**13. SUBJECT:**
CTR prepared the attached letter in response to Member of Congress on the concern of a 2017 grant awarded by the DoD to EcoHealth Alliance Inc.

**14. EIS NUMBER:** CS110923_050420

**15. INTERNAL SUSPENSE:** 05 14 2020

**16. EXTERNAL SUSPENSE:** 05 12 2020

### SUMMARY:
(U) BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT (BLUF):
U.S. Congressman Guy Reschenthaler raised concerns, in formal correspondence, regarding the history of EcoHealth Alliance Inc. (EHA) with regard to collaboration with the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV), which reports allege may be linked to the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak. EHA has been a recipient of grants provided by CT-BT. CT-BT reviewed the letter and provided the enclosed response confirming that no DTRA funds were used to support WIV or any other Chinese research facility.

### RECOMMENDATION:
(U) [Insert recommendation or action here.]
Respectfully request signature on enclosed Action Memo after reviewing associated documents, to include CT-BTs responses to the Congressmans three (3) questions.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
(U) Executive Summary:
Provide a concise summary of the issue. It should include key elements of background, information, supporting documents, and main conclusion(s).
- In the letter from U.S. Congress member Guy Reschenthaler, he raised concerns regarding the history of EcoHealth Alliance Inc. with regard to collaboration with the Wuhan Institute of Virology, which reports allege may be linked to the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak (Tab A).

1. In 2017, DoD awarded a $6.5 million grant to EcoHealth Alliance. The description of this grant is listed as “understanding the risk of bat-borne zoonotic disease emergence in Western Asia.”

2. DTRA’s response outlines the utilization of grant funds and confirms that no portion of the funds granted by the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Directorate’s Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP) to EcoHealth Alliance supported work at the Wuhan Institute of Virology or any other activity in the People’s Republic of China.

### CRITICAL COMMENTS / NON-CONCURS:
(U) Critical comments or Non-concurs:
Provide a concise summary of any reported G2G/D2D/DS’s critical comments or Non-concurs in regards to CONCurs. Also include G2G/D2D/DS Non-concurs or warnings that differ from the recommendation or main conclusion(s). **N/A** if not required.

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**Left Side**
- TAB A: Draft response letter to Congressman Reschenthaler
- TAB B: Letter from Congressman Reschenthaler
- TAB C: Action Memo for U.S. Lord (A&S)

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**18. ACTION OFFICER:** (Name / Grade / Office Symbol / Phone Number)

**19. DATE PREPARED:**
05 13 2020
Sir,

Attached is the Task Tracker for today's meeting.

v/r

Contractor, Amyx Inc., Team Noblis

DAG TMT Tasker Lead

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Team,

Attached is the Task Tracker as of 0800 20Dec2021.

I look forward to discussing at the sync.

v/r

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v/r

Contractor, Amyx Inc., Team Noblis

CTR DAG TMT/Tasker Lead

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- Tasks are arranged by due date in TEP.
- For further information, please contact task owner.
Str,

The only document listed for this congressional is attached... In addition, I have added the instructions from the Tasker and below.

BLUF

Congress is seeking all documents or communications sent by DTRA in response to any research proposal or grant application submitted by or on behalf of EcoHealth and/or the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV).

BACKGROUND

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee’s Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations has requested a follow-up to their 18 Nov 2021 letter concerning EcoHealth Alliance. In their original letter they requested "All documents or communications sent by the agency in response to any research proposal or grant application submitted by or on behalf of EcoHealth and/or the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV)." CT advised that redacted versions of said documents can be produced within 30-45 days and the subcommittee was informed of this timeline.

SUSPENSE

23 Sep 2022

POC

v/r
Contractor, Anyx Inc., Team Noblis

CTR DAG TMT Tasker Lead

DTRA CT

NIPR

SIPR
Dr. Pope,

Sir, please find attached for your review and signature the CTR Tanzania Closeout letter. I have provided both .docx and .pdf files for your ease of accessibility. Please let us know if you have any edits, questions, or concerns.

Thank you.

Very Respectfully,

CTR Director’s Action Group

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

CTR A&AS Contractor

Octant Associates, LLC | Booz Allen Hamilton
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of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act
This does not appear to need OSD LA:GC coordination, via DTRA LA:GC, prior to DIR. Really not sure what's driving their order of operations beyond DIR wanting to make sure our response is tied up in a neat package.

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CTR Director's Action Group Lead
Cooperative Threat Reduction
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
CTR A&S Contractor

---Original Message-----

From: [Name]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:41 AM
To: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG <dtra.belvoir.ct.list.ct-dag@mail.mil>
Subject: RF: New *UNET* Tasker: CS 110923 050420 2017 Grant Award by DoD to EcoHealth Alliance (CATMS010520206YF4P8) https://ext.usatasker.cs_110923_050420/sitePages/Home.aspx

CT --

DTRA is responsible for gaining OSD LA and OSD GC coordination prior sending to the Director.

If possible, please get coordination with DTRA LA and GC on your response prior to May 14th. This will give us more time to get external coordination.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

[Name]
Program Analyst: Task Manager
Office of the Chief of Staff (CS)
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

-----Original Message-----

From: [Name]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 11:14 AM
To: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG <dtra.belvoir.ct.list.ct-dag@mail.mil>
Subject: New *UNET* Tasker: CS_110923_050420 2017 Grant Award by DoD to EcoHealth Alliance
(CATMS010520206YF4P8) https://cis.citaskers/CS_110923_050420/SitePages/Home.aspx
Importance: High

CT –

Please see EIS for new tasker. Suspense date: May 14, 2020, NLT 3PM.

Required OCRs: LA and GC

Thank you.

(b)(6)  

Program Analyst/Task Manager

Office of the Chief of Staff (CS)

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

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Email:
From: [Name]
To: DTRA H Blevins CT List CT DAG
Cc: DTRA H Blevins CT List CT DAG

Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 3:39 PM
Attachments: HASC-Eco Health questions-DTRA reply doc NDAA Appeal - Prohibiting funds to EcoHealth Alliance (12-Sep-2021) docs Rescissions-EcoHealth Amendment pdf DTRA GTE and RD Grants to Eco Health Alliance.docx

+ Dr. Pope

-----Original Message-----
From: [Name]
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 3:29 PM
To: [Name]

Sir,

Recommend tasking to BT for response.

SUSPENSE: 1 OCT 2021

SUBJECT: NDAA Appeal-Prohibit Funding of EcoHealth Alliance

ACTION: The House floor passed the FY22 NDAA which included an amendment that would prohibit funding “for any purpose EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.” DTRA is drafting an appeal of this language and we ask that you provide input on the enclosed appeal document in the section marked “DoD Position/Impact.”

Vtr. [Name]
CONGRESSIONAL RFI FROM HASC
DoD Contracts with EcoHealth Alliance

Received: 8/12/2021

Question: Please provide answers to the below questions concerning DoD’s relationship with EcoHealth Alliance.

1. Were any of the DoD-funded research projects involving EcoHealth Alliance performed in China or in support of research performed in China? If so, which projects, what was the work performed, and what were the risk assessments DoD used to evaluate funding projects in China?

   None of the DoD CTR Program-funded research projects involving EcoHealth Alliance were performed in China, nor were they in support of research performed in China.

2. Has DoD issued any awards to Peter Daszak and/or EcoHealth Alliance that are not yet available in USA Spending.gov? If so, please include.

   No, all of the DoD CTR Program’s awards to EcoHealth Alliance are in USA Spending.gov.

3. Did DoD sponsored any classified research involving EcoHealth Alliance and/or Peter Daszak

   No, the DoD CTR Program does not sponsor classified research.

4. Please provide copies of the agreements, initial research reports and all progress/final reports.

   The DoD CTR Program has awarded grants to EcoHealth Alliance, which are included in the attached spreadsheet. The CTR program has not used contracts to fund EcoHealth Alliance. Additionally, DTRA-RD documentation on associated grants to EcoHealth Alliance are included in the spreadsheet.
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AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–13

OFFERED BY MR. RESCHENTHALER OF PENNSYLVANIA

Add at the end of title LX the following new section:

SEC. 60__. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FUNDING TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE, INC.

No funds authorized under this Act may be made available for any purpose to EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.
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**PMF Funding:**
- South Africa: $4,386,564.00
- Malawi: $689,766.00
- Others: $136,021.00

**PMF Metrics:**
- The PMF CTR Program (South Africa)
- The PMF CTR Program (Malawi)
- The PMF CTR Program (Others)

**PMF Oversight Organization:**
- South Africa CTR Program
- Malawi CTR Program
- Others CTR Program

**PMF Projects:**
- ST5101-001: Strengthening the capacity of South Africa and other countries to respond to emerging and re-emerging viruses.
- ST5101-002: Enhancing the public health workforce in Africa.
- ST5101-003: Promoting the translation of research findings into actionable public health policies and practices.
- ST5101-004: Providing leadership to Malawi.
- ST5101-005: Increasing the ability of South Africa and other countries to respond to emerging and re-emerging viruses.
the U.S. has criticized the country’s lack of cooperation on tracing its source. For its part, China defends its work with the WHO. It’s engaged with the body on origin-tracing in a “transparent” manner and WHO experts have been allowed to visit the country, Wang Wenbin, a foreign ministry spokesman, told reporters this month.

Field, who’s also a science and policy adviser for EcoHealth Alliance, a New York-based nonprofit that works to prevent viral outbreaks around the world, said it’s possible Chinese scientists are well advanced in their investigations, but fears any findings into how the virus originated — whether from China or elsewhere — will be clouded in “conspiracy cover-up talk.”

“How do we make those broadly accepted to what now seems to be quite a cynical and politicized audience?”

It will likely require a level of openness China is showing no signs of embracing.

On a recent visit to the Wuhan Institute of Virology, security staff tried to stop a Bloomberg journalist from taking photographs and video from a public road outside. One guard stood in the way of the car until police arrived. Multiple requests to visit the infectious diseases lab were denied.

Outside the city’s Battle Against Covid-19 exhibition, there are no restrictions on filming. Visitors take photos of each other popping their heads out of wooden silhouettes with holes in place of faces, the kind you see of cartoon characters at theme parks, though here it’s doctors in protective suits and gloves.

Yang Feng, a 51-year-old retiree, said she found the exhibit cathartic, a reminder of everything her home town had been through, from the almost three-month lockdown to the 3,869 people who died. “I wanted to recap the history,” she said. “Now, you can’t tell Wuhan is a city that’s been through the virus.”

But Yang shakes her head when asked where she thinks Covid-19 originated.

“I don’t know.” she said. “I really don’t know.”

--Jason Gale, Emma O’Brien and Claire Che; With assistance from Jing Li
FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 4:32 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: OSD002210-21: CONCERNS OVER NONPROFIT ECHOHEALTH ALLIANCE INC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY

Thx

From: [Redacted]
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 4:27:31 PM
To: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: OSD002210-21: CONCERNS OVER NONPROFIT ECHOHEALTH ALLIANCE INC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY

FYI - USD R&E had a question about a specific grant with FHA administered by the USUHS, and potential DTRA support. In sum, the answer is no for CTR. See below for my answer. Not sure about DTRA / RD, but imagine it is the same answer as DTRA / RD does not fund this type of work overseas nor are they in the BPC business.
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY

(b)(6) no - we (CT) did not fund or make an arrangement with USUHS for the grant referenced below. In fact, CT has not funded or made arrangements with USUHS since 2018.

---Original Message---
From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 1:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: OSD0902210-21:CONCERNS OVER NONPROFIT ECHOHEALTH ALLIANCE INC
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY

CT and RD Teammates,

Requesting a quick check from both, knowing we’ve been through this drill a few times already. We’ve passed the tasker off to R&E for their final answer to this congressional inquiry, but they had one specific follow-up question below.

Did either of your directorates enter into an arrangement with USUHS to perform work with EcoHealth Alliance using the referenced grant?

V/R

Deputy Chief of Staff
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

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CUI Category: BUDG
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POC: Undersigned

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---Original Message---
From: [REDACTED]
I also support Dr. Nair in the BRO and will be coordinating actions on the final stages of sending a response back to Congress. Has fully briefed me on the progress to date and forwarded me your contact info.

Thank you for offering assistance. I was hoping you could help figure out whether DTRA funds were used to support a grant to ECOHealth through the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS). In addition to the DTRA contracts and grants with ECOHealth Alliance, USAspending shows a grant through the USUHS which looks like it went to fund global health efforts with Africam. https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_HU0000120100031_97HW

Do you know if those funds came from DTRA with USUHS as the performer or if they were USUHS funds?

Thank you in advance,

Program Scientist | Strategic Analysis, Inc.
Office of Basic Research Office (BRO)
NIP

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 2:51 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc:

Subject: FW: OSD002210-21: CONCERNS OVER NONPROFIT ECHOHEALTH ALLIANCE INC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY

I understood from Dr. Nair last week that you would be coordinating actions
pull this from DTRA as OPR to OUSD (R&E). What assistance do you need to make this happen? We are working on DTRA input to the response now. Other interested offices noted below are asking to be placed in coordination.

Please advise.

V/R

[Redacted]

Deputy Chief of Staff
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

---Original Message---

From: [Redacted]

Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 13:42

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: OSDO2210-21 CONCERNS OVER NONPROFIT ECHOHEALTH ALLIANCE INC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY

Sir,

Woot more fun.

[Redacted]

---Original Message---

From: [Redacted]

Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 13:01 PM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: OSDO2210-21 CONCERNS OVER NONPROFIT ECHOHEALTH ALLIANCE INC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY

Good afternoon everyone,

If you have not already, can you upload the attached to the subject OPR and add HDGS CWMD Policy to OSDO2210-21 manage assignment listing.
Instructions if you need them.

Click on USA (OPR) in the tasker status area
On the tool bar where you see "Save and close" you should see "Manage Assignments" near the end.
Select Manage Assignments
In the search area type USP
USP tasker manager should filter it down to HDGS CWMD Policy

v/r
[Redacted]

DASD Team Executive Assistant
Legislative Affairs
Pentagon
NIIP
SIPR
COMM

---Original Message---
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 3:50 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Fwd: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER

[Redacted] can you all help get HDGS CWMD Policy added as an OCR on the attached letter response in CATMS?

Best,

[Redacted]

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
for Legislative Affairs
Comm.
OSD Policy isn't on the coord for the attached letter response as OCR and probably should be. Can you add OSD(P)/HDGS CWMD to the coord in CATMS or does someone else need to do that? Thank you!

Best,

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs

Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 8:55 AM
To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER
is the A&S Team Chief. If you've got the stick, I'll wave off.

The CATMS tasker is a little confusing.

Thanks.

---- Original Message ----
From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 8:52 AM
To: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER

Hah, funny you should ask, I'm looking at our input as we speak. It has to go through Dr. Williams so we should have our input back in CATMS Monday/Tuesday.

Can you please remind me who the A&S team chief is?

V/r,

Chief of Legislative Affairs
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

----- Original Message ----- 
From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 8:49 AM
To: (b)(6)

Subject: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER

Gents, I received the attached letter yesterday. Have you all seen this or was it tasked to you by ExecSec in CATMS? Just wanted to make sure this was being coord'd on by the appropriate folks. Thanks!

Best,
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs
Comm
Mobile
NPR:
Data for your use as you help us identify acquisition process improvements.

V/r,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

Dr. Pope,

Please find attached the weekly WAT comparison. This compares WAT data as of 22 August to WAT data as of 29 August. Please note that the EAD for CTB-20-202, the $8.9M action for Nigeria, changed from 9/30/22 to 10/28/22. This, of course, will increase the carryover of FY22 funds into FY23.

Please let me know if there are any questions.
Thank you.

Budget Analyst and CTR Finance Integrator, SI-FMOO

Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR)

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

Office
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of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act.
FYSA. Sorry I didn’t get this to you before the business meeting.

V/r,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

Dr. Pope,

As a supplement to the business meeting slides I sent a few minutes ago, I’ve attached a WAT Snapshot Comparison that compares the UICs that were planned on being awarded in November as of 14 November with those same UICs as of today. After the business meeting slides were produced, some of the programs, BTRP and PPP in particular, made updates to their WAT spend plan. Since those changes are not captured in the business meeting slides, this WAT Snapshot Comparison provides updated data as of this morning as to the status of the UICs with planned obligation dates in November.

Thank you.
Budget Analyst and CTR Finance Integrator, SI-FMOO

Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR)

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

Office: (O)6
FYSA.

Vtr,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

Dr. Pope,

I've attached the latest WAT comparison. This compares WAT data as of 19 September to WAT data as of 26 September for awards planned through the end of the fiscal year. Please note that some items were pushed to the right; these items are highlighted in blue.

From the "Top 10 list," here are the statuses of those items:

Awarded:

$2,847,789.07  KZ: STS - NNC Sole Source Contract 2022-2023 Work Season FY21 Funds (incr fund)
Thank you.

Budget Analyst and CTR Finance Integrator, SI-FMOO

Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR)

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

Office: [b][5]
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of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act
Early in January, I would ask that the two of you put your heads together and advise me on what we as leaders can do differently to achieve an outcome aligned with the plan the team submitted.

