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October 22, 2009

Dear Madam/Sir:

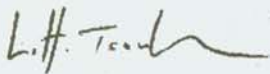
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Some information on my background: I am a Fellow of the American Nuclear Society and have served in various academic, industrial and government positions including as Chair of the Nuclear Engineering Department Head Organization (NEDHO) and Head of Purdue's School of Nuclear Engineering. (b) (6)

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information at (765) 496 -9696 or via email at tsoukala@ecn.purdue.edu. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Prof. Lefteri H. Tsoukalas, PhD
ANS Fellow
Humboldt Prize 2009

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NET: On Sept. 1, 2008, five days after Purdue issued sanctions against Taleyarkhan, Tsoukalas e-mailed Adams and said the SNE faculty was very disappointed with the Purdue sanctions and wanted to meet with her. Later that month, Adams visited the Purdue SNE and met with members of the faculty (except Taleyarkhan and Revankar).

(22) On 1 September 2008, 14:07, Subject: NE faculty wishes to meet with you, [Dr. Tsoukalas] e-mails [Ms. Adams]:

I know that retaliations are not within the IG's area, and hence do not know if this is appropriate, or even possible, but maybe something to discuss, no?

(a) [Ms. Adams] replied on 2 September 2008:

Dear [Lefteri],

Let me have a day to catch up, here, and, let's talk. There may be some strategies available that we haven't explored.

(b) When questioned about what 'strategies' [she] was referring to, [Ms. Adams] stated that [she] didn't recall due to the two year period that had elapsed since the e-mail in question.

(23) On 22 October 2009, [Dr. Tsoukalas] provided [Ms. Adams] a letter of recommendation for graduate studies. [Dr. Tsoukalas]' letter states:

I have known [Ms. Adams] over the past several years in her capacity as Inspector General of the Office of Naval Research and have collaborated with [her] in discerning a very difficult case of research integrity. [She] did an outstanding investigation upholding the highest standards of objectivity and professionalism. The reasoning and analytical skills that [she] brought to bear on the investigation would be envied by any great research scientist.

When questioned about this letter of recommendation, [Ms. Adams] stated [she] did not think it was improper to request a letter of recommendation from [Dr. Tsoukalas]. [she] requested the letter of recommendation after Purdue University closed their investigation into scientific misconduct by [Dr. Taleyarkhan]. At the time of [her] request, [Ms. Adams] was no longer working as the [ONR IG], [she] had been reassigned as the [FOIA officer] at [ONR]. [Ms. Adams] believed that [Dr. Tsoukalas] would have written [her] a letter of recommendation even if allegations against [Dr. Taleyarkhan] were unsubstantiated. [Ms. Adams] stated [she] did not agree that [Dr. Tsoukalas] "collaborated with [her] in discerning a very difficult case of research integrity". [she] did, however, accept the letter of recommendation as written.

(24) [Ms. Adams] stated [her] objectivity of this investigation was not compromised at any time and, had it been, there would have been "additional substantiation of allegations".

Adams, Holly

From: E Tsoukalas [eleutheriost@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 11:45 AM
To: Adams, Holly
Subject: Re: NE faculty wishes to meet with you

Thank you Holly. I will be around tomorrow and Thursday (any time), will be leaving for China Friday morning.
Lefteri

On 9/2/08, Adams, Holly <holly.adams@navy.mil> wrote:

Dear Lefteri,

Let me have a day to catch up, here, and let's talk. There may be some strategies available that we haven't explored.

Thanks,

Holly

-----Original Message-----

From: E Tsoukalas [mailto:eleutheriost@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2008 14:07
To: Adams, Holly
Subject: NE faculty wishes to meet with you

Dear Holly,

The attached is an affidavit which Taleyarkhan collected from Darla Mize (my former secretary) apparently for Purdue's last investigation committee. Last week Taleyarkhan seems to have leaked it to the New Energy Times (<http://newenergytimes.com/blog/?p=34>).. It is full of slanderous lies for much of which we have objective evidence against. Darla is a bit of a troubled soul, but would not have lied so egregiously if she did not firmly believe that the Dean and some Purdue higher ups were in support of Taleyarkhan and that her affidavit would stay in the dark.

This affidavit is emblematic of the insidious retaliations we have been subjected to for not going along with Taleyarkhan's wishes. Purdue's light sanctions are puzzling. They look more like damage-control than protecting students, faculty and staff. Taleyarkhan is left in our School to teach, draw salary, proclaim victory for the science of bubble fusion, everything is almost the same for him as before. Except this time Purdue did not come out praising bubble fusion. He just cannot have desert for a month, as one prof puts it.

The faculty of our School is utterly disgusted with Purdue's duplicity. We feel damaged and violated. We want to protect our names and our School's future and show that Scientific Truth can't be made with gutter politics.

The faculty (all except RT and Revankar obviously) would like to meet with you and the House Science Committee. I know that retaliations are not within the IG's area, and hence do not know if this is appropriate, or even possible, but maybe something to discuss, no?