



**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

December 3, 2020

Case No.: F-2020-05029/  
FL-2020-00071

Austin R. Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is in response to your request dated March 16, 2020, under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Thus far, the Department has located three responsive records subject to the FOIA. Upon review, we have determined that the three records may be released in part. The processing of your request is ongoing.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

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We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact James Bickford, Trial Attorney, at [James.Bickford@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.Bickford@usdoj.gov) or (202) 305-7632. Please refer to the case number, F-2020-05029/FL-2020-00071, and the civil action number, 20-cv-01169, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan C. Weetman".

Susan C. Weetman  
Deputy Director  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

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| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |
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  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]

**To:** [redacted]  
[redacted]

**CC:** Knapper, Marc E [redacted]  
[redacted]  
Ramotowski, Edward J [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

**Date:** Sun, 16 Feb 2020 13:17:03 +0000

Consular Team: Could someone play around with the manifest spreadsheet and see if you can reveal the necessary bio data for the crew? If so, please walk DHS through the process. Thanks. Carl

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Sent from [redacted]

On February 16, 2020 at 12:03:34 AM EST, Boksem, Rob (HA Group)

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[redacted]

There is also a Crew Manifest Sheet in the file, which has all information, like the passengers.

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Rob Boksem  
Senior Vice President, Technical Services  
Holland America Group | Serving Princess Cruises, Holland America Line and Seabourn  
Office: [redacted] Mobile: [redacted] [redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 7:28 PM

**To:** Boksem, Rob (HA Group) [redacted] Risch, Carl C [redacted]  
Taylor, Keith (HA Group) [redacted]  
Ball, Charlie (PCL) [redacted]  
Palermo, Joseph [redacted]  
(HAL) [redacted]

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**Cc:** [Redacted]

(b)(6) Knapper, Marc E

[Redacted] Burke, William (CarnCorp) (b)(6) Ramotowski,

Edward J (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Bob - do you have a similar list for the crew?

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**From:** Boksem, Rob (HA Group) [Redacted]

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**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 4:59:45 PM

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**To:** [Redacted] Risch, Carl C [Redacted] Taylor,

Keith (HA Group) [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Burke, William (CarnCorp) [Redacted] Ramotowski,

Edward J (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

All,

See attached the file with US & Canada filtered.

Pw; to follow.

Regards,

Rob Boksem

(b)(6) Senior Vice President, Technical Services (b)(6)  
Holland America Group | Serving Princess Cruises, Holland America Line and Seabourn

(b)(6) Office: [redacted] Mobile: + [redacted] [redacted]

(b)(6) From: [redacted]  
(b)(6) Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 1:45 PM  
(b)(6) To: Risch, Carl C [redacted] Boksem, Rob (HA Group)  
(b)(6) [redacted]; Taylor, Keith (HA Group)  
(b)(6) [redacted] Ball,  
(b)(6) [redacted] (PCL) [redacted]  
(b)(6) Cc: [redacted]  
(b)(6) [redacted] Knapper, Marc E  
(b)(6) [redacted] Burke, William (CarnCorp) [redacted] Ramotowski,  
Edward J <[redacted]>  
Subject: Re: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Thanks, here's what we need:

Complete Name

Date of Birth

Passport Nationality and Number

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(b)(6) From: Risch, Carl C [redacted]  
(b)(6) Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 4:39:48 PM  
(b)(6) To: Boksem, Rob (HA Group) <RBoksem@HollandAmericaGroup.com>; Taylor, Keith (HA Group)  
(b)(6) [redacted] Ball,  
(b)(6) Charlie (PCL) <cball@hagroup.com>  
(b)(6) Cc: [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Burke, William (CarnCorp) <[redacted]>

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[Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Copying (b)(6) in Consular Affairs. We will get you exactly what information we need.

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

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On February 15, 2020 at 4:31:22 PM EST, Boksem, Rob (HA Group)

[Redacted] wrote:

[Redacted]

We are working to get you the information required.  
To be sure that we not need adding information every time, can you let us know what information is required; like Passport ID, etc.

Thanks,

Rob

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**Rob Boksem**  
Senior Vice President, Technical Services  
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**From:** Taylor, Keith (HA Group)

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**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 10:10 AM

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**To:** [Redacted] Ball, Charlie (PCL)

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[Redacted]; Boksem, Rob (HA Group)

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**Cc:** [Redacted] Risch, Carl C

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[Redacted] Knapper, Marc E

<KnapperME@state.gov> [Redacted]

[Redacted] Burke, William (CarnCorp)

**Subject:** RE: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

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Adding Rob Boksem – we are working multiple lines of action here and Rob will be covering the ERC for next few hours as we try to reset in prep for day in Cambodia.

We will try to get you this info as soon as able.

Keith

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 9:55 AM  
**To:** Ball, Charlie (PCL) [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] Risch, Carl C

[redacted] Taylor, Keith (HA Group)  
[redacted] Burke, William (CarnCorp)

**Subject:** Re: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Charlie- we really need the full data requested by A/S Carl Risch to carry out directives from White House Task Force decisions this afternoon. Can your team please expedite this request so they can take action accordingly.

Many thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 15, 2020, at 8:36 AM, Ball, Charlie (PCL) [redacted] wrote:

I'm around to walk anyone through it if needed.

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 5:32 AM  
**To:** Ball, Charlie (PCL) [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]; Risch, Carl C

[redacted]  
[redacted]; Knapper, Marc E  
[redacted]  
[redacted]; Taylor, Keith (HA Group)

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<[redacted]>  
**Subject:** Re: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Thank you so much Charlie- will await confirmation from CA that this works on their end as well to close the loop on this topic.

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All the best,

[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

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On Feb 15, 2020, at 8:29 AM, Ball, Charlie (PCL) <[redacted]> wrote:

Just heard form Robert. We can find all guests by removing the filter in nationality and then checking all. I just tried and it seems to work.

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Thanks sorry for the confusion.

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 4:19 AM  
**To:** Ball, Charlie (PCL) [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
Risch, Carl C <[redacted]> [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Knapper, Marc E [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Taylor, Keith (HA Group) <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** Re: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

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Hi Charlie,

Consular Affairs noted this morning that the non-AMCIT portion of the full ship manifest is still pending receipt. Can we please get that remainder transmitted soonest this morning?

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Many thanks,

[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

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On Feb 14, 2020, at 10:54 PM, Ball, Charlie (PCL) <[redacted]> wrote:

(b)(6) - Please password out as you ok for the team. All the best - Charlie

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**From:** Ball, Charlie (PCL)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2020 6:59 PM  
**To:** Burke, William (CarnCorp)

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[redacted]

**Cc:** Bradley, Taylor (PCL)  
[redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Data Request: US Guest & Crew  
**Importance:** High

Here is a master manifest. Password to follow - Charlie

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**From:** Morgenstern, Robert (PCL)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2020 6:52 PM  
**To:** Tarling, Grant (PCL)

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[redacted]; Ball, Charlie (PCL) [redacted]  
**Cc:** Swartz, Jan (PCL)  
[redacted]

**Subject:** Data Request: US Guest & Crew  
**Importance:** High

Charlie / Grant-

You have both requested the same data.

Attached is US Crew and Guest data as of 5PM PST 2.14.20

Status of "On ship" vs "off ship" changes daily as guests debark to quarantine.



This file contains personally identifiable information and is PW protected. PW to follow in Separate communication.

Summary

	TOTAL	ON SHIP	HOSPITAL	RELEASED
US GUEST				(b)(6)
US CREW				
<b>TOTAL</b>				
US				

**Robert Morgenstern**

SVP | Port Operations & Shore Excursions  
HA Group | Serving Princess Cruises, Holland  
America Line, Seabourn and P&O Australia

Office: [redacted] Mobile: [redacted]

Administrative Assistant – Linda Cummings

Telephone: [redacted]  
email: [redacted]

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America Line (together "HA Group") to Carnival Australia/P&O Cruises Australia, HA Group is providing these services under the terms of a Services Agreement between HA Group and Carnival Australia. <Diamond Master Guest Crew Manifest - 021520.xlsx> <ATPFile\_CE6EEE48-3663-4393-AEBB-9A55F7C1723F.token>

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]

**Recipient:** [redacted]

Knapper, Marc E (b)(6)

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Ramotowski, Edward J [redacted]

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**From:** "Birx, Deborah L" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** (b)(5)  
**Date:** Wed, 29 Jan 2020 15:00:53 +0000

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(b)(5) [redacted]  
**Sender:** "Birx, Deborah L" <[redacted]>  
**Recipient:** [redacted]

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[Redacted]

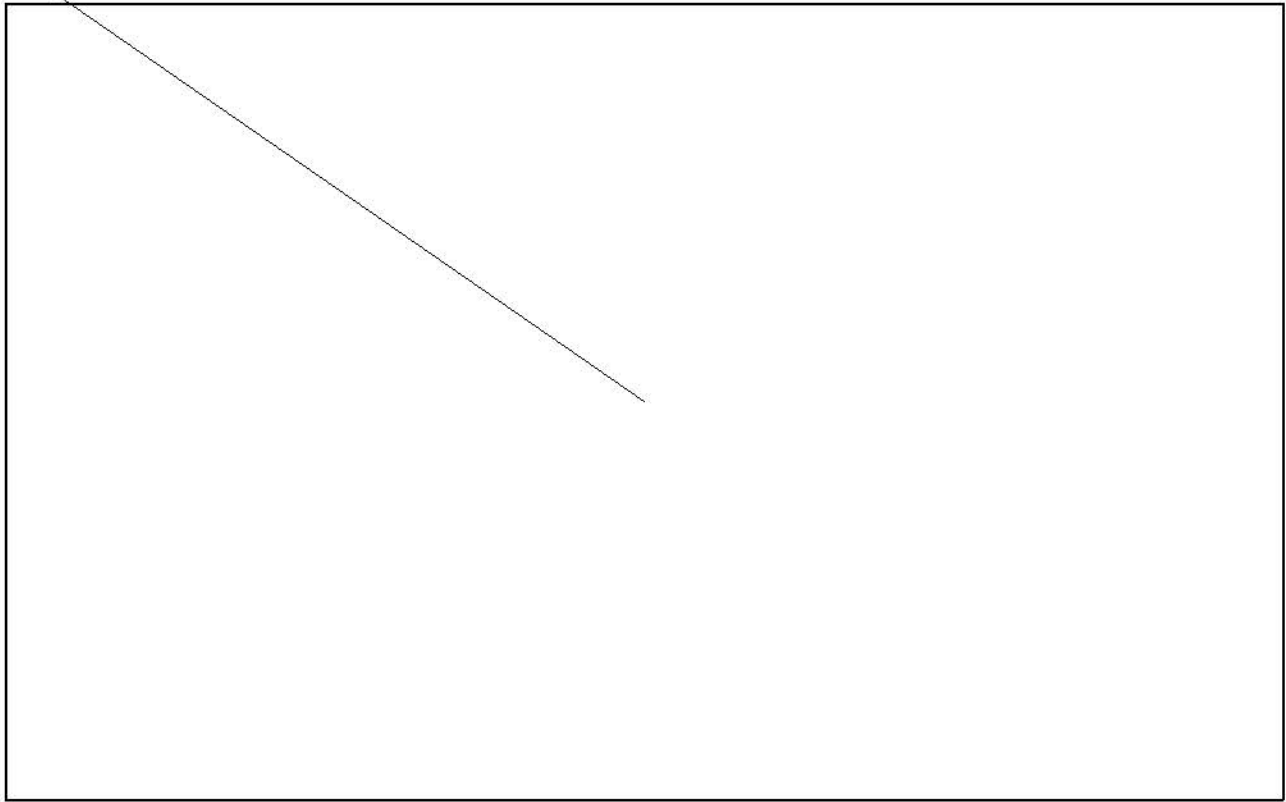
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**From:** "Birx, Deborah L" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted] (b)(6)  
**CC:** [redacted]  
 Wingate, Therese (Kampala - CDC) [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Joint letter calling for urgent changes to index testing  
**Date:** Fri, 17 Jan 2020 13:06:52 +0000

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 [redacted] Deb

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.  
**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 17, 2020 08:01  
**To:** Birx, Deborah L  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Joint letter calling for urgent changes to index testing

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**From:** Birx, Deborah L  
**Sent:** Friday, January 17, 2020 6:24 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Joint letter calling for urgent changes to index testing

Thank you and I personally am deeply grateful for your additional eyes on PEPFAR programming. We need to always be listening and improving. Once we post the letters I think things will be clearer. The key issue 72 percent of our big investment countries have made significant progress towards controlling their pandemic - not ending - we are very clear this requires an effective and affordable vaccine and cure - but reaching a much lower new infection rate. On that basis we have redoubled our effort in DREAMS and PrEP with a very ambitious goal of 1 M on PrEP. Right now the only testing proposed is in ANC, PrEP and KP programming with the hold on index testing in KP programming that leaves ANC and PrEP testing which is solely client centered. We appreciate your insights and we will need a discussion before Joberg that occurs in a month. We are working on timing now for that meeting. Deb  
 from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2020 14:25  
**To:** Birx, Deborah L  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Joint letter calling for urgent changes to index testing



Dear Amb. Birx:

Thank you for reflecting

the issues and recommendations presented in meetings and the letter in the COP Guidance. We appreciate the sincerity and important steps being taken in ensuring the testing program protects and supports all clients, and retains them through care and treatment.

The colleagues and civil society representatives who were signatories on the letter look forward to working with the country teams, agencies, and implementing partners in the short term to minimize misunderstanding and create the certification and monitoring guidelines.

One issue with the guidance

that we've received queries on already is that the table of minimum targets for index testing is still included on page 53. It's Figure 2.3.2.3 and is no longer referenced in the text of the guidance, but the "Percentage of HTS\_POS from index testing" column

being presented there seems to be causing confusion for people. Our working assumption is that targets in the table were an oversight, and that the actual testing modality mix going forward will be decided as part of the COP development process as you mentioned.

We are, as always, incredibly

grateful for your leadership, and commitment to the best possible program.

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Thank you again,

Beirne and Brian

On Wed, Jan 15, 2020 at 8:52 AM Brian Honermann <[redacted]> wrote:

Thank you, Ambassador,

We're happy to hear about the suspension of the targets in the key population programs. However, we need to emphasize that the broad overall targets are the key driver of violations, and most of the adverse events relating to key populations are members of key populations who were testing in the general population facilities - not through KP specific programs. They're the antenatal clinics and general testing sites that are suddenly putting clients into the position of outing themselves as members of KPs in those general population facilities.

As for the certification language and other asks in the letter, these have evolved over the past month as we've learned more from in-country civil society. Most of language and requests are reflected in the combined civil society edits to the guidance. The issue of needing to individually certify facilities as capable of safely implementing index testing services was raised in the meetings and follow-up that took place before CSO comments on the draft guidance were due, and isn't fully reflected in line edits that were submitted.

Thank you again for the quick response on this.

Kind regards,

-Brian

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Brian Honermann  
Deputy Director, Public Policy  
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e: [redacted]

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[PEPFAR Country/Regional Operational Plan Database](#)  
[PEPFAR Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting Database](#)

On Tuesday, January 14, 2020 6:01:11 PM EST Birx, Deborah L wrote:

To be clear – we are treating your events that your sent us as SAEs and thus suspending index testing in key population programs. It region will need to have a discussion of testing approaches during their COP development process. We are also adopting the certification language – but just to ask are those edits that were sent to us in your review a few weeks ago or are these new edits?  
deb

**Ambassador Deborah L. Birx, MD**

U.S. Ambassador-at-Large and U.S. Special Rep. for Global Health Diplomacy

Coordinator of U.S. Government Activities to Combat Global HIV/AIDS

U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

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**From:** Beirne Roose-Snyder [redacted]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 14, 2020 4:48 PM

**To:** Birx, Deborah L [redacted]

**Cc:** Brian Honermann [redacted]; Achrekar, Angeli [redacted]

[redacted]; Kevin Fisher [redacted]; Micheal Ighodaro [redacted]

[redacted]; Mitchell Warren [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Joint letter calling for urgent changes to index testing

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Many thanks, Ambassador Birx. We appreciate your quick response and look forward to seeing the guidance later this week.

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On Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 4:56 PM Birx, Deborah L [redacted] wrote:

We are altering language as requested.

**Ambassador Deborah L. Birx, MD**

U.S. Ambassador-at-Large and U.S. Special Rep. for Global Health Diplomacy

Coordinator of U.S. Government Activities to Combat Global HIV/AIDS

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**From:** Beirne Roose-Snyder <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 3:00 PM  
**To:** Birx, Deborah L. <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** Brian Honermann <[redacted]>; [redacted]; Kevin Fisher <[redacted]>; Micheal Ighodaro <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** Re: Joint letter calling for urgent changes to index testing

With apologies, resending to include AVAC colleagues working on this.

On Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 2:30 PM Beirne Roose-Snyder <[redacted]> wrote:

Dear Amb. Birx-  
Attached please find a letter from 76 organizations expressing our deep concern about PEPFAR's current approach to index testing, and about ongoing adverse events and human rights violations resulting from implementation of the COP 2019 guidance.

We are requesting that, along with other mitigating actions, index testing targets are immediately suspended.

As a next step, we would also request a meeting in Washington DC at your earliest convenience, in order to discuss these urgent concerns.

Best,  
Beirne Roose-Snyder, Brian Honermann, and Emily Bass,

on behalf of signing organizations

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**Beirne Roose-Snyder, JD**

Director of Public Policy

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**Recipient:** [redacted]

Wingate, Therese (Kampala - CDC) [redacted]

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**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

January 4, 2020

Case No.: FL-2020-00071

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Sincerely,

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Jeanne Miller  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
Office of Information Programs and Services

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  - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
  - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
  - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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| ARMSEXP        | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)                    |
| CIA PERS/ORG   | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)      |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

### Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent Via:** "Risch, Carl C" [Redacted] (b)(6)

Brownlee, Jan G [Redacted]

**To:** [Redacted]

Hand, Henry H (Beijing) [Redacted]

**Subject:** Fwd: COVID-19 State Task Force and Coordinating Unit Sync

**Date:** Tue, 18 Feb 2020 16:25:54 +0000

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Date:** February 18, 2020 at 10:55:36 AM EST

**Subject:** COVID-19 State Task Force and Coordinating Unit Sync

**To:** [Redacted] (b)(6)

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[Redacted] Todd, William E (Ambassador)

[Redacted] Risch, Carl C

[Redacted]

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**Cc:** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Colleagues,

As we stand up the COVID-19 Coordinating Unit to take on the longer-term aspects of State's response to COVID-19 and support the Deputy's role on the White House COVID-19 Task Force, we'd like to convene this afternoon to discuss the division of labor between the Coordinating Unit, the evacuation task force, and bureau leadership, so we can get the Unit operational under new leadership as quickly as possible.

Please join us at 1 PM in the Deputy Secretary's Conference Room (HST 7220).

Regards,

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[Redacted]

Special Assistant



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Office of the Deputy Secretary of State

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**Recipient:** Brownlee, Ian G  
Hand, Henry H (Beijing) [Redacted]

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" (b)(6)  
 Murray, Matthew D (Beijing) (b)(6)  
 Habian, Jonathan A (Beijing) (b)(6)

**To:** (b)(6)  
 Cardno, Gwendolyn J (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Fw: Coronavirus

**Date:** Sun, 16 Feb 2020 13:04:55 +0000

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Some interesting economic musings in the below chain.  
 Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Stilwell, David R (b)(6)

**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 9:26 PM

**To:** (b)(6); Keshap, Atul; Feith, David; Fritz, Jonathan D; (b)(6) Cardno, Gwendolyn J

**Subject:** RE: Coronavirus

Wow. Didn't even think about the housing bubble. So much leveraged home buying and speculation; without rent from renters it will expose the bubble. You can imagine PBOC is going to have to pump a lot of money into debt relief.

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**UPDATE:** Got this report this morning (2-15-2020) from Dongguan. It's even worse than you and your friend think it is. I've lived here since 2009 and I'm currently in DongGuan, population 9 million. It's a ghost town. Every restaurant, grocery store, shop, and small business is closed. Every shopping mall is closed, and there's one on every corner. Here's what the article is missing: what happens when all those retail businesses can't pay their rent? And what happens when the tens of millions of people who work in them can't pay their mortgage? And the four other houses they bought for investment purposes (because they are going to get rich) can't find renters, and they can't pay those mortgages either. And, all the big office bldgs built on spec, certain that businesses will move in on Day 1? Real estate is the Achilles heel here.

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 8:14 PM

**To:** Stilwell, David R (b)(6); Keshap, Atul (b)(6); Feith, David (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D (b)(6); Cardno, Gwendolyn J (b)(6)

**Subject:** Fwd: Coronavirus

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2020 10:54 PM

**To:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** Coronavirus

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 Habjan, Jonathan A (Beijing) (b)(6)

**Recipient:** (b)(6)  
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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted] (b)(6)

**To:** [redacted]

Cardno, Gwendolyn J [redacted];

**CC:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Please Review: CG Hong Kong Op-ed on COVID-19 response

**Date:** Thu, 2 Apr 2020 21:23:26 +0000

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**From:** [redacted] (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:40 PM

**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]

**Cc:** Cardno, Gwendolyn J [redacted]

[redacted]

**Subject:** FW: Please Review: CG Hong Kong Op-ed on COVID-19 response (b)(5)

Jonathan,

[redacted]

Thanks,

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[redacted]

Regional Unit Chief  
Office of Chinese & Mongolian Affairs

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:35 PM

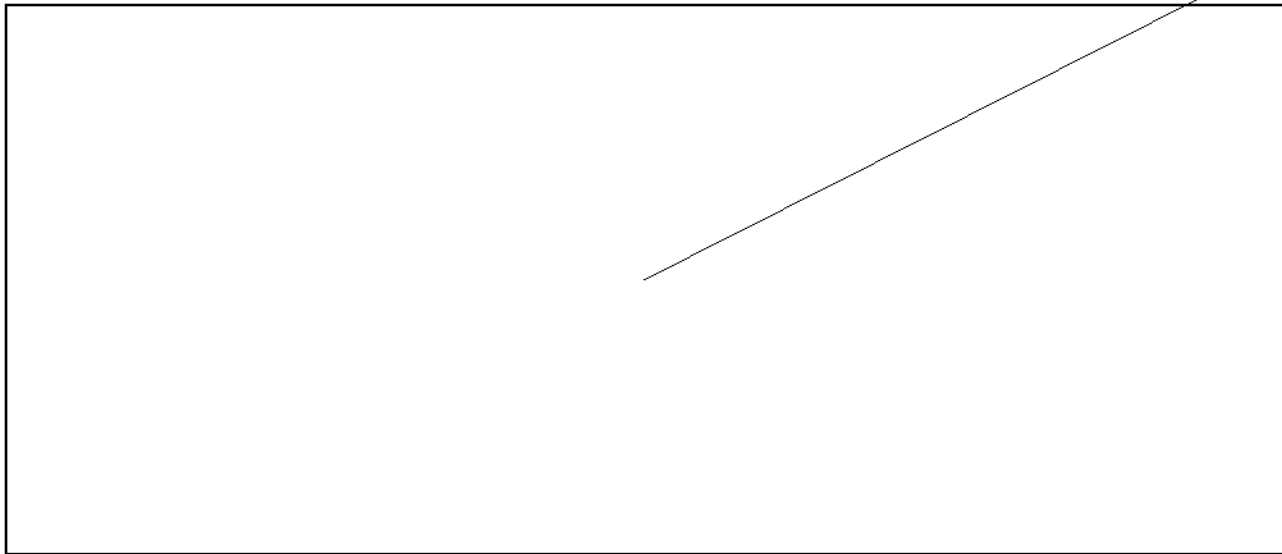
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**Cc:** EAP-Press <[EAP-Press@state.gov](mailto:EAP-Press@state.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Please Review: CG Hong Kong Op-ed on COVID-19 response

Thanks [redacted] FYI Mary Kissel provided the below feedback. I've asked others to hold reviewing until I hear back from you.

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**Cc:** EAP-Press <[EAP-Press@state.gov](mailto:EAP-Press@state.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Please Review: CG Hong Kong Op-ed on COVID-19 response

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Sam, thanks for passing this on. We'll get back to you soon on your question.

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Regional Unit Chief  
Office of Chinese & Mongolian Affairs

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(b)(6) **Cc:** EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
(b)(5) **Subject:** Fw: Please Review: CG Hong Kong Op-ed on COVID-19 response

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(b)(6) **Best,**  
[Redacted]

(b)(6) **EAP-Press**  
[Redacted]

(b)(6) **From:** [Redacted] (b)(6)  
(b)(6) **Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:21 PM (b)(6)  
(b)(6) **To:** [Redacted] OES-PA-DG <OES-PA-DG@state.gov>; CGRCUPress <CGRCUPress@state.gov> [Redacted]

(b)(5) [Redacted]; Kissel, Mary E (S) <[Redacted]>  
(b)(6) **Cc:** EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
(b)(6) **Subject:** Re: Please Review: CG Hong Kong Op-ed on COVID-19 response

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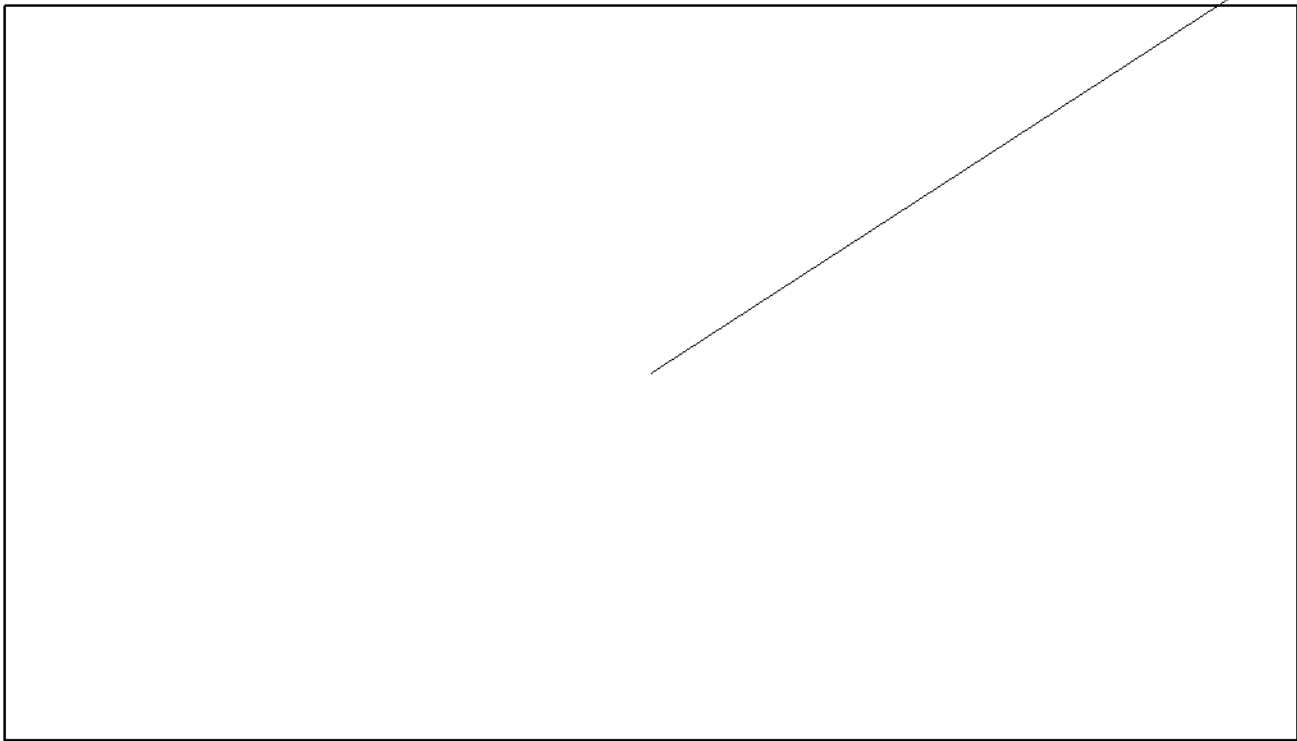
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(b)(6) **Subject:** Re: Please Review: CG Hong Kong Op-ed on COVID-19 response

[Redacted]

Thanks for sending out the oped draft for review. (b)(5)

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Just a couple of small thoughts.



**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:22 AM

**To:** OES-PA-DG <OES-PA-DG@state.gov>; CGRCUPress <CGRCUPress@state.gov>; [Redacted]

[Redacted] Kissel,

Mary E (S) <[Redacted]>

**Cc:** EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** Please Review: CG Hong Kong Op-ed on COVID-19 response

Dear colleagues,

Please review the attached proposed op-ed from CG Hong Kong to be placed in a local Hong Kong outlet under the CG's by-line. This is a very positive message, focused on US leadership and the open and transparent manner that Hong Kong is responding to the COVID-19 outbreak. CG Hong Kong drew on information from recent State releases.

Please review by 3 pm.



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Best,

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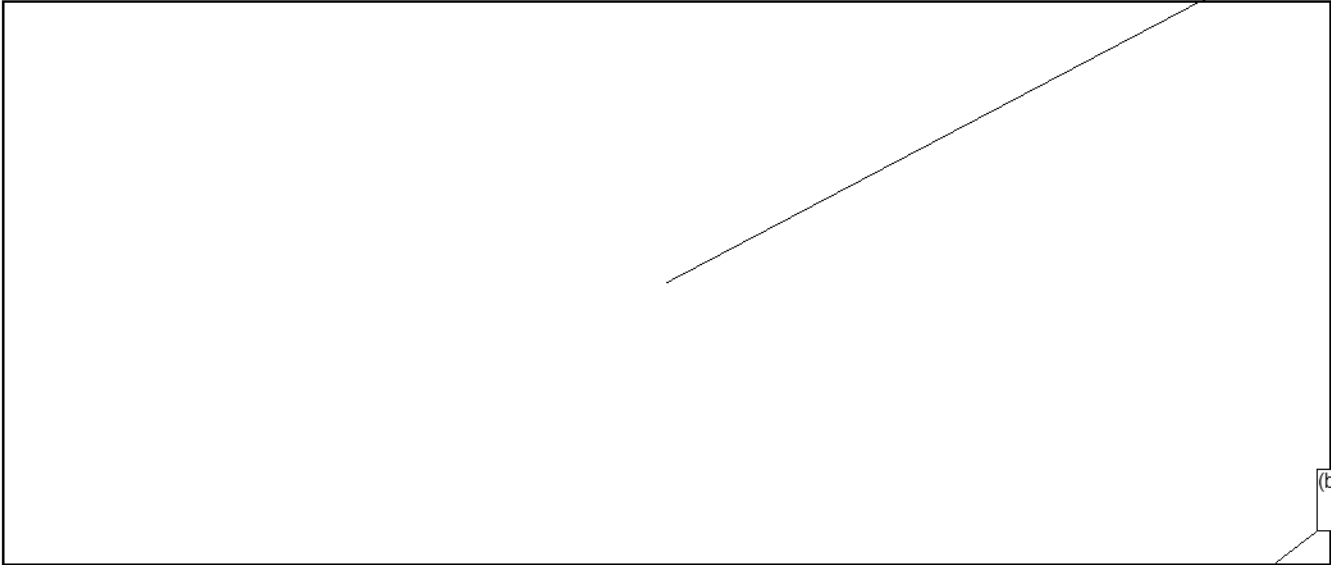
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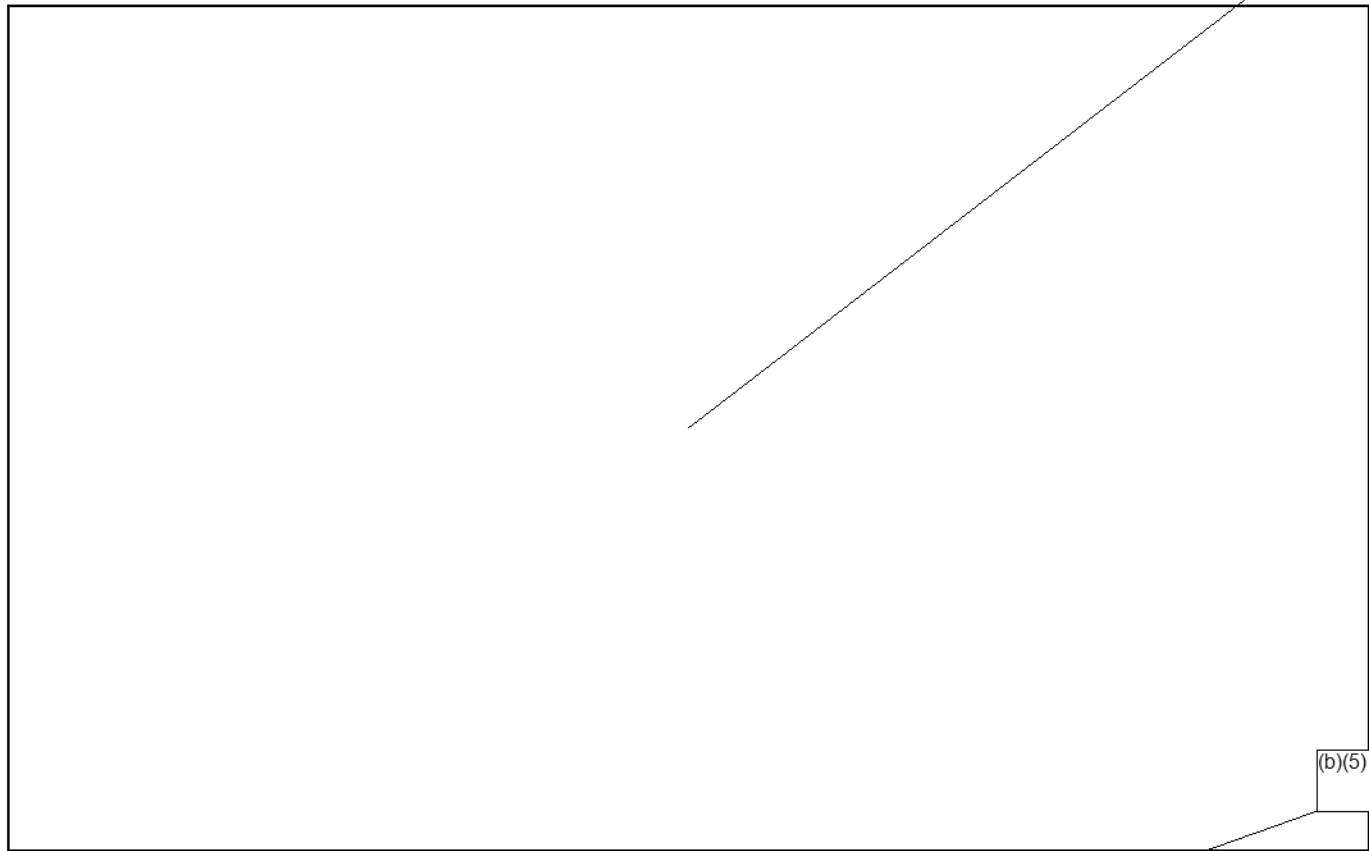
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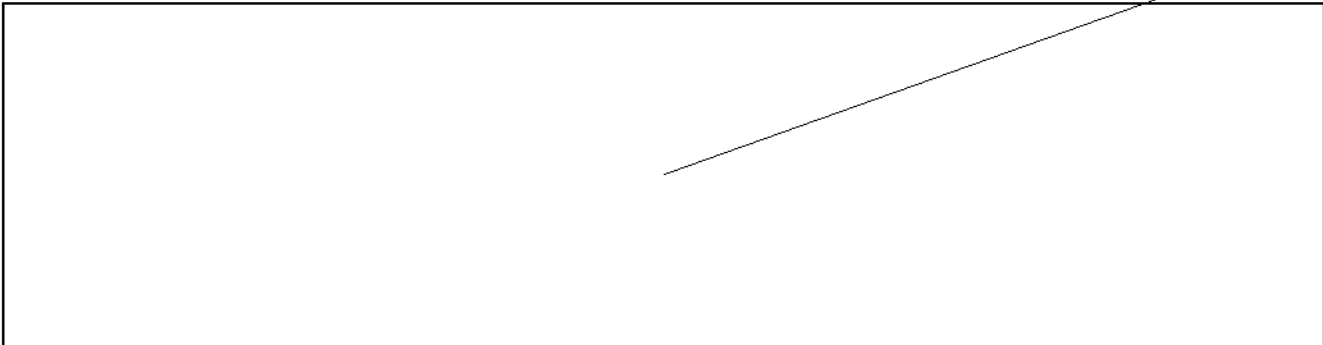
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**Recipient:** Cardno, Gwendolyn J [Redacted]  
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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]

**To:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>; [redacted]

**CC:** EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: ~~(SBU)~~ TFCN01 - Wuhan Evacuation Task Force SitRep No. 2 - 01/26/2020 0700 ET

**Date:** Sun, 26 Jan 2020 17:47:44 +0000

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We are overbooked with Amcits as it is, so expectations should be about zero.  
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 26, 2020 11:05 AM  
**To:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox; [redacted] Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Cc:** EAP-TC-Office-DL; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL; zTask Force 4 Mailbox  
**Subject:** Re: FW: ~~(SBU)~~ TFCN01 - Wuhan Evacuation Task Force SitRep No. 2 - 01/26/2020 0700 ET

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On January 26, 2020 at 9:56:15 AM EST, zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov> wrote:

Jonathan, [redacted]

[redacted]

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Warm regards,

[redacted]

Wuhan Ordered Departure Task Force

[redacted]

[Taskforce4mailbox@state.gov](mailto:Taskforce4mailbox@state.gov)

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**From:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 26, 2020 9:37 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov> [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: (SBU) TFCN01 - Wuhan Evacuation Task Force SitRep No. 2 - 01/26/2020 0700 ET

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Let's start with cleared press points for the Wuhan evacuation.

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Warm regards,  
[redacted]  
Wuhan Ordered Departure Task Force  
[redacted]  
[Taskforce4mailbox@state.gov](mailto:Taskforce4mailbox@state.gov)

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 26, 2020 9:29 AM  
**To:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>  
**Cc:** EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>; [redacted]

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**Subject:** Re: ~~(SBU)~~ TFCN01 - Wuhan Evacuation Task Force SitRep No. 2 - 01/26/2020 0700 ET

Task Force:

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I received an inquiry from TECRO regarding our plans to evacuate US citizens from Wuhan. (TECRO has seen news reports on the chartered flight.) Taipei would like to know what our plans are, etc. [Redacted]

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Thanks!

[Redacted]

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On January 26, 2020 at 6:59:48 AM EST, zTask Force 4 Mailbox  
<[TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov](mailto:TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov)> wrote:



United States Department of State  
**TFCN01 - Wuhan Evacuation  
Task Force**

SITREP No. 2  
January 26, 2020 0700 ET  
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**(U) Situation on the Ground**

- (U) The Chinese MFA spokesperson said China will provide necessary support to evacuate foreign citizens in Wuhan. **(Global Times)**
- (U) Media report at least 2,000 coronavirus infections and 56 deaths. **(AP)**
- (U) CDC confirmed a third coronavirus infection in the United States January 26 in California. **(New York Times)**
- (U) Wuhan's 11 million residents remain on lockdown. The city assigned 6,000 taxis to assist with essential transport needs. **(AP)**
- (U) The Shantou City government issued, then rescinded, a near-total ban on movement in and out of the city. Shantou is more than 500 miles southeast of Wuhan. **(Global Times)**
- (U) Thirty mainland provinces have declared a Level 1 health emergency, up from 20 January 24. Only Tibet has not declared a health emergency. **(Caixin)**
- (U) Wuhan hospitals are at full capacity and are running short on protective equipment such as surgical masks, body suits, and goggles.

Local media report supplies would last another three to five days.  
**(Washington Post)**

- (U) Taiwan suspended visa applications for PRC nationals and banned entry for all PRC nationals from Hubei. **(Taiwan Centers for Disease Control)**
- (U) Japanese PM Abe stated Japan will evacuate its citizens who wish to leave Wuhan. **(TV Asahi)**

**(SBU) Evacuation Transportation**

- ~~(SBU)~~ A 240-passenger charter flight will arrive in Wuhan January 28 and transport COM personnel and a limited number of private U.S. citizens to Anchorage. **(MED)**
- ~~(SBU)~~ Embassy Beijing and Consulate General Wuhan continue to coordinate pre-flight procedures and flight logistics. **(Embassy Beijing, Consulate General Wuhan)**
- ~~(SBU)~~ Based on the current timeline, Consulate General Wuhan will suspend operations January 27. **(Consulate General Wuhan)**

**(SBU) Support for U.S. Citizens**

- ~~(SBU)~~ Post sent an alert informing U.S. citizens there are a limited number of seats on a charter flight to evacuate private citizens from Wuhan to the United States. Individuals at greater risk will have priority. **(Embassy Beijing)**
- ~~(SBU)~~ Embassy Beijing and Consular Affairs are actively discussing elevating the Travel Advisory to Level 3 for Mission China. **(Embassy Beijing, CA)**

Approved:

Please direct all questions to the Wuhan Evacuation Task Force at 202-485-1888 or [taskforce4mailbox@state.gov](mailto:taskforce4mailbox@state.gov).

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>  
**To:** [redacted] (b)(6)  
 Ortagus, Morgan D <[redacted]>  
**CC:** PA Crisis Response <PACrisisResponse@state.gov>;  
 TFJP01 Diamond Princess Response  
 <S\_TFJP01DiamondPrincessResponse@groups.state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Today's media telebrief -- key resources: media q's, draft topline, statements, Q&As  
**Date:** Mon, 17 Feb 2020 17:40:51 +0000

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On February 17, 2020 at 12:12:38 PM EST, [redacted] wrote:

Sir,

The below/attached lines were deployed yesterday with the traveling pool:

For the past week the Department of State has been closely engaged with governments in the Asia Pacific region, the Westerdam ship's crew, and the leadership of Carnival Cruises, the corporate owner of the ship.

The cruise ship Westerdam remained at sea for the duration of the COVID-19 virus quarantine period without any appearance of the virus on board.

All passengers were screened for fever prior to disembarking in Cambodia. In addition, passengers who reported being ill at any point during the cruise were tested for COVID-19 – those tests were negative.

Under US and international quarantine guidelines the passengers on the Westerdam were free to travel after disembarking.

We have seen and are investigating the reports of a U.S. citizen traveler who in the period after disembarking from the ship began to show symptoms of a viral infection, and who has been tested by Malaysian medical authorities and confirmed by them as positive for the COVID-19 virus. We do not yet have sufficient evidence to determine when the passenger may have been exposed, and where.

The United States Embassy in Kuala Lumpur is in close contact with local authorities and the patient. We are not in a position to share further information due to privacy considerations.

Several cruise ships at sea during the onset and spread this virus have received close attention from all parts of United States government. The State Department is fully engaged in protecting American citizens and the American homeland to the maximum extent possible from the further spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The United States government has established strict travel rules from highly infected areas, quarantine centers in the United States for community protection, and the Department of State is working closely with governments in affected areas, including through the provision of material assistance, in order to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The State Department will continue to provide advice to American travelers to give them the information necessary to make informed choices about travel to international destinations.

All policy decisions being made to address the COVID-19 virus are being made in close and continuous alignment with the full membership of the president's Novel Coronavirus Task Force, including the State Department, HHS, CDC, and other agencies on the task force.

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**From:** Risch, Carl C [Redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2020 12:09 PM

**To:** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Ortagus, Morgan D

[Redacted]

**Cc:** PA Crisis Response <PACrisisResponse@state.gov>; TFJP01 Diamond Princess Response <S\_TFJP01DiamondPrincessResponse@groups.state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Today's media telebrief -- key resources: media q's, draft toplines, statements, Q&As

I will need lines on Westerdam

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer  
 On February 17, 2020 at 12:04:10 PM EST, [redacted]  
 wrote:

All,

Attaching a few resources for the media telebrief at 13:00 ET as reference and resource:

- **All media questions received to-date**
  - Principally on passengers evacuated from cruise ship; were 14 with virus flown to CA or TX; what precautions were taken to protect the uninfected passengers on the flights; are all infected passengers on same plane / how many are on the flights
- **DRAFT Toplines that Cale is reviewing/updating now**
- **Consolidated statements including final HHS/DOS Joint Statement (appended below), and Saturday’s earlier CDC statement:**
  - CDC Saturday statement: “Due to the dynamic nature of the outbreak, the U.S. government recommends that U.S. citizens disembark and return to the United States. Americans returned by flights chartered by the State Department will be subject to a 14-day, federal quarantine and be housed at two existing federal quarantine sites for repatriated travelers”)
- **Earlier Q&A document prepped for Embassy Tokyo, including CDC medical justification**
  - **CDC Medical Justification for Diamond Princess**

- **Embassy Tokyo letters to passengers (#1 and #2)**

Thanks,

**Joint Statement**

by U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on  
 Repatriation of American Passengers from the Diamond Princess Cruise Ship

## MEDIA NOTE -- OFFICE OF THE SPOKESPERSON

FEBRUARY 17, 2020

On February 16, the U.S. State Department facilitated the voluntary repatriation of over 300 U.S. citizens and their immediate family members who had been passengers on the *Diamond Princess* cruise ship. Passengers were evaluated by medical personnel from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and all were deemed asymptomatic and fit to fly before being processed for evacuation.

During the evacuation process, after passengers had disembarked the ship and initiated transport to the airport, U.S. officials received notice that 14 passengers, who had been tested 2-3 days earlier, had tested positive for COVID-19. These individuals were moved in the most expeditious and safe manner to a specialized containment area on the evacuation aircraft to isolate them in accordance with standard protocols. After consultation with HHS officials, including experts from the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, the State Department made the decision to allow the 14 individuals, who were in isolation, separated from other passengers, and continued to be asymptomatic, to remain on the aircraft to complete the evacuation process. During the flights, these individuals will continue to be isolated from the other passengers. These flights departed Japan at approximately 4:30 PM Eastern time on February 16 and will arrive in the United States later this morning. All passengers are being closely monitored by medical professionals throughout the flight, and any who become symptomatic will be moved to the specialized containment area, where they will be treated.

Upon landing in the United States, passengers will deplane at either Travis AFB or Joint Base San Antonio and will remain under quarantine for 14 days. Passengers that develop symptoms in flight and those with positive test results will remain isolated on the flights and will be transported to an appropriate location for continued isolation and care.

Every precaution to ensure proper isolation and community protection measures are being taken, driven by the most up-to-date risk assessments by U.S. health authorities. We continue all possible efforts to protect the welfare of U.S. citizens. We encourage U.S. citizens considering international travel to continue to review State Department Travel Advisories at [Travel.State.gov](https://www.travel.state.gov), and to closely monitor and follow the guidance of the CDC and local health authorities.

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**Recipient:** [redacted]  
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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**To:** Christensen, W. Brent [redacted]  
**CC:** Keshap, Atul <[redacted]>;  
 Greene, Raymond F [redacted];  
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**Subject:** Re: Highlighting U.S.-Taiwan Cooperation in Battling the Wuhan Corona Virus  
**Date:** Fri, 20 Mar 2020 11:04:44 +0000

Thanks Brent. Let's see what we can do.  
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Christensen, W. Brent  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 5:21 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Cc:** Keshap, Atul; Greene, Raymond F; [redacted]  
**Subject:** Highlighting U.S.-Taiwan Cooperation in Battling the Wuhan Corona Virus

Hi Jonathan:

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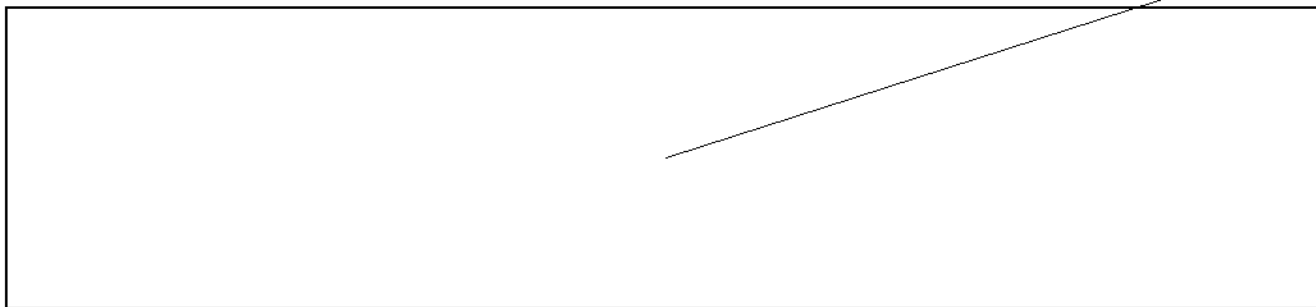
As you know, we just announced a new partnership with Taiwan to combat COVID-19, which so far is mostly about Taiwan sending face masks to the U.S. [redacted]

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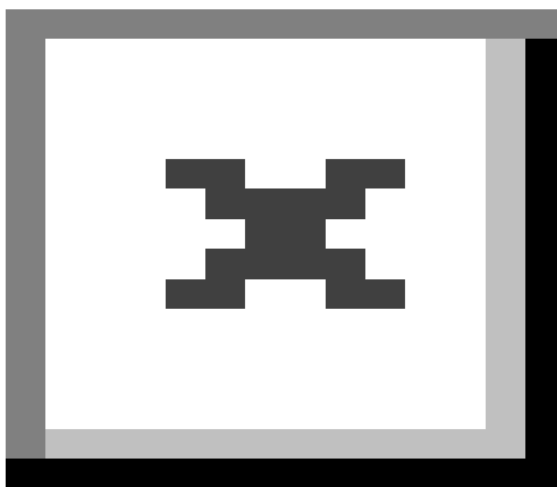
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BTW, we just send off the first tranche of 500,000 face masks – see photo below of the masks in our warehouse before they were shipped. They will arrive in DC on Tuesday.

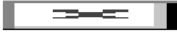


Thanks for your help.

Regards,

Brent

(b)(6) **W. Brent Christensen**  
**Director**  
**American Institute in Taiwan**  
No. 100 Jinhua Rd., Taipei 11461  
Tel: [redacted]



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----- Forwarded message -----

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Date:** March 20, 2020 at 11:01:57 AM GMT+8  
**Subject:** AIT in the News - March 20, 2020  
**To:** [redacted]

**American Institute in Taiwan – Morning Headlines**  
*For U.S. government use only*

March 20, 2020

AIT in the News

**Xinhua: Sinophobia and Americanophile are more toxic than virus**

Following announcements about the joint statement signed by Taiwan and AIT regarding working together to combat COVID-19 as well as reports that Taiwan was sending a supply of masks to the U.S., the PRC's Xinhua News Agency criticized the DPP, calling them "Americanophile" and that the DPP joined in with American politicians' "Sinophobia" to incite discrimination and hatred. Xinhua also claimed that the U.S. has been failing in its own coronavirus response. It added that DPP officials such as Joseph Wu are happy to play the role of a U.S.-owned chess piece in an attempt to seek Taiwan's independence and grow anti-China sentiment due to the epidemic. ([UDN online](#), [ETtoday](#))

**Taipei City Councilor Wang: Are Taiwan's priorities not important anymore?**

After reports that the joint statement signed by AIT and Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Wednesday stipulated that Taiwan provide 100,000 facemasks to the U.S. in exchange 300,000 hazmat suits, Taipei City Councilor Wang Hong-wei (KMT) asked in a Facebook post President Tsai Ing-wen is ignoring the priorities of Taiwan's own citizens. Wang asked why Tsai, who recently confirmed that could produce its own protective garments, would need to exchange masks for the materials from the U.S., especially since Taiwan's own people still need to line up on the streets to buy

facemasks. Additionally, political commentator Joyce Huang said via Facebook that Taiwan is indeed now a U.S. colony since Premier Su Tseng-chang allowed for the export of facemasks to the U.S., but not to China. ([ETtoday](#), [Yahoo](#))

### **U.S. not alone in cooperating with Taiwan: Taiwan, EU discuss joint anti-COVID-19 efforts**

After AIT and Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) issued a joint statement Wednesday saying the two would cooperate in combating the COVID-19 pandemic, Academia Sinica, announced Wednesday in a Facebook post that it had hosted a video conference with European Union (EU) officials to discuss possible collaborative efforts to fight COVID-19. According to the post, researchers at Academia Sinica shared Taiwan's current research progress in developing a rapid diagnostic test and a vaccine for COVID-19 with EU health officials and the two sides also discussed how they could collaborate to further develop these products and how they could be used in the EU. ([ETtoday](#), [CNA/FT](#))

### **AIT commends Taiwan's epidemic containment of COVID-19, which originated in Wuhan**

AIT said in a Facebook post on March 19, "Recently there has been a rush of international news reports commending Taiwan's efforts to contain COVID-19 originated from Wuhan and exploring how other countries can adopt its successful practices... The United States will continue to advocate for Taiwan's greater participation on the global stage so that countries around the world can benefit from its knowledge, experience, and generosity." This statement was made as the U.S. and China continue to argue about the origin of COVID-19, with the PRC saying that the disease was brought to Wuhan by the U.S. military and U.S. President Trump referring to COVID-19 as the "Chinese Virus." ([CT online](#))

### **Virus war is a transformation opportunity for Taiwan industries**

Wang Chien-chuan, the vice president of one of Taiwan's top policy think tanks, the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research, said that the COVID-19 outbreak is an opportunity for Taiwan's economy in an interview with *Money Weekly* in late February. Wang mentioned three key factors for the opportunity: a decrease in demand in China's domestic market, broken supply chains, and a strike in consumer's confidence. Wang repeatedly emphasized that Taiwan must take advantage of the opportunities created by returning Taiwan businesses and industrial transformation, specifically smart manufacturing and south-bound deployment, amid the U.S.-China trade war and the COVID-19 outbreak, especially when the U.S. and AIT have made a large effort to encourage U.S. businesses to invest in Taiwan. ([Money Weekly](#), [UDN online](#), [ETtoday](#))

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Management Rover/ Press Assistant  
American Institute in Taiwan

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
 Stilwell, David R [redacted]:  
**To:** [redacted]  
 Keshap, Atul [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: TFCN01: Task Force Regarding the Ordered Departure of Consulate General Wuhan  
**Date:** Sat, 25 Jan 2020 04:26:53 +0000

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Okay. Sending out the update from [redacted] ASAP.  
 Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Stilwell, David R  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2020 11:26 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; [redacted] Keshap, Atul  
**Subject:** RE: TFCN01: Task Force Regarding the Ordered Departure of Consulate General Wuhan

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No need. I'm going home; back around noon tomorrow.

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2020 11:25 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R [redacted] Keshap, Atul  
**Subject:** Re: TFCN01: Task Force Regarding the Ordered Departure of Consulate General Wuhan

No \_ just left about an hour ago but can return ASAP.  
 Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Stilwell, David R  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2020 10:51 PM  
**To:** [redacted] Fritz, Jonathan D; Keshap, Atul  
**Subject:** Re: TFCN01: Task Force Regarding the Ordered Departure of Consulate General Wuhan

Jonathan  
 Are you in the Building?  
 Dave

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 Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

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On January 24, 2020 at 8:50:33 PM EST, [redacted] wrote:  
 We're here to support you, Mr. Director.

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2020 7:24:02 PM  
**To:** [redacted] Keshap, Atul [redacted] Stilwell,

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David R

**Subject:** RE: TFCN01: Task Force Regarding the Ordered Departure of Consulate General Wuhan

I find para 4 deeply troubling.

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**From:**

**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2020 7:17 PM

**To:** Keshap, Atul; Fritz, Jonathan D; Stilwell, David R

**Subject:** FW: TFCN01: Task Force Regarding the Ordered Departure of Consulate General Wuhan

Just FYI.

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**From:** SMART Core <svcsmartbtsewshprec2@state.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2020 6:52 PM

**Subject:** TFCN01: Task Force Regarding the Ordered Departure of Consulate General Wuhan

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**Pass Line:** INFORM CONSULS  
**Subject:** TFCN01: Task Force Regarding the Ordered Departure of Consulate General Wuhan

1. ~~(SBU)~~ The Executive Secretariat and the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs have established a task force to facilitate the Ordered Departure of Consulate General Wuhan. Please include the following identifier as the first item on the subject line for all cables and other documents related to this task force: TFCN01.

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2. ~~(SBU)~~ The task force is located in Task Force Room 5 in HST 7522. The task force non-secure telephone number for internal State Department business or other official business is [redacted]. The task force secure telephone number is [redacted]. The unclassified e-mail address for the task force is TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov and the classified e-mail address is TaskForce4Mailbox@state.sgov.gov.

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3. (U) Public or congressional inquiries regarding American Citizen Services issues may be referred to the Office of Overseas Citizens Services at 888-407-4747, or from overseas at 202-501-4444. Please direct media inquiries during regular hours to the Press Office at (202) 647-2492, or after hours via the Operations Center at (202) 647-1512.

4. ~~(SBU)~~ Deputy Assistant Secretary Jonathan Fritz of the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs will serve as director of the task force, which will include representatives from OES, GPA, CA, MED, A/LM and DS.

5. ~~(SBU)~~ Please contact your bureau's task force coordination point of contact (generally EX) if you are interested in volunteering for this task force.

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**Signature:** Pompeo

(b)(6) **Drafted By:** POEMS\_S\_ES (b)(6)

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**Approved By:** EAP:Fritz, Jonathan D

**Released By:** POEMS\_S\_ES\_O (b)(6)

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**Action Post:** NONE

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
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**Recipient:** [redacted]  
Keshap, Atul [redacted]

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**CC:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Priority Case: RE: URGENT: Office of Rep. Underwood Congressional Inquiry- [redacted]  
**Date:** Mon, 6 Apr 2020 00:05:38 +0000

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Don't know all of the State folks on here - anyone from the re-pats TF included who can respond?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Hooper, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 5:57 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
 CM-Unit Chiefs-DL; [redacted] Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Subject:** Re: Priority Case: RE: URGENT: Office of Rep. Underwood Congressional Inquiry- [redacted]

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Hello all,  
 I was just informed yesterday that there is a way to sign someone up for help to repatriate. The constituent has been in contact with the embassy and has boomed a flight in May but this might be too late.  
 Could I please obtain the current status on getting this constituent repatriated?  
 Thank you,  
 -Becky Hooper-

Sent from my iPhone

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On Apr 2, 2020, at 1:14 PM, [redacted] wrote:

The Task Force has this and will try to get back to Rebecca by the end of the day.

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Thanks,  
 - [redacted]  
 Cell: [redacted]

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**From:** [redacted] (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:07 PM

**To:** [redacted] 'Hooper, Rebecca' (b)(6)

<Rebecca.Hooper@state.gov> [redacted] (b)(6)

[redacted] (b)(6)

**Cc:** [redacted] (b)(6)

EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; [redacted] (b)(6)

[redacted] Jonathan D <FritzJD@state.gov> [redacted] (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Priority Case: RE: URGENT: Office of Rep. Underwood Congressional Inquiry- [redacted] (b)(6)

(b)(6) [redacted] – looping in the A/S' OMS for awareness as well as EAP/CM (China Desk) but agree the TF or Post should handle. Please confirm who will take the call.

Thanks,

[redacted] (b)(6)

[redacted] (b)(6)

Special Assistant  
Office of the Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
U.S. Department of State

[redacted] (b)(6)

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**From:** [redacted] (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:01 PM

**To:** 'Hooper, Rebecca'; [redacted] (b)(6)

**Cc:** [redacted] (b)(6)

**Subject:** Priority Case: RE: URGENT: Office of Rep. Underwood Congressional Inquiry- [redacted] (b)(6)

(b)(5) [redacted] – Got the request below from Representative Underwood requesting a phone call with A/S Stilwell regarding a constituent trying to get on a charter flight from China back to the U.S. [redacted] (b)(5)

[redacted] (b)(6)

[redacted] – Can the task force intervene here to get Underwood the requested information so a call with Stilwell is not necessary?

Thanks,

[redacted] (b)(6)

[redacted] (b)(6)

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**From:** Hooper, Rebecca (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:29 PM

**To:** (b)(6)

**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Office of Rep. Underwood Congressional Inquiry (b)(6)

Hello all,

We would prefer to have this call be arranged no later than Monday.

Please ignore the times given for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thank you for your help and attention to this matter.

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**Becky Hooper** | *Constituent Services Representative*  
 Representative Lauren Underwood (IL-14)  
[rebecca.hooper@congress.gov](mailto:rebecca.hooper@congress.gov)  
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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:25 PM

**To:** Hooper, Rebecca (b)(6)

**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Office of Rep. Underwood Congressional Inquiry-(Chunlian Su)

Thank, Rebecca. In addition to (b)(6) adding a few others here.

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**From:** Hooper, Rebecca (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:13 PM

**To:** (b)(6)

**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Office of Rep. Underwood Congressional Inquiry (b)(6)

Another time as well, tomorrow Friday 4/3/2020 between 10am and 11am CT.

Please advise as to the best time.

Thank you,

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**From:** Hooper, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:45 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** URGENT: Office of Rep. Underwood Congressional Inquiry

Hello [redacted] and [redacted]

We are looking to schedule a meeting with Representative Underwood and Assistant Secretary David R. Stilwell to discuss the constituent whose information is below who is currently stuck in Nanning, Guangxi, China.

We are looking at between 10:00am and 12:00pm CT on Mon April 6, Tues April 7, or Wed April 8.

Could you please let me know by close of business today, how we can arrange this call with David Stilwell or a person with the equivalent portfolio?

Thank you for your help with this matter,

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**From:** Hooper, Rebecca

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:22 AM

**To:**

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Office of Rep. Underwood Congressional Inquiry-

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To whom it may concern,

A constituent in Congresswoman Underwood's district, [redacted] recently contacted our office regarding an update on chartered flights leaving China at this time as she is currently in China and wishes to come home. We have submitted an inquiry to the embassy and the response is attached which indicates that there is one flight per week per airline leaving China to the US

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The constituent's information is below:

- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]

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She is enrolled in the STEP program and we have encouraged her to mark indefinite on the program. **Would you please let this office know as soon as possible, information on the next available flight leaving China and what steps to take to ensure this constituent is on this flight?**

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your work on behalf of this constituent.

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:17 AM  
**To:** Hooper, Rebecca [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Contact Information

Hi Rebecca,

Adding my colleague, (b)(6) [redacted] who covers China.

Thank you,

**From:** Hooper, Rebecca [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:14 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Request for Contact Information

Hello [redacted]

I am reaching out requesting the contact information for the person who covers the region China is in within the State Department Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you for your continued help!

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D"

**Recipient:**

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## It is impossible to see this episode as anything but another disastrous own goal for Beijing

When Roger Roth received an email from the Chinese government asking him to sponsor a bill in the Wisconsin state legislature praising China's response to coronavirus, he thought it must be a hoax. The sender had even appended a pre-written resolution full of Communist party talking points and dubious claims for the Wisconsin senate president to put to a vote.

"I've never heard of a foreign government approaching a state legislature and asking them to pass a piece of legislation," Sen Roth told me last week. "I thought this couldn't be real." Then he discovered it was indeed sent by China's consul-general in Chicago. "I was astonished . . . [and] wrote a letter back: 'dear consul general, NUTS'."

It is impossible to see this episode as anything but another disastrous own goal in Beijing's attempts to boost its global standing in the time of coronavirus.

From the deplorable treatment of African citizens in southern China to the export of faulty medical equipment, or the official endorsement of conspiracy theories blaming the US military for the outbreak, most of the Communist party's efforts to control the international narrative have backfired.

Some assume the west's chaotic and early response allows China to step into the global governance vacuum. Even allowing for questionable data, China has so far reported under 5,000 deaths, versus almost 30,000 in the US and nearly 20,000 each in Italy and Spain. But Beijing's attempts to take advantage of the situation are more likely to leave it isolated and distrusted on the world stage when the crisis recedes. Wang Jisi, a legendary scholar at Peking University, says the virus fallout has pushed Sino-US relations to their worst level since formal ties were established in the 1970s. He describes bilateral economic and technological decoupling as "already irreversible".

The shift has been striking in the UK too, where influential Conservatives have called on the prime minister to be tougher on China, the British press has become more critical, and intelligence agencies have promised to focus on the threat from Beijing. In Europe and Australia, governments have rushed to block Chinese companies from buying assets cheaply amid economic carnage. And Tokyo has set aside \$2.2bn explicitly to help Japanese companies move their supply chains out of China.

But it is not just the US and its allies that have soured on Beijing. North Korea, China's only treaty ally, was the first country to close its northern border at the start of the outbreak, despite Beijing's objections to international travel bans. Russia quickly followed. Even Iranian officials have criticised China for hiding the extent of the outbreak.

Some of the criticism is clearly unfair. Populist western politicians such as US president Donald Trump have attacked Beijing to deflect and distract from their own failings. There is also a hint of racism in the calls to shut down "disgusting wet markets". But Beijing could have gained far more sympathy if it had switched quickly to a strategy of transparency and co-operation. Instead, it arrested people who criticised its cover-up, and launched a global propaganda campaign to raise

doubts about the Chinese origin of the virus and assert the superiority of its authoritarian system.

Many multinational companies have been badly burnt since Beijing effectively sealed its borders and cancelled visas last month. The expulsion of much of the US press corps from Beijing will also harden international attitudes. China's main government mouthpiece has even threatened to withhold medical supplies and block medical exports to the US so it can "cast America into a novel coronavirus hell".

Coronavirus: Ian Bremmer on tackling a global pandemic in a leaderless world All this will accelerate calls in Washington and elsewhere for rapid decoupling from Chinese supply chains. This apparently self-defeating behaviour makes more sense when you consider the domestic political context.

This is the biggest crisis that President Xi Jinping has faced since he took power in 2012. The Communist party's legitimacy has been damaged by early mistakes and the crackdown that followed. Mr Xi knows the coming economic crisis will erode support further. In the 2008 financial crisis, Beijing identified 8 per cent annual growth as the minimum to stave off social unrest. China's economy shrank 6.8 per cent in the first quarter of this year.

Doubling down on vituperative nationalism can distract the populace, even if it damages China's global reputation in the medium term. That explains why diplomats risked turning someone such as Senator Roth, a hitherto neutral bystander or even potential ally of Chinese trade diplomacy, into an enemy.

China's goal was to publicise the resolution in state propaganda to validate party rule back home. But now the Wisconsin senator plans a very different bill. While praising the Chinese people, it will "strip the brutal Chinese Communist party naked for the world to see . . . as well as the damage it has done to the whole world through covering up this coronavirus," Sen Roth said. It is likely to pass with a hefty majority.

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
 Buangan, Richard L [redacted]  
 Stilwell, David R [redacted]  
 Keshap, Atul (b)(6)  
 Feith, David (b)(6)  
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 Walker, Scott C (Beijing) (b)(6)  
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**Recipient:** [redacted]  
 Cardno, Gwendolyn J (b)(6)  
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 Ortagus, Morgan D (b)(5)  
 Kissel, Mary E (S) (b)(6)  
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**United States Department of State**

***Washington, D.C. 20520***

February 22, 2021

Case No.: FL-2020-00071

Austin R. Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street NW, B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

As we noted in our letter dated January 4, 2021, we are processing your request for regarding the material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has identified an additional 17 responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that the 12 records may be released in part and 5 records originated with another U.S. government agency. We have referred the later five records to the relevant agency with a request to respond to you directly upon making a release determination.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact James Bickford, Trial Attorney, at [James.Bickford@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.Bickford@usdoj.gov) or (202) 305-7632. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00071, and the civil action number, 20-cv-01169, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeanne Miller  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.



## The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

### FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
  - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
  - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
  - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
  - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
  - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| ARMSEXP        | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)                    |
| CIA PERS/ORG   | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)      |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

### Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**To:** Mesquita, Mario M [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Data Request: US Guest & Crew  
**Date:** Sun, 16 Feb 2020 16:58:50 +0000

Have we heard back from anyone on this?

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On February 16, 2020 at 9:49:22 AM EST, Mesquita, Mario M [redacted] wrote:

Bob - apologies, two more issues:  
 First, the crew data is missing DOBs and specific passport info. Do you have that available?  
 Second, do you have similar passenger/crew data for the Westerdam, and could you pass that to us as well?

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Many thanks  
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**From:** Boksem, Rob (HA Group) <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2020 12:01:33 AM  
**To:** Mesquita, Mario M [redacted]; Risch, Carl C <[redacted]>; Taylor, Keith (HA Group) [redacted]; Ball, Charlie (PCI) [redacted]

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[redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]; Knapper, Marc E [redacted]  
 <KnapperME@state.gov> [redacted]

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[redacted]; Burke, William (CarnCorp) [redacted]; Ramotowski, Edward J [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Mario,

There is also a Crew Manifest Sheet in the file, which has all information, like the passengers.

Rob

Rob Boksem

Senior Vice President, Technical Services

Holland America Group | Serving Princess Cruises, Holland America Line and Seabourn

Office: + [redacted]

Mobile: +1 [redacted]

**From:** Mesquita, Mario M [mailto:[redacted]]

**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 7:28 PM

**To:** Boksem, Rob (HA Group) <[redacted]>

Risch, Carl C <[redacted]>

Taylor, Keith (HA Group) <[redacted]>

Ball, Charlie (PCL) <[redacted]>

Palermo, Joseph <[redacted]>

(HAL) <[redacted]>

**Cc:** [redacted]

[redacted] Burke, William (CarnCorp) <[redacted]>

; Ramotowski, Edward J <[redacted]>

**Subject:** Re: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Bob - do you have a similar list for the crew?

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**From:** Boksem, Rob (HA Group) <[redacted]>

**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 4:59:45 PM

**To:** Mesquita, Mario M <[redacted]>

Risch, Carl C <[redacted]>

Taylor, Keith (HA Group) <[redacted]>

[redacted]

Ball, Charlie (PCL) <cball@hagroup.com>

Palermo, Joseph (HAL) <[redacted]>

**Cc:** [redacted]

[redacted]; Knapper, Marc E <[redacted]>

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[Redacted] Burke, William (CarnCorp) [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

All,

See attached the file with US & Canada filtered.

Pw; to follow.

Regards,

Rob Boksem

Senior Vice President, Technical Services

Holland America Group | Serving Princess Cruises, Holland America Line and Seabourn

Office: [Redacted] Mobile: + [Redacted]

**From:** Mesquita, Mario M [Redacted]

**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 1:45 PM

**To:** Risch, Carl C [Redacted]; Boksem, Rob (HA Group)

[Redacted]; Taylor, Keith (HA Group)

Charlie (PCL) [Redacted]; [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted]; [Redacted]

[Redacted] Knapper, Marc E

[Redacted] Burke, William (CarnCorp) [Redacted]; Ramotowski,

Edward J <[Redacted]>

**Subject:** Re: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

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Thanks, here's what we need:

Complete Name

Date of Birth

Passport Nationality and Number

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**From:** Risch, Carl C

**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 4:39:48 PM

**To:** Boksem, Rob (HA Group); Taylor, Keith (HA Group)

Ball,

Charlie (PCL)

**Cc:**

Knapper, Marc E

Burke, William (CarnCorp)

Edward J Mesquita, Mario M

**Subject:** RE: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Copying Ed and Mario in Consular Affairs. We will get you exactly what information we need.

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On February 15, 2020 at 4:31:22 PM EST, Boksem, Rob (HA Group)

We are working to get you the information required.

To be sure that we not need adding information every time, can you let us know what information is required; like Passport ID, etc.

Thanks,

Rob

Rob Boksem

Senior Vice President, Technical Services  
Holland America Group | Serving Princess Cruises, Holland America Line and Seabourn  
Office: [redacted] Mobile: +1 [redacted]

**From:** Taylor, Keith (HA Group)

**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 10:10 AM

**To:** [redacted]; Ball, Charlie (PCL)

[redacted] Boksem, Rob (HA Group)

**Cc:** [redacted]; Risch, Carl C

[redacted] Knapper, Marc E

[redacted]; Burke, William (CarnCorp)

**Subject:** RE: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Adding Rob Boksem – we are working multiple lines of action here and Rob will be covering the ERC for next few hours as we try to reset in prep for day in Cambodia.

We will try to get you this info as soon as able.

Keith

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 9:55 AM

**To:** Ball, Charlie (PCL) [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]; Risch, Carl C

[redacted] Knapper, Marc E

[redacted]; Taylor, Keith (HA Group)

[redacted]; Burke, William (CarnCorp)

**Subject:** Re: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Charlie- we really need the full data requested by A/S Carl Risch to carry out directives from White House Task Force decisions this afternoon. Can your team please expedite this request so they can take action accordingly.

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Many thanks!

[Redacted]

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On Feb 15, 2020, at 8:36 AM, Ball, Charlie (PCL)

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I'm around to walk anyone through it if needed.

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 5:32 AM  
**To:** Ball, Charlie (PCL) [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]; Risch, Carl C  
 [Redacted]  
 [Redacted]  
 [Redacted] Knapper, Marc E  
 [Redacted]  
 [Redacted] Taylor, Keith (HA Group)  
**Subject:** Re: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Thank you so much Charlie- will await confirmation from CA that this works on their end as well to close the loop on this topic.

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All the best,

[Redacted]

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On Feb 15, 2020, at 8:29 AM, Ball, Charlie (PCL)

[Redacted] wrote:

Just heard form Robert. We can find all guests by removing the filter in nationality and then checking all. I just tried and it seems to work.

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Thanks sorry for the confusion.

**From:** [Redacted]  
 [Redacted]





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**From:** Morgenstern, Robert (PCL)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2020 6:52 PM  
**To:** Tarling, Grant (PCL)  
[redacted] Ball, Charlie  
(PCL [redacted])  
**Cc:** Swartz, Jan (PCL)  
[redacted]  
**Subject:** Data Request: US Guest & Crew  
**Importance:** High

Charlie / Grant-

You have both requested the same data.

Attached is US Crew and Guest data as of 5PM PST 2.14.20

Status of "On ship" vs "off ship" changes daily as guests debark to quarantine.

This file contains personally identifiable information and is PW protected. PW to follow in Separate communication.

Summary

	TOTAL	ON SHIP	HOSPITAL	RELEASED
US GUEST	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
US CREW	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
<b>TOTAL US</b>	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

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**Robert Morgenstern**  
SVP | Port Operations & Shore Excursions  
HA Group | Serving Princess Cruises, Holland  
America Line, Seabourn and P&O Australia  
Office: [redacted]

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Administrative Assistant – Linda Cummings  
[redacted]

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**Recipient:** Mesquita, Mario M [redacted]

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Request: [redacted]  
**Date:** Fri, 8 May 2020 15:01:01 +0000

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**From:** [redacted] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 08, 2020 11:00 AM  
**To:** Risch, Carl C [redacted] (b)(5)  
**Cc:** Newman, David S [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fw: Request: [redacted]

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Assistant Legal Adviser for Consular Affairs  
 U.S. Department of State

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**From:** [redacted] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 8:53 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (b)(6)  
 Ramotowski, Edward J <RamotowskiEJ@state.gov>; Mesquita, Mario M. [redacted]  
**Cc:** Newman, David S [redacted]

[redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Request: [redacted] (b)(5)

All,

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As always, happy to discuss.

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Best,

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 17:50

**To:** [Redacted] Ramotowski, Edward J; Mesquita, Mario M

**Cc:** Newman, David S; [Redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Request: [Redacted]

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Regards,

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 3:54 PM

**To:** [Redacted]  
Ramotowski, Edward J <RamotowskiEJ@state.gov>; Mesquita, Mario M

**Cc:** Newman, David S; [Redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Request: [Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 3:52 PM

**To:** [Redacted]  
Ramotowski, Edward J <[Redacted]>; Mesquita, Mario M

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**Cc:** Newman, David S [redacted]

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**Subject:** Re: Request: [redacted]

Yes, please.

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**From:** [redacted]

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 3:13 PM

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**To:** [redacted]

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Ramotowski, Edward J [redacted]; Mesquita, Mario M [redacted]

**Cc:** Newman, David S <[redacted]>

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**Subject:** Re: Request: [redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 2:52 PM

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**To:** [redacted]

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Ramotowski, Edward J [redacted]; Mesquita, Mario M <[redacted]>

**Cc:** Newman, David S <[redacted]>

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**Subject:** Re: Request: [redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 1:48 PM

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**To:** [redacted] Ramotowski, Edward J [redacted]

[redacted]; Mesquita, Mario M <[redacted]>

**Cc:** Newman, David S <[redacted]>

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**Subject:** Re: Request: [redacted]

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Ed and all,

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Best,

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** Ramotowski, Edward J <[Redacted]@state.gov>; Stoddard, Kathin V <[Redacted]@state.gov>;  
Mesquita, Mario M <[Redacted]>  
**Cc:** Newman, David S <NewmanDS@state.gov>

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**Subject:** Re: Request: [Redacted]

We should have a readout for you soon.

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Chief, Supervisory Attorney Adviser  
Visa Office Advisory Opinions Division  
Department of State

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**From:** Ramotowski, Edward J <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 1:15 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
Mesquita, Mario M <[Redacted]>  
**Cc:** Newman, David S <[Redacted]>

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**Subject:** RE: Request: (b)(5)

Any readout on the call? Thanks,

Ed

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2020 9:54 AM

**To:** Ramotowski, Edward [Redacted]

Mesquita, Mario M <[Redacted]>

**Cc:** Newman, David S [Redacted]

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**Subject:** RE: Request: [Redacted]

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**From:** Ramotowski, Edward J [Redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 9:40 AM

**To:** [Redacted]

Mesquita, Mario M [Redacted]

**Cc:** Newman, David S [Redacted]

[Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Request: [Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2020 9:28 AM

**To:** [Redacted]; Ramotowski, Edward J [Redacted]

Mesquita, Mario M [Redacted]

**Cc:** Newman, David S [Redacted]

[Redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Request: [Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 9:14 AM

**To:** [Redacted]; Ramotowski, Edward J [Redacted]

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Mesquita, Mario M <[redacted]>

Cc: Newman, David S <[redacted]>

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**Subject:** RE: Request: [redacted]

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Thanks, [redacted]

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Thanks, [redacted]

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Chief, Supervisory Attorney Adviser  
 Advisory Opinions Division  
 Department of State

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 8:13 AM

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**To:** [redacted] Ramotowski, Edward J [redacted]  
Mesquita, Mario M [redacted]  
**Cc:** Newman, David S [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Request: [redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, [redacted]  
**To:** Ramotowski, Edward J [redacted]; Mesquita, Mario M [redacted]  
**Cc:** Newman, David S [redacted]

**Subject:** Request: [redacted]

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Ed [redacted]

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We are happy to talk this through if you would like at some point later this morning.

Regards,

[Redacted signature]

Chief, Supervisory Attorney Adviser  
Advisory Opinions Division  
Department of State

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>  
**Recipient:** [redacted]

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<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" (b)(6)
<b>SentVia:</b>	(b)(6) <MesquitaMM@state.gov>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: Intra CA China Coordination
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 27 Jan 2020 20:09:34 +0000

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-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Risch, Carl C (b)(6)

**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2020 2:55 PM

**To:** Risch, Carl C; (b)(6) Benning, Douglass R; (b)(6) Mesquita, Mario M; (b)(6) King, Karin M (b)(6)

**Subject:** Intra CA China Coordination

**When:** Monday, January 27, 2020 4:00 PM-4:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** SA-17, 12th Floor Large Conference Room, 12.02

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" (b)(6) "Mesquita, Mario M"
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**To:** Buangan, Richard L [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: help with personnel issue  
**Date:** Mon, 30 Mar 2020 17:18:03 +0000

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On March 30, 2020 at 1:16:58 PM EDT, Buangan, Richard L [redacted] wrote:

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Yeah, [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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Thanks!

Richard

**From:** Risch, Carl C [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** Buangan, Richard L [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: help with personnel issue

Have you discussed this with [redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted]

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On March 30, 2020 at 12:38:12 PM EDT, Buangan, Richard L [redacted] wrote:

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Carl,

Hope you guys are doing well. Outstanding work with all the evacuations. I'm glad to see some positive reporting come out of it.



I need a favor and some advice with something. (b)(5)

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[Redacted]

Thank you sir,

Richard

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Richard L. Buangan  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of State

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" [Redacted]  
**Recipient:** Buangan, Richard L [Redacted]

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]

[redacted];

[redacted];

Visek, Richard C [redacted]

Hooke, Kathleen H [redacted]

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**To:** [redacted]

[redacted];

Giuda, Michelle [redacted]

EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>;

CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>;

PA Crisis Response <PACrisisResponse@state.gov>;

[redacted]

Ortagus, Morgan D [redacted]

[redacted]

**CC:** TFJP01 Diamond Princess Response  
<S\_TFJP01DiamondPrincessResponse@groups.state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: IMMEDIATE CLEARANCE - 8:45AM ET // Joint DOS-HHS Statement on Positive COVID-19 Repatriated AmCits

**Date:** Mon, 17 Feb 2020 01:13:13 +0000

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Clear for CA.

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On February 16, 2020 at 8:07:28 PM EST, [redacted]

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Given recent developments this afternoon on the Diamond Princess, please see attached HHS-DOS statement on COVID-19 positive repatriated Americans. **Please clear NTL 8:45pm ET latest.**

TF (EAP [redacted], CA-Press) have cleared.

Thanks,

[redacted]

State Department Operations Center  
TFJP01 – Diamond Princess Response Task Force

[redacted]

<Joint Statement on Positive Testing for COVID on repat flight.docx>

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]

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Vissek, Richard C [redacted]  
 Hooke, Kathleen H [redacted]

[redacted]

**Recipient:** [redacted]

Giuda, Michelle [redacted]  
 EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>;  
 CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>;  
 DA-Crisis-Response <DACrisisResponse@state.gov>;  
 [redacted]

Ortagus, Morgan D [redacted]  
 [redacted]

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 <S\_TFJP01DiamondPrincessResponse@groups.state.gov>

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**To:** (b)(6) [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: FW: For Elizabeth: D Paper for 4/1 WHTF COVID-19  
**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 2020 23:40:27 +0000

No, but it looks OK.

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On March 31, 2020 at 7:05:39 PM EDT,

[redacted] wrote:

Have you seen this?

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**From:** CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>  
**Date:** March 31, 2020 at 5:57:55 PM EDT  
**Subject:** FW: For [redacted] D Paper for 4/1 WHITE COVID 19

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**Cc:** CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>, CA-Staffers-Mailbox-Archive <CA-Staffers-Mailbox-Archive@state.gov>

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:57 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] CGRCU-Internal <CGRCU-Internal@state.gov>; CGRCU-CAREps <CGRCU-CAREps@state.gov>; Coronavirus Repatriations <TF\_7A01@groups.state.gov>; M\_Staff <M\_Staff@state.gov>; CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>; [redacted]

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**Subject:** For [Redacted] D Paper for 4/1 WHTF COVID-19

[Redacted]

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Attached, please find the D paper for tomorrow's WHTF meeting. [Redacted] will provide updates tomorrow morning with Tabs. Thanks!

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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<20200401 D WHTF Coronavirus - 20200331 1800.docx>

**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" [Redacted]  
**Recipient:** [Redacted]

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
 Mesquita, Mario M [redacted]  
**To:** Ramotowski, Edward J <RamotowskiEJ@state.gov>;  
 [redacted]  
 CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>  
**CC:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: RE: Data Request: US Guest & Crew  
**Date:** Sat, 15 Feb 2020 14:19:25 +0000

Maybe. Unclear

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On February 15, 2020 at 9:18:59 AM EST, Mesquita, Mario M [redacted] wrote:

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And just heard there might be a call shortly with Walters and D staff on this (plus amcits) Get Outlook for iOS

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**From:** Ramotowski, Edward J [redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 9:17:24 AM  
**To:** Risch, Carl C <RischCC@state.gov> [redacted] Mesquita, Mario M [redacted] CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: RE: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Yes. VO team is working on that now.

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On February 15, 2020 at 9:08:18 AM EST, Risch, Carl C [redacted] wrote:

So we can see all the passengers? Amcits and all foreigners?  
[redacted]

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On February 15, 2020 at 9:03:30 AM EST, [redacted] wrote:

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Can confirm it works without filter.

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Executive Assistant

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Bureau of Consular Affairs

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**From:** Risch, Carl C

**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 9:02:55 AM

**To:** Ramotowski,

Edward J (b)(6) Mesquita, Mario M

CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-

Mailbox@state.gov>

**Subject:** Fwd: RE: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Can someone in VO try this? It will likely require desktop access. Is someone physically at SA17 who could experiment with the spreadsheet? I'll forward in separate email. I thought this was only listing Amcits, but it sounds like all the passengers are there if we take off the filter?

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**From:** Ball, Charlie (PCL)

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**Date:** February 15, 2020 at 8:36:15 AM EST

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**Subject:** RE: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

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**To:**

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**Cc:**

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Risch, Carl C

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.Knapper,

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Marc E

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Taylor, Keith (HA

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Group)

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I'm around to walk anyone through it if needed.

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**From:**

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**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 5:32 AM

**To:** Ball, Charlie (PCL)

**Cc:**

Risch, Carl C

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Knapper, Marc E [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Taylor, Keith (HA Group)

[Redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Thank you so much Charlie- will await confirmation from CA that this works on their end as well to close the loop on this topic.

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All the best,

[Redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

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On Feb 15, 2020, at 8:29 AM, Ball, Charlie (PCL) [Redacted] wrote:

Just heard form Robert. We can find all guests by removing the filter in nationality and then checking all. I just tried and it seems to work.

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Thanks sorry for the confusion.

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**From:** [Redacted]

[Redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 4:19 AM

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**To:** Ball, Charlie (PCL)

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**Cc:** [Redacted]; Risch, Carl

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C <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]

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Knapper, Marc E

[Redacted]



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Taylor, Keith

(HA Group)

[Redacted]

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**Subject:** Re: Data Request: US Guest & Crew

Hi Charlie,

Consular Affairs noted this morning that the non-AMCIT portion of the full ship manifest is still pending receipt. Can we please get that remainder transmitted soonest this morning?

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Many thanks,

[Redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

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On Feb 14, 2020, at 10:54 PM, Ball, Charlie (PCL)

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[Redacted]

wrote:

[Redacted] - Please password out as you ok for the team. All the best - Charlie

**From:** Ball, Charlie (PCL)

**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2020 6:59 PM

**To:** Burke, William (CarnCorp)

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**Cc:** Bradley, Taylor (PCL)

[Redacted]

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**Subject:** FW: Data Request: US Guest & Crew  
**Importance:** High

Here is a master manifest.  
Password to follow -  
Charlie

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**From:** Morgenstern, Robert (PCL)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2020 6:52 PM  
**To:** Tarling, Grant (PCL)

[Redacted]

Ball, Charlie (PCL)

[Redacted]

**Cc:** Swartz, Jan (PCL)

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**Subject:** Data Request: US Guest & Crew  
**Importance:** High

Charlie / Grant-

You have both requested the same data.

Attached is US Crew and Guest data as of 5PM PST 2.14.20

Status of "On ship" vs "off ship" changes daily as guests debark to quarantine.

This file contains personally identifiable information and is PW protected. PW to follow in Separate communication.

Summary

	TOTAL	ON SHIP	HOSPITAL	RELEASE
US GUEST				
US CREW				
TOTAL US				

**Robert Morgenstern**

SVP | Port Operations & Shore Excursions

HA Group | Serving Princess Cruises, Holland America Line, Seabourn and P&O Australia

Office: [redacted] Mobile: [redacted]

Administrative Assistant – Linda Cummings

Telephone: [redacted]  
email: [redacted]

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<Diamond Master Guest Crew Manifest - 021520.xlsx>  
<ATPFile\_CE6EEE48-3663-4393-AEBB-9A55F7C1723F.token>

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
Mesquita, Mario M [redacted]  
Ramotowski, Edward J [redacted]  
**Recipient:** [redacted]  
CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>;  
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**From:** "Birx, Deborah L" [redacted]

**SentVia:** [redacted]

**To:** [redacted] />

**Subject:** Accepted: White House Coronavirus Task Force Principals Meeting

**Date:** Mon, 2 Mar 2020 11:49:53 +0000

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**Sender:** "Birx, Deborah L" [redacted]

**Recipient:** [redacted]

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**Sent Via:** [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Declined: White House Coronavirus Subtask Force Call  
**Date:** Wed, 11 Mar 2020 17:59:01 +0000

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**Recipient:** [redacted]

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**From:** "Birx, Deborah L" <[redacted]>  
**To:** Achrekar, Angeli <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Updated the slides and they are ready to go out  
**Date:** Tue, 11 Feb 2020 13:24:19 +0000

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The word doc.  
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Birx, Deborah L <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 7, 2020 19:53  
**To:** Achrekar, Angeli  
**Subject:** Fw: Updated the slides and they are ready to go out

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Sorry to ask can you change my summary to text? Deb

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 7, 2020 11:28  
**To:** Birx, Deborah L  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Updated the slides and they are ready to go out

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Yes, please! Sorry I missed this message—we are 100% crazy right now!

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**From:** Birx, Deborah L <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 8:58 AM  
**To:** [redacted] >  
**Subject:** Updated the slides and they are ready to go out

Do you want me to have someone move my executive summary to text?

Ambassador Deborah L. Birx, MD  
 U.S. Ambassador-at-Large and U.S. Special Rep. for Global Health Diplomacy  
 Coordinator of U.S. Government Activities to Combat Global HIV/AIDS  
 U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

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**Sender:** "Birx, Deborah L" <[redacted]>  
**Recipient:** Achrekar, Angeli <[redacted]>

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <[redacted]>  
**To:** [redacted]  
**CC:** EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>; EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: JONATHAN: FLASH/FLASH clearance request: updated TPs on Taiwan at the WHA  
**Date:** Thu, 14 May 2020 18:34:57 +0000

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A few edits tracked...

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:37 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>; EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** JONATHAN: FLASH/FLASH clearance request: updated TPs on Taiwan at the WHA

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Hi Jonathan,  
 Flagging for you the updated/latest IO guidance on Taiwan/WHA.  
 TC had a chance to review and [redacted] cleared.

Thank you,

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:03 PM  
**To:** EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>; [redacted] IO-EDA-HEALTH-DL <IO-EDA-HEALTH-DL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** IOPPC <IOPPC@state.gov>  
**Subject:** FLASH/FLASH clearance request: updated TPs on Taiwan at the WHA

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Folks - IO would like to update and reissue this afternoon our Taiwan/WHA TPs for press and other interlocuters. This would be part of a final PA push on these messages before Monday's WHA. Your asap review of these would be very helpful. Thanks, [redacted]

**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <[redacted]>  
**Recipient:** EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>; EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>



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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted] (b)(6)  
**To:** [redacted]  
**CC:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Potential litigation concerning mass refusal to issue EB-3 visas to nurses during health crisis  
**Date:** Fri, 3 Apr 2020 17:51:30 +0000

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See below. [redacted]

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**From:** Andrew.Prins@lw.com <Andrew.Prins@lw.com> (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 03, 2020 1:42 PM  
**To:** Risch, Carl C (b)(6)  
**Cc:** [redacted] Ramotowski, Edward J <[redacted]>  
 [redacted]  
 Rachel.Alpert@lw.com  
**Subject:** RE: Potential litigation concerning mass refusal to issue EB-3 visas to nurses during health crisis

Dear Assistant Secretary Risch:

I am writing to follow up on our March 17 letter regarding the mass denial of visas for registered nurses from the Philippines, to which I have not received a response or acknowledgement of receipt. Given the critical current need for healthcare professionals in the United States, the American Association of International Healthcare Recruitment requests urgent resolution of the issues raised in the letter. I fully appreciate the present trying circumstances and the important work the Department and your bureau specifically are currently undertaking with respect to the COVID-19 crisis. At the same time, as the Department's March 26, 2020 announcement (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/update-on-h-and-j-visas-for-medical-professionals.html>) recognizes, ensuring a steady pipeline of foreign nurses and other healthcare professionals is critical to the Administration's pandemic response strategy. I understand that the Association's members have over a thousand Filipino nurses with current priority dates who could travel to the United States as soon as logistically feasible if the issues addressed by our letter are resolved. Now, more than ever, the issuance of these visas is of direct importance to the health and well-being of the American people.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Regards,

**Andrew D. Prins**

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**From:** Prins, Andrew (DC)

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 1:29 PM

**To:** [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted]

[Redacted] Alpert, Rachel (DC)

<[Rachel.Alpert@lw.com](mailto:Rachel.Alpert@lw.com)>

**Subject:** Potential litigation concerning mass refusal to issue EB-3 visas to nurses during health crisis

Dear Assistant Secretary Risch:

Please see the attached urgent correspondence sent on behalf of the American Association of International Healthcare Recruitment. The correspondence relates to potential litigation over the U.S. Embassy in Manila's mass refusal to issue USCIS-approved EB-3 visas to registered nurses based on, as far as we can tell, a misunderstanding of the law. Importantly, the refusal to issue these visas is undermining the Administration's coronavirus response strategy by unnecessarily reducing the supply of nurses in this country, especially in rural and other underserved areas where foreign-educated nurses typically serve. We sincerely hope to avoid filing suit, but an immediate resolution is necessary and our efforts to resolve these issues through other channels have not yielded meaningful progress.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

**Andrew D. Prins**

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>

**Recipient:** (b)(6)

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Re Data Request US Guest & Crew	NO
FW: Request Doe Litigation - Interest in Appeal	NO
FW: Intra CA China Coordination	YES
RE help with personnel issue	NO
FW Updated the slides and they are ready to go	YES
Re Immediate Clearance - 8:45AM ET Joint DOS - HHS Statement...	NO
Re Fwd FW For Elizabeth D Paper for 41 WHTF COVID -19	NO
RE: DATA REQUEST: US GUEST & CREW	NO
ACCEPTED: WHITE HOUSE CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE PRINCIPALS MEETING	NO
DECLINED: WHITE HOUSE CORONAVIRUS SUBTASK FORCE CALL	YES
Re: JONATHAN: FLASH/FLASH clearance request: updated TPs on Taiwan at the WHA	YES
FW: Potential litigation concerning mass refusal to issue EB-3 visas to nurses during the health crisis	YES



**United States Department of State**

***Washington, D.C. 20520***

March 22, 2021

Case No.: FL-2020-00071

Austin R. Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street NW, B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

We refer you to our letter dated February 22, 2021, regarding the release of certain U.S. Department of State (“Department”) material under the Freedom of Information Act (the “FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has located 20 responsive records to your request. Upon review, we have determined that the 20 records may be released in part. The processing of your request is ongoing.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact James Bickford, Trial Attorney, at [James.Bickford@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.Bickford@usdoj.gov) or (202) 305-7632. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00071, and the civil action number, 20-cv-01169, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeanne Miller  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

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|----------------|---|
| ARMSEXP        | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)                    |
| CIA PERS/ORG   | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)      |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |
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  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

### Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

Fwd: PROPOSED TRAVEL ALERT FOR CRUISE SHIPS - Clearance Requested NLT 7:30 P.M. this Evening	No Attachments
Getting reinforcements to Mission China	PNG Image
RE: FLASH CLEARANCE: Spox statement on return of evac flight from Wuhan	No Attachments
RE: PLA indictments on Wednesday	No Attachments
Re: Points for G7 Political Directors Re: PRC Journalist Retaliation	No Attachments
RE: Re: FLASH REQUEST: Need new anti CCP tweet	No Attachments
RE: REQUESTING CLEARANCE Amb	No Attachments
Re: Thank you	No Attachments
RE: U.S. journalist expulsions in Chinese MFA briefings	No Attachments
Re: Wuhan OD accommodation - urgent action required	No Attachments
RE: News re faulty Chinese tests	No Attachments
Re: Branstad call request	No Attachments
Re: FW: Message to Diamond Princess Passengers	No Attachments
Re: Last Minute Addition: Update for P on 143(d)	No Attachments
Re: White House Coronavirus Task Force Call Happening NOW (4:00pm EST start time)	No Attachments
FW: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: The China Question - Tablet Magazine	No Attachments
RE: Cables Related to Coronavirus	No Attachments
Re: Corona	No Attachments
FW: QUICK REVIEW: Visa Sanctions PM	No Attachments
Re: Potential ROS Friday - very draft	No Attachments

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
 Brownlee, Ian G [redacted]  
 King, Karin M <[redacted]>;  
 Parra, Yolanda A [redacted]

**To:** [redacted]  
 CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>;  
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 Hand, Henry H (Beijing) [redacted]

**Subject:** Fwd: PROPOSED (b)(5) [redacted] Clearance Requested NLT  
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**Date:** Thu, 20 Feb 2020 11:47:45 +0000

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**From:** Biegun, Stephen E [redacted]  
**Date:** February 20, 2020 at 6:29:27 AM EST  
**Subject:** Fwd: (b)(5) [redacted] Clearance  
 Requested NLT 7:30 P.M. this Evening

**To:** Bulatao, Brian J [redacted]  
**Cc:** Risch, Carl C [redacted]  
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**From:** "Mulvaney, Mick M. EOP/WHO" (b)(6) [redacted]  
**Date:** February 20, 2020 at 4:53:23 AM EST  
**To:** "Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]" (b)(6) [redacted]  
**Cc:** "Wilson, John M" (b)(6) [redacted] "Ferro, Phil J.  
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 Stephen E" <[redacted]>, "Bigley, Mark C. EOP/OMB"  
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 (CDC)" <mzc4@cdc.gov>, "Chafin, Kelly B. EOP/NSC"  
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 EOP/WHO" (b)(6), DL Chief of Staff Office  
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 (b)(6) "Pottinger, Matthew F.  
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 <Robert.Kadlec@hhs.gov>, "Ruggiero, Anthony J. EOP/NSC"  
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 (b)(6) "Tignor, Beth (HHS/IOS)"  
 <Beth.Tignor@hhs.gov>, "Troye, Olivia EOP/NSC"  
 (b)(6) "Ullyot, John L. EOP/NSC"  
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**Subject: Re: PROPOSED** (b)(5)  
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 time zones). (b)(5)

Should take 5 minutes, max.  
Mick M

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 20, 2020, at 12:57 AM, Fauci, Anthony  
(NIH/NIAID) [E] (b)(6) wrote:

Fauci clears with minor edit in red

**Anthony S. Fauci, MD**  
**Director**  
**National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases**  
**Building 31, Room 7A-03**  
**31 Center Drive, MSC 2520**  
**National Institutes of Health**  
**Bethesda, MD 20892-2520**  
**Phone:** (b)(6)  
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**From:** Wilson, John Mark M. EOP/NSC

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2020 7:14 PM

**To:** Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC

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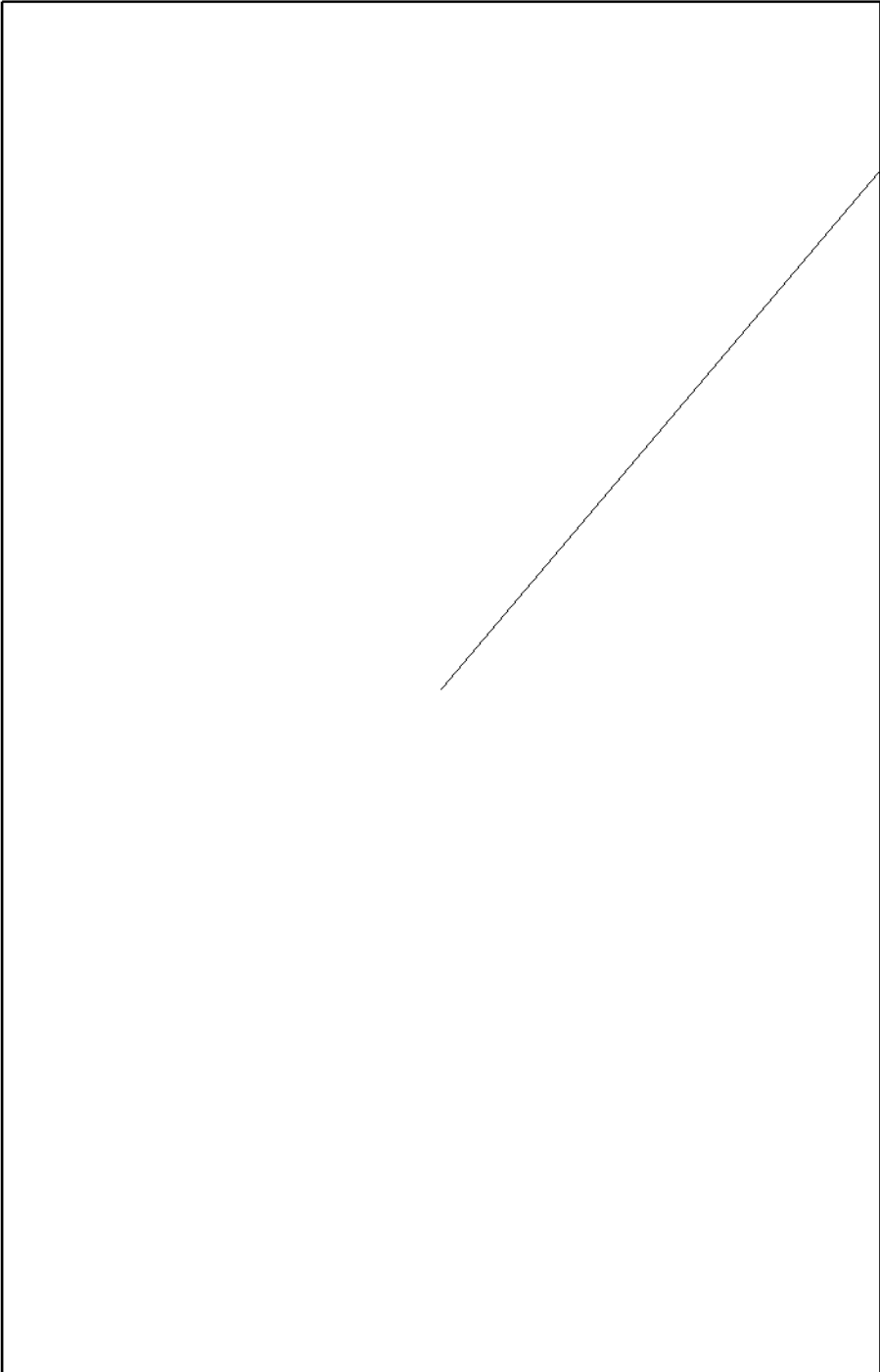
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**John Mark Wilson**  
Office of Strategic Communications  
National Security Council

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**From:** Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2020 5:49 PM  
**To:** AMA2 (OS/IOS) <AMA2@HHS.GOV>; AS2KTC <as2ktc@hq.dhs.gov>; Biegun, Stephen E  
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**Subject:** PROPOSED (b)(6)

(b)(6) Clearance Requested NLT 7:30 P.M. this Evening

**Importance:** High

Dear WHTF,

Please find below the proposed (b)(5)

We respectfully request clearance by **7:30 p.m. this evening.**

State is targeting a rollout time of 11:00 a.m. tomorrow

(b)(5) is coordinating with State, DHS and NSC elements to conduct industry, Hill and press engagement.

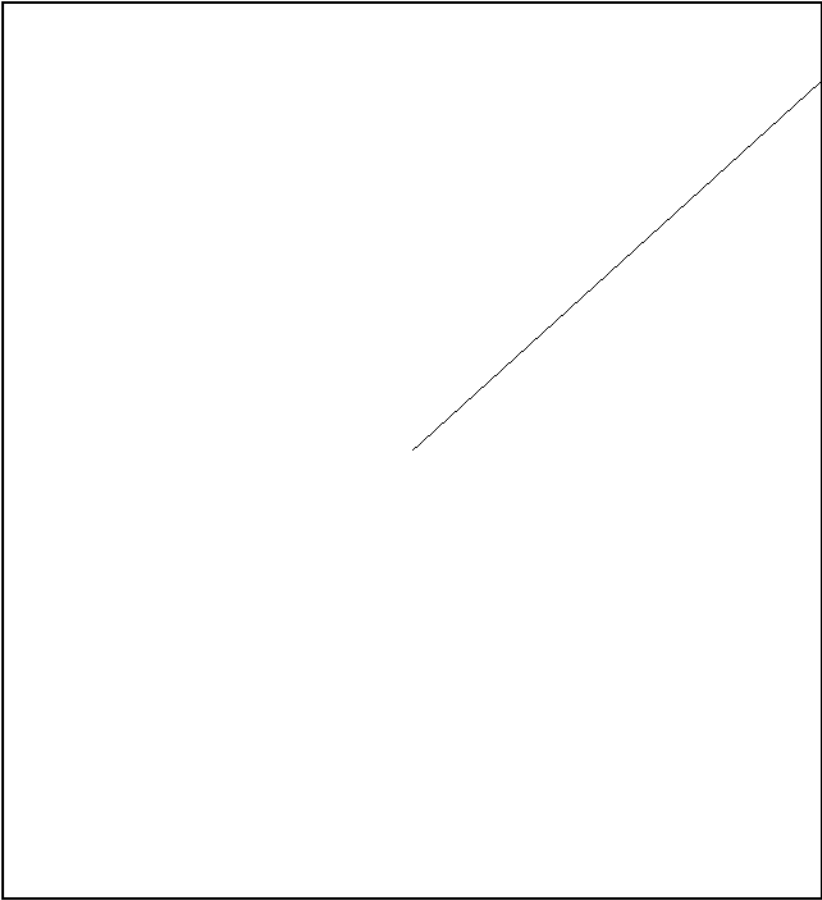
Best Regards,

Phil

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**Philip J. Ferro, PhD, MS**  
**Director for Countering Biological Threats**  
**National Security Council**

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>  
Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>;  
King, Karin M <(b)(6)>;  
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**Recipient:** Renner, Scott M <(b)(6)>;  
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Hand, Henry H (Beijing) <(b)(6)>

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
 (b)(6)  
**To:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>;  
 (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Getting reinforcements to Mission China  
**Date:** Thu, 16 Apr 2020 14:35:06 +0000

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Cheers,  
 Jonathan

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**From:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:44 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
 Jerry.Thomas (b)(6); Vawter, Jacob <(b)(6)> (U) Bowen, Patrick (Beijing  
 | FDA) <(b)(6)>; Kanapathy, Ivan <(b)(6)>; Merry S.  
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 (b)(6); Nelms, Jordan (DHS.GOV) <(b)(6)>  
 fema-nrcc-covidtf-sctf-sa@fema.dhs.gov  
**Cc:** ChinaPPETaskForce <ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov>  
**Subject:** China PPE Action Items for April 16

Good morning. Issues for Washington attention/action are:



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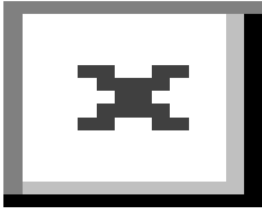
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**From:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:11 AM  
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 | FDA <(b)(6)>; Evan Fisher <(b)(6)>; Kanapathy, Ivan  
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**Cc:** ChinaPPETaskForce <[ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov](mailto:ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov)>  
**Subject:** China PPE Action Items for April 15

Good morning. Today's items for Washington attention/action are:

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**From:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing)

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 8:49 AM

**To:** (b)(6)

Jerry.Thomas (b)(6)

; Vawter, Jacob

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; Kanapathy, Ivan (b)(6)

; Merry S.

EOP/WHO Lin (b)(6)

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Waters, John R

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covidtf-sctf-sa@fema.dhs.gov>

**Cc:** ChinaPPETaskForce <ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov>

**Subject:** China PPE Action Items for April 14

Good morning,

China PPE issues for Washington attention today are:

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**From:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 8:29 AM  
**To:** (b)(6);  
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 D <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; <(b)(6)>

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Nelms, Jordan

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**Cc:** ChinaPPETaskForce <[ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov](mailto:ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov)>

**Subject:** China PPE Action Items for April 13

Good morning, please see below for key China PPE items for today:

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*To follow the guidelines of local authorities to prevent the spread of Covid-19, effective from 6th April, 2020, visa offices of the Embassy and Consulates General of PRC in the United States are temporarily closed during the Covid-19 outbreak. In case of emergency, please contact the Chinese Embassy or Consulates General by E-mail to set up an appointment for the visa application of the flight crew/pilot. The E-mail shall include the applicant's name, a brief introduction of the emergency situation, phone number and category of consular service needed. The email addresses can be found on the website of the Chinese Embassy or Consulates General.*

-Dan

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**From:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 8:40 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Baitel, Rachael <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
 <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6); Jerry.Thomas <(b)(6)>  
 <(b)(6)>; Vawter, Jacob <(b)(6)>; (U) Bowen, Patrick  
 (Beijing | FDA) <(b)(6)>; Evan Fisher <(b)(6)>; Kanapathy, Ivan  
 <(b)(6)>; Merry S. EOP/WHO Lin <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan  
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 <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** ChinaPPETaskForce <[ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov](mailto:ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov)>  
**Subject:** China PPE Action Items for April 10

Good morning, China PPE items of note for today in Washington:

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-Dan

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**From:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing)

**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 8:29 AM

**To:** (b)(6); Baitel, Rachael <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

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<(b)(6)> ; Merry S. EOP/WHO Lin <(b)(6)> ; Fritz, Jonathan  
D <(b)(6)> ; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** ChinaPPETaskForce <ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov>

**Subject:** RE: China PPE Action Items for April 9

Good morning, key China PPE points below:

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**From:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2020 8:07 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Baitel, Rachael <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
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 Jacob <(b)(6)>; (U) Bowen, Patrick (Beijing | FDA) <(b)(6)>  
 Evan Fisher <(b)(6)>; Kanapathy, Ivan <(b)(6)>; Merry S.  
 EOP/WHO Lin <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** ChinaPPETaskForce <ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov>  
**Subject:** China PPE Action Items for April 8

Good morning. Key points and items requiring Washington attention/action are below:

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-Dan

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**From:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 8:06 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Baitel, Rachael (b)(6); (b)(6)  
(b)(6); Ryan Holleran <(b)(6)>; Jerry.Thomas (b)(6)  
<(b)(6)>; Vawter, Jacob <(b)(6)>; (U) Bowen, Patrick  
(Beijing | FDA) <(b)(6)>; Evan Fisher <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** ChinaPPETaskForce <[ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov](mailto:ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov)>

**Subject:** China PPE Action Items for April 7

Good Morning,

A busy overnight from Mission China, with lots of follow-up questions for us:

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**From:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 8:01 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Baitel, Rachael <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Jerry.Thomas <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Vawter, Jacob <(b)(6)>; (U) Bowen, Patrick (Beijing | FDA) <(b)(6)>; Evan Fisher <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** ChinaPPETaskForce <ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov>  
**Subject:** China PPE Action Items for April 6

Good Morning,

Monday was a local holiday in China. (b)(5)  
(b)(5) Updates/Action items are:

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-Dan

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**From:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2020 8:17 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Baitel, Rachael <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
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Cc: ChinaPPETaskForce <[ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov](mailto:ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov)>

Subject: China PPE Action Items for April 3

China PPE Update for (b)(5)

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**From:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:56 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Baitel, Rachael <(b)(6)> (b)(6)  
<(b)(6)>; (b)(6) (b)(6); Jerry.Thomas (b)(6)  
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**Cc:** ChinaPPETaskForce <[ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov](mailto:ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: China PPE Action Items for April 2

**Good morning,**

**China-specific items for discussion on the 10am call:**

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**From:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing)

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:53 AM

**To:** (b)(6); Baitel, Rachael <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

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**Cc:** ChinaPPETaskForce <[ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov](mailto:ChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov)>

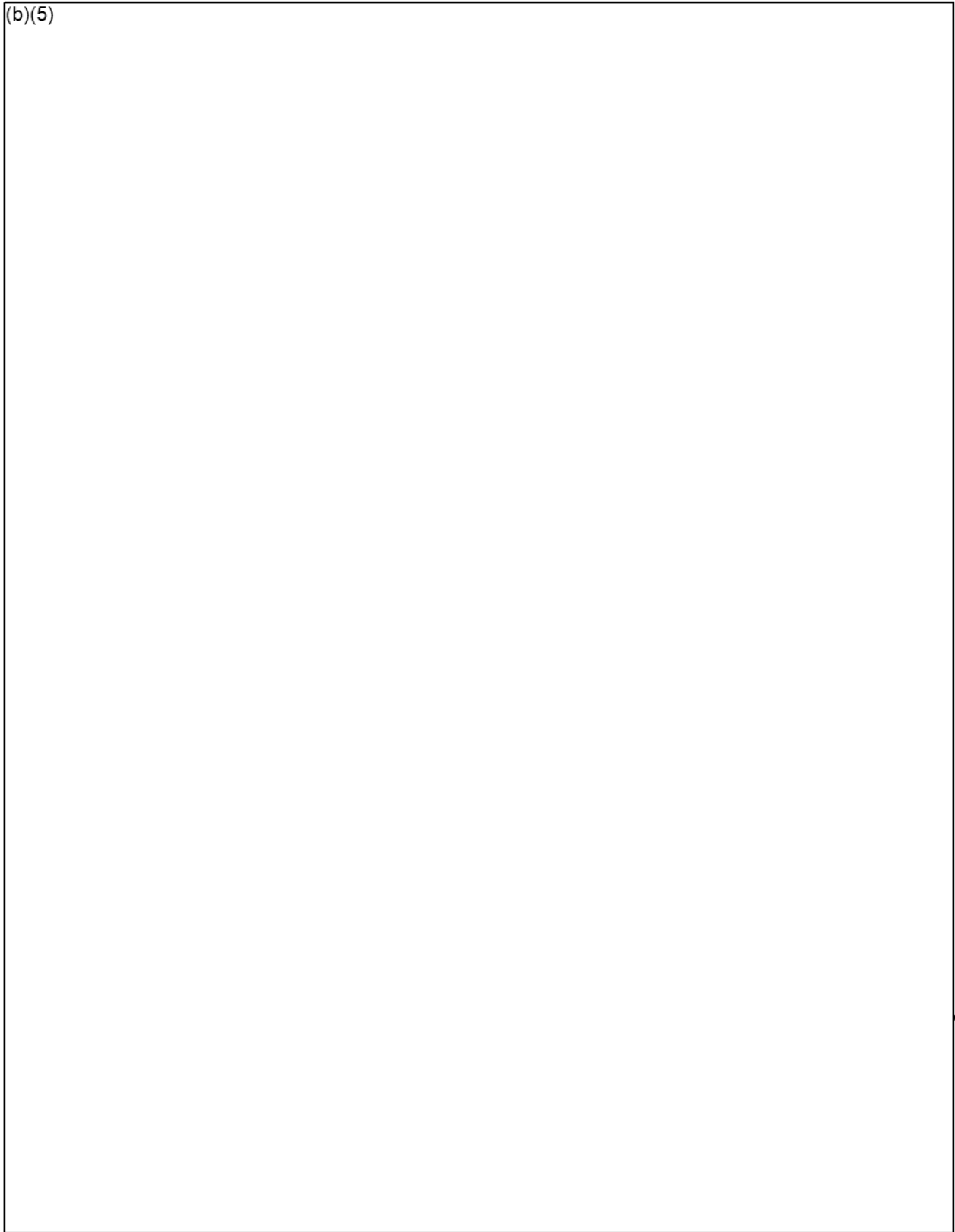
**Subject:** China PPE Action Items for April 1

Good morning,

In advance of the 10am call, see below for key outstanding issues we need to address today:



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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6); Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]

**To:** [redacted];  
 SP\_Staff Assistants <SP\_StaffAssistants@state.gov>;  
 M\_Clearance <M\_Clearance@state.gov>;  
 CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>;  
 EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>;

**CC:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: FLASH CLEARANCE: Spox statement on return of evac flight from Wuhan

**Date:** Wed, 29 Jan 2020 18:00:43 +0000

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 12:58 PM  
**To:** [redacted]

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[redacted] SP\_Staff Assistants  
 <SP\_StaffAssistants@state.gov> [redacted]

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**Cc:** CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>;  
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**Subject:** RE: FLASH CLEARANCE: Spox statement on return of evac flight from Wuhan

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 12:11 PM

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**To:** [redacted]  
 [redacted] SP\_Staff Assistants <SP\_StaffAssistants@state.gov> [redacted]  
 [redacted] M\_Clearance

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<M\_Clearance@state.gov>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>; [redacted]  
[redacted] Fritz, Jonathan D

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**Subject:** RE: FLASH CLEARANCE: Spox statement on return of evac flight from Wuhan

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 12:06 PM

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**To:** [redacted] SP\_Staff\_Assistants

<SP\_StaffAssistants@state.gov>; [redacted]  
[redacted] M\_Clearance <M\_Clearance@state.gov>; [redacted]

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**Cc:** CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>; [redacted]  
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**Subject:** RE: FLASH CLEARANCE: Spox statement on return of evac flight from Wuhan

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Great, thanks. Clear for D.

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 12:04 PM

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**To:** [redacted] SP\_Staff\_Assistants

<SP\_StaffAssistants@state.gov>; [redacted]  
[redacted] M\_Clearance <M\_Clearance@state.gov>; [redacted]

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**Cc:** CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>; [redacted]  
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**Subject:** RE: FLASH CLEARANCE: Spox statement on return of evac flight from Wuhan

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 11:59 AM

**To:** [redacted] SP\_Staff\_Assistants

<SP\_StaffAssistants@state.gov>; [redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 11:20 AM

**To:** [Redacted] SP Staff Assistants <SP\_StaffAssistants@state.gov>; [Redacted] M\_Clearance <M\_Clearance@state.gov>

**Cc:** CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** FLASH CLEARANCE: Spox statement on return of evac flight from Wuhan

Colleagues,

Apologies for the short fuse – GPA asked us to do another Spox statement today, confirming the arrival of the charter evacuation flight (the flight is now wheels down). Please clear by **11:45 PM** as we’re under pressure to get this out ASAP.

Thank you,

[Redacted Signature]

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <FritzJD@state.gov>

Waters, John R. (b)(6)

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**Recipient:** SP\_Staff\_Assistants <SP\_StaffAssistants@state.gov>; [Redacted] M\_Clearance <M\_Clearance@state.gov>; CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>; [Redacted]

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]

**To:** Waters, John R [redacted]

Keshap, Atul [redacted]

**CC:** Cardno, Gwendolyn J [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: [redacted]

**Date:** Tue, 4 Feb 2020 18:34:17 +0000

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020 1:33 PM

**To:** Waters, John R <[redacted]>

Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]

**Cc:** Keshap, Atul [redacted]; Cardno, Gwendolyn J [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: [redacted]

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**From:** Waters, John R <[redacted]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020 1:32 PM

**To:** [redacted]

Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]

**Cc:** Keshap, Atul [redacted]; Cardno, Gwendolyn J [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: [redacted]

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(b)(6) **From:** [redacted] (b)(6)

(b)(6) **Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 9:59 PM

(b)(6) **To:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]

(b)(5) **Cc:** [redacted]; Waters, John R [redacted] Keshap, Atul [redacted] Cardno, Gwendolyn J

(b)(5) **Subject:** Re: [redacted]

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Sent from my iPhone (b)(6)

(b)(5) On Feb 3, 2020, at 9:03 PM, Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted] wrote:

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(b)(6) **From:** [redacted] (b)(6)

(b)(6) **Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 8:59 PM

(b)(6) **To:** Waters, John R [redacted]

(b)(5) **Cc:** [redacted] Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted] Cardno, Gwendolyn J [redacted]

(b)(5) **Subject:** Re: [redacted]

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

(b)(6) On February 3, 2020 at 7:54:30 PM EST, Waters, John R [redacted] wrote:

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Thx.

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 5:58 PM

**To:** Waters, John R [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** [Redacted]

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [Redacted]

Waters, John R [Redacted]

**Recipient:** [Redacted]

Keshap, Atul <[Redacted]>

Cardno, Gwendolyn J [Redacted]

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
Stilwell, David R [redacted]  
**To:** Feith, David [redacted];  
Waters, John R [redacted];  
Cardno, Gwendolyn J [redacted]  
**CC:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Points for G7 Political Directors Re: PRC Journalist Retaliation  
**Date:** Wed, 18 Mar 2020 02:17:00 +0000

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.  
**From:** Stilwell, David R  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:57 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; Feith, David; Waters, John R; Cardno, Gwendolyn J  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Points for G7 Political Directors Re: PRC Journalist Retaliation

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:48 PM  
**To:** Feith, David [redacted]; Stilwell, David R <StilwellDR@state.gov>; Waters, John R [redacted]; Cardno, Gwendolyn J [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Points for G7 Political Directors Re: PRC Journalist Retaliation

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.  
**From:** Feith, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:45 PM

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**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; Stilwell, David R; Waters, John R; Cardno, Gwendolyn J  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Points for G7 Political Directors Re: PRC Journalist Retaliation

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On March 17, 2020 at 9:43:01 PM EDT, Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted] wrote:

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Stilwell, David R  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:37 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; Waters, John R; Cardno, Gwendolyn J  
**Cc:** Feith, David; [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Points for G7 Political Directors Re: PRC Journalist Retaliation

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**From:** Hale, David <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:25 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** Pratt, Jonathan <[redacted]>; Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>;  
[redacted]; Cardno, Gwendolyn L <[redacted]>; Feith, David <[redacted]>

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>; Buangan, Richard L <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** Re: Points for G7 Political Directors Re: PRC Journalist Retaliation

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I can call first and follow up with draft.  
Sent from my iPhone

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On Mar 17, 2020, at 7:26 PM, Stilwell, David R [Redacted]

wrote:

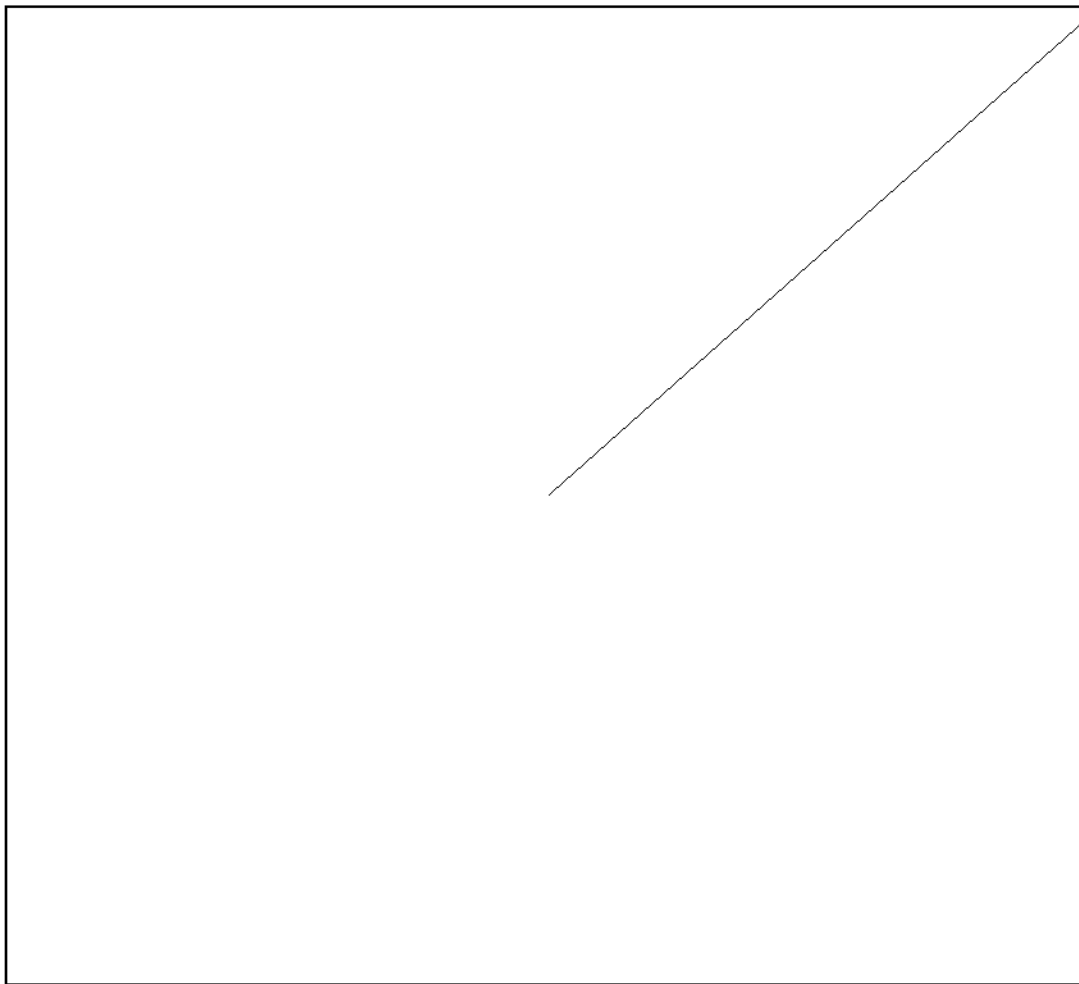
Sir,

My team has put together the following points for your consideration to use in your outreach by phone or email to like-minded partners.

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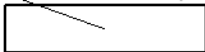
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V/R,  
Dave

David R. Stilwell  
Ass't Secretary East Asia Pacific



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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <

Stilwell, David R <

Feith, David <

**Recipient:** Waters, John R <

Cardno, Gwendolyn J <

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]

Stilwell, David R [redacted]

Keshap, Atul [redacted]

**To:** Feith, David [redacted]

Buangan, Richard L [redacted]

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**Subject:** RE: Re: FLASH REQUEST: [redacted]

**Date:** Wed, 25 Mar 2020 20:22:13 +0000

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**From:** Stilwell, David R [redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:21 PM

**To:** Keshap, Atul [redacted]; Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; Feith, David [redacted]

<FeithD[redacted]> Buangan, Richard L [redacted]

[redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Re: FLASH REQUEST: [redacted]

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**From:** Keshap, Atul [redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:59 PM

**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; Feith, David [redacted]; Stilwell, David R [redacted]

[redacted] Buangan, Richard L [redacted]

[redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Re: FLASH REQUEST: [redacted]

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:57 PM

**To:** Feith, David [redacted]; Stilwell, David R [redacted]; Buangan, Richard L [redacted]

[redacted]; Keshap, Atul [redacted]

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**Subject:** RE: Re: FLASH REQUEST: (b)(5)

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How about:



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<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/society/article/3076323/third-coronavirus-cases-may-be-silent-carriers-classified>

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**From:** Feith, David <[Redacted]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:08 PM

**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <[Redacted]>; Stilwell, David R <[Redacted]>; Buangan, Richard L

<[Redacted]>; Keshap, Atul <[Redacted]>

**Subject:** RE: Re: FLASH REQUEST: [Redacted]

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<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/society/article/3076323/third-coronavirus-cases-may-be-silent-carriers-classified>.

[Redacted] Please share!"

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David Feith  
Senior Advisor  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP)  
U.S. Department of State

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On March 25, 2020 at 3:03:24 PM EDT, Fritz, Jonathan D <[Redacted]> wrote:

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**From:** Stilwell, David R <[Redacted]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:00 PM

**To:** Buangan, Richard L <[Redacted]>; Keshap, Atul <[Redacted]>; Feith, David <[Redacted]>; Fritz, Jonathan D <[Redacted]>

**Subject:** RE: Re: FLASH REQUEST: [Redacted]

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**From:** Buangan, Richard L <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:19 PM  
**To:** Keshap, Atul <[redacted]>; Feith, David <[redacted]>; Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>; Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** RE: Re: FLASH REQUEST: [redacted]

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Joining soon.

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**From:** Keshap, Atul <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:18 PM  
**To:** Feith, David <[redacted]>; Buangan, Richard L <[redacted]>; Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>; Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** RE: Re: FLASH REQUEST: [redacted]

Brooke and I are on the call. FO conf call bridge.

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**From:** Keshap, Atul <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:03 PM  
**To:** Feith, David <[redacted]>; Buangan, Richard L <[redacted]>; Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>; Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** RE: Re: FLASH REQUEST: [redacted]

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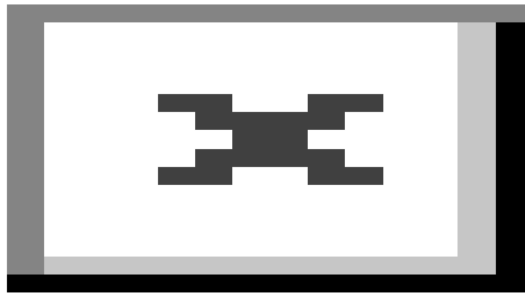
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**From:** Keshap, Atul <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:00 PM  
**To:** Feith, David <[redacted]>; Buangan, Richard L <[redacted]>; Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>; Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** RE: Re: FLASH REQUEST: [redacted]

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**From:** Feith, David <[redacted]>

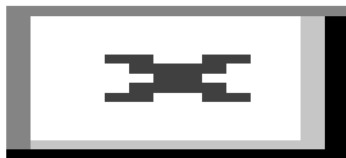
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:55 PM

**To:** Buangan, Richard L <[redacted]>; Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>; Keshap, Atul <[redacted]>; Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>

**Subject:** RE: Re: FLASH REQUEST [redacted]

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Add this screenshot below:



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<https://rsf.org/en/news/ifchinese-press-were-free-coronavirus-might-not-be-pandemic-argues-rsf>

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David Feith  
Senior Advisor  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP)  
U.S. Department of State

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On March 25, 2020 at 1:46:33 PM EDT, Buangan, Richard L <> wrote:

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**From:** Feith, David <>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:45 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <>; Keshap, Atul <>; Fritz, Jonathan D <>; Buangan, Richard L <>;

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**Subject:** Fwd: Re: FLASH REQUEST: <>

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Phone call about this at 215pm with ideas? If so, is EAP conf line free?

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David Feith  
Senior Advisor  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP)  
U.S. Department of State

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----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Feith, David <>  
**Date:** March 25, 2020 at 1:42:18 PM EDT  
**Subject:** Re: FLASH REQUEST: Need new anti CCP tweet  
**To:** Kissel, Mary E (S) <>; Stilwell, David R <>

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Cc: Ortagus, Morgan D [redacted] [redacted]  
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On it.

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David Feith  
Senior Advisor  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP)  
U.S. Department of State

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(b)(6) [redacted]  
(b)(5) [redacted]

On March 25, 2020 at 1:17:13 PM EDT, Kissel, Mary E (S)  
[redacted] wrote:

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**Mary E. Kissel**  
Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State  
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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
Stilwell, David R [redacted]  
Keshap, Atul [redacted]  
**Recipient:** Feith, David [redacted];  
Buangan, Richard L <BuanganRL@[redacted]> [redacted]

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Hua Chunying 华春莹

@SpokespersonCHN

1/3 Since 2018 the US has denied visas for 29 Chinese journalists. On Mar 2, US StateDept announced de facto expulsion of 60 Chinese journalists by Mar 13. As a countermeasure, China announced to revoke a dozen US journalists' press cards on Mar 18. @statedeptspox

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <[redacted]>  
**To:** D/EAP Duty Officer <DDutyOfficer@state.gov>;  
**CC:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>;  
Waters, John R <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** RE: REQUESTING CLEARANCE: Amb. Moriarty statement  
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**Subject:** RE: REQUESTING CLEARANCE: Amb. Moriarty statement

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Can you please confirm which is the correct position on this? So that we can get the remarks cleared for AIT's use tonight (DC time)?

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**Edited version cleared by EAP/FO (Jonathan Fritz)** [redacted] **and EAP Press:**

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Thank you,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 9:08 AM

**To:** [Redacted]; Ortagus, Morgan D [Redacted]; SPOX <SPOX@state.gov>

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Good morning Morgan:

AMB Moriarty (Chairman of American Institute in Taiwan) will be speaking **tonight (DC time) in Taipei** in front of *local press*, at the top of his meeting with President Tsai.

