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I write to you for the following reasons: 1) to applaud the Birmingham, AL office for its refusal to subvert science in the cause of politics regarding the partisan firestorm surrounding Trump's erroneous comments concerning Dorian; and 2) to register my utter disgust at and contempt for national NOAA's capitulation to politics at the detriment of empirical reality and science. I thought I could trust NOAA to be above the fray. Apparently not. I will now have to ask what the motive behind any statement or forecast might be.

Thank you

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