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From: Rutledge, Charles O. [chipr@purdue.edu]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 5:26 PM
To: Adams, Holly
Cc: Miller, Joan; Dunn, Peter E.
Subject: RE: PHONCON dtd 1 March 2007

Ms Adams:

I have just two minor corrections. To be correct in paragraph 1, it should read: I understand that Purdue conducted only one inquiry into research misconduct allegations which it received in September 2006,

Paragraph 2 September 6 should be changed to September 2006

We will prepare a response as indicated in this summary. Thanks

Charles Rutledge, Ph.D.
Vice President for Research

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

From: Adams, Holly [mailto:Holly_Adams@onr.navy.mil]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 1:16 PM
To: Rutledge, Charles O.
Cc: Miller, Joan
Subject: PHONCON dtd 1 March 2007

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I hope this accurately reflects our agreements this morning. Although it sounds rather formal, I find that it is better to agree on what we are seeking before we spend time getting answers to questions that might not have been asked.

Again, thank you for your help,

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From: Adams, Holly
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 8:19 AM
To: 'Rutledge, Charles O.'
Subject: RE: Inquiry Information

Aye aye!

Holly Adams
Inspector General
Office of Naval Research

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

From: Rutledge, Charles O. [mailto:chipr@purdue.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 3:29 PM
To: Adams, Holly
Cc: Dunn, Peter E.
Subject: RE: Inquiry Information

Holly:

I have received the documentation and have shared it with Dr. Peter Dunn the University's research integrity officer. Dr. Dunn has handled all aspects of this case and will formulate our response to the allegations. I have therefore requested that he participate in our call tomorrow.

Charles Rutledge
Vice President for Research

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Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 2:29 PM
To: Rutledge, Charles O.
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Dr. Rutledge,

I am sending you the attached for your information and looking forward to discussing tomorrow at 11:00 AM.

Thank you,

Holly Adams
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