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Subject: FW: 2019nC-V

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Importance: Normal

I agree with you. Mike and Bernhard are good people but they really slow things down, particularly Mike Ryan whose main concern is not offending anyone. Please delete this e-mail after you read it.

From: Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 1:45 PM

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Subject: Re: 2019nC-V

Sounds mostly encouraging though I don't understand the choice of working through Mike and Bernhard and not just going straight to Tedros. But that's fine as long as these next steps are initiated very quickly!
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Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 2, 2020, at 12:48 PM, Jeremy Farrar [REDACTED] wrote:

Mike and Bernhard

Thank you for phoning – very helpful, copying in Francis and Tony as well as Tedros.

Fully agree with your summary.

- Best is if this is addressed under the umbrella of WHO
- Has to be framed as 'To understand the source and evolution of the 2019n-CoV'
 - Within that a number of issues to be addressed including – Environmental and animal sampling, human viral genome sequencing and analysis, and more
- Quickest is via a Working Group within an established structure rather than set something new up
- Multiple options for this within WHO
- Mike and Bernhard will work out best approach
- Appreciate the urgency and importance of this issue in midst of a very troubling epidemic
- Gathering interest evident in the science literature and in mainstream and social media to the question of the origin of this virus
- Critical that responsible, respected scientists and agencies get ahead of the science and the narrative of this and are not reacting to reports which could be very damaging.
- I am sure I speak for Francis and Tony when I say we are here and ready to play any constructive role in this
- Do think this is an urgent matter to address (among many we appreciate)
- Fully agree to your comments on the GCM.

Hope that is a reasonable summary

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