

STATEMENT

From

LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

DIRECTOR

JOHN C. BROWNE

"Ray Juzaitis' decision to withdraw from consideration for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory director position is an act of great personal sacrifice.

"In the 20 years I have known Ray he has been steadfast in demonstrating a commitment to principle and to looking beyond parochial interests to solutions that serve institutional and national interests. His decision today, which I know followed deep and careful deliberation, is one more indication of the integrity and sense of value Ray possesses in great measure.

"I appointed Ray as Los Alamos' Associate Director for Weapons Physics after a rigorous process in which I considered individuals from within Los Alamos and at other national laboratories. Ray was then and remains the best person for this position. He is an outstanding leader, respected by his colleagues at all levels within and outside the Laboratory.

"Without question, Ray is one of a group of individuals whom I view as the next generation of senior leaders for the national Nuclear Security Administration's national security laboratories.

"Controversy arose last week over Ray's minor connection to the Wen Ho Lee investigation. The controversy was unwarranted, in my opinion. After becoming Laboratory Director in 1997 I was fully informed of the involvement of all Los Alamos staff in this case, and Ray's was minimal. He was completely cooperative with the Laboratory, the Department of Energy and the Department of Justice in this matter. I reviewed my files this week and came to the same conclusion. There was simply nothing in the Wen Ho Lee investigation that would affect Ray's role in a leadership position here or elsewhere.

"I retain full confidence in Ray's leadership abilities and can personally attest to his commitment to the national security of the United States."

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