V/r,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

Good morning,

Dr. Pope asked me to include [redacted] and [redacted] on the distribution of these Snapshot Comparisons.

I've attached a WAT Snapshot Comparison that compares the UICs that were planned on being awarded in December as of 30 November with those same UICs as of December 12. The purpose with this analysis is to show how planned actions are changing over time.
I’ve also attached the prior Snapshot Comparison I produced, for your reference.

Please let me know if there are questions.

Thank you.

Budget Analyst and CTR Finance Integrator, SI-FM00
Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR)
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Office
Dr. Pope,

Sir, please find below a rough transcript of the few minutes Dr. William Karesh briefly raised the work of BTRP in relation to zoonotic diseases.

I AM BIO Podcast <https://www.bio.org/podcast> : hosted by Congressman Jim Greenwood

Episode 12: COVID-19’s True Origins (with guest Dr. William Karesh of EcoHealth Alliance)

Section mentioning BTRP starts at 32:02; ends at 33:20.

Greenwood: If you ruled the world, Dr. Karesh, what would be the list of things that you would do to reduce the threat of zoonotic diseases in the future?

Karesh: Well, there are quite a few. And I certainly think there have been some programs in the past that are at the US Federal Government level that could certainly be enhanced... The Defense Department has a program under the Defense Threat Reduction Agency called the Biological Threat Reduction Program. They do remarkable work – like engaging with researchers around the world... on these emerging diseases – both animal and human diseases. They require... a scientist from the United States partnering with a foreign scientist. You build a trusted relationship, and you know what’s going on in their laboratories, and you communicate. That started back with nuclear threat reduction, with the collapse of the Soviet Union. They started investing in that and expanding – that program could be a lot bigger...

Please let me know if you need anything else. Thank you.

Very Respectfully,

CTR Director’s Action Group
Sir,

Please see attached and below ref the BTRP Metrics RAH for tomorrow’s discussion. I’ve also attached it to the calendar item. Thank you.

r/

CTR Director’s Action Group Lead
Cooperative Threat Reduction
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
CTR A&AS Contractor
Beaz/Allen/Hamilton
Main:
Desk:
Mobil:
NIPR:
SIPR:

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:19 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Jeffrey.v.russin.ctr@mail.mil

Subject: BTRP 2020 Metrics Summary

Please find the BTRP 2020 Metrics Summary brief for tomorrow’s meeting (19 February @1000) with Dr. Pope attached.

Please acknowledge receipt and let me know if you have any questions.

v/r
Notice: Nothing in this email is intended to constitute contractual direction or to impact the current negotiated cost, price or schedule contained in the contract. If the contractor believes there is an impact, the contractor must disregard that portion of the communication and contact the contracting officer for direction.
Pilot Growth’s partner, among others, is Metabiota, which, according to the Russian Ministry of Defense, is among the project implementers in Ukraine, which were tasked with creating elements of selective **biological weapons** and which used Ukraine as a **biotesting ground**, a place for testing new drugs. Metabiota CEO Nita Madhav appeared in the case file, which the Russian Ministry of Defense showed as part of profile briefings.

On the Pilot Growth website, Madhav commented: “Partnering with Pilot Growth was a great decision for our company; they have been loyal allies and brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to our relationship. We are very lucky to have them on our team.”

Such statements indicate a fairly close relationship.

There is one important nuance. Nita Madhav is a former Special Pathogens Officer at the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC). She also worked for Air Worldwide (until 2015). The latter is engaged in modeling large-scale disasters, predicting the consequences of outbreaks of epidemic diseases.

And the Board of Directors of Metabiota is headed by Nathan Wolf (Nathan Wolfe, in open sources is also listed as the founder) - a member of the Council for Defense Scientific Research of the US Department of Defense (DARPA). This department, among other things, is developing the latest weapons for the Pentagon. For example, in 2005 Wolf received the National Institutes of Health Director's Award for pioneering research on virus transmission. Wolf is known to have studied monkey viruses. According to some sources, Wolf is also on a board of EcoHealth, another defendant in the biolab case, in which Peter Daszak, whose name is closely associated with the covid pandemic, is a key figure. EcoHealth Alliance is partnering with the Wuhan Institute of Virology. Namely, Wuhan was called the starting point of infection with COVID-19.

Do not forget that Metabiota is associated with Hunter Biden.

But back to Pilot Growth.

The website of this company previously published a forecast made by the same Metabiota: “The probability that in the next 25 years another pandemic or epidemic will occur in the world, from which at least as many people will die as from COVID-19, is from 47% to 57%”.

It also clarified that the likelihood of another pandemic of the same or larger scale as COVID-19 is much higher than many experts expect: 2.5-3.3% this year, 22-28% in the next 10 years and 47-57% in the next 25 years.

Metabiota is noted to model the frequency and scale of future pandemics, potential financial losses, and the likely impact of interventions.

There are quite a few releases on the Pilot Growth website that relate specifically to the work of Metabiota.

**Notable Pilot Growth Team and Biden Connections**
Dr. Pope,

U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine provided the attached report in advance of your meeting with them on this Thursday.

V/R,

Booz Allen Hamilton
CTR A&AS Support Contractor
Executive Assistant in support of the Director

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SIPR: (b)(6)
CDC provides experts who spend months at a time working in country B, helping to improve laboratory practices and upgrade a legacy laboratory to deal with more difficult pathogens.

- Country C has an Institute Pasteur laboratory that participates in the same regional network of researchers on zoonotic diseases with conferences and joint research organized by the EcoHealth Alliance.

- The State Department's Biological Engagement Program sponsors a nonprofit organization to conduct biosecurity training and upgrades at laboratories in country C.

- Most of these organizations provide information to the World Health Organization (WHO) and participate in regional WHO conferences. As part of its commitment under the Global Health Security Agenda to implement the WHO International Health Regulations (2005), country B is conducting a Joint External Evaluation, while country A is considering doing the same.

In this hypothetical situation there is little or no obvious and unnecessary redundancy, which is good. Likewise, all of these efforts are valuable in and of themselves. Rather than being conceived as a series of separate efforts, though, they could be linked with a coordinated and cooperative strategy to strengthen global health security. Furthermore, the hypothetical situation noted here reflects routine circumstances. Should an outbreak occur in one of these countries, public health and security needs may rapidly change and would increase urgency, and all of the preexisting and additional resources would be needed for an effective response. Pre-established laboratories, pre-deployed protective equipment and pre-existing expertise in handling dangerous pathogens, pre-established supply chains, and pre-existing networks of people and their collaborative relationships would be invaluable in rapidly and effectively responding to an emerging infection or epidemic.

Each of these organizations involved in the hypothetical scenario brings unique capabilities, from the expertise in CDC personnel, to the flexible funding of BTRP and logistical capabilities of DOD, the diplomatic relations conducted by State, the strengthened healthcare infrastructure developed and the Disaster Assistance Response Team deployed by USAID, and the decades of collaboration in the Institut Pasteur resulting in enhanced indigenous capability and operation in the country and the region.

As the above hypothetical scenario indicates, DOD's programs are unique in that they provide a national security focus, while other U.S. government departments and agencies involved in international health
Kingston,

Providing for your situational awareness, in case your staff has not briefed you on this.

CTR over the years has provided grants to the NGO EcoHealth Alliance to assist in biosurveillance studies. Over the past couple of years, the media and Congress have raised questions about EcoHealth Alliance's work with China, with the Wuhan Institute of Virology, and whether EcoHealth Alliance has conducted gain-of-function research.

DoD has answered several Congressional queries in which we have shown that no CTR funds to EcoHealth Alliance have gone to China or to any gain-of-function research.

I assess that Craig’s request for this review is to fulfill TRAC’s chartered mandate to provide acquisition oversight for the CTR program and to provide additional data for any follow-on Congressional queries to demonstrate that DTRA sufficiently oversees work conducted by EcoHealth Alliance for CTR.

I asked the DTRA Inspector General to take the lead for this review within DTRA so my team is not grading its own work. He just provided a status update that indicates their review is proceeding well.

V.r.
Rob

Robert S. Popo, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

--- Original Message ---
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 8:58 AM
To: [Redacted]
CC: [Redacted]
Subject: EHA Review memo--signed

Hope that you are well! As mentioned yesterday, attached is the signed EHA review memo. We accepted all your comments, which made the memo better—thank you!
MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION, DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY

SUBJECT: EcoHealth Alliance Grant Reviews

This document directs the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), through the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program’s Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP), to initiate and support a full-scale review of three grants awarded to EcoHealth Alliance (EHA). DTRA may choose which active grants to review, with a strong emphasis on selecting those nearing the end of their periods of performance. DTRA may choose between employing a third-party to conduct the review or conducting the review internally. Please keep my office informed throughout the process, including which grants are selected for review and the review format.

Based on my January 2021 review of all active scientific research grants sponsored by BTRP, EHA dominated the BTRP research portfolio as the prime awardee on seven grants totaling nearly $34M in research funding. This total encompasses nearly a third of all funding for scientific research awarded through BTRP. The second-highest funded awardee is the University of Florida, with two grants totaling less than $6M. EHA’s active grants are awarded at near-maximum funding levels (at a combined 97% of allowable funding) and recent proposal submissions continue to request a similar level.

Since EHA is a recipient of a large portion of BTRP’s grant funds, we must ensure that EHA is expending those funds capably and responsibly, in line with grant requirements, federal regulations, and BTRP’s threat reduction mission. Through this review, we aim to ensure that all grant funds are used for the documented purpose for which they were awarded.

Further, conducting a review of EHA grants at this time demonstrates DoD’s focus on ensuring accountability from grantees. This is especially important given the increased congressional attention on EHA and its use of federal funding. We should ensure that EHA is conducting research, reporting findings, and managing sub-awards consistent with grant agreements.

Our objectives in requesting this review of three grants are therefore:

1. To review all grant financial records for consistency with specific grant purposes and for compliance with legal requirements;
2. To review all experimental records for proper and ethical data handling, reporting, and dissemination requirements; and
3. To assess whether EHA’s internal grant management processes continue to comply with DoD and USG guidelines that would allow for EHA to remain a potential candidate to compete for CTR funding.

I ask that DTRA deliver a comprehensive report on the results of the review to my office by the end of FY22. Please make my office aware if additional time is required to complete this
review. I look forward to supporting your efforts in this regard, and please let me know what my office can do to assist.

My point of contact for this guidance is [redacted] Director for WMD Threat Reduction, at [redacted].

Kingston Reif
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for
Threat Reduction and Arms Control

c:
DASD(CWMD Policy)
Sirs,

DTRA FO reached to the Agency CaS to request an extension but was told a hard suspension was given by A&S and NCIB. The suspension extension was denied and the initial suspension, SUSP 07 06 2022 15:00 is upheld.

Please let me know how you would like the DAG to proceed.

V/R,

Director Action Group Technical Writer
Contractor, LumiTek

--- Original Message ---
From: noreply@dtic.mil
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 7:46 PM
To: DTRA FO Belvoir CT List CT DAG edtn belvoir ct list ct dag mail miltle Pope, Robert S SUS DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Cc: DTRA FO Belvoir CT List CT DAG edtn belvoir ct list ct dag mail miltle Pope, Robert S SUS DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)

Subject: RE: (SIAP) NEW TASK Request 07/06/2022 15:00 | DTRA-220630-PR2N | OMB review NonD/Item 319, DHS Report on Chemical, Biological

A 3 day turn on a 96 page document? Ask for an extension.

Very respectfully,

Chef of Staff, CT

--- Original Message ---
From: noreply@dtic.mil
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 12:44 PM
To: DTRA FO Belvoir CT List CT DAG edtn belvoir ct list ct dag mail miltle Pope, Robert S SUS DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Cc: DTRA FO Belvoir CT List CT DAG edtn belvoir ct list ct dag mail miltle Pope, Robert S SUS DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)

Subject: (SIAP) NEW TASK Request 07/06/2022 15:00 | DTRA-220630-PR2N | OMB review NonD/Item 319, DHS Report on Chemical, Biological

Hello Sir,

Please see the below task with a 7/6/2022 suspension. The task asks CT leadership to sign off on the DHS (CWMD)
annual report. I have attached the report for your review.

Task Information:
Action: Attached for review a draft DUSD (CWMD) annual report on Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Threats. Please have one of your Director top 3 sign off so CS can send to ExDir for approval. Use track changes on the word document.

V/R
[6](6)

Director Action Group Technical Writer
Contractor, LunaTek

Original Message-----
From: Unmanaged Mailbox, DTRA TMT
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 12:24 PM
To: DTTRA Ft Belvoir SI List Of TMT Taskers, DTRA Ft Belvoir SI List Of TMT Taskers

Taskers@mil.mil

Subject: Tasker(s) Assigned by DTRA-CS
SUSP 07 06 2022 15:00 (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada) DTRA-220630-PR2N-OMB review NonD Item 319, DUSD Report on Chemical, Biological

Classification: Unclassified

Either a new Tasker has been assigned to you or an existing Tasker assignment has been updated with additional information. Click the appropriate link to your assignment in either the OPR or OCR list below to access your copy of the Tasker.

Priority: Expedite

Category: Directorate Director

Action: Appropriate Action

OPR:
N/A
OPR Suspense: N/A

For Release: No
For Response: No

OPR Instructions:
N/A

OCRs:

OCR Suspense: 07/05/2022 15:00 (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

OCR Instructions:
Action: Attached for review a draft DHS (CWMD) annual report on Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Threats. Please have one of your Director's sign off so CS can send to ExDir for approval.

Attention OPR:

For tasks releasable by the DTRA Director, Deputy Director, or Chief of Staff, it is the responsibility of the OPR and all OCRs to complete a Directorate or Staff Office level Senior Leader Approval Process (SLAP) prior to completing their portion of the task. OPRs are responsible for initiation and coordination of the SLAP that includes their respective Front Office, GC, and DTRA Command Group prior to completing the task. It is your responsibility to assign the OCRs, provide additional guidance (if necessary), and suspense dates.

According to DTRA DTM 21-01, Staff Action Management, it is the responsibility of the OPR to notify CS within 24 hours of receipt of a tasker if it is believed that the OPR needs to be reassigned to another Directorate or Staff Office.

If an extension is needed, the OPR must request an extension from CS, 2 days prior to the suspense date, by emailing "CS" and please note that extensions are not guaranteed. Only the OPR will be able to request an extension from the CS office.

Info Copies:
N/A

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TMT Home: [https://dtra.mil](https://dtra.mil)

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S&T’s Technology Transfer and Commercialization Branch supported PIADC in establishing Cooperative Research and Development Agreements with two animal health companies to carry out RDT&E activities on FMD, CSF, and ASF RNA-based vaccine prototypes for domestic pigs.

- Demonstrated the safety and efficacy of live attenuated vaccine candidates for ASFV:
  - Publication: Development of a highly effective African swine fever virus vaccine by deletion of the 1177L gene results in sterile immunity against the current epidemic Eurasia strain. 94: 02017-19

- Demonstrated the safety and efficacy of a multicomponent, single-injection vaccine for FMDV.

- Demonstrated the efficacy of commonly used disinfectants used by the swine industry to be effective against FMDV and ASFV.

- Developed prototype machine learning tool for disease forecasting (REPEL: EcoHealth Alliance). Provided analysis of risk of ASF spread in the Americas to CWMD, CBP, USDA, and other federal stakeholders.


- Publications from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Forum on Microbial Threats:

- Plant health and its effects on food safety and security in a One Health framework: four case studies. One Health Outlook 3, 6 (2021).
Copy: we'll get a response to you today.

V/r,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 9:39 AM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Reply-To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today

Dr. Pope,

Sir - I agree this appears OBE, but we should probably have a response on standby to provide to him, if when he responds to [Redacted]

V/r,

Chief, Public Affairs
Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)

-----Original Message-----
From: Pope, Robert S SES DTTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 9:20 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Hann, Ronald K Jr SES DTTRA RD (USA)

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today
Bill Gertz's quer: DTIRA came yesterday and he published a story on this today:

6. "Best of our knowledge," Pentagon officials deny Wuhan Institute of Virology given defense funds
Washington Times Online, May 4 (1731). Bill Gertz Pentagon officials offered a qualified denial Tuesday when questioned on whether any of the nearly $40 million in defense money given to a non-government organization may have been used for research at the Chinese military-linked Wuhan Institute of Virology, a suspected potential origin point for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Is this still an open query for a follow-on article? If so, we'll get your responses today.

Vr,
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

--------Original Message--------
From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Pope, Robert S; SES DTIRA COOP THREAT REDUCT (USA) [redacted]

Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Comments by DTIRA Acting Director Williams today

Good day all,

We received the below inquiry from the Washington Post regarding Dr. Williams's testimony yesterday. If I recall correctly, these questions have already been addressed in another effort, please see below excerpt:

"I need to know about DTIRA funding of the NGO EcoHealth Alliance that may have gone to the Wuhan Institute of Virology."

