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My Dear Professor

In reading your "confidential"
circular I was struck with the
statement that "The National
Academy of Sciences", really had
no habitat. Yet in looking at
my Diploma I find it reads

"The National Academy of Sciences
of the United States of America",
and without looking to the
original act of Congress I always
accepted the above as the
real title of the Academy.

Certainly it ought to be given
a habitat.

And I notice what
Prof. Gibbs says about expert
testimony & the attempt to use
the Acad. to back certain mercantile
transactions. I remember that
when one nomination was acted
on (about 1878 I think) strong
objection was made to him on these
very grounds, but he was elected.
The Academy cannot permit the
least reproach to attend it in any
line whatever.

Very sincerely
Henry Danoes

Prof. O. C. Marsh