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Whatever the case, this could be dangerous, but also easy for the administration to put the kibosh on.

Surely the Biden admin would not let any such group anywhere near a position to interfere with federal agencies, and surely not DHHS? Or am I mistaken? D

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Sorry! On 18 April 2020, Peter Daszak emailed me and Tony, congratulating Tony on standing up for science. That email somehow fell into the hands of the Congressman, probably via a FOIA of someone who didn't delete it, as I did (delete all of Peter's emails and others relating to origin) when the shit

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started hitting the fan.

Anyway the Congressman got a copy of Peter D's email from someone at NIH, and he now wants to get any reply Tony and I or anyone else may have sent back to Peter. Mine was erased long ago (I verified that today) and I feel pretty sure Tony's was too. The best way to avoid FOIA hassles is to delete all emails when you learn a subject is getting sensitive... In any case, there is nothing here except opportunities to hassle, harrass, and huff and puff....

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On 6/28/2021 4:56 PM, Hotez, Peter Jay wrote:

Which Peter? From April 18?

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On Jun 28, 2021, at 12:48 PM, Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E]
[REDACTED]@gmail.com wrote:

PS, I forgot to mention it was from CVongressman Steube.... d

On 6/28/2021 1:42 PM, Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] wrote:

Peter, FYI, Tony and I just a minute ago got FOIA'd regarding an email of yours from 18 April 2020, sent from you to Tony and me, thanking Tony for standing up for you. He wants to get any follow up emails. Not sure what I have but I am sure nothing of any great interest. I am sure same for Tony. Just FYI and for your own records management practices, if you catch my drift. david

On 6/28/2021 11:29 AM, Hotez, Peter Jay wrote:

Podcast I think out tomorrow

This from Bloomberg

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2021-06-27/did-covid-come-from-a-lab-scientist-at-wuhan-institute-speaks-out>

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On Jun 28, 2021, at 10:16 AM, Roberts,
Rich [REDACTED]@neb.com> wrote:

Peter:

Could you send a link please?

Rich

Richard J. Roberts
New England Biolabs
240 County Road
Ipswich, MA 01938-2723
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Tel: [REDACTED]
Fax: [REDACTED]
email: [REDACTED]@neb.com

From: Hotez, Peter Jay <[REDACTED]@bcm.edu>

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 11:15 AM

To: Peter Daszak

[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>

Cc: Roberts, Rich [REDACTED]@neb.com>;

Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu>; David

Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Robert

Kessler [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>;

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Jeffrey Sturchio [REDACTED]@msn.com>

Subject: Re: Jeff Sachs.

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I just did a "new abnormal" podcast with Molly Jong-Fast that throws cold water on GOF or lab leaks, and reinforces Dr Anderson's interview just out in Bloomberg. So maybe change the tide in that way

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On Jun 28, 2021, at 10:12 AM,
Peter Daszak
 [@ecohealthalliance.org](#)>
wrote:

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links or open attachments you
know are safe.**

I agree Rich and look forward
to working with you on this.

I will send back the document
re. an NASEM "Attacks on
science" meeting later today
with a couple of extra names
and the edits others have sent.

Cheers,


Peter

Peter Daszak
(Sent from my iPhone)

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On Jun 28, 2021,
at 9:22 AM,
Roberts, Rich
 [@neb.com](#)>
wrote:

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Peter:

I have been following all of the emails racing back and forth, but find myself overwhelmed by the vitriol that is playing out though the media, including what might have been once considered reliable sources. At this point I do not see a clear path forward that would not just invite further polarization and more attacks.

As for Jeff Sachs, my own reaction would be to tell him to go to hell and just recuse yourself from any role in his commission. After all, it seems unlikely they are going to get any closer to finding out what really happened, especially in terms of getting evidence for a natural origin.

I'm happy to continue to find solutions, but would prefer a route that supported science generally rather than continuing to fan the flames of the lab leak.

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From: Peter
Daszak
[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
Sent: Sunday,
June 27, 2021
2:41 PM
To: Keusch,
Gerald T
[REDACTED]@bu.edu>;
Hotez, Peter Jay
<[REDACTED]@bcm.edu>
Cc: David Morens
[REDACTED]@gmail.com>;
Roberts, Rich
[REDACTED]@neb.com>;
Robert Kessler
[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>;
Jeffrey Sturchio
[REDACTED]@msn.com>
Subject: Jeff
Sachs.



Please see his
email to me
below, just now.

He's proposing I
step off as a
commissioner,
recuse myself
from the origins
work and then
am put on the
one health part

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of the taskforce.
He will also bring
on biosafety
people.

This would be
seen widely as a
further step
down for me and
is not acceptable
in my opinion.

He's trying to
bully me into a
quick response.

I think he's trying
to line this up as
a done deal
before his
Wednesday
morning call with
the rest of the
Commissioners.

Cheers,

Peter

Peter Daszak

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Alliance develops
science-based
solutions to
prevent
pandemics and
promote
conservation*

From: Jeffrey
Sachs
[REDACTED]@ei.columbia.edu>
Sent: Sunday,
June 27, 2021
2:24 PM
To: Peter Daszak
[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
Cc: Ozge Karadag
[REDACTED]@gmail.com>;
Bagenal, Jessamy
(ELS-LOW)
[REDACTED]@lancet.com>;
Yanis Ben Amor
[REDACTED]@columbia.edu>
Subject:
Continued work
on the task force

Dear Peter,

I would like to pursue a way forward in which you would continue as a member of the task force to provide expertise and inputs on the One Health approach to pandemics, while you would step away from being a commissioner and would recuse yourself from the task force's work on the question of origins of SARS-CoV-2. Hume similarly would recuse himself from any work on the

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origins question.
I will appoint a
new acting chair
or co-chairs of
the task force
following
consultations
with the task
force.

I am proposing
this two-track
approach so that
the controversies
and issues
surrounding your
work do not
envelope the
Commission's
work and its final
report, while at
the same time
enabling you to
contribute your
considerable
expertise and
experience to the
important issues
of One Health
and the ecology
of emerging
infectious
diseases.

I hope that you
find this
approach to be
satisfactory and
reasonable under
the
circumstances. It
is my deeply
considered view
on how to
achieve several
important
objectives going
forward.

I will move
forward
expeditiously on
these issues one
way or another,
so I would deeply

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appreciate your
timely response.

With best wishes,

Jeff

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From: [Keusch, Gerald T](#)
To: [Peter Daszak](#)
Cc: [Aleksi Chmura](#)
Subject: RE: Draft response to Michael Lauer - please review
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 4:25:00 PM

I just spent some time on the phone with David. He is concerned about the privacy of text and other messages from his cell phone to you and me because he has been using a government phone which permits personal conversations as well. So even things via gmail sent and received on his cell phone could be FOIA'able. This came from Tony in their conversation this morning.

David has multiple things going on this week, including medical appointments, closing on house, and the need to get himself a personal smart phone, and Tony has told him not to be in touch with you and EHA for the time being. He will stay connected to me and via me to you. He wanted to reiterate a couple of things. First, on the timeline to make it more specific with dates and details. Getting in touch with Stemmy is really important and being sure he is well informed, acknowledges the timeline and the communications you mention, and is on board because he will certainly be questioned. He also suggested that you discuss with him the need for NIH to check the records and to confirm when documents were filed and acknowledged. And that when you were aware that it was necessary to file the 5 year report the system shut you out and you presumed that was normal process as you were then into the new grant year 1.

Jerry

From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:36 AM
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
Cc: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu>; Aleksi Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
Subject: Re: Draft response to Michael Lauer - please review

Peter, i will be meeting with Tony about this later on

Does Stemmy know about this new timeline and will he back you up, including the problem with being shut out of the electronic report system? d

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David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Oct 25, 2021, at 06:37, Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org> wrote:

Yes – I think you’re right. I’m trying to walk the line in this letter between clearly stating that EcoHealth didn’t breach reporting requirements, and not causing any damage to NIH, but I do have to respond if they’re going to be out there with comments to the press like Francis who is quoted in the Washington Post as saying there’ll be consequences for us for ‘messaging up’:

The grant to EcoHealth has been suspended, Collins said Thursday. “They messed up here. There’s going to be some consequences for EcoHealth,” he said. But he also said that, had the experimental result been reported earlier, “it would not have been a reason to sort of hit the panic button and say my god this is dangerous stuff.”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2021/10/21/nih-ecohealth-alliance-coronavirus/>

I get it that the consequences may not amount to much, but if the public is being told we did risky research and didn’t monitor it well, they’ll not support us if NIH cancels all our funding.

Please tell Francis, Tony, Dr. Tabak and all that my whole family is being affected when they read comments like this in the press. The toll is awful, and the language they are using is just not fair. We’re a [REDACTED] a year non-profit – they represent NIH.

Cheers,

Peter

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From: David Morens [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\]@gmail.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@gmail.com)>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 6:27 AM
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\]@ecohealthalliance.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org)>
Cc: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\]@bu.edu](mailto:[REDACTED]@bu.edu)>; Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\]@ecohealthalliance.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org)>
Subject: Re: Draft response to Michael Lauer - please review

Guys, i will try to weigh in later today as i will be fully swamped until then

Peter, from Tony's numerous recent comments to me, and from what Francis has been vocal about over the past 5 days, they are trying to protect you, which also protects their own reputations

I hate to be too optimistic but maybe the tide is turning? d

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Oct 24, 2021, at 23:56, Peter Daszak [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\]@ecohealthalliance.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org)> wrote:

Hi Jerry and David,

I know it's expecting a lot, but I'm trying to rapidly respond to Michael Lauer's letter demanding IACUCs and all unpublished data, as well as to Tabak's public statement that EcoHealth failed to comply with reporting restrictions.

Please have a look through this letter, and use track changes or comment boxes to suggest where the language needs to be stronger or more wimpy. I'm trying to walk the line between clearly refuting the allegations, and not throwing NIAID program staff under the bus.

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I'm hoping to submit this either Monday evening or Tuesday, ahead of the deadline, so we can remove ourselves from the press attacks quickly, and tell people publicly that we complied with reporting requirements.

David – I'll send some bullets for you to pass on to Tony later on.

Cheers,

Peter

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Date: Thu, 18 Nov 2021 5:06:31 PM -0500
Subject: Re: Opinion for WaPo
From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu>

Jerry,

I am updating you on my computer and gag order situation.

With the help of our IT folks, I went over the whole computer and phone situation. They loaded some ant-hacking software on my phone and discussed the situation with me.

Basically, my gmail is now safe from FOIA and hacking on all of my devices, including government computer and phone, and my private computer and iPad.

Thus it should be safe to communicate safely with you, Peter, and others, as long as we use my private gmail.

You may have noticed that I have intentionally forwarded you news clips I get daily, sent from my govt email, but that is ok as long as you don't reply to that email. I have done this because this should not show up in a FOIA, is innocuous as it's just forwarding a third party item already in the public domain, and because it saves me forwarding to my own gmail and then on to you.

Please pass this on to Peter and I ask you both that NOTHING gets sent to me except to my gmail, and make sure that what gets sent to my gmail doesn't have a cc to another government employee who could be FOIA'd.

Today is day 2 of the Trop Med meetings and Peter gave a great if pre-recorded talk. I congratulated him on the talk with my name signed in the chat session associated with his talk.

On Tuesday and again today I had face to face meetings with Tony to discuss science issues. He seems much less alarmed and even a bit philosophical about the whole thing. He asked how Peter was doing, as he often does, and seemed to commiserate with him to a degree.

You may be amused at the following aside that was a big surprise to me. He was asking my opinion about what is wrong with CDC and in the process said, out of the blue, that it was HE who got Rochelle Wolensky her job as CDC director by lobbying for her to Ron Klain. Well, she does wear a skirt.... I poured a little cold water on her but he was undeterred in thinking she is the cat's pajamas....

His main interest at the moment is making "universal" coronavirus vaccines, the COVID-19 end game, and things related to COVID immunity. He's asked me to co-write with him 2 or 3 papers on these subjects, this being in the context of giving him ideas to communicate in his weekly WH press conferences and meeting with Biden's higher ups on a

regular basis, plus being on TV.

Please give my best wishes to you-know-who
david

David M. Morens, MD

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[REDACTED] (work)

[REDACTED] (cell)

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IMPORTANT: For US Government-related email, please also reply to my NIAID address

On Fri, Nov 12, 2021 at 11:24 PM Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu > wrote:

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> Hi David,

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> On the basis of the Holden Thorpe piece in Science you sent I revised my last version of the Opinion and didn't mind going over the suggested word count by 125 words. I figured if what I wrote was compelling enough they would allow the small change increase in words.

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> So although it was my intention I didn't work with the edited version you spent time on. My thanks for doing it, but with the Science editorial I felt the window to submit was closing as there would be other follow up editorials and letters etc. I also felt I couldn't let EHA off the hook entirely, as Thorpe points out there were missteps on the part of both EHA and NIH. But my focus was squarely on NIH, Collins and Tabak. And besides, NIH dealt in misinformation, and EHA was not in front of the inevitable attacks they could and should have anticipated, or as Thorpe says "a self-inflicted wound" but not arising from the deception NIH was engaged in.

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> I sent it on to WaPo this afternoon. I will let you know what, if anything they say.

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> Jerry

Date: Thu, 27 Aug 2020 11:32:23 PM -0400
Sent: Thu, 27 Aug 2020 11:32:20 PM -0400
Subject: RE: STAT: NIH awards \$7.5 million grant to EcoHealth Alliance, months after uproar over political interference
From: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
To: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@gmail.com >; Gerald Keusch [REDACTED]@bu.edu >;
Attachments: image001.jpg

Very happy to see this announced today. Just hoping that the errant scheisters on One America News Network don't start banging the drum so loud that the Orange Blob decides to decapitate this one also....

Thanks for your kind words, and of course there's a kick-back. It starts with 5 more years of FoIA requests (Jean Patterson told me they received a nasty phone call over a month ago when it went up on NIHReporter.gov from the person who FoIA'd our R01). I just hope it doesn't culminate in 5 years in Federal jail, or even Chinese 're-education camp'....

Cheers,

Peter

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From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 7:54 PM
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >; Gerald Keusch [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
Subject: Fwd: STAT: NIH awards \$7.5 million grant to EcoHealth Alliance, months after uproar over political interference

Ahem.... do i get a kickback???? Too much fooking money! DO you deserve it all? Let's discuss.... Seriously, this is great news. Well deserved..., There is still justice in a Trump-infected universe.... d

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH
Begin forwarded message:

From: "Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E]" [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >
Date: August 27, 2020 at 18:04:15 EDT

To: NIAID COGCORE [REDACTED]@mail.nih.gov>, NIAID OCGR Leg [REDACTED]@mail.nih.gov>, NIAID
OD AM [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>
Subject: STAT: NIH awards \$7.5 million grant to EcoHealth Alliance, months after uproar over political
interference

NIH awards \$7.5 million grant to EcoHealth Alliance, months after uproar over political interference

By HELEN BRANSWELL @HelenBranswell AUGUST 27, 2020

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The National Institutes of Health has awarded a \$7.5 million grant to EcoHealth Alliance, a nonprofit organization focused on finding unknown viruses in nature, months after the cancellation of an earlier award to the group prompted an outcry over political interference.

EcoHealth had previously established a partnership with a virology laboratory in Wuhan, China — the city where the Covid-19 pandemic is believed to have begun — under the terms of a five-year grant from the NIH. That grant was due to run through 2024 but was abruptly canceled in April.

At the time, conspiracy theories were emerging that suggested that SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, was either accidentally or deliberately released from the lab in Wuhan. There is no proof to support the theories, but the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff [confirmed in April](#)

that U.S. intelligence was investigating the claims. And at a news conference that month, President Trump, when asked about the EcoHealth grant, pledged to “end that grant very quickly.”

The NIH later told EcoHealth Alliance that its project — part of which involved looking for new coronaviruses in bats and other animal species in China — no longer fit with the NIH’s priorities and program goals.

The cancellation was roundly criticized, with 77 U.S. Nobel laureates and 31 scientific societies [writing to NIH leadership in protest](#), demanding that the decision be reviewed.

Earlier this summer the NIH told EcoHealth its grant could be restored if the organization met a number of prerequisites, including securing access to the Wuhan Institute of Virology for U.S. investigators, and a virus sample from Wuhan — conditions the organization is unlikely to be able to meet.

The suggestion that EcoHealth’s work no longer fit NIH priorities appears to be at a minimum ironic, given that at the time its award was canceled, the group was in an evaluation process for the grant announced Thursday. Research teams and institutes that wanted to be considered for part of a new network — called the Centers for Research in Emerging Infectious Diseases or CREID — had to apply in the spring of 2019.

EcoHealth was chosen as one of 11 institutions or research teams to be funded for work to determine how and where viruses and other new pathogens emerge from nature to begin infecting people. EcoHealth’s portion of the five-year, \$82 million award will focus on Southeast Asia and the emergence of coronaviruses; filoviruses, the family responsible for Ebola; and paramyxoviruses, a family of viruses that includes measles and mumps.

Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases, part of the NIH, said the new network will help the world prepare for future Covid-19 like events.

“The CREID network will enable early warnings of emerging diseases wherever they occur, which will be critical to rapid responses,” Fauci said in a statement.

EcoHealth President Peter Daszak, the principal investigator for the organization’s grant, was not immediately available for comment.

But researchers heading other centers in the network, were enthusiastic about the project.

