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Opinions

How the Vietnam War may have changed Anthony Fauci’s life

Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, speaks with the coronavirus task force at the White House on Tuesday. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

By Ray Greenberg
March 27, 2020 at 3:34 p.m. EDT

Ray Greenberg is a physician epidemiologist, former executive vice chancellor for health affairs at the University of Texas System and the author of "Medal Winners: How the Vietnam War Launched Nobel Careers."
Americans may have the war in Vietnam to thank for Anthony S. Fauci. An adviser to six presidents and now the trusted public face of the scientific response to the coronavirus pandemic, Fauci has worked at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for more than a half-century — beginning in 1968 with a group of doctors cheekily known as Yellow Berets. During the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, the U.S. military faced a pressing need for physicians. In 1966, during Fauci's senior year at Cornell University Medical College, a military recruiter came to tell the assembled students: “After you finish medical school, every one of you except the two women will either be in the Air Force, the Army, the Navy, or the Public Health Service.” The last option, entering the Public Health Service, entailed assignment at the NIH, the Centers for Disease Control or the Indian Health Service.

Those who were selected to serve at the NIH were known officially as clinical associates, but informally they were referred to as Yellow Berets. Whether the designation was born in jest or derision, it was intended as a foil to the Green Berets of the Army Special Forces. Fauci never liked the label because it implied an unwillingness to serve in harm's way. “As a physician,” Fauci said, “I felt if I had to go [to Vietnam], I would gladly do my part to try to help.” The competition for the limited number of Yellow Beret slots was so intense that only the best and brightest young physicians were selected. Fauci, the top graduate in his medical school class, was one of seven chosen from 140 applicants to train in his laboratory of interest. As described in my book “Medal Winners: How the Vietnam War Launched Medical Careers,” the class of Yellow Berets that entered with Fauci included four future Nobel laureates: Joseph Goldstein, Michael Brown, Harold Varmus and Robert Lefkowitz.

Each new appointee completed two years of clinical training before arriving at the NIH. Their primary responsibility was learning how to conduct basic research under the guidance of a senior scientist. The second job was to care for patients at the NIH Clinical Center. Fauci and his fellow infectious disease colleagues also helped to care for wounded service members at the nearby National Naval Medical Center.

Fauci, who had some research experience in medical school, trained at the NIH for three years under the tutelage of Sheldon Wolff — a pioneer in the relationship between the immune system and infectious diseases. Following a year of additional clinical training back in New York, Fauci returned to the NIH as a senior scientist conducting pioneering work, first on autoimmune conditions, then transitioning to study the newly emerging disease that would become known as AIDS.

When he entered the clinical associate program, Fauci’s ambition was to become a medical school professor. Had the Vietnam War not brought him to the NIH, Fauci probably would have remained in academia and the country never would have benefited from his extraordinary public service. Instead, from his position as director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Fauci has helped shape national policies related to HIV, bioterrorism and a series of pandemic threats including avian influenza, H1N1 (swine) influenza, Ebola and severe acute respiratory syndrome. It is hard to imagine any other physician who has had such a sustained and profound impact on the health of our nation.

While Fauci remained at the NIH for his entire professional career, most of his fellow Yellow Berets left Bethesda after their training was completed and headed for jobs at universities. Across the nation, the former Yellow Berets became medical school scientists, department chairs and deans. More than 60 former clinical associates, including Fauci, were elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences, and he also was one of the more than 125 Yellow Beret alumni elected to the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Medicine). In addition, Fauci was one of 10 alumni to receive the National Medal of Science.
For all the scars left by the Vietnam War, we should not overlook the fact that in its absence, 50 years later the country would probably not have Anthony Fauci guiding us through our current crisis. Dr. Fauci, we salute you and your fellow Yellow Berets.

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 6:24 PM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] [b](6); Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E] [b](6)
Cc: Stover, Kathy (NIH/NIAID) [E] [b](6); Routh, Jennifer (NIH/NIAID) [E] [b](6)
Subject: FW: Dr. Fauci hits and requests

From: Billet, Courtney (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 6:23 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin M. EOP/OVP [b](6)
Subject: RE: Dr. Fauci hits and requests

From: Routh, Jennifer (NIH/NIAID) [E] [b](6)
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 6:18 PM
Thanks, Devin. We have declined and scheduled as you advised. Below is an updated list and schedule.

