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STAFF MEMORANDUM

TO: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic Republican Members

FROM: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic Republican Staff

DATE: May 22, 2024

RE: Allegations of Wrongdoing and Illegal Activity by Dr. David Morens, Senior Advisor to National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases former-Director, Dr. Anthony Fauci

Previous witness testimony and documents in the custody of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic (Select Subcommittee) raise serious questions regarding potential wrongdoing and illegal activity by Dr. David Morens, Senior Advisor to National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) former-Director, Dr. Anthony Fauci.

I. Background

On June 29, 2023, the Select Subcommittee sent Dr. Morens a request for documents pertinent to its investigations from his personal e-mail accounts.¹ On November 20, 2023, in response to that letter, Dr. Morens produced approximately 2,000 pages of responsive documents to the Select Subcommittee. These documents mimicked what Dr. Morens produced to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) during its investigation into alleged wrongful disposition of federal records by Dr. Morens.

On December 22, 2023 and January 18, 2024, Dr. Morens testified at transcribed interviews before the Select Subcommittee.² At the interviews, Select Subcommittee counsel advised Dr. Morens that he was required pursuant to Title 18 Section 1001 of the United States Code to answer questions truthfully, including questions posed by Congressional staff in the interview, and that if he knowingly made false statements, he could be subject to criminal prosecution.³ Dr. Morens stated, on the record, that he understood the requirement and the

¹ Letter from Hon. Brad Wenstrup, D.P.M., Chairman, Select Subcomm. on the Coronavirus Pandemic, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, to David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Dir., Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases (June 29, 2023).

² Transcribed Interview of David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Dir., Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases (Dec. 22, 2023); Transcribed Interview of David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Dir., Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases (Jan. 18, 2024).

³ *Id.*

consequences of not complying with that requirement.⁴

On April 16, 2024, the Select Subcommittee announced a subpoena to compel Dr. Morens to produce the remaining responsive documents from his personal e-mail accounts.⁵ On April 30, 2024, in response to the subpoena, Dr. Morens produced approximately 30,000 more pages of responsive documents.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Letter from Hon. Brad Wenstrup, D.P.M., Chairman, Select Subcomm. on the Coronavirus Pandemic, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, to David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Dir., Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases (Apr. 16, 2024).

II. Dr. Fauci May Have Conducted Official Business Via Personal E-Mail.

Evidence in possession of the Select Subcommittee suggests that Dr. Morens knowingly transmitted official records to Dr. Fauci via his personal e-mail. If true, this raises serious questions of whether Dr. Fauci took part in a conspiracy amongst the highest levels of NIAID to hide official records regarding the origins of COVID-19.

Finding: Dr. Fauci may have conducted official business on his personal e-mail.

Dr. Morens stated that he had access to Dr. Fauci's personal e-mail and, in fact, would conduct official business via Dr. Fauci's personal e-mail.

