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Hi Chris,

I'm an editor at CWG with 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 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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