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Senator James Inhofe  
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Subject: Release of the U.S. Taxpayer Funded Hadley Center Climate Data  
Reference: My Response Letter of 13 November 2009 to Mr. R.C.E. Wyndham

Dear Senator Inhofe:

Thank you for your efforts to demand/promote transparency, accuracy and accountability in the area of climate science.

The recent "hacking" of the Hadley Center data base was preceded by the above reference. For your file I have enclosed both a hard copy and a cd copy of the reference; the latter contains active hyperlinks for your convenience.

The enclosed cd also contains, as separate files, the contents of my recent interviews of Professor Alan Robock, President of the Atmospheric Division of the American Geophysical Union. Release of the U.S. taxpayer-funded Hadley Center climate data (aka HadCrut data series) was the focus of my interviews, which occurred on 2/9 November 2009. After distribution of my letter of 13Nov09, several professional scientists have publicly requested that Robock resign from his position.

I had previously forwarded the enclosures to Mr. Marc Morano; please refer my name to him. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Respectfully,

Paul V. Sheridan

P.S. Despite repeated contact with my congressman (Representative John Dingell, D-MI) advising him **not** to vote in-favor of the House Cap-n-Trade legislation, he ignored mine and many other similar requests from his constituents.

Enclosures

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13 November 2009

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**Subject: Inspection of the Publicly-Funded Climate Research Unit HADCRUT data series**

**Reference 1: Your Letter of 27 August 2009 to Professor Alan Robock (Rutgers University / AGU)**

**Reference 2: Telephone Interviews of Professor Alan Robock**

Dear Mr. Wyndham:

Thank you for forwarding your letter of 27 August 2009 to [Professor Alan Robock](#) (of Rutgers University and the American Geophysical Union) regarding Dr. Phil Jones and the HADCRUT data (Attachment 1). In an effort to respond competently I have had two telephone conversations with Robock regarding your request(s). These telephone calls were preceded by voicemails and in-session notification that, as a matter of standard editorial practice, I would be recording the conversations, which then took place on [2 November](#) and [9 November](#) 2009.

In the first conversation with Robock he initiated discussion of Dr. James Hansen of NASA. Dr. Hansen potentially provides a general basis for your request. [Statements](#) made by Hansen regarding "anthropogenic global warming" also included allegations that the promotion of "misinformation" amounted to criminal activity:

*"When you are in that kind of position, as the CEO of one the primary players who have been putting out misinformation even via organizations that affect what gets into school textbooks, then I think that's a crime."*

I fully agree with Hansen. Misinformation or non-disclosure of basic climate research information constitutes fraud, and fraudulent behavior in-general has the notorious potential to cause harm. Hansen also insinuates that various groups are guilty of "crimes against humanity."

Fraud *is* a crime. There are two basic ways you can defraud: unconsciously or consciously. Either behavior causes harm, but the Law provides additional remedy for the conscious scenario: punitive damages. Limited by precedent, the courts usually uphold a jury's determination that punishment, in addition to compensation, is appropriate and useful; the usefulness borne by "sending the message" to the next potential wrongdoer. The simple point is, legalities are *intrinsically* minimized when there have been no "breaches of the scientific method."<sup>1</sup>

In this context I am very uncomfortable-with and surprised-by Professor Robock's responses to my direct and relevant questions, which were partially based on Reference 1. My discomfort is also caused by the fact that I was *not* conversing with the proverbial 'common man/woman.' My inquiries were directed to a highly educated, high level representative of the American Geophysical Union at a major American university. The response that is most egregious is his statement that a taxpayer, located in the USA, is not entitled to the "data." To confirm this ruse I proposed that he consider eligibility for receipt of the data as a result of being a UK taxpayer; which ostensibly if not blatantly implied Rupert Wyndham! However, it should be emphasized that Robock is fully aware that the U.S. taxpayer, *not* the UK taxpayer, originally funded the Climatic Research Unit (CRU) and its HADCRUT data series.

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<sup>1</sup> I do not promote this, but here in the USA I am a [nationally recognized expert witness](#). My direct experience/expertise ranges from issues involving local police reports to the U.S. Department of Justice, from litigations in local courts to rulings by the United States Supreme Court. I am certified as a "General Automotive Safety Management Expert." I won the [Civil Justice Foundation National Champion Award in 2005](#); the only person so-named for work in automotive safety. My position invokes responsibility that is implicitly legal, in-addition to being [innately ethical](#). In my experience the most substantial punitive judgments occur against those that have diverted from or concealed the whole truth, especially when those conscious acts have caused or have the potential to cause great harm.

It would be complicit of the ethical to ignore the possibility that the [U.S. Congress/President](#), the UK Parliament, the IPCC, the [Nobel Prize committee](#), the media, etc. have been defrauded by the convolutions of this data access ruse. Given the potential for harm through misinformation, if an investigation confirmed that these convolutions *cannot* be ascribed to an unconscious scenario, would NASA's Dr. Hansen remain amenable to applying Nuremberg? Indeed, to Hansen's point, what does the current behavior relating to the subject imply for the status of university ethics, stature and coursework worldwide?

