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Charles O. Rutledge  
Vice President for Research  
Purdue University

Dear Dr. Rutledge:

I am writing on behalf of the Inquiry Committee (IC) appointed by Dean Jamieson to investigate possible research misconduct as defined in Executive Memorandum C-22 related to sonofusion work conducted at Purdue University.

The members of the IC have read your letters to Dean Jamieson, dated June 9 and 16, 2006. In this first letter, you ask Dean Jamieson to "...treat the above-referenced materials as an allegation that 'research misconduct' as defined by the University's policy on Integrity in Research, Executive Memorandum No. C-22, may have occurred during the conduct of sonofusion research here at Purdue."

It is the opinion of the members of the IC that your letter of June 9 to Dean Jamieson does not, in itself, constitute an explicit allegation of research misconduct as required by C-22. We believe that, in fairness to all involved, specific instances and events where potential scientific misconduct may have occurred must be identified. If you wish to discuss this matter with us, we would be willing to meet at your earliest convenience.

Additionally, the IC has conducted a careful reading of the materials presented to the Examination Committee. We believe that some of the statements made therein may constitute allegations of scientific misconduct but do not yet meet the criteria specified in C-22. We therefore believe that it is appropriate for you to inquire of Prof. Tsoukalas and Prof. Lopez de Bertodano if either of them desires to submit a written allegation of research misconduct relating to sonofusion work at Purdue to the Dean of Engineering. Towards this end, we have included a draft of a letter from you that could be used for this purpose.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Purdue University

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