A funding chart on the EcoHealth Alliance website shows just under $40 million spent by DTIRA and DoD and that some of the work included "UNDERSTANDING THE RISK OF BAT-BORNE ZOONOTIC DISEASE EMERGENCE IN WESTERN ASIA" and "UNDERSTANDING THE RISK OF BAT CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCE."

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Q: What about the funding that was done for the bat-borne zoonotic disease emergence and bat coronavirus emergence? Was that work done at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, where it is known that they conducted extensive bat coronavirus research?

Q: Is it DTIRA's conclusion that none of its grant money to EcoHealth Alliance was used at the Wuhan Institute of Virology?

Will standby for further guidance...

Very respectfully,
Detect...Deter...Defeat!

-----Original Message-----
From: Bill Gertz <bgertz@washingtontimes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 4:01 PM
To: DTRA Ft Belvoir S1 List S1-PA Govt <dtra.betvoir.s1.list.s1-pa-govt@mail.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today

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I need to know about DTRA funding of the NGO EcoHealth Alliance that may have gone to the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

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Q: Is it DTRA’s conclusion that none of its grant money to EcoHealth Alliance was used at the Wuhan Institute of Virology?

Bill Gertz

National Security Correspondent
@BillGertz, direct 202-666-3274
Begin forwarded message:

From: Bill Gertz <bgertz@washingtonpost.com> <Caution: mailto:bgertz@washingtonpost.com>

Subject: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today

Date: May 4, 2021 at 1:23:00 PM EDT

To: dtra-pa@mail.mil <Caution: mailto:dtra-pa@mail.mil>

Today at a House Armed Services subcommittee hearing Mr. Williams discussed DTRA’s efforts to screen its investments in EcoHealth Alliance and its work with the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

I’m writing a story on this and I would like some additional details on when this review was done and other details about the review. Need any information today.

Bill Gertz

National Security Correspondent
@BillGertz | Direct 202-636-3274
TheGertzFile.com <Caution: http://thegerzfile.com/>

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Good; thank you.

V/r,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 2:07 PM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THT REDUCT (USA)
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: [Redacted] Fwd: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today

I just notified Policy of the Washington Times article as well as the Congressional inquiry. I included a link that I imagine there will be a robust discussion on this topic when we chat at 1430.

----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 12:02 PM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THT REDUCT (USA)
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: [Redacted] Fwd: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today

Sir-thanks and copy all. We will try and track down the signed letters.

Welcome a broader discussion on Lethal/lethal Alliance and I sent a separate email on some of our observations.
Subject: RI: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today

Thanks for the note. The signed letters from USD\(\text{I}\) would be helpful if you can find them. In the event the message changed significantly between DTRA's drafts and the final versions.

We're looking into the broader suite of CTR's collaboration with EcoHealth Alliance to look for other areas of potential criticism or impacts if Congress or OSD were to direct us to stop partnering with them.

We have not yet looped in Policy, but I asked [b](6) to bring [b](6) up to speed in your call later today.

Vtr.

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:50 AM
To: [b](6) Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
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From: CCE
Subject: RI: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today

Sir-Craig is TDY but the responses below make sense. I do not have the signed version of Ms. Lord's response to the previous RFI but I can try and track down. Is Policy tracking this PA request?
Not directly related and perhaps you are tracking—Ecol Health Alliance was the prime awardee of nearly 1/2 of all of DTRP's scientific research funding. Without additional context this is a bit alarming. I will circle with the team to discuss further.

Hope you are well!

----Original Message-----
From: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:42 AM
To: [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: [Non-DOD Source] Fwd: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today

FYSA -- DTRA CT's response to DTRA PA for the Washington Times query.

Vbr,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

----Original Message-----
From: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today

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Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction
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Good to hear from you Bob and nice to meet you.

We’ll be ready to answer any further inquiries, of course.

I agree with you, Bob – the long view of this pandemic is that we clearly need to have networks in place that hear about biothreats early, so we can respond rapidly to disrupt them. We’re committed to that, and will continue with our mission.

I hope you all are managing to do well in this lockdown – it’s hard work here in NYC, but the cases are beginning to drop and we can see light at the end of the tunnel.

Cheers,

Peter Daszak

President
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Website: Caution-www.ecohealthalliance.org < Caution-http://www.ecohealthalliance.org >
Twitter: @PeterDaszak < Caution-https://twitter.com/PeterDaszak >

EcoHealth Alliance develops science-based solutions to prevent pandemics and promote conservation

Cooperative Threat Reduction

From: Peter Daszak
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 7:51 PM
To: Pope, Robert SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUC(T (US CAUTION:
Subject: [Non-DOD Source] Member of Congress questions about Western Asia Bat Network contract
Importance: High

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Bob - I saw a news item in Breitbart re. questions from a Member of Congress about the Western Asia Bat Network contract. I'm available any time, including this weekend, to you or your staff to provide information.

We're on lockdown due to the pandemic, but you can get hold of me by cellphone or on my landline at home.

If you email, please cc my Chief of Staff, Aleksei Chmar.

Sincerely,

Peter

Peter Daszak
President
EcoHealth Alliance
460 West 34th Street
New York, NY 10001
USA

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Website: Caution-Caution-www.ecohealthalliance.org < Caution-Caution-http://www.ecohealthalliance.org/

Twitter: @PeterDaszak < Caution-Caution-https://twitter.com/PeterDaszak>

EcoHealth Alliance develops science-based solutions to prevent pandemics and promote conservation.
This version has Finance’s new tables. It includes all the inputs we were expecting.

Thank you.

----- Original Message -----
From: [Name]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 6:09 PM
To: [Name]
Cc: [Name]
Subject: RE: ARC Final Draft (S: COB Wed 9/16/20)

Attached are the consolidated program edits in both tracked changes and clean form. The clean version has some comments left for your situational awareness. We are still waiting for Finance to clean up the discrepancy in the funding tables you found.

Thank you.

----- Original Message -----
From: [Name]
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:54 PM
To: [Name]
Cc: [Name]
Subject: ARC Final Draft (S: COB Wed 9/16/20)

Team, we are almost done with this draft. There are a few lingering items that need fixing. It shouldn’t take you long to address them. I also did some minor editing/ formatting/ attempts to write with one voice. Please review the attached send your edits on the CT DAG by COB Wed 9/16/20. (Note: due to time constraints, Dr. Pope will be reviewing this draft too).

I see your comment on page about the discrepancy in the funding tables for the programs. Please fix this as well as the term “Audits and Examination” in the OAAAC funding table. Don’t worry about “Funds notified/ obligated” as we will wait until October to update it.
Reach out to me if you have questions.

Thanks, and good work!

Deputy Director

Cooperative Threat Reduction Directorate

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

Work Cell
Thank you, good job!

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Chief of Staff, CT

---Original Message-----

From: [Email]

Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 4:53 PM

To: [Email]

Cc: Pone, Robert [Email]

Subject: FW: BTRP RFI

Good afternoon,

FYSA- yesterday afternoon CTR Policy asked for off-the- - materials about BTRP that we could provide as background for Andy Weber’s testimony on the Hill tomorrow with a same-day suspense. We suggested the narrative section of last year’s completed Annual Report to Congress and our vignettes that we prepared for this year’s submission. Policy coordinate the PAO clearance through OSD and we cleared the new vignettes yesterday: these are all clear for unlimited distribution.

These attached vignettes summarize recent program successes in South Africa (containing a Rift Valley Fever outbreak), Guinea (sustainability and Ebola/COVID surveillance), and Ukraine (MIL-MIL partnership).

Note: the South Africa vignette was accomplished in partnership with EcoHealth Alliance.

V/r,

[Signature]

Senior Operations Manager

Biological Threat Reduction Department

Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Good afternoon,

We pushed the three one-page vignettes through our PAO and OPSEC review today. These are all candidates for this year's Annual Report to Congress and are cleared for unlimited distribution.

1. South Africa - a biosurveillance study conducted through EcoHealth Alliance that enabled South Africa to contain an imminent outbreak of Rift Valley Fever. EcoHealth Alliance is not named in this document because of the current scrutiny on the Hill, but can be added back into the paper if desired. Their name does appear in the vignette under consideration for the Annual Report.

2. Guinea - part of an ongoing and growing success story that began with Ebola response support into an effective and self-sustaining asset that continues to demonstrably mitigate emergent biological threats, including Ebola and COVID.

3. Ukraine - equipment and active engagement of BTRP in MIL-MIL exercises with U.S. and Ukrainian uniformed personnel that directly contribute to Force Health Protection for Ukraine uniformed personnel in the Donbas region.

Yours,

Senior Operations Manager
Biological Threat Reduction Department
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
No problem - I knew it was for Andy, but was more concerned about getting him the best available info in the shortest period of time.

If we can be of further assistance, give me a shout and we will see what we can do.

Have a great day - enjoy the golf quality weather we are having in December!!

Very respectfully,

Chief of Staff, CT

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 2:49 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: BTRP R11

Sorry for not saying it up front, it's for Andy Weber.

Agree that the ARC is probably the right way to go. We can work it on our end. Thanks for the steer!

Best,

[Redacted]
b(5)

Director, Cooperative Threat Reduction Policy

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Very respectfully,

[Redacted]

Chief of Staff, CT

Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 3:16 PM

To:

Cc:

Subject: Re:: BTRP RFP

In [Redacted]: Request received, give us a few. Please stand by.

v/r,
Department Chief

Biological Threat Reduction

From

Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 2:18 PM

To: 

CC: 

Subject: BTRP RTI

Hey

Sorry to go direct to you and not through [redacted]. I know he's cut this afternoon, and this is a bit time-sensitive.

Former ASD/NCB is testifying on the hill on Wednesday on biosecurity, and he's asked for any off-the-shelf fact sheets or other background materials that might highlight BTRP's status, achievements, and plans. DASD Johnson would like to include if possible. Intent here would not be to create anything new, but if you have anything, it would be most appreciated. If you do have anything, it would be great if you could send by COB.

Thanks much, and sorry again for the short-turn direct-connect.

Best,

Director, Cooperative Threat Reduction Policy

Office of the Secretary of Defense (Policy)
Nothing to add but I was glad to see that continues to be an advocate for CTR—or at least that is how I read the tone.

Hope everyone has a good day.

Nothing to add from my perspective. We had an OSD LA rep in the room with me, and consensus on my end was that it went as well as we could have hoped.

V/r

Director, Cooperative Threat Reduction Policy

Office of the Secretary of Defense (Policy)
I don’t know if you or someone from DTRA LA was able to join our call this morning. In case you were not on the line, his question was whether DTRA had anything to do with gain of function or anything with China. I assured him we did not, and I talked a bit about where and why DoD CTR does these bio-surveillance studies with our partners. I said GeoHealth Alliance was a good partner in this mission space.

— anything I missed, or any other comments or questions?

Vtr.

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction
Excellent.

Vtr.

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
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Cooperative Threat Reduction

Sunday Night, 10pm  Bats: The Mystery Behind COVID-19.

They'll be interviewing Peter Daszak, President of EcoHealth Alliance, among others.

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To: Re: Congressional RFI Documents re: EHA Grants

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:25:24 PM

Subject: Congressional RFI Documents re: EHA Grants

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Thanks for good work on a whale of a task.

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From: 
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Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 8:23:21 PM

To: "Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)"

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Subject: Congressional RFI Documents re: EHA Grants

Sir,

I just wanted to send you an update on the Congressional RFI on EHA. We discussed last week that we hit a minor hurdle with file formats and needed to manually convert several hundred documents to PDF files before they could be consolidated in DTRA’s response. That has finally completed and LA has the documents for review. In addition to those, we have prepared 4 summary documents to go on top of the package, all attached here:

1. Cover letter from DIR Hersman to the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (w/o Jon Ossoff). This cover letter provides context for the package and requests discretion/limitations on distribution of provided documents.

2. Overview of structure and contents of package.

3. Summary table of awarded grants to EHA.

4. Summary table of declined grant applications from EHA.

The full package, including a folder of reference materials that will not be included in the final delivery can be found here:

\[\text{Shared/CT/BT/TMT Tasks/Open Tasks/EcoHealth Alliance Congressional RFI_October 2022}\]

I expect it will take GC and LA some time to review and concur with this massive package of documents, but they are prioritizing completing delivery before the end of the calendar year.

I’m available at your convenience for any questions/comments or if you’d like to see any changes/additions/omissions from these cover documents - or if there is anything else I can do to help.
V/r.

Senior Operations Manager

Biological Threat Reduction Department

Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Many thanks Dr. Hamm...will set in motion the formulation of applicable responses.

Very respectfully,

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Defense Threat Reduction Agency

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-----Original Message-----
From: Hamm, Ronald K Jr SES DTRA RD (USA) [Ronald.K.Hamm@DTRA.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Musgrave, David L (Dave) SES DTRA OB (USA)

Subject: Coronavirus Lab Escape Theory - DTRA mentioned.....

Team,

Below is a very interesting article making the case that the COVID pandemic was caused by an accidental lab release (VERY long read). Additionally, the article makes at least two comments identifying DTRA funding that supported research at the Wuhan BSL-4 lab related to bats and bat carried diseases.


I had my team go back through the records to see if it was RD-CB, but found no info related to that work. We did find references to CESEP work with EcoHealth Alliance on the DTRA server that might be what they are talking about:

I wanted to provide this to you in case there are follow-up questions at some point. I know back in Apr/May timeframe we had to identify any DTRA finding that might have gone to Wuhan, so this may not be news to anyone.

v/r,

Ron Han
Thank you Dr. Hann and thank you Dr. Pope.
We will monitor and provide an alert if there are any media queries that come in. So far, there are none, however sometimes there is a delay after an article is posted reprinted, so we will watch for the next few days. OSD PA is monitoring as well.
I appreciate the support.

--- Original Message ---
From: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Hann, Ronald K Jr SES DTRA RD (USA) (b)(6)
Cc: Williams, Rhys M SES DTRA R AND D (USA) (b)(5)
Musgrave, David L (Dave) SES DTRA OB (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Coronavirus Lab Escape Theory - DTRA mentioned....

Ron - Thank you for highlighting. We answered some questions on this last year and can assist PA with any queries as needed.
V.r.

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

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To: [Redacted]

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https://dtralportal.amet.gov/fullsite Search Center Pages results.aspx%3Fk=EcoHealth%20Alliance%3Ek=EcoHealth%20Alliance
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v/r,

Ron Hann
Sir -

Attached for your review is the updated snake chart reflecting current obligation status, as well as the Outside Contributions briefing slide. There are two: The first reflects ALL Outside Contributions received regardless if there is an unobligated/unexpended balance and is consistent with Agency Reporting; the second, is what we show in the Business meeting which reflect only those lines that still have unobligated and/or unexpended balances. I wasn’t sure which you’d prefer to send forward. It would be my recommendation that we use slide 2 that covers all Outside Contributions received (as this aligns with the financial system reports).

Attached also is a current Excel file that shows the status of some very significant commitments and obligations over the past couple of weeks. We’ve recorded an additional $34,24M in obligations, and there are an additional $44,77M worth of commitments. Of this amount, we were awaiting the STEP package, awarded on 16 March, to post to DAI. I received confirmation from Accounting today that the obligation has been recorded in DAI. This is not reflected in the attached snake chart and will not show up in a DAI report until we run tomorrow’s report. I am awaiting confirmation on C01-20-164 in the amount of $630K.

Please let me know if there is anything additional you need, or if you have questions.

V/R

---Original Message---
From: Pope, Robert S SES DSTA COOP THRT REDUCT (US)
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 9:48 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: CTR briefing on 23 March

Copy.

Please provide an updated execution snake chart, which should show some of the significant obligations we've made in the past few days. Also please provide updated looks at outside contributions with notes in the notes pages to clarify status, as needed. Can you get those to us tomorrow?

V/r,
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction
-----Original Message-----
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Bcc: [REDACTED]
Subject: CTR briefing on 23 March

Sir,
The SAC-D PSM is still wanting to talk CTR appropriations next Monday at 1500. I am trying to work that meeting as a telecom and am waiting to hear back from him. He has requested execution data and a summary of funds from outside sources, team might be able to provide that info. No suspense on his request, but I would recommend shooting for this Thursday unless the data is readily available.

V/R,

[REDACTED]

Chief of Legislative Affairs
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
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From: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)  
To: William B. Karesh  
Cc:  
Subject: RE: Defense engagement in Global Health Security  
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 8:35:00 AM

Billy,

Thanks for sending this directly to our CTR/BTRP team. As you well know, we are keenly interested in the role of the defense and security sector in global health security and how those entities partner with human, animal, and agricultural health organizations to improve global health security. I look forward to digging into your report.

I also want to e-introduce you to [redacted] (cc'd), who now leads BTRP. [redacted] is a DTRA alumnus who departed a few years ago for an opportunity with USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service. We were lucky to get her back on our team last August to take the reins of BTRP.

Best regards,
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES  
Director  
Cooperative Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----
From: William B. Karesh  
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 4:16 PM  
To:  
Cc:  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Defense engagement in Global Health Security

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Dear DTRA Colleagues,

Some of you may have received this earlier today via another email list, but we wanted to make sure you had a copy of our report released today on Opportunities for Defense, Military and Security Sector Engagement in Global Health Security.