Exhibit 1: April 21, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens⁶

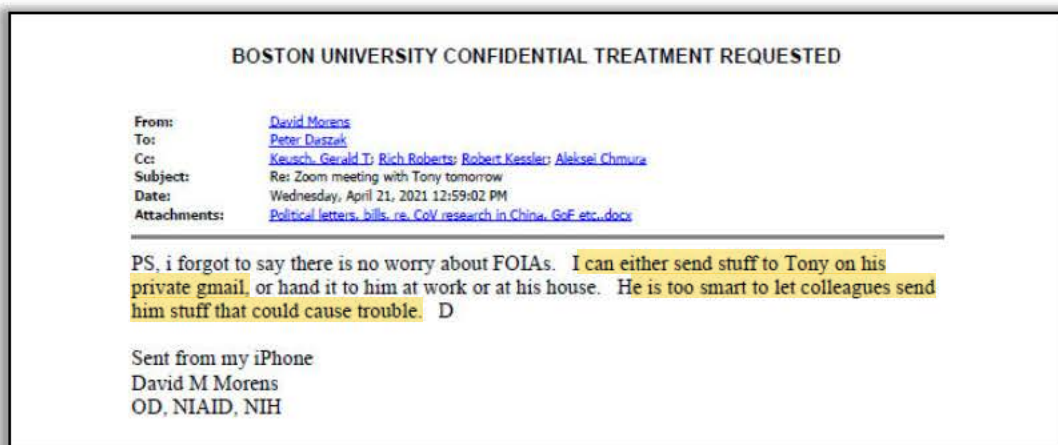
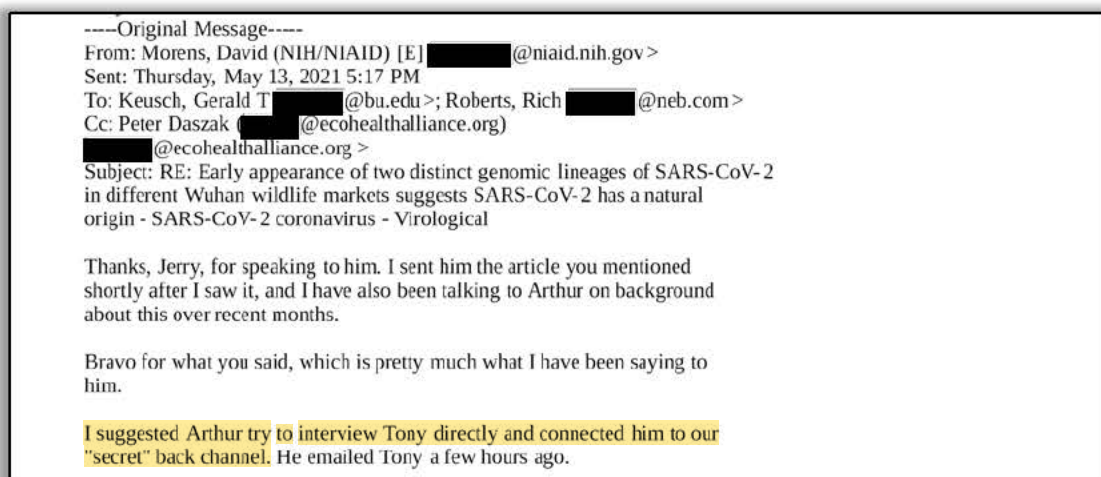


Exhibit 2: May 13, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens⁷



⁶ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Daszak, Ph.D., et. al. (Apr. 21, 2021) (BU02535).

⁷ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Gerald Keusch, M.D., et. al. (May 13, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 014975).

Exhibit 3: April 22, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens⁸

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.

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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

⁸ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Gerald Keusch, M.D., et. al. (Apr. 22, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 019654).

III. Dr. Morens Used Personal E-Mail Accounts To Avoid Accountability and Transparency.

Evidence in possession of the Select Subcommittee suggests that Dr. Morens displayed a systemic and troubling pattern of avoiding transparency by routinely directing others to communicate with him via a personal e-mail address to avoid the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Dr. Morens went so far as to explicitly instruct them to use his personal e-mail when “addressing the Daszak grant.”⁹ A grant awarded by NIAID and overseen by NIH.

Additionally, Dr. Morens apparently took steps, with the assistance of NIH FOIA officers, to shield his official e-mails from public transparency.

Further, Dr. Morens regularly forwarded internal NIH and NIAID communications from his NIH email address to his personal Gmail address. He passed along this information from his personal Gmail to other scientists, including Dr. Peter Daszak of EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. (EcoHealth). And Dr. Morens actively assisted Dr. Daszak in navigating and subverting the grant process to reinstate EcoHealth’s grant following its cancelation by Dr. Michael Lauer at NIH.

Finding: Dr. Morens instructed others to use his personal e-mail to avoid the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Dr. Morens systemically instructed others that he communicated with, specifically surrounding NIH actions regarding EcoHealth or Dr. Daszak, to use his personal e-mail. Contrary to Dr. Morens’ previous testimony, this instruction was not to discuss “personal matters” with Dr. Daszak but was to avoid transparency to the American people.

Exhibit 1: November 19, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens¹⁰

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 Schiffrin 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.

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⁹ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat’l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat’l Insts. of Health, to Phillip Rosenthal, M.D., et. al. (July 5, 2020) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 007355).

¹⁰ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat’l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat’l Insts. of Health, to Gerald Keusch, M.D. (Nov. 19, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 023134).

Exhibit 2: April 26, 2020 e-mail from Dr. Morens¹¹

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

Exhibit 3: May 12, 2020 e-mail from Dr. Morens¹²

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:

¹¹ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Daszak, Ph.D., et. al. (Apr. 26, 2020) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 011613).

