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**Formal Correspondence to be read out/circulated to the Board of Governors -  
For Discussion and Appropriate Action**

The Board of Governors  
c/o The Secretary of the Board of Governors,  
The Registrar,  
University College,  
ABERYSTWYTH.

17th September, 1996.

*COPY to Professor Myron Evans*

Dear Governor,

I write representing my constituent Dr. Myron Evans a citizen and native of Swansea. He has made claims to me that his academic career has been victimised previously by senior staff at your college. I do believe such accusations can never be swept under the carpet. I enclose just some of the items he has supplied me with to outline his allegations. I would ask you to set up an independent tribunal of enquiry to clear up this long drawn out messy saga once and for all. Please respond.

Yours sincerely,

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September 12, 1996,

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Annwyl Gyfaill,

Diolch yn fawr iawn unwaith eto. Thank you very much for your actions.

1) I established a group 1978 to 1983 at Aberystwyth which included post graduates and post doctorals: Gareth Evans, Colin Reid, Mauro Ferrario, Barbara Janik, Ahmed Hasanein and others. This won the prestigious Meldola Medal and Harrison Memorial Prize, 1980 and 1979 respectively.

All my group were given academic positions, with the exception of the two Welsh members, Gareth Evans and myself. The system has to think of something to explain my case so "difficult to work with" is now the catch phrase. It used to be "publishing too much". Neither is true.

2) This group was deliberately destroyed in 1983, as in the enclosed notes.

3) In 1980 I co-founded the European Molecular Liquids Group at the National Physical Laboratory in London. I was elected the first European Coordinator. This group now has 140 members and still going strong.

4) I had no intention of leaving Aberystwyth, where I was very successful from 1968 to 1983. I was forced then to become a gypsy, taking any work that I could get in various parts of the world.

5) I have considerable teaching experience at under-graduate, post-graduate and post-doctoral. My former graduate students graduated Ph. D. Some of my post-doctorals attained the rank of full professor.

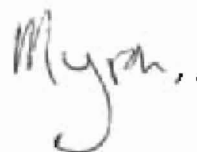
I have been subjected to considerable persecution by the University of Wales, but did manage to attain the rank of tenured full professor in an obscure place in North Carolina. I was removed from this job because of renewed persecution and because of my radical thinking. Since then my wife and I have existed on a private income of about 5,000 pounds a year. We thank you very much for your understanding, and rare willingness to help. The academic system is however a closed freemasonry.

Thank you very much for your efforts. I am currently producing books and papers at home at a rate higher than that inside the University of Wales. I could easily re-establish a big group on many topics of interest in pure and applied research. In fact my Aber group was well funded but the apparatus was more or less deliberately destroyed by the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. In 1988, the Department in which this apparatus was housed was itself destroyed. Part of it is now a ruin.

Therefore my case history, and that of Gareth Evans, illustrates gross prejudice within the University of Wales. From 1983 to present I have been forced to survive outside it in any way possible.

Diolch yn fawr,  
Pob Hwyl,

Myron  
(Dr. M. W. Evans).



1a) RECORD: Graduated B. Sc. (First Class, top first); 1971; University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. Awarded Mathews Prize and Dr. Samuel Williams Scholarship for best performance. Undergraduate degree described in an open letter of support by Prof. Emeritus W. J. Orville-Thomas of Salford as best in the 100 year history of the Chemistry Department at Aberystwyth. General opinion of staff at the time, apparently.

1b) UNIVERSITY REACTION: appropriate.

2a) RECORD: Graduated Ph. D. 1974. Supervisor Prof. Emeritus

Mansel Davies, external examiner Prof. J. S. Rowlinson, Dr. Lee's Prof., Oxford. Doctoral degree described in writing by Prof. Davies as one of the two best he examined in any University. On the basis of this degree awarded an unprecedented three fellowships in open international competition: SRC; ICI European and NRCC (Canada). Took up SRC fellowship at Oxford, and elected Junior Research Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford in 1975.