The supporting inspiration for this report came from your own [redacted] in a follow-up to our report on resilience to biothreats.

Both the full report and a short summary version are attached here.

Please feel free to share with colleagues.

All the Best.

Billy

William B. Krauth, D.V.M.
Executive Vice President for Health and Policy

EcoHealth Alliance
520 Eighth Avenue, Suite 1200
New York, NY 10018 USA

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From: Pope, Robert S SES DTRE COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRE COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Cc: 
Subject: RE: DR call / SES agenda

Thank you.

Please share the draft and the plans below with.

Virt.
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----
From:
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRE COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Cc: 
Subject: RE: DR call / SES agenda

Sir,

Dr. Williams approved the input to the letter from Rep Reschenthaler' 12
letter on EcoHealth Alliance yesterday. The draft is attached here. The
Basic Research Office under USD(R&E) is the OPR for coordinating responses
across OSD in CATMS. CS submitted this draft in CATMS this morning. For
your awareness, I’m attaching TAB C (of our internal EIS package). We are
keeping this as internal background in case asked by R&E for amplifying
information.
The second item is Ms. Walsh's QFR on EcoHealth Alliance (OSD/LA Policy Lead) received these from HASC-ISO and sent them to the appropriate offices, including [redacted] in Ms. Walsh's office. We received feedback from DTRA Directorates on Monday. Dr. Williams had four QFRs and we included the one for Ms. Walsh. We are paring them down as in some cases there are multiple paragraphs in a response. Our intent is to have the responses routed for Dr. Williams review on Tuesday and will share with OSD/LA to consolidate for final coordination amongst all witnesses.

V/r,
[redacted]

Chief of Legislative Affairs
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Office: [redacted]
Cell: [redacted]

----Original Message-----
From: Pope, Robert.S
SES
DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)

Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 12:55 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Dir call SES agenda

What's the plan to coordinate with OSD on DTRA's draft response to the recent Rep Reschenthaler 12 letter on EcoHealth Alliance?

V/r,

Rob
Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 12:44 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Dir call SES agenda

FYI, [redacted] Policy Rep in OSD/LA is going to consolidate all of the
"draft QFR responses from all nominees and circulate those to the group for comment. They are not due back to HASC until 6/25.

FYI, for the previous Congressional Letter, the Department's last response was signed by USD R&E.

Vbr,

Chief of Legislative Affairs
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-----Original Message-----
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 12:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]; Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RI: Dir call SES agenda

Ok, thanks. Get ready - Policy is on the warpath here... drums are beating. Doing my best to remove arrows from her quiver, but if she starts blowing up the DTRA front office and your shop, let me / Dr. Pope know.

-----Original Message-----
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 12:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RI: Dir call SES agenda

We are working on the QFRs. The submissions were too detailed so we are paring them down.

Vbr,

Chief of Legislative Affairs
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 12:34 PM
To: [Redacted]; Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Dir call / SES agenda

Thanks. I also need our Walsh Williams testimony responses, too, if you have them. Claims she did not see them, although I am pretty sure I sent them to her. I will double check on my end.

---Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 12:32 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Dir call / SES agenda

Let me check on the status, the proposed input to the response was with Dr. Williams yesterday.

Vr,

[Redacted]

Chief of Legislative Affairs
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 12:39 PM
To: [Redacted]; Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Dir call / SES agenda

Sir, see below regarding topics DASD J wants to raise during the call tomorrow. Do you have any you want me to raise ahead of this discussion?
do you have a copy of the final DTRA response to the Congressional inquiry on EHA/WIV? The consolidated CT/RD product? I did not forward this to Policy or NCB, since it was a whole of DTRA answer, but assumed you all coordinated it with OSD LA, A&S, and perhaps others?

-----Original Message-----
From:  
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 12:26 PM
To:  
Cc:  
Subject: RE: Dir call / SES agenda

Thanks, I am good with still having a call at 1330. Appreciate the agenda items, will try and get the same from Dr. Pope.

The second Wuhan inquiry was not from the press, it was from Matt Gertz and other Congressmen. Note: DTRA/RD also used EHA as a performer and so the DTRA response included both CT and RD. It should have been coordinated with your offices from DTRA/LA and OSD/LA. If not, then let me know and I will forward your input. And there was another one that came from Williams/Walsh testimony. Believe you saw our input to this. We can discuss more at 1330.

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From:  
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 12:18 PM
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Subject: Dir call / SES agenda

HI given all the crazy schedules of late, I'm not certain we'll have a DIR touch base ahead of tomorrow's SES discussion. Here is what I expect I will raise:

[Redacted]
Sir,

Good morning,

Attached is the EIS Tracker for this week's meeting.

v/r

[Redacted]

Contractor, Amyx Inc., Team Noblis

DAG TMT Tasker Lead

DTRA CT

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Sir,

Task Tracker attached for our weekly sync.

v/r

Contractor, Amynx Inc., Team Noblis

DAG TMT Tasker Lead

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Sir,

Good Morning. Attached is today’s task tracker Judson will use for the FO sync while I am in PM1.

v/r

Contractor, Anyx Inc., Team Noblis

CTR DAG TMT Tasker Lead

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- Add narrative to completion, any clear actionations.
SIR,

Attached is the Weekly tracker for today’s meeting.

v/r

Contractor, Anyx Inc., Team Noblis

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**Justification:**
- Additional training requirements due to new contract requirements.
- Extended duration due to unforeseen challenges.
- Increased costs due to unforeseen expenses.
see attached. Some CTR/BTRP responses to EcoHealth Alliance (EHA) congressional and media inquiries as a scene-setter for the EHA sensitivities.

please have your team prepared to support RFI's from [REDACTED]'s team regarding the NCB memo/audit. The names I gave include:

SIFM
(AL Contracts)
(AL Contracts Grants KO)
BTRP Grants manager
BTRP Science Team lead – no longer employed at DTRA
BTRP Department Chief

If there are other names you want to provide please do so.

Thanks,

Deputy Director, Cooperative Threat Reduction Program

Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Here’s the final for the Washington Times response from Policy.

Virt,
Rob
Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 2:39 PM
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: RE: HOT -- Washington Times Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

Thank you again for coordinating the draft response with CWMD Policy. DASD Richard Johnson clears, as edited in the attached and copied below for ease of reference. Rationale: this responds to the exact question posed.

Separately, CWMD Policy would like OSD PA to clarify the coordination process for media inquiries related to the DoD CTR Program and any of the underlying programs. I’ve cc’d OSD Leg Af to likewise clarify the coordination process for Congressional inquiries related to the DoD CTR Program and any of the underlying programs. In each instance, CWMD Policy needs to be included in the clearance process.

Many thanks.
Hello,

Please find attached the actual query that we received on Tuesday evening from Bill Gertz on my team acknowledged to Mr. Gertz that we received his query, however, we have not provided any information to him. Because similar media queries have come in the past, we asked Dr. Rob Pope, DTRA's CTR director, to prepare responses to align with our previous statements in open source on the topic.

I am also attaching the following: the email from Mr. Gertz, the media query sheet (an internal PAO document here at DTRA) and the responses that were prepared in case we engaged yesterday morning.

I hope this paints a clearer picture of the query activity. I welcome any additional questions and concerns.

VGR,

Chief, Public Affairs

Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 11:02 AM

To:

Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir SI List SI-PA Govt <dtra.fortbelvoir.ofc.siplist.si-pan-govt@email.mil>

Subject: RE: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

Hello,

Will comply. Am bringing this request to the attention of the DTRA PA Chief for leadership coordination.

Please stand by...

Very respectfully,

Public Affairs

COR: HDTGRA121C0025 - Shield Analysis Technologies LLC.

Defense Threat Reduction Agency
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-----Original Message-----
From:  
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 10:55 AM
To:  
Cc:  
DTI
Subject: RE: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

[Redacted] update: please have DTRA send the actual press inquiry AND the proposed response to CWMD Policy for coordination.

Best,

-----Original Message-----
From:  
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 10:53 AM
To:  
Cc:  
DTI
Subject: RE: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

Thank you. DASD CWMD asks that DTRA formally send the proposed DTRA responses to CWMD Policy for coordination.

Will you relay that message to DTRA leadership?

Many thanks,

-----Original Message-----
From:  
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 9:36 AM
To:  
Cc:  
DTI
Subject: RE: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

Good day all,
In response to your additional questions:
Will standby for additional questions...

Very respectfully,

[Redacted]

Public Affairs
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Defense Threat Reduction Agency

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-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:43 PM
To: [Redacted]
CC: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, FenvHealth Alliance, and the Walter Institute

Hello,

Additional questions from DASD CWMD:

- Why is DTRA providing a response to the Washington Times Online article? (It seems to us that the responses Dr. Williams and Dr. Vann provided at the May 4 hearing answered the question from Congressional representatives)

- Is it because DTRA has received additional media inquiries?

- Is it because DTRA wants to be prepared for expected inquiries?

- Is there a Washington Post inquiry? Or did someone mix up the Washington Times and the Washington Post?
CWMD Policy needs to understand what the response is intending to do, and we also need to review whatever DTRA puts together.

Thank you.

From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:24 PM

To: [redacted]

Hi,

Adding DTRA PA here.

CWMD Policy needs to chop on the DTRA response.

Thanks,
I’ve received no queries to that effect. I’ve cc’d [b](0)[6] who works our DTRA portfolio – she says there’s a response in the works to that piece.

Department of Defense Spokesman

Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs

1400 Defense Pentagon (2D961), Washington, DC 20301-1400
Many thanks.

From: JD, LLM I Director, CTR Policy I Office of the Secretary of Defense, Homeland Defense & Global Security I cell NIPR SI PR

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 2:31 PM

To: 
Cc: 

Subject: Re: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

this is the first I've heard of it.

Best,

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs

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From:

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 2:21:28 PM

To: 
Cc: 

Subject: TW: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute
Has OSD LegAf fielded any questions related to this article?

Many thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Papen, Robert S
SLS DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:54 AM

To:

FYSA -- Today's article from Bill Gertz (included in today's Defense Morning Clips):

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 Best of our knowledge: Pentagon officials deny Wuhan Institute of Virology given defense funds
 Washington Times Online, May 4 (1751) Bill Gertz

Pentagon officials offered a qualified denial Tuesday when questioned on whether any of the nearly $40
million in defense money given to a non-government organization may have been used for research at the Chinese
military-linked Wuhan Institute of Virology, a suspected potential origin point for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rys Williams, acting director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and Brandi Vann, acting assistant
defense secretary for nuclear, chemical and biological defense programs, told a House Armed Services
subcommittee they heard that all the funds they reviewed from DTRA and other government sources did not go to the
Chinese institute following reviews of grants to EcoHealth Alliance, a New York-based NGO that worked closely
with the WIV.

“We have done a thorough look at all of our programmatic activities to ensure that at least the Defense
Threat Reduction Agency’s funding to this NGO was not provided, to the best of our knowledge, into the Wuhan
Institute of Virology,” Mr. Williams told the House panel that focuses on special operations.

Mr. Williams said DTRA reviews all activities related to NGOs “to make sure that the risk for government
funding is minimized and in keeping with the traditions and the boundaries of the federal acquisition process but
equally in policy as well.”

Ms. Vann, the acting assistant defense secretary, added that other defense agencies involved in nuclear,
chemical and biological (NCB) programs reviewed funding of EcoHealth Alliance research and found no links to the
Chinese lab.

“We also across the NCB did a thorough review to identify any potential access or investment into the
Wuhan laboratory, and we have not identified any,” she said in response to questioning from Mississippi Rep. Trent
Kelly, the ranking Republican member of the subcommittee. “It is something that we continue to watch to ensure
that our investments are not going to places where they should not be,” she noted.

Mr. Kelly asked the two defense officials “what kind of risk assessment or risk analysis we’ve conducted
and how the Wuhan Institute of Virology became the partner of choice for U.S. government agencies, given its ties
to the PLA,” he said, using the acronym for People’s Liberation Army, the Chinese military.
A State Department fact sheet made public in January for the first time disclosed that the WIV was engaged in covert biological weapons research with the PLA. Chinese officials at the WIV have denied the institute works with the PLA.

According to the fact sheet, the WIV is engaged in “secret military activity.”

“Secrecy and non-disclosure are standard practice for Beijing,” the fact sheet said. “For many years the United States has publicly raised concerns about China’s past biological weapons work, which Beijing has neither documented nor demonstrably eliminated, despite its clear obligations under the Biological Weapons Convention.”

The collaboration at the institute includes both publication and secret military projects including classified research and laboratory animal experiments. The work between WIV and PLA has been underway since 2017.

Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines told Congress last month that U.S. intelligence agencies believe the pandemic began either through a leak from a Chinese laboratory or from an animal host. Many scientists and mainstream news outlets for months dismissed all suggestions the virus could have come from a lab as a conspiracy theory.

A list of grants and contracts for EcoHealth Alliance posted on the website of Independent Science News shows DTRA and the Pentagon provided the group with $38.9 million since 2014. DTRA’s funding included $6.49 million between 2017 and 2020 for what the agency called “understanding the risk of bat-borne zoonotic disease emergence in Western Asia.”

According to DTRA, the grant was used for research aimed at “combating or countering weapons of mass destruction” and was to be carried out between 2017 and 2022. It is not clear if the work is ongoing.

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) provided EcoHealth Alliance with $3.7 million in funding from 2014 to 2019, and the National Institutes of Health gave the group $2.5 million between 2009 and 2012. The NIAID funds went to a program called “understanding the risk of bat coronavirus emergence.”

A spokesman for EcoHealth Alliance did not return an email and phone call seeking comment.

EcoHealth Alliance President Peter Daszak has worked closely with WIV virologist Shi Zhengli, known as the “Bat Woman of Wuhan” for her work on bat viruses and has been a vocal critic of the Wuhan lab transmission theory. He was also part of the World Health Organization team that investigated the virus origin earlier this year that called the lab theory “extremely unlikely” and not worth pursuing. Critics say the WHO report was influenced by the Chinese government that sought to play down the lab leak theory.

China, according to the Trump and Biden administrations, has engaged in disinformation in a bid to deflect criticism from its handling of the outbreak’s earliest days. The Chinese government refused to provide virus samples to international virus hunters and initially hid the infectiousness of the virus from the world.

More than 3 million people have died since the pandemic broke out in Wuhan in December 2019.

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Vfr,
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction
Hello Dr. Pope

The attached doc contains the BT EHA projects summary (page 1) and impact assessment of terminating funding (page 2).

Links for each project are embedded in the page 1 table and were assembled in a consolidated the below J: drive folder.

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v/f,

Department Chief
Biological Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----
Thanks.

Vir.

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----

Subject: RE: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

Sir,
We'll submit the 1pgr covering all EHA projects, impact assessment, and all EHA grant docs on Monday (10 May).
From: DAG

To: DTRA F: Belvoir CT List CT DAG <dra.belvoir.et.list.et-dag@mail.mil>

Cc:

Subject: RE: HOT — Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

DAG — Please use the material below to respond do the EIS tasker with the Congressional Query on EcoHealth Alliance and the Wuhan Institute.

— Thank you for the quick turn. Anticipate we'll have to do something similar for the QFR when it arrives. Based on the increasing attention on this issue, I anticipate there will be further queries, and potentially direction from OSD or Congress. In preparation for that, I would like your team to provide the following to and me:

(1) A 1-pg summary of all BTRP projects (past, present, and planned) executed by EHA using CTR funding

(2) An assessment of the impact to our threat reduction outcomes, and the financial impact, if we terminated all active CTR-funded work with EHA and did not initiate any planned new projects

(3) All documents associated with all of BTRP's grants to EHA

V/r,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES

Director

Cooperative Threat Reduction
---Original Message---

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:18 AM

To: Pope, Robert S SELS DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA); DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG <dtra.belvoir.et.list.ct-dag@mail.mil> >

Cc: [REDACTED]

Bcc: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT-BT Taskers <dtra.belvoir.et.list.ct-bt-taskers@mail.mil> >

Subject: RE: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

Sir and CT-DAG,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[March 2021] QFRs to SECDEF were open ended to “DoD”. Answers below clarify we are responding on behalf of DoD-CTR
v/r,

Department Chief

Biological Threat Reduction

----Original Message----

From: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA) b(6)

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:54 AM

To: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG <dra.belvoir.ct.list.ct-dag@mail.mil>;

Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT-BT Tasks <dra.belvoir.ct.list.ct-bt-tasks@mail.mil>

Subject: RE: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

Thanks We'll pass this back to DTRA PA and close this one out.

v/r,
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:52 AM

To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)

Subject: RE: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

Sir and CT-DAG,
Noted on the incoming RFI and the tasker just received.

Thanks for the doc.

V/r,

Department Chief

Biological Threat Reduction

----Original Message----

From [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:50 AM

To: Pope, Robert S; SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA) [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

Yes, Sir. We are tracking a tasker that just came in regarding the latest query you mention. Attached is the letter from Rep Reschenthaler and others.