**Friday 3/27**
- Pittsburgh, PA (also airs in OH and WV) – Bloomdaddy radio - 634 am live hit completed
- Baton Rouge, LA – Morning News w/ Brian Haldane - 7:05 am live hit completed

**Saturday 3/28**
Showtime Desus and Mero – taping at 2 p.m. scheduled

**Sunday 3/29**
CNN State of the Union – live hit 9:15 a.m. scheduled

**Monday 3/30**
- AppleTV+ Oprah – tape 11:30 a.m. scheduled
- Radio – Rantz show Seattle – 8 p.m. live hit scheduled
- Radio – John/Ken show California – 8:30 p.m. live hit scheduled

**Tuesday 3/31**
- CBS The Late Show with Stephen Colbert – tape 11 a.m. scheduled
- CNN Coronavirus podcast with Sanjay Gupta – tape 12 noon scheduled
- Wall Street Journal The Journal Podcast – tape 1 p.m. ET

**Wednesday 4/1**
New York Times The Daily podcast – tape 12 noon scheduled

Thanks,
Jen

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:58 PM  
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Yellow means schedule  
Green means let’s revisit  
Crossed out means please decline

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Subject: RE: Dr. Fauci hits and requests

Good evening—

Below is a list of pending hits and requests for Dr. Fauci:

Thursday 3/26
• WTOP – 6:10 a.m. completed
• NPR Morning Edition – 7:07 a.m. completed
• YouTube content creator interviews – 11 a.m. completed.
- The content creators will publish the interviews on YouTube over the next few days. We expect Trevor Noah will publish tonight.
  - Instagram Live video with Steph Curry – 1 p.m. completed
  - CNN Town Hall – scheduled 8 p.m. live

**Friday 3/27**
- Pittsburgh, PA (also airs in OH and WV) – Bloomdaddy radio - 6:34 am live hit scheduled
- Baton Rouge, LA – Morning News w/ Brian Haldane - 7:05 am live hit scheduled
Good evening—

Below is a list of pending hits and requests for Dr. Fauci. Flagging a few new inquiries:

**Wednesday 3/25**
- Bob Rose Radio Show - Gainsville FL – 6:33 am live hit – completed
- Bernie and Sid Radio Show – NYC – 7:05 am live hit – completed
- CNN Cuomo – scheduled live hit 9:05 p.m.

**Thursday 3/26**
- WTOP – scheduled live hit 6:10 a.m.
- NPR Morning Edition – scheduled live hit 7:07 a.m.
- YouTube content creator interviews – scheduled 11 a.m.
- Instagram Live video with Steph Curry – scheduled remote conversation 1 p.m.
- CNN Town Hall – scheduled 8 p.m. live

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From: Routh, Jennifer (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:00 PM
Cc: Billet, Courtney (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Stover, Kathy (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Hall, Bill (HHS/ASPA); Murphy, Ryan (OS/ASPA)
Subject: RE: Dr. Fauci hits and requests
From: Routh, Jennifer (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 7:48 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin M. EOP/OVP; Love, Kelly A. EOP/OVP; Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO; Bowman, Lauren K. EOP/WHO; Porter, Macaulay V. EOP/OVP
Cc: Billet, Courtney (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Stover, Kathy (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Hall, Bill (HHS/ASPA); Murphy, Ryan (OS/ASPA)
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Subject: RE: Dr. Fauci hits and requests
Good evening –

Below is an updated list of the hits and pending requests for Dr. Fauci.

**Tuesday 3/24**
- 7 am firm live hit Chris Stigal Radio Show (Philly) – completed
- WMAL in WDC – completed
- 10 pm live with Laura Ingraham truck from his house - scheduled

**Wednesday 3/25**
- Bob Rose Radio Show - Gainesville FL – 6:33 am live hit – scheduled
- Bernie and Sid Radio Show – NYC – 7:05 am live hit – scheduled
- WTOP – working to schedule
- NPR Morning Edition – working to schedule
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Bob:

Can you figure out a way to get this translated so that we can figure out what he wants and whether we can help him.

Thanks,

Tony

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Egregio Professor Fauci,
Oggetto: Proposal from an Italian research doctor to stem the Coronavirus infection

Dear Professor Fauci,

I'm an Italian research doctor, with a qualification in Internal Medicine, who trained at the Polyclinic Hospital of Milan.
I'm very grateful for the precious time and for the attention that You will want to devote to my "application hypothesis". Trusting in Your kind reply, I send my best regards.

dr. Sandra Liliana Giudici
Janet:

Thanks for the note to Patty. We can do some of #4 below. Patty will contact you and we can also chat by phone today to update me on details. As you might imagine, thing are very hectic and the most important thing is for me to get my job done. And so we will do what we can but may not be able to do everything that you would like. I look forward to speaking with you later.

