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Subject: Re: cationic pzn in supercritical CO2
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I spoke at Akron and spoke to Kennedy during an office visit about that time. I actually was pretty ticked off at that time that he moved in on what we were doing...

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On Jul 19, 2014, at 10:38 AM, "Stewart Lewis" <slewis@innovscience.com> wrote:

Dear Professor DeSimone:

A friend of mine had meet you some years ago in context to chemistry done in supercritical CO₂ and had good things to say concerning you. While doing a literature search in regards to a document I'm writing I discovered that both you and an individual who has gone under the moniker "Joseph P. Kennedy" for the past 40-50 years both published articles on cationic polymerization in supercritical CO₂ around the exact same time (ca. 1994). This is not an isolated incident as I've discovered this person actually patented a number of prior art processes including one disclosed by H. Sinn (i.e., co-discoverer of MAO) and this practice continued up well into the 2000s. My reason for contacting you is the U. Akron patent application is dated November 1993 and I'm curious as to whether someone leaked your work to U. Akron around that time or prior to it? In all fairness it could be the other way around; however, I do not believe this is the case. I speculate that you had been doing such polymerizations around that time frame? If you could provide me with input on this it would be of interest as I will be cataloging this in a historical.

Thanks,

Dr. Stewart P. Lewis