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Hi TC:

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Can you take a look please and provide **your clearance ASAP?**

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Best,

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**Subject:** REQUESTING CLEARANCE: Amb. Moriarty statement

All,

Requesting clearance on the statement below for AIT Chairman Moriarty to give to local press at the top of his meeting with President Tsai on Thursday morning.

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<b>To:</b>	Fite, Nina M <(b)(6)>
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**From:** Fite, Nina M  
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Amb. Birx/Deb,

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For now, there are no known cases in Angola, and this is one area in which the Health Minister's stubbornness is turning out to be welcome 😊. The oil companies are very involved in self-policing as the last thing they want is someone infected on a platform. That said, with oil industry shift changes there are many challenges and I expect there will be more restrictions placed on travelers in upcoming days.

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Thanks again,

Nina

Nina Maria Fite  
U.S. Ambassador to the  
Republic of Angola

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**Subject:** RE: U.S. journalist expulsions in Chinese MFA briefings

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**Subject:** U.S. journalist expulsions in Chinese MFA briefings

Dear OFM, CA, EAP/Press, R, and 7th floor colleagues:

FYSA - Lots of responses about the PRC's March 17 expulsion of U.S. journalists at the Chinese MFA briefings the past two days. Yellow highlights below.



We urge the United States to take off its ideological colored glasses, abandon the Cold War mentality and zero-sum thinking, and do more things that are conducive to mutual trust and cooperation between China and the United States. China does not stir up trouble, but we are not afraid of it. We urge the United States to stop suppressing the Chinese media immediately, otherwise the United States will suffer even greater losses.

3. Is China concerned the American side will take further countermeasures?

We urge the United States to immediately change course, correct mistakes, and stop political oppression and unreasonable restrictions on Chinese media. If the United States insists on walking further down the wrong path, China will be forced to take further countermeasures.

The United States once said that all options are on the table. Today, I would also like to tell the U.S. side the same thing: that all the options are also on the table of the Chinese side.

4. U.S. Secretary of State Pompeo said in an interview that China's approach is not reciprocal to the previous U.S. approach, because Chinese media listed by the United States as "foreign missions" have publicly acknowledged that they are part of the Chinese government but the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, and Time Magazine all have been criticized by the US government and none of them is part of the U.S. government. So why does China call it reciprocal?

In terms of news and public opinion, we also adhere to the path that conforms to our own reality. Chinese media have always carried out news reporting within the scope of the Constitution and the law. Chinese media in the United States have always complied with U.S. laws, adhered to journalistic ethics, and conducted news reporting normally. The United States should not proceed from ideological prejudice, use its own standards and likes and dislikes to judge media in other countries, and it must not unreasonably suppress Chinese media. The U.S. government has been constantly bolstering the wrong words and deeds of some American media. According to the logic of the U.S. side, do these media also take orders from the government? What is the relationship between them and the government and interest groups?

5. In the measures announced by the Chinese side, foreign media reporters in China are required to return press cards within ten days. Will these reporters be deported after ten days?

As for their departure, China will follow the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on News Coverage by Permanent Offices of Foreign Media Organizations and Foreign Journalists, which is often referred to as State Council Decree 537, and China's entry and exit laws and regulations, and in light of the actual situation, including the current epidemic situation, to deal with the related issue.

6. On the 16th, the Czech Prime Minister said the Czech Republic had sent a military aircraft to China to transport the new coronavirus test kit purchased from China. Can you confirm?

The Czech people are facing difficulties at the moment, China would like to offer Czech Republic its support and help. With the full support and assistance of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other departments, the Czech military aircraft loaded with the new coronavirus test kit left China for the Czech Republic last night. China is willing to further strengthen communication and cooperation with the Czech Republic, work together to fight the epidemic in the next stage, and maintain public health security in both countries and the world.

7. Any comment on Chinese companies like Alibaba sending medical supplies to the US?

After the outbreak, many American companies, non-governmental organizations and individuals have been providing China with active support. We appreciate that. Likewise, with the development of the epidemic situation in the United States, quite a few Chinese local authorities and non-governmental organizations have offered help to the United States. In the face of the epidemic, the international community including the United



States and China should all work together to fight the epidemic and jointly maintain the global public health and security and well-being of mankind.

8. Is China worried the U.S. nationals might have a worse sense of what is going on in China because of this expulsion of American journalists?

China's fundamental state policy of opening-up has not changed and will not change. Foreign media organizations and journalists who cover stories in accordance with laws and regulations are always welcome in China, and will get continued assistance from our side. What we reject is ideological bias against China, fake news made in the name of press freedom, and breaches of journalism ethics. We call on foreign media outlets and journalists to play a positive role in advancing the mutual understanding between China and the rest of the world. We will continue to provide convenience and support for the normal operation and reporting of foreign media outlets and journalists in China.

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MFA Briefing

Spokesperson: Geng Shuang

Date: March 19, 2020

1. Many in the US said Chinese state news outlets, such as CCTV, Xinhua, and China Daily, can be watched or read freely in the US, while no foreign media reports can publish inside China, so the reciprocity that China claimed doesn't make sense. Any comment? (Question 1 and 2 are the same)

The national conditions of each country are different, and the environment of public opinion and the ecology of media are also different in each country. Also, every country has different laws and regulations on media management. So, I think all countries should respect each other's national conditions and usual practices in this regard.



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What we reject is ideological bias against China, fake news made in the name of press freedom, and breaches of ethics in journalism. As I reiterated that China's fundamental state policy of opening-up has not changed and will not change. We call on foreign media outlets and journalists to play a positive role in advancing the mutual understanding between China and the rest of the world.

3. There're Chinese employees working with the five foreign media outlets had their employee card revoked. Any comment?

Relevant Chinese authorities deal with the Chinese employees of foreign media in accordance with laws and regulations.

4. In response to the U.S. suppression of Chinese media agencies in the United States, China announced countermeasures yesterday, in which the third article mentioned that the U.S. has adopted discriminatory restrictions on Chinese journalists in visas, administrative examinations, and interviews. China will take reciprocal measures. Can you introduce specific measures of US restrictions? What exactly are the reciprocal measures China will take? (Question 4 and 5 are the same)

In December 2018, the US asked the relevant Chinese media to register as "foreign agents" in the US. In February 2020, the US designated the five Chinese media agencies as "foreign missions" by the US, then imposed a cap on the number of their employees, in effect expelling Chinese journalists from the US. Facts have fully proved that the so-called press freedom advocated by the US is very hypocritical and deceptive. China has repeatedly made solemn representations to the United States on the United States' wrong practices, expressing its firm opposition and strong condemnation. Such outrageous treatment prompted repeated strong representations from China, in which China firmly objected to and strongly condemned the US move.

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In the face of various suppressions and discriminatory practices of the US side, the Chinese media have been holding back for too long, but have failed to achieve a good result. And the US side has even gone further. Regarding these unfair treatment and unreasonable oppression, the "double standards" and hegemonic bullying, the All-China Journalists' Association has revealed the US' hypocrisy and expressed a firm opposition on behalf of the Chinese media. We support the Chinese media to firmly safeguard their reputation and interests, and China will have to take corresponding measures against American media reporters in accordance with the principle of reciprocity.

6. According to media reports, the Haitian government asked Taiwanese ambassador Bernard Bang-zyh Liu in Haiti to leave within 72 hours due to a fierce quarrel between Liu and Haitian President Jovenel Moïse. What is China's comment?

At present, it has been a basic norm governing international relations and a universal consensus of international community to recognize most the one-China principle. In recent years, Panama, Dominica, El Salvador and other Latin American and Caribbean countries have followed the historical trend and established diplomatic relations with China on the basis of the one-China principle. China has carried out mutually beneficial cooperation with these countries on the basis of mutual respect that tangibly benefits the local people with fruitful results. This is in stark contrast to the situation in Haiti and other states have diplomatic relations with Taiwan, and relevant countries, including Haiti, must know the pain very well.

I want to emphasize again that the Taiwan authorities have no way out of "two Chinas" and "one China, one Taiwan." I believe that the countries concerned can soberly realize that the early recognition of the one-China principle is the correct choice in accordance with the fundamental and long-term interests of the country and its people.

7. Secretary Pompeo said yesterday China is shirking responsibility for the outbreak by spreading false information about the coronavirus. President Trump and many other US officials said on many occasions spokesman Zhao Lijian's tweet that implying US military is the origin of the virus is acceptable and irresponsible. There're opinions that China US relationship is deteriorating with the war of words that does nothing good to the world pandemic prevention efforts and could lead to a new cold war. Any comment?  
(Question 7, 8 and 9 are the same)

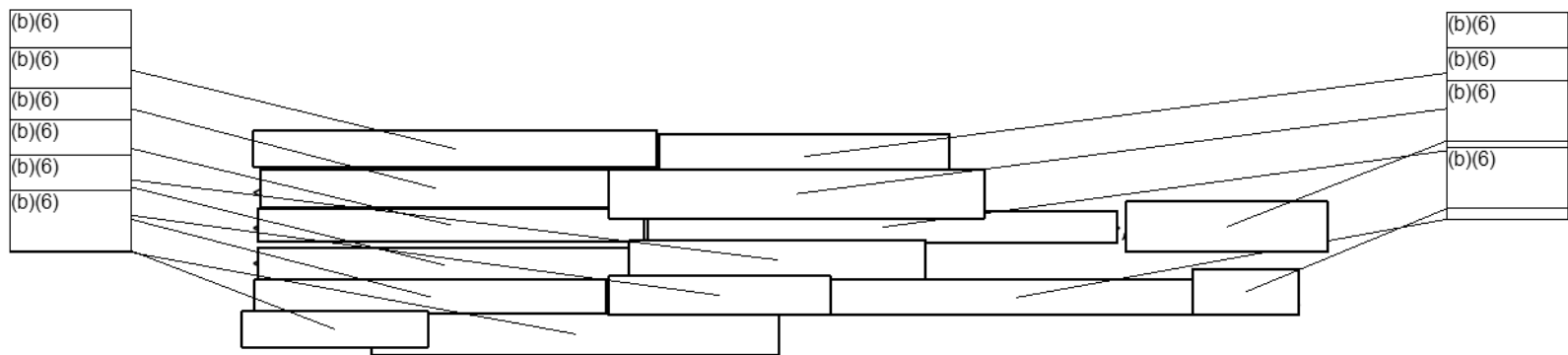
For some time, some senior U.S. officials, including members of Congress, have made many statements that attack and discredit China. These remarks do not respect science and WHO's decision and stigmatize China with the new coronavirus. It has aroused strong indignation of the Chinese people, to which we express firm opposition and condemnation.

8. Secretary Pompeo said yesterday China is shirking responsibility for the outbreak by spreading false information about the coronavirus. President Trump and many other US officials said on many occasions spokesman Zhao Lijian's tweet that implying US military is the origin of the virus is acceptable and irresponsible. There're opinions that China US relationship is deteriorating with the war of words that does nothing good to the world pandemic prevention efforts and could lead to a new cold war. Any comment?  
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In the face of the pandemic, all countries should work together to overcome the difficulties. At this time, stigmatizing others and shifting responsibilities will not help any country's prevention and control efforts, nor will it help the international community's cooperation in fight the outbreak.

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MFA Briefing  
 Spokesperson: Zhao Lijian  
 March 3, 2020

1. The U.S. State Department said starting from March 13, it will cap the number of journalists from five Chinese state-run media outlets in the United States. Any comment? (1, 2, and 3 answer the same question.)

Based on the Cold War mentality and ideological prejudice, the U.S. State Department suppressed Chinese media agencies with political means in the United States for unexplained reasons. We firmly deplore and oppose it.

2. The U.S. State Department said starting from March 13, it will cap the number of journalists from five Chinese state-run media outlets in the United States. Any comment? (1, 2, and 3 answer the same question.)

The measures taken by the United States against Chinese journalists are groundless and unreasonable. Adhering to the Cold War mentality and ideological prejudices, the United States has been escalating crackdowns on Chinese reporters from listing them as "foreign agents," "foreign missions," to the so-called limits of the number of Chinese journalists, which virtually amounts to expulsion of Chinese reporters in the United States. It severely interrupted Chinese media's normal reporting tasks in the United States, seriously tarnished Chinese media's reputation, and disrupted normal cultural and people-to-people exchanges between the two countries.

3. The U.S. State Department said starting from March 13, it will cap the number of journalists from five Chinese state-run media outlets in the United States. Any comment? (1, 2, and 3 answer the same question.)

On the one hand, the United States has been peddling freedom of the press. On the other hand, it keeps disrupting and obstructing the Chinese media's normal reporting in the United States, exposing the so-called hypocrisy of the press freedom. It is an out-and-out double standard and hegemonic bullying.

Under the current situation of China-U.S. relations, this move by the United States will cause serious negative effects and damage to the bilateral relations. We urge the United States to immediately change its course and correct mistakes. We reserve the right to take further responses and measures.



4. Countries and regions outside China have reported a total of more than 8,000 cases of COVID-19 infection. What has China done to help other countries affected by the epidemic?

At present, China's epidemic prevention and control has made significant progress, but it is still in a critical period, and prevention and control work cannot be relaxed at all. Many countries have seen the epidemic situation of the COVID-19-caused pneumonia, which has intensified in some countries. It is important and pressing for all countries to strengthen communication and cooperation in the field of public-health security.

China is now communicating with all parties in this regard, and has provided testing kits to Pakistan, Japan, the African Union, etc., and shared diagnosis and treatment plans with many countries. The Chinese Red Cross and related companies also provided kits to Iran and African countries. We also sent a team of volunteer experts to Iran. We will continue to carry out different forms of cooperation with relevant parties according to the development of the epidemic while continuing to do a good job in preventing and controlling at home, and provide support to other countries within our ability.

5. The State Department announcement says the U.S. was not planning to place any restrictions on the content of the media but that the administration was seeking "reciprocity" and a "level playing field." Any comment?

First, China has never put limits on the number of U.S. media organizations and personnel in China. The number of U.S. journalists coming to China is decided by the U.S. media, not the result of Chinese restrictions. As far as I know, since 2018, the United States has restricted Chinese journalists' normal visits to the United States by declining and delaying visas. At least 21 Chinese journalists have been denied visas since last year. The U.S. side made mistakes again and again. This time, in the name of the so-called limit number, the United States is actually "deporting" 60 employees of Chinese media in the United States. Is this reciprocal?

Second, there are only nine Chinese news outlets in the United States, while there are 29 American media in China. Is this reciprocal?

Third, regarding journalist visa policies and visa fees, U.S. journalists in China can travel to and from China multiple times during the validity period of the visa, while the U.S. takes discriminatory measures against Chinese journalists in the United States by issuing only single-entry visas. It means the relevant Chinese journalists who made a short-term return to the country or visiting relatives must re-apply for a visa, and the visa fee is up to \$354, which is more than double the fee charged by the Chinese side. Is this reciprocal?

Fourth, apart from China, does the United States engage in "reciprocity" with other countries' media in the United States?

The so-called "reciprocity" the United States keeps talking about is virtually its prejudice, discrimination, and exclusion of the Chinese media. It is the United States that first broke the rules of the game, we have to fight back.

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## United States Department of State TFCN01 - Wuhan Evacuation Task Force

SITREP No. 14  
February 1, 2020 0600 ET  
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**(U) Latest Update:**

- (U) President Trump issued a Presidential Proclamation January 31 to suspend entry of foreign nationals who visited China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau) in the past 14 days. Some exemptions may apply, including for certain immediate family members of U.S. citizens and LPRs. **(White House, CNN)**
- (U) HHS Secretary Azar declared a U.S. Public Health Emergency January 31. Any U.S. citizen in Hubei Province in the previous 14 days will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. **(HHS)**

- (U) Mainland China has confirmed 11,791 cases and 259 deaths, with nearly 12,000 cases worldwide. **(PRC National Health Commission, New York Times)**
- (U) Seven cases are confirmed in the United States: California (3), Illinois (2), Washington (1), and Arizona (1). **(CDC, HHS)**

#### ~~(SBU)~~ Evacuation Operations:

- ~~(SBU)~~ Thirty Mission China personnel departed January 31 under Authorized and Ordered Departure. Fifty-five are scheduled to depart February 1. There is growing concern about continued reductions in available commercial flight options for departing personnel. **(Embassy Beijing)**
- ~~(SBU)~~ Operational planning continues for evacuating private U.S. citizens from Wuhan. **(Embassy Beijing, Wuhan Evacuation Task Force)**
- ~~(SBU)~~ A German military aircraft departed Wuhan January 31 with two U.S. citizens. Evacuees will arrive in Germany February 1 and enter a 14-day quarantine. **(Embassy Berlin, DW)**

#### (U) Response Efforts:

- (U) China's Premier Li Keqiang asked the EU to facilitate China's urgent procurement of medical supplies. **(Reuters)**
- (U) Antigua and Barbuda closed its borders January 31 to travelers from China. **(Embassy Bridgetown)**
- (U) Australia will deny entry starting February 1 to anyone traveling from mainland China except Australian citizens or residents and their immediate family. Australians coming from China would be quarantined for 14 days. **(Guardian)**
- (U) Federated States of Micronesia banned its citizens from traveling to mainland China. **(CDC, FSM President's Office)**
- (U) The Republic of the Marshall Islands will not permit entry to arrivals from the PRC, Macau, or Hong Kong February 2 through March 2. **(EAP)**

#### (U) Third Country Evacuations and International Travel:

- (U) Commercial airlines continue to cut flights to mainland China. The following are suspending or reducing service: Air Canada, Air France, Air India, Air New Zealand, Air Seoul, Air Tanzania, America Airlines, British Airways, Cathay Pacific Airways, Delta Air Lines, Egypt Air, El Al Israel Airlines, Ethiopian Airlines, Etihad Airways, Finnair, Kenya Airways, Lion Air, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, Qantas Airways, Royal Air Maroc, Russia (all airlines except Aeroflot), RwandAir, SAS, Scoot, Shanghai Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Turkmenistan Airlines, United Airlines, UPS, VietJet, Vietnam Airlines, and Virgin Atlantic. **(Reuters)**
- (U) India evacuated 324 citizens from Wuhan January 31. A second evacuation flight is scheduled February 1. **(Economic Times)**
- (U) Indonesia is evacuating 245 of its nationals from Hubei province who will be quarantined on a military base. **(Reuters)**
- (U) Nearly 150 Pakistani nationals reported being stranded in Urumqi airport in Xinjiang province. **(Malaysia Sun)**
- (U) South Korea's second evacuation flight returned 330 nationals, of which 7 showed symptoms of the virus. **(The Korea Herald)**
- (U) Thailand intends to evacuate up to 182 nationals from Hubei province. **(Guardian)**
- (U) The UK announced it was withdrawing some staff and dependents from its diplomatic mission in China. **(Reuters)**

**(U) Support for U.S. Citizens:**

- (U) Consulate General Hong Kong and Macau updated the Travel Advisory to level two due to coronavirus. **(Consulate General Hong Kong)**
- (U) Mission China announced additional evacuation flights may be available for U.S. citizens, on a reimbursable basis, on or about February 3. **(Embassy Beijing)**

**(U) Post Operations:**

- (U) Mission China will be closed for non-emergency services February 3-7. **(Embassy Beijing)**

**(U) Global Coronavirus Developments:**

- (U) Cases outside mainland China are confirmed in Thailand (19), Japan (17), Singapore (16), Hong Kong (13), Australia (12), South Korea (11), Taiwan (10), Malaysia (8), Macau (7), Germany (7), United States (7), France (6), Vietnam (6), United Arab Emirates (4), Canada (3), Italy (2), Russia (2), UK (2), Cambodia (1), Finland (1), India (1), Nepal (1), Philippines (1), Sweden (1), and Sri Lanka (1). **(Johns Hopkins CSSE, Washington Post)**
- (U) Hong Kong's 13,000-member hospital employee union may strike February 3 if the government does not completely close the Chinese border. **(SCMP)**
- (U) Thailand estimated reduced travel from China could result in \$1.5 billion in lost revenue. **(Reuters)**
- (U) All official Apple stores in mainland China will be closed until February 9. **(Reuters)**

Approved: [redacted]

Please direct all questions to the Wuhan Evacuation Task Force at [redacted] or [taskforce4mailbox@state.gov](mailto:taskforce4mailbox@state.gov)

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]

Stilwell, David R [redacted]

Keshap, Atul [redacted]

Foith, David [redacted]

**Recipient:**

Waters, John R <[redacted]>

Cardno, Gwendolyn J <[redacted]>

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**From:** Kim, Yuri J (Tirana)

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:09 PM

**To:** King, Stephen B; Brink, Bridget A (Bratislava); Traina, Trevor D (Vienna); Pyatt, Geoffrey R (Athens); Byrnes, Kate M; Godfrey, Anthony F (Belgrade); Kosnett, Philip S; Reinke, Judy R; Hogan, Dereck J (Chisinau); Carwile, John L (Riga); Gilchrist, Robert S; Nelson, Eric G; Duguid, Gordon K; Palmer, Matthew A; EUR-Press; Higgins, Justin (USEU); Sands, Carla H (Copenhagen); Mosbacher, Georgette; Waters, John R; Buangan, Richard L; Mustafa, Herro K (Sofia); Kohorst, W Robert (Zagreb)

**Cc:** Moses-Ones, Leyla L (Tirana); Beckmann, Brian P (Tirana)

**Subject:** News re faulty Chinese tests

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TV and others picked it up per below. (b) (5)

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(Apologies for the haphazard nature of distro. If EUR or EAP thinks worth broader distro, pls do)

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**From:**

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 7:40:02 PM

**To:** Beckmann, Brian P (Tirana)

**Subject:** Si and Top Channel ran Taiwan News story on faulty Chinese tests

Centrist portal *Si* ran a Taiwan News story

(<https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/3903937>) under the headline "80% of coronavirus tests given by China to the Czech Republic didn't work." According to the Albanian portal (<https://gazetasi.al/80-e-testeve-te-shpejta-nga-kina-nuk-funksionojne/>), health professionals in the Czech Republic were forced to redo the tests in regular laboratories. The portal noted that the 150,000 fast tests cost the Czechs about \$546,000.

National broadcaster *Top Channel* published the story (<http://top-channel.tv/2020/03/25/80-e-testeve-qe-i-dhuruan-kinezet-cekeve-jane-te-pasakta/>) under the headline "80% of tests that the Chinese 'donated' to the Czechs are faulty." The broadcaster highlighted that an internet website in the Czech Republic reported that health workers in the Czech Republic used the

150,000 fast tests purchased by the country from China for \$564,000 but found that about 80% of them were inaccurate and health workers were forced to redo the tests.

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted] (b)(6)

Kissel, Mary E (S) <[redacted]>

Stilwell, David R [redacted]

**Recipient:** Ortagus, Morgan D [redacted]

Feith, David [redacted]

Keshap, Atul [redacted]

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**To:** Kanapathy, Ivan [redacted];  
 Stilwell, David R [redacted];  
 Keshap, Atul [redacted]  
**CC:** Hooker, Allison M [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Branstad call request  
**Date:** Sat, 23 May 2020 14:53:25 +0000

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**From:** Kanapathy, Ivan J. EOP/NSC [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2020 9:07 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <StilwellDR@[redacted]>; Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; Keshap, Atul [redacted]  
**Cc:** Hooker, Allison M [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Branstad call request

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Copy thanks.

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**From:** Stilwell, David R [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2020 9:04 PM  
**To:** Kanapathy, Ivan J. EOP/NSC [redacted]; Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; Keshap, Atul [redacted]  
**Cc:** Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Branstad call request

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Long week indeed.

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**From:** Kanapathy, Ivan J. EOP/NSC [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2020 9:01 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R [redacted]; Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; Keshap, Atul [redacted]  
**Cc:** Hooker, Allison M [redacted]  
**Subject:** Branstad call request

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Stilly/Atul/Jonathan

Branstad wants to speak to [redacted] about [redacted]. Do you guys endorse the call? I just need to annotate what level of State endorsement on the request.

Thanks. It's been a long week.

Ivan

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**Ivan Kanapathy**  
Deputy Senior Director for Asian Affairs  
National Security Council  
The White House  
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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
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**Recipient:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
Hooker, Allison M <(b)(6)>

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>  
**To:** Young, Joseph M <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Message to Diamond Princess Passengers  
**Date:** Sat, 15 Feb 2020 05:49:51 +0000

Excellent. I agree. Thanks.

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On February 15, 2020 at 12:43:46 AM EST, Young, Joseph M <[redacted]> wrote:

Carl: My apologies. Should have cc'd you on this. [redacted]  
[redacted]

Joe

**From:** Young, Joseph M  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 2:29 PM  
**To:** Biegun, Stephen E <[redacted]>; Knapper, Marc E <[redacted]>; Keshap, Atul <[redacted]>; Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>

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**Cc:** Hill, Nicholas M <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** Message to Diamond Princess Passengers

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Steve: Thanks for the chance to talk a little while ago. [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] Thanks very  
much again for the support.

Best regards,  
Joseph M. Young

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Charge d'Affaires, a.i.  
U.S. Embassy, Tokyo

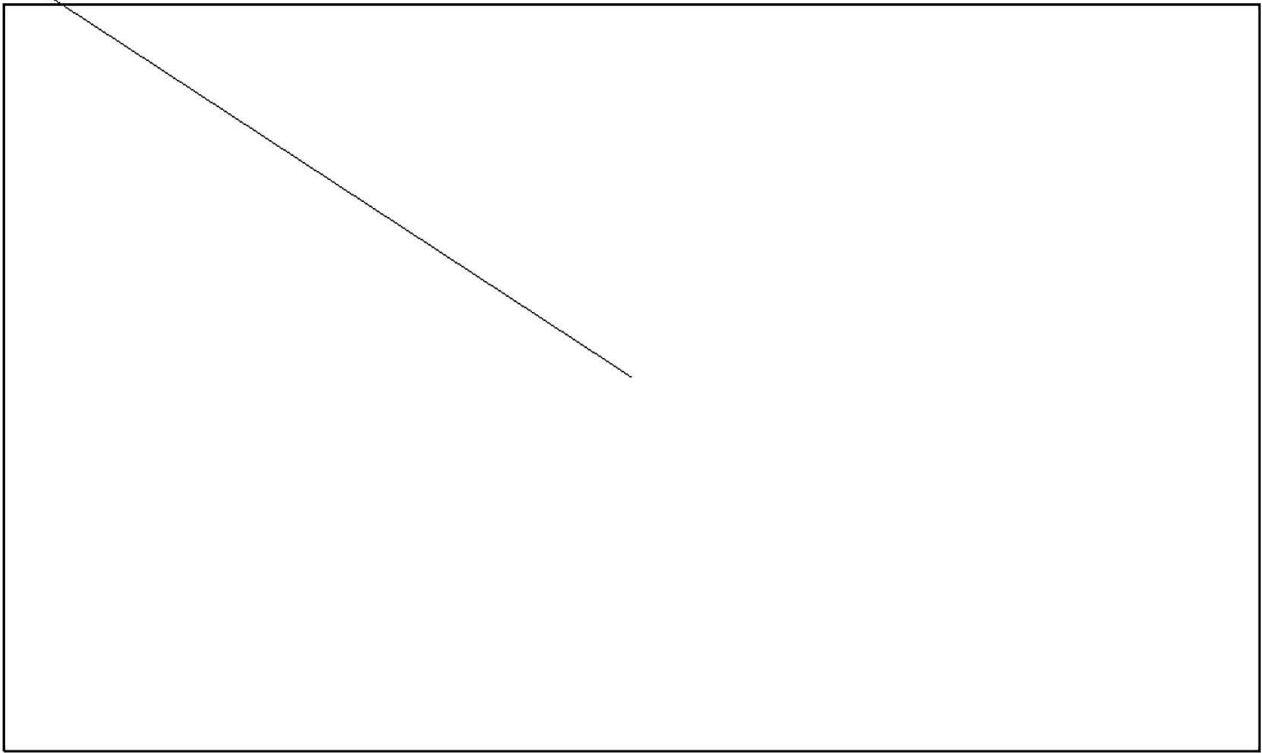
(b)(5) Dear U.S. Passenger/Crew Member,

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C"	[Redacted]
<b>Recipient:</b>	Young, Joseph M <	[Redacted]

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" (b)(6)  
**To:** Waters, John R (b)(6); (b)(6); Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>  
**CC:** (b)(6); EAP-CM-Bilat Unit-DL <EAPCMBilatUnit@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Last Minute Addition: Update for P on 143(d)  
**Date:** Tue, 14 Apr 2020 20:10:08 +0000

(b)(6) Sheesh.  
 Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Waters, John R  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 4:07 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; Lines, Bridget; (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); EAP-CM-Bilat Unit-DL  
**Subject:** RE: Last Minute Addition: Update for P on 143(d)

(b)(6) Will do. I spoke to (b)(6) during the (b)(5) where DHS brought this up, (b)(6)

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(b)(6) **From:** Fritz, Jonathan D (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) **Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 4:06 PM  
**To:** Waters, John R (b)(6); Cardno, Gwendolyn J  
 (b)(5) **Cc:** (b)(6); EAP-CM-Bilat Unit-DL <EAPCMBilatUnit@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Last Minute Addition: Update for P on 143(d)

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**From:** Waters, John R  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); Cardno, Gwendolyn J  
**Cc:** (b)(6); EAP-CM-Bilat Unit-DL; Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Subject:** RE: Last Minute Addition: Update for P on 143(d)

(b)(6) Oh goodness yes, good catch. (b)(6) for awareness

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** Waters, John R (b)(6); Cardno, Gwendolyn J (b)(6)

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**Cc:** S [redacted] EAP-CM-Bilat Unit-DL <EAPCMBilatUnit@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Last Minute Addition: Update for P on 143(d)

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[redacted] Gwen,

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Thanks,  
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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
Waters, John R. (b)(6)  
**Recipient:** Cardno, Gwendolyn J. [redacted]  
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<b>From:</b>	"Birx, Deborah L" [redacted]
<b>To:</b>	Hurst, Natalie R. EOP/OVP [redacted]
<b>CC:</b>	Makonnen, Edna T. EOP/NSC [redacted]
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: White House Coronavirus Task Force Call Happening NOW (4:00pm EST start time)
<b>Date:</b>	Sun, 1 Mar 2020 21:26:34 +0000

Thank you.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Hurst, Natalie R. EOP/OVP  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 1, 2020 16:21  
**To:** Birx, Deborah L  
**Cc:** Makonnen, Edna T. EOP/NSC  
**Subject:** White House Coronavirus Task Force Call Happening NOW (4:00pm EST start time)

Good afternoon Ambassador,

We apologies for not sooner inviting you to this task force call. You will be added to all future calls and meetings. Below is the phone number if you are able to join.

In order to access the conference as a participant, dial the number below and enter the Access Code:

Participant Dial-In: (b)(6) [redacted]  
 Access Code (b)(6) [redacted]

Apologies again,

**Natalie Hurst**  
 Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff  
 The Office of the Vice President

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Birx, Deborah L" [redacted]
<b>Recipient:</b>	Hurst, Natalie R. EOP/OVP [redacted] Makonnen, Edna T. EOP/NSC [redacted]

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: The China Question - Tablet Magazine  
**Date:** Thu, 21 May 2020 21:18:09 +0000

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 11:30 AM  
**To:** ProjectGreen [redacted]; Feith, David [redacted]; Stilwell, David R [redacted];  
 [redacted]; Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; Keshap, Atul [redacted];  
 Kissel, Mary E (S) [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: The China Question - Tablet Magazine

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From:

It is the best explanation I have read of the unholy alliance between the top one percent in the US and the ChiCom power elite.

Best,

<https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/news/articles/china-strategy-trade-lind>

# The China Question

In matters of trade and manufacturing, the United States has not been the naive victim of cunning Chinese masterminds. We asked for this.

On May 25, 2000, President Bill Clinton hailed the passage of legislation by the House of Representatives establishing permanent normal trade relations with China: "Our administration has negotiated an agreement which will open China's markets to American products made on American soil, everything from corn to chemicals to computers. Today the House has affirmed that agreement. ... We will be exporting, however, more than our products. By this agreement,

we will also export more of one of our most cherished values, economic freedom.”

Two decades later, the chickens—or rather, in the case of the novel coronavirus that spread to the world from China, the bats—have come home to roost. In a recent press conference about the pandemic, Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York complained: “We need masks, they’re made in China; we need gowns, they’re made in China; we need face shields, they’re made in China; we need ventilators, they’re made in China. ... And these are all like national security issues when you’re in this situation.”

We should not be shocked to discover that many essential items, including critical drugs and personal protective equipment (PPE), that used to be made in the United States and other countries are now virtually monopolized by Chinese producers. That was the plan all along.

Politicians pushing globalization like Clinton may have told the public that the purpose of NAFTA and of China’s admission to the World Trade Organization (WTO) was to open the closed markets of Mexico and China to “American products made on American soil, everything from corn to chemicals to computers.” But U.S. multinationals and their lobbyists 20 years ago knew that was not true. Their goal from the beginning was to transfer the production of many products from American soil to Mexican soil or Chinese soil, to take advantage of foreign low-wage, nonunion labor, and in some cases foreign government subsidies and other favors. Ross Perot was right about the motives of his fellow American corporate executives in supporting globalization.

The strategy of enacting trade treaties to make it easier for U.S. corporations to offshore industrial production to foreign cheap-labor pools was sold by Clinton and others to the American public on the basis of two implicit promises. First, it was assumed that the Western factory workers who would be replaced by poorly paid, unfree Chinese workers would find better-paying and more prestigious jobs in a new, postindustrial “knowledge economy.” Second, it was assumed that the Chinese regime would agree to the role assigned to it of low-value-added producer in a neocolonial global economic hierarchy led by the United States, European Union, and Japan. To put it another way, China had to consent to be a much bigger Mexico, rather than a much bigger Taiwan.



Neither of the promises made by those like Clinton who promoted deep economic integration between the United States and China two decades ago have been fulfilled.

The small number of well-paying tech jobs in the U.S. economy has not compensated for the number of manufacturing jobs that have been destroyed. A substantial percentage of those well-paying tech jobs have gone not to displaced former manufacturing workers who have been retrained to work in “the knowledge economy” but to foreign nationals and immigrants, a disproportionate number of whom have been nonimmigrant indentured servants from India working in the U.S. on H-1B visas.

The devastation of industrial regions by imports from China, often made by exploited Chinese workers for Western corporations, is correlated in the United States and Europe with electoral support for nationalist and populist politicians and parties. The Midwestern Rust Belt gave Donald Trump an electoral college advantage in 2016, and the British Labour Party’s Red Wall in the north of England cracked during the Brexit vote in 2016 and crumbled amid the resounding victory of Boris Johnson’s Conservatives in 2019.

The second implicit promise made by the cheerful advocates of deep Sino-American economic integration like Bill Clinton was that China would accept a neocolonial division of labor in which the United States and Europe and the advanced capitalist states of East Asia would specialize in high-end, high-wage “knowledge work,” while offshoring low-value-added manufacturing to unfree and poorly paid Chinese workers. China, it was hoped, would be to the West what Mexico with its *maquiladoras* in recent decades has been to the United States—a pool of poorly paid, docile labor for multinational corporations, assembling imported components in goods in export-processing zones for reexport to Western consumer markets.

But the leaders of China, not unreasonably, are not content for their country to be the low-wage sweatshop of the world, the unstated role assigned to it by Western policymakers in the 1990s. China’s rulers want China to compete in high-value-added industries and technological innovation as well. These are not inherently sinister ambitions. China is governed by an authoritarian state, but so were Taiwan and South Korea until late in the 20th century, while Japan was a

de facto one-party state run for nearly half a century by the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), which was neither liberal nor democratic.

Even a democratic, multiparty Chinese government that sponsored liberalizing social reforms would probably continue a version of the successful state sponsorship of industrial modernization in order to catch up with, if not surpass, the U.S. and other nations that developed earlier. That is what China's neighbors, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore, all did following WWII. Indeed, when the United States and Imperial Germany were striving to catch up with industrial Britain in the 19th century, they employed many of the same techniques of national developmentalism, including protective tariffs and, in America's case, toleration of theft of foreign intellectual property. (British authors visiting the U.S. often discovered that pirated editions of their works were as easy to purchase then as pirated Hollywood movies and knockoffs of Western brands are to obtain in Asia today.)

The question, then, is not why China pursued its own variant of classic state-sponsored industrial development policies in its own interest. The question is why the U.S. establishment did not retaliate against China's policies for so long, given the damage they have done to American manufacturing and its workforce.

The answer is simple. American politics and policy are disproportionately shaped by the rich, and many, perhaps most, rich Americans can do quite well for themselves and their families without the existence of any U.S. manufacturing base at all.

We are taught to speak about "capitalism" as though it is a single system. But industrial capitalism is merely one kind of capitalism among others, including finance capitalism, commercial capitalism, real estate capitalism, and commodity capitalism. In different countries, different kinds of capitalism are favored by different regimes.

Recognizing that there are, in fact, different kinds of capitalism, not only among nations but within them, allows us to understand that the different variants of profit-seeking can interact in kaleidoscopic ways. National economies can compete with other national economies or they can complement them.

*The United States could decline into a deindustrialized, English-speaking version of a Latin American republic, specializing in commodities, real estate, tourism, and perhaps transnational tax evasion.*

America's economic elite is made up mostly of individuals and institutions whose sectors complement state-sponsored Chinese industries instead of competing with them. It is pointless to try to persuade these influential Americans that they have a personal, financial stake in manufacturing on American soil. They know that they do not.

The business model of Silicon Valley is to invent something and let the dirty physical work of building it be done by serfs in other countries, while royalties flow to a small number of rentiers in the United States. Nor has partial U.S. deindustrialization been a problem for American financiers enjoying the low interest rates made possible in part by Chinese financial policies in the service of Chinese manufacturing exports. American pharma companies are content to allow China to dominate chemical and drug supply chains, American real estate developers lure Chinese investors with EB-5 visas to take part in downtown construction projects, American agribusinesses benefit from selling soybeans and pork to Chinese consumers, and American movie studios and sports leagues hope to pad their profits by breaking into the lucrative China market.

For their part, many once-great American manufacturing companies have become multinationals, setting up supply chains in China and other places with low-wage, unfree labor, while sheltering their profits from taxation by the United States in overseas tax havens like Ireland and the Cayman Islands and Panama. Many of these so-called “original equipment manufacturers” (OEMs)—companies that outsource and offshore most of their manufacturing—are engaged as much in trade, marketing, and consumer finance as they are in actually making things.

We should not be surprised that multinational firms, given the choice, typically prefer to maximize profits by a strategy of driving down labor costs, replacing well-paid workers with poorly paid workers in other countries, rather than by becoming more productive through replacing or augmenting expensive labor

with innovative machinery and software in their home countries. Labor-saving technological innovation to keep production at home is hard. Finding cheaper labor in another country is easy.

In short, the United States has not been the naive victim of cunning Chinese masterminds. On the contrary, in the last generation many members of America's elite have sought to get rich personally by selling or renting out America's crown jewels—intellectual property, manufacturing capacity, high-end real estate, even university resources—to the elite of another country.

A century ago, many British investors did well from overseas investments in factories in the American Midwest and the German Ruhr, even as products from protectionist America and protectionist Germany displaced free-trading Britain's own unprotected manufacturing industry in Britain's own markets. By building up China's economy at the expense of ours, America's 21st-century overclass is merely following the example of the British elite, which, like a bankrupt aristocrat marrying a foreign plutocrat's daughter, sells its steel plants to Indian tycoons and state-backed Chinese firms, sells London mansions to Russian gangsters and Arab aristocrats, and sells university diplomas to foreign students including Americans and Chinese.

When asked whether the rapid dismantling, in a few decades, of much of an industrial base built up painstakingly over two centuries has been bad for the United States, the typical reply by members of the U.S. establishment is an incoherent word salad of messianic liberal ideology and neoclassical economics. *We are fighting global poverty by employing Chinese factory workers for a pittance! Don't you understand Ricardo's theory of comparative advantage?*

Some of the profits made by rich Americans in the modern China trade are recycled as money flowing to universities, think tanks, and the news media. The denizens of these institutions tend to be smart and smart people know who butters their bread. Predictably, intellectuals and journalists who benefit from the largesse of American capitalists with interests in China are inclined to please their rich donors by characterizing critics of U.S. China policy as xenophobes who hate Asian people or else ignorant fools who do not understand that, according to this or that letter in *The Wall Street Journal* or *The New York*

*Times* signed by 1,000 or 10,000 or 100,000 economics professors, *free trade always magically benefits all sides everywhere all at once.*

All of this idealistic verbiage about the wonders of free trade and the moral imperative of ending global poverty by replacing American workers with foreign workers cannot muffle the click of cash registers.

The dangerous dependence of the United States and other advanced industrial democracies on China for basic medical supplies has been exposed by the current pandemic. The U.S. and other industrial democracies now confront a stark choice. Western countries can continue to cede what remains of their manufacturing base and even control of their telecommunications and drone infrastructure to Beijing and specialize as suppliers of technological innovation, higher education, agriculture, minerals, real estate, and entertainment to industrial China. Or they can view Western economies as competitors of the Chinese economy, not complements to it, and act accordingly.

Rejection of the view that our economy should compete with, rather than complement, that of China in key sectors does not require us to endorse demagogic claims that the Chinese regime is a crusading ideological enemy hell-bent on world domination like Nazi Germany or the Soviet Union. On the contrary, a strategy of U.S. industrial independence informed by sober realism would entail recognition of the legitimate interest of China, under any regime, in building up its own advanced industries—on the condition that China in return recognize America’s legitimate interests in preserving its own domestic supply chains in the same key industrial sectors.

Econ 101 to the contrary, the purpose of international trade should not be to maximize the well-being of global consumers by means of a global division of labor among countries that specialize in different industries, but to allow sovereign states to pursue industrial policies in their own long-term interest, as they define it. Trade, investment, and immigration policies should be subservient to national industrial strategy. The purpose of trade negotiations should be the modest one of reconciling different, clashing, and equally legitimate national industrial policies in a mutually acceptable way.

National industrial policies are like national militaries—essential local public goods provided by a sovereign government to a particular people. The model for trade negotiations should be bilateral and multilateral arms control, which are based on the premise that all parties have a perpetual right to their own militaries, rather than global disarmament, which seeks the utopian goal of eliminating all militaries everywhere.

All modern economies are mixed economies, with public sectors and private sectors, and all modern trade should be mixed trade, with wholly protected sectors, partly protected sectors with managed trade, and sectors in which free trade is not dangerous and is therefore allowed. In a post-neoliberal world, it would be understood that the legitimate self-interest of sovereign nations and blocs inevitably imposes strict limits on the acceptable flow of goods, money, and labor across borders. Institutions which limit the right of sovereign states to promote their own national industries as they see fit, like the World Trade Organization (WTO), should be reformed or abolished.

All major countries like the United States, China, and India and all major trading blocs like the EU should insist on having their own permanent domestic supply chains in medicine, medical gear, machine tools, aircraft and drones, automobiles, consumer electronics, telecommunications equipment, and other key sectors. They should have the right to create or protect these essential industries by any means they choose, at the expense of free trade and free investment if necessary.

If China and India want to have their own national aerospace industries in addition to the United States and European Union, more power to them—as long as the United States and European Union can intervene to preserve their own national aerospace supply chains on their own soil employing their own workers. If this approach means accepting that Western-based aerospace firms like Boeing and Airbus cannot hope to enjoy a permanent shared monopoly in global markets for large jets, well, too bad. Boeing and Airbus cannot claim in good times to be post-national global corporations to justify offshoring policies and then claim in bad times to be national champions when they need bailouts.

The alternative—deepening the complementarity among China’s industrial and America’s postindustrial economies—would be much worse for the United



States. The same American overclass whose members have profited the most from transferring national assets to China in the last generation has also been far more insulated from the effects of imports from China, both manufactured goods and viruses. The United States, which has always had features of a Third World country as well as a First World country, could decline into a deindustrialized, English-speaking version of a Latin American republic, specializing in commodities, real estate, tourism, and perhaps transnational tax evasion, with decayed factories scattered across the continent and a nepotistic rentier oligarchy clustered in a few big coastal cities.

It would be ironic as well as tragic if the strategy of Sino-American economic integration which American elites in the 1990s hoped would turn China into another Mexico for the United States ends up turning the United States into another Mexico for China.

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Sent from my iPad

**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]

**Recipient:** [redacted]





Per the interagency agreement at the 10:00AM meeting this morning, please send all changes to travel advisories related to COVID-19 to me and OIRA will facilitate interagency review of travel advisories from State, CDC, and any other government agency issuing such advisories.

(b)(6) Many thanks for your help here.

Best,

(b)(6) [Redacted]

(b)(6) [Redacted]

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(b)(6) **From:** [Redacted]

(b)(6) **Sent:** Monday, March 2, 2020 6:28 PM

(b)(6) **To:** [Redacted] Risch, Carl C [Redacted]

(b)(6) [Redacted] Coronavirus Global Response Coordination Unit

(b)(6) <CoronavirusGlobalResponseCoordinationUnit@state.gov> [Redacted]

(b)(6) **Cc:** Thallam, Satya P. EOP/OMB [Redacted] Theroux, Rich P. EOP/OMB [Redacted]

(b)(6) [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Cables Related to Coronavirus

Thank you, [Redacted] For all agencies operating in this space, OIRA is coordinating such reviews with the appropriate contacts as we typically do for issues of interagency interest. Prior to issuing such cables related to COVID-19, we ask that State please submit them to OIRA so we can clear them through the interagency.

(b)(6) Many thanks,

(b)(6) [Redacted]

(b)(6) **From:** [Redacted]

(b)(6) **Sent:** Monday, March 2, 2020 12:38 PM

(b)(6) **To:** Joyce, Shannon M. EOP/OMB [Redacted] Risch, Carl C [Redacted]

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Coronavirus Global Response  
Coordination Unit <CoronavirusGlobalResponseCoordinationUnit@state.gov>

Cc: Thallam, Satya P. EOP/OMB <>; Theroux, Rich P. EOP/OMB

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**Subject:** RE: Cables Related to Coronavirus

Hi

We aim to ensure visibility at the interagency level through our internal clearance process prior to transmission of any STATE cable messaging related to COVID.

We are actively working to ensure that our Corona virus Global Response Coordination Unit is liaising and messaging effectively on these cable messages with the domestic interagency.

All the best,

Executive Assistant  
Office of the Under Secretary for Management, HST 7207  
U.S. Department of State

**From:** <>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 2, 2020 12:16 PM  
**To:** Risch, Carl C <>  
<>  
<> Coronavirus Global Response Coordination Unit  
<CoronavirusGlobalResponseCoordinationUnit@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Thallam, Satya P. EOP/OMB <>; Theroux, Rich P. EOP/OMB <>  
**Subject:** RE: Cables Related to Coronavirus

Thank you, Carl!

All, as mentioned below, we are happy to discuss what this would look like if that would be helpful.

**From:** Risch, Carl C <>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 2, 2020 12:14 PM  
**To:** Joyce, Shannon M. EOP/OMB <>; Stoddard, Kaitlin V <>

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Coronavirus Global Response  
 Coordination Unit <CoronavirusGlobalResponseCoordinationUnit@state.gov>

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**Cc:** Thallam, Satya P. EOP/OMB <[redacted]>; Theroux, Rich P. EOP/OMB <[redacted]>

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**Subject:** RE: Cables Related to Coronavirus

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Hi, [redacted] Consular Affairs wouldn't be the right bureau for action on this request. I'm copying the Department's Coronavirus Coordination Unit, the Deputy Secretary's staff, and the Undersecretary for Management's staff.

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**From:** Joyce, Shannon M. EOP/OMB <[redacted]> (b)(6)

**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2020 12:06 PM

**To:** [redacted] Risch, Carl C <[redacted]>

**Cc:** Thallam, Satya P. EOP/OMB <[redacted]>; Theroux, Rich P. EOP/OMB <[redacted]>

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**Subject:** Cables Related to Coronavirus

Hi Carl and [redacted]

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OMB | Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs (OIRA)

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>

**Recipient:** Joyce, Shannon M. EOP/OMB <[redacted]>

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[Redacted]

Coronavirus Global Response Coordination Unit  
<CoronavirusGlobalResponseCoordinationUnit@state.gov>;

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Thallam, Satya P. EOP/OMB (b)(6)  
Theroux, Rich P. EOP/OMB <

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CGRCU-Staffers <CGRCU-Staffers@state.gov>;

Stuft, Julie M. EOP/NSC <

King, Karin M [Redacted]

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**From:** "Birx, Deborah L" [redacted]

**To:** Peterson, Drew N. [redacted]

**CC:** Marina.O.Macklin [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Corona

**Date:** Fri, 31 Jan 2020 12:21:01 +0000

(b)(6) I am out at Twinbrook. Will try my best.

(b)(6) Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

(b)(6) Original Message

From [redacted]

Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 07:19

To: Birx, Deborah L

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Re: Corona

Yes, thank you! Will provide feedback. If you're able to arrive by noon, there is a conversation or two you may wish to join.

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Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 31, 2020, at 7:00 AM, Birx, Deborah L [redacted] wrote:

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(b)(6) > Did you get the slides?

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(b)(6) > Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

(b)(6) > Original Message

> From [redacted]

> Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 06:21

> To: Birx, Deborah L

> Cc: [redacted]

> Subject: Re: Corona

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> Great!

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Jan 31, 2020, at 5:50 AM, Birx, Deborah L [redacted] wrote:

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>> Yes - been in touch with both and slides will be available this am.

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

>> Original Message

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>> From: [redacted]  
>> Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 01:11  
>> To: Birx, Deborah L  
>> Cc: [redacted]  
>> Subject: Corona  
>>  
>>  
>> Hi Debbie—Are Redfield and Fauci still on for tomorrow?

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>> Should we follow up with any members of their staff to get their slides?  
>>  
>> Sent from my iPhone

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Birx, Deborah L" <[redacted]>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Peterson, Drew N. <[redacted]> Marina.O.Macklin <[redacted]>





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(b)(6) House Clearances <WhiteHouseClearances@state.gov>; (b)(6) (b)(6)

; Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP  
Miller, Katie R. EOP/OVP

Cc: Staff Secretary (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: QUICK REVIEW: (b)(5)

All,

A revised version is attached. Please send any critical edits **2pm tomorrow, March 25.** Let us know if you need to request more time for review. Unless we hear from you, we will assume your concurrence at that time.

Thank you,  
Staff Secretary

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(b)(6) **From:** Staff Secretary

(b)(6) **Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 4:07 PM (b)(6)

(b)(6) **To:** Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/WHO; Kudlow, Larry A. (b)(6)

(b)(6) EOP/WHO; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO (b)(6)

(b)(6) ; Eisenberg, John A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

(b)(6) ; Hicks, Hope C. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

(b)(6) Kushner, Jared C. EOP/WHO; Grisham, (b)(6)

(b)(6) Stephanie A. EOP/WHO; 'Gidley, Hogan H. (b)(6)

(b)(6) EOP/WHO' Ditto, Jessica E. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

(b)(6) Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

(b)(6) Jeland, Eric M. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

(b)(6) Grogan, Joseph J. EOP/WHO (b)(6)

(b)(6) House Clearances <WhiteHouseClearances@state.gov>; White (b)(6)

(b)(6) Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)

(b)(6) Miller, Katie R. EOP/OVP (b)(6)

(b)(6) Levi, William (OAG (b)(6)

Cc: Staff Secretary (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: QUICK REVIEW (b)(5)

All,

A revised draft is attached. Please send any red flag or critical comments by **noon tomorrow, March 22.**

Thank you,  
Staff Secretary



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**From:** Staff Secretary

**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 8:36 PM

**To:** Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)> Kudlow, Larry A. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Philbin, Patrick F. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Eisenberg, John A. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Hicks, Hope C. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Kushner, Jared C. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)> Grisham, Stephanie A. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; 'Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO' <(b)(6)>; Ditto, Jessica E. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Ueland, Eric M. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Grogan, Joseph J. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; 'Mizelle, Chad' <(b)(6)> : White House Clearances <WhiteHouseClearances@state.gov> <(b)(6)>; Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP <(b)(6)>; Miller, Katie R. EOP/OVP <(b)(6)>; Levi, William (OAG) <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** Staff Secretary (b)(6)

**Subject:** QUICK REVIEW: (b)(5)

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All,

Please see attached for a draft Presidential action to (b)(5)

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Thank you,  
Staff Secretary

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(b)(5) 3.23 for discussion v3.docx <(b)(6)>

**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>  
String, Marik A <(b)(6)>  
Hooke, Kathleen H <(b)(6)>

**Recipient:** <(b)(6)>

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**From:** "Birx, Deborah L" [redacted]

**To:** Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]  
 Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]

**CC:** Harris, Kara (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]  
 Haskins, Melinda (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]  
 Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C]; [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Potential ROS Friday - very draft

**Date:** Thu, 30 Jan 2020 19:33:05 +0000

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Hour for Q and A at end – this is just for him

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 U.S. Ambassador-at-Large and U.S. Special Rep. for Global Health Diplomacy  
 Coordinator of U.S. Government Activities to Combat Global HIV/AIDS  
 U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

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**From:** Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 2:31 PM

**To:** Birx, Deborah L <[redacted]>; Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]

**Cc:** Harris, Kara (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]; Haskins, Melinda (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]  
 Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C]; [redacted]

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Thanks  
should Tony save some of his 15 minutes for questions – or do they come at end?

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**From:** Birx, Deborah L <[redacted]>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 2:28 PM

**To:** Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]; Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]

**Cc:** Harris, Kara (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]; Haskins, Melinda (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]  
 Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C]; [redacted]

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So sorry

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**From:** Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 2:25 PM

**To:** Birx, Deborah L <[redacted]>; Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]

**Cc:** Harris, Kara (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]; Haskins, Melinda (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [redacted]

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[redacted] Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C] [redacted]  
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The attachment did not make it through – could you please resend?

Thank you

(b)(6) Greg (b)(6)

(b)(6) **From:** Birx, Deborah L [redacted] (b)(6)  
(b)(6) **Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 2:22 PM  
(b)(6) **To:** Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted] (b)(6)  
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[redacted] Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C] [redacted]; Folkers,  
Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]  
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Greg  
Here are my opening slides – will update the 28January slides from JHU. Dr. Fauci’s section is noted.  
Deb

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[redacted] Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C] [redacted]; Folkers,  
Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]  
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Adding Greg re slides

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**From:** Birx, Deborah L [Redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 2:02 PM

**To:** Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [Redacted] Marina.O.Macklin [Redacted]

**Cc:** Harris, Kara (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [Redacted] Haskins, Melinda (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [Redacted]

Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C]; [Redacted]

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Patricia

Thank you for making this work.

Marina we will need a screen and a projector with computer. Any chance he will have his slides in the am and we can get them to Marina so they can be up-loaded. Deb

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**From:** Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [Redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 1:57 PM

**To:** [Redacted] Birx, Deborah L <[Redacted]>

**Cc:** Harris, Kara (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [Redacted]; Haskins, Melinda (NIH/NIAID) [E]; [Redacted]

Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C]; [Redacted]

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Yes – kim will send in thx

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 1:55 PM

**To:** Birx, Deborah L [redacted]; Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]

**Cc:** Harris, Kara (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]; Haskins, Melinda (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]; [redacted]; Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C] [redacted]

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It actually wasn't, but might have been Eunice when she was helping track down contact info for me.

Patricia—could you please fill out Dr. Fauci's information at this link as soon as possible:  
<https://events.whitehouse.gov/?rid=DRTKF8RHJD>

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**From:** Birx, Deborah L [redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 1:52 PM

**To:** Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]; Macklin, Marina O. EOP/NSC [redacted]

**Cc:** Harris, Kara (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]; Haskins, Melinda (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]; [redacted]; Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C] [redacted]

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Marina  
Was it your office? Deb

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**From:** Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 1:48 PM

**To:** Birx, Deborah L [redacted]

**Cc:** Harris, Kara (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]; Haskins, Melinda (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]; [redacted]; Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C] [redacted]

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Good afternoon –

Someone contacted our office for Dr. Fauci to be cleared for the event for tomorrow but we could not understand the return call number back – can you

please have whomever called us - email me or call our office at 301-496-2263.  
Thank you

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**From:** Birx, Deborah L <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 1:36 PM  
**To:** Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E] <[Redacted]>  
**Cc:** Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E] <[Redacted]>  
**Subject:** Re: Potential ROS Friday - very draft

No we will have slides that will be H/O that they can cable to their countries if that works. My are pretty simple. Deb

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 13:27  
**To:** Birx, Deborah L  
**Cc:** Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Subject:** RE: Potential ROS Friday - very draft

Yes – he is slammed and likely will not look at your slides until tonight.

WE will prepare slides that he can use as well and he will bring them on a memory stick. If you all decide no slides – he can just speak from the slides we do make.

thx

Patricia L. Conrad



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**From:** Birx, Deborah L <>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E] <>  
**Subject:** Re: Potential ROS Friday - very draft

I sent a ppt to start which included my Africa concerns. He is so amazing conveying complex science in slides it would be great but I know he is slammed so whatever is possible. Sending the deck to you. Deb

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 12:53  
**To:** Birx, Deborah L  
**Subject:** RE: Potential ROS Friday - very draft

Will they be expected to show slides or just speak off the cuff?

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**From:** Birx, Deborah L <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 11:15 AM  
**To:** Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E] <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C]; (b)(6); Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E] <(b)(6)>; Handley, Gray (NIH/NIAID) [E] <(b)(6)>; Auchincloss, Hugh (NIH/NIAID) [E] <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Potential ROS Friday - very draft

Patricia  
It's moved to the Indian Treaty Room EEOB. Will send updated schedule. Deb

(b)(6) Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.  
**From:** Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 11:13  
**To:** Birx, Deborah L <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C]; Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Handley, Gray (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Auchincloss, Hugh (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
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Ok – thank you.

Please send timeline and any additional details when you have them. We will plan on having Dr. Fauci arrive at Blair House no later than 12:45 pm.

Thank you

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**From:** Birx, Deborah L. (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 10:33 AM  
**To:** Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b)(6); Redfield, Robert R. (CDC/OD) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C] (b)(6); Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b)(6); Handley, Gray (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b)(6)  
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Dr. Redfield is available and room is secured by WH. I really appreciate this! Deb

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 10:31  
**To:** Birx, Deborah L.; Redfield, Robert R. (CDC/OD)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C]; Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Handley, Gray (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Subject:** RE: Potential ROS Friday - very draft

Good morning:


Dr. Fauci asked that I respond to your email on his behalf. Dr. Fauci has a full day on Friday but we would be able to move things on his calendar to make him available for your event – if Dr. Redfield is available as well. Should Dr. Redfield not be available – it would be preferred to do this when both can be available on a mutually convenient date and time.

Thank you and please do let us know if this is firm at your earliest convenience.

Best,

Patricia L. Conrad  
 Public Health Analyst and  
 Special Assistant to the Director  
 National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases  
 The National Institutes of Health  
 31 Center Drive, MSC 2520 - Room 7A03  
 Bethesda, Maryland 20892

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**From:** Birx, Deborah L [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 8:57 AM  
**To:** Redfield, Robert R. (CDC/OD) [redacted]; Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Potential ROS Friday - very draft

1pm : EW opens

1:10 : DB What we know about Coronaviruses; how is this different from SARS (would discuss the log greater Phase 1 and limited cases in SSA with SARS) and potential for many more with the dramatic change in the demographics with numbers of Chinese Nationals. Why we are concerned globally and domestically and what PEPFAR is proposing.

1:20 : RRR What is US doing domestically

1:35 : TF What research in TX and Vaccines

1:50 : open for Q and A. This was particularly important the last time we did this.

Would be good if there could be coffee tea and cookies.

Deb

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Birx, Deborah L [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020 7:29 PM  
**To:** Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]  
**Subject:** Friday afternoon

Tony

Any chance you are available Friday afternoon to do a WH event at potential Blair House like we did for Ebola with the dip core AMB. Would be you, Bob and I. With SARS there weren't Chinese Nationals in SSA. Worried about that connection and potential for widespread transmission. Deb

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Birx, Deborah L" [redacted]	(b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]	(b)(6)
	Conrad, Patricia (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]	(b)(6)
	Harris, Kara (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]	(b)(6)
	Haskins, Melinda (NIH/NIAID) [E] [redacted]	(b)(6)

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Barasch, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [C] [REDACTED]



**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

April 23, 2021

Case No.: FL-2020-00071

Austin R. Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street NW, B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

As we noted in our letter dated March 22, 2021, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has identified an additional 43 responsive records to subject to the FOIA. We have determined that the 43 records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact James Bickford, Trial Attorney, at [James.Bickford@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.Bickford@usdoj.gov) or (202) 305-7632. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00071, and the civil action number, 20-cv-01169, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeanne Miller  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

## The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

### FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
  - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
  - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
  - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
  - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
  - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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|----------------|---|
| ARMSEXP        | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)                    |
| CIA PERS/ORG   | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)      |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

### Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Snyder, Nicholas <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	200127 VP WH Commission on Asian and Pacific Islanders Swearing-In v6
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 27 Jan 2020 20:15:20 +0000

A few suggestions, (b)(5)

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Snyder, Nicholas <(b)(6)>

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Cable
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 16 Mar 2020 14:17:34 +0000

## **ALDAC: Clarification of Policy Related to Global Authorized Departure for Certain Individuals; Voluntary Curtailments for Employees Related to COVID-19; Temporary Cessation of Official Travel to Certain Regions**

**MRN:** 20 STATE 28424

**Date/DTG:** Mar 16, 2020 / 160322Z MAR 20

**From:** SECSTATE WASHDC

**Action:** GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, USOFFICE *ROUTINE*; CDR USSOUTHCOM MIAMI FL *ROUTINE*; HQ USPACOM HONOLULU HI *ROUTINE*; ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS COLLECTIVE *ROUTINE*

**E.O.:** 13526

**TAGS:** AMGT, AEMR, AFIN, ASEC, APER, AMED, CASC, KFLO, KHIV, SHLH, SOCI, AID, PGOV, PREL

**Reference:** A) 20 STATE 28418  
B) 20 STATE 28378  
C) 20 STATE 24986

**Pass Line:** TREASURY DEPARTMENT PASS IRS FOR AMBASSADORS FROM THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT

**Subject:** Clarification of Policy Related to Global Authorized Departure for Certain Individuals; Voluntary Curtailments for Employees Related to COVID-19; Temporary Cessation of Official Travel to Certain Regions

1. Due to the evolving health situation worldwide, and the WHO declaration of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, I hereby authorize the following measures to facilitate the voluntary return of employees or eligible family members to the United States from foreign posts for the reasons outlined below. These measures will be adopted in addition to the provisions set forth in Ref A. This cable also addresses the cessation of certain travel.

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CLARIFICATIONS to ALDAC REGARDING GLOBAL AUTHORIZED DEPARTURE FOR INDIVIDUALS AT HIGHER RISK FROM COVID-19

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**Clarifications to 20 STATE 28418**

2. 20 STATE 28418 applies to individuals and does not place any particular post in Authorized Departure status, such that posts can still be considered for post-wide Authorized or Ordered Departure related to COVID-19, following submission of a request for such, to the Under Secretary for Management. Request for post-wide AD/OD will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Under Secretary for Management (M) will take into account the following factors when making the determination (this is a non-exhaustive list, and other factors can, and should be included): current host country medical capacity, including availability of general medical resources and critical care resources; current availability of flights into/out of the host country, as well as into/out of the United States, and the alternative routing possibilities for any commercial flights from the host country to the United States; accessibility of alternative medevac locations and that medevac location’s capacity to accept incoming patients; the availability of basic supplies such as food, gas, health and hygiene products, and clean water, on the local market; State Department Travel Advisory Level; CDC Travel Health Notice; evidence of COVID-19 in the host country; evidence of human-to-human transmission of COVID-19 in the host country; evidence of COVID-19 in the mission community.

3. The fact that certain individuals at post may have departed under the provisions of 20 STATE 28418 does not trigger the requirement for other personnel to seek approval from the Under Secretary for Management to travel to that post. Other travel restrictions – such as the prohibition on travel to countries with a CDC Travel Health Notice Warning Level 3 – may nevertheless apply. Travel to posts previously approved for AD/OD still require M approval.

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VOLUNTARY CURTAILMENTS

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**Voluntary Curtailment (non-medical grounds)**

4. Personnel who are not at higher risk of a poor outcome if exposed to COVID-19, but wish to depart post, can consider the option of a no-fault curtailment. Effective March 16, 2020, I hereby authorize voluntary, no fault curtailment for Department employees in any country or area with a CDC Travel Health Notice Warning Level 3, with reference to COVID-19, and/or State Department Level 4 Travel Advisory for Health.

**Voluntary Curtailment (medical grounds)**

5. Personnel who are at higher risk of a poor outcome if exposed to COVID-19 may also consider a no-fault curtailment. Effective March 16, 2020, I hereby authorize global, voluntary, no-fault curtailment, from any diplomatic or consular post, for U.S. direct hire Department of State employees in foreign areas who, after confidential consultation with MED, have determined they or their or eligible family members (EFMs) as listed on employee orders and defined in 14 FAM 511.3, are at higher risk of a poor outcome if exposed to COVID-19, or who request curtailment based on a commensurate justification. Should employees occupying emergency positions wish to depart post, please review alternative arrangements to fill the emergency position and consult with your regional bureau Executive Office as necessary.

6. All contractors employed by the U.S. government, including Personal Services Contractors (PSCs), are to be treated in accordance with their contracts. Post must refer to the actual contract for additional information regarding rights and privileges of contractors (including PSCs). Questions regarding the specific terms of an individual contract may be submitted to A/OPE/AQM.

7. Official Permanent Change of Station (PCS) travel orders will be required for authorization of travel and transportation costs and miscellaneous expenses. Time in travel status should be minimized to the extent possible. If this travel requires a waiver to the Fly America Act and/or contract City Pair fares, see guidance in 20 STATE 28378.

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CESSATION OF CERTAIN TRAVEL  
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8. To help limit exposure to COVID-19, and preserve the health and welfare of our teams,

families, and communities, for a period of 60 days, beginning March 16, 2020, Department personnel and their family members are prohibited from conducting official travel to countries and areas designated with a CDC Travel Health Notice Warning Level 3, with reference to COVID-19 and/or State Department Level 4 Travel Advisory for Health. This policy applies to Permanent Change of Station and Temporary Duty. Any exception to this restriction is subject to approval by the Under Secretary for Management (by Action Memo cleared by the EX Director). Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis, and shall be limited in number.

9. The above notwithstanding, travel by Regional Medical Officers (RMOs), RMO/Psychiatrists, Regional Medical Laboratory Scientists, Medical Providers, and Regional Medical Managers for patient care and Mission support is authorized.

10. Individuals who have already initiated travel (including intermediate stops) are authorized to continue to their final destination.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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11. The Family Liaison Office (FLO) assists employees and family members with answers to questions and referrals to resources pertaining to crisis situations. FLO also coordinates with others in the Department and outside organizations to provide support. For more info information, visit: <https://www.state.gov/family-liaison-office/crisis-management>.

**Signature:** Pompeo

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" (b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>;  
 EAP-CM-Global-DL <EAP-CM-Global-DL@state.gov>  
**CC:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>;  
 Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** (b)(5)  
**Date:** Mon, 20 Apr 2020 16:23:35 +0000

FYI...

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**From:** Krach, Keith J <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 12:22 PM  
**To:** Young, David J <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Nagy, Tibor P <(b)(6)>; Singh, Manisha <(b)(6)>; Haas, Peter D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6); Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); Harrington, Matthew T <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: (b)(5)  
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Thank you for your very comprehensive reply. (b)(5)  
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Since I and much of my team are teleworking today, could you please attach or forward the front channel cable once it is transmitted?

Thank you for your great work.

With appreciation,  
Keith

*Keith J Krach*  
*Under Secretary, State Department*

*United States of America*

On Apr 20, 2020, at 6:19 AM, Young, David J <(b)(6)> wrote:

U/S Krach and Tibor:

Finance Minister Bwala Ng'andu categorically denied the WSJ report that the GRZ is seriously thinking of nationalizing the Mopani mine for collateral. He said this in a public press briefing on the economy this morning. Calling it "fake news," he said no one in the very small team that runs debt talks with the Chinese spoke with the media, so he believes the story came from ill-informed sources. He further stressed that the GRZ has never brought the idea of debt swaps to the negotiating table, and the PRC has never suggested this.

You are probably aware, but FYI Treasury's Eric Meyer told us that IMF management spoke to the Finance Minister Sunday, and in that call the Minister also denied awareness of any possible nationalization. Treasury notes that Chinese debt renegotiation will be key to Zambia's fiscal path forward and that full transparency with the IMF is important; they have scant fiscal wiggle room left to maneuver.

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I have a call in to the Finance Minister for a follow-up conversation to our meeting several weeks ago and his press conference today. Will let you know what further we hear. We'll have another update for you at COB by email and front channel cable.

Best,  
David

David Young  
Chargé d’Affaires a.i.  
Embassy Lusaka

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**From:** Young, David J  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 10:46 PM  
**To:** Nagy, Tibor P <(b)(6)>; Krach, Keith J <(b)(6)> Singh, Manisha <(b)(6)>; Haas, Peter D <(b)(6)> DeMarcellus, Roland F <(b)(6)> Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)> Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** <(b)(6)>  
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<(b)(6)>, <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
<(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: <(b)(5)>

We are tracking these developments closely and will follow up fulsomely tomorrow with calls to Zambian officials, like-minded Chiefs of Mission, and business contacts to get more details. We’ll get you an update report tomorrow.

In Friday’s Weekly Report, Lusaka 280, we reported the following: “Government Protests Glencore’s Move to Shutter Major Copper Mine: On April 7, Swiss mining house Glencore announced its intention to immediately close its Mopani copper mines in Zambia’s Copperbelt province. Mopani, one of the oldest and largest of the traditional underground copper mines in Zambia, produces about ten percent of Zambia’s copper output. Its output has declined in recent years as the resource base depleted and costs to run the deep mine rose, as pumps that use huge amounts of electricity are employed to keep tunnels from flooding. Well-placed mining contacts speculate for over a year that Glencore was on the verge of a shutdown due to the Zambian government’s onerous 2019 tax policy changes, combined with Glencore’s tumultuous global management shakeups under pressure from a U.S. Department of Justice investigation and declining copper prices. The Zambian government has threatened to revoke Glencore’s license if it does not retreat from laying off 11,000 employees and contractors but has started quiet “negotiations” with the firm. In an escalation, however, law enforcement officials prevented Mopani CEO Nathan Bullock, an Australian citizen, from departing the country on April 15; contacts report he had been previously warned not to depart the country due to ongoing discussions.”

We have seen the WSJ report and have put out feelers for additional information. Technically Bullock has not been arrested but he was not allowed to depart the country.

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Agree with you, Tibor and Manisha, that (b)(5)  
(b)(5) I can also speak with the Zambians at the most senior levels after we get a clearer picture of the state of play.

Best,  
David

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**From:** Nagy, Tibor P <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 9:20 PM  
**To:** Krach, Keith J <(b)(6)>; Singh, Manisha <(b)(6)>; Haas, Peter D <(b)(6)>; DeMarcellus, Roland F <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> Young, David J <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** RE: FW: (b)(5)

Im adding Lusaka CDA David Young – they did a report within the last two weeks but we can ask for an update.

Manisha makes a great point. For a few days last week Africans themselves were China’s greatest critics – for the mistreatment of Africans in Guangzhou resulting for COVID suspicions. (b)(5)

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(b)(5) Tibor

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**From:** Krach, Keith J <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 2:50 PM  
**To:** Singh, Manisha <(b)(6)>; Krach, Keith J <(b)(6)>; Haas, Peter D <(b)(6)>; DeMarcellus, Roland F <(b)(6)>; Nagy, Tibor P <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: FW: (b)(5)

Thanks Manisha. That seems to align with Treasury's thinking.

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**From:** Singh, Manisha <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 2:20 PM  
**To:** Krach, Keith J <(b)(6)>; Haas, Peter D <(b)(6)>; DeMarcellus, Roland F <(b)(6)>; Nagy, Tibor P <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: FW: (b)(5)

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On April 19, 2020 at 1:08:00 PM EDT, Krach, Keith J <(b)(6)> wrote:

Happy Sunday everyone. NSC has the article below between the teeth right now, and I am speaking to Brent McIntosh at Treasury later today to coordinate. (b)(5)

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Keith

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**From:** Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>  
**Date:** April 19, 2020 at 7:03:46 AM EDT  
**Subject:** (b)(5)

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Matt

Sent from my iPhone

**The Coronavirus Pandemic: As Africa Groans Under Debt, It's Wary of Beijing**

18 April 2020

JOHANNESBURG (The Wall Street Journal) – With Africa's most poverty-stricken economies pushing for debt relief as they struggle with the fallout from the global coronavirus pandemic, a tussle is brewing between developed nations, private investors and the continent's largest creditor: China.

Wealthy countries from the U.S. to Japan -- watching their own economies lurch toward recession -- are loath to forgive African debt if they think the money will indirectly support Chinese creditors, including the government, banks and contractors. At the same time, Beijing is worried about setting a precedent for widespread forgiveness.

To head off a looming crisis, the Group of 20 nations, which includes China, agreed to suspend collection on government debt this year for more than 75 of the world's poorest countries. And China's Foreign Ministry said Monday it is willing to study the possibility of a coordinated international debt-relief program for Africa.

But some African governments already bilaterally petitioning China for relief say Chinese envoys are citing provisions in loan agreements that would transfer collateral, in some cases strategic state assets, into Beijing's hands.

Officials in Zambia, for example, say Beijing is demanding collateral in exchange for debt deferral or forgiveness. Two senior Zambian officials on a government panel negotiating with China said they are considering giving the Chinese copper-mining assets including the country's third-largest mine, Mopani, owned by Glencore PLC, in exchange for debt relief.

How this plays out will be closely watched by dozens of developing countries that have borrowed billions from Chinese lenders to build infrastructure.



The Trump administration repeatedly has warned African nations that Chinese lending could result in them losing control of strategic assets.

When Sri Lanka was unable to repay a loan for a Chinese-built port in 2018, the government granted a state-run China-based shipping group a 99-year lease on the facility. Chinese port operators last year tightened their grip over a strategic naval port in the East African nation of Djibouti, where debt to China is equal to nearly 100% of gross domestic product.

Beijing appears sensitive to concerns that more governments can't afford its loans. "China never presses countries in difficulties for debt payment," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a news conference on April 6. "We resolve issues like this through bilateral consultation."

An estimated \$143 billion of African debt to Chinese lenders has been racked up over two decades of record lending, according to Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Much of that has financed large-scale infrastructure projects from light-railway systems in Ethiopia to airports in Zambia.

Precisely how much African economies owe to China isn't known because Beijing is secretive about the terms of its programs and publishes few details on its lending.

It is a burden that has become increasingly complex in recent years as bilateral loans from Western governments have been subsumed by Chinese lending and record issuance of sovereign bonds. African governments have raised more than \$55 billion on debt markets in the past two years alone, according to Reuters.

China's ballooning loans to African governments reflect how foreign policy under President Xi Jinping has featured lending around the developing world. Even before the coronavirus crisis, much of that debt looked too heavy for some of Beijing's client governments and it appeared stung by rising global criticism of its strategies.

A 2019 International Monetary Fund report said about 40% of the continent's low-income nations are in debt distress. A recent Harvard Business Review study suggested 50% of China's loans to developing countries goes unreported.

Now, the pandemic-induced economic shock is all but wiping out governments' ability to repay. "This may mean that African countries will struggle to service their debt, not only owed to China but to all creditors," said Linda Calabrese, a researcher with Overseas Development Institute think tank.

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*Keith J Krach*

*Under Secretary, State Department*

*United States of America*

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<b>Recipient:</b>	EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>; EAP-CM-Global-DL <EAP-CM-Global-DL@state.gov>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: Dinner with USCBC members?
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 2 Mar 2020 15:06:18 +0000

Team – Please let me know your views. (b)(5) but would like your input before answering.

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**From:** (b)(6) (b)(5)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 2, 2020 9:03 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Dinner with USCBC members?

Dear Jonathan,

Just wanted to check in to see if you've had a chance to consider this invitation, we would love to have the opportunity to host a dinner with you and members.

Thank you,

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 4:43 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Dinner with USCBC members?

Dear Jonathan,

Craig Allen asked me to reach out to see if you might be open to him hosting a dinner with a group of USCBC member companies in the coming weeks? We would plan to assemble a small group of 8-10 companies to discuss what they are experiencing in the China market on COVID-19, production and supply chain challenges, labor shortages, and expectations for the future. They would also value the opportunity to hear an update on your top priorities.

If you could share a few evenings you're available in the coming weeks we would be pleased to set something up.

Very much appreciate your consideration.

Regards,

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>  
 Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>  
 Blackstone, Kevin <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Getting our people back to China  
**Date:** Thu, 14 May 2020 19:27:46 +0000

FYI - boss wants to discuss...

**From:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:42 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: Getting our people back to China

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**From:** Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 5:21 AM  
**To:** Todd, William E (Ambassador) <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> Blackstone, Kevin <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
 <(b)(6)> Forden, Robert W (Beijing) <(b)(6)>;  
 Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Getting our people back to China

Bill -

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Thanks,

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**From:** Todd, William E (Ambassador) <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:30 PM

**To:** Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

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**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Blackstone, Kevin (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Getting our people back to China

Hi (b)(6)

(b)(5)

Very Best Regards

Bill

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**From:** Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:51 AM  
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**Subject:** Getting our people back to China

Dear Ambassador Todd, (b)(6)–

In advance of the Under Secretary’s call with Ambassador Branstad, I want to preview for you and flesh out a bit some of the points he will raise about the (b)(5)

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Testing is becoming widespread within China. A CNN article today reported that the PRC plans a test city-wide (11 million people!) nucleic acid testing drive to identify the source of six new cases. Testing is routinely required for medical procedures and for Chinese students returning to school. (b)(5)

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(b)(5) The Chinese have notified us that if we are unable to bring our people in on May 18 we will not be able to bring anyone back before June 1, after the National's People's Congress ends. And we reach the 180 day point on July 27 (July 21 for Wuhan).

Katherine  
Management Minister Counselor  
Acting DCM  
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 King, Karin M <[redacted]>  
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**Subject:** FW: Integrating L into our Coronavirus Discussions/Meetings  
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Thanks, [redacted]

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Marik [redacted]  
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Cheers,  
Jonathan

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**Subject:** Integrating L into our Coronavirus Discussions/Meetings

Dear Marik:

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Thank you, [redacted]

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Chief of Staff

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Deputy Secretary of State

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**Subject:** FW: News re faulty Chinese tests

**Date:** Thu, 26 Mar 2020 12:09:48 +0000

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Translation - Rapid Tests.docx

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**To:** Waters, John R (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D (b)(6); EAP-CM-Office-DL <EAP-CM-Office-DL@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: News re faulty Chinese tests

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Good morning everyone,

[Large redacted block]

Happy to bore everyone with additional details below on the methods used for testing and additional news sources below.

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Hope this is interesting/helpful!

Best

[Redacted signature]

**Test details:**

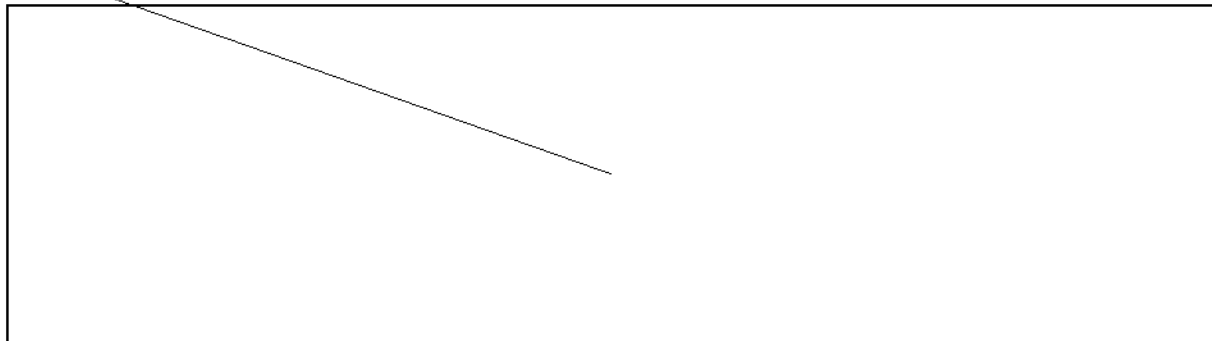
There are likely two types of tests being used:

- 1) A high sensitivity frontline test (RT-qPCR probably) intended to detect very recent exposure to virus. This test is fairly labor intensive, takes several days to process, and is technically challenging. It also requires some specific supplies which are already in short supply in the U.S., let alone around the world.
- 2) A faster, more error prone test (antibody/serological/ELISA test) intended to detect someone who has had the infection for a several days already. This is intended to quickly confirm a positive diagnosis - someone who has been symptomatic for days, asymptomatic spreaders, or people with previous exposure. This test is much faster to perform (15 minutes to several hours at most) and requires less technical expertise.

Additional info from the [CDC linked here](#).

**Cables and News:**

From 20 Bratislava 196 (attached):



From another [Czech news source](#) (also attached):

“Rapid tests only detect infection on the fifth or sixth day after the onset of the infection. The tests are intended for those people who have been at home for 14 days and are leaving quarantine for work,” explained Prague's hygienist Zdenka Jagrova.

“The Ministry of the Interior was given the task to get the rapid tests. We did that,” said Interior Minister Jan Hamacek. “We are satisfied with their functionality. I am convinced that this is a question of methodology and the Ministry of Health will probably specify it further,” he added.

And in the [original Czech source article](#):

Rapid tests with coronavirus detection in the Moravian-Silesian Region will not help much. Their error rate is about 80 percent.

However, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior Jan Hamacek (CSSD) claims that the wrong methodology has been chosen. "I don't think it's a scandalous discovery that it's not working," he said after the government meeting.

According to him, quick tests can be "used when the disease has been going on for

some time". "Or if someone returns from quarantine after 14 days," he added. PCR is still the most appropriate method to detect early-stage infection.

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**Cc:** Moses-Ones, Leyla L (Tirana); Beckmann, Brian P (Tirana)  
**Subject:** News re faulty Chinese tests

(b)(5) We alerted local press to Taiwan reports about shoddy test kits from China to Czech Republic (https://www.taiwanews.com.tw/en/news/3903937); TV and others picked it up per below (b)(5)

(b)(5) I've alerted a few US and international outlets to the story and they were interested.

(Apologies for the haphazard nature of distro. If EUR or EAP thinks worth broader distro, pls do)

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**Subject:** Si and Top Channel ran Taiwan News story on faulty Chinese tests

Centrist portal *Si* ran a Taiwan News story (<https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/3903937>) under the headline "80% of coronavirus tests given by China to the Czech Republic didn't work." According to the Albanian portal (<https://gazetasi.al/80-e-testeve-te-shpejta-nga-kina-nuk-funksionojne/>), health professionals in the Czech Republic were forced to redo the tests in regular laboratories. The portal noted that the 150,000 fast tests cost the Czechs about \$546,000.

National broadcaster *Top Channel* published the story (<http://top-channel.tv/2020/03/25/80-e-testeve-qe-i-dhuruan-kinezet-cekeve-jane-te-pasakta/>) under the headline "80% of tests that the Chinese 'donated' to the Czechs are faulty." The broadcaster highlighted that an internet website in the Czech Republic reported that health workers in the Czech Republic used the 150,000 fast tests purchased by the country from China for \$564,000 but found that about 80% of them were inaccurate and health workers were forced to redo the tests.

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Subject: Re: global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Dear Colleagues,

Nothing new to report in the U.S. - PRC bilateral media friction space, but I did want to highlight the linkage the Secretary made between COVID-19 information sharing and the expulsion of journalists who would otherwise assist in reporting facts and data. The remarks are from a television interview with Fox News.

*"The President talked about their data today and he asked if anybody believed the numbers of deaths and the numbers of cases inside of China.*

***But that's the kind of doubt and uncertainty that happens when you close down, when you kick journalists out of your country. All we're asking is for the Chinese to cooperate and share that information with us."*** - Secretary Pompeo

Best Regards,

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**Subject:** Secretary Michael R. Pompeo With Martha MacCallum of Fox News

**Secretary Michael R. Pompeo With Martha MacCallum of Fox News**

04/16/2020 08:24 AM EDT

Michael R. Pompeo, Secretary of State

**QUESTION:** All right, so we begin this evening. We're glad to be joined by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Secretary Pompeo, thank you very much for being with us tonight. Your thoughts, I guess first of all, just your reaction to that story and that question from John Roberts. What do you say to that?

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Well, Martha, thanks for having me on the show tonight. The mere fact that John had to ask the question, the mere fact that we don't know the answers, that China hasn't shared the answers, I think is very, very telling. To your point, the President said that there are multiple sources. What we do know is we know that this virus originated in Wuhan, China. We know that there is the Wuhan Institute of Virology just a handful of miles away from where the wet market was. There's still lots to learn. You should know that the United States Government is working diligently to figure this out.

But what we really need, Martha, we really need the Chinese Government to open up. They say they want to cooperate. One of the best ways they could find to cooperate would be to let the world in, to let the world's scientists know exactly how this came to be, exactly how this virus began to spread.

Today you saw further evidence that there were days – days that went by – from when the Chinese Communist Party, the leadership there, knew about this virus before they told the public writ large. That's dangerous. A lot of cases, a lot of movement, a lot of travel around the world before the Chinese Communist Party came clean about what really transpired there.

These are the kind of things that open governments, democracies don't do. It's why there is such risk associated with the absence of transparency. We need it still today.

**QUESTION:** I mean, it's hard to imagine, giving everything that so many countries have been through, how different it might have been if China had immediately been clear about what they knew about the origin of this virus and if they had shut down all of the travel at that point. There were tens of thousands of people who flew out of the Wuhan area after that point. So how does this not have a very negative, heavyweight impact on our relationship with China going forward?

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Well, Martha, I'll say this. I've talked to my counterparts all across the world over the past handful of days. They all see this too. It's very difficult to make the case that there was anything

but absence of shared information in a timely fashion. It didn't just put Americans at risk; it put people all across the world at risk. It wasn't until the end of January when we brought the first Americans home, the roughly 800 people that we got back from Wuhan itself. They were at risk for an awfully long time.

The Chinese Government needs to come clean. It needs to be accountable. It needs to explain what happened and why it is the case that that information wasn't made more broadly available. We could have done things differently. The world would have responded quickly. Frankly, the international health organizations didn't do us any favors either in making sure this information was broadcast in a way that it needed to be with transparent and full information.

**QUESTION:** Yeah. I mean, the President has made a lot of effort to be very supportive of his friendship and his relationship with President Xi, even on January 24th saying that he hopes it works out well, he appreciated the efforts and the transparency on the part of the Chinese Government, he wanted to thank President Xi for that. I mean, can those kind of statements go forward anymore? I know the President talks a lot about the trade deal and making sure that they don't renege on their promises there. It almost feels like that's the one piece that is holding that relationship together at this point, because we're counting on those trade agreements and those trade relationships with China.

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Well, we've seen the President be serious about righting the disaster that was the trade relationship before he came to office. He's made it more fair and reciprocal. We have an expectation that they will live up to their obligations under the phase one trade deal. It was a good deal for both parties.

As for the relationship, we want to cooperate. It's 1.5 billion people in China. We want the Chinese people to be successful. But it requires leadership that's prepared to engage in the international community on a fair and reciprocal basis and to share information the way we expect every nation to do that. It doesn't appear that that happened here. The President talked about their data today and he asked if anybody believed the numbers of deaths and the numbers of cases inside of China.

But that's the kind of doubt and uncertainty that happens when you close down, when you kick journalists out of your country. All we're asking is for the Chinese to cooperate and share that information with us. It would be very helpful to the United States. It'd keep us safe. Frankly, it'd keep the Chinese people safer too.

**QUESTION:** Do you trust what you hear from the Chinese officials when you deal with them?

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** It varies. I try to take them at their word, but we're always in every relationship we have trying to make sure we verify everything. It's not about words; it's about actions. We need to make sure that every country lives up to the commitments that they made.

**QUESTION:** So I want to ask you about these cables, this story that came out a couple of days ago in *The Washington Post* by Josh Rogin that said that there were cables that were highlighting very big concerns about what was going on in these Wuhan labs, that they felt that there weren't enough people there given the highly contagious and dangerous materials that they were dealing with with these bats and these viruses. They said that it was highly likely that a pandemic could result from how mishandled everything was there.

What happened to those cables? Who received them in the State Department? Who went over them in the

State Department two years ago?

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Martha, I appreciate you want to ask about that. I can't comment on the cables tonight. I can say this. This is a laboratory that contained highly contagious materials. We knew that. We knew that they were working on this program. Many countries have programs like this. And in countries that are open and transparent, they have the ability to control and keep them safe and they allow outside observers in to make sure all the processes and procedures are right. I only wish that that had happened in this place. We would know more about it and we would know more about what has transpired there, if anything, today.

**QUESTION:** Is that something that you're looking into, what happened with those bits of information and who followed up on them?

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Absolutely, Martha. We're doing a full investigation of everything we can to learn how it is the case that this virus got away, got out into the world, and now has created so much tragedy, so much death here in the United States and all around the world, and at enormous cost to the global economy as well.

**QUESTION:** Yeah. I mean, one person who is obviously also very involved in world health is Bill Gates. He takes issue with the American decision, the President's decision, to stop funding them at least temporarily until we get some answers on all of this. Here's what he said: "Halting funding for the World Health Organization during a world health crisis is as dangerous as it sounds. Their work is the spread of COVID-19 and if that work is stopped no other organization can replace them. The world needs the WHO now more than ever."

What do you say to that, given the President's decision?

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Well, what the world needs is an institution, an organization, that actually delivers on the mission set, right? The thing the President – caused the President to make this decision was the fact that the World Health Organization didn't do that, that for an awfully long time it said that there wasn't a pandemic, it delayed announcements about things that it knew inside of China that were going on. That's about politics, not science. We need a scientific organization that is engaged in the medical, epidemiological, and health work that it was designed to do. The President has now put a pause on funding. We're going to evaluate how best that this mission be executed and is designed to make sure we protect America and protect American taxpayers too.

**QUESTION:** Yeah. Before I let you go, I want to ask you about this Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps vessels that have conducted what are called dangerous and harassing approaches to several U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf, coming as close as 10 yards away. We have some video that we're showing right now. What can you tell us about what happened here and what the ramifications of this will be?

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** I'll leave it to the Department of Defense to talk about the details of that, but we have seen this before where the Iranians behaved in ways that were inconsistent with international law. I think the American people know that President Trump is serious about protecting Americans, protecting our military, protecting our Navy. I am very confident that we'll make decisions that do that. And I'll leave it to the Department of Defense to talk about the details of how we're thinking about that at this point.



**QUESTION:** All right. Any State Department discussion on that at this point with you and the Defense Department or with Iran for that matter?

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Oh yes, we've talked as a team. We've talked across the interagency. We're evaluating how best to respond and how best to communicate our displeasure with what took place.

**QUESTION:** All right, we'll be watching.

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Thank you, Martha.

**QUESTION:** With all of this virus going on, there's a lot of other things going on in the world too, so we appreciate you responding to that. Secretary Pompeo, good to see you tonight. Thank you very much, sir.

**SECRETARY POMPEO:** Thank you, Martha. You have a wonderful evening, ma'am.

**QUESTION:** You too. Stay well.

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**Subject:** Re: global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Dear colleagues:

Two items of note today:

1. We have public confirmation that the NYT's Chris Buckley's visa has expired and that he is departing Wuhan:

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**Chris Buckley 储百亮**

✉ @ChuBailiang ✉

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Goodbye for now Wuhan. I'm leaving after 78 days. It's been unforgettable privilege. I haven't been able to report or say much since my visa expired mid. Feb, but I leave with profound memories and friendships. I'll be in quarantine in Beijing while my next steps are decided. [pic.twitter.com/QLqRdIYPyV](https://pic.twitter.com/QLqRdIYPyV)

4/9/20, 9:27 PM

2. In PRC state media, we see reporting on the White House's April 9 statement on VOA (statement available here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/amid-a-pandemic-voice-of-america-spends-your-money-to-promote-foreign-propaganda/>). (NOTE: VOA's April 10 response is available here: <https://www.insidevoa.com/a/a-statement-from-voa-director-amanda-bennett-/5367327.html>)

*Global Times* also reported on Voice of America (VOA) being accused by the White House for a report that was deemed "Chinese propaganda" for detailing China's efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. This shows the administration cares nothing for media objectivity, and by blaming China, Trump is trying to duck responsibility for his failures.

Best,

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**Subject:** Re: global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Dear Colleagues,

Flagging one article in the media-related friction/press freedom space. China-based Voice of America journalist Yibing Feng provides her perspective of the recent PRC media actions within the context of the larger bilateral media-related friction between the U.S. and the PRC.

Thanks.

Best Regards,

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**Reporter's Notebook: Press Freedom is First Casualty in US-China Media War** - Voice of America - Pro-journalist first-hand account of recent PRC media reprisals; begins by citing the U.S. media cap--does not mention February WSJ expulsion; links POTUS "Chinese virus" comments to March 18 expulsion, additional asset reporting requirements; emphasizes the

importance of Chinese press assistants; highlights Secretary Pompeo’s distinction between free press and party media; quotes Dr. Li Wenliang saying, “A healthy society shouldn’t have only one voice”; notes censorship of ‘negative news’ in China is “strictly enforced,” “official media report only good news” <https://www.voanews.com/press-freedom/reporters-notebook-press-freedom-first-casualty-us-china-media-war>

*“Washington restricted the number of staff at state-run outlets in the U.S., all of whom are Chinese. Beijing's countermeasures deprived its own citizens of their right to work.” - Yibing Feng*

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**Subject:** Re: global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Dear colleagues,

FYSA, there were two short articles in PRC state-run outlets over the weekend reporting almost verbatim on the PRC MFA spokesperson's statements at the Apr 3 MFA briefing (transcript excerpt also pasted below) claiming that the U.S. is trying to "drive a wedge" between the CCP and the Chinese people through the March 2 personnel cap action.

Xinhua (article) - April 4, 2020

**U.S. attempts to pit CPC against Chinese people bound to fail: spokesperson**  
[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-04/03/c\\_138945119.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-04/03/c_138945119.htm)

CGTN (article) - April 3, 2020

**China slams U.S. for pitting CPC against Chinese people**  
<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2020-04-03/China-slams-U-S-for-pitting-CPC-against-Chinese-people-PoeOmtTFYY/index.html>



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Chinese MFA briefing - April 3, 2020 - TRANSCRIPT EXCERPT

([https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa\\_eng/xwfw\\_665399/s2510\\_665401/2511\\_665403/t1765751.shtml](https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/2511_665403/t1765751.shtml))

**China Daily: According to the Bureau of International Information Programs, which is part of the US State Department, many Chinese state-run news outlets work to spread Chinese Communist Party propaganda around the world, and that was the conclusion of Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo when he ordered the State Department to limit the number of Chinese employees that five Chinese media outlets could have in the United States. It also said the Party aims to control China's population and influence media narratives around the world. I wonder if you have any response to that?**

Hua Chunying: The US State Department is just trying to find some excuses for discriminating against and expelling 60 Chinese journalists, and attempting to **drive a wedge** between the Communist Party of China and the Chinese people.

Since the very day when China and the US established diplomatic relations 41 years ago, the US has been well aware that China is a socialist country under the leadership of the CPC. It is extremely unfair and non-sensible to impose restrictions on Chinese journalists and deliberately make things difficult for them just because they come from a socialist country led by the CPC. China doesn't put any US professional news media in a different category due to its partisan leaning. For example, we don't say CNN is a professional one because it's at odds with the ruling party, and we don't say Fox News is not real media because it's amity with the Republicans. We make our judgments based on whether they can make fair, fact-based and accurate reports, not their political or ideological preferences. The US shouldn't wantonly oppress Chinese media out of ideological bias.

Due to its **wedge-driving** behaviors, the US has triggered indignation among all Chinese people. It is under the leadership of the CPC that the Chinese people achieved independence, freedom and liberation, made enormous progress in national development, and pulled over 800 million people out of poverty. Faced with the horrific spread of COVID-19, the CPC and the Chinese government put people's life and health as the first priority and left no patients behind. All those infected got free testing and treatment at the earliest time possible. Our arduous efforts yielded remarkable results within two months, and the life and health of all 1.4 billion Chinese people has been protected to the highest extent possible. As the CPC has been dedicated to wholeheartedly serving the people, its domestic support rate has remained on top of public opinion polls conducted by well known companies for many consecutive years.

The year 2021 will mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CPC. There are now over 90 million CPC members, which is about 27 percent, more than a quarter of the total US population. Such a large number of Party members, together with their family, relatives and friends, constitute inseparable ties between the Party and the people. The CPC comes from the people and serves the people. Certain US politicians, including some in the State Department, are just wasting their time and energy to try to drive a wedge between the CPC and the Chinese people. Here's a piece of kind advice: in light of the current situation, why not focus on domestic problems first?

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Best,

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**Subject:** Re: global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Dear colleagues,

In today's MFA press briefing, there was a question about the State Department's stance on China's state-run media entities, based on the April 1 publication of this ShareAmerica article "Chinese media: Press or propagandists?" (<https://share.america.gov/chinese-media-press-or-propagandists/>).

The response shows a doubling down on the PRC's line of reasoning that the U.S. has always known the nature of China's system, and thus should accept that fact (yellow highlight below).

MFA Briefing

Spokesperson: Hua Chunying

Date: April 3, 2020

5. The US State department International Information Bureau issued a report saying many Chinese state media only work as CPC's propaganda means and that's why US designated them as foreign agents and capped the number of their employees. Any comment? (Question 5 and 6 are the same)

By issuing the report, the United States Department of State is trying to justify its expulsion of 60 Chinese media reporters and sow discords between the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese people. Since the US established diplomatic relations China 41 years ago, it has known very well that China was a socialist country led by the Chinese Communist Party. Just because Chinese journalists come from a socialist country led by the Communist Party of China, the US have imposed various restrictions and created difficulties for their works. Such behaviors are unfair and have no reason at all.

6. The US State department International Information Bureau issued a report saying many Chinese state media only work as CPC's propaganda means and that's why US designated them as foreign agents and capped the number of their employees. Any comment? (Question 5 and 6 are the same)

The United States has imposed all kinds of restrictions and difficulties on Chinese journalists simply because they are from a socialist country led by the Communist Party of China. There is no reason whatsoever. The United States should not suppress Chinese media out of ideological bias. The fact is clear enough that is the US has expelled 60 Chinese media reporters.

Best,

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Mary E (S) <(b)(6)> (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Re: global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Dear colleagues,

While there was no mention of U.S.-China media-related frictions in global media today, including in Chinese state media, I note that the Chinese MFA briefing recently alluded to the PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists:

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MFA Briefing

Spokesperson: Hua Chunying

Date: April 1, 2020

The international community will not be learning less about the outbreak in China just because there are fewer American journalists. Because the Chinese government has been taking an open, transparent, and responsible attitude all along and publish the latest figure to the world every day. This approach has been highly recognized by almost everyone in the world except Pompeo and individual US congressmen and politicians.

Besides, as you can see, there are still more than 500 foreign journalists based and reporting in China, so I think the world can learn the real situation of China without any problem.

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Best,

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**Subject:** Re: global media coverage 1 APR - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Dear colleagues,

I have just one article + tweet to share today on the PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists. Thanks to (b)(6) for flagging.

**People's Daily (PRC):**

**The Veil of Hypocrisy Cannot Cover U.S. Bullying Look**

*People's Daily Zhongsheng editorial* (pg. 3) English version available:  
<https://www.facebook.com/188625661189259/posts/3168840883167707/>

Tweet: <https://twitter.com/PDChina/status/1244897219045543936>

Pro-PRC, Rehashes U.S. foreign media designation and media cap actions; Notes Chinese journalists are only granted a single entry visa; The U.S. created political obstacles for Chinese journalists in the United States; The U.S. "hypocritical veil of 'freedom of the press' has been 'shredded' by itself."

Best Regards,

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Best,

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EAP/PD

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**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Colleagues,

Sharing a couple opinion pieces from the past 24 hours on recent U.S. and PRC media actions.

**Hong Kong Free Press**

**Beijing's expulsion of US journalists has only deepened distrust among Hongkongers -**  
 Reflective, cautionary; comments on PRC's "turning back" under Xi Jinping from the progress made by Deng Xiaoping inviting international media in the 1980s; Recent expulsion order was unprecedented by including Hong Kong and Macau; PRC Foreign Ministry categorized the expulsion move as "foreign affairs"/outside Hong Kong's autonomy; Article describes a "cult of personal worship" around Xi, similar to Mao <https://www.hongkongfp.com/2020/03/26/beijings-expulsion-us-journalists-deepened-distrust-among-hongkongers/>

**Breitbart**

**Nolte: Elite Media Grovel to Be Allowed Back into China - opinion piece that mocks these outlets for writing an open letter "groveling" to a repressive government; says Trump**

Administration fighting for free press; that U.S. journalists shouldn't blame them. NOTE: uses swear words/colorful language.

<https://www.breitbart.com/the-media/2020/03/25/nolte-elite-media-grovel-to-be-allowed-back-into-china/>

Best,

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**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Dear colleagues,

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**Yahoo News**

**Major U.S. newspapers write open letter to urge China not to expel their journalists - (Video)**  
- factual <https://news.yahoo.com/major-u-newspapers-write-open-152305806.html>

**Washington Post**

**U.S. news publishers band together to urge China not to expel their journalists - favors affected U.S. publications; “unusual joint plea”; cites media actions buildup (previous expulsion,**



‘foreign missions’ designation; media cap; China often delays, expulsions have been unusual; says statement “seems aimed at American officials too,” notes Trump order in October 2019 for federal agencies to cancel subscriptions to New York Times and Washington

Post [https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/media/us-news-publishers-band-together-to-urge-china-not-to-expel-their-journalists/2020/03/24/2dca52f2-6d78-11ea-b148-e4ce3fbd85b5\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/media/us-news-publishers-band-together-to-urge-china-not-to-expel-their-journalists/2020/03/24/2dca52f2-6d78-11ea-b148-e4ce3fbd85b5_story.html)

## **The Guardian**

**US newspapers appeal to China not to expel their reporters** - The Guardian - factual; sympathetic to the U.S. newspapers; says the publishers “pleaded” with the Chinese government not to expel their reporters; twice quotes “collateral damage” phrasing from the open letter <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2020/mar/24/us-newspapers-appeal-to-china-not-to-expel-their-reporters>

## **South China Morning Post (Hong Kong)**

**New York Times, Washington Post and Wall Street Journal urge China to reconsider expulsion of US journalists** - Factual; Calls the open letter an “unprecedented move”; China’s expulsion of journalists would be the largest such move in more than 30 years; cites rising bilateral tensions; expulsions seen as retaliation for ‘foreign missions’ designation; refers to earlier WSJ expulsion, recent revocation of licenses for Chinese citizen U.S. media researchers/staff <https://www.scmp.com/news/world/united-states-canada/article/3076805/new-york-times-washington-post-and-wall-street>

PRC STATE-RUN MEDIA:

## **Global Times**

**Opinion: ‘Open letter’ should have been sent to US govt** - author is the deputy executive editor of the Global Times - pro-PRC; U.S. is responsible/U.S. actions (e.g. media cap) forced China’s hand in expelling journalists; Chinese media is reporting the coronavirus epidemic to the world (downgrades U.S. media importance in covering the story) <https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1183718.shtml>

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**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Colleagues,

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The open letter ran in a black-and-white banner ad on the New York Times' [website](#) early Tuesday and read, "Let journalists do their work."

Full text of the letter:

MARCH 24, 2020  
An Open Letter to the Chinese Government

The Chinese government's decision to expel American journalists amid a global pandemic threatens the world's access to critical information when we need it most, the publishers of The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post wrote in a joint open letter.

The coronavirus pandemic sweeping across borders, sickening and killing people in nearly every country, and sending the world economy into a downward spiral, is a global challenge unlike any other in our lifetimes. Perhaps more than any major news event in modern history, this moment underscores the urgent importance of both probing, accurate, on-the-ground reporting from the centers of the pandemic and of sharing the information, insights and lessons that reporting reveals as widely as possible.

In this moment of shared crisis, China has decided to expel American journalists from a number of news organizations, including the three we oversee, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and The New York Times. This move — made in retaliation for recent expulsions by the United States government — is one that we would protest under any circumstances. But it is uniquely damaging and reckless as the world continues the struggle to control this disease, a struggle that will require the free flow of reliable news and information.

We strongly urge the Chinese government to reverse its decision to force the Americans working for our news organizations to leave the country and, more broadly, to ease the growing crackdown on independent news organizations that preceded this action. The media is collateral damage in a diplomatic dispute between the Chinese and U.S. governments, threatening to deprive the world of critical information at a perilous moment.

The earliest reports on the coronavirus outbreak in Wuhan and its rapid spread were brought to the outside world by the journalists who work for us in China, as well as their colleagues for other leading news organizations. We have sent our reporters to live for extended periods in the center of the outbreak to document the toll of the disease and the struggle to treat those afflicted with it. We have prominently featured news and analysis about China's remarkable progress in reducing the spread of the virus through containment and mitigation. Even now, with some of our journalists facing imminent expulsion, they are reporting on how China is mobilizing state resources to develop vaccines that could offer hope to billions of people there and around the world.

Our news organizations are rivals. We compete with each other on the biggest stories, including this one. But on this matter we speak with a single voice. Both countries — and the rest of the world — benefit from having talented journalists, many of them fluent in Chinese and versed in Chinese culture, cover the world's second largest economy, the center of global manufacturing, and, unfortunately, a population hard hit by one of the worst pandemics of modern times. Even when this crisis passes we believe both countries will continue to benefit from freer access to news and information about the other.

Amid tensions between superpowers, journalism bolsters strong, confident societies by providing to leaders and citizens important information and awareness to inform their lives and decisions — even, perhaps especially, when it is challenging to governments. We believe it is unambiguously in the interests of the people of both countries, as well as their leaders, to let journalists do their work.

William Lewis, Publisher, The Wall Street Journal  
Fred Ryan, Publisher, The Washington Post  
A. G. Sulzberger, Publisher, The New York Times

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Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: Re: global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Dear colleagues,

By now, you might have seen that the firing of Chinese staff assigned to U.S. media outlets is public. It was not covered widely (two major outlets cited just below), and doesn't appear in Chinese state media.

There was no new coverage of the American journalists' expulsion. The vast majority of stories around the world were, as expected, COVID-19 related. This might be our last compilation on this issue.

**Bloomberg**

**China Orders Local Staff Out of U.S. News Outlets in Beijing** - factual, refers to "tit for tat" in U.S.-China media relations.

**[AMERICAN OVERSIGHT](https://www.bloombergrg.com/news/articles/2020-03-21/china-</a></u></b></p>
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## Financial Times

**China forces out local employees of US news organisations** - Neutral-to-sympathetic to affected local staff; Former researcher says New York Times, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal will still be the most important media to communicate with the world going forward. <https://www.ft.com/content/c5cfe8f8-6bf4-11ea-9bca-bf503995cd6f>

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Dear colleagues,

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## The Guardian

**Opinion: Increasingly powerful, Xi's China believes it no longer needs Washington – or its foreign reporters** - The Guardian - Praise, admiration for China within framed discussion of the PRC's overall bilateral and global relationships; Journalist expulsion indicative of Beijing's growing confidence, assertiveness; describes U.S.-China relationship as “crumbling”; Mentions Trump's “serial missteps” in handling COVID-19 spread; U.S. is at fault for the expulsion

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/commentisfree/2020/mar/20/increasingly-powerful-xi-china-believes-it-no-longer-needs-washington-or-its-foreign-reporters>

## South China Morning Post

**China expels American journalists from The New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post** - South China Morning Post - Video presentation; Factual, balanced; cites officials from PRC (Geng Shuang, MFA), U.S. (Secretary of State--regret China's decision, more information more transparency will save lives)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U00arD8xBD0>

## China Daily

**Opinion: US must clean up its own mess on press freedom** - China Daily - Pro-China; U.S. has its own problems with Free Press; References Secretary's interview with NPR Mary Louise Kelly; Trump denigrates press; U.S. free press has made a “great leap backward”

<http://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202003/18/WS5e715e41a31012821727fe0e.html>

Best,

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**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Colleagues,

Ensuring that folks have seen the FCCC statement below.

thanks,

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FCCC Statement on Mass Cancellation of U.S. Journalist Credentials in China

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of China deplores the cancellation of reporting credentials for American journalists with three U.S. newspapers, an action that will affect at least 13 of our colleagues, a group of talented and dedicated professionals. The total number of affected journalists at the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal and the Washington Post could be higher, depending on how broadly Chinese authorities implement this decision.

Their imminent banishment from journalism in China diminishes us in number and in spirit, though not in our commitment to vigorously cover China. There are no winners in the use of journalists as diplomatic pawns by the world's two pre-eminent economic powers. Journalists illuminate the world we live in. China, through this action, is dimming itself.

The FCCC also deeply regrets that authorities in Beijing have taken the further step of banning affected journalists from reporting in Hong Kong and Macau. The FCCC is not aware of any precedent for such a requirement.

Prior to today, China had expelled nine foreign journalists since 2013. Others have been denied visas altogether.

Since the beginning of 2019, at least 13 correspondents have also been given truncated-term visas with validity of six months or less. Since the beginning of 2020, three of those correspondents have been given one-month visas. Resident visas are typically issued for a year. By expelling journalists and keeping others in a state of visa uncertainty, China is overtly using its powers in an attempt to influence overseas news coverage, by punishing those who publish information authorities see as unfavorable and wish to keep quiet.

Foreign correspondents working in China are subject to surveillance and government pressure, in an environment of extreme hostility toward the types of factual reporting Chinese authorities claim to welcome. Such conduct is as unacceptable as it is longstanding.

In "Control, Halt, Delete," the FCCC's report on working conditions in 2019, 82% of surveyed correspondents said they experienced interference, harassment or violence while reporting; 70% reported the cancellation or withdrawal of interviews, which they know or believe to be due to actions taken by Chinese authorities; 25% were aware of sources being harassed, detained, called in for questioning, or otherwise suffering negative consequences for interacting with a foreign journalist; and 51% said they were obstructed at least once by police or other officials. Of those who reported from China's north-western Xinjiang region, 65% were prevented from accessing locations by what they believe to be staged traffic accidents or road blockages.

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**Subject:** Re: global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Colleagues,

Please see below for a sampling of media pieces covering the PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists overnight.



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Many thanks to (b)(6) and the Beijing Press Office for analysis and compilation.

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**China's Expulsion of American Journalists Raises Red Flags Over Hong Kong-** (b)(5)  
Journal (cautious, fears over erosion of Hong Kong autonomy; ties to 2019 HK protests)  
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/chinas-expulsion-of-american-journalists-raises-red-flags-over-hong-kong-11584536325>

**Expelling U.S. journalists during coronavirus crisis, China doubles down on media war - Washington Post (Critical of PRC expulsions; Laments timing of move; Predicts U.S. move next in "cycle of escalation"; China shows it won't back down; PRC Ministry of Foreign Affairs "going on the offensive")**  
<https://www.msn.com/en->

[us/news/world/expelling-us-journalists-during-coronavirus-crisis-china-doubles-down-on-media-war/ar-BB11njBA](#)

**China Announces Expulsion of U.S. Journalists - TIME Magazine (factual; neutral; most sweeping action since Mao's death; TIME is against the restrictions)**

<https://time.com/5805195/china-expels-journalists/>

**China to expel more US journalists in escalating row over media - Al Jazeera (Factual; Neutral; Amnesty Int'l says move likely will "stifle access to information at a crucial time" in light of COVID-19)**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/03/china-restricts-reporters-curbs-media-200317173945386.html>

[China Media:](#)

**Editorial: US media should turn to Pompeo for justice (Regret over the situation; Defiance; Confusion/Disappointment over U.S. media reaction to the PRC move) <https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1183070.shtml>**

**Opinion: Journalism, mutual understanding suffer in tit-for-tat expulsions (Pro-China; Media dispute reflective of larger tension; Trump administration is Anti-China, e.g. Chinese Virus; China won't back down)** <https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1183052.shtml>

**U.S. ill mentalities to expulse Chinese journalists only cause troubles - People's Daily (Anti-U.S.; focus on the U.S. cap, i.e. "expulsion"; no mention of PRC expulsions)**  
<http://en.people.cn/n3/2020/0319/c90000-9669934.html>

On March 18, 2020 at 10:45:32 AM EDT, (b)(6) wrote:

Dear colleagues,  
Coverage of the PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists yesterday was largely drowned out by the massive amount of coverage dedicated to COVID-19 and related stories of border closings, cities shutting down, etc.

However, the news was covered by a variety of global media sources, with almost all except PRC state-run entities decrying the PRC's actions.

Please see a sampling below, with a major hat tip to EAP/CM's (b)(6) and the Beijing Press Office for the compilation and analysis.

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EAP/PD

***New York Times***

**China Announces That It Will Expel American Journalists** - New York Times - Neutral, factual comprehensive account; mentions of Hong Kong; provides historical

context; links POTUS "fake news" characterization to PRC use of the term. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/17/business/media/china-expels-american-journalists.html>

### *Fox News*

**Trump administration hits back after China kicks out US journalists amid coronavirus pandemic** - Fox News - Sides with U.S.; ties the expulsion to coronavirus coverage; no mention of U.S. media cap, foreign mission designation <https://www.foxnews.com/world/china-coronavirus-us-journalists-national-security-council>

### *CNN*

**China to expel New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post reporters** -CNN Business- Sympathetic to U.S. news outlets affected; links PRC action to foreign mission designation and cap <https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/17/media/china-retaliates-against-us-media/index.html>

### *FT*

**US-China ties worst in decades after journalist expulsions** -Financial Times Factual; bemoans larger deterioration of U.S.-China relations; references use of Chinese virus <https://www.ft.com/content/9add09c0-68d7-11ea-800d-da70cff6e4d3>

### *The Guardian*

**China: expulsion of US journalists was response to 'unreasonable oppression'** - The Guardian (UK) - Leads and leans with PRC sympathies, then addresses U.S. news outlets midway through article; minor mention of Hong Kong press freedom at end <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2020/mar/18/us-media-accuse-china-of-cold-war-mentality-after-move-to-expel-journalists>

### *South China Morning Post (HK-based)*

**China expels American journalists from 3 US newspapers: The New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post** - South China Morning Post - Pro-China; Cites the move as “fierce retaliation” against U.S. moves; notes **Beijing declares five U.S. media outlets--VOA, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Time magazine “foreign government functionaries” “controlled by Washington”**; cites U.S. foreign mission designation of PRC media outlets, earlier WSJ expulsion; article provides balance with Robert Daly quote on Hong Kong coverage, Washington Post executive editor (Baron) response, Secretary Pompeo statement on depriving Chinese people of information during challenging times. <https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3075647/china-revokes-press-credentials-american-journalists-3-us>

### *Al Jazeera*

**China to expel more US journalists in escalating row over media** - factual and cites multiple voices that decry erosion in media freedom resulting from Chinese action, including an Amnesty International quote that links need for information in the time of COVID-19.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/03/china-restricts-reporters-curbs-media-200317173945386.html>

***Bangkok Post***

**China expels several US journalists in biggest crackdown in years** - Bangkok Post - neutral; factual

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/world/1880755/china-expels-several-us-journalists-in-biggest-crackdown-in-years>

***Editorials and Op-eds:***

[China] China's Ill-Timed Attack on the Free Press (New York Times)

[China] China dangerously expels more U.S. journalists as the world seeks credible coronavirus reporting (Washington Post)

***PRC STATE MEDIA***

***Xinhua***

**Update: China takes countermeasures against restrictive measures on Chinese media agencies in U.S. - Xinhuanet** - Aggressively pro-China; Masks biased coverage as reporting the government's "statement" - [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-03/18/c\\_138888843.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-03/18/c_138888843.htm)

***CGTN***

**Editorial - China's countermeasures on U.S. media are a step toward reciprocity** - firmly pro-Chinese action. <https://news.cgtn.com/news/2020-03-18/China-s-countermeasures-on-U-S-media-are-a-step-toward-reciprocity-OXzWKEfn9K/index.html>

***China Daily*** - reprinted Xinhua article

***Global Times***

**Tit-for-tat media spat sharp indication of deteriorating US-China ties:**

**analysts; China won't be bullied or pushed around by U.S. actions or ideology.**

**(<https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1182989.shtml>)**

*Global Times*

**Editorial: US started the media war, China won't swallow the insult**

**(<http://www.globaltimes.cn/index.html>)**

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<b>Recipient:</b>	Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>;
	(b)(6);
	Waters, John R <(b)(6)>;
	(b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Fwd: Readout of ASPR/CDC/HHS/DOS Coordination Call
<b>Date:</b>	Sat, 8 Feb 2020 02:28:51 +0000

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Date:** February 7, 2020 at 9:20:01 PM EST  
**Subject:** Readout of ASPR/CDC/HHS/DOS Coordination Call  
**To:** CA-Taskforce <CA-Taskforce@state.gov>, (b)(6)  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>, (b)(6)  
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<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)	
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<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6); Benning, Douglass R <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	Fwd: TASKER: Secretary's Budget Testimony March 2020
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 13 Mar 2020 22:41:40 +0000

You may have already received this, but, as there's an assignment for CA in there, here it is just in case.

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**From:** SES-Line\_Tasker <SES-Line\_Tasker@state.gov>  
**Date:** March 13, 2020 at 5:54:06 PM EDT  
**Subject:** TASKER: Secretary's Budget Testimony March 2020  
**To:** TTL-1A <TTL-1A@state.gov>

Dear Colleagues –

(U) This tasker assigns responsibilities for the preparation of briefing materials to form the basis of Secretary Pompeo's preparation for a series of budget hearings, which may be held in March. This memorandum assigns responsibilities for the preparation of these briefing materials.

(U) Bureaus wishing to clear on QFR responses should notify the drafting bureau within **two hours** of the tasker issuance.

(U) If a bureau tasked with a QFR believes another office should draft and submit, the bureau originally tasked is responsible for requesting the other bureau take drafting responsibility. Once the other bureau agrees, the bureau originally tasked must notify the Line ASAP, copying the accepting bureau on the email.

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#### POINTS OF CONTACT

- **S/ES-S COORDINATORS:** SES-Line\_H\_Tasking@state.gov (x7-8879)

**DEADLINE**

- **March 18, 2020, 12:00 p.m.:** All briefing materials are due, fully cleared to the S/ES-S coordinators via UNCLASSIFIED email, unless otherwise specified.

Thank you,

**Executive Secretariat Staff (S/ES-S)**

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<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6); Benning, Douglass R <(b)(6)>

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6) <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	Fwd: Volunteers Needed for Wuhan Evacuation Task Force
<b>Date:</b>	Sat, 1 Feb 2020 00:14:44 +0000

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Date:** January 31, 2020 at 7:13:45 PM EST  
**Subject:** Volunteers Needed for Wuhan Evacuation Task Force  
**To:** M\_FEDsMtg <M\_FEDsMtg@state.gov>, M\_REDs <M\_REDs@state.gov>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, Cabelka, Carrie B <(b)(6)>, CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, DS Front Office Scheduler <DS-FrontOffice-Scheduler@state.gov>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, Hannah, Sherry M <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, M Staff <M\_Staff@state.gov>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, Ostfield, Marc L <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>, Scharpf, Norman Thatcher <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, Seagroves, Cliff C <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, Todd, William E (Ambassador) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>

Assistant Secretaries, Executive Directors, and Directors,

On behalf of Deputy U/S for Management Todd, we are seeking your help in providing EAP with volunteers to serve in a variety of functions related to the Wuhan Evacuation Task Force. M encourages all bureaus (particularly in the M family) to help our colleagues in EAP and share the workload. Volunteers are needed for the functions below.

**Please send names of volunteers to EAP Executive Director** (b)(6) (b)(6), **and cc** [M\\_Clearance@state.gov](mailto:M_Clearance@state.gov).

Office	Personnel Type	Number needed	Date Range
EAP/EX	Any cone/background; must have good organizational and communication skills, and willing to do shift work. Prefer FS-04/03 GS-12/13	2-5	February 3 – February 14
EAP/P	PD Officers with press experience (willing to do shift work on a 24-hour basis) Prefer FS-04/03 GS-12/13	4-6	February 3 – February 14
EAP/CM	Two types of personnel: 1. OMS: Any grade or type (DH or contractor) 2. Desk Officers: Reporting officer/desk officer experience required. Prefer FS-04/03 GS-12/13	3 (1 OMS; 2 desk officers)	February 3 – February 14
Task Force	Any Cone (willing to do shift work on a 24-hour basis) Prefer FS-04/03 GS-12/13 <i>with</i>	9	February 3 – February 14

	<i>DC desk experience. China-related experience welcome.</i>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		18-23 personnel	

Thank you for your support to our colleagues.

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Special Assistant  
Office of the Under Secretary for Management  
U.S. Department of State

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<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
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<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Intra CA China Coordination
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 27 Jan 2020 20:08:41 +0000

<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>; "(b)(6)" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

**From:** Risch, Carl C  
**To:** Risch, Carl C; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: 2020 Coronavirus Public Health and Medical Services Call (ESF8)

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From: OS Secretarys Operations Center  
Sent: Friday, 14 February 2020 19:28:56 UTC  
To: OS Secretarys Operations Center; Coronavirus Small Group  
Subject: FW: 2020 Coronavirus Public Health and Medical Services Call (ESF8)  
When: Occurs every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM effective 2/12/2020. Eastern Standard Time  
Where: (b)(6), (b)(7)(E)

FYSA,

-----Original Appointment-----

From: OS Secretarys Operations Center  
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 12:39 PM  
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(6)  
Subject: 2020 Coronavirus Public Health and Medical Services Call (ESF8)  
When: Occurs every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday effective 2/12/2020 from 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).  
Where: (b)(6), (b)(7)(E)

2020 Coronavirus Public Health and Medical Services Call (ESF8)

\*NOTE\* This call is replacing the 2020 ASPR Coronavirus Coordination Call

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Hi HHS SOC,

HHS SOC updated the date and/or time of this WebEx meeting:

Public Health and Medical Services Call (ESF8)  
Host: HHS SOC

When it's time, join the meeting from here:  
Join the meeting

When: Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, from Wednesday, February 12, 2020 to no end date, 11:00 am (1 hr),  
Eastern Standard Time (New York, GMT-05:00).

Access Information

Meeting Number:

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Password:  
(This meeting does not require a password.)

Audio Connection

(b)(6) (Meeting Server Main Number)

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**CC:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>;  
 EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: A/S - Senator Gardner Teleconference  
**Date:** Mon, 4 May 2020 19:44:02 +0000

Thanks [redacted] & Team. Well done. I'll forward to the Front Office...

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 3:40 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: A/S - Senator Gardner Teleconference

Jonathan,  
 We followed up on this today and have drafted text that can be included in an email to A/S Stilwell to clarify the issue.  
 Please let me know if you have any questions.

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]

**Sent:** Friday, May 1, 2020 6:33 PM

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**To:** Forden, Robert W (Beijing) [redacted]; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: A/S - Senator Gardner Teleconference

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**From:** Forden, Robert W (Beijing) [redacted]

**Sent:** Friday, May 1, 2020 6:16 PM

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**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: A/S - Senator Gardner Teleconference

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]

**Sent:** Friday, May 1, 2020 6:00 PM

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**To:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>

**Subject:** Fw: A/S - Senator Gardner Teleconference

[redacted]

To illustrate his belief that Beijing purposefully withheld critical information regarding the virus, **Gardner stated that even as domestic flights were grounded in January in China, hundreds of people per day were still flying into the U.S. from Wuhan.** He summarized: “Xi Jinping knew he had a problem, and he wanted the world to go down with him.”

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**From:** EAP-Staffers Mailbox <EAP-StaffersMailbox@state.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, May 1, 2020 5:12 PM

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** EAP-Staffers Mailbox <EAP-StaffersMailbox@state.gov> [redacted]; Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; Keshap, Atul <[redacted]>

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Feith, David [redacted]

**Subject:** A/S - Senator Gardner Teleconference

Good afternoon, [redacted]

Please note that another package has been placed in OD for the Assistant Secretary's clearance. There are now three packages there, including one urgent.

PDAS Keshap, DAS Fritz, and Senior Advisor Feith, I'm cc'ing you all for your awareness.

Best.  
[redacted]

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]

**Recipient:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>;  
EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Attack on US diplomacy  
**Date:** Sat, 29 Feb 2020 16:27:06 +0000

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2020 9:18 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Subject:** FW: Attack on US diplomacy

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Special Envoy for UN Integrity  
Bureau of International Organizations  
U.S. Department of State

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2020 9:17 AM  
**To:** Vu, Anny L. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>; Bremberg, Andrew P (Geneva)  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Attack on US diplomacy

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Special Envoy for UN Integrity  
Bureau of International Organizations  
U.S. Department of State

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**From:** Vu, Anny L. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2020 8:17 AM  
**To:** Bremberg, Andrew P (Geneva) <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Attack on US diplomacy

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Kanapathy, Ivan J. EOP/NSC" <(b)(6)>  
**Date:** February 28, 2020 at 8:04:25 AM EST  
**To:** "Stilwell, David R" <(b)(6)>, "Feith, David" <(b)(6)>, "Kissel, Mary E (S)" <(b)(6)>, <(b)(6)> "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** "Vu, Anny L. EOP/NSC" <(b)(6)>, "Hooker, Allison M. EOP/NSC" <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** (b)(5)

Team,

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Best

Ivan

**Ivan Kanapathy**  
 Deputy Senior Director for Asian Affairs  
 National Security Council  
 The White House  
 (b)(6)

<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

**From:** "Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>;  
 Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
**CC:** (b)(6);  
 (b)(6);  
 (b)(6);  
**Subject:** RE: Bloomberg: China Rejects U.S. Intelligence Claim It Hid Virus Numbers  
**Date:** Thu, 2 Apr 2020 14:16:58 +0000

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**From:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2020 8:09 AM  
**To:** Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Bloomberg: China Rejects U.S. Intelligence Claim It Hid Virus Numbers

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**From:** Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:06 AM  
**To:** Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>; Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>; Martin, Kathryn (Katie) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Davis, Timmy T <(b)(6)> | S\_SpecialAssistants <S\_SpecialAssistants@state.gov>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bloomberg: China Rejects U.S. Intelligence Claim It Hid Virus Numbers

Here is Chinese reporting on what MFA Spox Hua Chunying said today. We will have more reporting later today.

**Hua Chunying: this is typical Pompeo in his "lying" and "cheating" style**

China News Service, April 1

I must say this is typical Pompeo in his "lying" and "cheating" style, but these comments are completely inconsistent with what President Trump said last week during his phone call with President Xi. Here I just want to make two things clear. First, regarding "China's decision to force Western press out of the country would reduce the capacity for all to understand what's happening there", Mr. Pompeo should honestly tell the world that the US State Department denied 29 Chinese journalists' visas for no reason in the past two years and asked 60 Chinese journalists to leave the US within 10 days on March 2. What's the true intention behind this? Could it be that they foresaw the epidemic in the US would develop into what the situation is today? Were they trying to conceal the domestic situation from the world? The absence of some US journalists will not impede the international community from learning what's going on in China, because our government has been open, transparent and responsible in publishing the epidemic data every day, which has been highly and unanimously acclaimed by all except Mr. Pompeo and several US politicians. Besides, there are still over 500 foreign journalists stationed in China. The world will have no difficulty whatsoever in learning about the true situation in China. Second, while making all-out efforts to get the domestic situation better and more stable, the CPC, the Chinese government and people are supporting and helping other countries in need to minimize the pandemic's impact on the economy and people's health. We don't need to lie and cheat to get anything. All we want is to safeguard the life and health of the 1.4 billion Chinese people and do our best to help other countries in their fight against the pandemic.

<http://www.chinanews.com/gn/2020/04-01/9144757.shtml>

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Richard L. Buangan  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP)  
U.S. Department of State  
Email: (b)(6)

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**From:** PA Press Clips <PAPressMediaMonitors@state.gov>  
**Date:** April 2, 2020 at 05:22:46 EDT  
**To:** PA Monitoring Group <PAMonitoringGroup@state.gov>  
**Subject: Bloomberg: China Rejects U.S. Intelligence Claim It Hid Virus Numbers**

China Rejects U.S. Intelligence Claim It Hid Virus Numbers  
Bloomberg News  
April 2, 2020, 5:01 AM EDT

Beijing says response to outbreak was open, transparent  
U.S. intelligence community concluded China played down threat

China rejected the American intelligence community's conclusion that Beijing concealed the extent of the coronavirus epidemic, and accused the U.S. of seeking to shift the blame for its own handling of the outbreak.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying on Thursday defended as "open and transparent" China's response to the virus first identified in December in the central Chinese city of Wuhan. She was responding to a Bloomberg News report saying that the U.S. intelligence community had concluded in a classified report to the White House that Beijing under-reported both total cases and deaths from the disease.

"Some U.S. officials just want to shift the blame," Hua told a regular briefing in Beijing. "Actually we don't want to fall into an argument with them, but faced with such repeated moral slander by them, I feel compelled to take some time and clarify the truth again."

Hua questioned the speed of the U.S.'s response to the virus after banning arrivals from China on Feb. 2. "Can anyone tell us what the U.S. has done in the following two months?" she said.

China's public reporting on cases and deaths is intentionally incomplete, Bloomberg reported Wednesday, citing three officials, who asked not to be identified because the report is secret. Two of the officials said the report concludes that China's numbers are fake. The report was received by the White House last week, one of the officials said.

Since China first disclosed a new form of pneumonia on Dec. 31, the country has publicly reported about 82,000 cases and 3,300 deaths, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. That compares with more than 189,000 cases and more than 4,000 deaths in the U.S., which has the largest publicly reported outbreak in the world.

Read More: [New York's Coronavirus Patients Skew Young, Surprising Doctors](#)

U.S. President Donald Trump said Wednesday that he hadn't received an intelligence report saying Beijing had concealed the outbreak, but that their statistics appeared low. "Their numbers seem to be a little bit on the light side, and I'm being nice when I say that," he said at a daily coronavirus briefing at the White House.

relates to [China Rejects U.S. Intelligence Claim It Hid Virus Numbers](#)  
Trump added that the U.S. and China were in constant communication and that Beijing would spend \$250 billion to purchase American products. "We'd like to keep it, they'd like to keep it" he said of the U.S.-China trade deal.

Communications staff at the White House and the Chinese embassy in Washington didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

'More Forthcoming'



“The reality is that we could have been better off if China had been more forthcoming,” Vice President Mike Pence said Wednesday on CNN. “What appears evident now is that long before the world learned in December that China was dealing with this, and maybe as much as a month earlier than that, that the outbreak was real in China.”

While China eventually imposed lockdowns and mass quarantines, and set up fever clinics to slow the virus’s spread, skepticism toward its numbers has lingered. The Chinese government has repeatedly revised its methodology for counting cases and for weeks excluded people without symptoms entirely. Only on Tuesday it added more than 1,500 asymptomatic cases to its total.

Stacks of thousands of urns outside funeral homes in Hubei province have driven public doubt in Beijing’s reporting.