“By improving our knowledge of how new and old pathogens emerge — while building out our capacity for detecting them rapidly — we’re going to be in a much better place,” said Kristian Andersen, an immunologist at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif., whose center will focus on West Africa.

Nikos Vasilakis, of the University of Texas Medical Branch, in Galveston, was named principal investigator of a center that will focus on the emergence of arboviruses — viruses that are spread by mosquitoes or other insect vectors — in Central and South America.

Vasilakis said the need for better coordination of this kind of work became apparent during the 2015-2016 Zika outbreak. “Zika made it that we need a more coordinated effort on a global scale,” he said.

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To: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; David Morens ([REDACTED]@gmail.com) <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>;
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Actually, you were not snarky enough, whatever snarky means in Manchesterese.

These people are a travesty. Now that's snarky.

Jerry

From: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 12:35 AM
To: David Morens ([REDACTED]@gmail.com) <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>
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Cc: Aleksei Chmura <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Subject: Re: An amusing article for your Friday read...

Great story, great snark (snark is good!). Beverage is always good, and best delivered by a blonde nymphomaniac, if you can manage that. Actually, at my age I'll take a brunette. Even a red head. Any hair at all.... d

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david PS, I will be on Public Health Service deployment from 10 December 2020 until 23 January 2021. During this time I will have limited access to email and phone contact. Ty, dmm

Date: Tue, 28 Apr 2020 6:29:20 AM -0400

Subject: Re: Broader statement

From: David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com >

To: Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>;

CC: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; Aleksei Chmura <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>;

Guys, for some reason this Word doc won't allow me to save edits, so here are my comments. I like Jerry's edits, they add to the richness. Two minor things, in para 2, line 2 might say "ecologic niches" and in para 3, line 10, "Academies".. david

David M. Morens, MD

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[REDACTED] (work)
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On Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 10:40 PM Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu> wrote:

I have made a number of suggestions to both avoid pejoratives and at the same time indicate why it is foolish to sever the ties with the Chinese you have. Maybe this is too much. Don't send it with my edits until others have a chance to reflect and see if it is measured enough. I think it is very important to note why this is so counterproductive to our needs as a country to truly understand how this happened.

Jerry

From: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:16 PM

To: David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com >; Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu >

Cc: Aleksei Chmura <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >

Subject: Broader statement

Importance: High

Any chance you could look over this statement and suggest whether there is anything we should change?

Cheers,

Peter

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To: Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>;
CC: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; [REDACTED]@dgtwo.com; Aleksei Chmura <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>;
Attachments: NIAID COVID-19 Full Weekly Update 4.27.20.docx

this and prior email, re new NIAID implementation plan, released last night d
Let me know if you got these docs, am having trouble with home gmail david
David M. Morens, MD

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Hello Nancy,

I am in touch with various colleagues to determine the best response from the scientific community. Its late tonight and not much will happen until tomorrow, but when people read this and other reports sure to follow there will be concern and consternation. It cannot be left as it is. Lauer and Francis Collins will have to own this, and it will not be pretty for them. Francis will lost the respect of the scientific community – whether he is personally involved or not he is the head and therefore responsible for its actions. Lauer will be the fall guy. So be it.

Friends of EHA will stay in close touch with Peter and through you with the Board. Let us know as well if there are additional ways we can come to the support of the organization, scientific integrity, and the integrity of science.

Jerry Keusch

From: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:13 PM
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Cc: Aleksei Chmura <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Subject: Politico story
Importance: High

Dear All,

I'm introducing you to Nancy Green, the Chair of our Board. David Morens – you both met at the Smithsonian Exhibit opening. Nancye – David is in the Office of the Director NIAID, reporting to Tony Fauci and a long time mentor of mine. Jerry Keusch is the Head of the Boston University Biosecurity Level 4 lab, former Director of the NIH Fogarty International Center, and another of my 'mentors'.

This is the story from Politico, with our statement embedded. It's not a rip-roaring call to arms for the defense of scientific integrity, but it's a start and at least exonerates us of any wrong doing. I'm hoping that powerful voices will now speak out and try to crush this political interference in work that was defined to protect our national health and security.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/04/27/trump-cuts-research-bat-human-virus-china-213076>

I'll be reaching out to Jim Hughes and Rita Colwell tonight to set up a call.

Cheers,

Peter

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Pat Walker [REDACTED]@healthpartners.com >; Cathi Siegel ([REDACTED]@case.edu) [REDACTED]@case.edu >;
CC: Breman, Joel (NIH/FIC) [V] [REDACTED]@mail.nih.gov >; David R. Hill MD [REDACTED]@quinnipiac.edu >; Julie Jacobson [REDACTED]@bridgestodevelopment.org >;
Karen Goraleski [REDACTED]@astmh.org >;
Attachments: image001.gif; image002.jpg; AJTMH editorial grant cancel 7.3.20-DGB DRH + dmm comments.docx

Thanks, Phil, and sorry I am in and out of contact but ther workload here has been brutal. But today I am catching up.

First, yes it is best to email me at this gmail when addressing the Daszak grant. I have mentioned this to folks in the past but it seems that I myself have broken the pattern in part inadvertently by forgetting what I am doing, and at other times because some things, like actually writing this piece, are legit. But that's just confusing to everyone, I know. So, my request to all is try to send to gmail, but if something goes to my govt mail by accident it's OK, I have spoken to our FOIA folks and am managing my stuff after emails are sent or received, such that I should be safe from future FOIAs. Don't ask how...

Second, I attach here some light comments on the Editorial, which I think is pretty darn good. My comments are basically just word-smithing suggestions, and not all that critical. I don't have strong feelings about some of the suggestions to add or delete text here and there.

Regarding who signs the Editorial, that should be a decision of the Society, although if I may put in my two cents, I feel it should be several or more than several members of the leadership, and especially Joel as President. If you want me to be on it, I'm glad to, although I might want to sign as dmm, FASTMH or DMM, Chair ACAV, rather than as an NIH employee. I have done that a few times in the past.

Regarding authorship of the Perspectives piece, I think we should perhaps talk soon on the phone to have a plan forward. I had originally envisioned first writing it and then asking various leaders/luminaries both in and outside of ASTMH to sign on, but your email of yesterday says that this is not in compliance with journal policy. I don't want to press to change policy, just find out how best to proceed. For example, although only three of us actually contributed to the writing, a few others contributed substantial ideas and references, etc., and they might or might not be eligible. At least one of our ASTMH leaders has expressed reluctance to be involved, as has another luminary not in ASTMH. In both cases, the reason was fear of being attacked, as Peter and his colleagues have.

I agree with you and others that we need to move forward rapidly. I should be able to have at least a bit oif free time each day to help push things. Thanks, david

On 7/4/2020 5:34 PM, Rosenthal, Philip (Infectious Diseases) wrote:

David,

I've read through the perspective. It is fantastic. I've only a few modest edits. (To make it easier to read, I shrunk the font to the NIH holy font (for a grant writer): Arial 11.) As I noted in another e-mail, this piece doesn't do much to make me mad at the White House (allusion to funding cuts is very subtle), but it makes me more terrified than ever about risks of newly emerging viruses and new pandemics. Perhaps we should listen to scientists!?!

Also, as requested by Joel, I've switched to David's non-NIH e-mail address.

Phil

From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 6:02 PM
To: Rosenthal, Philip (Infectious Diseases) [REDACTED]@ucsf.edu >; Daniel Bausch [REDACTED]@phe.gov.uk >; John, Chandy C <[REDACTED]@iu.edu >
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Subject: RE: Editorial

Phil, your wish is my command, attached is my Perspectives submission. I would have sent sooner but my boss had me writing 3 other papers that took precedence. (As Mel Brooks said: "It's Good to be the King"). Finished those just an hour ago and then proofed this.

As of now, I have not put any coauthors on it, but I am ready to do that with ASTMH input. Joel Breman and Jeff Taubenberger have helped me in writing and comments. We have a list of about 20 potential co-authors and Jeff and I pared that down to our top 8, covering ASTMH leaders, content experts, and luminaries. So we need to get consensus on who to approach about signing on. Two experts, one an ASTMH member, have already indicated fear of getting involved, so I feel we can't push them.

Also, I had planned to comment on the Editorial draft, waiting until others weighed in, and in fact this morning did an edit on the (then) most recent version, but will with-hold that for now unless you want my comments. At some point it becomes too many cooks spoiling the broth.

It was me that originally suggested the Alma Ata verbiage, but what you have written doesn't lend itself easily to inserting it, which is fine. Having two major points, the EHA grant and the WHO decision, is enough if we want to retain a tight focus.

Basically this is good and on the right track. Let's just move forward.

Now that those three papers for the boss are done, I should be able to breathe again and have more time to move things forward.

David

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Subject: Editorial

All,

I hope that everyone is feeling appropriately patriotic right now. American exceptionalism on display in our COVID response. Fireworks in S. Dakota. Etc, etc, etc.

Thanks much for so many excellent comments. Words have been cut, readded, adjusted, melded, mutated, etc, such that nobody will be completely happy. But, this is much improved by our sausage-making process (if I can use a non-vegan metaphor). Some comments.

- 1) I accepted most recommendations, although in some cases there were multiple suggested versions.
- 2) I pushed back here and there, mostly discussed in the margins. I quite strongly don't agree with cutting a few paragraphs explaining the history, which will make this a policy piece for those inside the beltway (who already know the history), rather than a piece for our broad membership and readership, many of whom will benefit from the reading the details for the first time.
- 3) There has been a request for including Alma Ata language. I am not sure what this means. The Declaration has 10 parts, one with 7 sub-parts, and is I think longer than our editorial. Part 1 may be what was intended

(“health is a fundamental human right”), but even that sentence is long and vague, and I don’t think will help with messaging. (Others complained that our editorial is already too long.) If someone wants something smaller, please insert where appropriate with Track Changes.

4) Minor: I prefer “politics” to “partisan politics”; the two are basically synonymous in modern parlance, and so I think that shorter is better. But, happy to be over-ruled on this.

5) A few requests from Joel for more detail on value of the NIH project- these are handled well in David M’s perspective. This will be cited and in the same issue. Some other requests from Joel were swallowed up by other edits.

6) Mention that 77 novel prize winners complained to Azar... This is not easy to fit in, and I think unnecessary. Our argument is very solid; we don’t need prize winners (most of whom probably never heard of Alma Ata) to make it credible.

7) References? For our Africa editorial it was liberating to have no references. For this one we need one (Morens perspective), but do we need any others? Many COVID editorial/perspective writers have been heavily referencing newspapers, but this seems unnecessary to me.

The path forward:

a) Our editorial is nearly finished, but we await the first submission of the perspective. Just sayin David...

b) I’m happy to have another round of editing. As before, please send to all, and please try to use a version already edited by others. But, please raise the bar for changes, as without this we will edit and re-edit forever. If you are uncertain about a change, discuss in a balloon in the margin.

Cheers,
Phil

Date: Tue, 12 May 2020 6:38:18 PM -0400
Sent: Tue, 12 May 2020 6:38:17 PM -0400
Subject: Fwd: NIH termination of research grant
From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
To: Gerald Keusch [REDACTED]@bu.edu>

Jerry, my private gmail account is where i sent this from, after forwarding to myself from my nih account

Please try to send only to my gmail, as we were doing a couple weeks ago. But i messed up a few times and sent from my nih acct, because on my phone the two are merged, and then when you respond by hitting reply it goes to nih

After some recent issues, i am going to try to strictly use only my gmail in these discussions, that is, [REDACTED]@gmail.com

TY, david

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH
Begin forwarded message:

From: "Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E]" [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >
Date: May 12, 2020 at 18:31:11 EDT
To: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Subject: Fwd: NIH termination of research grant

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David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH
Begin forwarded message:

From: "Keusch, Gerald T" [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
Date: May 12, 2020 at 18:23:41 EDT
To: "Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E]" [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >
Subject: RE: NIH termination of research grant

I think I asked before, but do you have a personal email account?

From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:30 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
Subject: Re: NIH termination of research grant

Jerry, yes please forward to who without my name

The only places i know of for her to go within nih are Lauer, his boss, whose name she can look up, or i can help, and his boss, Francis Collins. She could also ask Tony, although he may not know the whole story, and may not

want to know.

David

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On May 12, 2020, at 17:03, Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu> wrote:

This is from the Politco reporter who wrote the initial revelation of OER in the grant. I praised her report and told her to track the action to where it had to come from at NIH, OD and OER. Now it seems she is on it, or at least trying.

Can I send her the youtu.be link without any indication where I got it from? I now know that youtu.be is an extension shortener and is part of youtube, so I expect somebody with some facility could find it on that site, even though I can't. That means that it would not be hard to get the recording. My hesitation is because I don't want to put anybody in any danger of retaliation. Any other suggestions for her?

From: Sarah Owermhle <[REDACTED]@politico.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>
Subject: RE: NIH termination of research grant

Hi Jerry,

Belatedly, thank you for this. I'm sorry for the delay, I got swamped on a few other things, but am absolutely working on this and have been trying to chip away on where this came from – like, if you said, NIH Office of Extramural Research is the genesis, which it seems it was because NIAID did not make this decision.

I've been asking around but do you have suggestions for people or offices to go to as I continue? Also, can you think of any precedence for this kind of move? I am trying to put this in context and find out whether this extends past EHA.

Thank you again though – pushing on this as I can.

Best,

Sarah

From: Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Sarah Owermhle <[REDACTED]@politico.com>
Subject: RE: NIH termination of research grant

Hi Sarah,

While the EcoHealth Alliance grant is the posterchild for political interference in the conduct and integrity of science the spotlight needs to turn on NIH and what it has done and what that is unleashing. It goes beyond any one grant to the heart of an independent merit based transparent system which has been overturned by the action taken on April 24, just one week ago. This is the pressure point, holding NIH responsible and getting them to admit it by reversing the action taken. To that end the scientific community is mobilizing and will increasingly be heard from.

At the same time, to actually investigate what happen and hold those who are complicit accountable will take pressure from within. To me that is to initiate an investigation by the HHS Inspector General's office.

I do not have any experience in this and I don't know how it can be activated, other than a whistleblower complaint. You had access to copies of the NIH communication with EHA, which had to be provided by somebody. To pursue the genesis of the termination of a specific grant may necessitate action by whoever was aware of what happened from within NIH. That person seems to me to be critical to both unraveling the truth of what happened, why and by whom, and to reversing the decision and preventing a precedent from being established. And this may necessitate the filing a whistleblower complaint to the HHS-OIG. Any way there is to get that message to those who know first-hand and reject the validity of the action taken may need to take the next step which would be through the Office of the Inspector General. There is personal risk in doing so. There are also persons who are willing to take the risk because the principles matter.

I believe it is really important to turn the spotlight from EHA to the NIH Office of Extramural Research in the Office of the NIH Director. You may be able to help make that happen.

Jerry Keusch

Date: Tue, 16 Jun 2020 2:22:55 PM -0400
Sent: Tue, 16 Jun 2020 2:22:54 PM -0400
Subject: Re: Two reporters might contact you in the next couple of weeks.
From: "Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E]" [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >;
CC: Gerald Keusch [REDACTED]@bu.edu>; Robert Kessler [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>;

The FOIAs are dreadful and paranoia-inducing. In the old days we had to do them ourselves, by hand. I mean finding and printing out thousands of emails coming in and going out. Now they sometimes FOIA text messages too. Many FOIAs turn up thousands of pages of docs, and of course, most of meaningless. We are all smart enough to know to never have smoking guns, and if we did we wouldn't put them in emails and if we found them we'd delete them. In my 22 years at NIAID I have never seen a FOIA that turned up useful information d

On 6/16/2020 9:32 AM, Peter Daszak wrote:

Didn't realize there were so many FoIAs, and a bunch targeting our grant. I'll pass that info on to the reporters.

Maybe you can redirect these foia requests to my home address. I can print off all my emails, plus the grants, and for a small fee can just leave them out on the doorstep. Sounds like a good way to monetize research!

Seriously, sounds like this FoIA malarky is a huge time sink for folks at NIH.

Cheers,

Peter

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From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 7:58 AM
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Cc: Gerald Keusch [REDACTED]@bu.edu>; Robert Kessler [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >; Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Subject: Re: Two reporters might contact you in the next couple of weeks.

Peter, if you are in contact with with these guys about their foias you should tell them to be aggressive. We (NIAID) are way behind on responding to foias, and one or two groups is already suing us. Good! I myself have about 5 foias related

to your grant, and i believe tony has more. In fact, in most cases foias to me also cover Tony, Hugh, and several front office staff

Our reason for being slow is that we respond with sophisticated computer searches done by our IT people, and we just don't have enough of them to cover 100+ ongoing foias, probably 5-10 of which deal with your grant

On a related subject i did a first draft of our astmh piece and ran it by joel breman, astmh president. I had originally decided to NOT address the conspiracy theories head on but thinks that should be added. So, i wrote two additional paras on that, and sent it to Jeff Taubenberger for his input on the molecular evidence.