2b) UNIVERSITY REACTION: Does not appoint me to tenure (I did not ask) despite best recorded performance in departmental history at B. Sc. and Ph. D. Internal appointments (i.e. no competition or advert) made at around that time by the now Sir John Thomas of J. O. Williams; E. Evans; D. Parry and others. John Thomas was at that time Head of Chemistry. While still a student, I was criticised for "publishing too much". This criticism has continued for over 24 years. I was nonetheless advertised by Mansel Davies and John Thomas as a departmental success story. This probably caused a negative backlash through no fault of my own. I worked almost entirely at Aberystwyth. I had no ambition other than to stay there to do research in the traditional scholarly manner. I thought it logical that I should be appointed on merit to a lectureship, but I was told to go elsewhere. Very reluctantly went to Oxford. Disillusioned by academic careerism, almost gave up academia at that point. However, coming from a poor background had no choice but to continue. Now clear that John Thomas made every internal appointment 1969 to 1978 to support his bid for Cambridge. I cannot recall a single job being advertised, so everyone else was thrown to the wolves. I find this amazingly unjust.

3a) RECORD: In 1976 awarded the British Ramsay Memorial Fellowship in open international competition by University College, London. Assured verbally by Mansel Davies that my candidature was outstanding. This can be checked through The Ramsay Memorial Foundation, which can confirm that I was Ramsay Memorial Fellow. Invited back to Aberystwyth by John Thomas and Mansel Davies. Established research group with Dr. Gareth J. Evans which became internationally known in the academic world for its productivity and originality. I was awarded in 1977 the highest (D. Sc.) degree of the University at the youngest recorded age (27) for an examined Thesis of 42 articles.

3b) UNIVERSITY REACTION: Does not (I did not ask) appoint me to tenure at Aberystwyth. Pressurized to leave Aberystwyth for a post in Swansea, which was corruptly advertised (1977) as is well known. The post was offered to me and advertised simultaneously in the press, meaning that the advertisement was cosmetic. This process appears to have been quite common at the time in the academic world in Wales and, possibly, elsewhere. At this point or earlier Mansel Davies approached by Buckingham to urge me to publish less. Told of this approach by Mansel. At that time David Buckingham still seemed to be a well balanced colleague on the whole. Interviewed at Swansea with extreme reluctance, because I thought the whole thing to be improper. Three candidates were interviewed who had no chance of appointment, and I did not wish to be associated with corruption. Eventually turned down the job, causing tedious backlash for years. Should have had nothing to do with this process, but heavily pressurized by senior staff at Swansea and Aberystwyth.

4a) RECORD: Awarded London Government's SERC Advanced fellowship in open British competition. Invited to take it up at Aberystwyth by John Thomas, who supported my candidature. Intended by the London Government to evolve into tenure at Aberystwyth. About 13 awarded in chemistry. I was assured verbally

that I was the top SERC candidate in chemistry (1978). In 1979 awarded the Royal Society of Chemistry's Harrison Memorial Prize for excellence of publication and promise. In 1980 awarded the Royal Society of Chemistry's Meldola Medal. Gave the Meldola Lecture at Oxford. Established submillimetre group which in the years 1978 to 1983 was the most productive in Britain. Co-founded the European Molecular Liquids Group in 1980. Research output of my group, 1978 to 1983, exceeded the combined total of all other members of staff at Aberystwyth's chemistry department. This can be proven to be non-hyperbolic by reference to the Science Citation Index and voluminous records available. International reputation established. First monograph published by Wiley of New York, 1982 with W. T. Coffey, G. J. Evans and P. Grigolini. Invited to a Visiting Professorship at Cornell University.

