

Cc: Dunn, Peter E.; Kealey, William P.  
Subject: Letter on Purdue Allegations  
Importance: High

Dear Ms. Adams:

Attached is a letter providing an update on our progress in examining the sonofusion allegations and a request for clarification.

Sincerely,

Charles O. Rutledge  
Vice President for Research  
Purdue University

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Dear Ms. Adams:

We have reviewed the list of potential witnesses and other supporting material sent on Wednesday, April 4, 2007. We are contacting potential witnesses to request statements of their personal knowledge of potential research misconduct associated with sonofusion research conducted at Purdue. However, we are concerned that any correspondence of this nature sent to Ms. Eugenie Reich, a freelance journalist, may be published in the open press and that this press coverage may compromise the desired confidentiality of the inquiry process required by both DARPA and Purdue policy. We are also uncertain that a journalist would possess first hand, personal knowledge of research activities at Purdue. As a result, at this time, we will refrain from correspondence with Ms. Reich. If you feel that this decision is inappropriate, please let us know.

We noted that the supporting materials received did not include comments from you on several anomalies noted nor responses to questions raised in my e-mail of March 30, 2007. Unless you inform us to the contrary, we will assume that you accept our conclusions (1) that the fifth and eighth allegations in your message of March 29 are substantially the same and can be treated as a single allegation; (2) that the sixth allegation is not an allegation of research misconduct; and (3) that the only component of the ninth allegation addressing research conducted at Purdue appears to address research that was conducted prior to the initiation of DARPA funding in 2005 and was the focus of our previous inquiry.

Finally, as we commence our review of the allegations you have sent to us, I have asked Associate Vice President Peter E. Dunn, Purdue's Research Integrity Officer, to assume leadership of this process. In this role, Dr. Dunn will serve as Purdue's principal point of contact with you and I ask that you address any response to this message and further correspondence on these matters directly to Dr. Dunn. You may copy me on correspondence if you wish. Dr. Dunn's e-mail address is [pedunn@purdue.edu](mailto:pedunn@purdue.edu).

Thank you for your continuing assistance in our efforts to address these allegations.

Sincerely,

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