



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,



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Dear Mr. Anderson:

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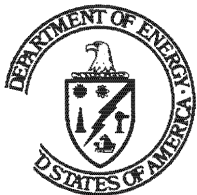
Thank you for your letter. Your concern about the recently reported discoveries receiving proper Government attention is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:
Ryszard Gajewski

Ryszard Gajewski, Director
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Office of Basic Energy Sciences, ER-16

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ryszard Gajewski".

Ryszard Gajewski, Director
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Wed 12 Apr 1989

LETTER FROM: Walt Anderson
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ADDRESSED TO: President George H. W. Bush
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SUBJECT: Need for a Manhattan-Type Project to Rapidly
Develop New Cold Fusion Research

The spectacular discovery recently announced by Pons and Fleischmann at the University of Utah... and confirmed by Martin, Marsh, and Gammon at Texas A & M... pales to insignificance anything since the first atomic bomb.

The full implications and potential benefits to the United States, and all of humanity at this critical ecological, energy, fiscal, and geo-political juncture in history are so compelling as to defy full analysis.

We are rightly proud that Texas A & M is generally acknowledged to have played a key role in the confirmation of the Utah discovery. Surely a smiling God has given us this remarkable opportunity to balance the books with regard to the exploration and exploitation of nuclear energy. But more importantly... the needs of all humanity for this safer and more benign method for extracting energy from the seas must drive us forward with all deliberate speed to seek practical results to ease the multiple crises now facing the world (famine, pollution, greenhouse effect, water purification and distribution, etc.).

For perhaps the very first time in our lifetimes (and perhaps never before in all of history) we have realistic reason to hope that real and effective solutions are within our grasp. The magnitude of this promise carries equal responsibility that petty jurisdictional disputes, crass commercialization, or glory-seeking be sublimated to the larger global goals. It is worthy of no less focus and coordinated effort than that which attended the development of the first practical atomic weapons under the aegis of the Manhattan Project in World War II.

Most Respectfully,

Walt Anderson