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CC: Senator Pete Domenici of New Mexico

       FOIA REQUEST
          Fee waiver requested

Dear Chairman Connaughton:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request
access to and copies of all records pertaining to CEQ analysis of economic losses,
both insured and uninsured, due to extreme weather events, including any records
pertaining to the veracity of the chart produced by the Intergovernmental Panel on
Climate Change entitled, "Global Costs of Extreme Weather Events" [1], and all
records pertaining to the veracity of the extrapolation of the IPCC chart's data as
prepared by the requestor [2], and all records of funds appropriated, budgeted,
allocated, committed, programmed, expended, encumbered, utilized, or spent for
the purposes of determining trends and/or projections concerning the strength of
extreme weather events. References:
[1] http://www.ipcc.ch/present/graphics/2001syr/small/08.17.jpg
[2] http://www.bovik.org/storms.gif

I would like to receive the information by email to: james@bovik.org.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public
interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of
government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by
reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all
segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to

appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as an author and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone (650.793.0162), rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.
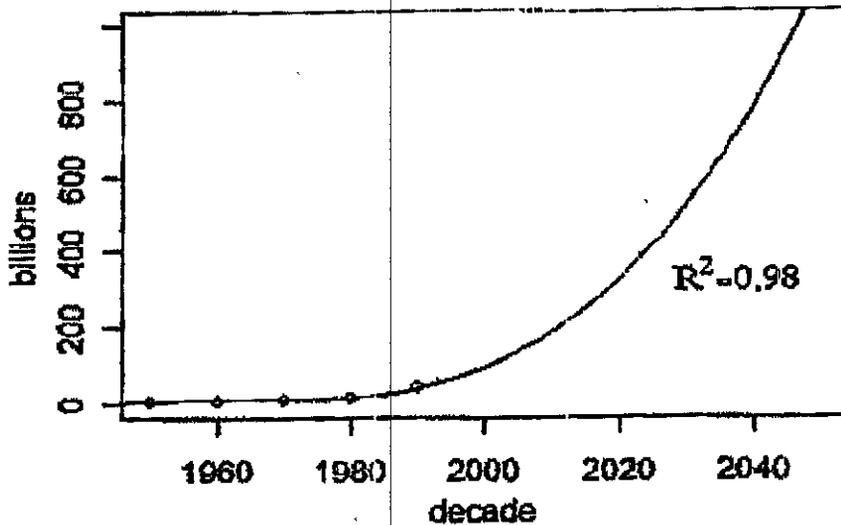
I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
James Salsman
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P.S. I was unable to include the IPCC source data chart [1] in this FAX because of its size, color, and resolution, but here is my extrapolation [2] of the data:

average yearly inflation-adjusted dollar cost of extreme weather events worldwide

R (www.r-project.org) Script used to generate this graph:

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decade <- c(1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990)
billions <- c(3.5, 5, 7.5, 13, 40)
pm <- lm(billions ~ poly(decade, 3))   # plot(decade, billions, ...)
curve(predict(pm, data.frame(decade=x)), add=TRUE)
summary(pm) # Adjusted "R^2=0.98," edited in to graph by hand.
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