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The U. S. Army Research Office has awarded \$3,814 to Montana State University "to support basic scientific research in furtherance of the objectives of the Department of Defense," MSU officials announced.

Principal investigator for the research project, Dr. W. P. Van Meter of the MSU Chemistry Department, is attempting to synthesize new compounds containing only the elements carbon, boron, oxygen and fluorine.

"This is basic research in that substances that have never before been reported may be discovered, which may or may not have immediate practical use," Dr. Van Meter said.

If materials are developed that are solids at ordinary temperature and are strong oxidizing agents, they could be useful as components of rocket fuels, he said.

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