“The claim that the United States has more coronavirus deaths than China is false,” Senator Ben Sasse, a Nebraska Republican, said in a statement after Bloomberg News published its report. “Without commenting on any classified information, this much is painfully obvious: The Chinese Communist Party has lied, is lying, and will continue to lie about coronavirus to protect the regime.”

Republican lawmakers in the U.S. have been particularly harsh about China’s role in the outbreak. Emphasizing Beijing’s responsibility for the pandemic could be politically helpful to Trump, who has sought to shift blame for the U.S. outbreak away from his administration’s delays in achieving widespread testing for the virus and mobilizing greater production of supplies such as face masks and hospital ventilators.

In her remarks Thursday, Hua lashed out at U.S. politicians who keep attacking China.

“We’d like to provide support and help to them as our capacity allows,” Hua said. “However, these comments by those U.S. politicians are just shameless and morally repulsive, and these slanders, smears and blame games cannot make up for the lost time, but will only cost more lost time and lives.”

[Read More: Drugs Trump Touted for Covid-19 Treatment Added to Shortage List](#)

Deborah Birx, the U.S. State Department immunologist advising the White House on its response to the outbreak, said Tuesday that China’s public reporting influenced assumptions elsewhere in the world about the nature of the virus.

“The medical community made -- interpreted the Chinese data as: This was serious, but smaller than anyone expected,” she said at a news conference on Tuesday. “Because I think probably we were missing a significant amount of the data, now that what we see happened to Italy and see what happened to Spain.”

U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo has publicly urged China and other nations to be transparent about their outbreaks. He has repeatedly accused China of covering up the

extent of the problem and being slow to share information, especially in the weeks after the virus first emerged, and blocking offers of help from American experts.

“This data set matters,” he said at a news conference in Washington on Tuesday. The development of medical therapies and public-health measures to combat the virus “so that we can save lives depends on the ability to have confidence and information about what has actually transpired,” Pompeo said.

— With assistance by Colum Murphy, Nick Wadhams, and Jennifer Jacobs

<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)> (b)(6)

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**CC:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Coordinated State Travel Advisories for TF Concurrence by 0730 Tomorrow Morning 26 February  
**Date:** Wed, 26 Feb 2020 16:51:42 +0000

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On February 26, 2020 at 11:49:33 AM EST, [redacted] wrote:

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**From:** Biegun, Stephen E [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 11:20 AM  
**To:** Bulatao, Brian J [redacted]; Risch, Carl C [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Fwd: Coordinated State Travel Advisories for TF Concurrence by 0730 Tomorrow Morning 26 February

Please hold on travel advisories  
Sent from my iPhone

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Begin forwarded message:

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**From:** "Williams, Michael B. EOP/WHO" [redacted]  
**Date:** February 26, 2020 at 11:15:06 AM EST  
**To:** "Ruggiero, Anthony J. EOP/NSC" [redacted],  
 "Szabat, Joel (OST)" [redacted], "Wilson, John M" [redacted],  
 [redacted], "Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC" [redacted],  
 [redacted], "AMA2 (OS/IOS)" [redacted],  
 "Biegun, Stephen E" [redacted], "Bigley, Mark C. EOP/OMB" [redacted],  
 [redacted] "Blair, Robert B" [redacted]

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 (b)(6); Shellooe, Ryan P. EOP/NSC  
 (b)(6); Sinclair, Michael R. EOP/NSC  
 (b)(6); Tignor, Beth (HHS/IOS)  
 (b)(6); Troye, Olivia EOP/NSC  
 (b)(6) Ulyot, John L. EOP/NSC  
 (b)(6) Williams, Michael B. EOP/WHO  
 (b)(6); Woolfolk, Jon J. EOP/OVP

**Subject:** RE: Coordinated State Travel Advisories for TF Concurrence by 0730 Tomorrow Morning 26 February

Ken,

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Best,

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 5:57 AM  
**To:** Szabat, Joel (OST) (b)(6) Wilson, John Mark M. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)> Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>; AMA2 (OS/IOS) <(b)(6)>; Biegun, Stephen E <(b)(6)>; Bigley, Mark C. EOP/OMB <(b)(6)>; Blair, Robert B. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Brian Harrison <(b)(6)>; Butterfield, Nicholas W. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Campana, Alexandra D. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)> Cetron, Marty (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DGMQ) <(b)(6)>; Chafin, Kelly B. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>; Conant, Ann M. EOP/OMB <(b)(6)>; Conley, Sean P. CDR USN WHMO/WHMU <(b)(6)>; conradpa <(b)(6)>; Davis, May M. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Ditto, Jessica E. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; DL Chief of Staff Office <DLChiefofStaffOffice@WHO.eop.gov>; O'Berry, Donna (OST) <(b)(6)> Duffey, Michael P. EOP/OMB <(b)(6)>; Eisenberg, John A. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)> Fabina, Lauren C. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)> Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <(b)(6)> Grogan, Joseph J. <(b)(6)>











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(b)(6) [redacted] Riggs, Charlotte R. EOP/WHO

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(b)(6) Robert.Redfield <[redacted]>

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[redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Coordinated State Travel Advisories for TF Concurrence by 0730 Tomorrow Morning 26 February

Thanks, Phil

(b)(5) [redacted]

JMW

**John Mark Wilson**

Director for Strategic Communications

National Security Council

(b)(6) [redacted]

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(b)(6) [redacted]

Office [redacted]

Cell: [redacted]

**From:** Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC <[redacted]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2020 9:55 PM

**To:** AMA2 (OS/IOS) <[redacted]> [redacted]

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**Subject:** Coordinated State Travel Advisories for TF Concurrence by 0730  
Tomorrow Morning 26 February

Good Evening WHTF,

Please find attached four Travel Advisories (TAs) for

[Redacted]

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Best Regards,

Phil

**Philip J. Ferro, PhD, MS**

**Director for Countering Biological Threats**

**National Security Council**

[Redacted] cell)

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" [Redacted]  
**Recipient:** [Redacted]

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing) <(b)(6)>;  
 Blackstone, Kevin (b)(6);  
 (b)(6);  
 Klein, William H (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**CC:** (b)(6);  
 Cardno, Gwendolyn J (b)(6);  
 Waters, John R <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: draft talking points for Branstad-Bulatao call  
**Date:** Sun, 10 May 2020 12:36:15 +0000

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 10, 2020 8:22 AM  
**To:** Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing); Blackstone, Kevin; (b)(6) Klein, William H (Beijing)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Cardno, Gwendolyn J; Waters, John R  
**Subject:** Re: draft talking points for Branstad-Bulatao call

This looks fantastic. I've added a few points in CAPS for consideration plus a new penultimate para - perhaps overly florid but will let Post be the judge of that. .

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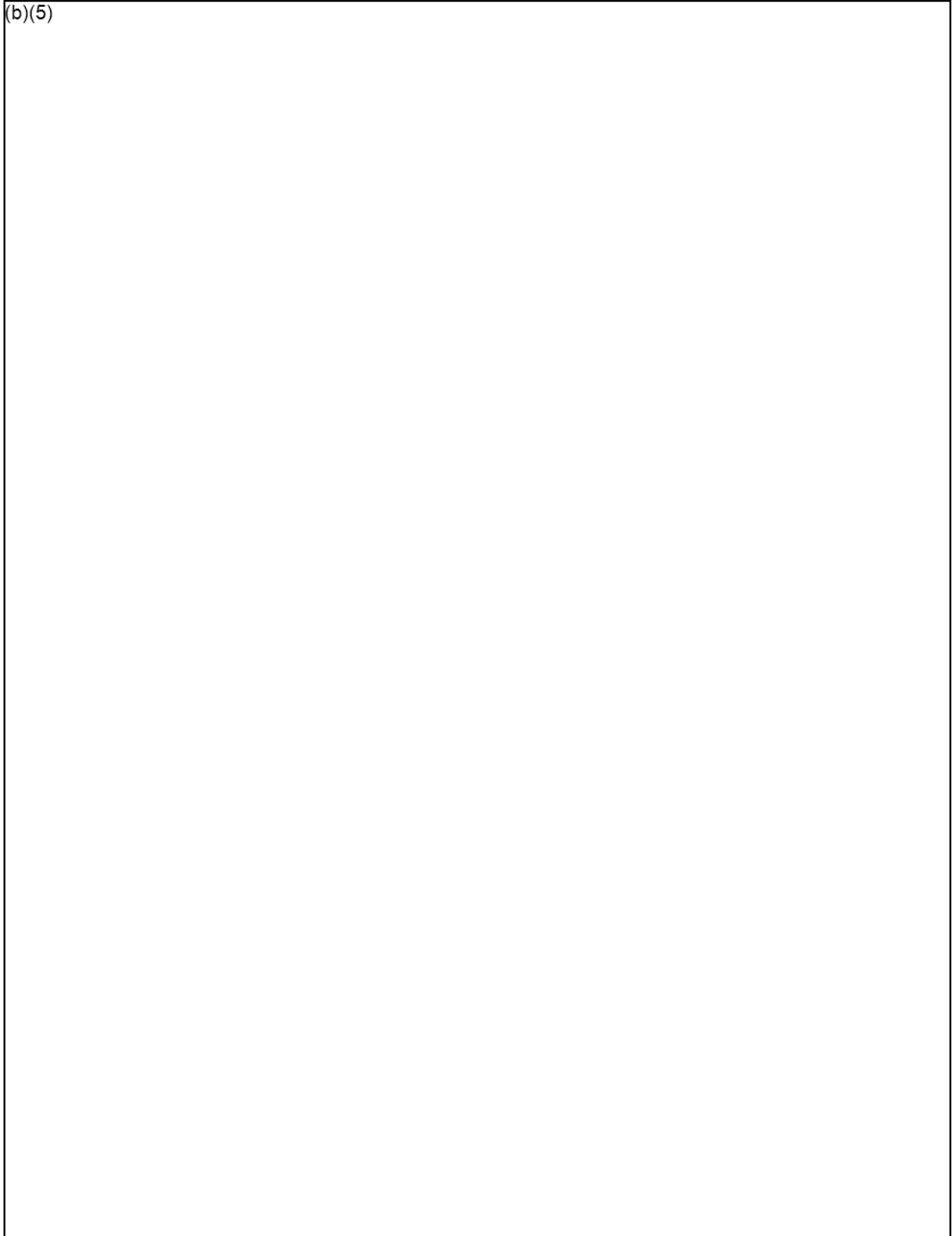
**From:** Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing)  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 10, 2020 1:34 AM  
**To:** Blackstone, Kevin; Fritz, Jonathan D; (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Cardno, Gwendolyn J; Waters, John R  
**Subject:** draft talking points for Branstad-Bulatao call

Bill, Tom (b)(5)

(b)(5) Below are some draft talking points that we (Tom and I) will discuss with EAP on Monday morning. Please let me know what you think.

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing) <(b)(6)>
	Blackstone, Kevin <(b)(6)>;
	(b)(6);
	Klein, William H (Beijing) <(b)(6)>;
	(b)(6) <(b)(6)>
	Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>
	Waters, John R <(b)(6)>

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>  
**CC:** (b)(6); Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Flash clear request for Rick/(b)(6) by 3:15 p.m.: TPs for Jonathan's 4pm call w/ DCM Li  
**Date:** Thu, 9 Apr 2020 19:52:37 +0000

That'll do – thanks, Rick.

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**From:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:50 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Wald, Daniel P  
**Subject:** Re: Flash clear request for Rick/(b)(6) by 3:15 p.m.: TPs for Jonathan's 4pm call w/ DCM Li

(b)(5) Boehler and most of the building have signed off on the Branstad points redirecting this to state level, btw. Dan can you forward latest thx

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:47 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Waters, John R; (b)(6); Wald, Daniel P (Beijing); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Flash clear request for Rick/(b)(6) by 3:15 p.m.: TPs for Jonathan's 4pm call w/ DCM Li

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6); Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>



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**Subject:** Fw: Flash clear request for Rick/Gwen by 3:15 p.m.: TPs for Jonathan's 4pm call w/ DCM Li

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For your use in the 4pm call, here are TPs:



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In case you have trouble opening that document, I've pasted it below.

Thanks!

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>

**Recipient:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>;  
(b)(6)>;  
Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>;  
(b)(6)>

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>CC:</b>	CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>; (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: For Approval: First of Two EAP AMs to A/S: 212f NIW
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 15 May 2020 01:49:27 +0000

Approved.

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On May 14, 2020 at 9:37:19 PM EDT, CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov> wrote:

Sir,

Apologies for the late request. This is the first of two EAP NIEs they request approval on tonight.

Regards,

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Bureau of Consular Affairs

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Approved: EAP - David R. Stilwell [DRS]

Drafted: Beijing/Guangzhou - (b)(6)

EAP/CM - (b)(6)

Cleared: CA: (b)(6) (OK)

CA: (b)(6) (OK)

EAP/FO: JFritz (OK)

EAP/CM: RWaters (OK)

EAP/CM: (b)(6) (OK)

CA/VO/FO: ERamotowski (OK)

CA/VO/F: (b)(6) (OK)

Mission China A/MCCA: (b)(6) (OK)

Embassy Beijing: (b)(6) (OK)

ConGen Guangzhou: (b)(6) (OK)

ConGen Shanghai: (b)(6) (info)

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>; (b)(6)



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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
 [redacted]  
 Stilwell, David R [redacted]  
 [redacted]  
**To:** Keshap, Atul [redacted] (b)(6)  
 Blackstone, Kevin (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)  
 Waters, John R (b)(6)  
 Cardno, Gwendolyn J [redacted]  
**CC:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: For clearance: press guidance on increased travel advisory  
**Date:** Fri, 31 Jan 2020 04:43:06 +0000

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I read thru it [redacted]  
 Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 11:11 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R; [redacted] Keshap, Atul; Blackstone, Kevin; (b)(6) M; Fritz,  
 Jonathan D; Waters, John R; Cardno, Gwendolyn J; [redacted]  
**Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL  
**Subject:** RE: For clearance: press guidance on increased travel advisory

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Thank you! Are you OK with the broader CA guidance, pasted just below? Much of it is previously cleared lines, but there are some new points to address the increased travel advisory.

[redacted]

CA Press Guidance

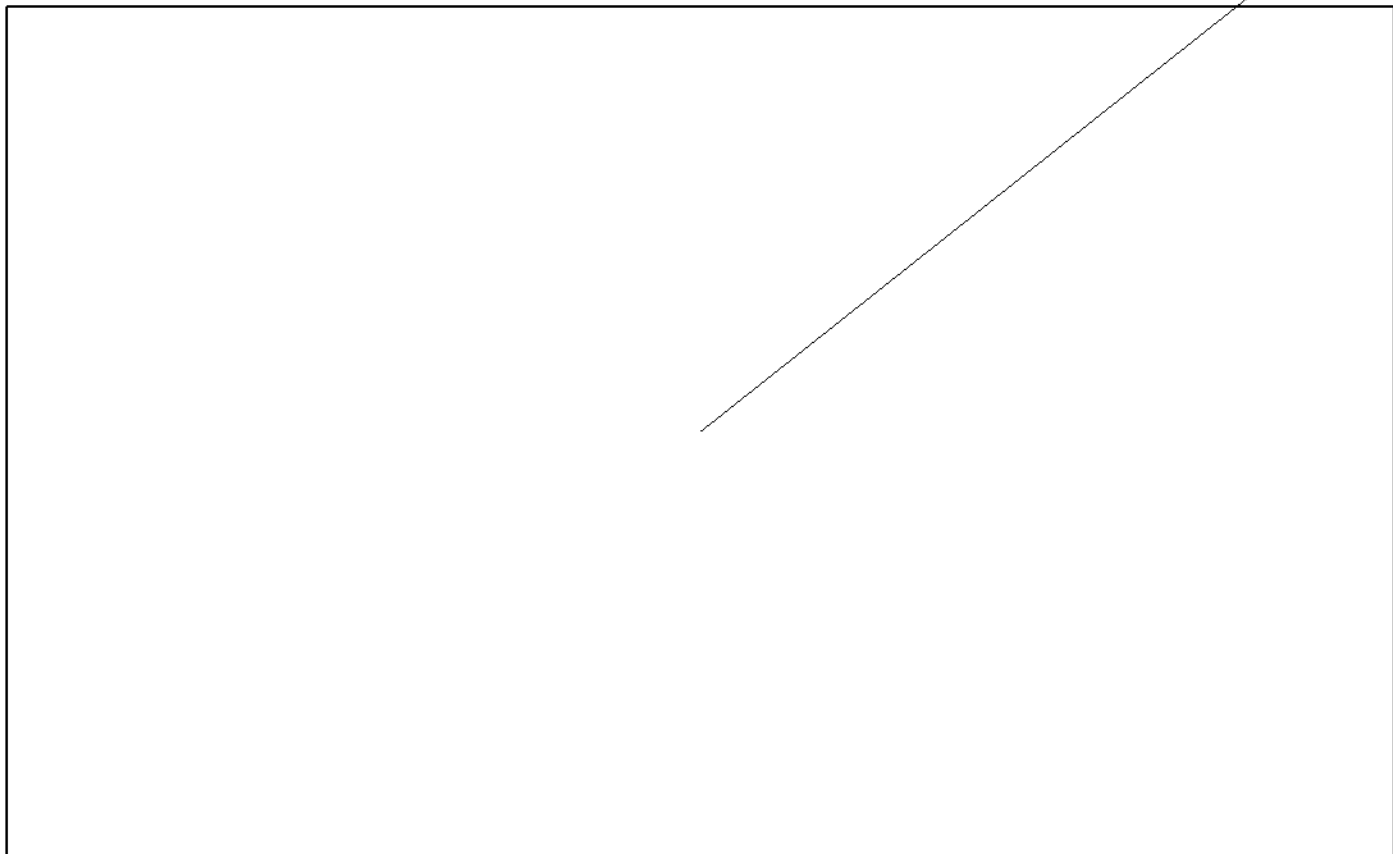
January 30, 2020

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China: Travel Advisory Changes

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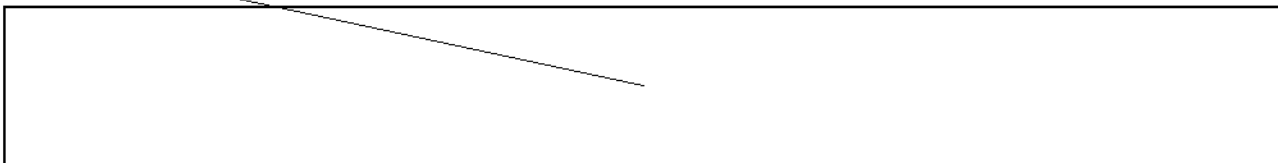
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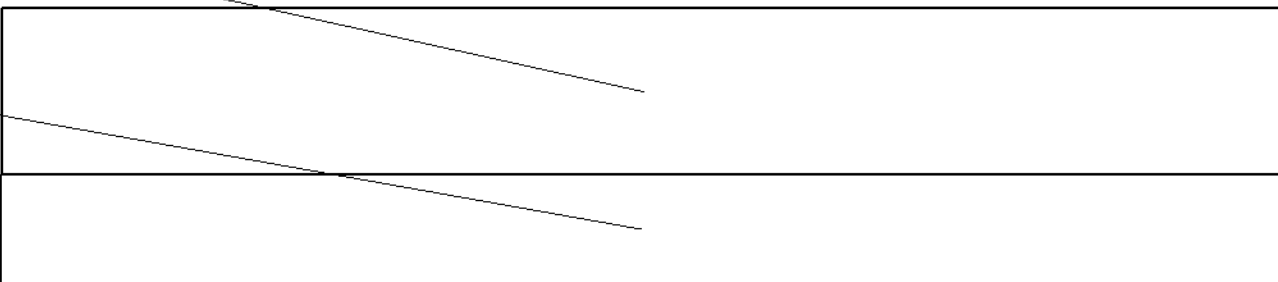
**Q&A**

**Q: Why has the travel advisory changed? Is there a new concern for U.S. citizens?**



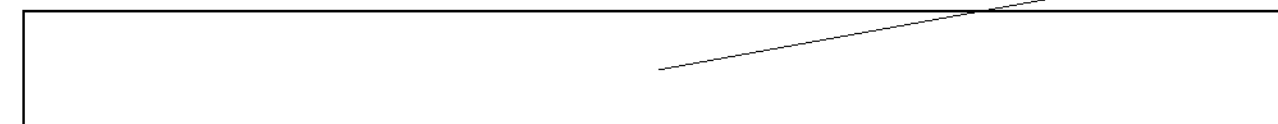
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**Q: Is the U.S. offering additional flights for all Americans from Wuhan?**



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**Q: Will there be evacuation flights for Americans in other cities?**



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Q: What are the risks for Americans?

[Redacted]

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Q: Will the U.S. Embassy and Consulates be shutting down / going on Ordered Departure?

[Redacted]

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Q: Are airlines still operating in/out of China?

[Redacted]

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Q: Will the State Department still provide Consular Services in the affected region?

[Redacted]

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Q: What should U.S. citizens do who are already in China? Should they shelter in place? Depart the country?

[Redacted]

Q: How many Americans are currently in Wuhan/Hubei/China?

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**From:** Stilwell, David R <[Redacted]>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 11:07 PM

**To:** [Redacted]

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Keshap, Atul (b)(6) Blackstone, Kevin (b)(6)

[Redacted] Fritz, Jonathan D (b)(6) Waters, John R

[Redacted]; Cardno, Gwendolyn [Redacted]

**Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>

**Subject:** RE: For clearance: press guidance on increased travel advisory

Here's my take. Broke up a long and complex sentence.

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On January 30, 2020 at 10:29:05 PM EST, [Redacted] wrote:

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Thank you! Below is a combination of both, using already cleared lines. Please let me know if you clear on this formulation, as well as the broader guidance document.

Thank you!

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 10:20 PM

**To:** [Redacted] Stilwell, David R <[Redacted]>

Keshap, Atul (b)(6) Blackstone, Kevin (b)(6)

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(b)(6) Fritz, Jonathan D (b)(6) Waters, John R  
Cardno, Gwendolyn J

(b)(5) **Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: For clearance: press guidance on increased travel advisory

Potential answer:

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(b)(6) **From:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6) **Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 10:13:06 PM  
(b)(6) **To:** Stilwell, David R (b)(6); Keshap, Atul (b)(6) Blackstone,  
Kevin (b)(6) (b)(6) Fritz, Jonathan D (b)(6) Waters, John R  
(b)(6); Cardno, Gwendolyn J (b)(6)  
**Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** For clearance: press guidance on increased travel advisory

Good evening,

Apologies for the late email. D staff has asked for press guidance on the increased travel advisory tonight. Attached and below is CA's draft for your clearance

(b)(6) They would like us to answer the question of whether or not this means we are "shutting down" the Embassy and consulates (going on ordered departure). Is there language we could use for that? (The question is in the Q&A section below.)

(b)(6) Thank you,  
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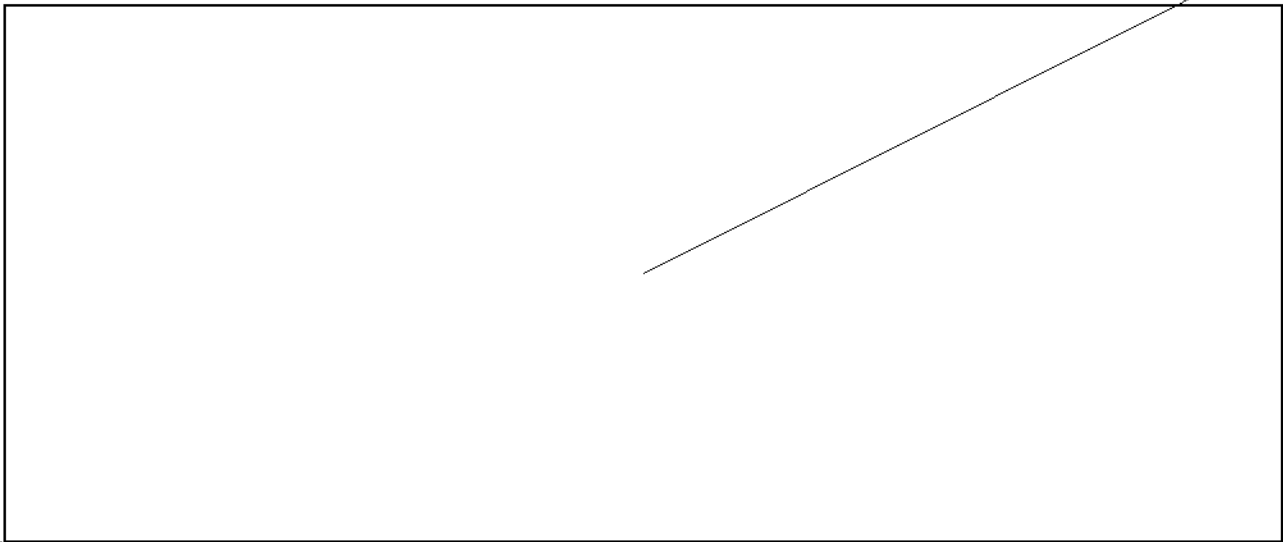
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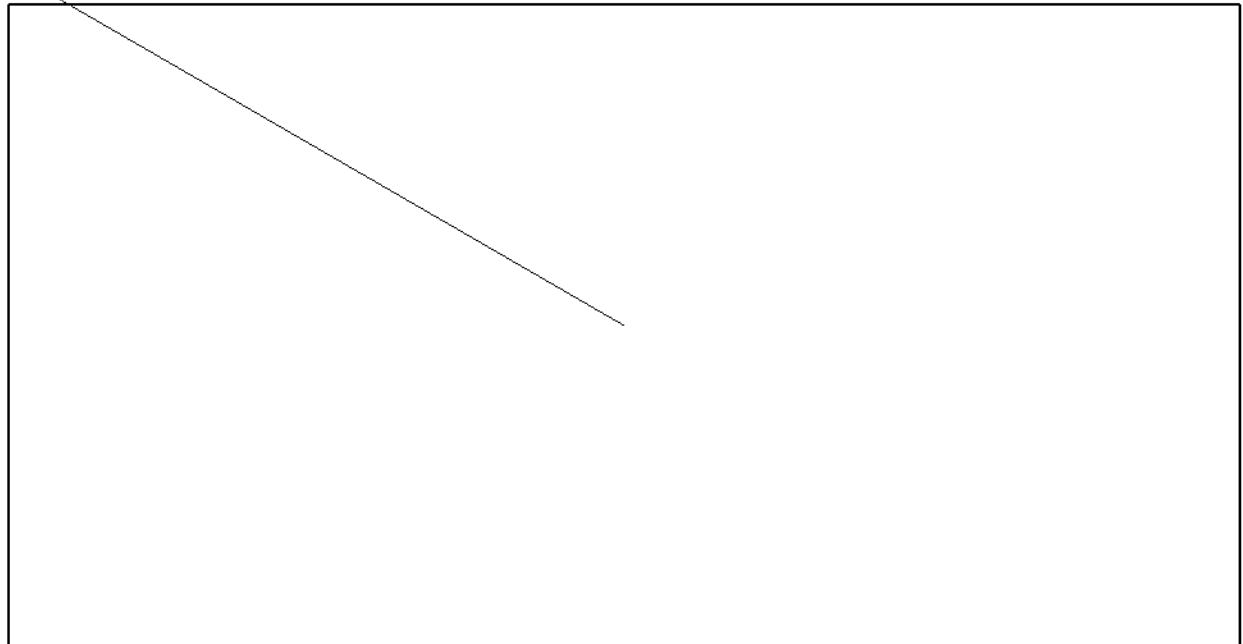
(b)(5) China: Travel Advisory Changes

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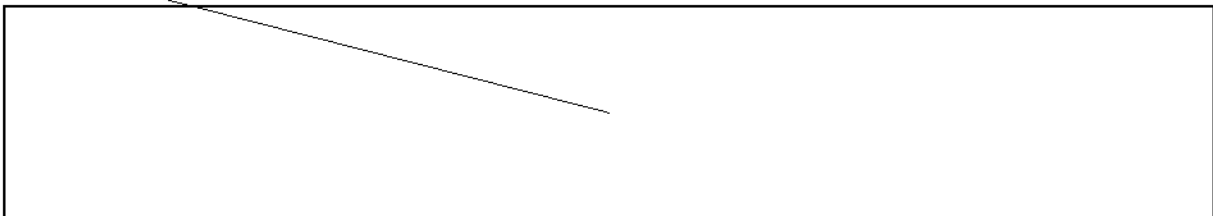
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Q&A

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Q: Is the U.S. offering additional flights for all Americans from Wuhan?

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[Redacted]

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EAP to answer

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[Redacted]

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Q: How many Americans are currently in Wuhan/Hubei/China?

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [Redacted]

[Redacted]  
Stilwell, David R <[Redacted]>

[Redacted] <[Redacted]>;  
Keshap, Atul [Redacted]

**Recipient:**

Blackstone, Kevin (b)(6)

[Redacted] (b)(6)

Waters, John R (b)(6)

Cardno, Gwendolyn [Redacted]

[Redacted]  
EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>

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<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: For Clearance: Taiwan Inauguration Congratulatory Messages
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 21 Apr 2020 17:53:08 +0000

I told him this morning that these are on their way to him, so he does have foreknowledge.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:45 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: For Clearance: Taiwan Inauguration Congratulatory Messages

Jonathan:

Before we upload the letter to One Paper for A/S Stilwell to clear and approve, I wanted to ask whether A/S Stilwell is aware that this letter is in the pipeline. Frankly speaking, we'd like to avoid drafting additional paper (i.e., an action memo for A/S Stilwell to sign the letter) if at all possible.

Thanks!

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:33 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: For Clearance: Taiwan Inauguration Congratulatory Messages

Jonathan,

Thank you!

We will begin the process of getting it up.

Best,

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:49 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** RE: For Clearance: Taiwan Inauguration Congratulatory Messages

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 4:17 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** For Clearance: Taiwan Inauguration Congratulatory Messages

Hi Jonathan,

I hope you are staying both safe and sane in this crazy time.

As you know, on May 20, Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen will be inaugurated into her second term. Before COVID-19, we were planning on sending a delegation to help celebrate this inauguration; however, plans have since changed. Instead of a physical delegation, we will be sending a "virtual delegation" by means of congratulatory video messages.

Linked (below) is a letter that we would like A/S Stilwell to send to this "virtual delegation" to request their participation in sending congratulatory messages. I have also inserted the entire letter below my name (in case you are unable to use the link).

 [Inauguration Letter Draft.docx](#)

Please take a look at the letter, and let me know if you have any comments or edits.

Thank you!

Best,

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Office of Taiwan Coordination  
U.S. State Department

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With best regards,

David R. Stilwell

Assistant Secretary

East Asian & Pacific Bureau

U.S. State Department

Drafted: EAP/TC (b)(6) Cell: (b)(6)

Approved: EAP/FO Jonathan Fritz [ ]

Cleared: EAP/CM (b)(6) [OK]  
EAP/TC [OK]  
EAP/P [OK]

<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6); EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: FOR JF REVIEW: DCM Li Kexin-DAS Fritz April 3 Call Readout
<b>Date:</b>	Sat, 4 Apr 2020 01:27:16 +0000

Thanks Sandya, for setting up the call, getting the points, and writing this up. A few changes below...

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2020 7:45 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Cc:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL  
**Subject:** FOR JF REVIEW: DCM Li Kexin-DAS Fritz April 3 Call Readout

Hi Jonathan -- Below is the readout of today's call ready for your review. Thanks, (b)(6)

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<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6); EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)> (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: For Jonathan: BCL for Tomorrow's Likemindeds Call at 2pm
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 29 Apr 2020 22:54:43 +0000

It got canceled by the Canadians at the last minute, unfortunately.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 29, 2020 6:44 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>  
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**Subject:** Re: For Jonathan: BCL for Tomorrow's Likemindeds Call at 2pm

Dear Jonathan,

Please find linked and below a quick (uncleared) informal readout in case helpful for S's call tonight.

Best,  
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[☒ FVEYS + JP + EU readout \(20200429\).docx](#)

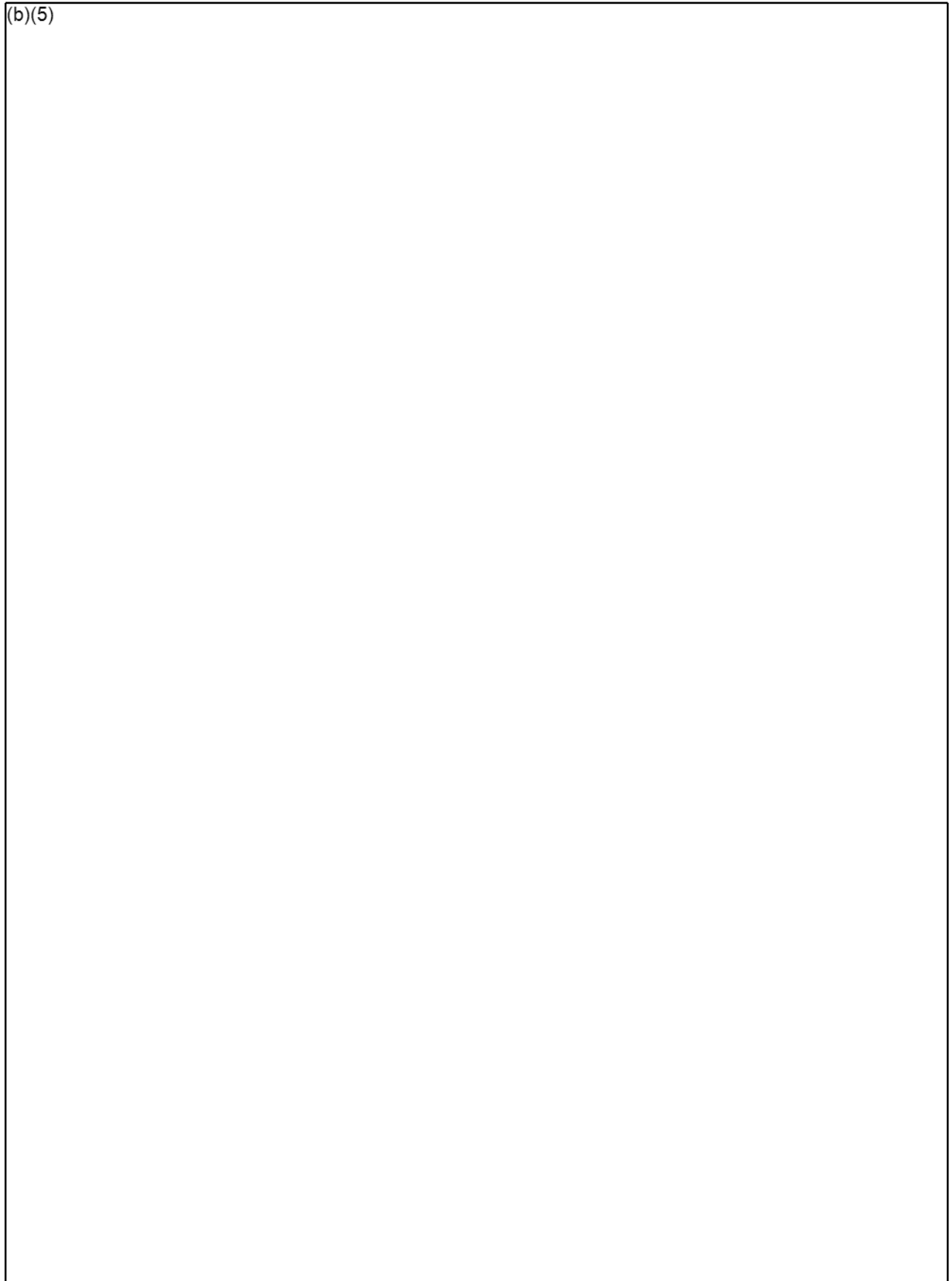
**Readout of FVEYs + Japan + European Union Meeting with DAS Fritz**

April 29, 2020

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 29, 2020 11:07 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Fw: For Jonathan: BCL for Tomorrow's Likemindeds Call at 2pm

Dear Jonathan,

Just making sure you have everything you need for the meeting later today? Please let me know if there are any additional resources I can provide!

Best,

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 6:05 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)> EAP-CM-Global-DL <EAP-CM-Global-DL@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** For Jonathan: BCL for Tomorrow's Likemindeds Call at 2pm

Dear Jonathan,

Please find attached and linked the BCL for tomorrow's meeting with the likemindeds. We've confirmed representatives from the FVEYs, Japan, and the EU.

[BCL for DAS Fritz FVEYs + Japan and EU meeting \(20200429\) FINAL.docx](#)

The call will take place at 2pm via Webex. I will 'host' the room and have it open before hand. Please find the Webex information below, as well as in a separate calendar invite.

Representatives from each of the involved country Desks have been invited to listen in, and will be there.

Best regards,

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**Webex meeting information:**

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**Dial:** (b)(6)

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**CC:** EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>; [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: FOR JONATHAN: RE: Participation in Hill Briefing on Taiwan in WHO, IRFA  
**Date:** Mon, 16 Mar 2020 19:30:12 +0000

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Thx [redacted] The below points look great.  
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 3:03 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Cc:** [redacted] EAP-TC-Office-DL [redacted]  
**Subject:** FOR JONATHAN: RE: Participation in Hill Briefing on Taiwan in WHO, IRFA

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Jonathan:  
I joined an H-led coordination call in preparation for tomorrow afternoon's briefing with Senator Markey's office and SFRC staff. H explained that the briefing is a combination of two separate requests from Senator Markey's office, which wants to discuss Taiwan and the WHO, and SFRC staff, which wants to discuss the International Religious Freedom Alliance (IRFA). There are four questions on the WHO and one question on IRFA. The plan is for us to address the WHO questions first, and leaving the IRFA question for last.

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>; EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>; [redacted]  
**Subject:** FOR [redacted] RE: Participation in Hill Briefing on Taiwan in WHO, IRFA

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This morning, Jonathan expressed an interested in participating in the phone briefing below with Senator Markey's staff and SFRC staff on March 17 at 12:30 p.m. [Redacted] and I will also join for EAP/TC. Can you please confirm that Jonathan is available?

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Thanks!

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 7:13 PM

**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted] EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>; [Redacted]

**Subject:** Participation in Hill Briefing on Taiwan in WHO, IRFA

Jonathan:

We received a request to brief either Senator Markey or staff members on Taiwan vis-a-vis the WHO and the International Religious Freedom Alliance (IRFA). (We're confirming whether the briefing is with Senator Markey himself.) The briefing will be over the phone, and it's scheduled for March 17 at 12:30 p.m. DAS Cook and two others will represent IO, and another individual will represent IRF.

I'm planning to represent EAP/TC; however, given that DAS Cook will represent IO, we wanted to see whether you'd be available to participate, too.

I've cut and pasted the relevant questions below. I've added a number of points to highlight for each of those questions. Ingrid will raise this briefing with you during the March 13 morning huddle.

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Thanks!

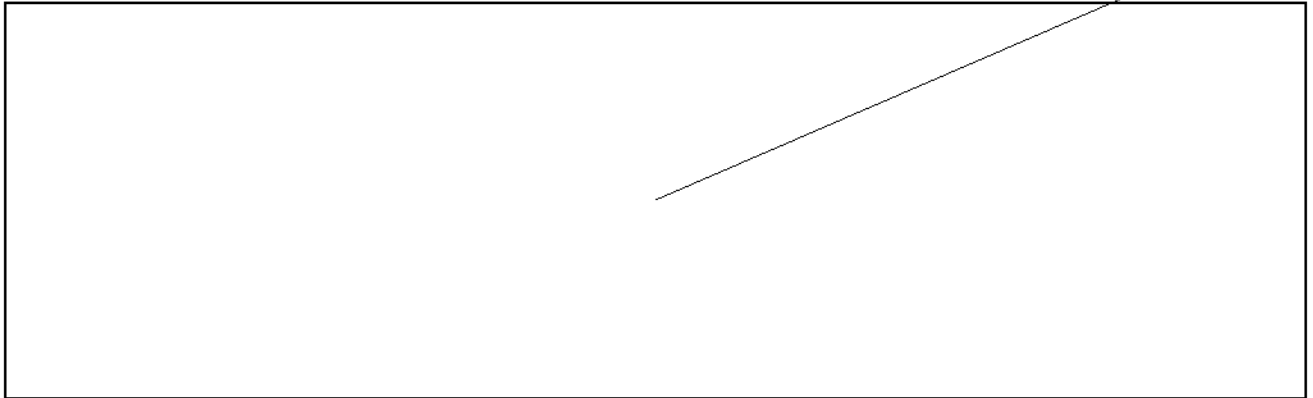
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*Questions received from a letter in January 2020 from Senator Markey:*

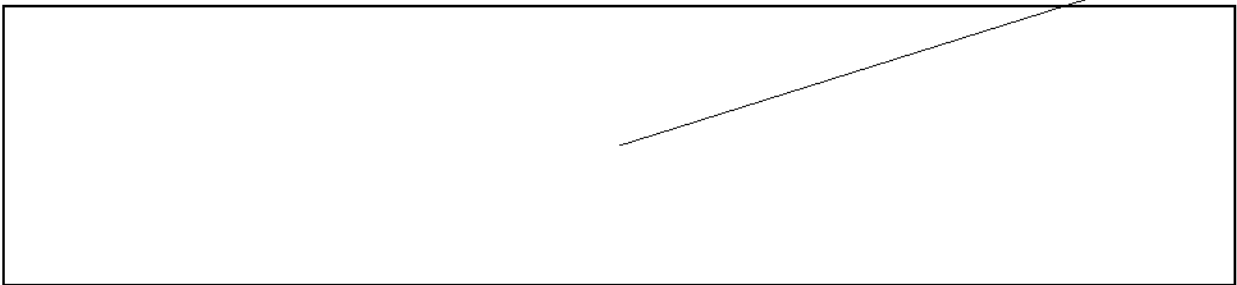
1. What steps has the State Department taken to advance Taiwan's bid to gain membership to the WHO? **IO and EAP**

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1. Has the State Department raised the issue of Taiwan's membership in the WHO at high-level bilateral or multilateral forums with the PRC? **IO and EAP**

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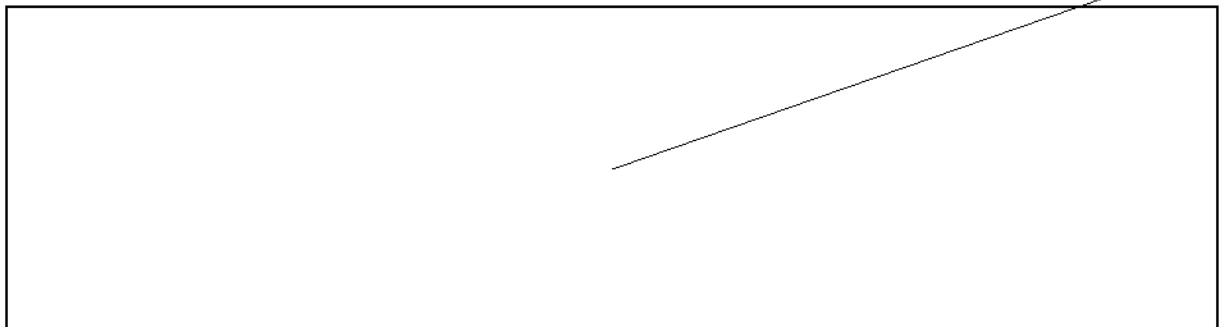
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1. According to WHO account statements, the U.S. has an outstanding balance to the WHO amounting to \$71 million as of November 2019. Does the State Department intend to pay what it owes to the WHO as intended by Congress? If so, when? What is the cause of this delay? Finally has the State Department assessed whether its budget burden may be impacting WHO's responsiveness in light of this current potential pandemic? **IO**

*Questions/items of interest from SFRC staff:*

4. Discuss Taiwan in the context of the International Religious Freedom Alliance. **IRF and EAP**

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4. Discuss Taiwan in the context of the coronavirus response with the WHO not facilitating Taiwan's inclusion in the response due to pressure from China. **EAP and IO**

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**Recipient:**

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<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: For use at 4pm
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 28 Apr 2020 21:46:51 +0000

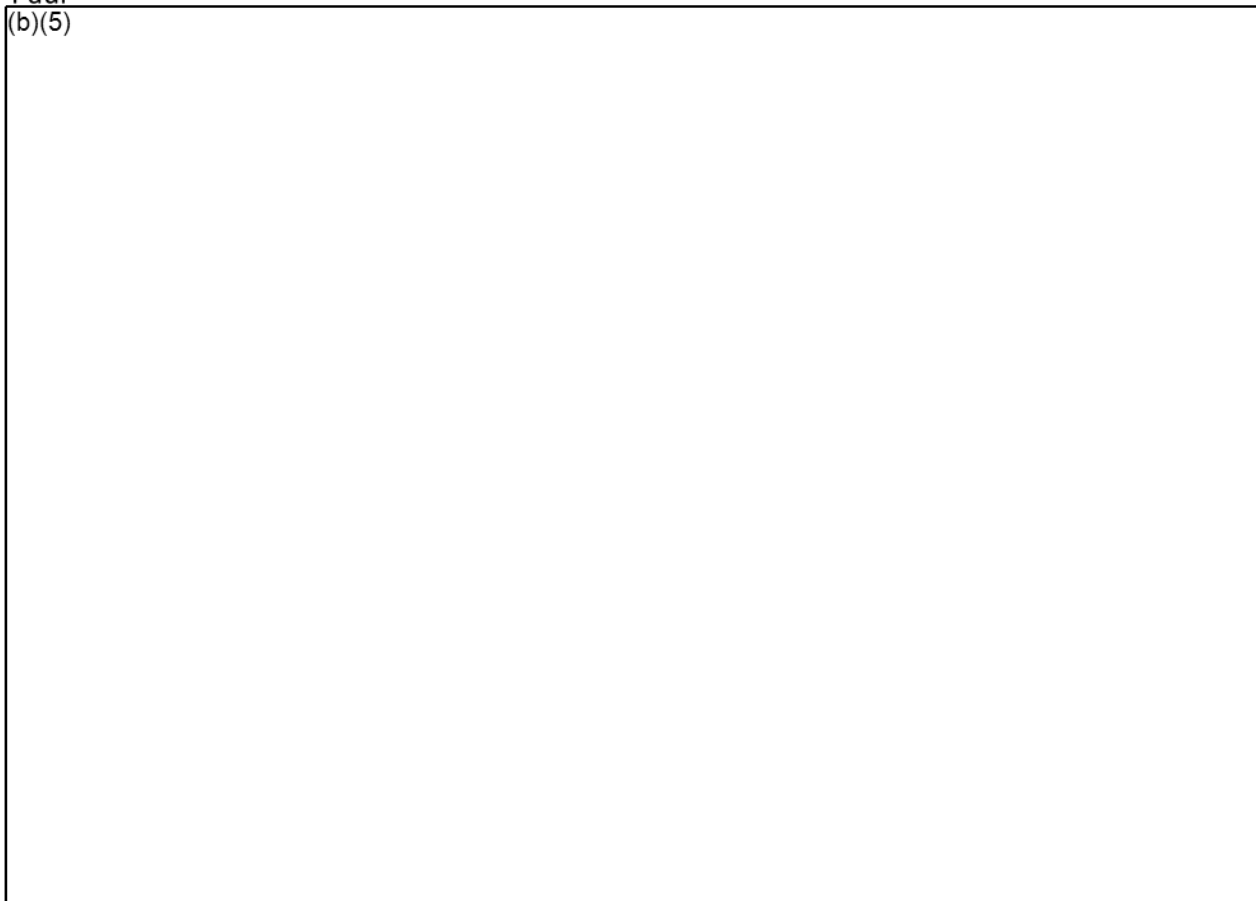
Thanks (b)(5) a few minor add-ons below.  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:28 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Cc:** Waters, John R; Cardno, Gwendolyn J; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: For use at 4pm

Jonathan,  
Here's a readout of your call for your edits and clearance.

Paul  
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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:47 PM

**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>

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**Subject:** Re: For use at 4pm

Jonathan,

Here're your TP, also pasted in full below. My computer is having formatting issues, so hopefully this comes through clean in at least one of the formats:

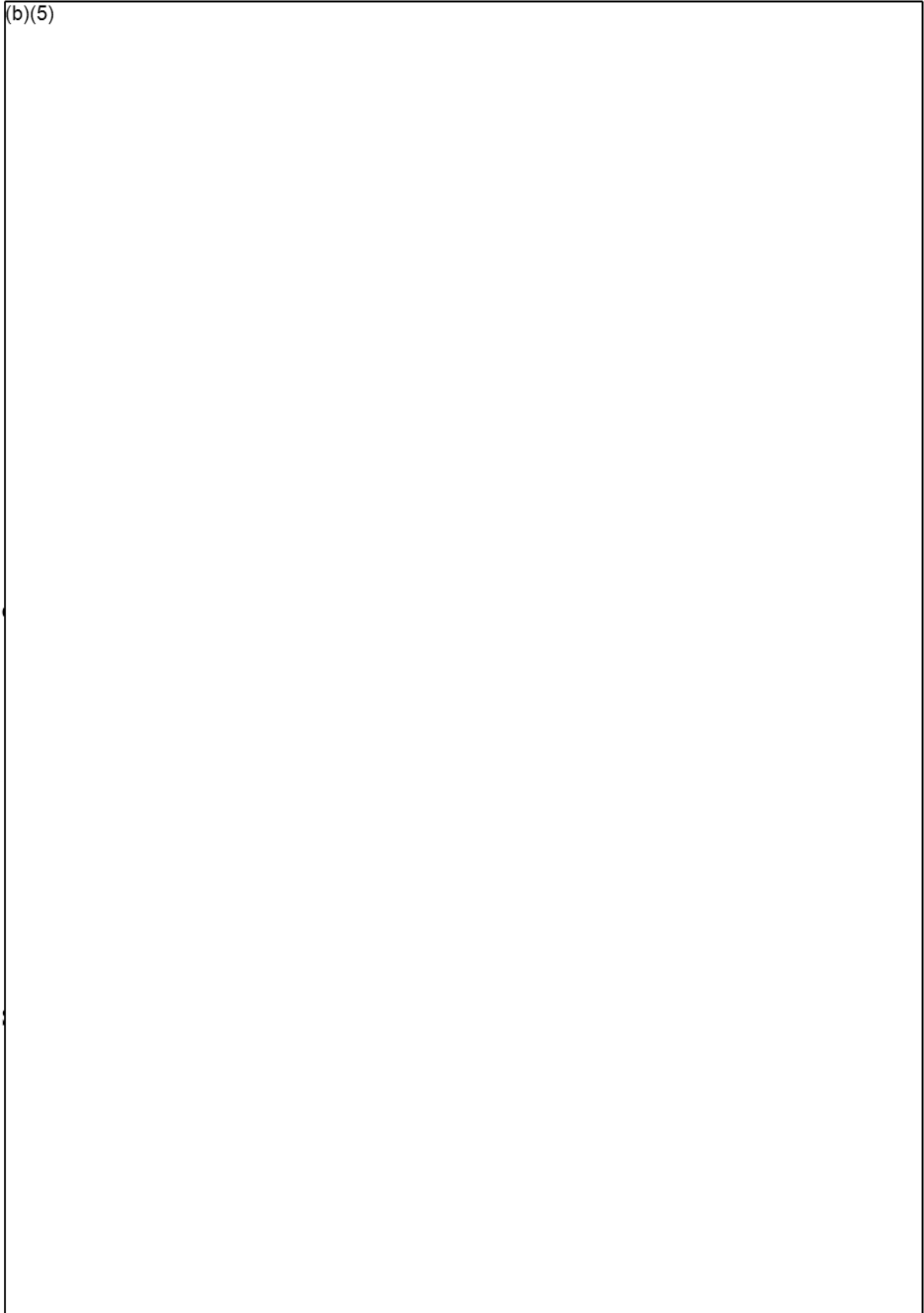
Call my cell at 3:58pm: 303-601-9368. I'll add DCM Li.

[20200428 Call sheet for DAS Fritz call w DCM Li KX on Student Evacuations and Human Rights Issues.docx](#)

Paul

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: For use at 4pm

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Subject:** For use at 4pm

Jonathan,

I'm about to send you your TPs for the 4pm call. I'm adding a line (b)(6)

(b)(6) Below is the full GT article, in case you'd like to read from it line by line to drive the point home.

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**From:** (b)(6) >

**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:33 PM

**To:** (b)(6); EAP-CM-Office-DL <EAP-CM-Office-DL@state.gov>

**Cc:** Walker, Scott C (Beijing) (b)(6);

(b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: GT: Pompeo an enemy to world peace: Global Times editorial

Wow, thanks for flagging. Adding Scott, Alex, and Alys for awareness.

**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:00 PM

**To:** EAP-CM-Office-DL <EAP-CM-Office-DL@state.gov>

**Subject:** GT: Pompeo an enemy to world peace: Global Times editorial

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Best,

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<https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1186812.shtml>

## Pompeo an enemy to world peace: Global Times editorial

Source:Global Times Published: 2020/4/26 21:53:40



Mike Pompeo Photo: Xinhua

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in recent days has launched a string of violent attacks on China. He accused China of causing enormous losses to the US and the world by "not sharing the information they had" again in an interview with Fox News on April 23, saying the Chinese government will "pay a price for what they did." One day earlier, he blasted China for taking advantage of a pandemic to "bully" neighbors and called on other nations to hold China to account.

Pompeo targeted the Communist Party of China (CPC) in his remarks. He is the senior US official who's the most active in attacking the CPC, which reflects extreme hostility against socialist China and reveals his malicious goal to push the US and China into strategic rivalry.

The White House and the Republican Party have formulated a strategy to win the November presidential election by shifting the blame to China to divert domestic US attention. Pompeo is adding fuel to the blame game by attacking the ruling party of China.

The former top intelligence official is steering the US Department of State into becoming the Central Intelligence Agency. **He is playing with fire**, making the 21st century an era of major power confrontation and undermining the foundations for peace. **Despite being the chief diplomat of the US, he totally betrayed the basic responsibility with which he is entrusted to promote international understanding. He has become the enemy of world peace.**

The US, as the world's superpower, has special responsibility for world peace. It's a pity that at a time when the world is facing turbulence and great uncertainties from the novel coronavirus, the position of secretary of state has been occupied by a person of a sinister nature. Pompeo is poisoning US diplomacy with his personal hatred of the Chinese political system, which will worsen the global situation.

It's well-known that China-US relations will have a profound influence on the nature of international relations in the 21st century. Deteriorating China-US relations will erode foundations for world peace and stability. What Pompeo is doing now is undermining such a foundation.

Geopolitics cannot dominate the world anymore. Pompeo and his like are desperately pulling the world backwards. They are unable to handle a diverse and complicated new century and so they attempt to resume the Cold War. They can only "realize their ambition" in polarized confrontation.

**We want to tell Pompeo that any attempt to drive a wedge between the CPC and the Chinese people is delusional.** It's foolish for him to do so at this time. Under the leadership of the CPC, China quickly controlled the epidemic after the outbreak, while the Chinese people witnessed the US medical system collapsed with a climbing death toll that meant a much higher cost in lives than China. Chinese society and politics come in an era full of unprecedented confidence and the Washington elites have completely failed at their attempts to fool the Chinese.

**Most of the public around the world are very aware of the political tricks of politicians like Pompeo.** How many people in the world experiencing waves of outbreaks can believe that worsening outbreaks around them are not because of domestic reasons but entirely from China? Some Western politicians and media who follow Washington's appeal to hype China bashing are primarily profit-driven, and how many of them can truly believe their own hyperbole?

**Lies may fulfill Pompeo's personal ambition, but they will never accomplish the**

**US dreams to be "great again." Pompeo is not only a figure harmful to world peace, but also should be listed as the worst US secretary of state in its history.**

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<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(5)
<b>CC:</b>	CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Fw: For Edits: S Podium Remarks Tomorrow
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 30 Mar 2020 18:48:32 +0000

These are fine, although let's stick with (b)(5). The clarification on the Wuhan flight is important. (b)(6). Please pass the clarification to (b)(6). Thanks.

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On March 30, 2020 at 2:36:32 PM EDT, (b)(6) wrote:

Sir, below are a few minor suggested edits from our team, for your consideration.

Best,

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**From:** (b)(6)  
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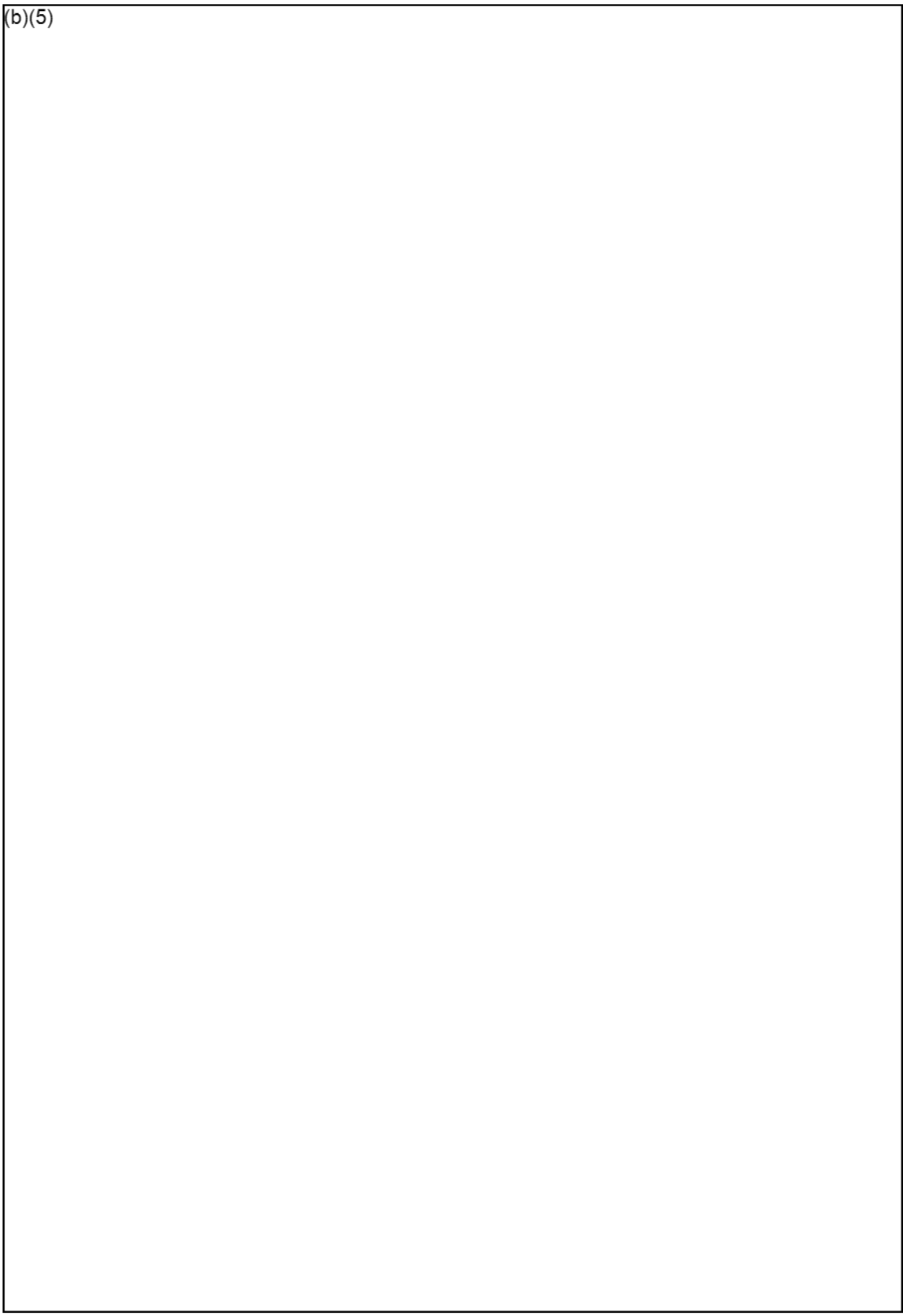
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 Kissel, Mary E (S) (b)(6)  
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**CC:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists  
**Date:** Wed, 18 Mar 2020 18:45:29 +0000

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Very handy - thanks for this.  
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**From:** (b)(6) F  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:45 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; EAP-CM-Office-DL; (b)(6) EAP-P-Office-DL; (b)(6)  
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 (b)(6) Feith, David; Kissel, Mary E (S); (b)(6)  
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**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Dear colleagues,

Coverage of the PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists yesterday was largely drowned out by the massive amount of coverage dedicated to COVID-19 and related stories of border closings, cities shutting down, etc.

However, the news was covered by a variety of global media sources, with almost all except PRC state-run entities decrying the PRC's actions.

Please see a sampling below, with a major hat tip to EAP/CM's [REDACTED] and the Beijing Press Office for the compilation and analysis.

Sarah

EAP/PD

***New York Times***

**China Announces That It Will Expel American Journalists** - New York Times - Neutral, factual comprehensive account; mentions of Hong Kong; provides historical context; links POTUS "fake news" characterization to PRC use of the term. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/17/business/media/china-expels-american-journalists.html>

***Fox News***

**Trump administration hits back after China kicks out US journalists amid coronavirus pandemic** - Fox News - Sides with U.S.; ties the expulsion to coronavirus coverage; no mention of U.S. media cap, foreign mission designation <https://www.foxnews.com/world/china-coronavirus-us-journalists-national-security-council>

***CNN***

**China to expel New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post reporters** - CNN Business- Sympathetic to U.S. news outlets affected; links PRC action to foreign mission designation and cap <https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/17/media/china-retaliates-against-us-media/index.html>

***FT***

**US-China ties worst in decades after journalist expulsions** -Financial Times Factual; bemoans larger deterioration of U.S.-China relations; references use of Chinese virus <https://www.ft.com/content/9add09c0-68d7-11ea-800d-da70cff6e4d3>

***The Guardian***

**China: expulsion of US journalists was response to 'unreasonable oppression'** - The Guardian (UK) - Leads and leans with PRC sympathies, then addresses U.S. news outlets midway through article; minor mention of Hong Kong press freedom at end <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2020/mar/18/us-media-accuse-china-of-cold-war-mentality-after-move-to-expel-journalists>

***South China Morning Post (HK-based)***

**China expels American journalists from 3 US newspapers: The New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post** - South China Morning Post - Pro-China; Cites the move

as “fierce retaliation” against U.S. moves; notes **Beijing declares five U.S. media outlets--VOA, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Time magazine “foreign government functionaries” “controlled by Washington”**; cites U.S. foreign mission designation of PRC media outlets, earlier WSJ expulsion; article provides balance with Robert Daly quote on Hong Kong coverage, Washington Post executive editor (Baron) response, Secretary Pompeo statement on depriving Chinese people of information during challenging times. <https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3075647/china-revokes-press-credentials-american-journalists-3-us>

### *Al Jazeera*

China to expel more US journalists in escalating row over media - factual and cites multiple voices that decry erosion in media freedom resulting from Chinese action, including an Amnesty International quote that links need for information in the time of COVID-19. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/03/china-restricts-reporters-curbs-media-200317173945386.html>

### *Bangkok Post*

**China expels several US journalists in biggest crackdown in years** - Bangkok Post - neutral; factual

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/world/1880755/china-expels-several-us-journalists-in-biggest-crackdown-in-years>

### *Editorials and Op-eds:*

[China] China’s Ill-Timed Attack on the Free Press (New York Times)

[China] China dangerously expels more U.S. journalists as the world seeks credible coronavirus reporting (Washington Post)

### *PRC STATE MEDIA*

#### *Xinhua*

**Update: China takes countermeasures against restrictive measures on Chinese media agencies in U.S. - Xinhuanet** - Aggressively pro-China; Masks biased coverage as reporting the government’s “statement” - [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-03/18/c\\_138888843.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-03/18/c_138888843.htm)

#### *CGTN*

**Editorial - China's countermeasures on U.S. media are a step toward reciprocity** - firmly pro-Chinese action. <https://news.cgtn.com/news/2020-03-18/China-s-countermeasures-on-U-S-media-are-a-step-toward-reciprocity-OXzWKEfn9K/index.html>

*China Daily* - reprinted Xinhua article

*Global Times*

**Tit-for-tat media spat sharp indication of deteriorating US-China ties: analysts; China won't be bullied or pushed around by U.S. actions or ideology.**

**(<https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1182989.shtml>)**

**Global Times**

**Editorial: US started the media war, China won't swallow the insult**

**(<http://www.globaltimes.cn/index.html>)**

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Kissel, Mary E (S) (b)(6)

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<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6); Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Hong Kong Update
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 29 May 2020 16:41:37 +0000

Good here.

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**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fw: Hong Kong Update

Colleagues:

In light of the moving target, we had to send around a draft statement on the Hong Kong AOB today for a flash clearance.

Haven't yet heard from EAP. Can someone from the EAP FO review the below and let me know if you have any concerns?

Thank you!

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 12:01 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6)  
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 <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Hong Kong Update

Colleagues:

For those not on another comms chain, AOB on Hong Kong is occurring now.

AMB Craft delivered her remarks and the Chinese are speaking now.

Will send around a summary when it ends.

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**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 10:21 AM  
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**Subject:** Re: Hong Kong Update

To follow up, it appears thus far that the AOB will go forward. The Chinese objected (and tried to connect Hong Kong to the protests in Minneapolis), but the Estonians as President acknowledged the right of any member to call an AOB.

We'll let you know if the Chinese try to pull anything else before it's over.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
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Thanks Taryn. P asked when is the next meeting, (b)(5)  
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We'll circle back right after 10am when we know how the Chinese decide to proceed.

Taryn

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>

**To:** Feith, David <(b)(6)>; Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Kanapathy, Ivan <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Tobin, Elizabeth <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); Zarate, Robert B <(b)(6)>; Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); Snyder, Nicholas <(b)(6)>; Hooker, Allison M <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6); Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>

**Subject:** RE: Leak of classified PRC virus data

**Date:** Mon, 23 Mar 2020 18:43:39 +0000

Branstad is slated to meet with the VFM tomorrow – yes, he’s MFA, but still able to convey messages to the Zhongnanhai hierarchy. We will be sure he’s set up to ask this question...

**From:** Feith, David <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 2:04 PM

**To:** Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Kanapathy, Ivan <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Tobin, Elizabeth <(b)(6)>; Zarate, Robert B <(b)(6)>; Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); Snyder, Nicholas <(b)(6)>; Hooker, Allison M <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Leak of classified PRC virus data

Thanks all.

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All (b)(5)

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On March 23, 2020 at 1:19:14 PM EDT, Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)> wrote:

FYSA, a few things:

I have just rewritten Consular Affairs' topline and SPOX will be putting out a statement on that aspect of the effort today. (b)(5) which have been historic and unprecedented.

There will be background briefings every day at the State podium.

SPOX tweeting campaign continues vigorously, and EAP / NSC can echo, amplify, improve it.

(b)(5) at 3pm for more.

-MK.

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**From:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 1:17 PM  
**To:** Kanapathy, Ivan <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>;  
 Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R  
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**From:** Kanapathy, Ivan J. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 12:24 PM  
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 Elizabeth <(b)(6)>; Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>; <(b)(6)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Leak of classified PRC virus data

This "silent carriers" thing looks like a real concern. Below Bloomberg article from yesterday cites urgent need for additional data, as places like Iceland see 50% of positive cases may be asymptomatic. And on same day SCMP published leaked classified PRC government data showing 33% of PRC cases may have been asymptomatic, despite PRC public claims of 2%.

Unless I'm misunderstanding, this seems like an enormous scandal.  
 If so, I suggest we:

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><https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-03-22/one-third-of-coronavirus-cases-may-show-no-symptom-scmp-reports><

Coronavirus Cases Without Symptoms Spur Call for Wider Tests  
 By Jason Gale  
 March 22, 2020, 7:09 AM EDT Updated on March 22, 2020, 11:10 PM EDT  
 Iceland finds half of positive cases have no disease traits

Researchers call for wider testing to identify virus carriers

Scientists are calling for urgent studies to determine the proportion of people with coronavirus who show no, or delayed, symptoms amid concern that the number of silent carriers may be greater than previously thought.

Iceland, which says it's tested a higher proportion of inhabitants than any other country, found that about half those who tested positive have no symptoms of Covid-19, Thorolfur Gudnason, the nation's chief epidemiologist, told BuzzFeed News. As many as a third of the people who test positive show delayed symptoms or none at all, the South China Morning Post reported Sunday, citing classified data from the Chinese government.

The high rate of asymptomatic cases can complicate efforts to stop the spread of the disease because many countries aren't testing people unless they're seriously ill. A report by a joint WHO-China mission last month described such infections as "relatively rare" and not appearing to be major drivers of transmission.

"It's becoming clearer that spread of Covid-19 by people who are asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic may be responsible for more transmission than previously thought; making control of the virus more difficult," Scott Gottlieb, the former head of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, said in a Twitter post earlier this month.

The first strategy revolves around a massive rollout of testing capacity. We believe that a significant proportion of epidemic transmission is due to mild and maybe even asymptomatic infections (<https://science.sciencemag.org/content/early/2020/03/13/science.abb3221>...). 10/19

Substantial undocumented infection facilitates the rapid dissemination of novel coronavirus...

Estimation of the prevalence and contagiousness of undocumented novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV2) infections is critical for understanding the overall prevalence and pandemic potential of this disease....[science.sciencemag.org](https://science.sciencemag.org)

In South Korea, more than 20% of asymptomatic cases reported to the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention didn't develop symptoms during hospitalization. That may reflect the extensive testing the country has conducted, Jeong Eun-Kyeong, director of South Korea's CDC, told reporters on March 16.

Multiple research papers have indicated the potential for the coronavirus to spread among people before they display the typical fever, cough and fatigue associated with the Covid-19 lung disease.

Viral Load

The highest concentrations, or viral loads, detected in patients -- particularly in their noses -- occurred soon after they developed symptoms, doctors in China found in a study of 18 Covid-19 patients closely monitored for weeks.

The study, published Thursday in the New England Journal of Medicine, found the shedding of



viral genetic material resembled that of flu patients, but was different from that seen 17 years ago in patients with severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS.

One of the 18 patients didn't develop symptoms, yet the viral load was similar to that of the symptomatic patients, the researchers said, "which suggests the transmission potential of asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic patients."

The findings square "with reports that transmission may occur early in the course of infection and suggest that case detection and isolation may require strategies different from those required for the control of SARS," according to the researchers.

Japanese Research

Researchers in Japan found that the time it takes for a newly infected person to transmit the infection to another person is roughly 4.6 days -- about a day shorter than the median incubation period.

"This suggests that a substantial proportion of secondary transmission may occur prior to illness onset," Hiroshi Nishiura and colleagues at Hokkaido University's Graduate School of Medicine wrote in a paper published in the International Journal of Infectious Diseases.

Some 86% of all Covid-19 infections were "undocumented" prior to the Jan. 23 implementation of travel restrictions and other heightened control measures in China, researchers from Columbia University reported in the journal Science last week.

"This high proportion of undocumented infections, many of whom were likely not severely symptomatic, appears to have facilitated the rapid spread of the virus throughout China," they said. The findings explain the rapid geographic spread of the virus "and indicate containment of this virus will be particularly challenging."

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On March 22, 2020 at 6:04:36 PM EDT, Feith, David <(b)(6)> wrote:

Flagging this item in particular, from SCMP today. May be worth a tweet on its own, and/or inquiries with Beijing. If I understand correctly, seems a huge part of the story was classified and suppressed by Beijing and only exposed now via leak.

March 22: Reports emerge of PRC government classified data showing a far higher rate of asymptomatic illness in China than previously disclosed. Per South China Morning Post, the classified data show some 43,000 people in China tested positive without symptoms by the end of February, representing one-third of cases. But PRC officials exclude these cases from their public count. When epidemiologists from the Chinese



CDC published a paper on Feb. 24, they cited only 889 asymptomatic patients out of 44,672 confirmed cases as of Feb. 11, a rate of only 2%.

><https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.scmp.com/news/china/society/article/3076323/third-coronavirus-cases-may-be-silent-carriers-classified><

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**From:** Feith, David <(b)(6)>  
**Date:** March 22, 2020 at 4:58:25 PM EDT  
**Subject:** Updated timeline of PRC coverup (March 22)  
**To:** EAP-FO-Principals-DL <EAP-FO-Principals-DL@state.gov>, NSC Asia <DL.Asia@whmo.mil>, Matthew Pottinger <(b)(6)>, Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>, Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>, Zarate, Robert B <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>, Bremberg, Andrew P (Geneva) <(b)(6)>, Erik Bethel <(b)(6)>, Bray, Leah <(b)(6)>, Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>, Snyder, Nicholas <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>, Storch, Thomas <(b)(6)>, Glick, Bonnie L. (AID/A) <(b)(6)>, Arha, Kaushalendra (PPL/AA) <(b)(6)>, Feith, Dore (AID/A) <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>, Ford, Christopher A <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>, DeSombre, Michael <(b)(6)>, Kritenbrink, Daniel J (Hanoi) <(b)(6)>, Harris, Harry B (Seoul) <(b)(6)>, Adam Boehler <(b)(6)>, McCarry, Caleb <(b)(6)>, Henick, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>

Attached updates thru today, March 22. Thanks for suggestions.

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On March 18, 2020 at 7:53:15 PM EDT, Feith, David <(b)(6)> wrote:

Updated coverup timeline attached, including publication of this study March 11.

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On March 18, 2020 at 3:52:25 PM EDT, Feith, David <(b)(6)> wrote:

Shocking detail here from March 11 University of Southampton study. Estimates that if Beijing had owned up to the Wuhan virus and responded with significant measures just a week before it did, 66% of cases could have been avoided. And had Beijing responded three weeks sooner, 95% could have been avoided.

From ><https://www.southampton.ac.uk/news/2020/03/covid-19-china.page><: "The research also found that if interventions in the country could have been conducted one week, two weeks, or three weeks earlier, cases could have been reduced by 66 percent, 86 percent and 95 percent respectively – significantly limiting the geographical spread of the disease."

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
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 Keshap, Atul [redacted]

**To:** [redacted]

EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>; [redacted]  
 [redacted];

Christensen, W. Brent [redacted];

**CC:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Making the Taiwan Model on COVID-19 a Global Brand

**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 2020 11:14:48 +0000

(b)(6) Exquisite timing, Team AIT! Thanks for this comprehensive overview of the TW recipe for success.

(b)(6) Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

(b)(6) **From:** [redacted]

(b)(6) **Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:45 AM

**To:** Keshap, Atul; [redacted]  
 [redacted] Ann S; EAP-TC-Office-DL; [redacted]

**Cc:** Christensen, W. Brent; [redacted]  
 [redacted]

(b)(6) **Subject:** Fw: Making the Taiwan Model on COVID-19 a Global Brand

Colleagues.

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Best,

[redacted]

**From:** SMART Core <svcSmartBtsEwsSPrec@state.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 March 2020 17:07

**To:** [redacted]

[redacted]

**Reply To:** SMART Core

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Cc: [Redacted]

**Subject:** Making the Taiwan Model on COVID-19 a Global Brand

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EAP pass to AIT/W  
PACOM for POLADS  
**Subject:** Making the Taiwan Model on COVID-19 a Global Brand

**Making the Taiwan Model on COVID-19 a Global Brand**

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1. Summary: Taiwan's response to COVID-19 has been more successful than any in the world according to nearly all available metrics. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] End Summary.

Background

2. Despite its proximity to China and regular cross-Strait flows of travelers and commerce, Taiwan has thus far succeeded in controlling the spread of COVID-19. To date, Taiwan has confirmed only 306 cases with minimal community spread in a population of 23 million people (REFTEL 20 TAIPEI 162). International media and countries around the world have taken notice of Taiwan's unlikely success and expressed interest in learning

more.

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Branding and Amplification

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5. **Messaging:**

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[Redacted] The Taiwan Model Is comprised

of the “Five Ts”:

- 1) Transparency
- 2) Transportation Controls
- 3) Tracking
- 4) Testing (& Tracing)
- 5) Training

**TRANSPARENCY**

6. Transparency has been one of the defining features of the Taiwan Model. The minister of health has held daily press briefings since January, sharing the latest numbers of confirmed and suspected cases. During these press briefings, health officials also share information about their approach to preventing the spread of COVID-19 and explain related policy decisions. These briefings generate accurate news across a broad spectrum of media outlets.

7. Transparency has also been a hallmark of the Taiwan authorities’ direct communications with the public. The Taiwan authorities, particularly the CDC, have provided the Taiwan public as much information as possible at every stage of the pandemic. This approach has produced a population well educated on COVID-19 prevention measures, that is less vulnerable to disinformation campaigns and less prone to panic. It also laid the groundwork for the successful rollout and implementation of the Taiwan

government's surgical mask rationing policy, which has ensured that both individuals and medical professionals have adequate access to necessary supplies.

8. Taiwan's communications with the World Health Organization have also been open and transparent, beginning on December 31, when the Taiwan CDC first reached out to the WHO and the PRC for more information about the new atypical pneumonia cases, but unfortunately received no response. Taiwan has quickly reached out to health focal points in other countries when reported cases involved nationals from those countries or Taiwan nationals who visited those countries.

### **TRANSPORTATION CONTROLS**

9. The Taiwan authorities started onboard screening of flights from Wuhan in December 2019 and began implementing border control measures and mandatory quarantines for travelers arriving from other high-risk areas in January. Taiwan initially barred non-resident travelers from certain countries and required travelers from other countries to undergo a fourteen-day home quarantine. Since then, they have regularly updated their requirements to account for the changing health environment in countries around the world.
10. Taiwan authorities set up comprehensive airport screening procedures, ensuring that high-risk individuals and anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms would be identified before leaving the airport. Authorities facilitated mandatory quarantines by escorting travelers from their flights to specially designated airport-to-home transportation, and then confirmed that travelers had a place to spend their mandatory home quarantine apart from family or friends.

### **TRACKING**

11. The Taiwan authorities keep meticulous track of individuals at high risk of being exposed to COVID-19, either due to travel or domestic contact. All potentially exposed individuals are required to undergo fourteen days of home quarantine. Taiwan authorities carefully track individuals on quarantine, using their cell phone location data, calling and visiting them regularly to ensure they remain at home, and requiring they provide daily body temperature readings. Violations of home quarantine carry high fines and the potential for public exposure.

### **TESTING (& TRACING)**

12. The Taiwan CDC adopted a targeted testing protocol based on rigorous contact tracing. Medical professionals have ensured that all high-risk individuals have ready access to tests. Confirmed COVID-19 cases must test negative three times to be released from quarantine.
13. Positive test results trigger a contact tracing protocol to identify others potentially exposed to COVID-19, who are then tested or placed under home quarantine. Taiwan



has tested over 30,000 suspected cases, or roughly 1 of 700 people in Taiwan.

**TRAINING**

14. The success of the Taiwan Model also included comprehensive training for all Taiwan authorities with implementing roles, including border control, healthcare workers, and local government officials. This training encouraged frontline workers to provide honest feedback about the performance of prevention measures, which allowed the CDC to refine its approach accordingly. Of note, the Taiwan CDC has modeled much of its outbreak response after U.S. CDC guidelines and has sent numerous experts for training under the U.S. CDC Field Epidemiology Training Program.

15. The Taiwan Model also includes an element of public education, in which the CDC and other agencies regularly share information with the Taiwan public on COVID-19 prevention measures, including appropriate face-mask usage, hand-washing, and social distancing.

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<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: March 31 Update on EAP's Medical Supply Effort
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 31 Mar 2020 22:40:18 +0000

Got it - thanks.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: March 31 Update on EAP's Medical Supply Effort

We do. (b)(6) is keeping a tracker for China tonnage.

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On March 31, 2020 at 5:42:26 PM EDT, Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> wrote:

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:09 PM  
**To:** EAP-FO-Principals-DL  
**Cc:** COVID19-EAP-POC; Wald, Daniel P (Beijing); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** March 31 Update on EAP's Medical Supply Effort

FO Colleagues -

Today's update as of COB:

**China:** Third charter cargo flight out of Shanghai ert Columbus, OH wheels up at 2pm DC time today. Flight clearances in train for the additional flights this week. The Task Force confirmed that all cargo to date has been from U.S. company stocks in China. There is a donation from the Jack Ma Foundation that has not yet left China (coordinated through separate channels); the Task Force will flag when this shipment is en route.

**Malaysia:** The first airbridge flight out of Kuala Lumpur depart tomorrow (April 1); clearances confirmed. The Malaysia authorities are standing by to release dip clearances for the April 5, 7, and 9 flights.

**ROK:** 750,000 tests procured; awaiting shipment. Embassy Seoul is preparing social media, and possibly a video, to be timed around the ROK's first shipment of test kits.

**Vietnam:** Post is following up on several leads for new sourcing of PPE.

**Taiwan:** Donations of masks being coordinated directly with NSC/FEMA TF.

**Operational Update:** We're making progress on developing an SOP for new leads that should help Posts prioritize and direct the questions to the right Task Force POCs. New E coordinator for COVID Marcia Bernicat will send an email out to regional econ DASes this week, drawing on EAP best practices. FYSA, highest current priority: manufacturers with FDA approval or EUA, existing distribution in the United States, and the following priority products: N95 masks (not KN95 masks), anything related to testing (testing kits, extraction kits, swabs, antibody testing), gowns, gloves, and ventilators. 100,000 items is rough minimum for most products for FEMA follow-up, except ventilators.

Thanks!

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Office Director, EAP/EP

I am teleworking today, March 31. If you need to reach me by telephone, please call

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**ECON Analytical Cables on COVID-19 Impact to date:**

- 20 BEIJING 592 - China: Trends Related to the COVID-19 Outbreak, March 27
- 20 GUANGZHOU 128 - South China: Government Postpones Flagship Canton Fair, Prioritizing COVID Control over Export Deals
- 20 GUANGZHOU 120 - China: Chinese COVID-19 Test Manufacturers Pursue International Markets, Seek U.S. Regulatory Approval
- 20 BEIJING 560 - China: Trends Related to the COVID-19 Outbreak, March 20
- 20 SHANGHAI 122 - China's Stock Market Survived Initial COVID-19 Outbreak, but Global Threat Looms
- 20 SHANGHAI 120 - East China Tech Responses to COVID-19 Spur Innovations in Imaging, Healthcare
- 20 BEIJING 534 - CHINA: Transportation, Supply Chain Recovery Underway but Tenuous
- 20 SHENYANG 100 - Northeast China: Authorities Quarantine International Arrivals to Prevent COVID-19 Resurgence
- 20 BEIJING 510 - China Transitions to "New Normal" in COVID-19 Fight; Deploys "Social Distancing with Chinese Characteristics" in Effort to Return to Business as Usual
- 20 BEIJING 502 - CHINA: COVID-19 Supply Chain and Labor Issues Exacerbate Global Health Sector Vulnerabilities
- 20 GUANGZHOU 80 - South China: Shenzhen's Tech Champions Leverage COVID-19 Innovations, Eyeing Overseas Markets
- 20 BEIJING 498 - China: Trends Related to the COVID-19 Outbreak
- 20 SHANGHAI 112 - Shanghai Strengthens Airport Arrival Screening Measures to Prevent Reintroduction of COVID-19 Infections
- 20 GUANGZHOU 78 - South China: Guangdong to Implement Tightened Travel Procedures for U.S. Arrivals in Bid to Prevent New COVID-19 Spikes from Overseas
- 20 CHENGDU 60 - SW China: Manufacturers Move Closer to Full Operations, but Labor Shortages, Other Challenges still Abound
- 20 BEIJING 482 - U.S. Businesses Voice Concerns as China Tries to Re-start its Economy
- 20 BEIJING 462 - China: COVID-19-Induced Economic Slowdown Drags Down Energy Sector
- 20 BEIJING 450 - China: Transportation Sector Lurches Back to Activity, Traces Fragile Supply Chain Recovery
- 20 CHENGDU 54 - SW China: Food Prices Remain High as Retailers Adapt to New Environment in Wake of COVID-19 Outbreak
- 20 CHENGDU 52 - SW China: After Public Backlash, Chengdu Now Quarantining All Travelers from South Korea
- 20 BEIJING 442 - China: Can Virtual Workarounds Bolster a Struggling Economy Amid COVID-19?
- 20 SHENYANG 92 - Shenyang Businesses Struggle Amid Virus Fallout, But Some Show Signs of Recovery
- 20 SHANGHAI 86 - COVID-19 Stresses Supply Chains and Curbs Sales in the East China Auto Sector
- 20 CHENGDU 46 - SW China: Farmers Still Struggling with COVID-19 Outbreak as Spring Planting Season Arrives
- 20 BEIJING 406 - COVID-19 Further Erodes Labor Rights in China
- 20 SHANGHAI 72 - As China Slowly Reboots Economy, COVID-19 Puts Policymaking Tools to the Test
- 20 BEIJING 368 - China: COVID 19 Kicks Small and Medium Enterprises While They Are Down
- 20 BEIJING 298 - COVID-19 Restricts China's Labor Mobility, Exacerbates Employment Challenges
- 20 CHENGDU 34 - SW China: Manufacturers Reopen, but Supply Chain, Air Transport, and Labor Shortages Remain Challenges
- 20 SHANGHAI 60 - Death of COVID-19 Whistleblower Li Wenliang Triggers Fury, Frustration, and Calls for Government Reforms
- 20 BEIJING 272 - China: Coronavirus Blockades, Lockdowns Disrupt Supply Chains
- 20 BEIJING 252 - Coronavirus Further Exacerbates China's Underlying Economic Challenges, as Entire Policy Apparatus Shifts to Virus Response

20 BEIJING 291 – (classified) --

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 20 SHANGHAI 17 – (classified) --  
 20 BEIJING 267 – (classified) --  
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 20 BEIJING 199 – (classified) --

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D"  
 Murray, Matthew D (Beijing)  
 Mission China Economic Officers <MissionChinaEconomicOfficers@state.gov>;  
 Waters, John R  
**Recipient:** Cardno, Gwendolyn J  
 Wald, Daniel P (Beijing)

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Monday AM Hill brief  
**Date:** Fri, 29 May 2020 21:06:00 +0000

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Pls make sure [redacted] is tracking if not already...

**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]

**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 5:05 PM

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Monday AM Hill brief

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 5:04 PM

**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]

**Subject:** Monday AM Hill brief

Jonathan,

Just confirming 100% that you are tracking your briefing – with BJ and HK – for Hill staffers on Hong Kong on Monday at 7:30. You should have the call info in your calendar. Ryan will join to take notes.

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Best,

[redacted]

Regional Unit Chief  
Office of Chinese & Mongolian Affairs

[redacted]

HST Room 4318 | U.S. Department of State

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]

**Recipient:** [redacted]



<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Szabat, Joel (OST) <(b)(6)>; zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(5); (b)(6) Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; King, Karin M <(b)(6)>; Kalsbeek, Amie (OST) <(b)(6)>; O'Berry, Donna (OST) <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re:
<b>Date:</b>	Sun, 2 Feb 2020 02:59:08 +0000

Joel:

I'm removing the Deputy Secretary from the chain. We'll take it from here.

Carl Risch

Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs

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Sent from [Workspace ONE Boxer](#)

On February 1, 2020 at 9:53:11 PM EST, Szabat, Joel (OST) <(b)(6)> wrote:

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Thanks. I appreciate all that all of you are doing to pull this off. I've added two DOT colleagues to the cc list, for any info you have to share. Please let us know if they are in fact registered through the Embassy link, and if the Embassy is in contact with them.

~Joel

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**From:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>

**Sent:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 9:41:22 PM

**To:** Biegun, Stephen E <(b)(6)>; Szabat, Joel (OST)

<(b)(6)>

**Cc:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>; Risch, Carl C

<(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D

<(b)(6)>; King, Karin M <(b)(6)>

**Subject:** RE:

Sir,

Received here in the Task Force and we are working on it. Thank you.

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State Department Operations Center

Wuhan Evacuation Task Force

(b)(6) – TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov

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**From:** Biegun, Stephen E <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 9:39 PM  
**To:** Szabat, Joel (OST) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>; Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; King, Karin M <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re:

Let's give this to the State Department task force and Embassy Beijing to work through the details. As long as they are in touch with the family they should be able to work out what is possible.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 1, 2020, at 8:56 PM, Szabat, Joel (OST) <(b)(6)> wrote:

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Thanks for the quick turn-around.

~Joel

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**From:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 8:50:36 PM  
**To:** Szabat, Joel (OST) <(b)(6)>; Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>; Biegun, Stephen E <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; King, Karin M <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Re:

Mr. Szabat,

We have forwarded the information to our colleagues in Beijing. The estimated cost is USD 1,100 and it was shared with people who were interested in evacuation.

Sincerely,

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CA Task Force Representative

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**From:** Szabat, Joel (OST) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 8:02 PM  
**To:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>; Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>; Biegun, Stephen E <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; King, Karin M <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Re:

Thank you for your help. I believe they have sent their information to the email address. The individuals are:

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Let me know if you need more information... and thanks for your assistance.

Have you determined / announced the cost for the flight?

~ Joel

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**From:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <[TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov](mailto:TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 4:54:05 PM  
**To:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>; Biegun, Stephen E <(b)(6)>; Szabat, Joel (OST) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; King, Karin M <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Re:

Sirs,

Please have them send the info to [coronavirusemergencyusc@state.gov](mailto:coronavirusemergencyusc@state.gov).  
Once it is sent please let us know the names and we will flag for Beijing immediately.

Thank you,

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CA Task Force

**From:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 4:48 PM  
**To:** Biegun, Stephen E <(b)(6)>; Szabat, Joel (OST)

<(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D  
<(b)(6)>; zTask Force 4 Mailbox  
<TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>; King, Karin M <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re:

Adding State Department Task Force and DAS King.

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On February 1, 2020 at 4:44:51 PM EST, Biegun, Stephen E  
<(b)(6)> wrote:

Copying our implementing team.

Please reply ASAP to all attached addresses with the local contacts  
of the individuals.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 1, 2020, at 4:08 PM, Szabat, Joel (OST)  
<(b)(6)> wrote:

Deputy Secretary,

We've been contacted by an individual who claims to  
have US citizen family in Wuhan who have not been  
contacted about any upcoming evacuation.

Is there a POC in the Beijing Embassy I can refer them  
to?

Sorry to hit you with a small request in a busy day.

~Joel

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <RischCC@state.gov>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Szabat, Joel (OST) <(b)(6)>; zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>; (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; King, Karin M <(b)(6)>; Kalsbeek, Amie (OST) <(b)(6)>; O'Berry, Donna (OST) <(b)(6)>

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** (b)(6); Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>  
**CC:** EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: PRC offer to strengthen info sharing on COVID-19  
**Date:** Wed, 25 Mar 2020 15:30:14 +0000

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:29 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: PRC offer to strengthen info sharing on COVID-19

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:26 AM  
**To:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: PRC offer to strengthen info sharing on COVID-19

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**From:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:30 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: PRC offer to strengthen info sharing on COVID-19

OES and HHS have a pre-arranged phone call today at 11am (b)(5) follow-up to a meeting from a week or so ago). Agenda is below. I planned to call in, and I believe (b)(6) was on the invite as well. Dan

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:25 AM

**To:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>

**Subject:** Fw: PRC offer to strengthen info sharing on COVID-19

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(5)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:13 AM

**To:** Klein, William H (Beijing) <(b)(5)>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)> (U)

Simonds, R J (Beijing | CDC) <(b)(6)>; (U) Millman, Alexander (Beijing) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

(b)(6) Beijing Econ Unit Chiefs <BeijingEconUnitChiefs@state.gov>; Beijing POL Unit Chiefs <BeijingPOLUnitChiefs@state.gov>; Beijing EXEC Staffers <BeijingEXEC@state.gov>; Beijing ESTH Unit Chiefs <BeijingESTHUnitChiefs@state.gov>; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>

**Subject:** RE: PRC offer to strengthen info sharing on COVID-19

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**From:** Klein, William H (Beijing) (b)(5)

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 7:43 AM

**To:** Waters, John R (b)(6); (U) Simonds, R J (Beijing | CDC) (b)(6) (U) Millman, Alexander (Beijing) (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); Beijing Econ Unit Chiefs <BeijingEconUnitChiefs@state.gov>; Beijing POL Unit Chiefs <BeijingPOLUnitChiefs@state.gov>; Beijing EXEC Staffers <BeijingEXEC@state.gov>; Beijing ESTH Unit Chiefs <BeijingESTHUnitChiefs@state.gov>; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; Fritz, Jonathan D <FritzJD@state.gov>; EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: PRC offer to strengthen info sharing on COVID-19

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William Klein / 柯有为  
 Minister Counselor for Political Affairs  
 U.S. Embassy Beijing  
 (Sent from my cell phone)

**From:** Waters, John R

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 7:40 PM

**To:** Klein, William H (Beijing); (U) Simonds, R J (Beijing | CDC); (U) Millman, Alexander (Beijing); (b)(6); (b)(6); Beijing Econ Unit Chiefs; Beijing POL Unit Chiefs; Beijing EXEC Staffers; Beijing ESTH Unit Chiefs; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL; Fritz, Jonathan D; EAP-CM-ECON-DL

**Subject:** Re: PRC offer to strengthen info sharing on COVID-19

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**From:** Klein, William H (Beijing) (b)(6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 7:36 AM

**To:** (U) Simonds, R J (Beijing | CDC); (U) Millman, Alexander (Beijing); (b)(6); (b)(6); Beijing Econ Unit Chiefs; Beijing POL Unit Chiefs; Beijing EXEC Staffers; Beijing ESTH Unit Chiefs; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL

**Subject:** PRC offer to strengthen info sharing on COVID-19

MFA North America Dept Counselor Qiu Wenxing called me to follow up on the Vice Foreign Minister's call with the Ambassador yesterday. (b)(5)

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The Vice Foreign Minister wanted to deliver this message to the Ambassador directly, but we couldn't make their schedules work, so the MFA conveyed the info to me.

Bill

William Klein / 柯有为  
Minister Counselor for Political Affairs  
U.S. Embassy Beijing  
(Sent from my cell phone)

<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6); Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>; Frater, Eric M <FraterEM@state.gov>; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Quick Hello
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 10 Feb 2020 18:53:21 +0000

Hi, John. I just tried giving you a call. Sorry for the delay -- I've been running around nonstop dealing with coronavirus issues, evacuations, etc.

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**From:** Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 04, 2020 4:36 PM  
**To:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Quick Hello  
**Importance:** Low

Carl:

Hope all is well.

Wanted to get you my new e-mail. Still working on my desk line, but my new work mobile is (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)

I've already connected with (b)(6) on substance (and I'm happy to discuss substance, too), but if you have a few minutes later this week (or whenever), I wanted to touch base about a non-substantive item.

Thanks in advance.

JZ

<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
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**To:** Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>;  
 Waters, John R <(b)(6)>;  
 Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>  
 (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Read-out in greater detail  
**Date:** Thu, 26 Mar 2020 21:08:26 +0000

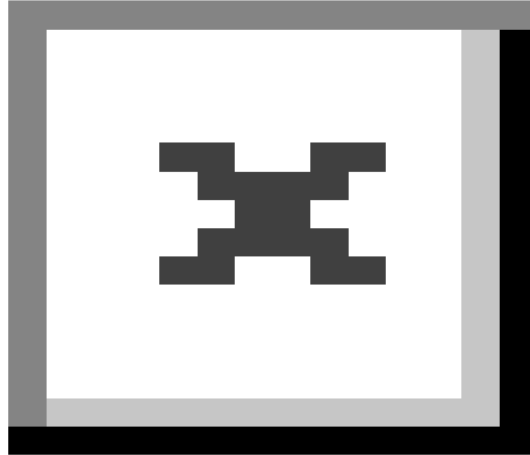
Perfect for pointing out how GT and others have scrubbed their past use of Wuhan pneumonia or Wuhan virus from their own sites. Pot calling kettle black...

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:34 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
 <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R  
 <(b)(6)> Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Read-out in greater detail

Flagging this GT story and tweet:

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1183927.shtml>



## US blame game threatens G7's legitimacy

One day before Thursday's **G20** emergency video summit on COVID-19 pandemic, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo stepped up his stigmatization of China at a G7 foreign ministers' meeting, calling on the G7 member states to refer to the virus as the "Wuhan virus."

At a time when millions of lives are shadowed by the spread of the virus, Pompeo's blame game appears both dangerous and selfish, as he aims to exploit the crisis for political purposes that could jeopardize the world's efforts to rein in the pandemic, analysts said.

His move also hurts G7's legitimacy as the group has become too invested in its own interests, that even a global health crisis couldn't wake the US from its Cold War mentality.

Pompeo said G7 members were united in opposing China's coronavirus "disinformation" during the news conference after the meeting, blaming China right after he claimed now was not the time to blame, but to focus on methods to control the outbreak.

Pompeo's remarks and the constant US attacks on China show his Cold War mindset, which is provoking hatred when Beijing and Washington should have been promoting cooperation, experts believe.

"If the mindset is not abandoned, it will solve neither the global healthcare crisis nor any national or international security issue," Li Haidong, professor at the Institute of International Relations of China Foreign Affairs University, told Global Times on Thursday.

In terms of the Pompeo-mentioned unity among the leading industrialized democracies, the absence of a joint statement said a lot.

The Sina Weibo account of the US Embassy in China, under the jurisdiction of the Pompeo-led US Department of State, changed its previous use of the term "coronavirus" to "Wuhan virus" on Thursday and mentioned the phrase four times the same day.

In one of its posts, the Embassy made groundless accusations that "Iran's chief terror airline, Mahan Air, ran at least 55 flights between Tehran and China, further spreading the Wuhan virus to Iranian people... At least five foreign countries' first cases of infections were directly imported from Iran, putting millions more lives at risk."

Such a move is stirring up more trouble in the world which is already struggling to contain the pandemic, analysts said.

The pandemic is supposed to be lesson to the world on the importance of global cooperation and strong global institutions, observers emphasized. But the current administration in Washington "never sees the need for a multilateral approach," Fraser Cameron, director of the EU-Asia Centre and senior advisor at the European Policy Centre (EPC), told Global Times.

As the world expects answers and practical solutions to the crisis and not unnecessary disagreements, the G7 failed to address the problem.

Since the outbreak, the G7 has held a series of meetings on COVID-19, which aim to promote the countries' awareness of the pandemic, but the bloc's capability to execute is poor, observers said.

Setting aside their divergences on governance of the global economic system and responding to measures to cope with the pandemic, "G7 members are suffering from a severe lack of medical resources themselves, including face masks, ventilators and protective suits. How can they possibly contribute to other regions when they cannot even take care of themselves?" Li asked.

Earlier this month, it was reported that the US administration was looking into an exclusive deal to take over a German company, which is working on a vaccine against the coronavirus. And Berlin was "furious" at the US attempt.

The sun is setting on the G7, said Ruan Zongze, executive vice president of the China Institute of International Studies. The view was echoed by more experts, who believe it might be time to consider whether the G7, an exclusive organization which focuses only on their own issues, can be merged with the G20, a club of developed and developing countries, as well as emerging economies, which far surpasses G7 in terms of representation of global affairs.

"It's time for the G20 to spread hope," George N. Tzogopoulos, a lecturer at the European Institute in Nice, France, told Global Times on Thursday.

**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** (b)(6);  
(b)(6) Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R <WatersJR@state.gov>; Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Read-out in greater detail

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:46 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
(b)(6); (b)(6) Waters, John R  
(b)(6); Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Read-out in greater detail

Hi all,

(b)(5)

Standing by - please let me know if I can assist with questions or action.

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:35 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R

<(b)(6)>; Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>  
<(b)(6)>

**Subject:** Re: Read-out in greater detail

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:30 AM  
**To:** EAP-FO-Principals-DL <EAP-FO-Principals-DL@state.gov>; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Read-out in greater detail

MFA counsellor phoned our POL M/C to protest the postings the Embassy had put in English and Chinese on its website and weibo account of S remarks yesterday that referred to Wuhan virus and the CCP's malign influence. He said if these comments were not taken down, they would narrow the window for Covid cooperation. To whit, Chinese companies were calling MFA to ask if they should export PPE to USA. MFA would like to respond favorably, but could only do so if the bilateral environment was more favorable. He also warned that the Chinese people's anger could result in spontaneous manifestations. Will forward the full read out when we get it. Below is draft email to S.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**Recipient:** (b)(6) >;  
Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>;  
Waters, John R <(b)(6)>;  
Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>  
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<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	(b)(5)
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 6 May 2020 18:43:00 +0000

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2020 1:49 PM  
**To:** Risch, Carl C (b)(6)  
**Subject:** (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 1:48 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); Ramotowski, Edward J <(b)(6)>;  
(b)(6); Mesquita, Mario M <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6)  
(b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** (b)(6)

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Ed and all,

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Best,

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** Ramotowski, Edward J <(b)(6)> (b)(6)  
Mesquita, Mario M (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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Subject: (b)(5)

We should have a readout for you soon.

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Chief, Supervisory Attorney Adviser  
Visa Office Advisory Opinions Division  
Department of State

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**From:** Ramotowski, Edward J <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 1:15 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
Mesquita, Mario M (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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Any readout on the call? Thanks,

Ed

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2020 9:54 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
Mesquita, Mario M (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** (b)(6)

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Thanks,  
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**From:** Ramotowski, Edward J <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 9:40 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
 Mesquita, Mario M (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** (b)(5)  
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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2020 9:28 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Ramotowski, Edward J <(b)(6)>;  
 Mesquita, Mario M (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** (b)(5)  
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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 9:14 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Ramotowski, Edward J <(b)(6)>  
 Mesquita, Mario M (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** (b)(5)

Thanks, (b)(6)

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Thanks,

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Chief, Supervisory Attorney Adviser  
Advisory Opinions Division  
Department of State  
202.485.7593 (office)

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 8:13 AM

**To:** (b)(6); Ramotowski, Edward J <(b)(6)>;

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 7:49 AM

**To:** Ramotowski, Edward J <(b)(6)>; Mesquita, Mario M (b)(6)

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**Cc:** (b)(6)

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**Subject:** (b)(5)

Ed, (b)(6)

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Regards,

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Feith, David <(b)(6)>
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6); Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: TPs on China for S
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 4 Mar 2020 21:57:56 +0000

(b)(5) how about these four points...

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**From:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 4:05 PM  
**To:** Feith, David <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: TPs on China for S

Good stuff, but since the points will be part of a forthcoming EAP memo to S, I don't want to preview them in unclass talking points to a non-USG audience. Can you distill them to address the Q below that I flagged in my original email to Atul below. The S TPs will go on a TPC card so we're limited by space unfortunately to a few key bullets. China will be among several topics discussed in the meeting comprised of non-USG private sector types.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 3:45 PM  
**To:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: TPs on China for S

See high side. Hope it's helpful, realizing it's not exactly what you asked for. Seems many of the elements, though, can be easily discussed unclass.

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David Feith  
Senior Advisor  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP)  
U.S. Department of State  
202.647.4612 (o)  
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**From:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 3:37 PM  
**To:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: TPs on China for S

Ok, looking fwd to receiving the paper. Thanks.

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**From:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: TPs on China for S

Take a look at David's paper, which reflects the collective thinking of the A/S and other leaders in EAP. It is decidedly not suited for the high side, alas. Thanks



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**From:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 3:25:06 PM  
**To:** Feith, David <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: TPs on China for S

Please keep the TPs on low side and unclassified given the unclass nature of the meeting.

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**From:** Feith, David <(b)(6)>  
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**To:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: TPs on China for S

Mustafa, thanks, seeing this now. We'll get you a quick take at 3:30, high-side.

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**From:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 2:44 PM  
**To:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: TPs on China for S

Hard to believe that was 19 years ago.

Sorry to rush things but can we get the points by 3:30? Trip book deadline has moved up slightly.

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**From:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 1:02 PM  
**To:** Feith, David <(b)(6)>; Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: TPs on China for S

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**From:** Feith, David <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 1:00 PM  
**To:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
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**From:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>  
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**To:** Feith, David <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: TPs on China for S

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**From:** Feith, David <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 12:55 PM  
**To:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: TPs on China for S

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**From:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>  
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**To:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
<(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: TPs on China for S

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**From:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 12:48 PM  
**To:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> Feith, David <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** RE: TPs on China for S

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**From:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>  
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**To:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
<(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: TPs on China for S

Ok, thanks. Don't worry about formatting. I'll plug into a consolidated TPC.

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**From:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 12:02 PM  
**To:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> Feith, David <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
<(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: TPs on China for S

We won't give you 2-3 points, we will give you a full set of ideas. Feith, copied, has an early draft. (b)(5)  
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**From:** Popal, Mustafa M <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 11:59 AM  
**To:** Keshap, Atul  
**Subject:** TPs on China for S

Atul,

Can I trouble you for 2-3 bullets by COB today for an internal unclassified meeting S is having tomorrow. Doesn't need to be a formal tasker. Lisa wants something informal from respective FOs. You can send to me when ready.

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Thanks  
Mustafa

Deputy Executive Secretary

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Feith, David <(b)(6)> (b)(6); Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
 (b)(6);  
**To:** Feith, David <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Kanapathy, Ivan J. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: UK wobbly on 5G?  
**Date:** Thu, 16 Jan 2020 13:53:42 +0000

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2020 8:39 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Kanapathy, Ivan J. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: UK wobbly on 5G?

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<https://www.warner.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2020/1/national-security-senators-introduce-bipartisan-legislation-to-develop-5g-alternatives-to-huawei>

Today's bipartisan legislation, the Utilizing Strategic Allied (USA) Telecommunications Act, would reassert U.S. and Western leadership by encouraging competition with Huawei that capitalizes on U.S. software advantages, accelerating development of an open-architecture model (known as O-RAN) that would allow for alternative vendors to enter the market for

specific network components, rather than having to compete with Huawei end-to-end.

The UK IC has also been effective at pushing back on political supporters of Huawei according press reports (b)(5) (b)(5)

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I have a few more ideas, but that is what comes to mind this morning.

Best,

Rick

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2020 1:26 AM  
**To:** Feith, David <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Kanapathy, Ivan J. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: UK wobbly on 5G?

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Feith, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 15, 2020 10:10 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; Keshap, Atul; Waters, John R; Kanapathy, Ivan J. EOP/NSC; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Johnston, Corey S  
**Subject:** Re: UK wobbly on 5G?

Fwiw...

## U.K. Vows to Keep Huawei Out of Key Security Infrastructure

Bloomberg [1/15/2020

7:49 AM, Alex Morales, 6400K, Neutral] reports that the U.K. will keep Huawei Technologies Co. out of “critical national infrastructure,” Culture Secretary Nicky Morgan said, as the government weighs up whether the Chinese company can play a role in developing

the country’s 5G telecommunications networks. A final decision will come later this month, according to two officials familiar with the matter, who asked not to be named discussing the sensitive issue. Morgan’s comments to Bloomberg are her strongest signal yet that Huawei will be barred from the most sensitive parts of the U.K.’s 5G telecommunications networks – though the term can also refer to a broader range of assets including power plants and emergency services. Prime Minister Boris Johnson hinted this week he is preparing to allow Huawei to supply at least some equipment for the next-generation broadband networks, even in the face of strong pressure for a ban from the U.S. “I just want to make it very clear, Huawei will not be involved in our critical national infrastructure,” Morgan told Bloomberg Television on Wednesday. “The security, the safety of that infrastructure is absolutely paramount when the government is going to be making that decision.”

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On January 15, 2020 at 10:04:35 PM PST, Fritz, Jonathan D <[FritzJD@state.gov](mailto:FritzJD@state.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Keshap, Atul

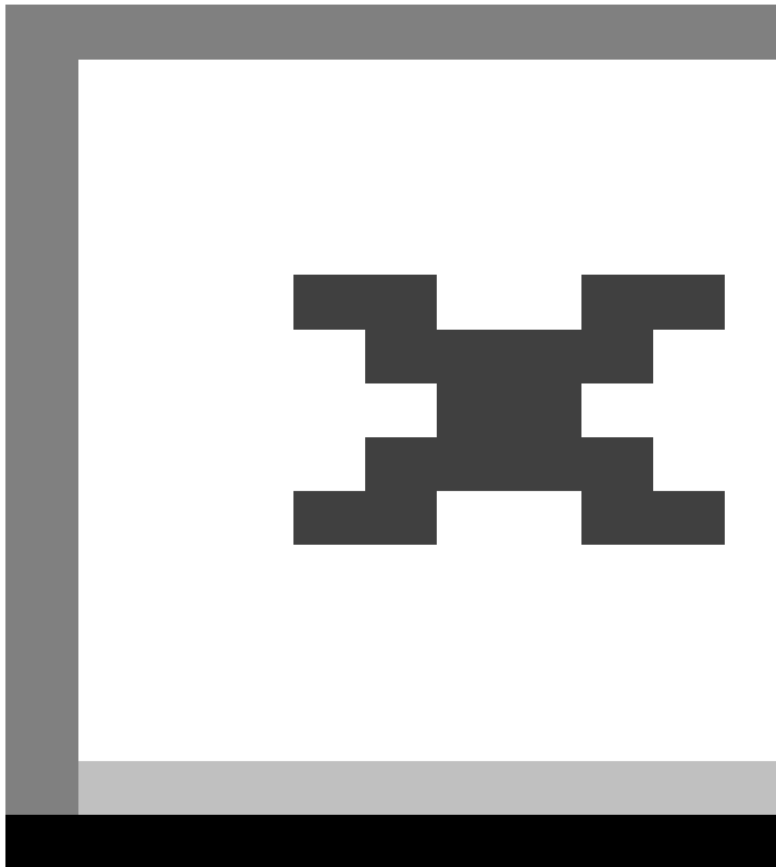
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 15, 2020 7:15 PM

**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; Feith, David; Waters, John R; Kanapathy, Ivan J. EOP/NSC; (b)(6)

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**Subject:** UK wobbly on 5G?

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** (b)(6);  
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 (b)(6);  
 (b)(6);  
**CC:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>;  
 Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>;  
 (b)(6);  
 (b)(6);  
**Subject:** RE: Vaccine for China Virus  
**Date:** Thu, 30 Jan 2020 14:02:04 +0000

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 9:00 AM  
**To:** (b)(6);  
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**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>;  
 (b)(6);  
**Subject:** RE: Vaccine for China Virus

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:14 PM

**To:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> Waters, John R (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Vaccine for China Virus

+ Jonathan Fritz and (b)(6)

Hank Greenberg is the former Chairman and CEO of AIG. He has a long, long history of doing lots of business in China.

I would suggest we respond with something along the lines of...

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 8:27 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Vaccine for China Virus

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**From:** Norman Anderson (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 7:23 PM  
**To:** Krach, Keith J <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** Joe Dillon (b)(6)

**Subject:** Vaccine for China Virus

Hank Greenberg who has funded millions in medical research through his Starr Foundation was approached by a researcher today with a convincing case that he has a vaccine for the virus. The Chinese consul in New York is very supportive.

I am copying Joe Dillon on this note, my friend who is Starr's EVP for Government Relations. Joe will provide more detail.

How can we move this forward quickly?

Best  
NF Anderson  
CEO CG/LA Infrastructure

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**Norman F. Anderson**  
**Chairman & CEO**  
**CG/LA Infrastructure, Inc.**

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<b>Recipient:</b>	<p>(b)(6)</p> <p>Waters, John R (b)(6);</p> <p>Cardno, Gwendolyn J (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6)</p>

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
 (b)(6);  
**To:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>;  
 (b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Wuhan  
**Date:** Thu, 23 Jan 2020 01:25:38 +0000

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Cheers,  
Jonathan

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2020 6:37 PM  
**To:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: Wuhan

FYI, PMO (b)(6) readout after his call with the Wuhan MGT/O and Beijing MGT/M-C. They're the right people to have on this. Good to know flight options may exist.

We'll know more after the EAC. My guess is (b)(5) to work up through M first thing tomorrow morning.

Kevin

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2020 6:30 PM  
**To:** (b)(6);  
 (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Wuhan

I spoke with Katherine and Chris G. Katherine said she's got confidence in Chris and has been talking with him a lot this week. The Embassy is fully engaged and will start working on the issues from the Beijing point of view.

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A few updates. There are 33 people in Wuhan total right now (USDH + EFM). The EFM number we had earlier didn't reflect the last summer transfer.

The MED FSHP from Guangzhou was in bound this AM. He is still coming. The last Chris heard from him, he's at the airport in GZ ready to board.

Chris confirmed they have official vehicles and drivers enough to evacuate the entire official American population via road. They had not discussed yet where to go, but they have the seats and drivers if necessary.

He will give me a readout of the EAC this am. He will also start looking into flights. I've passed him the fund cite from K fund so that he can at least start the process of booking flights if he can. I stressed to him to not expend any funds until it's fully approved in cable, but he can at least start the reservations.

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He seemed calm and focused. He wanted to get the pulse of the RSO and CG, he agrees there could be some very angry citizen on the streets after this gets out.

I'll forward anything I get from him tonight, and try to be in early tomorrow am.

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EAP/EX | Post Management Officer

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Blackstone, Kevin <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>

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RE Leak of classified PRC virus data	No attachments
Re Making the Taiwan Model on COVID-19 a Global Brand	No attachments
Re March 31 Update on EAP's Medical Supply Effort	No attachments
Re Mission China Economic Reporting on Impact of COVID-19	No attachments
Re Monday AM Hill brief	No attachments
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Re PRC offer to strengthen info sharing on COVID-19	No attachments
Re: Quick Hello	No attachments
RE Read-out in greater detail	RE: Read-out in greater detail image
RE Request Doe Litigation Interest in Appeal	No attachments
RE TPs on China for S	No attachments
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RE Vaccine for China Virus	No attachments
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**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

June 7, 2021

Case No.: FL-2020-00071

Austin R. Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street NW, B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

As we noted in our letter dated April 23, 2021, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has identified an additional four responsive records to subject to the FOIA. We have determined that the four records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact James Bickford, Trial Attorney, at [James.Bickford@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.Bickford@usdoj.gov) or (202) 305-7632. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00071, and the civil action number, 20-cv-01169, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeanne Miller  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

## The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

### FOIA Exemptions

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  - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
  - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
  - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
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|----------------|---|
| ARMSEXP        | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)                    |
| CIA PERS/ORG   | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)      |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |
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  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
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- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6) <(b)(6)>;  
**To:** Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>;  
Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>;  
Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Immediate messaging action  
**Date:** Fri, 27 Mar 2020 13:11:17 +0000

Haven't opened this yet, but am looking forward to doing so.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 8:58 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Waters, John R; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Immediate messaging action

Here is the document. (b)(5)

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(b)(5) Please let me know if I can assist further. Steve

**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 8:00 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Immediate messaging action

Many thanks, (b)(6)

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:00 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) <(b)(6)> Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Cc:** Waters, John R  
**Subject:** Re: Immediate messaging action

Yes, will do! (b)(5)

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**From:** (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 5:31 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Immediate messaging action

(b)(6) put together a doc and was cleaning it up, but then we got feedback from the FO it wasn't one of the priorities. (b)(6) can we get a copy to Fritz (b)(6) tomorrow?

**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 5:19 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: Immediate messaging action

(b)(6) Who did you put on this case?

**From:** (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:40 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Immediate messaging action

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(b)(6)  
Senior Advisor  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP)  
U.S. Department of State  
(b)(6)

On March 22, 2020 at 10:18:18 PM EDT, Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> wrote:

We're on this but I didn't task anyone to work on it over the weekend. I'll let you know in the AM where this stands.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 22, 2020 5:36 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Subject:** RE: Immediate messaging action

Any luck here? Glad the death threat got chased down quickly.

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(b)(6)  
Senior Advisor  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP)  
U.S. Department of State  
(b)(6)

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On March 20, 2020 at 4:10:19 PM EDT, Fritz, Jonathan D (b)(6) wrote:

Yep – will do so shortly.

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**From:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 4:09 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D (b)(6); Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Tobin, Elizabeth <(b)(6)>; Kanapathy, Ivan <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Immediate messaging action

Yes, please do.

(b)(5)

(b)(6)  
(b)(5)

Jonathan  
(b)(5)

Thanks  
Dave

**From:** (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Tobin, Elizabeth <(b)(6)>; Kanapathy, Ivan <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Immediate messaging action

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+ Liza/Ivan too.

Possible to have a first cut this evening and build out from there?

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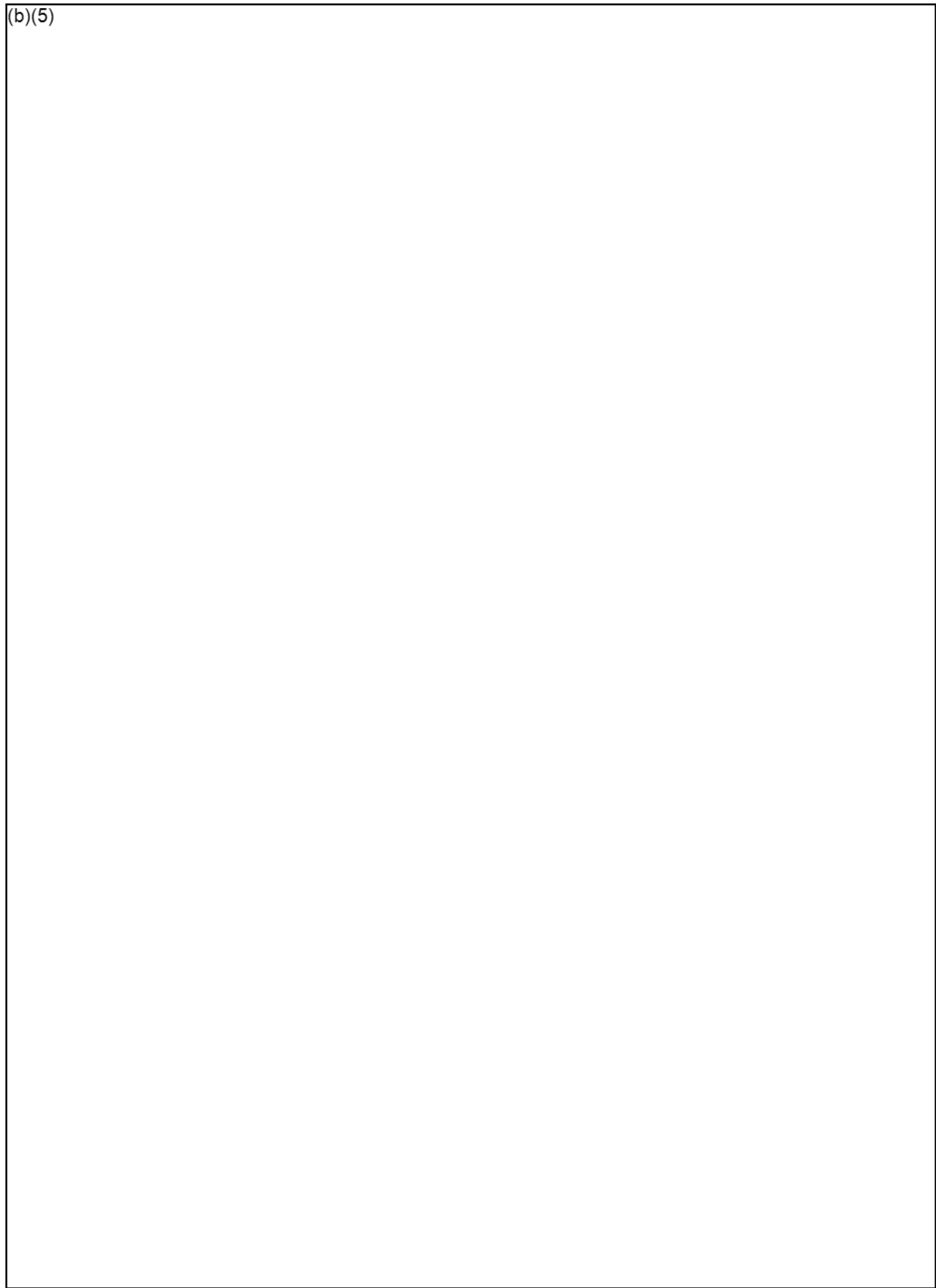
(b)(6)

Senior Advisor  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP)  
U.S. Department of State

(b)(6)

<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
 Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>;  
 Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); Blackshaw, Brett <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: (b)(5) sent this  
**Date:** Sun, 3 May 2020 21:27:19 +0000

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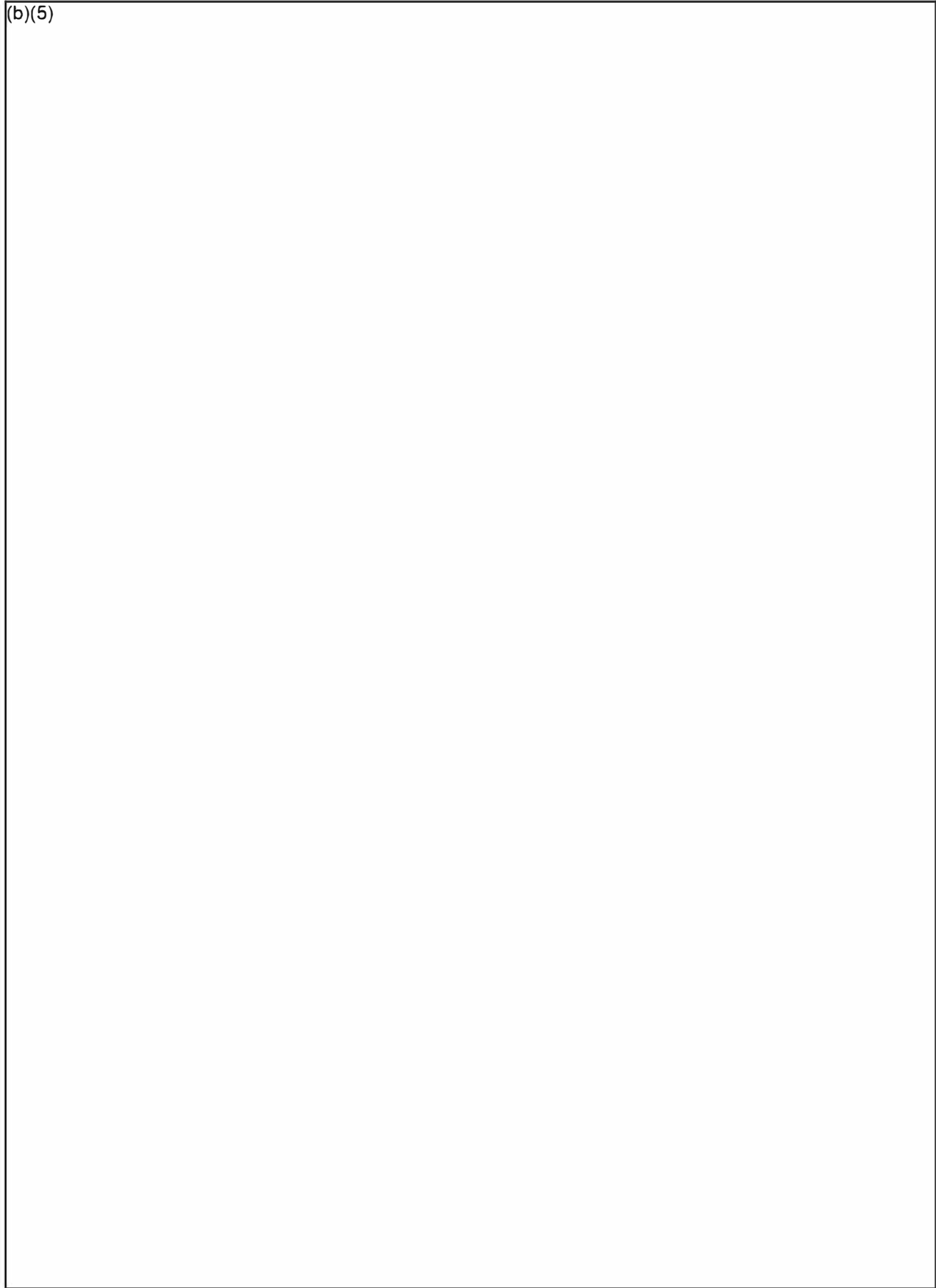
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Keshap, Atul  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 3, 2020 11:26 AM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R; (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D; (b)(6); Waters, John R; (b)(6); (b)(6); Blackshaw, Brett  
**Subject:** (b)(5) sent this

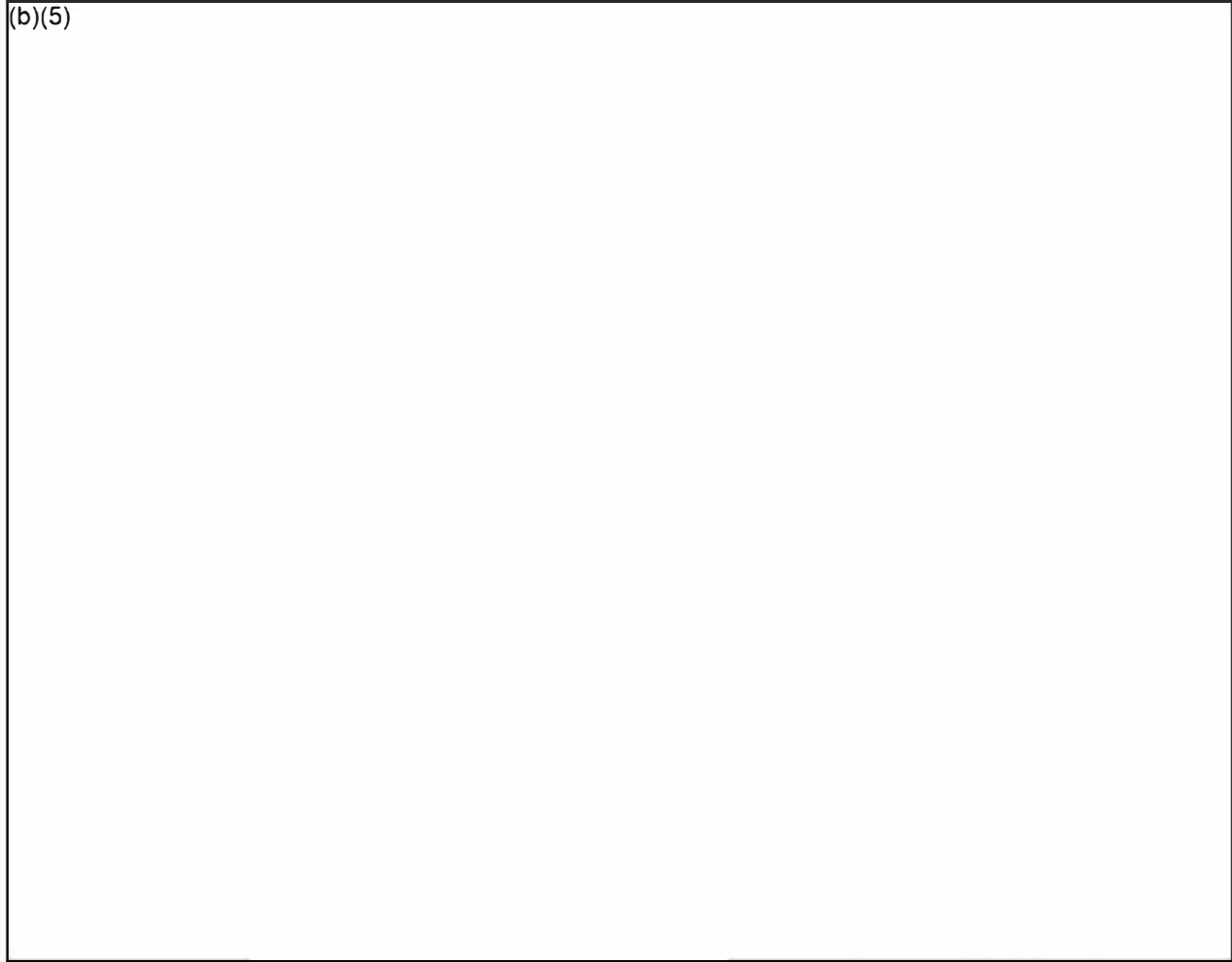
FIRST WUHAN VIRUS INFECTION CASES - (b)(5)

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>;
	Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>;
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	Waters, John R <(b)(6)>;
	(b)(6)
	Blackshaw, Brett <(b)(6)>

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Bloomberg: Chinese numbers
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 1 Apr 2020 19:56:18 +0000

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:46 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Cc:** EAP-Press  
**Subject:** Bloomberg: Chinese numbers

Jonathan

We received a request for comment on the Bloomberg story alleging China covered up its reporting on the coronavirus outbreak:

[https://www.bloomberg.com/amp/news/articles/2020-04-01/china-concealed-extent-of-virus-outbreak-u-s-intelligence-says?\\_twitter\\_impression=true](https://www.bloomberg.com/amp/news/articles/2020-04-01/china-concealed-extent-of-virus-outbreak-u-s-intelligence-says?_twitter_impression=true)

For a response I would propose simply: (b)(5)

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I spoke with CM and they recommended that if we get additional inquiries on this, we could also (b)(5) and provide the below remarks from the Secretary

1. S remarks: <https://www.state.gov/secretary-michael-r-pompeo-roundtable-interview-with-journalists-from-east-asian-and-pacific-media-outlets/>

"This free information flow is so important. It's important even today to make sure that as we think about how to continue to combat this – we're in the middle of this crisis. I hear people talk about disinformation and they're focused solely on what happened at the beginning. But the need for transparency, the need for clear data sets, the need to make sure that as cases are identified they are accurately reported, and as people are sending goods around the world that the goods are of high quality and they are functional, and that we're accurately tracking those systems around the world as well, it is absolutely important that we get this good transparency. It's why we issued a statement when China made the decision to force Western press out of China. We thought that was a bad thing not only because we believe deeply here in the United States in freedom of information but because it will reduce the capacity for all of us to understand what's happening not only in China but these reporters reporting throughout the region to make sure that we understand what's happening throughout the region.

To have good data sets – we talk about this all the time, whether it's about testing or confirmed cases or mortality rates or potential therapeutics, all of those things – we have to make sure that the information is passed accurately, timely, and in a way that is easily comprehensible and traceable so that we can validate this information. This is a global pandemic. The solution to this will depend on people working together all across the world, and so efforts by governments

to create either disinformation or misinformation about what's really taking place harm the capacity for the world to save lives."

2. Dr. Birx: "The medical community made -- interpreted the Chinese data as: This was serious, but smaller than anyone expected," she said at a news conference on Tuesday. "Because I think probably we were missing a significant amount of the data, now that what we see happened to Italy and see what happened to Spain."

3. Dr. Fauci pushes back at questions around the U.S. not acting early. "In a perfect world, it would have been nice to have known what was happening there (in China). We didn't. But I believe, Jim, that we acted very early." <https://twitter.com/joeconchatv/status/1245124435398529024>

Best,

(b)(6)

EAP Press

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**From:** Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 1, 2020 11:42 AM

**To:** EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>; PA Press Duty <PAPressDuty@state.gov>

**Cc:** SPOX <SPOX@state.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Press Q: Chinese numbers

Someone take this please

**Morgan D. Ortagus**

**Spokesperson**

**U.S. Dept of State**

**From:** Steven Nelson <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 1, 2020 11:40 AM

**To:** Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>

**Subject:** Press Q: Chinese numbers

Morgan,

Does the State Department have a response to this report?

