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Dr. Louis Uccellini, PhD  
Director, NWS  
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Dear Dr. Uccellini:

I'm an old fart at 88. Luckily I've been able to retain a good amount of brain function, and write a lot about my causes. I was born to a U.S. Midwest farm culture, Notre Dame/Stanford education, Korean War vet, tested atom bombs, flew USAF, worked 37 years in high tech, political junkie. In my long microwave engineering career with Hewlett Packard, 1960 to 1995, I had exceptional technical interactions with the National Institute of Standards and some with NOAA. Those were superb technical establishments of peerless professionalism and technical integrity.

I have been following the dustup of the NWS and POTUS regarding Dorian. How droll. And I applaud the courage of your office to maintain your scientific integrity. I watched your Keynote at the Weather Conference, with your welcome kudos for your Birmingham team.

In my lifetime I have compiled a long list of life heroes, starting with my teen years, Roosevelt and Churchill, George Patton and the WWII Codebreakers of Bletchley Park. Caty Stanton and Susan B Anthony of women suffrage, Crick and Watson of genome discovery, Margaret Sanger and Gloria Steinam.

Another list also includes dozens of other common-day heroes, and for many of these I send my humble 10 AttaBoys/Girls certificate. A Nobel it is not, I call it my NOBLE Prize, and award it to people whose life stories charm me. I awarded it, for example, to the Valedictorian at Brigham Young University who came out homosexual in his Valedictory speech to a stadium full of Mormon attendees. Your office team deserves one of these Prizes.

A third award, the POTUS PIMP, which I call my IG-NOBLE Prize, is dedicated to the list of politicians and administrators who have condoned the Prevarication of our Narcissist-in-Chief POTUS, and his unethical administration who have shirked their sworn role to the Constitution, and forgotten their Oath and responsibilities to "We, the People..." I awarded one of these Prizes to the (dis)Hon. Wilbur Ross. It intrigues me that most honorable executives would have immediately resigned in the face of such a White House order.

I applaud your superb management style which supported the scientific method, at all costs.

Sincerely,

John Minck

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