From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Sun, 19 Apr 2020 03:29:42 +0000
To: Peter Daszak
Subject: RE: Thank you for your public comments re COVID-19's origins

Peter:
Many thanks for your kind note.
Best regards,
Tony

From: Peter Daszak <daszak@ecohealthalliance.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 9:43 PM
To: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] <DMORENS@niaid.nih.gov>; Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <AFAUCI@niaid.nih.gov>
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Subject: Thank you for your public comments re COVID-19's origins
Importance: High

Tony (cc'ing David so that you might pass this on to Tony once he has a spare second)

As the PI of the R01 grant publicly targeted by Fox News reporters at the Presidential press briefing last night, I just wanted to say a personal thankyou on behalf of our staff and collaborators, for publicly standing up and stating that the scientific evidence supports a natural origin for COVID-19 from a bat-to-human spillover, not a lab release from the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

It's been a very hard few months as these conspiracy theorists have gradually become politicized and hardened in their stance. Especially because the work we've been doing in collaboration with Chinese virologists has given us incredible insight into the risks that these viruses represent, so that we can directly help protect our nation from bat-origin coronaviruses. We're fighting to keep the communications open with our Chinese colleagues, so that we can better address future pandemics like COVID-19.

From my perspective, your comments are brave, and coming from your trusted voice, will help dispel the myths being spun around the virus' origins.

Once this pandemic's over I look forward thanking you in person and let you know how important your comments are to us all.

Cheers,

Peter

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From: Peter Daszak
Sent: Mon, 13 Apr 2020 17:38:53 +0000
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Cc: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E];Alison Andre
Subject: Invite to EcoHealth Alliance Virtual Annual Benefit on 30th April 2020

Dear Tony,

I hope you, your family, and colleagues are well. I know it's a extremely busy time for you and will keep this brief. We host our annual benefit in New York City in order to help raise funds for our global efforts to predict and prevent the spread of new and emerging disease. This year, our program will necessarily be modified to be entirely virtual. We will be focusing on our efforts to curb the spread of SARS-2-CoV and other future pandemics.

We're assembling a diverse set of speakers who will speak briefly to a different aspect of the threats pandemics present via a 2 minute pre-recorded segment. I'd really like to have you with us - virtually!

Our virtual benefit will be live broadcast on April 30th in New York City. Your perspective would be a vital addition to our evening's proceedings. Please let me know if you you'd be willing to provide a brief video that we would include in our program.

Cheers,

Peter

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