

Jan. 25, 2006

Dear Professor Tsoukalas:

Recently I received a confidential letter from Professor M. L. Bertodano dated January 13, 2006 concerning the research and publication activities related to the bubble fusion research by some of our faculty members. Professor Bertodano raised serious points related to these activities which may lead to problems to our faculty and our School. His letter indicates his point of view, but I also heard some rumors from other colleagues along this line.

In view of the above, I would like to recommend you to form an impartial committee to look into this matter and address serious concern raised by Professor Bertodano. The first step is for this committee to find out the facts related to this matter, then to report to you their findings. I hope this will lead to the resolution of some serious points raised by Professor Bertodano. The committee's role is just fact finding. For the members of the committee it may be recommended to include some of our retired faculty members who are highly respected for their integrity.

Attachment: Bertodano's letter

Sincerely,

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