Imagine a world that’s energy-rich

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Smalley was a Nobel laureate and professor of chemistry at Rice University. His Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded in 1996 for the discovery of a new form of carbon, buckminsterfullerene, or “fullerene,” and he was also a professor of chemistry at Rice, and a fellow, professor at the University of Texas at Austin. At the time of his death in October 2005, Smalley was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Academy of Engineering in America.

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There are two reasons for continuing to depend on other nations to supply energy: it’s politically expedient and it’s cheaper. The article below is a summation of Smalley’s thoughts on the need for new energy by 2050. When I think about the answer to that question, I am thinking of at least one acceptable scenario for the future. When I ask myself what scenario we need in order to get energy security, I am looking at a scenario around as electrical as you can imagine.

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