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Dear Edward

I am writing in response to your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> July, first to thank you for your kind remarks about the positive contribution that CRU has made to the science of climate change and for your appreciation of my own small role. I also note the concern felt by yourself and the University that the CRU should maintain a culture of openness and, of course, complete compliance with the spirit and letter of Freedom of Information regulations.

For my part I wish to assure you that I have not knowingly deleted emails or files that were at the time subject to a request under FOIA or EIR, and will not do so in the future. I also assure you that I will not suggest to anyone that they should delete emails or files subject to similar requests under FOIA or EIR. I will use whatever means at my disposal to encourage greater openness and pro-active compliance with FOIA and EIR within the CRU and the wider University.

With best wishes,

Keith R Briffa Professor