[https://www.bloomberg.com/amp/news/articles/2020-04-01/china-concealed-extent-of-virus-outbreak-u-s-intelligence-says?\\_twitter\\_impression=true](https://www.bloomberg.com/amp/news/articles/2020-04-01/china-concealed-extent-of-virus-outbreak-u-s-intelligence-says?_twitter_impression=true)

Steven Nelson

New York Post

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6); EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; EAP-Directors-Deputy-Directors-DL <EAP-Directors-Deputy-Directors-DL@state.gov>; EAP-CM-Office-DL <EAP-CM-Office-DL@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: CHINA: Second of Two February 6 Wuhan Evacuation Flights is Wheels Up (SBU)
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 7 Feb 2020 02:54:04 +0000

That is precisely what our travel advisory and guidance all say - take commercial flights out now!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Stilwell, David R

**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 7:42 PM

**To:** Waters, John R; EAP-Directors-Deputy-Directors-DL; EAP-CM-Office-DL

**Subject:** Re: FW: CHINA: Second of Two February 6 Wuhan Evacuation Flights is Wheels Up (SBU)

Everybody go home for a week; our work here is done (until they close Shanghai).

Is anyone in the Beltway thinking about the closure of another diplomatic city? (Don't answer; rhetorical.) (b)(5)

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On February 6, 2020 at 2:32:15 PM HST, Waters, John R <(b)(6)> wrote:

Last of four flights just departed Wuhan!

**From:** OpsAlert@state.gov <OpsAlert@state.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 7:22 PM

**Subject:** CHINA: Second of Two February 6 Wuhan Evacuation Flights is Wheels Up (SBU)

**Importance:** High

(SBU) The second evacuation flight for February 6 was wheels up at 1918 Eastern Time/0818 Wuhan from Wuhan, China, en route to Miramar Marine Corps Air Station in Miramar, CA, via Vancouver, Canada.

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
	Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>;
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<b>Recipient:</b>	EAP-Directors-Deputy-Directors-DL <EAP-Directors-Deputy-Directors-DL@state.gov>;
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**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

June 10, 2021

Case No.: FL-2020-00071

Austin R. Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street NW, B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

As we noted our letter dated June 7, 2021, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (the “FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has identified an additional 36 responsive records to subject to the FOIA. We have determined that the 36 records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact James Bickford, Trial Attorney, at [James.Bickford@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.Bickford@usdoj.gov) or (202) 305-7632. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00071, and the civil action number, 20-cv-01169, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeanne Miller  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.



## The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

### FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
  - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
  - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
  - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
  - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
  - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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|----------------|---|
| ARMSEXP        | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)                    |
| CIA PERS/ORG   | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)      |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

### Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

RE 1430 UPDATE - POTUS PRESSER	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE CLEARANCE REQUEST JOINT BLOG FROM STAS..	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE CORONAVIRUS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE CUI INTERVIEW ON AXIOS	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE DINNER WITH USCBC MEMBERS	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE FLIGHTS TO CHINA	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE FOR AWARENESSREVIEW - G7 PAPERS ON GLOBAL TRAVEL	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE FOR CLEARANCE STILWELL EMAIL RESPONSE	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE FOR EAP FO CLEARANCE - RE TIMES OF LONDON OPED	YES. 1 ATTACHMENTS
RE FWD AUSSIE COUPLE ORDERED WINE VIA DRONE...	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE FYI - PLANE CHARTER IN WSJ	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE HONG KONG COVID 19 UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 14	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE LETTER FROM PM MORRISON TO POTUS	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE OPED FROM THE HILL -- RESULT OF ALL OF YOUR ENGAGEMENTS	NO ATTACHMENTS
PLS CLEAR EAP TAIWAN PG	NO ATTACHMENTS
POTUS PRESS CONFERENCE NOTES	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE S ROUNDTABLE WITH ASIA-PACIFIC JOURNALISTS	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE TAIWAN PROTEST WHO LEADERS ACCUSATIONS OF RACIST...	NO ATTACHMENTS
CHINA CORONAVIRUS MISSION CHINA PLANS CG WUHAN	NO ATTACHMENTS
HONG KONG ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS	YES. 3 ATTACHMENTS
DEPUTIES CALL	YES. 2 ATTACHMENTS
INCLUDES WH EDITS	YES. 1 ATTACHMENTS
A MESSAGE OF THANKS	NO ATTACHMENTS
ADVISORY	NO ATTACHMENTS
BIG GERMAN PAPER	NO ATTACHMENTS
BREAKING NEWS	NO ATTACHMENTS
RE: FOR CLEARANCE: PRESS	NO ATTACHMENTS
RECAP CHARTER FLIGHT	NO ATTACHMENTS
GLOBAL MEDIA COVERAGE	NO ATTACHMENTS
HONG KONG 2019	NO ATTACHMENTS
QUICK REVIEW VISA SANCTIONS PM	NO ATTACHMENTS
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SEEKING GUIDANCE FOR EYES ON WUHAN	NO ATTACHMENTS
STILLWELL CONTACT	NO ATTACHMENTS

URGENT US CARGO FLIGHT  
WHITE HOUSE NAMES HIV/AIDS

NO ATTACHMENTS  
NO ATTACHMENTS

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
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 ISN-Press-DL <ISN-Press-DL@state.gov>;  
 (b)(6);  
**To:** CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>;  
 (b)(6);  
**CC:** EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: 1430 Update - POTUS PRESSER  
**Date:** Fri, 29 May 2020 18:48:24 +0000

Gotcha - have it on my iPhone.

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:36 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); ISN-Press-DL <ISN-Press-DL@state.gov>;  
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**Cc:** EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** 1430 Update - POTUS PRESSER

Not yet started.

Will be streaming at [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

We will push the 1515 DOS Bullpen briefing back – start time is now TBD – NOT 1515.

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:52 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); ISN-Press-DL <ISN-Press-DL@state.gov>;  
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**Cc:** EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** 1350 Update - Visa EO - Sec Statement and Press Guidance - and BRIEFING UPDATE

No changes to either the S Statement or the PG.

The WH added the 2pm presser to the POTUS schedule about an hour ago. It is still on – will be covered by the press and streamed on [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov).

As soon as the President stops speaking we will send the S Statement out (assuming we have a cleared version.)

Still no eyes on the final EO.

We are still tentatively scheduled for a State Department Bullpen briefing at 3:15 – EAP and CA as primary briefers with an ISN briefer standing by to answer questions if needed. Dial in info will be provided by PRS/Ruben. The Bullpen will get a copy of the MCF One-Page Fact Sheet embargoed ahead of the backgrounder. The briefing will be embargoed until the end of the call.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:22 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); ISN-Press-DL <ISN-Press-DL@state.gov>;  
(b)(6); CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>;  
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(b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D.; (b)(6)  
**Cc:** EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** 13015 Update - Visa EO - Sec Statement and Press Guidance - and BRIEFING UPDATE

Attached are the latest documents.

No change to the press guidance.

Statement is with S approvers and the attached versions has some edits provided by NSC Asia to track closely with the EO.

We have not seen a late draft or final EO.

We are still on track for a 3:15 on background briefing.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 12:18 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); ISN-Press-DL <ISN-Press-DL@state.gov>;  
(b)(6); CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>;  
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(b)(6)  
**Cc:** EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** 12:15 Update - Visa EO - Sec Statement and Press Guidance - and BRIEFING UPDATE

Please see the attached. Latest version of the S statement on the visa EO. This includes some edits from Spox. It is with Spox for her final review. It has also been shared with the NSC. Flagging for you so you track the latest version.

Once Morgan clears it will go to S approvers for S final clearance.

The PG has been approved by Spox and shared with NSC press. If/AS this changes we will flag for the group – please do the same as you see issues or questions that need to be added.

Thanks.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 12:12 PM  
**To:** Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** SPOX <SPOX@state.gov>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: HOLD PLS - RE: DOS Visa EO Sec Statement and Press Guidance - and BRIEFING UPDATE

Hello Morgan,

Attached is the revised S Statement on the visas EO. It includes the edits and the Spox tweet Cale provided – for your review and clearance please.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 12:10 PM  
**To:** 'Wilson, John Mark M. EOP/NSC' <(b)(6)> Vasquez, Edgar J.  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6); 'BROWN, BRANDY' <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)> (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: HOLD PLS - RE: DOS Visa EO Sec Statement and Press Guidance - and BRIEFING UPDATE

New version here. Minor edits. Tweet added. Thanks.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 12:01 PM  
**To:** Wilson, John Mark M. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)> Vasquez, Edgar J.  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6); BROWN, BRANDY <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)> (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** HOLD PLS - RE: DOS Visa EO Sec Statement and Press Guidance - and BRIEFING UPDATE

Sorry...Resending an updated version...few changes being made.

**From:** Wilson, John Mark M. EOP/NSC <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 11:58 AM  
**To:** (b) (6); Vasquez, Edgar J. <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** RE: DOS Visa EO Sec Statement and Press Guidance - and BRIEFING UPDATE

ACK. Moving it now

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 11:54 AM  
**To:** Wilson, John Mark M. EOP/NSC <( )> Vasquez, Eddie J. EOP/NSC  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(  
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**Subject:** DOS Visa EO Sec Statement and Press Guidance - and BRIEFING UPDATE

JM and (b)(

Attached are the latest drafts of the Secretary Statement and our Press Guidance.

The Statement still needs final clearance from the Secretary. We plan to issue the Statement after POTUS speaks.

BRANDY – including you here for your awareness. If DHS crafts a statement can you please share it with this group before it is issued? Thank you very much.

Also – as you know well – the press guidance will be updated as we see the final EO and as new questions come in.

NSC Press review and clearance on these is appreciated. We will need to move them to the Secretary’s office in the next 30-45 minutes.

**BRIEFING**

The State Department feels strongly that it should brief the State Department press. State will do a background briefing after the President speaks (approx. 3:15) via teleconference with the Bullpen. EAP and CA will be briefers, possibly, but not confirmed ISN.

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

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EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>







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**From:** (b)(6) >

**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:43 PM

**To:** (b)(6); Keshap, Atul

<(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L

<(b)(6)>; Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>

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**Cc:** (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: CLEARANCE REQUEST: Joint blog from STAS Chiang and PDAS Moore (based on Hoover Inst. remarks)

A couple of small things, and I responded on the use of the PRC v. "Mainland China."

**From:** (b)(6) >

**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:15 PM

**To:** (b)(6); Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D

<(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; Kissel, Mary E (S)

<(b)(6)>

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**Subject:** RE: CLEARANCE REQUEST: Joint blog from STAS Chiang and PDAS Moore (based on Hoover Inst. remarks)

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I clear for EAP/TC.

Thanks!

(b)(6)

International Relations Officer • Office of Taiwan Coordination • Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:21 PM

**To:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

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**Cc:** (b)(6)

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**Subject:** CLEARANCE REQUEST: Joint blog from STAS Chiang and PDAS Moore (based on Hoover Inst. remarks)

Dear colleagues,

I am reaching out to you as clearers of STAS Chiang's and PDAS Moore's remarks for the Hoover Institution event "Taiwan and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons for the World" held two weeks ago. Since the event, both sets of remarks have been published online.

Below, you will find a link to a document that *combines* these two sets of published remarks, which STAS Chiang and PDAS Moore would now like to publish as a joint blog on the website of the International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA). **I was hoping you could please clear the below document by this Friday, May 22nd at COB.** I hope this should be a fairly quick read for you, since the text is copied verbatim from the remarks you read previously!

Chiang-Moore INGSA Blog 2020 v2.docx

Thanks very much!

Best,

(b)(6)

Science and Technology Policy Adviser  
Office of the Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary (STAS)  
U.S. Department of State

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
	Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>;
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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
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**CC:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>  
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 Blackshaw, Brett <(b)(6)>  
 (b)(6);  
**Subject:** RE: Coronavirus in Southeast Asia  
**Date:** Wed, 5 Feb 2020 02:14:20 +0000

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**From:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020 9:13 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
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 <(b)(6)> Blackshaw, Brett <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Coronavirus in Southeast Asia

(b)(6) (b)(6) FYI attached. (b)(5)

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More as we get it.

thx

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020 5:11 PM  
**To:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
 (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Coronavirus and IPS

Atul,

Please find update on Burma, Cambodia, and Laos attached. We also updated RSP's separate tracker. We'll continue to follow up.

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From: Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 8:58 PM  
To: (b)(6)  
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Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Coronavirus and IPS

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From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 2:23 PM  
To: (b)(6) Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
<(b)(6)>  
Subject: Fwd: Coronavirus and IPS

Hi, forwarding below from Paul Grove. Thanks

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Sent from [Workspace ONE Boxer](#)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Grove, Paul (Appropriations) <(b)(6)>  
Date: February 3, 2020 at 1:06:46 PM EST  
Subject: Coronavirus and IPS  
To: (b)(6) Rayburn, Dorothy J  
<(b)(6)>  
Cc: Steele, Gloria D. (ASIA/AA) <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6)

Still reeling from the WH self-inflicted wound on Burma visas (we've just handed the country over to the PRC), but wanted to weigh in on the opportunity coronavirus provides for strengthen US-IPS country relations. I understand that Laos and Burma have asked for PPEs. WE SHOULD PROVIDE THEM IMMEDIATELY. This is easy stuff, with a high return – if we respond to requests quickly. Doesn't matter if they have cases yet – they will.



Please let me know when PPEs have been sent to those countries.

Thanks.

<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); Blackshaw, Brett <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>; Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Cui Interview on Axios
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 23 Mar 2020 02:25:28 +0000

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Buangan, Richard L

**Sent:** Sunday, March 22, 2020 7:55 PM

**To:** Stilwell, David R; Ortagus, Morgan D; Kissel, Mary E (S); Fritz, Jonathan D; (b)(6) (b)(6)

(b)(6) Keshap, Atul; Waters, John R; (b)(6)

**Subject:** Fwd: Cui Interview on Axios

<https://www.axios.com/china-coronavirus-ambassador-cui-tiankai-1b0404e8-026d-4b7d-8290-98076f95df14.html>

Top Chinese official disowns U.S. military lab coronavirus conspiracy



Jonathan Swan, Bethany Allen-Ebrahimian



In a rare interview, China's ambassador to the United States, Cui Tiankai, told "Axios on HBO" that he stands by his belief that it's "crazy" to spread rumors about the coronavirus originating from a military laboratory in the United States.

**Why it matters:** Cui called this exact conspiracy theory "crazy" more than a month ago on CBS' "Face the Nation." But that was before the spokesperson for the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Zhao Lijian, began publicly promoting the conspiracy.

- The fact that Cui distanced himself from his colleague's statements sends an important signal from the top Chinese government official in the U.S.
- Top Trump officials, including the president, have expressed their outrage at Chinese officials for trying to spread the theory that the U.S. military brought the coronavirus to China. The State Department even called in Cui to take him to task.

**The big picture:** There's not a credible epidemiologist in the world who has shown evidence that the virus originated anywhere but China. Scientists believe the virus emerged from animals sold in a market in Wuhan, where the first cases of the disease were discovered.

**Driving the news:** In our interview, which aired Sunday, "Axios on HBO" quoted back to the ambassador a statement he made on "Face the Nation" Feb. 9: "There are people who are saying that these virus [sic] are coming from some- some military lab, not of China, maybe in the United States. How can we believe all these crazy things?"

- Cui told "Axios on HBO" he stands by that statement. "That's my position then and that's my position now."
- Cui added that we should leave it to the scientists to describe where the virus originated and said it's "very harmful" for journalists and diplomats to speculate about its origins.

- He also blamed people in Washington for spreading unfounded rumors — an apparent shot at Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), who has raised questions about whether the virus came from a biochemical lab in Wuhan, China. (There is no evidence for this, either, as Cotton acknowledged.)

**Between the lines:** Asked whether Cui's Foreign Ministry colleague had any evidence to support the conspiracy theory, Cui replied, with a slight smile, "maybe you could go and ask him."

**Key exchange:**

- **"Axios on HBO":** "Well have you asked him, you're the ambassador?"
- **Cui:** "No, I'm here representing my head of state and my government, not any particular individual."
- **"Axios on HBO":** "Does he [Zhao] speak for the Chinese government, or do you?"
- **Cui:** "I am the representative of China in the United States."
- **"Axios on HBO":** "OK, so we shouldn't take his words literally ... we shouldn't take them as a representation of the Chinese government, even though he's the spokesman?"
- **Cui:** "Well you could try to interpret somebody else's statement. I'm not in the position, and I don't have the responsibility, to explain everybody's view to you."

**What's next:** "Axios on HBO" asked Cui what he made of Trump calling the coronavirus the "Chinese virus."

- Cui said the World Health Organization, when it names new viruses, takes care to avoid connecting the virus to a particular group of people so as to "avoid stigma."
- "I hope the WHO rule will be followed," Cui said.

<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>;
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	(b)(6) <(b)(6)>;
	Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>;
	Waters, John R <(b)(6)>;
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<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6) <(b)(6)>
<b>CC:</b>	EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Dinner with USCBC members?
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 17 Mar 2020 21:25:26 +0000

Yep. A few Issues to add into the mix:

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 5:16 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: Dinner with USCBC members?

Jonathan,

(b)(6) replied with questions below. Did you want me to ask CM Team to write up talking points for you or to ask anyone to join you to take notes during the Friday call?

Thank you.

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:49 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Dinner with USCBC members?

Dear (b)(6)

Yes, we would like to hold the call. To confirm, we'll proceed from 2:30 – 3:30 pm on Friday, March 20? We would be pleased to hear 15 minutes of remarks from DAS Fritz followed by Q&A. Some of the topics that are top of mind for some of our companies include the general trend of the bilateral relationship and impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, status of mission China and scope of services in the coming months, forced labor issues in Xinjiang and how US companies can support a dialogue on this sensitive subject, and anything else DAS Fritz thinks would be useful for companies to be aware of.

This will be open only to our board of director companies (30 American companies), I'll circulate a list of confirmed attendees with you over the coming two days.

We would be happy to host this on USCBC's conference system, I've included call in information below. If DAS Fritz would rather call in as opposed to join by computer, please just let me know which number he'll use so I can make sure that line has speaking privileges.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

USCBC Programs is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/338745414?pwd=Q3dRWkFndEVpVjRjMVo1cVhlemF2QT09>

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Meeting ID: 338 745 414

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aejEnXySer>

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 3:35 PM

**To:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Dinner with USCBC members?

Dear (b)(6)

Hello. I was just emailing to follow up on the call this Friday. Did you still want to have the call and if you have more information?

Thank you.

(b)(6)

Assistant to DAS Jonathan Fritz  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
2201 C Street NW, Rm 6205  
Washington, D.C. 20520

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 5:39 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Dinner with USCBC members?

Dear (b)(6)

We're looking forward to the dinner next week with DAS Fritz. We're taking all precautions to ensure none of the guests have traveled outside the country for the last 14 days and have booked a small private room away from larger crowds. Confirmed attendees and address information are below.

- Chubb, Yancy Molnar, SVP, International Government Affairs
- Cummins Inc., Cathy van Way, Vice President of Government Relations
- ExxonMobil, Peter Lavoy, Senior Director, International Government relations
- FedEx, Ralph Carter, Vice President, International Regulatory Affairs
- JP Morgan, Jack Bartling, VP, Global Government Affairs
- The Procter & Gamble Company, Sean Mulvaney, Senior Director Global Government Relations and Public Policy
- Archer Daniels Midland Company, Lorraine Riffle Hawley, Director, Int'l. Government Relations

**Location:** PISCO Y NAZCA  
1823 L Street NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
**Time:** 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Thanks again for your support.

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 6, 2020 3:11 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Dinner with USCBC members?

Mr. (b)(6)

Good afternoon. I would like to accept the invitation for dinner on behalf of DAS Jonathan Fritz. I tried to call you this afternoon to see what dates work best to schedule the dinner. Please feel free to reach me on my telephone below to look at possible dates.

Thank you.

Best regards,

(b)(6)

*Assistant to DAS Jonathan Fritz*



Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
2201 C Street NW, Rm 6205  
Washington, D.C. 20520

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 4:43 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Martin, Davette T (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Dinner with USCBC members?

Dear Jonathan,

Craig Allen asked me to reach out to see if you might be open to him hosting a dinner with a group of USCBC member companies in the coming weeks? We would plan to assemble a small group of 8-10 companies to discuss what they are experiencing in the China market on COVID-19, production and supply chain challenges, labor shortages, and expectations for the future. They would also value the opportunity to hear an update on your top priorities.

If you could share a few evenings you're available in the coming weeks we would be pleased to set something up.

Very much appreciate your consideration.

Regards,

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(b)(6)  
Senior Vice President

US-China Business Council 美中贸易全国委员会  
1818 N Street NW, Suite 200  
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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6); EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** Buan, Richard L <(b)(6)>;  
(b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Flights to China— convo with S— need your help  
**Date:** Mon, 3 Feb 2020 16:57:48 +0000

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**From:** Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 11:53 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Flights to China— convo with S— need your help

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Richard L. Buangan  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
United States Department of State

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 9:50:41 PM  
**To:** Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Flights to China— convo with S— need your help

Checking from our side now in M Richard...

(b)(6)

Executive Assistant  
Office of the Under Secretary for Management, HST 7207

U.S. Department of State

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**From:** Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 11:29 AM  
**To:** Lampel, Michael D <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Flights to China— convo with S— need your help

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Richard L. Buangan  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Office of the Secretary (S)  
U.S. Department of State  
Email: (b)(6)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Ortagus, Morgan D" <(b)(6)>  
**Date:** February 3, 2020 at 18:48:  
**To:** "Bulatao, Brian J" <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** "Giuda, Michelle" <(b)(6)>, "Martin, Kathryn (Katie)" <(b)(6)>, <(b)(6)>, <(b)(6)>, <(b)(6)>, "Kissel, Mary E (S)" <(b)(6)>, <(b)(6)>, "Buangan, Richard L" <(b)(6)>  
**Subject: Flights to China— convo with S— need your help**

Brian— just spoke to S on the plane. Looping in others to help with his request.

He wants to get 2 stories out there, but wants me to check the facts with you:

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I need to jump on this for him so let me know please— thanks!

Morgan

Sent from an iPhone

<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; (b)(6);

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6);  
**To:** EAP-Staffers Mailbox <EAP-StaffersMailbox@state.gov>;  
Waters, John R <(b)(6)>;  
(b)(6); (b)(6);  
EAP-CM-Global-DL <EAP-CM-Global-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: For Awareness/Review- G7 Papers on Global Travel, Protecting Shared Values, and Support to Vulnerable Countries  
**Date:** Tue, 14 Apr 2020 15:48:39 +0000

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:33 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Subject:** Re: For Awareness/Review- G7 Papers on Global Travel, Protecting Shared Values, and Support to Vulnerable Countries

Could you make redline edits in the appropriate doc and send back to staffers? Thanks!

(b)(6)

Special Assistant  
Office of the Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
U.S. Department of State

(b)(6)

(Teleworking Tuesdays and Thursdays)

**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:15:47 AM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; EAP-FO-Principals-DL <EAP-FO-Principals-DL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: For Awareness/Review- G7 Papers on Global Travel, Protecting Shared Values, and Support to Vulnerable Countries

Maybe we should propose something like this in here:

(b)(5)

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Stilwell, David R  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 10:54 AM  
**To:** EAP-FO-Principals-DL  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: For Awareness/Review- G7 Papers on Global Travel, Protecting Shared Values, and Support to Vulnerable Countries

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**From:** Stilwell, David R  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 10:51 AM  
**To:** EAP-FO-Principals-DL <EAP-FO-Principals-DL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: For Awareness/Review- G7 Papers on Global Travel, Protecting Shared Values, and Support to Vulnerable Countries

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 10:15 AM  
**To:** EAP-FO-Principals-DL <EAP-FO-Principals-DL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); EAP-Staffers Mailbox <EAP-StaffersMailbox@state.gov>  
**Subject:** For Awareness/Review- G7 Papers on Global Travel, Protecting Shared Values, and Support to Vulnerable Countries

Colleagues,

I am sharing the first three of what will ultimately be a total of six G7 COVID-19 concept papers for your awareness and review. (b)(5)

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We would welcome your redline edits by 3 p.m. (b)(5)

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Best,

(b)(6)

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6); EAP-Staffers Mailbox <EAP-StaffersMailbox@state.gov>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); EAP-CM-Global-DL <EAP-CM-Global-DL@state.gov>

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Fleming, Bon E <(b)(6)> Waters, John R <(b)(6)>
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: For Clearance: Stilwell Email Response
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 3 Mar 2020 23:14:33 +0000

Looks good to me.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 3, 2020 5:09 PM  
**To:** Waters, John R <(b)(5)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** For Clearance: Stilwell Email Response

Jonathan and Rick,

A/S Stilwell reached out to me directly with the question below. For your clearance, please see the proposed response, cleared by (b)(6)

Thanks!

(b)(6)

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A/S Stilwell,

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Best,

(b)(6)

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**From:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 3, 2020 3:43 PM

**To:** (b)(6)

**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>

**Subject:** Decoupling

Bon

I just reviewed a Decoupling package you sent in January after I asked about the real upshot. (b)(5)

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No rush.

Thanks

Dave

David R. Stilwell

Ass't Secretary East Asia Pacific

(b)(6)

<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6); Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
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**To:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>;  
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 Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>;  
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 (b)(6) <(b)(6)>;  
**CC:** (b)(6);  
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 EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>;  
 EAP-FO-Staffer-DL <EAP-FO-Staffer-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: FOR EAP FO CLEARANCE - RE: Times of London oped  
**Date:** Thu, 30 Apr 2020 23:49:53 +0000

A few suggested edits tracked in the attached...

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 6:55 PM  
**To:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>; EAP-FO-Staffer-DL <EAP-FO-Staffer-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** FOR EAP FO CLEARANCE - RE: Times of London oped

Thanks (b)(6)

FO Colleagues,

Attached for FO clearance is the latest version of the op-ed that EUR has proposed be placed in the Times of London in Ambassador Johnson's name – in response to recent reporting on the SCS.

Your review and clearance tonight is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 6:11 PM

To: (b)(6); Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
Cc: (b)(6)  
<(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
Subject: RE: Times of London oped

(b)(6) et al – FYSA - the A/S will not be available to clear anything until 1930/2000 this evening at the earliest.

(b)(6)  
Special Assistant  
Office of the Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 6:10 PM  
To: Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
Cc: (b)(6)  
<(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D  
<(b)(6)>  
Subject: Re: Times of London oped

Thank you! We are consolidating edits now and will have to the FO for clearance as soon as we can. SPOX has asked to see it tonight so she can try to get it cleared in time.

Best,  
(b)(6)

From: Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 5:23 PM  
To: (b)(6); Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
Cc: (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Times of London oped

Thanks, fingers crossed that we can get this over the finish line in time. I guess we really only have this afternoon to put it to bed. What can I do to help speed things along?

From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 5:09 PM

To: Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>

Cc: (b)(6)  
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Subject: Re: Times of London oped

It just came in from Embassy London, it needs to be final by noon tomorrow local time. L has some serious concerns with the draft as written, and others have edits, too. The substance is being worked, and EUR is working it with GPA. It might also need WH clearance, EUR is working that angle with GPA.

From: Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>

Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 5:05 PM

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Subject: Times of London oped

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	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: op-ed from the Hill -- result of all of your engagements
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 17 Apr 2020 23:20:18 +0000

Thanks for sharing, Wendy. Very gratifying to know that the Department's magnificent teamwork on this effort is appreciated by the Hill.

Cheers,  
Jonathan

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**From:** (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 7:15 PM  
**To:** O'Reilly, Kevin M <(b)(6)>  
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**Subject:** op-ed from the Hill -- result of all of your engagements

Hi all,

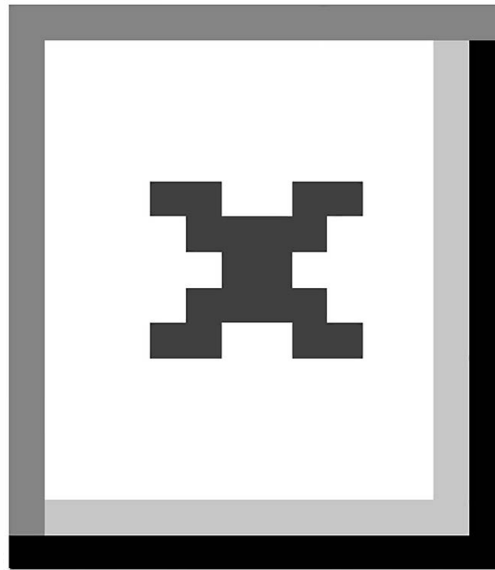
The below op-ed from the Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee reflects the efforts of State personnel worldwide, but the fact that HFAC and SFRC see State as having made these efforts in consultation with their committees is due to the many, many hours that all of you have put into briefings and interactions with the Hill since this all started way back in January. Thanks to all of you who schlepped up to the Hill multiple times in person and to those of you who put in countless hours in on phone calls or in prepping for briefings. It's a very big deal to have the Hill view themselves in partnership with State and praising our repatriation efforts—they don't often see themselves in a partnership role with State.

If I inadvertently missed someone who should have received this, please copy them in. (PDAS Brownlee has already seen.)

Best,

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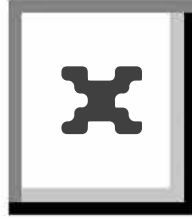
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## **ICYMI: McCaul, Risch Op-Ed: Facing Unprecedented Challenge, State Department Brings 61,000 Americans Home**



## Facing Unprecedented Challenge, State Department Brings 61,000 Americans Home

**By: House Foreign Affairs Committee Lead Republican McCaul, Senate  
Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jim Risch**

**The Hill**

**April 17, 2020**

Every year, an estimated 83 million Americans travel to a foreign country. Whether their travel is for work, pleasure, or a mission to help vulnerable people, they rarely have reason to feel uncertain about their return home.

However, as the coronavirus pandemic began to sweep across the world, many Americans suddenly found themselves trapped abroad as governments around the globe placed immediate restrictions on travel into and out of their countries and airports shut down overnight.

Just like the many businesses suddenly forced to shut down their regular operations, the State Department faced an unprecedented challenge overnight: to bring home tens of thousands of American citizens trapped in every region of the world in the middle of a pandemic.

The State Department has risen to the occasion, activating one of the largest



diplomatic missions in its history. In consultation with the House Foreign Affairs and Senate Foreign Relations Committees, the Department has implemented procedures to help repatriate as many Americans as possible as quickly as possible. The Department established a task force that has worked in shifts – often 24 hours a day, seven days a week – to help facilitate this unprecedented effort. This includes moving Americans trapped in remote locations to regional hubs so they are close to an airport and ready for take-off.

In addition, the State Department has engaged in multifaceted negotiations with both foreign governments and airlines to open air space and mobilize more commercial carriers. Where additional obstacles have emerged, the State Department has dispatched Emergency Assistance Teams to reinforce operations on the ground.

This round the clock effort is working. As of today, the State Department has successfully brought home more than 61,000 Americans from 106 countries on 567 flights. This includes Americans from our home states of Texas and Idaho.

For example, when dozens of Texans were stuck in remote Peruvian villages after the country completely shut down international travel, the State Department assigned an extra, full-time team to coordinate and facilitate their travel home. Nearly 20 hours from the closest airport and with no means of transportation themselves, the State Department chartered buses to transport them to Lima and ultimately used a U.S.-operated military hangar to help bring the Americans safely home. And when a group of 16 high school students from Texas, on a mission trip in Roatan, Honduras, thought they would be stranded until May after the Honduran government closed the border, the State Department helped ensure they were safely reunited with their families within a week of the travel shut down.

A number of Idahoans too faced a dire situation as other countries shut down their borders with little or no warning. From South America, to the Middle East, and

across the continent of Africa, many Idahoans abroad were suddenly plunged into overwhelming uncertainty as they faced a lockdown in a nation that was unfamiliar to them. As these travelers grappled with the reality of navigating a pandemic thousands of miles away from home, our diplomats made every effort to maintain open communication, and in the cases of many Idahoans, a personal connection, working with foreign governments and partners to get people home.

Most Americans don't usually see the State Department at work, much less experience firsthand the outstanding work of our diplomats abroad. This virus is unprecedented in size and scope. Instead of conducting an evacuation from a single country, they had to orchestrate more than 100 evacuations simultaneously. For this reason, the State Department is front and center for hundreds of thousands of Americans who, like us, thank them for their unwavering support to getting every American home.

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<b>Subject:</b>	Re: PLS CLR: EAP TAIWAN PG
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 30 Mar 2020 23:27:19 +0000

Looks great.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 5:58 PM  
**To:** Kissel, Mary E (S); Buangan, Richard L; Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL  
**Subject:** Re: PLS CLR: EAP TAIWAN PG

Mary, For your note and based on your feedback, this is the version we have.  
Adding DAS Fritz and Richard Buangan -- please let me know if this is good for both of you as well.

Thank you.

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## **EAP Press Guidance March 27, 2020**

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From: Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:24 PM

To: (b)(6)  
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Subject: RE: PLS CLR: EAP TAIWAN PG

(b)(6) back to you

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From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:04 PM  
To: Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>  
Cc: EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>  
Subject: Re: PLS CLR: EAP TAIWAN PG

Mary: Circling back on this PG, for your clearance. I will let EAP/FO do their final clearance following your response. Richard Buangan provisionally cleared.

Thank you!

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**Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: PLS CLR: EAP TAIWAN PG

Yes, thank you Mary! Transcript is still in train; after it is out, we will review to make sure PG reflects what S said in the call.

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**From:** Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 9:08 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: PLS CLR: EAP TAIWAN PG

Hello (b)(6) happy Monday.

Two quick requests before I edit:

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Will read next iteration, many thanks.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 9:06 AM  
**To:** Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** PLS CLR: EAP TAIWAN PG

Mary:

Kindly seeking your clearance on the attached Taiwan PG.  
For ease of read, copied and pasted below. Thank you!

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<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Fwd: Aussie couple ordered wine via drone on quarantined coronavirus cruise ship
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 11 Feb 2020 11:40:40 +0000

"Life will find a way." —Dr Malcolm in Jurassic Park (1993).

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On February 11, 2020 at 6:35:58 AM EST, Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)> wrote:

My favorite coronavirus story

Sent from an iPhone

**From:** Morgan Ortagus <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2020 6:26:37 AM

**To:** Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>

**Subject:** Aussie couple ordered wine via drone on quarantined coronavirus cruise ship

Aussie couple ordered wine via drone on quarantined coronavirus cruise ship

<https://nypost.com/2020/02/10/aussie-couple-ordered-wine-via-drone-on-quarantined-coronavirus-cruise-ship/>

<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
**CC:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6); Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Oudkirk, Sandra S <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); Knapper, Marc E <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: S roundtable with Asia-Pacific journalists.  
**Date:** Sun, 29 Mar 2020 00:26:34 +0000

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Buangan, Richard L  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:18 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Stilwell, David R; (b)(6); Keshap, Atul; Fritz, Jonathan D; Waters, John R; Oudkirk, Sandra S; (b)(6); Knapper, Marc E; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: S roundtable with Asia-Pacific journalists.

Hi (b)(6)

S' round table is early Monday morning so we were going to send paper up tomorrow early afternoon. It would be great if we can get points then. Thanks.

Richard L. Buangan  
 Office of the Secretary (S)  
 U.S. Department of State  
 Email: (b)(6)

On Mar 28, 2020, at 20:03, (b)(6) wrote:

Absolutely - we'll provide points for you to include in S' Monday paper. Thanks for incorporating this.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2020, at 7:36 PM, Stilwell, David R

(b)(6) wrote:

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Dave

**From:** Buangan, Richard L (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:22 PM  
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**Cc:** (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** S roundtable with Asia-Pacific journalists.

Team: S is doing a roundtable with Asian media on Monday and I'm compiling a set of top lines to send to Morgan tomorrow. The round table was originally going to focus on (b)(5)

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Any other top lines we can suggest? I'll compile a few and send to Stilwell for consideration. Below is a list of the journalists invited to participate. The fact sheet we sent out yesterday is also below for your reference.

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Richard L. Buangan  
Office of the Secretary (S)  
U.S. Department of State  
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**Subject:** The United States is Leading the Humanitarian and Health Assistance Response to COVID-19

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## The United States is Leading the Humanitarian and Health Assistance Response to COVID-19

03/27/2020 02:17 PM EDT

### Office of the Spokesperson

The U.S. government is leading the world's humanitarian and health assistance response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are mobilizing all necessary resources to respond rapidly, both at home and abroad. As part of this comprehensive and generous U.S. response, the State Department and USAID are providing an initial investment of nearly \$274 million in emergency health and humanitarian assistance to help countries in need, on top of the funding we already provide to multilateral organizations such as the World Health Organization and UNICEF.

This total to date includes nearly \$100 million in emergency health assistance from USAID's Global Health Emergency Reserve Fund and \$110 million in humanitarian assistance from USAID's International Disaster Assistance account, to be provided for up to 64 of the most at-risk countries facing the threat of this global pandemic. Through the State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) will receive \$64 million in humanitarian assistance to help address the threats posed by COVID-19 in existing humanitarian crisis situations for some of the world's most vulnerable people.

U.S. government agencies are working together to prioritize foreign assistance based on coordination and the potential for impact. With today's new funds, the United States is providing the following specific assistance:

#### **Africa:**

- **Angola:** \$570,000 in health assistance will help provide risk communication, water and sanitation, and infection prevention and control in key health facilities in Angola. This assistance comes on top of long-term U.S. investments in Angola including \$613 million in health assistance and \$1.48 billion total country investment over the past 20 years.
- **Burkina Faso:** Nearly \$2.1 million in health and humanitarian funding will go toward risk communication, water and sanitation activities, infection prevention and control, public health messaging, and more. Over the past 20 years, the United States has invested more than \$222 million in health alone and more than \$2.4 billion total in Burkina Faso.
- **Cameroon:** \$1.4 million in health assistance will help provide infection control in key health facilities, strengthen laboratories and surveillance, prepare communities, and bolster local messaging. This assistance builds upon more than \$390 million in U.S. health assistance and more than \$960 million total country investment over the past 20 years.
- **Cote d'Ivoire:** \$1.6 million in health assistance to help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. Over the past 20 years, the United States has invested nearly \$1.2 billion in Cote d'Ivoire's health, and more than \$2.1 billion in long term development and other assistance.

- **Ethiopia:** \$1.85 million to counter COVID-19 will go toward risk communication, water and sanitation activities, infection prevention, and coordination. This assistance joins the long-term U.S. investment in Ethiopia, including nearly \$4 billion in health alone and more than \$13 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Kenya:** \$1 million in health assistance will bolster risk communication, prepare health-communication networks and media for a possible case, and help provide public health messaging for media, health workers, and communities. This COVID-19 specific assistance comes on top of long-term U.S. investment in Kenya, including \$6.7 billion in health assistance alone, and more than \$11.7 billion in development and other assistance over the last 20 years.
- **Mozambique:** \$2.8 million in emergency health funding will help provide risk communication, water and sanitation, and infection prevention and control in key health facilities in Mozambique. The United States has invested more than \$3.8 billion in health assistance and nearly \$6 billion total investment, including development and other assistance, over the past 20 years.
- **Nigeria:** More than \$7 million in health and humanitarian funding will go toward risk communication, water and sanitation activities, infection prevention, and coordination. This assistance joins more than \$5.2 billion in U.S. health assistance and more than \$8.1 billion in total assistance for Nigeria over the past 20 years.
- **Rwanda:** \$1 million in health assistance will help with surveillance and case management efforts in response to COVID-19. This comes on top of long-term U.S. investment in Rwanda including more than \$1.5 billion in health and more than \$2.6 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Senegal:** \$1.9 million in health funding will go toward risk communication, water and sanitation, infection prevention and control, public health messaging, and more. In Senegal, the U.S. has invested nearly \$880 million in health alone, and nearly \$2.8 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **South Africa:** \$2.77 million in health assistance to counter COVID-19 will support risk communication, water and sanitation, infection prevention and control, public health messaging, and more. This assistance joins nearly \$6 billion invested in health, and more than \$8 billion in total assistance, by the United States for South Africa in the past 20 years.
- **Tanzania:** \$1 million in health assistance will help provide risk communication, water and sanitation, infection prevention and control, public health messaging, and more. The United States has invested nearly \$4.9 billion in health alone and more than \$7.5 billion total for Tanzania over the past 20 years.
- **Zambia:** \$1.87 million in health assistance will go toward risk communication, water and sanitation, infection prevention and control, public health messaging, and more. This new assistance joins nearly \$3.9 billion in U.S. health assistance and nearly \$4.9 billion total U.S. assistance for Zambia over the past 20 years.
- **Zimbabwe:** \$470,000 in health assistance will help the government to prepare laboratories for large-scale testing, support case-finding activities for influenza-like illnesses, and implement a public-health emergency plan for points of entry. This builds on a history of U.S. investments in Zimbabwe – nearly \$1.2 billion in health alone, and nearly \$3 billion total over the past 20 years.
- In addition to health assistance, humanitarian funding is being provided for **Central African Republic** (\$3 million), **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (\$6 million), **Somalia** (\$7 million), **South Sudan** (\$8 million), and **Sudan** (\$8 million). This assistance will primarily provide health-related support and supplies to bolster water and sanitation activities. The United States has a long, generous history of investing in the health and welfare of these countries' citizens, and this humanitarian assistance comes on top of U.S. assistance over the past 20 years: \$4.5 million in health and \$822.6 million total for the Central African Republic; nearly \$1.6 billion in

health and nearly \$6.5 billion total for the Democratic Republic of the Congo; nearly \$30 million in health and \$5.3 billion total for Somalia; more than \$405 million in health and more than nearly \$6.4 billion total for South Sudan; and more than \$3 million in health and more than \$1.6 billion total for Sudan.

### Europe and Eurasia:

- **Albania:** \$700,000 in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. Over the last 20 years, the United States has invested more than \$51.8 million in health assistance for Albania, and more than \$693 million in total assistance.
- **Armenia:** \$1.1 million in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has invested nearly \$106 million in health assistance and \$1.57 billion total for Armenia over the past 20 years.
- **Azerbaijan:** \$1.7 million in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. Over the past 20 years, the United States has invested nearly \$41 million in health alone in Azerbaijan, and more than \$890 million in total assistance.
- **Belarus:** \$1.3 million in health funding will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. This new assistance comes on top of decades of U.S. investment in Belarus, including nearly \$1.5 million in health alone and more than \$301 million in total U.S. assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** \$1.2 million in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has invested \$200,000 in health assistance and more than \$1.1 billion in total assistance for Bosnia and Herzegovina over the past 20 years.
- **Georgia:** \$1.1 million in health funding will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has provided nearly \$139 million in health assistance and more than \$3.6 billion in total U.S. assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Kosovo:** \$1.1 million in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. This assistance to combat COVID-19 is in addition to long-term U.S. investments in Kosovo including more than \$10 million in health assistance and nearly \$773 million in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Moldova:** \$1.2 million in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. This COVID-19 assistance builds upon U.S. investments of nearly \$42 million in health assistance and more than \$1 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **North Macedonia:** \$1.1 million will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. Over the past 20 years, the United States has invested nearly \$11.5 million in health alone and more than \$738 million in total assistance for North Macedonia.
- **Serbia:** \$1.2 million in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has invested nearly \$5.4 million in health assistance and more than \$1 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.

- **Ukraine:** More than \$1.2 million in health and humanitarian assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has provided long-term health investments in Ukraine over the past 20 years totaling nearly \$362 million, and total U.S. assistance of nearly \$5 billion over the same time period.
- **Uzbekistan:** Approximately \$848,000 in health funding will go to help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. This new assistance builds upon long-term U.S. investment of more than \$122 million in health and more than \$962 million total assistance over the past 20 years.

## Asia:

- **Afghanistan:** Approximately \$5 million in health and humanitarian assistance will go to support detection and treatment of COVID-19 for internally displaced persons (IDPs). In addition, the United States has also redirected \$10 million in existing resources to support of the United Nations (WHO) Emergency Response Plan for COVID-19. This support will include surveillance, lab improvements, case management, infection prevention and control, community engagement, and technical assistance to Government of Afghanistan.
- **Bangladesh:** \$3.4 million in health assistance will help with case management and surveillance activities. This builds upon more than \$1 billion in health assistance alone out of nearly \$4 billion in total U.S. assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Burma:** Approximately \$3.8 million in health and humanitarian funding will go toward water and sanitation supplies, COVID-19 case management, event-based surveillance, coordination, and more. This assistance comes on top of long-term U.S. investment in Burma including more than \$176 million in health and more than \$1.3 billion in total U.S. assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Cambodia:** Approximately \$2 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, and support technical experts for response and preparedness, and more. The United States has invested long-term in Cambodia, providing more than \$730 million in health and more than \$1.6 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **India:** \$2.9 million to help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, and support technical experts for response and preparedness, and more. This builds upon the foundation of more than \$1.4 billion in health assistance out of the more than \$2.8 billion in U.S. assistance for India over the last 20 years.
- **Indonesia:** \$2.3 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, and support technical experts for response and preparedness, and more. The United States has invested more than \$1 billion in health and more than \$5 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Kazakhstan:** More than \$800,000 in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. This new assistance builds upon U.S. investments of more than \$86 million in health and more than \$2 billion in total assistance over the last 20 years.
- **Kyrgyzstan:** Approximately \$883,000 in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has invested more than \$120 million in health assistance and nearly \$1.2 billion in total assistance for Kyrgyzstan over the past 20 years.
- **Laos:** Nearly \$2 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, and support technical experts for response and preparedness, and more. This assistance builds upon U.S. investment in Laos over time, including nearly \$92 million in health

and more than \$348 million total over the past 20 years.

- **Mongolia:** Nearly \$1.2 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, and support technical experts for response and preparedness, and more. The United States has invested nearly \$106 million in health and more than \$1 billion in total assistance for Mongolia over the past 20 years.
- **Nepal:** \$1.8 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, and support technical experts for response and preparedness, and more. Over the past 20 years, U.S. investment in Nepal includes more than \$603 million in health alone out of more than \$2 billion in total assistance.
- **Papua New Guinea:** \$1.2 million for Papua New Guinea to help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. The United States has invested more than \$52 million in Papua New Guinea's health alone, and nearly \$90 million total, over the past 20 years.
- **Pacific Islands:** \$2.3 million to help governments prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. Over the last decade, the United States has invested more than \$620 million in health assistance for the Pacific Islands. Over the last 20 years, the United States has invested over \$5.21 billion in assistance to the Pacific Islands.
- **Pakistan:** \$1 million in health funding will help Pakistan strengthen monitoring and better prepare communities to identify potential outbreaks. To bolster its national COVID-19 action plan, the United States has also redirected more than \$1 million in existing funding for training of healthcare providers and other urgent needs. S. long-term investment in Pakistan includes more than \$1.1 billion in health alone and more than \$18.4 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Philippines:** Nearly \$4 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. The United States has invested more than \$582 million in the Philippines' health alone and nearly \$4.5 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Sri Lanka:** \$1.3 million will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. Over the past 20 years, U.S. investment in Sri Lanka has included more than \$26 million in health alone out of more than \$1 billion in total assistance.
- **Tajikistan:** Approximately \$866,000 in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. This assistance builds on U.S. investments of nearly \$125 million in health and more than \$1 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Thailand:** Approximately \$1.2 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. This new assistance builds upon long-term U.S. assistance in Thailand including more than \$213 million in health and more than \$1 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Turkmenistan:** Approximately \$920,000 in health assistance has been made available to help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has invested more than \$21.5 million in health and more than \$207 million in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Timor Leste:** \$1.1 million will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. The United States has invested nearly \$70 million in health



assistance and more than \$542 million in total assistance for Timor-Leste over the past 20 years.

- **Vietnam:** Nearly \$3 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. Over the past 20 years, the United States has invested more than \$706 million in health assistance and more than \$1.8 billion in total assistance for Vietnam.
- **Regional Efforts in Asia:** \$1.6 million in health assistance will help governments across the region prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. The United States has provided more than \$226 million in health assistance regionally and in addition to health assistance to individual countries in the region, and in total more than \$3 billion in development and other assistance over the last 20 years.

### Latin America and the Caribbean:

- **Jamaica:** \$700,000 in health funding will support risk communication efforts, water and sanitation, prevent and control infections, manage COVID-19 cases, strengthen laboratories, and surveil the spread of the virus. This assistance builds upon U.S. investments of nearly \$87 million in health and nearly \$619 million total over the past 20 years for Jamaica.
- **Paraguay:** \$1.3 million in health assistance will support risk communication efforts, prevent and control infections, manage COVID-19 cases, strengthen laboratories, and surveil the spread of the virus. U.S. investment in Paraguay is long-term and includes more than \$42 million in health and more than \$456 million total over the past 20 years.
- **Haiti:** \$2.2 million in health assistance will help the Haitian government scale up its risk communication efforts, water and sanitation, prevent and control infections, manage COVID-19 cases, strengthen laboratories, and more. The United States has invested \$1.8 billion in health in Haiti and nearly \$6.7 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **The Caribbean:** \$1.7 million will help governments in the Eastern Caribbean scale up their risk communication efforts, water and sanitation, prevent and control infections, manage COVID-19 cases, strengthen laboratories, and surveil the spread of the virus. This builds upon decades of strategic U.S. investment in the region, including more than \$236 million in health and more than \$840 million total over the past 20 years.
- Additionally, humanitarian assistance is being provided to **Colombia** (\$8.5 million) and **Venezuela** (\$9 million) to surveil the spread of the virus, provide water and sanitation supplies, manage COVID-19 cases, and more. In Colombia, the United States has invested approximately \$32.5 million in health over the past 20 years, and nearly \$12 billion in total assistance in that same time frame. In Venezuela, the U.S. has invested more than \$1.3 million in direct health assistance and more than \$278 million in total long-term assistance over the past 20 years.

### Middle East and North Africa:

- **Morocco:** \$670,000 in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. This assistance builds upon long-term U.S. investments in Morocco, including \$64.5 million in health and more than \$2.6 billion in total assistance over the last 20 years.
- **Tunisia:** \$700,000 in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has invested more than \$7 million directly in health assistance and more than

\$1.3 billion in total U.S. assistance for Tunisia over the past 20 years.

- **Iraq:** More than \$15.5 million in health and humanitarian assistance will help prepare laboratories, implement a public-health emergency plan for points of entry, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance for influenza-like illnesses, and more. This new assistance builds upon long-term investment in Iraq, including nearly \$4 billion in health alone, and more than \$70 billion in total U.S. assistance over the past 20 years.
- Humanitarian assistance is also being provided for **Libya** (\$6 million) and **Syria** (\$16.8 million). This assistance joins decades of U.S. investments in both countries' health and overall development. The U.S. has invested more than \$715 million in total assistance for Libya over the past 20 years, and more than \$6.1 billion in total assistance for Syria in the same time frame.

### UN Organizations and Agencies:

- \$24.3 million in global and regional programming through international organizations like the WHO and UNICEF.
- \$64 million for UNHCR's portion of the UN's COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan to address the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in refugee, IDP, and hosting communities in countries already facing complex humanitarian crises across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and South America.

U.S. investments under the Global Health Security Agenda, including those we have contributed to this global crisis response, are designed to protect the American public by helping to minimize the spread of disease in affected countries and improve local and global responses to outbreaks of infectious pathogens.

This new assistance builds on the United States' record of leadership in global health and humanitarian assistance. This assistance is part of a larger USG global response package across multiple departments and agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Since 2009, American taxpayers have generously funded more than \$100 billion in health assistance and nearly \$70 billion in humanitarian assistance globally. Our country continues to be the single largest health and humanitarian donor for both long-term development and capacity building efforts with partners, and emergency response efforts in the face of recurrent crises. This money has saved lives, protected people who are most vulnerable to disease, built health institutions, and promoted the stability of communities and nations.

*For more information on the U.S. government's holistic funding in response to this crisis, please contact [PRM-Press@state.gov](mailto:PRM-Press@state.gov).*

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Jonathan:

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@DrTedros  
 said there's "No need to use #COVID19 to score political points.  
 We agree! Yet without evidence, #Taiwan is accused of  
 orchestrating personal attacks. This claim is baseless, without  
 merit & further marginalizes the good work in which the  
 @WHO

is engaged worldwide.

People around the world, especially in #Taiwan, have seen the way the

@WHO

mislabeled & outright ignored enquiries about the country. There's been questions about its handling of the situation. In democratic societies, people should be able to express these opinions freely.

But the government of #Taiwan has in no way condoned nor encouraged any personal attacks on

@DrTedros

. It's always believed in #HealthForAll & continues seeking full cooperation with the

@WHO

to share Taiwan's response to #Coronavirus with the international community.

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I haven't seen the actual tweets in question – have you guys?

**From:** Solomon, Howard T (Geneva) <(b)(6)>  
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That will hopefully prove helpful to the Mission Geneva team as they push back on this baseless accusation.

**From:** (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Re: Taiwan protests WHO leader's accusations of racist campaign (AP)

Below is from the Taiwan MOFA statement pit out today:

MOFA condemns all forms of discrimination, and regrets any biased statements made against Dr. Tedros. We understand how he feels given that the 23 million people of Taiwan have long experienced the serious political discrimination of the international health system. MOFA has stressed in a press release February 9 to urge individuals and associations to be rational when expressing support for Taiwan to gain participation in global public health and disease prevention networks. As to unidentified individuals of unknown nationality who have used the internet to criticize Dr. Tedros's handling of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, such personal expressions of opinion are not associated with MOFA, and are not something over which MOFA has controlled.

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On April 9, 2020 at 9:48:19 PM GMT+8, Solomon, Howard T (Geneva) <(b)(6)> wrote:

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Best,

Howard

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On April 9, 2020 at 7:36:32 PM GMT+8, Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> wrote:

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any insights you guys might have.

Cheers,  
Jonathan

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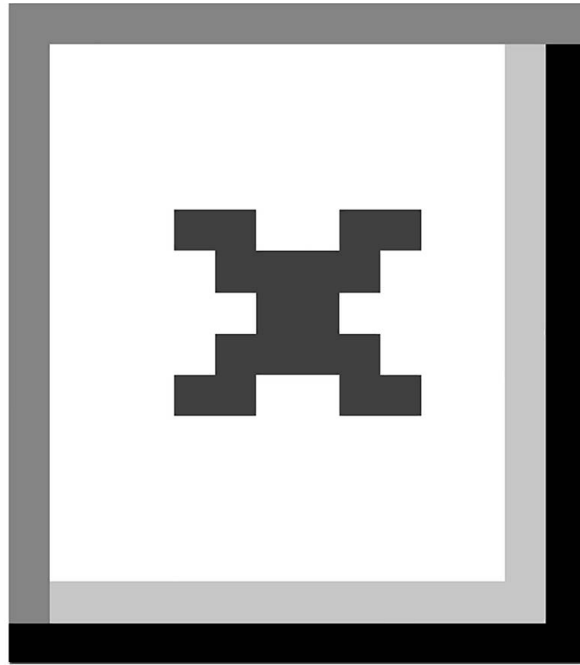
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Taiwan protests WHO leader's accusations of racist campaign (AP)

Apr 09, 2020

TAIPEI (AP) - Taiwan's foreign ministry on Thursday strongly protested accusations from the head of the World Health Organization that it condoned racist personal attacks on him that he alleged were coming from the self-governing island democracy.

The ministry expressed "strong dissatisfaction and a high degree of regret" at WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus' remarks at a press briefing Wednesday. It requested he "immediately correct his unfounded allegations, immediately clarify, and apologize to our country."

Taiwan's 23 million people have themselves been "severely discriminated against" by the politics of the international health system and "condemn all forms of discrimination and injustice," the statement said.

Taiwan is a "mature, highly sophisticated nation and could never instigate personal attacks on the director-general of the WHO, much less express racist sentiments," it said.

At the press briefing in Geneva, Tedros vocally defended himself and the U.N. health agency's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He accused Taiwan's foreign ministry of being linked to a months-long campaign against him and said that since the emergence of the new coronavirus, he has been personally attacked, including receiving at times, death threats and racist abuse.

"This attack came from Taiwan," said Tedros, who is a former Ethiopian health and foreign minister and the WHO's first African leader.

He said Taiwanese diplomats were aware of the attacks but did not dissociate themselves from them. "They even started criticizing me in the middle of all those insults and slurs," Tedros said. "I say it today because it's enough." The basis of his allegations were unclear.

Tedros was elected with the strong support of China, one of five permanent veto-wielding members of the U.N. Security Council and which claims Taiwan as its own territory. He has firmly backed Beijing's claims to have been open and transparent about the outbreak, despite strong evidence that it suppressed early reports on infections, while echoing its criticisms of the U.S.

At China's insistence, Taiwan has been barred from the U.N. and the WHO and even stripped of its observer status at the annual World Health Assembly. At the same time, it has one of the most robust public health systems in the world, and has won praise for its handling of the virus outbreak.

Despite its close proximity to China and the frequency of travel between the sides, Taiwan has reported just 379 cases and five deaths.

U.S. and Taiwanese officials met online last month to discuss ways of increasing the island's participation in the world health system, sparking fury from Beijing, which opposes all official contacts between Washington and Taipei.

Also at Wednesday's briefing, Tedros sought to rise above sharp criticism and threats of funding cuts from President Donald Trump over the WHO's response to the outbreak.

The vocal defense came a day after Trump blasted the agency for being "China-centric" and alleging that it had "criticized" his ban of travel from China as the COVID-19 outbreak was spreading from the city of Wuhan.

In a further comment on Tedros' remarks, Taiwanese Foreign Minister Joseph Wu tweeted that the island agreed with his assertion that there was, "No need to use COVID to score political points."

"We agree! Yet without evidence, #Taiwan is accused of orchestrating personal attacks. This claim is baseless, without merit & further marginalizes the good work in which the @WHO is engaged

worldwide," Wu tweeted.

Tedros had not appeared to have accused the Taiwanese government of being directly behind the attacks, but merely of condoning them.

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Pls forward to (b)(6) and (b)(6) if you haven't already. They need to be factoring this in for sure...

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**From:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2020 7:59 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; EAP-CM-Office-DL <EAP-CM-Office-DL@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** FW: Hong Kong COVID-19 Update for February 14

This theme is gaining resonance...

Having also practiced medicine in the region for 21 years, including in Beijing during SARS, she emphasized that Hong Kong's openness and transparency stand in sharp contrast to Mainland China's, and she credits Hong Kong's low number of cases to its transparency, which has allowed the local health authorities to implement quick and proactive measures from the outset of the disease.

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**Subject:** FW: Hong Kong COVID-19 Update for February 14

Colleagues, cable sent:

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**From:** SMART Core <svcsmartbtsewssprec1@state.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2020 6:51 PM

**To:** (b)(6) (b)(6)

**Subject:** Hong Kong COVID-19 Update for February 14

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**Date/DTG:** Feb 14, 2020 / 141048Z FEB 20  
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**Subject:** Hong Kong COVID-19 Update for February 14

1. ~~(SBU)~~ **Summary:**

- As of 1200 hours on February 14, Hong Kong has 53 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and Macau has 10 confirmed cases. All three new Hong Kong cases were discovered through contact tracing performed by Hong Kong health authorities.
- The HKG announced on February 12 that it has tightened its mandatory quarantine restrictions by requiring all arrivals from Mainland China to share their real-time location via their mobile phone or to wear a tracking device on their wrist. The HKG said it will continue to conduct spot checks and that violators could face up to a USD 3,200 fine and six-months imprisonment.
- Despite a scare reported by media on February 11, Center for Health Protection (CHP)

officials have not found any additional cases of COVID-19 occurring outside family clusters in a Tsing Yi housing estate. Media reported on February 11 that internationally respected microbiologist Professor Yuen Kwok-yung, who discovered the SARS coronavirus in 2003, said he believed there is no widespread COVID-19 outbreak at the Tsing Yi public housing estate.

- The HKG continues publishing daily detailed case histories for each confirmed COVID-19 case, available at <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102465.html>. Case histories include buildings where the patient stayed, places visited, and any planes, trains, or ships taken by the patient. Hong Kong health professionals are quarantining all close contacts of confirmed patients and isolating anyone with fever or other symptoms.
- (b)(6) expert with more than 21 years of experience in the region credits Hong Kong's relatively low number of cases to the transparency and professionalism of its health care system and medical professionals' quick and proactive response to initial reports of COVID-19 in Mainland China on December 31.
- Kong's most high-profile sporting event, the Rugby Sevens, has been postponed from April to October, and its most anticipated art exhibition, Art Basel Hong Kong, has been canceled. **End Summary.**

### Three New COVID-19 Infections

2. (SBU) As of 1200 hours on February 14, Hong Kong has confirmed 53 cases of COVID-19, and Macau has confirmed 10 cases. There are 51 active cases in Hong Kong (one patient has recovered, and one has died.) None of the three newly confirmed cases in Hong Kong were discovered through contact tracing performed by Hong Kong health authorities. Detailed information about the new patients' travel history—including the restaurant where they ate—is available online at <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202002/13/P2020021300700.htm> and the HKG continues to update daily information about all cases in Hong Kong, including number of suspect cases, where people are quarantined, where confirmed patients stayed, and travel histories at <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102465.html>.

### Public Health Expert: Full Confidence in Hong Kong's Openness, Transparency, and Expertise

3. (SBU) (b)(6) physician who advises Hong Kong's Center for Health Protection (CHP) told us on February 14 that Hong Kong's infectious disease centers are state-of-the-art and that CHP professionals are among the world's best. She said CHP officials have been very strict about conducting contact tracing and isolating close contacts of confirmed patients. She predicted there could eventually be up to 200 confirmed cases in Hong Kong, but expressed confidence that Hong Kong's medical infrastructure could manage such an increase. She added that Hong Kong's medical professionals are well aware of the importance of maintaining strict hygiene standards and preventing cross-contamination, and

would not make the same mistakes seen in Wuhan. Having also practiced medicine in the region for 21 years, including in Beijing during SARS, she emphasized that Hong Kong's openness and transparency stand in sharp contrast to Mainland China's, and she credits Hong Kong's low number of cases to its transparency, which has allowed the local health authorities to implement quick and proactive measures from the outset of the disease.

#### **No Widespread Outbreak at Tsing Yi Public Estate**

4. (SBU) HKG officials evacuated and tested more than 100 residents at a public housing estate in Tsing Yi after two people without close contact with each other, but whose apartment units were connected by sewer and ventilation pipes, were both confirmed with COVID-19. Center for Health Protection (CHP) officials have not found any additional cases of COVID-19 occurring outside family clusters in the Tsing Yi housing estate. Professor Yuen Kwok-yung told the public on February 11 he believed there is no widespread outbreak at the Tsing Yi public housing estate on the scale of the Amoy Gardens outbreak in 2003, and local health authorities have not confirmed or ruled out whether COVID-19 may be spread through fecal matter. They noted that one of the units had a faulty exhaust pipe, which allowed air from one bathroom to pass into another. [Note: Experts believe more than 300 residents in the Amoy Gardens housing estate were infected by SARS in 2003 through fecal matter distributed through defective sewer and ventilation piping in large apartment block. End note.]

#### **Doctors Applying Lessons from SARS, but Fear Driving Overuse of PPE Supplies**

5. (SBU) (b)(6) who helps treat infectious disease patients and heads Hong Kong's largest and most established doctors' union, told us on February 13 that doctors and nurses have learned many lessons from the SARS episode. Medical personnel are taking shifts to minimize fatigue and burnout and are testing all patients with respiratory, fever, and pneumonia-like symptoms for COVID-19 regardless of travel history. (b)(6) expressed worry about dwindling personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies and N-95 respirators. In particular, she noted that some nurses, who are especially—and at times irrationally—fearful of exposure, are overusing supplies. She relayed that PPE usage rates are three to four times what hospital administrators expected. Other contacts have explained that Hong Kong society remembers the deaths of eight healthcare workers during SARS, with the result that today's medical workers are hyper-vigilant about preventing the spread of infectious disease.

#### **Hospital Authority Considering Triage Options for COVID-19**

6. (SBU) (b)(6) explained that public hospital medical workers are providing every suspected and confirmed COVID-19 patient with the same high level of care regardless of symptom severity, which is straining limited resources. She said hospitals are currently able to manage the situation, but if the situation were to worsen or prolong significantly, hospitals could be sorely taxed, which is why Hong Kong's hospital authority is considering establishing 18 "fever clinics" throughout the city. (b)(6) explained the fever clinics would relieve pressure on

hospitals by channeling patients with mild fever and respiratory symptoms to seek treatment and testing at the fever clinics, and depending on disease type and severity, receive treatment at home or in a hospital. The fever clinic plan has met resistance by “not in my backyard” protesters fearful that the clinics would increase their communities’ risk of exposure. (b)(6) added that this problem is worsened by public distrust of, and discontent with, the Hong Kong government.

### **Opposition Lawmaker: COVID-19 Contained and Restricted**

7. (SBU) (b)(6) and a current medical practitioner, told us on February 12 that COVID-19 cases in Hong Kong are isolated and restricted, with no extensive spreading. He further described the overall situation as contained, and characterized Hong Kong’s number of cases as moderate. He asserted that more draconian measures such as requiring the public to wear masks or stay indoors are not warranted. (b)(6) also expressed concern about limited supplies of hospital gowns and face masks, and criticized the HKG for not implementing restrictive border measures earlier. He also claimed that the HKG’s quarantine measures have been too weak. (Note: Since this conversation, the HKG has strengthened its quarantine measures - see paragraph 8)

### **HKG Tightens Quarantine Controls**

8. (SBU) The HKG announced on February 12 it has begun requiring all arrivals from Mainland China to share their real-time location via their mobile phone or to wear a tracking device on their wrist. The HKG’s decision came in response to public criticism that it should not trust people to abide by the mandatory quarantine without strict monitoring. The HKG said even with the new measures, it will continue to conduct spot checks through phone and video calls. Hong Kong Police Force personnel successfully tracked down two people who flouted the quarantine rules. As of February 14, we do not know whether the two people who reportedly violated the quarantine rule have been charged. People who violate the quarantine law face up to a USD 3,200 fine and up to six-months imprisonment. More than 2,200 people are under quarantine in Hong Kong.

### **Airport and Flights Update**

9. (SBU) Air carriers continue to operate flights out of Hong Kong International Airport to the United States and major hubs. About 80 direct flights to the United States have operated or plan to operate this week, although that number is expected to decrease to about 60 in the next couple of weeks because of falling demand. These numbers are approximately half the 143 direct flights that the airlines normally fly, and down from approximately 130 in late January. Despite cutbacks to some flights to major connecting hubs, however, many airlines continue to offer service to them. For example, over 100 flights per week continue to service Seoul and Tokyo. However, carriers have substantially decreased their flights to Mainland China, with Cathay

Pacific announcing on February 4 its plans to cut 90 percent of its Mainland-bound flights during the next two months. Please see the attached spreadsheet.

10. (SBU) (b)(6) physician who advises Hong Kong's Center for Health Protection (CHP) told us on February 14 that she is not aware of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 being transmitted on airplanes.

**Rugby Sevens Postponed, Art Basel Canceled**

11. (U) Organizers of one of Hong Kong's most high-profile sporting events announced on February 12 the postponement of Hong Kong's Rugby Sevens from early April to mid-October. This is the first time that organizers have postponed the tournament since its inception in 1976. Organizers of Art Basel Hong Kong, one of the world's most important art exhibitions, announced the cancellation of the highly anticipated event in early February. The exhibition was originally scheduled to open in Hong Kong on March 17.

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**Signature:** SMITH

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**Drafted By:** HONG KONG: (b)(6)

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**Subject:** Re: POTUS press conference notes  
**Date:** Thu, 27 Feb 2020 04:13:26 +0000

Congratulations!

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**From:** Knapper, Marc E

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 7:56 PM

**To:** (b)(6); Keshap, Atul; Stilwell, David R; (b)(6); (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D

**Subject:** Re: FW: POTUS press conference notes

It's...Atul

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On February 26, 2020 at 7:29:31 PM EST, (b)(6) wrote:

MED is unaware of who the 'specialist' is..... ☺

(b)(6)

Special Assistant  
Office of the Assistant Secretary  
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(b)(6)

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My question as well. Not you Will?

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**Subject:** Re: POTUS press conference notes

Who bbn is the "specialist"?

(b)(6)

Executive Director and  
Managing Director for Operational Medicine  
Bureau of Medical Services  
U.S. Department of State

(b)(6)

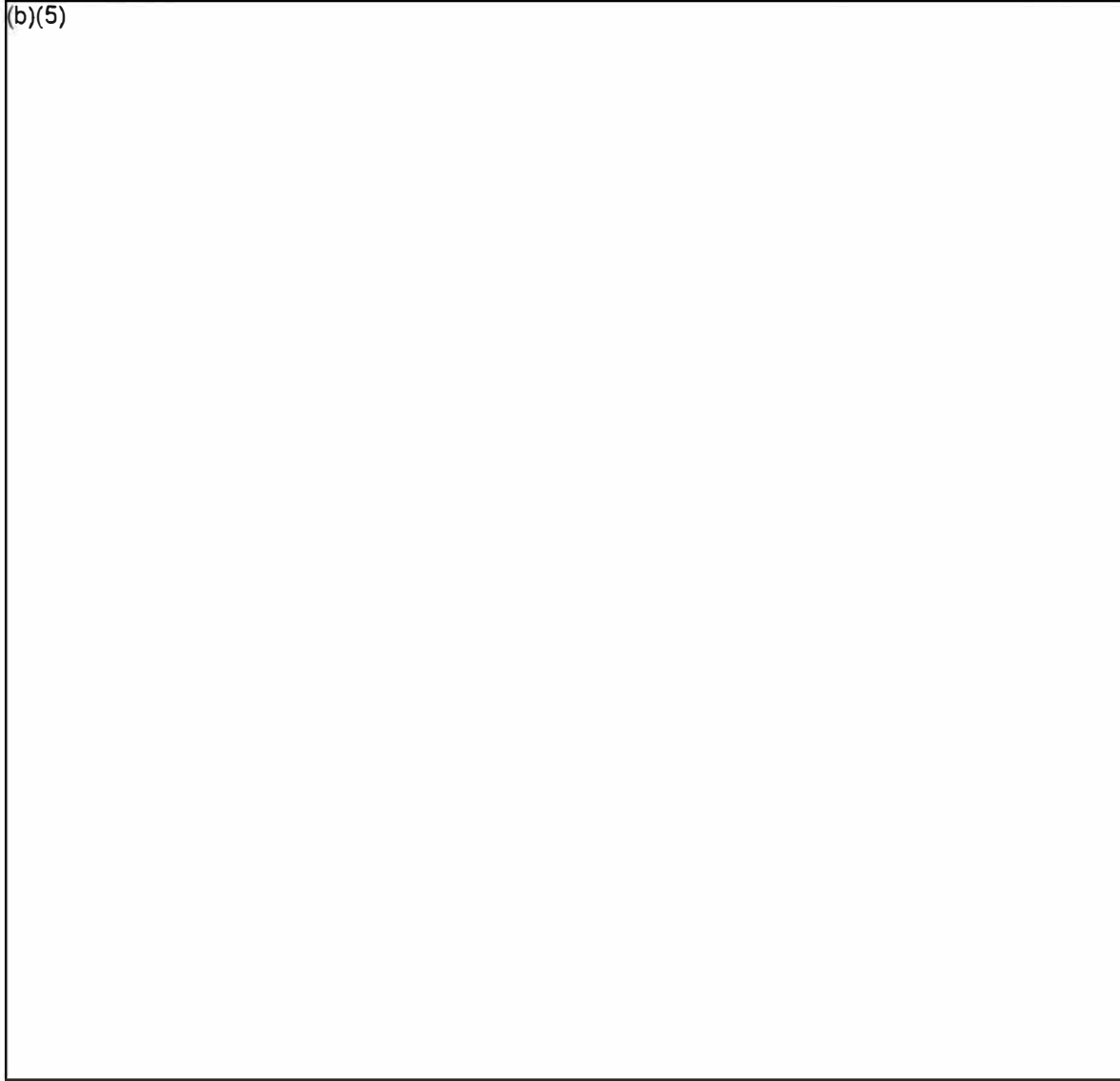
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<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Oudkirk, Sandra S <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Letter from PM Morrison to POTUS
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 11 May 2020 15:05:53 +0000

Aussie Aussie Aussie!

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**From:** Oudkirk, Sandra S <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 9:05 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter from PM Morrison to POTUS

I got this right after I spoke at huddle

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 9:01 AM  
**To:** Oudkirk, Sandra S <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)> Spande,  
<(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Letter from PM Morrison to POTUS

Sandra /<(b)(6)> --

Good morning! FYI, please find attached a letter from PM Morrison to POTUS. We received this overnight from Post; they received it from NSC. Flagging because I don't think anyone in EAP has seen it.

Best,

(b)(6)

**Australia and New Zealand Unit Chief**

**Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs**

(b)(6)

**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>

**Recipient:** Oudkirk, Sandra S <(b)(6)>

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
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 Klein, William H (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
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**To:** Hand, Henry H (Beijing) <(b)(6)>;  
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**CC:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>;  
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**Subject:** Re: FYI - Plane Charter in WSJ

**Date:** Sat, 25 Jan 2020 12:11:35 +0000

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 25, 2020 7:09 AM  
**To:** Klein, William H (Beijing); (b)(6); Hand, Henry H (Beijing); Finkel, Jesse K (Beijing); (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Waters, John R; Fritz, Jonathan D; (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: FYI - Plane Charter in WSJ

Passing the article Jesse found. First of several, I suppose.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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**From:** "Finkel, Jesse K (Beijing)" <(b)(6)>  
**Date:** 1/25/20 8:05 PM (GMT+08:00)  
**To:** "Bailey, Benjamin (Seth) (Beijing)" <(b)(6)>, "(b)(6)" <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FYI - Plane Charter in WSJ

I don't have a WSJ account, but this is on Twitter now:

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/u-s-plans-to-evacuate-citizens-from-epidemic-stricken-chinese-city-11579951256?mod=breakingnews>

# U.S. Plans to Evacuate Citizens From Epidemic-Stricken Chinese City

The U.S. government is said to be arranging a charter flight to evacuate Americans from Wuhan.

By

*James T. Areddy and*

*Liza Lin*

Updated Jan. 25, 2020 6:27 am ET

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SHANGHAI—The U.S. government is arranging a charter flight Sunday to evacuate its citizens and diplomats from the epidemic-stricken Chinese city of Wuhan to the U.S., a person familiar with the operation said.

The operation comes as the death toll from a newly identified coronavirus that originated in Wuhan climbs above 40 and the number of confirmed infections tops 1,200, with many of the cases in and around the central Chinese city of 11 million people.

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**Subject:** Re: FOR EAP FO CLEARANCE - RE: Times of London oped  
**Date:** Thu, 30 Apr 2020 23:49:53 +0000

A few suggested edits tracked in the attached...

**From:** (b)(6)  
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**To:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6)  
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Thanks (b)(6)

FO Colleagues,

Attached for FO clearance is the latest version of the op-ed that EUR has proposed be placed in the Times of London in Ambassador Johnson's name – in response to recent reporting on the SCS.

Your review and clearance tonight is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

(b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Times of London oped

(b)(6) et al – FYSA - the A/S will not be available to clear anything until 1930/2000 this evening at the earliest.

(b)(6)  
Special Assistant  
Office of the Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
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<(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D  
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Subject: Re: Times of London oped

Thank you! We are consolidating edits now and will have to the FO for clearance as soon as we can. SPOX has asked to see it tonight so she can try to get it cleared in time.

Best,  
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From: Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 5:23 PM  
To: (b)(6); Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
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Subject: RE: Times of London oped

Thanks, fingers crossed that we can get this over the finish line in time. I guess we really only have this afternoon to put it to bed. What can I do to help speed things along?

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**Subject:** Re: Times of London oped

It just came in from Embassy London, it needs to be final by noon tomorrow local time. L has some serious concerns with the draft as written, and others have edits, too. The substance is being worked, and EUR is working it with GPA. It might also need WH clearance, EUR is working that angle with GPA.

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 Greene, Raymond F [redacted];  
 Waters, John R [redacted];  
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**Date:** Sun, 26 Jan 2020 17:46:39 +0000

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Cheers,  
Jonathan  
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Keshap, Atul <[redacted]>  
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**Subject:** Fwd: China Coronavirus: Mission China Plans CG Wuhan Ordered Departure; PRC Response Grows

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Dear Southeast Asia COMs and DCMs:  
Kindly see latest sitren below.

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(b)(6) I am copying EX colleagues if they have further insights to share.  
Thanks and respectful greetings.

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Task Force Wuhan thought you'd be interested to see news of first confirmed human to human transmission.

25. ~~(SBU)~~ WHO reported the first case of person-to-person transmission outside China involving a patient in Vietnam who had no history of travel to Hubei Province ([link](#)). The patient's family member had visited Wuhan.

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1. ~~(SBU)~~ **Summary:** The Mission China Task Force held two meetings January 26 to coordinate Consulate General Wuhan personnel's departure from the city on a chartered flight January 28. Embassy Beijing and Consulate Wuhan continued to work closely with Chinese officials in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and Hubei Foreign Affairs Office (FAO) January 26 to arrange the evacuation of CG Wuhan personnel and private U.S. citizens who seek to leave. The Embassy issued an updated MASCOT message for U.S. citizens regarding the flight. The National Health Commission will brief embassies January 27. Embassy Beijing will hold a Town Hall January 30. China's Red Cross has begun accepting donations but said there is no current plan for an international appeal. Mission China is officially closed until January 29 and the Chinese government is officially closed until January 30. The Mission China Task Force will continue to meet daily and report on the 2019-nCoV outbreak over the holiday. **End Summary.**

### **Wuhan Orders No New Hotel Guests, Current Guests May Be Forced to Leave**

2. ~~(SBU)~~ Hotels told CG Wuhan staff January 26 that the city government had ordered them to not accept any new groups of guests. A hotel, which houses Consulate employees, stated that they would not force current guests out, but would not accept new guests. A U.S. citizen told CG Wuhan staff January 26 that his hotel intends to kick him out by the evening of January 26. Another hotel, which houses CG Wuhan contractors, told one of the contractors that they should not leave the hotel. When the contractor responded that he had to go to work, the hotel agreed that they could go to the Consulate, but they had to go straight back to the hotel and nowhere else.

### **CG Wuhan Observes Local Fever Clinic**

3. ~~(SBU)~~ CG Wuhan LE staff January 26 observed a fever clinic in the city. While everyone at the clinic wore masks, they would remove the mask when talking to each other. Outside the clinic, LE staff noticed people "begging and crying" for treatment. A nurse at the clinic told LE staff that the clinic is turning away people and that people are wandering from one hospital or clinic to another. The nurse noted that those people had likely been told they do not have the novel coronavirus, but do not believe the diagnosis. Medical staff also said that the clinic's masks and goggles supplies are running low.

### **Temperature Checks Everywhere; 37.3 Celsius Triggers Hospital Trip**

4. ~~(SBU)~~ CG Wuhan reported January 26 temperature checks are taking place all over Wuhan and the city is using a 37.3 Celsius temperature reading as the standard for a fever. (Note: U.S. and international standards usually use 38.0 Celsius as a baseline. End note.). If a person fails the temperature check once, they will be asked to sit for a short period, then tested again. If they fail a temperature check twice, the person will be placed into an ambulance and sent to a

hospital.

### **Wuhan Vehicle Ban Not Enforced**

5. ~~(SBU)~~ CG Wuhan reported January 26 that, despite new restrictions announced January 25, private vehicles are still on streets and traffic volume is the same. While two of three lanes at the Hanyang-Hankou bridge entrance are coned off, CG Wuhan staff saw a police officer checking his phone and not requiring any vehicles to yield or stop.

### **Food Markets Open and Stocked**

6. ~~(SBU)~~ Some Wuhan markets are still selling dry goods, some produce, meat, and live fish. Some routine city services, including trash collection, are ongoing (figure 1).

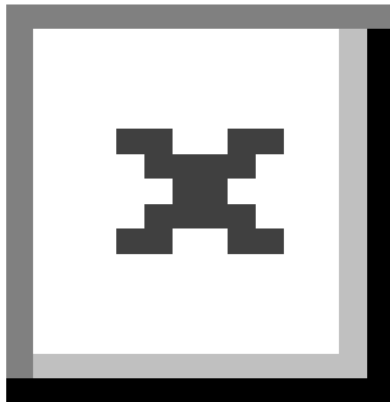


Figure 1: *Stocked shop in Wuhan*

### **National Health Commission to Brief Embassies**

7. ~~(SBU)~~ The National Health Commission (NHC) will brief embassies and representative offices of international organizations January 27 at the MFA. The NHC will provide a briefing on the coronavirus epidemic, and prevention and control measures.

### **NHC Recommends HIV/AIDS Drugs for 2019-nCoV Treatment**

8. ~~(SBU)~~ The Beijing Health Commission issued a statement January 26 responding to reports



circulating online that drugs used to treat HIV/AIDS were also effective against 2019-nCoV ([link](#) in Chinese). The commission said that drugs for treating HIV such as Lopinavir and Ritonavir had been recommended in guidance issued by NHC and that Beijing city had available reserves of such medication. According to the commission, three locally designated hospitals in Beijing are currently treating 2019-nCoV patients in accordance with the NHC recommended protocol.

### **China Red Cross Starts Accepting Donations, But No Plans for International Appeal**

9. ~~(SBU)~~ Gwendolyn Pang, Head of the East Asia Regional Delegation at the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Beijing, told ESTH MDRO January 26 that the Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) said it would begin accepting donations from international sources following President Xi Jinping's January 25 statement on the "grave situation" China faces. As of January 26, only two organizations had been designated as recipients for international donations: Wuhan Charity Foundation and the Chinese Society of the Red Cross-Wuhan Branch. Pang said the RCSC will accept cash contributions or in-kind contributions, such as medical supplies, personal protective equipment, decontamination equipment, or other consumables that will help to stop the spread of the pandemic. She added that there is a great demand for masks. Pang suggested that contributions not related to preventing the further spread of the outbreak could be made to the Wuhan Charity Foundation (武汉市慈善总会) ([link](#)).

10. ~~(SBU)~~ Donors may choose to make contributions directly to the RCSC or they can contribute to the IFRC, which will facilitate the transfer of the donation to the RCSC. Donors can specify when they make their contribution how they would like the cash or provisions to be used, or they can leave the decision up to the RCSC based on its assessment of needs. The IFRC has not posted instructions on how to make donations related to the virus on its website because, although the RCSC has said that it will accept donations, it is not actively seeking support or contributions for virus-related relief. Separately the RCSC told ESTH that it has no current plans to issue an international appeal. (Note: Despite contacting CG Chengdu for donations of medical supplies January 24, the Chongqing FAO has still not provided an official request for assistance. End Note.) Bank account information for donors wishing to make cash contributions in Chinese RMB as well as foreign currency can be found on the RCSC website ([link](#)). The RCSC encourages all domestic and international donors to make donation to Wuhan Red Cross directly. Donors wishing to contribute through the IFRC, either in cash or in-kind, should contact IFRC to facilitate the transfer to the RCSC.

11. ~~(SBU)~~ ESTH has been in touch with USAID/OFDA Bangkok and will coordinate with the CDC to discuss coordination of private donations to provide humanitarian relief and prevent the further spread of the outbreak.

### **Mission China Task Force**

12. ~~(SBU)~~ The Mission China Task Force held two meetings on January 26 to continue coordinating the departure of CG Wuhan personnel from the city. The Department has chartered a Boeing 747 scheduled to arrive in Wuhan on January 28. From Wuhan, the aircraft

will fly directly to Anchorage, where passengers will undergo a health screening and pass through immigration.

13. ~~(SBU)~~ Post has received assurances from MFA and Hubei FAO that all CG personnel and OBO contractors and their families will be allowed to travel to the airport and board the aircraft after they are screened for symptoms of the virus. Per the Department, any passenger, including COM personnel, with symptoms of the coronavirus will not be allowed to board the aircraft. The Department will arrange another aircraft to medevac any symptomatic COM personnel as soon as possible. Because the medevac aircraft could have limited seating capacity, a minimal number of people should remain behind to accompany any COM personnel remaining in Wuhan. To avoid the possibility that COM personnel who are denied boarding will be placed in Chinese quarantine, CG Wuhan's Foreign Service Health Professional will screen personnel for symptoms of the virus before they depart for the airport. Symptomatic personnel will remain in Consulate housing rather than travel to the airport.

14. ~~(SBU)~~ The PRC has asked for written assurances that the Department will not hold the Chinese government responsible in the event that a passenger infected with the virus enters the United States. Embassy Beijing will clear language to provide the Chinese with the Department overnight January 26.

15. ~~(SBU)~~ Embassy Beijing CONS has manifested 200 persons but will adjust that number tomorrow based on the number of available seats. CONS will notify people who have seats on the plane tomorrow morning. The Task Force agreed that the aircraft will take as many private Amcits as can be organized in time for the scheduled trip and will seek guidance from the Department on criteria and procedures for triage in the event the flight is over-filled.

16. ~~(SBU)~~ Embassy Beijing POL is in communication with third-country missions about including their staff in Wuhan on the flight – should space be available – and coordinating with the missions on sending Dip Notes to MFA.

17. ~~(SBU)~~ CG Wuhan is in close communication with local authorities to ensure safe passage of CG personnel and their families to the airport. COM personnel will stage at the main Consulate housing compound on the afternoon of January 27 so that the group can leave for the airport together on January 28. Private Amcits and any third-country nationals approved for the flight will need to make their own arrangements to travel to the airport.

18. ~~(SBU)~~ Each of Mission China's consulates briefed the Task Force on current conditions in their respective cities. The Consulates will regularly assess medical and other service capacity in their districts and report to the Task Force.

19. ~~(SBU)~~ Until further notice, staff at Mission China posts outside Wuhan are scheduled to return to work as normal on January 30 (following the Lunar New Year holiday).

### **Public Health Emergencies Declared in 30 Provinces**

20. ~~(SBU)~~ China's CCTV and *People's Daily* reported that as of January 25, 30 of China's 31



provincial-level territories had declared level-one public health emergencies, the highest level on the scale. [Note: Tibet is the only region that has not declared an emergency, and the only province/territory without any confirmed cases. End note.] Per national regulations, a level-one emergency gives local governments authority to impose quarantines, block roads, restrict travel, close public sites, and suspend large gatherings or public events, among other measures.

### **Nationwide and International Cases**

21. ~~(SBU)~~ China's National Health Commission reported that 688 new cases had been confirmed on January 25, as the total number of confirmed cases reached 1,975 and the number of suspected cases hit 2,684 ([link](#) in Chinese). Fifteen more deaths were reported by NHC for January 25, with 56 total deaths to date.

22. ~~(SBU)~~ NHC also reported 30 confirmed cases outside Mainland China, with two new cases on January 25 (one new case in France and one new case in Australia).

### **More Health Workers in Beijing Infected**

23. ~~(SBU)~~ Beijing Health Commission announced that three more doctors had been infected with 2019-nCoV. Two of the three doctors had "traveled to Wuhan on business" and returned to Beijing between January 11 and 16. The third doctor was believed to have been infected by one of the other two. The Beijing Health Commission did not disclose at which hospitals in Beijing the three doctors work ([link](#) in Chinese).

### **Youngest Patient To-Date**

24. ~~(SBU)~~ *The Paper* reported that Guangxi Health Commission had confirmed the youngest 2019-nCoV patient to-date, a 2-year-old girl from Wuhan that flew with her parents from Wuhan to Nanning on January 21 and then traveled by car to Jinchengjiang. ([link](#) in Chinese).

### **Other Notable Cases of People-to-People Transmission**

25. ~~(SBU)~~ WHO reported the first case of person-to-person transmission outside China involving a patient in Vietnam who had no history of travel to Hubei Province ([link](#)). The patient's family member had visited Wuhan.

26. ~~(SBU)~~ Public health authorities in several provinces have issued search calls for passengers who shared buses, trains, and subways with confirmed cases. The authorities published detailed times and itineraries taken by patients and said they were "urgently searching for any relevant passengers and persons who may have had contact with the patients" (as reported by CCTV).

### **Beijing Recommends Two Week Self-Quarantine for Travelers**

27. ~~(SBU)~~ Beijing CDC released a notice January 26 recommending that all people returning to Beijing after the Chinese New Year holiday stay in self-quarantine at home for two weeks, avoid work and crowded places, and take daily temperatures.

28. ~~(SBU)~~ An Embassy Officer returning to Beijing January 26 reported that there were special temperature checks for Beijing-bound flights, with each passenger having their temperature checked on the plane and required to register contact information and location while in Beijing. Public buses and the subway continued to operate as normal. At a usually busy subway station, health workers in full protective suits had been posted at all entrances to do temperature checks for all incoming passengers (figure 2). At another subway, screeners told ESTHOFF January 26 that they were there to take temperatures of people who appeared sick and were not checking every passenger.

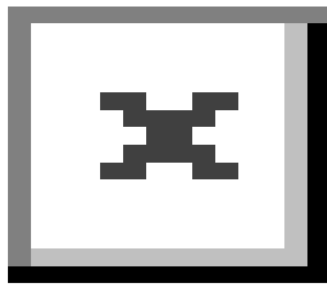


Figure 2: *Beijing Subway Temperature Checks*

29. ~~(SBU)~~ Beijing announced January 26 that all schools will remain closed through February 17. Guangzhou, Chengdu, and Shanghai reported schools there will also close through February 17. This includes international schools. Embassy Beijing officers observed January 26 that grocery stores in Beijing remain stocked with no noticeable price increases. At one store, an employee told ESTHOFF that customers had been lining up every morning to buy masks as soon as they were stocked. Masks were sold out almost immediately. No disinfecting stations or hand sanitizer was provided for shoppers.

30. ~~(SBU)~~ Some English Language Fellow foreign teachers at universities in Qinhuangdao, Hebei and Changsha, Hunan reported that their temperatures and health status were collected daily and reported to the local FAO.

### **Guangzhou Mandates Masks in Public; Temperature Checks in Residential Buildings**

31. ~~(SBU)~~ Guangdong Province has mandated the use of masks in public places, including hotels, barber shops, theaters, streets, malls, museums, and other locations. CG Guangzhou reported that management at Consulate housing has started temperature checks of residents in the lobby as well as travel outside Guangzhou. For those who have travelled, they ask that

residents self-quarantine for one week.

32. (SBU) After announcing restrictions on vehicles and boats entering the city earlier in the day, the Shantou government rescinded the order at 1400. CG Guangzhou LE staff and other consulates report the government rescinded the order due to public panic.

**Chengdu Restricts Gatherings, Schools Close**

33. (SBU) Chengdu Municipal Government January 25 sent a notice to managers of food establishments and banquet halls forbidding large groups of diners to dine-in. Consulate officers believe the directive has been enforced unevenly, as some restaurants remain open while others are closed or will only allow takeout.

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**Subject:** Fw: Re: Hong Kong: Some additional proposals

**Date:** Sun, 24 May 2020 04:15:40 +0000

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[redacted] Lots of good ideas in here, and lots of others as well. Would be good to pre-huddle at around 0830 tomorrow morning...

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**To:** Sales, Nathan A [redacted], Destro, Robert A [redacted], [redacted] Stilwell, David R [redacted]

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Thanks [redacted] Dave, [redacted] and Mary for the meetings or calls over the last 30 hours. Based on what I have heard, here's a simple summary in the attached. Please feel free to use or edit as you see fit. I should clarify that I have exactly zero ounce of foreign policy knowledge, merely the experience of growing up in the pre-1997 Hong Kong.

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Policy Coordinator is hosting a (b)(6) call regarding the attached (b)(6) This call will help us coordinate (b)(6)

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Can you read through one last time

**Ambassador Deborah L. Birx, MD**  
 U.S. Ambassador-at-Large and U.S. Special Rep. for Global Health Diplomacy  
 Coordinator of U.S. Government Activities to Combat Global HIV/AIDS  
 U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

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<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>
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<b>Subject:</b>	Re: A Message of Thanks from Deputy Secretary Biegun
<b>Date:</b>	Sat, 28 Mar 2020 13:18:54 +0000

I can't think you guys enough for this. By Monday, it will almost certainly be read by thousands of CA folks.

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On March 27, 2020 at 11:20:53 PM EDT, [redacted] wrote:

Colleagues - please see the note below from the Deputy Secretary and feel free to extend to anyone contributing to the effort. Thanks, Kate

State Department colleagues:

This afternoon, I and several members of our leadership team, including Repatriation Task Force Leader Ian Brownlee, had the opportunity to brief members of the House of Representatives and the United States Senate on the Department's on our progress with repatriations of American citizens trapped around the world by changing travel restrictions due to the worldwide spread of the coronavirus.

I wanted you to know that the enormous efforts that all of you have put into this work over the past two weeks, and for some of you over the past two months, is widely recognized and today received deep and heartfelt praise from our representatives in the Congress. Considering that they are reflecting the views of their many thousands of constituents trapped around the world in desperate circumstances and fearful about the prospects of returning home, it is all the more impressive that this was the response we received today.

Many of you have heard me say that it is a great privilege to serve as your Deputy. Today's events only further confirm my view about our State Department team. Because of your service, I have never been prouder of my own own service. Thank you for all that you are doing.

To all of you who have contributed so much to this effort, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. But our job is not over until every American comes home. Keep up the great work, be careful, and stay safe.

With warm regards,

Steve Biegun

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>
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**Recipient:**

[Redacted]

**From:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>

**To:** Biegun, Stephen E <[redacted]>

**CC:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Advisory

**Date:** Sun, 8 Mar 2020 03:26:56 +0000

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On March 7, 2020 at 10:22:03 PM EST, Biegun, Stephen E <[redacted]> wrote:

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On Mar 7, 2020, at 9:45 PM, Risch, Carl C <[redacted]> wrote:

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On March 7, 2020 at 9:42:39 PM EST, Biegun, Stephen E

<[redacted]> wrote:

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**Recipient:** Biegun, Stephen E [redacted]

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
 Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
 Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
 Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
 Waters, John R <(b)(6)>  
 Cardno, Gwendolyn J <(b)(6)>  
 Feith, David <(b)(6)>  
**To:** Walker, Scott C <(b)(6)>  
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 Reeker, Philip T <(b)(6)>  
 Cormack, Maureen E <(b)(6)>  
 Fisher, Julie D <(b)(6)>  
 Kissel, Mary E <(b)(6)>  
 Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Big German paper blasts Xi  
**Date:** Fri, 17 Apr 2020 18:17:42 +0000

Wow, not the humorous Aussie approach, but another incredibly powerful take-down. Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Buangan, Richard L  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 2:08 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R; Keshap, Atul; Fritz, Jonathan D; Waters, John R; Cardno, Gwendolyn J; Feith, David; Walker, Scott C (Beijing); (b)(6); Reeker, Philip T; Cormack, Maureen E; Fisher, Julie D; Kissel, Mary E (S); Ortagus, Morgan D  
**Subject:** FW: Big German paper blasts Xi

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** Walker, Scott C (Beijing) <(b)(6)> Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Big German paper blasts Xi

Editor-in-Chief of Bild - Europe's best-selling newspaper, which has a large influence on German politicians (says Wiki) - just published a scornful response to the PRC Embassy's attack on an earlier Bild editorial claiming China owes Germany a debt for the pandemic. See below Google translation. Note: Bild's e-i-c is Julian Reichelt, who interviewed S on April 13.

**"They endanger the whole world"**

Dear President Xi Jinping,

your embassy in Berlin wrote to me in an open letter because we asked BILD whether China should pay for the gigantic economic damage that the Corona virus is currently causing worldwide.

1. You rule by surveillance. You would not be president without surveillance. You can monitor everything, every one of your citizens, but you refuse to monitor the high-risk animal markets in your country. Any critical newspaper or website will shut you down, but not the stalls selling bat soup. You not only monitor your people, you also endanger them - and with it the whole world.

2. Monitoring leads to lack of freedom. Those who are not free are not creative. Those who are not innovative do not invent anything. That is why you have made your country the world champion in theft of intellectual property. China enriches itself with the inventions of others instead of inventing itself. The reason for this is that you are not letting the young people in your country think freely. The biggest Chinese export hit that nobody wanted, but that went around the world anyway, is Corona.

3. When you, your government and your scientists had to know long ago that corona is transmitted from person to person, you left the world in the dark. Your top experts did not answer the phone, did not answer an email when western researchers wanted to know what was going on in Wuhan. You were too proud a nationalist to tell the truth that you felt was a national disgrace.

4. The Washington Post reports that laboratories in Wuhan have researched corona viruses in bats without meeting the highest safety standards. Why aren't your toxic labs as secure as your political prison? Do you want to explain this to grieving widows, daughters, sons, husbands, parents of Corona victims around the world?

5. People are already whispering about you in your country. Your power is crumbling. You have created an opaque, opaque China that once stood for an inhuman surveillance state and now stands for the spread of a deadly plague. This is your political legacy.

Your message tells me that I would not do justice to the "traditional friendship of our peoples". I assume you consider it a great "friendship" if you now generously send masks around the world. I do not call this friendship, but smiling imperialism. They want to strengthen China through an epidemic that came from China. I don't think you can save your power personally. I believe that sooner or later Corona will mean your political end.

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Teleworking on TDY at [redacted]  
Coronavirus Strategic Communications  
East Asian and Pacific Affairs Bureau

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]
<b>Recipient:</b>	Buangan, Richard L [redacted]



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Stilwell, David R (b)(6)  
Keshap, Atul (b)(6)  
Waters, John R (b)(6)  
Cardno, Gwendolyn J (b)(6)  
Feith, David <FeithD@state.gov>;  
Walker, Scott C (b)(6)  
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Reeker, Philip T (b)(6)  
Cormack, Maureen E (b)(6)  
Fisher, Julie D (b)(6)  
Kissel, Mary E (b)(6)  
Ortagus, Morgan D (b)(6)

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**From:** "Birx, Deborah L" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** Brechbuhl, Thomas U <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: BREAKING NEWS: White House considers appointing coronavirus czar  
**Date:** Wed, 26 Feb 2020 19:20:46 +0000

Thomas

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(b)(6) Deb

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Birx, Deborah L  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 18:42  
**To:** Brechbuhl, Thomas U  
**Subject:** Re: BREAKING NEWS: White House considers appointing coronavirus czar

Perfectly. Thank you. Deb  
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Brechbuhl, Thomas U  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 18:38  
**To:** Birx, Deborah L  
**Subject:** RE: BREAKING NEWS: White House considers appointing coronavirus czar

Deb,

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(b)(6) SBU - HEALTH (b)(6)

**From:** Birx, Deborah L <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 11:19 AM  
**To:** Brechbuhl, Thomas U <(b)(6)>, Birx, Deborah L <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: BREAKING NEWS: White House considers appointing coronavirus czar

Received. Thank you. Deb

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**From:** Brechbuhl, Thomas U

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 18:17

**To:** Birx, Deborah L

**Subject:** FW: BREAKING NEWS: White House considers appointing coronavirus czar

Debbie,

Great speaking with you. This came across a few minutes after we spoke.

I will keep you in the loop.

TUB

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SBU - HEALTH

**From:** POLITICO <email@politicoemail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 11:00 AM

**To:** Brechbuhl, Thomas U

**Subject:** BREAKING NEWS: White House considers appointing coronavirus czar

The White House is weighing whether to appoint a coronavirus czar to coordinate the response to the spreading epidemic, according to two officials familiar with the matter.

Officials are still debating whether such a role is necessary, but the global spread has increased the urgency to elevate the response and the Trump White House is eager to appear like it's in control within the U.S. Appointing a czar would mirror the Obama administration's response to the Ebola outbreak in 2014 when it named Ron Klain to the post.

Read more [here](#).

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<b>Recipient:</b>	Brechbuhl, Thomas U <	[redacted]

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <[redacted]>  
 Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>  
 Keshap, Atul <[redacted]>

**To:** [redacted]  
 Waters, John R <[redacted]>

**CC:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: For clearance: press guidance on increased travel advisory

**Date:** Fri, 31 Jan 2020 04:45:34 +0000

Correct to respond that other posts, though under AD status, continue to operate but with reduced staffing.

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**From:** Stilwell, David R  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 11:11 PM  
**To:** Keshap, Atul; [redacted] Fritz, Jonathan D; Waters, John R  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: For clearance: press guidance on increased travel advisory

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Please think about what personnel support you need this weekend. I know [redacted] could use 3-6 bodies to cover PA activity. Do we have other Manning needs beyond the TF?

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On January 30, 2020 at 11:00:19 PM EST, Keshap, Atul <[redacted]> wrote:

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 10:13:06 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>; Keshap, Atul <[redacted]>  
 [redacted]; Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>; Waters, John R <[redacted]>

**Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** For clearance: press guidance on increased travel advisory

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Good evening,  
Apologies for the late email. D staff has asked for press guidance on the increased travel advisory tonight. Attached and below is CA's draft for your clearance

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(b)(6) [Redacted] Is there language we could use for that? (The question is in the Q&A section below.)

Thank you,

[Redacted]

CA Press Guidance

January 30, 2020

China: Travel Advisory Changes

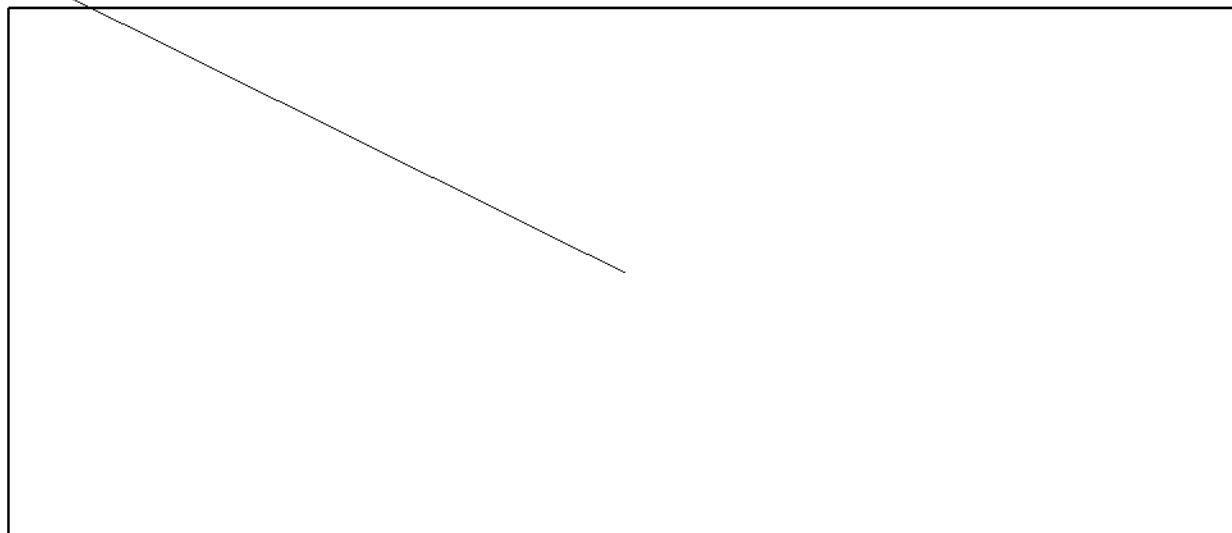
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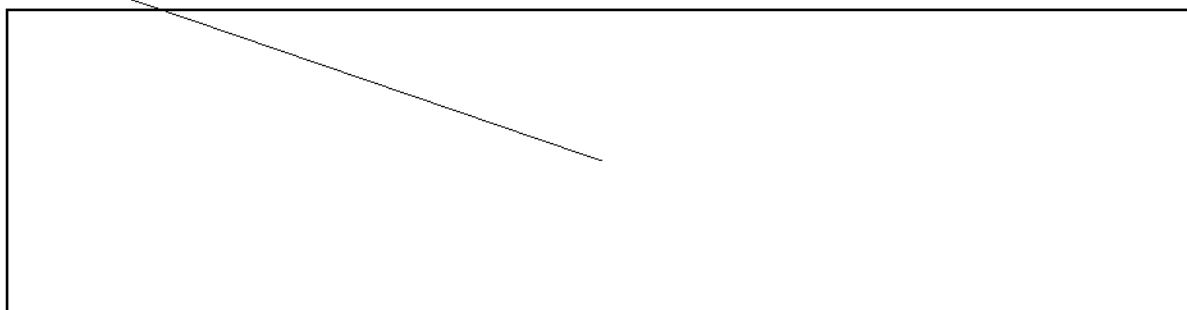
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Q&A

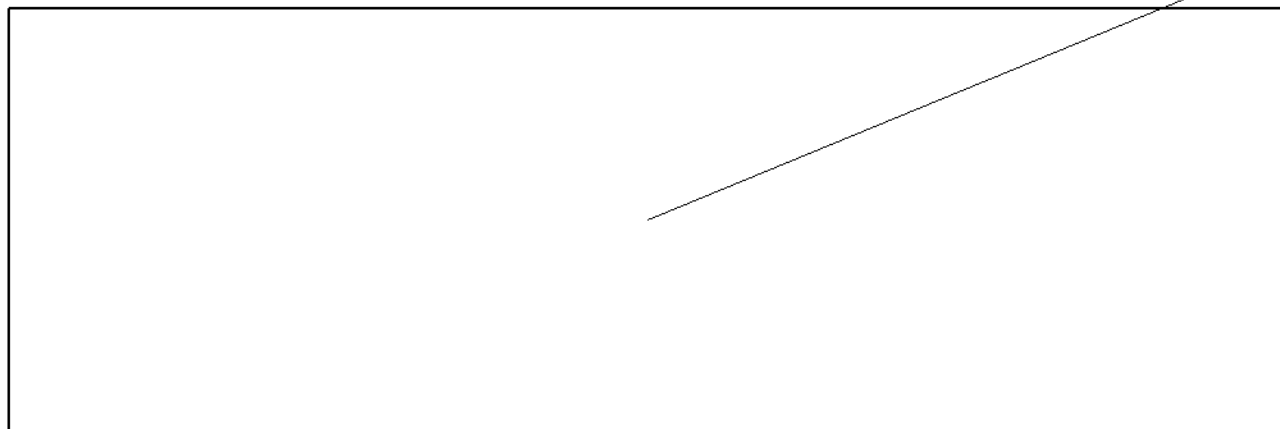
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Q. Why has the travel advisory changed? Is there a new concern for U.S. citizens?



Q: Is the U.S. offering additional flights for all Americans from Wuhan?

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Q: Will there be evacuation flights for Americans in other cities?

[Redacted]

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Q: What are the risks for Americans?

[Redacted]

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Q: Will the U.S. Embassy and Consulates be shutting down / going on Ordered Departure?

[Redacted]

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Q: Are airlines still operating in/out of China?

[Redacted]

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Q: Will the State Department still provide Consular Services in the affected region?

[Redacted]



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Q: What should U.S. citizens do who are already in China? Should they shelter in place? Depart the country?

[Redacted]

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Q: How many Americans are currently in Wuhan/Hubei/China?

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D"

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Keshan, Atul

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**Recipient:**

Waters, John R

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Recap: Charter Flights Call  
**Date:** Sat, 8 Feb 2020 19:31:52 +0000

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On contingency planning, [redacted]

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On February 8, 2020 at 2:15:16 PM EST, [redacted] wrote:

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Executive Assistant  
 Bureau of Consular Affairs  
**From:** Risch, Carl C <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 8, 2020 13:54  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Recap: Charter Flights Call

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Date:** February 8, 2020 at 12:24:19 PM EST  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Recap: Charter Flights Call  
**To:** Risch, Carl C <[Redacted]>

[Redacted]

[Redacted], Brownlee, Ian G <[Redacted]>

That is correct. [Redacted]  
Thanks [Redacted]

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On February 8, 2020 at 12:11:14 PM EST, Risch, Carl C  
<[Redacted]> wrote:

See below. [Redacted]  
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**From:** Butterfield, Nicholas W. EOP/WHO

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**Date:** February 8, 2020 at 11:52:52 AM EST

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**Subject:** Recap: [Redacted]

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**To:** Robert.Kadlec([Redacted]) Harrison, Brian (HHS/IOS) [Redacted], Risch, Carl C [Redacted]

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Sinclair, Michael R. EOP/NSC

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[Redacted] Williams, Michael B.

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[Redacted], Kan, Derek T.

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EOP/OMB [Redacted], Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC

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[Redacted] Davis, May M.

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EOP/WHO [Redacted] Ruggiero,

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Anthony J. EOP/NSC

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[Redacted] Cetron, Marty (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DGMQ)

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[Redacted] Berger, Sherrie

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[Redacted], Rubini,

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Jeffrey H. EOP/NSC

[Redacted] Fabina, Lauren

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J. EOP/NSC

[Redacted], Monosson,

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Danielle H

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[Redacted], Cavanaugh,

Brian J. EOP/NSC

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[Redacted] Stufft, Julie M.

EOP/NSC [Redacted] Claver

Carone, Mauricio J <[Redacted]>

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**Cc: Liddell, Christopher P. EOP/WHO**

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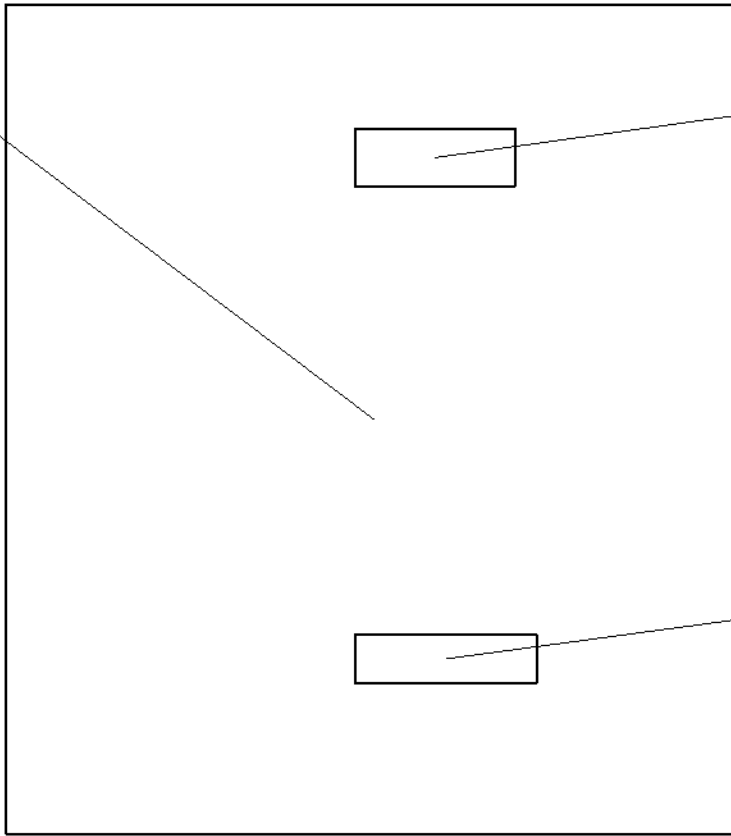
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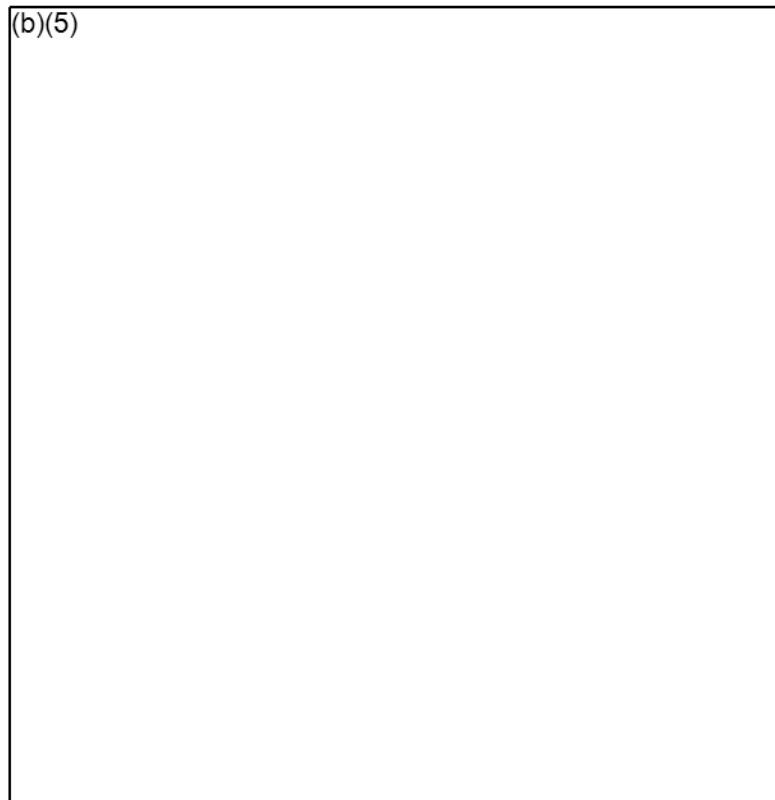
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**To:** (b)(6)

Seagroves, Cliff C (b)(6)

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Feith, David (b)(6)

Kissel, Mary E (S) (b)(6)

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**CC:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

**Date:** Wed, 18 Mar 2020 18:45:29 +0000

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Very handy - thanks for this. (b)(6)

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** (b)(6) F

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:45 AM

**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; EAP-CM-Office-DL; (b)(6) EAP-P-Office-DL; (b)(6)

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(b)(6) Seagroves, Cliff C; (b)(6)

(b)(6) Feith, David; Kissel, Mary E (S); (b)(6)

**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** global media coverage - PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists

Dear colleagues,

Coverage of the PRC's expulsion of U.S. journalists yesterday was largely drowned out by the massive amount of coverage dedicated to COVID-19 and related stories of border closings, cities shutting down, etc.



However, the news was covered by a variety of global media sources, with almost all except PRC state-run entities decrying the PRC's actions.

Please see a sampling below, with a major hat tip to EAP/CM's [redacted] and the Beijing Press Office for the compilation and analysis.

Sarah

EAP/PD

*New York Times*

**China Announces That It Will Expel American Journalists** - New York Times - Neutral, factual comprehensive account; mentions of Hong Kong; provides historical context; links POTUS "fake news" characterization to PRC use of the term. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/17/business/media/china-expels-american-journalists.html>

*Fox News*

**Trump administration hits back after China kicks out US journalists amid coronavirus pandemic** - Fox News - Sides with U.S.; ties the expulsion to coronavirus coverage; no mention of U.S. media cap, foreign mission designation <https://www.foxnews.com/world/china-coronavirus-us-journalists-national-security-council>

*CNN*

**China to expel New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post reporters** - CNN Business- Sympathetic to U.S. news outlets affected; links PRC action to foreign mission designation and cap <https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/17/media/china-retaliates-against-us-media/index.html>

*FT*

**US-China ties worst in decades after journalist expulsions** -Financial Times Factual; bemoans larger deterioration of U.S.-China relations; references use of Chinese virus <https://www.ft.com/content/9add09c0-68d7-11ea-800d-da70cff6e4d3>

*The Guardian*

**China: expulsion of US journalists was response to 'unreasonable oppression'** - The Guardian (UK) - Leads and leans with PRC sympathies, then addresses U.S. news outlets midway through article; minor mention of Hong Kong press freedom at end <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2020/mar/18/us-media-accuse-china-of-cold-war-mentality-after-move-to-expel-journalists>

*South China Morning Post (HK-based)*

**China expels American journalists from 3 US newspapers: The New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post** - South China Morning Post - Pro-China; Cites the move

as “fierce retaliation” against U.S. moves; notes **Beijing declares five U.S. media outlets-- VOA, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Time magazine “foreign government functionaries” “controlled by Washington”**; cites U.S. foreign mission designation of PRC media outlets, earlier WSJ expulsion; article provides balance with Robert Daly quote on Hong Kong coverage, Washington Post executive editor (Baron) response, Secretary Pompeo statement on depriving Chinese people of information during challenging times. <https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3075647/china-revokes-press-credentials-american-journalists-3-us>

### *Al Jazeera*

China to expel more US journalists in escalating row over media - factual and cites multiple voices that decry erosion in media freedom resulting from Chinese action, including an Amnesty International quote that links need for information in the time of COVID-19. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/03/china-restricts-reporters-curbs-media-200317173945386.html>

### *Bangkok Post*

**China expels several US journalists in biggest crackdown in years** - Bangkok Post - neutral; factual

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/world/1880755/china-expels-several-us-journalists-in-biggest-crackdown-in-years>

### *Editorials and Op-eds:*

[China] China’s Ill-Timed Attack on the Free Press (New York Times)

[China] China dangerously expels more U.S. journalists as the world seeks credible coronavirus reporting (Washington Post)

### *PRC STATE MEDIA*

#### *Xinhua*

**Update: China takes countermeasures against restrictive measures on Chinese media agencies in U.S. - Xinhuanet** - Aggressively pro-China; Masks biased coverage as reporting the government’s “statement” - [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-03/18/c\\_138888843.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-03/18/c_138888843.htm)

#### *CGTN*

**Editorial - China's countermeasures on U.S. media are a step toward reciprocity** - firmly pro-Chinese action. <https://news.cgtn.com/news/2020-03-18/China-s-countermeasures-on-U-S-media-are-a-step-toward-reciprocity-OXzWKEfn9K/index.html>

*China Daily* - reprinted Xinhua article

*Global Times*

**Tit-for-tat media spat sharp indication of deteriorating US-China ties: analysts; China**

won't be bullied or pushed around by U.S. actions or ideology.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1182989.shtml>

*Global Times*

**Editorial: US started the media war, China won't swallow the insult**

<http://www.globaltimes.cn/index.html>

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**Recipient:**

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**To:**

Ivan.J.Kanapathy [redacted] <Ivan.J.Kanapathy [redacted]>;  
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**CC:**

Hong Kong Country Team <HongKongCountryTeam@state.gov>;  
Hong Kong ECON POL Americans <HongKongECONPOL@state.gov>

**Subject:**

Re: Hong Kong 2019-nCoV update 2

**Date:**

Mon, 27 Jan 2020 11:16:51 +0000

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Many thanks for this very helpful update, ConGen Hong Kong.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2020 6:07 AM

**To:** EAP-CM-Office-DL; Beijing HHS Unit Chiefs; Mission China ESTH Americans - DL; [redacted];  
[redacted] Ivan.J.Kanapathy [redacted]; Fritz, Jonathan D; SES-O; SES-O\_CMS; Operations Center; zTask Force 4 Mailbox; Coronavirus Updates

**Cc:** Hong Kong Country Team; Hong Kong ECON POL Americans

**Subject:** Hong Kong 2019-nCoV update 2

Colleagues,

Hongkongers remain vigilant as the total number of confirmed 2019-nCov cases in Mainland China continues to increase. The Hong Kong government (HKG) continues to maintain stringent health screening measures at all of its border control points, including those with Mainland China. There is no evidence and no reason to believe that human transmission of 2019-nCoV has occurred in Hong Kong. The HKG has reported eight confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV in Hong Kong; all eight patients have a travel history to Wuhan. Experts continue to assess the HKG's response remains professional, transparent, and responsible.

Acting on expert advice and responding to public pressure to close Hong Kong's borders with Mainland China, the HKG as of midnight on January 27 implemented a ban on anyone from Hubei province and anyone who has traveled to Hubei province within fourteen days from entering Hong Kong's borders, excepting Hong Kong residents. The HKG established a panel of well-regarded health experts to provide policy recommendations to the Chief Executive when it activated its emergency response level on January 25. These experts also regularly speak with

the media and the HKG has continued to produce detailed, daily reports of patient health information and control and prevention measures.

Two Hong Kong-based theme parks remain closed indefinitely, and primary and secondary schools remain closed until February 17. Most Hongkongers are wearing surgical masks when in public, and on January 27 we observed no lines at local pharmacies or other indications of panic shopping, although there are signs that at least in some areas masks are in short supply.

Supermarkets are well-stocked with no reports of shortages. Public transportation continues to operate as normal, albeit with fewer passengers than usual.

Media reported on January 26 that local residents protested against the HKG's plans to turn a nearby empty residential building into a potential quarantine site. The HKG has been dutifully tracking close contacts of patients infected with 2019-nCoV and quarantining them to prevent the spread of the virus within Hong Kong. The HKG has multiple other locations to use as potential quarantine sites. The media widely covered an incident involving a device which emitted smoke and partially damaged a toilet within a Hong Kong hospital at 0230 hours on January 27. No one was injured and no one provided an explanation for why the device was placed in a hospital. Post's contacts within the protest movement disavowed the incident.

The consulate's Emergency Action Committee reviewed post's posture on January 25 and will reconvene on January 29. The consulate maintains sufficient pandemic supplies and remains in close coordination Mission China, the Bureau of Medical Services, and likeminded diplomatic missions.

Members of Hong Kong's Expert Advisory Panel

Professor Gabriel Leung, Dean of Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong;

Professor Keiji Fukuda, Director and Clinical Professor of the School of Public Health of the University of Hong Kong and former Assistant Director General of the WHO;

Professor Yuen Kwok-yung, Chair of Infectious Diseases, Department of Microbiology, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong; and

Professor David Hui Shu-cheong, Stanley Ho Professor of Respiratory Medicine and Director of Stanley Ho Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: [Redacted]

Date: 1/26/20 7:44 PM (GMT+08:00)

To: EAP-CM-Office-DL <EAP-CM-Office-DL@state.gov>, Beijing HHS Unit Chiefs <BeijingHHSUnitChiefs@state.gov>, Mission China ESTH Americans - DL <MissionChinaESTHAmericans-DL@state.gov>, [Redacted]

Ivan.J.Kanapathy@ [Redacted]

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Cc: Hong Kong Country Team <HongKongCountryTeam@state.gov>, Hong Kong ECON POL Americans <HongKongECONPOL@state.gov>  
 Subject: Hong Kong 2019-nCoV update

Colleagues,

As more cases of 2019-nCoV are reported in Mainland China, Hongkongers remain cautious and observant. Experts in Hong Kong continue to express confidence in the Hong Kong government's (HKG) ability to prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV within Hong Kong's borders. Experts also note that there is no evidence and no reason to believe that human transmission of 2019-nCoV has occurred in Hong Kong. There are 6 reported cases of 2019-nCoV in Hong Kong, all with connections to Wuhan. Many Hongkongers are wearing surgical masks when in public, and on January 26 we observed no lines at local pharmacies or other indications of shortages. Supermarkets are well-stocked with no reports of shortages. Public transportation continues to operate as normal, albeit with fewer passengers than usual. Some major public gatherings have been canceled and two major theme parks announced indefinite closures.

The HKG on January 25 announced elementary and secondary schools would remain closed until February 17. Schools were already closed in observance of the Lunar New Year holiday. The HKG continues to maintain stringent control measures at all of its border control points, including those with Mainland China. Responding to public criticism, the HKG on January 25 began requiring all arrivals from Mainland China to submit health declaration forms and increased staffing at border control points. Also on January 25, the HKG raised its response level from "serious" to "emergency," its highest level. Raising its response level to "emergency" means the Chief Executive, Hong Kong's highest-ranking official, will nominally lead Hong Kong's response effort. Some opposition-party lawmakers and protester-affiliated groups have begun calling on the HKG to completely close its borders with the Mainland, and one protester-affiliated group, the Hospital Authority Employee Alliance, threatened public action if the HKG failed to adhere to the group's demands, which includes closing the border, by February 3. The group said that its members would continue to care for patients.

The consulate convened an Emergency Action Committee to review its posture and on January 25 it sent a health alert to U.S citizens to provide advice and guidance on 2019-nCoV. The consulate has adequate pandemic supplies and remains in close coordination Mission China, the Bureau of Medical Services, and likeminded diplomatic missions.

**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [REDACTED]

**Recipient:** [REDACTED]  
 EAP-CM-Office-DL <EAP-CM-Office-DL@state.gov>;  
 Beijing HHS Unit Chiefs <BeijingHHSUnitChiefs@state.gov>;  
 Mission China ESTH Americans - DL <MissionChinaESTHAmericans-DL@state.gov>;

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Ivan.J.Kanapathy [redacted] <Ivan.J.Kanapathy@state.gov>;  
SES-O <SES-O@state.gov>;  
SES-O\_CMS <SES-O\_CMS@state.gov>;  
Operations Center <OperationsCenter@state.gov>;  
zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>;  
Coronavirus Updates <CoronavirusUpdates@state.gov>;  
Hong Kong Country Team <HongKongCountryTeam@state.gov>;  
Hong Kong ECON POL Americans <HongKongECONPOL@state.gov>





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On Mar 16, 2020, at 9:12 PM, Risch, [Redacted] wrote:

Adding L. (b)(6)

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Carl

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

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**From:** Biegun, Stephen E [Redacted]  
**Date:** March 16, 2020 at 9:03:14 PM E  
**Subject:** Fwd: QUICK REVIEW: [Redacted]  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** Bulatao, Brian J [Redacted], Risch, Carl C [Redacted], Stilwell, David R [Redacted]

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+ Dave Stilwell

[Redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

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Begin forwarded message:

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Date:** March 16, 2020 at 8:46:58 PM EDT  
**To:** "Biegun, Stephen E" [Redacted], "Bulatao, Brian J" [Redacted], "Risch, Carl C" <[Redacted]>

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Cc:

Subject: Fwd: QUICK REVIEW:

Gentlemen,

Thank you.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Staff Secretary

Date: March 16, 2020 at 8:38:18 PM EDT

To: "Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/WHO"

"Kudlow, Larry A. EOP/WHO"

"Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO"

"Philbin, Patrick F. EOP/WHO"

"Eisenberg, John A. EOP/WHO"

"Hicks, Hope C. EOP/WHO"

"Kushner, Jared C. EOP/WHO"

"Grisham, Stephanie A. EOP/WHO"

"Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO"

"Ditto, Jessica E. EOP/WHO"

"Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO"

"Ueland, Eric M. EOP/WHO"

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"Grogan, Joseph J. EOP/WHO"

White House Clearances

<WhiteHouseClearances@state.gov>

"Conway, Kellyanne E. EOP/WHO"

"Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP"

"Miller, Katie R. EOP/OVP"

"Levi, William (OAG"

cc: Staff Secretary

Subject: QUICK REVIEW:

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All,

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[Redacted]

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Affirmative

clearance is requested from

All others are welcome to comment as well. Please send all comments and clearances to Staff Secretary by **11am tomorrow, March 17.**

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Thank you,  
Staff Secretary

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Sender: "Risch, Carl C"

Recipient: Stilwell, David R  
Biegun, Stephen

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Bulatao, Brian J

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String, Marik A

Visek, Richard C

Hooke, Kathleen

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C"

**To:** Brownlee, Ian  
King, Karin M

**CC:** CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: S and SPOX tweet on CA issues

**Date:** Sat, 21 Mar 2020 23:56:22 +0000

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Excellent. Thanks.

[Redacted]

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On March 21, 2020 at 7:53:02 PM EDT, [Redacted] wrote:

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Evening sir,

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Current versions below. Thank you.

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[Redacted]

CA/Press

On March 21, 2020 at 7:48:15 PM EDT, Risch, Carl C [Redacted] wrote:

Sorry, just catching up on this. [Redacted] Please recirculate final versions when they are ready.

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On March 21, 2020 at 7:22:57 PM EDT, [Redacted] wrote:

[Redacted] Thanks!

**From:** Brownlee, Ian G [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:20 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]

[Redacted] Risch, Carl C

**Cc:** CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: S and SPOX tweet on CA issues

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 7:16 PM

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[redacted] Risch, Carl C [redacted] Brownlee, Ian G  
Cc: CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>  
Subject: Fw: S and SPOX tweet on CA issues

(b)(6) How do these look?

(b)(6) (b)(6) From: [redacted]  
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:03 PM  
To: Risch, Carl C [redacted] Brownlee, Ian G  
Cc: CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>  
Subject: Fw: S and SPOX tweet on CA issues

Carl/Ian, [redacted] (b)(5)  
[redacted]

(b)(6) Thanks.

(b)(6) [redacted]

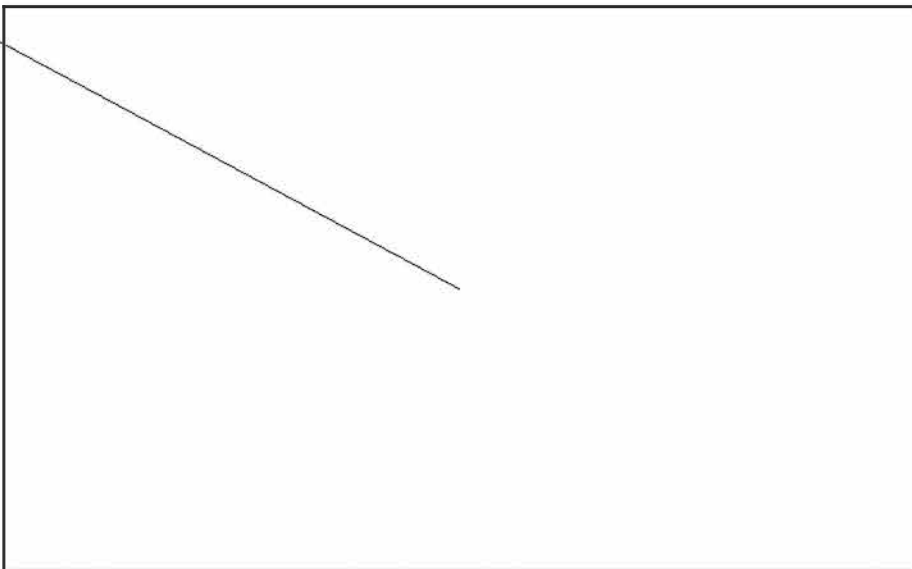
(b)(6) From: [redacted]  
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 10:56 PM  
To: [redacted]  
CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>  
Subject: Re: S and SPOX tweet on CA issues

(b)(6) Thanks.  
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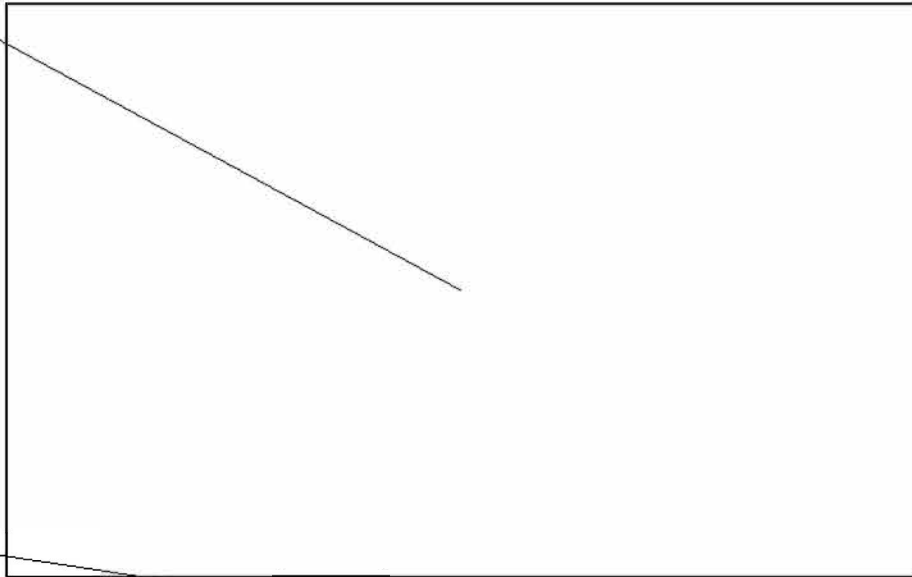
(b)(6) From: [redacted]  
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 6:55 PM  
To: [redacted] CAPRESSREQUESTS  
Subject: Re: S and SPOX tweet on CA issues

Yes, just sent up the below 4 tweets to start:

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 6:49 PM  
**To:** CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: S and SPOX tweet on CA issues

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**From:** Brownlee, Ian G <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 6:44 PM  
**To:** Bulatao, Brian J; Biegun, Stephen E; Risch, Carl C; [redacted]

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[Redacted]

**Cc:** Todd, William E (Ambassador); Brechbuhl, Thomas U;

[Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: S and SPOX tweet on CA issues

Sharing within CA

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**From:** Bulatao, Brian J [Redacted]

**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 6:43 PM

**To:** Biegun, Stephen E [Redacted]

**Cc:** Browlee, Ian G [Redacted] Todd, William E (Ambassador); [Redacted] Brechbuhl, Thomas U

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

**Subject:** FW: S and SPOX tweet on CA issues

FYSA

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**From:** Ortagus, Morgan D

[Redacted]

**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 6:27 PM

**To:** [Redacted]

CAPRESSREQUESTS

<CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov> [Redacted]

[Redacted] GPA-DIG-

Global Social Media <GPA-DIG-GlobalSocialMedia@state.gov>

**Cc:** SPOX <SPOX@state.gov> [Redacted]

[Redacted]

**Subject:** Re: S and SPOX tweet on CA issues

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 2:59:35 PM

**To:** Ortagus, Morgan D <[redacted]>

CAPRESSREQUESTS  
<CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; [redacted]

[redacted] GPA-DIG-

Global Social Media <GPA-DIG-  
GlobalSocialMedia@state.gov>

**Cc:** SPOX <SPOX@state.gov> [redacted]

[redacted]

**Subject:** Re: S and SPOX tweet on CA issues

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On it, thanks Morgan.

