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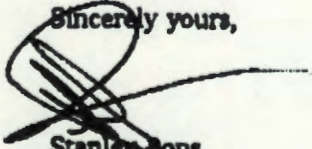
Dear Dr. Gajewski:

As I told you in our last discussion, I have considered the possibility of withdrawing the proposal submitted to you last fall regarding exploratory research on our novel concept of an alternative fusion energy source. While this project seemed to us to be at too early a stage for development to qualify for funding by DOE for technology development, and involved a high degree of risk, there was clearly an indication of a high potential payoff. These considerations obviously led us to apply for funding under the auspices of your initiative (cf. Program Description Bulletin, Department of Energy, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, Division of Advanced Energy Projects, page 3).

Because of the long delays that have occurred (due to the review process and due to the negotiations of the unusual circumstances that arose in that process), I must tell you that we have accomplished most of the preliminary work proposed to you. I am therefore obligated to instruct the University of Utah to withdraw the proposal.

We intend now to begin a major research effort in new directions which will lead to a more complete understanding of the reactions involved in the process. This new effort is quite broad in scope, and we will be seeking annual funding levels of approximately \$2.5 million. We would of course like to know if we might submit a new proposal to you for consideration.

Sincerely yours,



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