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April 11, 2024

Gerald T. Keusch, M.D.
Associate Director
National Emerging Infectious Disease Laboratory Institute
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620 Albany Street
Boston, MA 02118

Dear Dr. Keusch:

The Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic (Select Subcommittee) is investigating the origins of the coronavirus pandemic. During this investigation, the Select Subcommittee discovered that Dr. David Morens, Senior Scientific Advisor of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), potentially used a personal e-mail account to avoid transparency and that he may have deleted federal records.¹

The Select Subcommittee is now aware of potential further attempts by Dr. Morens to subvert public transparency. Specifically, the Select Subcommittee has been made aware of alleged communications between Dr. Morens and you regarding EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. (EcoHealth). These communications included emails from Dr. Morens' personal Gmail account to you and Dr. Peter Daszak of EcoHealth. It is unclear the extent of your communication with Dr. Morens, or others within the Federal government, but according to a whistleblower, examples of these emails include:

- From: "David Morens" [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: 7/13/2020 9:21:23 PM +0000
To: "Keusch, Gerald T" [REDACTED]@bu.edu>
CC: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
Subject: Re: PRO/AH/EDR> COVID-19 update (312): China, SARS-CoV2 origin, animal reservoir, WHO mission
- From: "David Morens" [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: 4/26/2020 9:29:26 PM +0000
To: "Keusch, Gerald T" [REDACTED]@bu.edu>
CC: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; Aleksei Chmura [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>

¹ Letter from Brad Wenstrup, D.P.M., Chairman, Select Subcomm. on the Coronavirus Pandemic, to Lawrence Tabak, D.D.S., Ph.D., Acting Dir., Nat'l Inst. of Health, (Sept. 15, 2023).

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Subject: Re: PLEASE READ -- Re: Please read and acknowledge receipt -- Actions needed regarding 2R01AI110964-06

- From: David Morens [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 11:47 AM
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>; [REDACTED]@bu.edu
Subject: Re: PLEASE READ -- Re: Please read and acknowledge receipt -- Actions needed regarding 2R01AI110964-06
- From: "David Morens" [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: 2/20/2022 10:08:29 PM +0000
To: Peter Daszak [REDACTED]@ecohealthalliance.org>
CC: Gerald Keusch [REDACTED]@bu.edu>
Subject: Re: FW - emails from Erik Stemmy to say he's unable to talk with me anymore about our suspended R01

The Select Subcommittee requests the following documents and information as soon as possible, but no later than April 25, 2024:

1. All documents and communications between anyone affiliated with Boston University, including but not limited to Dr. Gerald Keusch, with Dr. David Morens regarding the origins of COVID-19, EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., or the Wuhan Institute of Virology.
2. All documents and communications between anyone affiliated with Boston University, including but not limited to Dr. Gerald Keusch, with Dr. Peter Daszak regarding the origins of COVID-19, EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., or the Wuhan Institute of Virology.
3. All documents and communications between anyone affiliated with Boston University, including but not limited to Dr. Gerald Keusch, with the following federal government entities regarding the origins of COVID-19, EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., or the Wuhan Institute of Virology:
 - a. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services;
 - b. National Institutes of Health;
 - c. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases;
 - d. U.S. Department of State;
 - e. U.S. Department of Energy; and
 - f. Federal Bureau of Investigation;
4. All documents and communications between anyone affiliated with Boston University, including but not limited to Dr. Gerald Keusch, with the following individuals regarding the origins of COVID-19, EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., or the Wuhan Institute of Virology:
 - a. Dr. Jeremy Farrar;

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- b. Dr. Kristian Andersen;
- c. Dr. Robert Garry;
- d. Dr. W. Ian Lipkin;
- e. Dr. Edward Holmes;
- f. Dr. Michael Farzan;
- g. Dr. Christian Drosten;
- h. Dr. Ron Fouchier;
- i. Dr. Marion Koopmans;
- j. Dr. Ralph Baric;
- k. Dr. James LeDuc;
- l. Dr. Victor Dzau;
- m. Dr. Shi Zhengli;
- n. Dr. Ben Hu;
- o. Dr. Yu Ping;
- p. Dr. Lanying Du;
- q. Dr. Yan Zhu; and
- r. Dr. Zhou Yusen.

The Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic 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” under H. Res. 5.² To schedule the briefing or 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

² H. Res. 5 §4(a)(2023).