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**To:** Adams, Holly  
**Cc:** Seth Putterman; C. K. Gunsalus; Steve Veazie  
**Subject:** Taleyarkhan Research Misconduct

Hello, Holly.

After my initial sense of relief that the Investigation Committee did indeed find Taleyarkhan guilty of research misconduct, on second reading, I remain very concerned about the nature of their Report, which was released today by Purdue.

I am struck by two items in particular:

First, the actual charge from the Purdue administration to the Investigation Committee based on the preceding second "Inquiry Committee" was not released; is this available and if not, why not?

It certainly appears that the definition of terms and the focus given to the Investigation Committee beg the truly important question: did Taleyarkhan fake his results? The Report avoids this issue almost entirely, except for brief comment on p. 30 where they remark "Although the Inquiry Committee received allegations of intentional data fabrication through the use of 252Cf, those allegations were not forwarded to our committee." How could Purdue possibly NOT send such allegations (the merit of which the Investigation Committee goes on to confirm on p. 30)? Won't this grievous oversight be more than slightly obvious to Ken Chang at the NYT or Eugenie Reich at Nature?

Second, it is remarkable to me that Purdue did not release the interviews taken by Purdue's attorney of myself and Professor Putterman to the Investigation Committee (p. 2 of the report). It seems to me that such information might be viewed as somewhat central to the Investigation Committee's function, so I am somewhat mystified by its lack of transmission.

While I would never wish to conclude that the Purdue administration has again attempted to whitewash the investigation by cover-up and suppression of information, others certainly might reach such a conclusion.

Best regards,

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