¹² E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Gerald Keusch, M.D., (May 12, 2020) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 008135).

Finding: Dr. Morens employed the NIH FOIA and Information Technology offices to assist him in shielding official records from public transparency.

In addition to using a personal e-mail to avoid FOIA, Dr. Morens also stated that the NIH FOIA office assisted in these attempts to shield official records from the American public.

Exhibit 1: February 24, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens¹³

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

Exhibit 2: November 18, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens¹⁴

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.

¹³ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Gerald Keusch, M.D., et. al. (Feb. 24, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 012513).

¹⁴ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Gerald Keusch, M.D. (Nov. 18, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 000219).

Exhibit 3: November 11, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens¹⁵

>> On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 3:21 PM David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com > wrote:
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>> Jerry, thanks, I will take a look now, and get back to you.
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>> 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]
[REDACTED]
> [REDACTED]
>>
>> [REDACTED]@gmail.com
>> [REDACTED] (work)
>> [REDACTED] (cell)

Exhibit 4: February 25, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens¹⁶

-----Original Message-----
From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 12:06 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >
Cc: Peter Daszak ([REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org)
[REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
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.

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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

¹⁵ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Gerald Keusch, M.D., (Nov. 11, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 018901).

¹⁶ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Gerald Keusch, M.D., et. al. (Feb. 25, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 015237).

Finding: Dr. Morens provided Dr. Daszak, President of EcoHealth, with inside information regarding NIH operations.

Dr. Morens, by virtue of his position of public trust within the Office of the Director of NIAID, was privy to information that the general public was not. This included information regarding upcoming documents being released via FOIA, specifically surrounding the origins of COVID-19 and EcoHealth. Dr. Morens, to the benefit of Dr. Daszak, would forward information regarding internal NIAID FOIA processes—and the underlying documents themselves—to Dr. Daszak. This provided Dr. Daszak with inside information that he would otherwise not have access to.

Exhibit 1: *April 28, 2020 e-mail and attachment marked FOUO (For Official Use Only) from Dr. Morens¹⁷*

Date: Tue, 28 Apr 2020 6:37:58 AM -0400
Subject: Re: Politico story
From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
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
Stonehall, No. 800
8302 Woodmont Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

[REDACTED]@gmail.com
(work)
(cell)

IMPORTANT: My gmail frequently sends incoming messages to Trash, which is apparently not correctable. If you don't hear from me in a reasonable time, please try again, call, or use my NIH email address

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

¹⁷ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Gerald Keusch, M.D., et. al. (Apr. 28, 2020) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 007254).

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Exhibit 2: September 5, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens¹⁸

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

Sent: Sunday, September 5, 2021 1:34 PM

To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >; Robert Kessler [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >; Keusch, Jerry <[REDACTED]@bu.edu>

Subject: Re: FW: ASF -- foia

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.

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¹⁸ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Daszak, Ph.D., et. al. (Sept. 5, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 022157).

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

From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAD) [E] [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 5, 2021 1:07 PM
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; Robert Kessler [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; Keusch, Jerry [REDACTED]@bu.edu>
Subject: Fwd: FW: ASF --- foia

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

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: FW: ASF --- foia
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2021 16:57:49 -0000
From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAD) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>
To: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

David

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From: Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 9:29 AM
To: NIAID OD AM [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>
Subject: RE: ASF --- foia

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.

From: Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 12:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov; [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>
Subject: ASF --- foia

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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- 2157-2161
- 2314-2324
- #14 and 15

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Exhibit 3: May 28, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens¹⁹

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>
To: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@gmail.com>; keusch, Jerry [REDACTED]@bu.edu>; Roberts, Rich [REDACTED]@neb.com>;
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,

Peter

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Website: www.ecohealthalliance.org
Twitter: @PeterDaszak

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

From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 2:55 PM
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; keusch, Jerry [REDACTED]@bu.edu>; Roberts, Rich [REDACTED]@neb.com>
Subject: Fwd: FW: OGC has placed a temporary hold on all releases having to do with EcoHealth Alliance/Wuhan Institute of Virology

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

MORENS_SUBPOENA_015820

¹⁹ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Daszak, Ph.D., et. al. (May 28, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 015820).