[redacted]

CA/Press

**From:** Ortagus, Morgan D

[redacted]

**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 2:55 PM

**To:** CAPRESSREQUESTS  
<CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov> [redacted]

[redacted] GPA-DIG-

Global Social Media <GPA-DIG-  
GlobalSocialMedia@state.gov>

**Cc:** SPOX <SPOX@state.gov>; [redacted]

[redacted]

**Subject:** S and SPOX tweet on CA issues

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[redacted] /CA/Dig-Soc:

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[redacted] and I are on a new daily call led by M with  
the repatriation task force. [redacted]

[redacted]

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Morgan

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Sent from an iPhone

**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]

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**Recipient:** [redacted];  
Brownlee, Ian G [redacted];  
King, Karin M [redacted];  
[redacted]

CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**To:** Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing) [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Seeking guidance for "eyes on Wuhan"  
**Date:** Sun, 19 Apr 2020 10:11:26 +0000

Gotcha.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing)  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 12:28 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Subject:** RE: Seeking guidance for "eyes on Wuhan"

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[redacted]

**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing) [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Seeking guidance for "eyes on Wuhan"

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing)  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 10:34 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; Bulatao, Brian J  
**Cc:** Todd, William E (Ambassador); Evanoff, Michael; [redacted] Keshap, Atul;  
 [redacted] Waters, John R  
**Subject:** Re: Seeking guidance for "eyes on Wuhan"

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Understood. We are working through the logistics, etc and will provide an update later today on where things stand.

Katherine

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 10:30 AM  
**To:** Bulatao, Brian J  
**Cc:** Todd, William E (Ambassador); Evanoff, Michael; [redacted] Keshap, Atul;

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[Redacted] Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing)  
**Subject:** Re: Seeking guidance for "eyes on Wuhan"

Roger that. Many thanks, sir. Katherine, over to you and the Mission China team. As you move ahead, please keep us advised on how things progress. We all recognize the resource and COVID-imposed restraints under which you're operating and rely on your judgment to keep your people safe while defending our diplomatic rights.

Cheers,  
Jonathan

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Bulatao, Brian J  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 10:01 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Cc:** Todd, William E (Ambassador); Evanoff, Michael; [Redacted] Stilwell, David R; Keshap, Atul; Waters, John R; Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing)  
**Subject:** Re: Seeking guidance for "eyes on Wuhan"

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[Redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2020, at 9:49 PM, Fritz, Jonathan D [Redacted] wrote:

U/S Bulatao and A/S Stilwell:

[Redacted]

Regards,  
Jonathan

**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [Redacted]

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**Recipient:** Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing) [Redacted]

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**To:** Stilwell, David R [redacted]; (b)(5); (b)(6) [redacted]; Feith, David [redacted]  
**CC:** Waters, John R [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Stilwell Contact  
**Date:** Tue, 24 Mar 2020 18:55:38 +0000

[redacted]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Stilwell, David R  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:38 PM  
**To:** (b)(5); (b)(6) [redacted]; Feith, David  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D; [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Stilwell Contact

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[redacted]

David  
 Let's discuss. Call when you can.  
 Best  
 Dave

**From:** (b)(5); (b)(6) [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:09 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Stilwell Contact

Dave,

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[redacted]

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[redacted]

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Hope this helps, and let me know if I can be of further assistance.

VR,

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On Mon, Mar 23, 2020 at 9:16 AM (b)(5); (b)(6) (b)(5); (b)(6) wrote:



Dave,

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VF

(b)(5);  
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On Sun, Mar 22, 2020, 9:23 PM Stilwell, David R <> wrote:

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**From:** (b)(5); (b)(6) <>

**Sent:** Sunday, March 22, 2020 5:37 PM

**To:** Stilwell, David R <>

**Subject:** Re: Stilwell Contact

Dave,

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On Sun, Mar 22, 2020 at 5:13 PM Stilwell, David R <> wrote:

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All great inputs. <>

Will start looping you into conversations to check your thoughts. (b)(5); (b)(6)

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Dave (please; I retired 5 years ago)

**From**

(b)(5); (b)(6)

**Sent:** Sunday, March 22, 2020 1:27 PM

**To:** Stilwell, David R (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Stilwell Contact

Sir--

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Vr,

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On Sun, Mar 22, 2020 at 1:01 PM Stilwell, David R (b)(6) wrote:

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Best  
Dave

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" (b)(6)

Stilwell, David R (b)(6)

**Recipient:**

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Feith, David

Waters, John R (b)(6)

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**To:** Stilwell, David R [redacted]  
 Waters, John R [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent: U.S. Cargo Flights to China and Malaysia for medical supply  
**Date:** Thu, 26 Mar 2020 17:34:14 +0000

That is an excellent point.

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**From:** Stilwell, David R [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:33 PM  
**To:** Waters, John R [redacted]; Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent: U.S. Cargo Flights to China and Malaysia for medical supply

[redacted]

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**From:** Waters, John R [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** [redacted]; EAP-FO-Principals-DL <EAP-FO-Principals-DL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** EAPCoronavirusCoordination <EAPCoronavirusCoordination@state.gov>; EAP-MTS-Office-DL <EAP-MTS-Office-DL@state.gov>; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; [redacted]  
 [redacted] CGRCU-Internal <CGRCU-Internal@state.gov>;  
 Murray, Matthew D (Beijing) [redacted]  
 [redacted]; Stein, Sean B <[redacted]> Klein, William H (Beijing) [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent: U.S. Cargo Flights to China and Malaysia for medical supply

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:22 PM  
**To:** [redacted] EAP-FO-Principals-DL <EAP-FO-Principals-DL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** EAPCoronavirusCoordination <EAPCoronavirusCoordination@state.gov>; EAP-MTS-Office-DL <EAP-MTS-Office-DL@state.gov>; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; [redacted]

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(Beijing)

; CGRCU-Internal <CGRCU-Internal@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Urgent: U.S. Cargo Flights to China and Malaysia for medical supply

Many thanks to everyone working to support these requests!

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**From:**

**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:58 PM

**To:** EAP-FO-Principals-DL

**Cc:** EAPCoronavirusCoordination; EAP-MTS-Office-DL; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL;

CGRCU-Internal

**Subject:** Urgent: U.S. Cargo Flights to China and Malaysia for medical supply

All:

Broad distro here, but I want to make sure we are hitting all of the relevant parties.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

We've set up a process for future requests.

[Redacted]

Let me know if you have any questions. Happy to jump on a conf/teams call if anyone has specific questions.

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[Redacted]

Office Director, EAP/EP

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I am teleworking today, March 26. If you need to reach me by telephone, please call [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [Redacted]

**Recipient:** Stilwell, David R [Redacted]  
Waters, John R [Redacted]

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**From:** "Birx, Deborah L" [redacted]  
**To:** Kenneth Mayer [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: White House Names HIV/AIDS Expert As New Coronavirus Response Coordinator  
**Date:** Fri, 28 Feb 2020 14:30:35 +0000

Thank you so much. Deb  
 Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Kenneth Mayer  
**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2020 16:29  
**To:** Birx, Deborah L  
**Subject:** FW: White House Names HIV/AIDS Expert As New Coronavirus Response Coordinator

Dear Debbie: The country is lucky that you rise to every challenge. Good luck, and let me know if I can be of any assistance. Best wishes, Ken

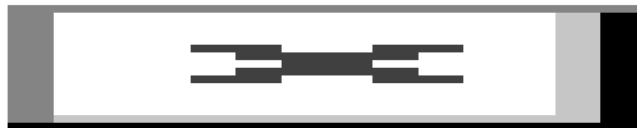
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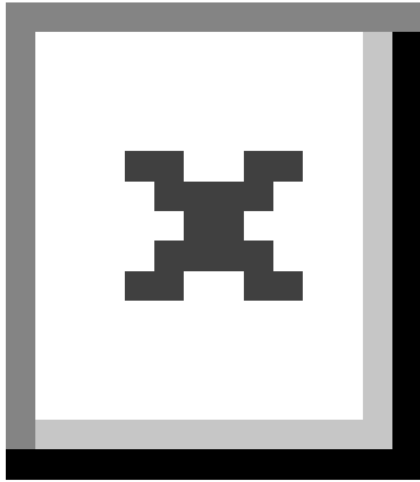


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Good morning Kenneth Mayer

February 28, 20

## **IDSA, HIVMA & THE JOURNALS IN THE NEWS**

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### **White House Names HIV/AIDS Expert As New Coronavirus Response Coordinator**

NPR (2/27, Ordoñez) reports the White House named Debbie Birx “as its new coronavirus response coordinator.” Birx is “an internationally recognized HIV/AIDS expert” and “a State Department ambassador-at-large who works on global health diplomacy issues.” The article adds that “Vice President Pence said Birx would be detailed to his office,” and “Birx will also join Trump’s coronavirus task force, led by Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, which is charged with responding to the virus.”

IDSA’s Science Speaks (2/27, Barton) blog reports that in comparison to Vice President Pence, Birx “has had more success in the public health arena, following data, and applying science-driven responses over six years of heading the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief efforts that have turned the trajectory of HIV epidemics worldwide.” The blog post says that “if her appointment to this new role brings confidence, it also brings concern about the work that continues to control HIV globally, although, the announcement today says, she ‘will continue to oversee this critical work,’ through a deputy.”

## DISEASES & CONDITIONS

### US Researchers Say Early Signs Of Coronavirus Infection Can Be Seen In The Lungs

[HealthDay](#) (2/27, Preidt) reports researchers in the US “have spotted early, subtle signs in the lungs that point to coronavirus infection.” The researchers analyzed “chest CT scans of 94 patients in China with COVID-19” and published their [findings](#) in *Radiology*. Dr. Michael Chung, an assistant professor at Mount Sinai’s Icahn School of Medicine and one of the study’s co-authors, said, “If coronavirus should continue to spread and impact the United States or elsewhere more significantly, this study equips radiologists with the knowledge to recognize and more confidently suggest if a patient has COVID-19 or pneumonia due to another cause.”

**Case Study Describes Instance Of CT Detecting Early Abnormalities In Asymptomatic Man With Coronavirus.** [HealthImaging](#) (2/24, O'Connor) reports a [case study](#) published in *Clinical Imaging* describes “a 61-year-old asymptomatic man who was admitted to a Chinese hospital 1,000 miles outside of Wuhan after reporting close contact with an infected individual. In addition to detecting early abnormalities, CT revealed a finding not seen in any other cases of COVID-19.” The researchers wrote, “There is a small but growing body of literature regarding the imaging findings of COVID-19..., and the patient in this case report demonstrates both similarities and differences compared with the literature. Most noteworthy is that the COVID-19 patient in this case is the first reported, to the best of our knowledge, with associated bilateral pleural effusions.”

### CDC To Implement New ICD-10 Diagnosis Code For 2019 Novel Coronavirus

[FierceHealthcare](#) (2/27, Finnegan) reports, “The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) National Center for Health Statistics will implement a new ICD-10 diagnosis code for the 2019 novel coronavirus, which has officially been named COVID-19, effective with the next coding update on Oct. 1, according to an [announcement](#) (pdf)” from the CDC. The new “emergency code – U07.1, 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease – was established by the World Health Organization (WHO) in an emergency meeting late” in January.

### Report Details Human Rabies Death To Raise Awareness

[Reuters](#) (2/27, Joseph) reports human deaths from rabies “are so rare in the United States that even healthcare providers may not recognize a rabies infection – or the role that bats might play – which puts patients and the public at further risk, researchers say.” In a [report](#) from Utah, doctors “describe the state’s first rabies death since 1944, stemming from exposure to bats in the man’s attic.” Dallin Peterson of the Utah Department of Health in Salt Lake City and her colleagues “detail the case and the public health response as a cautionary tale in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.”

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## **ANTI-INFECTIVES**

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### **Trivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine May Offer Comparable Protection Against Influenza B As Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine, Study Suggests**

[Infectious Disease Advisor](#) (2/27, Gupta) reports a [study](#) published in *Clinical Infectious Diseases* found that "despite the higher effectiveness of the quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine against the added B virus lineage, trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine provided comparable protection against influenza B and each B lineage." The researchers compared the effectiveness of the two vaccine over "6 influenza seasons from 2011/2012 to 2016/2017" and found that "during the 4 influenza seasons when both the trivalent and the quadrivalent vaccines were widely used (2013-2014 to 2016-2017), the overall trivalent vaccine effectiveness against B was 45% compared with 53% for the quadrivalent vaccine."

### **Researchers Develop System That Uses Imaging To Assess Efficacy Of Rifampin For Treatment Of TB**

[HealthDay](#) (2/27, Preidt) reports researchers developed a noninvasive imaging technique called dynamic <sup>11</sup>C-rifampin PET/CT to assess whether rifampin is "reaching pockets of TB bacteria in the lungs," which "could help improve treatment of patients with" TB. The researchers conducted a trial in 12 patients with TB and published their [findings](#) in *Nature Medicine*.

**Researchers Seek To Determine The Optimal Dose Of Isoniazid Against TB With inhA Mutations.** [Infectious Disease Advisor](#) (2/27, van Paridon) reports researchers found that "daily doses of 10 to 15 mg/kg isoniazid demonstrated similar activity against tuberculosis (TB) strains with inhA mutations as 5 mg/kg doses against drug-sensitive strains, according to" a [study](#) published in the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*. The researchers concluded that "isoniazid at doses of 10-15 mg/kg daily had measurable early bactericidal activity against MDR-TB with inhA-mutation-mediated isoniazid resistance."

## **PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS**

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### **HHS Secretary Says At Least 40 Labs Can Test For Coronavirus**

Reuters (2/27, Erman) reports HHS Secretary Alex Azar “said that at least 40 public health labs can currently test specimens for coronavirus and that could more than double as soon as tomorrow.” In addition, Azar “said a newly manufactured CDC test can be sent to 93 public health labs as soon as Monday, and a privately manufactured test based on the new CDC test could be sent to those same labs as early as tomorrow, pending FDA clearance.”

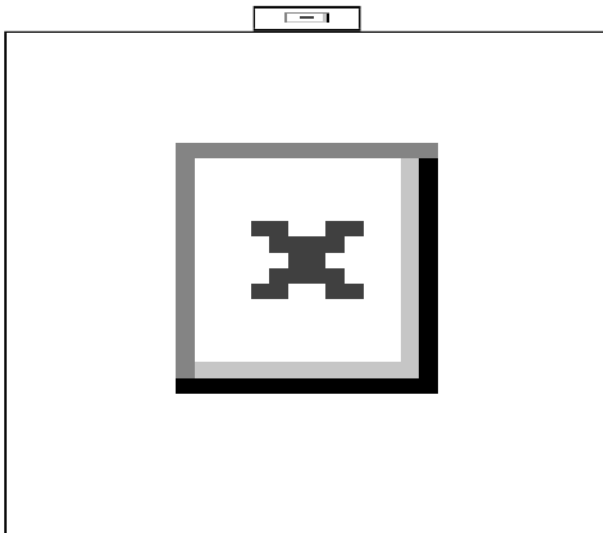
CIDRAP (2/27, Soucheray) also covers the story.

### **COVID-19 Epicenter Shifts Outside China To South Korea, Italy, And Iran**

CIDRAP (2/27, Schnirring) reports that “as the main COVID-19 epicenter shifts from China to the rest of the world, South Korea’s daily cases topped China’s daily total, alongside a brisk, broad rise in cases linked to the hot spot nations of Italy and Iran.” At the same time, several other countries took “bold steps to curb the spread of the virus, including Japan temporarily shuttering schools and Saudi Arabia barring pilgrimage travelers from virus-hit countries.”

## **ALSO IN THE NEWS**

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### **FDA Reaches Out To Medical Device Companies And Reports There Are No Shortages Due To Coronavirus At This Point**

Reuters (2/27, Roy) reports the FDA said no shortages of medical devices due to the coronavirus outbreak have been reported in the US at this point. The agency “contacted 63 companies, having 72 manufacturing facilities in China, which produce medical devices that may be prone to a potential shortage in the case of a supply disruption.”

### **Trump Administration Reportedly Considering Use Of Defense Production Act To Expand Manufacturing Of Protective Masks And Clothing To Prevent Spread Of Coronavirus In US**

Reuters (2/27, Hesson, Alper) reports the Trump Administration is considering using “the Defense Production Act to rapidly expand domestic manufacturing of protective masks and clothing to combat the coronavirus in the United States, two U.S. officials told Reuters.” The article says that “the law grants the president the power to expand industrial production of key materials or products for national security and other reasons.”

## **THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES**

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- **People With HIV May Be More Likely To Have Interstitial Lung Abnormalities, Study Suggests**
- **Modified CMV Vaccine Appears Effective In Recipients Of Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant, Study Suggests**

- [Brazil Reports First Case Of Coronavirus In Latin America](#)
- [CDC's ACIP Votes Unanimously In Favor Of Recommending Ebola Vaccine For Certain Healthcare Personnel And Laboratory Workers](#)
- [Storing Endoscopes In Cabinet With Automated Drying System May Reduce Drying Time While Also Reducing Bacterial Growth, Study Indicates](#)

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Birx, Deborah L" [redacted]
<b>Recipient:</b>	Kenneth Mayer [redacted]



**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

July 2, 2021

Case No.: FL-2020-00071

Austin R. Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street NW, B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

As we noted our letter dated June 10, 2021, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has identified an additional 18 responsive records to subject to the FOIA. After review, we have determined that 14 records may be released in part and 4 records originated with other U.S. government agencies. We have referred the latter four documents to the relevant agencies with a request to respond to you directly.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact James Bickford, Trial Attorney, at [James.Bickford@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.Bickford@usdoj.gov) or (202) 305-7632. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00071, and the civil action number, 20-cv-01169, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeanne Miller  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

## The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

### FOIA Exemptions

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| CIA PERS/ORG   | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)      |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |
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- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

### Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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FW INAUGURATION CONGRATULATIONS YES  
FW OPM GUIDANCE REGARDING FEDERAL WORKFORCE- COMMENTS  
DUE NLT 1PM TODAY YES  
FW TWO NEWS TODAY  
FW WHO OFFICIALS PRAISE US LEADERS ON CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC  
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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [Redacted]

**To:** [Redacted]

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EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>;  
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**To:** [Redacted] Fritz, Jonathan D [Redacted]

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**Subject:** RE: REQUESTING CLEARANCE: Amb. Moriarty statement

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Jonathan:

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Thank you.

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 3, 2020 9:30 AM

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**From:** [Redacted]

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**Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>

**Subject:** FW: REQUESTING CLEARANCE: Amb. Moriarty statement

Hi TC:

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Can you take a look please and provide **your clearance ASAP?**

Best,

[Redacted]

**From:** [Redacted]

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**Subject:** REQUESTING CLEARANCE: Amb. Moriarty statement

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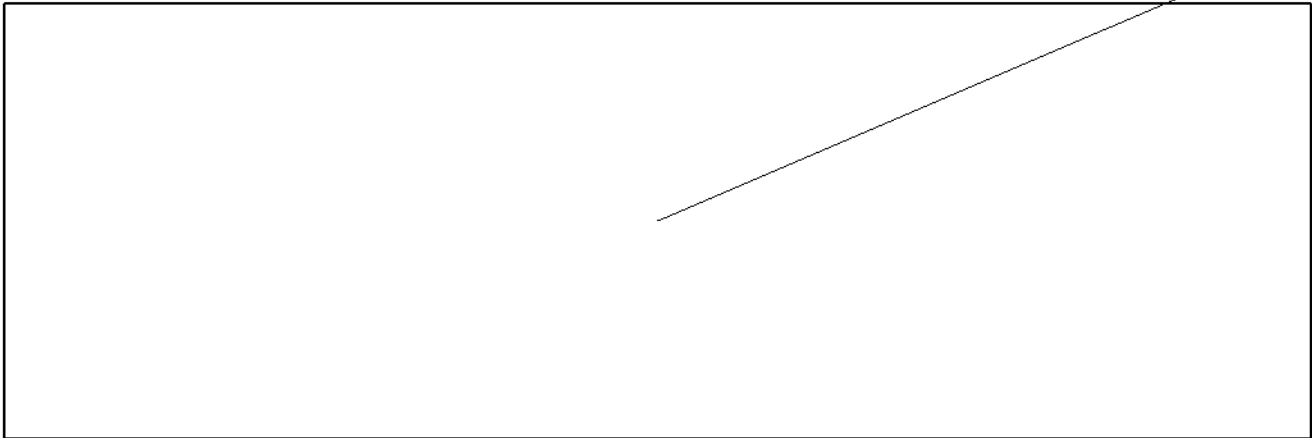
Requesting clearance on the statement below for AIT Chairman Moriarty to give to local press at the top of his meeting with President Tsai on Thursday morning.

Many thanks,

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**To:** Stilwell, David R [redacted]  
Feith, David [redacted]  
Keshap, Atul [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Inauguration Congratulations  
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FYI as per discussion of Tsai inauguration, Obama letters to Ma and Tsai...

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 8:51 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fw: Inauguration Congratulations

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**From:** [redacted]  
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**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; [redacted]  
[redacted] Christensen, W. Brent [redacted]; Greene,  
[redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Inauguration Congratulations

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Please find attached the most recent POTUS letters of congratulations to Taiwan leaders on the occasion of their election/re-election. Good starting point to produce something for May 20.

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**Daniel K. Delk, Jr. | Deputy Director**  
Office of Taiwan Coordination  
U.S. Department of State  
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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2020 4:29 PM  
**To:** [redacted], Fritz, Jonathan D

**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: [redacted]

Jonathan [redacted]

Just checking where EAP came down on this?

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:06 AM  
**To:** [redacted], Fritz, Jonathan D <FritzJD@state.gov>

**Cc:** [redacted]  
 [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: [redacted]

Thanks. Looping in [redacted] and the rest of the E Comms team for viz.

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:41 AM  
**To:** [redacted], Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: [redacted]

Will do. We are going to discuss in EAP tomorrow.

Best,

[Redacted signature]

**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:56 AM

**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <[Redacted]>

**Cc:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** Fwd: [Redacted]

Jonathan [Redacted]

Please let us know if you all opt to go forward with this campaign as I imagine U/S Krach likely would want to amplify it on social media.

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**From:** SMART Core <svcsmartbtsewssprec2@state.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:08 AM

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1. Summary: Taiwan's response to COVID-19 has been more successful than any in the world according to nearly all available metrics

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End Summary.

Background

2. Despite its proximity to China and regular cross-Strait flows of travelers and commerce, Taiwan has thus far succeeded in controlling the spread of COVID-19. To date, Taiwan has confirmed only 306 cases with minimal community spread in a population of 23 million people (REFTEL 20 TAIPEI 162). International media and countries around the world have taken notice of Taiwan's unlikely success and expressed interest in learning more.

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## **TRANSPARENCY**

6. Transparency has been one of the defining features of the Taiwan Model. The minister of health has held daily press briefings since January, sharing the latest numbers of confirmed and suspected cases. During these press briefings, health officials also share information about their approach to preventing the spread of COVID-19 and explain related policy decisions. These briefings generate accurate news across a broad spectrum of media outlets.
7. Transparency has also been a hallmark of the Taiwan authorities' direct communications with the public. The Taiwan authorities, particularly the CDC, have provided the Taiwan public as much information as possible at every stage of the pandemic. This approach has produced a population well educated on COVID-19 prevention measures, that is less vulnerable to disinformation campaigns and less prone to panic. It also laid the groundwork for the successful rollout and implementation of the Taiwan government's surgical mask rationing policy, which has ensured that both individuals and medical professionals have adequate access to necessary supplies.
8. Taiwan's communications with the World Health Organization have also been open and transparent, beginning on December 31, when the Taiwan CDC first reached out to the WHO and the PRC for more information about the new atypical pneumonia cases, but unfortunately received no response. Taiwan has quickly reached out to health focal points in other countries when reported cases involved nationals from those countries or Taiwan nationals who visited those countries.

## **TRANSPORTATION CONTROLS**

9. The Taiwan authorities started onboard screening of flights from Wuhan in December 2019 and began implementing border control measures and mandatory quarantines for travelers arriving from other high-risk areas in January. Taiwan initially barred non-resident travelers from certain countries and required travelers from other countries to undergo a fourteen-day home quarantine. Since then, they have regularly updated their requirements to account for the changing health environment in countries around the world.
10. Taiwan authorities set up comprehensive airport screening procedures, ensuring that high-risk individuals and anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms would be identified before leaving the airport. Authorities facilitated mandatory quarantines by escorting travelers from their flights to specially designated airport-to-home transportation, and

then confirmed that travelers had a place to spend their mandatory home quarantine apart from family or friends.

### **TRACKING**

11. The Taiwan authorities keep meticulous track of individuals at high risk of being exposed to COVID-19, either due to travel or domestic contact. All potentially exposed individuals are required to undergo fourteen days of home quarantine. Taiwan authorities carefully track individuals on quarantine, using their cell phone location data, calling and visiting them regularly to ensure they remain at home, and requiring they provide daily body temperature readings. Violations of home quarantine carry high fines and the potential for public exposure.

### **TESTING (& TRACING)**

12. The Taiwan CDC adopted a targeted testing protocol based on rigorous contact tracing. Medical professionals have ensured that all high-risk individuals have ready access to tests. Confirmed COVID-19 cases must test negative three times to be released from quarantine.
13. Positive test results trigger a contact tracing protocol to identify others potentially exposed to COVID-19, who are then tested or placed under home quarantine. Taiwan has tested over 30,000 suspected cases, or roughly 1 of 700 people in Taiwan.

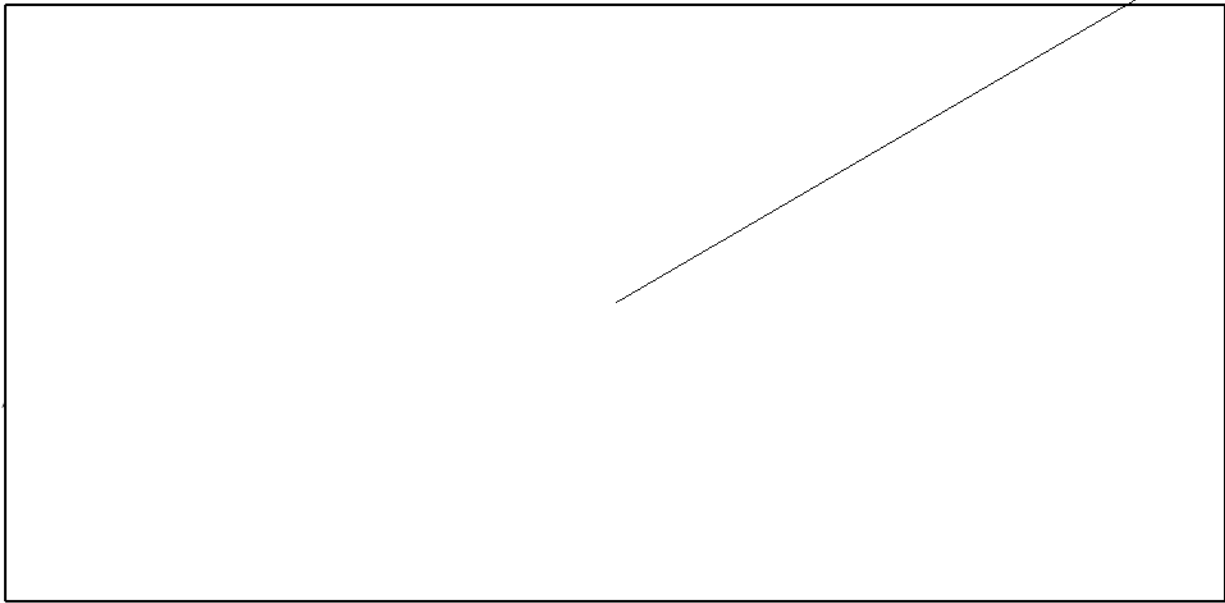
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14. The success of the Taiwan Model also included comprehensive training for all Taiwan authorities with implementing roles, including border control, healthcare workers, and local government officials. This training encouraged frontline workers to provide honest feedback about the performance of prevention measures, which allowed the CDC to refine its approach accordingly. Of note, the Taiwan CDC has modeled much of its outbreak response after U.S. CDC guidelines and has sent numerous experts for training under the U.S. CDC Field Epidemiology Training Program.
15. The Taiwan Model also includes an element of public education, in which the CDC and other agencies regularly share information with the Taiwan public on COVID-19 prevention measures, including appropriate face-mask usage, hand-washing, and social distancing.

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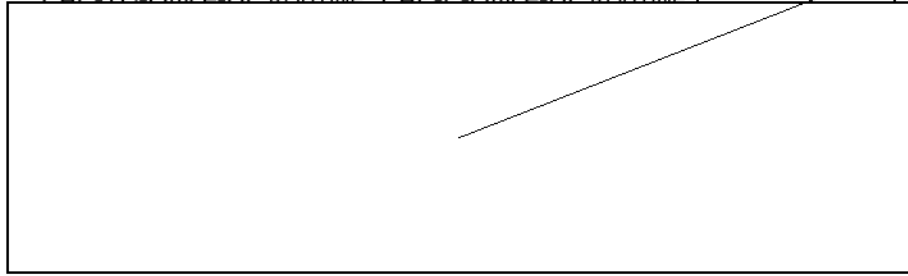
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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]

**Recipient:** Jonathan Fritz [redacted]

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**We request comments and/or clearance NLT 1 PM TODAY.** We are unable to accept late comments, and will affirmatively proceed if we do not hear from your component. OPM seeks to distribute this evening.

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Thanks,  
Q

**Quinn N. Hirsch, MPH**  
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

Work: [Redacted]  
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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" [Redacted]

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Todd William F (Ambassador) [Redacted]

**Recipient:**

Coronavirus Global Response Coordination Unit  
<CoronavirusGlobalResponseCoordinationUnit@state.gov>;  
Benning, Douglass R [Redacted];  
Perez, Carol Z [Redacted];  
Lussier, Philippe [Redacted]

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**To:** Cook, Nerissa J [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fw: Two news today  
**Date:** Sat, 11 Apr 2020 19:30:06 +0000

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 11, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R; [redacted] Kissel, Mary E (S)  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D; Feith, David; Krach, Keith J  
**Subject:** Re: Two news today

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**From:** Stilwell, David R [redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 11, 2020 12:45:02 PM  
**To:** [redacted] Kissel, Mary E (S) [redacted]  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; Feith, David [redacted]; Krach, Keith J [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Two news today

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Dave

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From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 9:51 AM  
To: Kissel, Mary E (S);  
Cc: Stilwell, David R; Fritz, Jonathan D; Feith, David  
Krach, Keith J  
Subject: RE: Two news today

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Thanks Mary for flagging the Nature article.

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The Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State U.S. Department of State

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To: (b)(6)  
Cc: Stilwell, David R; Fritz, Jonathan D; Feith, David  
Krach, Keith J  
Subject: Re: Two news today

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Both have been flagged.

I shared the Nature article with the editorial board. Glad they wrote about it... pretty awful.

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Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 11, 2020, at 7:51 AM, (b)(6) wrote:  
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> Time for my spamming your inbox tonight now while watching Tucker Carlson.

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> I Nature magazine, the premier science magazine (flagging for new OES leader too),  
> as commented by WSJ:

- > [https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wsj.com%2Farticles%2Fpoliticizing-coronavirus-science-11586556596%3Fem ailToken%3Dae9d05a8860ad3bf6ee69bc81158c929tGkpaPy8BDXxbTxf13wLYJRVVx4blCSnXOj5bWAX154RUnXYtDgmPssy8Ixrz7ewTaqehyV6dXP19BLrc7ZXhg%253D%26reflink%3Darticle\\_imessage\\_share&data=02%7C01%7\(b\)\(6\)%40state.gov%7C33310878516447b33a4208d7de109cbc%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C637222035244734794&mp;sdm=2VDZKnXezdWmeJtBXXTZ5eUYiyP6v6WGNvbP81%2FQ%3D&reserved=0](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wsj.com%2Farticles%2Fpoliticizing-coronavirus-science-11586556596%3Fem ailToken%3Dae9d05a8860ad3bf6ee69bc81158c929tGkpaPy8BDXxbTxf13wLYJRVVx4blCSnXOj5bWAX154RUnXYtDgmPssy8Ixrz7ewTaqehyV6dXP19BLrc7ZXhg%253D%26reflink%3Darticle_imessage_share&data=02%7C01%7(b)(6)%40state.gov%7C33310878516447b33a4208d7de109cbc%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C637222035244734794&mp;sdm=2VDZKnXezdWmeJtBXXTZ5eUYiyP6v6WGNvbP81%2FQ%3D&reserved=0)

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> 2. WH on VOA

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 > Department of State

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<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]
<b>To:</b>	Jonathan Fritz [redacted]
<b>Subject:</b>	Fw: WHO officials praise US leaders on coronavirus pandemic response: Trump is doing 'all he can'
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 26 Mar 2020 01:13:20 +0000

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Original Message

From: David Stilwell [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:09 PM

To: Fritz, Jonathan D; Feith, David; Keshap, Atul; Kissel, Mary E (S); Ortagus, Morgan D

Subject: WHO officials praise US leaders on coronavirus pandemic response: Trump is doing 'all he can'

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]
<b>Recipient:</b>	Jonathan Fritz [redacted]



**From:** "Risch, Carl C"  
**To:** Risch, Carl C  
**Subject:** Fwd: For 7:15p ET Clearance // Internal Q&A for EmbTokyo Diamond Princess  
**Date:** Sat, 15 Feb 2020 23:29:59 +0000

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Date:** February 15, 2020 at 6:18:38 PM EST  
**Subject:** For 7:15p ET Clearance // Internal Q&A for EmbTokyo Diamond Princess  
**To:** Charles, Julia (CDC/OD/OCS); Lang, Karin M; Knapper, Marc E; Young, Joseph M; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD); Zebley, Kyle (HHS/OS/OGA); Vissek, Richard; Hoek, Kathleen H; McGowan, Robert; (Kyle) (CDC/OD/OCS); Risch, Carl C; Harrison, Brian; (HHS/IOS); Grigsby, Garrett (HHS/OS/OGA); Hall, Bill (HHS/ASPA); Stecker, Judy (OS/IOS); Murphy, Ryan; Parra, Yolanda A; Brownlee, Ian G; King, Karin M; Chulick, Nicole A; Fitter, David L. (CDC/DDPHSIS/CGH/GID); Knust, Barbara (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DGMO); Daigle, David; Shuy, Bryan (OS/ASPR/IO); gov>; Berger, Sherrie; Michael, Gretchen (OS/ASPR/OEA); CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; PA Crisis Response <PACrisisResponse@state.gov>; EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>; Legal-Coronavirus-DL <Legal-Coronavirus-DL@state.gov>; Brown, Cale; Waters, Cicely (OS/ASPR/OEA); Giuda, Michelle; SPOX <SPOX@state.gov>; Kaldahl, Ryan M

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**Cc:** TFJP01 Diamond Princess Response  
<S\_TFJP01DiamondPrincessResponse@groups.state.gov>

All,

Attached, please find the internal/~~SBU only~~ otherwise specified ~~(not for public dissemination)~~ Q&A prepared for Embassy Tokyo to centralize currently-settled operational questions. State TF (EAP, CA, GPA, MED, CMS) have compiled and notionally cleared.

**Required clearers below**, please indicate clearance **directly** to the TaskForce address ([S\\_TFJP01DiamondPrincessResponse@groups.state.gov](mailto:S_TFJP01DiamondPrincessResponse@groups.state.gov)) in the CC line at 7:15PM ET; major edits or questions should be reply-all.

- DOS EAP
- DOS CA
- DOS H
- DOS M
- DOS GPA/DSpox
- Embassy Tokyo
- DHS (CAT, please route appropriately)
- HHS + ASPR
- CDC

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Please forward to any necessary clearer/stakeholder we have inadvertently omitted – thanks,  
Tim

<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <[Redacted]>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Risch, Carl C <[Redacted]>

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
 Buangan, Richard L [redacted]  
 Stilwell, David R [redacted]  
 Keshap, Atul [redacted]  
 Waters, John R [redacted]  
**To:** Feith, David [redacted]  
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 Wald, Alexander T (Shenyang) [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: C100 Statement on Troubling Rhetoric in the 2020 Election Cycle  
**Date:** Fri, 10 Apr 2020 21:27:43 +0000

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Anyone seen the ad in question?

**From:** Buangan, Richard L [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 5:21 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R [redacted]; Keshap, Atul [redacted]; Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]  
 [redacted]; Waters, John R [redacted]; Feith, David [redacted]  
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**Subject:** Fwd: C100 Statement on Troubling Rhetoric in the 2020 Election Cycle

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 Richard L. Buangan  
 Deputy Assistant Secretary  
 Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP)  
 U.S. Department of State  
 Email: [redacted]

Begin forwarded message:

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**From:** Committee of 100 <media@committee100.org>  
**Date:** April 10, 2020 at 15:25:08 EDT  
**To:** "Buangan, Richard L" [redacted]  
**Subject:** C100 Statement on Troubling Rhetoric in the 2020 Election Cycle  
**Reply-To:** Committee of 100 <media@committee100.org>

C100 Statement on Troubling Rhetoric in the 2020 Election Cycle

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Contact: Zhengyu Huang, C100 President  
[media@committee100.org](mailto:media@committee100.org) or 212-371-6565

**C100 Statement on Troubling Rhetoric  
in the 2020 Election Cycle**

New York, NY (April 10, 2020) – The Committee of 100 (C100) is disappointed by a new 2020 presidential campaign ad that falsely suggests an association between C100 member and former U.S. Ambassador Gary Locke and the Chinese government, solely based on his identity as a Chinese American. As we enter another election cycle, we welcome a full, robust debate on U.S.-China relations, but urge all candidates to engage in a discussion based on policy and facts. Inflammatory language and false imagery impugning the loyalty of Chinese Americans should be consciously avoided by all candidates and campaigns.

False insinuations, such as the ones using Ambassador Locke, only further engender unprovoked hostile attacks against Chinese Americans and other Asian American communities. This is especially important to address given the increased violence and discrimination the Asian American community has faced in recent weeks due to xenophobic-based fears in relation to COVID-19.

The Committee of 100 is confident that by grounding our national discourse in facts and focusing discussions on specific policy positions, we can create a productive dialogue and path forward in U.S.-China relations, while avoiding discrimination against millions of Chinese Americans. C100 will continue to monitor all campaigns this year, and will not hesitate to identify any that raise similar concerns.

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The Committee of 100 (C100) is a non-profit U.S. leadership organization of prominent and extraordinary Chinese Americans in business, government, academia, and the arts. Founded by the late world-renowned architect I.M. Pei and internationally acclaimed cellist Yo-Yo Ma, among others, it is an institution of U.S. citizens of Chinese heritage. For over 30 years, C100 has served as a preeminent organization committed to the dual missions of promoting the full participation of Chinese Americans in all aspects of American life and constructive relations between the United States and Greater China. [www.committee100.org](http://www.committee100.org). Please follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for updates.

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" (b)(6)

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**To:** Stilwell, David R (b)(6)  
Buangan, Richard L (b)(6)

**CC:** EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>;  
Waters, John R (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: EAP/FO: draft PG on WHO funding action (b)(5)

**Date:** Wed, 15 Apr 2020 22:04:14 +0000

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 5:00 PM

**To:** Stilwell, David R; Fritz, Jonathan D; Buangan, Richard L

**Cc:** EAP-Press; Waters, John R; (b)(6)

**Subject:** EAP/FO: draft PG on WHO funding action

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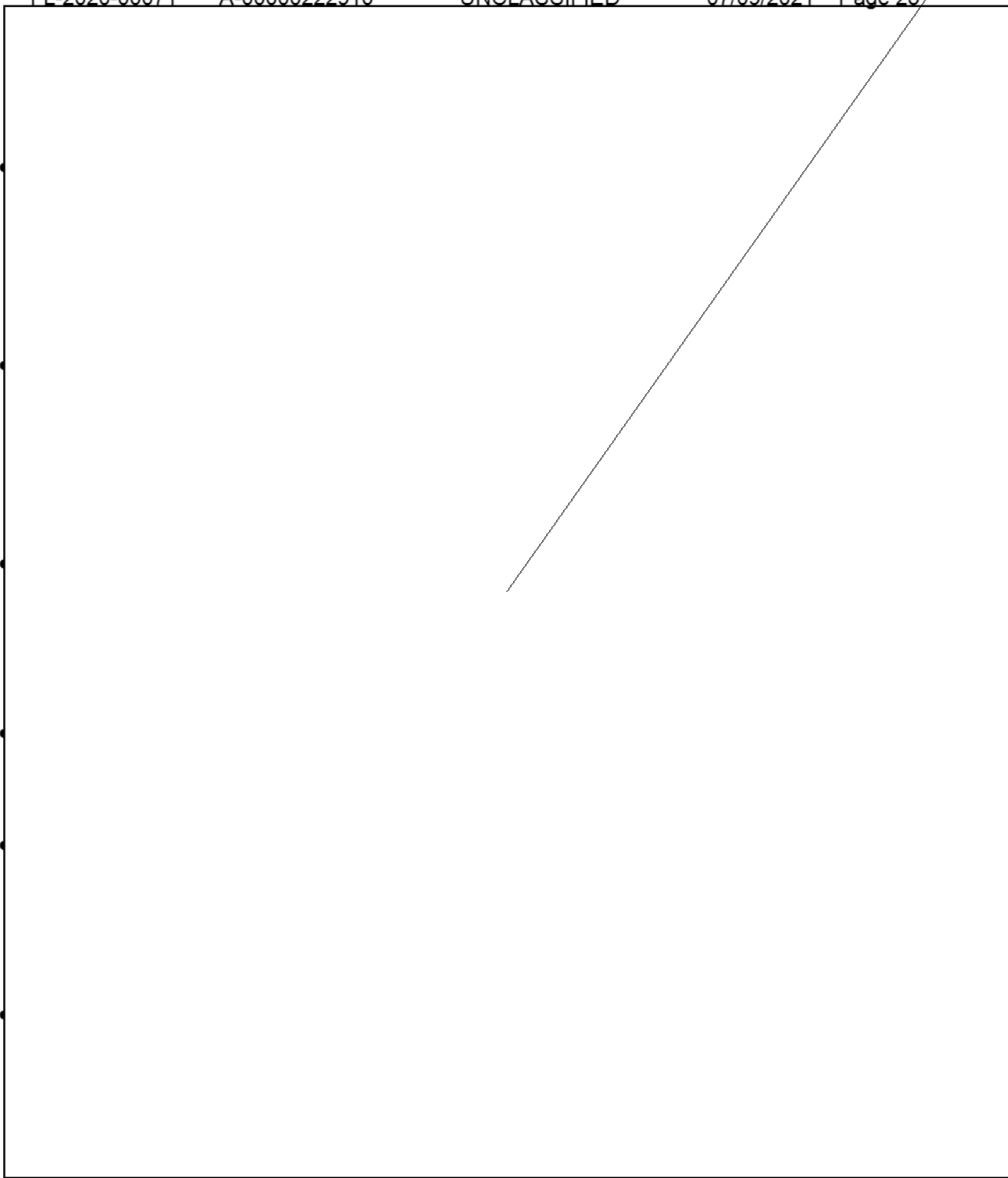
Adding A/S Stilwell and DAS Buangan,  
Please let us know if EAP/FO has any edits to IO's press guidance on WHO funding suspension.

Best,  
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IO Press Guidance  
April 15, 2020

**U.S. Decision to Suspend Funding for WHO**

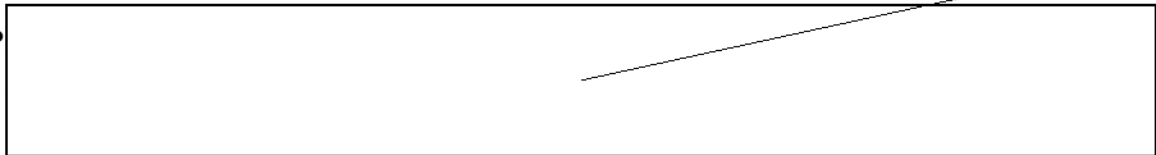
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*If asked:*

Are you calling for the resignation of WHO Director General Tedros?



POTUS April 14 Remarks

“Today, I’m instructing my administration to halt funding of the world health organization while a review is conducted to assess the World Health Organization’s role in severely mismanaging and covering up the spread of the coronavirus.”

“American taxpayers provide between \$400 million and \$500 million per year to the WHO. China contributes roughly \$40 million a year, and even less. As the organization’s leading sponsor, the United States has a duty to insist upon full accountability.”

“One of the most dangerous and costly decisions from the WHO was its disastrous decision to oppose travel restrictions from China and other nations. They were very much opposed to what we did. ... The decision of other major countries to keep travel open was one of the great tragedies and missed opportunities from the early days.”

“Had the WHO done its job to get medical experts into China to objectively assess the situation on the ground, and to callout China's lack of transparency, the outbreak could have been contained at a source with very little death.”

“The WHO’s reliance on China's disclosures likely caused a 20-fold increase in cases worldwide, and it may be much more than that.”

Secretary Pompeo April 14 Remarks

“The facts are you talked about the World Health Organization. They had access. The Chinese Communist Party didn’t give Americans access when we needed it in that most timely point at the very beginning. The President talked about that today. And then we know they have this lab. We know about the wet markets. We know that the virus itself did originate in Wuhan. So all those things come together.”

“There’s still a lot we don’t know, and this is what the President was talking about today. We need to know answers to these things. We still have this virus out there. You talked about trying to get the economy going not only here in the United States but around the world. We need answers to these questions, we need transparency, and we need the World Health Organization to do its job, to perform its primary function, which is to make sure that the world has accurate, timely, effective, real information about what’s going on in the global health space. And they didn’t get that done here.”

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:33 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** Waters, John R <[redacted]> (b)(6); EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Jonathan: draft PG on WHO funding action

Jonathan,  
Please review the attached press guidance on WHO funding suspension. I attached a word doc here in case you can't access the sharepoint version.

Best,  
[redacted]  
EAP Press  
[redacted]  
**From** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:22 PM



To: [redacted] EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
Cc: EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>  
Subject: Re: FOR CLEARANCE: draft PG on WHO funding action

Hi [redacted]

The attached version has CM clearance, which I noted in the document. FYSA I also passed a copy along to L/EAP who I believe will also have edits to the PG, so if they aren't already in contact with IO on the separate chain it would be great if you could loop them in as well.

Best,

From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 12:22 PM

To: [redacted] EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
Subject: Re: FOR CLEARANCE: draft PG on WHO funding action

Thanks [redacted] Would you be able to get CM clearance on this? After that, EAP/P can get EAP/FO to review. We are on a separate chain with IO and can follow up there.

From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 12:17 PM

To: [redacted]  
Subject: Fw: FOR CLEARANCE: draft PG on WHO funding action

Hi [redacted]

As discussed, I've attached the draft PG that OES sent. I think it's important to get EAP folks to clear it as well. I can ask OES to loop EAP into the chain if that's easiest, but I wanted to reach out to you to see if there's a proper way to loop us in. Thanks! This is in response to the PG tasked this morning, which I've pasted below from Katina's e-mail.

***FYI: IO/F/OES has been tasked with the following:***

**F/EAP/IO/S: MK/D/MED/CHINA:** Please send cleared lines on the US suspending payments to WHO, to include China's response to the US suspension, the UN's response to the decision, and what impact the funding cut will have on WHO's international response and vaccine efforts. Also, when will the suspension in payments begin, and how much does the US contribute to WHO annually? Is the US considering sanctions against WHO officials?

From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:56 AM

To: [redacted]

Subject: Fw: FOR CLEARANCE: draft PG on WHO funding action

FYI, this is the latest I've seen.

[redacted]

Outbreak Response and Biodefense Team Lead

(b)(6) Office of International Health and Biodefense  
 (b)(6) Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs  
 (b)(6) U.S. Department of State

(b)(6) Desk: [redacted]  
 (b)(6) Mobile: [redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:44 AM  
**To:** Moore, Jonathan M [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] Pandemic-Response-OES <Pandemic-Response-OES@state.gov>; OES-PA-DG <OES-PA-DG@state.gov>; [redacted] OES-Staffers-DG <OES-Staffers-DG@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: FOR CLEARANCE: draft PG on WHO funding action

(b)(6) PDAS Moore, kindly requesting your clearance on this press guidance as soon as possible.

(b)(6) Thank you!

(b)(6) **From:** [redacted]  
 (b)(6) **Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:40 AM  
 (b)(6) **To:** [redacted]  
 (b)(6) **Cc:** [redacted] Pandemic-Response-OES <Pandemic-Response-OES@state.gov>; OES-PA-DG <OES-PA-DG@state.gov>; [redacted]  
 (b)(6) **Subject:** Re: FOR CLEARANCE: draft PG on WHO funding action

(b)(6) I clear  
 (b)(6) Jonathan Moore should see this too.  
 (b)(6) Jonathan  
 (b)(6) Get Outlook for iOS

**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <[redacted]>  
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 Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>  
 Buangan, Richard L <BuanganRL@state.gov>;  
**Recipient:** EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>;  
 [redacted]  
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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: For Clearance: Readout of 4/24 DAS Fritz-DCM Li Call  
**Date:** Fri, 24 Apr 2020 16:18:57 +0000

(b)(6) Thanks (b)(6) few minor edits below.

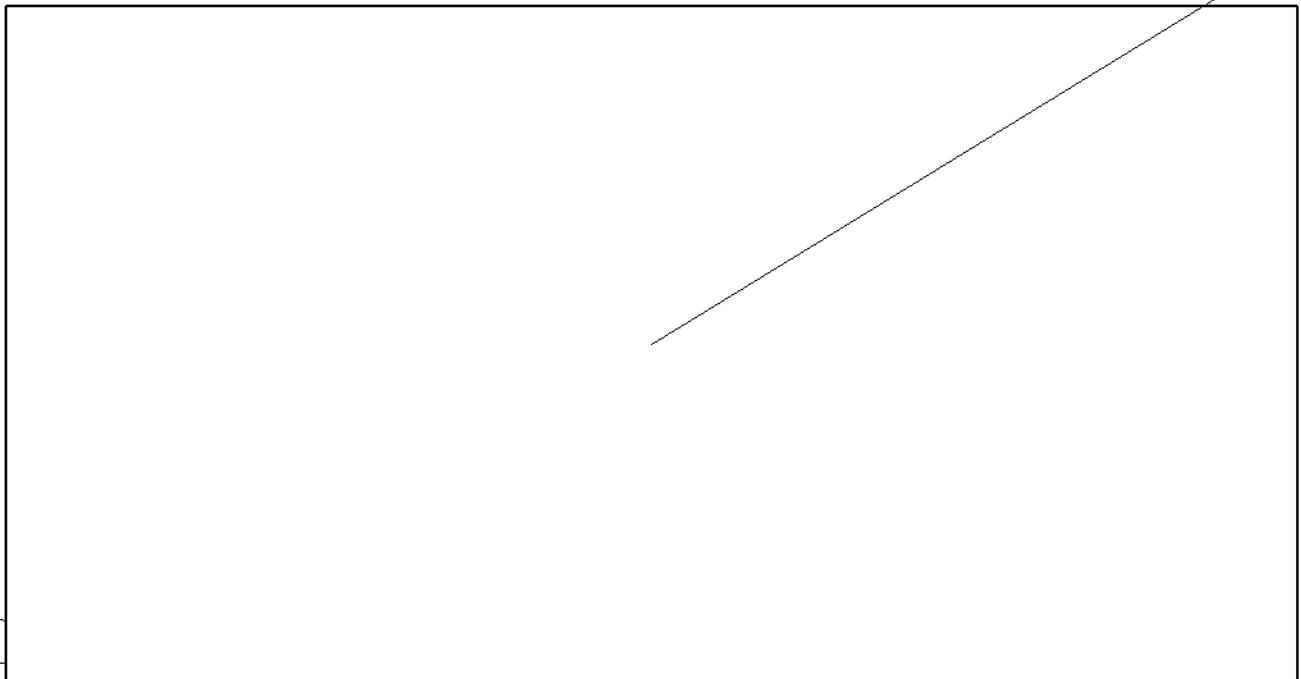
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**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** For Clearance: Readout of 4/24 DAS Fritz-DCM Li Call

Hi Jonathan,

Please see below the read out from this morning's call, and let me know if you need anything else. Thanks! Nav

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**Recipient:** (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
 EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>



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from Visa Office Managing Director Mario Mesquita and [redacted], Director of Visa Office Field Operations, addressing the outstanding questions below.

Questions for VO to address: (b)(5)

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**Thursday, May 21**

-On Thursday, following our regular order of PDAS Brownlee providing a summary of repatriation efforts and regional bureau geographic updates, regional EX directors will be asked (with an A Bureau representative participating) to brief on the outstanding issue of broader impacts of curtailed dip pouch services and mitigation strategies, including FVAP and U.S. citizen voters overseas:

Questions to address: (1) (b)(5)

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Regards,

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>  
 Mesquita, Mario M <[redacted]>  
 Stoddard, Kaitlin V <[redacted]>

**Recipient:** Ramotowski, Edward J <[redacted]>  
 Whiteley, John W <WhiteleyJW@state.gov>

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
 Henick, Jonathan D [redacted]

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Mission India POL Night Note for May 27

**Date:** Wed, 27 May 2020 19:14:04 +0000

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**From:** Henick, Jonathan D [redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:52 PM

**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]

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**Subject:** Fwd: Mission India POL Night Note for May 27

I thought the first item below would be of interest... [redacted]

[redacted]

Jonathan Henick  
 Deputy Assistant Secretary  
 Bureau for South & Central Asian Affairs  
 U.S. Department of State

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**From:** Viguerie, Lesslie C [redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 6:52 AM

**To:** Viguerie, Lesslie C; Carnegie, Thomas; Juster, Kenneth I; Kagan, Edgard D; SCA-India Desk-ONLY; SCA-INSB Office-DL; [redacted]; New Delhi Executive Office; New Delhi EEST Taskers; New Delhi POL Taskers; New Delhi PAS Taskers; Ranz, David J; Larson, Jennifer A; [redacted]

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[redacted] Greengrass, Sara D; [redacted]

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Holtz, Greta C; [redacted] Kessler, Jonathan S; [redacted]

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**Subject:** Mission India POL Night Note for May 27

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**(SBU) Movies, Twitter, and TikTok Avenues of PRC Influence:** On May 25, [redacted]

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[redacted] to discuss Chinese influence seeking in India. [redacted] feared that India's film industry was going down the same path she believed the American film industry had followed in exercising self-censorship when depicting China; she noted that some Indian movies have found a market in China and Chinese financiers have been funding the production of some Indian movies. [redacted] added that he was worried about the growth of Tiktok in South Asia, given how closely



(b)(6) its founder is tied to the Chinese Communist party. (b)(6) noted that recently Chinese diplomats have begun to use Western social media, particularly Twitter, to spread conspiracy theories. (b)(6) added that Twitter account of the Chinese Consul General in Kolkata has become infamous for peddling such theories. (b)(6) explained that PRC Twitter accounts have been quite active recently trying to deflect blame from China for COVID-19. They agreed that if China continues to be so heavy-handed, it will face a backlash in India the way it has in Australia. (Gaurav Bansal)

~~(SBU)~~ **India Needs to Go Global, but Domestic Issues May Slow it Down:** At a Brookings India webinar on May 20, experts highlighted India’s potential as a leading power in a post-COVID scenario, but noted several challenges to its foreign policy strategy. India’s former Foreign Secretary and National Security Advisor Ambassador Shivshankar Menon said New Delhi could not afford to be “isolationist” in its outlook, and needed to engage more with the world economy to boost its external relations. He urged India to take advantage of the recent tensions between the United States and China on trade, and said India needed “to be closer to both nations, than they were with each other.” However, he expressed scepticism over India’s ability to do so, claiming New Delhi needed to reassess its relations with China first to determine the long-term drivers of its foreign policy. His co-panelist Dr. Alyssa Ayres, Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in the United States and former SCA DAS, was also critical of the U.S.-India relationship under the Trump administration, stating diplomatic ties had been limited to defense and security over the recent years. Dr. Ayres called for greater engagement between the two countries on trade and social issues like public health, education and gender, stating these seemingly softer issues were just as important as hard issues like security. She added that India’s rapid urbanization would eventually affect its external relations, and pushed for greater social cohesion by New Delhi in light of issues such as the migrant workers crisis, and religious freedom. Dr Dino Patti Djalal, former Deputy Foreign Minister, Indonesia, also pointed out the negative impact of India’s domestic issues on its foreign policy, stating unfavorable reports in the press about India’s alleged mistreatment of its religious minorities had “colored” perceptions of the Modi government in Indonesia. Dr Djalal further noted India’s potential to demonstrate leadership on the world stage, but commented how its traditional institutions and state structures were not well-equipped to resolve underlying issues. Co-panelists Dr Justin Vaïsse, Director General at the Paris Peace Forum, and Prof. Rory Medcalf at the Australian National University consequentially recommended that India needed to focus more on multilateralism internationally, and focus on increasing economic and security relations in the Indo-Pacific respectively. (Dhara Shah)

**Air Quality Index (AQI) for May 27, 2020**

Reading in India at 9 a.m. unless noted otherwise. Kolkata reading at 8 a.m., no data for 9:00 a.m.

New Delhi	101	<b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b>
Mumbai	54	<b>Moderate</b>
Hyderabad	87	<b>Moderate</b>
Chennai	46	<b>Good</b>
Kolkata	47	<b>Good</b>

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <FritzJD@state.gov>  
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**Recipient:**

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]

**To:** EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>;  
OES-PA-DG <OES-PA-DG@state.gov>;  
Buangan, Richard L [redacted]

**CC:** ISN-Press-DL <ISN-Press-DL@state.gov>;  
[redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Spox: Please clear PG on Wuhan Institute of Virology

**Date:** Sat, 18 Apr 2020 02:22:11 +0000

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 10:13 PM

**To:** [redacted] EAP-Press; OES-PA-DG;  
Buangan, Richard L [redacted]; Fritz, Jonathan D; Waters, John R; [redacted]  
**Cc:** ISN-Press-DL; [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Spox: Please clear PG on Wuhan Institute of Virology

+ DAS Jonathan Fritz and the China desk leadership.

Jonathan and [redacted]

Thank you,  
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On April 17, 2020 at 10:04:54 PM EDT, [redacted] wrote:

adding EAP leadership for their guidance/steer on the below, please.  
apologies for the late Friday request.

Thanks,

[redacted]  
**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 9:58 PM

**To:** [redacted]

[redacted] EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>; OES-PA-DG <OES-PA-DG@state.gov>

**Cc:** ISN-Press-DL <ISN-Press-DL@state.gov> [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Spox: Please clear PG on Wuhan Institute of Virology

Thanks very much [redacted]

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 9:51 PM

**To:** [redacted]

[redacted]

**Cc:** ISN-Press-DL <ISN-Press-DL@state.gov>; [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Spox: Please clear PG on Wuhan Institute of Virology

All: apologies, I'm working off my iPhone [redacted]

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Thanks,

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On April 17, 2020 at 8:31:50 PM CDT, [redacted] wrote:

Colleagues:

We need a final concurrence tonight from ISN, OES, and EAP on the below draft guidance regarding the Wuhan Virology Institute.

Please provide your input asap.

Thanks

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**China: Wuhan Institute of Virology**

[redacted]

**Public language:**

<https://www.state.gov/secretary-michael-r-pompeo-with-sean-hannity-of-the-sean-hannity-show-4/>

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<https://www.state.gov/secretary-michael-r-pompeo-with-martha-maccallum-of-fox-news-2/>

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**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 4:24 PM  
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**Cc:** EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Spox: Please clear PG on Wuhan Institute of Virology

FWIW: [redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
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**Subject:** RE: Spox: Please clear PG on Wuhan Institute of Virology

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**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 3:25 PM  
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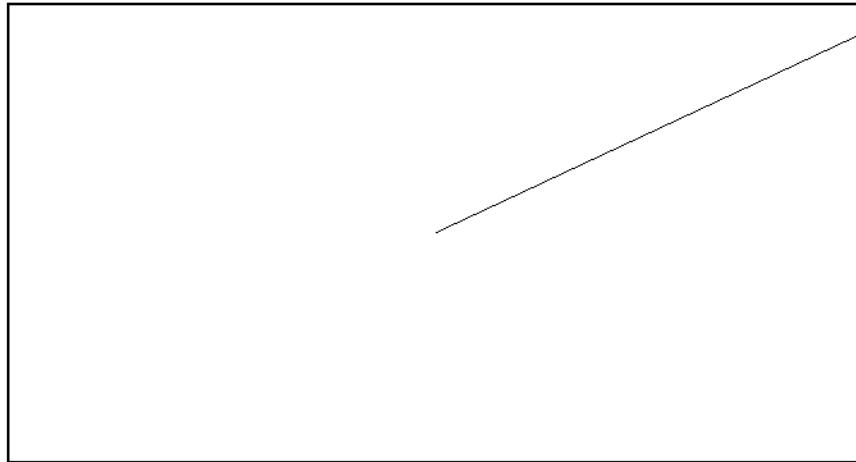
Spox,

Please clear the attached press guidance on the Wuhan Institute of Virology tasked earlier today.

**CGRCU/EAP/MED/S: MK/CHINA:** [redacted]

Best,

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EAP Press  
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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <[redacted]>  
**Recipient:** [redacted]

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Buangan, Richard L [redacted]

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Waters, John R (b)(6)

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ISN-Press-DL <ISN-Press-DL@state.gov>;

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]

**To:** Buangan, Richard L [redacted]; Stilwell, David R [redacted]

**CC:** Keshap, Atul [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: URGENT: [redacted]

**Date:** Mon, 6 Apr 2020 13:50:27 +0000

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 9:49 AM

**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; Buangan, Richard L [redacted]; Stilwell, David R [redacted] <StilwellDR@state.gov>

**Cc:** Keshap, Atul [redacted]

**Subject:** URGENT [redacted]

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FYSA – D staff asked for L and H clearance last night; [redacted]

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Thanks [redacted]

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Special Assistant  
Office of the Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 9:44 AM

**To:** [redacted] EAP-Staffers Mailbox <EAP-StaffersMailbox@state.gov>

**Cc:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; EAP-CM-Bilat Unit-DL <EAPCMBilatUnit@state.gov>

**Subject:** H [redacted]

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Best regards,

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 9:37 AM  
**To:** [Redacted] Legal-EAP-DL <Legal-EAP-DL@state.gov>; [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted] Cardno, Gwendolyn J [Redacted]; Waters, John R [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: For Flash Clearance (Due 4:30 PM) : [Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 8:27 PM  
**To:** [Redacted] Legal-EAP-DL <Legal-EAP-DL@state.gov>; [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted] Cardno, Gwendolyn J [Redacted]; Waters, John R [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: For Flash Clearance (Due 4:30 PM) [Redacted]

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INTERNAL DELIBARATIVE PROCESS INFORMATION

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Hi,

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 4:19 PM

**To:** Legal-EAP-DL <Legal-EAP-DL@state.gov> [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** Fw: For Flash Clearance (Due 4:30 PM) : [Redacted]

L and H colleagues - apologies for the short fuse, flagging this clearance request for you too.  
Thanks much, Nav

**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 3:44 PM

**To:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov> [Redacted]

[Redacted] R Clearances  
<R\_Clearances@state.gov> [Redacted]

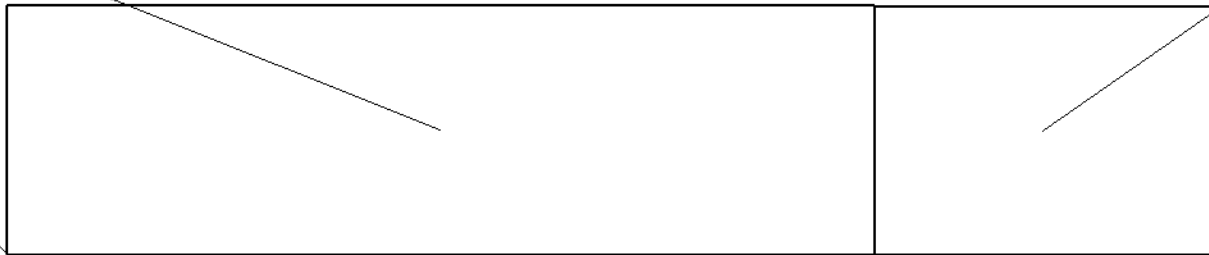
**Cc:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov> [Redacted]

**Subject:** For Flash Clearance (Due 4:30 PM) : [Redacted]

Colleagues,

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Best regards,

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D"

Buangan, Richard L

**Recipient:** Stilwell, David R

Keshap, Atul <



**United States Department of State**

***Washington, D.C. 20520***

August 9, 2021

Case No.: FL-2020-00071

Austin R. Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street NW, B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

As we noted our letter dated July 9, 2021, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (the “FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has identified an additional 22 responsive records to subject to the FOIA. We have determined that 21 records may be released in part and 1 record originated with another U.S. Government agency. We have referred the latter one document to the relevant agency with a request to respond to you directly upon making a release determination.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact James Bickford, Trial Attorney, at [James.Bickford@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.Bickford@usdoj.gov) or (202) 305-7632. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00071, and the civil action number, 20-cv-01169, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeanne Miller  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

## The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

### FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
  - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
  - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
  - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
  - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
  - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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| ARMSEXP        | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)                    |
| CIA PERS/ORG   | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)      |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
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- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

### Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

FW LATEST ON 212(F) 2 attachments

FWD: FW: DoD passports- possible backlog in Charleston  
RE 3M - ONE STEP FORWARD TWO STEPS BACK  
RE S TWEET FOR CHARTER FLIGHT AID  
FWD FW ORDER OF REPORT OUTS ON FEB CALL MAY 13 AT 1030  
RE SP - VISA REFORMS MEETING - MARCH 12

GRAPHICS 4 attachments

FWD RE FOR D - UPDATE ON FLIGHTS  
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FW CALL NOTES FROM MAY 5 DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT CALLS  
RE PAKISTAN TRAVEL ADVISORY + AS RISCH  
RE SBU EAPCM- TC COMBINED MORNING REPORT FOR APRIL 9, 2004  
RE FW COVID AND FOREIGN STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN THE US  
FWD RE FLASH CLEARANCE HHSCDC QUARANTINE DATA IFR  
FW COVID LETTER

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>  
 String, Marik A <[redacted]>  
**To:** Hoek, Kathleen H <[redacted]>  
 [redacted]  
**CC:** Ramotowski, Edward J <[redacted]>  
 Newman, David S <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** FW: Latest on 212(f)  
**Date:** Tue, 21 Apr 2020 19:02:55 +0000

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See attached.

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**From:** Davis, May M. EOP/WHO <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:57 PM  
**To:** [redacted] Packer, Shawn M - ETA <[redacted]>  
 Stewart, Scott G. (CIV) <[redacted]> Goodspeed, Tyler B. EOP/CEA  
 [redacted] Sinclair, Michael R. EOP/NSC <[redacted]>  
 [redacted] Keller, Catherine B. EOP/WHO  
 <Catherine.B.Keller@[redacted]> OScannlain, Kate S - SOL <[redacted]>  
 [redacted]; Philbin, Patrick F. EOP/WHO <[redacted]>; Miller,  
 Stephen EOP/WHO <[redacted]> Whitaker, Henry C. (OLC)  
 <[redacted]>; Hart, Rosemary (OLC) <[redacted]> Butterfield,  
 Nicholas W. EOP/WHO <[redacted]> Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)  
 <[redacted]>; Stuft, Julie M. EOP/NSC <[redacted]>; Wall, Jeffrey B.  
 (OSG) <[redacted]>  
 [redacted]; Grewe, Brenda L. EOP/NSC <[redacted]>;  
 [redacted]; Buzzard, Christine (OLC) <[redacted]>;  
 [redacted]; Pallasch, John P - ETA <[redacted]>; Risch,  
 Carl C <[redacted]>; Mascott, Jennifer (OLC) <[redacted]>; Hamilton, Gene  
 (OAG) <Gene.Hamilton@[redacted]>; August.Flentje@[redacted]  
 [redacted]; Walter, Courtney E -  
 SOL <[redacted]>

**Subject:** Latest on 212(f)

All -

Please review this latest Employment 212(f) and send redline edits by **4:00 PM (in the next hour)**. Make edits on the clean version. Note the policy changes:

- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]



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Policy folks,

[Redacted]

Thanks,

May

May Davis  
Associate Counsel to the President  
Office of White House Counsel  
O: (202) [Redacted]  
C: (202) [Redacted]

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <[Redacted]>
<b>Recipient:</b>	String, Marik A [Redacted] (b)(6)
	Hooke, Kathleen H [Redacted] (b)(6)
	[Redacted] (b)(6)
	Ramotowski, Edward J [Redacted] (b)(6)
	Newman, David S [Redacted] (b)(6)

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<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" [redacted]
<b>To:</b>	Arndt, Rachel M [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
<b>CC:</b>	Brownlee, Ian G [redacted] Benning, Douglass R [redacted]
<b>Subject:</b>	Fwd: FW: DoD passports - possible backlog in Charleston
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 8 May 2020 02:09:23 +0000

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See below. We will need to give M an update next week and [redacted]

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**From:** Bulatao, Brian J [redacted]  
**Date:** May 7, 2020 at 9:39:40 PM EDT  
**Subject:** FW: DoD passports - possible backlog in Charleston  
**To:** Risch, Carl C [redacted], Todd, William E (Ambassador)  
**Cc:** [redacted]

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**Brian Bulatao**  
*Under Secretary of State - Management*  
*U.S. Department of State - HST 7207*

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**From:** Bulatao, Brian J  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:39 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** Kenna, Lisa D [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: DoD passports - possible backlog in Charleston

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[redacted]

Thanks for your message. I spoke to our head of Consular Affairs earlier today on this issue and [redacted]

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Best regards,  
/Brian

**Brian Bulatao**

*Under Secretary of State - Management*

*U.S. Department of State – HST 7207*

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:26 PM

**To:** Bulatao, Brian [redacted]

**Cc:** Kenna, Lisa D [redacted]

**Subject:** DoD passports - possible backlog in Charleston

Brian,

[Large redacted block]

[redacted] Thank you, and appreciate  
your time.

Best regards,  
[redacted]

[Redacted signature block]

**From:** Biegun, Stephen E [redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 1:04 PM

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** Bulatao, Brian J [redacted]

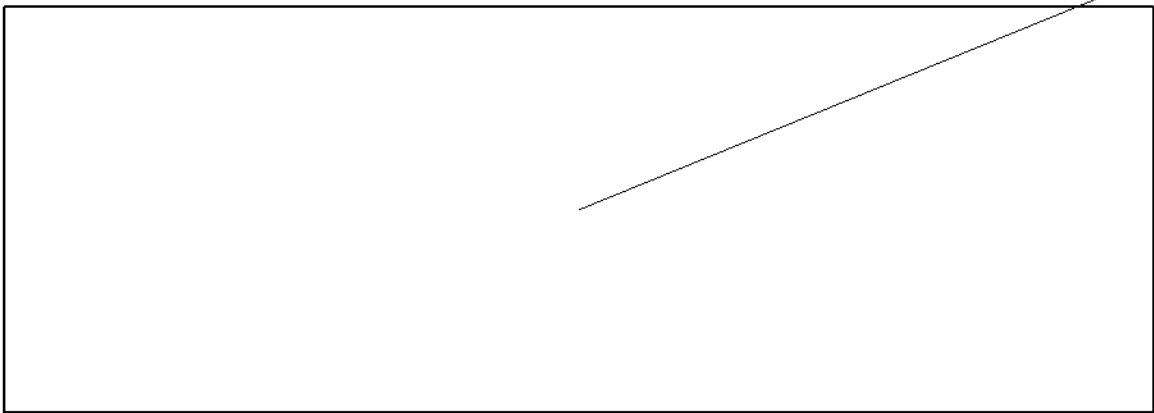
**Subject:** AmCit Repatriations

Great talking to you and thanks for looking into what it would take for a collaborative Department of State-Department of Defense coordination on repatriation of American citizens blocked from returning home to the United States.

We are facing unprecedented challenges in responding to the COVID-19 global pandemic. One of the highest priorities of the Department of State is the safety and security of Americans overseas. Numerous countries around the world have closed their borders and halted all commercial transit, which has stranded tens of thousands of Americans in countries with unknown health capacity to handle the pandemic.

Since February 1, the Department of State has repatriated over 5,000 Americans from Peru, Morocco, China, Senegal, Ethiopia and other nations by managing dozens of contract repatriation flights. At the same time, State's Operational Medicine unit has deployed its contract medical evacuation capability to respond worldwide and no longer has the capacity to manage evacuations on the scale of the February Wuhan evacuation. Nearly 10,000 U.S. citizens and LPRs have already requested evacuation as the health situation in Central and South America, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and parts of Asia continues to deteriorate.

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The person leading the State Department's efforts on repatriations is our Undersecretary for Management Brian Bulatao (copied on this email). Brian and his team are ready to engage with TRANSCOM or whoever else you designate as a poc to explore solutions.

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Thank you and regards,

Steve Biegun

<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Arndt, Rachel M (b)(6)
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	Brownlee, Ian G (b)(6)
	Benning, Douglass R (b)(6)

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
 Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) [redacted]  
 Stein, Sean B [redacted]  
 Murray, Matthew D (Beijing) [redacted]  
 Klein, William H (Beijing) [redacted];  
 Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing) [redacted]  
**To:** Waters, John R (b)(6) [redacted]  
 (b)(6) [redacted]  
 Habjan, Jonathan A (Beijing) (b)(6) [redacted]  
 Graham, Jeffrey D (b)(6) [redacted]  
 (b)(6) [redacted]  
 (b)(6) [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: 3M - one step forward two steps back...  
**Date:** Sat, 18 Apr 2020 12:11:04 +0000

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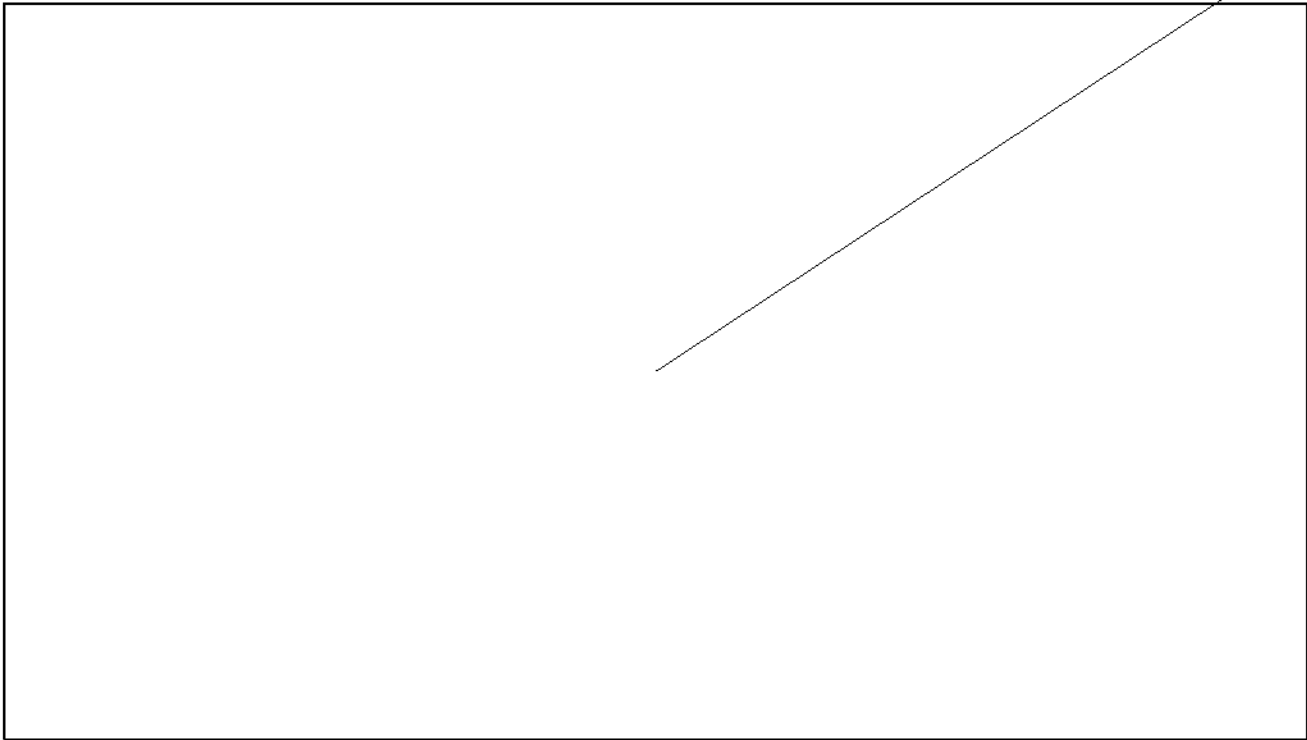
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Very helpful, thanks for the explanations, gents. Between those and my coffee, things are beginning to look up this gray, rainy morning!  
 Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing)  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 8:02 AM  
**To:** Stein, Sean B; Fritz, Jonathan D; Murray, Matthew D (Beijing); Klein, William H (Beijing); Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing); Waters, John R (b)(6) [redacted] Habjan, Jonathan A (Beijing); Graham, Jeffrey D; (b)(6) [redacted]  
 (b)(6) [redacted] (b)(6) [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: 3M - one step forward two steps back...

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Dan



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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <[Redacted]>  
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 Stein, Sean B <[Redacted]>;  
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 Klein, William H (Beijing) <[Redacted]>;  
 Munchmeyer, Katherine A (Beijing) <[Redacted]>

**Recipient:** Waters, John R <[Redacted]>  
 (b)(6) <[Redacted]>  
 Habjan, Jonathan A (Beijing) <HabjanJ@state.gov>;  
 Graham, Jeffrey D <GrahamJD@state.gov>;  
 (U) Griffin, Cynthia (Beijing FCS) <[Redacted]>  
 [Redacted]

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; [redacted]  
**CC:** [redacted]; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: S Tweet for Charter Flight Aid  
**Date:** Mon, 3 Feb 2020 20:10:28 +0000

Lemme know when the various proposed CDC, NIH, FDA, and other experts get credentialed to join the WHO Mission. [redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 2:37 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: S Tweet for Charter Flight Aid

Jonathan,

[redacted]

**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 1:21 PM  
**To:** [redacted]; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: S Tweet for Charter Flight Aid

D taking it out anyways, but I'd appreciate more clarity about this situation.

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 1:19 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: S Tweet for Charter Flight Aid

Jonathan, EAP/P colleagues,

[Redacted]

Thanks,

[Redacted]

**From:** [Redacted] (b)(6)

**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 12:45 PM (b)(6)

**To:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>; [Redacted] (b)(6)

[Redacted] (b)(6) Friedmann, Benjamin L (b)(6)

[Redacted] (b)(6) EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov> (b)(6)

**Cc:** Milius, Amanda E (b)(6)

[Redacted] (b)(6)

CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; [Redacted] (b)(6)

Ehlinger, Jennifer T (b)(6) Brown, Cale (b)(6) Visek, Richard C (b)(5)

[Redacted] (b)(6) (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: S Tweet for Charter Flight Aid

Edits from EAP/FO DAS Fritz below.

[Redacted]

EAP clears contingent on D clearance.

[Redacted]

**SecPompeo- 2 tweet thread:**

Tweet 1:

[Redacted]

Tweet 2:

[Redacted]

**From:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 12:33 PM

**To:** (b)(6) Friedmann, Benjamin L (b)(6) EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>; EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>

**Cc:** Milius, Amanda E (b)(6)

(b)(6) CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>

Ehlinger, Jennifer T (b)(6) Brown, Cale (b)(6) Visek, Richard C (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: S Tweet for Charter Flight Aid

Hi All,

+Rich (b)(6) for L & + EAP/CM, D, EAP-Press for clearance

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Wuhan Task Force (GPA Desk)  
U.S. Department of State  
taskforce4mailbox@state.gov  
(b)(6) [Redacted]

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 12:28 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>;

Friedmann, Benjamin L (b)(6) (b)(6)

Cc: Milius, Amanda E (b)(6)

CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>

Subject: RE: S Tweet for Charter Flight Aid

[Redacted]

Thanks

From: [Redacted]

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:22 PM

To: [Redacted] Task Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>;

Friedmann, Benjamin L (b)(6)

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Cc: Milius, Amanda E (b)(6)

CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>

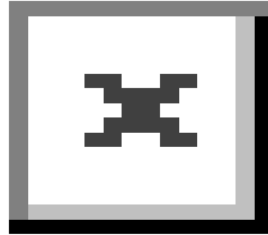
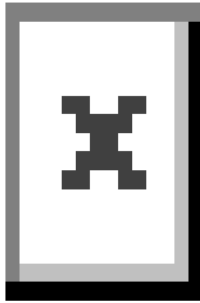
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Subject: Re: S Tweet for Charter Flight Aid

[Redacted]

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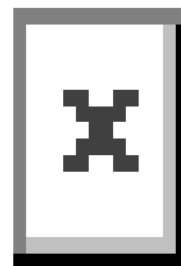
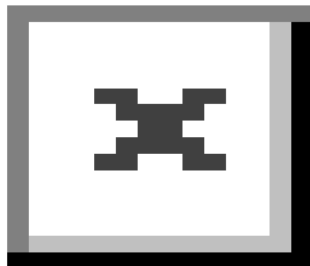
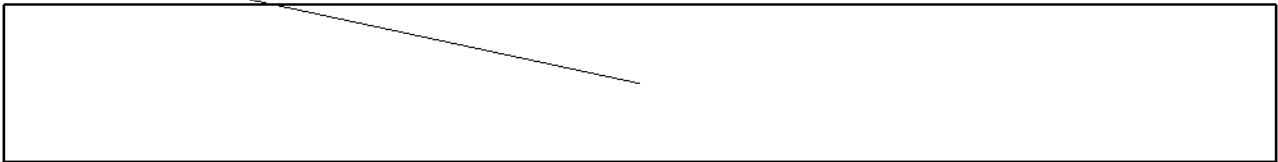
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**SecPompeo- 2 tweet thread:**

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Tweet 1:



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**Tweet 2:**

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 12:14 PM

**To:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>; Friedmann, Benjamin L

**Cc:** Milius, Amanda E (b)(6)

CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** RE: S Tweet for Charter Flight Aid

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Thanks,

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 12:06 PM

**To:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>; Friedmann, Benjamin L

**Cc:** Milius, Amanda E (b)(6)

CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>

**Subject:** RE: S Tweet for Charter Flight Aid

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Thanks.

[Redacted]

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**From:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 12:00 PM

**To:** Friedmann, Benjamin L (b)(6)

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**Cc:** Milius, Amanda E (b)(6)

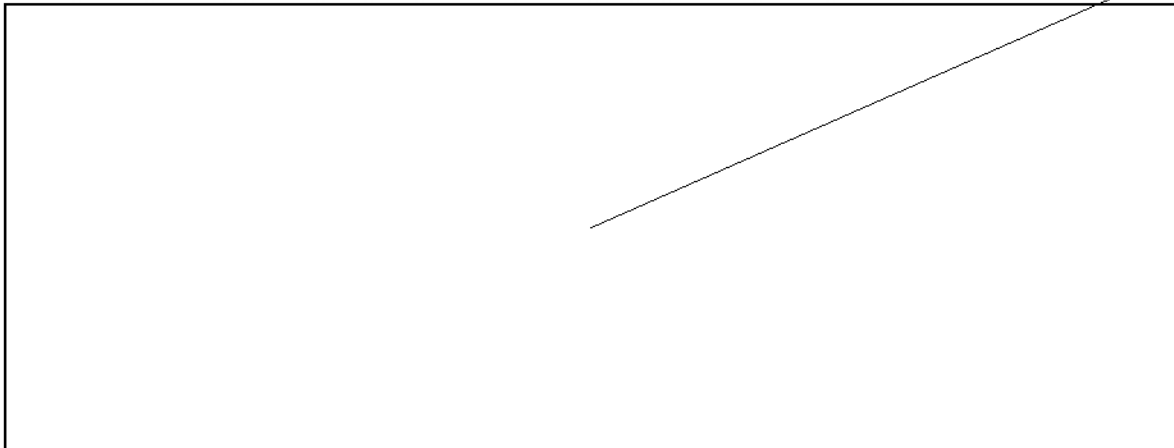
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**Subject:** S Tweet for Charter Flight Aid

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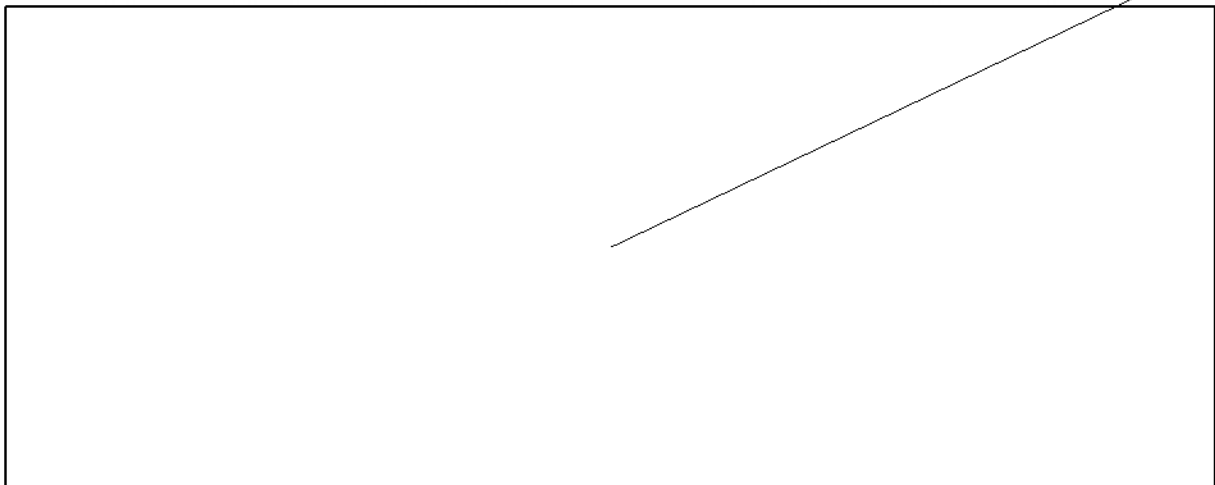
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**From:** Friedmann, Benjamin L (b)(6)

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**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 11:55 AM

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**To:** [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**Cc:** Milius, Amanda E (b)(6) zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>;

[Redacted]

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**Subject:** RE: Flights to China- convo with S- need your help

+ [Redacted]

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**From:** Friedmann, Benjamin L

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**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 11:54 AM

**To:** (b)(6)

[Redacted]

**Cc:** Milius, Amanda E (b)(6) zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>;

[Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Flights to China- convo with S- need your help

**Importance:** High

Hi S and SPOX teams,



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[redacted] from the Task Force is sending over building blocks shortly for us to support the below S request.

Request: Two S tweets and 1 SPOX tweet describing the support that the USG is providing to China to deal with the current health crisis.

This should be considered our top priority until complete.

Thank you!

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**From:** [redacted] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 11:47 AM  
**To:** [redacted] zTask Force 4 Mailbox  
 <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>; [redacted] (b)(6) Giuda, Michelle (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Miljus, Amanda E (b)(6); Martin, Kathryn (Katie) (b)(6); Brown, Cale  
 [redacted] Buangan, Richard L [redacted]; GPASOC-DUTY <GPASOC-DUTY@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Flights to China- convo with S- need your help

Will do!

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**From:** Ortagus, Morgan D (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 11:38 AM  
**To:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>; [redacted] (b)(6)  
 Giuda, Michelle (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Martin, Kathryn (Katie) (b)(6); Brown, Cale (b)(6); Friedmann, Benjamin L (b)(6); Buangan, Richard L [redacted]; GPA-DIG-Global Social Media <GPA-DIG-GlobalSocialMedia@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Flights to China- convo with S- need your help

Thanks! Taking a few people off as we start to work on this.

[redacted] can you please work quickly with your team and the task force on a series of S and Spox tweets with pictures and captions based on the info that we have from the taskforce? Want to get some tweets to S before he falls asleep on the plane.

Sent from an iPhone

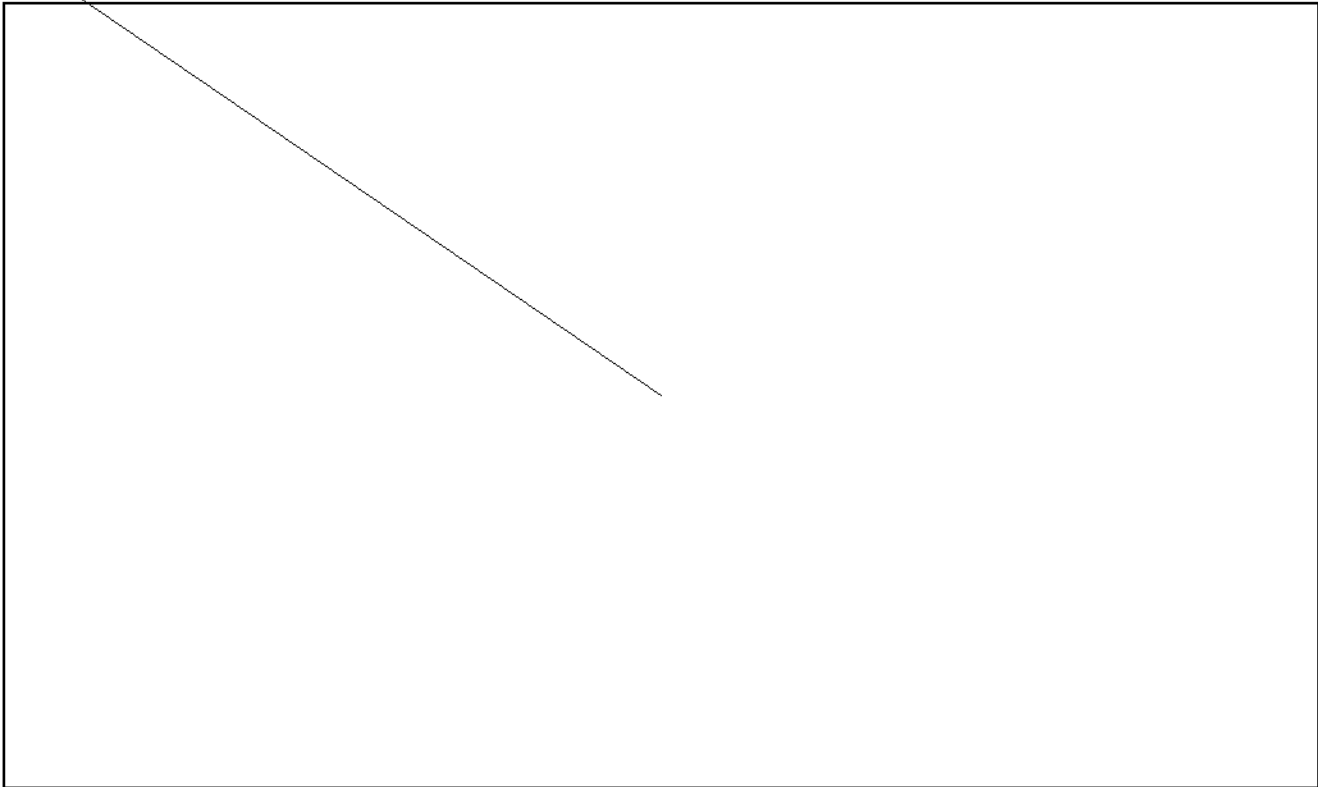
**From:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 11:33:39 AM

**To:** Ortagus, Morgan D (b)(6) Giuda, Michelle (b)(6) Kissel, Mary E (S) (b)(6) Bulatao, Brian J

**Cc:** Martin, Kathryn (Katie) (b)(6) Brown, Cale (b)(6) Friedmann, Benjamin L (b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6) Buangan, Richard L

**Subject:** RE: Flights to China- convo with S- need your help



Thanks!

State Department Operations Center  
Wuhan Evacuation Task Force  
TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov

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**From:** Ortagus, Morgan D (b)(6)

**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 11:25 AM

**To:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>; (b)(6)

Giuda, Michelle (b)(6) Kissel, Mary E (S) (b)(6) Bulatao, Brian J

**Cc:** Martin, Kathryn (Katie) (b)(6) Brown, Cale (b)(6) Friedmann,

Benjamin L (b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6) Buangan, Richard L

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Thanks! (b)(6)

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**From:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 11:24:05 AM

**To:** Ortagus, Morgan D (b)(6) Giuda,

Michelle (b)(6) Kissel, Mary E (S) (b)(6) Bulatao, Brian J

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**Cc:** Martin, Kathryn (Katie) (b)(6) Brown, Cale (b)(6) Friedmann,

Benjamin L (b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6) Buangan, Richard L

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**Subject:** RE: Flights to China- convo with S- need your help

Copy that. We're getting uplinked on photos now through TF and flagged for EAP-Press, MED and CA-Press on digital.

Obtaining more on factual background on #1.

Standby for more. 11:22:00

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State Department Operations Center

Wuhan Evacuation Task Force

(b)(6) - TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov

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**From:** Ortagus, Morgan D (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 11:22 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); Giuda, Michelle (b)(6); Kissel, Mary E (S); Bulatao, Brian J; zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Martin, Kathryn (Katie) (b)(6); Brown, Cale (b)(6); Friedmann, Benjamin L (b)(6); Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6); Buangan, Richard L

**Subject:** Re: Flights to China- convo with S- need your help

Thanks Please keep me updated in real Time so that I can update S!

Sent from an iPhone

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 11:15:45 AM  
**To:** Giuda, Michelle (b)(6); Ortagus, Morgan D (b)(6); Kissel, Mary E; Bulatao, Brian J; zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Martin, Kathryn (Katie) (b)(6); Brown, Cale (b)(6); Friedmann, Benjamin L (b)(6); Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6); Buangan, Richard L

**Subject:** Re: Flights to China- convo with S- need your help

TF on it. Standby for more details from us.

**From:** Giuda, Michelle (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 11:02 AM  
**To:** Ortagus, Morgan D (b)(6); Kissel, Mary E (S) (b)(6); Bulatao, Brian J  
**Cc:** Martin, Kathryn (Katie) (b)(6); Brown, Cale (b)(6); Friedmann, Benjamin L (b)(6); Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6); Buangan, Richard L

**Subject:** RE: Flights to China- convo with S- need your help

Our GPA folks on the task force can help coordinate all of this. Adding them here.

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**From:** Ortagus, Morgan D (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 10:59 AM

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**To:** Kissel, Mary E (S) (b)(6) Bulatao, Brian J (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Giuda, Michelle (b)(6) Martin, Kathryn (Katie) (b)(6) Brown, Cale  
(b)(6) Friedmann, Benjamin L (b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D  
(b)(6) Buangan, Richard L (b)(6)

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**Subject:** Re: Flights to China- convo with S- need your help

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GPA colleagues— this is a very urgent priority for S.

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**From:** Kissel, Mary E (S) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 10:52 AM  
**To:** Ortagus, Morgan D; Bulatao, Brian J  
**Cc:** Giuda, Michelle; Martin, Kathryn (Katie); Brown, Cale; Friedmann, Benjamin L; Kenna, Lisa D; Buangan, Richard L  
**Subject:** RE: Flights to China- convo with S- need your help

Jumping in quickly: They took a great photo before they took off. Dr McCray shared. Don't know if you

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**From:** Ortagus, Morgan D (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 10:48 AM  
**To:** Bulatao, Brian J (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Giuda, Michelle (b)(6) Martin, Kathryn (Katie) (b)(6) Brown, Cale  
(b)(6) Friedmann, Benjamin L (b)(6) Kissel, Mary E (S)  
(b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6) Buangan, Richard L  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Flights to China— convo with S— need your help

Brian— just spoke to S on the plane. Looping in others to help with his request.

He wants to get 2 stories out there, but wants me to check the facts with you:

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And more importantly:

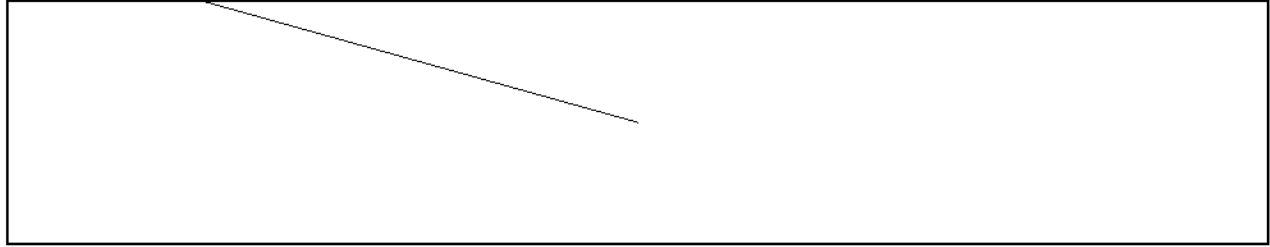
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I need to jump on this for him so let me know please— thanks!

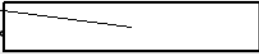
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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D"



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**Recipient:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>;



EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>

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<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" [redacted]
<b>To:</b>	[redacted]
<b>Subject:</b>	Fwd: FW: Order of Report Outs on FEB Call May 13 at 10:30
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 13 May 2020 17:10:21 +0000

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**From:** Arndt, Rachel M [redacted]  
**Date:** May 13, 2020 at 1:04:07 PM EDT  
**Subject:** FW: Order of Report Outs on FEB Call May 13 at 10:30  
**To:** Risch, Carl C [redacted] Benning, Douglass R  
**Cc:** Brownlee, Ian G [redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:19 PM  
**To:** Arndt, Rachel M [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Order of Report Outs on FEB Call May 13 at 10:30

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Thanks [redacted] this is very helpful.

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:15 PM  
**To:** Miller, [redacted] CA-PPT-DE-Core-Management <CA-PPT-DE-Core-Management@state.gov>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Order of Report Outs on FEB Call May 13 at 10:30

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Thanks for taking notes [redacted] (b)(5)

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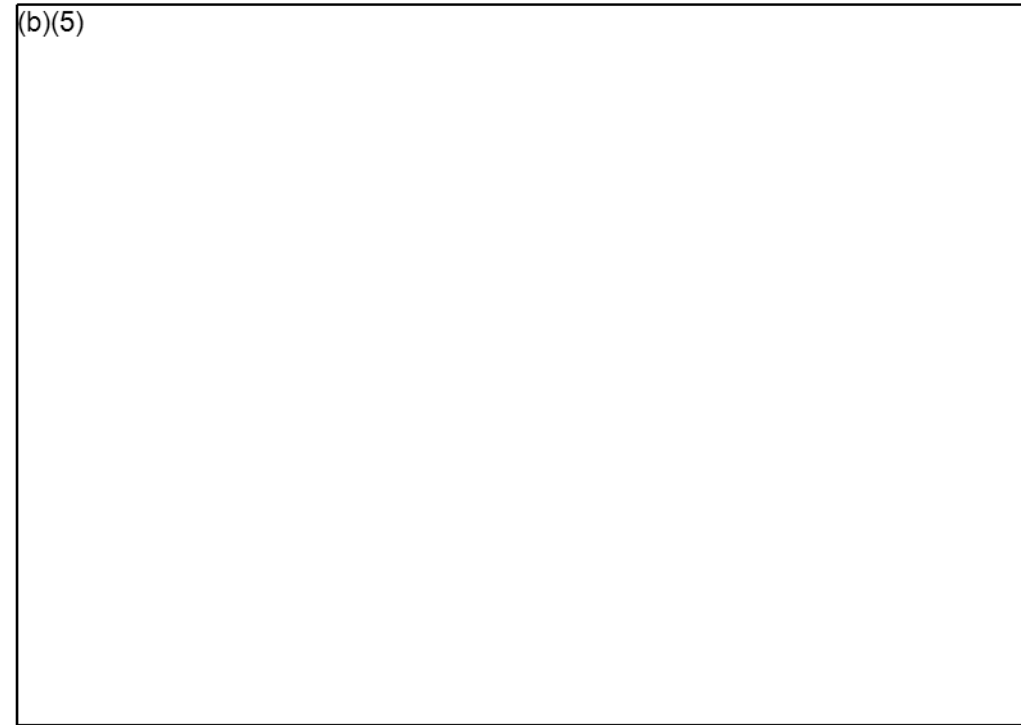
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**From:** Michelle Rhodes - 5PB-D [redacted]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:51 PM

**To:** Polsinelli, Michael L [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

[redacted] Art Czabaniuk

[redacted]

[redacted]

Denise Foster [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Debbie Ouvry

[redacted]

**Subject:** Order of Report Outs on FEB Call May 13 at 10:30

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Hello - not too many members responded that they wanted to speak so this is the order for those that did . . .

The call-in number is 877.336.1839 Passcode: (b)(7)(E)

- HUD - [redacted]
  - Army (TACOM) - [redacted]
  - US Citizenship and Immigration Services - [redacted]
  - FDA - [redacted]
  - Dept. of State Passport Agency - [redacted]
  - CBP, AACEE - [redacted]
  - DEA - [redacted]
  - DCMA - [redacted]
  - USCG - [redacted]
  - US Courts - [redacted]
- Open to the rest of the callers . . .

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 Thank You,  
 Michelle Rhodes  
 Executive Director  
 Detroit Federal Executive Board

**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**Recipient:** [redacted]

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**To:** Kenna, Lisa D [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: SP - Visa Reforms Meeting - MARCH 12  
**Date:** Thu, 5 Mar 2020 15:54:42 +0000

OK, thanks, but I just heard that this is being pulled down. It will likely be rescheduled, however, so getting a steer from S on attendance would be helpful.

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**From:** Kenna, Lisa D [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2020 7:04 PM  
**To:** Risch, Carl C [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: SP - Visa Reforms Meeting - MARCH 12

Carl,  
I'm confident S will want you, as the expert, to represent us. I'll confirm tomorrow and come back to you. Lisa

Sent from my iPhone

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On Mar 4, 2020, at 7:02 PM, Risch, Carl C [redacted] wrote:

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Lisa

See below and attached [redacted]  
 [redacted] I'm able and willing to go — and the subject matter is definitely in my lane — but I defer to S on how State should staff a POTUS briefing. Would S prefer to go? I do recommend allowing me to attend on State's behalf.

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**From:** Morrall, Kimberly E. EOP/WHO [redacted]  
**Date:** March 4, 2020 at 3:41:25 PM EST  
**Subject:** SP - [redacted] - MARCH 12  
**To:** Risch, Carl C [redacted]

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Hi all,

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Please see the attached Schedule Proposal for Policy Time [redacted] at 2:30 PM on March 12, 2020. Please let me know if Assistant Secretary Risch is able to attend.

Thank you,  
Kimberly

Kimberly Morrall  
Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director  
Office of Cabinet Affairs  
The White House

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C"	[redacted]
<b>Recipient:</b>	Kenna, Lisa D	[redacted]

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**From:** "Birx, Deborah L." [redacted]  
**To:** Walsh, Elizabeth E [redacted]  
**CC:** Peterson, Drew N. [redacted]  
**Subject:** Graphics  
**Date:** Tue, 28 Jan 2020 11:29:19 +0000

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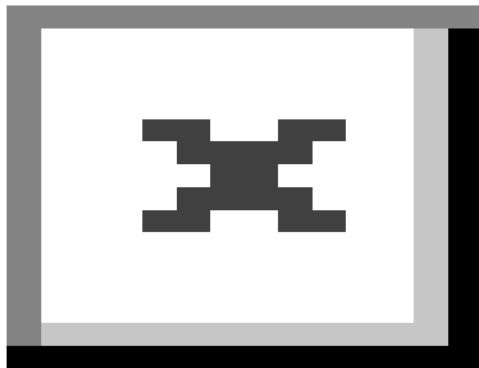
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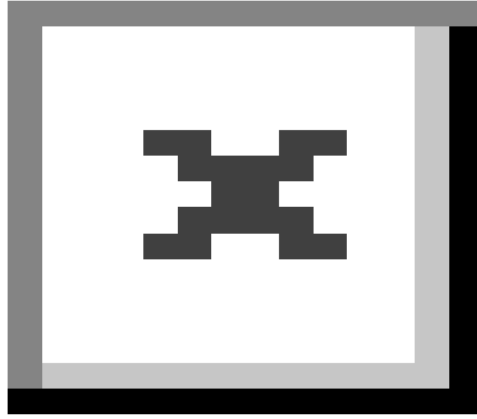
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<b>Recipient:</b>	Walsh, Elizabeth E Peterson, Drew N.	(b)(6)

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>

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**To:** Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>; King, Karin M <(b)(6)>

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Hand, Henry H (Beijing) <(b)(6)>

**Subject:** Fwd: RE: for D - Update on flights -

**Date:** Sun, 16 Feb 2020 22:56:07 +0000

See below.

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Date:** February 16, 2020 at 5:46:23 PM EST

**Subject:** RE: for D - Update on flights -

**To:** (b)(6)

(b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)

**Cc:** Young, Joseph M <(b)(6)> Knapper, Marc E <(b)(6)>

(b)(6) Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)> Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>

(b)(6) Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)> Bulatao, Brian J <(b)(6)>

(b)(6) Lampel, Michael D (b)(6) Giuda, Michelle (b)(6) Lang, Karin (b)(6)

(b)(6) Heller, James R <(b)(6)>

(b)(6) Walters, William <(b)(6)>

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Hi Lisa

Here are some updates for the Secretary and Deputy Secretary Biegun now that both flights are wheels up. Points come from Dr. Walters, copied:

All 318 U.S. citizen passengers were evaluated by personnel from HHS, under ASPR

All deemed asymptomatic and fit to fly

After passengers were loaded on the bus, away from ship, en route to airport, the USG Interagency Health Team on the ground received word that 14 passengers had



preliminary positive tests for COVID-19 (tests were taken 48 hours earlier by GOJ; results from GOJ tests are lagging 48/72 hours)

HHS A/S Dr. Kadlec engaged CDC lead, Dr. Redfield, and in coordination with Dr. Walters, determined the passengers would continue on board the flights as part of the ongoing evacuation.

Once at the airport, the passengers were taken off buses and placed in isolation areas on the two airplanes.

Once the flights arrive at Travis and Lackland AFBs, the isolated passengers will remain on board for onward transportation to Omaha, Nebraska, and the University of Nebraska medical facilities.

**Questions/Answers**

**GPA**

Did the time in the bus with other passengers increase their risk of exposure?

Dr. Walters: (b)(5)

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Dr. Walters: (b)(5)

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**GPA**

Is there confidence in the initial test results?

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**GPA**

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Dr. Walters: (b)(5)

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Thanks. Please let us know if you have questions.

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2020 3:51 PM

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** Young, Joseph M [redacted]; Knapper, Marc E [redacted];  
Stilwell, David R [redacted]; Keshap, Atul [redacted];  
Risch, Carl C [redacted]; Bulatao, Brian J [redacted];  
Lampel, Michael D [redacted]; Giuda, Michelle [redacted]

[redacted] Lang, Karin M [redacted] Heller, James R [redacted]

**Subject:** for D - Update on flights -  
**Importance:** High

There are 15 pax, 7 on flight 1 and 8 on flight 2, who were asymptomatic when they boarded the buses to the airport. They were deemed medically fit to fly. During boarding, the med staff received positive lab results of COVID-19 for these 15 pax. Per authority from Dr. Kadlac of HHS/APSER, patients were boarded on the planes and isolated from other passengers. Upon arrival at Lackland and Travis, those passengers will remain on the aircraft for an onward flight to Omaha, NE, where they will be hospitalized at the University of Nebraska medical facilities.

Thanks,  
[redacted]

**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>

**Recipient:** Brownlee, Ian G [redacted];  
King, Karin M [redacted]

Hand, Henry H (Beijing) [redacted]

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" (b)(6)

**To:** Ramotowski, Edward J (b)(6)  
Mesquita, Mario M (b)(6)

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**CC:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Fw: (b)(6)

**Date:** Mon, 16 Mar 2020 19:38:44 +0000 (b)(5)

This 17:30 call was discussed on the big 15:00 (b)(6) It sounds like WHA should be involved.

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On March 16, 2020 at 3:01:41 PM EDT, (b)(6)

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Thanks, (b)(6)

**From:** (b)(5)

**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 1:13 PM

**To:** Hooke, Kathleen H (b)(6)

**Cc:** Visek, Richard C (b)(6)

**Subject:** (b)(6)

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The WH is hosting a call today at 5:30 p.m. regarding emergency border planning in the context of COVID-19. The agenda is copied below.

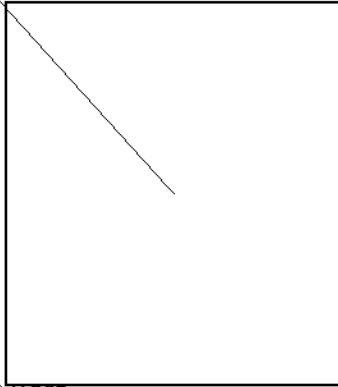
**Agenda:**

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(b)(6) wanted me to reach out to you to see if there were any issues that we should flag/put on the table now, or whether it's ok for him to be in listening mode for now. Please feel free to give me a call if you'd like to talk it through - (b)(6)

(b)(5) This is the first time that he's received an invitation like this, but it is not clear if this is a new group or not. Some of the other invitees include:



Best,



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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" (b)(6)

**Recipient:**

Ramotowski, Edward J (b)(6)  
Mesquita, Mario M (b)(6)  
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<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>
<b>To:</b>	[redacted]
<b>CC:</b>	[redacted]
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: "I" Visas/Foreign Journalists
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 21 Feb 2020 21:49:54 +0000

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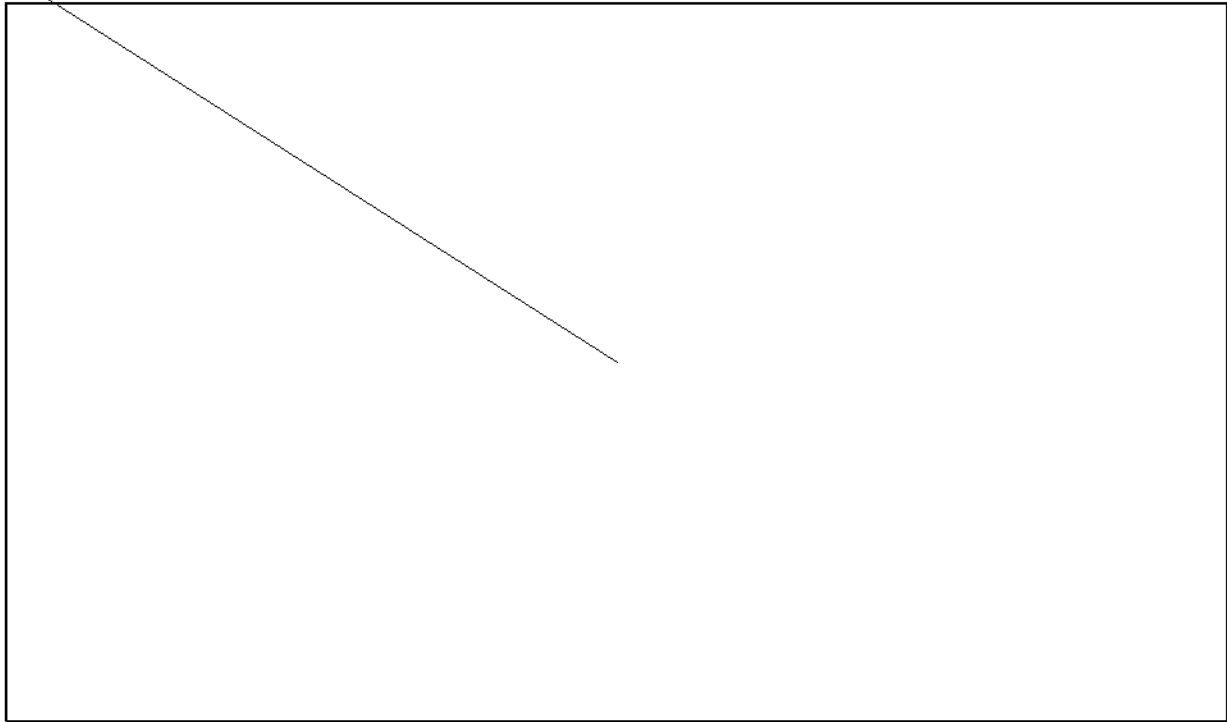
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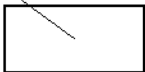
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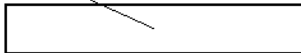
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I hope this helps.

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Deputy General Counsel  
Office of General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security



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**From:** Stufft, Julie M. EOP/NSC [redacted]

**Sent:** Friday, February 21, 2020 3:40 PM

**To:** Risch, Carl C [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

[redacted] Sinclair, Michael R. EOP/NSC

**Subject:** RE: "I" Visas/Foreign Journalists

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Thank you, Carl. [redacted]

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Julie M. Stufft  
SAP and Senior Director for Border and Transportation Security  
National Security Council

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**From:** Risch, Carl C [redacted]

**Sent:** Friday, February 21, 2020 3:18 PM

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted] Stufft, Julie M. EOP/NSC [redacted]

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**Subject:** Fwd: "I" Visas/Foreign Journalists

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[redacted] " Below is one of many emails I've sent on this subject over the past several years. [redacted]

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**From:** Risch, Carl C <[Redacted]>

**Date:** February 6, 2018 at 1:56:00 PM EST

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**Subject:** "I" Visas/Foreign Journalists

**To:** [Redacted]

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**Cc:** [Redacted]

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It was nice speaking with you after last Friday's POTUS event [Redacted]

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Please let me know who our POC at CBP should be on this issue and I will connect him/her with someone at Consular Affairs.

Carl C. Risch  
Assistant Secretary of State  
Bureau of Consular Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, DC

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
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**Recipient:** [redacted]  
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Sinclair, Michael R. EOP/NSC [redacted]

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
 Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>

**To:** (b)(6)  
 Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
 Ehlinger, Jennifer T <(b)(6)>  
 D\_Specials <D\_Specials@state.gov>;  
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**CC:** EAP-CM-Office-DL <EAP-CM-Office-DL@state.gov>;  
 EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>;  
 Rodriguez, Hiro S <(b)(6)>  
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**Subject:** RE: FLASH CLEARANCE REQUEST: U.S. Media Engagement in Beijing: PLS CLR by Noon Today

**Date:** Tue, 7 Apr 2020 12:59:59 +0000

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**From:** Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 8:44 AM

**To:** (b)(6); Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** Ehlinger, Jennifer T <(b)(6)>; D\_Specials <D\_Specials@state.gov>; (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; EAP-CM-Office-DL <EAP-CM-Office-DL@state.gov>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>; Rodriguez, Hiro S <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: FLASH CLEARANCE REQUEST: U.S. Media Engagement in Beijing: PLS CLR by Noon Today

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I'm attaching the latest foreign assistance messaging from the terrific F bureau for your reference, in case it's helpful.

Best,  
 Mary.

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 7:56 AM

(b)(6) To: [redacted]; Buangan, Richard L [redacted]  
(b)(6) Cc: Kissel, Mary E (S) (b)(6) Ehlinger, Jennifer T (b)(6) D\_Specials  
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Press@state.gov>; Rodriguez, Hiro S (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** FLASH CLEARANCE REQUEST: U.S. Media Engagement in Beijing: PLS CLR by Noon Today

Colleagues- Now that we have FEMA clearance, renewing the request for clearance below.  
Please review and send forward edits NLT noon today.

Please note the piece in red that was added for clarity. Feel free to edit if necessary.  
Many thanks!

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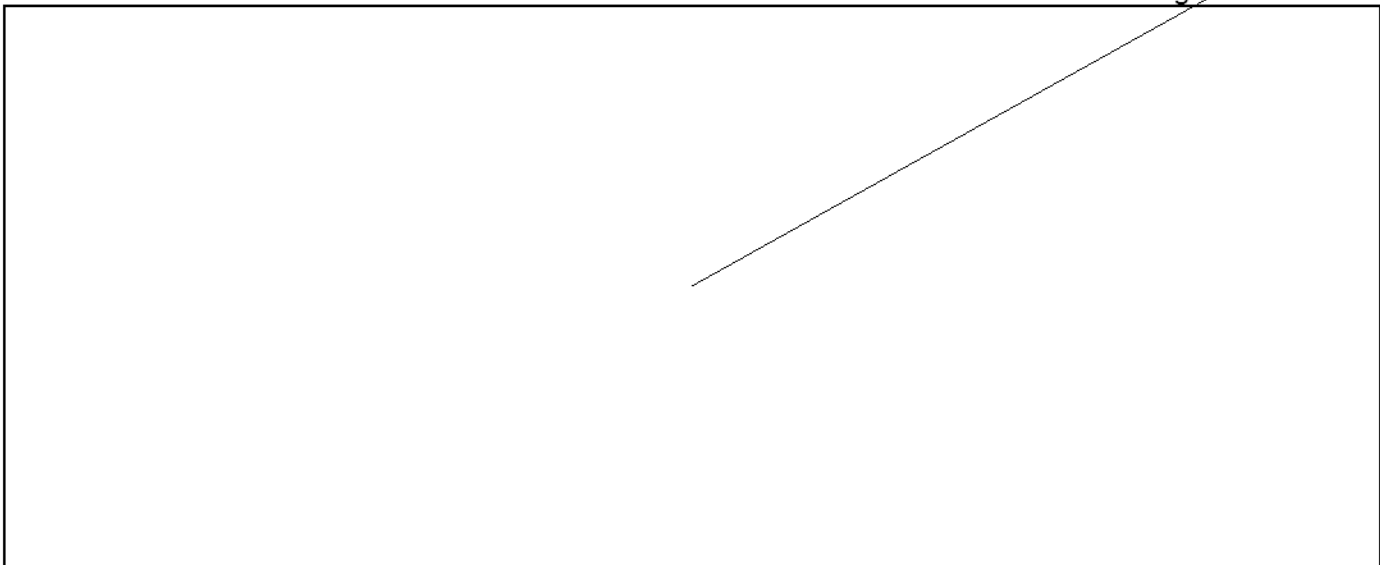
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Drafter: Embassy Beijing: F Whitaker

Approved: EAP/FO: J Fritz:  
EAP/FO: R Buangan

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**From:**

**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 6:03 PM

**To:** Buangan, Richard L

**Cc:** Kissel, Mary E (S); Ehlinger, Jennifer T; D\_Specials; Fritz, Jonathan D; EAP-CM-Office-DL; EAP-Press; Rodriguez, Hiro S;

**Subject:** RE: FLASH CLEARANCE REQUEST: FOR CM EDITS AND INPUT: U.S. Media Engagement in Beijing: PLS CLR by 3:00 Today

Hi Per our conversation, I have reached out to PAS Beijing for clarity on interagency clearances. We will pause for now and revisit once I hear back from post. Many thanks to all for your feedback today.



Best,

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:25 PM

**To:** [redacted] Buangan, Richard L [redacted]

**Cc:** Kissel, Mary E (S) [redacted] Ehlinger, Jennifer T [redacted] D\_Specials <D\_Specials@state.gov>

[redacted] Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted] EAP-CM-Office-DL <EAP-CM-Office-DL@state.gov>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>; Rodriguez, Hiro S [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: FLASH CLEARANCE REQUEST: FOR CM EDITS AND INPUT: U.S. Media Engagement in Beijing: PLS CLR by 3:00 Today

[redacted] GPA will clear with OVP once SPOX clears.

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:12 PM

**To:** Buangan, Richard L [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted] Kissel, Mary E (S) [redacted] Ehlinger, Jennifer T [redacted] D\_Specials <D\_Specials@state.gov>

[redacted]; Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; EAP-CM-Office-DL <EAP-CM-Office-DL@state.gov>; EAP-Press <EAP-Press@state.gov>; Rodriguez, Hiro S [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: FLASH CLEARANCE REQUEST: FOR CM EDITS AND INPUT: U.S. Media Engagement in Beijing: PLS CLR by 3:00 Today

Richard and [redacted]

Thank you. Has EAP discussed this idea with FEMA, NSC, and OVP?

I'm also looping in Hiro and [redacted]

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2020, at 4:46 PM, Buangan, Richard L [redacted] wrote:

The answer to Mary's question is yes [redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:43 PM  
**To:** Kissel, Mary E (S) [redacted]; Ehlinger, Jennifer T [redacted]  
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Renewing the request below.

**From:** [redacted]  
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**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; Buangan, Richard L [redacted]  
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**From:** Kissel, Mary E (S) [redacted]  
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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:08 PM  
**To:** Ehlinger, Jennifer T [redacted]; D\_Specials <D\_Specials@state.gov>;  
 Kissel, Mary E (S) [redacted]

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Subject: FLASH CLEARANCE REQUEST: FOR CM EDITS AND INPUT: U.S. Media Engagement  
in Beijing: PLS CLR by 3:00 Today

Colleagues: Mission China has established a PPE Taskforce to help bring supplies from China to the U.S. The taskforce is focused on a number of areas, including assisting FEMA to ensure their planes and pilots can smoothly arrive and return to the U.S., and helping to connect those with credible goods with buyers in the United States.

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Embassy Beijing hosts a Task Force meeting with the all four open Consulates on Monday and Thursday afternoons. [redacted]

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Please see the talking points, attached and below, for your clearance. Apologies for the short fuse! EAP FO and China policy have already edited/reviewed.

Many thanks.

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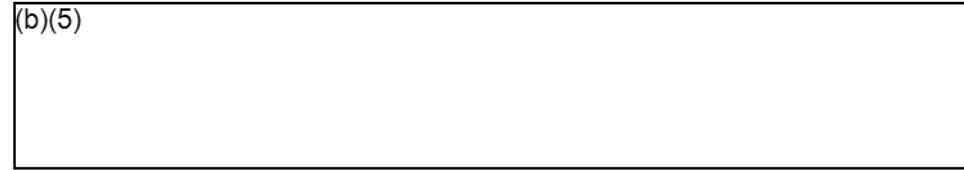
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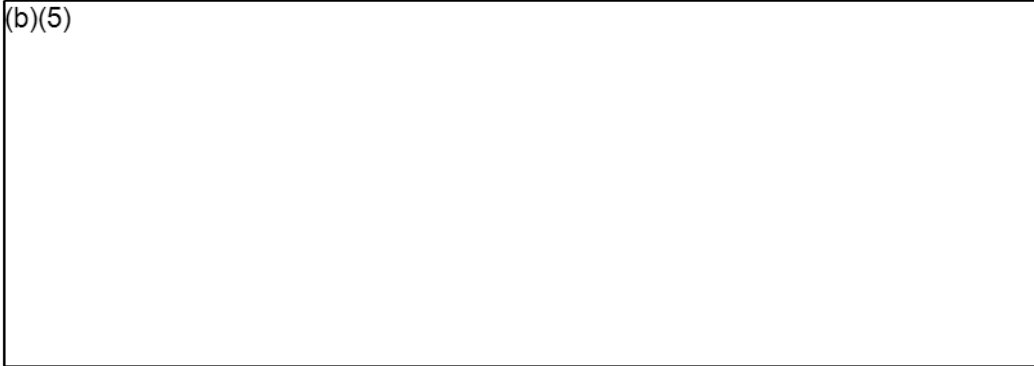
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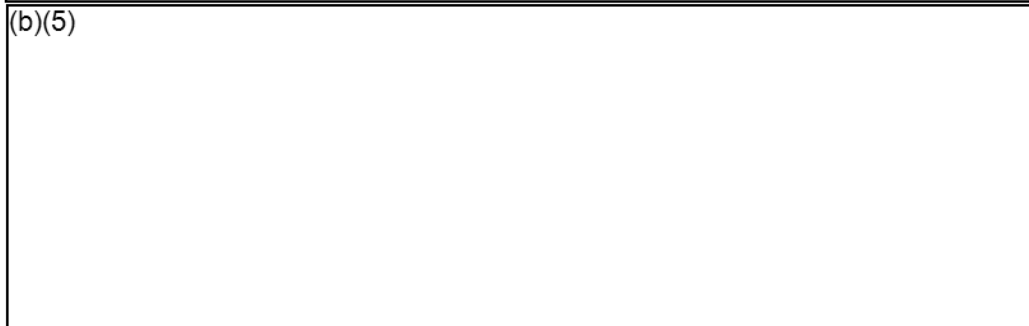
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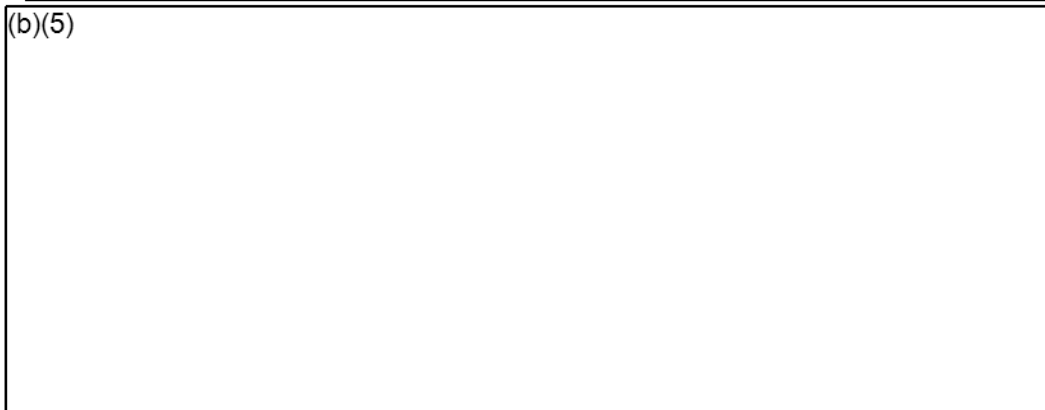
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Drafter: Embassy Beijing: F Whitaker

Approved: EAP/FO: J Fritz:  
EAP/FO: R Buangan

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D"

**To:**

**CC:**

**Subject:**

**Date:**

[Redacted]  
[Redacted];  
Johnston, Corey S (b)(6)  
Kinsey II, Edward P (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
Meale, David [Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
Re: Coronavirus, (b)(5)  
Wed, 18 Mar 2020 18:10:50 +0000

Happy to provide input to EB's note rather than take the pen outright, if that works for DM.  
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:08 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Johnston, Corey S; Kinsey II, Edward P; (b)(6) Meale, David; [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Coronavirus, TSMC and National AI Initiative Act

+ Dave Meale and Jonathan,

That's very helpful. Thank you. Is EAP willing to take the pen from EB on the TAIPEI Act note to S?

**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]; (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Johnston, Corey S (b)(6) Kinsey II, Edward P (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Coronavirus, TSMC and National AI Initiative Act

I spoke with AUSTR Terry mcCartin yesterday.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:04 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Johnston, Corey S; Kinsey II, Edward P; Fritz, Jonathan D; [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Coronavirus, TSMC and National AI Initiative Act

[Redacted] and Jonathan Fritz  
That would be great.

[Redacted]

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:01 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** Johnston, Corey S (b)(6); Kinsey II, Edward P (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Coronavirus, (b)(6)

It was a month ago when Ian and I talked on the phone as he couldn't come in to State last minute. Let me try to get hold of him again.

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 The Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State  
 U.S. Department of State

On March 18, 2020 at 2:00:03 PM EDT, [Redacted] wrote:

+ Corey and Ed  
 You bet.  
 Have you been in touch with Ian Steff recently?

[Redacted]

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:57 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Coronavirus, (b)(5)

Thanks [Redacted]

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 The Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State  
 U.S. Department of State

On March 18, 2020 at 1:53:10 PM EDT, [Redacted] wrote:

+ (b)(6) Corey, Ed, and (b)(6)  
 Here is the full text...

# TSMC weighs new US plant to respond to Trump pressure

Taiwan chipmaker faces scrutiny from Washington over security concerns

CHENG TING-FANG and LAULY LI, Nikkei staff writers

MARCH 16, 2020 17:58 JST

[HTTPS://ASIA.NIKKEI.COM/BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/TSMC-WEIGHS-NEW-US-PLANT-TO-RESPOND-TO-TRUMP-PRESSURE](https://asia.nikkei.com/Business/Technology/TSMC-weighs-new-US-plant-to-respond-to-Trump-pressure)

TAIPEI -- Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. is stepping up its evaluation of whether to build an advanced chip facility in the U.S. in response to pressure from Washington, which wants the world's biggest contract chipmaker to produce on American soil over security concerns.

TSMC, which makes chips for U.S. F-35 fighter jets and supplies almost all global chip developers, including Apple, Huawei, Qualcomm and Nvidia, is actively considering a U.S. plant, two sources briefed on the plan told the Nikkei Asian Review. A new plant would aim to be the world's most cutting-edge, producing semiconductors more advanced than the 5-nanometer node chips that Apple will adopt in its latest 5G iPhones this year, they said.

The proposal shows how the Taiwanese chipmaker is trying to assuage U.S. alarm over the supply chain for military-use chips. The company also faces being caught up in

Washington's hostility to China's Huawei Technologies, a key TSMC customer that President Donald Trump's administration views as a security threat.

Washington has stepped up pressure on TSMC before the U.S. presidential election in November, as the Nikkei Asian Review first reported in January.

A plant would be TSMC's first in the U.S. for more than 20 years. However the proposal is still subject to change amid geopolitical uncertainty and concern over costs, which for TSMC would be much higher in the U.S. than in Taiwan.

A third person familiar with the company's deliberations said it was "not possible" to be as profitable in the U.S. unless TSMC's American clients and state governments helped to shoulder some of the billions of dollars that a plant would cost. TSMC's latest 5 nm chip plant in Taiwan will cost more than \$24 billion, including research and development costs. Any U.S. plant would be on the West Coast, one person briefed on the matter said.

A West Coast plant would put TSMC closer to clients, another source familiar with the issue said, adding that "there are more suppliers and more talent compared with the East Coast."

