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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Original signed by:  
~~Ryszard Gajewski~~

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May 30, 1989

Dear Congressman Kostmayer:

Thank you for your April 20 note and the letter you enclosed for the President from Mr. Milo C. Rober.

It was thoughtful of you to forward Mr. Rober's comments regarding energy issues. On your behalf, I will be pleased to see that his comments are shared with the President's advisers in this area.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure  
Assistant to the President  
for Legislative Affairs

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Congress of the United States  
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April 20, 1989

The Honorable George Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush,

Please find enclosed correspondence from a constituent of mine, Mr. Milo C. Rober. Mr. Rober has requested that I forward this correspondence to you.

Sincerely,

  
PETER H. KOSTMAYER  
Member of Congress

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Tuesday, April 11, 1989, 2:00 am

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(215)795-2574 SS #474-14-9266  
U.S. Navy W.U. 2 Veteran

President George Bush  
The Honorable Peter H. Kostmayer  
Office Address: 100 South Main Street  
Doylestown, PA 18901

RE: "Project-Salt Water Taffie" ---As I call it. The recent "Test Tube" discovery made at the University of Utah and as I just heard on the news, "Confirmed and duplicated by the University of Texas, accomplished at room temperature." (Energy from salt water versus Energy from Nuclear Power Plant

Dear President Bush and Representative Kostmayer

I am addressing this letter this way, since I do not know how to have our President receive the message that I wish to convey in any other way, therefore Peter, I would be very grateful, if it is at all possible, could you please forward what I have to say here, to President Bush, so that he at least knows how an old house-bound, disast Second World War veteran feels? Thank you.

Now, why am I writing this letter, something that I never or seldom do? Number 1: I am the grandson of a Union Civil War veteran that was a P.O.W. in Andersonville Prison. I am also, on my father's side, the grandson of the Minneapolis fireman, Lewis Rober, "The Father of Softball" called "Kitten Ball." My father was "gassed" in the First World War, and was a fireman in the Minneapolis Fire Department, both men put their lives on the line in fire fighting. My wife Anne, a Church Secretary, are the proud parents of one daughter and three sons, two of which are Viet Nam Veterans, with one son, Mark, still active in the U.S. Navy Air at Willow Grove Navy Air Station in PA. Our other son, Milo, went through hell on Midway Island transfer ring "Body Bags" coming back to the U.S.A., and had to try to recover from that emotional nightmare after discharge. I am sure that we all have the same belief, that is---we all live in the most wonderful country in the world and further, our forefathers are responsible for our freedom and security as a people, they all wante it to be under the Constitution of these United States and the Bill of Rights so tha we all could have a life of "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" as we know it today!

Number 2: I am a Christian and belive in the Holy Bible, both Old and New Testament but more than this, I am convinced and sincerely believe in my heart that which is written in the New Testament in the Book of John, Chapter 13-verses 34 & 35, known as "The Eleventh Commandment:" "Love one another as I have loved you!". This is for al mankind!

So, dear gentlemen, having said the above, my message and ardent prayer is that God will be with you, Mr. President, and all of those responsible in this beautiful count and world of ours, and that you would do all in your power to do anything necessary further, as fast as humanly possible the findings of the possibilities of a new sour of energy that has been discovered at the Universities of Utah and Texas, so that th entire world may never ever have the fear of nuclear extinction from this beaut ful garden, earth, that has been given to us so that all people may forever enjoy th beautiful gift of "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Who knows---The United States of America could very well be the modern day Moses for the world, and all who come after us, leading others into an unlimited supply of ene with no more fear of atomic extinction.

I am very sincerely your servant;

*Milo C. Rober*  
Milo C. Rober

With my deepest love to you and your families

# Fusion researcher defends experiment

DALLAS (AP) — The co-developer of a University of Utah cold fusion experiment submitted to intense scrutiny by his peers, and concluded he was certain it was a way to tap the energy of the stars.

Chemist B. Stanley Pons told 7,000 people attending a meeting of the American Chemical Society on Wednesday that an experiment conducted at room temperature produced energy from nuclear fusion, but that exactly how it works on a molecular level is still not clear.

"It's absolutely sure in my mind that what we've seen (is nuclear fusion)," said Pons. "We cannot explain the data in any other way."

Pons received long-distance support just as the discussions began. Scientists in the Soviet Union announced they had duplicated the Utah experiment and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology said it had applied for patents involving cold nuclear fusion. Thursday, two graduate students at the University of Washington said they also had partially duplicated the Utah work.

But a physicist and other experts who sat beside Pons during a panel discussion said they remained unconvinced that the Utah experiment was fusion.

Harold P. Furth, director of the Princeton University Plasma Physics Laboratory, said with barely contained contempt that world class physicists will not take the Utah findings seriously until the precise process involved is explained and demonstrated with control experiments.



Associate Professor Peter L. Hagelstein of Massachusetts Institute of Technology has written four scientific papers explaining the controversial fusion experiments. MIT has filed patent applications in connection with Hagelstein's work. (AP photo)

Furth said that some experts believe the energy detected in the Utah experiment is actually a chemical reaction that is not understood.

Another panel member, University of Texas chemist Allen J. Bard, said he had an open mind on the experiment, but added: "It is unprecedented to see chemical reactions produce nuclear reactions. The verdict is still out."

Two weeks ago, Pons and co-investigator Martin Fleischmann of

the University of Southampton in Britain announced they had achieved fusion using ordinary laboratory equipment at room temperature.

The announcement stunned and confused researchers around the world, some of whom have spent more than 25 years and millions of dollars trying to develop controlled nuclear fusion.

Pons and Fleischmann said their experiment used a rod of palladium and a coil of platinum

immersed in a beaker of "heavy water," in which ordinary hydrogen atoms are replaced by deuterium, a heavier isotope of hydrogen. When electricity was applied to the coil for about 100 hours, it forced deuterium atoms into the palladium until the atoms fused, producing energy in the form of heat, Pons said.

He said the device made four watts of energy for every watt used.

Pons said he is enlarging the experiment and if the process still works, then cold fusion may provide a dramatic new energy source.

Pons admitted he was not sure how the experiment causes fusion and exactly what role each of the chemicals play in producing energy.

Furth said physicists will not take the work seriously until a control experiment is conducted using ordinary water instead of deuterium oxide.

Pons announced earlier that he conducted such an experiment with ordinary water, and it did not produce the radiation or energy effects.

In Italy, meanwhile, Fleischmann presented more details of the experiment at an international conference in Erice, Sicily, but many scientists there said they were skeptical.

"I'm warning people — don't sell your oil well yet," said physicist Steven Jones of Brigham Young University in Utah.

Fusion, the energy process that fuels the sun, the stars and the hydrogen bomb, holds promise of becoming the ultimate energy source.

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