We will be on the lookout for traffic on QFRs. Thank you.
Very Respectfully,

CTR Director’s Action Group
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
CTR A&AS Contractor
Octant Associates, LLC | Booz Allen Hamilton

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----Original Message-----

From: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:43 AM
In addition to this Washington Times query, I understand Rep. Rosenthal has sent another query to DoD about the grant to EcoHealth Alliance so we will help answer that once we see the specific question. We also expect a QFR on this topic when they come in later this week.

Vbr,

Reb

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 9:46 AM

Subject: RE: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute
Please see attached for responses CTR assisted in drafting in response to previous Congressional RFIs WRT EcoHealth Alliance. I've included the RFIs for reference as well. Thanks again for digging up these documents. Standing by should anyone need anything else.

Very Respectfully,

CTR Director's Action Group
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
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From: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA [Redacted]

[Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 9:17 AM

To: DTRA Ft Belvoir C TS List C T DAG <dira.belvoir.etlist.et-dag@mil.mail.mil>

Cc: DAG@mil.mail.mil

Subject: HOT — Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

Importance: High

Please see the Washington Times query below from Bill Gertz -- both the summary in DTRA/PA's note and the actual questions from Bill Gertz at the bottom of this chain. We need to answer this today, the earlier the better.

DAG -- Please send to all on this note the answers we used on the 1-2 previous occasions we've responded to Congressional queries on this topic so we're consistent with those messages and don't have to reinvent them.

V/r,
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----
From: <mailto>

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:59 AM

To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)

Cc: Han, Ronald K Jr SES DTRA RD (USA)


Good day all.

We received the below inquiry from the Washington Post regarding Dr. Williams's testimony yesterday. If I recall correctly, these questions have already been addressed in another effort...please see below excerpt:

"I need to know about DTRA funding of the NGO EcoHealth Alliance that may have gone to the Wuhan Institute of Virology."

A funding chart on the EcoHealth Alliance website shows just under $40 million spent by DTRA and DoD and that some of the work included "UNDERSTANDING THE RISK OF BAT-BORNE ZOONOTIC DISEASE EMERGENCE IN WESTERN ASIA" and "UNDERSTANDING THE RISK OF BAT CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCE."

Dr. Williams at the House hearing today said: "We have done a thorough look at all of our programmatic activities to ensure that at least the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's funding to this NGO was not provided to the best of our knowledge into the Wuhan Institute of Virology."

Q: What about the funding that was done for the bat-borne zoonotic disease emergence and bat coronavirus emergence? Was that work done at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, where it is known that they conducted extensive bat coronavirus research?

Q: Is it DTRA's conclusion that none of its grant money to EcoHealth Alliance was used at the Wuhan Institute of Virology?

Will standby for further guidance...

Very respectfully,
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-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Gertz <bgertz@washingtontimes.com <mailto:bgertz@washingtontimes.com>>

Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 4:01 PM

To: DTRA Ft Belvoir SI List SI-PA Govt <dtra.belvoir.si.list.si-pa-govt@mail.mil <mailto:dtra.belvoir.si.list.si-pa-govt@mail.mil>>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today

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Bill Gertz

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Subject: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today

Date: May 4, 2021 at 1:23:00 PM EDT

To: dtra-pa@mail.mil <mailto:dtra-pa@mail.mil> < Caution-mailto:dtra-pa@mail.mil >

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I’m writing a story on this and would like some additional details on when this review was done and other details about the review. Need any information today.

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To:
CC: DTRA Ft. Belvoir CT List CT DAG <dtra.belvoir.ct.list.ct-dag@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: Update on EcoHealth letter


Regards,

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From:
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 1:18 PM
To:
CC: DTRA Ft. Belvoir CT List CT DAG <dtra.belvoir.ct.list.ct-dag@mail.mil>
Subject: Re: Update on EcoHealth letter

Thanks

We review all proposed subawards from a technical, policy, and personnel reliability perspective in coordination with internal and external technical subject matter experts, OSD Policy & TRAC, and DTRA CT.

Hope this helps!

Cheers,
To: 
Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG <dtra.belvoir.ct.list.et-dag@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: Update on EcoHealth letter

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Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 11:33 AM
To: [Obfuscated] 
Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG <dtra.belvoir.ct.list-et-dag@mail.mil>
Subject: Re: Update on EcoHealth letter

BT revisions to the response letter attached, along with background 1-pager for Dr. Williams on CTR projects with FEMA. Please let me know if there are any needed edits to either. I need to get this back to CB & LA for coordination by COB today.

Thanks!

Cheers,

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From: [Obfuscated] 
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2019 3:33 PM 
To: [Obfuscated] 
Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG <dtra.belvoir.ct.list-et-dag@mail.mil>
Subject: Re: Update on EcoHealth letter

I see a 09:30 call scheduled for this tomorrow. Will plan to call in.
Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 4:41:15 PM

Subject: RE: Update on EcoHealth letter

Great! Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

Our point person on this will be copied here.

He is on leave today so may not be able to coordinate a time to meet tomorrow but he will be available.

Thank you.

Booz Allen Hamilton
CTR A&AS Support Contractor
Director's Action Group Action Officer
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We need to go back to the drawing board on this. There appears to be differing thoughts between directorates as to the facts. Can we set up a call for tomorrow between subject matter experts? Will invite RD, CT, & AL. Can you please nominate appropriate CT staff member with insight? Key points of discussion:

(1) Is the top-line figure of $6.5 million to EcoHealth accurate?
Thanks.

Legislative Liaison
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
That's good news -- thanks for the confirmation.

V/r,
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

Subject: Re: URGENT REVIEW: CATMS010520206YF4P8 | 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

Confirmation from today...

"Just to re-confirm, I spoke with all the principals and had our finance guy go through all the DTRA expense reports and billing.

I can confirm that EHA has not had any expenses pertaining to China or any Chinese nationals on any of its DTRA grants.

As noted, a few joint authorship on either regional papers or topic areas, but no funding from DTRA used for Chinese scientists."

Cheers,

Sent from my iPhone
> Rob
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> Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
> Director
> Cooperative Threat Reduction
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> From: [REDACTED]
> Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 5:52 PM
> To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (US)
> Cc: [REDACTED] FTD
> Subject: RE: URGENT REVIEW: CATMS010520206YF4P8 | 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE
>
> Correct, this is WAB-Net. The countries involved in this project are from the EUCOM and CENTCOM AORs (re: "western" Asia), as a result there was no work in China even proposed. Answers to specific questions below.
>
> Hope this helps.
>
> Cheers,
> [REDACTED]

*On assignment to HHS/FEMA COVID-19 Diagnostics Task Force*
Am I correct in remembering that a scientific paper that came out of this research credited a researcher at the Wuhan Institute as an author?

V/r,

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

From:

Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 5:12 PM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (US) [REDACTED]

The project in question is WAB-Net. I’ll look for more details on the grant itself but in talking with [REDACTED] he has stated that “we have been clear to all of our performers that CTR funds cannot be used to support any activity in China.”

Here’s the abstract and team biography from the SPR:

Understanding the Risk of Bat-Borne Zoonotic Disease Emergence in Western Asia

(Georgia and Jordan)
Project Abstract:

We are conducting a multi-disciplinary research project to identify key factors correlated with the risk of bat viral zoonoses from sites across Western Asia. Bats are natural reservoir hosts to several emerging viruses with pandemic potential, including Ebola, Marburg, Nipah, and SARS and MERS-coronaviruses, but current research on the distribution of bats, diversity of their viruses, and potential for zoonotic disease emergence in Western Asia is severely limited. To fill this gap and contribute to biological threat reduction, we have established a hypothesis-driven One Health research project focused on characterizing bat coronavirus diversity and the risk of bat-borne zoonotic disease emergence. This project includes extensive nonlethal field sampling of bats, screening and characterization of viruses from bat specimens with select partner laboratories currently operating within the region, and modeling emerging disease risk by combining viral data with host, geographic, and ecological data. Data for risk modeling is being collated across a larger region than our field sampling allows through the creation of a collaborative Western Asia Bat Research Network (WAB-Net) – including key researchers and public health representatives from 12 countries. Research activities are being strengthened via laboratory exchanges and annual data sharing and capacity building workshops. This integrated approach presents a coordinated strategy to advance scientific knowledge around transboundary zoonotic disease emergence risk in Western Asia to inform early detection, diagnosis, response and threat reduction to support DTRA BTRP’s goals.

Team Biography:

Dr. Kevin Olival: Vice President for Research at EcoHealth Alliance (EHA).

Dr. William Karesh: Co-principal investigator and Executive Vice President for Health and Policy at EHA.

Senior specialists at the Department of Virology, Molecular Biology and Genome Research, R.G. Lugar Center for Public Health Research at the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC) of Georgia.

Senior specialists at the Department of Virology, Molecular Biology and Genome Research, NCDC.
Director of the Biosafety and Biosecurity Centre at the Royal Scientific Society of Jordan.

Professor at the Institute of Environmental Sciences, Boğaziçi University of Turkey.

Assistant professor at University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences of Pakistan.

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From: Pope, Robert S

Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 5:03 PM
To: 
Cc: 

Subject: RE: URGENT REVIEW: CATMS018520206YF4PS | 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

Please review the attached memo, which has more detailed questions. I think this is our research grant — is that correct? If yes, we'll need answers to all three questions. Thanks!
V/r,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

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From [email]

Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 4:59 PM

To [email]

Cc: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (US)

Subject: RE: URGENT REVIEW: CATMS010520206YF4P8 | 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

Cheers,
On assignment to HHS/FEMA COVID-19 Diagnostics Task Force

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Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 4:52 PM

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Cc: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (US)

Subject: RE: URGENT REVIEW: CATMS010520206YF4P8 | 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE:

Thanks. I'm searching for any electronic Science Program Review docs I can. That'll be a good starting point to identify the EHA projects. Pulling Science POCs on for awareness off today and on detail, is at the helm.


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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 4:42 PM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: URGENT REVIEW: CATMS010520206YF4PS | 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

Looping here since people are likely signing off soon. Will defer to you, sir, on how to proceed otherwise.

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CTR Director's Action Group Lead
Cooperative Threat Reduction
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Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 4:39 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: URGENT REVIEW: CATMS010520206YF4PS | 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

FYSA, this is the Member behind a bill to cut all WHO funding in the House.

https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2020/05/01/coronavirus-congressman-probes-pentagon-weapons-mass-destruction-grant-from-taxpayer-dollars-within-lab/
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Cc: Pope, Robert SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (US)

Subject: FW: URGENT REVIEW: CATMS010520206YF4P8 : 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

CT -- per Dr. Williams' recommendation, forwarding the same for your immediate review to determine answer for question 1 in the memo.

Let me know very soon to assist A&S in making the determination.

V/R

Deputy Chief of Staff

Defense Threat Reduction Agency
-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]

Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 16:19

To: Williams, Rhys M SES DTRA R AND D (USA)

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: URGENT REVIEW: CATMS010520206YF4P8 | 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

RD Leaders,

Request your immediate attention on this congressional inquiry to determine if there are any DTRA equities in question one:

"Has any portion of DOD funding granted to EcoHealth Alliance or any other DOD grant recipient been given to or used in collaboration with the Wuhan Institute of Virology or any research laboratory in the PRC?"

We're trying to get a quick response back through the chain so A&S can turn the task to the right DOD entity,

Thank you.

Deputy Chief of Staff

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URGENT REVIEW REQUESTED:

NCB Team,

Please take a look at the attached congressional memo and let me know if it belongs to us. NEED a response
ASAP. Thanks.

Sr Analyst, DU/SD(A&S)

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Washington, D.C. 20301-3015

From: Beasley, William E (OUSD)
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 4:01 PM

To: OSD Pentagon OUSD A-S List Enterprise Solutions <osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.list.enterprise-solutions@mail.mil>

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Request NCB and Sustainment take a quick look at this task (copy attached).

It is a congressional regarding a DoD Grant to EcoHealth Alliance. (Same organization the President just shut down NIH Grant)

If A&S has not been involved in this Grant let me know and if you know who may have been involved (Army?) let me know.

I want to try to make the 24 hour rule and get this assigned to someone else if it is not ours. CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
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TMT Home
BT. DAG.

Here's the signed response to the Hill from the 2020 query on DTRA, EHA, and the Wuhan Lab. Please file this for reference as we work any future queries on the subject.

Vor.
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
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From: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Cc: [D]
Subject: RE: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

Sir-Attached is the signed response! Took time to track down because it was ultimately signed out by R&E.

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From: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:58 AM
To: [A]
Cc: [D]
Subject: FW: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

I want to keep your office in the loop on the Wuhan-related questions, because they may also affect A/ASD Vann coming out of yesterday's hearing.

DTRA received a query from Bill Gertz at the Washington Times yesterday. Unfortunately, CT didn't receive the query until this morning and Gertz already published his story. We'll provide a response to PA so they can close the loop with Gertz (I'll send you SEPCOR).

We also have the tasker to help contribute to the response to the most recent Congressional query on this topic. The team is working the response now and I'll share our draft when they get it to me.

Also, for background, I've attached the previous (2020) Congressional queries and draft responses on the topic. If your office has the signed responses for ASD Lord, we would welcome those to ensure we stay consistent in our messaging to the Hill.
Vor.
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
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Cooperative Threat Reduction

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 9:46 AM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG <dtra.belvoir.ct.list.ct-dag@mail.mil>

Subject: RE: HOT -- Washington Post Question Re: DTRA, EcoHealth Alliance, and the Wuhan Institute

ALCON,

Please see attached for responses CTR assisted in drafting in response to previous Congressional RFIs WRT EcoHealth Alliance. I’ve included the RFIs for reference as well. Thanks for digging up these documents. Standing by should anyone need anything else.

Very Respectfully,

CTR Director’s Action Group
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
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Cc: [redacted]

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Importance: High

Please see the Washington Times query below from Bill Gertz -- both the summary in DTRA/PA's note and the actual questions from Bill Gertz at the bottom of this chain. We need to answer this today, the earlier the better.

DAG -- Please send to all on this note the answers we used on the 1-2 previous occasions we've responded to Congressional queries on this topic so we're consistent with those messages and don't have to reinvent them.

Vfr,
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

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Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:59 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today

Good day all.

We received the below inquiry from the Washington Post regarding Dr. William's testimony yesterday. If I recall correctly, these questions have already been addressed in another effort...please see below excerpt:

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Will standby for further guidance...

Very respectfully,
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To: dtra-pa@mail.mil < Caution-mailto:dtra-pa@mail.mil >

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I’m writing a story on this and would like some additional details on when this review was done and other details about the review. Need any information today.

Bill Gertz

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July 6, 2020

The Honorable Guy Reschenthaler
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Reschenthaler:

Thank you for your letter dated April 30, 2020, regarding a 2017 grant awarded by the Department of Defense (DoD) to EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of Defense.

The 2017 grant awarded $6.5 million to EcoHealth Alliance for scientific research into combating weapons of mass destruction. In your letter, you stated that EcoHealth Alliance has a history of collaborating with the Wuhan Institute of Virology in the People's Republic of China. No portion of any funds granted by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP) to EcoHealth Alliance supported work at the Wuhan Institute of Virology or any other activity in China.

For grants awarded in support of the BTRP, the program engages with applicants early in the project development process to ensure that they understand there can be no transfer of funds to parties other than those authorized as sub-recipients by the Department. The Department's program managers carefully review grant proposals to ensure that no prohibited activities (technical or financial) are included as part of any funded projects. Finally, the Department performs regular oversight of all grant awards through required reporting to ensure that research is conducted as authorized.

Thank you for your dedication to the Armed Forces and unwavering support of our Service members across the globe. The Department will continue to dedicate its efforts to ensure the best force protection against the most dangerous threats facing our Nation and our Warfighters.

My point of contact is Commander Jon Fay in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs at 703-693-4027 or jonathan.m.fay.mil@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Michael D. Griffin
The Honorable Mark E. Esper  
Secretary of Defense  
Department of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301  

Dear Secretary Esper:  

Thank you for your strong leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic and for your efforts to repatriate Americans abroad, counter adversaries like Venezuela and Iran, and keep our servicemembers safe during this unprecedented crisis. I write to bring your attention to a 2017 grant awarded by the Department of Defense (DOD) to EcoHealth Alliance Inc., an organization that has a history of collaborating with the Wuhan Institute of Virology, which reports suggest may be linked to the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak.

In 2017, DOD awarded a $6.5 million grant to EcoHealth Alliance under Assistance Listing 12351 – Scientific Research – Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction. The description of this grant is listed as “understanding the risk of bat-borne zoonotic disease emergence in Western Asia.” On March 23, 2020, EcoHealth Alliance received their final payment in the amount of $1,509,531 for the continuation of their research, which is projected to be completed in October 2022.