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Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Jun 15, 2020, at 21:02, Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org > wrote:

Hi David and Jerry,

I've been thinking of a way to get ahead of the curve, just in case NIH really is investigating EHA or me. This goes back to NIH telling folks who FOIA them that they can't reveal info on my grant and Wuhan because of a law enforcement clause and a pending investigation (<https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/nih-we-cant-release-our-papers-about-the-wuhan-institute-of-virology-because-of-a-pending-investigation/>). I've been wondering if that's a real investigation maybe by another org seeing if NIH acted legally? Is it them investigating Wuhan (not really possible)? Is it related to the NIH Director's pushing the agenda of investigating scientists who have been taking funds from China etc. (<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/06/fifty-four-scientists-have-lost-their-jobs-result-nih-probe-foreign-ties>). What concerns me is that it seems that Francis Collins is personally involved in the investigation, and that his key henchman is Michael Lauer. It's actually Lauer who gave the talk to the ACD meeting last week (<https://www.acd.od.nih.gov/meetings.html>), click on "ACD Working Group on Foreign Influences in Research Integrity (Update)". I think it would be convenient for Collins if they could try to dig up some China dirt on EHA, and it's probably no skin off his nose to ask his henchmen to investigate (they've already got 399 "Scientists of Possible Concern") what's one more between friends.

So for that reason, I want to let you know that I've spoken with two good reporters off the record over the last few days and given them both your contact. One is Jim Rainey from the LA Times who did a good piece on the origins of COVID about EHA's work and others. He's now trying to dig into the handling of the termination by NIH and will be filing a FoIA, but right now would love to talk about the details. The other is Peter Aldhous from Buzzfeed. He did file a foia for Michael lauer's communications and some others. He said he will be appealing their decision not to release the files.

I'm hoping that these two reporters will dig out some interesting stuff and maybe then I'll know whether this 'investigation' is just Francis Collins trying to fob off the foia requests, or it's because we've appealed, or another group has filed a motion with NIH re. their decision to terminate.

Anyway – hope they contact you, and hope it leads to something.

Cheers,

Peter

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David M Morens [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 5 Oct 2021 7:39:18 PM -0400
Sent: Tue, 5 Oct 2021 7:38:52 PM -0400
Subject: Can you call my cell sometime?
From: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
To: David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>;
CC: Aleksei Chmura <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>;

I want to just check on the scope of the foIA and who's doing it. There are plenty of things that we said in emails back and forth to your NIH address that would be a bit embarrassing, but not horrific. Mainly from the point of view that I'm talking about political attacks.

Maybe it's not that bad if the dates are tightly grouped, and if the scope (subject) is v. narrow.

Can't the NIH FoIA group actually help to reduce the scope and make some useful redactions.

The fact that we're contesting our NIH funding termination/suspension might make that redactable based on a "law enforcement" category?

Cheers,

Peter

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From: David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:28 PM
To: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
Subject: Re: Talking with Elizabeth Warren's staff

Peter, i just got news that a foia picked up an email i sent you saying that tony commented he was braindead, jokingly of course. However, Ron Johnson is all over it and now after me. Tony will be pissed, rightly so. I deleted that email but i now learn that every email i ever got/sent since 1998 is captured and will be turned over, whether or not i instantly deleted it.

Gmail, phone, text.... i need to scrupulously rely on those exclusively. d

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Oct 5, 2021, at 18:21, Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org> wrote:

Rich – let me know if you need any information at all prior to talking with Sen. Warren’s staff. I’m happy to join you in case they have questions about the work and the negative press from the Right.

Let me know and I’ll send any information that might help.

Cheers,

Peter

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From: Roberts, Rich <[REDACTED]@neb.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 2, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; Gerald "Jerry" Keusch <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>; David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Aleksei Chmura <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; peter hotez <[REDACTED]@bcm.edu>
Subject: RE: Please help!

Peter:

Finally located a good contact at Elizabeth Warren’s office.

Rich

Richard J. Roberts
New England Biolabs

[REDACTED]
USA
Tel: [REDACTED]
Fax: [REDACTED]
email: [REDACTED]@neb.com

From: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 2, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Gerald "Jerry" Keusch <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>; Roberts, Rich <[REDACTED]@neb.com>; David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Aleksei Chmura <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; peter hotez <[REDACTED]@bcm.edu>
Subject: Please help!

EXTERNAL SENDER

Sorry to do this but I'm under pressure here and Jeff Sachs' latest discrediting of our name publicly is not helping. Apparently a letter has been sent to my board calling on them to fire me.

It's being reported in the NY Post today. Let me know if you can't read it on this link.

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/nypost.com/2021/10/01/calls-grow-for-ouster-of-wuhan-lab-tied-daszak-as-head-of-nyc-health-nonprofit/amp/>

My board chair is Nancy Green - she's very supportive but everyone has limits. Her email address is nancye@dgtwo.com

Would you be willing to write an email to her this week to express your support for me and disgust at the way we are being attacked? It might be good to also mention that EcoHealth has a critical mission that needs to stay the course through these ugly politics.

Sorry to be so blatant but I'm worried that this level of attack is hard to stand up against.

Cheers,

Peter

Peter Daszak
(Sent from my iPhone)

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Date: Sun, 26 Apr 2020 11:46:46 AM -0400
Sent: Sun, 26 Apr 2020 11:46:45 AM -0400
Subject: Re: PLEASE READ -- Re: Please read and acknowledge receipt -- Actions needed regarding 2R01AI110964-06
From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >; [REDACTED]@bu.edu;

Jerry and Peter,

This is sent from my gmail account. Please send all replies here To gmail

I have let Tony know but have not spoken to him directly. There are things I can't say except Tony is aware and I have learned that there are ongoing efforts within NIH to steer through this with minimal damage to you, Peter, and colleagues, and to nih and niaid. No guarantees, but let us hope. I imagine this will be handled at the level of Francis and Tony, within nih, and I don't expect to be in the loop.

I don't have any insight into what happened or how it happened, but the fact that your termination letter came from "Building 1", that is, the NIH directors office, and not from NIAID, is telling

Whatever is going on, I very much doubt that Tony or any of our niaid leadership would willfully throw you under the bus, or any grantee, for that matter. Indeed, I expect we would do everything possible to protect you. I have reason to believe that there are already efforts going on to protect you

What I said on the phone last night stands. I urge you to meet asap with this guy Lauer and with Eric and Emily. Lauer may well decline to meet with you, but I think you should press him. You have a right to demand a face to face explanation for such an unprecedented action. If your grant is from DMID Virology you may also want to meet with Virology Branch Chief Mark Challberg, and of course with Cristina, who is Emily's deputy and a respiratory virologist. These DMID folks will be your advocates. If any part of the grant goes through Columbia, or UNC (isn't that where Ralph is?), or any University, they may be able to apply pressure too.

If you can get down here, these meetings should be in person, although of course many nih folks are working from home, so that may not be possible.

In the meantime I would NOT go to the press. The first step is to find out in detail what happened and what your rights are. But I would line up advocates, as I suggested and Jerry as well. The press may find out about this in any case, but I think if so it is better to let friends defend you than for you to fight on your own. At least for now. Of course, however this plays out in the short term, it will end up in the public domain and the truth will come out. So hold on to that certainty, small comfort now, I know

Finally, I am so sorry you and your colleagues are going through this. You don't deserve it; if anything you deserve a medal. Please hang in there and press ahead firmly but collegiality

As a coda, Tony knows about your work. Sometime around 1 Feb I sent him an email outlining your work over recent years, and why it was so important to science. This was mostly because I anticipated new money, but also in the back of my mind was the possibility that something really dark like this could happen

Again, whatever role NIH might be playing in these events, I truly expect that we will be doing what is possible to protect you and your research over the long haul

I think I need another Scotch, and it's only 1145 am
David

Sent from my iPhone

David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Apr 26, 2020, at 06:43, Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov > wrote:

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH
Begin forwarded message:

From: "Keusch, Gerald T" [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
Date: April 25, 2020 at 22:03:15 EDT
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Cc: Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >, "Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E]" [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >
Subject: RE: PLEASE READ -- Re: Please read and acknowledge receipt -- Actions needed regarding 2R01AI110964-06

Thanks Peter,

I know Dave Morens – everybody knows Dave Morens. I had another thought about this and it would be to alert Victor Dzau who works very closely with Tony, of course, and even though I consider myself a friend as well as a colleague I think Victor would have a pretty direct route to Tony. It is an issue the National Academies should be interested in, and have some traction. We need to get Peggy Hamburg involved to bring AAAS on board. It is like the Bush administration attempts to control NIH but on steroids. Anyone but an idiot would understand why it is essential to maintain our scientific connections with China so that we can engage with them to figure out what happened. What the Trump idiots are doing is totally and absolutely counterproductive. I do think – as we discussed yesterday – that for the moment keeping cool is the best strategy. But influential people need to know and its probably better if you are not directly involved.

I watched the session on COVID-19 this afternoon for the Academies meeting via Zoom or some platform. Tony, Jeremy, George Gao, Sanjay Gupta, Susan Weiss, and Richard Hatchett, All of the questions about the emergence and the reservoir or spillover host for which there is no information are the strengths of your programs and your collaborations. How absolutely stupid to close those off, but how absolutely unacceptable it is from the perspective of the separation of politics and science in a free society. That Francis would allow it is hard to believe. That Tony would allow it is even harder to believe – and for that reason I expect it is at levels below him and he is too busy at the moment trying to keep focused on rational decision making while the idiot in chief

tells us to swallow a UV-C lamp or shove it up out butt – I can tell you whose butt I would shove it – and for good measure have a Chloroxitini or just do a total cleansing with H2O2 (the rationale would be if H2O is good for us wouldn't H2O2 be better, after all it would have another one of those O's whatever they are.

Dave, get in touch so we might strategize, and for certain reasons keep Peter out of the loop.

Jerry

From: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 9:28 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
Cc: Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >; David Morens [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >
[REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >
Subject: RE: PLEASE READ -- Re: Please read and acknowledge receipt -- Actions needed regarding 2R01A1110964-06
Importance: High

Jerry – great to read this – thanks for your support.

I also spoke with David Morens today who was equally shocked and said this has never happened. He also said there are influential people who would come to our defense at the right moment. In the meantime, he's going to talk with Greg Folkers (Chief of Staff for Tony Fauci) to find out if Tony knows, and why it happened. He's then going to let Tony know. I think you and him are on the same page in that you're both right that this is a clear political interference in NIH business. Trump said at his press briefing Friday 17th that he would 'end' the grant, and one week later I got the termination notice from NIH.

In the meantime, we're working on a short draft of how we could have easily changed the geography to the countries adjacent to China, as we proposed to Erik Stemmy and Emily Erbelding. We'll be talking with them next week early to try and find out why this happened. We won't respond to the termination notice (Michael Lauer) until we've found out more.

FYI – re. the FOIA - I'm contacting the FBI to talk about the risk of our FOIA and how I've been threatened by QANON related to this and our Chinese colleagues have had their lives threatened.

I'm not going to talk to the media about this, not our representatives, until I've tried all possible ways with NIAID/NIH to change the decision from a cancelation. I'm also very concerned that Trump could target our organization or me personally, leading to our EIDRC being nixed and we don't even have an NoA on that, so it could quietly disappear.

I'll get back in touch with you once I've found out more from Erik Stemmy, Emily Erbelding and Cristina Cassetti.

In the meantime is it OK if I email introduce you and David so you could possibly coordinate in some way, or at least stay in touch? Right now I'm feeling particularly vulnerable – the power of the President is pointed at us, the CIA, FBI and someone from Medical Defense Intelligence (or something) are interviewing staff, QAnon are threatening me, and our colleagues in China have death threats against them. That's just this week! Having you out there talking with others at this level is extremely important right now.

By the way, here's a list of our Board: <https://www.ecohealthalliance.org/board-of-directors>

It includes two people you know – Jim Hughes (former head of NCID/CDC, Rear Admiral Public Health Service Rtd, Asst. Surgeon General Rtd) and Rita Colwell (Former Head of NSF under 3 presidents: Clinton, Bush sr, Bush Jr – I think). I'll be talking with Jim Hughes tomorrow or Monday and Rita Colwell on our Board meeting Friday.

Cheers,

Peter

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From: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 10:30 PM
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
Cc: Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Subject: RE: PLEASE READ -- Re: Please read and acknowledge receipt -- Actions needed regarding 2R01AI110964-06

Hi Peter and Aleksei,

I want to change my recommendation from earlier this evening. Put the really good Cabernet aside and drink the disinfectant instead. This is an affront to science, after the language in the first letter and your response to comply. It must be challenged. The question is not only how but also when – certainly not before the EIDRC funding comes through. And then in a smart manner. I want to chat again next week – I need the weekend off having just finished the draft report on the R&D preparedness ecosystem for NAM working with Nicki Lurie. There are some smart and very influential people I can talk to - and keep you out of the conversation – when we agree it makes sense. I mentioned Maria Freire from FNIH and Mary Woolley from Research!America. I also thought about Harold Varmus and former Representative John Porter who was a great supporter of NIH (made the doubling happen) and CDC even though he is a Republican. But I too will do nothing for a few days.

Jerry

From: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
Cc: Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Subject: FW: PLEASE READ -- Re: Please read and acknowledge receipt -- Actions needed regarding 2R01AI110964-06
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From: Lauer, Michael (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >; Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Cc: Black, Jodi (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov >; Stemmy, Erik (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov >;
Erbelding, Emily (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov >; Linde, Emily (NIH/NIAID) [E] <
[REDACTED]@mail.nih.gov>; Lauer, Michael (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov >; Bulls, Michelle G. (NIH/OD)
[E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov >
Subject: PLEASE READ -- Re: Please read and acknowledge receipt -- Actions needed regarding
2R01AI110964-06
Importance: High

Dear Dr. Chmura and Dr. Daszak

Please see attached.

Sincerely,
Michael S Lauer, MD

Michael S Lauer, MD
NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research
1 Center Drive, Building 1, Room 144
Bethesda, MD 20892
Phone: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]@nih.gov

From: Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 1:50 PM
To: "Lauer, Michael (NIH/OD) [E]" [REDACTED]@nih.gov >
Cc: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >, "Black, Jodi (NIH/OD) [E]" <
[REDACTED]@nih.gov >, "Stemmy, Erik (NIH/NIAID) [E]" [REDACTED]@nih.gov >, "Erbelding,
Emily (NIH/NIAID) [E]" [REDACTED]@nih.gov >
Subject: Re: Please read and acknowledge receipt -- Actions needed regarding 2R01AI110964-06

Dear Mike,

I read that we are in agreement and in compliance with all requests. Please let us know if anything further is required. We will continue in our usual close communication with our Program Officer Erik Stemmy.

Sincerely,

-Aleksei

Aleksei Chmura
Chief of Staff &
Authorized Organizational Representative

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On Apr 21, 2020, at 19:28, Lauer, Michael (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov > wrote:

Many thanks Peter for your response.

We note that:

- No monies have gone to WIV on the Type 2 award and no contract has been signed.
- You agree that you will not provide any funds to WIV until and unless directed otherwise by NIH.
- All foreign sites for the Type 1 and Type 2 awards have been documented in the progress reports submitted to NIH.

We appreciate your working with us.

Best, Mike

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NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research
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From: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 7:07 PM
To: "Lauer, Michael (NIH/OD) [E]" [REDACTED]@nih.gov >
Cc: "Black, Jodi (NIH/OD) [E]" [REDACTED]@nih.gov >, Aleksei Chmura < [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >, "Stemmy, Erik (NIH/NIAID) [E]" [REDACTED]@nih.gov >, "Erbelding, Emily (NIH/NIAID) [E]" [REDACTED]@nih.gov >
Subject: RE: Please read and acknowledge receipt -- Actions needed regarding 2R01AI110964-06

Dear Michael – Confirming receipt of your email. I'm also cc'ing the following people so they're aware of this request:

1. Our AOR – Dr. Aleksei Chmura, who has access to all our records
2. My Program Officer for this award, Dr. Erik Stemmy & the Division Director (DMID), Dr. Emily Erberding, so they are informed and aware of the request and our response.

That said we need some time to go through the request for information and will provide this as quickly as we can.

However, **I can categorically state that no funds form 2R01AI110964-06 have been sent to Wuhan Institute of Virology, nor has any contract been signed.** Furthermore, we will comply with NIAID requirements, of course.

Concerning the request for information on all of the sites linked to this award in China, you should be aware that these are documented in our progress reports over the course of the grant. As you can understand we are under enormous pressure to generate data related to the current pandemic, and we do not want to divert staff to this effort. We are hoping the previously filed reports will satisfy this request.

We are well aware of the political concerns over the origins of this outbreak. Our collaboration with Wuhan Institute of Virology has been scientific and we have been consistently impressed with the scientific capabilities of that laboratory and its research staff. Our joint work has led to a series of critical papers published in high impact journals that served to raise awareness of the future threat coronaviruses pose for global health and therefore US national security. Scientific insights with epidemiological significance have been jointly published and our relationship has always been open and transparent and with one concern only, scientific validity. We are concerned that current actions may jeopardize 15 years of fruitful collaboration with colleagues in Wuhan, who are working at the leading edge to design vaccines and drugs that could help us fight this new threat in future years. It is quite remarkable that of the 5 vaccine candidates listed by WHO that are already in human trials, 3 have been developed in China. That said, we of course will do all we can to make sure any further questions from NIH or any Federal agency are addressed to our fullest knowledge.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Lauer, Michael (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Kevin Olival [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
Cc: Naomi Schrag [REDACTED]@columbia.edu>; Black, Jodi (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov>; Lauer, Michael (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov>
Subject: Re: Please read and acknowledge receipt -- Actions needed regarding 2R01AI110964-06
Importance: High

Thank you Kevin

- We need to work with a senior responsible business official – usually PI's and senior business officials are different people.
- When I looked you up on the web, I see the Columbia logo (see attached screenshot). Specifically, it

appears to be Columbia University > Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology > EcoHealth Alliance (labeled as an "Affiliation/Department"). Thus the web profile makes it look to me as if EcoHealth Alliance is linked to Columbia University.