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: FW: OGC has placed a temporary hold on all releases having to do with EcoHealth Alliance/Wuhan Institute of Virology

Date: Fri, 28 May 2021 18:52:24 +0000

From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>

To: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com) [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

David

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From: Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>

Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 10:39 AM

To: NIAID OD AM [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>

Subject: FW: OGC has placed a temporary hold on all releases having to do with EcoHealth Alliance/Wuhan Institute of Virology

Importance: High

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From: Moore, Marg (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 10:38 AM
To: NIAID COGCORE [REDACTED]@mail.nih.gov>
Subject: FW: OGC has placed a temporary hold on all releases having to do with EcoHealth Alliance/Wuhan Institute of Virology
Importance: High

FYI

From: Lampe, Karen (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 10:33 AM
To: NIH FOIA [REDACTED]@od.nih.gov>; Manheim, Marianne (NIH/NHLBI) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov>; Schofield, Robin (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov>; Moore, Marg (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>; Milliard, Suzanne (NIH/NCI) [E] [REDACTED]@mail.nih.gov>; Peterson, Trevor (NIH/NEI) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov>; Blansfield, Earl (NIH/NICHD) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov>; Webb, Ginger (NIH/NIDCD) [E] [REDACTED]@mail.nih.gov>; Stabile, Regina (NIH/NIEHS) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov>; Alberts, Lisa (NIH/NIMH) [E] [REDACTED]@mail.nih.gov>; Glasford-Clarke, Margaret (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED]@mail.nih.gov>; Woodson, Holly (NIH/OD/ORS) [E] [REDACTED]@nih.gov>; Thomas, Gina (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED]@od.nih.gov>
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Subject: OGC has placed a temporary hold on all releases having to do with EcoHealth Alliance/Wuhan Institute of Virology
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,

Karen E. R. Lampe, Ph.D.
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IV. Dr. Morens Potentially Intentionally Deleted Official Records.

Evidence in possession of the Select Subcommittee suggests that Dr. Morens, on numerous occasions, knowingly and willingly attempted to or actually deleted official records.

Finding: Dr. Morens stated, on numerous occasions, that he intentionally deleted official records.

Dr. Morens routinely expressed to others, especially Dr. Daszak, that he would delete any official records that may be sensitive—meaning harmful to Dr. Daszak. Further, Dr. Morens affirmatively stated that he did in fact delete records.

In addition to Dr. Fauci's possible personal e-mail use discussed above, Dr. Morens also implies that Dr. Fauci also deleted official records. Again, if true, this raises serious questions of whether Dr. Fauci took part in a conspiracy amongst the highest levels of NIAID to destroy official records regarding the origins of COVID-19.

Exhibit 1: October 5, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens²⁰

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

Exhibit 2: June 16, 2020 e-mail from Dr. Morens²¹

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>;
Gerald Keusch [REDACTED]h@bu.edu>; Robert Kessler [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; Aleksei Chmura
CC: [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

²⁰ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Daszak, Ph.D., Pres., EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. (Oct. 5, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 011538).

²¹ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Daszak, Ph.D., et. al. (June 16, 2020) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 008588).

Exhibit 3: June 28, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens²²

On Jun 28, 2021, at 4:10 PM, Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@gmail.com wrote:

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, harass, and huff and puff....

d

²² E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Hotez, M.D., et. al. (June 28, 2021) (BU04541).