As you are likely aware, on April 24, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) cut all grant funding for EcoHealth Alliance after reports circulated that the organization sent US taxpayer dollars to the Wuhan Institute of Virology. It is my understanding that the NIH grant was for research on coronaviruses spread from bats to humans. Given the similarities between EcoHealth Alliance’s NIH research and the description of the 2017 DOD grant, I respectfully request answers to the following questions:

1. Has any portion of DOD funding granted to EcoHealth Alliance or any other DOD grant recipient been given to or used in collaboration with the Wuhan Institute of Virology or any research laboratory in the People’s Republic of China (PRC)?
2. If no, what, if any, steps is DOD taking to determine whether department grant funding was utilized by the Wuhan Institute of Virology or another research laboratory in the PRC?
3. If yes, what is the DOD doing to ensure American dollars can no longer be utilized by the Wuhan Institute of Virology or another research laboratory in the PRC?
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Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Very Respectfully,

Guy Reschenthaler
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Please find attached here the latest draft of the ARC.

Thank you.

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ALCON,

Attached, please find the latest version of the FY21 CTR Annual Report to Congress, back over from Policy for an SES-level chop (final) by CTR. Dr. Pope requests CRITICAL comments only returned NLT COB Tuesday, January 19, to allow CT DAG time to consolidate before CT leadership review. We will also task via EIS for ease of tracking, but I wanted to get this to you ASAP given that each Program may have a different preference for the review process. Respectfully requesting proposed edits included in any comments, rather than just comments or critiques alone.

Also including Finance for a final review of all the numbers herein.

Please don’t hesitate to contact the DAG with any questions. Thank you.

V/r,

CTR Director’s Action Group Lead
Cooperative Threat Reduction
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
CTR A&AS Contractor
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From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
CC: [Redacted]
Subject: FOR SIGNATURE: EcoHealth Alliance Congressional RFI Response/Action Memo -- Form 1
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:48:10 AM
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Sir,

Attached is the final package for the EcoHealth Alliance tasker, to include the new format and the Action Memo as requested upstairs. GC and LA have concurred on the language, which GC coordinated with BTRP, and the package is to you for action. We will pass it back upstairs via EIS pending your concurrence and signature. CoS/EIS will send back via CATMS after DIR signs to coordinate with OSD/LA and OSD/GC before it makes its way to U/S Lord. Thank you.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:03 AM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today

Many thanks Dr. Pope!

Will keep you updated on our progress.

Many thanks!

Very respectfully,

[Redacted]

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From: Ron [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA); Hamm, Ronald K Jr SES DTRA RD (USA)
Cc: [REDACTED]

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Good day all.

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Will standby for further guidance...

Very respectfully,

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Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 4:01 PM
To: DTRA Ft Belvoir SI List SI-PA Govt <dtra.belvoir.si.lsit.si-pa-govt@mail.mil>
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Subject: Comments by DTRA Acting Director Williams today

Date: May 4, 2021 at 1:23:00 PM EDT

To: dtra-pa@mail.mil

Today at a House Armed Services subcommittee hearing Mr. Williams discussed DTRA’s efforts to screen its investments in EcoHealth Alliance and its work with the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

I’m writing a story on this and would like some additional details on when this review was done and other details about the review. Need any information today.

Bill Gerz

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Team, forwarding this article (Attached) and my response to that OSD-P.

BL - we are familiar with her (Bulgarian journalist) work. If there is anything else you guys dig up (believe looked into this before), please let us know. Main concern here are copies of DTRA CTR funding references, coupled with apparent copies of scope of work. But again, we reported this before and I don't see anything new here other than more details. The last page of the article appears to have attachments of DTRA documents, but I can't open them. Please look into this and let us know if there is anything we need to do.

Happy to discuss more if needed.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 3:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] More Russian Allegations

Thanks for forwarding. I have not read this particular article until now. But it appears to be a recycled and updated piece from about 2 years ago, with more details than before. I gave it to the right people here in DTRA to look into this from a CI perspective, as it lists copies and references DTRA documents. With that said, none of this is surprising. I believe the tone and tenor are familiar and consistent with a style of a certain foreign reporter (Dilyana Gayandzhieva (from Bulgaria), whose name is attributed to one of the photos) and who is well known in that part of the world and publishes a lot on this topic. If you google her name, you will see what I am talking about. The GEC at State is familiar with her "work," and there is more about her we can't discuss here.

We can talk more later on SVTC if needed. BL - no surprises. It's a constant drumbeat.

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From: [REDACTED]
FYI - see summary below.

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browser.
All,

Apologies for not getting a clip earlier this week. Was delayed due to a family tragedy. But lots to digest. First, around a week ago, a storyline appeared that DoD/DTRA was going to facilitate a smallpox attack in Ukraine in March. The narrative made the rounds in the online publications but did not seem to spread into the more "legitimate" Russian press or even social media. However, I did find it on over 15 sites.

Additionally, a very snazzy video was released in Bulgaria promoting the conspiracy theory that the US will conduct human experimentation on Bulgarian soldiers. It provides a considerable amount of background material on earlier US military human experimentation as further support for the arguments. Link below:

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Polygraph did a fact check on Russian and Chinese chemical and biological charges contained in the bilateral Beijing Joint Statement.


Additionally, from Feb 14, thru today, a tweet has been showing up on Twitter from Chinese and prob Russian sources (likely sock puppets IMO) that DoD lied to Congress about funding to ECO-Health Alliance.

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Happy Friday. FYSA, RT has disseminated some disinformation on one of your programs. See the report starting on pg 16 in the attachment.

Best regards,
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
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All,

Attached is the latest compilation of clips. Of note, our Bulgarian friend DG's "reporting" is being amplified across all Russian media platforms-highlighting alleged human experimentation-and other attention grabbing charges across a wide-array of facilities with historical ties to CTR and the broader U.S. military. Also, at the front of the package is a release picked up in Chinese social media from the US Embassy in Beijing contradicting Russian disinfo about Ukraine-it would be great to see something similar on the lab narratives...

Last, not surprisingly, there is increased attention on Ukraine. There is a comment in one of the Russian articles about the laboratories being opened under Kuchma, and closed during the reign of Russia's client... interesting...

Stay safe,
US COVID-19 just the forerunner of america's ideal biological weapon, or is it already one?
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Alexander Sharkovsky, Special Correspondent

Photo: Social Media

Dr. Peter Dashak, involved in the creation of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, is accused of being a CIA agent. This is reported by NaturalNews.com. The Organization EcoHealth Alliance in which Dr. Dashak is president is nothing more than a "cover" for the work of the brunch of the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States. The fact that Covid19 does not affect everyone equally indicates its special targeting of certain markers in human DNA. For modern genetic engineering, it is quite possible to embody this effect. Of course, this virus is in itself a biological weapon, perhaps intermediate, insufficiently perfect. It will be followed by the creation of an ideal bioweapon that strikes inexorably and point-by-point.

Dr. Andrew Huff, vice president of the EcoHealth Alliance (EHA), claims that the president of the firm, Dr. Peter Dashak, who organized funding for the SARS-CoV-2 study at China's Wuhan Institute of Virology, admitted that he works for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and that the company is a "cover" for the CIA. According to a report detailed on Substack by independent journalist Kaneko, Huff received a doctorate in environmental health with a specialization in emerging diseases before he became deputy vice president and then president of the EcoHealth Alliance. While working at the firm, he says he was tasked with finding "new methods of bio-observation," data analysis and imaging to identify new diseases. In fact, this organization could be engaged in the development of bioweapons.

WORK OF THE CIA

The EcoHealth Alliance, which Dashak leads, receives funding from a number of U.S. government agencies, including the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the latter headed by Joe Biden's chief medical adviser, Dr. Anthony Fauci. The EcoHealth Alliance, Kaneko notes, collaborated with Dr. Ralph Barik of the University of North Carolina, as well as Dr. Shi Zhengli of the Wuhan Institute of Virology, to conduct studies on the functions of bat-borne viruses found in China before the COVID-19 pandemic began. Dashak led the screening of "thousands of bat samples for novel coronaviruses," which also included "screening of people who work with live animals." He himself said that, in his opinion, the EcoHealth Alliance is actually a "shell organization of the CIA", which was used to collect intelligence by the US government. However, according to Kaneko, the EcoHealth Alliance was engaged in collecting viral samples and intelligence on foreign laboratory facilities.
The organization could hardly exist without external funding, it was common to lay off employees with the ebb and flow of federal or "private" appropriations. Peter did or said whatever he wanted to get money for this or that project.

At a 2016 forum on "emerging infectious diseases and the next pandemic," EcoHealth Alliance President Peter Daszak told colleagues: "We found coronaviruses in bats, a number of them, some of them looked very similar to SARS. So we sequenced a spike protein: a protein that attaches to cells. Then we... Well, I didn't do that job, but my colleagues in China did the work. You create pseudoparticles, you insert spike proteins from these viruses, see if they bind to human cells. At every step of this study, you're getting closer and closer to the fact that the virus can actually become pathogenic in humans. You end up with a small number of viruses that really look like killers." As a result, he received more than $118 million in the form of grants and contracts from federal agencies, including $53 million from USAID, $42 million from the Department of Defense, and $15 million from HHS.

EHA and USAID

According to an investigation by independent journalist Sam Husseini and The Intercept, much of the money generated by the EcoHealth Alliance was not directed toward human health, but rather to research on viruses used in biological warfare, bioterrorism and other dangerous uses of deadly pathogens.

The EcoHealth Alliance has received a significant portion of its funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a subsidiary of the State Department that serves as a frequent front for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The second largest source of funding was the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), which is a branch of the Department of Defense (DOD), and which officially states that it is tasked with "countering and deterring weapons of mass destruction and improvised threat networks."

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has a long history of working as a contractor for various CIA covert operations. The annual budget of this organization is more than $27 billion. It operates in more than 100 countries around the world. Almost all of its employees are CIA agents. They conduct various secret actions abroad of the United States, in various directions, including: the overthrow of unwanted governments, the development of protest movements and the creation of networks of agents of influence, the introduction of the necessary religious organizations into the social body of certain countries, and so on. An important part of their work is biological weapons. In 2013, WikiLeaks outlined a U.S. strategy to undermine the Venezuelan government through USAID by "infiltrating Chávez's political base," "dividing Chavism," and "isolating Chávez internationally." In 2014, the Associated Press reported that USAID had contracted a project to develop a competitor to Twitter to foment an uprising in Cuba.

Photo: Dr Barik

From 2009 to 2019, USAID collaborated with the EcoHealth Alliance on the PREDICT program, which identified more than 1,200 new viruses, including more than 160 strains of coronavirus. It involved approximately 5,000 specialists in more than 60 research laboratories scattered around the world. By
ALCON.

The attached is the answer to Dr. Pope’s request in yesterday’s meeting on the FY20 expiring ULO’s that need to be addressed so that the funds don’t expire on 30 September with them on CT’s books.

R.

DFMC3, CDFM-A
DTRA, Financial Management Branch (SI-FMOO) CT Directorate
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

Unclassified
SIPRNet:
Sir -

In case you’d like to begin your review now...

See below. Unfortunately, the report needs a few more updates and C should be making those updates in the morning and providing to you shortly thereafter.

I did speak with briefly just a few minutes ago, so I anticipate having a response from him by morning as well.

Please see attached and required changes below.

Please update this version ONLY as I have made several updates and corrections to narrative and added a few comments.

Once you have made the required updates, please forward to Dr. Pope for his review.
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of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act
As a reminder, I have a medical appt in the morning, but expect to be online around noon.
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Good afternoon –

Attached is the final DRAFT CT FY21 Notification to Congress for your review and approval.

[Attachment]
S. I transmitted to NCB and Policy.

----- Original Message -----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 2:35 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: ARC - Draft Inputs from DTRA

[Redacted] see attached. Within the next week or so, I would like your initial thoughts on the content, flow, and structure of how we put this together. Thanks!

[Redacted]
Deputy Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction Directorate
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

Work Cell
Team.

As you know, the ARC that should have gone to the Hill this year with the FY22 PBR still has not cleared OSD and transmitted to the Hill. I've attached a copy of the draft that NCWMD-F has sent up their chain for approval so you have a starting point for the next ARC.

Vtr,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

Per our conversation earlier this afternoon!
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Attached is the ARC draft we will be submitting to ASD.
Per our conversation earlier this afternoon!

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See attached, first 12 pages. COVID-19 research funded by DoD. November 2019. Russia appears to have picked it up first. China will likely echo hard. Get ready for more media inquiries.

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 11:43 AM
To: Pope, Robert S; SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)

Subject: FW: DoD Disinfo Clips April 20-22 2022

Gents.

-A big development to track is the development of the Russian-led CSTO Bio-Security Committee. On April 20th, as mentioned in previous email, Russia and Armenia issued a joint statement committing not host third-party bio activities that may harm the interests of the each party. Since that time, other CSTO members indicated their support for the Committee, but have not taken a specific stand on that particular question.

-Russia promulgated a false narrative that the US/Ukr were planning to conduct a biological attack against Russia (note the Slav targeting weapon is part of all of these stories)

-On April 19, Russian Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations delivered another UNSC statement. This time it reiterated the claims against STCU (etc) that were contained in the MOD April 14 statement. The link to watch the 10 minute statement is in the clips. "Supporting documentation" was contained in an official Security Council document. Unlike previous "data dumps," despite widespread coverage in Russian-language press, these documents and the statement itself were not pushed out over social media (VK, Telegram, etc). I am still trying to get the package to compare it to the version from the week before.

-Russia is also pushing a report that DoD and the Department of the Interior funded COVID Research in Nov 2019. (see VK snapshots and Expose article).

VR
The world first started to hear about a novel coronavirus in early January 2020, with reports of an alleged new pneumonia like illness spreading across Wuhan, China. However, the world did not actually know of Covid-19 until February 2020, because it was not until the 11th of that month that the World Health Organisation officially named the novel coronavirus disease as Covid-19.

So with this being the official truth, why does United States Government data show that the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) awarded a contract on the 12th November 2019 to Labyrinth Global Health INC. for ‘COVID-19 Research’, at least one month before the alleged emergence of the novel coronavirus, and three months before it was officially dubbed Covid-19?

The shocking findings however, do not end there. The contract awarded in November 2019 for ‘COVID-19 Research’ was not only instructed to take place in Ukraine, it was in fact part of a much larger contract for a ‘Biological threat reduction program in Ukraine’.

Perhaps explaining why Labyrinth Global Health has been collaborating with Peter Daszak’s EcoHealth Alliance, and Ernest Wolfe’s Metabiota since its formation in 2017.

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Leadership Team

Karen Saylors, PhD, who co-founded Labyrinth Global Health, has allegedly worked in the international public health field for over a decade and has spent many years living in Africa establishing global surveillance networks, 
working with partners to improve Global Health policy on infectious disease detection, response, and control.

At Labyrinth, Dr. Saylors specialises in studies that aim to understand and mitigate biological and behavioural risk of disease transmission. Dr. Saylors worked with Oxford University Clinical Trials Network in Vietnam on zoonotic disease surveillance research and continues to coordinate with regional partners on emerging outbreaks in animal and human populations.

But who are the partners that Dr Karen Saylors and Labyrinth Global Health choose to work with? They are none other than the ‘Eco Health Alliance’ and ‘Metabiota’.

Dr Karen Saylors, Eco Health Alliance and Metabiota worked together on the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) ‘PREDICT’ program from 2009, while Labyrinth Global Health worked alongside EHA and Metabiota on the PREDICT program from 2017.

Launched in 2009 and funded by USAID, PREDICT was an early warning system for new and emerging diseases in 21 countries. It was led by the University of California’s (‘UC’) Davis One Health Institute and core partners included EcoHealth Alliance (‘EHA’), Metabiota, Wildlife Conservation Society, and Smithsonian Institution, and as we’ve just revealed; Labyrinth Global Health. PREDICT was a forerunner of the more ambitious Global Virome Project.

The USAID describes PREDICT as having made “significant contributions to strengthening global surveillance and laboratory diagnostic capabilities for both known and newly discovered viruses within several important virus groups, such as filoviruses (including ebolaviruses), influenza viruses, paramyxoviruses, and coronaviruses”.

Here’s one of the many studies published by Eco Health Alliance, Metabiota and Labyrinth Global Health proving the connection —
Implementing One Health approaches to confront emerging and re-emerging zoonotic disease threats: lessons from PREDICT

January 2020 - One Health Outlook 2011
Project: PREDICT
Authors:

Terra R Kelly  Catherine Machalaba
W. B. Karesh  Esztermann
Eock
Paulina Zielinska Crook
Kirsten Gilardi  Julius Nziza
Marcela M Uhart  Erika Alandia
Karen Sylors  Damien Joly
Corina Monagin
Prime Mulembakani Mangombo

Source
PREDICT partnered with the non-profit Eco Health Alliance (EHA) to carry out its 9-year effort to catalogue hundreds of thousands of biological samples, "including over 10,000 bats." A PREDICT-funded 2015 study on "diversity of coronavirus in bats" also included Peter Daszak, president of EHA, among its participants.
Eco Health Alliance is listed as a partner of the Wuhan Institute of Virology ("WIV") on archived pages of its website and was mentioned as one of the institute’s "strategic partners" by the WIV's Deputy Director General in 2018.

Notably, the relationship between the WIV and the American Biodefence establishment was advanced by EHA policy advisor, David R. Franz, former commander at US biowarfare lab at Fort Detrick.