- In any case, I'm looping in Dr. Daszak.
- We need to know all sites in China that have been in any way linked to this award (Type 1 and Type 2). We have data in NIH, but we want to make absolutely sure that we're of the same understanding.

We greatly appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Best, Mike

Michael S Lauer, MD
NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research
1 Center Drive, Building 1, Room 144
Bethesda, MD 20892
Phone: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]@nih.gov

From: Kevin Olival [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 at 4:14 PM
To: "Lauer, Michael (NIH/OD) [E]" [REDACTED]@nih.gov >
Cc: Naomi Schrag [REDACTED]@columbia.edu >, "Black, Jodi (NIH/OD) [E]" <[REDACTED]@nih.gov >
Subject: Re: Please read and acknowledge receipt -- Actions needed regarding 2R01AI110964-06

Dear Mike,

I received the attached letter, however please note:

1. I am not the PI on this award. You should contact Dr. Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org) who is the PI and leading this project for EcoHealth Alliance.
2. Columbia University is not involved in this NIH project, and it is not clear to me why Naomi and Columbia University were included.

Thank you,
Kevin

Kevin J. Olival, PhD
Vice President for Research

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On Apr 20, 2020, at 2:16 PM, Lauer, Michael (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov > wrote:

Many thanks Naomi – it would be helpful for us to know about all China-based participants in this work since the Type 1 grant started in 2014 – who they were and how much money they received.

The sooner you can get us that information, the better.

Best, Mike

From: Naomi Schrag [REDACTED]@columbia.edu >
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 11:59 AM
To: "Lauer, Michael (NIH/OD) [E]" [REDACTED]@nih.gov >, "
[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org " [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >, Naomi Schrag <
[REDACTED]@columbia.edu >
Cc: "Black, Jodi (NIH/OD) [E]" [REDACTED]@nih.gov >
Subject: RE: Please read and acknowledge receipt -- Actions needed regarding
2R01AI110964-06

Dear Dr. Lauer,
I am acknowledging receipt of this letter and will get back to you as soon as I can.
Sincerely,
Naomi Schrag

From: Lauer, Michael (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov >
Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 11:00 AM
To: [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org ; Naomi Schrag [REDACTED]@columbia.edu >
Cc: Black, Jodi (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov >
Subject: Please read and acknowledge receipt -- Actions needed regarding 2R01AI110964-06
Importance: High

Dear Dr. Olival and Ms. Schrag

Please see attached.

Many thanks, Mike

Michael S Lauer, MD
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Phone: [REDACTED]
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Date: Wed, 24 Feb 2021 2:11:47 PM -0500
Sent: Wed, 24 Feb 2021 2:11:45 PM -0500
Subject: RE: Briefing Tony
From: "Keusch, Gerald T" <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>
To: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>;

Trash stuff. Any news outlet with a heading for Patriots on their banner is one I would normally avoid. I think this, and the republicans gambit mentioned in the article (which of course is full of innuendo, hyperbole, and out of context associations), make it even more important to brief Tony on the WHO team visit to China.

Before there is a knee jerk response to the provocation, it would be wise to think more carefully about any next step to take.

Jerry

From: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 1:53 PM
To: David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Cc: Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>
Subject: Re: Briefing Tony

Apologies - here's the story: <https://dailycaller.com/2021/02/23/gop-lawmakers-demand-nih-investigation-wuhan/>

Cheers,

Peter

Peter Daszak
(Sent from my iPhone)

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On Feb 24, 2021, at 1:14 PM, Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org> wrote:

Here's the latest bullshit from the Republicans. My problem is that the White House says "no plans to continue funding". It's very disappointing. I mean there is actually still NO evidence that the virus escaped from the lab, for F's sake!

Cheers,

Peter

Peter Daszak
(Sent from my iPhone)

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On Feb 24, 2021, at 9:21 AM, David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

You are right, i need to be more careful. However, as i mentioned once before, i learned from our foia lady here how to make emails disappear after i am foia'd but before the search starts, so i think we are all safe. Plus i deleted most of those earlier emails after sending them to gmail. D

Sent from my iPhone

David M Morens

OD, NIAID, NIH

On Feb 23, 2021, at 21:53, Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu> wrote:

We need you alive and well, so pay attention to the email address you use. If you get FOIA'ed and have to respond it will have Peter and, of lesser importance, me on the correspondence. The less we provide the enemy the better.

That said, thanks for planting the seed for this conversation to be. It will provide Tony with insights and it will be Peter who provides them - pointing out how amazingly connected (and important) he, Peter, is. Tony too.

Jerry

Gerald T. Keusch, M.D.
Professor of Medicine
Associate Director
National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratory
Boston University, Boston MA 02118

-----Original Message-----

From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com >

Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:36 PM

To: Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu >

Cc: Peter Daszak ([REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org) <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >

Subject: Re: Briefing Tony

Thanks for reminding me, but I am pretty sure it is OK now to use my NIH email because 1) I haven't been a bad boy, and 2) the brown shirts have left town, and 3) it is no longer a cardinal sin to know Dr. Daszak!

However, your point is well taken, as I often do say subversive things without realizing it.....

I wonder what Tony is thinking about Peter's grant situation. He hasn't told anyone as far as I know, and we won't bring it up. he might do so, but I would be surprised.

Also, Peter, I heard t5hat he want's Cliff Lane to be on that call. You may remember that Cliff went to China last spring to look at the COVID situation. david

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david..... PS, I will be on Public Health Service deployment from 10 December 2020 until 23 January 2021. During this time I will have limited access to email and phone contact. Ty, dmm

Date: Tue, 30 Mar 2021 5:30:37 PM -0400
Sent: Tue, 30 Mar 2021 5:30:34 PM -0400
Subject: RE: Response to Michael Lauer letters
From: "Roberts, Rich" <[REDACTED]@neb.com>
To: David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>;
CC: Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>; [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org;

One has to be careful with subtlety! We are not always dealing with individuals who understand the word.

Rich

Richard J. Roberts

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
USA
Tel: [REDACTED]
Fax: [REDACTED]
email: [REDACTED]@neb.com

From: David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 5:26 PM
To: Roberts, Rich <[REDACTED]@neb.com>
Cc: Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>; [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org
Subject: Re: Response to Michael Lauer letters

EXTERNAL SENDER

Rich is correct. An alternative strategy might be to start out by saying, subtly, that this is outrageous. No individual grantee has ever, in the history of nih, been asked to guarantee the political actions of another nation. This subcontract was a scientist to scientist collaborative agreement, not a commitment to surveil and validate the political actions of another nation.

It really is outrageous. What does the ACIU say on this? D

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Mar 30, 2021, at 16:36, Roberts, Rich <[REDACTED]@neb.com> wrote:

Sorry – I forgot to copy you on this.

Rich

Richard J. Roberts
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Fax: [REDACTED]
email: [REDACTED]@neb.com

From: Roberts, Rich
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 3:43 PM
To: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
Subject: FW: Response to Michael Lauer letters

Peter:

I agree with most of Dave's suggestions. I have added a few comments myself. My biggest concern is that you are being asked to do things that no ordinary grantee would be expected either to do, or be able to do. If you really wanted to carry through on a number of these items you should join the CIA.

Rich

Richard J. Roberts

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email: [REDACTED]@neb.com

From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 1:08 PM
To: Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; Keusch, Jerry <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>; Roberts, Rich <[REDACTED]@neb.com>
>
Cc: Aleksei Chmura <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
Subject: Re: Response to Michael Lauer letters

EXTERNAL SENDER

Peter, attached some edits for consideration. In general I think it makes the right points and presents a strong case. My comments are mostly minor word-smithing, plus clarifying and simplifying as much as possible, since this will probably be read by Lauer but will perhaps be leaked and read by many others. david

On 3/29/2021 2:10 AM, Peter Daszak wrote:

Hi Jerry, David, and Rich

I can't remember which of you offered to review our draft response to Michael Lauer at NIH, but it would be very helpful if one of you could. I'm sending it to my pro bono lawyers as well, and they'll rip into it, but your advice and edits (using track changes) would be most helpful...

By the way, the WHO report comes out Tuesday morning our time (I think).

I'll have a final draft version tomorrow that I'll try to get out to you early.

Cheers,

Peter

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Date: Mon, 25 Oct 2021 6:37:15 AM -0400
Sent: Mon, 25 Oct 2021 6:36:35 AM -0400
Subject: RE: Short version of our response to NIH - bullets for sharing.
From: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
To: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >;
CC: Keusch, Gerald T. [REDACTED]@bu.edu>; Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>;

Thanks for the comments David – I'll incorporate them today.

Cheers,

Peter

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From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 6:31 AM
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Cc: Keusch, Gerald T. [REDACTED]@bu.edu>; Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Subject: Re: Short version of our response to NIH - bullets for sharing.

Peter, this is an excellent draft. I will suggest some wordsmithing tweets later today. d

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Oct 25, 2021, at 00:22, Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org > wrote:

David,

Attached is a single sheet with bullets explaining why Dr. Tabak was wrong and hopefully convincing folks at NIH to stop criticizing EHA's reporting compliance.

Please don't share the full letter yet – we'll edit that and get it to NIH by Tuesday hopefully.

I'm also worried that folks at NIH might use it to further twist the knife so they can avoid looking like they made a mistake

– which they did!

Cheers,

Peter

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Date: Wed, 22 Jul 2020 7:33:09 PM -0400
Sent: Wed, 22 Jul 2020 7:33:05 PM -0400
Subject: Re: Thanks! and a couple requests.... FW: Manuscript submitted - AJTMH-20-0849
From: "Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E]" <[REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >
To: Tom Monath <[REDACTED]@crozetbiopharma.com >;
David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com >; Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu >;
[REDACTED]@cybersafe.net; Taubenberger, Jeffery (NIH/NIAID) [E]
CC: [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >; Breman, Joel (NIH/FIC) [V] [REDACTED]@mail.nih.gov >;
James Leduc [REDACTED]@utmb.edu >; Laura D Kramer [REDACTED]@health.ny.gov >; Peter
Doherty [REDACTED]@unimelb.edu.au >; Hahn, Beatrice [REDACTED]@pennmedicine.upenn.edu >;
Attachments: image001.gif; image002.jpg; image001.gif; image002.jpg

Tom, very kind of you! Serious?? Moi??? I try not to be, else i might get depressed. But any kind of tini, quarantini, or any other ini, would be good in my current state Of working 14-16 hour days 7 days a week. Thanks to you and our co authors in moving this forward. I am beginning to think that science is a form of ethics. D

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Jul 22, 2020, at 19:02, Tom Monath <[REDACTED]@crozetbiopharma.com > wrote:

You are funny Dave but also SERIOUS. I wish I could buy you a tini at a real bar instead of your Quarantini

Thomas P Monath MD FASTMH
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Managing Director & CSO
Crozet BioPharma LLC
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From: David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com >
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To: Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu >
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I am actually imbibing a double, or is it a triple???, martini at the moment. Not sure of the amount of EtOH because i just poured until my elbow got sore. But the olive at the bottom is hard to see. No hot tub in my condo. I tried to nNegotiate a jacuzzi but they balked, and i caved. In any case now that i am divorced what good is a hot tub or jacuzzi? If i am lucky enough to find a girlfriend i will spring for a jacuzzi, upgrade my wine cooler, get a mattress that will take more of a pounding, and stop working so hard. In the meantime, i will work at my job of trying to make the boss look good. D

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Jul 22, 2020, at 17:38, Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu> wrote:

Maybe a communal hot tub but individual strong drinks? Just one caveat, I will pass on the chlorox or other disinfectant cocktail.

Jerry

From: [REDACTED]@cybersafe.net [REDACTED]@cybersafe.net >
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 5:10 PM
To: 'David Morens' [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Cc: 'Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E]' [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>; 'Taubenberger, Jeffery (NIH/NIAID) [E]' <[REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>; 'Breman, Joel (NIH/FIC) [V]' <[REDACTED]@mail.nih.gov>; [REDACTED]@crozetbiopharma.com; 'James Leduc' [REDACTED]@utmb.edu>; 'Laura D Kramer' <[REDACTED]@health.ny.gov>; Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu>; 'Peter Doherty' [REDACTED]@unimelb.edu.au>; 'Hahn, Beatrice' [REDACTED]@pennmedicine.upenn.edu >
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You have it wrong. One does not off a tall building, one jumps over a tall building: "Faster than a speeding bullet! More powerful than a locomotive! Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound!" I am sure you can do it, but certainly not because some phylogeneticist suggests it.

Go take a hot bath and a strong drink. All will be well.

Charlie

From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 3:00 PM
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If there is a single mistake, don't blame me. Forgive. I spent a huge amount of time with several hundred coauthor emails, often at cross purposes, trying to get things right. Cathi Siegel dropped everything to pitch in, preventing me from jumping off a tall building. Even so, Beatrice emailed me at the last minute with an overlooked mistake. I am learning that phylogeneticists are people who have an endless supply of "gotchas" up their sleeves.

Thanks also for your schoolmarmishness. Getting things absolutely-freaking-right is always worth it, no matter the pain. I am a bit OCD i guess. D

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Jul 22, 2020, at 16:24, [REDACTED]@cybersafe.net" <[REDACTED]@cybersafe.net> wrote:

Ya done good, son. Your and others' hard work paid off.

I look forward to seeing it in print, or whatever one calls it these days.

Charlie

From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Taubenberger, Jeffery (NIH/NIAID) [E] <[REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >; Breman, Joel (NIH/FIC) [V] [REDACTED]@mail.nih.gov >; [REDACTED]@crozetbiopharma.com; Charles H Calisher <[REDACTED]@cybersafe.net >; James Leduc [REDACTED]@utmb.edu >; Laura D Kramer <[REDACTED]@health.ny.gov >; Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >; Peter Doherty <[REDACTED]@unimelb.edu.au >; Hahn, Beatrice [REDACTED]@penncmedicine.upenn.edu >
David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com) [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Subject: RE: Thanks! and a couple requests.... FW: Manuscript submitted - AJTMH-20-0849

Dear colleagues,

The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene will publish our paper on the origin of COVID-19 by putting up a pre-print version at 5 PM today, Eastern Standard time (www.astmh.org).

Thank you all for your contribution to this effort, which is a small step in defending the importance of what we do as scientists.

Also at 5 PM today the Journal will publish a “go-with” editorial from ASTMH leadership which is very hard hitting in criticizing governmental steps to stifle scientific and public health freedom as well as international cooperation, specifically mentioning the termination of the important NIH grant on coronaviruses that has been of particular concern to all of us (and which is inferentially mentioned strongly in the text and references of our paper), as well as the recent US decision to withdraw from WHO.

You have all had a chance to see the galley of our paper, and I have made all of the corrections you suggested. Editor Phil Rosenthal and Managing Editor Cathi Siegel have been wonderful in turning this around quickly. They assure us that if we find errors we missed they can still be corrected before the article appears in “hard copy”, although this applies only to minor things, not addition of new ideas. One of you actually caught a last-minute one-word error I hadn’t been aware of, and although this will be visible on tonight’s posting they will fix it in the morning.

Thanks to all!



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Date: Thu, 18 Nov 2021 10:14:33 PM -0500
Sent: Thu, 18 Nov 2021 10:14:32 PM -0500
Subject: RE: Opinion for WaPo
From: "Keusch, Gerald T" <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>
To: David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>;

Hi David,

Many thanks for the Worobey article. Its an important step forward in building the evidence base. FYI the Task Force continues its work and is currently structuring a report and beginning to write.

I will be in touch with others about this paper and other pertinent matters. I presume this is your optimal email address.

Jerry

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From: David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 5:07 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>
Subject: Re: Opinion for WaPo

Jerry,

I am updating you on my computer and gag order situation.

With the help of our IT folks, I went over the whole computer and phone situation. They loaded some anti-hacking software on my phone and discussed the situation with me.

Basically, my gmail is now safe from FOIA and hacking on all of my devices, including government computer and phone, and my private computer and iPad.

Thus it should be safe to communicate safely with you, Peter, and others, as long as we use my private gmail.

You may have noticed that I have intentionally forwarded you news clips I get daily, sent from my govt email, but that is ok as long as you don't reply to that email. I have done this because this should not show up in a FOIA, is innocuous as it's just forwarding a third party item already in the public domain, and because it saves me forwarding to my own gmail and then on to you.

Please pass this on to Peter and I ask you both that NOTHING gets sent to me except to my gmail, and make sure that what gets sent to my gmail doesn't have a cc to another government employee who could be FOIA'd.

Today is day 2 of the Trop Med meetings and Peter gave a great if pre-recorded talk. I congratulated him on the talk with my name signed in the chat session associated with his talk.

On Tuesday and again today I had face to face meetings with Tony to discuss science issues. He seems much

less alarmed and even a bit philosophical about the whole thing. He asked how Peter was doing, as he often does, and seemed to commiserate with him to a degree.

You may be amused at the following aside that was a big surprise to me. He was asking my opinion about what is wrong with CDC and in the process said, out of the blue, that it was HE who got Rochelle Wolensky her job as CDC director by lobbying for her to Ron Klain.

