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Background material to this dissertation is available at carteltheory.com. You can find my research and papers in their most updated form, as well as media files on cartels, such as a Netherlands Competition Authority (NMa) film on leniency programs; the trailer of cartel movie The Informant featuring Matt Damon; and undercover FBI footage of the Lysine Cartel’s secret hotel meetings (Lysine Tapes).

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