### **EXHIBIT P**



12 May 2020

Ms. Amrit Singh Director, Accountability, Liberty, and Transparency Division Open Society Justice Initiative 224 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10019

Reference: F-2020-01331

Dear Ms. Singh:

This is further to our correspondence of 29 April 2020, and constitutes a final response to your 27 April 2020 query for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), specifically:

#### I. Notice of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19

- 1. Records indicating when the Executive Branch was first informed of what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.
- 2. Records indicating the Executive Branch's response when it was first informed of what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.
- 3. Records indicating when President Donald Trump was first informed of what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.
- 4. Records indicating President Trump's response when he was first informed of what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.
- 5. Records including and/or discussing communications (before March 1, 2020) to and from the National Center for Medical Intelligence ("NCMI") about what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.
- Records including and/or discussing January 2020 communications to and from a State Department epidemiologist about what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.
- 7. Records including and/or discussing January 2020 communications between Robert Redfield, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Chinese officials about what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.
- 8. Records including and/or discussing communications (from January 1, 2020 to February 29, 2020) between Alex Azar, Secretary, Health and Human Services, and President Donald Trump about what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.

- 9. Records including and/or discussing communications (from January 1, 2020 to February 29, 2020) to and from Dr. Carter Mecher, senior medical advisor, Department of Veterans Affairs, about what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.
- 10. Records including and/or discussing communications (from January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020) to and from Robert Kadlec, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, about asymptomatic cases spreading what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.
- 11. Records discussing communications (from January 1, 2020 to February 29, 2020) from Peter Navarro, President Trump's trade advisor, about what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.

#### II. The Executive Branch's Efforts to Counter SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19

- 12. Records concerning extraordinary presidential authority, including but not limited to "presidential emergency actions" relating to what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.
- 13. Records indicating dates and agendas for meetings and decisions of the official White House coronavirus task force during January and February 2020.
- 14. Records including and/or discussing "Four steps to mitigation," a February/March 2020 plan for addressing what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.
- 15. Records including and/or discussing a February 2020 document titled "U.S. Government Response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus."
- 16. Records discussing Remdesivir, Chloroquine, Hydroxychloroquine ("Plaquenil"), Azithromycin ("Zithromax") and/or other drugs or substances, such as disinfectants, for treating what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.
- 17. Records including and/or discussing instructions to classify meetings and/or records relating to what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.
- 18. Communications between your agency and the White House regarding what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.
- 19. Communications between the Executive Branch and non-government entities (including but not limited to private-sector companies, academic institutions, and/or individuals) capable of developing tests, or assisting in testing, for what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.

## III. Executive Branch SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 Communications with Congress, State Governors, and the WHO

20. Records including and/or discussing communications (before March 1, 2020) between any member of the Executive Branch and Congress regarding what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19, including but not limited to briefings to Congress, members of Congress, Congressional Committees or Subcommittees, and/or Congressional staff about what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.

# 21. Records including and/or discussing communications between the Executive Branch and the World Health Organization ("WHO") about what is now known as SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19.

This office conducted a thorough review of your request and determined that, in accordance with Section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information protected from disclosure by Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102(A)(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You may appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 90 days of the date of this letter. Please include the basis for your appeal.

Please be advised that you may seek dispute-resolution assistance the CIA FOIA Public Liaison, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), within the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. Please note, contacting the CIA FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right to pursue an administrative appeal.

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Sincerely,

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