

United States Senate

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April 5, 2023

The Honorable Samantha Power
Administrator

United States Agency for International Development
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20301

Administrator Power:

We write to follow up on requests for information regarding the origins of COVID-19 that remain outstanding. USAID has an obligation to be responsive to congressional requests for information.

Following an August 3, 2022 hearing of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight¹, a letter was sent to your agency requesting documents and information, which we have yet to receive. To date, USAID has failed to provide the requested information.

For this reason, we reaffirm the following requests for information:

1. Unredacted copies of the 6,209 pages identified as potentially responsive to FOIA Request #F-00049-21.
2. Unredacted copies of any and all records excluded from production under 5 U.S.C. 522(c) with respect to FOIA Request F-00309-20.
3. Unredacted copies of all records produced with respect to FOIA Request F-00309-20 as of September 29, 2022.

¹Revisiting Gain of Function Research: What the Pandemic Taught Us and Where Do We Go From Here: Hearing Before the S. Subcomm. on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight of the S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Affairs, 117th Cong. (2022), available at: <https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/subcommittees/esso/hearings/revisiting-gain-of-function-research-what-the-pandemic-taught-us-and-where-do-we-go-from-here>.

We respectfully request you provide our offices with the status of each request no later than 5:00 PM on April 10, 2023.

Sincerely,

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