

CBP WANTED TO QUESTION AND SEARCH PETER DASZAK IN 2021. FBI BLOCKED IT.

In February 2021, officials at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) National Targeting Center prepared to question and search Peter Daszak of EcoHealth Alliance upon arrival at JFK airport from China after participating in the World Health Organization's (WHO) investigation into the origins of COVID-19. The referral cited Daszak's longstanding collaboration with the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV), his extensive federal grants and contracts, and the assessment that **"much of the funding DASZAK receives is put towards gain of function research."** Officials planned to question Daszak about the WHO mission, his communications with WIV personnel, his prior travel, and whether he transported biological samples from China. According to the documents, the interview and inspection did not occur due to a request from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that CBP not stop Daszak.

WHAT THE DOCUMENTS SHOW

01 | WHY DASZAK WAS TARGETED

Officials cited Daszak's relationship with WIV, his federal grants and contracts, and his role in directing National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding connected to research conducted with Wuhan scientists. The targeting package stated that **"much of the funding DASZAK receives is put towards gain of function research."**

02 | HOW U.S. TAXPAYER FUNDS REACHED WUHAN RESEARCH

The records identify NIH grant R01AI110964, Daszak's role as principal investigator, and scientific publications involving Zhengli Shi, WIV, and bat coronaviruses. Officials also questioned why Daszak had been selected for the WHO team despite his longstanding relationship with Wuhan researchers and his organization's financial support for their work.

03 | WHAT OFFICIALS PLANNED TO ASK

Officials sought to determine whether the WHO team visited WIV, which areas it inspected, whom Daszak met, and whether he remained in contact with WIV personnel. The targeting package also asked whether Daszak collected biological samples during the trip, carried samples into the United States, or mailed samples from China.

04 | THE INSPECTION ADVANCED TO A FORMAL TARGETING ACTION, BUT THE FBI INTERVENED

CBP created a formal targeting event and prepared a Tactical Terrorism Response Team examination for Daszak's February 5, 2021, arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

"FBI requested not to stop subject. No further NTC action."

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From: [REDACTED]@CBP.DHS.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 8:42 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] Referral Event [REDACTED]: P. DASZAK [REDACTED] - DISREGARD

From: [REDACTED]@CBP.DHS.GOV>
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Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Referral Event [REDACTED]: P. DASZAK [REDACTED] DISREGARD

Please be advised FBI New York requested we **do not stop** the subject below.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Deputy Chief Officer
Joint Terrorism Task Force Liaison
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
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ALCON:

Please disregard request for inspection. Subject will be sent to the [REDACTED] for any requests.

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Additional information

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NTC Requests

- TTRT exam to include review of media (search level determined by POE).
- Why was DASZAK chosen to be on the WHO investigative team?
- Where in China did DASZAK go?
- Where did DASZAK stay while in China?
- Who was the POC?
- Did the team visit WIV? If so, what areas did they inspect? Who did the team meet with?
- Did the team visit the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention? If so, what areas did they inspect? Who did the team meet with?
- Did the team meet with any other officials from the Chinese government?
- Did DASZAK collect any biological samples during the trip?
- Is DASZAK traveling with any biological samples?
- Did he mail any samples back to the US?
- Did he take any materials with him to China?
- Has DASZAK maintained contact with anyone at the WIV? If so, whom and how often would he communicate? What do they communicate about?
- What was the purpose of DASZAK's travel from 01/04/2021-01/07/2021?

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
National Targeting Security Specialist
National Targeting Center (NTC)
Tactical Targeting [REDACTED]
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JWICS: [REDACTED]

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Operation [REDACTED] PETER DASZAK / DOB: [REDACTED]

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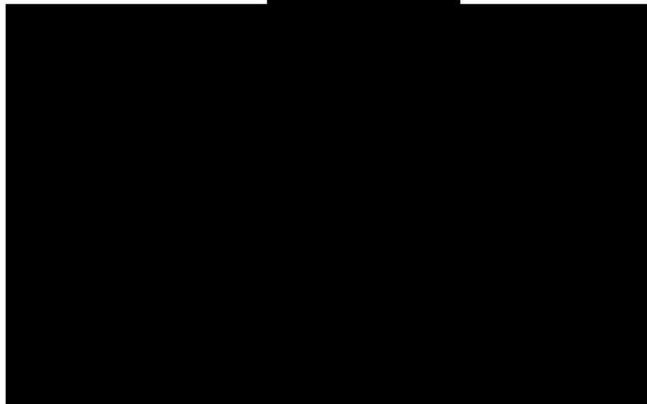
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Activity Information

Event ID: [REDACTED]

Title: Operation [REDACTED] PETER DASZAK
/ DOB: [REDACTED]
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Person