Best regards,

Tony

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Janet Tobias <janet@ikanamedia.com>
Date: March 28, 2020 at 7:24:48 AM EDT
To: "Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]"
Hi Patty: A few important updates. And a request for this weekend/Sunday.

2) We have been working with John Burklow/Dr. Collins/HHS on access to the Task Force. The Task Force came back to us and asked us for more details about our approach, we gave them a written description of the overall approach of documenting for history the role of the Task Force, its leadership, NIH, NIAID, and Dr. Fauci. Burklow is working with us on this.

3) Could I have a ten minute phone conversation with Dr. Fauci this weekend, important—I think—to update him on details personally.

4) We would like, if possible to start filming with Dr. Fauci this weekend. Could we film Dr. Fauci exiting his house and going to the live truck for Sunday morning interviews and then going back home or off to the WH. We would then match that in the film with the feed from the truck of him sitting down and get archive from the shows he appears. We are close by. Zac (DP, who Dr. Fauci knows) has been in complete self-quarantine for two weeks before he left New York State and we are now here a week. He is completely good by self-quarantine rules for above filming.

Thanks to the three of you for the work. The communication is life-saving. I have a couple of close friends on the frontline and they asked me to relay how deeply grateful they are for the work you are all doing.

Janet
On Mar 24, 2020, at 3:38 PM, Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E] wrote:

Hi Janet

I gave him a hardcopy of your email earlier today...he does have it – we had to add some meetings at the WH prior to his Task Force meeting so I know he was a bit distracted...

Will keep trying...

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From: Janet Tobias <janet@ikanamedia.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:26 PM
To: Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E] [b] (6)

Hi Patty:

Zac and I are here and situated. I know you are drinking through ten firehoses. I want to preserve sleep and health for Dr. Fauci. But it would be fantastic to have a 15 minute video (with distancing) Q and A in the garden of his house or in the house this week—what he is working on just scientifically—vaccines, treatments, disease understanding. I want to capture the focus and urgency of the real time scientific work on COVID-19. If we need to we can figure out how to do it with audio, but would love to see if we could do this in 15 minutes on video. Again, anytime this week.
Thanks,

Janet
Hugh/Emily:

Please handle this and respond to Bruce for me.

Thanks,

Tony

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Hi Tony, Hugh, and Emily

Hope you are doing well and getting a chance to pause (especially Tony!) after another breathless sprint of a week.

The NIBIB community has unique capacity to design, build, and deploy an array of powerful biomedical technologies. Much of our attention over the past year has been on early disease detection and prevention, and the integration of digital/personal health with conventional medicine. The COVID-19 crisis seems to have many challenges that are ideally matched for our capabilities. With the $60M NIBIB will receive in the supplement, we are in a unique position to make a contribution.
I am hoping we can meet with you to refine ideas and coordinate as we develop mechanisms to marshal these resources. Your insight will play an essential role in helping us move forward wisely. NIBIB has never received anything remotely like this before and we are in unfamiliar territory. I think it reflects, in part, the confidence—and hope, that people have in advanced technologies to change lives. We are determined to convert these dollars into tangible methods and devices and need your help in optimizing our strategy.

I am forwarding my slide from the science presentation on Wednesday and my follow up email to Francis and Larry to give you a sense of our direction (apologies for the information blast!). We have also been drafting a NOSI with several topic areas that I am adding below...note that we are in the process of condensing and refining these to simplify and more closely resemble our pay plan. I had a great conversation with Francis in a follow up call Thursday and he suggested [redacted].

I look forward to your thoughts/comments and hope we (cc'd NIBIB leadership Jill Heemskerk and David George) can schedule a time to talk. Thank you for considering this, I know you are overflowing with emails and requests! If it's easier to just give me a call, my cell is [redacted]. I can give you the quick "cliff notes" summary.

Best,
Bruce
Subject: Summary thoughts

Hi Francis and Larry,
Thanks for the opportunity to present yesterday.
Best,
Bruce

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Will see to that these are on your cv

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From: Janet Tobias <janet@ikanamedia.com>
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Subject: Re: Updates, In DC

Dear Tony: I sent a note to Patty with updates. Task Force in progress (asked for more information) and we have finalized plans for distribution/release of the film for when this is over next year and we all feel good about being together in a theater. Will now push to do tiny bits of filming and audio a couple of times a week.

