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Professor Stanley Pons, Chairman
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

Dear Professor Pons:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your April 14, 1989, letter. Please make sure that the University of Utah formally notifies the DOE Contracting Office in Chicago of the University's decision to withdraw the grant application.

I was pleased to learn about your plans for a major research effort oriented toward a better understanding of the phenomena involved in the process you reported. The Department of Energy will stand ready to consider a pertinent proposal, which you may submit to the Division of Advanced Energy Projects.

I certainly wish you and Professor Fleischmann every success in your research endeavors.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:
Ryszard Gajewski

Ryszard Gajewski, Director
Division of Advanced Energy Projects
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April 14, 1989

Ryszard Gajewski, Director
Division of Advanced Energy Projects
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Washington DC 20545

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,

Stanley Pons
Professor

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