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Mr. Ronald S. Bell
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Dear Mr. Bell:

This letter is related to the case *5:16-cv-00211-C Goldstein v. Climate Action Network et al*, a lawsuit which I have filed before the United States District Court of the Northern District of Texas. Yahoo! Inc. ("Yahoo") appears to participate, possibly unwittingly, in a large-scale criminal enterprise, as well as other criminal activities described in the referenced lawsuit. Please note that the lawsuit is filed under civil RICO, and the defendants are accused of participating in managing an illegal enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity, including tampering with witnesses, attempting to steal up to \$18 Trillion from pension and welfare funds, and other serious crimes. Please consider the Complaint in this lawsuit as Appendix A to this letter. For convenience, the alleged enterprise and its allies are referred here as the Climate Alarmism Establishment ("CAE").

Here are some examples of Yahoo's apparent participation:

1. Yahoo searches for the names of prominent scientists, who have truthfully testified as expert witnesses before Congress and authorized government agencies on the subjects of the climate debates, return **organic results** that are not only defamatory but also intentionally designed to retaliate against these witnesses, and intimidate other potential witnesses. Many of these pages are from such junk sites as *desmogblog.com*, *skepticalscience.com*, and *sourcewatch.org*.

- a) *Desmogblog.com* publishes what it calls a “global warming deniers database,” which was used to advocate the murder of these distinguished scientists and other individuals targeted by this database.
 - b) *Skepticalscience.com* is a website founded by unemployed Australian cartoonist John Cook, and initially promoted by Al Gore and the government of Qatar through *Al Jazeera*. Some of the most vocal opponents of the climate alarmism were Holocaust survivors. In an apparent attempt to mock them by comparison to the Holocaust deniers, climate alarmists regularly call their opponents “climate deniers.” *Skepticalscience.com* went further than the rest by publishing pictures of its founder and his accomplices in Nazi uniforms. While on this topic: Rajendra Pachauri, the Chairman of the infamous Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (2002-2015), is on the record saying “maybe what Hitler did was the right thing” (<https://archive.is/m2izl>).
 - c) *Sourcewatch.org* is another worthless and deplorable website, interlinked with the previous two.
2. Among the prominent scientists who have been defamed and retaliated against for attending as witnesses and giving truthful testimony in official proceedings are:

Prof. Fred Singer (b. 1924) – a distinguished physicist and science administrator, the first director of the National Weather Satellite Service (1962–64), Vice Chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Oceans and Atmosphere (NACOA) (1981–86), and Chief Scientist of the U.S. Department of Transportation (1987– 89). Prof. Singer theoretically predicted the existence of the Earth’s radiation belt, later confirmed by observations. Prof. Singer designed satellites and their sensors, and was one of the visionaries behind GPS.

Prof. William Happer (b. 1939) – a distinguished physicist, and Director of Energy Research at the Department of Energy (DOE) from 1990 to 1993, where he supervised all of the DOE’s work on climate change, until being fired by Al Gore.

Dr. Willie Soon, a distinguished astrophysicist.

Dr. Roy Spencer, a distinguished meteorologist and a co-developer (with Dr. John Christy) of the satellite temperature measurements system.

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When Yahoo intentionally displays defamatory or retaliatory text or directs an Internet visitor to a web page containing such text, each instance might be considered aiding or abetting somebody in a crime of retaliation against a witness (per 18 U.S. Code § 1513) and tampering with a witness (per 18 U.S. Code § 1512). Please take note that these web pages are not individual acts of speech, but parts of a coordinated (or even centralized) campaign to retaliate against witnesses by inflicting bodily injuries (as defined in 18 U.S. Code § 1515) on them, including but not limited to inciting 3rd parties to engage in physical violence against them.

3. Several other prominent scientists, now deceased, are still being defamed in order to intimidate other witnesses and potential witnesses in official proceedings:

Prof. Frederick Seitz (1911-2008) – a distinguished physicist, the President of the National Academy of Science from 1962 to 1969, and the President of Rockefeller University from 1968 to 1978, where he supervised a Nobel Prize winning biomedical study that led to the discovery of prions (the cause of the “mad cow” disease).

Prof. William Nierenberg (1919-2000), a distinguished physicist and the Chairman of the Carbon Dioxide Assessment Committee (1979-1983), the first scientific body that conducted a systematic investigation of possible links between anthropogenic emission of carbon dioxide, other infrared absorbing gases, and climate changes. From 1980 until his death in 2000, he was the most knowledgeable person in the world on the science of the climate debates.

Each search described above was performed in Texas, on a laptop computer after clearing the browser cookies, within the last two weeks. These cases are brought forth as examples. There are probably many more cases of unwitting aid by Yahoo to illegal and/or hostile climate alarmism activities.