On the somewhat tangential background issue of U.S. taxpayer funding of the HADCRUT data, Dr. Patrick Michaels of the CATO Institute wrote an article for the [National Review](#) which stated:

*"In the early 1980s, with funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, scientists at the UK's University of East Anglia established the Climatic Research Unit (CRU) to produce the world's first comprehensive history of surface temperature. It's known in the trade as the 'Jones and Wigley' record for its authors, Phil Jones and Tom Wigley, and it served as the primary reference standard for the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) until 2007. It was this record that prompted the IPCC to claim a 'discernible human influence on global climate.'"*

Regarding your central request of demanding open access to the data, but in stark contrast to the responses from Robock that access depends on taxpayer location and/or his revised claim that the data is available to "anyone" (and is therefore reproducible), Dr. Michaels quotes Dr. Jones regarding *his* response to requests for the CRU data:

*"We have 25 years or so invested in the work. Why should I make the data available to you, when your aim is to try and find something wrong with it?"* (Dr. Phil Jones)

The "we" commandeered by Dr. Jones is in-essence the global taxpayer, the proverbial 'common man/woman.' Taxpayers assume that the words-and-deeds of high level recipients of tax dollars are 'on the record' at all times. This expectation is implicit, especially in regard to data that is derived from publicly funded climate research, which was conducted for the alleged purpose of protecting the well-being of human life. As such, I strongly disagree with Robock's opinion that your efforts are a "waste of time." And I certainly will not submit to juvenile "off the record" attempts to corrupt the editorial coverage of these issues on the basis of specious arguments, let-alone vulgar innuendos and insults about a "flat earth."

Given the propriety of your request I suggest, as insinuated by Professor Robock, that you forward your request to the precise individual of the American Geophysical Union, since the former was/is not predisposed to do so.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Sheridan

Attachments

P.S. In the context stated to Professor Robock, that of authoring an opinion editorial, I will not pursue quotation-of or printing-of any portion of Reference 2, although I am under no legal restraints in that regard (Please see first paragraph above).

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27 August 2009.

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Dear Prof. Robock

**Re: Dr. P. Jones & the AGU**

As to this gentleman, the blogosphere, if not the media, has of late been carrying contrasting but related accounts. The first speaks to the issue of data mismanagement, including the sudden and unexplained withdrawal from the net of certain data from the Climate Research Unit, University of East Anglia, which, until recently, has been open to inspection by anyone with an interest in the HADCRUT data series. The second is his election as a Fellow of your Union.

The juxtaposition of these two stories highlights frequently expressed concerns by experts regarding the reliability of the HadCRUT3 and HadCRUT3v datasets produced by the CRU and the UK Met Office's Hadley Centre. Notwithstanding the persistence and longevity of such doubts, they have not been resolved. Indeed, it is probably fair to say that they have grown more urgent and insistent with the passage of time.

Scientific method requires open access to the detail of methodology used to assess data, detailed knowledge as to the sources of data and, of course, the original data themselves. Denial of such access pre-empts analysis and replication by independent researchers of relevant material and, thereby, presents a major obstacle to arrival at the truth. Given that government policies leading to the spending of very substantial amounts of money are based on the CRU data, the robustness of the underlying science is a critical issue. It is unconscionable that Dr. Jones will not permit independent examination of the data. The contrast with the twice-audited data from satellite-mounted microwave sounder units (MSUs) is glaringly obvious.

The work of Dr. Jones over many years has been marked by:

- Refusal to make known his computational algorithms;
- Refusal to publish his raw data;
- Adoption of unverifiable assumptions which magnify alleged global mean temperature anomalies;
- Refusal to share his work with any scientist not of his choosing;
- Refusal to debate his/CRU's findings with any of his academic peers who may tender a questioning approach;
- A stated refusal even to co-operate with the World Meteorological Organisation should it require the disclosure of data.

Dr. Jones's citation reads: "*For his numerous fundamental contributions in advancing our knowledge in the area of climate science and for his outstanding service to the profession and to society.*" It would be helpful if the AGU would explain how refusal to co-operate with other climatologists and experts in related disciplines advances knowledge in this or in any other field, or helps his profession or society in any way whatsoever. On the contrary, honouring a man who consistently breaches the fundamental protocols of

scientific method casts a taint on the reputation of the AGU. More to the point, it dishonours the good name of science in general.

We will both recall the exposure of the Mann, Bradley, Hughes hockey stick. A refusal to respect normal scientific transparency has plagued the climate change debate ever since. It is particularly unfortunate that he should make available material to others of like mind such as Prof. Peter Webster, whilst denying the same information to other investigators with equally profound and relevant expertise, notably Steve McIntyre and Prof. Ross McKittrick, but others as well. The stratagem of invoking unrecorded confidentiality agreements as justification for this is extraordinary, and is anyway negated by selective disclosure. It is strongly suggested that the AGU encourages Dr. Jones to release data and details of his methodology promptly and without prevarication to the wider scientific/scholastic community.

Yours sincerely

For and with the express consent of those named below

R.C.E. Wyndham

P.S. Amongst the co-signatories listed below, three are Members of the AGU. In the interests of convenience, they have asked that this postscript be added in order to request that this letter be published in the Union's EOS record of weekly transactions. In the light of the Forum article "*Documenting Precision and Accuracy in the Open Data Policy Era*", published therein as recently as 11 August, this request is felt to be timely and appropriate.

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