V. Dr. Morens Undermined NIH Efforts to Oversee EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.

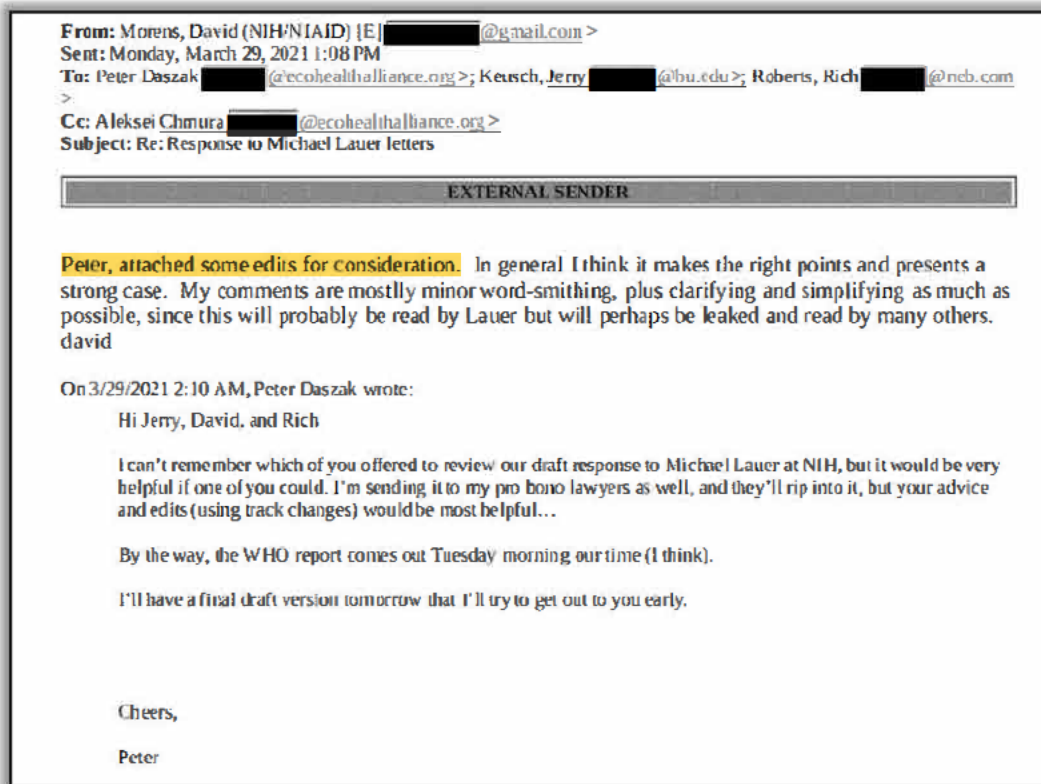
Evidence in possession of the Select Subcommittee suggests that Dr. Morens, while employed by NIAID and NIH acted as an agent on behalf of a federal grantee, EcoHealth. While acting as EcoHealth's agent, Dr. Morens routinely advocated for EcoHealth to receive federal funding, assisted EcoHealth in responding to NIH compliance investigations, and was in direct communication with EcoHealth's Board of Directors regarding the status of NIH funding.

Finding: Dr. Morens assisted EcoHealth and Dr. Daszak in responding to active and ongoing NIH compliance efforts.

Shortly after April 24, 2020, when NIH first terminated EcoHealth's grant, Dr. Morens began assisting Dr. Daszak in how to respond to NIH compliance efforts. Dr. Morens went so far as to edit both letters EcoHealth sent back to NIH and EcoHealth's press releases regarding the termination. Additionally, as a NIAID employee, Dr. Morens advocated directly to EcoHealth's Board of Directors to reassure them that EcoHealth would have its funding restored.

Finally, and concerning, after EcoHealth was awarded a new grant in August of 2020, Dr. Morens emailed Dr. Daszak and asked for a kickback. The Select Subcommittee has not seen evidence substantiating a kickback.

Exhibit 1: *March 29, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens*²³



²³ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Daszak, Ph.D., et. al. (Mar. 29, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 013382).

Exhibit 2: *October 25, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens²⁴*

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

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²⁴ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Daszak, Ph.D., et. al. (Oct. 25, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 014241).

– which they did!

Cheers,

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Exhibit 3: April 28, 2020 e-mail from Dr. Morens²⁵

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

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

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?

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²⁵ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Daszak, Ph.D., et. al. (Apr. 28, 2020) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 007204).

Cheers,

Peter

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Exhibit 4: October 25, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens²⁶

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From: [Keusch, Gerald T](#)
To: [Peter Daszak](#)
Cc: [Aleksei 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>; Aleksei 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

Sent from my iPhone

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²⁶ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Daszak, Ph.D., et. al. (Oct. 25, 2021) (BU10302).