The U.S. has long worried about the risks of offshore production for some military-use chips. Last year the Pentagon contacted several TSMC customers, warning them about the security implications of relying on a company in democratic Taiwan, which China views as part of its territory and has not ruled out taking by force.

TSMC has also been caught in the crossfire in the U.S.-Huawei dispute. The Chinese tech company has been

blacklisted by Washington over accusations that it spied for the Chinese government. Huawei denies the allegations. Huawei relies on TSMC for the production of almost all of its advanced processor and modem chips used in its smartphones, servers and other telecom equipment. Huawei has become TSMC's no. 2 client behind Apple, contributing more than 10% of the chipmaker's total revenue.

The Trump administration has not given up the option of further restricting the use of American technologies by Huawei's foreign suppliers, including TSMC. The Taiwanese group still relies extensively on equipment provided by U.S. vendors.

"TSMC is facing a strategic decision of whether it wants to later focus more on the U.S. market or the Chinese market," Su Tze-Yun, director of Taiwan's Institute for National Defense and Security Research, told the Nikkei Asian Review. "Building an advanced chip plant [in the U.S.] could be one solution."

"The U.S. is concerned that any of its high-security chip design blueprints could fall into Chinese hands," Su continued. "Meanwhile, the U.S. is also concerned that TSMC's Chinese customers could secretly help the Chinese army build chips targeting the U.S."

A source briefed on TSMC's plans said the chipmaker was considering producing 2-nm chips in the U.S. The smaller the nanometer size of a chip, the more advanced and expensive it is to build.

Apple's iPhone 11 core processors, as well as Nvidia's latest graphic processors for artificial intelligence computing and autonomous driving, use TSMC's 7-nm process technology,

while Xilinx's chips used in satellites and F-35 fighter jets use TSMC's 16-nm process technology.

The latest generation across the chip industry will be the 5-nm chips that TSMC will put into production this year; development of 3-nm and 2-nm technology is underway.

TSMC has decided to produce 3-nm chips in the southern Taiwanese city of Tainan and will break ground this year on a plant expected to become operational in 2022. It is still looking for locations to produce its 2-nm chips.

"The most preferable location will definitely still be in Taiwan," a source familiar with the matter said. "However, it's also quite difficult to find a place for such a plant, as Taiwan is also short of land, electricity and water, as well as facing growing environmental concerns.

"It's inevitable that TSMC has to look for overseas production, also for long-term planning purposes beyond geopolitical factors."

TSMC's plan, if it materializes, would mark another example of a multinational company adjusting its business strategy in the wake of geopolitical tensions. ASML, the Dutch company that is Europe's biggest chipmaking equipment producer, last year suspended a shipment of an advanced production tool to China's state-backed chipmaker Semiconductor Manufacturing International Co. due to U.S. pressure, Nikkei first reported.

TSMC's only U.S. factory, in Washington state, went into operation in 1998. Most of TSMC's chip production is in Taiwan, where the semiconductor titan has said it is more cost-effective and efficient to operate.



"The cost in Taiwan is the lowest among all regions across the world," Mark Liu, TSMC's chairman, said in January when asked if his company would build a plant in the U.S. "We have been studying it continuously. And that decision is made to the best interests of our customers. Yes, the geopolitical [condition] is evolving, but we still listen to our customers as the priority."

TSMC told Nikkei on Monday that it is constantly studying and assessing whether to expand production in the U.S.

"TSMC has never ruled out building or acquiring a fab [chip plant] in the United States, but currently there is no concrete plan," spokesperson Nina Kao said. "It all depends on customers' needs."

TSMC also has an important presence in China, where it makes 12- and 16-nm chips at a plant in Nanjing that is considered the most advanced in China. It started mass production in 2018.

The Nanjing factory became even more strategic amid the tech battle between Washington and Beijing. Last year Huawei asked TSMC to allocate more advanced production to China, the Nikkei reported.

The U.S. accounted for 60% of TSMC's revenue of \$34.6 billion in 2019, while the Chinese market, which grew the fastest, contributed 20%.

**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:52 AM

**To:** [Redacted]

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**Subject:** FW: Coronavirus, [Redacted]

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Wednesday, March 18, 2020

**by REBECCA KAGAN**



## Worth Knowing

**AI Organizations Aid in the Fight Against Coronavirus:** Over the last few weeks, AI researchers and companies have attempted to use machine learning to combat the coronavirus, but so far, the results are mostly untested. Key areas of application include:

- **Monitoring the spread:** Canadian AI startup BlueDot used natural language processing to detect COVID-19 days before the World Health Organization acknowledged the new coronavirus. Similarly, the WHO mentioned China's use of AI for contact tracing as one new technology involved in containment efforts.
- **Other efforts:** Companies ranging from startups to tech giants have announced efforts on diagnostics, testing for the coronavirus and assisting with treatment developments, with unclear impact.

Amid the influx of interest, experts warn against overhyping AI's role. In addition to the newness of the technology, researchers say it's been difficult to get reliable data on COVID-19 due to restrictions on medical information, inconsistent accounts and lack of testing. To facilitate future AI use in helping cure diseases, the Defense Innovation Board called for digitizing the world's largest collection of human pathological tissue samples.

- **More:** AI Could Help With the Next Pandemic — But Not With This One | CSET Coordinates Launch of National COVID-19 Data Hub

**TSMC Weighs Opening Foundry in the US:** The world's largest contract chipmaker, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., may build a state-of-the-

art foundry in the United States, according to the Nikkei Asian Review. The discussions follow pressure from Washington and the growing possibility of the company being caught in the U.S.-China trade war. Currently, the United States lacks a foundry capable of manufacturing the most advanced chips, so many leading-edge AI chips designed by U.S. firms are fabricated at TSMC's Taiwan-based foundries. TSMC is purportedly considering producing chips with 2 nanometer technology in the new factory, which could make it the world's most cutting-edge foundry.

- **More:** Maintaining the AI Chip Competitive Advantage of the United States and its Allies

**PAI Launches Project on Publication Norms:** The Partnership on AI — a multi-stakeholder group of tech companies, academics and nonprofits — is developing publication practices for responsible AI. Despite norms of openness in the machine learning community, PAI's project explores when and how researchers should publish novel results that could be misused. PAI's research builds on their earlier work on this topic and will involve soliciting feedback from the machine learning community, organizing a workshop and ultimately publishing a set of community recommendations.

- **More:** AI Research Needs Responsible Publication Norms | The Offense-Defense Balance of Scientific Knowledge: Does Publishing AI Research Reduce Misuse?

**US Home to Majority of Top AI Startups:** A majority of the most promising AI startups are based in the United States, according to a new report by CB Insights. Assessing factors such as patents, investor profiles, tech novelty, market potential and team strength, the researchers created a metric to select

the top 100 startups from a pool of 5,000. According to their analysis, 65 of these leading startups are located in the United States, followed by eight in both Canada and the United Kingdom and six in China. Collectively, the 100 startups have raised more than \$7.4B in funding from 600 investors.

- **More:** [AI 50: America's Most Promising AI Companies](#) | [ChinAI Best Growth List of AI Companies](#)

## Government Updates

**National AI Initiative Act Introduced in House:** House Science Committee Chairwoman Johnson, Ranking Member Lucas and Reps. McNerney, Olson, Lipinski and Weber introduced the [National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020](#) last week. The bipartisan legislation aims to accelerate and coordinate federal investments in AI through measures including formalizing interagency coordination, creating an advisory committee and establishing AI institutes to facilitate partnerships between academia, public and private sectors. The legislation would support standards development at NIST, as well as AI research at the NSF and DOE. Sens. Heinrich, Portman and Schatz introduced [a bill with many of the same aims in May](#), although there are several significant differences.

**IC Developing AI Ethical Principles:** The intelligence community is [developing principles for ethical use of AI](#), according to Ben Huebner, Chief of the Office of

the Director of National Intelligence's Office of Civil Liberties, Privacy, and Transparency. The framework will focus on the aspects of machine learning that are new to the IC, particularly relating to transparency, privacy and accuracy. Hueber noted the ODNI has general "consensus" with the DOD's Joint AI Center, and the guidelines will likely resemble those adopted by the DOD in late February.

**Deepfakes In Federal Elections Prohibition Act Introduced in House:** Reps. Lynch, DeSaulnier, Welch and Cooper introduced the Deepfakes in Federal Elections Prohibition Act, which would limit the distribution of materially deceptive audio or video prior to a federal election. The legislation would amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit the malicious distribution of manipulated media of a candidate within 60 days of a federal election. An exception would be made if the media is labeled as manipulated.

## In Translation

*CSET's translations of significant foreign language documents on AI*

**Foreign Expert Recruitment Plan:** Notice of the Office of the Ministry of Science and Technology Declaring the 2019 High-End Foreign Expert Recruitment Plan.

The Ministry of Science and Technology describes a plan to entice foreign scientists, professors and entrepreneurs to work in China. Chinese companies, universities and research institutes apply on behalf of their prospective foreign

employees.

**AI Pilot Zones:** [China Creates National New Generation Artificial Intelligence Innovation and Development Pilot Zones](#). The Ministry of Science and Technology announced the establishment of four new AI Pilot Zones in cities across China, which encourage the expansion of China's AI industry in cities where it is already developing. The ministry created the first seven such zones in 2019 and plans to build 20 by 2023.

## What We're Reading

**Project:** [AI Chips](#), MacroPolo (March 2020)

**Report:** [A Quantitative History of AI Research in the United States and China](#), Daniel Ish, Andrew Lohn and Christian Curriden (September 2019)

**Report:** [Allies and Artificial Intelligence: Obstacles to Operations and Decision-Making](#), Texas National Security Review (March 2020)

**Response:** [National Science Foundation Response to the JASON Report "Fundamental Research Security"](#) (February 2020)

## What's New at CSET

At the request of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, CSET coordinated [the release of the COVID-19 Open Research Dataset \(CORD-19\)](#), a machine-readable dataset of scholarly literature about the coronavirus, in coordination with the Allen Institute for AI, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, Microsoft and the National Library of Medicine. *CORD-19* was [announced by the White House](#) and covered in [FedScoop](#), [NextGov](#), [TechCrunch](#) and [Geekwire](#).

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## Events

- **March 22–26:** NVIDIA, [GPU Technology Conference](#) *now online-only*
- **April 25–30:** [International Conference on Learning Representations](#) *now online-only*
- **June 18:** Defense One, [Tech Summit](#)

*What else is going on? [Suggest stories, documents to translate & upcoming events here.](#)*

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**From:** Benning, Douglass R [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:04:12 PM  
**To:** Ramotowski, Edward J [redacted]; Hand, Henry H (Beijing) [redacted]  
 [redacted]  
 [redacted] King, Karin M [redacted]  
**Cc:** Risch, Carl C [redacted]; Brownlee, Ian G [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: notes for the evening

Ops is starting to get calls on this from private Amcits and official travelers (apparently a Staffdel). [redacted]

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 Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On March 11, 2020 at 7:35:50 PM EDT, Ramotowski, Edward J [redacted] wrote:

VO standing by as well. Will have the TV on.

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 Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On March 11, 2020 at 7:19:05 PM EDT, Hand, Henry H (Beijing) [redacted] wrote:

Thanks. Standing by  
 Get Outlook for iOS

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 7:05:42 PM

[redacted]  
 Ramotowski, Edward J [redacted]  
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Nothing set absolutely in stone until  
POTUS address tonight.

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** [redacted]  
**Date:** Sat, 29 Feb 2020 12:14:40 +0000

So, we're trying to get this arranged with the White House Situation Room, but it's not looking good. We'll keep trying to reach someone who has the authority to add me to the list and clear me through WAVES.

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Sent from [Workspace ONE Boxer](#)

On February 28, 2020 at 11:12:19 PM EST, [redacted] wrote:

Sending in case this waves link works better.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP" [redacted]  
**Date:** February 28, 2020 at 10:46:58 PM EST  
**To:** "Shellooe, Ryan P. EOP/NSC" [redacted]  
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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**CC:** Waters, John R <[redacted]>  
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**Subject:** RE: WHO reform  
**Date:** Thu, 9 Apr 2020 17:49:33 +0000

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Thanks [redacted] Will keep an eye out for the invitation...

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 1:11 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]  
**Cc:** Waters, John R [redacted]; EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: WHO reform

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DAS Fritz,

As an update, IO just informed me that [redacted] you should have an invite.

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Best,  
[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 12:53 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]  
**Cc:** Waters, John R [redacted]; EAP-CM-ECON-DL <EAP-CM-ECON-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** WHO reform

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Good afternoon DAS Fritz,

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Best,

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Environment, Science, Technology, and Health Officer

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**To:** Benning, Douglass R [redacted]  
Brownlee, Ian G [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Call notes from May 5 Deputy Under Secretary for Management calls with REDs and FEDs  
**Date:** Tue, 5 May 2020 20:53:50 +0000

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"M decision to create a Domestic Diplomacy Strong Council for bureaus within United States that have domestic offices outside of Washington"

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Date:** May 5, 2020 at 3:44:19 PM EDT  
**Subject:** Call notes from May 5 Deputy Under Secretary for Management calls with REDs and FEDs  
**To:** Risch, Carl C <[redacted]>, Arndt, Rachel M <[redacted]>, King, Karin M <[redacted]>, Benning, Douglass R <BenningDR@state.gov>

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[redacted], Mesquita, Mario M <[redacted]>  
[redacted], Brownlee, Ian G <[redacted]>

**Cc:** [redacted], CA-EX-Special-Assistant <SpecialAssistantCE@state.gov> [redacted]  
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Colleagues:

All:

Latest updates today's calls with the Deputy Under Secretary for Management are below.

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**5/5/2020 COVID-19 Dep M Staff Call with FEDs at 1:30pm and REDs at 2:30pm**

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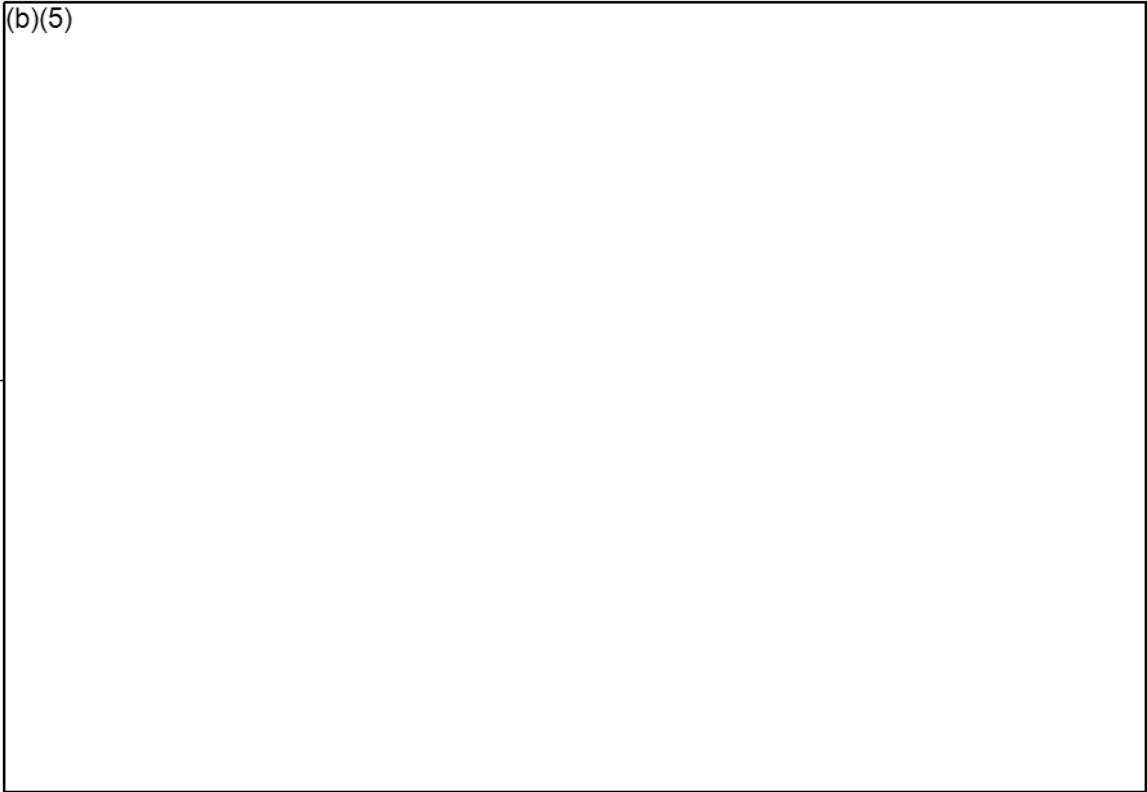
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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]

**Recipient:** Benning, Douglass R [redacted]  
Brownlee, Ian G [redacted]



**Cc:** [redacted] Massinga, Ervin J  
**Subject:** RE: Give TA text to PakGovt?

Yes, it's unchanged. c

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**From:** Jones, Paul W [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** [redacted] Mariscal, Berenice [redacted] Cohan, Eric S  
[redacted] Hoover, John F [redacted]  
[redacted] Islamabad, EXEC Staff Assistants <IslamabadEXECStaffAssistants@state.gov>  
**Cc:** [redacted] Massinga, Ervin J [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Give TA text to PakGovt?

No changes from what was sent overnight?

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, 31 January 2020 20:35  
**To:** Jones, Paul W; Mariscal, Berenice; Cohan, Eric S; Hoover, John F; [redacted] Islamabad, EXEC Staff Assistants  
**Cc:** [redacted]; Massinga, Ervin J  
**Subject:** RE: Give TA text to PakGovt?

Here you go, ok to share. I understand CA will release at 1pm Washington time. c

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2020 10:32 AM  
**To:** Jones, Paul W [redacted] Mariscal, Berenice [redacted]; Cohan, Eric S  
[redacted] Hoover, John F [redacted]  
[redacted] Islamabad, EXEC Staff Assistants <IslamabadEXECStaffAssistants@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Give TA text to PakGovt?

We were just conferring [redacted] Sending very shortly. c

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**From:** Jones, Paul W [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** Mariscal, Berenice [redacted] Cohan, Eric S [redacted]  
[redacted] Hoover, John F [redacted] [redacted]  
Islamabad, EXEC Staff Assistants <IslamabadEXECStaffAssistants@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Give TA text to PakGovt?

Can anyone give me an answer?

**From:** Jones, Paul W

**Sent:** Friday, 31 January 2020 19:57

**To:** Mariscal, Berenice; Cohan, Eric S; (b)(6) Hoover, John F; (b)(6)

**Subject:** Give TA text to PakGovt?

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]

**To:** Stilwell, David R [redacted]

Keshap, Atul [redacted]  
Waters, John R [redacted]

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Buangan, Richard L [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: (SBU) EAP/CM-TC Combined Morning Report for April 9, 2020

**Date:** Thu, 9 Apr 2020 15:38:38 +0000

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 11:31 AM

**To:** [redacted]; Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]; Stilwell, David R [redacted]

[redacted]; Keshap, Atul [redacted]; Waters, John R <WatersJR [redacted]>

(b)(6) [redacted]; Buangan, Richard L [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: (SBU) EAP/CM-TC Combined Morning Report for April 9, 2020

FWIW, my understanding is that this came in a private meeting and was not public. Plus [redacted].

[redacted]  
Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs  
Department of State  
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On April 9, 2020 at 7:57:45 AM EDT, [redacted] wrote:

I can flag for P staff now.

[redacted]  
Special Assistant  
Office of the Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 7:39:07 AM

**To:** Stilwell, David R [redacted]; Keshap, Atul [redacted]; Waters, John R [redacted]; (b)(6) [redacted]

Buangan, Richard L

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 7:31 AM

**To:**

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Feith, David

**Cc:**

**Subject:** (SBU) EAP/CM-TC Combined Morning Report for April 9, 2020

Combined EAP/CM-TC Morning Report for April 9, 2020

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*Mongolia - nothing to report*

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D"

**Recipient:**

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Keshap, Atul

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Buangan, Richard L <BuanganRL@state.gov>;

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
**CC:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Covid and foreign student enrollment in the US  
**Date:** Mon, 20 Apr 2020 17:05:17 +0000

300k was the number I recall using at the embassy back in the day.

**From:** (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 12:44 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Waters, John R <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Covid and foreign student enrollment in the US

I believe the China higher ed figure is \$12 billion per year. And an NYT piece from last year says total 2017 figure was \$42 billion.

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 David Feith  
 Senior Advisor  
 Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP)  
 U.S. Department of State

On April 20, 2020 at 12:32:15 PM EDT, Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)> wrote:  
 300,000 students x \$50,000/year = \$15,000,000,000 <(b)(6)>

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**From:** Reeker, Philip T <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 12:09 PM  
**To:** Bisch, Carl D <(b)(6)>; Wells, Alice <(b)(6)>; Berkowitz, Peter <(b)(6)>; Royce, Marie T <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Nagy, Tibor P <(b)(6)>; Kozak, Michael G <(b)(6)>; Schenker, David K <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** SCA-DAS-DL <SCA-DAS-DL@state.gov>; Pratt, Jonathan G <(b)(6)>; Cormack, <(b)(6)>

Maureen E [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: Covid and foreign student enrollment in the US

Adding PDAS Maureen Cormack, who is also our DAS for PD.

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**From:** Risch, Carl C [redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 11:57 AM

**To:** Wells, Alice; Berkowitz, Peter; Royce, Marie T; Stilwell, David R; Reeker, Philip T; Nagy, Tibor P; Kozak, Michael G; Schenker, David K

**Cc:** SCA-DAS-DL; Pratt, Jonathan G; [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Covid and foreign student enrollment in the US

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**From:** Wells, Alice [redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 9:36 AM

**To:** Berkowitz, Peter [redacted]; Royce, Marie T [redacted]; Stilwell, David R [redacted]; Reeker, Philip T [redacted]; Nagy, Tibor P [redacted]; Kozak, Michael G [redacted]; Schenker, David K [redacted]; Risch, Carl C [redacted]

**Cc:** SCA-DAS-DL <SCA-DAS-DL@state.gov>; Pratt, Jonathan G <[redacted]>

**Subject:** RE: Covid and foreign student enrollment in the US

Sorry: Plus A/S Risch

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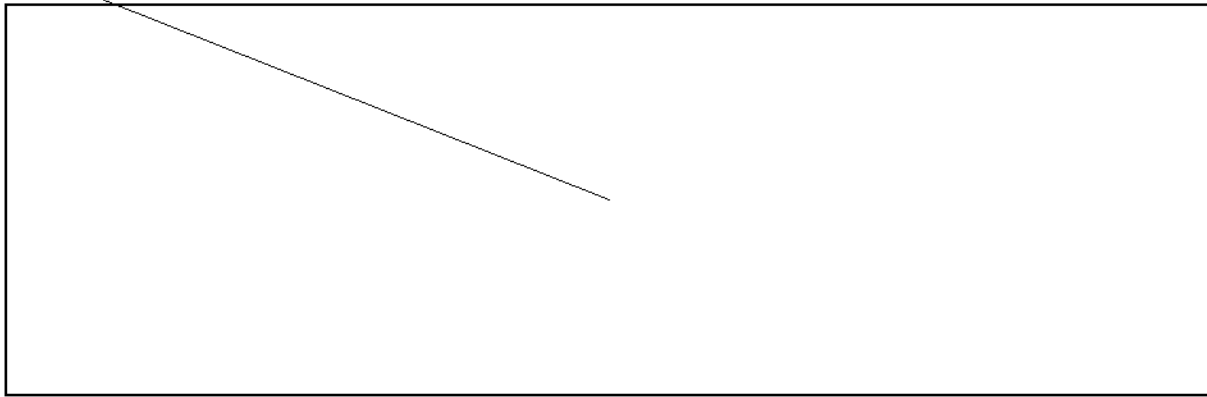
**From:** Wells, Alice

**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 7:54 AM

**To:** Hale, David [redacted]; Berkowitz, Peter [redacted]; Royce, Marie T [redacted]; Stilwell, David R [redacted]; Reeker, Philip T [redacted]; Nagy, Tibor P [redacted]; Kozak, Michael G [redacted]; Schenker, David K [redacted]

**Cc:** SCA-DAS-DL <SCA-DAS-DL@state.gov>; Pratt, Jonathan G [redacted]

**Subject:** Covid and foreign student enrollment in the US



**Subject:** ~~(SBU)~~ COVID-19 Fallout: Apprehension Towards COVID Impact on U.S. Colleges Threatens Steep Short-Term Decline in Indian Students

1. ~~(SBU)~~ **Summary:** With increased global travel restrictions, economic disruption, and uncertainty around the duration of U.S. university campus closures, prospective Indian students are increasingly concerned about the availability of U.S. university classes and student visas this fall. In discussions with numerous higher education consultants and students in western India from mid-March to early April, PAS Mumbai observed deep and widespread worry over possible postponement of on-campus classes into the fall. One leading higher education consultant warned that because prospective students typically make their enrollment decisions in mid-April to May, unless outbreaks in the United States were brought under control through May, Indian student enrollment at U.S. universities this fall would likely decline significantly. In one survey by leading international higher education analytics firm Quacquarelli Symonds, 46 percent of prospective international students stated that the coronavirus had impacted their plans to study abroad, and of those, 47 percent intend to defer admissions until next year. According to data from the Institute of International Education's 2019 Open Doors report, 202,000 Indian students studied in U.S. universities during academic year 2018-2019 and comprised 18.4 percent of international students in the United States, second only to China. Indian students contributed over 8.1 billion U.S. dollars to the U.S. economy in 2018. **End Summary.**

~~(SBU)~~ **Higher Ed Consultants and Their Clients Concerned About COVID-19**

2. (SBU) Multiple higher education consultants expressed ~~nessimism~~ anxiety toward the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on Indian student mobility. [redacted]

[redacted] warned on April 1 that international student enrollment globally will be hurt by COVID-19, saying "The higher ed space is quite spooked. No one knows how this will play out." Many secondary schools in India have cancelled or postponed final exams for the academic year, raising concerns about whether they would still meet the requirements to attend university even if accepted. Prospective students and their parents are also concerned about the state of the global economy. Iyer noted that with the current state of the global economy and pandemic, "No parent is willing to put their child on a plane."

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3. (SBU) [redacted] asserted that in the early stages of its global spread, the outbreak's impact on international student mobility was felt most acutely by universities in Australia and New Zealand because of their large numbers of mainland Chinese students and the February start to their semesters – after news of the epidemic broke out widely. Australia's education ministry reported that in February over 56 percent of the 189,000 Chinese students enrolled in higher education institutions in Australia were blocked from returning from China due to travel restrictions put in place by the Australian government. [redacted]

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[redacted] reported on March 16 that students and parents considering enrollment at U.S. universities expressed concern, but with the U.S. academic year typically beginning in August most were taking a "wait and watch" approach.

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4. (SBU) [redacted] noted last month that many of her clients were worried about travel to the United States and were asking whether their deposits would be refunded if they were unable to get visas or travel to the university. She said, "If things get worse, students will not want to go to the U.S." For many of her clients, deferment was an attractive option. Her clients also expressed concern more broadly about the long-term global economy and prospects for jobs after graduation.

5. (SBU) A Mumbai-based EducationUSA adviser explained in March that most universities have deadlines for enrollment in mid-April or early May and that if COVID-19 was still spreading in the United States around these deadlines, many students may choose to defer their enrollment to the winter or fall semester of 2021. (Note: Many U.S. universities have postponed enrollment deadlines to early June due to the pandemic. End note.) He expressed doubt that many Indian students hoping to study in the U.S. would instead travel elsewhere. While popular destinations like Singapore and Australia had lower rates of COVID-19 compared to Europe and the United States, these alternative markets did not have enough universities to accommodate a sharp increase in international students, he said.

#### ~~(SBU)~~ Prospective Students Uncertain About Future Classes

6. (SBU) In a series of conversations last month, prospective Indian students expressed concern about enrolling in U.S. universities given recent outbreaks of COVID-19 in the United States, though a few expressed optimism. Having applied primarily to schools located in cities that have suffered large COVID-19 outbreaks, one prospective student and his parents were concerned that classes may be postponed or moved online. This student confessed he was in a tough predicament: he would prefer not to attend online classes in lieu of attending in-person classes but also would not want to defer enrollment given the impact of a one-year delay on his career. On the other hand, another prospective student expressed confidence that he would be able to attend fall graduate classes at Arizona State University, saying local and federal authorities were responding to the epidemic effectively and that Arizona had a relatively lower number of cases compared to other states.

#### ~~(SBU)~~ U.S. Universities Tracking COVID-19; Effect on Enrollment Only Clear by End of April



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7. (SBU) In late March, [redacted] said she expected to have a clearer picture of international student enrollment at the end of April, the enrollment deadline. The university planned on issuing I-20s as normal and was open to students deferring admissions for a year. [redacted] shared that students could then “take a wait and see approach” to see how the situation would evolve until after the end of May when they would typically apply for student visas.

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8. (SBU) The University of San Francisco (USF) would know the impact of COVID-19 on new student enrollments only by the end of April to mid-May, since admissions decisions went out only in mid-March, according to [redacted]

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[redacted] USF has already changed some policies to accommodate the pandemic’s disruptions – with international students comprising 15 percent of its student body, USF allowed international students to take online Duolingo English language tests in lieu of TOEFL or IELTS results due to COVID-19-related test cancellations. [redacted] a staff member at the Ohio State University’s (OSU) Gateway to India office, said OSU has already cancelled one student orientation scheduled in March and was concerned about visa interview availability for students planning to apply for visas in May and June.

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9. (SBU) Gujarat Technological University (GTU) postponed an exchange program for 31 of its students to Kansas State University given the COVID-19 epidemic, said [redacted]. [redacted] GTU will decide whether to move forward with the program at the end of April. Darji stated that the program would not be viable if students could only take online classes in the United States. GTU has not cancelled programs with universities in Canada or Bulgaria but cancelled an exchange program with a German university.

10. (SBU) Comment: [redacted]

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[redacted] End comment.

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Signature: [redacted]

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]

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**Recipient:** Stilwell, David R [redacted]

Waters, John R [redacted]

Buangan, Richard L [redacted]

Keshap, Atul [redacted]

**From:** "Risch, Carl C"  
**To:** zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: RE: FLASH CLEARANCE: (b)(5) p.m. TODAY  
**Date:** Tue, 4 Feb 2020 20:12:53 +0000

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**From:** Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB  
**Date:** February 4, 2020 at 3:04:59 PM EST  
**Subject:** RE: FLASH CLEARANCE: 5:00 p.m. TODAY  
**To:** Haas, Peter D.; Bernicat, Marcia S <>; Risch, Carl C; Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Wetmore, David H. (ODAG); Moss, Jonathan (OST); Theroux, Rich P. EOP/OMB; Brammer, Josh J. EOP/OMB; Aguilar, Brenda L. EOP/OMB; Joyce, Shannon M. EOP/OMB; Thallam, Satya P. EOP/OMB; Ray, Paul J. EOP/OMB

\*\*\*DELIBERATIVE, PREDECISIONAL, DRAFT\*\*\*

Colleagues,

For emergency review under Executive Order 12866,

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Given the origination of this rule, and to ensure coordination and version control, please send comments only to me, and not directly to the agency; I am in close coordination with my colleagues who handle interagency equities.

This round of review is **SHOWSTOPPERS ONLY**, to include operational or policy-level concerns. Please send these **ASAP**, but **NLT 5 PM TODAY**. We are unable to accept late comments or grammatical edits.

Thanks,

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**From:** Hirsch, Quinn N. EOP/OMB

**Sent:** Sunday, February 2, 2020 7:42 PM

**To:** (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)

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C' (b)(6) Hamilton, Gene (OAG)

(b)(6) Wetmore, David H. (ODAG)

(b)(6) Moss, Jonathan (OST)

**Cc:** Theroux, Rich P. EOP/OMB (b)(5) Brammer, Josh J. EOP/OMB

(b)(6) Aguilar, Brenda L. EOP/OMB (b)(6)

Joyce, Shannon M. EOP/OMB (b)(6) Thallam, Satya P. EOP/OMB

(b)(6) Paul J. EOP/OMB Ray (b)(6)

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**Subject:** FLASH CLEARANCE: (b)(5) -- 9:00 p.m. Tonight

**Importance:** High

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For emergency review under Executive Order 12866,

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Please send me any policy-level concerns ASAP, but no later than 9 PM TONIGHT. We are unable to accept late comments.

From HHS/CDC:

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If you have questions, please contact: Joe Foster of OGC's CDC Branch. Jonah Hecht in the immediate office of the GC and Paula Stannard (b)(6) are also available to answer questions.

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Thanks,

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**Quinn N. Hirsch, MPH**  
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" [redacted]
<b>Recipient:</b>	[redacted] zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>

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<b>From:</b>	"Birx, Deborah L" <[redacted]>
<b>To:</b>	Deborah Birx <[redacted]>
<b>Subject:</b>	Fw: COVID letter
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 3 Mar 2020 12:21:21 +0000

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Matthew Kavanagh <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 3, 2020 06:51  
**To:** Birx, Deborah L; Gregg Gonsalves; Kapczynski, Amy; Scott Burris  
**Subject:** COVID letter

Dear Amb. Birx,

Amidst what I know is an incredibly busy moment as you land in DC, I wanted to make sure you saw the following letter of proposals for the COVID-19 response that was submitted to the Vice President--led by colleagues you know including Gregg Gonsalves, Amy Kapczynski, Scott Burris and others, and which about 500 of us have signed.

[https://law.yale.edu/sites/default/files/area/center/ghjp/documents/final\\_covid-19\\_letter\\_from\\_public\\_health\\_and\\_legal\\_experts.pdf](https://law.yale.edu/sites/default/files/area/center/ghjp/documents/final_covid-19_letter_from_public_health_and_legal_experts.pdf)

Best wishes in your immense tasks ahead.

Best  
\_Matt

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Matthew M. Kavanagh, PhD  
Georgetown University

Asst. Professor, Global Health  
Visiting Professor, Law  
Director, Global Health Policy & Governance Initiative | O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Birx, Deborah L" <[redacted]>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Deborah Birx <[redacted]>



**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

September 9, 2021

Case No.: FL-2020-00071

Austin R. Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street NW, B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

As we noted our letter dated August 9, 2021, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has identified an additional 11 responsive records to subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all 11 records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact James Bickford, Trial Attorney, at [James.Bickford@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.Bickford@usdoj.gov) or (202) 305-7632. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00071, and the civil action number, 20-cv-01169, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeanne Miller  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

## The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

### FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
  - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
  - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
  - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
  - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
  - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| ARMSEXP        | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)                    |
| CIA PERS/ORG   | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)      |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

### Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** (b)(6);  
 EAP-CM-Office-DL <EAP-CM-Office-DL@state.gov>;  
 Douglas, Walter T <(b)(6)>;  
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**CC:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: UPDATED: 2/1 Chinese media reaction (to include initial reaction to the proclamation)  
**Date:** Sat, 1 Feb 2020 16:08:11 +0000

Thanks (b)(5)  
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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 10:55 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; EAP-CM-Office-DL; Douglas, Walter T; (b)(6)  
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**Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL  
**Subject:** Fwd: UPDATED: 2/1 Chinese media reaction (to include initial reaction to the proclamation)

Jonathan, Walter, and colleagues,  
 Summary of Chinese media reaction to U.S. actions as well as overview of media narrative, both paragraphs in bold font below.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Date:** February 1, 2020 at 5:11:17 AM EST  
**Subject:** UPDATED: 2/1 Chinese media reaction (to include initial reaction to the proclamation)  
**To:** BEIJING 2020 Coronavirus <BEIJING2020Coronavirus@state.gov>, zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>, (U) Millman, Alexander (Beijing | CDC) <(b)(6)>, (b)(7)(C) <(b)(7)(C)>, joshua.robinson (b)(6) <(b)(7)(C)>, (b)(7)(C) <(b)(7)(C)>, NicoleDidyk-Wells <(b)(6)>, (U) Simonds, R J (Beijing | CDC) <(b)(6)>, (b)(7)(C) <(b)(7)(C)>, (U) <(b)(7)(C)>, China Consulate PAOs <ChinaConsulatePAOs@state.gov>

Cc: Beijing Press Office <BeijingPressOffice@state.gov>, EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>, (b)(6)

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**Chinese media** criticized the decision to raise travel advisory on China to the highest grade of warning despite the World Health Organization's opposition of travel restrictions against China. The Foreign Ministry said that the U.S. travel alert levels were not a "gesture of goodwill," as they came despite the World Health Organization opposing travel restrictions to China being put in place. Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said on Friday in an online statement: "Just as the WHO recommended against travel restrictions, the United States rushed to go in the opposite way. Certainly it's not a gesture of goodwill." A factual story on the U.S. announcement that the epidemic constitutes a national public health emergency was widely amplified by Chinese media. In addition to factual information the reports also noted that high level U.S. officials expressed appreciation and understanding to China. CCTV reported U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Azar said the U.S. appreciates China's measures to fight against the new coronavirus, especially its efforts to promote international cooperation. And U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Biegun said at the press conference the Chinese people are going through a difficult period at present, and the United States expresses its condolences. The U.S. will make efforts to help China control the epidemic and overcome difficulties. Other reports question why Chinese people are banned, and commented that American government officials refuse to talk about politics when talking about the new coronavirus, and to note that they hope to cooperate with China to resolve the crisis. Other news reports covered the Chinese Embassy in the U.S. issuing a notice to Chinese citizens of the U.S. border restrictions.

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**From:** Spensley, Alys L (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** BEIJING 2020 Coronavirus <BEIJING2020Coronavirus@state.gov>; zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>; (U) Millman, Alexander (Beijing | CDC) <(b)(6)> <(b)(7)(C)>; joshua.robinson@usda.gov; <(b)(7)(C)>; NicoleDidyk-Wells <(b)(6)>; (U) Simonds, R J (Beijing | CDC) <(b)(6)> <(b)(7)(C)>; (U) Parten, William <(b)(7)(C)>; China Consulate PAOs <ChinaConsulatePAOs@state.gov>



**Cc:** Beijing Press Office <BeijingPressOffice@state.gov>; EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>; (b)(6)

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**Subject:** 2/1 Chinese media reaction

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Xinhua and other outlets amplified Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying's remarks on "unfriendly U.S. comments amid China's fight against outbreak." Xinhua says, "the Chinese people are going all out to fight against the pneumonia outbreak caused by the novel coronavirus. Acting with openness, transparency and a high sense of responsibility, the Chinese government is keeping the international community including the U.S. well-informed with timely updates and sharing relevant data. A friend in need is a friend indeed. Many countries have offered China support in various means. In sharp contrast, certain U.S. officials' words and actions are neither factual nor appropriate. Just as the WHO recommended against travel restrictions, the U.S. rushed to go in the opposite way. Certainly not a gesture of goodwill." Other Xinhua stories also cited U.S. comments as "cold-blooded and absurd." Xinhua reported, Secretary Ross gloated and showed indifference and cold blood makes people feel cold and sad. But it is not necessary to take his words seriously, says Xinhua Ross does not have the final say whether or not manufacturing industry would move back to the U.S. It should be noted that China's vast market potential and innovation power have become a strong magnet to attract all kinds of global enterprises, including manufacturing industry. Global Times also said Ross as "disgracefully cites coronavirus as American opportunity." As the commerce secretary of the world's most powerful economy, instead of exploiting China's crisis, Ross should fairly appraise the efforts made by the Chinese government in fighting the coronavirus, said Global Times.

Xinhua and other outlets continued factual reporting with 11,791 confirmed cases of novel coronavirus infection, 259 deaths. Premier Li Keqiang presiding over the leading group meeting of the central government in response to the epidemic situation of pneumonia caused by new coronavirus was also amplified by key outlets including on CCTV primetime news with a focus on "resolutely preventing the epidemic from spreading further." Other articles focused on China's measures to

curb the epidemic and featured the National Health Commission briefing. Foreign Minister Wang Yi’s efforts to bring home “Hubei compatriots” was also covered including that the Chinese government has decided to send civil aviation charter flights to pick up the compatriots from Hubei who are stranded overseas, which “fully reflects the Chinese government's responsible attitude to solve the problems for the people.” Other articles provided details an examples of chartered flights that returned “310 Hubei compatriots detained overseas from Bangkok, Malaysia, Sabah, Japan and Tokyo.” In an interview with Xinhua, Deputy Secretary General of NDRC Zhao Chenxin said, at present, Wuhan, Hubei Province and even the whole country have sufficient reserves of living materials, and the supply of grain, edible oil, vegetables, food and other commodities, which can fully ensure to meet the normal needs of the people. He added, at present, it is the most important to coordinate the relationship between epidemic prevention and control and guaranteed transportation of necessities. The NDRC has activated an emergency mechanism to track price changes on a daily basis, and will take targeted measures to meet consumers' demand in different cities and forcefully crack down on price rigging and price inflating to maintain market order. Xinhua also reported the Beijing municipal government announced on Friday that enterprises in the city should make arrangements for employees to work from home until 2/9.

In editorials Global Times says China should not worry about 'discrimination' at this time. In the past two days, speculations have run high that the WHO declaration of PHEIC equals declaring China an "endemic country," and that the decision will make the Chinese economy go backward 20 years. Such speculations “obviously exaggerated the situation.” It is possible that some countries would use the WHO declaration as a lever to overreact to the current virus outbreak in China. But still, as long as China contains the epidemic, the situation will improve. Most countries and world organizations have no reason to find fault with China over the epidemic after it is effectively contained, because they will only end up suffering losses if they do so.

Alys Spensley ·  
 Deputy Spokesperson  
 U.S. Embassy Beijing  
 (b)(6)

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<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6); EAP-CM-Office-DL <EAP-CM-Office-DL@state.gov>; Douglas, Walter T <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: (b)(5)  
**Date:** Sat, 11 Apr 2020 01:41:28 +0000

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Keshap, Atul  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 9:35 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; Stilwell, David R; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L  
**Subject:** Re: Bunker mentality?

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 9:24:51 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: (b)(5)

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**From:** Stilwell, David R  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 9:20 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; Keshap, Atul; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L  
**Subject:** RE: (b)(5)

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 9:12 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: (b)(5)

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Stilwell, David R

**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 7:58 PM

**To:** Keshap, Atul; Fritz, Jonathan D; (b)(6) (b)(6) Buangan, Richard L

**Subject:** RE: (b)(5)

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**From:** Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 6:14 PM

**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

<(b)(6)>; (b)(6); Buangan, Richard L

<(b)(6)>

**Subject:** (b)(5)

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>;
	Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>;
	Waters, John R <(b)(6)>;
	(b)(6); Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>

**From:** Risch, Carl C  
**To:** Risch, Carl C; (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: HOLD: Deputies Call - DHS Coronavirus Flight Direction Notice

I'm not sure if you received this D call invite from OMB

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From: Joyce, Shannon M. EOP/OMB (b)(6)  
Date: January 30, 2020 at 9:24:46 PM EST  
Subject: HOLD: Deputies Call - DHS Coronavirus Flight Direction Notice  
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6) (b)(6);  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Ray,  
Paul J. EOP/OMB (b)(6) Thallam, Satya P. EOP/OMB  
(b)(6) Ellis, Michael J. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Theroux, Rich P.  
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Julie M. EOP/NSC (b)(6) Jorgenson, Sarah (b)(6) Sinclair,  
Michael R. EOP/NSC (b)(6) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Risch, Carl C  
(b)(6) (b)(6) Kan, Derek T. EOP/OMB  
(b)(6) Hayes, Bradley F. EOP/OMB (b)(6) Duffey, Michael  
P. EOP/OMB (b)(6) Newman, Kim A. EOP/OMB  
(b)(6) Katharine\_macgregor (b)(6) Ditto, Jessica E. EOP/WHO  
(b)(6) Agnew, Ann (HHS/IOS)  
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Jennie B. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Bonner, Maria K. EOP/WHO  
(b)(6) Watson, Ian D. EOP/OSTP (b)(6) Merkel, Theo W.  
EOP/WHO (b)(6) D'Angelo, Gregory B. EOP/OMB  
(b)(6) Morgan, Hallee K. EOP/OMB (b)(6) Paoletta,  
Mark R. EOP/OMB (b)(6) Walsh, Heather V. EOP/OMB  
(b)(6) Mancini, Dominic J. EOP/OMB  
(b)(6) Ganahl, Joseph R. EOP/OMB (b)(6) Olmem,  
Andrew J. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/WHO  
(b)(6) Aguilar, Brenda L. EOP/OMB (b)(6) Hirsch, Quinn N.  
EOP/OMB (b)(6) Ruggiero, Anthony J. EOP/NSC  
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Stecker, Judy (OS/IOS) (b)(6) Stimson, Brian  
(HHS/OGC) (b)(6) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)  
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Grigsby, Garrett (HHS/OS/OGA) (b)(6) (b)(6);  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6) AS2KTC  
<as2kctc@hq.dhs.gov>

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	Visek, Richard C <(b)(6)> (b)(6) Hammad, Hammad B <(b)(6)>; Giuda, Michelle <(b)(6)>; Bulatao, Brian J <(b)(6)>; Kaldahl, Ryan M <(b)(6)>; Knapper, Marc E <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: D Check In Call at 12 Noon
<b>Date:</b>	Sun, 16 Feb 2020 16:24:41 +0000

I'm joining. Hopefully (b)(6) (Diamond Princess TF) is also joining. D would find that very helpful.

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On February 16, 2020 at 11:17:43 AM EST, (b)(6) wrote:

(b)(6)- can we make sure Carl is back benching on this call at noon if possible for (b)(6) please if not already planning to join?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 16, 2020, at 10:14 AM, (b)(6) <(b)(6)> wrote:

+ EAP, U/S Bulatao, H and DSPOX

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 16, 2020, at 8:59 AM, (b)(6) <(b)(6)> wrote:

The Deputy has requested a noon call to check in. It will run like the 0730 meetings we had and won't be more than 30 mins.

Dial-in details to come.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 16, 2020, at 8:50 AM, (b)(6)

(b)(6) wrote:

Thank you. That's good news on 212(f).

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Thanks again!

(b)(6)

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 16, 2020, at 8:40 AM, Risch,  
Carl C <(b)(6)> wrote:

I will join at 10am. I have an update on the Westerdam situation, which is on the agenda. If Dr. Walters is on the call, I'll let him update on what's happening in Yokohama (screening in process). Otherwise, I'll handle it since I have the Coordination Unit update from this morning.

As for the No Board orders, I feel that

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Carl

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On February 16, 2020 at 8:27:07 AM

EST, (b)(6)

<(b)(6)> wrote:

There is nothing burning for M at this moment either but I can be on call in case there is anything to take away as update to Brian or AMB Todd. - (b)(6)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 16, 2020, at 8:23 AM, (b)(6)

<(b)(6)>

wrote:

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> Good morning. Thanks again for everyone's

amazing work yesterday.  
>  
> Who will join the 10 am  
call today? We got D's key  
requests done yesterday, so I  
don't plan to chime in much  
but I'll plan to join.

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>  
> Thank you,  
> (b)(6)  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone

<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6) Vissek, Richard C <(b)(6)>; (b)(6);



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Hammad, Hammad B <(b)(6)>;  
Giuda, Michelle <(b)(6)>;  
Bulatao, Brian J <(b)(6)>;  
Kaldahl, Ryan M <(b)(6)>;  
(b)(6);  
Knapper, Marc E <(b)(6)>;  
Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>;

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
	Meale, David <(b)(6)>; EB-A-TPN-Directors <EB-A-TPP-Directors@state.gov>; Bernicat, Marcia S <(b)(6)>; EB-A-TPN-MTA <EEB-A-TPP-MTA@state.gov>; (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	Rodriguez, Hiro S <(b)(6)>; Murray, Matthew D (Beijing) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); EAP-CM-China-Support-Team <EAP-CM-China-Support-Team@state.gov>; (b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	Haas, Peter D <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: China Task Force — New EB Resource — (b)(6)
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 27 Mar 2020 11:50:33 +0000

Double doh!

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**From:** FritzJD <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 7:50 AM  
**To:** Meale, David; EB-A-TPN-Directors; Bernicat, Marcia S; EB-A-TPN-MTA; Negrea, Dan; Horwitz, Jeffrey D; Rodriguez, Hiro S; Murray, Matthew D (Beijing); (b)(6); M; EAP-CM-China-Support-Team  
**Cc:** Peter D Haas  
**Subject:** Re: China Task Force — New EB Resource — (b)(6)

Thanks for this, Dave. Adding the China Support Team under (b)(6) which is taking the lead for the China Desk.

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**From:** Meale, David  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 7:45 AM  
**To:** EB-A-TPN-Directors; Bernicat, Marcia S; EB-A-TPN-MTA; Negrea, Dan; Horwitz, Jeffrey D; Rodriguez, Hiro S; Murray, Matthew D (Beijing); (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D; (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Haas, Peter D  
**Subject:** China Task Force — New EB Resource — (b)(6)

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Dave

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From: Meale, David <(b)(6)>

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 7:32:02 AM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: Re: Establishment of Mission China PPE and Medical Supplies Task Force

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 7:21:41 AM

To: Rodriguez, Hiro S (b)(6) (b)(6)

Cc: Meale, David (b)(6) Bernicat, Marcia S (b)(6)

(b)(6) Fritz, Jonathan D (b)(6) (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: Fw: Establishment of Mission China PPE and Medical Supplies Task Force

Hiro (b)(6)

I think these questions are best for the FEMA TF to answer:

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I wanted to pull those out succinctly for you. Thanks!

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From: Murray, Matthew D (Beijing) (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:04 PM

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covidsupplies@fema.dhs.gov <covidsupplies@fema.dhs.gov>; (b)(6)

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 <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>;  
 Forden, Robert W (Beijing) <(b)(6)>; EAPCoronavirusCoordination  
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 (b)(6); Levy, James M  
 (Guangzhou) <(b)(6)>; Stein, Sean B <(b)(6)> (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Establishment of Mission China PPE and Medical Supplies Task Force

DC colleagues—

Greetings from Beijing!

Today, Ambassador Branstad directed all offices and agencies across Mission China – Embassy Beijing and our four open Consulates in Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenyang, and Chengdu – to establish a **Mission China PPE and Medical Supplies Task Force** in order to be responsive to the urgent need for PPE and other medical supplies in the United States.

This interagency task force will be co-chaired by (b)(6) and myself (Embassy Beijing Economic Minister Counselor Matt Murray) and will build upon much work that already has been underway at all of our posts to both proactively seek out new sources of PPE and medical supplies and to be responsive to your efforts in Washington by leveraging our resources here to ensure supplies reach the United States quickly and efficiently.

As requested by 20 State 32470 – *Securing Supplies for U.S. Health Care Needs Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic* – Mission China responded with 20 Beijing 588 (attached), a coordinated whole-of-Mission effort co-drafted by Embassy Beijing and Consulate Shanghai, which included a 46-page spreadsheet of available supplies across the country.

Our team also has been actively engaging the Civil Aviation Administration of China to ensure the smooth arrival, pick-up, and departure for the nine flights FEMA is tracking into Shanghai

beginning on Sunday, March 29. The first flight (by Atlas) has been cleared, the second flight (also Atlas) already was pre-cleared, and CAAC is working on clearing three additional flights from National. Embassy Beijing still needs information on the other four flights as soon as possible so that we can facilitate their arrival/departure with CAAC.

In the coming days and weeks ahead, we know Mission China's Embassy and Consulates will be asked to assist Washington agencies with a number of logistical tasks in order to ensure additional shipments, and the Ambassador has made clear that we have no higher priority than undertaking a whole-of-Mission effort to support this initiative. In order to help us respond efficiently, please reach out to this collective email – [MissionChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov](mailto:MissionChinaPPETaskForce@state.gov) – which includes the core members of our Mission China Task Force so that we can coordinate and respond in a timely manner.

**Our team in Mission China would propose beginning a daily conference call with interested parties in Washington at 8 pm EST on Monday, March 30 (which will be 8 am China time on Tuesday, March 31).** If the White House Task Force or State Department Coronavirus Global Response Coordination Unit could arrange a call-in number, then we can participate from all of our posts here in China. Please advise if this time is suitable and if we can arrange for a conference call line. We think such a daily call would be very useful for pulling together the various work streams and Washington could systematically pass questions each evening to those of us in China who can work those problems during daylight hours here.

In addition to setting up a daily call starting on Monday, we also wanted to send back two additional questions for Washington's consideration:

**Donations seeking flights:** A number of organizations have approached us with credible interest and capacity to donate PPE to U.S. organizations but are unable to do so due to extremely constrained air freight capacity and rapidly increasing cost for shipping. (b)(5)

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**Timing of supplies:** An organization considering a significant donation has asked if it should donate ventilators if they can't be delivered until here in China for shipment to the United States on May 1 or June 1. If that timing is too late for the immediate crisis the organization will direct its efforts to other needs. (b)(5)

Please let us know how we can be helpful.

Thanks and regards,

(b)(6)

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**To:** (b)(6) <(b)(6)>;  
 Forden, Robert W (Beijing) <(b)(6)>;  
 (b)(6) <(b)(6)>;  
**Subject:** RE: 11:00 Call on DOT 213b order halting China Flights  
**Date:** Tue, 2 Jun 2020 17:18:56 +0000

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Cheers,  
 Jonathan

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**To:** Hand, Henry H (Beijing) <(b)(6)>; CGRCU-Staffers <CGRCU-Staffers@state.gov>; CGRCU-CAReps <CGRCU-CAReps@state.gov>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Forden, Robert W (Beijing) <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <FritzJD@state.gov>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>;  
**Subject:** RE: 11:00 Call on DOT 213b order halting China Flights

Thanks, (b)(6) – our gang had some difficulty with the connection so we weren't able to get a notetaker on.

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 (b)(6); Forden, Robert W (Beijing)  
 (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** 11:00 Call on DOT 213b order halting China Flights

A quick readout:

One tasking - agencies should relay concerns/objections to OMB by COB today.

EB DAS Hugo Yon, EAP DAS Jonathan Fritz and myself on call.

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>;  
 Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>;  
 Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>;  
 (b)(6) <(b)(6)>;  
**CC:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: VOA Statement in Response to White House Message  
**Date:** Fri, 10 Apr 2020 16:38:53 +0000

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**From:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 12:38 PM  
**To:** Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: VOA Statement in Response to White House Message

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Richard  
 (b)(5)  
 Dave

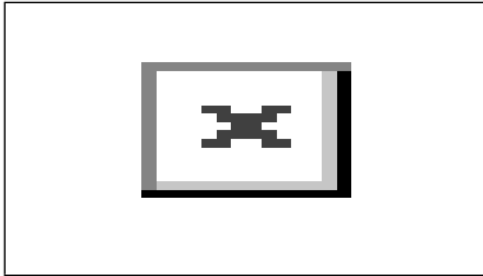
**From:** Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 12:09 PM  
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**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: VOA Statement in Response to White House Message

A/S Stilwell/Atul: flagging the below.

**From:** (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 12:06 PM  
**To:** Buangan, Richard L <BuanganRL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** VOA Statement in Response to White House Message

Richard-  
 Please see the statement from VOA below.

<https://www.insidevoa.com/a/a-statement-from-voa-director-amanda-bennett-/5367327.html>



## A Statement from VOA Director Amanda Bennett

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# A Statement from VOA Director Amanda Bennett

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One of the big differences between publicly-funded independent media, like the Voice of America, and state-controlled media is that we are free to show all sides of an issue and are actually mandated to do so by law as stated in the VOA Charter signed by President Gerald Ford in 1976. We are thoroughly covering China's disinformation and misinformation in English and Mandarin and at the same time reporting factually – as we always do in all 47 of our broadcast languages - on other events in China.

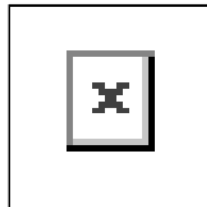
Unlike China, VOA has stuck to verifiable facts, including publishing numerous articles in Mandarin, English and other languages that outed China's initial secrecy keeping information of the initial outbreak from the world. VOA has thoroughly debunked much of the information coming from the Chinese government and government-controlled media.

VOA News depends on factual unbiased reporting. For example, VOA sources the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths both inside individual nations and globally from the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center. Data from the graphic cited in the White House press release was drawn from Johns Hopkins, which is used throughout the world.

Our coverage includes this week's fact-check of the Chinese government's false timeline of its COVID-19 response, its misleading count that excluded asymptomatic cases, China's underestimate of the number of deaths in Wuhan and its use of Twitter to further its narrative internationally -- a platform the Chinese government has banned domestically. VOA has literally carried hundreds of stories on China's response and narrative.

We've included links (below).

Along with other U.S.-based media outlets, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Washington Post and Time Magazine, most of VOA's reporting staff has been effectively barred by the Chinese government from working inside China. Despite China's attempt to hamper factual journalism on its response to the pandemic inside its borders, VOA continues to bring news from inside China to its global audiences and to Chinese citizens.



A response from VOA Director Amanda Bennett

The fact check of the false timeline:

<https://www.polygraph.info/a/fact-check-china-covid-timeline/30542129.html>

The story on China's misleading count excluding asymptomatic cases testing positive:

<https://www.voanews.com/science-health/coronavirus-outbreak/china-officials-exclude-asymptomatic-covid-19-carriers-data>

China's underestimate of the number of deaths in Wuhan:

<https://www.voanews.com/science-health/coronavirus-outbreak/estimates-show-wuhan-death-toll-far-higher-official-figure>

China's use of Twitter, a platform banned in its country, to spread disinformation globally:

<https://www.voanews.com/science-health/coronavirus-outbreak/covid-19-started-china-change-narrative-china-started-tweet>

China claims no infection in its military:

<https://www.voanews.com/science-health/coronavirus-outbreak/china-claims-zero-infections-its-military>

The VOA story on Chinese misinformation, which provides background on the pattern of Chinese dishonesty and misinformation:

<https://www.voanews.com/science-health/coronavirus-outbreak/us-summons-chinese-ambassador-over-covid-19-conspiracy-theory>

VOA ran this story about Europeans being fed up with the Chinese spread of disinformation and the scale of the disease, which goes to the point of questioning the validity of China's official numbers about the coronavirus:

<https://www.voanews.com/east-asia-pacific/british-other-western-leaders-talk-coronavirus-reckoning-beijing>

Regarding China's ally North Korea:

<https://www.voanews.com/science-health/coronavirus-outbreak/north-koreas-virus-free-claim-impossible-top-us-general-says>

And VOA's Polygraph did this fact check which, among other issues, debunked the Chinese and Russian claim that the US military seeded the coronavirus in Wuhan:

<https://www.polygraph.info/a/coronavirus-hoaxes-fact-check/30486948.html>

This is another story debunking the claim:

<https://www.voanews.com/science-health/coronavirus-outbreak/infodemic-us-origin-covid-19-popular-claim-virus-disinformation>

There was also this piece on Europeans' skepticism of China's "mask diplomacy":

<https://www.voanews.com/science-health/coronavirus-outbreak/chinese-virus-aid-europe-raises-long-term-concerns>

And how the mask diplomacy is failing:

<https://www.voanews.com/science-health/coronavirus-outbreak/covid-19-supplies-alibaba-never-reached-eritrea>

This is a very touching story about how families are being intimidated at funeral homes when they go to pick up their loved ones ashes and how the government is overcharging for tombs in the official cemetery

<https://www.voanews.com/east-asia-pacific/wuhan-survivors-caught-between-grief-and-surveillance-want-accountability>

Video: Early in the quarantine, a family in Wuhan being forcibly taken to a quarantine center -- portraying the stark difference in how the West and China behave:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKekoY3oCtw>

These two stories show China and Iran working together and also Iran's health minister called China's numbers a joke – and that the US is pushing back against disinformation from Iran, Russia and China.

<https://www.voanews.com/science-health/coronavirus-outbreak/us-pushes-back-against-russian-chinese-iranian-coronavirus>

<https://www.voanews.com/middle-east/voa-news-iran/iran-china-amplify-each-others-allegations-us-coronavirus-culpability>

From the time that the outbreak began we've been reaching out to those on the ground in Wuhan and other parts of China to get a better understanding about the pandemic and its impact on everyday citizens' lives.

<https://www.voanews.com/science-health/coronavirus-outbreak/china-cracking-down-those-critical-covid-19-response>

...and the economic strains everyday citizens are facing.

<https://www.voanews.com/science-health/coronavirus-outbreak/china-economic-pressures-unbearable-coronavirus-eases>

This story shows families in Wuhan not even being allowed to mourn the loss of their loved ones without having someone monitor them during the process.

<https://www.voanews.com/east-asia-pacific/wuhan-survivors-caught-between-grief-and-surveillance-want-accountability>

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<b>Subject:</b>	RE: DAS Fritz: TAIWAN/WHO: Tasking List for May 8, 2020
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 8 May 2020 19:44:24 +0000

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**Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: DAS Fritz: TAIWAN/WHO: Tasking List for May 8, 2020

Great, I will get it over to SPOX for final review before deploying.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
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**To:** (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
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**Subject:** RE: DAS Fritz: TAIWAN/WHO: Tasking List for May 8, 2020

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Let's go with the point from our cleared PG; it still addresses the same message that Jonathan would like to have conveyed.

Thanks!

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**Subject:** Re: DAS Fritz: TAIWAN/WHO: Tasking List for May 8, 2020

Thank you. This is the exact phrasing of that in our cleared guidance, does this work? Or I can just take the lines you provided.

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Friday, May 8, 2020 3:05 PM

**To:** (b)(6)

**Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>; (b)(6)

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**Subject:** RE: DAS Fritz: TAIWAN/WHO: Tasking List for May 8, 2020

Okay, but would add at the end the following bullet:

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Friday, May 8, 2020 1:26 PM

**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: DAS Fritz: TAIWAN/WHO: Tasking List for May 8, 2020

DAS Fritz:

Just upping this in your inbox, thank you!

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Friday, May 8, 2020 11:28 AM

**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>

**Subject:** DAS Fritz: TAIWAN/WHO: Tasking List for May 8, 2020

DAS Fritz:

We have been tasked to respond to the below article. Are you OK with us using these return points (see highlighted)? Mary Kissel, IO, TC, and OES cleared.

Thank you!

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6); EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>; (b)(6)

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**SentVia:** (b)(6)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** TBC Call w/ DCM Li Kexin (Paul Stempel)  
**Date:** Tue, 17 Mar 2020 15:23:51 +0000

Oumnia,

Hope all's well. DAS Fritz asked me to set up a meeting for him and Chinese DCM Li Kexin for this week. (b)(5)

(b)(5) He asked me to pull together several topics that are non-contentious so the meeting can be a friendly one. I've done so -- the draft BCL, which is getting cleared right now, preps him to discuss 1) (b)(5)

(b)(5) Can you check with him again to ensure he'd like to do this meeting in-person this week? And can you confirm that his office is the best place for the meeting? I looked at his calendar last Friday and saw that his Wednesday afternoon is wide open. Assuming he wants to do it, can you propose some times that would work? He'll need 1 hour for the meeting. Wednesday or Thursday should work -- once you let me know a few times that work, I'll line it up with DCM Li's office.

Btw, what's your phone number? It still shows your Beijing number in Outlook.

Thanks!

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 7:34 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: BCL for Jonathan

Just responded separately, and now I see here that one of the tabs is still being drafted, so that answers my questions. Do you want to ask Oumnia to find a few times on Wednesday/Thursday when Jonathan is available, and just ask her to triple-check with him that he still wants an in-person meeting and, if so, his preferred location? With all the teleworking madness, I just want to be safe. If you get the green light, then please go ahead and reach out to the embassy to schedule.

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 10:44 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: BCL for Jonathan

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Cheers,

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 6:30 PM

**To:** (b)(6)

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**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: BCL for Jonathan

thanks a ton -- these are perfect

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 12:05 AM

**To:** (b)(6)

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**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: BCL for Jonathan

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 3:48 PM

**To:** (b)(6)

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**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: BCL for Jonathan

All,

I'm consolidating the BCL, so please shoot me your TPs by COB if possible. Thanks!

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:59 PM

**To:** (b)(6)

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**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** BCL for Jonathan

Friends,

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Thanks!

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May 18, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bureau of Consular Affairs – Carl Risch, Assistant Secretary

CC: Bureau of Global Talent Management – Carol Perez, Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Global Talent  
Office of Civil Rights – (b)(6) Director

FROM: OIG – (b)(6) Assistant Inspector General for Inspections

SUBJECT: Formal Review and Comment – **Draft OIG Compliance Follow-Up Review: Targeted Review of Leadership and Management at the National Passport Center**

Ref: ALDAC 16 State 102028, Publication of Formal Stakeholder Comments in Final Inspection Reports, dated September 14, 2016.

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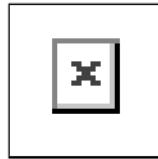
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## BACKGROUND BRIEFING

### Senior State Department Official On the PRC's Military-Civil Fusion Strategy

Washington, D.C.

March 12, 2020

**MODERATOR:** Everybody, this is on background, attribution to a senior State Department Official. We're joined by [Senior State Department Official], and [Senior State Department Official] is here to talk about a concept called "military-civilian<sup>1</sup> fusion." So I'll just hand it off to you and let you go ahead.

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** Great. Thank you very much. Thank you. Apologies, I'm not going to shake anyone's hands. (Laughter.) I'm practicing social distancing to the extent that we

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can in this room. So I appreciate everyone who called in. So I will just read out my prepared remarks, and then answer some questions.

So I'm here to talk about an issue that has serious ramifications for our National Security Strategy that the People's Republic of China calls "military-civil fusion," or MCF for short. Secretary Pompeo said in January to the Silicon Valley Leadership Council, military-civil fusion is a technical term for a very simple idea. The People's Republic of China is targeting emerging and advanced technologies to develop the most technologically advanced military in the world. Its efforts include outright technology theft, the obfuscation of true intentions in collaborative research and development, and a diversion of technology acquired through civil trade to military programs.

PRC's acquiring and diverting foreign technologies, specifically advanced and emerging technologies, and particularly those related to artificial intelligence to incorporate them into its next-generation military capabilities. It is doing so through a strategy that eliminates the barriers between China's defense industrial complex and the civilian economy. It is a strategy that they call military-civil fusion.

In practice, this means that private companies and research and academic institutions anywhere in the world that engage in joint R&D with the People's Republic of China are at risk of unwittingly contributing to the development of PRC's military capabilities. China-based partners in joint ventures are required under penalty of law to share useful technologies with the PLA. The Chinese Government is also persuading individuals and entities of multiple nationalities – not just individuals of Chinese citizenship or descent – to participate in its military-civil fusion efforts. It is doing so through a host of incentives and inducements while also often masking the fact that technologies will be diverted to military end-use.

The Chinese Communist Party recognizes that the world is on the cusp of a technology revolution, and that AI-enabled technologies will deeply impact the development of future military capabilities. Under MCF, the Chinese Communist Party is determined to be the first to weaponize these technologies, and it is targeting international collaborations to do so.

Now, many countries, including the United States, leverage the talents of the civilian sector and academia for military modernization. However, there is a huge difference between our approach and the PRC's approach. The United States and our partners around the world have made commitments to transparency and provided assurances through international agreements and norms that dual-use technologies will not be diverted to military end-use. But with MCF, the PRC flouts these norms and is in fact explicitly working to divert dual-use technology to military end-uses, and often without the knowledge of all the parties involved.

A central component of MCF is a diversion of dual-use technology towards military ends. And here at the State Department we are working to address the risks that MCF poses to our national security, and we remain committed to supporting fair and reciprocal trade, the free flow of capital, and a collaborative exchange of ideas through our global research enterprise. We all benefit from open collaboration among our most talented scientists, scholars, and innovators, and Secretary Pompeo has been very clear that any concerns we have are with the CCP, not the Chinese people.

That said, openness requires reciprocity, respect, and trust, and military-civil fusion violates that trust and exploits the openness on which our open market economy and academic research depends. These are the challenges that we are grappling with right now, as are many other advanced technology-producing countries around the world.

That is why I'm glad to have this opportunity to be here with you today and to talk about MCF and the risk it poses in more detail, and I look forward to your questions.

**MODERATOR:** Matt.

**QUESTION:** Yeah, so you know this is happening, you seem to think it's a threat, but why – so why are you still studying the potential threat, and what are you going to do about it? That's – I guess that's the main thing.

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** Yeah. So we've undertaken a lot of actions as a government to do something about it. We have certainly looked at our export controls in more – with a more jaundiced eye towards this. We have expanded our investment screening processes. Cases of IP theft are being prioritized. We are also engaging diplomatically with countries. Again, it's a global economy; it's a global supply chain. And so we have to work with our partners internationally to try to get ahold of this challenge. So we have been engaged diplomatically, both bilaterally and multilaterally as well.

**QUESTION:** There was a recent – I think maybe last week – that the investment board rejected Chinese purchase of something. Is that related to this?

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** Are you talking about the CFIUS case?

**QUESTION:** Yeah.

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** I'm not familiar with that particular case; I think there's been a few. But in general, I think that as a government we are now looking at this diversion in a way that we haven't in the past.

**MODERATOR:** Humeyra.

**QUESTION:** Hi. When you say we're also engaging with countries diplomatically, does that mean you're telling some of your allies and you're discouraging them to go into partnerships as such with the Chinese private companies?

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** I think how I would characterize it is, just based on our experience, our eyes are open to what China's doing in a way that our eyes weren't open to before. It was a process of learning for us to get to this point of awareness. And so now we're working with our partners internationally to try to help them open their eyes as well.

**QUESTION:** Who would be the main countries that you're working with on this?

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** We don't really reject any country from working with us. This is part of our regular diplomacy. I'm not going to name any particular countries, but of course producers of advanced technologies are critical.

**MODERATOR:** Yeah, Carol.

**QUESTION:** Why are you bringing this up now, because we're in the midst of this coronavirus crisis with China? Is this part of some grander scheme or strategy? And do you know how many Chinese students are



studying at American universities? Are you going to try and get them to cut back even more?

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** Thank you for that. The reason we're talking about this now has nothing to do with the coronavirus. This is an issue that, like I said earlier, our eyes have been slow in opening, but now they are and now we're taking action. We are – Secretary Pompeo gave a speech on this topic maybe a month ago, or a month and a half or so, in Silicon Valley. He followed up with a second speech to some – Governors Association. So it is part of our awareness raising. Again, this is subterfuge for practical purposes and we're trying to make people aware.

Regarding the question of how many Chinese students are in the United States, I do not know the number off the top of my head. The intent here is not to cut off our interactions with China, whether it's trade or research. That's not what we're trying to do. One, it's a fool's errand to try to do that. Two, we benefit greatly from both our economic exchanges, our business exchanges with China, as well as our research with China. But my responsibility is for national security, and we have to look out for that aspect of it as well, and so that's what we're trying to do.

**MODERATOR:** Okay. Said.

**QUESTION:** Thank you. In your response to Matt's question on retaliatory measures, what can be done about it – could you explain that again? What measures are you taking now to counter this? And is that part of any particular institution in China, like the army or any other governmental institution?

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** So I wouldn't – I would take exception to you characterizing as retaliatory. This is not retaliatory.

**QUESTION:** Okay. I mean countermeasures.

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** This is – these are steps that we are taking to protect or safeguard our national security, our foreign policy interests. Every country has a right to revise and review its export controls and investment screening procedures. So that's what we're doing. Your second question was?

**QUESTION:** My second question: With this military-civil fusion, is it part of, let's say, the Chinese army, part of – which government institution?

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** This is a – this is a strategy that the Chinese, as I understand it, they started in 2009. They elevated it to a national-level strategy under a very high direction in about 2014. And it was – the objective of this – of military-civil fusion strategy is twofold: develop the Chinese military capability at the same time as you develop the Chinese civil sector, high-tech sector. The idea is that you create a way for these two sectors to come together and to leverage each other's capability.

In so doing, the aim is for China to have – I'm trying to make sure I use the right word here – to have maybe dominance of certain high-tech sectors, and they have timeframes to do this. There's a program called China 2025 that everybody should probably know about. It's out in the open; I'm not making any of this up. Chinese military, for their purposes, have a desire to have a very advanced military capability by, I think, 2050 or 2049 is their target date. So they created a system where both sectors feed off of each other. That is a significant concern to us for the reasons I stated. It fundamentally violates the norms of international trade,

the assurances that countries supply and provide in terms of where dual-use technology is going to end up.

**QUESTION:** Can you give us, like, a down-to-Earth example of where we see this?

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** Yeah, so I'll give you one example, and this is a company called CGNP<sup>2</sup>, which stands for Chinese<sup>3</sup> General Nuclear Power Corporation, I believe. This is a company that was indicted – I want to say maybe in 2016 or so – for stealing nuclear-related trade stuff. This same company is currently working on a project that – it's a small modular reactor, and without getting overly technical, in essence it's a nuclear power reactor that you can scale up or down to suit the size or the purpose you need, right. You can scale it way, way, way down and put it, for example, on a floating nuclear power plant in the South China Sea. You could scale it even more down and put it somewhere. You could scale it up and put it on a land base. So there's many things that you can do with this technology.

This was a technology that the Chinese military was working on that they gave the project over to CGNP<sup>4</sup> so that then they could develop it. They are the civilian experts on this, and this company is now going out there looking for international partners to help develop this. So that is one down-to-Earth example of how this works and what the potential national security ramifications and foreign policy concerns would be.

Yeah, Michele.

**QUESTION:** Question from the phone?

**MODERATOR:** Michele, and then we'll turn to the phone.

**QUESTION:** Just going back to Carol's question, I wonder if this extra scrutiny over research cooperation with the Chinese is affecting at all U.S.-Chinese cooperation on health issues, like dealing with coronavirus.

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** I – so that's not my remit. I don't do health issues. I would go back to the point that I made earlier, though, that our – again, our intention is not to not have any collaboration or cooperation with the Chinese Government. It's a multifaceted relationship. It's a very complex relationship. Where our interests converge, we are more than willing to work together.

**QUESTION:** So but in biotech and this kind of stuff, those are obviously also --

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** Yeah, they're --

**QUESTION:** -- might touch into things that you're focused on.

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** They are dual-use, and again, to your specific point here, if it's a biotech technology, it's a biotech transfer that we have national security concerns with, we're going to try to do something about it.

**MODERATOR:** On the phone.

**QUESTION:** Hey, it's Lara Jakes. So I was wondering if maybe another example of this would be

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Huawei, and this – because it kind of – from where I’m sitting, it sounds like a veiled warning to allies against using Huawei. And I was wondering, relatedly, if there’s – what evidence, if any, is there that Huawei is a branch of the PLA? I know that was something that’s been alleged in the past, although I don’t think the NSA ever found evidence of it as part of Operation Shotgun.

And I was also wondering if you could speak to Unit 61398 and whether it’s been moved out of the military and into the intel channel, and if so, if that’s had any impact on what you’re seeing. And I’m going to put you guys back on mute so you don’t have to listen to my home background noise.

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** So on Huawei and is it a part of the Chinese military – so on their MCF there are two laws in China, a national security law and a national intelligence law. The combination of those laws compel any Chinese person or entity to collaborate with Chinese security and intelligence services. They’re compelled by law. They have to do it if the Chinese Government seeks that cooperation. So is there a commander in Huawei and does he have a platoon? No, I don’t know that. I don’t think they’re that type of integrated, but Huawei cannot escape Chinese law, and if the Chinese Government and if their security service ask Huawei to provide them access to data or information, then Huawei is compelled to provide that data and information.

And regarding your other question, I don’t want to get into it because I’m not exactly sure what it is that that unit does or what you’re referring to.

**QUESTION:** That’s the unit that was responsible for the OPM hack, I think, and then later, relatedly, to the Marriott and the Equifax hack. And then before I put you back on mute, do you dispute the assumption that some of these issues that you’re talking about would relate to Huawei or would serve as kind of a warning to allies against using Huawei? Thanks.

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** I would not dispute that.

**MODERATOR:** Yeah, Nike.

**QUESTION:** And then the OPM unit, since I gave you that clarity?

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** Yeah, no. Yeah, that’s not in my wheelhouse. That sounds more like a counterintelligence thing and that’s not what I do.

**QUESTION:** Got it. Thank you.

**QUESTION:** Thank you for this. Is there any personnel change or rearrangement in U.S. consuls or embassies in China to respond and to counter the dual technology being used by – for Chinese military? Meaning – the reason I ask is because if I’m correct, in past years there was more personnel in charge of the commercial and business ties, to promote bilateral business. Are there now more personnel or diplomats or more employees from the U.S. Intelligence Community working in the embassies and consulates in China to respond to such?

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** So I – I’m not going to comment on Chinese intelligence or American intelligence postures, but I will say that, again, our intent here is not to not do business with China. Our intent is to make sure that sensitive technologies are not diverted to military purposes. And so we’re not necessarily changing the amount of personnel, but we are engaged in this military-civil fusion



awareness raising, and I would assume that a lot of representatives in China at the embassies are aware of military-civil fusion and are probably accounting for that as they do their engagements.

**MODERATOR:** Next? Yeah, Courtney.

**QUESTION:** Thanks. You talked about the diplomatic engagement with allies to make sure that they are similarly aware of this military-civil fusion issue. What kind of reception are you getting from allies, particularly those high-tech-producing countries you mentioned?

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** So I think I can say that everyone has concerns with this. These are fundamental nation-state concerns – the diversion of advanced technologies to military purposes going to countries that don't necessarily share your same national security and foreign policy objectives. So from that perspective I think a lot of the countries we've engaged have understood what's going on.

I would say, not to be repetitive, but it took us a while to fully open our eyes. So I think it would be premature to expect all of our partners to have their eyes just snap open suddenly and know what to do. So it's a process of engagement, awareness raising, followed by more engagement followed by more awareness raising.

**QUESTION:** Is there a – sorry, is there pressure that the U.S. is applying? I think that has been the impression from a lot of allies on the Huawei issue, so for this --

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** So I would – I guess I understand how the Huawei thing is kind of fitting into this. Just keep in mind that Huawei was indicted for racketeering. They have been put on the entity list for evading sanctions. The Huawei issue – just on its own apart from military-civil fusion it's a significant issue, and we're addressing that using tools that we have available. That is slightly different than the broader military-civil fusion challenge.

(Chatter.)

That is different from the military-civil fusion challenge, which I view as a little bit kind of broader, more strategic, in a sense.

**MODERATOR:** Yeah. One more, anyone? Jennifer.

**QUESTION:** Can you talk about any guidance you've given to research institutions about the threat or if there's been any warning that if they continue with certain projects, they could lose federal funding, for example? Any sort of countermeasures you're taking within the research institute community?

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** I kind of talked just generally about it, not in that much detail, but we have been engaging with research organizations and universities at a pretty extensive clip. We also do this internationally, by the way, as part of our multilateral and bilateral engagements. The – a lot of these emerging and sensitive technologies are being produced at labs, whether they're private labs or whether universities. So it's incumbent, I think, upon governments to reach out to that community as well, and we have been doing that and a lot of our other partners have been as well.

**MODERATOR:** Cool. Thanks.



**QUESTION:** Thank you.

**SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL:** Thank you, guys.

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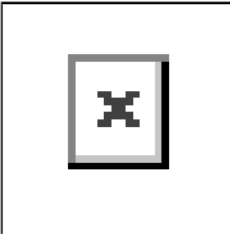
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**Cc:** (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: S wants a statement on HK — please see below

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**From:** Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 2:01:56 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: S wants a statement on HK — please see below

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2020, at 1:55 PM, Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)> wrote:

Here's a Goldilocks triad from which to choose.

My favorite:

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Alternate:

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Or:

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**From:** Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(5)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 1:23 PM  
**To:** Kissel, Mary E (S) <KisselME2@state.gov>; Stilwell, David R <StilwellDR@state.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(5)>; Feith, David <FeithD@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Re: S wants a statement on HK — please see below

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**From:** Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 1:07:26 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(5)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Re: S wants a statement on HK — please see below

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Send up to S what you think appropriate — my only ask was to fulfill his two requests.

Grateful for everyone’s work, thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2020, at 1:04 PM, Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)> wrote:

Mary/Morgan

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Stilly

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 12:59 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: S wants a statement on HK — please see below

I like Stilly's mod but would add a (b)(5) powerful" intent, as follows:

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**From:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 12:35 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(5) <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
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**Subject:** RE: S wants a statement on HK — please see below

Here's what we said in Feb:

We are concerned by the arrest of prominent Hong Kong businessman and publisher Jimmy Lai and two other longtime advocates for civil liberties and democracy in Hong Kong. We expect Hong Kong authorities not to use law enforcement selectively for political purposes, and to handle cases fairly and transparently in a manner that preserves the rule of law and the Hong Kong people's universal rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of expression.

Here's the current proposal:

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**Suggested mod:**

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**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
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**Subject:** RE: S wants a statement on HK — please see below

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 12:25 PM  
**To:** Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
 <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <StilwellDR@state.gov>; Feith, David  
 <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: S wants a statement on HK — please see below

That looks great to me.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Kissel, Mary E (S)  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 12:22 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Cc:** Ortagus, Morgan D; <(b)(6)> Stilwell, David R; Feith, David; <(b)(6)>  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: S wants a statement on HK — please see below

It needs the language S requested. This is one way to add it:

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2020, at 12:22 PM, Fritz, Jonathan D  
 <(b)(6)> wrote:

Stilly should have shortly. Almost there...

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Ortagus, Morgan D  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 12:05 PM  
**To:** <(b)(6)> Kissel, Mary E (S); Stilwell, David R  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D; Feith, David

**Subject:** Re: S wants a statement on HK — please see below

Hey guys just checking in because I don't want to miss anything.  
Are we close to a final draft for me to review?

Sent from an iPhone

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 11:20:02 AM  
**To:** Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>; Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: S wants a statement on HK — please see below

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<https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/145901/Liason-Office-'not-bound-by-Article-22'>

<https://www.voanews.com/east-asia-pacific/china-top-office-hong-kong-declares-itself-not-bound-basic-law>

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**From:** Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 11:11 AM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>; Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: S wants a statement on HK — please see below

I leave the content direction to Stilly. Just want S to say yes at the first pass.. tight is good. He specifically asked for (b)(5)

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2020, at 11:07 AM, Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)> wrote:

Did you get the direction to tighten up the statement. Suggest (b)(5) (b)(5)

Get Outlook for iOS

From: Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 11:06:22 AM  
To: (b)(6); Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)> Feith, David <(b)(6)>  
Cc: Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>  
Subject: Re: S wants a statement on HK — please see below

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 10:27 AM  
To: Kissel, Mary E (S); Stilwell, David R; Feith, David; Fritz, Jonathan D  
Cc: Ortagus, Morgan D  
Subject: Re: S wants a statement on HK — please see below

Excellent draft, only a couple minor edits:

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**From:** Kissel, Mary E (S) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 9:34 AM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
 Feith, David <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D  
 <(b)(6)>; Yu, Miles  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** S wants a statement on HK — please see below

Should be concise but powerful. (b)(5)

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See below for a rough. Fix it, make it better please. I don't know if you want to (b)(5)

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Let me know.

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<b>Recipient:</b>	Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>

Kissel, Mary E (S) (b)(6) >;  
Stilwell, David R <(b)(6) >;  
(b)(6) <(b)(6) >;  
Feith, David <(b)(6) >;  
(b)(6)

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**CC:** (b)(6); Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** (b)(5)  
**Date:** Tue, 26 May 2020 19:57:49 +0000

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**From:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:12 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Keshap, Atul <(b)(5)> Feith, David <(b)(5)>  
**Subject:** (b)(5)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:09 PM  
**To:** String, Marik A <(b)(6)> Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); Ramotowski, Edward J <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** (b)(5)

To State Department only:

In her email below, May Davis requested State views on including in the PP the following language relating to revocations:

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Director of Legal Affairs, Visa Services  
Bureau of Consular Affairs  
U.S. Department of State  
(o) (202) 485-7583

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**From:** String, Marik A <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:10 PM  
**To:** Davis, May M. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** Sinclair, Michael R. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>; Bai, Sue J. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
<(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** (b)(5)

May, (b)(6)  
Marik

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**From:** Davis, May M. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:58 PM

**To:** <(b)(6)>; Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R

<(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** Sinclair, Michael R. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>; Bai, Sue J. EOP/NSC

<(b)(6)>

**Subject:** (b)(5)

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Thank you!

May

May Davis  
Associate Counsel to the President  
Office of White House Counsel

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<b>Recipient:</b>	Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>;
	<(b)(6)>;
	Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>;
	Feith, David <(b)(6)>

<b>From:</b>	"HHS Operations" <hhs.soc@hhs.gov>
<b>SentVia:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	TFJP01 Diamond Princess Response <S_TFJP01DiamondPrincessResponse@groups.state.gov>; Coronavirus Global Response Coordination Unit <CoronavirusGlobalResponseCoordinationUnit@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: COVID Restricted Small Group Call
<b>Date:</b>	Sun, 16 Feb 2020 22:50:02 +0000

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Sent from [Workspace ONE Boxer](#)**From:** OS Secretaries Operations Center**Sent:** Friday, 14 February 2020 21:42:38 UTC

**To:** OS Secretaries Operations Center; 'Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/WHO'; 'Ruggiero, Anthony J. EOP/NSC'; 'Liddell, Christopher P. EOP/WHO'; 'Kan, Derek T. EOP/OMB'; Blair, Robert B; 'Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO'; 'Williams, Michael B. EOP/WHO'; 'Hudson, Renee R. EOP/WHO'; 'Sinclair, Michael R. EOP/NSC'; 'Joel.Szabat(b)(6)'; 'Bonner, Maria K. EOP/WHO'; Harrison, Brian (HHS/IOS); Marty Cetron (CDC); Kadlec, Robert (OS/ASPR/IO); 'Ullyot, John L. EOP/NSC'; 'AS2KTC'; Risch, Carl C; (b)(6) Butler, Jay C. (CDC/DDID/OD); (b)(6) 'Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO'; 'Telle, Adam R. EOP/WHO'; 'McKenna, Michael A. EOP/WHO'; 'Christ, Katelyn E. EOP/NSC'; 'Davis, May M. EOP/WHO'; 'Troye, Olivia EOP/NSC'; 'Pataki, Tim A. EOP/WHO'; 'Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO'; 'Nevins, Kristan K. EOP/WHO'; 'Victoria.Newhouse(b)(6)'; 'Ditto, Jessica E. EOP/WHO'; 'McMillin, Virginia D. EOP/WHO'; Stimson, Brian (HHS/OGC); Stecker, Judy (OS/IOS); 'Butterfield, Nicholas W. EOP/WHO'; Mesquita, Mario M; Yon, Hugo Y; Mango, Paul (HHS/IOS); 'Thallam, Satya P. EOP/OMB'; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) Waters, John R; Fritz, Jonathan D; McGowan, Robert (Kyle) (CDC/OD/OCS); 'ADA-DE@faa.gov'; (b)(6) 'Fabina, Lauren C. EOP/NSC'; 'Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC'; 'Hewick, Catherine'; 'Fitzmaurice, Stacey'; 'Stufft, Julie M. EOP/NSC'; Wilson, John M; 'Reilly, Tom M. EOP/OMB'; Garufi, Marc (EOP.GOV); 'Abrams, Andrew D. EOP/OMB'; 'Elwell, Daniel (FAA)'; 'amie.kalsbeek(b)(6)'; Grigsby, Garrett (HHS/OS/OGA); 'Newman, Kim A. EOP/OMB'; William.ferrara; 'Bush, Thomas'; (b)(6) Dozor, Joshua (b)(6); OS Bibo, David; 'D'Angelo, Gregory B. EOP/OMB'; 'Bruno, Grace A. EOP/OMB'; (b)(6) (b)(6) 'Waterman, Paige E. EOP/OSTP'; 'Watson, Ian D. EOP/OSTP'; 'Scott.Calhoun@dot.gov'; Hattingh, Elizabeth F; Berger, Sherrie; 'Theriot, Nicole D. EOP/NSC'; (b)(6) Imbriale, Samuel (OS/ASPR/SIIM); Greene, Jonathan (OS/ASPR/EMMO); 'Yeskey, Kevin (OS/ASPR/IO)'; Shuy, Bryan (OS/ASPR/IO); Zebley, Kyle (HHS/OS/OGA); (b)(6) Murphy, Ryan; Hall, Bill (HHS/ASPA); Moughalian, Jen (HHS/ASFR); Shuy, Caitrin (HHS/ASFR); Johnston, Darcie (HHS/IEA); Pence, Laura (HHS/ASL); Arbes, Sarah (HHS/ASL); Charrow, Robert (HHS/OGC); Stannard, Paula (HHS/IOS); Chang, William (HHS/OGC); Walters, William; 'hillary\_H\_Carter(b)(6)'; 'angela.h.stubblefield(b)(6)'; Trueman, Laura (HHS/IEA); Fernandez, Jose (OS/OGA); Elvander, Erika (OS/OGA); Giroir, Brett (HHS/OASH); OS Hinz, Deborah; O'berry, Donna (DOT.GOV); Driscoll, John J CAPT USCG OSD OUSD POLICY (USA); Friedrichs, Paul

**Cc:** Chafin, Kelly (EOP.GOV); (b)(6) Steven.Bradbury(b)(6) Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD); Brownlee, Ian G

**Subject:** COVID Restricted Small Group Call**COVID Restricted Small Group \*\*\*Updated Agenda\*\*\***

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 Subject: COVID Restricted Small Group Call  
 When: Occurs every day from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM effective 2/13/2020 until 3/13/2020. Eastern Standard Time  
 Where: (b)(6)

COVID Restricted Small Group \*\*\*Updated Agenda\*\*\*

Date: Daily at 0900ET

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nCoV Task Force Action Items

15 February 2020

Action Items

1Diamond Princess AMCITS Repatriation ASPR ? Dr. Kadlec

State ? (b)(6)

2Containment and Mitigation Plans NSC ? Anthony Ruggiero

3WHO Team OGA ? Garrett Grigsby

4Diagnostic Update CDC ? Dan Jernigan

5Cabinet Call Readout OCA ? Kristan Nevins

HHS ? Brian Harrison

Rolling Items

6Contact Tracing CDC ? Dan Jernigan

7Budget and Funding Review OMB ? Derek Kan

8Interface with Airlines OPL ? Tim Pataki

9Governors Outreach IGA ? Doug Hoelscher

10Hill Engagement OLA ? Mike McKenna

11Press Outreach NSC ? John Ulyot

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For questions, please contact the HHS Secretary's Operations Center at (202) 619-7800 or [hhs.soc@hhs.gov](mailto:hhs.soc@hhs.gov).

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
	(b)(6);
	(b)(6);
<b>To:</b>	Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>;
	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Tomorrow's (b)(5) State
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 23 Jan 2020 03:34:08 +0000

Agree.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2020 10:32 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Tomorrow's (b)(5) State

Fyi. Assuming this worked, can (b)(6) work with oes med and ca to ensure we link from one location. Let's try for no more than four on screen, note takers off camera, we can backbrief others later.

Jonathan, we have (b)(6) coming over, maybe we should push it back half an hour and skip triolo?

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

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**From:** Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>  
**Date:** January 22, 2020 at 10:25:04 PM EST  
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow's (b)(5) State  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)

Hi Rick,

Thanks very much for the update. Given your equities and operational considerations I'll check with Anthony first thing, I don't anticipate it being an issue. However, we may ask you to synch with State med (Will Walters) so that there is only one State SVTC on the screen.

Best,  
Phil

**Philip J. Ferro, PhD, MS**  
**Director for Countering Biological Threats**



**National Security Council**

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On Jan 22, 2020, at 22:19, (b)(6) wrote:

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Thanks, (b)(6)

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6) (b)(6);
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	Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>
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<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>
<b>CC:</b>	Feith, David <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Bremberg Conversation
<b>Date:</b>	Sun, 12 Apr 2020 20:15:32 +0000

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Buangan, Richard L

**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2020 4:03 PM

**To:** Stilwell, David R

**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D; Feith, David; Keshap, Atul; (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Bremberg Conversation

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Sent from my iPad

On Apr 12, 2020, at 15:45, Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)> wrote:

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**From:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2020 2:55 PM

**To:** Stilwell, David R <StilwellDR@state.gov>

**Cc:** Feith, David <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Buangan,

Richard L <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>

<(b)(6)>

**Subject:** Re: Bremberg Conversation

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Stilwell, David R  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2020 2:30 PM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Cc:** Feith, David; Keshap, Atul; Buangan, Richard L  
**Subject:** FW: Bremberg Conversation

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**From:** Stilwell, David R  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2020 1:57 PM  
**To:** Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Bremberg Conversation

Calling in five. Found this on Tedros' candidacy for WHO:

During the launch, it was stressed that the nomination of Tedros was based on merit and his prolific national and global credentials. His campaign tagline was "Together for a Healthier World."<sup>441</sup>

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**From:** Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2020 8:25 AM

**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Bremberg Conversation

Free to chat at 2 pm? I'll be at my desk. Can talk secure or non secure.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2020, at 12:17 PM, Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)> wrote:

Matt

Just had a long talk with Andrew Bremberg in Geneva about a way forward with WHO. Happy to discuss if you're interested, secure or open line. I'm in the office (happily) all weekend.

Best

Stilly

David R. Stilwell  
Ass't Secretary East Asia Pacific

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Birx, Deborah L" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(5)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: UNAIDS Cambodia field visit
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 13 Feb 2020 16:06:02 +0000

Totally. We moved our Asia review meeting  
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2020 10:28  
**To:** (b)(5); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: UNAIDS Cambodia field visit

Thank you Julia. I defer to the Ambassador (b)(5)  
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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2020 9:59 AM  
**To:** (b)(5); Birx, Deborah L <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** UNAIDS Cambodia field visit  
**Importance:** High

Ambassador and (b)(6)

We have run into problems with the UNAIDS field visit in Cambodia Feb 17-20<sup>th</sup>.

As of yesterday, China has informed UNAIDS that they cannot host the trip due other priorities – CornV. UNAIDS then transferred the leadership responsibility to the US.

Given this short change in 'lead', our embassy in Phnom Penh's workload due to the cruise ship that has docked somewhat close to Cambodia and seeking assistance to clear hundreds of Americans, and that our US senior health officials are extremely engaged in other matters, (b)(5)  
(b)(6) The number of participants is not large, but the government has been engaged and may be not pleased with a short notice cancelation.

I have alerted the Mission FO because of all the issues with WHO and travel restrictions, knowing that they would not want to connect this trip not proceeding with CornV. The DCM asked why China had not canceled the trip based on its lack of bandwidth to lead. While UNAIDS as assumed the US in the leadership role, he does not see this as an appropriate assumption.

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Thanks

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<b>Sender:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6); Biegun, Stephen E <(b)(6)>; Brechtbuhl, Thomas U <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6);
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: CLOSE HOLD: For Awareness/Review: Draft Employment Immigration Proclamation
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 22 Apr 2020 15:46:17 +0000

In response to WHCO's request to substantiate the justification for the proclamation, I recommend replacing the current language with something like this. Feel free to change/edit:

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:19 AM  
**To:** Biegun, Stephen E <(b)(6)>; Brechtbuhl, Thomas U <(b)(6)>; Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** FW: CLOSE HOLD: For Awareness/Review: Draft Employment Immigration Proclamation  
**Importance:** High

Colleagues,

Questions from Staff Sec included in this updated document. Suspense is noon.

Thank you.

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**From:** Keller, Catherine B. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:00 AM  
**To:** White House Clearances <WhiteHouseClearances@state.gov>; Blackwell, Juliana <(b)(6)>; Glabe, Scott <(b)(6)>; Mizelle, Chad <(b)(6)>; Gountanis, John <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Staff Secretary <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: CLOSE HOLD: For Awareness/Review: Draft Employment Immigration Proclamation  
**Importance:** High

A few highlighted questions for DHS and State are in the attached. Can you please review and let us know your feedback **asap (no later than noon)**? Thank you.

**From:** Staff Secretary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:07 PM  
**To:** Gilmartin, Kayleigh M. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; O'Brien, Robert C. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Hicks, Hope C. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Kushner, Jared C. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Miller, Stephen EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Philbin, Patrick F. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Navarro, Peter K. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Eisenberg, John A. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Farah, Alyssa A. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; DL <(b)(6)>; Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP <(b)(6)>; Kudlow, Larry A. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Grogan, Joseph J. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Hahn, Julia A. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Conway, Kellyanne E. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Gidley, Hogan H. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Pataki, Tim A. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Jack, Brian T. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Ueland, Eric M. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; Liddell, Christopher P. EOP/WHO <(b)(6)>; White House Clearances <WhiteHouseClearances@state.gov>; 'Blackwell, Juliana' <(b)(6)>; 'Levi, William (OAG)' <(b)(6)>; 'Moran, John (OAG)' <(b)(6)>; Mehrens, Nathan P - OSEC <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Staff Secretary <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** CLOSE HOLD: For Awareness/Review: Draft Employment Immigration Proclamation

All,

Attached is a draft proclamation to suspend entry of immigrants who present a risk to the US labor market during the economic recovery post-coronavirus. Please send any critical, red-flag comments to Staff Secretary by **9am tomorrow morning, April 22**.

Thank you,  
Staff Secretary



<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
Kissel, Mary E (S) [redacted]

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FAP-P-Office-DI <FAP-P-Office-DI@state.gov>:

**To:**

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**CC:** [redacted]  
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EAP-CM-Global-DL <EAP-CM-Global-DL@state.gov>;  
[redacted]

**Subject:** RE: U.S. journalist expulsions in Chinese MFA briefings

**Date:** Fri, 20 Mar 2020 16:48:02 +0000

I love this logic train -- because they treat everyone like a jerk, and because we treat others well, then it's only fair that they continue to treat us like a jerk while we continue to be nice to them. There might also be a hint of "the almighty Middle Kingdom doesn't have to play by the same rules as everyone else."

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**From:** Kissel, Mary E (S) [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 10:39 AM

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**To:** [redacted]  
<[redacted]>  
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**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D [redacted] (b)(6)

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**Subject:** RE: U.S. journalist expulsions in Chinese MFA briefings

(b)(6) this is a great messaging opening. . . they are admitting the difference between their propaganda organs and our free press:

From the first day that Chinese media established at in the United States, the United States has clearly known the nature of Chinese media

(b)(5) See today's NYT editorial, which praises the Secretary for making the distinction ("not apples to apples"). The U.S. media gets the joke.

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(b)(6) Propaganda to cover up an outbreak, after all, kills.

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(b)(6) **From:** (b)(6)

(b)(6) **Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 8:42 AM

(b)(6) **To:** (b)(6)  
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(b)(6) ; Kissel, Mary E (S) (b)(6)

(b)(6) **Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6) EAP-CM-Bilat Unit-DL <EAPCMBilatUnit@state.gov>; EAP-CM-Global-DL <EAP-CM-Global-DL@state.gov>;  
**Subject:** Re: U.S. journalist expulsions in Chinese MFA briefings

Dear OFM, CA, EAP/Press, R, and 7th floor colleagues:

(b)(6) FYSA - Please note a few questions from today's Chinese MFA press briefing on the U.S. journalists' expulsion.

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(b)(6) **From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 7:28 AM  
**To:** Beijing MFA Press Briefing <BeijingMFAPressBriefing@state.gov>; (b)(6)



3. US President Trump said at a press conference Wednesday that it's a war against the "Chinese virus," and it's not about racism at all, the new crown virus comes from China. Any comment? (Question 1, 2 and 3 are the same)

Some people in the US' attempt to stigmatize China's fight against the epidemic and shirk its responsibility to China. This practice ignores the great contribution made by the Chinese people to safeguarding the health and safety of mankind, defames China's major contribution to global public health security, goes counter to the professional opinion of the World Health Organization and the expectations and efforts of the international community to fight the epidemic.

We hope that the US will respect objective facts, respect international public opinion, do its own thing, stop flip-flops, stop slandering other countries, shifting responsibilities, and play a constructive role in the world combat with the epidemic and safeguard international public health and safety.

4. Can you provide details about China, Japan and South Korea's foreign ministers' video conference this morning on fighting epidemic.

The three parties agreed to explore ways to strengthen joint prevention and control, and jointly curb cross-border spread of the epidemic. The second key word is policy coordination. The three parties agreed to strengthen policy communication, close coordination and cooperation, reduce the impact of the epidemic on economic and trade cooperation and personnel exchanges, and stabilize the three countries' industrial chains and supply chains.

5. There're comments that the five Chinese media are Chinese Communist Party's propaganda unit, unlike the affected American media which are real media outlets. Any comment? (Question 5 and 6 are the same)

Relevant remarks from the US side have revealed their deep-rooted ideological prejudices. From the first day of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the United States, the United States has clearly known that China is a socialist country led by the Communist Party. From the first day that Chinese media established at in the United States, the United States has clearly known the nature of Chinese media. More than 40 years later, the leadership of the Communist Party of China is still the most essential characteristic of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and the nature of Chinese media have remained the same without change.

6. There're comments that the five Chinese media are Chinese Communist Party's propaganda unit, unlike the affected American media which are real media outlets. Any comment? (Question 5 and 6 are the same)

Each country's national conditions are different, and the methods of media management and operation are also different. Why does the US judge other countries' media in terms of its own ideology and standard? Why does it label the Chinese media willfully and unreasonably suppress and stigmatize Chinese media?

China has no intention to change the US political system. We hope that the US side can respect China's political system. If the US believes in the superiority of its system, as it claims, and believes that democracy and freedom in the West will eventually win, then why is it afraid of the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese media?

We hope that the United States can seriously reflect on what it has done, eliminate its "political virus" of the ideological prejudice first, and stop discredit and attack the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese media.

7. Secretary Pompeo said Wednesday in an interview that at this moment, China still focused on suppressing press freedom by expelling American journalists rather than fight the epidemic, and its true intention is to block the outsiders from getting the real information of the epidemic. Any comment? (Question 7 and 8 are the same)

The relevant measures taken by the Chinese side towards the US media are completely necessary countermeasures against the US side's unreasonable suppression of Chinese media outlets in the US. It is justifiable and legitimate defense. The remarks that China's

countermeasures aim to hinder the outside world from obtaining information on the epidemic are totally groundless, and those who made such remarks must have ulterior motives.

According to this logic, when the US expelled 60 Chinese journalists last month, did it try to prevent the outside world from obtaining information on the epidemic? If the US has foreseen the rapid spread of the epidemic at home in a month, and thus afraid that the Chinese media will reveal the fact that it has tried to cover? What is US's ulterior motive behind its deportation of Chinese reporters? Were they trying to conceal anything?

8. Secretary Pompeo said Wednesday in an interview that at this moment, China still focused on suppressing press freedom by expelling American journalists rather than fight the epidemic, and its true intention is to block the outsiders from getting the real information of the epidemic. Any comment? (Question 7 and 8 are the same)

In the face of the epidemic, the U.S. attempted to blame and shift the responsibility to others. It did not help the US itself in the prevention and control of the epidemic, but also did no good to the international community in cooperating with the epidemic.

9. The Brazilian president's son accused China of concealing the virus information, what's your response?

It is neither moral nor responsible to defame the Chinese government and people's efforts to fight the epidemic, which has not helped the international community's epidemic prevention and control efforts. We oppose anyone trying to stigmatize China, and we also oppose anyone's attack and smear against China.

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**From:** [redacted] (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:14 AM

**To:** [redacted]







The relevant measures taken by the Chinese side are entirely necessary countermeasures that China is compelled to take in response to the unreasonable oppression the Chinese media organizations experience in the US. The cause and responsibility for the current situation do not lie with the Chinese side. If any American media have different opinions, they should go raise them with the U.S. government.

2. For the expulsion of American reporters from three U.S. media outlets, what is China's basis for choosing these media outlets and what is the impact to China-U.S. ties? (Question 1 and 2 are the same)

We urge the United States to take off its ideological colored glasses, abandon the Cold War mentality and zero-sum thinking, and do more things that are conducive to mutual trust and cooperation between China and the United States. China does not stir up trouble, but we are not afraid of it. We urge the United States to stop suppressing the Chinese media immediately, otherwise the United States will suffer even greater losses.

3. Is China concerned the American side will take further countermeasures?

We urge the United States to immediately change course, correct mistakes, and stop political oppression and unreasonable restrictions on Chinese media. If the United States insists on walking further down the wrong path, China will be forced to take further countermeasures.

The United States once said that all options are on the table. Today, I would also like to tell the U.S. side the same thing: that all the options are also on the table of the Chinese side.

4. U.S. Secretary of State Pompeo said in an interview that China's approach is not reciprocal to the previous U.S. approach, because Chinese media listed by the United States as "foreign missions" have publicly acknowledged that they are part of the Chinese government but the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, and Time Magazine all have been criticized by the US government and none of them is part of the U.S. government. So why does China call it reciprocal?

In terms of news and public opinion, we also adhere to the path that conforms to our own reality. Chinese media have always carried out news reporting within the scope of the Constitution and the law. Chinese media in the United States have always complied with U.S. laws, adhered to journalistic ethics, and conducted news reporting normally. The United States should not proceed

from ideological prejudice, use its own standards and likes and dislikes to judge media in other countries, and it must not unreasonably suppress Chinese media. The U.S. government has been constantly bolstering the wrong words and deeds of some American media. According to the logic of the U.S. side, do these media also take orders from the government? What is the relationship between them and the government and interest groups?

5. In the measures announced by the Chinese side, foreign media reporters in China are required to return press cards within ten days. Will these reporters be deported after ten days?

As for their departure, China will follow the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on News Coverage by Permanent Offices of Foreign Media Organizations and Foreign Journalists, which is often referred to as State Council Decree 537, and China's entry and exit laws and regulations, and in light of the actual situation, including the current epidemic situation, to deal with the related issue.

6. On the 16th, the Czech Prime Minister said the Czech Republic had sent a military aircraft to China to transport the new coronavirus test kit purchased from China. Can you confirm?

The Czech people are facing difficulties at the moment, China would like to offer Czech Republic its support and help. With the full support and assistance of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other departments, the Czech military aircraft loaded with the new coronavirus test kit left China for the Czech Republic last night. China is willing to further strengthen communication and cooperation with the Czech Republic, work together to fight the epidemic in the next stage, and maintain public health security in both countries and the world.

7. Any comment on Chinese companies like Alibaba sending medical supplies to the US?

After the outbreak, many American companies, non-governmental organizations and individuals have been providing China with active support. We appreciate that. Likewise, with the development of the epidemic situation in the United States, quite a few Chinese local authorities and non-governmental organizations have offered help to the United States. In the face of the epidemic, the international community including the United States and China should all work together to fight the epidemic and jointly maintain the global public health and security and well-being of mankind.

8. Is China worried the U.S. nationals might have a worse sense of what is going on in China because of this expulsion of American journalists?

China's fundamental state policy of opening-up has not changed and will not change. Foreign media organizations and journalists who cover stories in accordance with laws and regulations are always welcome in China, and will get continued assistance from our side. What we reject is ideological bias against China, fake news made in the name of press freedom, and breaches of journalism ethics. We call on foreign media outlets and journalists to play a positive role in advancing the mutual understanding between China and the rest of the world. We will continue to provide convenience and support for the normal operation and reporting of foreign media outlets and journalists in China.

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MFA Briefing

Spokesperson: Geng Shuang

Date: March 19, 2020

1. Many in the US said Chinese state news outlets, such as CCTV, Xinhua, and China Daily, can be watched or read freely in the US, while no foreign media reports can publish inside China, so the reciprocity that China claimed doesn't make sense. Any comment? (Question 1 and 2 are the same)

The national conditions of each country are different, and the environment of public opinion and the ecology of media are also different in each country. Also, every country has different laws and regulations on media management. So, I think all countries should respect each other's national conditions and usual practices in this regard.

2. Many in the US said Chinese state news outlets, such as CCTV, Xinhua, and China Daily, can be watched or read freely in the US, while no foreign media reports can publish inside China, so the reciprocity that China claimed doesn't make sense. Any comment? (Question 1 and 2 are the same)

What we reject is ideological bias against China, fake news made in the name of press freedom, and breaches of ethics in journalism. As I reiterated that China's fundamental state policy of opening-up has not changed and will not change. We call on foreign media outlets and journalists to play a positive role in advancing the mutual understanding between China and the rest of the world.

3. There're Chinese employees working with the five foreign media outlets had their employee card revoked. Any comment?

Relevant Chinese authorities deal with the Chinese employees of foreign media in accordance with laws and regulations.

4. In response to the U.S. suppression of Chinese media agencies in the United States, China announced countermeasures yesterday, in which the third article mentioned that the U.S. has adopted discriminatory restrictions on Chinese journalists in visas, administrative examinations, and interviews. China will take reciprocal measures. Can you introduce specific measures of US restrictions? What exactly are the reciprocal measures China will take? (Question 4 and 5 are the same)

In December 2018, the US asked the relevant Chinese media to register as "foreign agents" in the US. In February 2020, the US designated the five Chinese media agencies as "foreign missions" by the US, then imposed a cap on the number of their employees, in effect expelling Chinese journalists from the US. Facts have fully proved that the so-called press freedom advocated by the US is very hypocritical and deceptive. China has repeatedly made solemn representations to the United States on the United States' wrong practices, expressing its firm opposition and strong condemnation. Such outrageous treatment prompted repeated strong representations from China, in which China firmly objected to and strongly condemned the US move.

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In the face of various suppressions and discriminatory practices of the US side, the Chinese media have been holding back for too long, but have failed to achieve a good result. And the US side has even gone further. Regarding these unfair treatment and unreasonable oppression, the "double standards" and hegemonic bullying, the All-China Journalists' Association has revealed the US' hypocrisy and expressed a firm opposition on behalf of the Chinese media. We support the Chinese media to firmly safeguard their reputation and interests, and China will have to take corresponding measures against American media reporters in accordance with the principle of reciprocity.

6. According to media reports, the Haitian government asked Taiwanese ambassador Bernard Bang-zyh Liu in Haiti to leave within 72 hours due to a fierce quarrel between Liu and Haitian President Jovenel Moïse. What is China's comment?

At present, it has been a basic norm governing international relations and a universal consensus of international community to recognize most the one-China principle. In recent years, Panama, Dominica, El Salvador and other Latin American and Caribbean countries have followed the historical trend and established diplomatic relations with China on the basis of the one-China principle. China has carried out mutually beneficial cooperation with these countries on the basis of mutual respect that tangibly benefits the local people with fruitful results. This is in stark contrast to the situation in Haiti and other states have diplomatic relations with Taiwan, and relevant countries, including Haiti, must know the pain very well.

I want to emphasize again that the Taiwan authorities have no way out of "two Chinas" and "one China, one Taiwan." I believe that the countries concerned can soberly realize that the early recognition of the one-China principle is the correct choice in accordance with the fundamental and long-term interests of the country and its people.

7. Secretary Pompeo said yesterday China is shirking responsibility for the outbreak by spreading false information about the coronavirus. President Trump and many other US officials said on many occasions spokesman Zhao Lijian's tweet that implying US military is the origin of the virus is acceptable and irresponsible. There're opinions that China US relationship is deteriorating with the war of words that does nothing good to the world pandemic prevention efforts and could lead to a new cold war. Any comment? (Question 7, 8 and 9 are the same)

For some time, some senior U.S. officials, including members of Congress, have made many statements that attack and discredit China. These remarks do not respect science and WHO's decision and stigmatize China with the new coronavirus. It has aroused strong indignation of the Chinese people, to which we express firm opposition and condemnation.



Please see below for your situational awareness. Questions 1, 2, 3, and 5 are all on the personnel cap. Language is as expected.

Sarah

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Date:** March 3, 2020 at 5:04:55 AM EST  
**Subject:** PRC MFA Briefing for March 3, 2020  
**To:** [redacted], Beijing MFA Press Briefing  
<BeijingMFAPressBriefing@state.gov> [redacted]

MFA Briefing  
Spokesperson: Zhao Lijian  
March 3, 2020

1. The U.S. State Department said starting from March 13, it will cap the number of journalists from five Chinese state-run media outlets in the United States. Any comment? (1, 2, and 3 answer the same question.)

Based on the Cold War mentality and ideological prejudice, the U.S. State Department suppressed Chinese media agencies with political means in the United States for unexplained reasons. We firmly deplore and oppose it.

2. The U.S. State Department said starting from March 13, it will cap the number of journalists from five Chinese state-run media outlets in the United States. Any comment? (1, 2, and 3 answer the same question.)

The measures taken by the United States against Chinese journalists are groundless and unreasonable. Adhering to the Cold War mentality and ideological prejudices, the United States has been escalating crackdowns on Chinese reporters from listing them as "foreign agents," "foreign missions," to the so-called limits of the number of Chinese journalists, which virtually amounts to expulsion of Chinese reporters in the United States. It severely interrupted Chinese media's normal reporting tasks in the

United States, seriously tarnished Chinese media's reputation, and disrupted normal cultural and people-to-people exchanges between the two countries.

3. The U.S. State Department said starting from March 13, it will cap the number of journalists from five Chinese state-run media outlets in the United States. Any comment? (1, 2, and 3 answer the same question.)

On the one hand, the United States has been peddling freedom of the press. On the other hand, it keeps disrupting and obstructing the Chinese media's normal reporting in the United States, exposing the so-called hypocrisy of the press freedom. It is an out-and-out double standard and hegemonic bullying.

Under the current situation of China-U.S. relations, this move by the United States will cause serious negative effects and damage to the bilateral relations. We urge the United States to immediately change its course and correct mistakes. We reserve the right to take further responses and measures.

4. Countries and regions outside China have reported a total of more than 8,000 cases of COVID-19 infection. What has China done to help other countries affected by the epidemic?

At present, China's epidemic prevention and control has made significant progress, but it is still in a critical period, and prevention and control work cannot be relaxed at all. Many countries have seen the epidemic situation of the COVID-19-caused pneumonia, which has intensified in some countries. It is important and pressing for all countries to strengthen communication and cooperation in the field of public-health security.

China is now communicating with all parties in this regard, and has provided testing kits to Pakistan, Japan, the African Union, etc., and shared diagnosis and treatment plans with many countries. The Chinese Red Cross and related companies also provided kits to Iran and African countries. We also sent a team of volunteer experts to Iran. We will continue to carry out different forms of cooperation with relevant parties according to the development of the epidemic while continuing to do a good job in preventing and controlling at home, and provide support to other countries within our ability.

5. The State Department announcement says the U.S. was not planning to place any restrictions on the content of the media but that the administration was seeking "reciprocity" and a "level playing field." Any comment?

First, China has never put limits on the number of U.S. media organizations and personnel in China. The number of U.S. journalists coming to China is decided by the U.S. media, not the result of Chinese restrictions. As far as I know, since 2018, the United States has restricted Chinese journalists' normal visits to the United States by declining and delaying visas. At least 21 Chinese journalists have been



denied visas since last year. The U.S. side made mistakes again and again. This time, in the name of the so-called limit number, the United States is actually "deporting" 60 employees of Chinese media in the United States. Is this reciprocal?

Second, there are only nine Chinese news outlets in the United States, while there are 29 American media in China. Is this reciprocal?

Third, regarding journalist visa policies and visa fees, U.S. journalists in China can travel to and from China multiple times during the validity period of the visa, while the U.S. takes discriminatory measures against Chinese journalists in the United States by issuing only single-entry visas. It means the relevant Chinese journalists who made a short-term return to the country or visiting relatives must re-apply for a visa, and the visa fee is up to \$354, which is more than double the fee charged by the Chinese side. Is this reciprocal?

Fourth, apart from China, does the United States engage in "reciprocity" with other countries' media in the United States?

The so-called "reciprocity" the United States keeps talking about is virtually its prejudice, discrimination, and exclusion of the Chinese media. It is the United States that first broke the rules of the game, we have to fight back.

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**To:** Brownlee, Ian G [redacted]  
 Hand, Henry H (Beijing) [redacted]  
 Coronavirus Global Response Coordination Unit  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Coordinated State Travel Advisories for TF Concurrence by 0730 Tomorrow Morning 26 February  
**Date:** Wed, 26 Feb 2020 11:27:13 +0000

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This needs to be done this morning.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Coordinated State Travel Advisories for TF Concurrence by 0730 Tomorrow Morning 26 February  
**To:** Risch, Carl C [redacted]  
**Cc:** Bulatao, Brian J [redacted]

Carl,

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 [redacted], "Marty Cetron" [redacted],  
 "(CDC)" [redacted], "Ditto, Jessica E" [redacted],  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2020 10:52:49 PM

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On Feb 25, 2020, at 10:09 PM, AS2KTC [Redacted] wrote:

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Ken Cuccinelli

**From:** Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC

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**Subject:** Coordinated State Travel Advisories for TF  
Concurrence by 0730 Tomorrow Morning 26 February

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of DHS. DO NOT click links or open attachments unless you recognize and/or trust the sender. Contact your component SOC with questions or concerns.

Good Evening WHTF,

Please find attached four Travel Advisories (TAs) for TF concurrence. The travel advisory for Mongolia is not due to spread of COVID-19, but due to issues regarding travel,

transport, and other restrictions related to Mongolia's response to the outbreak of COVID-19 in the neighboring People's Republic of China. The other TAs are related to developments associated with epidemic spread in the noted countries. Please provide any objections NLT 0730 tomorrow morning.

Best Regards,

Phil

**Philip J. Ferro, PhD, MS**

**Director for Countering Biological Threats**

**National Security Council**

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted] (b)(6)

Brownlee, Ian G [redacted]

**To:** Arndt, Rachel M [redacted]

**Subject:** Fwd: FW: MSF sanctions exemption request for COVID-related work

**Date:** Tue, 18 Feb 2020 18:12:58 +0000

FYSA, in case there is a GTR action needed for American travelers.

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**From:** [redacted]

**Date:** February 18, 2020 at 1:09:25 PM EST

**Subject:** FW: MSF sanctions exemption request for COVID-related work

**To:** Coronavirus Small Group <CoronavirusSmallGroup@state.gov>

FYI.

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Outbreak Response and Biodefense Team Lead  
Office of International Health and Biodefense  
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U.S. Department of State

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2020 1:04 PM

**To:** [redacted]

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**Cc:** IO-Sanctions-DL <IO-Sanctions-DL@state.gov>; [redacted]

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**Subject:** MSF sanctions exemption request for COVID-related work

Hi all – [Redacted] is out of the office tdy and will hopefully return tomorrow.

Meantime, need to make sure we are all on the same page within State w/r/t the attached exemption request from MSF.

The no objection deadline expires on Thursday, 2/20, at 3pm. Appreciate hearing ASAP any concerns with approving the attached.

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" <[Redacted]>

Brownlee, Ian G

**Recipient:** Arndt, Rachel M



**From:** Leiby, Thomas J (Beijing) <[redacted]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:16 AM

**To:** Cook, Nerissa J <[redacted]> Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>

**Cc:** [redacted]

Prajit <LimsirichaiP@state.gov> <[redacted]>; EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Housekeeping for May 5 Virtual Like-Minded Meeting on Taiwan's Participation as an Observer in the WHA

Nerissa/Jonathan:

USUN Geneva reported that it received confirmation from France and Germany that they'll sign the joint letter. USUN Geneva is still waiting to receive confirmation from Australia and the Netherlands.

USUN Geneva also reported that the Czech Republic is considering signing the joint letter, and that the Czech Republic is more likely to sign if at least one other small EU member state (e.g., the Baltic states) will also sign.

[redacted]

Thanks!

Tom

**From:** Leiby, Thomas J (Beijing) <[redacted]>

**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 10:28 PM

**To:** Cook, Nerissa J <[redacted]> Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>

**Cc:** [redacted]

[redacted] EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>

**Subject:** Housekeeping for May 5 Virtual Like-Minded Meeting on Taiwan's Participation as an Observer in the WHA

Nerissa/Jonathan:

This is a quick note on where we are for the May 5 virtual like-minded meeting on supporting Taiwan's participation as an observer in the WHA. Before I begin, I'd like to thank EAP/CM's [redacted] for all of his assistance in setting the technical groundwork for the meeting as I've never used Webex before. Thanks again, Prajit!

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <[redacted]>  
**To:** Buangan, Richard L <[redacted]>  
 Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>  
**CC:** Keshap, Atul <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: H Asking to Hold on AM to S  
**Date:** Mon, 6 Apr 2020 13:55:54 +0000

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**From:** Buangan, Richard <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** [redacted]; Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>; Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** Keshap, Atul <KeshapA@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: H Asking to Hold on AM to S

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 9:49 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <[redacted]>; Buangan, Richard L <[redacted]>; Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** Keshap, Atul <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** URGENT: H Asking to Hold on AM to S

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FYSA [redacted]  
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Thanks  
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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 9:44 AM  
**To:** [Redacted] EAP-Staffers Mailbox <EAP-StaffersMailbox@state.gov>

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**Subject:** H Asking to Hold on AM to S

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Best regards,

[Redacted]

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 9:37 AM  
**To:** Harris, Robert K [Redacted] Legal-EAP-DL <Legal-EAP-DL@state.gov>; Johnson, Clifton M [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]; Cardno, Gwendolyn J <[Redacted]>; Waters, John R [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: For Flash Clearance (Due 4:30 PM) : AM to S to Declassify Mission China Cables on the Wuhan Institute of Virology

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Thanks,

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**From:** Harris, Robert K <[redacted]>

**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 8:27 PM

**To:** [redacted] Legal-EAP-DL <Legal-EAP-DL@state.gov>; [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted] Cardno, Gwendolyn J <[redacted]>; Waters, John R

**Subject:** RE: For Flash Clearance (Due 4:30 PM) : AM to S to Declassify Mission China Cables on the Wuhan Institute of Virology

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Hi. [redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 4:19 PM

**To:** Legal-EAP-DL <Legal-EAP-DL@state.gov> [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Fw: For Flash Clearance (Due 4:30 PM) : AM to S to Declassify Mission China Cables on the Wuhan Institute of Virology

L and H colleagues - apologies for the short fuse, flagging this clearance request for you too.  
Thanks much, [redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 3:44 PM  
**To:** EAP-P-Office-DL <EAP-P-Office-DL@state.gov>; Jordan, Eric A (P) [redacted]; R Clearances <R\_Clearances@state.gov>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; Fouss, B. Jamison (Wuhan) [redacted]  
**Subject:** For Flash Clearance (Due 4:30 PM) : AM to S to Declassify Mission China Cables on the Wuhan Institute of Virology

Colleagues,

Apologies for the flash clearance request, but for your review, please see attached an AM requesting the Secretary declassify parts of two cables that Mission China drafted regarding the Wuhan Institute of Virology. This information will be provided to Josh Rogin at the Washington Post for a piece he is writing on COVID-19. Please let me know if you have any concerns. Thank you!

Best regards,

**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" [redacted]  
 Buangan, Richard L <BuanganRL@state.gov>  
**Recipient:** Stilwell, David R [redacted]  
 Keshap, Atul [redacted]

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" (b)(6) >
<b>To:</b>	Waters, John R (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Paper
<b>Date:</b>	Sat, 29 Feb 2020 14:06:49 +0000

Interpreters@state.gov seems to be the mailbox - will send a query now.  
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**From:** Waters, John R  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 29, 2020 9:05 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Subject:** Re: Paper

Tx

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On February 29, 2020 at 9:00:53 AM EST, Fritz, Jonathan D <FritzJD@ (b)(6)> wrote:

I just emailed (b)(6) but he might not be the right POC at Language Services. If someone knows a better one, please do reach out.

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**From:** Waters, John R  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 29, 2020 8:57 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; Forden, Robert W (Beijing); Hand, Henry H (Beijing); (b)(6)  
Negrón, Ramon A (Chico) (Beijing)  
**Cc:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: Paper

Ivan just nudged again on this, said task force at wh needs it but didn't have more on logic. I can call language services unless there is a better option; I suspect they will be hyper responsive:)

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On February 29, 2020 at 7:36:37 AM EST, Fritz, Jonathan D (b)(6) wrote:

You guys know about this, and why so urgent?

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State colleagues,

Please see below and attached.

Do we have access to any translation services that can be utilized over the weekend? This request is coming directly from the COVID Task Force.

Thank you,

Ivan

**Ivan Kanapathy**

Deputy Senior Director for Asian Affairs

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Team

Can we get State or IC to translate this paper this weekend? Need it by end of day Sunday. Translating the graphics particulate important.

Thx.

Matt Pottinger

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Approved.

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On May 28, 2020 at 7:06:48 PM EDT, CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov> wrote:

Good evening Sir,

This month's In Case You Missed It cable is attached, and below, for your approval.

Thank you,

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REFERENCES:

SUBJECT: In Case You Missed It: Consular News, Tips, and Tricks (May 2020)

#### Notes from the Assistant Secretary

1. (U) All of us are asking now, what comes next? Building upon guidance outlined in Diplomacy Strong, I shared my vision for the reopening of consular operations worldwide in an email earlier this month. If you didn't receive the email, the same text is available as the View from the Front Office (GO Browser Link or GO Virtual/Opennet Link) on the 1CA blog (GO Browser Link or GO Virtual/Opennet Link). The bottom

line of that message is that your safety is our top priority. We will take a measured approach relying on data collected by you in the field, guidance from health and medical professionals, prudent fiscal decisions, and a steadfast commitment to the mission-critical priorities of protecting U.S. citizens and facilitating legitimate travel.

Transitioning through the steps of Diplomacy Strong is not just about getting back to normal, it is about recovering from a crisis. As consular officials, we know that recovery requires time. Your health is not just your physical health. Accordingly, please encourage your teams to plan for and take their annual leave whether they are able to travel or not. Telework is still work, and fostering good resilience means taking a break to recharge.

### **ConsularOne Update**

2. (U) Business stakeholders from all CA directorates and offices reached consensus to move forward on the following five ConsularOne services: Enterprise Appointment Scheduling, Travel Document Ingest, Line and Lobby Management, J Visa Waiver, and Travel Document Adjudication. Consular Systems and Technology (CST) systems engineering teams have begun work on these services with development of initial operational view models to aid the discussion with all stakeholders.

3. (U) The remaining seven services that will be moved into the requirements phase next are: Travel Document Cashiering, Travel Document Renewal, Travel Document Printing, Travel Document Replacement, Travel Document QC, Visa Allocation, and Diversity Visa Service.

### **Where Has All The Money Gone?**

4. (U) The impact of COVID-19 continues not only to affect people around the world, cause economic hardship, and force CA to reduce our services overseas to emergency ACS cases, but also presents significant obstacles to CA's financial situation. CA's business model is based on collecting fees from non-immigrant visa and passport applicants. Without those customers, we face the possibility of running out of funds. CA/C continues to work with Congress and the wider Department, which have already provided us with expanded spending authorities and supplemental appropriations, to help meet our commitment to our people. We ask consular sections to consider carefully any spending requests and limit spending to only what is required to conduct current operations. All other spending, including for training, should be thoroughly reviewed in light of significantly diminished funds availability.

### **CLI 2020 Results Are Here!**

5. (U) The 2020 Consular Leadership Indicator (CLI) results ([GO Browser Link](#) or [GO Virtual/Opennet Link](#)) are available! During the week of May 14, ICA sent feedback reports by email to supervisors who received CLI assessments from three or more people on their teams. To ensure CLI results are more accessible to all consular professionals, ICA compiled a [summary of Bureau-wide results](#). For other CLI resources and information about how to act on your results, visit ICA's CLI site ([GO Browser Link](#) or [GO Virtual/Opennet Link](#)).

**New Virtual Teambuilding Activities and ICA Featured Resource:**

**More/Less/Different**

6. (U) On May 21, ICA emailed all blog subscribers to introduce new virtual teambuilding resources for teams who find themselves working in different places. If your team is looking to maintain or rebuild cohesion and connectivity during this difficult time, check out these new activities ([GO Browser Link](#) or [GO Virtual/Opennet Link](#)) and let us know if your team has a favorite to add to the list. Similarly, as your team is thinking about restarting operations, consider using ICA's More/Less/Different tool ([GO Browser Link](#) or [GO Virtual/Opennet Link](#)) to think about which aspects you want to scale up, what you'd like to do less of, and any changes you might want to make in your processes. There's also a video snack which explains how to use this simple framework to help your team think through the adjustments you'll be making as we create a "new normal."

### **ICA Cable of The Month**

7. ~~(SBU)~~ This month ICA highlights a success story not yet reported by cable, but instead submitted directly to us from the Monterrey Service Center (MSC) ([GO Browser Link](#) or [GO Virtual/Opennet Link](#)). The MSC, which normally answers 600 routine ACS and special citizen services calls per day, has fielded up to 35 percent more daily inquiries since the outbreak of COVID-19 and subsequent closure of U.S.-Mexico land border crossings to all non-essential travelers. The MSC quickly innovated, adapted, and adopted a number of remote work best practices to thrive in unforeseen circumstances. Despite the prodigious increase in workload, the MSC team of 20 drew from prior crisis preparedness training, data analysis of call numbers and themes, as well as collaboration with colleagues in Public Affairs to shape consistent, real-time messaging across multiple platforms for all of Mission Mexico's nine constituent posts.

### **Let ICA Know What You Think**

8. (U) ICA is committed to providing useful tools and resources to help your team achieve its goals. To that end, we have begun asking one-question surveys in each newsletter. Please [share your feedback](#) here about how many articles you want to receive in each newsletter.

### **Executive Readiness Initiative for Foreign Service Officers**

9. (U) The Executive Readiness series returns with two thoughtful articles on the ICA blog. Chris Lamora, DCM Accra ([GO Browser link](#) or [GO Virtual/Opennet link](#)) discusses how his training and experiences as a consular officer have made him a better leader, and Mario Mesquita, Managing Director for Visa Services ([GO Browser Link](#) or [GO Virtual/Opennet Link](#)) and former DCM to the Vatican City, shares tips on how to prepare for the DCM/PO interview. \_

### **ALDAC – 20 STATE 42766: Implementation of the Citizenship for Children of Military Members and Civil Servants Act**



10. (U) On March 26, 2020, President Trump signed the Citizenship for Children of Military Members and Civil Servants Act (P.L. 116-133). This act amended Section 320 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to permit lawful permanent resident children, including adopted children, of U.S. military members and U.S. federal government personnel serving abroad to acquire U.S. citizenship without having resided in the United States. Please review [20 STATE 42766](#) for guidance on adjudicating INA 320c claims and, as always, reach out to [AskPPTAadjudication@state.gov](mailto:AskPPTAadjudication@state.gov) if you have questions about this cable or any citizenship adjudication related issues.

**20 STATE 48020 - Replacement Emergency Photo-Digitized Passports**

11. (U) [20 STATE 48020](#) was released May 19 and allows posts to waive fees and issue a second emergency photo-digitized passport (EPDP) in place of an overseas photo-digitized passport (OPDP) for U.S. citizens who currently hold an EPDP passport and are eligible to use the Form DS-5504 but cannot receive an OPDP because no OPDPs are being processed or shipped at this time. Other FAM guidance for EPDP issuances, e.g., that the validity period should be one year, continues to apply. EPDPs being issued to replace an expiring or recently expired EPDP for an adult must be processed using form DS-82 as Form DS-5504 cannot be used to issue an EPDP in the ACS system. Second EPDP applications for minors must be processed on a DS-11, notating "issuance per 20 STATE 48020" in the issuance block, as Form DS-82 cannot be used to issue a passport to a minor in Department systems. Only one parent must sign for the minor's application when the minor is otherwise eligible for a DS-5504. Execution Fees on Routine DS-82s

12. (U) Passport's Office of Adjudication has been informed that some posts may be charging execution fees for individuals applying for a passport renewal on form DS-82. For applicants eligible to apply using Form DS-82, no execution fee is charged and any post charging execution fees in conjunction with this form should stop immediately. Please carefully review [8 FAM 702.2](#) for the procedures to be followed when adjudicating Form DS-82 and send Passport Services' Office of Adjudication an email at [AskPPTAadjudication@state.gov](mailto:AskPPTAadjudication@state.gov) if you have any questions.