Alarmist web sites, including but not limited to those mentioned above, contain some obviously bizarre lies. For example, alarmists falsely insinuate that Prof. Frederick Seitz received \$45M from cigarettes manufacturer RJ Reynolds in exchange for allegedly “spreading doubt” about tobacco. Both parts of this claim are lies. In fact, Prof. Frederick Seitz did not receive this money, but supervised life-saving medical research funded by this money. Further, he explicitly refused to testify favorably to the tobacco companies about cigarette smoking. This fact is known to CAE, whose media accessories frequently quote some employee of RJ Reynolds who wrote in 1989 to his supervisors, “[Frederick Seitz] is quite elderly and not sufficiently rational to offer advice” (<https://archive.is/R4o3n>). Obviously, the quoted statement is *lawyspeak* for “refused to

support our position.” Prof. Frederick Seitz was active in science and public life for nineteen years after 1989, and retained rationality and a clear mind until his death.

Notably, long after the research initiated and partly supervised by Prof. Frederick Seitz discovered the cause of “mad cow” (Creutzfeldt-Jakob) disease, British politician John Gummer refused to believe in the existence of that disease. As “scientific proof,” he attempted to feed his daughter a beef burger, as can be seen in the video at http://www.gettyimages.com/detail/video/minister-of-agriculture-john-selwyn-gummer-tries-to-force-news-footage/1B03452_0003. Later Mr. Gummer became an environmental minister and, being an ardent climate alarmist, currently serves on the British Commission on Climate Change.

Why would Yahoo want to align itself with creatures like Pachauri, Gummer, or Michael Mann (of the hockey stick infamy), and against such scientists as Frederick Seitz, Roger Revelle, and Nobel Laureates in Physics Ivar Giaever and Robert Laughlin?

I anticipate that some people at Yahoo will dismiss this criticism of the organic search results by saying that these results are outcome of objective or neutral algorithms. Yahoo is legally responsible for the content and links it shows to the public, even if they are generated by algorithms. But there is also evidence that Yahoo search algorithms became artificially tuned to the benefit of CAE through Yahoo’s actions and/or failures to act.

A large set of alarmist websites make up a self-referential cluster, or a very big link farm. Many these sites have no independent editorial oversight, participate in paid link schemes or affiliation tactics, and/or have automatically generated or scraped content. The CAE utilizes multiple subordinated and/or coordinating entities, some of which operate multiple front groups or even hierarchies of the front groups. This complicates the task of recognizing the misbehavior of the alarmist websites. Nevertheless, some mistakes by Yahoo might have contributed to the problem:

- A. For its search engine, Yahoo might have selected a seed list of what it considers highly trusted websites, including blatantly one-sided alarmist websites. Some of the prominent suspects, adhering to the CAE, are:
 - a. *theguardian.com* and *guardian.co.uk* – websites of the British tabloid *The Guardian*, which has long been financed by the British government.
 - b. *BBC.com* and *BBC.co.uk*, a broadcasting corporation chartered by the same British government.

- c. Sites from the domain *.gov*, including sub-domains *nasa.gov*, *noaa.gov*, *climate.gov*, *globalchange.gov*, and *epa.gov*. These sites are currently controlled by the Obama administration and are being illegally used for establishing climate cult as the state religion.
 - d. Some sites from the domain *.edu*, for the same reason.
 - e. Websites of the UN organizations.
- B. Yahoo algorithms might have mistaken the similarity of the messages from multiple alarmist websites (like “scientific consensus,” “97% of scientists agree” etc.) as a sign of trustworthiness, rather than of collusion or even central control.
- C. Yahoo might have allowed its employees, blindly following CAE dogma or even compensated by the CAE, to set its policy on the subjects of CAE interest.
- D. Yahoo might have been unable to eliminate influence by foreign-controlled websites on the search results on political subjects in the US, including the subjects of the climate debates.

Yahoo seems to be an unwitting part of a vicious cycle (or an echo-chamber), where high placement of the alarmist websites in Yahoo search results leads people to trust them, to repeat their false messages, and to link to them. You can learn more about some elements of the climate debates from <http://defyccc.com/doc/climate-intro2.pdf>. Likewise, if you cannot find reliable information on the subjects of the climate debates on Yahoo Search, you are welcome to use mine: <http://defyccc.com/search>.

I believe that Yahoo has been aiding the climate alarmists unintentionally and unwittingly, and strongly recommend that it cease doing so in the US as soon as practical after receiving this letter (approximately 5-10 days.)

Respectfully,

[signed]

Leo Goldstein

Appendix A: Plaintiff's Complaint in *5:16-cv-00211-C Goldstein v. Climate Action Network et al*, pending before the United States District Court of the Northern District of Texas. Available through Pacer and from <https://www.heartland.org/template-assets/documents/publications/Lubbock%20Binder.pdf>.

Appendix B: a 1992 article *Global Warming: The Origin and Nature of the Alleged Scientific Consensus*, by Prof. Richard Lindzen, available from <http://object.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/serials/files/regulation/1992/4/v15n2-9.pdf>.