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Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 8:12 AM
To: John.DeBlock@noaa.gov
Subject: WaPo reporter trying to confirm, anonymously, one detail

Hi John,

Hope you're doing well.

I'm an editor at the Washington Post, and am trying to confirm the existence of a Commerce Dept. Inspector General inquiry into what went down at NOAA that resulted in that extraordinary/ridiculous Friday late afternoon statement.

Have you been asked by the IG's office to preserve your comms concerning the Birmingham tweet and the aftermath? I just need a confirmation on background, meaning no name would be used in the story, just (and we can negotiate this), "An agency employee familiar with the matter."

I think it's vital that the truth comes out about this whole episode, and so far it's just NYT reporting this news.

Thank you and all the best,
-Andrew

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