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From: ALASTAIRMUIR RUSSELL [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2010 16:06
To: Acton Edward Prof (VCO)
Cc: Mike Granatt
Subject: URGENT -Re: Audit CONFIDENTIAL

Edward *[Information exempted pursuant to s.40(2), Freedom of Information Act]*

How is this developing? I need to settle the paperwork for the launch and the Select Committee by the end of this evening.

Muir

--- On Sun, 7/2/10, Acton Edward Prof (VCO) <E.Acton@uea.ac.uk> wrote:

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Subject: RE: URGENT -Re: Audit CONFIDENTIAL
To: "ALASTAIRMUIR RUSSELL" [REDACTED]
Cc: "Mike Granatt" <mikegranatt@luther.co.uk>
Date: Sunday, 7 February, 2010, 20:17

Dear Muir *[Information exempted pursuant to s.40(2), Freedom of Information Act]*

Very many thanks for this. Yes indeed, that sounds the ideal way to handle things. I will confer with Trevor and our communications team, put the proposal to the Royal Society and come back to you and to Mike Granatt.

Best wishes

Edward

From: ALASTAIRMUIR RUSSELL [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2010 18:23
To: Acton Edward Prof (VCO)
Cc: Mike Granatt
Subject: URGENT -Re: Audit CONFIDENTIAL

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Edward

Many thanks for the opportunity to give you my views on this. I have taken some soundings with the Review Team, and with Mike Granatt who advises us on handling issues.

At the Team launch on Thursday the question whether we are reviewing the actual scientific conclusions will be bound to come up - "but are they right about the climate?" I will want to say clearly that this is not within our remit, and the best position for me to take would be to refer to the Royal Society audit you plan to commission. This would indicate a joined up approach and avoid a position where the media were able to suggest that the Review was unsighted, irrelevant or being kept in the dark. Can you agree that we handle things that way, and develop a script and timetable that we can all work from?

Muir

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Subject: Audit CONFIDENTIAL

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Dear Muir

It was good to speak to you earlier. This is the formulation I had in mind:

The debate around CRU and the forthcoming Select Committee hearing has brought into focus the case for an audit of CRU's key scientific publications, an external appraisal of the science itself. Having taking counsel with senior science figures, what I propose to do is to invite the Royal Society to organise such an audit.

The aim would be to complement the ground you will be covering. One factor in my mind is the advantage of pre-empting any adverse comment that this is not part of the remit taken on by the Independent Review you are conducting.. We are completing our written statement for the Select Committee, due by 10 February, and I think it would be wise to refer to this move in that response.

I will wait anxiously to hear from you. I am keen to contact Martin Rees late today if possible. I will explain that no announcement should be made before your own press conference this coming Thursday.

Best wishes

Edward