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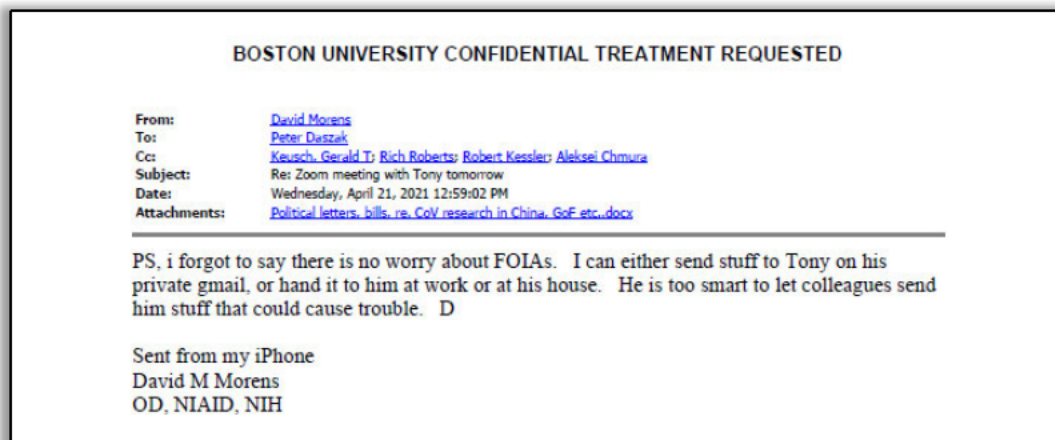
May 29, 2024

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Dear Dr. Fauci:

As you know, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic (Select Subcommittee) is investigating the origins of COVID-19. This investigation includes EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.'s (EcoHealth) activities at the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV), failures to monitor and enforce conditions required in EcoHealth's grant, facilitation of gain-of-function research, and efforts by government and non-government officials to obstruct and delay our oversight efforts.

As a part of the probe, we are reviewing thousands of communications from your former Senior Scientific Advisor, Dr. David Morens. The Select Subcommittee possesses communications from Dr. Morens in which he suggests he sent you official congressional correspondence related to COVID-19 to your personal e-mail account and that he had a "secret back channel" to you.¹



¹ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Daszak, Ph.D., et. al. (Apr. 21, 2021) (BU02535); E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Gerald Keusch, M.D., et. al. (May 13, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 014975).

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From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] <[REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 5:17 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T. <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>; Roberts, Rich <[REDACTED]@neb.com>
Cc: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
<daszak@ecohealthalliance.org >
Subject: RE: Early appearance of two distinct genomic lineages of SARS-CoV-2 in different Wuhan wildlife markets suggests SARS-CoV-2 has a natural origin - SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus - Virological

Thanks, Jerry, for speaking to him. I sent him the article you mentioned shortly after I saw it, and I have also been talking to Arthur on background about this over recent months.

Bravo for what you said, which is pretty much what I have been saying to him.

I suggested Arthur try to interview Tony directly and connected him to our "secret" back channel. He emailed Tony a few hours ago.

According to the communications in our possession, Dr. Morens is not the only official from your time as National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Director that took affirmative steps to avoid transparency. We are concerned that current and former NIAID officials have and are continuing to seriously undermined public trust by concealing vital information from the American people.

On May 22, 2024, Dr. Morens testified at a hearing before the Select Subcommittee where he was asked if he ever sent information related to COVID-19 to your personal e-mail. He testified:

Q. Did you ever send information related to COVID-19 to Dr. Fauci's personal e-mail?

A. I don't remember if I did, I may have.²

This testimony in addition to the documents in possession of the Select Subcommittee require we request documents and communications in your personal custody and control. Accordingly, the Select Subcommittee requests the following documents and information in your custody or control, including any responsive records retained in your personal e-mail(s), cell phone(s), or other electronic device(s) as soon as possible but no later than June 12, 2024:

1. All documents and communications regarding the Wuhan Institute of Virology, EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., the origins of COVID-19, or congressional oversight of these issues between January 1, 2020 and present.

² A Hearing with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Senior Scientific Advisor, Dr. David Morens: Hearing Before Select Subcomm. on the Coronavirus Pandemic, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, 118th Cong. (May 22, 2024).

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As an accommodation, please limit your search for responsive records to communications that involve individuals that were U.S. government employees, including but not limited to employees of the National Institutes of Health or National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

If, after a diligent search of your records, you do not find any records responsive to the Select Subcommittee's inquiry, please attest as much via letter by June 12, 2024.

House Resolution 5 specifically authorizes the Select Subcommittee to investigate "the origins of the Coronavirus pandemic, including but not limited to the Federal Government's funding of gain-of function research," "executive branch policies, deliberations, decisions, activities, and internal and external communications related to the coronavirus pandemic," and "cooperation by the executive branch and others with Congress, the Inspectors General, the Government Accountability Office, and others in connection with oversight of the preparedness for and response to the coronavirus pandemic."³

To ask any follow-up or related questions, please contact Select Subcommittee staff at (202) 225-5074.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Brad R. Wenstrup, D.P.M.
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Raul Ruiz, M.D., Ranking Member
Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic

³ H. Res. 5 § 4(a)(2)(A)(i), (vii), (ix).