Thanks for everything and thanks yesterday for talking to the frontline. Close friends there have asked me to pass on their gratitude.

See you soon and follow Chris' advice about taking care of yourself.

Janet

> On Mar 22, 2020, at 10:19 PM, Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)> wrote:
> >
> > My work with the Coronavirus Task Force and the large volume of incoming emails precludes me or my staff from answering each individual message. I would encourage you to visit www.coronavirus.gov <http://www.coronavirus.gov> for the latest information and guidance related to COVID-19.
> >
> > Thank you, and best regards.
> >
> > Anthony S. Fauci, M.D.
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> >
Thanks, John!

Congratulations to all of you who made today’s COVID-19 videos a tremendous success! I know there were a lot of quickly moving, intricate parts and it went off flawlessly—all remotely, to boot! Everyone worked as a team, under very tight timelines, and thanks to Renate, who orchestrated the FC Home Edition! I know NIH staff will greatly appreciate the videos—they’re chockful of content! And special thanks to Dr. Fauci, who took time out of his “leisurely” day to devote more than an hour to the taping— incredible!

You all make us very proud!

John
Dear Dr. Fauci,

I hope all goes well. I wanted to quickly follow up and see if you might be free for a quick interview on Monday — it would mean so much to include your voice in the piece.

Is there a time on Monday that might work for you? We can jump on the phone for a 5 - 10 minute call if that works better for you.

Best,

Ben

On Thu, Mar 26, 2020 at 5:10 PM Ben Moe <ben@frame.media> wrote:

Dear Dr. Fauci,

I hope this finds you well and thank you for all the work you are doing. I run the digital magazine, Frame, which publishes interactive documentaries made for mobile phones. We are working on a story about the current effort to create a coronavirus vaccine and would love to interview you for the piece.

We’ve interviewed Regeneron’s Chief Scientific Officer, George Yancopoulos, and the piece will tell the story of Regeneron’s push to create a coronavirus vaccine in record time. I was hoping you could speak to the broader issue of the often undercovered global threat of diseases and the lack of funding going toward infectious diseases.
Would you potentially be available for a short video interview sometime between 10am - 7pm EST tomorrow? Alternatively, would you be free sometime between 12pm - 2pm or 5pm - 7pm EST on Monday?

Look forward to hearing back and we'd be honored to have your voice in the story.

Here's a brief overview of Frame:

Frame is a newsmagazine that publishes interactive documentaries made for mobile phones. Every Frame story tells a compelling, human story that helps shine a light on a major social or political issue. Frame stories include interactive features throughout, from maps to timelines, that allow viewers to engage more deeply with the piece. Our stories are delivered through a messaging platform that allows subscribers to have conversations with our journalists and subscribe to news updates on topics they want to follow, all through SMS. Frame has been covered by TechCrunch, Poynter, and Journalism.co.uk, and our investors include Snap Inc.'s Yellow Accelerator.

The very best,

Ben Moe

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Thanks, Vanessa. I appreciate your note.

Best,
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Hi Tony,

I just wanted to express my appreciation for your sane voice during the Covid-19 crisis. Keep up the good work. I know it has to be exhausling.

Best regards,

Vanessa Hirsch  
NHPVS, NIAID, NIH
From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Fri, 27 Mar 2020 15:57:33 +0000
To: Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Cc: Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: RE: (b)(4)

David:
Provided you (b)(6), if you could do this within the next 2 to 3 weeks, that would be great.
Thanks,
Tony

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Cc: Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: (b)(4)

Tony, (b)(4), so I will start to think about what might work.

Do you have a hoped-for timetable? We are both overwhelmed, but I will try to do at least a bit daily as long as (b)(6). david
Dear Sri, thank you and we wish you and colleagues well too. These are certainly difficult times for all.

I will discuss again with Tony. We’ll ponder that some more and get back to you later. Thanks, again, and stay safe.

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Dear Tony and David,

Thank you for writing back. Firstly I would like to say thank you for all that you are doing. On

I hope you, your families and colleagues stay safe and healthy through this. Please take care.

I look forward to staying in touch.

Best wishes,
Sri.