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4b) UNIVERSITY REACTION: Pressurises me repeatedly and persistently to LEAVE Aberystwyth because of my failure to participate in the corrupt 1978 Swansea job offer. Pressure continues throughout the whole of the five years 1978 to 1983, recorded in bizarre letters from W. Jeremy Jones, the incoming Head of Department, copied to the Registrar at Aberystwyth. Therefore publicly available. At this point, reluctantly contacted M.P.'s in protest. Despite letters of international protest from scientists, (well documented and available) forced to leave Aberystwyth in 1983 after 15 years of distinguished service. Since then have never been allowed to return, no correspondence received from persons responsible for this action. Internal appointments from 1978 to 1983 include those of P. Freedman, J. Adams, P. Darcy, S. Evans, and several others. These were, with the exception of S. Evans (an able Englishman), of inferior qualification (were not SERC Advanced Fellows) and were appointed without competition by W. Jeremy Jones. Department CLOSED in 1988 due to inferior performance. Now a ruin. The record of my group was covered up and not disclosed to the UGC, which graded the Department as "below average" without knowing our group output. The latter exceeded the output of the rest of the Department combined. W. Jeremy Jones a former colleague of Buckingham's in Cambridge. Still, at this stage Buckingham appears O.K. most of the time, but had little to do with him personally. As usual I was burrowing away in Aberystwyth. Continued to be accused of "publishing too much" even though the Harrison and Meldola awards were for excellence of publication. It is probable that W. Jeremy Jones never read any of my work. The theme of "publishing too much" was convenient for career destruction, and was taken up, if not instigated, by David Buckingham. In contrast, Mansel Davies allowed me freedom to sink or swim by independent scholarly publication. This illustrates that the constant use of negative inuendo, even though patently absurd, can be highly damaging to a young career.

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5a) RECORD: In open competition, won two junior fellowships at Bangor and Swansea, 1983. Took up one at Bangor, but group at Aberystwyth destroyed: personnel disbanded, apparatus removed, myself as group leader refused tenure CONTRARY TO GOVERNMENT INTENT in awarding me, in open competition, an Advanced Fellowship of the Science and Engineering Research Council at the time. Despite this, continued at Bangor to be very productive in individual research, but demoted to lowest post-doctoral rank. In 1984 published second monograph in New York, going into Russian translation. In 1985 won the Pilcher Senior Fellowship in open competition, published two more monographs and moved to Swansea. Group apparatus given away, eventually finding its way to groups in Poland and Ireland (at today's rates, about two



hundred thousand pounds worth of advanced instrumentation which I won in open competition). One piece of expensive apparatus was "sold" to J. V. J. of Dublin for about fifty Irish pounds by Aberystwyth's A. H. Price, (circa 1988) even though the apparatus technically belonged to Bangor. I protested many times, all protests ignored. The apparatus still belongs to UCNW, Bangor, to which it was donated by Prof. J. S. Rowlinson of Oxford in 1984.

5b) UNIVERSITY REACTION: Not merit-based. I was told that I would never be given a job in the University of Wales after writing to Mr Alan Williams, M.P. on departmental notepaper. Forced to emigrate to the U.S. in October 1986. Mr D. Wigley M.P. kept fully informed 1984 to 1986 by Mr. J. H. Jones J.P., and myself from Swansea. Reaction of Mr. Wigley same as now, i.e. that he could not do anything. I wrote to Mr Wigley because I thought he was interested in injustice inside Wales. The University stopped my pension in September 1986 and refused to give me the usual second year of the Pilcher Fellowship. In the winter of '84/'85 summoned to an interview at Cambridge with John Thomas and David Buckingham. Told to keep quiet about it, and that I had made mistakes. At this point, Buckingham appears for the first time to be off-balance. Nothing comes of the interview, even though I was told that they wanted to help. Perhaps they did, but history shows they didn't.

6a) RECORD: In open international competition, awarded IBM Visiting Professorship in the pioneering group of Enrico Clementi in Kingston, New York State, for one year. Later awarded (1988) second contract to lead the production of the MOTECC series of volumes. Awarded honorary fellowships by Lancaster and London Universities in 1988, forced again to emigrate to the US to take up the second Clementi contract mentioned above. There are now many volumes of the MOTECC Series. In 1989 invited to Cornell University, and in 1990 by George Wagniere to Zurich University in Switzerland, for one year. Returned to Cornell in 1991, offered full professorship in open U.S. competition (over a hundred candidates) in North Carolina in 1992. Attacks on B(3) theory begin within a month of appointment. Recent, widely discussed, proposal of the photomagneton operator: all voluminously and fully documented. Recent work described as among the best in twentieth century physics by three external US, Russian and French colleagues. Now Senior Editor of series of monographs. My 1992 / 1993 production with Kielich for Wiley of New York received another international award, (mainly to Polish group), to be produced in paperback. Work apparently has always been well received internationally for nearly a quarter century. Described by Stuart Rice, for example, as being consistently of high quality.