**Public Outreach and Digital Engagement**

13. (U) CA/P has created a signage package to help establish and maintain a safe and healthy environment for consular customers, staff, and visitors. The package, which is fully cleared with CA and A Bureau, including MED and OBO, includes signs that will help promote social distancing, control directional flow of applicants, and set expectations in terms of health and safety in public spaces. Also included is sign marked "TEMPLATE" that can be edited in either MS Publisher, Word, or Powerpoint.

Understanding that on-site and local printing capability will vary from post to post, the design is optimized to minimize the use of color while still being formatted to take advantage of the resizing and printing capacities of local commercial printers. The COVID-19 signage toolkit can be found on [CAWeb](#). If your post has additional messaging needs, please contact [CA-P-OutreachRequests@state.gov](mailto:CA-P-OutreachRequests@state.gov).

14. (U) CA/P would like to remind consular sections that now, more than ever, it is of the utmost importance for all posts to have a fully agreed upon and cleared digital crisis communications plan. Work closely with your post's Public Affairs Section to draft or update your post's plan. Designate a primary point of contact and backup in the consular section who will take the lead on digital communications during a crisis situation. Digital crisis communication plans should be updated and refreshed annually. Please

contact CA's Digital Engagement Team ([CA-DigitalEngagement@state.gov](mailto:CA-DigitalEngagement@state.gov)) with any questions, for training, or for assistance.

15. (U) CA/P and Global Public Affairs (GPA) have collaborated to produce the most successful social media advertising campaign the Department has ever run, to promote COVID-19 related safety information for U.S. citizens. With evacuation efforts winding down, we are shifting our advertising messaging from evacuation information to focus now on how our commitment to keep them safe abroad endures, and encouraging those who may apply for a U.S. passport to wait to do so if they can. The ads are running continuously on Facebook, Instagram and Reddit, and have driven more than 40 million people to click to see the information on [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) since March 27.

16. (U) May 25, 2020 is IPCA Awareness Day. CA/P and CA/OCS/CI coordinated to produce a social media ad campaign targeting people who could be potentially at risk for committing IPCA. The goal of the campaign is to inform potential taking parents that IPCA is a crime, inform potential left behind parents of prevention methods, and prevent IPCA before it occurs. The ads will run on Facebook from May 19 - June 1.

17. (U) CA/P's Digital Engagement Team is proud to share @travelgov Instagram account now has more than 16,300 followers, with about 6,000 of those followers acquired within the past six weeks. Since the inception of the account, our SMART goal included gaining at least 10,000 followers by March 2020. Having achieved that goal, we will continue to use Instagram to achieve brand awareness and recognition, keep Americans safe overseas, and raise the profile of consular work.

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#### **Existing Extension Procedures for Special Immigrant Visa Applicants**

19. ~~(SBU)~~ The Visa Office has received several inquiries regarding certain U.S. Government employees who are seeking or have been granted Special Immigrant status (visa category SE) and whose application process or planned travel has been impacted or delayed by COVID-19. As described in the e-mail blast sent on May 14 ("Message to posts: Existing extension procedures for Special Immigrant Visa applicants"), there are no new policies or changes in policy; the extension process already in place for SE-SIV applicants also covers those whose plans are affected by the pandemic. (Please also note that different requirements and timelines apply to Afghan

and Iraqi SIV applications in the SQ and SI categories.) Posts are encouraged to contact VO/DO/DL at [SIV-LES@state.gov](mailto:SIV-LES@state.gov) with any questions.

#### **New User Role Guidance for ARSO-Is**

20. (U) The User Roles Working Group has decided to grant Assistant Regional Security Officer – Investigators (ARSO-Is) access to the INK\_OFFICER role. Previously, ARSO-Is were entitled to either INK\_QUERY or INK\_DATAENTRY, but systemic limitations prevented them from having both roles at the same time, which caused unnecessary administrative burdens. INK\_OFFICER combines the functionality of the two other roles and is therefore the only INK role ARSO-Is should be assigned, effective immediately. They are still entitled to the other roles noted in [7 FAH-1 Exhibit H-660](#), which will be updated to reflect this changed guidance on INK. Please direct any questions about CA user role policy to [CAUserRoles@state.gov](mailto:CAUserRoles@state.gov).

#### **Fraud Training Options during Telework and Social Distancing: Fraud Book Club 2020**

21. (U) The Office of Fraud Prevention Programs (CA/FPP) released the 2020 edition of the [Fraud Book Club \(FBC\)](#) earlier this spring. The FBC includes articles on strategic planning for fraud prevention units (FPUs) and validation study action plans. To get started click on the first assignment, [Quick Start Guide to Setting up your Fraud Book Club](#). After selecting your training article, invite your participants to an FBC group chat to discuss what you learned. The FBC is a curated list of [Fraud Digest](#) articles and other pertinent reading material chosen by the CA/FPP Training Team for use in an at-post consular fraud prevention training curriculum. It can be found alongside other fraud training resources on CAWeb. Each of the 26 reading assignments introduces a fraud skill or concept and reinforces a fraud prevention best practice across various consular operations. While the FBC does not replace formal consular fraud prevention training, it is an easy way to keep your fraud training going under exceptional circumstances. If accessing via GO Browser, use the following links.

[Fraud Book Club and Quick Start Guide](#)  
[Fraud Digest](#)

#### **Visa Office Process on Sharing Data with Foreign Governments**

22. ~~(SBU)~~ The Visa Office has an established process in which U.S. visa data is shared with foreign governments, regulated by Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), which renders visa records confidential and only permits disclosure of the records for “the formulation, amendment, administration, or enforcement of the immigration, nationality, and other laws of the United States;” or under certain other limited circumstances. If posts are either approached by a foreign government about obtaining U.S. visa data, or posts are seeking proactively to share U.S. visa data with a foreign government, posts must carefully review the guidance in [9 FAM 603.2-7](#), including as applicable the specific procedures for complying with our [information sharing agreements with Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom](#), and direct any questions to [222fClearances@state.gov](mailto:222fClearances@state.gov). Upon receipt of the request, an attorney will review the individual requests for disclosure for legal compliance with INA 222(f).



**DS 160 Reminder**

23. ~~(SBU)~~ It is very important that a DS-160 is included in any NIV case. When the DS-160 is loaded into the NIV case it becomes part of the vetting package that is sent to interagency partners, who use data from the structured fields of the form to screen applicants for national security threats. Failure to utilize a properly completed DS-160 and the structured fields it utilizes could result in failure to identify an individual with a national security ineligibility. See 9 FAM 403.2-5 (A)(b), which lays out specific guidelines posts should be following in instances where a DS-160 is unavailable.

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**INK 4.1 Deployment Deadline May 29, 2020**

25. ~~(SBU)~~ Posts are reminded that the deadline for deployment of INK 4.1 is May 29. The INK 1.4 release includes implementation of technical enhancements in support of Windows 10 as well as security enhancements to help minimize security vulnerabilities when processing in the INK application. The INK 1.4 software and documentation - Software Release Notice (SRN), Installation Guide (IG), and User Manual (UM) are available for download from the Configuration Control (CC) SharePoint site.

**Activate GSS Immigrant Visa Base Functionality**

26. (U) The GSS Program Team reminds GSS posts that the GSS contracts cover support services for both nonimmigrant visa (NIV) and immigrant visa (IV) processing. Not all GSS posts have activated the base functionalities of GSS IV services, and should take steps to do so by June 15, 2020. The GSS IV base functions are NVC/KCC appointment rescheduling; 221(g) appointment follow-up scheduling; K visa scheduling and IV correspondence support through GSS call centers. A guidance cable and webinar are forthcoming to provide additional support to posts.

**Reminder that Presidential Proclamations Suspending Entry Includes Transit**

27. ~~(SBU)~~ Presidential Proclamations 9984, 9992, 9993, 9996, and the most recent proclamation in effect as of 11:59 p.m. EST on May 26, 2020, suspend the entry of all aliens who were physically present within the People's Republic of China (excluding the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau), Iran, the Schengen Area, the United Kingdom, excluding overseas territories outside of Europe, the Republic of Ireland, or the Federative States of Brazil during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States unless specifically excepted by the proclamations. Travelers transiting any of the affected areas are subject to the suspension on entry. This includes individuals traveling on an immigrant visa. (Note:

Transiting does not include “Technical Stops” – flights that land in an affected area solely to refuel, in which passengers do not embark or disembark. Technical stops are not subject to the proclamations). Please reach out to VO/F for questions on any of the Presidential Proclamations.

### **National Interest Exemptions for Certain Professional Athletes and their Essential Staff and Dependents**

28. ~~(SBU)~~ On May 22, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Acting Secretary Wolf signed an order excepting certain foreign professional athletes who compete in professional sporting events organized by certain leagues, including their essential staff and their dependents, from proclamations barring their entry into the U.S. CA/VO does not have a full list of leagues, athletes, or their staff and families at this time. Many will be able to travel on previously issued visas. If contacted by an athlete, staff member, or family member with a valid visa, post should direct them to request their league representatives clear their travel with DHS. Posts that receive a request for a visa appointment through their appointment system should confirm with their DHS attache at post, or with regional coverage over their consular district, whether the individual's travel has been excepted by DHS as in the national interest. If confirmed, post may consider the application as mission-critical and adjudicate the visa application, if local conditions and resources permit. All other inquiries should be directed to have their league representative contact the DHS for guidance on whether they are on a list of excepted individuals. If post is satisfied that the individual is part of a league or group excepted by DHS, they may direct the inquirer to make a visa appointment, confirm their exception with their DHS attache, and adjudicate if local conditions and resources permit. Post should not request a national interest exception on any professional athlete, staff, or family member. Please reach out to your VO/F analyst with any questions.

### **Summer Transfer Season**

29. (U) As announced in 20 STATE 46232, the suspension of Permanent Change of Station travel and home leave for Department personnel has been extended through June 30. Anyone with concerns about their own summer PCS situation should reach out to [consularbidders@state.gov](mailto:consularbidders@state.gov) to discuss options available.

### **Summer TDYs to Support PPT**

30. (U) As mentioned in 20 STATE 43282, CA continues to look for volunteers to process U.S. passport applications at domestic locations in July and August 2020. Catching up on this workload will be a priority for the whole Bureau and will have a direct impact on getting millions of Americans and others around the world back to work. PPT has identified need in 18 of its agencies throughout the United States. We encourage everyone with passport adjudication experience to support this vital mission, even if it means delaying PCS or return-to-post travel plans. Further, posts are asked to lend available support to domestic passport adjudication efforts, even as they arrange their own plans to reopen this summer. Volunteers should reach out to [CA-EX-TDY@state.gov](mailto:CA-EX-TDY@state.gov).



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(b)(5) but I don't plan on joining the call. Please let D staff know who from CA will be on listen-only mode. Henry?

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Morning. Here is the agenda for the 0900 call. We should plan to have Ops build our call and then connect to the conference line, since the conference line bridge often gets overloaded. Please confirm who will join, so I can let Ops know.

Thanks  
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 Garrett.Grigsby@ (b)(6) Cantrell, Benjamin B. EOP/OVP (b)(6)  
 Planning, David M. EOP/WHO (b)(6) Davis, May M. EOP/WHO  
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 (b)(6) (b)(6); Brian.Harrison@ (b)(6)  
 Hand, Henry H (Beijing) (b)(6) Darcie Johnston@ (b)(6) (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) Pataki, Tim A. EOP/WHO  
 (b)(6) jcb3@ (b)(6); Laura.Trueman@ (b)(6) Wilson, John M  
 (b)(6) Marty Cetron (CDC) (b)(6) (b)(6)  
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 (b)(6) Walters, William (b)(6) Daniel.Elwell@ (b)(6)  
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 (b)(6) Kristina Baum (OSTP) (b)(6) Grisham,  
 Stephanie A. EOP/WHO (b)(6) (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) (b)(6) > Ruggiero, Anthony J.  
 EOP/NSC (b)(6) Ludden, Christopher P. EOP/WHO  
 (b)(6) an, Derek T. EOP/OMB (b)(6) >; Ditto,  
 Jessica E. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Woolfolk, Jon J. EOP/OVP  
 (b)(6) Stuftt, Julie M. EOP/NSC (b)(6); Miller,  
 Katie R. EOP/OVP (b)(6); Bonner, Maria K. EOP/WHO  
 (b)(6) Sinclair, Michael R. EOP/NSC (b)(6) >; Blair,  
 Robert B (b)(6) Bonyun, Sean C. EOP/OSTP (b)(6)

**Subject:** White House Coronavirus Subtask Force Call + Updated Agenda

All -

There will be a daily **White House Coronavirus Subtask Force Call** at **9:00am**. Call information below and agenda attached.

Participant Dial-In: 1 (b)(7)(E)  
 Access Code (b)(7)(E)

**Please have only your senior or designated staffer on this effort call in.**

Thank you,

**Natalie Hurst**

Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff

The Office of the Vice President

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C"	(b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)	

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	Jonathan Fritz (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Fw: Report: PRC flooding Facebook/Instagram
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 6 Apr 2020 00:19:31 +0000

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** Feith, David (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 12:53 PM  
**To:** Buangan, Richard L; (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Stilwell, David R; Keshap, Atul; Fritz, Jonathan D; (b)(6) Whitaker, Frank (Beijing); Walker, Scott C (Beijing); (b)(6) (b)(6) R; EAP-Staffers Mailbox  
**Subject:** Report: PRC flooding Facebook/Instagram

Thread: EXCLUSIVE: China has been flooding Facebook and Instagram with undisclosed political adverts valorising its coronavirus response

and attacking Donald Trump. Many were able to sidestep Facebook's strict controls, obscuring their cost + who they targeted.

<https://twitter.com/LFDodds/status/1246732273522577408?s=20>

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David Feith  
Senior Advisor  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (EAP)  
U.S. Department of State

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" (b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	Jonathan Fritz (b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Birx, Deborah L" (b)(6)
<b>SentVia:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	(UPDATE) Senior Staff Meeting
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 15 Apr 2020 12:08:01 +0000

<b>Sender:</b>	"Birx, Deborah L" (b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" (b)(6)
<b>SentVia:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Declined: White House Coronavirus Task Force Principals Meeting
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 2 Mar 2020 21:02:49 +0000

<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" (b)(6) (b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP <(b)(6)>



<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>; (b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	CA-Staffers-Mailbox-Archive <CA-Staffers-Mailbox-Archive@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: FOR CLEARANCE: STEP ALDAC
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 24 Mar 2020 00:20:13 +0000

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Sent from [Workspace ONE Boxer](#)

On March 23, 2020 at 8:12:28 PM EDT, CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov> wrote:

Good evening, Sir

This is for you clearance. Evidently OCS would like this to go out tonight.

Cheers,

(b)(6)

ACTION ADDRESSES: ALDAC

INFO ADDRESSES:

CAPTIONS: UNCLASSIFIED

TAGS: CASC, CMGT

SUBJECT: Consular Messaging During Evacuation Operations and Managing STEP Enrollees through CCD

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Approved: CA – Carl C. Risch ()

Drafted: CA/OCS/ACS/EUR – (b)(6)

Cleared:

- CA: IGBrownlee ()
- CA: (b)(6) (ok)
- CA: (b)(6) (ok)
- CA/OCS – KMKing (ok)
- CA/EX: (b)(6) (ok)
- CA/CST (b)(6) (ok)
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- CA/OCS/ (b)(6) (ok)
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- M: (b)(6) (ok)
- D: (b)(6) (ok)
- P: (b)(6) (ok)
- EAP/EX: (b)(6) (ok)
- NEA-SCA/EX: EAI- (b)(6) (ok)
- WHA/EX: (b)(6) (ok)
- EUR-IO/EX: (b)(6) (ok)

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Julie Corby  
 Staff Assistant | Bureau of Consular Affairs  
 SA-17 12.100 – 5-6049 | HST 6535 – (b)(6)

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" (b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>; (b)(6) CA-Staffers-Mailbox-Archive <CA-Staffers-Mailbox-Archive@state.gov>

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Fwd: FOR APPROVAL: A/S Risch Email Message on Our People are the Priority
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 13 May 2020 18:16:56 +0000

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**From:** CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>  
**Date:** May 13, 2020 at 12:52:03 PM EDT  
**Subject:** FOR APPROVAL: A/S Risch Email Message on Our People are the Priority  
**To:** Risch, Carl C (b)(5)  
**Cc:** CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>, CA-Staffers-Mailbox-Archive <CA-Staffers-Mailbox-Archive@state.gov>

Sir,

For your approval, attached and below is an email message from ICA on "Our People are the Priority." ICA was hoping that you could approve by COB today so that they can include it in their 5/14 newsletter.

Thanks!

(b)(6)

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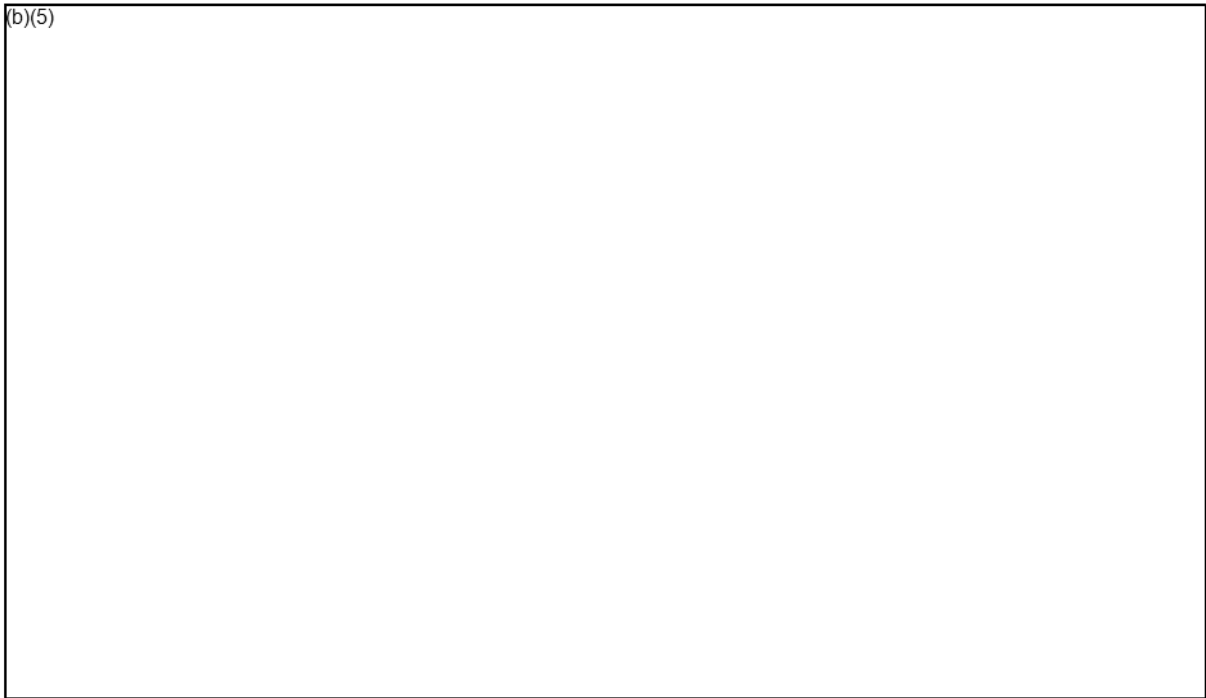
May 12, 2020

**ACTION MEMO FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY RISCH**

**FROM:** CA/R (b)(5)

**SUBJECT:** A/S Risch Email Message on Our People are the Priority

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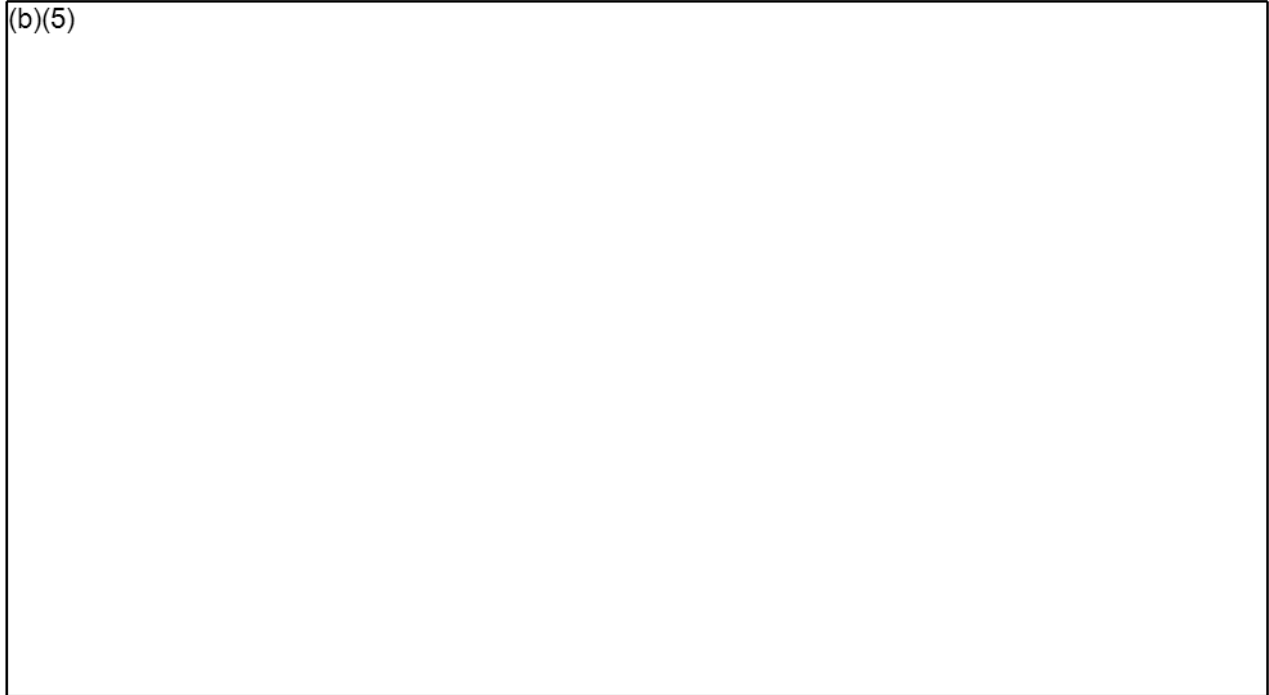


Attachment:

Our People are the Priority: Draft Email Message from A/S Risch



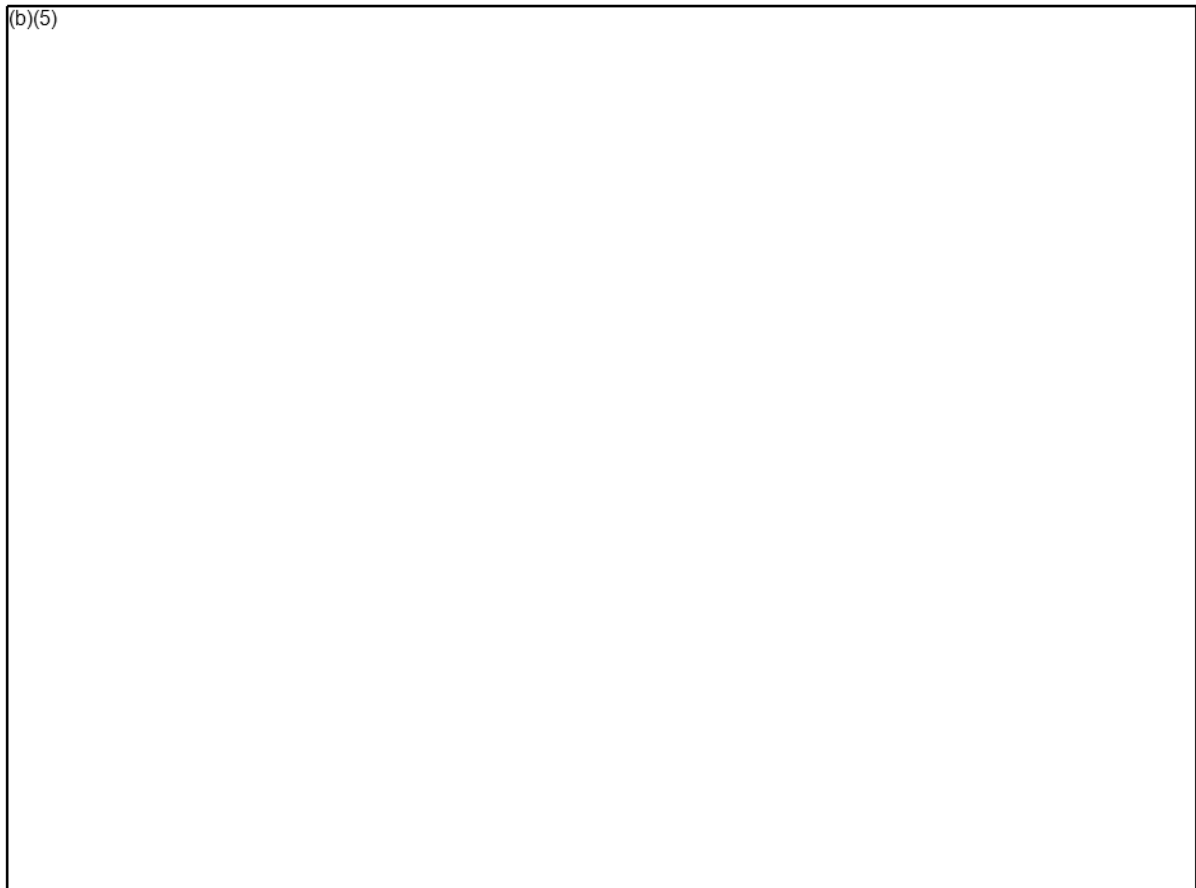
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CA Tasking Number: T0913-20

**Email Subject Line: Our People are the Priority**

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Staff Assistant  
Bureau of Consular Affairs  
HST 6535 - (b)(6)  
SA 1712100 (b)(6)

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" (b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

**From:** "Risch, Carl C" (b)(6)

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CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>;  
**To:** Brownlee, Ian G (b)(6)

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**Subject:** Re: WaPo article on Diamond Princess

**Date:** Sat, 8 Feb 2020 03:15:00 +0000

Thanks. (b)(5)

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On February 7, 2020 at 9:59:43 PM EST, Weinshenker, Jeffrey <WeinshenkerJ@state.gov> wrote:

Sir,  
 Quick update - thanks to Alyssa's fine work on press duty, WaPo has updated their story to include our line that "medical consensus and protocols state that the safest and most reliable way to prevent further spread of viral infections on cruise ships is for passengers to shelter in place" and they now cite a Japanese official saying they've seen no evidence of this spreading through the ventilation system. The author noted that the Japanese said they are still investigating how the illness spread through the ship.

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Best, (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Friday, February 7, 2020 8:13 PM

**To:** Risch, Carl C; CAPRESSREQUESTS; Brownlee, Ian G; (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: WaPo article on Diamond Princess

p.s. - Karin Lang (b)(5)

(b)(5)

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Friday, February 7, 2020 8:07:35 PM

**To:** Risch, Carl C (b)(6); CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>;

Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>  
 (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: WaPo article on Diamond Princess

We'll reach out to clarify and direct them to CDC.

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**From:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Friday, February 7, 2020 7:55:55 PM

**To:** (b)(6) CAPRESSREQUESTS  
 <CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov>; Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>  
 (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)

**Subject:** WaPo article on Diamond Princess

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[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/honeymooner-among-61-people-on-cruise-ship-confirmed-as-having-coronavirus/2020/02/07/30a980b4-4961-11ea-8a1f-de1597be6cbc\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/honeymooner-among-61-people-on-cruise-ship-confirmed-as-having-coronavirus/2020/02/07/30a980b4-4961-11ea-8a1f-de1597be6cbc_story.html)

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>  
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 CAPRESSREQUESTS <CAPRESSREOUESTS@state.gov>;  
**Recipient:** Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>  
 (b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6) Mesquita, Mario M (b)(6) Ramotowski, Edward J (b)(6); Parra, Yolanda A (b)(6) Brownlee, Ian G (b)(6) (b)(6) Lang, Karin M (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Actions from WH Task Force and D calls
<b>Date:</b>	Sat, 15 Feb 2020 18:55:36 +0000

Yes

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On February 15, 2020 at 1:27:21 PM EST, Renner, Scott M <RennerSM@state.gov> wrote:

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Scott

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On February 15, 2020 at 1:07:44 PM EST, Risch, Carl C <RischCC@state.gov> wrote:

I noted several action items, some already in stream:

1. Most urgent: (b)(5)

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6);  
**Recipient:** Mesquita, Mario M <(b)(6)>;  
Ramotowski, Edward J <(b)(6)>;  
Parra, Yolanda A <(b)(6)>;  
Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>;  
(b)(6) <(b)(6)>;  
Lang, Karin M <(b)(6)>





**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

November 15, 2021

Case No.: FL-2020-00071

Austin R. Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street NW, B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

As we noted our letter dated October 14, 2021, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has identified an additional 19 responsive records to subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all 19 records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact James Bickford, Trial Attorney, at [James.Bickford@usdoj.gov](mailto:James.Bickford@usdoj.gov) or (202) 305-7632. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00071, and the civil action number, 20-cv-01169, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeanne Miller  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

## The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

### FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
  - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
  - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
  - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
  - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
  - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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|----------------|---|
| ARMSEXP        | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)                    |
| CIA PERS/ORG   | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)      |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

### Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Benning, Douglass R <(b)(6)>
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Consular Operations in Dushanbe
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 14 Apr 2020 14:01:48 +0000

OK. I told the ambassador that it's not going to happen.

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On April 14, 2020 at 8:15:28 AM EDT, Benning, Douglass R <(b)(6)> wrote:

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**From:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 7:57 AM  
**To:** Benning, Douglass R <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Consular Operations in Dushanbe

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**From:** Pommersheim, John M (Dushanbe) <(b)(6)>  
**Date:** April 14, 2020 at 12:41:33 AM EDT  
**Subject:** Consular Operations in Dushanbe  
**To:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>

Dear Carl:

Greetings from Dushanbe. We are in the throes of the COVID-19 response and have been leaning heavily on our excellent Consul, (b)(6) to organize a charter to repatriate American citizens on April 20.

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(b)(6) We need some help to maintain our consular support in Tajikistan (b)(6)

Embassy Dushanbe is a single-officer consular post. I have two backup consular officers (from our Political and Economic section), but it's not the same as having an experienced, consular-coned officer with current experience and primary responsibility for consular issues.

Our new Consul (b)(6) is due to arrive in August, but we understand that he is available and wishes to come out early on TDY orders. He served here previously in the public affairs section and just left post last year, so he knows the lay of the land better than most. There would be challenges on finding an air connection to get him here, but there may be a special flight between Dushanbe and Frankfurt later this months. NEA-SCA/EX has committed to help us get (b)(6) to Dushanbe.

However, I understand that CA is hesitant to send out any TDYs right now. I ask your assistance in approving an exception for us. For me, as chief of mission, it is critical that Embassy Dushanbe continues to offer the most effective support to American citizens that we can.

Best Regards,

John Mark

John Mark Pommersheim  
Ambassador

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Benning, Douglass R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
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	(b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	King, Karin M <(b)(6)>; Mesquita, Mario M <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) Ramotowski, Edward J <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: One Pager for D
<b>Date:</b>	Sun, 2 Feb 2020 16:10:22 +0000

1. On the adoption issue, I told the WH on the 0800 call that I consider this task complete. D should know that this is my position, although I doubt highly this will come up in the 1600 task force call. I also reported that (a) our website has been updated; (2) we have reached out directly to ASPs and will host a call tomorrow; and (3) we are trying our best to work the two dozen cases involving PAPs in China.

2. On the national interest exceptions: There seems to be ongoing confusion on this issue, although State wasn't asked to address this at 0800. (b)(5)

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On February 2, 2020 at 10:25:03 AM EST, (b)(6) wrote:

(b)(6) from EAP has the pen. Carl, including you since you were on the 0800 call.

If it's already being worked, great, I think (b)(6) can provide detailed steers as needed.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Executive Assistant

Bureau of Consular Affairs

**From:** (b)(6) }  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 2, 2020 10:15  
**To:** (b)(6) }  
**Subject:** RE: One Pager for D

Thanks, John. (b)(6) in EAP/CM is pulling the paper together. I included you because I would welcome A/S Risch's views from the 8 AM call and what he sees as potential issues for us (if any). (b)(5)

(b)(5) 4 PM, we just need some background for D, so he

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(b)(5) I have to believe that beyond the current flights coming in around 5 PM, there will be other travelers who are foreigners with recent travel to China who also need to come to the U.S. for diplomatic/UN, and business purposes, etc. (b)(5)

(b)(5) But I defer to CA and A/S Risch on whether we feel that's been covered or not.

I need the paper from (b)(6) at 11:30, so welcome anything you can send her before 11:00 or 11:15.

Thanks!

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) }  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 2, 2020 9:45 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) }  
**Subject:** Re: One Pager for D

Hi (b)(6)

Good morning. (b)(5)

Before I cc a bunch of people...who has the pen on this?

(b)(6)

Executive Assistant  
Bureau of Consular Affairs

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Sunday, February 2, 2020 09:12

**To:** (b)(6) Fritz, Jonathan D; Waters, John R; (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** One Pager for D

Thanks again to all for the help with the paper for D. I'll need an updated one at 1130.

(b)(5)

I'm heading to the office in a bit and will be there before 10.

Thanks!!

Sent from my iPhone

**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>

**Recipient:** (b)(6) >;  
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(b)(6) >;  
King, Karin M <(b)(6) >;  
(b)(6) >;  
Ramotowski, Edward J <(b)(6) >;  
(b)(6) >;  
Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6) >



<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Fwd: RE: CoV -Cambodia
<b>Date:</b>	Sun, 16 Feb 2020 17:42:59 +0000

See press points below for consideration on Cambodia/Westerdam situation.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Date:** February 16, 2020 at 12:33:19 PM EST  
**Subject:** RE: CoV -Cambodia  
**To:** Biegun, Stephen E <(b)(6)>, Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Brown, Cale (b)(6), Bulatao, Brian J (b)(6), Risch, Carl C (b)(6), (b)(6), (b)(6)

Sir,

I see no factual inaccuracies within these points. (b)(5)  
 (b)(5)

(b)(6)  
 Executive Director and  
 Managing Director for Operational Medicine  
 Bureau of Medical Services  
 U.S. Department of State

(b)(6)

**Official - SBU**  
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**From:** Biegun, Stephen E <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2020 11:48 AM  
**To:** Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Brown, Cale <(b)(6)> Bulatao, Brian J <(b)(6)>;  
(b)(6) >; Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>  
(b)(6)  
(b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: CoV -Cambodia

Got it. We are going to need inputs from a broader set of folks, including consular affairs and med. We have a noon update call for the full set of coronavirus issues, and I will task this on that call. Here are the outlines of what the reply might be (these points need to confirmed by CA and Med):

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On Feb 16, 2020, at 11:09 AM, Ortagus, Morgan D

<(b)(6)> wrote:

(b)(5) See below. I've asked Cale to work on a response for me and he will show to you.

Of note we're close to getting on the plane for a 6 hour flt. I've been told there's a chance we don't have WiFi for most of this flt. Hopefully that doesn't end up being the case.

Sent from an iPhone

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**From:** Jakes, Lara <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2020 11:05:29 AM  
**To:** Brown, Cale <(b)(6)> Ortagus, Morgan D  
<(b)(5)>; PA Press Duty <PAPressDuty@state.gov>  
**Subject:** CoV -Cambodia

Hi all -

I just saw S's remarks on this in Dakar but wonder if there will be more said on it - like a statement on par with what was said/warned about the cruise ship in Japan. I noted that S (in Dakar) said: " mindful of the serious nature of the threat that is posed, especially in places that don't have significant health care infrastructure." and I wonder whether he means the US should have taken more responsibility on the front end, before the sick American pax left Cambodia OR if Cambodia should have done more. Did State consult directly with the CDC on this case before the pax were allowed to travel on? Any clarification appreciated.

Thanks

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Lara Jakes | Diplomatic Correspondent  
Washington Bureau | The New York Times

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(b)(6) @jakesNYT

<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: Request to change to Mission Critical status for NPC
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 27 Mar 2020 17:51:20 +0000

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**From:** Arndt, Rachel M <(b)(6)@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 12:19 PM  
**To:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); Benning, Douglass R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); CA-PPT-Special Assistant <CA-PPT-SpecialAssistant@state.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Request to change to Mission Critical status for NPC

Carl,

CA/PPT requests approval to add the National Passport Center to the list of passport offices open with only critical mission staff reporting, consistent with previous decisions, effective 11:59 PM March 27.

The Governor of New Hampshire issued a stay at home order effective at the above time. The order is attached.

After receiving approval, we will release non-mission critical employees from duty at the time the order takes effect.

Thank you,

Rachel

<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
 (b)(6);  
**To:** Elvander, Erika <(b)(6)>;  
 Koo, Han (OS/OGA) (CTR) <(b)(6)>  
**CC:** Burr, Mara <(b)(6)>;  
 (b)(6);  
 (b)(6);  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up from IO Talk Public Health Session  
**Date:** Tue, 21 Apr 2020 17:55:17 +0000

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**From:** (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:39 PM  
**To:** Elvander, Erika <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Burr, Mara <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <FritzJD@state.gov>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
 (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up from IO Talk Public Health Session

Erika:

Thanks for your comments below! I've copied a few others from EAP/TC who are also tracking the April 27 call.

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**From:** Elvander, Erika (OS/OGA) <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:40 AM

**To:** (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

**Cc:** Burr, Mara <(b)(6)>

**Subject:** RE: Follow-up from IO Talk Public Health Session

Dear State colleagues –

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Happy to also chat about this offline.

Cheers.

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 6:36 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Elvander, Erika (OS/OGA) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Follow-up from IO Talk Public Health Session

Dear (b)(6)

(b)(5)



We wish you a nice weekend and keep well!

Best regards,

(b)(6)

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寄件者: 洪煥仁

寄件日期: 2020年4月17日 上午 02:54

收件者: (b)(6)

副本: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

主旨: Re: Follow-up from IO Talk Public Health Session

Dear (b)(6)

(b)(5)

Take care and keep well!

Best regards,

(b)(6)

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寄件者: (b)(6)  
 寄件日期: 2020年4月17日 上午 12:25  
 收件者: 洪煥仁; (b)(6)  
 副本: (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)  
 主旨: Re: Follow-up from IO Talk Public Health Session

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Thanks!

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**From:** (b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 10:28 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Elvander, Erika <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; Sidney Lu(呂學祥) (b)(6)  
 csschang (b)(6) <csschang (b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Follow-up from IO Talk Public Health Session

Dear (b)(1)

(b)(5)

Best regards,

(b)(6)

寄件者: (b)(6)

寄件日期: 2020年4月16日 下午 10:25

收件者: (b)(6)

副本: (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6);

(b)(6) (b)(6)

主旨: Re: Follow-up from IO Talk Public Health Session

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Best regards,

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寄件者: (b)(6)

寄件日期: 2020年4月3日 上午 04:52

收件者: (b)(6)

副本: (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6);

(b)(6) (b)(6)

主旨: 回覆: Follow-up from IO Talk Public Health Session

Dear (b)(6)

(b)(5)

Best regards,

(b)(6)

寄件者: (b)(6) (b)(6)

寄件日期: 2020年4月3日 上午 03:10

收件者: 洪煥仁

副本: (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)

(b)(6) (b)(6)

主旨: RE: Follow-up from IO Talk Public Health Session

Hi (b)(6)

(b)(5)

Best regards,

(b)(6)

Global Health Officer, Office of Asia and the Pacific  
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From: (b)(6) (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:43 PM

To: (b)(6) <(b)(6)>

Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6); (b)(6)

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csschang (b)(6)

Subject: Re: Follow-up from IO Talk Public Health Session

Dear Han,

(b)(5)

Best regards,

(b)(6)

寄件者: 洪煥仁

寄件日期: 2020年4月3日 上午 02:34

收件者: (b)(6)

副本: (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6);

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主旨: Re: Follow-up from IO Talk Public Health Session

Dear (b)(6)

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Best regards,

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寄件者: (b)(6) (b)(6)

寄件日期: 2020年4月2日 下午 12:46

收件者: (b)(6)

副本: (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)

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主旨: Re: Follow-up from IO Talk Public Health Session

Hello (b)(6)

(b)(5) (b)(6)

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From (b)(6) (b)(6) To: (b)(6)

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(b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) Cc: (b)(6)

<(b)(6)> (b)(6) (b)(6) > Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2020

13:42:03 Subject: Follow-up from IO Talk Public Health Session

Hi TECRO colleagues,

(b)(5) (b)(6)

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Many thanks,  
Han

Han Ju Koo

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
	(b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	Koo, Han (OS/OGA) (CTR) <(b)(6)>; Burr, Mara <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

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**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
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**To:** (b)(6) >;  
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**CC:** (b)(6) >;  
 Beijing Consular Managers <BeijingConsularManagers@state.gov>;  
 (b)(6) >;  
 (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: CA/VO Documenting Potential Evacuees  
**Date:** Wed, 5 Feb 2020 21:46:51 +0000

Please keep EAP/CM (b)(6) on this distro as he's pulling together points for me to use with (b)(5) in a couple of hours on this very topic.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020 4:35 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** King, Karin M <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>  
 (b)(6) Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> Beijing Consular Managers  
 <BeijingConsularManagers@state.gov> (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: CA/VO Documenting Potential Evacuees

+ Beijing CONS overnight crew

Hi (b)(6)

(b)(5)

Thanks



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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 5:23 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)  
**Cc:** King, Karin M <(b)(6)> (b)(6)  
 <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> Beijing Consular Managers  
 <BeijingConsularManagers@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: CA/VO Documenting Potential Evacuees

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020 4:17 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)  
**Cc:** King, Karin M <(b)(6)> (b)(6)  
 <(b)(6)> Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> Beijing Consular Managers  
 <BeijingConsularManagers@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: CA/VO Documenting Potential Evacuees

Hi (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 5:02 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6)  
<(b)(6)> <RobinsonEE@state.gov>  
**Cc:** King, Karin M <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
(b)(6); Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>; Beijing Consular Managers  
<BeijingConsularManagers@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: CA/VO Documenting Potential Evacuees

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Thanks, (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:53 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Cc:** King, Karin M <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
<(b)(6)> Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> Beijing Consular Managers  
<BeijingConsularManagers@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: CA/VO Documenting Potential Evacuees

Hello,

Correct, the first group of 7 is on our manifest. The second group plus:

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(b)(5)

Thanks

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**From:** (b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 4:47 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** King, Karin M <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
 <(b)(6)>; Fritz, Jonathan D  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT: CA/VO Documenting Potential Evacuees

(b)(6) just to confirm that VO is processing the names below for DS-232 visa issuances and will ensure the conoffs in Korea take the visas to the consular folks on the plane for distribution in Wuhan.

(b)(6) nice to see the (b)(6) family on the list. To further confirm that the 7 names below are ON the manifest and would just need the visas to exit and MFA to confirm what their official line will be. I know DAS Fritz from EAP/CM is calling in 20 minutes. The last 7 individuals below will receive visas but are NOT on the manifest but my understanding is that we are doing everything possible to get them on.

Contact with the MFA is key at the highest levels. If post can make that happen. Please let us know how to assist.

Please confirm the above.

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); CA-  
 Taskforce <CA-Taskforce@state.gov>; CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC  
 <CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC@state.gov>; Beijing Consular Managers

<BeijingConsularManagers@state.gov>

**Cc:** CA-CCM-CORONAVIRUS <CA-CCM-CORONAVIRUS@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
(b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6);  
EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; Beijing POL Unit Chiefs  
<BeijingPOLUnitChiefs@state.gov>; (b)(6); Warr,  
(b)(6); (b)(6); Finkel,  
(b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: URGENT: CA/VO Documenting Potential Evacuees

Hello,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Thanks

(b)(6)

~~SBU-PRIVACY OR PII~~

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 2:32 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); CA-Taskforce <CA-Taskforce@state.gov>; CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC <CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC@state.gov>; Beijing Consular Managers <BeijingConsularManagers@state.gov>  
**Cc:** CA-CCM-CORONAVIRUS <CA-CCM-CORONAVIRUS@state.gov> (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; Beijing POL Unit Chiefs <BeijingPOLUnitChiefs@state.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: CA/VO Documenting Potential Evacuees

+ EAP CM Unit Chiefs, Beijing POL Unit Chiefs, (b)(6)

Thanks (b)(6)

Do we have any indication that the China Desk was informed that the Chinese Embassy will be reached out to on this ask? Before we engage the MFA here on any of these cases, we just wanted to confirm what coordination and socialization has been done with the desk.

Just as an FYI, we've already provided the MFA our final manifests. To date, they've been extremely reluctant to make any changes after we've submitted our manifests.

Thanks

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 2:11 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); CA-Taskforce <CA-Taskforce@state.gov>; CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC <CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC@state.gov>; Beijing Consular Managers <BeijingConsularManagers@state.gov>  
**Cc:** CA-CCM-CORONAVIRUS <CA-CCM-CORONAVIRUS@state.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** URGENT: CA/VO Documenting Potential Evacuees  
**Importance:** High

Hello Beijing Colleagues,

(b)(5); (b)(6)

POC on this request is (b)(6) (copied on this email).

DOS is working to approach China MFA with a supporting request meant to facilitate immigration clearance.

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:43 PM  
**To:** CA-Taskforce <CA-Taskforce@state.gov>; CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC <CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC@state.gov>; Beijing Consular Managers <BeijingConsularManagers@state.gov>  
**Cc:** CA-CCM-CORONAVIRUS <CA-CCM-CORONAVIRUS@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Congressional --(b)(6)

They are on the manifest for the 6 FEB flight and will be called later this morning with additional information about the flight.

Mark, we are still working on the evacuation flights from today right now and don't have the bandwidth to reach out to the staffer.

Can someone on the taskforce do that?

Thank you.

(b)(6)

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**From:** CA-Taskforce <CA-Taskforce@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020 7:40 AM  
**To:** (b)(5); CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC <CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC@state.gov>; Beijing Consular Managers <BeijingConsularManagers@state.gov>  
**Cc:** CA-Taskforce <CA-Taskforce@state.gov>; CA-CCM-CORONAVIRUS <CA-CCM-

CORONAVIRUS@state.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Congressional --(b)(6)

Hello all,

(b)(5)

Regards,

(b)(6)

CA Rep to Corona Virus Taskforce

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020 4:09 PM

**To:** CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC <CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC@state.gov>; Beijing Consular Managers <BeijingConsularManagers@state.gov>

**Cc:** CA-Taskforce <CA-Taskforce@state.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Congressional --(b)(6)

Rob:

This has been a complicated case. They are currently on the manifest for 6 FEB. It is our understanding that the father went to the Consulate in Shanghai today to do a notary service related to the child's departure.

The will be on the list for 6 FEB.

Nick

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**From:** CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC <CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC@state.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020 5:00 AM

**To:** Beijing Consular Managers <BeijingConsularManagers@state.gov>

**Cc:** CA-Taskforce <CA-Taskforce@state.gov>; CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC <CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC@state.gov>

**Subject:** Congressional --(b)(6)

Dear Beijing Colleagues,

Congressman Doggett's office inquired about the below U.S. citizen child (b)(6) who is in Wuhan with his Chinese citizen mother. Per the staffer, the father has sent a number of emails to the embassy and has received some correspondence but does not know if the child has been manifested. I don't see the name of the child or the mother on today's manifest. Please advise the Congressman's office if the U.S. citizen child is being considered for evacuation.

Regards,

(b)(6)

CA TF Rep

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**From:** Stotesbery, Kate (b)(6)

**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 11:37 AM

**To:** CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC <CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC@state.gov>

**Cc:** Beijing ACS (Beijing) <BeijingACS@state.gov>

**Subject:** Urgent: Request for appointment tomorrow (Tuesday) morning for urgent notary service with US Consulate (b)(6)

Hello,

Please see below urgent request, from an American father, (b)(6) who is currently in Shanghai, and working closely and urgently to help his wife (b)(6) (b)(6) get out of Wuhan. Mother and toddler are currently, as I understand it, confirmed for inclusion on the next chartered flight out. (Our office has been raising their case since last Sunday, to try to get them evacuated; they were excluded from the first flight and are running out of supplies).

**He is trying to take every possible precaution to with all of his documentation for (b)(6) this includes that he needs an appointment in the US Consulate Shanghai tomorrow afternoon. Given that they are focused on evacuation-specific requests, I know you will flag this with them ASAP to help him get that appointment.** His contact details are below if you would like additional info or to confirm it directly with him.

(b)(6)

Thank you in advance,  
Kate

**Kate Stotesbery**

Communications Director & Legislative Assistant

Congressman Lloyd Doggett (D-TX)

Rayburn House Building 2307

(b)(6)



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[@RepLloydDoggett](https://www.instagram.com/RepLloydDoggett)

**From:** (b)(6) (b)(6)

**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2020 4:45 AM

**Subject:** Request for appointment tomorrow (Tuesday) morning for urgent notary service with US Consulate - Shanghai for (b)(6) name-change documentation

Hi All,

As (b)(6) and (b)(6) are scheduled to depart on an upcoming evacuation flight from Wuhan, I would request an additional support item related to this flight a precaution that they do get on the flight through Chinese immigration. **I would request your help to allocate me a notary appointment time slot at Shanghai US Consulate for tomorrow early morning for me to get a few documents notarized for (b)(6) (no appointments are available via the US Embassy request site till late next week)**

**Backstory:**

(b)(6)

**Request:**

(b)(6)

**So, I am requesting your support to allow me to go to the US Consulate - Shanghai to get a notary showing the relationship of the name change which I will then take to the Shanghai Immigration Entry-Exit Bureau. I don't see an available date for tomorrow but can you assist to get an appointment early morning tomorrow (Tuesday)?**

**As insurance, if I can get these documents done tomorrow and probably Wednesday, I can then email them to (b)(5) to take with her so they may not have any problems at the airport with Chinese immigration.**

Thanks for your support.

(b)(6)

<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

(b)(6) (b)(6) ;  
 (b)(6)  
 King, Karin M <(b)(6) ;  
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<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: For JF pre-approval -- new 212f waiver: (b)(6) would do COVID19 genomics on mice
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 26 May 2020 13:57:53 +0000

Okay.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:36 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> (b)(6)  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** (b)(5)

Jonathan (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 10:27 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)> (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Pre-approval for new 212f waiver: Luo Zhiyuan would do COVID19 genomics on mice

Jonathan,

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:08 AM  
**To:** (b)(6); EAP-CM-Bilat Unit-DL <EAPCMBilatUnit@state.gov>  
**Cc:** China MCCA Office <ChinaMCCA@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
 (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)  
**Subject:** NIE Request for (b)(6)

EAP/CA and CA Colleagues,

(b)(6)

Thank you very much,

(b)(6)

*Office Management Specialist*  
 Consular Section  
 U.S. Consulate General Guangzhou  
 T: (b)(6) | E: (b)(6)

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6);

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
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 (b)(6);  
**To:** (b)(6);  
 zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>;  
 Wuhan OD Updates <WuhanODUpdates@state.gov>;  
 (b)(6);  
**CC:** (b)(6);  
**Subject:** Re: No stay behinds for non-COM personnel  
**Date:** Tue, 28 Jan 2020 11:36:42 +0000

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Understood in Wuhan, thanks!

Chris

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All:

After discussing the hypothetical scenario of an Amcitr OBO contractor being unable to board the plane tomorrow due to illness, we have determined that no ConGen Wuhan personnel should stay behind to accompany that individual. In other words, we are sticking with ConGen Wuhan’s current understanding of what to do in that situation. Thanks to Dr. Fierro and others for raising that important question.

Cheers,

Jonathan D. Fritz  
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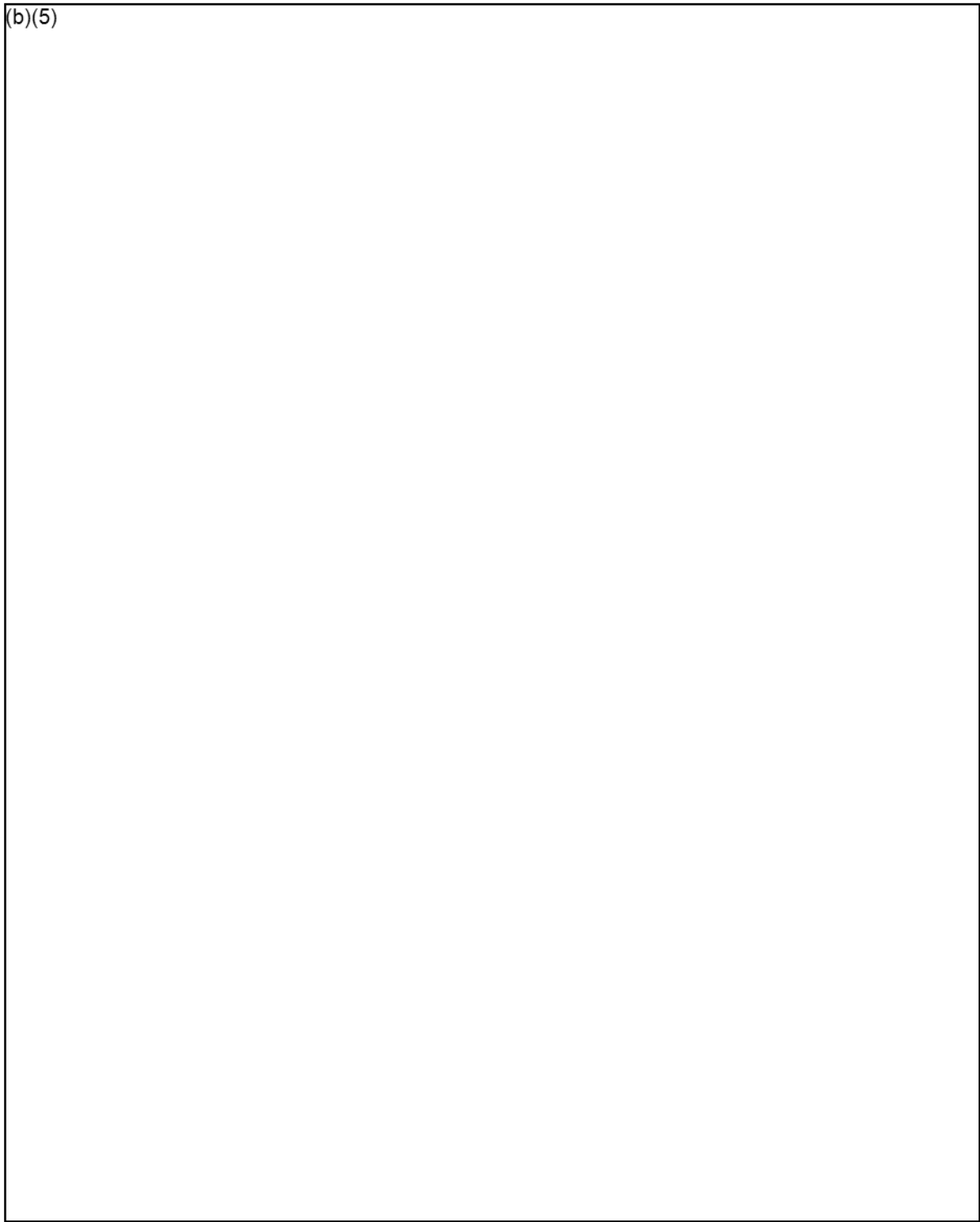
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What are the COVID-19 numbers in Taiwan as of today? Asking for my congressional hearing tomorrow...

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**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: Taiwan president cancels May 20 inauguration events over coronavirus fears

FYI. We would still need a delegation, though... but it seems the events will be smaller.

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**Subject:** RE: Taiwan president cancels May 20 inauguration events over coronavirus fears

During his lunch with DOT U/S Szabat, Representative Kao mentioned that President Tsai made the decision to cancel public events surrounding her inauguration, and making it a smaller, quieter ceremony instead.

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**Subject:** FW: Taiwan president cancels May 20 inauguration events over coronavirus fears

Hi Team,

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(b)(6) —Maybe this topic will come up during your trip.

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### **Taiwan president cancels May 20 inauguration events over coronavirus fears**

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### **American Institute in Taiwan – Press Summary**

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## **AIT in the News**

### **PRC's continues efforts to intimidate Taiwan and its friends**

Former AIT Director William Stanton wrote an op-ed in the *Taiwan News*, calling China a "bully" for its efforts to isolate Taiwan and block relations between Taiwan and the United States, as well as with other nations and even individual U.S. states. Stanton pointed out that during his own tenure as AIT Director, China attempted to stop several U.S. representatives' visits to Taiwan by threatening to pull out various trade deals or other acts of coercion. Stanton also pointed out the lobbying role of the National Committee for U.S.-China Relations, which tries to foster positive views of China in the U.S. while failing to acknowledge China's threats and intervention, even going as far as to call such accusations "lies." ([TWN](#))

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## **Cross-Strait Relations**

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### **PRC continues to press Taiwan's unification with China amid coronavirus crisis**

Despite the dire coronavirus situation, China's Taiwan Affairs Office (TAO) was still promoting the pro-unification 31 measures for Taiwan by having Taiwanese girls talk about the benefits of studying in Wuhan. The state-owned media *People's Daily*

(Overseas Edition) also reported that the Taiwanese young people had faith in China's efforts in containing the outbreak. A political professor from Taiwan's National Taiwan University, however, believed that Taiwanese students wouldn't be interested in studying in China and the measures would be unsuccessful due to China's poor handling of the outbreak, the nature of its autocratic regime, as well as its weak healthcare system. (LT8)

### **Report says China to buy 1.4 million body armor units for war with Taiwan, US**

As the Wuhan coronavirus spreads across the globe, China's state-run media outlet, the *Global Times*, announced on Saturday that the People's Liberation Army (PLA) is planning to procure 1.4 million units of bulletproof vests over the next two years based on analysis of the Chinese military's weapon and equipment procurement website. The report then cited online "mainland military enthusiasts" as speculating that the purchases may be aimed at the "threat from Taiwan secessionists and their US supporters." According to the "enthusiasts," purchasing so many in a short period of time could indicate preparations for "military conflicts" with "Taiwan secessionist forces and other imminent threats" in the coming years. In response to the article, American researcher Ian Easton, a fellow at the Project 2049 Institute, pointed out that an announcement by the U.S. Pentagon of a similar procurement of body armor to battle China would lead the PRC's state-run media and leaders to cry foul. However, Easton laments that despite such a massive purchase and provocative language used by its adversary, there was no mention of it in the U.S. media. (TWN)

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### **Wuhan coronavirus**

#### **Taiwan's coronavirus case No. 31 is 11-year-old grandson of a previous patient**

Taiwan confirmed its 31st case of Wuhan coronavirus (COVID-19) on Tuesday as the fifth member of one family, an 11-year-old son of Case 28, who is now the youngest patient in the country. The announcement by the Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) came on the day schools reopened following an extended Lunar New Year holiday, but the latest patient had not yet visited school, though he took classes at a cram school during the winter break. The CECC announced Wednesday that it is tracking down the young patient's cram school classmates to be tested for the virus. While the patient was diagnosed before he returned to his elementary school, the cram school classmates all returned to their respective elementary schools on Tuesday, potentially spreading the virus in the process. (TWN, CNA/FT, TWN)

#### **Foreign caregiver announced as Taiwan's 32<sup>nd</sup> coronavirus case**

The foreign caregiver of an man in his 80's who is Taiwan's 27<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 case has been diagnosed as the country's 32<sup>nd</sup> patient, the Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) announced Wednesday. The latest patient is a woman in her 30s who had been enrolled as a temporary caregiver for No. 27 at the hospital from Feb. 11 through

16. As she had already ended her term at the hospital, police had to search for her, locating her on Feb. 24. She was tested and kept in isolation at a hospital, the report said. At the time of the tests, the woman was reportedly complaining of slight throat discomfort. The health authorities are investigating with whom the woman had contact between Feb. 16 and 24 and whether she had taken care of any other patients or met other medical personnel. (TWN, CNA/FT)

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### **Su urges postponing pilgrimages**

With the traditional period for the annual pilgrimages dedicated to the goddess Matsu approaching, Premier Su Tseng-chang yesterday said that he had instructed Minister of the Interior Hsu Kuo-yung to ask organizers to postpone such events amid concerns over the spread of COVID-19. Matsu pilgrimages are time-honored religious events in Taiwan, but they would entail large crowds in the daytime and many people sleeping and dining under the same roof at night, raising questions about disease-prevention and containment efforts. Su that now is a critical moment for disease prevention, and he believes that Matsu would also want people to prioritize public health. The Huan Yu Matsu Cultural Exchange Association, which is organizing the ritual, said that it would be held next month and be attended by representatives of 100 temples, but it does not want followers to participate. Meanwhile, organizers of the Dajia Matsu Pilgrimage, the nation's largest such event, said that they were inclined to go ahead with the nine-day event, which is scheduled to begin on March 19. Cheng Ming-kun, deputy chairman of the Dajia Jenn Lann Temple in Taichung's Dajia District, said the public should trust the government, which has effectively controlled the spread of the virus, saying that the temple would cancel the pilgrimage only if "the city is locked down." (TT)

### **Kaohsiung cancels large government events amid COVID-19 outbreak**

The Taiwan International Boat Show and the Taiwan International Fastener Show, scheduled for March and April in Kaohsiung, have been postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak. In addition, the Kaohsiung city government has issued rules to cancel all indoor city government-related events with over 500 attendees to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Events with 100 to 500 people will also be canceled if they are held in confined spaces with poor ventilation or if the distance between people is less than 1 meter. (TVBS)

### **Boston Red Sox quarantine 2 Taiwanese players over Wuhan coronavirus**

The Boston Red Sox confirmed on Wednesday that they have placed a second Taiwanese player under quarantine as a precaution as the Wuhan coronavirus spreads across the world. The Boston Red Sox told the Boston Globe that 20-year-old right-handed pitcher Liu Chih-Jung had arrived in Florida to start spring training for the team,



but he was immediately placed under quarantine out of "an overabundance of caution." Taiwanese infielder Lin Tzu-Wei was placed under quarantine earlier this month. Neither player is reportedly showing any symptoms of the disease. Ironically, at 31, Taiwan has fewer confirmed cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) compared to the U.S., which has 57. (TWN)

### **China's Tianjin University claims it has developed oral vaccine for coronavirus**

China's Tianjin University claimed on Tuesday to have developed an oral vaccine for the coronavirus (COVID-19), to which there has been no simple cure as it continues to ravage the globe. Huang Jinhai, a professor at the university and leader of the project, has taken four doses without experiencing any side effects, reported Chinese state-run media outlet, the *Global Times*. (TWN)

### **Hospitals prepare for larger COVID-19 outbreak**

The Heping Fuyou Branch of Taipei City Hospital has been designated to accommodate patients diagnosed with severe COVID-19 coronavirus infection if a serious community-level spread takes place in the city, Huang Hung-meng, head of the Heping branch, said Tuesday. Huang said that as a communicable disease emergency center in Taipei equipped with 29 negative-pressure wards and other isolation tools, the branch holds regular drills to tackle possible occurrences of various communicable illnesses in the city. Huang said that in case of a serious community spread of the virus in Taipei, the branch will be cleared of other patients and will admit only serious COVID-19 patients. In addition to the Heping branch, Yu Tsang-hua, head of the disease control section of Taipei's Department of Health, noted that Taipei has 14 isolation hospitals that are also equipped with negative pressure wards and can serve as backup to the Heping branch. Taipei City government sources said the city is also planning to set up a quarantine center, which can be used for isolation of people who have had close contact with coronavirus patients. The Kaohsiung city government is considering measures to requisition negative-pressure wards in 12 designated hospitals according to Lin Li-jen, the head of the Kaohsiung Department of Health. Lin said the area's 12 hospitals have a total of 164 negative-pressure wards, which can be completely cleared to treat serious COVID-19 patients. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Economic Affairs said a group of textile makers, including Eclate Textile Co. and Makalot Industrial Co., have partnered to make more than 1 million protective suits and isolation gowns that will be provided to medical personnel around Taiwan through the Ministry of Health and Welfare. (CNA/FT)

### **Russia forcefully puts two masked Taiwanese under quarantine**

Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) admitted Tuesday that two Taiwanese citizens have been forcefully placed under quarantine by Russian authorities upon their entry into the eastern European nation. MOFA spokeswoman Joanne Ou said that two Taiwanese travelers were mistaken as Chinese nationals when they visited Russia. She said that the immigration officers regarded the Taiwanese as Wuhan coronavirus (COVID-19) patients since they were wearing surgical masks. Ou noted that the Taiwanese were transported against their will to a local health facility for quarantine. She said that the travelers were able to contact Taiwan's representative office in Russia and that MOFA has been negotiating with Russian authorities to try to clear up the misunderstanding. MOFA also warned that similar incidents, in addition to verbal and

physical abuse, have occurred in Russia and other countries and that Taiwanese citizens should be extra cautious when travelling. (TWN, TT, CNA/FT)

### **Yilan County asks school to remove tents used as temporary quarantine spaces**

The Yilan County Government asked the Da Jin Primary School in Dongshan Township to remove tents that it used as temporary isolation spaces for students with temperatures over the prescribed limit. After being briefed on the situation, the school was instructed by the county education authority to find a better approach, citing safety concerns. If students are detected to have a fever, some schools will temporarily isolate them until their parents come to pick them up. Da Jin principal Chen Chih-ming told the media that the school lacks sufficient facilities for quarantine, so isolating students poses a challenge. The tents are spacious and airy, he said, as they are built for eight people and have windows. However, the county government judged the approach to be inadequate and possibly a source of further infections, instead recommending the construction of new buildings. (TWN)

### **Ko visits school as classes resume**

As students nationwide returned to school yesterday, Taipei Mayor Ko Wen-je visited Taipei Municipal Shezi Elementary School in Shilin to inspect disease-prevention measures and suggested that parents should take their children's temperature daily before they leave for school. Five lanes were set up at the entrance to the school about 7am and students had their temperature taken with a forehead thermometer before they could enter the campus. The Taipei Department of Education has designated a contact person for schools to report problems or make suggestions, so that the measures can be adapted based on their feedback, Ko said. (TT)

### **Taiwanese pop singer accused of spreading fake news about coronavirus**

Pop singer Hsieh Ho-hsien was being investigated for spreading fake news about the Wuhan coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, reports said Tuesday. The singer, who also goes by the name of R-Chord, reportedly received a story in a private message from a friend in Canada and then reposted it on his Instagram account without checking the facts. The entitled "Weed kills coronavirus" which claimed that marijuana killed the virus. A member of the public informed the Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB), who decided that Hsieh, who is already under investigation for marijuana possession stemming from a December incident, should be investigated for the dissemination of fake news. (TWN)

### **Customs officials confiscate over 3,000 facemasks from Polish passengers**

Taiwan's airport officials confiscated 3,446 surgical face masks from two Polish passengers last Sunday, the largest single seizure in the country by air travelers since export restrictions were placed on face masks due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The travelers were Polish nationals, who flew from the United States and transited through Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TTIA) on their way to Shanghai, China. In view of the COVID-19 epidemic and to ensure there is a sufficient domestic supply, face mask exports, including those sent through the mail are prohibited until April 30, unless exporters secure prior authorization from the MOEA's Bureau of Foreign Trade.

Meanwhile, individual travelers are forbidden from carrying more than 250 masks out of Taiwan. ([TWN](#))

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## **Other Health News**

### **Seasonal flu infections decline as H1N1 virus claims nine more lives in Taiwan**

While the world continues its battle against the Wuhan coronavirus (COVID-19), the H1N1 flu virus has taken nine more lives in Taiwan over the last week, including a 29-year-old woman who died 10 days after her infection. During Tuesday's press briefing, the Taiwan's Centers for Disease Control (CDC) said that Taiwanese hospitals and clinics have received 52,135 patients with flu-like symptoms, a 14.7% decline from the previous week. The total infection number was also the lowest for this period of time in the last five years. Regarding the nine individuals who lost their lives to the H1N1 virus, CDC physician Lin Yung-ching said that the youngest patient was a 29-year-old woman who had suffered from diabetes and hypertension before also contracting the flu. Lin said that the woman had not received a flu vaccine. Lin said that the drastic changes in temperature Taiwan has been experiencing as of late can contribute to the spread of the seasonal flu. ([TWN](#))

### **Taiwan reports first imported case of Zika infection for 2020**

A Taiwanese man who recently returned from Thailand has been confirmed to have the Zika virus, the first imported infection this year, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) said Tuesday. CDC physician Lin Yung-ching said that the man, in his 40's from northern Taiwan, returned home Jan. 30 from a six-day holiday in Thailand. In the week after his return, the man visited the hospital several times for various ailments, but tests for dengue or Chikungunya fever were negative. It was not until Feb. 24 that he was confirmed to have contracted the Zika virus, but he no longer had symptoms nor was he contagious. Since 2016, there have been 25 cases of Zika infections in Taiwan, all of which have been imported, with countries in Southeast Asia being the major source, according to CDC statistics. ([CNA/FT](#))

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## **Foreign Relations**

### **President Tsai thanks German's support for Taiwan at WHO**

President Tsai Ing-wen met with German Institute Taipei Director General Thomas Prinz on Tuesday and thanked Germany for recognizing Taiwan people's right to health and demonstrating support for Taiwan by speaking on behalf of the 27 member states of the European Union (EU) at the Executive Board session of the World Health Organization (WHO) earlier this month. (LT8)



### **ICDF is helping other nations with banana disease**

The International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) announced yesterday that Taiwan is helping Central and South American countries fight fusarium wilt in bananas and was involved in a video conference earlier this month attended by nearly 500 experts from 28 nations. ICDF Deputy Secretary-General Alex Shyy told a news briefing at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taipei that the banana trade is vital to the economies of Central and South American countries and the disease poses a great threat to their banana production. Shyy also said that Taiwan has experience with the disease, having first identified it in bananas in Pingtung County in 1967. In related news, Shyy also said that Taiwan is helping the Marshall Islands employ hydroponics to improve its food production self-sufficiency, despite having infertile soil and inclement weather conditions. (TT)

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### **Local Politics**

#### **Special COVID-19 act passed and ratified; Tsai thanks LY for unilateral support**

The Legislative Yuan (LY) passed the Special Act on COVID-19 Prevention, Relief and Restoration yesterday, providing for a NT\$60 billion (US\$1.97 billion) special budget to help businesses and workers, and it was immediately sent to the Presidential Office, where President Tsai Ing-wen signed it into law, thanking lawmakers for the support across the political spectrum and demonstrating the efficiency of Taiwan's democracy. In addition to providing economic relief to businesses and individuals impacted by the outbreak, the 19-article act also enacts or increases penalties and fines for certain acts deemed violations of public health safety, such as breaking quarantine or hoarding essential medical materials. Also included is a provision to disclose the personal information of those who violate their ordered quarantines. The act is retroactive to Jan. 15 and is to be valid until June 30 next year, except articles 12 through 16, which took effect after the act was ratified yesterday. (TT, [CNA/FT](#), [CNA/FT](#), LT A2, AD A3, UDN A2, CT A2)

#### **KMT Legislator Wu Sz-huai will join SWAEHC instead of FANDC**

Instead of joining the Foreign and National Defense Committee (FANDC), KMT Legislator Wu Sz-huai will serve as the member of the Social Welfare and Environmental Hygiene Committee (SWAEHC). (LT A8, AD A10, UDN A6, CT A8)

#### **KMT continues internal fight over Fu Kun-chi's reinstatement**

The KMT will hold the party's Central Standing Committee (CSC) meeting today and the CSC members close to Legislator Fu Kun-chi were reportedly lobbying party officials for the reinstatement of Fu's party membership. Former National Security Council Secretary General King Pu-tsung urged the KMT's acting chairman, Lin Rong-te, to think twice about Fu's application. (LT A8, UDN A6, CT A8)

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## Economic News

### **Tourism sector expects \$6 billion loss due to coronavirus travel restrictions.**

Taiwan restrictions on travelers from South Korea, Japan, the PRC, Hong Kong, and Macao are has already resulted in losses of US \$3.3 billion to Taiwan's tourism sector and is expected to climb to \$6 billion for the first six months of 2020. The losses are primarily due to airline flight and tour cancellations. (UDN, COMM)

### **MOTC urged to help settle disputes**

Travel agents yesterday urged the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) to help resolve their disputes with tourists as more people are canceling their travel plans due to the growing number of COVID-19 infections in other countries and increasing travel restrictions and quarantine requirements. Chung Hsing Travel Service Co chairman Ringo Lee said that the ministry should bring travel agencies and airlines together to help resolve the disputes caused by tour cancelations. Dispute charges caused by tour cancelations prior to departure could exceed NT\$10 billion, Lee said, adding that the crux of the problem lies in refunds for cancelations. Lee also said that if that if the airlines, shipping firms and hotels do not offer refunds, and charge processing fees, travel agents will deduct these expenses from the money paid by the consumers. Facing consumers directly, travel agents would inevitably bear the brunt of the blame. While foreign airlines responded positively, Taiwanese airlines still processed ticket charges, he said. Minister of Transportation and Communications Lin Chia-lung said that the ministry does not want travel agencies to bear the financial losses and consumers' complaints alone and it has asked consumer protection officers nationwide to help resolve such disputes. (TT)

### **Industrial performance in January declined almost 10%**

A survey from the China Credit Information Service Ltd. on Taiwan's 791 stock-listed companies shows that their total revenues in January 2020 declined by 9.8 percent compared with the same period of 2019, and revenues in February are expected to be similarly low. (CT)

### **Taiwan women need to work extra 52 days a year to earn same pay as men**

The latest report issued by the Ministry of Labor on Tuesday shows that Taiwanese women need to work an additional 52 days to get the same pay as their male colleagues. The survey reveals that in 2019 the average hourly rate of female workers in Taiwan was NT\$292, which accounts for 85.8% of their male colleagues' hourly rate. The gender pay gap in Taiwan has gradually reduced over the years: from 17.9% in 2009 to 14.2% in 2019, said the ministry. The gender pay gap in Taiwan has been smaller than neighboring countries, such as South Korea and Japan, and even the United State over the years. In 2018, the gap in South Korea was 32.2%, 32.3% in Japan, and 18.5% in the U.S., while Taiwan's was only 14.6%, according to official data. (TWN)



**Taichung issues tenders for huge stadium project**

The Taichung City Government on Sunday said it has issued public tenders for a procurement project for the Taichung Arena, a NT\$6.5 billion (US\$213.3 million) multi-purpose domed stadium project and that it aims to begin construction in 2022 and complete it by 2026. Taichung Mayor Lu Shiow-yen pledged to begin construction, which has long been delayed, in her term. The stadium, which will accommodate 15,500 people, would be built in line with international standards to host sports events such as basketball, volleyball, badminton, futsal and combat sports, as well as cultural events and concerts. The composition of the bidding team must comply with the Building Act and bidders must be represented by practicing architecture firms in Taiwan, but incorporating foreign suppliers in the team is encouraged, the Taichung Housing Development Department said. ([TT](#))

**Taiwan to allow more migrant workers in local farming sector**

Taiwan is expanding the number of migrant workers local farm operators can hire on a trial basis this year, allowing them to work in different areas of the agriculture sector, the Council of Agriculture (COA) said Tuesday. The limit is being raised from 800 people to 2,400 for the year, and expanded to include sectors other than dairy farming, such as land-based aquaculture and animal husbandry. Migrant workers will also be allowed to work in more specific areas of farming, including orchid, edible mushroom and vegetable cultivation, according to the COA's Department of Farmers' Service. ([CNA/FT](#), [UDN](#))

**TSMC to recruit over 4,000 new staff for high-end process development**

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (TSMC), the world's largest contract chipmaker, said Tuesday it is planning to hire more than 4,000 new staff this year at a time when the company is gearing up to develop high-end processes to maintain its lead over rivals. According to TSMC, it has listed job openings on the recruitment Ministry of Labor's Workforce Development Agency's website and has also actively launched recruitment campaigns on campuses to expand its talent pool. The large number of job openings reflect demand for talent in a wide range of fields such as electric/engineering, optoelectronics, machinery, physics, production materials, chemicals, finances, management, human resources and labor relations, TSMC said. At an investor conference held in mid-January, TSMC said the company expects to benefit from solid demand for smartphones, high performance computer (HPC) devices, Internet of Things related applications and automotive electronics this year. ([CNA/FT](#))

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**Editorials and Commentaries**

Editorials and Commentaries discussed the threat China poses to Taiwan's national security amid the Coronavirus outbreak, Bernie Sanders' voicing his support for Taiwan's defense, the upcoming Dajia Mazu Pilgrimage' potential for being a hotbed of COVID-19 infection, and the death of Egypt's former president. Hosni Mubarak.

Media reports focused on the increasing public concern over the possible risks of Taiwan having a community-transmitted infection, specifically citing the upcoming Dajia Mazu Pilgrimage, Taiwan’s largest annual religious procession, which organizers say will proceed as scheduled on March 19. Some commentators urged Taiwanese government officials to be more assertive in its policies and communications and prevent the religious procession from happening. Some media discussed Taiwan’s 31<sup>st</sup> confirmed Covid-19 case and the impact of his diagnosis on the students who attended cram school with him. Media also covered the special budget under consideration to mitigate the impact of the outbreak, which includes providing some economic relief for hard-hit local businesses.

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**Media Reviewed:**

AD: Apple Daily (English CNA)	CNA: Central News Agency	CNA/FT: Focus Taiwan
COMM: Commercial Times	CP: China Post	CT: China Times
EDN: Economic Daily News	LT: Liberty Times	TT: Taipei Times
UDN: United Daily News	UEN: United Evening News	WD: Want Daily
CTI: CTI TV	ETTV: Eastern Broadcasting	FTV: Formosa TV
SET: Sanlih TV	TVBS: TVBS	Storm Media

**Publications Reviewed in Kaohsiung:**

CD: Commons Daily	TWT: Taiwan Times	CT: China Times
UDN: United Daily News	LT: Liberty Times	CDN: China Daily News

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American Institute in Taiwan

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<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Atul Keshap <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Feith, David <(b)(6)>; Kanapathy, Ivan <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6) (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Circulating on Sri Lankan Facebook
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 17 Mar 2020 02:26:49 +0000

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Atul Keshap

**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 9:26 PM

**To:** Keshap, Atul; Feith, David; Kanapathy, Ivan; Stilwell, David R; Fritz, Jonathan D; (b)(6)

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**Reply To:** atul (b)(6)

**Subject:** Circulating on Sri Lankan Facebook

CONFIRMED - FORT DETRICK, THE UNITED STATES BIOLOGICAL WARFARE LAB IS WHERE CORONAVIRUS ORIGINATED  
FORCED TO SHUT DOWN WHEN VIRUSES LEAKED AUGUST 2019  
US SOLDIERS WERE INFECTED  
300 HUNDRED CAME TO WUHAN ON PRETENSE OF TAKING PART IN THE WORLD MILITARY COMPETITION - WON NOT ONE MEDAL  
SPREAD OUT IN WUHAN WITH SOME VISITING THE WET MARKETS  
US CONSULATE IN WUHAN FULLY EVACUATED WITH BIOWEAPON DRUMS LEFT IN GROUNDS  
WEEKS LATER FIRST VICTIM OF CORONAVIRUS APPEARED IN WUHAN  
US FOUND TO HAVE 5 STRAINS, WUHAN HAS ONE  
PROVING THE UNITED STATES IS THE ORIGIN OF THE CORONAVIRUS  
READ ON

PS - FURTHER PROOF IN POST FOLLOWING IN COMMENT BELOW

“As posted by June Lee:

August 6, 2019, the US's main biological warfare lab at Fort Detrick was issued a "ceast and desist" order because of violation of safety standards and protocol, and leaks.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/virus-biological-us-army-weapons-fort-detrick-leak-ebola-anthrax-smallpox-ricin-a9042641.html>

August - September 2019, "statewide outbreak" of a mysterious respiratory emerged in the US, causing severe respiratory diseases in a few hundred people. This was blamed on vaping although people had been vaping for more than a decade without such outbreaks. Officials were unable to find any relation to a specific vaping device and addictive.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/mysterious-vaping-lung-injuries-may-have-flown-under-regulatory-radar-n1046771>



<https://q13fox.com/2019/09/16/a-statewide-outbreak-two-new-cases-of-lung-disease-linked-to-vaping-in-washington/>

<https://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/articles/2019-08-09/wisconsin-officials-12-cases-of-severe-lung-disease-after-vaping>

August 2019 - Jan 2020, the US CDC reported that the US is gearing up for one of the worst flu seasons ever, with 12000 deaths. On 12 March 2020, the CDC director admitted that some COVID-19 deaths were misdiagnosed as the flu because COVID-19 were found when they did posthumous tests.

<https://www.healthline.com/health-news/flu-season-2020-what-to-know>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y\\_dU2RCqWs4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_dU2RCqWs4)

October 18 - 27, 2019, the 2019 Military World Games was held in Wuhan. The US sent a contingent of 350 athletes. They did not win any medals. The athletes toured Wuhan.

November 2019, the Chinese press reported that five athletes who had suffered from infectious disease had been discharged from hospital.

[https://mmbiz.qpic.cn/mmbiz\\_png/cAB5zssIBQ0x144B7DJ7kB43ho1MKUbnrMYNics3XIDUZpwGYKNsN9AyAB6J282ml3BvPxrnaiaXTdQuvu5kEatQ/640?wx\\_fmt=png&tp=webp&wxfrom=5&wx\\_lazy=1&wx\\_co=1](https://mmbiz.qpic.cn/mmbiz_png/cAB5zssIBQ0x144B7DJ7kB43ho1MKUbnrMYNics3XIDUZpwGYKNsN9AyAB6J282ml3BvPxrnaiaXTdQuvu5kEatQ/640?wx_fmt=png&tp=webp&wxfrom=5&wx_lazy=1&wx_co=1)

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November 2019, Wuhan locals were detected with COVID-19, with a spike of such terms in local social media. This coincided with the post-incubation period after the Military World Games.

<https://www.businessinsider.sg/coronavirus-patients-zero-contracted-case-november-2020-3?r=US&IR=T>

December 1, 2019, the first confirmed case of COVID-19 was detected in Wuhan. Subsequently more than 80000 people will be infected. Of the first 41 cases, 34% were not related to the wildlife market.

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)30183-5/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)30183-5/fulltext)

Daniel Lucey, an infectious disease specialist at Georgetown University, claimed that because there is an incubation time between infection and symptoms surfacing, and the presence of infected people with no links to wildlife market, the virus could not have originated from the wildlife market. Kristian Andersen, an evolutionary biologist at the Scripps Research Institute, agreed with the assessment.

<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/01/wuhan-seafood-market-may-not-be-source-novel-virus-spreading-globally>

Genotype assay of COVID-19 revealed 5 variants/strains (group ABCDE) of the virus. Most regions in the world have 1-2 COVID-19 variants including Hubei (mainly group C), and UK (Group ☺). US is the only country with all 5 variants (Group ABCDE). In Virology 101, the region with the most variants is the origin of the disease.

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25 Jan, 2020, Japanese couple went for a 10 days vacation in Hawaii. On the second week they fell ill. On return to Japan they were tested and confirmed to have COVID-19.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/14/us/coronavirus-hawaii-japan.html>

Italy lab confirmed that the strain of COVID-19 is different from the one circulating in China, and that the circulation of the virus is not so recent, and had been spreading undetected for weeks.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/feb/28/coronavirus-may-have-been-in-italy-for-weeks-before-it-was-detected>

China's coronavirus expert Dr Zhong Nanshan, the discoverer of SARS, said that although COVID-19 was detected in China, it doesn't necessary mean that it originated from China. As of March 12, 2020, the US had only tested 10000 people, and COVID-19 was confirmed in 1600 of them. As a comparison South Korea tests 10000 people a day, but the disease rate trajectory is the same as the US. This suggests that there is a great number of infected people in the US, just that they were not tested.

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2020/3/13/21178289/confirmed-coronavirus-cases-us-countries-italy-iran-singapore-hong-kong>

Feel free to copy/paste”

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/virus-biological-us-army-weapons-fort-detrick-leak-ebola-anthrax-smallpox-ricin-a9042641.html>

<b>Sender:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>  
 Brownlee, Jan G <[redacted]>  
 [redacted]  
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**To:** Lang, Karin M <[redacted]>  
 King, Karin M <[redacted]>  
 [redacted]  
 Hand, Henry H (Beijing) <[redacted]>

**Subject:** Fwd: FW: ACTION: [redacted]

**Date:** Tue, 18 Feb 2020 16:33:38 +0000

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See below instructions from D. I'm not sure who is doing what, but I didn't see any other CA folks on the email.

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

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**From:** Biegun, Stephen E <[redacted]>

**Date:** February 18, 2020 at 11:29:12 AM EST

**Subject:** FW: ACTION: (b)(5)

**To:** Bulatao, Brian J <[redacted]>, Risch, Carl C <[redacted]>  
 [redacted], Vissek, Richard C <[redacted]>, Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>

**Cc:** Giuda, Michelle <[redacted]>, Ortagus, Morgan D <[redacted]>  
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FYI Plan is for this announcement to go live asap after 1200.

CA: As soon as the announcement is made the letter for passengers should be sent as well for distribution.

EAP: As soon as the announcement is made the Japanese government should be given heads up (they were pre-informed by State, HHS and CDC in direct counterpart calls but we should still extend the courtesy).

PA: We will need to ensure comms plan is ready -- this is HHS lead with White House on domestic comms but we should be coordinated.

Thanks all.

**From:** Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/WHO (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC (b)(6); AMA2 (OS/IOS)  
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(b)(6); Blair, Robert B <(b)(6)>  
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Alexander D. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Marty Cetron  
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(b)(6); Eisenberg, John A. EOP/WHO  
(b)(6); Fabina, Lauren C. EOP/NSC  
(b)(6); Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
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(b)(6); Wilson, John M  
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**Subject:** RE: ACTION: [redacted]  
**Importance:** High

Colleagues,

We are moving out on this plan at noon today, [redacted]

Matt

**From:** Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2020 11:05 AM

**To:** AMA2 (OS/IOS) <(b)(6)>; <(b)(6)>;

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**Subject:** ACTION: [redacted]  
**Importance:** High

Good Morning WHTF,

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 [redacted]

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**We request TF members please clear by noon today 18 February**

[redacted]

Thank you and Best Regards,

Phil

(b)(6)  
**Philip J. Ferro, PhD, MS**  
**Director for Countering Biological Threats**  
**National Security Council**

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" [redacted]
<b>Recipient:</b>	Brownlee, Ian G [redacted]

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]

**To:** Buangan, Richard L [redacted]

**CC:** Brownlee, Ian G [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: For Awareness/Review: Draft Coronavirus Proclamation (Iran)

**Date:** Sat, 29 Feb 2020 18:51:49 +0000

POTUS just approved. He will announce in a few minutes.

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**From:** Buangan, Richard L [redacted]

**Sent:** Saturday, February 29, 2020 1:24 PM

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** Risch, Carl C [redacted]; Brownlee, Ian G [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: For Awareness/Review: Draft Coronavirus Proclamation (Iran)

Ok. Let me know if you guys have anything else on this for the WH.

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Richard L. Buangan  
 Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
 Office of the Secretary (S)  
 U.S. Department of State  
 Email: [redacted]

On Feb 29, 2020, at 13:23, [redacted] wrote:

Yes -

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 29, 2020, at 12:55 PM, Buangan, Richard L [redacted] wrote:

Are you guys tracking this?

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Richard L. Buangan  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Office of the Secretary (S)  
U.S. Department of State  
Email: [redacted]

Begin forwarded message:

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**Date:** February 29, 2020 at 12:45:37 EST  
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(b)(6) "Gidley, Hogan H.  
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(b)(6) [redacted] ">, "Davis, May M. EOP/WHO"

**Cc:** Staff Secretary (b)(6)  
**Subject:** For Awareness/Review: Draft Coronavirus Proclamation (Iran)

All,

Entitled "Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus and Other Appropriate Measures to Address this Risk," attached for your awareness is a draft proclamation to restrict travel of recent Iran visitors, similar to the actions taken relating to recent China travel. Once finalized, it is currently anticipated to be signed and released very soon. Please send any critical edits you may have **as soon as possible** this afternoon, and any major red flags by **1:15pm today**.

Thank you,  
Staff Secretary

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>  
Buangan, Richard L <[redacted]>  
**Recipient:** [redacted]  
Brownlee, Ian G <[redacted]>

**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: CoV -Cambodia  
**Date:** Sun, 16 Feb 2020 18:42:18 +0000

If you're ok, let [redacted] know and copy me. Thanks.

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Date:** February 16, 2020 at 1:35:47 PM EST  
**Subject:** FW: CoV -Cambodia  
**To:** Risch, Carl C [redacted]

A/S Risch,

Just need your check before sending to Morgan.

**From:** "Biegun, Stephen E" [redacted]  
**Date:** Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 12:50 PM  
**To:** "Walters, William" <WaltersWA2@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Morgan Ortagus <[redacted]>, "Bulatao, Brian J" <[redacted]>, "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** Re: CoV -Cambodia

[redacted] once we get feedback from the parties on the email, please make necessary edits and relay the points back to Morgan. Thank you, Steve  
 Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 16, 2020, at 12:33 PM, [redacted] wrote:

Sir,

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Bureau of Medical Services  
U.S. Department of State

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**From:** Biegun, Stephen E <[Redacted]>

**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2020 11:48 AM

**To:** Ortagus, Morgan D <[Redacted]>

**Cc:** [Redacted]; Bulatao, Brian J

[Redacted]

Risch, Carl C. <[Redacted]>

[Redacted]

**Subject:** Re: CoV -Cambodia

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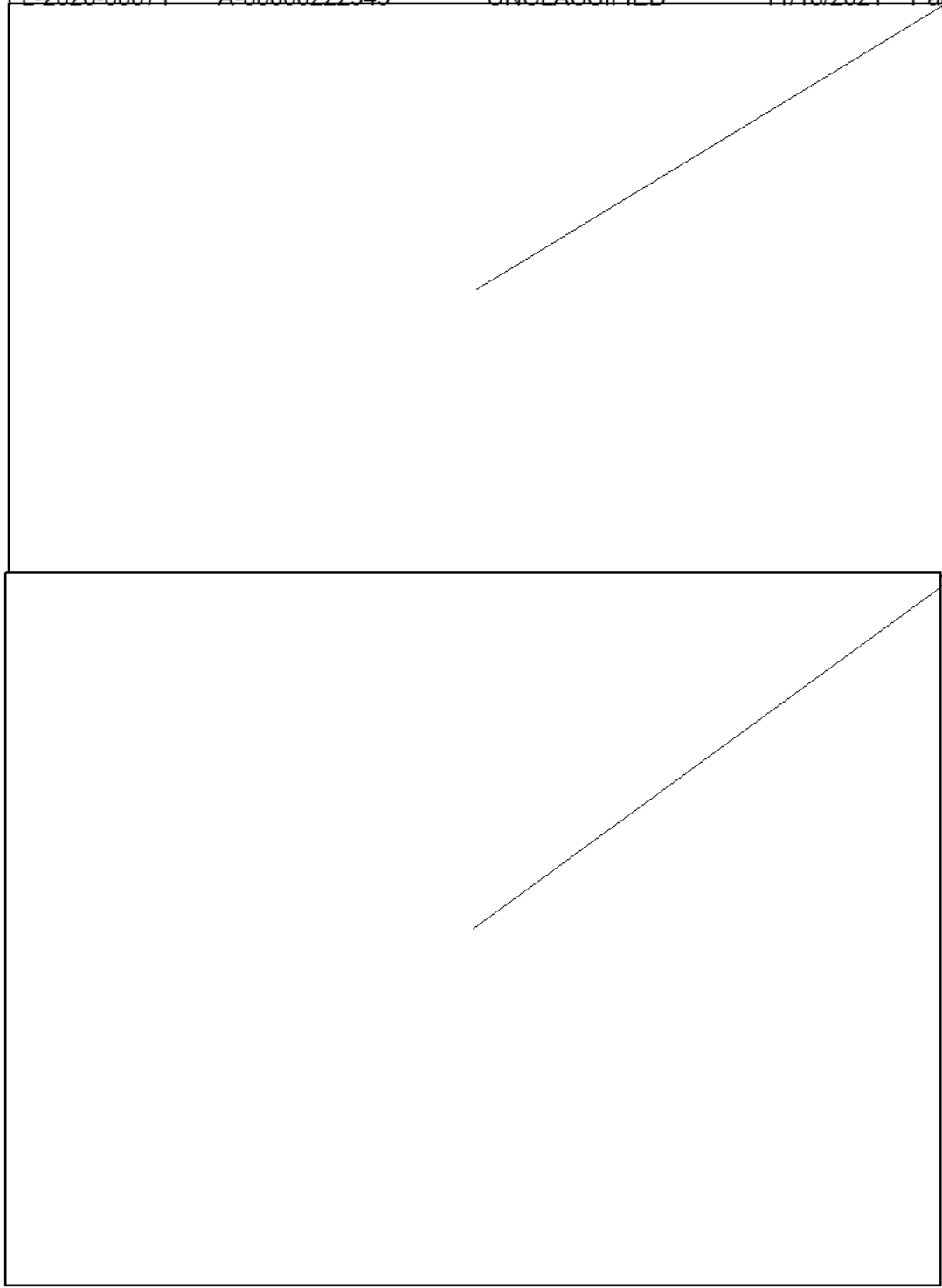
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Got it. We are going to need inputs from a broader set of folks, including consular affairs and med. We have a noon update call for the full set of coronavirus issues, and I will task this on that call. Here are the outlines of what the reply might be (these points need to confirmed by CA and Med):

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On Feb 16, 2020, at 11:09 AM, Ortagus, Morgan D

[redacted] wrote:



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D— want to nip this narrative in the bud. See below. I've asked [redacted] to work on a response for me and he will show to you.

Of note we're close to getting on the plane for a 6 hour flt. I've been told there's a chance we don't have WiFi for most of this flt. Hopefully that doesn't end up being the case.

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**From:** Jakes, Lara [redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2020 11:05:29 AM  
**To:** [redacted] Ortagus, Morgan  
D [redacted] PA Press Duty  
<PAPressDuty@state.gov>  
**Subject:** CoV -Cambodia

Hi all -

I just saw S's remarks on this in Dakar but wonder if there will be more said on it - like a statement on par with what was said/warned about the cruise ship in Japan. I noted that S (in Dakar) said: " mindful of the serious nature of the threat that is posed, especially in places that don't have significant health care infrastructure." and I wonder whether he means the US should have taken more responsibility on the front end, before the sick American pax left Cambodia OR if Cambodia should have done more. Did State consult directly with the CDC on this case before the pax were allowed to travel on? Any clarification appreciated.

Thanks

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Lara Jakes | Diplomatic Correspondent  
Washington Bureau | The New York Times

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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**Recipient:** [redacted]

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <[REDACTED]>
<b>CC:</b>	CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>; [REDACTED] CA-Staffers-Mailbox-Archive <CA-Staffers-Mailbox-Archive@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: FOR CLEARANCE: M Weekly Activity Report
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 17 Mar 2020 19:34:21 +0000

Clear

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On March 17, 2020 at 3:29:30 PM EDT, CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov> wrote:

A/S,

Attached and below is the M weekly activity report for your clearance.

Thanks,

-Scott

### **M Weekly Activity Report**

**No headers necessary—will be uploaded to M intranet site.**

March 17,  
2020

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**INSTRUCTIONS: \*\*NEW FORMAT\*\*** - M asked that bureaus classify submissions as Highlights, Challenges, and Look Ahead items. Directorates - **we ask that you limit contributions to 300 characters, and indicate to which topic your category pertains.**  
Please feel free to add as many high-level topics as necessary.

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**Challenge- (SBU) Exceptions to Presidential Proclamations (PP):** CA continues to work with DHS to process exceptions to the PPs due to U.S. national interest.

**Challenge- (SBU) Coronavirus Impact on MRV Fee Collections:** MRV fee collections in EAP through March 14 were 70.7 percent lower than in FY 2019, with China down 92.78 percent. Collections in the top 14 NIV countries (including China), accounting for 65 percent of all MRV collections, are down 11 percent.

**Challenge- (SBU) Evacuation Requests:** CA is working to address the growing number of evacuation requests from posts worldwide receiving inquiries from U.S. citizens stranded overseas. OCS has identified 30 countries with immediate interest.

**Challenge- (U) CA/PPT Workload Update:** Receipts for the week ending March 14 were 16.1 percent lower than the same period in FY 2019, and 5.9 percent lower than the prior week due to COVID-19. Despite recent lower receipts, 1.5 million applications remain in-progress as of March 15.

Approved: CA - Carl C. Risch ( )  
Drafted: CA/C/PPOD: [redacted]  
CA/PPT/I/MAC/WC [redacted]

Cleared: CA: IGBrownlee (OK)  
CA/PPT: RArndt (OK)  
CA/C: [redacted]  
CA/C/CBSP: [redacted] (OK)  
CA/C/PPOD: [redacted] (OK)  
CA/EX: [redacted] (OK)  
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Bureau of Consular Affairs  
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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" [redacted]
<b>Recipient:</b>	CA-Staffers-Mailbox <CA-Staffers-Mailbox@state.gov>;

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: FYA: Funneling to 4 Additional Airports  
**Date:** Sun, 2 Feb 2020 18:04:00 +0000

Done.

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**From:** Bulatao, Brian J <[redacted]>  
**Date:** February 2, 2020 at 1:02:20 PM EST  
**Subject:** Re: FYA: Funneling to 4 Additional Airports  
**To:** Biegun, Stephen E <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** [redacted]

[redacted], Todd, William E (Ambassador)  
 [redacted], Risch, Carl C [redacted]

[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 2, 2020, at 11:48 AM, Biegun, Stephen E

[redacted]

Brian, et. al. :

See below.

This is a matter that has been much discussed over the past 24 hours between HHS, DHS, department of transportation, and major airlines as to how to most effectively achieve the goal of funneling airline passengers to approved locations where they can be screened and, if necessary, quarantined while at the same time not artificially cutting off all ability of Americans to fly on commercial airlines from China.

[redacted]

Thank you, Steve

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**From:** Policy Coordinator  
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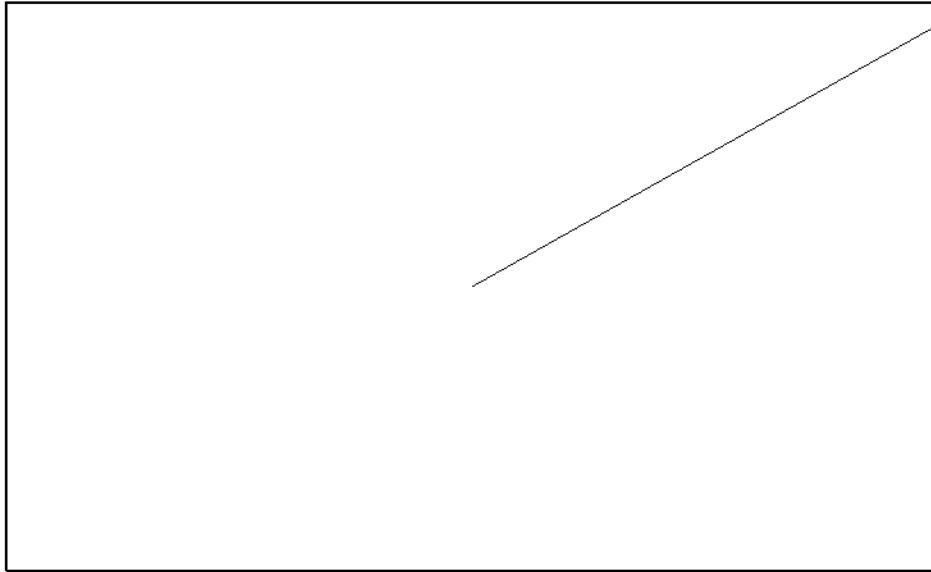
**Date:** February 2, 2020 at 12:30:49 PM EST

**To:** Alex Azar (b)(6) "Blair, Robert B" (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) "Pottinger, Matthew F." (b)(6)  
 EOP/WHO (b)(6), "Redfield,  
 Robert R. (CDC/OD)" (b)(6) "Fauci, Anthony  
 (NIH/NIAID) [E]" (b)(6) "Biegun,  
 Stephen E" (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) "Kan, Derek T. EOP/OMB" (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) "Joel.Szabat@dot.gov" (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) "Liddell, Christopher P." (b)(6)  
 EOP/WHO (b)(6)  
 "Grogan, Joseph" (b)(6)

**Cc:** Policy Coordinator  
 (b)(6) "Pataki, Tim A." (b)(6)  
 EOP/WHO (b)(6)  
 "Williams, Michael B. EOP/WHO" (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) "Hoelscher,  
 Douglas L. EOP/WHO" (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) "McKenna,  
 Michael A. EOP/WHO" (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) "Kadlec, Robert  
 (OS/ASPR/IO)" (b)(6) "Kellogg,  
 Joseph Keith K. Jr. EOP/OVP" (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) "McGowan, Robert  
 (Kyle) (CDC/OD/OCS)" (b)(6) "Harrison,  
 Brian (HHS/IOS)" (b)(6) Ruggiero,  
 Anthony J. EOP/NSC" (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) "Ferro, Phil J.  
 EOP/NSC" (b)(6)  
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 "Cetron, Marty (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DGMQ)" (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) "Mango, Paul (HHS/IOS)" (b)(6)  
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**Subject: FYA: Funneling to 4 Additional Airports**

Members of the Coronavirus Task Force:



We plan to formalize this plan at **1:00 PM today**, so please reply-all immediately if you have concerns.

*NOTE:* This is deliberative information and **should not be shared externally at this time**. Beginning at 1:00 PM, IGA, OPL, and OLA will begin coordinated engagement with the outside stakeholders. Please contact Tim Pataki or Doug Hoelscher (copied) if you have questions about this engagement.

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Thank you,  
Policy Coordinator

**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C"  
**Recipient:**

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>  
**To:** Biegun, Stephen <[redacted]>;  
 Bulatao, Brian J <[redacted]>  
**CC:** [redacted]  
 Brownlee, Ian G <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** RE: Maritime Coronavirus Advisories  
**Date:** Tue, 18 Feb 2020 19:39:57 +0000

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On February 18, 2020 at 2:36:26 PM EST, Walters, William <[redacted]> wrote:

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Sir,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Bureau of Medical Services  
U.S. Department of State

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**From:** Biegun, Stephen E <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:28 PM  
**To:** Bulatao, Brian J <[redacted]>; Risch, Carl C <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** FW: Maritime Coronavirus Advisories

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**From:** Szabat, Joel (OST) <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:19 PM  
**To:** [redacted] Biegun, Stephen E [redacted]  
**Cc:** Pottinger, Matthew F. EOP/WHO [redacted]; Robert.Redfield [redacted]  
**Subject:** Maritime Coronavirus Advisories

Ken & Stephen, et. al;

FYI... attached please find a single document listing the CDC and US Coast Guard (USCG) Maritime alerts for the Coronavirus that have already gone out, as well as the industry guidance put out by CLIA (the Cruise Lines International Association). CLIA tells us that the health protocols they have put in place are mandatory for all CLIA members, and that all the major cruise lines have all indicated that they are following them.

USCG advises that they defer to CDC for health determinations, but will push out any health advisories through the extant USG-wide system for maritime alerts and advisories.

~ Joel



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**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>  
 [redacted]  
 Biegun, Stephen E <[redacted]>  
 Bulatao, Brian J <[redacted]>  
**Recipient:** [redacted];  
 Brownlee, Ian G <[redacted]>

**From:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>  
**To:** Bulatao, Brian J <[redacted]>; Biegun, Stephen E <[redacted]>  
**CC:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: [redacted]  
**Date:** Tue, 18 Feb 2020 16:23:31 +0000

Carl

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On February 18, 2020 at 11:17:03 AM EST, Bulatao, Brian J <BulataoBJ@state.gov> wrote:

Cleared from M.

I spoke to CA rep (Mario Mesquita) around 10:30am and informed him of likely scenario that is outlined in final recommendations that are attached and will confirm again with Carl (traveling on leave currently)

**Brian Bulatao**  
 Under Secretary of State - Management  
 U.S. Department of State - HST 7207

**From:** Biegun, Stephen E <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2020 11:09 AM  
**To:** Bulatao, Brian J <[redacted]>; Risch, Carl C <[redacted]>; Walters, William <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION: Do Not Board Order for Immediate WHTF approval  
**Importance:** High

Let me know if we are good to clear. Thanks.

**From:** Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2020 11:05 AM  
**To:** AMA2 (QS/IOS) <[redacted]>; Biegun, Stephen E <[redacted]>; Bigley, Mark C. EOP/OMB <[redacted]>

(b)(6); Blair, Robert B (b)(6); Brian  
 Harrison (b)(6); Butterfield, Nicholas  
 W. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Campana, Alexandra D.  
 EOP/WHO (b)(6) Marty Cetron (CDC)  
 Chafin, Kelly B. EOP/NSC (b)(6); Conant,  
 Ann M. EOP/OMB (b)(6)  
 conradpa (b)(6)  
 Davis, May M. EOP/WHO (b)(6);  
 Ditto, Jessica E. EOP/WHO (b)(6); DL Chief of Staff Office  
 (b)(6); donna.o'berry (donna.o'berry@dot.gov)  
 Duffey, Michael P. EOP/OMB  
 Eisenberg, John A. EOP/WHO  
 Fabina, Lauren C. EOP/NSC  
 Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
 kov>; Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC  
 Grogan, Joseph J. EOP/WHO  
 Hemme, Jake W. EOP/NSC  
 Hennessey, Millicent S. EOP/NSC  
 Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
 Kan, Derek T. EOP/OMB  
 Liddell, Christopher  
 P. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Miller, Julie L. EOP/OMB  
 Mulvaney, Mick M. EOP/WHO  
 Pataki, Tim A. EOP/WHO (b)(6); Pottinger, Matthew F.  
 EOP/WHO (b)(6); Riggs, Charlotte R. EOP/WHO  
 Robert R. Redfield (b)(6)  
 Robert.Kadlecc@ (b)(6); Ruggiero, Anthony J. EOP/NSC  
 Scher, Adam A. EOP/OMB (b)(6)  
 Shellooe, Ryan P. EOP/NSC  
 Sinclair, Michael R. EOP/NSC  
 Szabat, Joel (OST) (b)(6)  
 Tignor, Beth (HHS/IOS) (b)(6); Troye, Olivia EOP/NSC  
 Ulyyot, John L. EOP/NSC  
 Williams, Michael B. EOP/WHO  
 Wilson, John M (b)(6)  
 Woolfolk, Jon J. EOP/OVP (b)(5)

**Subject:** ACTION: (b)(5)  
**Importance:** High

Good Morning WHTF,

Please find attached the final recommendations and cleared language for the Do Not Board (DNB) order and INA 212(f) regarding the Diamond Princess.

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**We request TF members please clear by noon today 18 February**

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Thank you and Best Regards,

Phil

**Philip J. Ferro, PhD, MS**  
**Director for Countering Biological Threats**  
**National Security Council**

**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C"

Bulatao, Brian J

Biegun, Stephen E

**Recipient:**

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Deputy-led Conf Call at 1200 pm on coronavirus issues  
**Date:** Mon, 17 Feb 2020 16:24:33 +0000

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Ok. I can join as silent listener if D wants. I am also asking PDAS Brownlee to join at noon. He probably should also join as silent listener at 4pm, if that's ok with you, assuming D wants CA to continue as plus 1 this week. I'll look to the PDAS to cover my duties starting tomorrow, along with Dr. Rosenfarb and China MCCA Henry Hand on the Coordination Unit.

[redacted]

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CA is looking to update its existing cruise ship travel advice.

[redacted]

Carl

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On February 17, 2020 at 11:11:44 AM EST, [redacted] wrote:

[redacted]

Everyone was leaning toward a call. Time is TBD, but we were asked to hold 4 pm.

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On Feb 17, 2020, at 11:09 AM, Risch, Carl C [redacted] wrote:

[redacted]

I was multitasking on the 9am call. Did they decide on a big WH TF call for later today?

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On February 17, 2020 at 10:57:34 AM EST, [redacted] wrote:

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Colleagues,

The dial-in for the 12 pm State-only call is: (b)(6) access code: (b)(6)

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We will follow the same format for the call as yesterday.

Agenda:

[Redacted agenda content]

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We do expect that HHS and the NSC will convene a Task Force call this afternoon that the Deputy would join.

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(b)(6) can correct me, but I believe there are plans for a State press briefing that the Deputy will join at 1 pm.

Thank you.

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> On Feb 17, 2020, at 8:54 AM, (b)(6)

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(b)(6) wrote:

**Sender:** "Risch, Carl C"  
**Recipient:** (b)(6)



**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

December 16, 2021

Case No.: FL-2020-00071

Austin R. Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street NW, B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

As we noted our letter dated November 15, 2021, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (the “FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has identified an additional 13 responsive records to subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all 13 records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Liam Holland, Trial Attorney, at [liam.c.holland@usdoj.gov](mailto:liam.c.holland@usdoj.gov) or (202) 514-4964. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00071, and the civil action number, 20-cv-01169, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeanne Miller  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.



The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US; including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS.ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:

- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

**Other Grounds for Withholding**

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester



<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(5) (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: FW: Twice weekly Hill Call with senior staff from authorizers and appropriators, 14MAY2020
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 15 May 2020 19:54:14 +0000

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On May 15, 2020 at 3:21:44 PM EDT, (b)(6)

They're going to pull together talking points. (b)(5)

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**From:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2020 3:07 PM

**To:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: FW: Twice weekly Hill Call with senior staff from authorizers and appropriators, 14MAY2020

I will want to clear the talking points for this.

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On May 15, 2020 at 2:37:02 PM EDT, (b)(6)

wrote:

FYSA, (b)(1); (b)(5)

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**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2020 2:07 PM

**To:** (b)(6); (b)(6)  
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Ramotowski, Edward J (b)(6)  
(b)(6); (b)(6)

**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Re: Twice weekly Hill Call with senior staff from authorizers and appropriators, 14MAY2020

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**From:** Hillman, Ian T <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2020 2:01 PM

**To:** (b)(5) (b)(6); (b)(5)  
(b)(6); (b)(6) (b)(6)

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**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Re: Twice weekly Hill Call with senior staff from authorizers and appropriators, 14MAY2020

Hi All,

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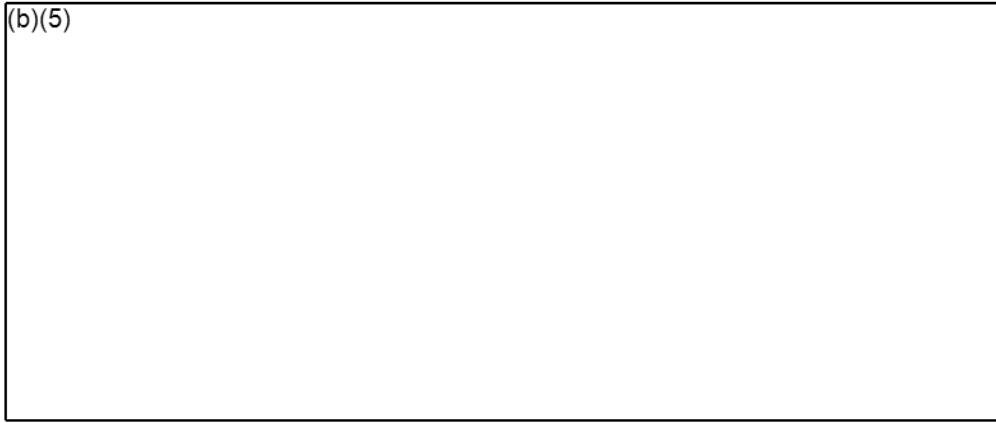
There will be a formal request coming from H sometime soon, but I wanted to share this in advance as a heads-up. As these are senior staff, we will likely need a senior level briefer (maybe (b)(6) to handle this. Thanks in advance.

Best regards,

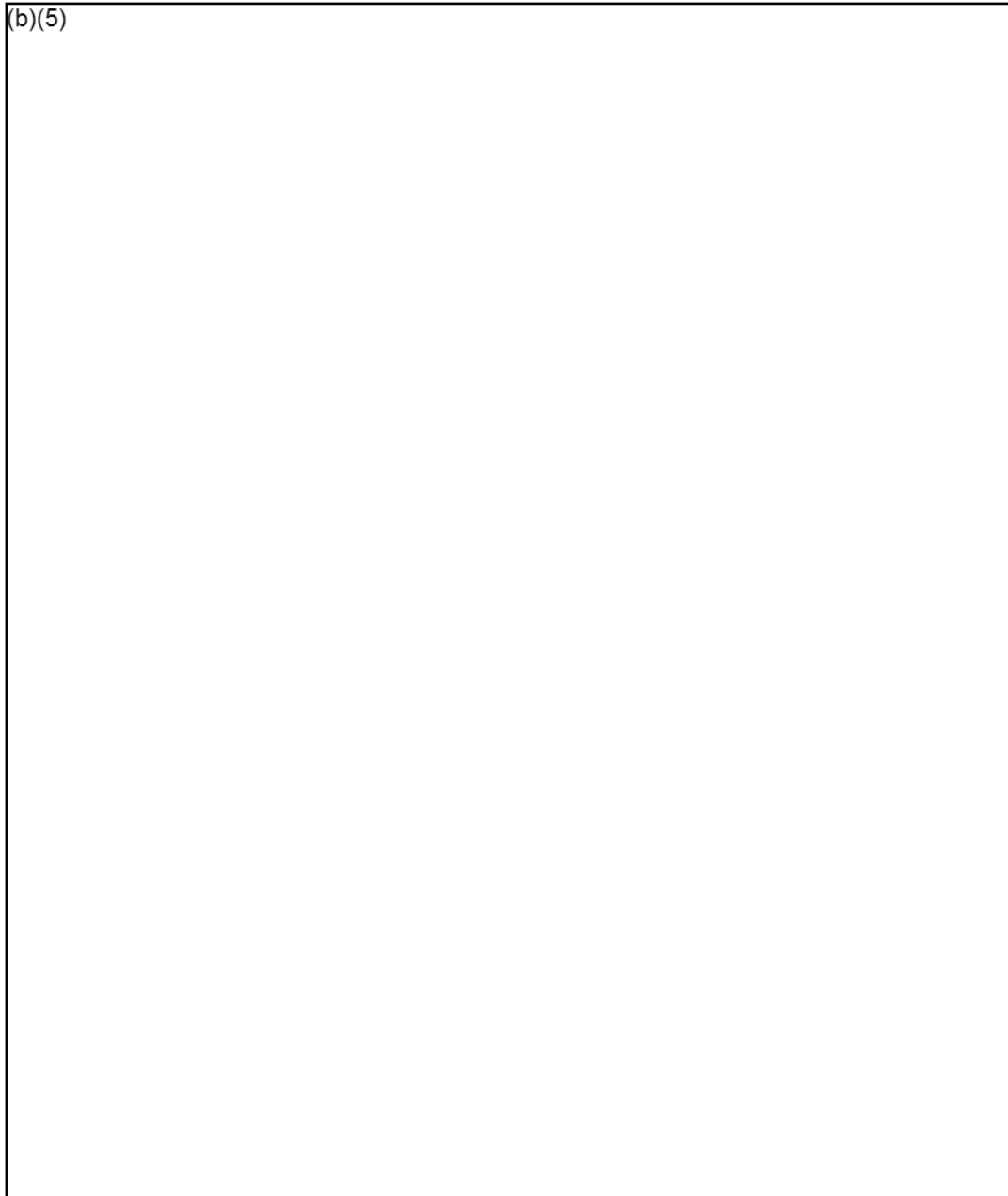
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H: I will be in touch about setting up additional briefings. Right now, we are scheduled for next edition of this on Tuesday at 10am.

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Congressional Affairs Unit Chief  
Office of Public and Congressional Affairs  
Bureau of Consular Affairs  
U.S. Department of State

<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

**From:** "Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** (b)(6); Pauly, Daniel L <(b)(6)>  
**CC:** Benning, Douglass R <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: A Message of Thanks from Deputy Secretary Biegun  
**Date:** Sat, 28 Mar 2020 03:31:30 +0000

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Date:** March 27, 2020 at 11:20:53 PM EDT  
**Subject:** A Message of Thanks from Deputy Secretary Biegun  
**To:** Coronavirus Repatriations <TF\_7A01@groups.state.gov>, Coronavirus Communicators <Coronavirus-Communicators@state.gov>, State Ops Crisis Management <CrisisManagement@state.gov>, CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC <CoronaVirusCongressionalUSC@state.gov>, CoronaVirusEmergency2USC <CoronaVirusEmergency2USC@state.gov>, Bulatao, Brian J <(b)(6)>, Todd, William E (Ambassador) <(b)(6)>, Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>, King, Karin M <(b)(6)>, Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>, SPOX <SPOX@state.gov>, (b)(6), D Specials <D\_Specials@state.gov>, Nagy, Tibor P <(b)(6)>, Pasi, Geeta <(b)(6)>, Kozak, Michael G <(b)(6)>, Chung, Julie J <(b)(6)>, Reeker, Philip T <(b)(6)>, Fisher, Julie D <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, Blome, Donald A (Tunis) <(b)(6)>, LoGerfo, Gregory D (Tunis) <(b)(6)>, Taylor, Mary Elizabeth <(b)(6)>, Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>, Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, O'Reilly, Kevin M <(b)(6)>, Ortagus, Morgan D <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>, Davis, Timmy T <(b)(6)>, Syptak-Ramnath, Stephanie F <(b)(6)>, (b)(6) <(b)(6)>

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 David <(b)(6)>, Pratt, Jonathan G <(b)(6)>, Fritz,  
 Jonathan D <(b)(6)>

Colleagues - please see the note below from the Deputy Secretary and feel free to extend to anyone contributing to the effort. Thanks, Kate

State Department colleagues:

This afternoon, I and several members of our leadership team, including Repatriation Task Force Leader Ian Brownlee, had the opportunity to brief members of the House of Representatives and the United States Senate on the Department's on our progress with repatriations of American citizens trapped around the world by changing travel restrictions due to the worldwide spread of the coronavirus.

I wanted you to know that the enormous efforts that all of you have put into this work over the past two weeks, and for some of you over the past two months, is widely recognized and today received deep and heartfelt praise from our representatives in the Congress. Considering that they are reflecting the views of their many thousands of constituents trapped around the world in desperate circumstances and fearful about the prospects of returning home, it is all the more impressive that this was the response we received today.

Many of you have heard me say that it is a great privilege to serve as your Deputy. Today's events only further confirm my view about our State Department team. Because of your service, I have never been prouder of my own own service. Thank you for all that you are doing.

To all of you who have contributed so much to this effort, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. But our job is not over until every American comes home. Keep up the great work, be careful, and stay safe.

With warm regards,

Steve Biegun

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<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>SentVia:</b>	'(b)(6)' >
<b>To:</b>	Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	Declined: White House Coronavirus Subtask Force Call
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 5 Mar 2020 21:49:56 +0000

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<b>To:</b>	Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: List
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 17 Feb 2020 22:33:29 +0000

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On February 17, 2020 at 5:01:51 PM EST, Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)> wrote:

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<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6) Operations Center <OperationsCenter@state.gov>
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6);
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Fwd: COVID-19 Task Force Principal's Call - 4:00pm
<b>Date:</b>	Sun, 1 Mar 2020 18:28:39 +0000

For A/S Risch, please use (b)(6)

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On March 1, 2020 at 1:25:33 PM EST, (b)(6) wrote:

Dear Ops,

Deputy Secretary Biegun will join the White House Principals Task Force call at 4 pm.

The dial-in information is below. Please add A/S Risch, (b)(6) and me (cell phone: (b)(6)) to the line before connecting the Deputy to the call. I've cc'd (b)(6) in case they also would like to be added.

Thank you,

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP" <(b)(6)>  
**Date:** February 29, 2020 at 8:28:20 PM EST  
**To:** "Shellooe, Ryan P. EOP/NSC" <(b)(6)>, "Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC" <(b)(6)>, "AMA2@HHS.GOV" <AMA2@HHS.GOV>, "as2kctc@hq.dhs.gov" <as2kctc@hq.dhs.gov>, "Biegun, Stephen E" <(b)(6)>, "Bigley, Mark C. EOP/OMB" <(b)(6)>, "Blair, Robert B" <(b)(6)>, "Brian.Harrison@hhs.gov" <(b)(6)>, "Miller, Katie R. EOP/OVP" <(b)(6)>, "Hodgson, Christopher M. EOP/OVP" <(b)(6)>, "Butterfield, Nicholas W. EOP/WHO" <(b)(6)>, "Campana, Alexandra D. EOP/WHO" <(b)(6)>, "Marty Cetron (CDC)" <(b)(6)>, "Chafin, Kelly B. EOP/NSC" <(b)(6)>, "Conant, Ann M. EOP/OMB"

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 ROYALS@hq.dhs.gov" <ANGELICA.ALFONSO-ROYALS@hq.dhs.gov>  
**Subject: COVID-19 Task Force Principal's Call - 4:00pm**

Good evening all,

There will be a COVID-19 Task Force Principal's Call at 4:00pm tomorrow afternoon. Agenda and materials will be forthcoming.

In order to access the conference as a participant, dial the number below and enter the Access Code:

Participant Dial-In: (b)(6)

Access Code: (b)(6)

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff  
The Office of the Vice President

(b)(6)

<COVID-19 Task Force Principal's Call - 4:00pm>

<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6); Operations Center <OperationsCenter@state.gov>; (b)(6);

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6); Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Novel Coronavirus Coordination Unit
<b>Date:</b>	Sat, 8 Feb 2020 19:37:24 +0000

+PDAS Brownlee. CA leadership will discuss internally and get back to you and M staff. We have some ideas on staffing, etc. Is Monday OK? The CA team is exhausted right now, and I'd like to give everyone a chance to catch their breath.

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On February 8, 2020 at 2:14:27 PM EST, (b)(6) wrote:

A/S Risch,

I spoke with Kate after our call this morning, and take on board your concerns about the structure. D has really appreciated your leadership and support in the Task Force process and he would like CA to remain the lead of the coordination unit, recognizing that M and D would need to weigh in on key decisions.

Our suggestion would be the following:

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I plan to email DepExecSec today about this structure, so wanted to ensure I followed up with you first.

I welcome your ideas to make this as effective as possible. I believe (b)(6) previewed this with M on Friday night.

Thank you,

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6);
	Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>;
	(b)(6)



<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Fwd: Mission China Input for China Mtg
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 29 Jan 2020 10:15:50 +0000

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**From:** Hand, Henry H (Beijing) <(b)(6)>  
**Date:** January 29, 2020 at 2:12:10 AM EST  
**Subject:** Mission China Input for China Mtg  
**To:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** King, Karin M <(b)(6)>; <(b)(6)>

Carl – Greetings from an eerily quiet Beijing.

Karin asked me to reach out prior to your morning meeting on China. We’ve heard discussion of possible 7<sup>th</sup> floor engagement. (b)(5)

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Our Beijing ACS unit continues to collect the names of all US citizens and their non-USC immediate family who have contacted us and have expressed an interest in leaving Wuhan. As of 3:00 pm Beijing time, we have **642 people** that we have screened and who we believe would take us up on an offer if asked. Of that number, **5** are (non-Chinese) TCN’s and **79** are Chinese LPR’s who, with the current Chinese imposed restrictions in place, would be unable to board. Assuming that many of their US citizen family members would also decline a seat, we estimate about 150 or so people would be left behind. We have another 97 people who have contacted us but we have not yet established their eligibility and/or nationality. Many of those names will be added to the 642 in coming hours.

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**Some interesting background:** Here is a breakdown of the passengers on last night's flight. Given the large number of passengers born on China it is very likely some were dual nationals, however, they all presented US passports. We have no way of determining if they all entered China on their US Passports.

**Departed Charter Flight PAX breakdown by Category**

**201 Total PAX**

43 Wuhan Consulate personnel

158 private citizens

Of which 2 – TCN/LPR married to AmCit (German, South Korean)

Therefore 156 private AmCits on manifest

75 – born in China

4 – born in Taiwan

Total of 79 US citizens that may have dual nationality = 51% of the private citizen passengers

ALL of these citizens showed their US PPTs and successfully boarded the a/c

**Our Operations Next Week:** We have beefed up our ACS operations and will be open through the weekend for urgent cases. We have to curtail our visa operations mission-wide to a handful of critical cases next week. The potential health danger to our staff and applicants of assembling a crowd, Chinese rules banning large gatherings and the disruptions to travel that would make it difficult or impossible for many applicants to get to us.

Finally, Thank You! to you and the folks in CA for all the support these past few days. – Rgds, Henry

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<b>Recipient:</b>	Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6); (b)(6); Miles, Jeffrey R <(b)(6)>
<b>CC:</b>	Giuda, Michelle <(b)(6)>; Brown, Cale <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	Fwd: FW: Message to Diamond Princess Passengers
<b>Date:</b>	Sat, 15 Feb 2020 05:53:47 +0000

See below and attached. I understand that the CDA at Embassy Tokyo has approved that this be sent to the passengers (hopefully with some format corrections).

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**From:** Young, Joseph M <(b)(6)>  
**Date:** February 15, 2020 at 12:43:46 AM EST  
**Subject:** FW: Message to Diamond Princess Passengers  
**To:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>

Carl: My apologies. Should have cc'd you on this. I haven't heard back from Steve, so we're planning to hit send momentarily. The ship's captain has announced the evacuation, so we're getting hit with inquiries. We don't have time to wait for more clearances from CDC and HHS.  
Joe

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**From:** Young, Joseph M  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 2:29 PM  
**To:** Biegun, Stephen E <(b)(6)>; Knapper, Marc E <(b)(6)>; Keshap, Atul <(b)(6)>; Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>; Nanavatty, Katharine B <(b)(6)>; (b)(5); (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Hill, Nicholas M <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Message to Diamond Princess Passengers

Steve: Thanks for the chance to talk a little while ago. (b)(5)

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(b)(5) We've also added a piece at the bottom (b)(5)

(b)(5) Unless you object, we would like to hit send.

I'll also continue coordination with the GOJ to show that you were responsive to their concerns on messaging. Thanks very much again for the support.

Best regards,  
Joseph M. Young  
Charge d'Affaires, a.i.  
U.S. Embassy, Tokyo

Dear U.S. Passenger/Crew Member,

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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" <[redacted]>  
 Brownlee, Ian G <[redacted]>  
 King, Karin M <[redacted]>

**To:** [redacted]  
 Hand, Henry H (Beijing) <[redacted]>

**Subject:** Fwd: Coordinated State Travel Advisories for TF Concurrence by 0730 Tomorrow Morning 26 February

**Date:** Wed, 26 Feb 2020 03:54:57 +0000

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**From:** Biegun, Stephen E <[redacted]>  
**Date:** February 25, 2020 at 10:19:25 PM EST  
**Subject:** Fwd: Coordinated State Travel Advisories for TF Concurrence by 0730 Tomorrow Morning 26 February

**To:** Hale, David <[redacted]>, Stilwell, David R <[redacted]>  
 [redacted], Reeker, Philip T <[redacted]>, Harris, Harry B <[redacted]>  
 (Seoul) <[redacted]>, Rapson, Robert G (Seoul) <[redacted]>

**Cc:** Bulatao, Brian J <[redacted]>, Risch, Carl C <[redacted]>

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P team: Please note the intention to raise travel advisories in four countries tomorrow. One in Europe and two in Asia. (b)(5)

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**From:** "Ferro, Phil J. EOP/NSC" <[redacted]>  
**Date:** February 25, 2020 at 9:57:48 PM EST  
**To:** "AMA2 (OS/IOS)" <[redacted]>, AS2KTC <[redacted]>  
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"Chafin, Kelly B. EOP/NSC"

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"Conant, Ann M. EOP/OMB"

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"Davis, May"

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M. EOP/WHO" (b)(6)

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"Ditto, Jessica E."

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**Subject: Coordinated State Travel Advisories for TF Concurrence by 0730 Tomorrow Morning 26 February**

Good Evening WHTF,

Please find attached four Travel Advisories (TAs) for TF concurrence. The travel advisory for Mongolia is not due to spread of COVID-19, but due to issues regarding travel, transport, and other restrictions related to Mongolia's response to the outbreak of COVID-19 in the neighboring People's Republic of China. The other TAs are related to developments associated with epidemic spread in the noted countries. Please provide any objections NLT 0730 tomorrow morning.

Best Regards,

Phil

**Philip J. Ferro, PhD, MS**  
**Director for Countering Biological Threats**  
**National Security Council**

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<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6) (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Fwd: 1430 Call to address implementation and logistical issues associated with execution of the Presidential proclamation for nCoV
<b>Date:</b>	Sat, 1 Feb 2020 20:41:49 +0000

I'm going on the WH Task Force call with D in 20 minutes, but I'll try to get a read out from you afterwards, assuming any of our equities were discussed in your call.

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On February 1, 2020 at 3:24:21 PM EST, (b)(6) wrote:

I'm on and you don't want to be on this call...

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**From:** Risch, Carl C (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 3:23:44 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Fwd: 1430 Call to address implementation and logistical issues associated with execution of the Presidential proclamation for nCoV

I never received a new call-in number. I'm glad you made it on the call.

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On February 1, 2020 at 2:43:46 PM EST, Mesquita, Mario M (b)(6) wrote:

If anyone gets the invite from Phil Fierro please forward. Thanks

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 1:11:19 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(6) Risch, Carl C (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6) Waters, John R; King, Karin M (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6) Margolis, Jonathan A; (b)(6) Fritz, Jonathan D (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(6) Ramotowski, Edward J; (b)(6)

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**Cc:** (b)(6);  
 (b)(6);  
 (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Fwd: 1430 Call to address implementation and logistical issues associated with execution of the Presidential proclamation for nCoV

Great, thanks.

(b)(6)

Deputy Director, Crisis Management and Strategy

The Operations Center

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**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** RE: Fwd: 1430 Call to address implementation and logistical issues associated with execution of the Presidential proclamation for nCoV

Thanks, (b)(6) Let's distribute in this group initially. I don't know exactly what will come out on the call. A lot of the info will likely be outside State's lane and we have to interpret how it will affect us.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 1:07 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Risch, Carl C (b)(6) (b)(6)  
**M** (b)(6) Waters, John R <(b)(6)>  
**King, Karin M** (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Margolis, Jonathan A (b)(6);  
**Fritz, Jonathan D** (b)(6) (b)(6)  
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**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** RE: Fwd: 1430 Call to address implementation and logistical issues associated with execution of the Presidential proclamation for nCoV

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Yes, the TF can take notes on the call. TF, please clear with (b)(6) in CA and (b)(6) in EB prior to dissemination.

(b)(6) please confirm if the cleared notes should be distributed to this e-mail chain only, or if you wanted a broader distribution.

Best,

(b)(6)

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Deputy Director, Crisis Management and Strategy

The Operations Center

(b)(6)

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From (b)(6)

Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 1:02 PM

To: (b)(6) Risch, Carl C (b)(6)

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(b)(6) King, Karin M <(b)(6)>

(b)(6) Margolis, Jonathan A

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(b)(6) Ramotowski, Edward J

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(b)(6) Brownlee, Ian G <(b)(6)>

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**Cc:** (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** RE: Fwd: 1430 Call to address implementation and logistical issues associated with execution of the Presidential proclamation for nCoV

Thanks to all for the tremendous ongoing work addressing the novel coronavirus and now implementing the PP.