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First, apologies are in order. We tried to meet about this and get you a quick response the day after you and Tony emailed, but then coronavirus chaos ensued. We had to cancel 5 successive meetings to go over this; in one case minutes before we were to start he got an urgent call to go down to the White Hose asap, and that was that. Few of us in the office have even seen Tony in recent weeks as he is down at the White Hose daily from early morning until late at night.

Finally this morning we sat down and had a relaxed discussion. Assuming you are still interested.

Crazy times, for sure.

Thank you, I look forward to hearing from you,

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From: Narasimhan, Sri Devi (ELS-CMA) <srnarasimhan@cell.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <(b)(6)>
Subject: (b)(4)

Dear Tony,

I hope all is well. I had the great pleasure of meeting you in person when you were the keynote speaker at our Cell Symposium on Emerging and Re-emerging Viruses in 2017. You then gave a wonderful talk that covered AIDS to Zika and your experiences across different outbreaks, administrations and the challenges you encountered.

My best wishes,
Sri.

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Please check it out and respond

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From: Peter Lerman
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: Offering help to fight the Covid-19

Dear Dr. Fauci,

I don't want you to waste too much time in this stressful situation.

As the doctor in charge of the hygiene of the Berner clinic in Crans-Montana in Switzerland, as well as being in contact with my colleagues in private practice, I see every day how important the need for information and consultation of the population in this situation of insecurity is. At the same time, we are under threat of a shortage of doctors if we have to strictly apply the federal Swiss guidelines (Art. 10b and 10c, regulation 2 COVID-19) or if the wave of illness reduces the number of colleagues available for consultations.
Thank you for your time

Good luck

Best regards,

Peter Lermen
MD internal medicine, internal oncological rehabilitation
Co-President oncoreha.ch

(b) (6)

www.doc-line.ch
Please take a look at this and respond if appropriate... Too long an e-mail for me to tackle. I have 745 others.

Thanks,

Tony

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From: Skip Virgin
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 11:33 PM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: Vir update

Tony

My apologies for the slow update. You asked that I get back to you after [redacted] and so here I am. Notes in sections.
Any advice welcome

Happy to talk

Be well and thanks for all of your public work to help us prepare. I wish they listened more.

Skip

Herbert W. 'Skip' Virgin M.D., Ph.D.
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Brett:

The proposal below was sent to my office by David Margulies (Harvard/Boston Children's) who is part of a group of prominent physicians and healthcare executives in Boston developing this idea (David Martin of the Brigham, Gary Gottlieb of Partners and others). See this op-ed they wrote in the Boston Globe yesterday regarding their proposal [https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/25/opinion/mass-needs-comprehensive-care-response-coronavirus/].

Can you take a look at this and let me know what you think? David Margulies can be contacted directly at (b) (5) or (b) (6) if you need additional information.

Thanks,
Tony
We have been discussing each and every one of these suggestions and they are all on the table for consideration of implementation.

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From: Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 6:31 PM
To: Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: FW: FOR TASK FORCE Consideration -- Some sound thinking on COVID-19
Importance: High

From: Pierce, William <wpierce@apcoworldwide.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:24 PM
To: Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: FOR TASK FORCE Consideration -- Some sound thinking on COVID-19
Importance: High

Patty:

I know Tony is the expert, but I thought this memo would be of interest and perhaps of help to him in his battles.

The attached memo is from Dr. Paul Offit [U of Penn] and a colleague of his David Rubin. Tony may know him, I would not be surprised.

But for you, Paul is one of the country’s topic vaccinologists and virologists. Paul developed a vaccine for a deadly disease. I know him well and he’s the real deal. Next to Tony he is my go to science source.

Paul in particular is a highly credible, well known national expert.

They wrote this memo on the 19th of March and it has many suggestions that are incredibly smart and I thought Tony would want to see this immediately. Paul and David are obviously available to talk asap.

Let me know.

Bill

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Dear colleagues,

The purpose of this email is to thank you for agreeing to provide support to the HHS COVID19 Treatment Guidelines Panel. As you are aware clinicians are doing their best to navigate a complicated landscape with little to guide them. I realize everyone is very busy and I appreciate you taking on this additional work at a difficult time.

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Let us see if we can do this from my NIH office today during the day.

From: Chris Foote <chris.foote@bbc.co.uk>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 5:02 AM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (C)
Subject: BBC News

Hello Dr Fauci

I'm the programme editor of The Nine, a nightly news and current affairs programme on the BBC. I was hoping you could spare ten minutes at some point today (March 26) to speak to us over Skype or FaceTime about the US response the Coronavirus pandemic.