6b) UNIVERSITY REACTION: University of Wales covers up all achievements, approached many times for positions at all levels, documented fully by CAFAS in Swansea. All applications rejected in all Colleges at all levels, never interviewed. Mr Cynog Dafis M.P. kept fully informed, wrote to me at Cornell from House of Commons in 1992 expressing "grave concern", yet does nothing for five years except to state indirectly through Mr Wigley that he is not qualified to judge my performance! I have received in my career several international honours and distinctions, but it is clear that the authorities in Wales are unable or unwilling to take this record into consideration. One need not be a scientist to be able to judge the comparative merit of the work. In productivity it vastly exceeds the norm within the University of Wales: I have produced over five hundred refereed items compared with an average of say about thirty to fifty, sometimes much less, per scholar-lifetime, in the UW.

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11 paperback due to popularity

productivity comparison

At this stage, especially after leaving Britain, markedly increasing hostility from Buckingham / Barron in refereed reports and so forth as documented in the appended letter to Buckingham, who ceased to be reasonable and became obsessively critical. During this time, I was whispered to in corridors that I had powerful enemies, but never given any names. Barron known to have visited Wiley offices in Britain complaining about volume 85; known to have distributed letters stating that B(3) was "wrong", including one attack on Warren at Princeton. Buckingham attacks my views in a review of vol. 85 in "Science", 1994, a review to which I was not allowed to reply by the "Science" staff. Despite this underhand behaviour, the volume has gone into a third printing. The only avenue of attack on B(3) left is "Chemical Physics Letters", because "Physical Review" has published a paper in support of B(3), fortunately without consulting Barron or Buckingham as referee. It is no coincidence that Comay chooses this journal in which to publish a trivially erroneous comment.

7a and b) In 1992 appointed professor of physics at UNCC, but within a month of appointment, B(3) theory attacked by Barron, Buckingham's former post doc at Cambridge. Signalled the onset of a very big debate in the literature, still going on today. The hugely protracted argument between Buckingham and myself (summer of 1993) well documented and lodged in the office of Jean-Pierre Vigier. Finally brought to a halt by the late Mansel Davies in a letter to Buckingham appealing for freedom of expression. David Buckingham by this time probably ill-balanced, reports of trouble with other groups from different sources. David himself breaks ground in Science in 1994, and again with Parlett in 1995. His review circulated at UNCC, shortly afterwards yours truly given the chop, whether by accident on David's part or by design, will never be known. Now comes the Comay incident. I am not sure, but I think that David is still a CPL Editor, but has retired. Rikken's experiment motivated by Buckingham in all probability. Both Barron and Buckingham advised many times by theoretical physicists that their arguments against B(3) are incorrect.

The only thing I can say as a very reluctant JRF at Wolfson College, Oxford is that Cambridge is not what it used to be in the days of Rutherford. I suspect it never was what it used to be.

#### SUMMARY

A pattern over a quarter century of increasingly ill-balanced personal hostility. This has, in all probability, been the cause of my complete exclusion from tenure in Britain for this length of time. This is very sad because David was promoted to his Chair at Cambridge with support from Mansel himself, and as a young man, Buckingham was not a bad character at all. In fact I think he is a fairly good scientist overall, but obviously, the feeling is not mutual. He appeared to me on one of my visits to Cambridge to be impatient at not having won a Nobel Prize. It appears also that his early work is well regarded, but he faded away a lot in mid-career, perhaps resulting in ill-balance. His relations with several groups and individuals are known to be less than entirely placid. To protect others, I will not name any names. Judging from UNCC there is a real need for a strong Union for academic staff members at all levels. There is a real need for organized protection.

