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Wylie, Ian. 2010. "UN Climate Chief Jabs Back at Allegations of Financial Impropriety—but Fails to Land a Blow." *The Guardian Environment Blog*. 20 January. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/blog/2010/jan/20/pachauri-personal-attacks>.

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