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Subject: Fwd: Re: authorship (rpt->s.krivit;5.29.07)

Dear Dr. Bennett,

In my investigation, I have found a contradiction of stated facts:

The Inquiry Committee Final Report states "Butt was told by Dr. Taleyarkhan, not Dr. Xu, that he would be an author."

Taleyarkhan's statement to Congress says "Butt was invited by Dr. Xu to be co-author."

I have presented this to Dr. Taleyarkhan for comment. He has replied:

Date: Tue, 29 May 2007 09:42:33 -0400
From: Rusi Taleyarkhan <rusi@ecn.purdue.edu>
To: Steve Krivit
Subject: Re: authorship (rpt->s.krivit;5.29.07)

Steve:

The inquiry cmte. final report makes a presumptuous statement based on the report of Tsoukalas's illegally-set up committee from which the Butt report was generated. They certainly did not check with me on this.

It was Xu's decision to include Butt as co-author not mine. I did ask for Butt to learn the technology by getting involved with Xu's efforts at the time and to perform checks/reviews of the Xu expts. with his approval. Butt did come back to me to inform he had done the reviews/checks and found things in order. This is what Butt has mentioned he did even in his report, although it is written in a somewhat belittling manner lessening the importance of the due-diligence contribution. I nor my group had nothing to gain by having Butt's name on Xu's paper. I've given you a detailed account of what transpired.

Thx, Rusi

I will be reporting on this matter and I would appreciate if you can shed some clarity on the discrepancy. How long do you estimate it would take you to review

the matter and prepare a response? My draft goes to my editors tomorrow at 5pm, but I can probably add in changes, if necessary next week.

Thank you,

Steve Krivit
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Date: Wed, 30 May 2007 07:23:30 -0400
Subject: Re: authorship (rpt->s.krivit;5.29.07)
From: Joe Bennett <bennetjl@exchange.purdue.edu>
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Steve – Purdue has no comment on this.

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