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October 30, 2024

The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Wray:

On February 27, 2023, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic (Select Subcommittee) requested documents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) pertaining to the investigation into the origins of COVID-19.¹ The FBI did not produce a single unclassified document. On February 16, 2024, the Select Subcommittee wrote again requesting the unproduced documents.² This letter provided the FBI with significant accommodations, including narrowing the subject matter scope of the request. Again, the FBI did not produce a single unclassified document.

Documents in possession of the Select Subcommittee show at least one FBI agent involved in the investigation into the origins of COVID-19 conducted official business via Signal and Proton Mail—a potential violation of federal record keeping laws.

On August 2, 2021, Dr. Peter Daszak, President of EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., e-mailed Special Agent ██████████, HERT Team Leader in the FBI's New York office, with the subject line, "sent you a signal chat."³ SA ██████████ responded, "[s]ent one back."⁴

Later that day, Dr. Daszak emailed SA ██████████ again and said, "[j]ust emailed you on proton mail (I think it's you) – please email back with confirmation, then I'll send another[.]"⁵ It is not apparent if SA ██████████ responded.

¹ Letter from Hon. Brad Wenstrup, Chairman, Select Subcomm. on the Coronavirus Pandemic, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, to Hon. Christopher Wray, Dir., Fed. Bureau of Investigation (Feb. 27, 2023).

² Letter from Hon. Brad Wenstrup, Chairman, Select Subcomm. on the Coronavirus Pandemic, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, to Hon. Christopher Wray, Dir., Fed. Bureau of Investigation (Feb. 16, 2024).

³ E-Mail from Peter Daszak, Pres., EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., to ██████████, Special Agent, HERT Team Leader, Fed. Bureau of Investigation, N.Y. (Aug. 2, 2021 01:50 p.m.) (On file with Select Subcomm. Staff).

⁴ E-Mail from ██████████, Special Agent, HERT Team Leader, Fed. Bureau of Investigation, N.Y., to Peter Daszak, Pres., EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. (Aug. 2, 2021 02:51 p.m.) (On file with Select Subcomm. Staff).

⁵ E-Mail from Peter Daszak, Pres., EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., to ██████████, Special Agent, HERT Team Leader, Fed. Bureau of Investigation, N.Y. (Aug. 2, 2021 03:40 p.m.) (On file with Select Subcomm. Staff).

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From: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]
Sent: 8/2/2021 1:50:10 PM
To: [REDACTED]@fbi.gov
Subject: sent you a signal chat

Importance: High

Cheers,

Peter

From: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]
Sent: 8/2/2021 3:40:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]@fbi.gov
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - sent you a signal chat

Just emailed you on proton mail (think it's you) – please email back with confirmation, then I'll send another

Cheers,

Peter

The FBI using end-to-end encrypted platforms to discuss the origins of COVID-19 is highly concerning and requires further investigation. The Select Subcommittee requests a staff level briefing on the FBI's official email and communications policies before **November 6, 2024**.

Additionally, pursuant to new evidence, the Select Subcommittee is, for the third time, requesting the following documents and information as soon as possible but no later than **November 6, 2024**. As an accommodation to the FBI, we are, again, limiting our previous requests. If the FBI misses this deadline, we will be forced to evaluate the use of the compulsory process.

1. All document and communications, including communications via text message, Signal, and Proton Mail (or other personal e-mail), between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and EcoHealth Alliance, Inc, or anyone affiliated with EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. regarding origins of COVID-19, gain-of-function research, enhanced Potential Pandemic Pathogen research, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, or the Wuhan Center[s] for Disease Prevention and Control from October 2019 through present.

2. All documents and communications between or among employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the origins of COVID-19, EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., gain-of-function research, enhanced Potential Pandemic Pathogen research, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, or the Wuhan Center[s] for Disease Prevention and Control from October 2019 through present.
3. All documents and communications between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Health and Human Services, including but not limited to the National Institutes of Health, or the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, regarding the origins of COVID-19, EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., gain-of-function research, enhanced Potential Pandemic Pathogen research, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, or the Wuhan Center[s] for Disease Prevention and Control from October 2019 through present.

The Select Subcommittee is authorized to investigate “the origins of the Coronavirus pandemic, including but not limited to the Federal Government’s funding of gain-of function research” and “executive branch policies, deliberations, decisions, activities, and internal and external communications related to the coronavirus pandemic” under H. Res. 5.⁶ To ask any follow-up or related questions please contact Select Subcommittee staff at (202) 225-5074.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,



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

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

⁶ H. Res. 5 § 4(a)(2)(A) (2023).