A REQUEST

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.

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

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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, Koapke and Pisier) could not be reached. In addition, Professor McDarmott 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 Raquest. 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 helief 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 chamists, physicists, and engineers i.e., those best qualified to judge the enormity of Bockris's scientific transgressions, have signed this request.