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Dr. John Hennessy
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Dear Dr. Hennessy:

Thank you for the letter through your assistant, Jeffrey H. Wachtel. As part of the response, he forwarded a letter published in the San Jose Mercury News, written by Franklin M. Orr Jr., director of the Global Climate and Energy Project (GCEP). I certainly appreciate your response, but it leaves me with two questions.

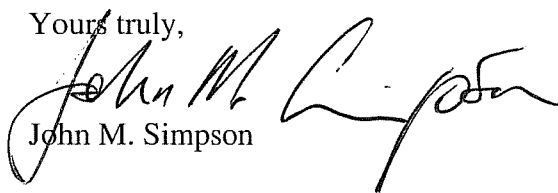
First, the letter purports to assure us that Stanford's research independence and integrity is ensured in the ExxonMobil-funded project. How do you reconcile that assertion with the facts of the GCEP agreement?

Under the deal's terms, as outlined in the agreement posted on GCEP's website, the university does not even get a vote on the GCEP's management committee. It is this committee -- without a university vote -- that ultimately decides for which discoveries patents will be sought. ExxonMobil is then entitled to a royalty-free, five-year exclusive license on patented discoveries. Despite Dr. Orr's assertions, this clearly is not "an ironclad policy that requires the results of research to be made public and not to be subject to approval or review by sponsors." Unfortunately you and your colleagues appear to ignore the basic facts set out in the agreement with the oil giant and other corporate sponsors creating the GCEP. Perhaps before offering a knee-jerk defense of the program, Stanford administrators should read the agreement again.

Second, and even more troubling, is a major gap in the GCEP agreement's disclosure. Without explanation, the document posted on the website omits Pages 40-48, "Exhibit A: Core Project Description." What is so secret about the project that it has not been released?

I look forward to receiving your answers. Thank you.

Yours truly,


John M. Simpson



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JEFFREY H. WACHTEL

March 8, 2007

Mr. Jamie Court
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Dear Mr. Court and Mr. Simpson:

President Hennessy asked me to respond to your letter to him.

I am not sure whether the following might change your opinion, but I thought I would forward the text of a letter written by Professor Orr, the director of the GCEP project. Thanks for considering this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey H. Wachtel".

Jeffrey H. Wachtel
Senior Assistant to the President

cc: F. Orr

Stanford research integrity ensured

Some people assume that when companies fund university research, the research will be compromised (Page 1A, March 11). However, Stanford has strict guidelines for maintaining its academic autonomy and research integrity. Global Climate and Energy Project research is defined by proposals from faculty, not our sponsors: Exxon Mobil, General Electric, Schlumberger and Toyota. Stanford also has an ironclad policy that requires the results of research to be made public and not be subject to approval or review by sponsors.

GCEP has committed \$61 million in research support at Stanford and research institutions worldwide. GCEP supports a diversified portfolio of research in solar energy, biomass energy, hydrogen, battery and fuel cell technology, advanced combustion, and carbon capture and storage. These projects will help lead the way to a world with much lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Franklin M. Orr Jr., director, Global Climate and Energy Project, Stanford University
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