



Fig. 17.1. Jule Charney.

Sophie's Planet #11: Chapters 17 & 18 (Charney's Puzzle; Original Sin & The IG)

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President Jimmy Carter asked the U.S. National Academy of Sciences *“To summarize in concise and objective terms our best present understanding of the carbon dioxide/climate issue for the benefit of policymakers.”*

Jule Charney focused the Academy study on the fundamental question of climate sensitivity, producing a brief, brilliant report that still provides guidance to climate research today.

Charney's focus opened a research pathway for our little group in New York, alternative to the Farmers' Forecast. Charney even put in a word for us with Phil Abelson, editor of *Science*.

Charney bears no blame for our original sin or for the Inspector General's interest in GISS.

Here are drafts of [Chapters 17 & 18](#) of *Sophie's Planet* for fact checking.

Thanks to those who informed me of Eunice Foote, whose climate research escaped my notice. Later this week I will send out the revised Chapter 15, which includes a page on Eunice Foote.

I recently opened a Twitter account @DrJamesEHansen, (<https://twitter.com/drjamesehansen>).



Fig. 18.1. Anniek, Erik and Kiki in Copenhagen in 1981.