

Agent looking for 'Climategate' insiders

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Former CIA agent Kent Clizbe sent letters to 27 Penn State faculty members last week, hoping to find a whistleblower in the "Climategate" controversy involving Penn State meteorology professor Michael Mann.

"As an intelligence collector targeting foreign or enemy government, we recruit an insider," said Clizbe, who sent the e-mails last week. "I'm attempting to recruit an insider to tell us what's really going on."

Mann was thrust into the spotlight when hundreds of e-mails, including ones that he had written and received, were leaked from a private server in the Climate Research Unit at the University of

East Anglia in England on Nov. 21. Global warming skeptics said some of the e-mails suggest that data supporting climate change had been overblown. Mann and other scientists whose e-mails were released have been under pressure to prove the legitimacy of their research, and Penn State officials are conducting an inquiry into Mann's studies. Mann said he had no comment on Clizbe's actions, saying "I don't want to dignify it with a response."

Penn State Professor Richard Alley, who assisted the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and shared the 2007 Nobel Prize with Al Gore, doesn't feel Clizbe's e-mails will have an effect on Penn State's scientific community — such ethical standards are already in place, he

said. Alley did not comment on whether he received an e-mail from Clizbe.

"I strongly endorse high ethical standards and am very favorably impressed by the high ethical standards I see in action across our scientific community, specifically including colleagues at Penn State," he said.

In his letters, Clizbe predicts the whistleblowers will be provided with monetary compensation.

If Mann was found to have acted unethically, he would have to pay a penalty to the government comparable to the amount of money he was given to research climate change, Clizbe said. By following the procedures laid out in the federal False Claims Act, the whistleblowers could potentially be entitled to part of the money recovered

from the case. Total sums in environmental climate research are \$50 billion," said guest writer Clizbe, who commended Clizbe. "The only Mann's collection most lucrative ever made."

Clizbe feels "naturally something about Mann's background and reporting to ease an initial whistleblower may jeopardize reporting their doings. In the assured that the identity of the whistleblower will be determined.

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copy of the letter Clizbe sent to Penn State faculty members: collegian.com

False Claims Act of whistleblowers. The chance is that employment is much more interesting their anonymity," said "Everyone who would have our absolute that we will we never identities."

Countries across the to pass monumental involving climate say the real story and his colleagues' be determined.

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Students see more airport security

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Students flying back to school experienced the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) new airport security measures firsthand, the result of recent security breaches on airlines.

Minwoo Chung — who flew from South Korea to Detroit for a connecting flight and then to the Pittsburgh International Airport — said he saw longer lines because of increased security. "Security was certainly stricter everywhere," Chung (junior finance) said. "Apart from the usual metal detector, they patted down passengers' bodies and checked carry-on bags right before they entered their flight."

TSA officials at University Park Airport said they could not comment on any new safety measures. The changes come after security breaches at the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) on Dec. 25 and at the Newark International Airport



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A Transportation Security Administration employee is screened by a TSA officer during a demonstration of passenger screening.

on Jan. 3 raised national alarm and prompted the administration to re-evaluate airport security.

TSA officials said in a statement that enhanced screening procedures began Jan. 4 and would focus on "passengers of interest" — passengers who arrived from "state sponsors of terrorism or other countries of interest."

Chung said almost everyone was patted down upon arrival at DTW, a process that took about 10 minutes. Some people missed their connecting flights because of the security checks, he said.

He also saw passengers being randomly selected to go through a large scanning machine.

TSA officials said in a statement that there was a possibility that airport security would use enhanced screening technologies. But not all students noticed

the increased security measures. Cory Xu, who flew into University Park Airport from Orange County, Calif., said security "was the same old routine."

"I really didn't see any tighter security or anything," Xu (senior finance) said. "I was kind of expecting it to, but I just passed through the regular metal detector and that was it."

University Park Airport Director Bryan Rodgers could not be reached for comment. Xu said the biggest inconvenience was having his shoes scanned.

"It was something different — they've never done something like that," Xu said. "In the end, they found nothing." Flying into State College from San Francisco, Brandi Rollins said she also saw no changes in airport security.

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Police during crime break

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