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Dear Ms. Monahan:

This letter is our final response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 18, 2020, assigned #20-00971-FOIA, for:

1. All email communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations) sent by any of the CDC officials specified in Column A, containing any of the key terms listed in Column B, in the chart below:

| Column A: CDC Officials                                                                         | Column B: Key Terms               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| i. Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director                                                     | i. Bossert                        |
| ii. Chesley Richards, Deputy Director for Public Health Science and Surveillance                | ii. Ziemer                        |
| iii. Nancy Messonnier, Director for National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases   | iii. Borio                        |
| iv. Rima Khabbaz, Director of the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases | iv. Luciana                       |
| v. Martin Centron, Director, of the Division of Global Migration and Quarantine                 | v. Bolton                         |
| vi. Rebecca Martin, Director of the Center for Global Health                                    | vi. Waddell                       |
| vii. Michael F. Iademarco, former Acting CDC Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases            | vii. NSC                          |
| viii. Stephen Redd, former Deputy Director for Public Health Service and Implementation Science | viii. "National Security Council" |
|                                                                                                 | ix. Pandemic                      |
|                                                                                                 | x. "Global health"                |
|                                                                                                 | xi. "Health security"             |
|                                                                                                 | xii. "Bio defense"                |
|                                                                                                 | xiii. Biodefense                  |
|                                                                                                 | xiv. "bio-defense"                |
|                                                                                                 | xv. Flu                           |
|                                                                                                 | xvi. Influenza                    |

American Oversight has limited its request to sent messages to reduce the volume of potentially responsive records. American Oversight still requests complete email chains. So, for example, if a government official sent a response to an incoming message containing one of the key terms above, the email chain containing the initially received message and the response is responsive to this request.

2. All email communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations) between (a) any of the CDC officials in Column A, and (b) any of the then-Executive Office of the President (EOP) officials listed in Column B.

| Column A: CDC Officials                                                                         | Column B: EOP officials                                                                             |
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| i. Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director                                                     | i. John Bolton, former National Security Advisor                                                    |
| ii. Chesley Richards, Deputy Director for Public Health Science and Surveillance                | ii. Ricky Waddell, former Deputy National Security Advisor                                          |
| iii. Nancy Messonnier, Director for National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases   | iii. Tom Bossert, former Homeland Security Advisor                                                  |
| iv. Rima Khabbaz, Director of the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases | iv. Rear Adm. Timothy Ziemer, former Senior Director for Global Health Security and Biodefense      |
| v. Martin Centron, Director, of the Division of Global Migration and Quarantine                 | v. Luciana Borio, former National Security Council Director for Medical and Biodefense Preparedness |
| vi. Rebecca Martin, Director of the Center for Global Health                                    | vi. Any other officials communicating with an email address ending in @nsc.eop.gov                  |
| vii. Michael F. Iademarco, former Acting CDC Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases            |                                                                                                     |
| viii. Stephen Redd, former Deputy Director for Public Health Service and Implementation Science |                                                                                                     |

For items 1 and 2, please provide all responsive records from April 9, 2018, through May 17, 2018.

We have administratively closed your request for the following reason:

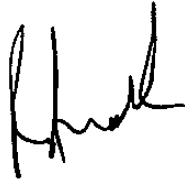
- ☒ The agency has not received additional information requested from you in our letter dated March 20, 2020.
- ☒ You have failed to reasonably describe your request to assist the agency in conducting a reasonable and adequate search for records.
- ☐ You have withdrawn your request.
- ☐ Failure to pay fees.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277 to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the

National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, Suite 729H, Washington, D.C. 20201. You may also transmit your appeal via email to [FOIARequest@psc.hhs.gov](mailto:FOIARequest@psc.hhs.gov). Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope "FOIA Appeal." Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted by July 19, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Andoh', with a stylized, cursive script.

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