1. Last Name: [DASZAK](#) [REDACTED]
First Name: PETER
Gender: Male (M)
Country of Residence: United States (US/USA), United States (US/USA)

Photos

Preview

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Date of Birth

1. [DASZAK, PETER](#) [REDACTED]

Place of Birth

1. Place of Birth: DUKINFIELD
UNITED KINGDOM GB/GBR
City: DUKINFIELD
Country: United Kingdom (GB/GBR)
2. Country: United Kingdom (GB/GBR)

Citizenship

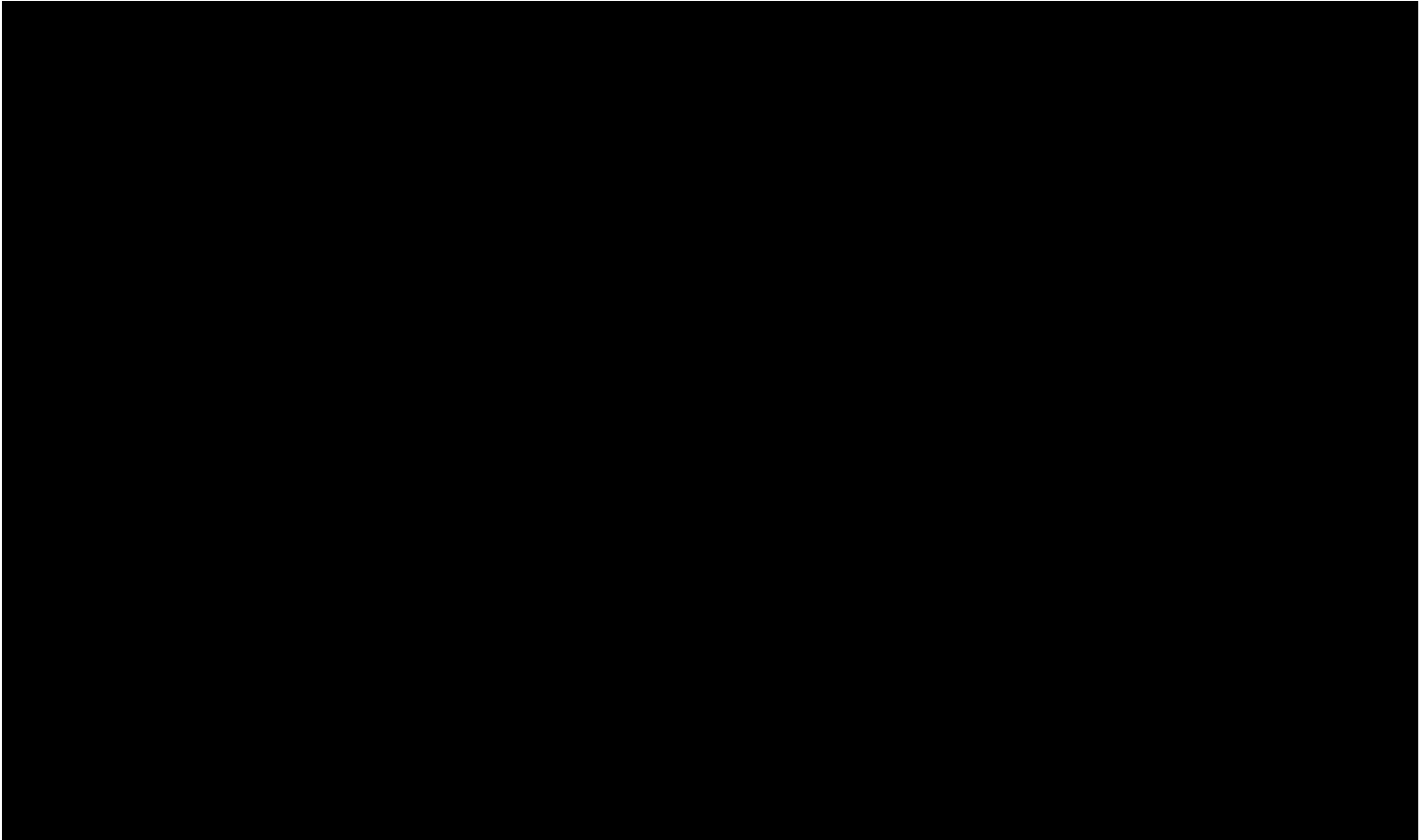
- United States (US/USA)

Disposition

1. Disposition Category: [REDACTED]
Disposition: [REDACTED] Action

Disposition Reason

1. Remarks: Referred to [REDACTED]. FBI requested not to stop subject. No further NTC action



Records

#	Person Record Name	Subtype	Record ID Code
1.	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
2.	PNR		[REDACTED]
3.	PNR		[REDACTED]
4.	TECS		[REDACTED]

