

A REQUEST

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Professor J. O'M. Bockris' activities since 1989 (the inception of the "cold fusion" embroglio), and particularly recent allegations that he lent his name and that of our university to a fraudulent scheme to promote a bogus engineering enterprise, has brought this university into disrepute. Note that on page 6 of the "Policies and Procedures Regarding Distinguished Professor Appointments" (September, 1993) it is stated that "The Distinguished Professors bring honor and recognition to the University" Instead, we believe that Bockris' recent activities has made the terms "Texas A&M" and "Aggie" objects of derisive laughter throughout the world among scientists and engineers, not to mention a large segment of the lay public. The "Alchemy" caper is, everywhere, a sure trigger for sniggering at our university. And so it should be. For a trained scientist to claim, or support anyone else's claim, to have transmuted elements is difficult for us to believe and is no more acceptable than to claim to have invented a gravity shield, revived the dead or to be mining green cheese on the moon. We believe it is sheer nonsense, and, in our opinion, could not have been done innocently by one with a lifetime of experience in one of the physical sciences.

In view of the above considerations, we the undersigned Distinguished Professors of Texas A&M University hereby request the Provost to take steps to revoke the title of Distinguished Professor now carried by John O'M. Bockris. We do this because of our belief that Dr. Bockris' alleged disregard of the accepted standards of scholarly and professional behavior has brought great embarrassment upon this university and his colleagues. In our opinion he no longer merits the title of Distinguished Professor.

Dr. Perry L. Adkisson	Entomology	<i>Perry L. Adkisson</i>
Dr. Richard Arnowitz	Physics	<i>Richard Arnowitz</i>
Sir Derek Barton	Chemistry	<i>Derek Barton</i>
Dr. George Bass	Anthropology	
Dr. John O'M. Bockris	Chemistry	
Dr. Norman E. Borlaug	International Agriculture	
Dr. Charles K. Chui	Mathematics	<i>C. K. Chui</i>
Dr. F. Albert Cotton	Chemistry	<i>F. A. Cotton</i>
Dr. Michael J. Duff	Physics	<i>Michael Duff</i>
Dr. George C. Edwards	Political Science	
Dr. John Fackler	Chemistry	<i>John Fackler</i>
Dr. Timothy Hall	Biology	<i>Timothy Hall</i>
Dr. William J. Harris	Civil Engineering	
Dr. Hamlin Hill	English	<i>Hamlin Hill</i>
Dr. William B. Johnson	Mathematics	
Dr. Howard Kaplan	Sociology	
Dr. Charles F. Kettleborough	Mechanical Engineering	<i>C. F. Kettleborough</i>

Distinguished Professors

Dr. Wulf Koepke

Modern and Classical Lang.

Dr. Arthur E. Martell

Chemistry

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Dr. John McDermott*

Philosophy and Humanities

Dr. Dimitri Nanopoulos

Physics

signed in CERN by FAX; see attached

Dr. Gerald North

Meteorology and Oceanography

Gerald R. North

Dr. Worth Nowlin

Oceanography

Worth Nowlin, Jr

Dr. Emanuel Parzen

Statistics

Emanuel Parzen

Dr. Gilles Pisier

Mathematics

Professor Malcolm Quantrill

Architecture

Dr. Herbert Richardson

Engineering

Herbert H. Richardson

Dr. Stephen Safe

Veterinary Physiology

Stephen Safe

Dr. Thomas R. Sawyer

Economics

Thomas R. Sawyer

Dr. Donald T. Sawyer

Chemistry

Dr. A. Ian Scott

Chemistry

A. I. Scott

Dr. Max Summers

Entomology

Max D. Summers

Dr. Frank E. Vandiver

History

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* Member of Committee appointed to investigate charges against Hockris. Inappropriate that he should participate in this request.

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Dr. Wulf Keepke Modern and Classical Lang.

Dr. Arthur E. Merrill Chemistry

Dr. John McDermott Philosophy and Humanities

Dr. Dimitri Nanopoulos Physics

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Dr. Gerald North Meteorology and Oceanography

Dr. Worth Nowlin Oceanography

Dr. Emanuel Parzen Statistics

Dr. Gilles Pisier Mathematics

Professor Malcolm Quantrill Architecture

Dr. Herbert Richardson Engineering

Dr. Stephen Sale Veterinary Physiology

Dr. Thomas H. Saving Economics

Dr. Donald T. Sawyer Chemistry

Dr. A. Ian Scott Chemistry

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To: Al Cotton

I wish to have my signature included
on the REQUEST in the matter of J. O'H Cotton

René A. Henry

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Notes on the Signing of the Request (by F. A. Cotton)

MOST IMPORTANT: 23 OF 28 ELIGIBLE DPs (>80%) HAVE SIGNED

There are thirty two DPs, not including J. O'M. Bockris. Of these, three (Borlaug, Koepke and Pisier) could not be reached. In addition, Professor McDermott could not consider signing since he is presently serving on an investigation committee dealing with Bockris. Professor Bass has a compelling personal reason, which must remain confidential, for being unable to sign.

Thus there were only twenty seven DPs available and eligible to sign this Request. Twenty three (over 85%) have signed it.

For the four who were contacted and specifically asked to sign, but who have chosen not to do so, it is pertinent to indicate the reasons given.

(1) One individual said he preferred to remain neutral, since he is not a physical scientist (and as has remarks to one of us indicated, not even understanding the difference between so-called "cold fusion" and the real thing).

(2) Another said that because he is a member of the Executive Committee of the DPs, he wanted to remain formally neutral. This view, be it noted, was not shared by other members of that committee.

(3) Another non-signer said he objected to the recommendation that Bockris be stripped of his title because he believed that was not a possible course of action. He gave no reason for this belief other than that such was his opinion. Obviously, twenty three of us do believe it is a possible course of action, and request you to proceed.

(4) Finally, one DP gave no clear reason and refused discussion.

In conclusion, let it be noted that all of the chemists, physicists, and engineers i.e., those best qualified to judge the enormity of Bockris's scientific transgressions, have signed this request.