WIV's Dr. Shi Zhengli, a.k.a. "Batwoman," had also worked with EHA's Daszak on bat-related studies. As far back as 2005, Daszak and Zhengli were conducting research on SARS-like coronaviruses in bats. Several PREDICT-funded studies on SARS-like coronaviruses and Swine Flu count with both Zhengli’s and Daszak’s contributions. Perhaps the most noteworthy of these is a 2015 PREDICT and NIH-funded study she co-authored entitled: ‘A SARS-like cluster of circulating bat coronaviruses shows potential for human emergence’.

Meanwhile, Nathan Wolfe is the founder of Metabiota and non-profit Global Viral. He spent over eight years conducting biomedical research in both sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia. Unsurprisingly, Wolfe is a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader. More notably, since 2008 he had been a member of DARPA's DSRC, Defence Science Research Council, until it was disbanded.

All of these people and organisations have been working for at least the last decade studying coronaviruses and helping to set up Biolabs in Ukraine. All using US Department of Defense funds to do so. You can read much more about this here, here and here.
All of this requires much further research to fit all of the pieces of the puzzle together, but here's what we definitely know so far –

- The world did not get to hear about this novel coronavirus until early January 2020.
- The world did not know this novel coronavirus was called Covid-19 until February 2020, when the World Health Organization officially named it so.
- The US Department of Defense awarded a contract for Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services to Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp, which is allegedly "a global engineering, procurement, consulting and construction company specialising in infrastructure development".
- That contract involved a Biological threat reduction program in Ukraine.
- As part of this larger contract, another contract was awarded to Labyrinth Global Health for 'COVID-19 Research' on 12th November 2019.
- This contract was awarded at least one month before the reported emergence of the novel coronavirus, and three months before it was officially dubbed Covid-19.
- Labyrinth Global Health works alongside the 'Eco Health Alliance', and 'Metabiota', and participated in the USAID PREDICT program. All of these people and organisations have been working for at least the past decade studying coronaviruses and helping to set up Biolabs in Ukraine. All using US Department of Defense funds to do so.
- Information found here points to Eco Health Alliance having a hand in creating the Covid-19 virus.
- Information found here points to Moderna having a hand in creating the Covid-19 virus.
- 'Moderna', alongside the 'National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' (NIAID) agreed to transfer 'mRNA coronavirus vaccine candidates' developed and jointly-owned by NIAID and Moderna, to recipients 'The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill' on the 12th December 2019.

What does all this point to? That's for you to ponder and decide. But we promise you there is much more to come on the above...
Gentlemen,

Since Friday's data drop, the Russians have been busy amplifying their messages. Despite submitting their materials to the UNSC, I still have not seen them request a special session. The Russian narrative machine is cranking out every conceivable way to link various DoD organizations with the Monkey pox outbreak, and as an indication that we were doing smallpox research.

Additionally, the NAMRU narrative on Indonesia is still propagating. The good news is that it is acting as a catalyst to bring together disparate elements of the Department to develop a proper response.

Yours,

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Subject: DoD Disinfo Clips June 1-INDOPACOM AOR campaign continues

All,

So, things are never quiet for long. Russia has amped up its disinfo taking advantage of the upcoming events in the Pacific and ongoing monkey pox outbreak. In the social media environment, there continues to be considerable activity with common narratives on VKontakte, Telegram, Twitter, and Weibo (Charts are in the [jun package 3 pages in]. The most active platform is Telegram. I am no expert, but it appears that much of what I am seeing on Twitter is bot activity across multiple languages. This perspective is based on two years of seeing the exact same verbiage on dozens of hosts, with slight variations, and then almost identical replication in foreign languages. It remains a question in my mind to what extent these platforms truly represent influence touch points, rather than simply exposure.

However, worthy of note, two statistics from this week. The CBS news poll indicated 26% of Americans believe the BW associated lab narrative. This is very similar to one from earlier this year, reported by Mark Galeotti, that put the figure at 29%. When discussing this at dinner last week with a retired Ambassador who had significant time in the NSC (and in BW arms control)—he put this in perspective stating—"yes, but 29% of Americans believe Elvis is still alive."

The disinformation about NAMRU-2 and Indonesia highlighted several high-impact Russian allegations, chief among them, the exporting of blood samples back to the US without host country authorization. This usually leads to, or at a minimum opens the door to, future attempts to sow discord based on false allegations that the US is developing genetically targeted BW. Russia consistently charges that the US is developing weapons against the Slavic peoples.... It is very possible that Russia or China will use...
DTRA CENTRIC NARRATIVE

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the NAMRU charges, potentially after roping in additional US efforts in the region to apply such explosive rhetoric to populations in Asia. The NAMRU story spread quickly through Asia-Pacific media, including coverage by many legitimate news sources in multiple local languages. In the two years that I have been tracking these narratives, I do not recall such an aggressive campaign by Russian in Asia. To Navy's credit they are actively engaged in coordinating with key players to respond.

Not surprisingly, the vast majority of the false reports deal with monkeypox and its origins. It is important to recall that this particular disinfo is part of a decades long Russian campaign that dates back to Operation Infektion/Dallas that alleged AIDS was created in a US Bio Weapons Lab—variations of sources included Plum Island and Ft Detrick. Since that time, I cannot recall a single major disease outbreak that has not been exploited for disinfo purposes and linked back to the US and alleged BW activity. Sadly, these falsehoods form a foundation of cultural "givens" among many in the developing world—therefore new charges are often greeted with a degree of credibility given earlier beliefs about disease origins.

Russia is once again pivoting back to highlighting US work with Central Asian nations. There seems to be a disproportionate focus on Kyrgyzstan, where there is no CTR footprint.

Also, if you read nothing else in the package—read the Russian description of the structure and organization of the US Biological Weapons Program—it is a veritable Rosetta Stone for understanding their charges.

Very Respectfully.

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This does appear to need OSD LA/GC coordination, via DTRA LA/GC, prior to DIR. Really not sure what's driving their order of operations beyond DIR wanting to make sure our response is tied up in a neat package.

CT Director’s Action Group Lead
Cooperative Threat Reduction
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-----Original Message-----
From: DTRA Fi Belvoir CT List CT DAG (dtra.belvoir.ct.list.ct-dag@mail.mil)
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:41 AM
To: DTRA Fi Belvoir CT List CT DAG
Subject: RE: New *UNET* Tasker: CS 110923 050420 2017 Grant Award by DoD to EcoHealth Alliance (CATMS010520206YF4P8) [https://oscs.taskers/cS_110923_050420/SitePages/Home.aspx]

CT --

DTRA is responsible for gaining OSD LA and OSD GC coordination prior sending to the Director.

If possible, please get coordination with DTRA LA and GC on your response prior to May 14th. This will give us more time to get external coordination.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Program Analyst/Task Manager
Office of the Chief of Staff (CS)
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

-----Original Message-----
From: DTRA Fi Belvoir CT List CT DAG (dtra.belvoir.ct.list.ct-dag@mail.mil)
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 11:14 AM
To: DTRA Fi Belvoir CT List CT DAG
Please see EIS for new tasker. Suspense date: May 14, 2020, NLT 3PM.

Required OCRs: LA and GC

Thank you.
From: [b][6]
To: [b][6]
Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 3:36:49 PM
Attachments: HASG-Eco Health questions-DTRA reply.docx
NDAA Appeal - Prohibit Funds to EcoHealth Alliance (27-Sep-2021).docx
Rescission/Revocation Amendment.pdf
DTRA ICT and BD Grants to EcoHealth Alliance.pdf

+ Dr. Pope

Sir, just double checking but are you ok with us pressing forward with an appeal?

If the answer from Dr. Pope is yes, then task to BTRP.

----Original Message----
From: [b][6]
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 3:29 PM
To: [b][6]
Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG Dtra.fortbelvoir.ct.list.ct-dag@mail.mil

Sir,

Recommend tasking to BT for response.

SUSPENSE: 1 OCT 2021

SUBJECT: NDAA Appeal-Prohibit Funding of EcoHealth Alliance

ACTION: The House floor passed the FY22 NDAA which included an amendment that would prohibit funding "for any purpose EcoHealth Alliance, Inc." DTRA is drafting an appeal of this language and we ask that you provide input on the enclosed appeal document in the section marked "DoD Position/Impact."

V/r,

[b][6]
CONGRESSIONAL RFI FROM HASC
DoD Contracts with EcoHealth Alliance

Received: 8/12/2021

Question: Please provide answers to the below questions concerning DoD’s relationship with EcoHealth Alliance.

1. Were any of the DoD-funded research projects involving EcoHealth Alliance performed in China or in support of research performed in China? If so, which projects, what was the work performed, and what were the risk assessments DoD used to evaluate funding projects in China?

None of the DoD CTR Program-funded research projects involving EcoHealth Alliance were performed in China, nor were they in support of research performed in China.

2. Has DoD issued any awards to Peter Daszak and/or EcoHealth Alliance that are not yet available in USA Spending.gov? If so, please include.

No, all of the DoD CTR Program’s awards to EcoHealth Alliance are in USA Spending.gov.

3. Did DoD sponsored any classified research involving EcoHealth Alliance and/or Peter Daszak

No, the DoD CTR Program does not sponsor classified research.

4. Please provide copies of the agreements, initial research reports and all progress/final reports.

The DoD CTR Program has awarded grants to EcoHealth Alliance, which are included in the attached spreadsheet. The CTR program has not used contracts to fund EcoHealth Alliance. Additionally, DTRA-RD documentation on associated grants to EcoHealth Alliance are included in the spreadsheet.
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AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–13

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Add at the end of title LX the following new section:

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**EQUIPMENT**: Project Equipment (PE) is a critical component of the project. It includes equipment such as computers, software, and other tools necessary for the research. The PE cost is included in the overall project budget. **SERVICES**: Project Services (PS) refer to non-personal services provided by outside firms or organizations. The PS cost is also included in the overall project budget. **PERSONAL SERVICES**: Personal Services (PS) refer to the compensation of personnel directly involved in the project, including faculty, staff, and students. The PS cost is included in the overall project budget. **INFRASTRUCTURE**: Project Infrastructure (PI) includes the cost of maintaining or enhancing the physical facilities needed to support the research, such as laboratory space or research centers. The PI cost is included in the overall project budget.
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Cc:"
Subject: FW: Office of the Director of National Intelligence News Summary for Tuesday, June 02, 2020 [MAY CONTAIN SBU/FOUO & USPI]
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 7:06:09 AM

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*DHS NOC Media Reporting:

Tue 6/2/2020 4:28 AM

Location(s): Richmond, Virginia

Two Richmond police officers and a suspect were reportedly injured after a shooting on the city’s south side early Tuesday morning.

At around 1:25 a.m., Richmond Police Department officers were called to investigate a report of an armed person in the 800 block of Semmes Avenue.

Upon their arrival, gunfire erupted, injuring both responding officers and a suspect. All were subsequently transported to a local hospital for treatment following the incident.

Two additional suspects were also detained for questioning.

The Department’s Force Investigation Team is investigating the shooting.

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Tue 6/2/2020 3:56 AM

Location(s): Las Vegas, Nevada
American Enterprise Institute on Friday, Pompeo gave no details about immigration quotas or visas, and merely said: “We are taking a look at it.” Pompeo is quoted as saying, “We are considering it. I don’t know precisely how it will play out. The British have, as you know, a different relationship. A lot of these folks have British national passports. There’s a long history between Hong Kong and the United Kingdom; it’s very different. But we’re taking a look at it.” The Washington Examiner (6/1, Gehrke, 448K) and the Washington Times (6/1, Gertz, 492K), among other news outlets, also cover Pompeo’s words.

The New York Times (6/1, Qin, 18.61M) reports, meanwhile, that “after staying quiet for days following President Trump’s move to curtail relations with Hong Kong, Beijing weighed in on Monday with a relatively measured response, suggesting that it might be waiting for details about Washington’s plan.” The Times says that on Friday, in “response to Beijing’s move to impose broad new national security legislation in Hong Kong,” Trump “said he would begin removing policy agreements with the semi-autonomous city, including an extradition treaty, commercial relations and export controls.”

Researchers Trace Coronavirus To Horseshoe Bats. The New York Times (6/1, Gorman, 18.61M) reports that “an international team of scientists, including a prominent researcher at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, has analyzed all known coronaviruses in Chinese bats and used genetic analysis to trace the likely origin of the novel coronavirus to horseshoe bats.” The Times adds that “in their report, posted online Sunday, they also point to the great variety of these viruses in southern and southwestern China and urge closer monitoring of bat viruses in the area and greater efforts to change human behavior as ways of decreasing the chances of future pandemics.” According to the Times, “The research was supported by a U.S. grant to EcoHealth Alliance, a New York-based nonprofit, that was recently canceled by the National Institutes of Health.”

SOUTH ASIA

Reuters (6/1, Mohammed, Pamuk) reports that US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad indicated Monday that “recent prisoner releases and a relatively low level of violence may bode well for the start of peace talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban. ... ‘We are in a good place,’ Khalilzad told reporters, saying the Afghan government had released 2,400 to 2,500 Taliban prisoners since Feb. 29 and the militant group has freed more than 400 detainees in return.” Khalilzad added, “We’ll have challenges and difficulties but we are optimistic that finally we’re moving forward to the start of the intra-Afghan negotiations.”

UN Report: Taliban Maintains Close Ties With Al Qaeda In Afghanistan Despite US Deal. The Washington Post (6/1, Deyoung, Lamothe, 14.2M) reports, “The Taliban has not broken its ties with al-Qaeda, the U.N. Security Council declared in a new report that threatened to undermine a key aspect of the Trump administration’s agreement with the Taliban to withdraw U.S. forces after nearly 19 years of war in Afghanistan.” The report, released Monday, “states that relations between the Taliban, especially its Haqqani network, and al-Qaeda ‘remain close, based on friendship, a history of shared struggle, ideological sympathy and intermarriage.’” Zalmay Khalilzad, the Administration’s special envoy for Afghanistan, “said he had not yet read the report but had been told that the information it contains does not extend beyond March 15, two weeks after the U.S.-Taliban agreement was signed.” Khalilzad said, “We believe that there is progress.”

Pompeo Says Administration Has Plans To “Push Back Against” ICC. Politico (6/1, Forgy, 4.29M) reports that in an interview, Secretary of State Pompeo “previewed imminent action by the Trump administration aimed at countering the International Criminal Court’s investigation of alleged war crimes committed by US personnel in Afghanistan.” According to Politico, “In an interview on the ‘What the Hell Is Going On?’ podcast, produced by the conservative-leaning American Enterprise Institute think tank, Pompeo said he is ‘very concerned’ about the probe being conducted by the Hague-based tribunal.” Pompeo is quoted as saying, “You’ll see in the coming days a series of announcements not just from the State Department, [but] from all across the United
From: Nair, Bindu R SES OSD OUSD R&E (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2020 10:33 AM
To: [b][6]
Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir DIR List Task CS

Subject: RE: OGC NON-CONCUR - Congressional - 2017 Grant Award by DoD to EcoHealth Alliance (CATMS No. OSD004467-20)

All,

We haven't seen this come to us officially via CATMS. We need to task to LA. OGC and A&S. Would DTRA be sufficient for A&S or is there anyone else in A&S that should review?

Please prepare the package with action memos for staffing.

Bindu
thank you for the call.

From: [Redacted]
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 at 2:52:25 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: OGC NON-CONCUR - Congressional - 2017 Grant Award by DoD to EcoHealth Alliance (CATMS No. OSD004467-20)

Bindu.

I’m happy to discuss. I’m here in the office and am available to talk any time today (I’m planning on leaving around 5:00 p.m., but can stay later upon request).

If that doesn’t work I can share my availabilities next week with you as well.

Thanks!

Yours,
Associate General Counsel (Acquisition & Logistics)

Department of Defense, Office of the General Counsel

The Pentagon, 1600 Defense Pentagon

Washington, DC 20301-1600

Tel:

Fax:

Front:

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 2:51 PM

To:

Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir DIR List Task CS
    dtra.belvoir.dir.list.task.cs@mail.mil
    dtra.belvoir.dir.list.task.cs@mail.mil

Subject: Re: OGC NON-CONCUR - Congressional - 2017 Grant Award by DoD to EcoHealth Alliance
         (CATMS No. OSD004467-20)

 lets talk. I have read the A&S letter. What number and time can I reach you at? Bindu

From:

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 at 2:46:11 PM

To:

Cc: "DTRA Ft Belvoir DIR List Task CS" dtra.belvoir.dir.list.task.cs@mail.mil
    dtra.belvoir.dir.list.task.cs@mail.mil

Subject: Re: OGC NON-CONCUR - Congressional - 2017 Grant Award by DoD to EcoHealth Alliance
         (CATMS No. OSD004467-20)
Do you know if my specific comments and questions regarding this letter were provided to Dr. Nair?