Conveyances

1. MOT: Air-Commercial
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Est Departure: 01/12/2021 01:00:00 EST
Est Arrival: 01/12/2021 13:15:00 EST
Flight No: 704
Carrier: QATAR AIRWAYS (QR)
From Port: John F Kennedy International Airport (JFK)
To Port: Hamad International Airport (DOH)
Itinerary Description: John F Kennedy International Airport(JFK)-Hamad International Airport(DOH)
2. MOT: Air-Commercial
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Est Departure: 02/04/2021 13:00:00 EST
Est Arrival: 02/04/2021 21:30:00 EST
Flight No: 945

- Carrier: QATAR AIRWAYS (QR)
From Port: Singapore Changi Airport (SIN)
To Port: Hamad International Airport (DOH)
Itinerary: Singapore Changi Airport(SIN)-Hamad International Airport(DOH); Hamad International Airport(DOH)-Singapore Changi Airport(SIN); Hamad International Airport(DOH)-John F Kennedy International Airport(JFK)
Description: International Airport(DOH)-John F Kennedy International Airport(JFK)
3. MOT: Air-Commercial
[REDACTED]
Est Departure: 01/12/2021 18:10:00 EST
Est Arrival: 01/13/2021 01:55:00 EST
Flight No: 946
Carrier: QATAR AIRWAYS (QR)
From Port: Hamad International Airport (DOH)
To Port: Singapore Changi Airport (SIN)
Itinerary: Singapore Changi Airport(SIN)-Hamad International Airport(DOH); Hamad International Airport(DOH)-Singapore Changi Airport(SIN); Hamad International Airport(DOH)-John F Kennedy International Airport(JFK)
Description: International Airport(DOH)-John F Kennedy International Airport(JFK)
4. MOT: Air-Commercial
[REDACTED]
Est Departure: 02/05/2021 00:15:00 EST
Est Arrival: 02/05/2021 14:25:00 EST
Flight No: 701
Carrier: QATAR AIRWAYS (QR)
From Port: Hamad International Airport (DOH)
To Port: John F Kennedy International Airport (JFK)
Itinerary: Singapore Changi Airport(SIN)-Hamad International Airport(DOH); Hamad International Airport(DOH)-Singapore Changi Airport(SIN); Hamad International Airport(DOH)-John F Kennedy International Airport(JFK)
Description: International Airport(DOH)-John F Kennedy International Airport(JFK)
5. MOT: Air-Commercial
[REDACTED]
Est Departure: 01/04/2021 21:00:00 EST
Est Arrival: 01/05/2021 09:15:00 EST
Flight No: QR 702
Carrier: QATAR AIRWAYS (QR)
From Port: John F Kennedy International Airport (JFK)
To Port: Hamad International Airport (DOH)
Itinerary: John F Kennedy International Airport(JFK)-Hamad International Airport(DOH); Hamad International Airport(DOH)-Singapore Changi Airport(SIN); Singapore Changi Airport(SIN)-San Francisco International Airport(SFO); San Francisco International Airport(SFO)-Newark Liberty International Airport(EWR)
Description: Hamad International Airport(DOH)-Singapore Changi Airport(SIN); Singapore Changi Airport(SIN)-San Francisco International Airport(SFO); San Francisco International Airport(SFO)-Newark Liberty International Airport(EWR)
6. MOT: Air-Commercial
[REDACTED]
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Est Arrival: 12/31/1969 20:45:00 EST
Flight No: QR 942
Carrier: QATAR AIRWAYS (QR)
From Port: Hamad International Airport (DOH)
To Port: Singapore Changi Airport (SIN)
Itinerary: John F Kennedy International Airport(JFK)-Hamad International Airport(DOH); Hamad International Airport(DOH)-Singapore Changi Airport(SIN); Singapore Changi Airport(SIN)-San Francisco International Airport(SFO); San Francisco International Airport(SFO)-Newark Liberty International Airport(EWR)
Description: Hamad International Airport(DOH)-Singapore Changi Airport(SIN); Singapore Changi Airport(SIN)-San Francisco International Airport(SFO); San Francisco International Airport(SFO)-Newark Liberty International Airport(EWR)
7. MOT: Air-Commercial
[REDACTED]
Est Departure: 02/04/2021 21:00:00 EST
Est Arrival: 01/01/1970 11:35:00 EST

Flight No: UA 2
Carrier: UNITED AIRLINES (UA)
From Port: Singapore Changi Airport (SIN)
To Port: San Francisco International Airport (SFO)
Itinerary: John F Kennedy International Airport(JFK)-Hamad International Airport(DOH);
Description: Hamad International Airport(DOH)-Singapore Changi Airport(SIN); Singapore Changi Airport(SIN)-San Francisco International Airport(SFO); San Francisco International Airport(SFO)-Newark Liberty International Airport(EWR)

