

Email of December 2, 2008 to Co-Authors of Santer *et al.* *International Journal of Climatology* Paper¹

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From: Ben Santer <santer1@llnl.gov>

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Subject: Further fallout from our *IJoC* paper

Dear folks,

There has been some additional fallout from the publication of our paper in the *International Journal of Climatology*. After reading Steven McIntyre's discussion of our paper on climateaudit.com (and reading about my failure to provide McIntyre with the data he requested), an official at DOE headquarters has written to Cherry Murray at LLNL, claiming that my behavior is bringing LLNL's good name into disrepute. Cherry is the Principal Associate Director for Science and Technology at LLNL, and reports to LLNL's Director (George Miller).

I'm getting sick of this kind of stuff, and am tired of simply taking it on the chin.

Accordingly, I have been trying to evaluate my options. I believe that one option is to write a letter to *Nature*, briefly outlining some of the events that have transpired subsequent to the publication of our *IJoC* paper. *Nature* would be a logical choice for such a letter, since they published a brief account of our findings in their "Research Highlights" section. The letter would provide some public record of my position regarding McIntyre's data request, and would note that:

"all of the raw (gridded) model and observational data used in the 2008 Santer et al. International Journal of Climatology (IJoC) paper are freely available to Mr. McIntyre. If Mr. McIntyre wishes to audit us, and determine whether the conclusions reached in our paper are sound, he has all the information necessary to conduct such an audit. Providing Mr. McIntyre with the quantities that I derived from the raw model data (spatially-averaged time series of surface temperatures and synthetic Microwave Sounding Unit [MSU] temperatures) would

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² Note: The email addresses of the 17 recipients have been removed.

defeat the very purpose of an audit." (email from Ben Santer to Tom Karl, Nov. 11, 2008).

I think that some form of public record would be helpful, particularly if LLNL management continues to receive emails alleging that my behavior is tarnishing LLNL's scientific reputation.

Since it was my decision not to provide McIntyre with derived quantities (synthetic MSU temperatures), I'm perfectly happy to be the sole author of such a letter to Nature.

Your thoughts or advice in this matter would be much appreciated.

With best regards,

Ben