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Dr. Harold Brown
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Dear Dr. Brown:

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory has informed me that Mr. Victor Clarke, Jr., of their supervisory staff, has applied for a NASA Monetary Award for the development of gravity assisted trajectories, to be shared jointly with myself. This application, however, is lacking in truth as he played no role in this development. It represents an insult to the integrity of science. Therefore, I am respectfully requesting that you consider initiating an investigation of this matter. If the channel for such an investigation is a committee of institute professors, I would hope that the members have absolutely no ties with JPL. Since Clarke is willing to submit such a blatantly fraudulent award nomination, he probably expects to receive JPL support. If this support is forthcoming it will greatly discredit JPL's integrity.

I am enclosing a letter to Dr. Norman Chalfin (of JPL's Patent Office) which contains much documentary evidence proving that Clarke's allegations are baseless. Additional background material is also enclosed. I will remain at your service to answer any questions you may have regarding this unfortunate situation.

Respectively yours,

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Dr. Michael A. Minovitch

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Enclosure: Letter from Minovitch to Chalfin 2 April 1975