8. MOT: Air-Commercial

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Est Arrival: 01/01/1970 19:23:00 EST
Flight No: UA 1900
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To Port: Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)
Itinerary: John F Kennedy International Airport(JFK)-Hamad International Airport(DOH);
Description: Hamad International Airport(DOH)-Singapore Changi Airport(SIN); Singapore Changi Airport(SIN)-San Francisco International Airport(SFO); San Francisco International Airport(SFO)-Newark Liberty International Airport(EWR)

Activity Reason

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scientists, usually aims to improve understanding of disease causing agents, their interaction
with human hosts, and/or their potential to cause pandemics. The ultimate objective of such
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During the inspection, it is hard to say if DASZAK will be forthcoming with information.

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10-4, thanks. We'll send it out in the morning.

Charlie

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 2, 2021, at 10:11 PM, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Good evening [REDACTED].

***FYSA - NTC has rescinded previous inspection request; however, subject may be of interest to the FBI ***

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Supervisory Officer- TTRT
US Customs and Border Protection

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DASZAK is listed as the Principal Investigator (PI) on National Institute of Health (NIH) National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) grants: 1U01AI151797-01 - Understanding Risk of Zoonotic Viruses Emergence in EID Hotspots of Southeast Asia, and #2R01AI110964-06: Understanding the Risk of Bat Coronavirus Emergence, dated 6/01/2014-06/30/2024. SHI listed grant R01AI110964 on her resume (Link), although SHI is not listed as a PI. A search of the grant revealed 19 publications (Link), many of which were written by SHI.

Additional information

- * DASZAK was asked publicly by NIH to retrieve the original type-specimen used by WIV for genetic analysis, and return it to the United States. He was also asked to explain several aspects of their collaboration, including related to cell phone data. Link
- * DASZAK and EcoHealth has been awarded a number of contracts and grants from the U.S. federal government. These include contracts with the DHS Chemical and Biological Threat Division. Many items that EcoHealth studies are likely to be subject to serious non-disclosure agreements with the U.S. government and/or be export controlled.
- * Much of the funding DASZAK receives is put towards gain of function research. This research involves experimentation that aims or is expected to increase the transmissibility and/or virulence of pathogens. The ultimate objective of such research is to better inform public health and preparedness efforts and/or development of medical countermeasures. Link
- * In 2013, DASZAK was a coauthor of publication "Isolation and characterization of a bat SARS-like coronavirus that uses the ACE2 receptor" with Zhengli SHI and Ralph BARIC. This paper is of significance due to the first reporting of a SL-CoV-WIV1 (SARS-like coronavirus WIV1) binding to human cells and infecting them. Link
- * A follow up article published in Nature magazine on 12/12/2015 titled "Engineered bat virus stirs debate over risky research, Lab-made coronavirus related to SARS can infect human cells" debates "whether engineering lab variants of viruses with possible pandemic potential is worth the risks." Link

NTC Requests

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Respectfully,

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Peter DASZAK

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<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-chinas-bat-woman-hunted-down-viruses-from-sars-to-the-new-coronavirus1/> // <https://www.ecohealthalliance.org/>

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Subject: RE: Peter Daszak Inspection

Thanks [REDACTED]. I'm looping in [REDACTED] for the referral.

Respectfully,

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Thank you for coordinating!

It might be more beneficial for an inbound inspection in the event he is hand carrying biological samples. Below are recommended questions, [REDACTED] might have a few additional ones to add as well.

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Hey [REDACTED],

I'm happy to set up the inspection. Please let me know which questions we want asked and we'll push it to [REDACTED].

Respectfully,

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Good Morning,

Highlighted in the news, a 10 person team organized by the WHO is headed to China to research COVID 19 origins. A member of that team is Peter DASZAK who we have previously referred due to his connections to Zhengli SHI and WIV. DASZAK was responsible for funding WIV with NIH grant money for research. DASZAK has a tentative flight scheduled for departure tomorrow 01/12/2021 from JFK. DASZAK is an extremely high person of interest and should have a thorough inspection either outbound/inbound. There is also a possibility that DASZAK could hand carry and/or mail samples back from China. DASZAK has received criticism for his inclusion on the WHO team for possible conflict of interest due his ties to WIV.

"EcoHealth Alliance and Daszak have been working with Shi Zhengli, a virologist at the WIV, for more than 15 years. Since 2014, an NIH grant has funded EcoHealth's research in China, which involves collecting faeces and other samples from bats, and blood samples from people at risk of infection from bat-origin viruses. Scientific studies suggest that the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus most likely originated in bats, and research on the topic could be crucial to identifying other viruses that might cause future pandemics. The WIV is a subrecipient on the grant."

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