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**To:** Avril D. Haines-DNI-  
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Director Haines—

(U [REDACTED]) Attached please find the whistleblower complaint and underlying documentation we discussed during our last monthly meeting. The complaint alleges Dr. Fauci provided false testimony to Congress related to the conduct of gain of function research at the National Institutes of Health, thereby "misleading the American people and Congressional oversight." We determined this complaint does not meet the urgent concern standard because the allegedly false statement was made by a non-IC official and it pertains to an activity that the IC IG has no reason to believe is related to an intelligence activity or has a direct impact on any IC element, personnel, or capability. As such, we are not required to transmit this matter to you, but do so in the interest of keeping you fully informed. The statute as interpreted by the September 3, 2019 OLC opinion does not require you to transmit this matter to the congressional intelligence committees.

(U [REDACTED]) During our meeting we discussed referring this complaint to the HHS OIG. My team and I considered this option and determined that, given the anonymous nature of the submitter rendering us unable to follow up to obtain additional information, and the classification levels of the underlying information forming the basis of the submission, we are very limited in what information we can share with HHS OIG. Additionally, the general dispute about "gain-of-function" research is already in the public domain making it highly probable that the HHS-OIG would already be aware of the allegation that the Dr. Fauci's testimony was inaccurate (albeit from a different source, not our ICWPA submitter). Consequently, we determined there would be no merit in referring the matter to HHS OIG.

(U) I am available to discuss if you have any questions. Our Counsel team is providing a copy of the documentation to [REDACTED] for his situational awareness. Please let me know if you would like me to copy PDDNI Dixon on these matters as well going forward.

Regards,

-- Tamara



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