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Dear Sir Paul

Thank you for your reply of 8 March to my letter of 25 February.

Let me say straight away that I am happy to accept your kind offer to arrange a meeting between the GWPF and a number of climate scientists. As you know, the main focus of this Foundation is to examine global warming policies, rather than global warming science, which is why we are called the Global Warming Policy Foundation, rather than the Global Warming Foundation. But policies and science are obviously closely interconnected, which is why we have a number of distinguished climate scientists (as well as other experts including economists) on our Academic Advisory Council.

While I am writing, however, I must pick you up on three errors in your letter.

First, you advance, as if it were some new and telling point, the fact that the average global temperature in the decade 2000-2009 was higher than in the previous decade 1990-2000, which in turn was higher than in 1980-1989. I had already made clear, in my own letter, that the unpredicted 21st century global temperature standstill followed a period of modest global warming in the last quarter of the 20th century. The decadal point you make follows mathematically from this, and conveys no new information whatever.

Second, you complain that “last year the GWPF published named personal attacks on four successive Presidents of the Royal Society”. I assume you refer to ‘Nullius in Verba’, the report by Andrew Montford which we published last year, with a highly supportive foreword by the eminent climate scientist Professor Richard Lindzen of MIT. So far from personal attacks, this was a reasoned and well-documented critique of the conduct of the Royal Society on this issue under recent Presidents – a critique which, as you will be aware, is shared by a number of your own members.

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