Well, she does wear a skirt.... I poured a little cold water on her but he was undeterred in thinking she is the cat's pajamas....

His main interest at the moment is making "universal" coronavirus vaccines, the COVID-19 end game, and things related to COVID immunity.

He's asked me to co-write with him 2 or 3 papers on these subjects, this being in the context of giving him ideas to communicate in his weekly WH press conferences and meeting with Biden's higher ups on a regular basis, plus being on TV.

Please give my best wishes to you-know-who david David M. Morens, [REDACTED]

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On Fri, Nov 12, 2021 at 11:24 PM Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu> wrote:

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> Hi David,

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> On the basis of the Holden Thorpe piece in Science you sent I revised my last version of the Opinion and didn't mind going over the suggested word count by 125 words. I figured if what I wrote was compelling enough they would allow the small change increase in words.

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> So although it was my intention I didn't work with the edited version you spent time on. My thanks for doing it, but with the Science editorial I felt the window to submit was closing as there would be other follow up editorials and letters etc. I also felt I couldn't let EHA off the hook entirely, as Thorpe points out there were missteps on the part of both EHA and NIH. But my focus was squarely on NIH, Collins and Tabak. And besides, NIH dealt in misinformation, and EHA was not in front of the inevitable attacks they could and should have anticipated, or as Thorpe says "a self-inflicted wound" but not arising from the deception NIH was engaged in.

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> I sent it on to WaPo this afternoon. I will let you know what, if anything they say.

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> Jerry

Date: Fri, 14 May 2021 7:12:03 AM -0400
Sent: Fri, 14 May 2021 7:10:40 AM -0400
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
From: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu>; Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>; Roberts, Rich [REDACTED]@neb.com>;

Yes - you're right. In fact, this began at the WHO press conference in Wuhan when Peter Ben Embarek said further work on the lab leak hypothesis was 'off the table'. Actually, the report stated we only recommended further work if evidence was identified that could be followed up. The categorization of 'extremely unlikely' was simply putting this in the 'least likely' bucket as you say.

Cheers,

Peter

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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

I think maybe we should say it is the least likely hypothesis, and it would be useful if we were able to join with others including the Chinese to do broader, deeper, more systematic investigation, and the sooner the better rather than being dismissive. It's the latter that stirs the pot for those whose pot is ripe for stirring.

Jerry

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I think that's good.... I have known him for years and have always found him to be careful, thorough and fair. He is always curious, more interested in understanding things than getting g a hot story. But, as I said, he doesn't sound certain the lab hypothesis is almost impossible.

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He asked who the small band of scientists I referred to were, and I told him he could probably figure it out.

He sounds reasonable and smart, and on your recommendation I fired both barrels.

Jerry

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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.

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Cc: Peter Daszak ([REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org)

[REDACTED]@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

Just off the phone with Arthur Allen from Kaiser Family Foundation News, thanks to an introduction from David. I spent 45 minutes talking to him about this GOF stuff, and why that was a pejorative term being used to drum up support to ban certain kinds of research into evolutionary biology of viruses and viral pathogenesis, with the ban being far more dangerous than any possible leak of a created super pathogen. Peter, I characterized you as a hero. Don't disappoint me or undermine my credibility (said tongue in cheek to be absolutely clear). In response to a question I said you were the member of the WHO team who would most want to find out if there was a leak of virus from the laboratory because your integrity as a scientist would want to know how this virus became a human pandemic so that we can try to better prevent it in the first place, and if not find it as quickly as possible in order to stop it from spreading. So while on the list of priorities the emergence from bats through some mammal to spillover to humans was at the very top, and lab origin was at the very bottom, you would not be the one to eliminate the latter from the list. That said, I do think that after characterizing it as highly unlikely, it was a mistake for the WHO report to say it should not be explored any further. I suspect that was more an offering to the Chinese to keep the door open to the next step in the investigation than anything else. After all, it would not be at all possible if the Chinese didn't actually agree to allow it to happen.

I also saw the Garry paper this morning and not only brought it to Allen's attention (he said he had just become aware of it 30 minutes before we spoke) but I also characterized it as the first piece of actual field derived evidence to evaluate, and really very powerful evidence that the evolution of the precursor virus to CoV-2 happened in nature and not in a lab. I think he will look at it carefully and use it.

We also talked politics and the consequences of continuing expression of

concerns about GOF research, with my take that if certain lines of research were cut off instead of managed/regulated/overseen the lost benefits for humankind would so overwhelm the miniscule chance of unintended harm like an asymptomatic infected person leaving a lab and initiating a global pandemic resulting in (according to Chris Murray et al) more than 900,000 deaths in the US to date, and over 7 million global deaths and counting as the deadly outbreak in India continues to wreak havoc, and without doubt spread to other countries, travel bans or not. I made the analogy to recombinant DNA, and more recently to CRIPR where the benefits overwhelm the chance of inadvertent harm. And I said the small number of scientists who are on this bandwagon can really harm the future of science to explore, understand, and use knowledge about microbial evolution and pathogenesis to develop treatment, vaccines, and diagnostics, playing into the hands of the crazies, the conspiracy community, and scientifically illiterate so called communities of conscience or those who have no concern for the common good.

I asked him to do a good job in his write up. He promised, and I will hold him to it if I can figure out how to accomplish that.

Jerry

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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

I agree. I have only skimmed it too, so will have to really read it carefully. Also it will be helpful for independent phylogeneticists to take a look. David

Sent from my iPhone
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> On May 13, 2021, at 10:53, Roberts, Rich [REDACTED]@neb.com > wrote:
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> David:
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> That is a very interesting article. I will have to read it more fully, but
> on quickly skimming through it does make a strong argument against the
> lab-leak theory.
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> Rich
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No surprise about that FoIA - don't forget we've had one Republican filing a law to defund EcoHealth (<https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr591/BILLS-117hr591ih.pdf>), another calling for EcoHealth to be defunded in the NY Post piece, and Pompeo banging on about Wuhan once every couple of weeks.

All of this will likely go nowhere significant, but expect more foias....

Cheers,

Peter

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Subject: Re: Briefing Tony

It's more in the line of govt secret, but too complicated to explain in an email. But I learned the tricks last year from an old friend, Marg Moore, who heads our FOIA office and also hates FOIAs.

Incidentally, Tony and I and a few other people here all got a huge FOIA yesterday seeking any and all documents, emails, etc., that mention the words "Wuhan Institute" or "WIV". It appears that this comes from folks tied to politics, who want specifically to know about anything NIH has had to do with WIV, or any scientists working with WIV. The original request was I think far broader, but we negotiated it down to just those two terms. Your names will not show up in this FOIA, at least not from my info. d

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david..... PS, I will be on Public Health Service deployment from 10 December 2020 until 23 January 2021. During this time I will have limited access to email and phone contact. Ty, dmm

Date: Fri, 28 May 2021 6:37:33 PM -0400
Sent: Fri, 28 May 2021 6:33:51 PM -0400
Subject: RE: FW: OGC has placed a temporary hold on all releases having to do with EcoHealth Alliance/Wuhan Institute of Virology
From: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
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Attachments: image001.gif; image002.jpg; image003.png

Sounds like good news to me. On a cynical note, I suspect HHS is doing this because they feel that Tony Fauci & Francis Collins are under pressure, and they don't want more mud to be slung around, even if it's mis-quoted, out-of-context garbage from our grants etc.

Frankly, I think it was prob a mistake to allow anything of EHAs to be FoIA'd in the first place, given that these conspiracy folks are just pulling things completely out of context and feeding them to people like Rand Paul and other nut-jobs. Again, it's a case of HHS, NIH not stepping up in anyway at all to defend an organization they fund that was already under attack thanks to their actions.

The US Right to Know chief was bragging on Twitter last week that they'd filed 70!! FoIA requests related to Wuhan, EcoHealth, NIH etc.

Cheers,

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From our FOIA office. Not clear what it means.....d

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Importance: High

Good morning all,

We have just received word from HHS Oversight via OGC that we should not release anything having to do with EcoHealth Alliance/WIV. We don't have any more information at the moment but hope to know more by Tuesday. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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Date: Thu, 11 Nov 2021 10:07:10 PM -0500
Sent: Thu, 11 Nov 2021 10:07:03 PM -0500
Subject: RE: WaPo
From: "Keusch, Gerald T" [REDACTED]@bu.edu>
To: David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>;

He won't be happy with me bringing the dirty laundry to the Washington Post, although he is nowhere named or will be implicated. Its all at the level of Collins and Tabak.

Gerald T. Keusch, M.D.
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National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratory
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-----Original Message-----

From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 8:34 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
Subject: Re: WaPo

He hasn't said anything further, but it was his own mistatements and my effort to fill him in that got him so upset and tell me to have no more communications with Peter. My sense is that he knows he stepped in it and is lying low. d

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

> On Nov 11, 2021, at 18:24, Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu > wrote:

>
> Thanks for taking the time to do this. I am working to get to a version I can submit asap, and this will help me greatly.

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> By the way, have you heard anything from Tony regarding his comments that EHA will suffer administrative consequences for failing to report the chimeric bat virus experimental results in the humanized mice on time? Its unfortunate he had those talking points before he knew it was just plain wrong.

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> Jerry

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
> Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 4:55 PM
> To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
> Subject: Re: WaPo

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> Jerry, you will probably hate this picky word-smithing but I did it to get down under 1000 words. It's now 993 words if you take out my yellow high-lighted comments to you.

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> There are two doc here, the one ending in 2021 being the one with "track changes", and the one ending in accfep being a cleaned up version in which I accepted my own edits so that it can be read more clearly. I also id a few additional minor tweaks on that one.

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> So, just some suggestions to take or leave in the important effort to
> get this issue in print where it belongs. david
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> is apparently not correctable. If you don't hear from me in a
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> NIAID address
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>> On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 3:21 PM David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

>> Jerry, thanks, I will take a look now, and get back to you.

>> On another subject I think I have the info and input from IT that I
>> need to be able to communicate safely using ONLY gmail. More on that
>> later. david David M. Morens, [REDACTED]

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>>> On Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 11:28 PM Keusch, Gerald T <[REDACTED]@bu.edu> wrote:

>>> The Op-Ed was not considered for publication. With help I got another group at WaPo to agree to review it a potential Opinion piece. I have redrafted the prior Op-Ed and have attached the second version of the new document. I am just 183 words over the suggested length. I would love your comments about the message, the cogency, the logical flow of the argument, identification of gratuitous comments, clarity, and whether or not it is a compelling message for the Post's readership. Where can I cut 200 words out? That NIH, Collins and Tabak may not be happy to see it is not sufficient if it doesn't provoke them to take the necessary action. Can I make it better and/or increase the interest of the Post without descending to the gutter in so doing. This is for the Washington Post, not the Sunday Mail or Fox News.

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>>> Any sense at all of how Tony might respond? I have deliberately left him and NIAID totally out of it. Just curious, not that it should or could dissuade me in any way.

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>>>

>>> Jerry

From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
Cc: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Subject: Re: Zoom meeting with Tony tomorrow

Peter, I will be happy to pour you a glass of pinot noir at the Cosmos Club, next time you are in town... david

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Apr 22, 2021, at 22:35, Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu > wrote:

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David is absolutely right. When you feel the need to vent write to us. Give no interviews. Basically sShut up, and when you open your mouth take a sip of a good red wine.

From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 9:41 PM
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Cc: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
Subject: Re: Zoom meeting with Tony tomorrow

Peter, i must say, and i mean this with respect and aloha, i do agree with Rich and Harold that this may be a time for you to lay low yourself, and let others go to bst for you

I know that must be hard when u are being pilloried, but my sense is that we are at a time when you need to be the victim being saved by noble champions

Will noble champions step up? This is a place where Harold, Rich, Jerry, Victor and others must step in. You can't do this yourself, the assholes are too powerful

Let's all of us work behind the scenes to reverse this injustice. I don't know how, but my boxing gloves are on and laced up. David

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Apr 22, 2021, at 20:44, Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org > wrote:

Great to read this chain. I also spoke with Rich Roberts and will be sending a 2 pager with all the NIH/EHA letters and responses in a timeline, and links to all the political action going on.

I agree with your assessments (both of you) – this is a threat to science, and it's not going away – it's now become more centralized with Biden maintaining a tough-on-China stance, and there are loud people on the left (e.g. Jamie Metzl) and within science (Relman, Lipsitch, Ebright) who are feeding political action and the call for commissions. Note that only yesterday there were two actions of note – the bill on China interference was pass in Senate Committee (Foreign Affairs), with Michael Lauer testifying, and the bill from the nutter Right re. declassifying intelligence on Wuhan.

We need to continue this multi-pronged effort to defend science, even though, as Tony suggested, Harold also, and my Board Chair, I will continue to try to avoid any publicity on this issue at all...

Cheers,

Peter

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From: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 5:47 PM
To: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Cc: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Subject: RE: Zoom meeting with Tony tomorrow

Even more than I could have hoped for. That's great to hear.

Jerry

From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 4:52 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
Cc: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Subject: Re: Zoom meeting with Tony tomorrow

Great news, and i think you are probably exactly tight about Tony. Just a bit ago, I got a call from Rich saying he had just talked to Harold, who went into a bit of a tirade about Francis, I omit the colorful language here, and said he, Harold, would call Tony next week

Rich also said he would be advising Peter to stay away from the press, as that may be fanning the flames with the nutters. D

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Apr 22, 2021, at 16:40, Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu > wrote:

Thanks for doing this David. I suspect that deep down Tony is not naïve, but that he likes to keep a calm and in control public persona.

The optimal way to reach him will be through Harold Varmus, and its good Rich agreed to be in touch with him. I'm purposely not including Rich on this note because I don't want to be seen as pressuring him further. I think he will follow up, he has as good a connection to Harold as I do, and if necessary I will follow up. Harold has consistently stayed in the background when I have asked him about doing certain things or writing certain commentaries etc. but he has not been reluctant to speak rather frankly about Francis and the Lauer affair when he believed it was necessary or he was directly approached by the reporters at Science, for example. I did try to get Jon Cohen and Meredith Wadman moving on a new article but as you know they both declined at this point because it was not

news. I think that was a cop out decision, and depending on what Rich has to say I might just copy Harold on that and see if he is willing to contact them because they will most likely have a different response to him than to me.

We just have to stay on this, not panic, and not waiver from the ultimate goal.

Timing is always critical. So is the messenger. Lander may be the right person, and Harold has indicated to me that he has been in contact with Eric on this issue.

Jerry

From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 3:24 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
Cc: Roberts, Rich [REDACTED]@neb.com >; Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >; Robert Kessler <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >; Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Subject: Re: Zoom meeting with Tony tomorrow

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On Apr 22, 2021, at 15:06, David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com > wrote:

Hi Jerry and colleagues, just spent 40 minutes on Zoom with Tony and one of two possibilities: either we are all unnecessarily alarmed, or else he is not taking the threats seriously

He said repeatedly, in a low key jocular way, that no one could mess with him or niaid since we haven't done anything wrong, apparently not counting as "messing with us" the fact that we had an important research project terminated in an unprecedented manner for political reasons.

He also repeated alot of macho comments about how there is always a guy with an AR-15 right outside his door (true, and sometimes two other armed secret service guys) and everywhere he goes outside the office he has at least two bodyguards, also true...9

I hope he is right that the wackos won't gain any further traction, but i am not so sure. For one thing, there was huge collateral damage a few years back with the H5N1 gain of function mess. It is true that neither Tony nor other NIH staff got into any trouble, but thousands of professional hours were wasted over several years time and, far more importantly, the research moratorium, which went in for years, caused labs across the country to close, or move into other areas, caused lab people on grants to lose their jobs, and grad students to lose their dissertation work and postdocs to lose their projects. It was a mess that ought not to be forgotten

If i had to bet, i would guess that beneath Tony's macho I-am-not-worried reaction he really is concerned. And whatever the case he should be very concerned about what happened to Peter, to our research portfolio in an extremely important area, and to scientific independence

He did not know about either the Miller Commission or the letter from Rep Rogers which i emailed to him on gmail later

I also commented that Lauer's letters to you Peter, and the Rogers letter to you, had alot of overlap and seemed to reflect input of at least one scientist, whether or not one of our grantees. In other words, i feel that regarding those letters someone or someones are working in cahoots with the politicians who wish to do harm to NIH He didn't seem particularly troubled by that.

In the end he said thanks for filling me in and asked me to call him on his private cell phone (which is what i normally do anyway) if i hear anything that might be important

So, i am not sure where things stand. I absolutely DO feel that it would be a good thing if one of you luminaries were to approach him and try to make sure he understood what is going on out there, and perhaps discuss what the larger community of scientists can do to lock arms in unity and push back.

David

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Apr 21, 2021, at 16:24, David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com > wrote:

Thanks, Jerry, i will let you know how it goes, although he may not indicate to me his next steps. The way it works with us is that he tries to never ask me things directly, like ask for my advice on what to do, but rather does alot of homework ahead of time, figures out what i am likely to say, then HE tells ME what he thinks so that i can confirm it. Yes, we all have our peculiarities, but as long as the machine runs smoothly its ok

I DO know that he has great respect for Harold, and i think also admires Harold's charge-ahead no-BS style, which is the opposite of Tony's extreme caution. So i have little doubt that he would welcome that kind of help. D

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On Apr 21, 2021, at 16:09, Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu > wrote:

David,

Thanks for the note, and I recognize what you say is what I know about Tony. He is a remarkable person, but like all of us he isn't perfect. I think your strategy to lay out the issues and let him run with it to decide what can be effectively addressed and with what strategy.

