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"I'm seriously starting to worry about the emotional health of the president. Having jogged into the Oval Office a relatively upbeat, optimistic guy, George W. Bush seems to be swiftly degenerating into a throw-up-your-hands-and-wait-for-disaster fatalist. First, he dispatched a parade of administration folk last month to inform America that bigger, badder terrorist attacks are an inevitable part of our future. (The secretary of defense said it's simply "facing facts" to assume terrorists will get their mitts on nukes or chemical weapons.) Now, the White House has sent the United Nations a "climate action report" concluding that human activity is indeed the primary culprit behind global warming--something the administration has been loathe to admit before--but that, well, there's really nothing we can do about it, so why bother tinkering with environmental policy anyway?..."

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