For the 14:30 call, we understand that CA will lead if there are State equities/issues to raise; EB/TRA will join to track transport/POE concerns; and EAP is likely joining. Will OES join? D staff will also listen.

Can someone from the Task Force take notes and would CA and EB mind clearing those notes before they are distributed? (Or could a CA or EB participant take notes) It would be helpful to get a readout before 4 PM.

Thank you,

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Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary

U.S. Department of State

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 11:06 AM  
**To:** Risch, Carl C (b)(6) (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Re: Fwd: 1430 Call to address implementation and logistical issues associated with execution of the Presidential proclamation for nCoV

(b)(6) to represent for EB/TRA.

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On February 1, 2020 at 10:52:22 AM EST, Risch, Carl C (b)(6) wrote:

Thanks (b)(6) I consider the Bureau of Consular Affairs to be a single "agency" for participation purposes, so we'll take 3 slots. We have Amcit and visa issues to consider, both operationally and legally complex. I feel the other bureaus should do the same. I'm certain all of DHS isn't limited to 3 slots.

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On February 1, 2020 at 10:45:30 AM EST, (b)(6) (b)(6) wrote:

I'd like (b)(6) to join from VO. I will also if possible.

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**From:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 10:43:06 AM  
**To:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)> (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Re: Fwd: 1430 Call to address implementation and logistical issues associated with execution of the Presidential proclamation for nCoV

We will join but defer to ca or eb to lead on this issue.

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On February 1, 2020 at 10:40:42 AM EST, Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)> wrote:

Adding additional CA experts. The Visa Office should have representation on this

call (maybe OCS too). I will leave it to them to identify the right person(s). Is EAP the lead on the call for State?

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On February 1, 2020 at 10:34:07 AM EST, Waters, John R <(b)(6)> wrote:

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**From:** Ferro, Phil  
LEOP/NSC

(b)(6)

**Date:** February 1, 2020 at 10:05:07 AM EST

**Subject:** 1430  
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**To:** Ruggiero, Anthony J.  
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lair, Michael R.

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Gregory B.

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, Waters, John R

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Garrett

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wan, Robert

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, Stimson, Brian

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>, Pottebaum, Nic

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Colleagues,  
Please accept this invite for a call today to discuss implementation and logistical issues associated with the execution of the Presidential proclamation and FRN. A number of issues cross agencies. This call is intended for a **small group** of no more than 3 individuals per agency. The purpose is to assemble a list of questions and also assign specific individuals and agencies to answer them. The objective is to have a consistent, whole of government view of how the proclamation, FRN, and TSA directive are implemented before everything goes live tomorrow at 1700 est.

For example the  
types of questions  
we will need to  
answer:

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Derek if you have additional questions, comment, tasks you would like to send to the group please feel free to pile on to this email.

The distro list for this call is intended as a starting point. Please forward this invite to relevant leadership and SMEs. Again we expect no more than 3 individuals per agency.

**Dial-in  
Information**

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Code: (b)(6); (b)(7)(E)

Thank you and  
best regards,

Phil

**Philip J. Ferro,  
PhD, MS  
Director for  
Countering  
Biological  
Threats  
National Security  
Council**

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Mesquita, Mario M <(b)(6)>

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Brechbuhl, Thomas U <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Fwd: FW: Urgent Update: Latest H2 statistics
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 20 Apr 2020 23:09:38 +0000

Yes. Can you chat for a minute after the call?

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On April 20, 2020 at 7:09:05 PM EDT, Brechbuhl, Thomas U <(b)(6)> wrote:

Did that cover it enough?

TUB

**From:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 6:59 PM  
**To:** Brechbuhl, Thomas U <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fwd: FW: Urgent Update: Latest H2 statistics

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On April 20, 2020 at 6:58:06 PM EDT, Brechbuhl, Thomas U

<(b)(6)> wrote:

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TUB

**From:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 6:55 PM

To: Brechbuhl, Thomas U <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: Fwd: FW: Urgent Update: Latest H2 statistics

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On April 20, 2020 at 6:54:09 PM EDT, Brechbuhl, Thomas U

(b)(6) wrote:

Where is this headed today...?

~~SBU - IMMIGRATION~~

From: Brechbuhl, Thomas U

Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 6:50 PM

To: Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: Fwd: FW: Urgent Update: Latest H2 statistics

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TUB

From: Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>

Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 6:41 PM

To: Brechbuhl, Thomas U <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: Fwd: FW: Urgent Update: Latest H2 statistics

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On April 20, 2020 at 6:36:20 PM EDT, Brechbuhl, Thomas U

(b)(6) wrote:

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**From:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 5:28 PM  
**To:** Brechbuhl, Thomas U <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: FW: Urgent Update: Latest H2 statistics

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 Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer  
 On April 20, 2020 at 5:20:50 PM EDT, Risch, Carl C  
 <(b)(6)> wrote:

Here's the H2 data. Bottom line — overall H2B  
 issuance is down 32%, and only 1/3 of this week's  
 available H2 processing bandwidth has been consumed.  
 Demand is plummeting.

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**From:** Ramotowski, Edward J  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Date:** April 20, 2020 at 3:52:01 PM EDT  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent Update: Latest H2  
 statistics  
**To:** Risch, Carl C <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** <(b)(6)>  
 <(b)(6)>

Carl – see the corrected chart below. H2B's  
 down by an even greater percentage.

Ed

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**From:** <(b)(6)>  
 <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 3:46 PM

**To:** Ramotowski, Edward J

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Urgent Update: Latest H2 statistics

Ed (b)(6)

So sorry to have do this. I made an error in one of the earlier charts which (b)(6) caught a short time ago. Please see the yellow highlights with the corrected number and new percentage reflected.

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**From:** Ramotowski, Edward J

(b)(6)

**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 3:22 PM

(b)(6)

(b)(6) Mesquita, Mario M  
(b)(6) >; Nantais, Joel D

**Subject:** RE: Urgent Update: Latest H2 statistics

Excellent work (b)(6) Thanks.

(b)(6) I think this is exactly what Carl needs for the call.

Ed

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**From:** (b)(6)

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**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 3:20 PM

**To:** Ramotowski, Edward J

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<(b)(6)>; Mesquita, Mario M

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**Subject:** Fw: Urgent Update: Latest H2 statistics

Hi Ed,

Please let me know if the statistics provided below do not answer your questions. In addition, I did include a note/caveat for your consideration above the second chart.

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**H-2 Demand:**

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**Mission Mexico Visa Issuances:**

3/22-4/18 2020 vs. 3/24-4/20 2019

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Thanks,

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**From:** Ramotowski, Edward J  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 1:38 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
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**Cc:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Urgent Update: Latest H2 statistics

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This is needed for a 6:00 pm Deputies call that Carl will participate in today.

Thanks for your help.

Ed

Edward Ramotowski

Deputy Assistant Secretary

Bureau of Consular Affairs

U.S. Department of State

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" (b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)

**From:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Draft readout  
**Date:** Fri, 27 Mar 2020 14:17:31 +0000

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 10:10 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Draft readout

Jonathan,  
 Here's a draft readout of your call w/ DCM Li yesterday. I assume you had a chance to speak with him again later, so if you want to add any subsequent points, please do. Once you clear I'll include in the next OI.

Cheers,

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**Sender:** "Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>  
**Recipient:** (b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	Benning, Douglass R (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Fwd: (SBU) Coronavirus Global Response Coordination Unit SitRep No. 42 - 03.04.2020 0700ET
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 4 Mar 2020 12:35:21 +0000

Note the mask shortage in Japan. The Japanese government seems concerned with mask hoarding and misuse, which makes forcing all visa applicants to needlessly wear masks appear even more inappropriate.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Date:** March 4, 2020 at 7:08:44 AM EST  
**Subject:** (SBU) Coronavirus Global Response Coordination Unit SitRep No. 42 - 03.04.2020 0700ET  
**To:** Coronavirus Global Response Coordination Unit <S\_CGRCU@groups.state.gov>



**U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE**  
**Coronavirus Global Response Coordination Unit**

**SITREP No. 42**

**March 4, 2020 - 0700 ET**

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**(U) Latest Update**

- (U) There are 93,455 confirmed cases worldwide, 3,198 deaths, and 50,743 recovered patients. (*Johns Hopkins CSSE*)
- (U) The WHO warned of a shortage of protective equipment. It estimates that globally health care workers will require about 89 million medical masks, 76 million examination gloves and 1.6 million goggles each month. (*CNN*)



### ~~(SBU)~~ Global Coronavirus Developments

- (U) Poland reported its first case of coronavirus. 81 countries have now reported cases. *(Reuters; Johns Hopkins CSSE)*
- (U) The global mortality rate of reported cases stands at 3.4 percent. Deaths outside China exceeded those in country for the first time. *(NYTs)*
- ~~(SBU)~~ About 62% of patients confirmed with COVID-19 in China have been released. An increasing number of cities require 14-day quarantine for travelers arriving from South Korea, Italy, Iran, and Japan. *(20 BEIJING 438)*
- (U) ROK officials expect new cases in country will slow as testing of the Shincheonji church members ends. Nearly 137,000 people have been tested nationwide. *(20 SEOUL 344)*
- (U) Fifteen Italian citizens in India have tested positive for the virus, for a total of 28 in-country. PM Modi will skip key Holi events. *(CNN)*

### ~~(SBU)~~ Third Country Response Efforts and International Travel

- ~~(SBU)~~ The Iranian government fast tracked its budget bill, eased daily banking limits, and waived fees for travel ticket cancellations to blunt the economic impact of the coronavirus. The budget was approved without a general vote to avoid convening the full parliament, of which 23 MPs have tested positive for the virus. *(20 RPO DUBAI 110)*
- ~~(SBU)~~ To address a nationwide mask shortage, the government of Japan will require manufacturers to sell masks to the state at set prices. Approximately 3.2 million masks will be given to 80,000 households in areas where infection is spreading rapidly. *(20 TOKYO 324)*
- (U) Iran will temporarily release more than 54,000 inmates to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Over a dozen countries have cases linked to Iran. *(CNN)*
- (U) The UAE has closed all public and private schools for a month. *(Washington Post)*
- (U) More than 75 countries have adopted restrictions on travelers arriving from some regions in Italy. *(20 ROME 364)*

### ~~(SBU)~~ Support for U.S. Citizens

- ~~(SBU)~~ Embassy Beijing sent a diplomatic note requesting MFA Consular Affairs to assist in providing telephonic access to 48 U.S. prisoners. In-person and telephonic access has been denied since the outbreak began. *(20 BEIJING 438)*

- ~~(SBU)~~ Two U.S. citizens from a student exchange program in Milan have tested positive for coronavirus after travelling to Prague. A third student is under observation in Prague and will remain in quarantine for 14 days. The exchange program hosted 200 U.S. citizens participants. ***(20 ROME 364)***

Approved: (b)(6)

For additional information, please visit [https://usdos.sharepoint.com/sites/S\\_CGRCU/Public/](https://usdos.sharepoint.com/sites/S_CGRCU/Public/)

Please direct all questions to the Coronavirus Global Response Coordination Unit at (b)(6) or S\_CGRCU@groups.state.gov.

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>
<b>Recipient:</b>	Benning, Douglass R (b)(6)



**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

January 18, 2022

Case No.: FL-2020-00071

Austin R. Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street NW, B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

As we noted in our letter dated December 16, 2021, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (the “FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has identified an additional 24 responsive records to subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all 24 records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Liam Holland, Trial Attorney, at [liam.c.holland@usdoj.gov](mailto:liam.c.holland@usdoj.gov) or (202) 514-4964. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00071, and the civil action number, 20-cv-01169, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Miller".

Jeanne Miller  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
  - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
  - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
  - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
  - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
  - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| ARMSEXP        | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)                    |
| CIA PERS/ORG   | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)      |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

**Other Grounds for Withholding**

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

<b>From:</b>	"Fritz, Jonathan D" <(b)(6)>
<b>To:</b>	Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)> Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: WP - Leading Republicans want to send China the bill for coronavirus pandemic's costs
<b>Date:</b>	Sat, 25 Apr 2020 02:30:00 +0000

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**From:** Stilwell, David R  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 6:19 PM  
**To:** Buangan, Richard L  
**Cc:** Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Subject:** RE: WP - Leading Republicans want to send China the bill for coronavirus pandemic's costs

+ Jonathan

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Please give it some thought over the weekend. Great work this week! I really like the daily updates.  
 Best  
 Dave

**From:** Buangan, Richard L <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2020 6:09 PM  
**To:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: WP - Leading Republicans want to send China the bill for coronavirus pandemic's costs

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**Subject:** RE: WP - Leading Republicans want to send China the bill for coronavirus pandemic's costs

Richard

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Leading Republicans want to send China the bill for coronavirus pandemic's costs  
Washington Post  
David J. Lynch  
April 24, 2020 at 6:00 a.m. EDT

Escalating calls could leave Trump pinned between allies and trade deal

Leading Republicans are demanding that China be made to pay financially for what they allege was a coverup of the lethal coronavirus outbreak that ultimately brought the U.S. economy to a near halt, erasing more than 26 million American jobs and costing the federal government trillions of dollars in emergency spending.

Key lawmakers want President Trump to cancel the \$1 trillion-plus U.S. debt to China and to push companies to relocate their medical product supply chains to the United States. Missouri's Republican attorney general this week sued Chinese authorities in federal court, seeking to recover billions of dollars in spending on pandemic care and economic relief. Mississippi's attorney general, also a Republican, said she intends to do the same.

Several of the proposed punitive measures face significant hurdles and, if enacted, would be likely to involve steep costs for the United States, apart from whatever benefits might be gained. But the Republican campaign aims to capitalize on growing public distrust of China and to draw voters' attention

to Beijing's alleged responsibility for the deepening recession, rather than criticism of the president's pandemic response. Congress in the past two months has approved nearly \$3 trillion in new spending to combat fallout from the virus, a figure that does not include the financial toll for states and cities.

4.4 million Americans sought jobless benefits last week as economic pain continued across the United States

Among the loudest China critics is Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.), a close White House ally. In recent television appearances, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee has called for canceling the U.S. debt with China, slapping a "pandemic tariff" on Chinese goods and imposing unspecified sanctions on Chinese officials.

"China needs to pay," Graham told Fox News earlier this week, accusing the government in Beijing of "gross negligence and willful deception" in its handling of the outbreak.

While Chinese officials almost certainly will never send the United States a check, analysts said, the mounting demands could put the president and the business community in a difficult position. Efforts to blame China for the pandemic also could further sour relations between Washington and Beijing.

Public opinion toward China has turned sharply negative: 66 percent of Americans hold an unfavorable view of the country, up from 47 percent in the spring of 2017, according to the Pew Research Center. Republican sentiment is especially downbeat, with 72 percent reporting an unfavorable view.

As global economy contracts sharply, U.S. and many others face prolonged, painful recovery

For Trump — who blends criticism of China's trade practices with lavish praise of Chinese President Xi Jinping — bowing to the anti-China voices in his party carries risks. An open rupture in relations with Beijing could prompt Chinese officials to abandon purchases of U.S. farm goods required by the president's trade deal with China, a White House priority little more than six months before Election Day.

The business community, meanwhile, worries about calls for a wholesale uprooting of long-established supply networks in China but does not want to end up in a public dispute with China critics in the White House.

The United States also depends upon China for many pharmaceuticals and other medical supplies, further complicating any potential confrontation. The administration so far has talked tough on China without committing itself to any specific proposals.

"There's nobody ever been tougher on China than me," the president boasted Tuesday. " ... I've been very tough."

Those who want him to get tougher have zeroed in on the nearly \$1.1 trillion that the United States owes China. Graham said recently that he wanted to start "canceling some debt that we owe to China, because they should be paying us, not us paying China."

The proposal is an audience pleaser on cable television. But it would be almost impossible to implement.

The U.S. debt is not a loan that Washington can refuse to repay. China holds more than \$1 trillion of Treasury securities that it purchased on the open market. Those securities carry the U.S. government's promise of repayment and are a cornerstone of the global financial system.

An administration refusal to honor the bonds held by Chinese institutions would disrupt trading in the \$17 trillion Treasury market and upend markets for stocks, as well. Any selective default would probably cause the government's borrowing costs to rise — just as its annual borrowing needs quadruple compared with last year.

"Any attempt at a selective default would damage the safe-haven status of all U.S. Treasury securities, since that would set a precedent for the U.S. government being able to walk away from any of its debt obligations," said Eswar Prasad, former head of the International Monetary Fund's China desk. "This could reduce the demand for Treasuries and make it harder for the U.S. Treasury to secure financing for the large amounts of debt it will have to issue in the coming months and years."

There also would be practical difficulties in implementing a debt-cancellation strategy. The Chinese government would hardly remain idle while U.S. politicians debated rendering its Treasuries worthless. Chinese officials could begin selling their holdings before Washington acted and could retaliate in other ways, such as by putting an embargo on critical materials that the United States buys from Chinese factories.

"It's an act of financial war. Let's not kid ourselves," said Patrick Chovanec, economic adviser for Silvercrest Asset Management Group.

Graham's office did not respond to a request for comment.

Relations between Washington and Beijing, already raw after two years of trade conflict, have deteriorated amid the pandemic. Chinese officials have been irked by the president's occasional public references to the "Wuhan virus," while U.S. officials bristled at a Chinese propaganda campaign that blamed the U.S. military for the disease.

"That makes it much tougher to have the level of coordination between the two governments on health and economic matters that the world needs from the two biggest and most powerful nations," said Myron Brilliant, executive vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), who says a Chinese coverup allowed the virus to spread, has proposed imposing sanctions on Chinese officials and has introduced legislation permitting U.S. citizens to sue China for pandemic damages.

Cotton's bill — and the House version introduced by Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-Tex.) — would lift the sovereign immunity that prohibits most lawsuits against foreign governments. Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) has introduced similar legislation.

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt (R) isn't waiting for congressional action. Earlier this week, he sued the Chinese government in U.S. District Court in Missouri, seeking "billions of dollars" in damages for the medical and economic toll of the coronavirus.



"An appalling campaign of deceit, concealment, misfeasance, and inaction by Chinese authorities unleashed this pandemic," the state alleged in court filings.

Schmitt also named the Chinese Communist Party as a defendant, in a bid to circumvent the prohibition against suing a foreign government. Julian Ku, constitutional-law professor at Hofstra Law School, said U.S. courts have never ruled on the question of the all-powerful CCP's responsibility for Chinese government actions.

But he said that while the case may "embarrass" Chinese authorities, it is unlikely to do much more.

"It is a very difficult case," Ku said. "In general, foreign governments are immune to being dragged into U.S. courts."

Demands to punish China come as the administration remains divided between hard-liners such as White House aide Peter Navarro and officials who worry about a tougher line's impact on financial markets, including Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Larry Kudlow, director of the National Economic Council.

Michael Pillsbury, a China expert at the Hudson Institute, said the president is not ready for a dramatic reorientation of his policy toward Beijing. For now, he said, Trump is content to wait for the results of an internal probe of China's role in the virus.

"It's not time yet for the super-hawks to take over from the president's trade-focused approach, even though he says he's 'unhappy' with China," Pillsbury said.

The White House declined to comment on the various Republican proposals.

The anti-China efforts thus far appear largely symbolic. But some House Republicans are discussing possible legislation to require the Government Accountability Office to formally assess China's financial liability for pandemic-related costs in the United States, said Derek Scissors, a China analyst at the American Enterprise Institute.

A GAO cost estimate could become the basis for a new levy on Chinese goods entering the country, a move Scissors acknowledged would involve costs for the United States as well as China.

The objective would be "to inform U.S. policymakers of how much China has screwed with us, not to pretend that China is going to pay us," he said. "Right now, we're just flailing in the dark."

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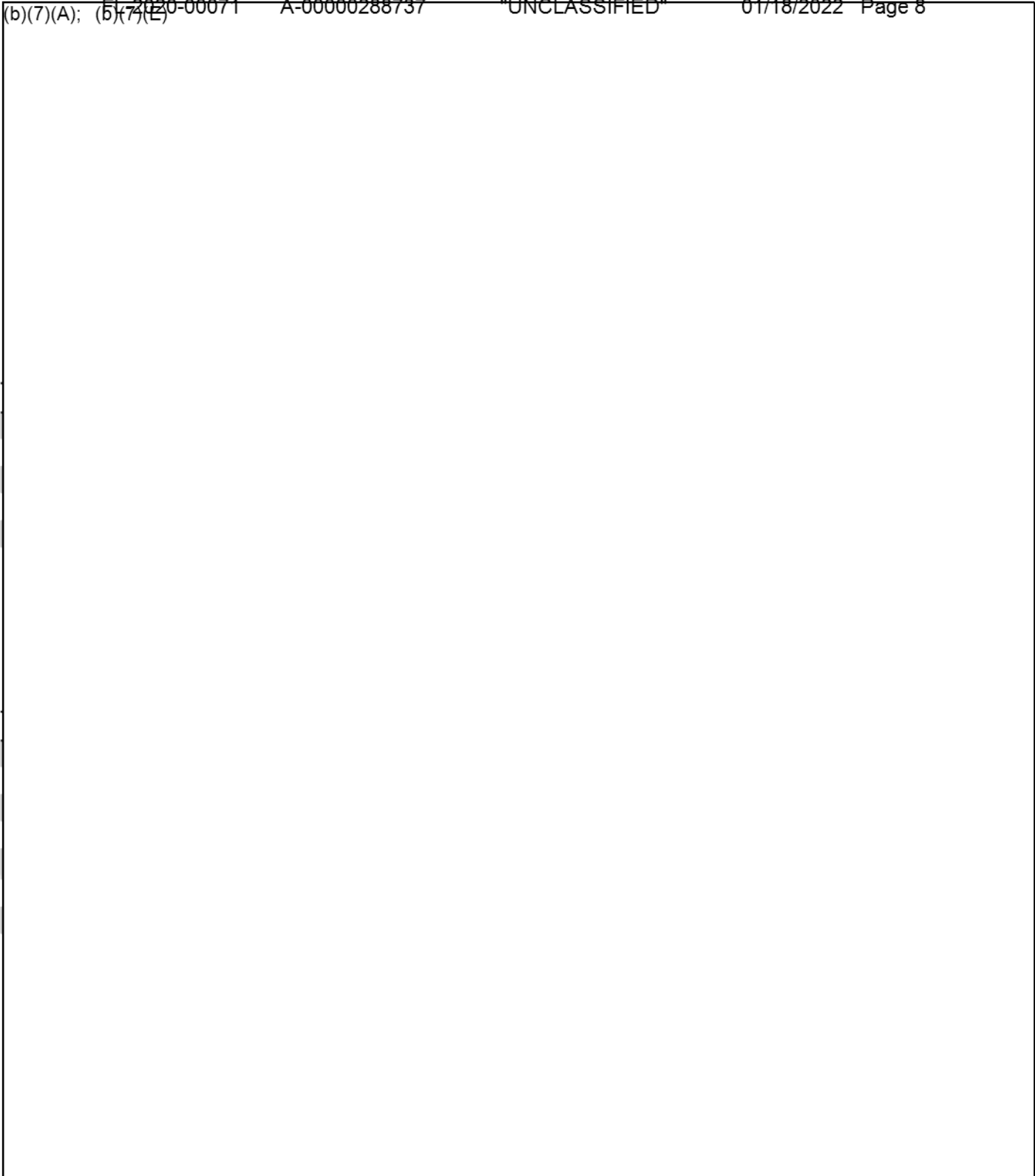
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Colleagues,

The Deputy would like to convene a call again today. We are currently planning for 1130 am.

I will reconfirm the time and dial-in ASAP.

We will follow the same format as yesterday.

Thanks,

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> On Feb 16, 2020, at 10:41 AM, (b)(6) gov wrote:

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> Colleagues,

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> The Deputy would like to have a 30-minute conference call at 12 pm today to check in on the cruise ships, and any other pressing issues that might require decision/action today or tomorrow (if there are any).

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> The dial-in information is:

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> Thank you,

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Steve.

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Many thanks.  
Phil

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**From:** Biegun, Stephen E <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Sunday, March 8, 2020 3:44 PM

**To:** Reeker, Philip T; Kozak, Michael G; Wells, Alice; Stilwell, David R; Nagy, Tibor P; Seagroves, Cliff C

**Cc:** Bulatao, Brian J; Risch, Carl C; Walters, William; Rosenfarb, Charles H; (b)(6) Hale, David; Biegun, Stephen E

**Subject:** Grand Princess Cruise Ship

All:

Please keep this information in private channels until public announcements are made this weekend as final details are still under development.

The Grand Princess cruise ship, which is currently moored off the coast of Northern California, will be reaching port in Oakland, California midday Monday local time.

As the press has reported, cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed among the passengers and crew. Upon arrival into port, American citizens and immediate family members will be disembarked, evaluated for the possibility of coronavirus, and transferred in a controlled manner to appropriate quarantine facilities inside the United States. Non-US passengers will be kept on the ship in



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Attached is a list of passenger and crew nationalities from the Grand Princess. (b)(5)

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This will be up to the UK government to determine.

Passengers from several other countries present on the ship will likely present a challenge to their national governments to repatriate. We are currently awaiting clarification from Carnival Cruise Line as to forward travel plans as well as what the requirements will be for those remaining in quarantine on the ship during and after its berthing in Oakland, CA, and the process for and release of non-US passengers after they have been confirmed negative status for coronavirus on the ship. We will update you with those details once they are available.

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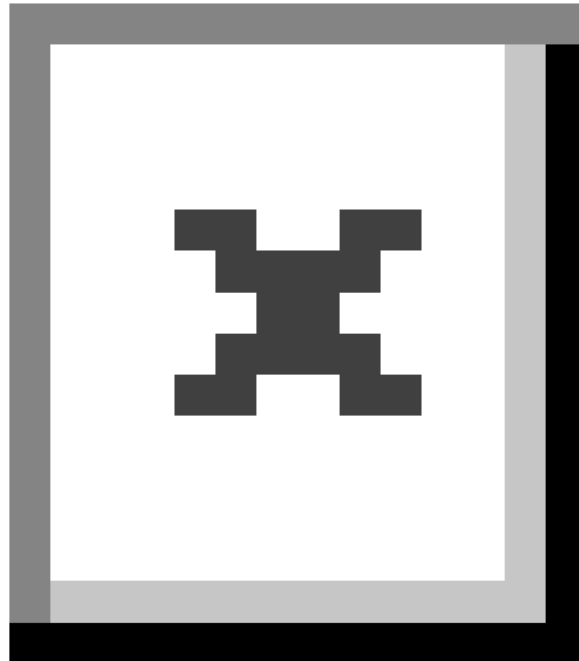


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**Date:** April 9, 2020 at 20:49:20 EDT

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**Subject:** China joins WHO in criticism of 'venomous' Taiwan (Reuters)



[China joins WHO in criticism of 'venomous' Taiwan \(Reuters\)](#)

Apr 10, 2020

BEIJING/TAIPEI (Reuters) - China has accused Taiwan of "venomously" attacking the World Health Organization (WHO) and conniving with internet users to spread racist comments, after the agency's chief said racist slurs against him had come from the island.

Taiwan, claimed by China as its sacred territory, has responded angrily to WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus's assertion that "racist slurs" against him had originated in Taiwan, and demanded he apologise saying the accusations are nonsense.

Taiwan's exclusion from the WHO, due to China's objections, has infuriated the Taipei government during the coronavirus outbreak.

Taiwan says it has been unable to get timely information and that Taiwanese lives have been put at risk. The WHO denies this.

In a statement late on Thursday, China's Taiwan Affairs Office took aim at the "Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) authorities", referring to Taiwan's ruling party and the usual wording Beijing uses for the island's democratically elected government.

"The DPP authorities are unscrupulously using the virus to seek independence, venomously attacking the WHO and its responsible people, conniving with the green internet army to wantonly spread racist comments," it said. "We strongly condemn this."

Green is the DPP's party colour. China believes the DPP is seeking Taiwan's formal independence, but President Tsai Ing-wen says they are already an independent country called the Republic of China, its official name.

Taiwan's China policy-making Mainland Affairs Council said in response that China should "stop using the WHO to put pressure on us and politically smear us".

"We are not afraid of threats," it added.

Taiwan has been proud of its early and so far effective measures against the coronavirus, logging just 380 cases and five deaths to date, far lower than many of its neighbours. Taiwan reported just one new case on Thursday.

Tedros is not a popular figure in Taiwan due to the perception he is too close to China, and the WHO's listing of Taiwan's virus case numbers under China's, despite it being separately governed.

U.S. President Donald Trump sharply criticised the WHO on Tuesday, accusing it of being too focused on China and issuing bad advice during the coronavirus outbreak.

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I don't have any insight on this, but am copying in David and Brian in RSP and a few others in case they have insight as to (b)(5)  
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## **The United States is Leading the Humanitarian and Health Assistance Response to COVID-19**

03/27/2020 02:17 PM EDT

### Office of the Spokesperson

The U.S. government is leading the world's humanitarian and health assistance response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are mobilizing all necessary resources to respond rapidly, both at home and abroad. As part of this comprehensive and generous U.S. response, the State Department and USAID are providing an initial investment of nearly \$274 million in emergency health and humanitarian assistance to help countries in need, on top of the funding we already provide to multilateral organizations such as the World Health Organization and UNICEF.

This total to date includes nearly \$100 million in emergency health assistance from USAID's Global Health Emergency Reserve Fund and \$110 million in humanitarian assistance from USAID's International Disaster Assistance account, to be provided for up to 64 of the most at-risk countries facing the threat of this global pandemic. Through the State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, the UN Refugee



Agency (UNHCR) will receive \$64 million in humanitarian assistance to help address the threats posed by COVID-19 in existing humanitarian crisis situations for some of the world's most vulnerable people. U.S. government agencies are working together to prioritize foreign assistance based on coordination and the potential for impact. With today's new funds, the United States is providing the following specific assistance:

**Africa:**

- **Angola:** \$570,000 in health assistance will help provide risk communication, water and sanitation, and infection prevention and control in key health facilities in Angola. This assistance comes on top of long-term U.S. investments in Angola including \$613 million in health assistance and \$1.48 billion total country investment over the past 20 years.
- **Burkina Faso:** Nearly \$2.1 million in health and humanitarian funding will go toward risk communication, water and sanitation activities, infection prevention and control, public health messaging, and more. Over the past 20 years, the United States has invested more than \$222 million in health alone and more than \$2.4 billion total in Burkina Faso.
- **Cameroon:** \$1.4 million in health assistance will help provide infection control in key health facilities, strengthen laboratories and surveillance, prepare communities, and bolster local messaging. This assistance builds upon more than \$390 million in U.S. health assistance and more than \$960 million total country investment over the past 20 years.
- **Cote d'Ivoire:** \$1.6 million in health assistance to help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. Over the past 20 years, the United States has invested nearly \$1.2 billion in Cote d'Ivoire's health, and more than \$2.1 billion in long term development and other assistance.
- **Ethiopia:** \$1.85 million to counter COVID-19 will go toward risk communication, water and sanitation activities, infection prevention, and coordination. This assistance joins the long-term U.S. investment in Ethiopia, including nearly \$4 billion in health alone and more than \$13 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Kenya:** \$1 million in health assistance will bolster risk communication, prepare health-communication networks and media for a possible case, and help provide public health messaging for media, health workers, and communities. This COVID-19 specific assistance comes on top of long-term U.S. investment in Kenya, including \$6.7 billion in health assistance alone, and more than \$11.7 billion in development and other assistance over the last 20 years.
- **Mozambique:** \$2.8 million in emergency health funding will help provide risk communication, water and sanitation, and infection prevention and control in key health facilities in Mozambique. The United States has invested more than \$3.8 billion in health assistance and nearly \$6 billion total investment, including development and other assistance, over the past 20 years.
- **Nigeria:** More than \$7 million in health and humanitarian funding will go toward risk communication, water and sanitation activities, infection prevention, and coordination. This assistance joins more than \$5.2 billion in U.S. health assistance and more than \$8.1 billion in total assistance for Nigeria over the past 20 years.
- **Rwanda:** \$1 million in health assistance will help with surveillance and case management efforts in

response to COVID-19. This comes on top of long-term U.S. investment in Rwanda including more than \$1.5 billion in health and more than \$2.6 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.

- **Senegal:** \$1.9 million in health funding will go toward risk communication, water and sanitation, infection prevention and control, public health messaging, and more. In Senegal, the U.S. has invested nearly \$880 million in health alone, and nearly \$2.8 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **South Africa:** \$2.77 million in health assistance to counter COVID-19 will support risk communication, water and sanitation, infection prevention and control, public health messaging, and more. This assistance joins nearly \$6 billion invested in health, and more than \$8 billion in total assistance, by the United States for South Africa in the past 20 years.
- **Tanzania:** \$1 million in health assistance will help provide risk communication, water and sanitation, infection prevention and control, public health messaging, and more. The United States has invested nearly \$4.9 billion in health alone and more than \$7.5 billion total for Tanzania over the past 20 years.
- **Zambia:** \$1.87 million in health assistance will go toward risk communication, water and sanitation, infection prevention and control, public health messaging, and more. This new assistance joins nearly \$3.9 billion in U.S. health assistance and nearly \$4.9 billion total U.S. assistance for Zambia over the past 20 years.
- **Zimbabwe:** \$470,000 in health assistance will help the government to prepare laboratories for large-scale testing, support case-finding activities for influenza-like illnesses, and implement a public-health emergency plan for points of entry. This builds on a history of U.S. investments in Zimbabwe – nearly \$1.2 billion in health alone, and nearly \$3 billion total over the past 20 years.
- In addition to health assistance, humanitarian funding is being provided for **Central African Republic** (\$3 million), **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (\$6 million), **Somalia** (\$7 million), **South Sudan** (\$8 million), and **Sudan** (\$8 million). This assistance will primarily provide health-related support and supplies to bolster water and sanitation activities. The United States has a long, generous history of investing in the health and welfare of these countries' citizens, and this humanitarian assistance comes on top of U.S. assistance over the past 20 years: \$4.5 million in health and \$822.6 million total for the Central African Republic; nearly \$1.6 billion in health and nearly \$6.5 billion total for the Democratic Republic of the Congo; nearly \$30 million in health and \$5.3 billion total for Somalia; more than \$405 million in health and more than nearly \$6.4 billion total for South Sudan; and more than \$3 million in health and more than \$1.6 billion total for Sudan.

## Europe and Eurasia:

- **Albania:** \$700,000 in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. Over the last 20 years, the United States has invested more than \$51.8 million in health assistance for Albania, and more than \$693 million in total assistance.
- **Armenia:** \$1.1 million in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has invested nearly \$106 million in health assistance and \$1.57 billion total for Armenia over the past 20 years.
- **Azerbaijan:** \$1.7 million in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-



finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. Over the past 20 years, the United States has invested nearly \$41 million in health alone in Azerbaijan, and more than \$890 million in total assistance.

- **Belarus:** \$1.3 million in health funding will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. This new assistance comes on top of decades of U.S. investment in Belarus, including nearly \$1.5 million in health alone and more than \$301 million in total U.S. assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** \$1.2 million in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has invested \$200,000 in health assistance and more than \$1.1 billion in total assistance for Bosnia and Herzegovina over the past 20 years.
- **Georgia:** \$1.1 million in health funding will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has provided nearly \$139 million in health assistance and more than \$3.6 billion in total U.S. assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Kosovo:** \$1.1 million in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. This assistance to combat COVID-19 is in addition to long-term U.S. investments in Kosovo including more than \$10 million in health assistance and nearly \$773 million in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Moldova:** \$1.2 million in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. This COVID-19 assistance builds upon U.S. investments of nearly \$42 million in health assistance and more than \$1 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **North Macedonia:** \$1.1 million will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. Over the past 20 years, the United States has invested nearly \$11.5 million in health alone and more than \$738 million in total assistance for North Macedonia.
- **Serbia:** \$1.2 million in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has invested nearly \$5.4 million in health assistance and more than \$1 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Ukraine:** More than \$1.2 million in health and humanitarian assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has provided long-term health investments in Ukraine over the past 20 years totaling nearly \$362 million, and total U.S. assistance of nearly \$5 billion over the same time period.
- **Uzbekistan:** Approximately \$848,000 in health funding will go to help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. This new assistance builds upon long-term U.S. investment of more than \$122 million in health and more than \$962 million total assistance over the past 20 years.

## Asia:

- **Afghanistan:** Approximately \$5 million in health and humanitarian assistance will go to support detection and treatment of COVID-19 for internally displaced persons (IDPs). In addition, the United States has also redirected \$10 million in existing resources to support of the United Nations (WHO) Emergency Response Plan for COVID-19. This support will include surveillance, lab improvements, case management, infection prevention and control, community engagement, and technical assistance to Government of Afghanistan.
- **Bangladesh:** \$3.4 million in health assistance will help with case management and surveillance activities. This builds upon more than \$1 billion in health assistance alone out of nearly \$4 billion in total U.S. assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Burma:** Approximately \$3.8 million in health and humanitarian funding will go toward water and sanitation supplies, COVID-19 case management, event-based surveillance, coordination, and more. This assistance comes on top of long-term U.S. investment in Burma including more than \$176 million in health and more than \$1.3 billion in total U.S. assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Cambodia:** Approximately \$2 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, and support technical experts for response and preparedness, and more. The United States has invested long-term in Cambodia, providing more than \$730 million in health and more than \$1.6 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **India:** \$2.9 million to help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, and support technical experts for response and preparedness, and more. This builds upon the foundation of more than \$1.4 billion in health assistance out of the more than \$2.8 billion in U.S. assistance for India over the last 20 years.
- **Indonesia:** \$2.3 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, and support technical experts for response and preparedness, and more. The United States has invested more than \$1 billion in health and more than \$5 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Kazakhstan:** More than \$800,000 in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. This new assistance builds upon U.S. investments of more than \$86 million in health and more than \$2 billion in total assistance over the last 20 years.
- **Kyrgyzstan:** Approximately \$883,000 in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has invested more than \$120 million in health assistance and nearly \$1.2 billion in total assistance for Kyrgyzstan over the past 20 years.
- **Laos:** Nearly \$2 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, and support technical experts for response and preparedness, and more. This assistance builds upon U.S. investment in Laos over time, including nearly \$92 million in health and more than \$348 million total over the past 20 years.
- **Mongolia:** Nearly \$1.2 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, and support technical experts for response and preparedness, and more. The United States has invested nearly \$106 million in health and more than \$1 billion in total assistance for Mongolia over the past 20 years.
- **Nepal:** \$1.8 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, and support technical experts for response and



preparedness, and more. Over the past 20 years, U.S. investment in Nepal includes more than \$603 million in health alone out of more than \$2 billion in total assistance.

- **Papua New Guinea:** \$1.2 million for Papua New Guinea to help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. The United States has invested more than \$52 million in Papua New Guinea's health alone, and nearly \$90 million total, over the past 20 years.
- **Pacific Islands:** \$2.3 million to help governments prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. Over the last decade, the United States has invested more than \$620 million in health assistance for the Pacific Islands. Over the last 20 years, the United States has invested over \$5.21 billion in assistance to the Pacific Islands.
- **Pakistan:** \$1 million in health funding will help Pakistan strengthen monitoring and better prepare communities to identify potential outbreaks. To bolster its national COVID-19 action plan, the United States has also redirected more than \$1 million in existing funding for training of healthcare providers and other urgent needs. S. long-term investment in Pakistan includes more than \$1.1 billion in health alone and more than \$18.4 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Philippines:** Nearly \$4 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. The United States has invested more than \$582 million in the Philippines' health alone and nearly \$4.5 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Sri Lanka:** \$1.3 million will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. Over the past 20 years, U.S. investment in Sri Lanka has included more than \$26 million in health alone out of more than \$1 billion in total assistance.
- **Tajikistan:** Approximately \$866,000 in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. This assistance builds on U.S. investments of nearly \$125 million in health and more than \$1 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Thailand:** Approximately \$1.2 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. This new assistance builds upon long-term U.S. assistance in Thailand including more than \$213 million in health and more than \$1 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Turkmenistan:** Approximately \$920,000 in health assistance has been made available to help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has invested more than \$21.5 million in health and more than \$207 million in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **Timor Leste:** \$1.1 million will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. The United States has invested nearly \$70 million in health assistance and more than \$542 million in total assistance for Timor-Leste over the past 20 years.

- **Vietnam:** Nearly \$3 million in health assistance will help the government prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. Over the past 20 years, the United States has invested more than \$706 million in health assistance and more than \$1.8 billion in total assistance for Vietnam.
- **Regional Efforts in Asia:** \$1.6 million in health assistance will help governments across the region prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control, and more. The United States has provided more than \$226 million in health assistance regionally and in addition to health assistance to individual countries in the region, and in total more than \$3 billion in development and other assistance over the last 20 years.

### **Latin America and the Caribbean:**

- **Jamaica:** \$700,000 in health funding will support risk communication efforts, water and sanitation, prevent and control infections, manage COVID-19 cases, strengthen laboratories, and surveil the spread of the virus. This assistance builds upon U.S. investments of nearly \$87 million in health and nearly \$619 million total over the past 20 years for Jamaica.
- **Paraguay:** \$1.3 million in health assistance will support risk communication efforts, prevent and control infections, manage COVID-19 cases, strengthen laboratories, and surveil the spread of the virus. U.S. investment in Paraguay is long-term and includes more than \$42 million in health and more than \$456 million total over the past 20 years.
- **Haiti:** \$2.2 million in health assistance will help the Haitian government scale up its risk communication efforts, water and sanitation, prevent and control infections, manage COVID-19 cases, strengthen laboratories, and more. The United States has invested \$1.8 billion in health in Haiti and nearly \$6.7 billion in total assistance over the past 20 years.
- **The Caribbean:** \$1.7 million will help governments in the Eastern Caribbean scale up their risk communication efforts, water and sanitation, prevent and control infections, manage COVID-19 cases, strengthen laboratories, and surveil the spread of the virus. This builds upon decades of strategic U.S. investment in the region, including more than \$236 million in health and more than \$840 million total over the past 20 years.
- Additionally, humanitarian assistance is being provided to **Colombia** (\$8.5 million) and **Venezuela** (\$9 million) to surveil the spread of the virus, provide water and sanitation supplies, manage COVID-19 cases, and more. In Colombia, the United States has invested approximately \$32.5 million in health over the past 20 years, and nearly \$12 billion in total assistance in that same time frame. In Venezuela, the U.S. has invested more than \$1.3 million in direct health assistance and more than \$278 million in total long-term assistance over the past 20 years.

### **Middle East and North Africa:**

- **Morocco:** \$670,000 in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. This assistance builds upon long-term U.S. investments in Morocco, including \$64.5 million in health and more than \$2.6 billion in total assistance over the last 20 years.
- **Tunisia:** \$700,000 in health assistance will help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk



communication, and more. The United States has invested more than \$7 million directly in health assistance and more than \$1.3 billion in total U.S. assistance for Tunisia over the past 20 years.

- **Iraq:** More than \$15.5 million in health and humanitarian assistance will help prepare laboratories, implement a public-health emergency plan for points of entry, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance for influenza-like illnesses, and more. This new assistance builds upon long-term investment in Iraq, including nearly \$4 billion in health alone, and more than \$70 billion in total U.S. assistance over the past 20 years.
- Humanitarian assistance is also being provided for **Libya** (\$6 million) and **Syria** (\$16.8 million). This assistance joins decades of U.S. investments in both countries' health and overall development. The U.S. has invested more than \$715 million in total assistance for Libya over the past 20 years, and more than \$6.1 billion in total assistance for Syria in the same time frame.

### UN Organizations and Agencies:

- \$24.3 million in global and regional programming through international organizations like the WHO and UNICEF.
- \$64 million for UNHCR's portion of the UN's COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan to address the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in refugee, IDP, and hosting communities in countries already facing complex humanitarian crises across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and South America.

U.S. investments under the Global Health Security Agenda, including those we have contributed to this global crisis response, are designed to protect the American public by helping to minimize the spread of disease in affected countries and improve local and global responses to outbreaks of infectious pathogens. This new assistance builds on the United States' record of leadership in global health and humanitarian assistance. This assistance is part of a larger USG global response package across multiple departments and agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Since 2009, American taxpayers have generously funded more than \$100 billion in health assistance and nearly \$70 billion in humanitarian assistance globally. Our country continues to be the single largest health and humanitarian donor for both long-term development and capacity building efforts with partners, and emergency response efforts in the face of recurrent crises. This money has saved lives, protected people who are most vulnerable to disease, built health institutions, and promoted the stability of communities and nations.

*For more information on the U.S. government's holistic funding in response to this crisis, please contact [F-Press@state.gov](mailto:F-Press@state.gov).*

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Thank you for meeting earlier and for all of the work we know will unfold now through Sunday to execute this repatriation.

To recap the **schedule tomorrow:**

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Thank you,

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**Importance:** High

Colleagues,

Apologies for the late request, but the Deputy would like to convene at 4:30 in the D conference room (7220) to discuss the Diamond Princess. Please come as soon as you can.

Thank you,

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Jonathan, (b)(6)

Below are points for D's 0900 Hill engagement. We need to get input back to them by 0800. Please let us know if you have any edits.

Thank you,

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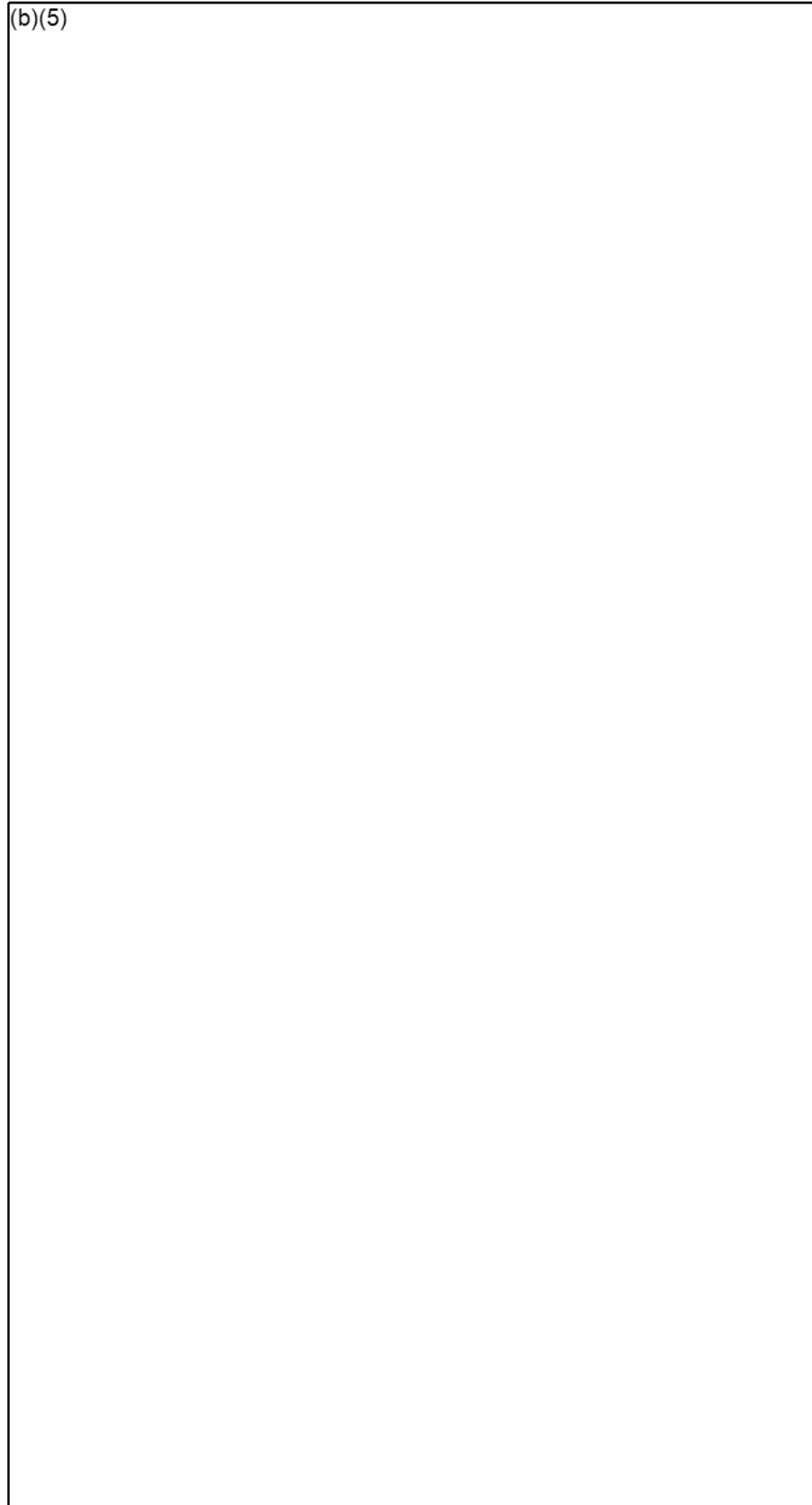
All – TF and Embassy Beijing were asked to work up some points before D's 0900 Hill briefing responsive to last night's Washington Post story. These points in the last 15 minutes by us – flash contributions from CA-Press and Embassy Beijing were incorporated. Substantive input in next 30 minutes welcome, after 0800, showstoppers only. Call TF direct if more convenient to verbat edits or additions –

(b)(6) D Staff, please comment if you want anything else. (b)(6)

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A/S and PDAS,

Apologies for the late night clearance request. D staff requested that CA/FO and WHA/FO review and clear the attached Annotated Agenda tonight.

Please advise if you clear, and I will send directly to D staff.

Thanks,

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**To:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing); (b)(6)  
**Cc:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL; Fritz, Jonathan D  
**Subject:** RE: Congressional Letter to Cui on Export Requirements

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**To:** Waters, John R <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** EAP-CM-Unit Chiefs-DL <EAP-CM-UnitChiefs-DL@state.gov>; Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Congressional Letter to Cui on Export Requirements

Rick, (b)(6)

Senator Carper is looking to send a bipartisan letter to Amb Cui about the PRC's new customs requirements that have been delaying PPE shipments. He and others in Congress have heard complaints about these requirements from companies in their districts.

The Senator's staff sent us a copy of the draft letter, attached, for our review and comment. (b)(5)

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Thanks,  
Dan

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<(b)(6)>; Gucyski, Agatha (Carper) <(b)(6)>;  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: China's new export requirements

Thanks! Happy to keep folks on the chain, just didn't want to spam.

Dan, a draft of the letter is attached. Would you be able to take a look and let us know of any major concerns, or anything we should be aware of? We'd be happy to hop on the phone and discuss if it's easier once you take a look.

Thanks very much!

Abby

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**To:** Shenkle, Abby (Carper)  
**Cc:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing); (b)(6) Xiao,  
Lucy (Carper); Sha, Lynn (Carper); Gucyski, Agatha (Carper); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: China's new export requirements

Hi Abby,

My colleague, Dan Wald, who has been leading the coordination effort here at State (copied on your email), along with colleagues from the "China desk" can provide the most informed perspective on our engagement with the PRC government on all aspects of the medical supplies effort.

If you could please copy the rest of us from State on future emails, that would be very helpful.

Thanks and regards,  
Andrew

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**From:** Shenkle, Abby (Carper) <(b)(6)>  
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(b)(6); Xiao, Lucy (Carper)  
(b)(6); Sha, Lynn (Carper) <(b)(6)>; Gucyski, Agatha (Carper) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: China's new export requirements

Hi Andrew, thanks again for this response. Senator Carper may lead a (hopefully bipartisan) letter to Ambassador Tiankai urging him to work with the U.S. to address this issue. Would you or someone on this chain be willing to take a look at a draft and let us know of any major concerns? Please let me know.

Thanks!

Abby

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**From:** (b)(6)  
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**To:** Shenkle, Abby (Carper)  
**Cc:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing); (b)(6)  
(b)(6); Xiao, Lucy (Carper); Sha, Lynn (Carper); Gucyski, Agatha (Carper)  
**Subject:** Re: China's new export requirements

Hi Abby,

At this point, given the number of entities involved and the changing conditions in China, the best thing we can do is to stay in contact with latest developments. If you hear of other cases, could you let us know (the more specifics, the better)? We are taking all the incoming information into consideration as we continue to engage the Chinese government on this problem.

Thanks,

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**From:** Shenkle, Abby (Carper) <(b)(6)>  
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**Cc:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

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(b)(6); Xiao, Lucy (Carper)  
(b)(6); Sha, Lynn (Carper) (b)(6); Gucyski, Agatha  
(Carper) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: China's new export requirements

Thanks Andrew. Is there anything we can do to be helpful at this point? Also adding my colleagues Lucy, Lynn, and Agatha in case they have additional questions on this. Lucy covers trade; Lynn and Agatha work on health care for the Senator.

Thanks-

Abby

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 5:25:25 PM  
**To:** Shenkle, Abby (Carper)  
**Cc:** Wald, Daniel P (Beijing); (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** China's new export requirements

Dear Ms. Shenkle,

I am writing in response to your email (below) to the State Department regarding China's new regulations related to the export of medical supplies. This is an issue that the Department has been following very closely, working with FEMA and other U.S. government agencies. Ambassador Branstad and the team at our Embassy and Consulates in China have been focused on facilitating the shipment of vital medical supplies to the United States.

The following summarizes the major details of the situation on the ground there.

On March 31 the **Ministry of Commerce, China Customs, and the National Medical Products Administration (NMPA)** tightened regulations on the export of medical supplies to ensure that certified products are being exported from China.

The new requirements mandate PPE exporters to have not only an FDA certification for export to the U.S. but also a local NMPA registration for domestic sale in China. For many companies, this requirement is unrealistic and an additional burden, particularly if their primary market is in the United States.

We appreciate the efforts to ensure **quality control**, but also do not want this to serve as an obstacle for the timely export of important supplies.

**Ambassador Branstad raised his concerns about this new regulation with Commerce Vice Minister Wang Shouwen during a phone call on April 7.** The Ambassador made clear that these new requirements are hindering PPE shipments to the United States.

For example, we have encountered **a case where a needed shipment from Shanghai was delayed.** A major healthcare logistics firm (**Owens and Minor**) has 500,000 surgical masks ready to fly out from a long-time FDA approved company in Jiangsu that has sold to the U.S. for years. Because the company only focused on exports, **they do not yet have the NMPA certification, although they are registered with the FDA.**

We would like to seek a resolution to this problem whereby companies exporting PPE to the United States that hold FDA certifications are permitted to continue to export to the United States. In particular, we would like to seek an exemption from the NMPA registration requirement for these products, an expedited clearance track or a "grandfather" clause for products that already have FDA certifications.

While we understand the new regulations are not specifically aimed at the United States, we would appreciate the Chinese government's assistance in revising this new requirement so as not to prevent the flow of PPE to the United States.

Finding a resolution to this problem would be consistent with the spirit of the President's phone call with Xi Jinping on March 27.

I hope this information is useful, and please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs

U.S. Department of State

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**From:** Shenkle, Abby (Carper) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:17 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(6); Kaldahl, Ryan M  
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**Cc:** Xiao, Lucy (Carper) <(b)(6)>; Sha, Lynn (Carper)  
<(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Help w new Chinese export requirements?

Hi there -- hope all's well and that you're hanging in there (as best you can)!

I'm writing to check in on an issue we're experiencing relating to export licenses from China. We're hearing from a testing company we work with that they are coming up against a new law in China requiring that products for export be approved by the China National Medical Products Association. This process could apparently take years.

Because of the new law, shipments of fast, point of care serology tests have been halted and put on hold. It sounds like HHS, FDA, and AdvaMed are aware of the concerns (and that FDA is issuing EUAs for the test in particular, but that Chinese review may still be required, leading to untenable delays). Other products affected are COVID-19 related diagnostic tests, medical masks, medical protective clothing, ventilators, and infrared thermometers.

An article describing the issue in depth is linked below.

**Is this something you all are aware of and working on? If so, what steps are being taken to fix it, and is there anything we can do to support your efforts?**

Thanks for any guidance you can offer!!

Abby

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<b>Subject:</b>	RE: WHEELS UP!
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 28 Jan 2020 20:51:24 +0000

HALLELULIA! Great work to each and every member of the team in getting our folks the heck out of Dodge.

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**Subject:** WHEELS UP!

Wheels up for Anchorage at 1538 ET with 198 passengers total. 12 crew.

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**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Draft Ops Text for Evacuation Flight Wheels up from Wuhan (SBU)

(b)(6) the plane is taxiing. Estimated wheels up in the next 10 minutes.

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**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Draft Ops Text for Evacuation Flight Wheels up from Wuhan (SBU)

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Thanks much, Shane.

(b)(6)

Special Assistant  
Office of the Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

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**Cc:** (b)(6) Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Draft Ops Text for Evacuation Flight Wheels up from Wuhan (SBU)

Brooke,

The plane is fully boarded. We're awaiting word on taxi and takeoff.

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**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Draft Ops Text for Evacuation Flight Wheels up from Wuhan (SBU)

Hi Shane,

Any update on wheels up timing?

Thanks much,

(b)(6)

Special Assistant  
Office of the Assistant Secretary  
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Thank you! Although I note this is draft text and the plane has not taken off yet. Once we have a final manifest and confirmation of wheels-up, I will be back in touch.

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I clear. Halleluia!

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**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Martin, (b)(6); zTask Force 4 Mailbox <TaskForce4Mailbox@state.gov>  
**Subject:** FOR CLEARANCE: Draft Ops Text for Evacuation Flight Wheels up from Wuhan (SBU)  
**Importance:** High

DAS Fritz,

For your clearance, below is a draft Op Center Alert that will be sent once the flight is wheels up.

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**Subject:** FW: CHINA: Evacuation Flight Wheels up from Wuhan (SBU)  
**Importance:** High

Dear Colleagues,

The below draft alert is for TF Director Clearance.

Regards,

(b)(6) Watch Officer

State Department Operations Center

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**From:** (b)(6)  
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<b>To:</b>	TROUP, Jennifer (WSH) <(b)(6)>; Cook, Nerissa J <(b)(6)>
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6); EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(6); Riley, Joseph W <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Taiwan participation at WHA - New Zealand support
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 7 May 2020 19:16:06 +0000

This is fabulous news, Jennifer. Many thanks for passing along. Couldn't agree more with Wellington's emphasis on inclusiveness and non-politicization in the public health realm.

Cheers,

Jonathan

**From:** (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:50 AM

**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** (b)(6); EAP-TC-Office-DL <EAP-TC-Office-DL@state.gov>;

(b)(6); Riley, Joseph W

<(b)(6)>

**Subject:** Taiwan participation at WHA - New Zealand support

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Dear DAS Cook and DAS Fritz,

I wanted to let you know that New Zealand has decided to co-sign the joint letter to the WHO Director-General expressing support for Taiwan's participation at technical-level meetings and as an observer at the WHA.

This is a significant new step for New Zealand, but one consistent with our view that we consider effective engagement between WHO and Taiwan as critical to global public health.

New Zealand has always emphasised in our engagement with the World Health Organisation the importance of inclusivity and non-politicisation in global health matters. In this context, we are a longstanding and consistent supporter of Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly as an observer.

The current pandemic – affecting peoples in all corners of the globe – highlights the importance of timely and fulsome cooperation with all communities in responding to COVID-19. That includes Taiwan, a community of more than 24 million people.

Effectively sharing information on the virus – and the approaches and experiences of different jurisdictions – has important benefits for global public health, and for the health of New Zealanders.

My colleagues in Geneva will of course be engaging directly with your colleagues there.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Jennifer Troup**

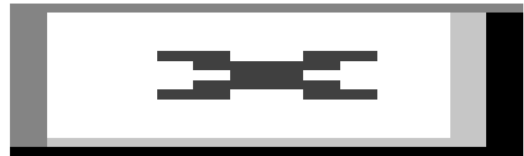
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**From:** "Risch, Carl C" <(b)(6)>  
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 Mesquita, Mario M <(b)(6)>  
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**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Data Request: US Guest & Crew  
**To:** Lang, Karin M <(b)(6)>

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 (b)(6), Knapper, Marc E <(b)(6)>, (b)(6)  
 (b)(6), (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6), Taylor, Keith (HA Group) <(b)(6)>

Mike – Please password out as you ok for the team. All the best - Charlie

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**From:** Ball, Charlie (PCL)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2020 6:59 PM  
**To:** Burke, William (CarnCorp) <(b)(6)> <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** Bradley, Taylor (PCL) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Data Request: US Guest & Crew  
**Importance:** High

Here is a master manifest. Password to follow - Charlie

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**From:** Morgenstern, Robert (PCL)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2020 6:52 PM  
**To:** Tarling, Grant (PCL) (b)(6) Ball, Charlie (PCL) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Swartz, Jan (PCL) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Data Request: US Guest & Crew  
**Importance:** High

Charlie / Grant-

You have both requested the same data.

Attached is US Crew and Guest data as of 5PM PST 2.14.20

Status of "On ship" vs "off ship" changes daily as guests debark to quarantine.

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Robert Morgenstern  
SVP | Port Operations & Shore Excursions  
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<b>Subject:</b>	CA - EAP - China - Second Set of Charter Flights from Wuhan - 2-4-2020
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 5 Feb 2020 00:18:43 +0000

A few edits based on the latest passenger numbers I've seen – cc'ing Task Force to confirm those are accurate...

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**Subject:** Re: (SBU) Watch Overnight Developments - January 25  
**Date:** Sat, 25 Jan 2020 16:32:51 +0000

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**From:** Stilwell, David R  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 25, 2020 11:04 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Jonathan D; Keshap, Atul; Douglas, Walter T; (b)(6)  
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## ***SPOT REPORT No. 6***

### **Coronavirus**

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

1045 ET

**SITUATION ON THE GROUND**

- (U) The Chinese government announced the number of cases increased to 1,372 and the number of deaths remained at 41. *(Reuters)*
- (U) Following a politburo meeting, President Xi warned the virus is "accelerating," but said China can "win the battle." *(Reuters)*
- (SBU) Wuhan's government restricted all motor vehicles except supply trucks and other official vehicles, in the central districts. *(Embassy Beijing)*
- (U) The Chinese Tourism Association halted all international and domestic group tours as of January 27, including all overseas flights and hotel bookings through travel agencies. *(Reuters)*
- (U) KFC and Pizza Hut closed some of their branches in Wuhan. *(Reuters)*
- (U) China halted all inter-provincial bus services to and from Beijing. *(Sina Weibo)*
- (U) The Ministry of Finance and National Health Commission announced funding will include subsidies for those infected and medical personnel, and the purchase of special equipment for protection, diagnosis, and treatment. *(China Daily)*

**INTERNATIONAL IMPACT**

- (U) **Saudi Arabia:** The government disputed claims an Indian national was being treated in Saudi Arabia. *(Reuters)*
- (U) **France:** The French consulate in Wuhan said it was coordinating bus service for French nationals and their families to evacuate the city. *(Reuters)*
- (U) **Russia:** Russia held consultations with China over evacuation of its citizens from Wuhan, but denied any of its citizens were infected. *(Reuters)*

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<b>To:</b>	Murray, Matthew D (Beijing) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6); (b)(6)
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<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Ambassador's Schedule
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 17 Jan 2020 13:15:04 +0000

Well done on the Senate fentanyl vote to all involved - that was an absolute must have! And sounds like we have all the hatches battened down and ready for a major push on Phase 1 implementation. That's a rich haul for a short trip. Kudos all around, and to (b)(6) in particular. Heck, take the next three days off!

Cheers,

Jonathan

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Murray, Matthew D (Beijing)

**Sent:** Friday, January 17, 2020 7:04 AM

**To:** (b)(6)

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**Subject:** Re: Ambassador's Schedule

(b)(6)

As someone who had a front row seat for your outstanding contributions this week, I just wanted to say a huge thank you on behalf of the Ambassador and the entire Embassy team that was here on the ground in DC. You did a first-class job managing every aspect of the visit, and many of the successes you outlined below would not have been achieved without your efforts.

On a personal note, I also wanted to thank you for all of the support you provided to me even though your primary focus rightfully was on the Ambassador. You resolved several issues for me quickly and efficiently even though I knew you had many other competing priorities.

Many thanks!

Have a nice weekend,

Matt

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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Subject: Re: Ambassador's Schedule

All,

That's a wrap! Ambassador Branstad is wheels-up, ERT Beijing. Great trip.

Day three - the final day - started dark and early with a 7am live interview on FOX's Mornings with Maria. Nailed all the key points:

<https://video.foxbusiness.com/v/6123156856001/#sp=show-clips>

Special thanks to Beijing Press, EAP/P and GPA for helping set that interview up:



After the interview, the Ambassador met with Secretary Perdue, readying to sell vastly more ag products to Chinese consumers.



Final piece was a joint interview with Bloomberg News - both the Ambassador and Secretary took part.

Off to the airport. A solid three days.

Icing on the cake? The Ambassador's push for Senate support for fentanyl legislation worked like a charm: just before the wheels went up, the Senate voted by unanimous consent to extend scheduling of fentanyl as a class for 15 months. We'll take it. A win's a win.

Great job to the dozens of folks who made all this happen!

Cheers,

Paul

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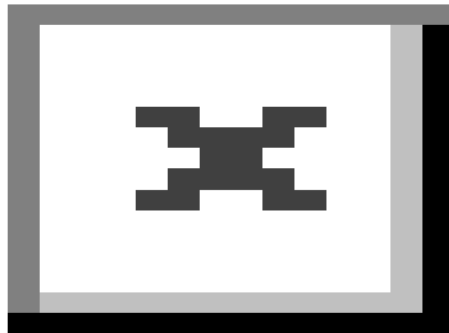
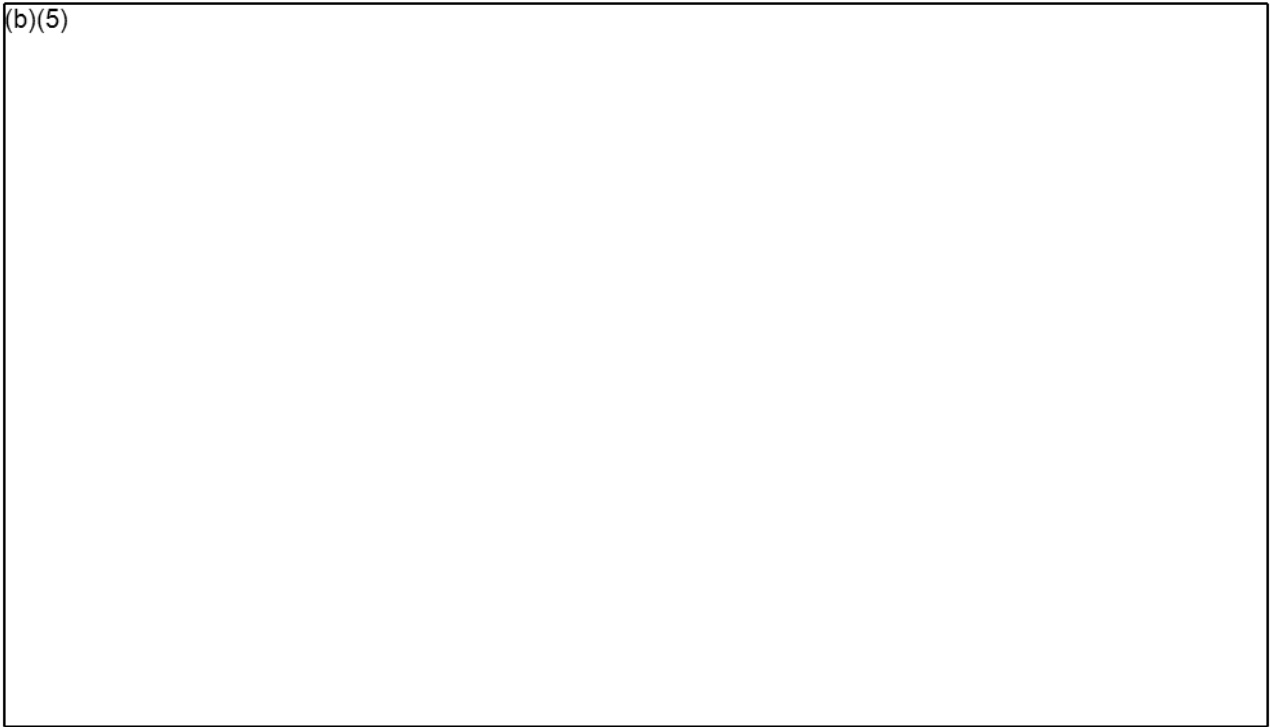
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Subject: RE: Ambassador's Schedule

All,

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Cheers,

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**Subject:** Re: Ambassador's Schedule

All,

Day one for Ambassador Branstad has gone very well, still going strong as he enjoys dinner in the Indian Treaty Room of the EEOB with economic principals from both the USG and PRC, including Lighthizer, Mnuchin, Liu He, and about 18 others. After that it's back to the hotel and RON.

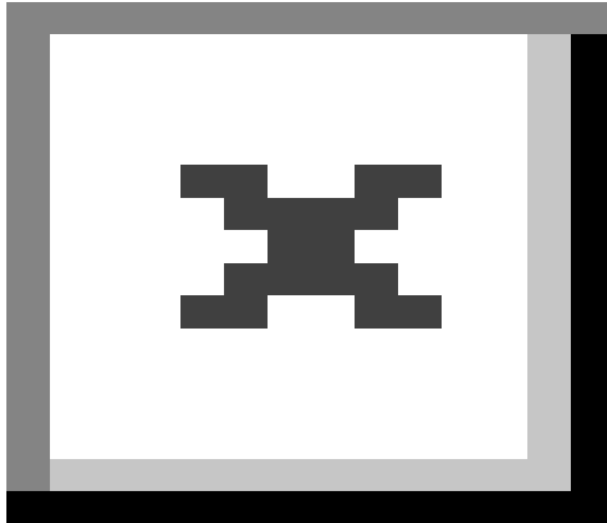
Meetings on the Hill today we're very productive. To push for fentanyl legislation before Feb 6, he met with Senators Portman, McConnell, Alexander, Whitehouse, and Durbin. Colleagues from ONDCP and H joined and were a huge help. There is some hope his push will persuade the Senate to vote on a legislative fix before the impeachment trial starts next week - given the late hour, the vote would likely have to be a bipartisan solution passed by unanimous consent. Fingers crossed. Some senators hadn't been tracking the Feb 6 deadline. The Ambassador's efforts injected a much needed sense of urgency.

On tap for tomorrow/Wednesday: trade deal signing at the White House, followed by lunch hosted by POTUS, then a meeting with Secretary Ross.

I'll keep everyone posted.

Here's a pic of most of the dinner party participants:





Cheers,

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**Subject:** Ambassador's Schedule

Aisha & colleagues,

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Cheers,

(b)(6)

Desk Officer – U.S.-China Bilateral Affairs  
Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs  
U.S. Department of State

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 <ChurchillSW@state.gov>  
**Subject:** last-minute additions for DC

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Thanks so much for all your hard work! Good luck this week😊

Best,

(b)(6)  
 Executive Office Staff Assistant | U.S. Embassy, Beijing  
 (b)(6)

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<b>Subject:</b>	2020-1-30 DC One Pager on Coronavirus - BL edits (003)
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 30 Jan 2020 17:48:39 +0000

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<b>Subject:</b>	Wuhan Update (1/27, 2300 hours)
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 28 Jan 2020 03:56:44 +0000

Sir: During the 8pm conference call this evening, the Wuhan Task Force, embassy Beijing, and ConGen Wuhan discussed the following:

- The timing of the plane’s arrival in Wuhan remains unchanged and Wuhan staff remain healthy and ready to depart.

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<b>Subject:</b>	The world will demand answers on covid-19 until China explains what happened from The Washington Post
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 24 Apr 2020 13:19:47 +0000

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/how-china-can-end-the-covid-19-conspiracy-theories-before-they-get-worse/2020/04/23/4999a93a-8586-11ea-878a-86477a724bdb\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/how-china-can-end-the-covid-19-conspiracy-theories-before-they-get-worse/2020/04/23/4999a93a-8586-11ea-878a-86477a724bdb_story.html)

(b)(5): “ Top scientists I contacted over the past week were skeptical about theories that are spinning about deliberate Chinese attempts to engineer the toxic virus. But many said it’s possible that a pathogen that was being studied by researchers in Wuhan could have leaked accidentally from one of two virology labs there, setting off the chain of infection. Many of these top scientists said they would remain “agnostic” about how covid-19 emerged until the Chinese provided clear evidence. Their calls for an investigation add weight to similar demands this week by political leaders, such as President Trump and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison. “

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 <(b)(6)>, Waters,  
 John R <(b)(6)>

Good evening. Just a heads-up that I'm seeing conflicting information on the time for the first call tomorrow. It might be at 9 AM. If someone gets the dial-in information, please share it.

Thanks!  
(b)(6)

Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary  
U.S. Department of State  
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**Subject:** Diamond Princess Coordination - Response requested

Thank you for meeting earlier and for all of the work we know will unfold now through Sunday to execute this repatriation.

To recap the **schedule tomorrow:**

10:00 AM (b)(6) level call – Expected participation will be CA, EAP, MED, M staff, and D staff.

**11:30 AM State huddle – The Deputy would like to convene in person and/or by phone to ensure we are synched before the 12 PM Task Force call that D will join.** Requested participants: DAS Knapper, A/S Risch, M, A/S Giuda, L, H, and MED. Please advise if you can join in person or by phone.

12:00 Task Force Call – The Deputy will join for State. He requests that U/S Bulatao and A/S Risch join as silent listeners. The agenda is attached.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary  
 U.S. Department of State

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**Subject:** Meeting at 4:30 with the Deputy

**Importance:** High

Colleagues,

Apologies for the late request, but the Deputy would like to convene at 4:30 in the D conference room (7220) to discuss the Diamond Princess. Please come as soon as you can.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary

U.S. Department of State

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**Subject:** RE: Mission China numbers - USDH, EFM, LES  
**Date:** Wed, 29 Jan 2020 17:13:49 +0000

Awesome – thanks (b)(6)

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**Subject:** RE: Mission China numbers - USDH, EFM, LES

Hi Jonathan,

For today’s Hill briefing – please meet (b)(6) at the C Street Lobby at 1:10 p.m. for departure via taxi. CA’s DAS King will also go over with you.

You will huddle informally with the interagency 20 minutes before the briefing. HHS/CDC (and potentially DHS) will be present. The meeting will open with HHS/CDC, DHS (maybe), and then will turn to you to provide the overview for State.

EAP will be asked to:

- Provide an overview of the situation on the ground;
- Provide background on the circumstances of the evacuation and our cooperation with Beijing;
- Discuss the potential for additional flights to enter China to evacuate the remaining U.S. citizens in Wuhan; and
- Explain how the Department is limiting exposure to the virus for Mission personnel.

As Bridget mentioned, we are drafting points for you and printing out your reference materials. Thanks!

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Jonathan,  
With (b)(6) help, I'm also pulling together a quick one-pager on background for the briefing, plus some topline points. Coming to you within the next few minutes. Nav is also printing out some additional supporting documents and will walk them up to you.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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This will do – no need for the LE #s. Thanks, Chris.

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This is as of yesterday. It does not have LE. I can pull those once I get the cable fire sorted.

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**Subject:** Mission China numbers - USDH, EFM, LES

Do we have those handy before I head up to the Hill?

Jonathan D. Fritz  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for China, Mongolia, Taiwan & Hong Kong  
Bureau of East Asian & Pacific Affairs  
U.S. Department of State  
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<b>Subject:</b>	Re: State Department News Briefing (5-13-20 - 9 PM ET)
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 14 May 2020 02:46:27 +0000

This one, too...

### Focus on COVID-19 battle, France tells China after Taiwan warning

Reuters [5/13/2020 11:16 AM, Gabriel Crossley and John Irish, Neutral] reports that France dismissed Chinese warnings on Wednesday about selling arms to self-ruled Taiwan, saying it was implementing existing deals and that Beijing should focus on battling the COVID-19 pandemic. China's foreign ministry warned Paris over a contract for Taiwan, which is planning to buy weapons from Paris as part of an upgrade to a French-made warship fleet bought 30 years ago. China says Taiwan is part of "one China," and that this principle must be accepted by any country with which it has diplomatic relations. Arms sales to Taiwan are always highly sensitive and regularly prompt a strong reaction from Beijing. The French foreign ministry responded by saying it followed a "one China" policy as agreed with Beijing in 1994 and continued to urge both sides to hold dialogue. "Within this context France respects the contractual commitments it made with Taiwan and has not changed its position since 1994," the ministry said in a statement. "Facing the COVID-19 crisis, all our attention and efforts should be focused on battling the pandemic."

**From:** Stilwell, David R <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:55 PM

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**Subject:** FW: State Department News Briefing (5-13-20 - 9 PM ET)

Woo Hoo!!

### Journalist Group Scraps Coronavirus Panel After Flak Over Huawei Sponsorship

The Wall Street Journal [5/13/2020 12:58 PM, Dan Strumpf, Neutral] reports that an effort by Huawei Technologies Co. to dip its toe into the stormy waters of a U.S. political debate backfired after organizers canceled a star-studded online panel sponsored by the Chinese company to discuss the coronavirus and its impact on minority communities. The webinar, organized by the National Association of Black Journalists, was titled "The Rise of Misinformation," and had billed musician and entrepreneur will.i.am and CNN host Van



Jones among panelists set to address the issue of false information about the pandemic and its effect on minority groups. Huawei had been signed on as a sponsor of the event, the journalist group said. But on Tuesday the association scrapped the event as it came under fire online, including from Sen. Tom Cotton. Some of the panelists said they hadn't realized Huawei was a sponsor and wouldn't have agreed to take part if they had known. China and the U.S. have accused each other of spreading misinformation about the origins of the novel coronavirus, with U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo saying there is evidence the virus originated in a Chinese laboratory and a Chinese foreign-ministry spokesman saying it originated with the U.S. military.

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**TO: State Department & Staff**  
**DATE: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:00 PM ET**

### State Department News

#### **Pompeo in Israel for Meetings on Annexation, Virus, Iran and China**

The *New York Times* [5/13/2020 9:50 AM, David M. Halbfinger and Lara Jakes, 40577K, Neutral] reports that with Israel preparing to annex territory in the occupied West Bank and a flurry of clashes claiming the lives of an Israeli soldier and a Palestinian teenager, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo arrived in Jerusalem on Wednesday promising to push ahead with the Trump administration's proposal to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "There remains work yet to do, and we need to make progress on it," Pompeo said of the administration's "vision for peace" at the start of a lightning-quick, eight-hour visit. It was the first official trip to Israel by any country's diplomats since the coronavirus pandemic shunted face-to-face meetings onto videoconferences. Pompeo, who disembarked from his jet wearing a red, white and blue mask, also addressed efforts to fight the coronavirus and to stop Iran's nuclear project and contain its expansionist moves in the Middle East. In brief remarks alongside Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Pompeo revealed that China, a rare sore spot between the United States and Israel, was also very much on the agenda. "You're a great partner," Pompeo said to Netanyahu. "You share information, unlike some other countries that try and obfuscate and hide information. We'll talk about that country, too." Pompeo also met with Benny Gantz, who fought Netanyahu to a draw in three

elections over the past year and a half before agreeing to join him in an emergency unity government. Netanyahu's vow to annex West Bank territory that the Palestinians have long counted on for a future state loomed largest over Pompeo's visit. A mapping committee of American and Israeli officials – not including Palestinian leaders – is drawing the boundaries of the roughly 30 percent of West Bank territory that is expected to be annexed. Ambassador David M. Friedman, the American envoy to Jerusalem, sits on that panel, but he skipped Wednesday's meeting with Pompeo after experiencing "mild upper-respiratory symptoms," though he tested negative for Covid-19, the disease caused by the virus, the United States Embassy said. The Wall Street Journal [5/13/2020 2:54 PM, Felicia Schwartz, Neutral] reports that while Palestinians have rejected the Trump administration's peace plan and the European Union is considering punitive steps toward Israel, the nation's new unity government could begin the annexation process in July. "We're now some months on from the day that you came to Washington when President Trump announced [the] Vision for Peace ... there remains work yet to do, and we need to make progress on that," Pompeo said in Jerusalem ahead of his meeting with Netanyahu. Mohammed Shtayyeh, prime minister of the Palestinian Authority, said Palestinian officials are watching Pompeo's visit closely as well as the swearing in of the new Israeli government. The Los Angeles Times [5/13/2020 7:35 AM, Tracy Wilkinson, Neutral] reports that Netanyahu, standing about six feet from Pompeo at the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem, but with neither wearing a face mask, said Pompeo's visit was a "testament to the strength of our alliance [and] to the strength of President Trump's commitment to the state of Israel." The pair also planned to discuss Iran, with Pompeo referring to its "malign behavior" and the threat he says it poses to Israel. Netanyahu's government is an especially enthusiastic supporter of the U.S. "campaign of maximum pressure" aimed at isolating Tehran diplomatically and crippling its economy. At Netanyahu's urging, Trump pulled the U.S. out of an international accord that had halted Iran's drive to develop nuclear weapons. The AP [5/13/2020 11:30 AM, Ilan Ben Zion, 2194K, Neutral] reports that Pompeo's brief visit to Israel came at a tense time, as Israeli troops searched for the killers of a soldier killed a day earlier by a rock dropped from a rooftop during an army raid of a West Bank village. Netanyahu and his new coalition partner, Blue and White party leader Gantz, postponed the swearing-in of their government until Thursday to accommodate Pompeo's visit. Neither Netanyahu nor Pompeo mentioned Wednesday's violence in the southern West Bank. The Palestinian health ministry said a 15-year-old boy was killed in confrontations with Israeli forces near the city of Hebron. It said four others were wounded by live fire. The Israeli military said troops had responded with live fire to a "violent riot" and that it was "aware" of the reports of a casualty. Pompeo expressed his condolence on the soldier's death and said "Israel has the right to defend itself and America will consistently support you in that effort." Reuters [5/13/2020 4:20 PM, Dan Williams, Neutral] reports that in an interview with the Israel Hayom newspaper, where he was quoted in Hebrew, Pompeo said the West Bank territorial moves were an Israeli decision that Netanyahu and Gantz have a right to make. But Pompeo noted the issue was complex and required coordination with Washington, which has formed a joint team with Israel to map out new territorial lines in the West Bank in accordance with Trump's Middle East plan. He said he and the Israeli leaders also talked "about many other issues related to it – how to deal with all parties involved, and how to make sure the move is done properly" under Trump's plan. But appearing to dismiss reports that annexation talks were the purpose of Pompeo's visit, a senior State Department official said: "I do think that we should dispel the notion that we flew halfway around the world to talk about annexation." U.S. State Department spokeswoman Morgan Ortagus briefly summed up the Pompeo-Netanyahu meeting as a discussion of "our nations' ongoing



efforts to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic and counter Iran's destabilizing influence in the region, as well as the steadfast U.S. commitment to Israel's security."

### **U.S. Says Chinese, Iranian Hackers Seek to Steal Coronavirus Research**

The [Wall Street Journal](#) [5/13/2020 2:37 PM, Gordon Lubold and Dustin Volz, Neutral] reports that Chinese hackers are targeting American universities, pharmaceutical and other health-care firms in a bid to steal intellectual property related to coronavirus treatments and vaccines and the intrusions may be jeopardizing progress on medical research, U.S. officials said in an alert Wednesday. The alert came as U.S. officials charge that China and Iran since at least Jan. 3 have waged cyberattacks against American firms and institutions that are working to find a vaccine for Covid-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, officials said. The attacks have raised the prospect among some officials that the efforts could be viewed by the Trump administration as a direct attack on U.S. public health, they said, because the attacks may have hindered vaccine research in some cases. Such an interpretation would represent an escalation of how the U.S. government views cyberattacks against the country. In the alert Wednesday, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the cyber wing of the Department of Homeland Security, said that Chinese-affiliated "cyber actors and nontraditional collectors" had been identified attempting to steal intellectual property and public-health data related to research on Covid-19 vaccines, treatments and testing. The alleged activity posed a significant threat to the U.S. response to the new coronavirus, the alert said. "The potential theft of this information jeopardizes the delivery of secure, effective, and efficient treatment options," it added. The [AP](#) [5/13/2020 1:20 PM, Ben Fox, Neutral] reports that neither agency cited any specific examples Wednesday, but they warned that institutions and companies involved in work on vaccines, treatments and testing for the novel coronavirus should take additional security measures to protect data and be aware of the potential threat. "China's efforts to target these sectors pose a significant threat to our nation's response to COVID-19," said a statement from the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. "This announcement is intended to raise awareness for research institutions and the American public and provide resources and guidance for those who may be targeted." [CNN](#) [5/13/2020 11:52 AM, Alex Marquardt, Zachary Cohen and Kylie Atwood, Neutral] reports that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo – who has been consistently attacking China over the pandemic – told Fox News last month, "The biggest threat isn't our ability to work with China on cyber, it's to make sure we have the resources available to protect ourselves from Chinese cyberattacks." Cyber espionage from China against the United States has spiked in the months since the outbreak of the virus according to the leading cybersecurity group FireEye. The group reported that Chinese group APT41 has carried out "one of the broadest campaigns by a Chinese cyber espionage actor we have observed in recent years." Last week, the U.S. and United Kingdom issued a new advisory warning of ongoing cyberattacks against organizations involved in the coronavirus response, including health care bodies, pharmaceutical companies, academics, medical research organizations and local government.

### **Officials Weigh Long-Term Coronavirus Plans as Restrictions Are Lifted**

The [Wall Street Journal](#) [5/13/2020 3:34 PM, Talal Ansari and Noemie Bisserbe, Neutral] reports that governments across the world looked toward longer-term responses to the coronavirus pandemic as they reopened larger portions of their societies, while the economic picture darkened. With confirmed global cases topping 4.3 million and some



countries fighting expanded outbreaks, the World Health Organization said Wednesday the new virus could become an endemic disease that “may never go away.” The pandemic and subsequent shutdowns have taken a deep toll on the U.S. economy, cutting into state budgets, business revenue and household incomes for millions of Americans who have lost their jobs. The U.S. had 1.38 million confirmed cases of coronavirus Wednesday, while the global total hit 4.3 million, according to data gathered by Johns Hopkins University. The country has the highest reported death toll of any nation, at more than 83,000. World-wide, more than 294,000 people have died from the virus, according to the Johns Hopkins data. Health experts warn that the true figures are likely higher than official reports. Covid-19 could become an endemic disease that lurks in the human population indefinitely, the World Health Organization said, raising the possibility that the coronavirus could become a permanent and global affliction like HIV or measles. “It’s important to put this on the table: This virus may become just another endemic virus in our communities and this virus may never go away,” said Mike Ryan, executive director of WHO’s emergencies program. “It’s important to be realistic and I don’t think anybody can predict when or if this virus will disappear.” Even if drugmakers manage to develop a vaccine, there is no guarantee that the most of people on Earth would have easy access to it, or be willing to take it, WHO said.

### **UN council tries again to agree on COVID-19 resolution**

The [AP](#) [5/13/2020 1:10 AM, Edith M. Lederer, 2194K, Neutral] reports that the U.N. Security Council is trying again to reach agreement on its first resolution since the coronavirus pandemic started circling the globe over two months ago, but a dispute between the U.S. and China over mentioning the World Health Organization remains unresolved. The United States on Friday objected to a proposed resolution drafted by France and Tunisia after diplomats said it had agreed to compromise language with China that didn’t directly mention the U.N. health agency. The 15 council ambassadors discussed how to proceed in closed consultations on Tuesday and afterward Russia’s U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said “all council members are willing to come to a final agreement.” “I would assure you that the willingness to mend bridges is there, and we will attempt it in the nearest times,” he told a video news conference. “We have to respect the differences that we nearly managed to bridge, but still have not arrived there yet.” Nebenzia said there was agreement on almost all the rest of the resolution, the main focus of which is to back Secretary-General Antonio Guterres’ March 23 call for global cease-fires to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Americans detained abroad face new threat amid pandemic**

[USA Today](#) [5/13/2020 6:21 AM, Deirdre Shesgreen, 8982K, Negative] reports that as the number of coronavirus infections in Russia increases exponentially, Paul Whelan’s family is more terrified than ever about his fate. The 50-year-old Michigan man has already spent more than 16 months in a Moscow prison on espionage charges amid escalating concerns about his physical and mental health. Now, Whelan and other Americans detained by hostile governments face a new threat, as prisons around the world become breeding grounds for COVID-19. “You think, ‘Well, it can’t really get any worse’ ... and then the pandemic comes,” said David Whelan, Paul’s twin brother. “From what we understand, the PPE (personal protective equipment) that prisoners are given is a face mask and an onion a day. I guess the onion is for vitamin C or something,” David Whelan said. President Donald Trump has long touted his success in securing the release of Americans held abroad, and State Department officials have used the pandemic to ratchet up pressure on some foreign

governments to free detained Americans. "If you are wrongfully detaining Americans during this time, and they become infected and die of coronavirus, we will hold your government strictly responsible," Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said at an April 29 press briefing. "All wrongfully detained Americans should be released immediately." But Pompeo isn't the only diplomat to seize on COVID-19 as an opening for prisoner negotiations – nor have other governments been shy about highlighting the danger of coronavirus infection in American prisons. The Bureau of Prisons has reported 2,100 coronavirus infections among prisoners and 320 cases among staff. At least 42 inmates in the U.S. have died from COVID-19. Last week, Russia's ambassador to the U.S., Anatoly Antonov, posted an open letter to the U.S. State Department, Justice Department and Bureau of Prisons, pleading for the release of Russians who have committed non-violent offenses and have underlying health conditions. Similarly, Iranian officials have said they want to negotiate a prisoner swap with the U.S. A State Department spokesman said the Trump administration continues to prioritize the release of Americans detained in Iran and elsewhere. The spokesman said Iran had agreed to extend a medical furlough for Michael White, an American Navy veteran who contracted COVID-19 in an Iranian prison in March.

### **Soaring Prices, Rotting Crops: Coronavirus Triggers Global Food Crisis**

The [Wall Street Journal](#) [5/13/2020 2:52 PM, Yaroslav Trofimov and Lucy Craymer, Neutral] reports that the coronavirus pandemic hit the world at a time of plentiful harvests and ample food reserves. Yet a cascade of protectionist restrictions, transport disruptions and processing breakdowns has dislocated the global food supply and put the planet's most vulnerable regions in particular peril. "You can have a food crisis with lots of food. That's the situation we're in," said Abdolreza Abbassian, a senior economist at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, or FAO. Prices for staples such as rice and wheat have jumped in many cities, in part because of panic buying set off by export restrictions imposed by countries eager to ensure sufficient supplies at home. Trade disruptions and lockdowns are making it harder to move produce from farms to markets, processing plants and ports, leaving some food to rot in the fields. At the same time, more people around the world are running short of money as economies contract and incomes shrivel or disappear. Currency devaluations in developing nations that depend on tourism or depreciating commodities like oil have compounded those problems, making imported food even less affordable.

### **EU official warns of extremists exploiting virus outbreak**

The [AP](#) [5/13/2020 7:56 AM, David Rising, Neutral] reports that the European Union's counterterrorism official is warning that the coronavirus pandemic is being used by extremists as an opportunity to spread their message and could be exploited to carry out attacks. In a confidential briefing to member nations obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, Counter-Terrorism Coordinator Gilles de Kerchove cautioned that right-wing extremists and Islamic militants "could view attacks on medical personnel and facilities as highly effective, because these would generate a massive shock in society." He noted that in the U.S., the FBI in March shot and killed a white supremacist while trying to arrest him for plotting to blow up a hospital treating COVID-19 patients, after initially considering an attack on an African-American school, mosque or synagogue. From past experience, he said it's known that "terrorists and violent extremists, aiming to change societies and governmental systems through violence, seek to exploit major crises to achieve their objectives."



### **India and Pakistan Ease Restrictions Despite Rising Coronavirus Infections**

The Wall Street Journal [5/13/2020 8:31 AM, Saeed Shah and Vibhuti Agarwal, Neutral] reports that despite rising numbers of Covid-19 cases, India and Pakistan are loosening their lockdowns, counting on deaths to remain low and their hospitals to be able to cope with the envisaged rise in serious cases, according to public-health specialists. The bet is that the surprisingly low level of deaths so far signals a milder pattern to the disease outbreak, meaning that the economic pain of the lockdown isn't justified by the health risks. Experts say it could go badly wrong if the virus spreads out of control as restraints are lifted, overwhelming the two countries' underfunded and overstretched health-care systems. The South Asian nations, two of the most populous developing countries wrangling with the pandemic, are encouraged by their being among countries with the fewest number of confirmed cases per person. India, with a population of 1.3 billion, has recorded 74,281 cases; Pakistan, with 220 million people, has recorded 34,336. "We are not seeing the kind of surge that we see elsewhere," said Giridhara R. Babu, an epidemiologist at the Indian Institute of Public Health in Bangalore who sits on an Indian government coronavirus task force. "This virus is behaving well in India, and we will still have to find out the real reason why."

### **Soldiers Shoot Man in Kashmir, Triggering Anti-India Clashes**

The AP [5/13/2020 7:13 AM, Staff, Neutral] reports that Indian soldiers fatally shot a young man at a checkpoint in the Himalayan region of Kashmir on Wednesday, residents and officials said, triggering anti-India protests and clashes in the disputed region. India's Central Reserve Police Force said the man was driving a car and ignored signals to stop at two checkpoints in the western outskirts of Srinagar, the region's main city. It said the soldiers feared sabotage because a military convoy was passing by at the time. It said in a statement that a soldier shot the victim "when the car didn't stop despite warning shots." The victim's father, Ghulam Nabi Shah, denied the police account, saying his son did not drive through any checkpoints, and that soldiers first stopped him and then shot him. A witness, Firdousa, said the victim stopped his car when soldiers signaled him. "A security official told him something to which he replied that he had some emergency. They let him go but as he was getting into his vehicle, they shot him in the back," she said. "He was killed deliberately. He did no wrong." As news of his death spread in his village, hundreds of men and women began chanting "Go India, go back" and "We want freedom" and demanded that the victim's body be returned to the family for burial. Authorities did not immediately hand over the body.

### **U.S. Warships Support Malaysia Against China Pressure in South China Sea**

The Wall Street Journal [5/13/2020 11:11 AM, Niharika Mandhana, Neutral] reports that the U.S. has sent three naval ships on patrols near oil-and-gas operations off Malaysia's coast in recent days, a show of support for the Southeast Asian nation whose offshore explorations in the South China Sea have faced pressure from China. The littoral combat ship USS Gabrielle Giffords on Tuesday sailed close to a drillship named West Capella, contracted by Malaysia's national oil company, after two other U.S. naval vessels patrolled there last week. The U.S. Navy called these presence operations. U.S. officials have accused China of coercing smaller countries out of developing offshore resources. Navy officials said the operations show America's commitment to the region and the Navy's capability. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo last month accused Beijing of "exploiting the world's focus on the Covid-19 crisis by continuing its provocative behavior" in the South

China Sea. China's foreign ministry responded at the time: "China will always resolutely safeguard its sovereignty, security and development interests, no matter what, no matter when."

### **Focus on COVID-19 battle, France tells China after Taiwan warning**

Reuters [5/13/2020 11:16 AM, Gabriel Crossley and John Irish, Neutral] reports that France dismissed Chinese warnings on Wednesday about selling arms to self-ruled Taiwan, saying it was implementing existing deals and that Beijing should focus on battling the COVID-19 pandemic. China's foreign ministry warned Paris over a contract for Taiwan, which is planning to buy weapons from Paris as part of an upgrade to a French-made warship fleet bought 30 years ago. China says Taiwan is part of "one China," and that this principle must be accepted by any country with which it has diplomatic relations. Arms sales to Taiwan are always highly sensitive and regularly prompt a strong reaction from Beijing. The French foreign ministry responded by saying it followed a "one China" policy as agreed with Beijing in 1994 and continued to urge both sides to hold dialogue. "Within this context France respects the contractual commitments it made with Taiwan and has not changed its position since 1994," the ministry said in a statement. "Facing the COVID-19 crisis, all our attention and efforts should be focused on battling the pandemic."

### **Fuel cargo loaded at Iran sets sail to Venezuela: data**

Reuters [5/13/2020 5:20 PM, Marianna Parraga and Luc Cohen, Neutral] reports that at least one tanker carrying fuel loaded at an Iranian port set sail to crisis-stricken Venezuela, according to vessel tracking data from Refinitiv Eikon on Wednesday, which could help ease an acute scarcity of gasoline in the South American country. The Iran-flagged medium tanker Clavel earlier on Wednesday passed the Suez Canal after loading fuel at the end of March at Iran's Bandar Abbas port, according to the data. The shipment marks the latest sign of cooperation between the two OPEC nations, whose oil industries are subject to U.S. sanctions. Starting last month, several flights from Tehran have brought materials to Venezuela to help it restart the catalytic cracking unit at its 310,000 barrel-per-day Cardon refinery. Venezuela's 1.3 million-bpd refining network has all but collapsed due to underinvestment and lack of maintenance in recent years under socialist President Nicolas Maduro. Last year, the United States sanctioned state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA) as part of Washington's efforts to oust Maduro.

### **Hezbollah leader says Israel turns attention to hitting missile-making sites in Syria**

Reuters [5/13/2020 1:13 PM, Staff, Neutral] reports that Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said on Wednesday that Israel is now concentrating its attacks in Syria on missile-manufacturing sites. Israel has conducted many raids inside Syria since the start of the civil war in 2011. It sees the presence of Hezbollah and its ally Iran there as a strategic threat. The heavily armed Lebanese Shi'ite movement has played a vital role in the war, helping Syrian President Bashar al-Assad reclaim much of the country. In rare comments on Israeli attacks in Syria, Nasrallah said that with Assad firmly in control, Israel has turned its attention more recently to striking Syrian targets for precision missile manufacturing seen as a threat. He denied that Israeli air strikes have pushed either Hezbollah or Iran to retreat from Syria, calling Israel's insistence that they have done so "imaginary victories." Israeli Defense Minister Naftali Bennett said in April that the Israeli military was working to drive Tehran out of Syria.



**Bowing to Russia, U.N. Halts Funding for Pandemic Relief in Northeastern Syria**

Foreign Policy Magazine [5/13/2020 12:02 PM, Colum Lynch, Neutral] reports that facing pressure from Russia, the chief ally to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, U.N. relief agencies have been instructed to stop funding programs by private charities transporting lifesaving health services across the Iraqi border to northeastern Syria, dealing a blow to international efforts to respond to the coronavirus pandemic in opposition-controlled territory, according to diplomatic and relief sources and confidential U.N. guidance. The United Nations informed its relief agencies several weeks ago that they were permitted to fund private charities operating in northeastern Syria only if they were registered in Damascus and authorized to work there by the Syrian government, which has proved unwilling, or unable, to meet the region's health needs. The funding freeze comes as the World Health Organization (WHO) and other U.N. relief agencies have raised concerns that they lack sufficient access rights to respond to the health needs of some 2 million people in the region. A bipartisan coalition of U.S. congressional leaders has urged the Trump administration to counter efforts by Russia, backed by China, to eliminate aid crossings and to either ensure that U.N. agencies can continue to fund vital cross-border aid operations or form a coalition of like-minded countries to pick up the financial slack. "[T]he closure of the Ya'rubiyah border crossing between Iraq and northeast Syria has hindered the overall humanitarian response and disrupted the UN's ability to deliver specialized medical equipment," the chairs and ranking members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee wrote Tuesday in a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. "Without access to these border crossings, the UN has been forced to suspend funding for many of its NGO partners, who must now rely on alternative, woefully inadequate, and easily manipulated means to deliver aid, such as land-based convoys from Damascus."

**Trump extends U.S. telecom supply chain order aimed at Huawei, ZTE**

Reuters [5/13/2020 5:00 PM, David Shepardson and Karen Freifeld, Neutral] reports that President Donald Trump on Wednesday extended for another year an executive order signed in May 2019 declaring a national emergency and barring U.S. companies from using telecommunications equipment made by firms posing a national security risk. The order invoked the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, which gives the president the authority to regulate commerce in response to a national emergency that threatens the United States. U.S. lawmakers said Trump's 2019 order was aimed squarely at Chinese companies like Huawei Technologies Co and ZTE Corp. The U.S. Commerce Department is also expected to extend again a license, set to expire on Friday, allowing U.S. companies to keep doing business with Huawei, a person briefed on the matter said. The department has issued a series of extensions of the temporary license and previously extended it until April 1. Huawei, the second-largest maker of smartphones, is also a major telecoms equipment company that provides 5G network technology.

**Journalist Group Scraps Coronavirus Panel After Flak Over Huawei Sponsorship**

The Wall Street Journal [5/13/2020 12:58 PM, Dan Strumpf, Neutral] reports that an effort by Huawei Technologies Co. to dip its toe into the stormy waters of a U.S. political debate backfired after organizers canceled a star-studded online panel sponsored by the Chinese company to discuss the coronavirus and its impact on minority communities. The webinar, organized by the National Association of Black Journalists, was titled "The Rise of Misinformation," and had billed musician and entrepreneur will.i.am and CNN host Van

Jones among panelists set to address the issue of false information about the pandemic and its effect on minority groups. Huawei had been signed on as a sponsor of the event, the journalist group said. But on Tuesday the association scrapped the event as it came under fire online, including from Sen. Tom Cotton. Some of the panelists said they hadn't realized Huawei was a sponsor and wouldn't have agreed to take part if they had known. China and the U.S. have accused each other of spreading misinformation about the origins of the novel coronavirus, with U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo saying there is evidence the virus originated in a Chinese laboratory and a Chinese foreign-ministry spokesman saying it originated with the U.S. military.

### **Merkel Warns Russia After Cyberattack on Her Email Account**

Bloomberg [5/13/2020 12:55 PM, Arne Delfs and Raymond Colitt, Neutral] reports that German Chancellor Angela Merkel accused Russia of mounting what she called an "outrageous" cyberattack on her email account and floated the possibility of further sanctions against Moscow. "There is a hybrid warfare strategy by Russia that we can't ignore that includes cyber, disorientation, fact manipulation," Merkel said Wednesday during government questions in the lower house of parliament. She was responding to a lawmaker's query about a recent media report blaming Moscow for a 2015 hacking of the computers of some German legislators, including her own. "Of course it hinders a trustworthy cooperation," Merkel said. While the government is trying to track down those responsible, it reserves the right to "take measures" against Russia, she added. Germany's real security threat comes from the U.S., a Russian official said on Wednesday, citing the 2013 NSA scandal involving the tapping of Merkel communications. The German chancellor should take such threats into account when building relationships with NATO partners, said the official who asked not to be named in line with government policy.

### **[Russia] Kremlin spox has virus-induced double-sided pneumonia**

The AP [5/13/2020 3:00 PM, Vladimir Isachenkov, Negative] reports that Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Wednesday that he has been diagnosed with double pneumonia caused by the coronavirus and that he hadn't met in person with Russian President Vladimir Putin for a month. In an interview with Russian business newspaper Kommersant, Peskov said that after he tested positive for the virus his only sign of illness initially was a small fever. He told the paper he remained at home for several days until a CT scan showed infections in both of his lungs. Peskov, 52, a key aide of Putin's, revealed Tuesday that he was hospitalized with the virus but didn't give details about his condition. His wife, Olympic ice dancing champion Tatyana Navka, also was infected and said she felt OK. He said in the interview that after he tested positive, the absence of symptoms beyond the fever gave him a false feeling of security, but then his condition worsened and he went to a hospital. "They caught it just in time," Peskov said. "The essential thing isn't to miss the moment, this virus is very bloodthirsty." Peskov was the fourth senior Russian official to test positive for the virus. Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin announced on April 30 that he was infected. Construction Minister Vladimir Yakushev and Culture Minister Olga Lyubimova subsequently tested positive as well. It wasn't clear when those officials last met with Putin, who has limited public appearances and held most of his meetings online during the virus pandemic.

### **[Russia] Russia suspends use of ventilator type sent to U.S. after fatal fires**



Reuters [5/13/2020 10:13 AM, Anastasia Teterevleva and Tom Balmforth, 5304K, Neutral] reports that Russia on Wednesday suspended the use of some Russian-made medical ventilators after two fatal hospital fires reported to involve the machines, a setback in its fight against the novel coronavirus. The ventilators' safety was called into question a day earlier after a fire at Saint George's Hospital in St Petersburg in which five people died. That followed another fire at a hospital in Moscow which killed one person on Saturday. In both cases, sources told the TASS news agency that the source of the fires had been faulty Aventa-M ventilators. Authorities have procured hundreds of Aventa-Ms to help hospitals cope with coronavirus patients. Though Russia has so far suffered a low number of virus-related deaths compared to other countries, at 242,271 its infections tally is now the second highest in the world after the United States.

### **[China] China may test all of Wuhan amid fears of virus comeback**

The AP [5/13/2020 8:30 AM, Ken Moritsugu, 2194K, Neutral] reports that authorities in Wuhan, the Chinese city where the coronavirus pandemic first broke out, are planning to test all 11 million residents in the next 10 days, Chinese media reported. No official announcement has been made, but district officials confirmed receiving marching orders from the city's coronavirus task force, the reports said. It remained unclear if and how such a monumental testing campaign would happen. The short order came after the discovery last weekend of a cluster of six infected people at a residential compound in the city, the first new cases in more than a month. China has moved quickly to snuff out new outbreaks wherever they pop up, even as it relaxes restrictions on the movement of people and reopens public attractions to limited numbers of visitors. Jilin province, which borders North Korea in China's northeast, has suspended all public transport and imposed other restrictions as it battles a fresh outbreak. In neighboring Heilongjiang province, which dealt with its own outbreak recently, the city of Harbin is quarantining anyone coming from Jilin for 14 days and banning them from hotels. The sudden order appeared to confuse local officials. A man who answered the mayor's hotline in Wuhan said that districts have 10 days to arrange the testing in their respective jurisdictions. But a woman who answered later Wednesday said the tests must be done in the next 10 days.

### **[China] China Trade Expert Says U.S. Farm Deal Hinges on Tensions Easing**

Bloomberg [5/13/2020 4:03 AM, Staff, 6400K, Neutral] reports that China is still willing to meet its American farm purchase commitments as long as the U.S. creates a friendly atmosphere for more imports to take place, a Chinese agricultural expert said on Wednesday. A slump in U.S. corn prices to a decade low was a good chance for China to buy millions of tons of the grain, but the world's second-largest consumer held back on purchases because relations between the two nations have soured, said Li Qiang, chief analyst with Shanghai JC Intelligence Co. Tensions between the U.S. and China deteriorated after President Donald Trump blamed China for misleading the world about the scale and risk of the coronavirus outbreak, and threatened more tariffs as punishment. That's called into question the survival of the phase-one trade deal, with the pace of purchases by China already slow due to disruptions from the virus. "China has the ability to complete the \$40 billion purchases, but such purchases have to be based on a friendly atmosphere," Li said during an industry conference held online.

### **[Afghanistan] Ghani Asks Army to Resume Anti-Taliban Operations After Attacks**

Bloomberg [5/13/2020 5:51 AM, Eltaf Najafizada, 6400K, Neutral] reports that Afghan President Ashraf Ghani ordered government forces to resume operations against the Taliban and other insurgent groups after 40 people, including newborn babies, were killed when armed militants opened fire inside a hospital and at a funeral ceremony. The Taliban denied involvement in Tuesday's attacks on the hospital in a Shiite neighborhood of capital Kabul and on a funeral ceremony in the eastern province of Nangarhar. The violence cast further doubt on the longevity of the U.S.-Taliban deal that was meant to reduce bloodshed and pave the way for the withdrawal of U.S. troops and end 18 years of war in Afghanistan. "In order to ensure security for the public areas and to thwart attacks and threats from the Taliban and other terrorist groups, I am ordering Afghan National Security Forces to switch from an active defense mode to an offensive one and to begin operations against the enemies," Ghani said in a television address several hours after the attacks. The Afghan military had stopped operations against the Taliban after the U.S. signed a peace deal with the group on Feb. 29. The deal was meant to lead the way for direct negotiations between the Afghan government and militant group, who have repeatedly rebuffed Ghani's peace calls. Since the signing of the accord violence has surged killing hundreds. "The United States condemns in the strongest terms the two horrific terrorist attacks in Afghanistan today," U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo said in an emailed statement. "During the holy month of Ramadan and amidst the threat of Covid-19, these dual attacks are particularly appalling. We note the Taliban have denied any responsibility and condemned both attacks as heinous." Pompeo called on the Taliban and the Afghan government to cooperate to bring the perpetrators to justice. "As long as there is no sustained reduction in violence and insufficient progress towards a negotiated political settlement, Afghanistan will remain vulnerable to terrorism," he said. The AP [5/13/2020 10:36 AM, Rahim Faiez, 2194K, Negative] reports that officials on Wednesday raised the death toll from the attack on the maternity hospital in Kabul to 24, including mothers, nurses and two babies. A day after the shooting rampage, 20 infants were under medical observation, lying swaddled in blankets in hospital cribs. The clinic in Dashti Barchi, a mostly Shiite neighborhood in Afghanistan's capital, is supported by international aid group Doctors Without Borders. Reuters [5/13/2020 11:33 AM, Orooj Hakimi, Abdul Qadir Sediqi and Hamid Shalizi, Neutral] reports that the Taliban has denied involvement in both attacks, although trust among officials and the broader public has worn thin. An offshoot of Islamic State is also among the suspects: it admitted it was behind the Nangarhar bloodshed. The Kabul attack began in the morning when gunmen entered the Dasht-e-Barchi hospital, throwing grenades and shooting, government officials said. Security forces had killed the attackers by the afternoon. Pompeo described the stalled peace effort, which planned for intra-Afghan peace talks to begin on March 10, as "a critical opportunity for Afghans to ... build a united front against the menace of terrorism." Talks have yet to start. The Pentagon declined to comment on Ghani's stated intent to restart offensive operations, saying only that the U.S. military continued to reserve the right to defend Afghan security forces if they are attacked by the Taliban. Yahoo News/AFP [5/13/2020 3:47 AM, Usman Sharifi, 12818K, Negative] reports that the U.S. Special Representative to Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalizad, further pushed the two sides to work towards peace. "Failure to do so leaves Afghanistan vulnerable to terrorism, perpetual instability and economic hardship," Khalilzad said on Twitter. The accord with Washington sees all U.S. and foreign forces quit Afghanistan over the next year.



**[Kyrgyzstan] Kyrgyz court upholds life sentence for dissident who received U.S. rights award**

Reuters [5/13/2020 8:18 AM, Staff, Neutral] reports that Kyrgyzstan's Supreme Court upheld a life sentence on Wednesday for a prominent dissident convicted of "inciting inter-ethnic hatred" in the former Soviet republic, quashing hopes for his release under a new leadership. Azimjon Askarov's imprisonment sparked a spat with the United States in 2015 when Washington granted him a human rights award. Almazbek Atambayev, Kyrgyz president at the time, responded by terminating a cooperation accord with the United States; a new one is yet to be signed. Askarov, a 69-year-old ethnic Uzbek, was convicted of organising mass disturbances and stirring up ethnic hatred leading to the death of a policeman during clashes in southern Kyrgyzstan in June 2010, when more than 400 people were killed. The Supreme Court, which heard the appeal by Askarov, a journalist and human rights activist, said in a brief ruling on Wednesday it had been rejected. Hoping for change under Atambayev's successor, Sooronbai Jeenbekov, several human rights groups this year asked the Kyrgyz leadership to release Askarov.

**[Cuba] U.S. says Cuba is not cooperating fully on counterterrorism**

Reuters [5/13/2020 4:20 PM, Sarah Marsh and Matt Spetalnick, Neutral] reports that the Trump administration said on Wednesday it had put Cuba back on the list of countries that do not cooperate fully with its efforts to counter terrorism, in a further escalation of U.S. tensions with the Communist-run country. The State Department justified the move by Cuba's refusal of Colombia's request to extradite leaders of the ELN rebel group after it claimed responsibility for an attack at a Bogota police academy in January 2019 that killed 22. The leaders of the National Liberation Army (ELN), the largest active guerrilla group in Colombia, traveled to Havana as part of peace negotiations that collapsed last year after the car bomb attack. Cuba has said it must respect the protocols of the talks it had been hosting, which provide guarantees for guerrilla leaders to return to mountainous or jungle areas of Colombia with security from military attack for an agreed period. The country has received broad plaudits in the past for hosting the successful peace talks between the Colombian government and the former FARC rebel army. But the State Department said in a statement that Cuba's refusal of Colombia's extradition request "demonstrates that it is not cooperating with U.S. work to support Colombia's efforts to secure a just and lasting peace, security, and opportunity for its people." The department also said that "Cuba harbors several U.S. fugitives from justice wanted on charges of political violence, many of whom have resided in Cuba for decades." The State Department did not immediately respond to a Reuters query on whether its move was a preliminary step toward returning Cuba to the list of state sponsors of terrorism (SSOT), a designation that carries tougher penalties.

**[Mexico] Prodded by U.S., Mexico aims to restart industrial plants**

The AP [5/13/2020 5:10 PM, Mark Stevenson, Neutral] reports that President Andrés Manuel López Obrador pledged Wednesday to begin reopening Mexico's economy next week – under pressure at home and from U.S. officials – even as the country saw its largest one-day jump in coronavirus cases, hospitals are reeling, and testing remains inadequate. Economy Secretary Graciela Marquez said the move would be "gradual, orderly and cautious," and that by May 18, industries like construction, mining, and car and truck manufacturing would be allowed to resume. But the governor of a state that is home to major auto plants warned that lifting restrictions now could lead to the pandemic getting "out

of control." The country's lockdown – which began in March – will remain in place, but work in the industries Marquez cited will be allowed to begin again because Mexico's top advisory body on the pandemic, the General Health Council, said Tuesday it had decided to classify them as "essential activities." Mexican health officials on Tuesday reported the country's largest single-day jump in COVID-19 case numbers, with 1,997 new cases and 353 deaths, bringing the total to has over 38,000 confirmed cases and almost 4,000 deaths. Christopher Landau, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico, launched a Twitter campaign last month, writing: "There are risks everywhere, but we don't all stay at home for fear we are going to get in a car accident ... The destruction of the economy is also a health threat."

### **[Mexico] Spokesman for Mexican foreign minister has coronavirus**

Reuters [5/13/2020 2:32 PM, Staff, Negative] reports that the chief spokesman for Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard has tested positive for coronavirus and an official in the president's office has died of the disease, bringing the pandemic closer to the inner circle of government. The spokesman, Roberto Velasco, a close aide to Ebrard, said late on Tuesday he had COVID-19, the illness caused by the virus. "I will remain at home, coordinating work at a distance," he wrote on Twitter. Ebrard is the most prominent minister in the cabinet and works closely with President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador on issues that extend beyond traditional foreign ministry duties. Ebrard appeared along with several other officials and governors at Lopez Obrador's daily news conference on Tuesday. Among them, only one of the governors wore a protective mask.

### **[Venezuela] Venezuelan Oil Company Sues Miami Ex-Congressman Over \$50 Million Deal**

The New York Times [5/13/2020 4:32 PM, Patricia Mazzei, Neutral] reports that Venezuela's state-run oil company was on the verge of financial ruin in 2017 when it decided it needed expert advice on how to improve its reputation and standing with American policymakers who could be instrumental to its survival. For help, the company, Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A., or PDVSA, turned to a well-connected former Florida congressman, agreeing to pay his firm \$50 million over three months for "strategic consulting services." The ex-congressman was David Rivera, a Cuban-American Republican from Miami who made a political career out of taking strident anti-communist stances – and was now being hired by President Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela's socialist government. As part of the previously undisclosed deal, a subsidiary of a PDVSA holding company in the U.S. says it shelled out \$15 million to Rivera's consulting firm. It received just two vague reports totaling five pages in return, according to a lawsuit for breach of contract filed on Wednesday in the United States District Court in Manhattan. The company seeks to recover, with interest, the \$15 million it ultimately paid to Interamerican over three \$5 million installments between March and April of 2017, as well as compensatory damages.

### **[Niger] Niger says 75 Boko Haram insurgents killed in border-region security operations**

Reuters [5/13/2020 8:30 AM, Boureima Balima, Neutral] reports that Nigerien and allied forces from neighbouring states killed 75 Boko Haram insurgents in security operations earlier this week in the region where the borders of Niger, Nigeria and Chad converge, Niger's defence ministry said. The Islamist Boko Haram insurgency erupted in northeastern

Nigeria in 2009 and continues to grind on, with attacks frequently spilling over into Chad, Niger and Cameroon a little further to the south. The operations on Monday followed a series of Boko Haram attacks on military positions near the southeastern Nigerian border town of Diffa, the ministry said in a statement late on Tuesday. It said 25 insurgents were killed in fighting around 75 km (46.6 miles) south of Diffa and a further 50 in air and artillery strikes by joint Nigerian, Nigerian and Chadian forces in the Lake Chad area. It added that weapons were seized and a logistics base used by the insurgents destroyed. The U.N. refugee agency said on Tuesday violence in northwestern Nigeria had forced about 23,000 people to flee into Niger since April and raised concerns about the deteriorating security situation in that region.

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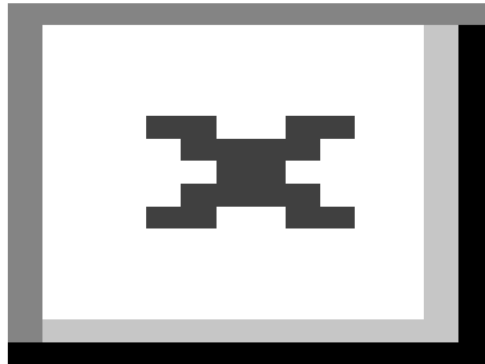
## 1. (U) Key Developments

- French media outlets report Americans “snatched” medical masks from Chinese tarmacs to redirect from France to United States
- The French government, broaching for the first time how the country will exit from confinement, said the process will depend on widespread availability of antibody tests and will likely vary by region and age group.
- France recorded its highest death count for the third day in a row, at 509 overnight.
- Data from eastern France suggest as much as a 50 percent jump may be seen in the overall death count when deaths in retirement homes are included.

## 2. (U) Outbreak Update: 56,989 cases; 4,032 deaths



	<b>New</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Increase</b>
<b>Cases</b>	<b>4,861</b>	56,989	9 %
<b>Hospitalizations</b>	<b>1,882</b>	24,639	8 %
<b>ICU Cases</b>	<b>452</b>	6,017	8 %
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>509</b>	4,032	14 %
<b>Recoveries</b>	<b>1,490</b>	10,934	16 %

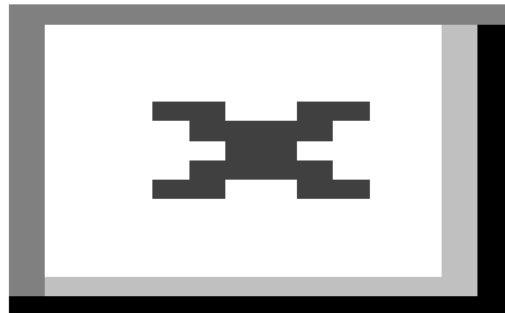


*New and cumulative cases of COVID-19 confirmed by PCR tests as of 4pm local time, April 2. France’s first case was reported January 24; this graph shows only the climb from 12 cases.*

- The Ministry of Health has acknowledged the challenges in reporting accurately the number of new cases given shortages of tests; since entering Stage 3 of the response, only the most serious cases have been tested, principally in hospitals. April 1, Director General for Health Jerome Salomon reported that clinical and private practice doctors had conducted over 32,000 tests, confirming 9,630 cases in one day. This is approximately twice the official new case count.
- The regional health agency in Grand Est, the hardest-hit region of France, reported that 570 COVID-19 deaths had been recorded in retirement facilities. This compares to a total of 1,126 deaths reported in hospitals.

Two-thirds of retirement facilities in Grand Est are reported as having COVID-19 infections. The national public health agency has reported in the last week or two that excess mortality of 2020 compared to 2019 is high in Grand Est and other regions but has not yet translated these statistics into quantified COVID-19 deaths outside of hospitals. On April 1, Salomon said numbers of deaths in retirement facilities and homes are being collected and should be available shortly.

- Across France, COVID-19 cases continued to increase, though the rate of hospitalizations has apparently begun to ease in Grand Est. With northeastern France and the Paris region hospitals at or close to saturation with COVID-19 cases, a variety of means are undertaken to relieve the pressure. Over 300 doctors, nurses, and other health professionals are being relocated to the hardest-hit areas to reinforce hospital staff. In addition, the ongoing transfer of patients to neighboring countries and other regions of France continues. On April 1, Director General for Health Jerome Salomon reported 344 intensive-care patients have been transferred by air, road, rail, and water, and more transfers are in process or planned.



*Screen-grab from Ministry of Health April 1 press conference showing transfer numbers and destinations for ICU patients within France and to neighboring countries. Transport method is indicated by color: green is via aircraft, orange is train, blue is boat, and red is road vehicle.*

### 3. (SBU) Mission France Operating Status

- Health protocols in France do not test patients with mild symptoms. We do have members of the community who have self-isolated due to the well-known symptoms of coughing and fever. Local physicians are diagnosing some community members via video-consult that appear to have COVID-19, but there have been no cases that tested positive and there have been no hospitalizations.
- All U.S. diplomatic facilities are under 100 percent teleworking for all eligible positions and minimal staffing for those non-telework-eligible positions that perform critical services for security, health, and safety.
- All official travel unless truly mission critical has been suspended.
- All employees and family members must carry GoF-mandated documentation to justify their movements outside the home.

#### 4. (SBU) **American Citizen Services**

- Embassy and APP Rennes continue working with local authorities to help repatriate the remaining 27 U.S. citizen crew members in the port of St. Nazaire confined on a newly constructed cruise ship owned by U.S.-based company Royal Caribbean. The company successfully arranged repatriation travel via commercial means on April 1-2 for 13 crew members and contractors, and one United States citizen (USC) will remain working as part of a skeleton maintenance crew.
- To date, there are no reports of confirmed cases of USCs with COVID-19. The Consular Section is following individual cases of USCs reporting symptoms not of a severity to so far meet the GoF testing protocol threshold or require hospitalization. The Consular Section is following up with these cases daily.
- With commercial flights still available to the United States, directly from France and through other European hubs, USCs are still able to return unaided. Air France has stated that flights will continue on the same frequency (6 flights a week split between JFK and LAX) through the end of April. The once-daily U.S.-bound Air France flight continues to fly with many empty seats. We continue to urge USCs to make arrangements to travel now, using existing commercial flights or to prepare to stay in France for an indeterminate time.

- CONS and PAS continue to collaborate on publicizing daily changes to the information provided on CONS's ever-evolving website.

## 5. (SBU) French Government Response

- France is pushing for a new EU coronavirus rescue fund. The common EU fund would be limited to five or ten years and focused solely on economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. The proposed size of the fund was not disclosed. Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire also supports using the resources of the European Stability Mechanism (ESM), the European Investment Bank, and the €100 billion (\$110B) unemployment insurance scheme.
- Finance Minister Le Maire said the EU should rethink its economic model “with the strategic objective of achieving economic sovereignty.” He noted the pandemic was a “unique occasion to reflect collectively on how to reorganize value chains and relocate some key activities,” as well as plus up investment in the health sector and on border security. Le Maire stressed that his call for protection—“the legitimate defense of our most strategic economic assets”—is not the same as protectionism.
- The government provisioned an extra €6 billion (\$6.6B)—or 0.25 percent of GDP—for the health system and partial unemployment program. Labor Minister Muriel Pénicaud said that 400,000 businesses have applied for temporary unemployment for 4 million workers, up 20 percent from March 31.
- A refrigerated warehouse in the Rungis International Market, the wholesale food market known as the “belly of Paris,” has been requisitioned by the local government to serve as a temporary morgue. The building would have the capacity to store 800 to 1,000 coffins, relieving the strain on regional funeral homes in face of excess mortality caused by the COVID-19 outbreak.

## 6. (SBU) Travel and Screening Measures

- Orly Airport is now closed, and only some of the terminals at Charles de Gaulle Airport are currently open. Lyon Airport remains partially open for a small number of commercial flights (none to the United States) and is



available for humanitarian and medical emergency flights. Regional airports in Strasbourg, Nantes, Avignon, Montpellier, and Toulon are closed for commercial air traffic. Bordeaux’s airport is expected to close within the next few days.

- As of March 17 for 30 days, passport holders of countries outside the European Union and the Schengen Area are no longer authorized to enter France. These travelers would also be prohibited from transiting through France to an onward destination that is located in the Schengen Area. Exempted are travelers with connecting flights through France with an onward destination outside of the Schengen Area, since they would remain in the international zone and technically not make entry into Schengen. Also exempted are U.S. citizens who reside in France.
- U.S. and foreign air carriers are not allowed to board onto U.S.-bound flights non-U.S. citizen passengers (with certain exceptions) who have in the preceding 14 days been in China, Iran, the Schengen Area (including France), the United Kingdom, and Republic of Ireland. U.S. citizens, legal permanent residents, and crew members are exempt. Per DHS, Air France is screening passengers on U.S.-bound flights, asking about travel history but not conducting a temperature or other health check.
- U.S. and foreign carriers must ensure any passenger traveling to the United States on a flight departing from the five locations listed above fill out a U.S. Traveler Health Declaration form used by immigration and public health officials to ensure passenger traceability. The completed form must be provided upon arrival in the United States.
- Air France-KLM canceled approximately 90 percent of its flights starting on March 23. Air France subsidiary Transavia has canceled all flights, and Hop! will cancel all their flights by March 29. Air France plans to continue its flights to New York and Los Angeles from Paris at least through the end of April. Flights to each location will run at least three times per week, but Post is verifying the exact schedule with the carrier. Air France flights to Los Angeles (LAX) and New York City (JFK) through April 5 are listed below.

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- Train service between major regional cities and Paris remains extremely limited and regional airports remain either closed, or open with minimal or no flights scheduled. Public transportation systems generally continue to operate at reduced and limited levels.

## 7. (U) **Economic Updates**

- Paris's stock market index CAC 40 was slightly lower for most of intraday trading on April 2. CAC 40 firms are down 31 percent since the onset of the crisis in late February.
- In France, electricity demand is down 15 percent since enactment of the government's confinement measures and the sharp decline in economic activity to levels typically seen at the peak of the summer vacation period in early August. According to state-run electricity transport network RTE, large industrial manufacturers represent approximately 16.5 percent of electricity use and other commercial sectors 47 percent. Conversely, electricity needs of households represent only 36 percent of consumption. Habits have also changed. Under normal circumstances, peak electricity consumption in France occurs from 9:00 a.m. until around lunchtime then drops until a new peak around 7:00 p.m. But since France's confinement period began March 16, RTE reports disruptions to ordinarily predictable consumption habits, including a slower rise of usage in the mornings and abnormal peak times, such as when President Macron makes a televised address (his March 16 address garnered a record of over 35 million French viewers).
- Fashion company Dior, a branch of French conglomerate LVMH, has announced a re-purposing of its facility in Redon to produce face masks for workers "essential to the nation" in contact with the public, such as bus drivers, garbage collectors, and cashiers. Dior's workers have voluntarily returned to the plant, located between Rennes and Nantes, for this new activity.
- Segetex-EIF, a French company that produces FFP2 masks, resumed operation of its Wuhan factory at full capacity last week. It is one of the main providers of masks in France. Its production is mainly designed for

caregivers, especially in the Paris region's AP-HP hospitals.

- U.S. company Parker, based near Dijon in east central France, manufactures parts for artificial and anesthesia respirators. The factory is increasing its production capacity 10-fold to meet orders. Office staff will pitch in on the production lines.

## 8. (SBU) **Political Updates**

- On the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, President Macron tweeted a video announcing that people with autism could leave their homes “a little bit more often.” Without mentioning specifics, Macron indicated a separate form will be issued for autistic people and those who accompany them outlining the revised requirements.
- In an April 2 joint declaration with like-minded EU Member States, France expressed “deep concern” that recently enacted measures to combat COVID-19 could risk violating “principles of the rule of law, democracy, and fundamental rights” across the bloc. The statement stressed that emergency measures should be limited to what is “strictly necessary...and should not restrict freedom of expression or the freedom of the press.” Although not specifically calling out Hungary, the declaration is a thinly veiled rebuff of Hungarian President Orbán's seizure of presidential powers under the guise of combating COVID-19. Several EU Member States had called on Brussels to denounce the democratic backsliding; however, unanimous consensus—to include Hungary—would have been needed to issue such a statement. The original signers of the declaration—Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden—called on other Member States to co-sign the declaration, join them in supporting EU values, and promote solidarity across the continent.
- Prime Minister Philippe and Health Minister Veran participated in a parliamentary hearing on COVID-19 via videoconference on April 1, with participation by party, political caucus, and committee leaders from both President Macron's ruling majority and opposition parties. PM Philippe opened by acknowledging he does not have all the answers in these “uncertain” times. The “combat” will be long, difficult, and likely deceptive, he said, but all countries are in the same boat. Philippe said the lockdown could be lifted progressively, for example, by region or even age



group, but not before mid-April at the earliest. Mandatory tracking of citizens via mobile application is illegal in France, but voluntary tracking could be possible, he noted. He said the national high school diploma examinations will not be held in normal conditions. Philippe and Veran assured the parliament that France has ordered 1.5 billion masks from abroad, is in the process of greatly increasing its ICU capacity (from 5,000 beds to a projected 14,000), will quadruple its testing capacity from 5,000 to 20,000 per day, and has a sustainable stock of medications if carefully managed.

- Two caregivers unions petitioned four administrative courts in Marseille, Bastia, Paris, and Nancy to force local health authorities to order chloroquine-based drugs for all COVID-19 patients. Such a court ruling was pronounced in Guadeloupe on March 28, forcing the Regional Health Agency to order needed doses.

## 9. (U) **Media and Public Reaction**

- Pro-Kremlin outlet *RT* published, and *Libération* and *AFP* picked up, a story that Americans on tarmacs of scheduled cargo planes in China paid for medical masks in cash to have them redirected from France to the United States. The *AFP* quoted the Presidents of the Grand Est and PACA regions saying they had heard of American buyers engaging in these practices. PACA region President Muselier said another French regional president reported Americans paying three times the asking price, in cash, for masks at an airport. He would not cite the region or the number of masks “snatched.” Media around France and *RT* picked up the article. Muselier called the story “fake news” in an April 1 tweet, and Rottner tweeted similarly on April 2. Speaking to BFM TV on April 2, Muselier said such a practice was not impossible, but had not been the case for the cited shipment.
- According to an Odoxa-Dentsu Consulting survey for *Franceinfo* and *Le Figaro* published April 1, the French government has regained some credibility in dealing with the crisis—53 percent of respondents believe the Macron Administration is not doing enough to combat the crisis, an improvement from 65 percent March 27. Pollsters credit the government’s strong communication over the past week and a desire for national unity. Rising approval ratings and credibility, however, do not necessarily show national unity, according to an Elabe poll released April 2. The increases



are primarily among Macron’s electoral base, wealthy executives, and retirees. In a separate Oxoda poll conducted March 24-25, 82 percent of respondents said they are not confident in France’s economic future, and 92 percent fear 2020 will be a “very bad year” economically.

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