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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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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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Exhibit 5: December 7, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens²⁷

Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2021 2:03:29 PM -0500
Sent: Tue, 7 Dec 2021 2:03:27 PM -0500
Subject: Re: Peter Daszak and the Salem Witch Trials
From: Nancye Green [REDACTED]@dgtwo.com>
To: David Morens [REDACTED]s@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,
Nancye

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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**

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²⁷ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Nancye Green, Chairman, Board of Directors, EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. (Dec. 7, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 019667)

retrieved via a FOIA, as we have been FOIA's 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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Exhibit 6: August 27, 2020 e-mail from Dr. Morens²⁸

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

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

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²⁸ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Daszak, Ph.D., et. al. (Aug. 27, 2020) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 001152).

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
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VI. Dr. Morens Acted Unbecoming of a Federal Employee.

Evidence in the possession of the Select Subcommittee suggests that Dr. Morens acted unbecoming of a federal employee. Being employed by the U.S. government is a privilege not a right. Dr. Morens abused his position and made inappropriate and misogynistic statements, some on his official e-mail account. These statements represent a disdain for the American public, whom Dr. Morens purportedly serves, and establishes that he should not have a position of public trust.

Finding: Dr. Morens made inappropriate, disrespectful, and misogynistic statements that are unbecoming of a representative of the United States government.

Dr. Morens showed a concerning pattern of behavior that suggests he is not qualified to hold a position of public trust. Dr. Morens made numerous misogynistic and sexist comments that are inappropriate. It raises serious questions regarding the integrity of Dr. Fauci's office and if Dr. Fauci knew his own Senior Advisor was making these comments.

Exhibit 1: November 18, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens²⁹

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 WHI 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 Stonehall [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@gmail.com
(work)
(cell)

IMPORTANT: My gmail frequently sends incoming messages to Trash, which is apparently not correctable. If you don't hear from me in a reasonable time, please try again, call, or use my NIH email address

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

²⁹ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Gerald Keusch, M.D. (Nov. 18, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 014740).

Exhibit 2: December 11, 2020 e-mail from Dr. Morens³⁰

From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu>
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

Exhibit 3: July 22, 2020 e-mail from Dr. Morens³¹

From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 5:59 PM
To: Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu>
Cc: [REDACTED]@cybersafe.net; Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>; Taubenberger, Jeffery (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov>; Breman, Joel (NIH/FIC) [V] [REDACTED]j@mail.nih.gov>; Tom Monath [REDACTED]@crozetbiopharma.com>; James Leduc [REDACTED]@utmb.edu>; Laura D Kramer [REDACTED]@health.ny.gov>; Peter Doherty [REDACTED]@unimelb.edu.au>; Hahn, Beatrice [REDACTED]@pennmedicine.upenn.edu>
Subject: Re: Thanks! and a couple requests.... FW: Manuscript submitted - AJTMH-20-0849

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

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

³⁰ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Daszak, Ph.D., et. al. (Dec. 11, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 005154).

³¹ E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Gerald Keusch, Ph.D., et. al. (July 22, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 014495).

Exhibit 4: July 25, 2021 e-mail from Dr. Morens³²

From: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@gmail.com >
Sent: Sunday, July 25, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >; Keusch, Gerald T [REDACTED]@bu.edu >; Roberts, Rich [REDACTED]@neb.com >; Hotez, Peter Jay [REDACTED]@bcm.edu >
Cc: Robert Kessler [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org >
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

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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,

Peter

³² E-Mail from David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat'l Insts. of Health, to Peter Daszak, Ph.D., et. al. (July 25, 2021) (MORENS_SUBPOENA 021282).

VII. Dr. Morens Likely Provided False Testimony To The Select Subcommittee.

On December 22, 2023 and January 18, 2024, Dr. Morens testified at transcribed interviews before the Select Subcommittee.³³ At the interviews, Select Subcommittee counsel advised Dr. Morens that he was required pursuant to Title 18 Section 1001 of the United States Code to answer questions truthfully, including questions posed by Congressional staff in the interview, and that if he knowingly made false statements, he could be subject to criminal prosecution.³⁴ Dr. Morens stated, on the record, that he understood the requirement and the consequences of not complying with that requirement.³⁵

The evidence presented throughout this memorandum establishes that Dr. Morens likely provided false testimony to the Select Subcommittee.

³³ Transcribed Interview of David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Dir., Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases (Dec. 22, 2023); Transcribed Interview of David Morens, M.D., Senior Advisor, Dir., Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases (Jan. 18, 2024).

³⁴ *Id.*

³⁵ *Id.*