



Department of Energy

Office of Scientific and Technical Information
Post Office Box 62
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

August 10, 2016

Re: OSTI-2016-01064-F

Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

This is in final response to the request for information you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552 on June 22, 2016.

You requested a "copy of records, electronic, or otherwise, of each letter TO and FROM universities, companies, and organizations, from the OSTI 'cold fusion' documents collection." On July 11, 2016, you were emailed an interim response letter informing you of the need for OSTI to obtain release authorization from the Department of Energy. OSTI received notification to release the letters to you in their entirety on August 8, 2016. As a result, OSTI is releasing 72 cold fusion letters in this mailing on a CD-ROM because of the volume and file size of the PDFs.

In addition, there are approximately 13 letters that are currently being reviewed by the DOE's General Counsel Office (GC) for release or redaction. Upon receipt of guidance from GC, OSTI will release in whole or in part.

This decision, as well as the adequacy of the search, may be appealed within **90** calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. The appeal must contain all of the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either: 1) in the district where you reside; 2) where you have your principal place of business; 3) where DOE's records are situated; or 4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact OSTI's FOIA Public Liaison, Charlene Luther, Office of Preservation and Technology at 865.576.1138 or by mail at the Department of Energy, Office of Scientific and Technical Information, 1 Science.gov Way, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer.

The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you have any questions about the processing of the request or about this letter, please contact Madelyn M. Wilson at

Sincerely,



Madelyn M. Wilson
FOIA Officer
DOE OSTI
1 Science.gov Way
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

memorandum

DATE: APR 27 1989

REPLY TO:
ATTN OF: ER-1

SUBJECT: Cold Fusion

TO: The Secretary

I understand that one outcome of the HSS&T Cold Fusion Hearing held April 26, 1989, was that Chairman Roe (HSS&T) will be sending you a letter urging that you provide assistance to the University of Utah to help resolve the technical issues surrounding their claim of cold fusion.

Most laboratories have not been able to reproduce the heat or radiation (neutrons) observations. The Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) has been in contact with Professor Pons (U. of Utah). Professor Pons has visited Los Alamos and a preliminary visit by LANL staff has been made to the University of Utah.

At the hearing, Professor Pons stated that he has an agreement with Los Alamos whereby LANL will go to the University of Utah to observe his experimental setup and then disassemble the cell and take it to Los Alamos for further detailed measurements. This will hopefully get around the criticism that other experimenters are not using the "proper" setup and conditions.

In anticipation of Chairman Roe's letter, and as evidence that you are on top of this issue, I recommend that you sign the attached letter to Dr. S. Hecker, Director, LANL. The letter states your interest in the University of Utah/LANL collaboration and requests LANL to help resolve the technical issues regarding cold fusion, as soon as possible.



Robert O. Hunter, Jr.
Director
Office of Energy Research

Attachment

APPROVED: _____

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DATE: _____

Dr. Siegfried S. Hecker
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Dear Dr. Hecker:

As you are aware, the "cold fusion" phenomenon claimed by the University of Utah researchers and others has not been reproduced in most laboratories that have tried the experiment. I understand your staff is working with Professor Pons (University of Utah) to help resolve the technical issues surrounding reproducibility of the experiment.

It is very important to collaborate with Professor Pons in order to come to a speedy conclusion regarding the occurrence of fusion in the solid state. Please take the necessary steps to help resolve this issue as soon as possible.

I have asked the Director of the Office of Energy Research, Dr. Robert O. Hunter, Jr., to serve as a central point of contact. Please keep him informed of all significant developments.

You and your laboratory staff are to be commended for their efforts on behalf of the Department. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James D. Watkins
Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)

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