Rich's suggestion to talk to Harold is on track, and it would be great Rich if you were to do that. I know that they have a very close and positive history of working together, that Harold is very strategic in his thinking, he prefers to work in the background (something I have confirmed multiple times this past year as I have asked for his advice on things I could take on), and that he will be really frank in talking to Rich. Harold has very recently told me that he has worked closely with Rich on a number of issues related to the concerns we all have.

Let us know how the chat goes tomorrow. I think you have the right perspective heading in to it, and lots of good information at your fingertips.

Jerry

From: Roberts, Rich [REDACTED]@neb.com>
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To: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu>
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Subject: RE: Zoom meeting with Tony tomorrow

Hi:

If I am to do something I would talk to Harold first. I'll see what he has to say as a possible path forward.

Rich

Richard J. Roberts

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Tel: [REDACTED]
Fax: [REDACTED]
email: [REDACTED]

From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:30 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu>
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Jerry, The way it works with Tony, at least at my level, is you can't suggest he do anything. If you do, he won't do it on principle. The trick is to make him think of doing something himself, and then he will ask you to help him do it

My strategy tomorrow is to tell him that alarming things are at work, to the point that many scientists (our grantees and others) have become increasingly worried and are looking for the way forward. In that context i will share with him verbally Peter's information, and offer to get to him any of the materials he wants to see, or connect him directly with Peter, who he very much respects

I have not heard that he has engaged Harold, or the National Academies, or the professional societies, although i might not know if he did. He is very much a loner about things like this. He prides himself on being like teflon, but I am worried that he may not be as invulnerable as he may think

Our Chief of Staff, Greg Folkers (who has Masters degrees in both journalism and PH), is among the only folks here, partly excepting Cliff Lane, in whom Tony confides when the subject is difficult or personal, only rarely to me.... and Greg told me today that he thinks Tony is getting worried that the brown stuff is about to hit the fan, and that he may have become a major target

There is very little i can do to help because i am a mere scientist, not a NL, or member of the NAM, or head of a prestigious society (the only kinds of people Tony will usually engage with, as he is very proud).

So if he doesn't become more proactive, what remains is for scientists and science

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orgs at the very highest level to come together forcefully to push back against the craziness

Who would be willing to approach him directly and “talk turkey”? Harold? Rich? You? Victor? A couple of you?

Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
OD, NIAID, NIH

On Apr 21, 2021, at 15:01, Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu> wrote:

Tony will be well aware of this kind of push back. That’s not the issue for you tomorrow. Its really how to get the scientific societies engaged once again in the campaign for clarity and resolution of the breech in integrity and the grants management beginning a year ago.

Maybe there would be a moment to suggest that he talk to Harold Varmus about strategy?

Jerry

From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 2:57 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
Cc: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >; Rich Roberts <[REDACTED]@neb.com>; Robert Kessler [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >; Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Subject: Re: Zoom meeting with Tony tomorrow

Jerry, i am traveling without much news access, but this is really depressing. My concern has grown to alarm and i am afraid to think what comes next

We seem to have arrived at that Orwellian point where all investigations of important matters have to exclude participation of the subject experts, since being a subject expert is disqualifying on the grounds that all expertise is inherently biasing.

Before George Orwell, we had Lewis Carroll telling us this. We are in grave danger of going down-the-rabbit-hole-with-Alice.....

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Sent from my iPhone
David M Morens
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On Apr 21, 2021, at 14:36, Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu> wrote:

The COVID Commission Planning Group includes people like Mike Osterholm. I don’t put him into the category of Lipsitch, but am I missing something here? He was one of the people on the Biden COVID task

force I talked to in December-January about the shattered integrity at the level of NIH/OD. He didn't say much to me, and I didn't take that as a signal that he was on the darker side of the divide.

I saw the results of a focus group of Trump supporters reported on today:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2021/04/20/vaccine-hesitant-republicans/> A bit of text in this report is about Tony.

“Every participant said they preferred hearing from politicians over the medical expert, who has been pilloried by conservative media for months over his coronavirus warnings. The data have shown that unfortunately Dr. Fauci has been politicized, and we need different messengers, because even the right messages coming from the wrong messengers aren't always helpful,” Castrucci said, noting his foundation's polling [de Beaumont Foundation] found Americans trust their personal doctors more than the government's top infectious-disease doctor”.

This is the fundamental problem we have, as the politicians will only use this as an echo chamber to amplify their support from their public supporters and constituents. It does point back to the scientific societies which have weighed in previously, but no more impact than we have had as individuals. It doesn't stop this approach, its just that we need some deus ex machina to help us. Is that going to be Eric Lander? What's happening with his approval? I haven't heard much of late.

Jerry

From: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:41 PM
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Subject: RE: Zoom meeting with Tony tomorrow
Importance: High

Thanks for the email David - comments below. Also please see the attached

word doc with links to some of the political actions that I'm concerned about. Tell Tony that this is very early days, with most of these coming from the Right, and many that can be headed off at the pass by positive outreach to Democrats, which I believe people will be doing.

I've also put in a link to the new " Covid Commission Planning Group (Covid CPG)" that has no official role from USG, but boldly states as its core mission "to prepare the way for a National Covid Commission". Members include David Relman & Marc Lipsitch and I have heard from many on the conspiracy theory chatter networks online that this will focus partly on advocating for reduction in biosafety labs, viral work in wildlife, and gain-of-function.

Please feel free to share any docs that I've sent to you, with Tony. Hopefully you can do that in a way that avoids FOIA, and if not possible, just show him stuff on screen share on Zoom.

Please also see comments below...

Cheers,

Peter

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Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:56 AM
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >; Gerald Keusch [REDACTED]@bu.edu >; Rich Roberts [REDACTED]@neb.com >; Robert Kessler [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >; Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >

Subject: Zoom meeting with Tony tomorrow

Peter, i am on leave in Florida for my granddaughters graduation from Florida State

Tomorrow at 130 i will be having a zoom call with Tony to tip him off on some of the info you sent in your recent email

I want to be sure about what info or docs you would or would not want me to share
[Peter Daszak:] Any and all

Other than what i see on tv, the jousting with Rand Paul and Jim Jordan, for example, i do not know how much of this Tony is aware of. To my knowledge he doesn't share it with anyone up here

I think issues he will be most concerned about are not your grant, although i add i am sure he would do anything he could to restore the funds and get the hellhounds of your back, but rather 1) the possibility that people like Rep Rodgers and her committee are about to turn up the heat and put Tony, personally, in their crosshairs, and 2) the possibility the NIH funded scientists or other esteemed scientists, are in cahoots with politicians wanting to attack him or niaid
[Peter Daszak:] agreed

As background, we all went through the original version of this crap about 10 years ago with the original GOF attacks surrounding H5N1. As Tony's scientific advisor, i spent much of the year, along with Jeff T, helping brief him and get him up to speed, which he did. At the time, David Relman, who had been one of Tony's favorites, was leading the charge, and we all wondered why a young guy with so much promise would choose demagoguery over science. Lipsitch was only a minor player at that time, but relished his attack role and seem to become more alarmist as time went on. Now these guys are in the NAM. How did that happen???? Ebright has always been a crackpot, in the mold of Peter Duseberg, remember him?, and no one took him seriously except some of the press who didn't know any better
[Peter Daszak:] I had the unfortunate issue of voting on Marc Lipsitch's membership of NAM. He's an accomplished scientist. He's also very opinionated, arrogant and pushy on whatever issue he believes in. I voted on his science acumen.

I was unclear from your email on a couple points you might clarify. Obviously the Rodgers letter asking you to produce all those dox not

only overlaps with the Lauer letter to you, but could not have been written without the help of a virologist.
[Peter Daszak:] I have it on good authority (Ebright's Twitter account) that he was involved. They are also getting pressured from Jamie Metzl who's working with the internet conspiracy networks actively to promote their "Research"

Actually, given that there are a few points in the letter that someone knowledgeable about coronavirus virology would have corrected, my suspicion is that the letter was put together with the help of a legitimate scientist who needs to do more homework on coronaviruses.
[Peter Daszak:] you're right..! Metzl isn't a virologist, neither's Ebright. The internet 'researchers' are led by a banker and some junior scientists, many from human genetics, mol boil world.

Do you agree, and do you think that person was Ebright? Do you think Relman, Lipsitch, Imperiale, or other current or former grantees might have been involved?

I am not sure we ever funded Ebright, but we did fund the others. I would like to think that Relman et al are only mouthing off to the press, but do you think there is more to it than that, eg, that any of them are working with the politicians?
[Peter Daszak:] David Relman is talking with reporters a lot about this, including casting aspersions on my motives for speaking out about this virus emerging via wildlife-to-human spillover (he's quoted as saying my motives are to protect the research I've been doing and reputations of our collaborators). Ebright is very actively (and obnoxiously) critical on social media calling me a 'Grifter' on a weekly basis and promoting unsubstantiated arguments for a lab leak. I had to look up what 'grifter' meant at first...

Your earlier comments about this proposed investigative committee, and the possible role of these folks in it, are alarming. Can you be more specific about where this stands and what is being done to forward it and to squelch it?

[Peter Daszak:] Nothing's being done to squelch it, and neither should it be - there will be other committees that also pop up. My concern is their bold claim that they're laying the groundwork for a 9/11 type commission (and have a 9/11 commission person involved). It may be that just by saying that a lot, and having well known people involved, they end up forming one. They're clearly politically connected and are advocating for this politically. Jerry and I also proposed this in our paper published in Health Affairs, but we assumed this would be led by NAM or some other

well-respected institution.

When i speak with Tony i do not want to step into the politics of all this, as that's not my job and he wouldn't want me to. If he needs further info it might be best to connect you two, in an off the record manner. Would that be OK? We are getting FOIA'd non stop, so it's most important that Tony not have anything on the record that could come back to bite

[Peter Daszak:] Totally agree. Tell him I'm happy to speak with him at any time and will do so in a way that's not FoIA-ble. One thing I could do is either on a zoom call or by sending you a document, is lay out responses to

the Mendendez questions so that the arguments are known and well-supported.

For example, everyone's saying that this is a 'gain-of-function' issue, but actually that's not the case - we worked on bat viruses, not human pathogens. The expts produced loss of function, not gain of function, all

appropriate conditions and approvals were demonstrably checked and correctly answered.

Finally, i didn't read all of the Menendez bill-in-committee, which is longer than Les misérables, but what's the gist? Do you think that in their

zeal to take a hard stance against the PRC, these Democrats are purposely,

or accidentally, getting sucked into the evil-WIV scenario? Is there real danger here?

[Peter Daszak:] The Menendez bill is the only one that stands a chance so

far of becoming law because it's bipartisan. The WIV, gain-of-function stuff

is thrown in as a very small part of it. The draft wording only calls for a report from NIH after 180 days on these issues, and they are easily addressed. However, if it does pass and the anti-China mood hardens in the

US, it may end up with calls to testify and the Republicans may use that to

undermine NIH, and in particular Tony, given the rabid GoF myth they've been

building.

Anything you think might be helpful, I'd appreciate

TY, david

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David M Morens

OD, NIAID, NIH

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From: Nancye Green <[REDACTED]@dgtwo.com>
To: David Morens <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>;

David,

Yes! I do remember you. And I cannot thank you enough for this wonderful note. I am the EHA Board Chair, beginning this role about a year before the outbreak. Have been by Peter's side throughout, brainstorming first all of the accolades and then all of the crazies.

Our board has been incredibly supportive of Peter and I have not heard a word otherwise since the craziness began. We have worked to keep them as well informed as we can, but no one has wavered. In other words, we know that Peter is a great scientist, a deeply honest man, and always does what he believes is right. I work myself in biotech and know how unclear science is by its very nature - and how the picture can change with more evidence. We are living in a world of polarities and it doesn't suit the scientific process very well.

You are thoughtful and generous to have shared your valuable perspective. I appreciate it and, with your permission, would love to forward it to our board. If that doesn't work for you, no problem. You should know that we have no one FOIA-able on our board. We have made sure to only use personal addresses. And if you would like me to send your comments unattributed to you personally, that would work too. It never hurts to support Peter with so many untruths flying around.

I hope to meet you again in the coming months and thank you so much for your thoughtful words. It means a lot to all of us. We are very proud of EHA and the incredible work all of our scientists do around the world - often at great risk to themselves. They are committed to the work as are we!

All the best,
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On 12/7/21, 1:43 PM, "David Morens" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Nancye, you may not remember that we met a couple years ago, I can't exactly remember where, but I am writing you because I believe you are on the EcoHealth Board, and want to put in a word for Peter and the EcoHealth team, and all the great work they have been doing.

I am a scientist at NIH but because of death threats and general harassment of me and more particularly my boss, Tony Fauci, we have to keep all communications like this on private email so that it can't be

retrieved via a FOIA, as we have been FOIA'd so many times we've all lost count, and we have had to set up a special FOIA team just over the issue of Peter and related matters.

I have known Peter for over 15 years, have published scientific papers with him, have published in the EcoHealth journal, and have even nominated him to the Cosmos Club.

Peter is an exceptional scientist, literally the world's top expert in coronavirus emergences, and a scrupulously honest man. It is horrifying and heart-breaking to see all this unfold.

What has been happening over the past year is pure evil politics: the charges against him and against EcoHealth are false. It is sad that many in the media have elevated political charges without merit into the realm of false equivalency (e.g., lab leaks and man-made Frankenstein viruses are given equal weight to the obvious natural origin of the SARS-CoV-2 virus), but this is the new world we live in. Guilty until proven innocent, even when the charges are false to the point of being crazy.

The vast majority of us in the science community know the truth but, sadly, most don't speak out for fear they will be attacked too. My boss Tony Fauci is covered by secret service 24-7, and when we go up onto the 7th floor of our building, all staff, people like me, are met with armed police. Friends of mine are lying low because of threats to them and their families, and so many have told me they'd love to defend Peter but they are afraid the wrath of the conspiracy crazies will turn to them. What Peter has been experiencing is terrible but no longer unique.

Which leads me to say: I hope the Board will support Peter through this. Remember that HE is the good guy in this story, and some day, when the history books are written about this, Peter and EcoHealth will be the heroes, not the villains. Even though it's not apparent, there is much love and goodwill out there in the scientific community for Peter and EcoHealth. Please stand up for what is good and right, and support Peter until this ends.

Thanks, david morens

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Many thanks!

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On Jul 29, 2021, at 12:17 PM, Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com > wrote:

Will do, and thanks for a great piece. d

On 7/29/2021 1:09 PM, Hotez, Peter Jay wrote:

Also pdf version looks nicer suitable for printing

Please send it to everyone!

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Peter, this is dynamite! Exactly what needs to be said and pulling no punches. The best part is asking the US President (and I would add other government leaders as well) to take a strong stand. May I share confidentially with Tony and our "inner office" folks? d

On 7/29/2021 12:43 PM, Hotez, Peter Jay wrote:

<https://journals.plos.org/plosbiology/article?id=10.1371/journal.pbio.3001369>

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On Jul 26, 2021, at 8:33 AM, Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E]
<[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

TY, look forward to that. We HAVE TO keep chipping away at the insanity d

On 7/25/2021 5:23 PM, Hotez, Peter Jay wrote:

Many thanks David, FYI I have an article in PLOS Biology scheduled for this week that details the far right aggression targeting prominent US scientists and how this fits in with a larger scheme for authoritarian control. I think Tony will appreciate this as well! Warmest Peter

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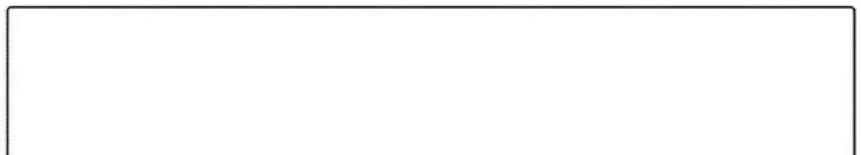
If they hate your guts, that's, like, the highest compliment you can get. Congratulations are in order....

PS, great quote from you on TV a couple days ago: "anti-science aggression from the political Right", that says it all in a nutshell.... Science, all we do, our whole careers, that field of endeavor that has extended our lifespan by 20+ years, cured most cancers, landed men on the moon, given us TVs, computers, and tanning salons for fat unfashionable presidents, is now the enemy. Someone has turned off the juice on the Enlightenment.... d

On 7/25/2021 4:36 PM, Hotez, Peter Jay wrote:

It's getting crazy out there, my latest run-in with Governor DeSantis of Florida and Laura Ingraham at Fox News. They hate my guts.

<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2021/7/15/2040161/-Ron-DeSantis-fed-COVID-crow-by-doctor-he-d-ridiculed-on-Fox-News>





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Subject: Re: explicit language warning!

He probably doesn't know how to F*%\$ himself, as he clearly failed anatomy. And all the other med school subjects. d

On 7/25/2021 3:20 PM, Peter Daszak wrote:

Here's a story, not for the faint-hearted.

It's a question for Senator (Dr.) Rand Paul, from a member of the public who called into one of his public Q&A sessions.

Obviously, one doesn't condone this base level of

public discourse, but I found myself curiously buoyed by it after his months of continued attacks...

