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**Subject:** Fact-finding Committee

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Dear Professor Choi,

I would like to request that you chair an faculty fact-finding committee that inquires about the circumstances surrounding a publication entitled "Bubble Dynamics and Tritium Emission During Bubble Fusion Experiments," by Y. Xu, A. Butt, and S. T. Revankar which is presented and found in the Proceedings of the 11th International Topical Meeting on Nuclear Reactor Thermal-Hydraulics (NURETH-11), Avignon, France, October 2-6, 2005 (Publication 548).

Some complaints about the circumstances of this publication from within and outside our institution have come to my attention, including, but not limited to, issues surrounding the data reported, the method of analysis, the actual authorship and the conclusions stated. The allegations range from misconduct to ethical issues. Hence it is important to report factual details surrounding the publication.

This is a very delicate matter and it is important to proceed with the utmost objectivity. I recommend our distinguished faculty emeriti, Profs. F. Clikeman and K.O.Ott as members of the committee. Attached you will find the paper.

Thank you very much.

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