

Mr. David Holland

20 June 2011

Dear Mr. Holland

**ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 – INFORMATION  
REQUEST (FOI\_11-129; EIR\_11-011)**

Your request for information received on 7 June 2011 regarding correspondence between the IPCC Working Group 1 Technical Support Unit, certain academics, and members of the Climatic Research Unit has now been considered and some of the information requested is enclosed herewith.

For your convenience, we have reproduced your request in the attachment to this letter and provided our response in line with each question. I trust this will be to your satisfaction.

However, it is not possible to satisfy all elements of your request directly, and, in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 this letter acts as a partial Refusal Notice. We are not obliged to supply certain information and the reasons for exemption are as stated below:

Exception	Reason
Reg. 6(1)(b), Information available to requester	Some of the requested information is available on the ICCER website

*Exceptions explanation*

Regulation 6(1)(a) is cited in relation to the letter referred to as ‘...my earlier letter..’ as this letter is actually part of the published evidence of the Independent Climate Change Email Review. Specifically, it is Supporting Document A of Evidence Item 120, Response to Specific Questions Raised by Professor Geoffrey Boulton, in his Letter of 6 May 2010, in his Role as a Member of the Muir-Russell Review Team. The letter and annex referred to are correspondence from Prof. Geoffrey Boulton to Prof. Keith Briffa.

We would also add that any material released over which UEA has copyright is released subject to the understanding that you will comply with all relevant copyright rules regarding reproduction and/or transmission of the information released.

You have the right of appeal against this decision. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your grounds of appeal and send to me at:

University of East Anglia  
Norwich

NR4 7TJ

Telephone: 01603 593 523

E-mail: [foi@uea.ac.uk](mailto:foi@uea.ac.uk)

Pursuant to Regulation 11(2) of the EIR, you must appeal our decision in writing within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow, Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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**Response to Environmental Information Regulations request**  
**(Our ref: FOI\_11-129; EIR\_11-011)**

*Briffa's "earlier letter"*

*With your letter of 6 June 2011, Ref: FOI\_11-097; EIR\_11-009, you kindly supplied the missing attachment from FOI\_11-48, for which I thank you. The final sentence in that attachment is:*

*"The annex to my earlier letter contains a detailed account of events that have been presented to us to support the above allegations."*

*Please supply me copy of [1] the letter and*

***[Information publicly available - Reg. 6(1)(b), Environmental Information Regulations]***

The attachment is publicly available as part of a submission to the Independent Climate Change Email Review. Specifically, it is Supporting Document A of Evidence Item 120, Response to Specific Questions Raised by Professor Geoffrey Boulton, in his Letter of 6 May 2010, in his Role as a Member of the Muir-Russell Review Team (see: <http://www.cce-review.org/evidence/6%20May%20Briffa%20Osborn%20response.pdf>)

The 'earlier letter' is, in fact, a letter from Prof. Boulton to Prof. Briffa.

*[2] the annex referred to.*

This information has already been provided to you as Appendix A to our letter of 19 November 2010 responding to an earlier request by yourself under the Regulations (our file: FOI\_10-112; EIR\_10-014]. However, as a courtesy, we provide it again as the attached .pdf document 'Appendix A\_Boulton Annex'.