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From: Steve Krivit <stevek@newenergytimes.com>  
Subject: Taleyarkhan Investigation

Dear Dr. Jischke,

Dr. Taleyarkhan has been tried in the public spotlight as having taken inappropriate actions with regard to putting students' names on papers that had not written them.

Today, the New York Times published a damaging letter allegedly from Mr. Adam Butt dated 2/23/2006 which supports this charge. I say allegedly because the letter is not signed, and it also switches from third person to first person.

Today, I asked Dr. Taleyarkhan if he can defend against the allegations against him. He responded, "This aspect was already looked into by the various committees last year. This is nothing other than more lies and smear from Tsoukalas." To which I responded, "I don't I have the committee's report that exonerates you of this allegation. Can you send it to me please?" Taleyarkhan responded "The committee report is confidential from what I was advised today by Vice-Provost Rutledge. The conclusion was made public in Purdue's press release in Feb. 2007."

As you can see, the public was not satisfied with that resolution, and Taleyarkhan (primarily) and Purdue (secondarily) are still on trial.

I am aware of Purdue's policy on integrity in research which requires that "all allegations of research misconduct be reviewed under procedures that ensure strict confidentiality."

But the barn door has been left open and the horse is long gone.

Can you provide evidence that will show a defense for the allegations against Taleyarkhan? If not, why not?

I look forward to your reply,

Steven Krivit  
Editor, New Energy Times

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Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 15:51:47 -0400

Subject: FW: Taleyarkhan Investigation  
From: Joe Bennett <bennetjl@exchange.purdue.edu>  
To: Steve Krivit

Dear Mr. Krivit,

I am responding on behalf of Purdue to your query concerning sonofusion research. It is true that Purdue released the basic conclusion of the university's inquiry related to integrity in research. This was made possible by Dr. Taleyarkhan's agreeing to a partial waiver of his confidentiality rights under Purdue's policy. He retains the right to authorize full disclosure of the inquiry committee's report. It is not within Purdue's authority to release the full report as you propose.

Purdue's position is that it has followed its own policy and federal guidelines correctly. It will continue to do so. Thank you for your continued interest.

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