If that's possible, I'll ask one of my producers to arrange it at a time convenient for you.

Chris Foote
Senior Journalist
BBC News

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From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Thu, 26 Mar 2020 02:27:28 +0000
To: Joubert, Bonnie (NIH/NIEHS) [E]
Subject: RE: Thank you

Bonnie:
Thanks for the note. Much appreciated.
Best regards,
Tony

Dear Dr. Fauci,

I just want to say THANK YOU for all that you are doing for the country to address the COVID-19 pandemic. As an epidemiologist at NIEHS, it is inspiring and encouraging to be part of NIH and to have leaders like you involved in the national and global response during this critical time.

Regards,
Bonnie

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Thanks, Ted. I appreciate your note.

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Dear Tony: I sent a brief note to my friend Jon Cohen to congratulate him on what I thought was his fine interview with you. In his response, he suggested that I should send a copy to you. I’ve been a little reluctant to do that because of what I assumed must be a flood of comments and advice that you are getting in your role on the task force. I attach the message to Jon below and I hope that some of the thoughts are useful and maybe a little comforting for you. With my very warmest regards and best wishes,

Ted

Begin forwarded message:

From: Theodore Friedmann <tfriedmann@health.ucsd.edu>
Subject: Re: George Church interview
Date: March 24, 2020 at 12:09:20 PM PDT
To: Jon Cohen <jcohen@eaaas.org>
Dear Jon: Greetings from La Jolla. Congratulations on your interview with Tony Fauci. I have to admit that, until a couple of weeks ago, I have been quite critical of Tony’s apparent acquiescence with so much dangerous, incorrect and politically motivated misinformation from the administration. I feared that the upside-down explanations from the administration had the effect of destroying the concepts and tenets of epidemiology and even rationalizing a completely wrong concept of communicable disease that holds that it is unnecessary to screen or carriers in an epidemic but only important to screen symptomatic people. That is upside-down from what we all know about dealing with epidemics and has even been endorsed by Trump, Pence and other members of the COVID-19 task force. It seems to have become a new normal concept of communicable disease management. Like so many things in the Trump era, facts and history are thrown out the window and replaced by governmentally espoused but obviously wrong concepts. We assume to be preparing to completely deny established concepts of communicable disease - screen only the prime suspects or the afflicted. In conversations with colleagues here I wondered “where is Tony Fauci?” They suggested that he must be quietly and heroically working hard being the scenes and at his personal peril to educate our leaders rather than correcting them publicly. But I thought that, in desperate times, the public must hear and see clear truth and denials of lies. My concept of heroes are people who act at their personal peril - Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Martin Niemöller, Dietrich Bornhoffer. Thankfully, I think that the real Tony Fauci has emerged, obviously to his peril. I wish him good luck and survival. I find myself wondering what the responses will be to Trump’s likely premature lifting of isolation and quarantining procedures and if the concept of disobeying illegal and unethical orders will survive the times.

In any event, good interview! By the way, [Redacted]. All the best regards,

Ted

On Dec 6, 2018, at 11:17 AM, Jon Cohen <jcohen@aaas.org> wrote:

So good to hear from you and do tell Carl to contact me.

Yes, George has received ample criticism, but my job is to air his views, regardless of what I think. And I like his independent, damn the torpedoes approach. He speaks his mind. As for He, everything about this is bizarre, from ethics to science to PR to regulation.

Best,

Jon
On Dec 6, 2018, at 1:19 PM, Friedmann, Theodore
<tfriedmann@ucsd.edu> wrote:

Hello Jon - Greetings from (b) (9). It has been a long time since we last connected and talked about gene therapy, etc. and

I was very interested to read George Church’s troublesome responses in your interview with him in Science and to see his ethical evaluation of He’s CCR5 editing experiment in China. I’m not as generous to He as George seems to be and I think that this work is clearly unethical. George inexplicably conjures up the sad history of Jess Gelsinger and the effect of his death on the evolution of the field of gene therapy. Happily, he’s right about the fact that gene therapy is now proving itself in a growing list of intractable diseases (underscored by the 2015 Japan Prize). That has happened because studies are now much more carefully designed and carried out. But sadly, we are in an environment in which some people conclude that human medical manipulations - gene therapy, genome editing, stem cell therapy - are ethical as long as they “work”. The rationale is, “let’s do the study and if it works and doesn’t kill or otherwise harm, it’s OK”. It’s not a post-factor evaluation that determines if an instance of human experimentation is ethical and permissible - it is the design of a study that determines if it is ethical or not. George should be reminded of that fact and should re-read the Helsinki declarations or similar codes of human experimentation.

