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**From:** Freedman, Andrew  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 8:20 AM  
**To:** kevin.wheeler@noaa.gov  
**Subject:** WaPo reporter trying to confirm something

Hi Kevin,

I hope you're doing well.

I'm trying to confirm the reporting in NYT's story on DOC's involvement in initiating the NOAA stmt that went out Friday re: Hurricane Dorian. This could be on background, meaning your name would not be used.

So far no other media org has confirmed it, and I think it's vital that the truth comes out about this and the existence of a possible IG investigation. Any help you can provide on this would be appreciated. Dr. Jacobs and I have been in contact during the past few months, and he can vouch for my discretion and knowledge/commitment to covering NOAA's key role in the gov't.

Contact info is below.

Thanks and best regards,  
-Andrew

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