National Cold Fusion Institute records, 1988-1991

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Historical Note

Shortly after Professors B. Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischmann announced that they had discovered "cold fusion" (a process by which energy can be generated through electrochemical inducement of nuclear fusion at room temperature), the Utah State Legislature met in a special session and appropriated $5,000,000 to establish the National Cold Fusion Institute (NCFI) at the University of Utah as a non-profit corporation to seek external funding for additional research and to pursue scientific patents. During its brief existence, the NCFI was under the direction of Hugo Rossi (August to November 1989), James Brophy (November 1989 to January 1990), and Fritz G. Will (December 1990 to June 1991). Interest in cold fusion research quickly declined when further work brought no conclusive results, and the NCFI closed its doors on June 30, 1991 because state funds had run out and investments from private sources were insufficient for the continuation of operations.
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Arnold, White, and Durkee to Budget

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