



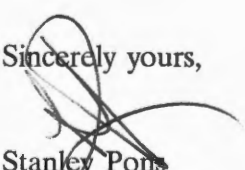
March 15, 1989

Dr. R. Gajewski
Director
Advanced Energy Projects
USDOE
Washington DC

Dear Richard:

I am enclosing a copy of my statement made to you earlier today regarding my position in the Steven Jones / review process matter. I again want to emphasize that since we are obligated to submit a paper with Steven Jones next Friday (which we do with continued protest), we must spend every available moment toward the goals of the research. Further, I intend to withhold further comment on this matter until I have inspected the manuscript submitted by Steven Jones. At that time, I have agreed to further discuss the situation with you, in the event you or I want to proceed with the investigation. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Stanley Pons
Professor and Chairman

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STATEMENT TO DR. R. GAJEWSKI
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Made first by telephone by S. Pons and M. Fleischmann to Dr. Gajewski, Graham Bardi (sp?), and Ralph Polanski (sp?), March 15, 1989, 5:00 pm MST.

I am sorry to have delayed our discussion earlier; however you will appreciate my obligation to discuss with University officials your statements prior to our responding.

It is our position (and we feel the record will clearly indicate) that Martin, myself, and the University have at each juncture attempted to resolve the problems with Steven Jones in a friendly fashion; however we have met with increased reluctance, and frankly what appears to be increasing hostility on his part. Obviously we are concerned with completing the work on our paper and obtaining any credit to which we are entitled. We seek nothing more and will accept nothing less.

We are presently gathering information on this matter and feel that this entire situation is both disruptive and non-productive. While we intend to continue to try to resolve the problem in a friendly fashion, neither the University nor Martin nor I will tolerate any coercion from Steven Jones or anyone else suggesting our scientific claims in this matter are different than we have previously stated.

While we have not yet requested an investigation of this matter, it is our position that if you individually feel you have seen sufficient evidence to justify an investigation you should do what you think is proper under the circumstances. If you determine an investigation is warranted, we would cooperate fully with, and indeed welcome, such an investigation.