

by Dr Vincent Gray

CLIMATEGATE IN DETAIL

I have just spent a whole day reading details of the Emails from the Hadley Centre that are contained in the vast package of material, known as Climategate. as portrayed on the website of Dr John P Costella at

<http://www.assassinationscience.com/climategate/>

They are really astonishing. Many are yet to be revealed generally. They display a network of conspiracy to defraud, manipulate, distort and intimidate which even I, who have been in the middle of it from the beginning, have difficulty in believing. Dr Costello even identified excerpts which are likely to be used in the trials of some of the participants,

The one where Phil Jones states that he has got to "hide the decline" shown by recent tree ring temperatures because they did not show the required global warming has already been pilloried. I also liked the one where Tom Wigley advocated putting in the data "Whether they are correct or not".

It was interesting to read how they organized the dismissal of Chris de Freitas as an Editor of *Climate Science* for publishing a paper they did not like.

It is far too long to summarize, so let me just copy some of the most recent specimens, from Kevin Trenberth:

"Well I have my own article on where the heck is global warming? We are asking that here in Boulder where we have broken records the past two days for the coldest days on record. ... The fact is that we can't account for the lack of warming at the moment and it is a travesty that we can't. The ... data published in the August ... [20]09 supplement on 2008 shows there should be even more warming: but the data are surely wrong. Our observing system is inadequate."

"How come you do not agree with a statement that says we are nowhere close to knowing where energy is going or whether clouds are changing to make the planet brighter[?] We are not close to balancing the energy budget. The fact that we cannot account for what is happening in the climate system makes any consideration of geoengineering quite hopeless as we will never be able to tell if it is successful or not! It is a travesty! "

"Here are some of the issues as I see them: Saying it is natural variability is not an explanation. What are the physical processes? Where did the heat go? ... But the resulting evaporative cooling means the heat goes into atmosphere and should be radiated to space: so we should be able to track it with C[louds and the] E[arth's] R[adiant] E[nergy] S[ystem] data. Th[at] data are unfortunately w[a]nting and so too are the cloud data. The ocean data are also lacking although some of that may be related to the ocean current changes and burying heat at depth where it is not picked

up. If it is sequestered at depth then it comes back to haunt us later and so we should know about it."

From Mike Mann to Kevin Trenberth and others

" that doesn't mean we can explain exactly what's going on".
October 27, 2009: email 1256735067

"It is appropriate that the last word in Climategate go to Mike Mann, explaining what it's all about. Mike Mann to Phil Jones and Gavin Schmidt:

"As we all know, this isn't about truth at all, it's about plausibly deniable accusations[.]"

And again: "it's tough when even your allies are starting to turn."

[B]e a bit careful about what information you send to Andy [Revkin of the New York Times] and what emails you copy him in on. He's not as predictable as we'd like[.] "

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"To kill an error is as good a service as, and sometimes better than, the establishing of a new truth or fact"

- Charles Darwin"