Exhibit 9

Correspondence G. Lohnert to Taleyarkhan Inviting Xu/Butt Confirmatory Paper

Subject: Paper on bubble nuclear fusion

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Dear Prof. Taleyarkhan:

This is an extremely exciting, breathtaking idea !!!!!!!!

Do whatever you can to get hold of this work. It would be a fantastic new topic for NED! We could easily incorporate it into Lahey's Festschrift. The idea sounds really exciting, heart throbbing!

Best regards

Guenter

P.S.: I hope it is not like Fleischmann's Cold Fusion of 1989.

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