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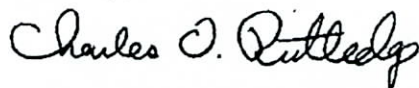
Professor Martin Lopez de Bertodano, Ph.D.
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Dear Professor de Bertodano,

On January 13, 2006, you wrote the attached letter to Professor Ishii expressing concerns regarding sonofusion research at Purdue. Your department head, Professor Lefteri Tsoukalas, at the request of Dean Linda Katehi, provided a copy of this letter to Associate Vice President Peter Dunn, who serves as Purdue's Research Integrity Officer. Professor Dunn shared your letter with me. It appears from the concerns expressed in the letter that you may harbor an allegation of sonofusion-related research misconduct at Purdue, within the meaning of Purdue University's Policy on Integrity in Research (Executive Memorandum C-22, attached). By the terms of that policy, only a written allegation of research misconduct triggers the policy's procedures. Therefore, if your intent is to advance an allegation of research misconduct relating to sonofusion work at Purdue, I request that you reduce your allegation to a fully detailed written statement addressed to Dean Jamieson and copied to me no later than September 10, 2006. If you require any clarification or assistance regarding these matters, please contact Dr. Peter Dunn.

If you decide not to submit a written allegation, please inform Dr. Dunn of this decision by the date indicated.

Sincerely,



Charles O. Rutledge, Ph.D.

Attachments

c: Dean Leah Jamieson