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Dear Phil,

It looks like you have found Baitoushan. Vol. 2 lists Kuwae as VEI 6 in 1452 +/- 10 AD. How accurate are your dates? By the way, Chris Newhall thinks 1600 is the Parker volcano on Mindanao in the Philippines. He hasn't published that so far, as I know.

Could you please define "utter prat" for me? Sometimes I think we speak the same language, and sometimes I'm not so sure.

I'm doing fine. We have a new building with nice new offices. I'm going to Australia next week with Sherri and Danny, and after the meeting, will visit Cairns, Adelaide, and New Zealand. I'm looking forward to skiing on a volcano, if it stops erupting.

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On Thu, 11 Jul 1996, Phil Jones wrote:

> Alan,
> Thanks for the quick response. We'll expect something from Melissa
> in the next few weeks. I also hope our copy of the 2cnd edition arrives
> soon. In our maximum latewood density reconstruction from the polar Urals
> to AD 914, the most anomalous summer is AD 1032. A lot of other volcano
> years are there with summers of -3 to -4 sigma such as 1816,1601,1783 and
> 1453 (I think this later one is Kuwae that is being found in the Ice Cores
> in the Antarctic. However 1032 is 6 sigma and it may be the Baitoushan
> event which you say is 1010 +/- 50 years or the Billy Mitchell event.
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> I hope all's well with you.
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> Cheers
> Phil
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> PS Britain seems to have found it's Pat Michaels/Fred Singer/Bob Balling/
> Dick Lindzen. Our population is only 25 % of yours so we only get 1 for
> every 4 you have. His name in case you should come across him is
> Piers Corbyn. He is nowhere near as good as a couple of yours and he's
> an utter prat but he's getting a lot of air time at the moment. For his
> day job he teaches physics and astronomy at a University and he predicts
> the weather from solar phenomena. He bets on his predictions months
> ahead for what will happen in Britain. He now believes he knows all
> there is to know about the global warming issue. He's not all bad as
> he doesn't have much confidence in nuclear-power safety. Always says
> that at the begining of his interviews to show he's not all bad !
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> Cheers Again
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