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## Selection of Reactions

- 1) "It beggars belief that the authorities at UNCC could be so incompetent! If they had some malicious reason for wanting rid of you (e.g. your demonstration of the research inadequacy of the rest of the faculty) then surely they could have tried to trump up something more convincing!" (Prof. Peter McClintock, Professor of Physics, former College Principal, Lancaster University, U.K.).
- 2) "I am so very sorry that you had to go through this." (Prof. Heinz Henisch, Penn State, Professor).
- 3) "You appear to have been treated most unfairly, both in regard to appointment and conditions of work." (Prof. Stanley Jeffers, York Univ., Toronto, Canada, Associate Professor).
- 4) "...this terrible vendetta follows you everywhere." (Dr. Gareth J. Evans, Llanddeiniol, Wales, former post doctoral).
- 5) "My heart goes out to you." (Prof. Sisir Roy, Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, Professor).
- 6) "What they are doing to you is beyond imagination." (Prof. Dr. Jozef K. Moscicki, Univ. of Krakow, ex Aberystwyth colleague, Professor).
- 7) "Very dishonest" (Prof. Mikhail Novikov, Russian Academy, Professor).
- 8) "Unacceptable" (Dr. Gert Rikken, ILL, Grenoble).
- 9) "Very sad." (Dr. C. B. Monk, Aberystwyth, Reader).
- 10) "This cannot be accepted." (Prof. A. A. Hasanein, KSU, Professor).
- 11) "How can anyone be so cruel." (Dr. Liuda Pozhar, ILP, Kharkov).
- 12) "I felt so sad at what was being done to you." (Dr. George Lie, IBM, Almaden, former IBM Manager at Kingston, New York, former Chairman).
- 13) "The truth will soon emerge." (Dr. Vladimir Gaiduk, Russian Academy).
- 14) "Appalling treatment" (Michael Cohen, CAFAS, Britain, Senior Lecturer).
- 15) "This is atrocious" (Prof. Michael Clerk, School of Mines, Nimes).
- 16) "I hope you will soon be back in the system." (Dr. S. J. Abas, Bangor, Wales, Lecturer).
- 17) "I am deeply saddened." (Prof. J.-R. Lalanne, CNRS, France, Director).
- 18) "Sad to hear of your treatment." (Prof. David Andrews, East Anglia).
- 19) "The powers of darkness are exalted, the extent to which pure evil has subverted the contemporary academic world is astonishing." (Dr. Viv Pope, Swansea, Lecturer and freelance).
- 20) "Prof. Evans, a scientist in the most honored sense of this appellation, has shown exceptional courage in pursuing scientific ideas solely in obedience to logic and experimental findings, regardless of the consequences. In this process he has incurred sharp opposition from various quarters, some of it reeking of malice, and suffered egregious harm to his career. In view of the momentous consequences for physics and beyond that flow from an acceptance of the Evans-Vigier theory of the B(3) field, it is imperative for the progress of science that Dr. Evans be given every possible assistance to interact with knowledgeable colleagues, both sympathetic to and critical of his views, at whichever venues that can be arranged around the globe." (A senior Editor in the United States, with fifty years' experience in the profession.)
- 21) "I am deeply shocked.... I do not know why people behave in this way." (John Boyd, former IBM executive, Kingston, NY, USA).
- 22) "I am shocked and just do not understand it." (Prof. Chung L. Tang, Cornell University, full professor).
- 23) "I was shocked to receive your message....you have my heartfelt sympathy." (Prof. Brian Beechey, University of Wales, Aberystwyth.)
- 24) "..brezhnevism, it cannot last." (Prof. V. Dvoeglazov, full professor).
- 25) "I was dismayed to hear of your treatment....we look forward to your presence in materials science for a long time to come." (Prof. Rustum Roy, Evan Pugh Professor of the Solid State, Pennsylvania State University.)
- 26) "This is a very sad state of affairs.... I hope that you will find employment shortly in a suitable institution." (Prof. Harold Scheraga, full professor, Cornell University, Baker Laboratory.)
- 27) "..vindictive.." (Prof. John Watts, QTG, Talahassee, Florida).
- 28) "...institutional corruption.." (Dr. D. Ahluwalia, Los Alamos).
- 29) "...you are in good company, Boltzmann was kicked out of Vienna for teaching atomic theory.." (Dr. Jean-Pierre Vigier, UPMC, Paris).