterloo, Ontario  
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Dear President Downey:

With a heavy heart I feel that I have to sever my connections with the University of Waterloo, including resigning my honorary degree which I received from the University in 1981 (which caused me great pleasure).

I was very upset by the treatment of Professor Adrian Bondy. I do not maintain that Professor Bondy was innocent, but in view of his accomplishments and distinguished services to the University I feel that "justice should be tempered with mercy."

Sincerely Yours,



Paul Erdős  
Hungarian Academy of Sciences

cc:

University of Waterloo Magazine  
Gazette  
Kitchener-Waterloo Record  
Globe and Mail  
Canadian Association of University Teachers  
Canadian Mathematical Society  
Institute for Combinatorics and its Applications  
Notices of the American Mathematical Society