Here's a story:

<https://goodwordnews.com/senator-rand-paul-said-to-get-fucked-at-virtual-town-hall/>

Here's the video on Twitter:

https://twitter.com/phil_lewis/status/1418676246003818496?s=10

Cheers,

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Subject: Fauci defending the funding of EcoHealth's grant with WIV in the Right wing press

Good to see Tony speaking up and defending NIAID's decision to fund this work (article attached as pdf).

He's right – it was very highly scored.

My only question is...why not reinstate it!!!!?? He could always specifically indicate “no chimeric virus work to be funded at WIV” or “only PCR studies” or some such. Just a thought...

Here's a key quote:

“Dr. Fauci attempted to explain the link between U.S. researchers and the Chinese laboratory clearly to Fox viewers and stress there was no 'risky research' involved.

'If you look at the research that was done, it was research that was highly recommended by peer review, our United States peer reviews. It got a very high score in the peer review system,' Fauci began.

'And the purpose of the research was very, very clear. It was to try to determine what was out there in the bat population that might be ultimately risky for us. It was done in the context of trying to find out what the precise environmental bat source was of SARS-CoV-1 so that we could prevent SARS-CoV-2.'

Dr. Fauci praised the 'qualified, highly respected Chinese scientists' that the National Institutes of Health had collaborated with at the Wuhan Institute of Virology and defended the funding of bat coronavirus research in China.

Fauci added: 'So, it was research that was done by qualified people. Right now, when there's all of this thing about China, that's a different situation now back then when you're dealing with qualified, highly respected Chinese scientists. So it isn't what was made out to be about dealing with really, really bad people. Because those scientists were very well-respected in the scientific community internationally.'”

Cheers,

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Subject: RE: COVID origins issues and NASEM
Forum on Microbial Threats

No relevant information I have heard of. It wouldn't surprise me as I know that Victor Dzau wants NAM to be engaged in these issues. I will ask my colleague Nicki Lurie if she is aware of any such initiative. She is on vacation in Europe now and may not be as rapidly responsive as she usually is.

Regarding the Academies, Victor is not only ambitious but also cautious and doesn't stick his head out very far. Marcia McNutt (NAS President) has been supportive of a rational science based inquiry into the origins and the separation of politics from science, sort of, but not very bold. John Anderson (NAE President) is the least engaged.

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Here's a request for any inside info you may have picked up.

I'm the chair of the NASEM Forum on Microbial Threats. Jerry used to be a member or Co-Chair and (ironically) David Relman was the Chair before me. The Forum is planning a workshop on COVID-19 for early Fall. I'm not on the organizing committee but heard they were planning a section on 'origins', then were told from the top (I believe Victor Dzau of NAM) that because there is no new research on this, it's not something that would be good for the workshop to publicly consider right now. They've dropped that session. I actually agree with this decision, but it certainly adds to the feeling that the NAM is being very hesitant on this issue.

Then I got an email from staff asking if I'd like to avoid giving my usual opening comments for the workshop as chair, given the nasty publicity I've been getting. I pushed back (strongly) and pointed out that a key goal of the conspiracy theorists is to attack, discredit and silence scientists who's opinions don't support their political agenda. Staff were very nice and somewhat apologetic about this and I'm now giving my usual opening.

They also mentioned that the academies (maybe NAM, but could be NASEM) are planning something on origins – maybe a consensus study, workshop or just a statement. I don't have more info, but the reason I'm concerned is that 1) David Relman is a member of the NASEM Intelligence Community Studies Board (science-intel agency interface) and he may be trying to use that to 'investigate' the lab leak agenda; or 2) there may be an effort for an NASEM committee to investigate COVID-19 origins. I note that in my last letter from the NIH office of the director, they requested an inspection of the Wuhan lab either by NIH scientists or through the NASEM.

The way the NAM and NASEM operate is that USG agencies go to them, or they approach agencies with an idea for a consensus study or workshop and then they're funded to do one. It sounds likely that this is happening, and would likely end up as a forum for all

the lab leak accusations and gain-of-function myths to be brought up by known scientists (e.g. Drs. Relman, Lipsitch, Ebright and others). This could end up putting me in the awful situation of either having to publicly defend EcoHealth's work and get attacked in the press for this, or decline to take part in a National Academy activity despite being a member. Not looking forward to that moment!

Have any of you heard anything about this?

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Subject: Harold Varmus has been spotted in CT!

One of my Board members, Amy Attas, who's a veterinarian to the pets of people like Mike Bloomberg's wife, Elton John etc. goes to a monthly lunchtime talk series near her summer home in CT (I think). Harold Varmus spoke there a couple of Sunday's ago. Amy asked the first question along the lines "I'm on the Board of an organization working to prevent pandemics..what are the best strategies to

prevent the next COVID?" His response: "Is that EcoHealth Alliance?" "If so, what they're doing is exactly what should be done..." He then rolled off a series of key goals to prevent pandemics.

Amy was delighted, and a number of other donors expressed an interest. Please pass on my regards and gratitude to Harold – this is exactly the sort of word of mouth endorsement we need right now, rather than the other sort we're getting from Fox News!

Cheers,

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Jerry:

I haven't heard anything from Harold recently.

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I totally agree with you that Tony was remarkable. I sent him a one word email, Bravo, and copied it to Patty Conrad so maybe he will see it as evidence of the support he has from the responsible scientific community.

Thanks for the response regarding the CNN reporters. I'll keep that in mind when I do talk to them and consider whether speaking with you might help them distinguish between good science and crap. I have no doubts about your expertise in science and knowing the difference between, well, good science and crap.

Harold is rather quiet – any sense of what he is up to?

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Jerry:

Tony was excellent in confronting Paul! It's high time that these senators are told the truth directly.

As for speaking with the reporters, in general I am always prepared to do that, but in this particular case I don't feel my credentials are necessarily the best when dealing with specifics. I have very much been an onlooker and not directly connected to any of the research itself. Peter Hotez and Peter D. are clearly much better informed and have the appropriate expertise. There are plenty of authors on the recent Lancet piece that would be good to include. I am happy to speak as an outsider, but would not want to be considered a knowledgeable expert.

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I had a long talk with two CNN International reporters who are preparing a story essentially on the politics and the misinformation about the origins controversy. I was talking to them off the record but I decided they were legitimately exploring the issues and would likely be a voice of reason if they were given the necessary space to build their case and it was eventually shown.

I mentioned Peter Hotez to them, among some others, and while I mentioned Peter D as well I also said you were under constant attack and it might well be better to allow others to take up the

fight on your behalf. GOF and the Goffers were part of the chat. I have agreed to be interviewed on the record and potentially to do a video session as they were potentially interested in using some of that as part of the report. Rich, I didn't specifically mention your name, but if you would be willing to speak with them I can do that when I next connect.

Jerry

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Subject: Tony Fauci's testimony today
Importance: High

I'm delighted to see Tony Fauci fighting to let everyone understand clear line between what is gain-of-function (work EcoHealth does NOT do), and what is not Gain of function (work EcoHealth did do with Wuhan).

It's a shame it will generate publicity, but he did this so well today that I'm hoping it might help get rid of the willful misinformation the Republicans are engaging in...

Here's a news piece on it
<https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/563874-fauci-paul-doesnt-know-what-hes-talking-about-and-i-want-to-say-that> , and there's some pretty exciting video to watch.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFoaBV_cTek

Well done David on your briefing and practice runs!

Cheers,

Peter

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*EcoHealth Alliance develops science-based solutions
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Subject: My AMA podcast on the origins of COVID19

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On Jul 15, 2021, at 12:43 PM, Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org> wrote:

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David – please pass this information on to Tony and Clifford if you possibly can,

The WHO DG, Dr. Tedros set up a 6am Monday morning meeting with the current WHO Origins team – the international experts who went to Wuhan to work with our China counterparts on COVID origins. He announced they'd be disbanding the team, setting up a separate structure and moving to a system whereby a new team will be formed to do Phase 2 of the work in China. The stated goal is to follow member state's wishes and improve transparency in the way the origins team is selected. Sadly it will reduce transparency because there will now be a 'behind closed doors' decision from the member states on who of the nominees are put forward to WHO, then another 'behind closed doors' decision from WHO on who is selected, with, we've been told, the DG of WHO having final say.

From my point of view it's a real problem because given the political pressure from the Right wing, it might prevent my future involvement in this work. This means my 17 years + of collaboration with the very people in China who we need to work with, will not be part of Phase 2 work – including designing the animal testing protocols that are my key expertise. Disbanding the current team will also significantly delay the work and this threatens to undermine our capacity to do the trace-back, as antibodies wane among wildlife farmers in rural China who we've proposed should be interviewed and tested in Phase 2, for example. The current team has a good working relationship with the China side and has made significant progress over the last few months, meeting weekly as an international expert group and working with our Chinese counterparts to update the WHO report, include new data and get phase 2 Terms of Reference thrashed out. We'd reached the beginnings of consensus on this.

It will also be seen as an implicitly political move on behalf of WHO, and one that projects a perception of undermining the hard work we did to produce buckets of new data in the WHO report. The rest of the team are very angry about the way we've been repeatedly undermined by politics, and we're working on a communications strategy right now.

David, I'm not sure who is the US representative for WHO Covid origins negotiations. It was publicly announced that Tony would represent the US at WHO, but it may be a State Dept or other HHS person. I think it's important that Tony and perhaps Clifford know what's happening.

Cheers,

Peter

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Subject: Circular Letter to Member States - Origins of SARS-CoV-2

Dear all,

It was a pleasure to meet you on Monday. Please find attached for your information and on behalf of the DG our communication to member states, shared with them as a circular letter this evening. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us for follow up discussions.

Please keep this confidential during the next days. We will have a member state briefing and discussion on this subject on Friday.

With my best regards,
Catharina

P.S. I hope I have the correct list of emails
addresses.

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The stories are sputtering forth slowly today but only in a few hard right outlets. The comments online are that this is largely a non-story and actually points to a very carefully designed study that considers the risks correctly.

Great quote from our spokesperson here – Robert Kessler, by the way: Asked about the grant materials, Robert Kessler, communications manager at EcoHealth Alliance, said, “We applied for grants to conduct research. The relevant agencies deemed that to be important research, and thus funded it. So I don’t know that there’s a whole lot to say.”

<https://theintercept.com/2021/09/06/new-details-emerge-about-coronavirus-research-at-chinese-lab/>

Richard Ebright’s trying to cause trouble on Twitter re. Dr. Fauci lying before congress – as is Josh Hawley and Rand Paul. I suspect it’ll go nowhere fast.

By the way – on the Ebright issue – the definition of a P3CO-worthy expt is to “enhance virulence or transmission in people”. If a virus has never been found in people, it’s virulence or transmission cannot, by definition, be enhanced. Again – these are bat viruses, never found in people.

There are copycat stories in other journals, all based on this one.

This should go away if Rand Paul doesn’t amplify it too much, so finger’s cross on that.

Cheers,
Peter

NEW DETAILS EMERGE ABOUT CORONAVIRUS RESEARCH AT CHINESE LAB

More than 900 pages of materials related to US.-funded coronavirus research in China were released following a FOIA lawsuit by The Intercept.



Sharon Lerner, Mara Hvistencahl
September 6 2021, 9:06 p.m.

NEWLY RELEASED DOCUMENTS provide details of U.S.-funded research on several types of coronaviruses at the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China. The Intercept

has obtained more than 900 pages of documents detailing the work of EcoHealth Alliance, a U.S.-based health organization that used federal money to fund bat coronavirus research at the Chinese laboratory. The trove of documents includes two previously unpublished grant proposals that were funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, as well as project updates relating to EcoHealth Alliance’s research, which has been scrutinized amid increased interest in the origins of the pandemic.

The documents were released in connection with ongoing Freedom of Information Act litigation by The Intercept against the National Institutes of Health. The Intercept is making the full documents available to the public.

“This is a road map to the high-risk research that could have led to the current pandemic,” said Gary Ruskin, executive director of U.S. Right To Know, a group that has been investigating the origins of [Covid-19](#).

One of the grants, titled “[Understanding the Risk of Bat Coronavirus Emergence](#),” outlines an ambitious effort led by EcoHealth Alliance President Peter Daszak to screen thousands of bat samples for novel coronaviruses. The research also involved screening people who work with live animals. The documents contain several critical details about the research in Wuhan, including the fact that key experimental work with humanized mice was conducted at a biosafety level 3 lab at Wuhan University Center for Animal Experiment — and not at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, as was previously assumed. The documents raise additional questions about the theory that the pandemic may have begun in a lab accident, an idea that Daszak has aggressively [dismissed](#).

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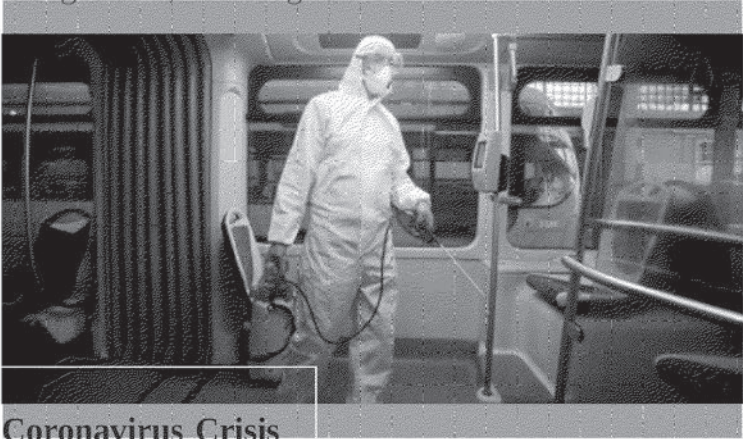
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The bat coronavirus grant provided EcoHealth Alliance with a total of \$3.1 million, including \$599,000 that the Wuhan Institute of Virology used in part to identify and alter bat coronaviruses likely to infect humans. Even before the pandemic, many scientists were concerned about the potential dangers associated with such experiments. The grant proposal acknowledges some of those dangers: “Fieldwork involves the highest risk of exposure to SARS or other CoVs, while working in caves with high bat density overhead and the potential for fecal dust to be inhaled.”

Alina Chan, a molecular biologist at the Broad Institute, said the documents show that EcoHealth Alliance has reason to take the lab-leak theory seriously. “In this proposal, they actually point out that they know how risky this work is. They keep talking about people potentially getting bitten — and they kept records of everyone who got bitten,” Chan said. “Does EcoHealth have those records? And if not, how can they possibly rule out a research-related accident?”

According to Richard Ebright, a molecular biologist at Rutgers University, the documents contain critical information about the research done in Wuhan, including about the creation of novel viruses. “The viruses they constructed were tested for their

ability to infect mice that were engineered to display human type receptors on their cell,” Ebright wrote to The Intercept after reviewing the documents. Ebright also said the documents make it clear that two different types of novel coronaviruses were able to infect humanized mice. “While they were working on SARS-related coronavirus, they were carrying out a parallel project at the same time on MERS-related coronavirus,” Ebright said, referring to the virus that causes Middle East Respiratory Syndrome.



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Asked about the grant materials, Robert Kessler, communications manager at EcoHealth Alliance, said, “We applied for grants to conduct research. The relevant agencies deemed that to be important research, and thus funded it. So I don’t know that there’s a whole lot to say.”

The grant was initially awarded for a five-year period — from 2014 to 2019. Funding was renewed in 2019 but suspended by the Trump administration in April 2020.

The closest relative of SARS-CoV-2, which causes Covid-19, is a virus found in bats, making the animals a focal point for efforts to understand the origins of the pandemic. Exactly how the virus jumped to humans is the subject of heated debate. Many scientists believe that it was a natural spillover, meaning that the virus passed to humans in a setting such as a wet market or rural area where humans and animals are in close contact. [Biosafety experts](#) and internet sleuths who suspect a lab origin, meanwhile, have spent more than a year poring over publicly available information and obscure scientific publications looking for answers. In the past few months, leading scientists have also [called for a deeper investigation](#) of the pandemic’s origins, as has President Joe Biden, who in May ordered the intelligence community to study the issue. On August 27, Biden [announced](#) that the intelligence inquiry was inconclusive.

Biden blamed China for failing to release critical data, but the U.S. government has also been slow to release information. The Intercept initially requested the proposals in September 2020.

“I wish that this document had been released in early 2020,” said Chan, who has called for an investigation of the lab-leak origin theory. “It would have changed things massively, just to have all of the information in one place, immediately transparent, in a credible document that was submitted by EcoHealth Alliance.”

The second grant, “[Understanding Risk of Zoonotic Virus Emergence in Emerging Infectious Disease Hotspots of Southeast Asia](#),” was awarded in August 2020 and

extends through 2025. The proposal, written in 2019, often seems prescient, focusing on scaling up and deploying resources in Asia in case of an outbreak of an “emergent infectious disease” and referring to Asia as “this hottest of the EID hotspots.”

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Subject: Re: ASF --- foia

Yes! I think the conspiracy wackos might be running out of gas. Let's PRAY they are. Reality is in your side, don't ever forget that. My sense is that there is a new push back opportunity. As i mentioned, in rate siolen minutes i have been amassing several hundred papers on the origin of S2 andxreading-dissecting-making notes. The aim is an editorial that says F the bullshit, here is what we, we internstional scientists, need to do collaboratively to get on top of this. d

Sent from my iPhone
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On Sep 5, 2021, at 14:33, Peter Daszak <[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org> wrote:

You're right – at some point this becomes so boring and repetitive that it doesn't get traction, but some of these reporters are really good at making up stories – checkout this doozie below...

