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From: Freedman, Andrew
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 8:14 AM
To: Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal
Subject: Trying to confirm something...

Hi Chris,

Hope you're hanging in there.

Have you been asked by the IG's office to preserve your comms concerning the Birmingham tweet and the aftermath, or know anyone who has? 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.

Also, if you have any suggestions for a NOAA political person or DOC political who would know about the DOC pressure brought to bear on Neil's team, pls let me know. I've tried the chief of staff, Julie, a few aides in Ross' office, and even our WH team has struck out. No one has yet confirmed the NYT story, and we need to do so.

Thank you and all the best,
-Andrew

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