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Eugenie Reich [eugenie.reich@gmail.com] Thursday, February 09, 2006 11:14 PM

Sent: To:

Lefteri H. Tsoukalas **RE: Sonofusion**

Subject:

Do not freak out. I never printed any unsubstantiated remark against a person and I never printed something sensitive in a rush without checking out it is the right story right time on a number of levels. I do accept you are saying here that you personally don't have evidence for fraud. I do think from things you said that you have suspicions and that others do too, but suspicions in themselves can be rather tenuous things and are not something I am reporting or interested in reporting right now, ok? I think I wrote you already I'm not even thinking of writing there may be fraud at all in my story. What I am saying is that one background justification in my mind or others minds for an article soon focusing particularly on problems with his working style is the suspicion. This is not the same as saying that goes in the story.

My opinion for what its worth is your own position on everything checks out and is defensible so that you cannot be in trouble for it.

I am very tired and going to bed now but wanted to write you back so you do not get worked up in the night. It means I did not address all points here sorry I will tomorrow. Or if it is possible to talk when you get back, rather than end of next week, it might be a good idea. I do not know what those guys said about me, or when you get back.

Best Wishes, Eugenie

.--Original Message----

m: Lefteri H. Tsoukalas [mailto:tsoukala@purdue.edu]

Jent: 09 February 2006 21:11

To: Eugenie Reich Subject: Sonofusion

Dear Eugenie,

I had some concerns raised by Ken Suslick and Seth and would like to ask for a favor. Greetings from La Jolla.

PLEASE give the sonofusion story a bit more time.

There is no evidence of fraud, although plenty of evidence for wishful thinking, sloppy experimental work, sloppy analysis, exaggerated claims and the like. But there is a long way from sloppy experimentalism to fraud and we as university people (but also as concerned citizens) need to be absolutely sure and proceed with the utmost caution. You and I had very candid conversations. Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea culpa! By poetic license and dramatic language I am afraid I have painted an urgent and distressing picture of the context. I apologize.

Please treat our discussions as confidential and give it a bit more time.

Yours. Lefteri

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