Hi there, this is Peter Baker at the NY Times. Just wanted to see if anyone at NOAA could offer any elaboration on this statement -- was it issued at the request of the White House or coordinated or discussed with the White House in advance? Is anyone at the Birmingham office being admonished or penalized in any way? I’m at 202-557-4871 or an email is welcome as well. Thanks very much. Best, Peter

Statement attributable to a NOAA Spokesperson

September 6, 2019
From Wednesday, August 28, through Monday, September 2, the information provided by NOAA and the National Hurricane Center to President Trump and the wider public demonstrated that tropical-storm-force winds from Hurricane Dorian could impact Alabama. This is clearly demonstrated in Hurricane Advisories #15 through #41, which can be viewed at the following link.

The Birmingham National Weather Service’s Sunday morning tweet spoke in absolute terms that were inconsistent with probabilities from the best forecast products available at the time.

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