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Subject: RE: Inquiry from a reporter
Date: April 14, 2023 at 8:09 AM
To: Bill Lueders blueders@gmail.com, Grants Policy (NIH/OD) GrantsPolicy@OD.NIH.GOV
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Dear Bill,

Thank you for your email. *We are currently reviewing your inquiry and will follow-up as soon as possible.*

Additionally, you may find the following public information resources helpful:

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Sincerely,
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From: Bill Lueders <blueders@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 9:30 AM
To: Grants Policy (NIH/OD) <GrantsPolicy@OD.NIH.GOV>
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL] Inquiry from a reporter

We are delaying publication to give you a chance to respond within the time frame you set.

On Tue, Apr 11, 2023 at 9:24 AM Grants Policy (NIH/OD) <GrantsPolicy@od.nih.gov> wrote:

Thank you for contacting the Division of Grants Policy in the NIH Office of Policy for Extramural Research (OPERA). We have received your message and will review it as soon as possible. Someone from our office will be in touch within the next 5 business days.

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From: Bill Lueders <blueders@gmail.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Inquiry from a reporter

Dear NIH Office of Extramural Research,

I am a reporter working on a story for *The Bulwark*, a national news outlet, and I am trying to confirm some information as reported in the *Washington Times*.

The *Times*, in an [April 9 article](#) titled "NIH cuts off funding for Russian lab work, animal experiments after Biden order," said it had received a statement from the NIH's Office of Extramural Research stating that "[NIH](#) currently does not fund any research in [Russia](#)."

The article states that the termination of funding happened as a result of concerns that were raised over NIH-funded animal experiments in Russia, including "research at the [Pavlov Institute](#) in St. Petersburg, which was part of an [NIH](#) grant to the Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, to study spinal cord injuries and body motion."

The article quotes several sources regarding this termination of funding, including U.S. Rep. Lisa McClain, Republican of Michigan, who praises President Joe Biden for discontinuing the funding after receiving a [March 10, 2022, letter](#) calling for this to happen.

From the article: 'Having led congressional efforts over the past year to stop the flow of taxpayer dollars to [Russia](#)'s inhumane and unaccountable animal testing labs, I'm proud that the Biden administration finally listened to reason and halted this wasteful and dangerous spending,' said Ms. McClain, chairwoman of the Oversight and Accountability subcommittee on health care and financial services."

Can you please confirm for me that NIH funding for these experiments has been discontinued, and that this was done in response to concerns that were raised by Rep. McClain and others?

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