In any event, your interview was fascinating. Best regards,

Ted Friedmann
Please take a look at this. What do you think?

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From: Steve Sternberg
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: Developing Control Charts for Covid 3 24 20 with graphs.docx

Tony,

Here are reconfigured charts which factor in the guidance from mathematicians at Rockefeller. As you can see, the trend in the U.S. is visibly worse. If this pattern holds, we're going to see many more deaths before things get better.

We would be grateful for a comment. Could you offer a perspective? We're going to try to publish today.

Steve
Jean-Francois:

Thank you for your note. I do not see Yazdan copied on your e-mail, and so please forward this e-mail to him. The NIH position is that we should preferably make drugs available on randomized, controlled clinical trials and not freely distribute them. There is a strong push in the USA, favored by the President, to make certain of these drugs more widely available outside of an RCT using mechanisms such as “compassionate usage”. In the USA, as you know, HC (plaquenil) is an approved drug for malaria as well as for certain autoimmune diseases such as SLE. Thus, physicians can prescribe the drug on an “off label” usage. This likely will be the major modality of distribution of this drug in the USA, at least for the foreseeable future.

I am copying Cliff Lane on this e-mail. Please include him on any further correspondence on this subject.

Best regards,

Tony

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Hello,

I am once again in service since the global sanitary crisis COVID-19 hit France a couple of weeks ago. I am now leading the Scientific Council for COVID-19, composed of 10 persons, serving the French President, Emmanuel Macron.

The Council was created on March the 10th and we were heavily involved in advisory activities in relation to the President’s decision to put the generalized quarantine into force, because we didn’t have any better choice.

Firstly

We have a limited number of diagnosis tests, this prevents us from taking up a Korean-like strategy within the next few days. However, by the end of the quarantine (within the following six weeks), we will be able to have a generalisation of the diagnosis test and develop korean-like apps, as well as a strategy for testing and treatment if we have any drugs available by this time. Before this, we will go through a difficult phase in the following weeks, because we won’t have enough beds in our care units in some part of France...

Secondly

On the therapeutic level, Yazdan Yazdanpanah has taken my place and who is now leading REACTing.

Tomorrow morning a french-european medical trial will begin, under the control of the WHO, with 5 arms (placebo/kalatra/kalatra +interferon bêta / product of Guilead / hydroxychloroquine alone or in combination for next week).

As you may know, we are currently facing a press buzz since the announcement made by Dr. Raoult about the effectiveness of hydroxy-chloroquine. His data is not particularly convincing. We can distinguish a slight positive signal but it must be confirmed by a well made randomised trial. We also started a monkey-model study with HC and we should have the results by the end of next week. Also a cohort of severe COVID+ patients have been created and some will be treated with HC : we will analyse those results with all the consciousness needed. It will also be possible to do a prevention trial for healthcare
professionals and aging people with HC. I have an enormous political pressure to release HC and to give it to everyone but I am currently resisting...

How is the situation in the USA, especially after Trump's announcement? What is the NIH position? What will be put into force?

Thanks for your answer.

I put Yazdan Yazdanpanah in a copy of this email.

Best regard

Pr. Jean-François Delfraissy
Président
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National Ethical Consultative Committee for life sciences and health
Ancien Directeur de l'ANRS | ANRS former Director
M (b) (6)
T (b) (8)
Agree. Skip this and please try to get David back on my morning schedule to start working on the original paper that we had agreed upon.
Rita:

Many thanks for your kind note. It is much appreciated.

Best regards,

Tony

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To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)
Subject: with love from Italy

Dear Doctor Fauci. My name is Rita Apgar and if by chance you noticed my last name, as my father said many years ago, "the sagacious finger of destiny pointed my way to Italy, the true home of my heart, although not a drop of Italian blood flows through it. But the love of Italy and the Italians pumps through my heart every second of my existence."

That sagacious finger of destiny pointed the way, and I followed it in faith to [b] (6)
__________________________ where I had lived. As soon as I set foot for the first time in the house in this funky ghost town of a medieval village, I felt that we belonged together.

And, practically speaking, at the time, it was the perfect solution to some weighty personal problems. Heart and mind were in peaceful agreement.