<https://thenationalpulse.com/breaking/daszak-deletes-tweet-from-wuhan-fauci-conerence/>

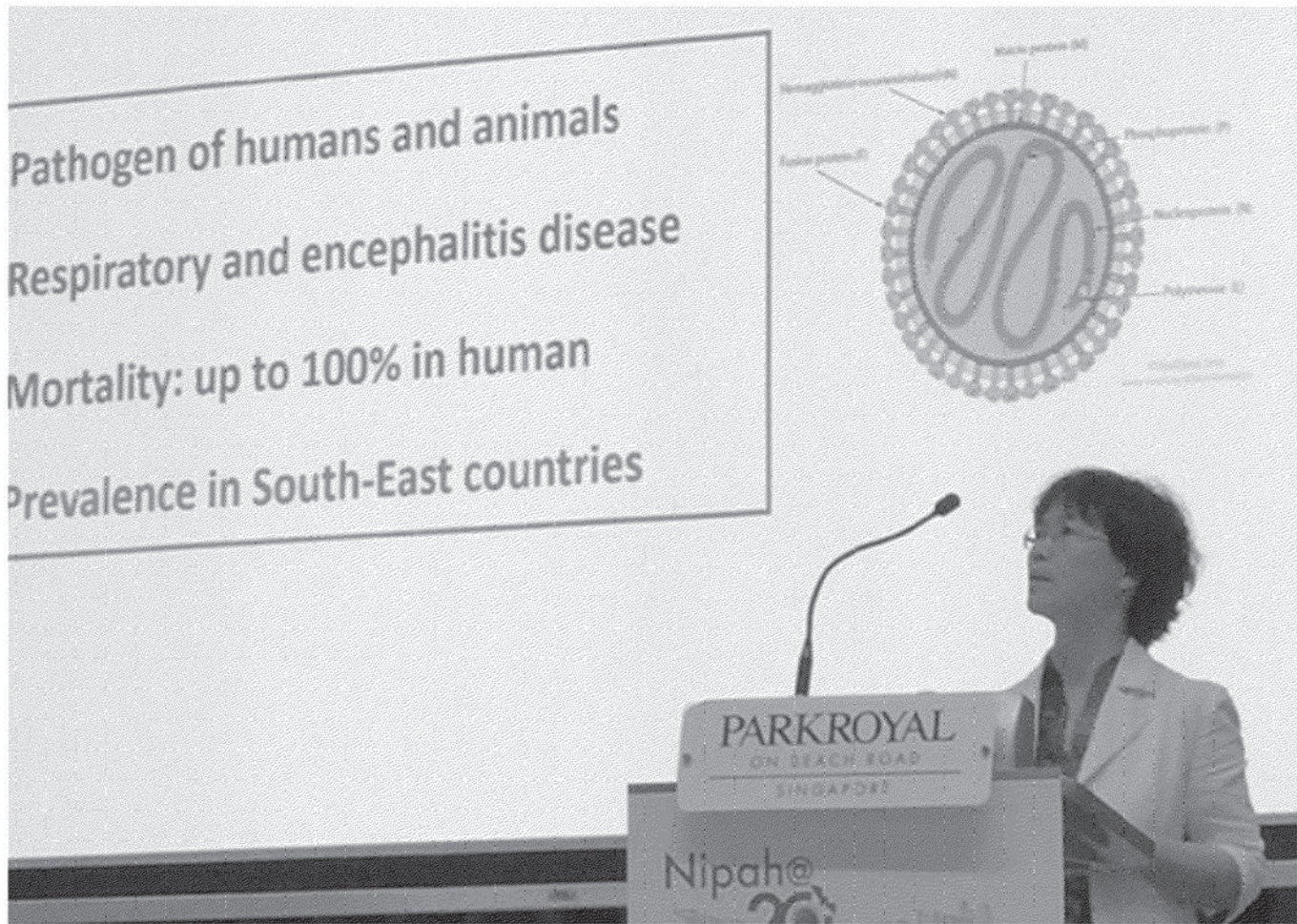
I deleted it after the lab leakers started their craziness because it has Zhengli's email address in it. The fact that I was at the conference is public knowledge and I regularly mention it to reporters – it was December 2019 just before the first cases of COVID were happening.

Cheers,

Peter

EcoHealth's Peter Daszak Deletes Tweet Revealing Wuhan Lab Researchers At Fauci- Funded Conference.

AUGUST 28, 2021 NATALIE WINTERS



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EcoHealth Alliance President Peter Daszak – the disgraced proponent of the COVID-19 “natural origins” theory and longtime collaborator of the Chinese Communist Party – deleted a tweet revealing his attendance at an event sponsored by Anthony Fauci’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases featuring Wuhan Institute of Virology researchers.

Posted on December 10th, 2019, just weeks before the Chinese government reported its first case of COVID-19, the tweet revealed Daszak’s attendance at the Nipah Virus International Conference in Singapore.

“The two-day session was co-hosted by Duke-NUS Medical School (Duke-NUS) and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). Also listed as organizers are the World Health Organization and the National Institute

of Allergy and Infectious Diseases,” reports the site Some Bitch Told Me. CEPI was founded with a sizable investment from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

In the now-deleted tweet, Daszak details how Shi Zhengli, the Wuhan Institute of Virology’s “bat lady,” calls for “open and transparent international scientific collaboration on pandemic risk pathogens” at her lab’s Biosafety Level 4 (BSL-4) facility. He follows up with a slide explaining how “you can train in the BSL-4 lab in Wuhan.”



Peter Daszak @PeterDaszak · 10 Dec 2019

Zhengli Shi from the Wuhan Inst of Virology describing open and transparent international scientific collaboration on pandemic risk pathogens like #Nipah at their BSL-4 lab



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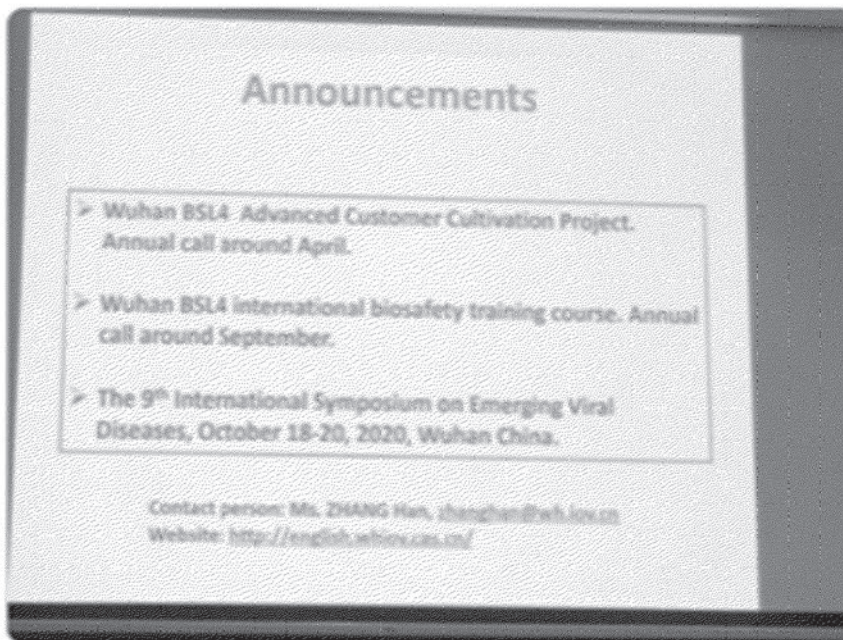


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You can train in the BSL-4 lab in Wuhan - see details below



1:08 AM - 10 Dec 2019

NOW-DELETED TWEET.

Daszak's deletion of the tweet follows The National Pulse unearthing the scientist's extensive conflicts of interest with the Chinese Communist Party and its Wuhan Institute of Virology. These ties ultimately led to his recusal from the *Lancet* COVID-19 commission, where he used his position to

discredit the “lab leak” theory and spread disinformation about the origins of the virus.

The unearthed post also follows Fauci, whose NIAID sponsored the event, denying affiliation with the Wuhan lab.

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But I think that's the important thing: since there is nothing to find, there is little they can do with it. Maybe at some point these nutters will move on to another conspiracy.... d

On 9/5/2021 1:19 PM, Peter Daszak wrote:

Thanks for the heads-up. The 900 pages of grant material I think is the stuff we've been processing through with our lawyers. It includes the full proposal for our grant in China, reports etc. as well as our current U01. It's extremely upsetting that these will now be dragged through the mud, but the truth is, there's nothing unusual or embarrassing in there – everything is completely normal and above board, and both were highly scored by reviewers.

In my view, this sort of stuff isn't going to get them the same level of interest that it did at the beginning of summer, so hopefully this will be another non-event, but let's see what drama they can dream up from it.

Cheers,

Peter

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Peter, have a stiff drink before you read. But do not worry, this is the new normal and there will be no "there" there..... d

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Further on FOIA

900 pages of EcoHealth Alliance grant materials are going out (with redactions) today under a lawsuit with First Look Institute (The Intercept). In OD.

ASF -- I do not think you need to look at this

Also, as folks may be aware, and apropos of my email late last night, Congress does not have to go through the FOIA. So the tranche from last night was not in the usual NIH FOIA channel.

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We have closely monitored foia document releases with an eye toward items that are new/different/potentially problematic in terms of people using them to cause mischief. Nothing recently has fallen into those categories

NOW -- What is new and will be released soon, perhaps tomorrow



Unredacted emails requested by minority members of House Committee on Oversight and Reform

In OD, please see

 HOCR minority requested emails

9/2/2021 9:03 PM

ASF I think it would be helpful for you to eyeball **all** the redacted emails now being released in un-redacted form. For instance, for this entry, look at at the top one

 NIH 2157 - 2161
 NIH 2157 - 2161 redacted

We have gone through these, and the ones that might be worth a first look are:

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- 2314-2324
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Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2021 5:13:48 PM -0500
Sent: Wed, 1 Dec 2021 5:12:28 PM -0500
Subject: RE: Wpost: NIH director: 'Conspiracies are winning here'
From: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu>; David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >;
CC: Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >;
Attachments: image001.gif; image002.jpg; image003.jpg; image004.jpg; image005.jpg

Dear David,

Hope all's well – Jerry forwarded me a response to him. Please start cc'ing me back in – I'll be extremely careful to only use your gmail account.

Great to hear the news about this vaccine commentary paper – please let me know when it's coming out and in which journal so I can get ready...

Cheers,

Peter

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From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 5:05 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
Subject: Re: Wpost: NIH director: 'Conspiracies are winning here'

Good news, keep it up.

I had a long off the record chat with PBS Newshours's Nick Schifrin this morning. The craziness is receding at least a bit.

I forgot to clarify in my email yesterday that BOTH my gmail and phone calls are now safe. Text is NOT, as it can be FOIA'd, as can my govt email.

So you and Peter and others should be able to email me on gmail only, with the caveat that no other govt. employee is copied at a govt address, as all govt emails are potentially FOIA'able.

I think Tony has calmed down a little about his attacks. In our recent meetings he has been relaxed and curious about the science. The corona vaccine commentary paper he asked me to write and which I sent him the final yesterday, with Jeff Taubenberger as a coauthor (since he and I are working on coronavirus vaccines), has a section that says that before we start making next generations vaccines we need to characterize the sarbecovirus universe and essentially work together with China and the SEA countries to study bats, animals, humans esp. in various occupations, all; the stuff that Peter has been doing. he seemed to like that and his name will be on it.

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On Fri, Nov 19, 2021 at 2:32 PM Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu> wrote:

How utterly ironic.

I did follow up with Peter regarding your new secure cyber connections.

And when the Washington Post rejected my Opinion piece I got a lead into Science from Jon Cohen and today I reworked it and submitted it to them a short while ago. Jon says to expect rejection and plan for the next submission in line. He suggested Michael Hiltzig at the LA Times. Its big and influential enough to garner attention in Building One. There is The Hill and Politico still to be considered. Its really a lot easier to get fake news and junk published than it is to shed light and truth.

Jerry

From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 9:09 AM
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
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From: Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov >
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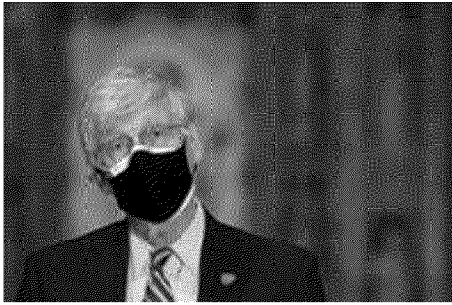


By [Rachel Roubein](#)
Today at 8:17 a.m. EST

Good morning! And welcome to our first Health 202 collab with our good pal Yasmeen Abutaleb, who wrote today's top with us.

¶**Today:** The House is planning to pass Biden's social spending bill after a record-breaking speech from House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy: [8 hours and 32 minutes](#). This comes after the Congressional Budget Office delivered much-anticipated projections for how much the bill will cost and a key estimate on how much Democrats' drug pricing deal will save. But first:

Francis Collins wants online misinformation spreaders “brought to justice”



NIH Director Francis Collins spoke forcefully against the spread of misinformation. (Alex Wong/Getty Images)

NIH Director Francis Collins has a stern message for the American public: The country has, what he called, an epidemic of misinformation and disinformation. And it's fueling a dangerous distrust in science.

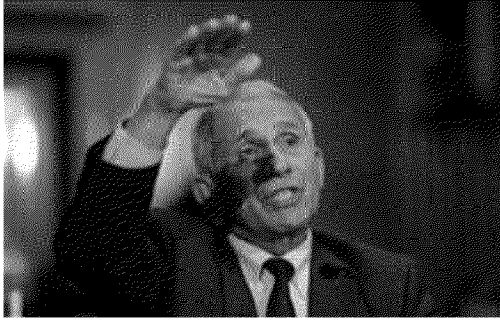
"Conspiracies are winning here. Truth is losing. That's a really serious indictment of the way in which our society seems to be traveling," said Collins, who will soon step down as the National Institutes of Health director after serving in both Republican and Democratic administrations.

Collins made his most forceful comments yet against the pervasive spread of falsehoods online to our colleague Yasmeen Abutaleb. He was defending his own colleague, **Anthony Fauci**, Biden's chief medical adviser, against the biggest onslaught of angry messages and threats he's received throughout the entire pandemic.

Those attacks stemmed in part from a viral and false claim that Fauci, who leads the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, had funded a medical experiment that involved trapping beagles' heads in mesh cages filled with diseased sand flies. Fauci received so many messages — 3,600 phone calls in 36 hours — that his assistant quit answering the phone, Yasmeen and Beth Reinhard report in a story out this morning.

- **The claim was amplified by a little-known animal rights group** called the White Coat Waste Project, which leveraged existing hostility among conservatives toward Fauci to further its cause, The Post's investigation found. The outrage was supercharged by a bipartisan letter signed by 24 members of Congress that questioned the agency's funding of medical research on dogs.
- **The claim originated with an error by scientists.** NIAID was initially listed as a funder on the study in a paper in a scientific journal in late July. Even after the researchers and the medical journal corrected the error, White Coat Waste continued to promote and fundraise off the false claim. The group said it does not believe NIAID's denial or the corrections.
- **White Coat Waste's message was amplified** by a right-wing echo chamber eager to thrash Fauci over everything from vaccine directives to NIH funding of coronavirus research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology and created the biggest firestorm yet for Fauci.

The episode serves as a prime example of how fast a false claim can spread online — and how it can stymie the highest levels of government. The surge of threats and harassment in recent weeks has forced Fauci's staff to spend significant time debunking misinformation and grappling with security concerns.



Fauci testifies before the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee in July. J. Scott Applewhite/Pool via REUTERS/File Photo (Pool/Reuters)

Here are excerpts from Yasmeen’s interview with Collins:

Cracking down

The rapid-fire spread of misinformation has altered public opinion of the pandemic and coronavirus vaccines. Some **6 in 10** Americans say they either believe the government is exaggerating the number of deaths from the virus or aren’t sure. Nearly **1 in 4** Americans believe covid-19 shots contain microchips or don’t know if the claim is true, according to a recent [Kaiser Family Foundation survey](#).

- **“Truth is supposed to be truth,”** Collins said, “and the fact that your truth would be so heavily modified by your social circle or where you get your news tells you we’re in real trouble.”
- **He said he worries about a society where** “somebody’s Facebook post carries as much weight as a statement from the director of the CDC about what is the truth of a public health crisis.”

He sees two ways of attempting to curb the spread of misinformation, though admits he’s unsure how successful either has been.

- **The first:** Identify those who are purposefully spreading false information online and bring them to justice.
- **The second:** Find a better way to counter false claims with real information. He didn’t specify what exactly either one would entail.

Standing firm

Fauci has been a controversial figure throughout the pandemic, as he openly clashed with **President Donald Trump** over masks and unproven covid cures, Yasmeen and Beth note. **The sparring and public criticism over the last two years has led some “very credible people” to ask Collins if it’s time for Fauci to resign.**

- **“I was like, are you kidding me?,”** Collins recalled. “Do you then want to hand a victory on a platter to the people who have made up stories and incessantly thrown around information that is absolutely untrue to try to take him down? You want to say okay, they win? Is that your proposal?”

Collins himself has been the target of attacks. Whenever he pushes back on conspiracies, he says he knows he’s going to get “some of the most vile email responses that you can imagine.”

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