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Dear Mr Montford

Re: Freedom of Information request

Your emails dated 14 July 2009 and 17 August 2009 have been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your question: "Further to my recent enquiry regarding CRUTEM station data, firstly thank-you for your prompt reply. Could you please send me a copy of the agreement/letter with Dr Jones in which he makes these restrictions on redistribution of the data."

The Met Office does not hold this information because no written agreement exists. The Met Office received data from Professor Jones on the proviso that it would not be released to any other source. This proviso is based upon a verbal arrangement and a practice which has been adhered to since the early 1980s. We understand from Professor Jones that such an arrangement is necessary because the various organisations contributing to the work of the Climatic Research Unit have imposed restrictions upon the use and disclosure of their specific data. Please see the Climatic Research Unit's website at <http://www.cru.uea.ac.uk/cru/data/availability/> for further information in this regard.

We are corresponding with the Climatic Research Unit to determine whether it can make further data available subject to obtaining all necessary permissions from the rights holders.

I hope this answers your enquiry.

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Yours sincerely,

**FOI Manager**