

Rusi,

Can you help me sort this out?

The Reich article in Nature from July 20, 2006 suggests that "\$250,000 of U.S. taxpayer's money help fund the disputed work?

It states that \$812,000 went to Putterman, as he was principal investigator, \$318,000 was allocated to you, \$145,000 was given to Suslick.

Do these numbers sound right?

What is the \$250,000 number?

Thanks,

Steve

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Subject: Re: breakdown of darpa funds (rpt->skrivit;5.16.07)

Steve:

- The \$250K would represent approximate funds that were expended up by Purdue-ORNL through 3/1/06 (\$70K were given to ORNL to obtain services of my then post-doc J.Cho which started from Oct-Nov.2005 onwards) to help recreate the expts. of ORNL that we had disbanded as I left ORNL) until the term of the contract ended on 2/28/06. The meeting and demos of 3/1/06 and 3/2/06 were held at my own expense in good-faith.

Remaining unexpended funds were returned to UCLA since I found there was no good-faith and UCLA was indeed engaged in accusing us of fraud rather than working together for the stated goal, and that too openly, in front of the sponsors on 3/1/06 and then, suddenly the series of articles appeared in Nature on 3/8/06. My earlier doubts and suspicions on the [REDACTED] of Putterman/Suslick were confirmed forever.

None of the efforts I had to undertake with my co-authors Lahey/Nigmatulin/Block/ to respond to Naranjo last year used a dime of UCLA/Darpa funds. However, UCLA apparently continued to do so, as acknowledged in Naranjo's PRL comment of late last year. You know the rest.

Rusi

(PS: I have evidence from past records of exchanges between Coblenz and us that certified that the DARPA Phase -1 funds were to be used for recreating sonofusion conditions of my ORNL expts. as published in Science (2002). That was the goal which was agreed upon and approved by the Director of DARPA. UCLA/Suslick spent a portion of the funds instead, to do mathematical modeling to prove use of Cf-252 (a veiled manner of accusing for fraud) as alleged by them in Nature,etc. for a totally different experiment (that published by my group in 1/2006).

They continued to do so even after the 3/8/06 Nature articles as later cited in the 10/06 PRL article by Naranjo where explicit acknowledgment is given to use of DARPA funds having supported this research work. I had called and complained to Coblenz about this and he told me he did not authorize this effort; I think I also documented that call with a followup email. This constitutes fraud and misuse of taxpayer's funds we think. I've discussed this with attorneys of Duane-Morris and they agree.

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