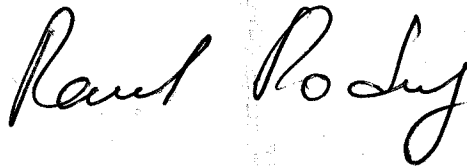


Regardless of whether Dr. Sutyagin is guilty of any wrongdoing (which I strongly believe he is not), I am convinced that the international academic community should not allow the FSB (or any other secret service) to go on groundlessly accusing Princeton University and its students of espionage. If this matter is left unattended today, tomorrow we could see other Russian and foreign researchers held hostage of the FSB's incompetence and suspiciousness.

If you should need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pavel Podvig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'P' and 'D'.

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