

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 29, 2022

The Honorable Samantha Power
Administrator
United States Agency for International Development
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20301

Administrator Power:

I write to request additional information regarding the United States Agency for International Development's activities and operations. On August 3, 2022, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight held a hearing titled, "Revisiting Gain of Function Research: What the Pandemic Taught Us and Where Do We Go from Here."¹ The hearing testimony raised important considerations about the dangers associated with gain of function research and the need for Congress to better understand the nature of taxpayer-funded medical research.

For this reason, I respectfully request you provide my office with the following information no later than 5:00 PM on October 13, 2022:

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.

For any documents that are responsive to this request but not produced, please include a justification and citation of the legal authority that authorizes the withholding of the document from Congress.

The American people have a right to a transparent and open government. I appreciate your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,



Rand Paul, M.D.
U.S. Senator

¹ <https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/subcommittees/etso/hearings/revisiting-gain-of-function-research-what-the-pandemic-taught-us-and-where-do-we-go-from-here>