

Subject:Re: FOS News

Date:Fri, 11 Aug 2006 14:13:34 -0600

From:Friends of Science <email deleted>

To:<SourceWatch contributor name and email deleted>

Hello <SourceWatch contributor name and email deleted>,

You are getting so "interested" in us that I start to doubt YOUR motives. I don't really know why I should help people that I could logically suspect of feeding half truths suspicions and innuendos to our detractors and the ever increasing number of smutty blogs. Before you would ever come back to us with more questions, you better tell us who you are and why you seem to be so much more interested in our operation, rather than our message.

On 11-Aug-06, at 1:52 PM, <SourceWatch contributor name deleted> wrote:

Albert,

Thanks for getting back to me. Things are still not entirely clear to me.

> *Large projects - such as our video and radio ads - are funded through grants out of a
> University of Calgary Trust Fund, directed towards debate of climate science and which is
> also fed by the charitable Calgary Foundation.*

What is the name of this University trust fund? Who administers it? When and under what circumstances was it set up? Who set it up and who contributes to it? If you are unable to provide these details, perhaps you can direct me to someone who can.

You can phone Professor Barry Cooper at U of Calgary; he will tell you all you are entitled to know.

> *We have no obligation to any commercial outfit (let alone oil companies) and we are mostly
> retired scientists and engineers working as volunteers>>>*

While you and others may be volunteers, most of your scientific consultants have a long history of association with oil companies. In particular, Tim Ball's consultancy seems to derive income from writing and speaking engagements, organized by (and sometimes paid for) by APCO or High Park, PR films strongly associated with Exxon-Mobil's contrarian campaign against the scientific consensus on climate change.

Our Scientific Advisory Board are independent individuals and they give talks all over the place, most of which we know nothing about. We have nothing whatsoever to do with Exxon-Mobil. If a sub-contractor works for them, that's their business, and I don't know. They are free to work for anyone.

> As to Sheila and Morten:

> Sheila Roy was a spot contract to manage the official release of the DVD at the Press Club in
> Ottawa. She is an independent who occasionally works for APCO also. She has no ongoing
> connection to Friends of Science.

Actually, Sheila Roy is listed as a key staff member in APCO Worldwide's Ottawa office. She really should be identified as such. By not listing this affiliation, you are being less than transparent, and naturally would be open to the accusation that you are hiding the APCO connection to your video campaign. See this reference:

<http://www.apcoworldwide.com/content/locations/keystaffbio.cfm?ksid=33&cid=2&ofid=13>

You are telling me things I did not know, and which are irrelevant, as she never directly worked for FoS

> Morten Paulsen served as our PR man under contract for over a year. This contract ended in > July 2006 when Morten became Vice-President of Hillard Fleischman.

I understand that Mr. Paulsen is now registered to lobby on behalf of FoS. Is this the case? Are there any other registered lobbyists working on behalf of, or associated with, FoS?

> I trust this answers your questions.
> If not, please get back to us.

I know nothing about Morten being a registered lobbyist for FoS. As far as I know FoS does not employ any "lobbyists". Why don't you ask him yourself?

One last question - what is your full name and role with FoS?]

Let it suffice that I am a volunteer, not a member of the board. My name is NOYB.

Albert

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