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Climate Change: The ‘Planned Recession’ Strategy

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Well, the admissions just keep on coming. In the UK, lead canary for all things “climate change” — for example, polls show a majority of their public now see the agenda as just a new excuse for the state to extract more wealth from its citizens — we have a paper by the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research saying the agenda demands “reducing the size of the economy through a ‘planned recession’”, in the words of the Daily Telegraph. Tyndall is an activist consortium of British academic institutions known for carrying the banner on the “climate” agenda.

The Telegraph offers an eye-catching sub-head: ”Britain will have to stop building airports, switch to electric cars and shut down coal-fired power stations as part of a ‘planned recession’ to avoid dangerous climate change.”

This should only surprise you if you have relied upon claims by the global warming industry — itself a consortium of activists inside and outside of government, Big
Science, Big Academia, and other rent-seeking industry crafting schemes to profit in the near-term from the wealth-transfers — or the Obama administration, desperate to walk-back the president’s admission that his plan of cap-and-trade will “bankrupt” all sorts of facilities and cause your energy prices to “necessarily skyrocket.”

Obama’s own Treasury Department has been providing him memos noting that even his “first step” would shave a full percentage off of our Gross Domestic Product and cause manufacturing to flee to saner shores. These claims were found in their pitiful response to my Freedom of Information Act request. In fact, their response made clear they are plainly hiding more, and surely more damaging, documents.

As the Senate faces the prospect of taking this “first step”, this week we sent Treasury our Notice of Intent to Sue if they do not come into compliance with the law, and provide us responsive documents responsive to our request. At which point, we are confident, we will find that even in these strained times the U.S. and UK’s “special relationship” has one more thing in common.