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Thoughts?

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Hello,

One more story I wanted to request comment on is the federal prosecution of John C. Beale, the EPA's highest-paid employee and top expert on climate change. As you know, Beale's attorney has acknowledged guilt of pretending to work as an undercover agent for the CIA to avoid doing his work at the EPA.

The EPA's highest-paid employee and top expert on climate change engaged in "crime of massive proportions" by pretending to be working as an undercover agent for the CIA so he could avoid doing his real job for years, according to federal prosecutors and the agency's top investigator on the case. ... Beale's lawyer, while acknowledging his guilt, has asked for leniency and offered a psychological explanation for the climate expert's bizarre tales. "With the help of his therapist," wrote attorney John Kern, "Mr. Beale has come to recognize that, beyond the motive of greed, his theft and deception were animated by a highly self-destructive and dysfunctional need to engage in excessively reckless, risky behavior." Kern also said Beale was driven "to manipulate those around him through the fabrication of grandiose narratives ... that are fueled by his insecurities."

[http://investigations.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2013/12/15/21911592-climate-change-experts-fraud-was-crime-of-massive-proportion-say-feds?lite&preview=true](http://investigations.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/12/15/21911592-climate-change-experts-fraud-was-crime-of-massive-proportion-say-feds?lite&preview=true)

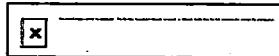
It would seem that deceptive activity of this nature is both insulting and dangerous for the men and women who work for the CIA. Does the Agency share that belief? A statement from an officer who can speak to the Agency's view of other federal employees posing as CIA officers would be helpful.

Thanks,  
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