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Subject: RE: Thoughts on the Hu case

Beauvais,

Glad you enjoyed the picnic. It was fun to be together again. I appreciate you sharing with me your views about the Hu case.

Thanks.

Donde



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From: Lyons, Beauvais

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Subject: Thoughts on the Hu case

Dear Donde,

I enjoyed the Picnic on the Plaza yesterday. Like you, I too prefer dogs more than cats, and admit that our dog Lola has made her appearance on several UT Zoom calls this past year.

As I am sure you know, KNS reports today the jury could not agree on a verdict in the Hu case. What is most concerning is that he was terminated from his position as a result of false accusations by the FBI claiming he was a spy. Noting that he reported his associations with Chinese universities to UT as part of his annual activity reports, that NASA found his research of value, and that the way we handled this case could hamper current and future linkages with Chinese universities, of which we have many, I hope the university will offer reinstatement with full back pay. I am concerned that litigation will cost us much more financially and in terms of our international reputation.

Thanks for hearing me on this.

Beauvais

Sent from my I-Phone

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Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 9:43 PM

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Subject: It strikes me that our reputation is on the line here.

Dear Donde,

I hope UTK will move quickly to correct this injustice if the
DOJ does not pursue a retrial or if the judge dismisses the case.

<https://theintercept.com/2021/06/23/anming-hu-trial-fbi-china/>

Beauvais

From: dplowman <dplowman@utk.edu>

Date: Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 5:29 AM

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Matthew" <scoggins@utk.edu>, "Mench, Matthew M"
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Subject: RE: It strikes me that our reputation is on the line here.

Beauvais,

Thanks for sending this. We are working with General Counsel to determine where we are with this and what possible next steps are.

I will let you know when I know more.

Donde

From: "Lyons, Beauvais" <blyons@utk.edu>

Date: Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 8:10 AM

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Subject: FW: It strikes me that our reputation is on the line here.

FYI. Beauvais

Folks,

I find it fascinating that the person most responsible for how this is perceived publicly was not copied. It would seem to me that how this is handled from a PR perspective could make a lot of difference.

Stay well,

Lou

6/23/2021