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Re: He's Baaack!

Dear Editor,

The world renowned Richey Global Not Warming Institute is at it again. Ok, what is it this time? Oh I see, thousands of scientists are simply making it all up to steal money from the government. In other words, it's another grand conspiracy theory, just like those scientists who faked the Apollo moon landings!

I suppose that's why lawyer Phil Cooney, former lobbyist for the American Petroleum Institute and until recently chief-of-staff at the White House Council on Environmental Quality, needed to edit the scientific statements of climate reports from those lying scientists in his own hand. After all, how can we trust greedy and conniving scientists to get the science right? Seriously though, grant requests are peer reviewed and are highly competitive. Plus, scientific careers are made by debunking the scientific consensus with careful analysis and supporting scientific data. That's why a conspiracy theory among scientists is not plausible.

As for Ron Richey's so called "facts", I am reminded of the statement by physicist Wolfgang Pauli who memorably once said "it was so bad it's not even wrong". Perhaps Richey should join his brother Don in the kitchen with his melting ice experiments- I wonder what they'll cook up next?

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