I have a dear friend who is an infectious disease specialist at the hospital in Asti. She is, obviously, extremely busy these days but she took the time to call me Sunday evening and we talked about you. She said to me, "you know, when I was just a graduate student, I was a secret groupie of Dr. Fauci, and once when he was at a meeting or a conference or something (I'm not sure where or when) I was able to ask him a few questions." I was thrilled, of course, since I also try to watch every appearance you make on TV. I will not add anything in this regard.
But I did say to Maria, Doctor Maria Degioanni, "Maria, I want to invite Dr. Fauci to come and visit us for a few days when this crisis is over, God willing and maybe he would come together with [blurred text], who has promised to come and visit again after 20 years. We can put them up in the fancy Relais San Damian above Isolalunga where I live and take them out to dinner at Gente di Mare. Dear Doctor Fauci, I like to joke when people ask how we are doing in this time of Covid-19 by saying: A Name, a guarantee: ISOLAlunga= ISOLAtion! Legend says that the Benedictine monks who got into mischief centuries ago were sent here as punishment to work in the olive groves: long isolation. Today it's the perfect place to be with a view of the Mediterranean as well as the Maritime Alps from the kitchen window and hardly a soul to practice social distancing with! Grazie per esistere as an Italian song goes, "thank you for being you! I would adore getting a reply from you, but realize how miraculous that would be! We would be over the moon if you accepted our invitation, at any time and at the drop of a hat!"

Sincerely, Rita Apgar
Try Barney Graham at the NIAID VRC. You have interviewed him more than once.

-----Original Message-----
From: Jon LaPook
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:17 PM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: RE: Serology for the novel coronavirus

Sigh. Who would you suggest I try to interview?
Thanks,
Jon

-----Original Message-----
From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Jon LaPook
Subject: Re: Serology for the novel coronavirus

Lots of talk. Not sure about progress

> On Mar 23, 2020, at 6:27 PM, Jon LaPook wrote:
> wouldn't
> Tony,
> > Any progress? Obviously, if we had widespread serologic testing, we could identify people with likely immunity, and put them on the front lines.
> > Thanks,
> > Jon
> > Jonathan LaPook, M.D.
> > Chief Medical Correspondent, CBS News
> > Professor of Medicine
> > NYU Langone Health
> > Twitter @DrLaPook
Cliff:

Who is the most knowledgeable about serologies for COVID-19? If you know, could you please respond to Jon.

Thanks,
Tony

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To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
Subject: RE: Serology for the novel coronavirus

Sigh. Who would you suggest I try to interview?  
Thanks,  
Jon

-----Original Message-----
From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:57 PM  
To: Jon LaPook  
Subject: Re: Serology for the novel coronavirus

Lots of talk. Not sure about progress

> On Mar 23, 2020, at 6:27 PM, Jon LaPook  wrote:
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> Tony,
> Any progress? Obviously, if we had widespread serologic testing, we could identify people with likely immunity, and put them on the front lines.
> Thanks,
> Jon
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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:59 PM
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Subject: COVID-19 West Virginia Phenomenon

Dear Dr Anthony Fauci

Best regards

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Email response from Jeremy Berg

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From: Berg, Jeremy (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:46 PM
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Cc: Lerner, Andrea (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)
Subject: Re: COVID reagent allocation issue

You are welcome, Tony. We appreciate anything that you can do with regard to the reagent allocation issue. The view from the trenches is pretty stark.

Keep up the good work and do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can be helpful in any way.

Best, Jeremy

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Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 1:44 PM
To: Jeremy Berg
Cc: "Lerner, Andrea (NIH/NIAID) [E]"
Subject: Re: COVID reagent allocation issue

Thanks, Jeremy

On Mar 23, 2020, at 9:00 PM, Berg, Jeremy wrote:

Dear Tony: I am sure you are overwhelmed, but I think it is important to share the attached with you (which will be sent to you directly through regular channels). [redacted] is a pathologist who is in charge of testing in a large medical system in Rochester, New York, who has been extremely concerned and frustrated by the lack of access to reagents for the Roche coronavirus testing platform. They have the platform but cannot use it because of a lack of reagents (which were apparently pre-purchased by Quest, LabCorp, and other national groups). The turnaround time for Quest is approximately 5 days and this is completely useless for making clinical decisions about admission compared with local testing with 24 hour per around time.

Thank you for your attention and for everything that you are doing to help our country through this great challenge.

Best, Jeremy

P.S. I enjoyed the interview with you in Science and admire your clarity of purpose.

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