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Agent Atherton,

Thank you for your response. I would be more than willing to meet with you but I am not at Columbia or NASA GISS. You or another NASA OIG representative may not be near me but it may not matter now. Given what has just happened I think talking to an FBI agent may be in order and there are those around here.

I wrote an expose of a Stefan Rahmstorf, a close German colleague of Gavin Schmidt, cofounder with him of RealClimate.com and a top climate change warrior in Germany.

http://RealClimatologists.org/Articles/2017/08/14/Heil_KlimaFuehrer_Rahmstorf/
<http://www.realclimate.org/index.php/archives/2004/12/gavin-schmidt/>
<http://www.realclimate.org/index.php/archives/2004/12/stefan-rahmstorf/>

On Saturday, August 12, 2017 I posted the article and from my Columbia email account, which is run by Google, successfully sent out many emails about it to climate scientists (many my former colleagues), climate research institutions, funding and other government agencies and the media in Germany.

On Sunday, August 13, 2017, after many Germans, including Rahmstorf, had clearly received my email, I remembered a few more addresses in Germany and attempted to send the exact same email to them.

Google and Columbia blocked those emails based on their content.

I have this well-documented.

Rahmstorf is well-known for these silencing tactics (read the article) and I suspect he, a German citizen, contacted Gavin Schmidt (citizenship?) and arranged to have Google/Columbia censor my emails. I am an American citizen.

As for a private meeting that is not necessary. I will not be keeping any of this private as I know from experience that simply leads to nothing being done. (You will note though, that as you warned me, I did not make your email public.)

Below is an email, "NASA's Gavin Schmidt violating Federal Records Act and Hatch Act", I

sent after my online complaint to you. This email is going to that To and Cc list as well, along with a few more.

That email expands on my complaint to you. The article

http://RealClimatologists.org/Articles/2017/08/09/Top_NASA_Climate_Scientist_Uses_Private_Email_To_Avoid_Oversight/

documents quite well my initial major complaint. Additionally, I can easily provide proof here of another major Hatch Act violation.

On RealClimate.com (also attached) there is a "Dear US voters, don't make a choice that your children will regret" post:

<http://www.realclimate.org/index.php/archives/2016/11/dont-make-a-choice-that-your-children-will-regret/>

As one of the commenters pointed out, Gavin Schmidt is conspicuously absent from the signers, other founders of RealClimate.com, probably because of fear of violating the Hatch Act. But Schmidt trying to dodge responsibility this way is patently absurd. He is a founder of RealClimate.com and has control of what gets published on it. This is the same sort of juvenile logic he uses to try to avoid violating the Federal Records Act.

Let me know how you want to proceed.

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Subject: NASA's Gavin Schmidt violating Federal Records Act and Hatch Act

NASA:

A violation of the Federal Records Act by NASA's Dr. Gavin Schmidt is detailed in this article:

Top NASA Climate Scientist Uses Private Email To Avoid Oversight

http://RealClimatologists.org/Articles/2017/08/09/Top_NASA_Climate_Scientist_Uses_Private_Email_To_Avoid_Oversight/

He may also have violated the Hatch Act through his writing in his blog RealClimate.com. Writing for RealClimate.com is a political activity since RealClimate.com was outspoken in its opposition to Trump. He also sells his books on the website, which is a commercial activity. Even in the very unlikely event he can prove he did not work on RealClimate.com during business hours he has almost certainly used NASA GISS computers or networks to work on it.

Additionally, he has appeared in the media speaking against Trump, almost certainly during business hours (for example, a photo of him was taken during one of these anti-Trump interviews in Business Insider in front of NASA GISS).

I am a taxpayer and by law I don't have to pay for the opposition's political advertisement.

Furthermore, I demand to know whether Schmidt is a UK and/or US citizen. I have personal knowledge that he was only a UK citizen in 2004.

I have made an official complaint about this online to the NASA OIG and have contacted my senators and representative about it.

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