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Subject: NOAA and Trump

Mr. Friedman, I am writing to you as the Chief Operating Officer to express great disappointment over the communication sent to staff re: Hurricane Dorian and President Trump's comments.

As I understand the matter, NWS staff in Alabama sent out a public notice based on citizen concerns that Alabama might be affected by Dorian. Because that repudiated erroneous information provided by the President, someone in your shop decided to curb communication. That is awful.

We trust in your organization to be truthful in forecasting, warning, etc. Someone's decision to criticize and curtail staff helping to disseminate appropriate information is a failure of trust. Forget that the President spent more time defending himself than he did expressing concern for those affected.

Perhaps you recognize that your reputation has been severely damaged. Somehow, I don't think so. That is really sad.

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