Yours,

[Redacted]

Associate General Counsel (Acquisition & Logistics)
Department of Defense, Office of the General Counsel

The Pentagon
1600 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Tel (202) 314-4584
Fax (202) 314-3005

-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Fri, May 29, 2020 2:32 PM

CC: DTRA Ft Belvoir DIR List Task CS <dtra.belvoir.dir.lts.task.cs@naval.mil>
<mailto:dtra.belvoir.dir.lts.task.cs@naval.mil>

Subject: RE: OGC NON-C O N C U R - Congressional - 2017 Grant Award by DoD to EcoHealth Alliance
(CATMS No. OSD304467-20)

Sir --

We received the below response from CDR [Redacted], Chief of Staff/Military Assistant, Office of the Deputy Director (Research, Technology and Laboratories), OUSD R&E:
Mr. [b](6) will also be calling you to discuss.

Thank you,

[6]

Program Analyst/Task Manager
Office of the Chief of Staff (CS)
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

Email [6]

----- Original Message ----- 
From: [b](6)

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Tabler, Andrew H SES OSD OASD LA (USA)

Subject: UGC NON-CONCUR - Congressional - 2017 Grant Award by DoD to EcoHealth Alliance (CATMS No. OSD004467-20)

Dear Mr. Tabler and [b](6)
Subject: FW: CATMS 202005150044 Congressional - 2017 Grant Award by DoD to EcoHealth Alliance

---- Original Message ----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 4:18 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Glennon, Michael /SES OSD OGC (USA) [Redacted]

OSD Pentagon OGC List Correspondence Staff
<osd.pentagon.ogc.list.correspondence-staff@mail.mil>

Subject: CATMS 202005150044 Congressional - 2017 Grant Award by DoD to EcoHealth Alliance

Suspense Date: 5/19/2020
Electrons for above tasker attached. Hard copy package in distro.

Records:

Correspondence Management Specialist
CMO, DoD General Counsel/DLSA
Pentagon [Redacted]
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From:

Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 4:32 PM

To:

Subject: Re: OSD002210-21: CONCERNS OVER NONPROFIT ECHOHEALTH ALLIANCE INC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY

Thx.

-----Original Message-----
From:

Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 4:27:31 PM

To: [name]

Subject: FW: OSD002210-21: CONCERNS OVER NONPROFIT ECHOHEALTH ALLIANCE INC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY

FYI - USD R&E had a question about a specific grant with FHA administered by the USUHS, and potential DTRA support. In sum, the answer is no for CTR. See below for my answer. Not sure about DTRA / RD, but imagine it is the same answer as DTRA / RD does not fund this type of work overseas nor are they in the BPC business.
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY

To - we (CT) did not fund or make an arrangement with USUHS for the grant referenced below. In fact, CT has not funded or made arrangements with USUHS since 2018.

----Original Message-----
From: [b](6)
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 1:09 PM
To: [b](6)

Subject: FW: OSD02210-21: CONCERNS OVER NONPROFIT ECHOHEALTH ALLIANCE INC. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY

CT and RD Teammates,

Requesting a quick check from both, knowing we've been through this drill a few times already. We've passed the tasker off to R&E for their final answer to this congressional inquiry, but they had one specific follow-up question below.

Did either of your directorates enter into an arrangement with USUHS to perform work with EcoHealth Alliance using the referenced grant?

V/R

Deputy Chief of Staff
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

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----Original Message-----
From: [b](6)
I also support Dr. Nair in the BRO and will be coordinating actions on the final stages of sending a response back to Congress as fully briefed me on the progress to date and forwarded me your contact info.

Thank you for offering assistance. I was hoping you could help figure out whether DTRA funds were used to support a grant to ECOHealth through the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS). In addition to the DTRA contracts and grants with ECOHealth Alliance, USAspending shows a grant through the USUHS which looks like it went to fund global health efforts with Africomm: https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_HU000012019031_97HW

Do you know if those funds came from DTRA with USUHS as the performer or if they were USUHS funds?

Thank you in advance,

Program Scientist | Strategic Analysis, Inc.
DOSE(R&E)/Basic Research Office

--- Original Message ---

Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 2:51 PM
To: (b)[6]
Cc: (b)[6]

Subject: FW: OSD002210-21: CONCERNS OVER NONPROFIT ECHOHEALTH ALLIANCE INC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF ViroLOGY

I understood from Dr. Nair last week that you would be coordinating actions
pull this from DTRA as OPR to OUSD (R&E). What assistance do you need to make this happen? We are working on DTRA input to the response now. Other interested offices noted below are asking to be placed in coordination.

Please advise.

V/R

[Redacted]
Deputy Chief of Staff
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: OSD002210-21: CONCERNS OVER NONPROFIT ECHOHEALTH ALLIANCE INC. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY

Sir,

Woot more fun.

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: OSD002210-21: CONCERNS OVER NONPROFIT ECHOHEALTH ALLIANCE INC. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY

Good afternoon everyone,

If you have not already, can you upload the attached to the subject OPR and add HDGS CWMD Policy to OSD002210-21 manage assignment listing.
Instructions if you need them.

Click on USA (OPR) in the tasker status area
On the toolbar where you see "Save and close" you should see "Manage
Assignments" near the end.
Select Manage Assignments
In the search area type USP
USP tasker manager should filter it down to HDGS CWMD Policy

v/r
DASD Team Executive Assistant
Legislative Affairs

---Original Message---
From [redacted]

Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 3:50 PM
To [redacted]

Subject: Fwd: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER

[redacted] can you all help get HDGS CWMD Policy added as an OCR on
the attached letter response in CATMS?

Best,

[redacted]

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
for Legislative Affairs

Comm [redacted] DSN [redacted]
Subject: RE: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER

OSD Policy isn't on the coord for the attached letter response as OCR
and probably should be. Can you add OSD(P)/HDGS CWMD to the coord in CATMS or
does someone else need to do that? Thank you!

Best,

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
for Legislative Affairs

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
is the A&S Team Chief. If you've got the stick, I'll wave off.

The CATMS tasker is a little confusing.

Thanks,

-----Original Message-----
From:
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 8:52 AM
To:
Cc:

Subject: RE: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER

Hah, funny you should ask. I'm looking at our input as we speak. It has to go through Dr. Williams so we should have our input back in CATMS Monday/Tuesday.

Can you please remind me who the A&S team chief is?

V/k,

Chief of Legislative Affairs
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Office:
Cell:

-----Original Message-----
From:
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 8:49 AM
To:
Cc:

Subject: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER

Gents, I received the attached letter yesterday. Have you all seen this or was it tasked to you by ExecSec in CATMS? Just wanted to make sure this was being coord'd on by the appropriate folks. Thanks!

Best,
FYI - I sent these documents for review. I said she possible could have edits back on the HASC/ISO OFR's tomorrow afternoon.

Enjoy your evening. I am going to try and forget mine. I spent 4 hours on this mess today.

----- Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 4:40 PM
To: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: QFR's / Congressional Response (Redux)

My apologies for all the confusion on this, but see attached.

These are the drafts that are pending Dr. Williams review next Tuesday.
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Gents,

The big event to watch is what the Russians are going to do with this Aria Format UN Security Council Informal session in NY this coming Wed. Will keep you informed as I learn more. There is a Russian claim that Facebook is blocking lab disinfo content. I do not know the validity of that statement.

VR

Subject: Quick view DoD Russian Disinfo April 1-April 3

All,

The attached is a fast browse/read. There are a number of translated items from Telegram that give some picture of the propaganda fight, including a posting from the Ukrainian National Center for Disinformation.

Highlights:

- Russian Ambassador in Geneva is highlighting the German support to the labs in Ukraine

- Russia is sponsoring "informal session" on global military biological activities this Wed at 10 am in NY at the UN on margins of UNSC

- Duma is issuing statements expressing possibility of inviting Victoria Nuland to testify to their investigative committee

- Russia and China once again mentioning possibility of using some form of multilateral/international mechanism to consider US compliance with BWC

- Duma considers possibility of requesting access to labs receiving US support in Georgia and Kazakhstan

VR
the collapse of the USSR, was crowned with success. In the same period, Ukraine was turned into a testing ground for running various political technologies, including bioprojects used in the military sphere. Evidence the existence of which was discovered by the Russian military during the operation. Facts are stubborn things. Without waiting for the available evidence to be made public, having studied only the information posted on the Internet, one can understand the extent of Ukraine's involvement in the American biological courage. Judge for yourself.

This inhuman project originates in 1991, when the United States launched the so-called Nunn-Lugar program aimed at helping Russia and the CIS countries in the disposal of nuclear, chemical and other types of weapons of mass destruction that have been decommissioned and establishing control over their non-proliferation. The beneficiary of this program was the Pentagon, the curator was the Defense Intelligence Agency (the leading body of US military intelligence), more precisely, the National Center for Medical Intelligence, which is part of it, and the main executor was the US Department of Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). After that, two years later, the Ukrainian leadership signed a pact with Washington to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and since 2000, RUMO began to actively implement a military biological project in Ukraine, including a number of large companies affiliated with the Pentagon, such as like Black & Veatch Special Projects. Starting from 2005, the DTRA contracting company began the construction of biological laboratories on the territory of Ukraine, where American specialists violated the work, and Ukrainians were forbidden to enter....

The year 2005 marked the beginning of the dawn of American military biological activity. After the signing of an additional protocol to the pact between the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and DTRA on preventing the spread of technologies, pathogens and knowledge that can be used in the development of biological weapons, the Ukrainian military biological potential, in fact, passed into the hands of American specialists. But the most interesting fact is that in 2007-2014 at the biological three very interesting characters appeared in the field: Nathan Wolf - an employee of the US Department of Defense, Christopher Heinz - the stepson of former US Secretary of State John Kerry and Hunter Biden - the son of US President Joe Biden with his Global Viral Forecasting Institute (Global Viral) and Rosemont Seneca Partners, engaged in nonprofit research on transboundary pathogens and projects investing in these. By the way, in 2016, the structure of the founder of Global Viral Nathan Wolf - the EcoHealth Alliance Foundation was involved in research on coronaviruses transmitted by bats at the Wuhan Laboratory Research Center in China.

After the Maidan revolution in 2014, under the control of all the same activists from DIA and DTRA, Metabiota, Global Viral and Black & Veatch Special Projects begin to actively work within the framework of the Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP) with the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, headed by Ulyana- Nadezhda Suprun is an American citizen with a very specific biography.

Thanks to such close cooperation, Ukraine has become a biological testing ground. In the period from 2005 to 2014, the Pentagon deployed a large-scale, expensive system of reference laboratories in Odessa, Vinnytsia, Dnipropetrovsk, Lvov, Poltava, Kharkov, Kiev, Kherson and Ternopil, where pathogens of especially dangerous infections and strains were actively studied.
From: [b](0)
To: [b](0)
Cc: [b](0)
Subject: FW: SASC Inquiry - DTRA work with Eco Health Alliance
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:52:23 AM
Attachments: DTRA (CTR and RD) Grants to Eco Health Alliance.xlsx

[b](0) see below. I imagine both of your offices will want to participate in this call dr. Pope’s EA) will work with your EA’s to schedule it.

[b](0)

---Original Message---
From: [b](0)
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:11 AM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Cc: [b](0)

Subject: SASC Inquiry - DTRA work with Eco Health Alliance

Sir,

Good morning (SASC PSM) reached out yesterday re: House NDAA section prohibiting DoD work with Eco Health Alliance.

I passed him the attached spreadsheet which we shared with HASC last month. He would like a follow-on phone call with you next week. If we can offer him a few windows, that would be great.

Vfr,

Chief of Legislative Affairs
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

[b](0)
Can a member of your team review the before and after Guinea and Senegal letters and make similar edits to the Tanzania letter? I think it would be a good exercise to help your team with my writing style.

There are probably some other style lessons you can glean that I haven't listed -- and may not be conscious of myself.

Yr,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----
From:
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 1:06 PM
To: 
Cc: 

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Senegal, Tanzania and Guinea

Dr. Pope,

After some minor revisions to address the high degree of uncertainty.
attached are the proposed final versions of the letters to the U.S.
Ambassadors to Senegal, Tanzania and Guinea. We are working to coordinate
all the necessary stakeholder communications associated with these closeout
letters. Also, I expect that the letter for Liberia will be ready for your
review/send in the coming days.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best
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V/r,
Rob

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 2:00 PM
To: Lutinski, Hunter F SES DTRA SI (USA) [redacted]; Williams, Rhys M SES DTRA DIR (USA) [redacted]; Fletcher, Antonio M MG US ARMY DTRA DIR (USA) [redacted]; DTRA Ft. Belvoir Org List DTRA Directorate Directors [redacted]; DTRA Ft. Belvoir Org List DTRA Directorate Deputy Directors [redacted]; DTRA Ft. Belvoir Org List DTRA Directorate Deputy Directors [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: SI Weekly Report 10-14 May 21

Sir,

On behalf of Mr. Lutinski: We plan to have the OA6 final draft report for senior leader review early next week. The exercise team has been working with MG Fletcher to close loopholes in the exercise approval process to ensure greater visibility and oversight of Agency exercise participation. STB has started the second cycle of selecting STRATI research projects and will brief you on the program next Monday. PA is following up on all hands questions and we finally received a tentative timeline for the FY23-27 PBR.

Details attached.

Thank you very much.

v/r

Chief of Staff
Strategic Integration Directorate
DTRA
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From: Pope, Robert S. SES DTRA COOP Hq. RDCT (USA)
To: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT Senior Staff
Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG
Subject: FW: Summary: House NDAA Passes 316 to 113
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 9:17:28 AM

FYSA.

Vtr.
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----
From:
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 8:30 AM
To: DTRA Ft Belvoir DIR List DTRA CMD GP <dre.belvoir.dir.list.dtra-cmd-gp@mail.mil>
Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir Org List DTRA Directorate Directors <dre.belvoir.org.list.dtra-directorate-directors@mail.mil>; DTRA Ft Belvoir Org List DTRA Directorate Deputy Directors <dre.belvoir.org.list.dtra-directorate-deputy-directors@mail.mil>; DTRA Ft Belvoir DIR List Staff Office Chiefs <dre.belvoir.dir.list.staff-office-chiefs@mail.mil>; DTRA Ft Belvoir DIR List DAG Team <dre.belvoir.dir.list.dag-team@mail.mil>

Subject: Summary: House NDAA Passes 316 to 113

Senior Leaders,

Good morning. Last night, the House passed the FY22 NDAA by a vote of 316-113. The bill authorizes $740 billion in DoD spending - an increase of $25 billion over the President's request - and $25 billion for nuclear weapons programs under the Department of Energy. SASC approved similar funding levels in July and the full Senate is expected to take up the measure in the coming weeks.

High profile provisions included in the House-passed version include a 2.7% pay increase for service members, requiring women to register for the draft, and the establishment of a bipartisan commission to review U.S. involvement in Afghanistan over the last 20 years. The bill also includes provisions designed to strengthen U.S. alliances and pivots to Asia, especially through the new Pacific Deterrence Initiative.

Aside from CTR - which received a $105 million increase - DTRA funding was authorized at the levels from the President's request. Of the 487 amendments considered this week, notable items successfully added to the bill
include:

• Blocks funding for any purpose to EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.

• Directs the Executive Agent to designate a Joint Program Executive Officer for the EOD Program and assigns the DTRA Director to manage the Defense-wide program element funding for the Program.

• Increases funding for the Development of Medical countermeasures Against Novel Entities (DOMANE) program by $4.5 million to allow for the rapid screening of all FDA approved compounds and other human safe compound libraries to identify optimal drug candidates for repurposing as medical countermeasures for COVID-19 and other novel and emerging biothreats.

• Creates the Global Health Security Agenda Interagency Review Council to implement the Global Health Security Agenda and to appoint a U.S. Coordinator for Global Health Security to coordinate such efforts.

• Establishes a National Security Commission on Synthetic Biology.

• DoD, in coordination with Agriculture, HHS, and DHS, is to develop an annex to the National Biodefense Strategy for a national biodefense science and technology strategy and implementation plan.

• Includes the Global Pandemic Prevention and Biosecurity Act, which seeks to address the source of highly infectious diseases beginning in animal species, including by reducing the sale and trade of live and fresh wildlife for human consumption, and addressing food insecurity associated with a reliance on local game and wildlife.

• Provides an apology to individuals and their families in NM, UT, ID, and other states who were exposed to radiation from nuclear testing.

• Requires reporting on recent security assistance programs to Mali, Guinea, and Chad.

• Requires an annual report on and Congressional notification of U.S. efforts to counter malign foreign influence in Africa.

• Requires the Secretary of State to develop a strategy for engagement with Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

• The U.S. is to work with state and non-state partners to shut down certain commercial wildlife markets, end the trade in terrestrial wildlife for human consumption, and build international coalitions to reduce the demand for wildlife as food, to prevent the emergence of future zoonotic pathogens. Authorizes USAID to undertake programs to reduce the risk of endemic and emerging infectious disease exposure and to help transition communities globally to safer, non-wildlife sources of protein.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]
FYI - more fun. This should be relatively easy to answer when the tasker comes in.

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]

Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 11:12 AM

To: DTRA & Bohart CT List; CT; DAG; bohanet_list, bohanet_list

Subject: Tasker: EcoHealth Inquiry - CATMS19112021MS1TB6E Public Health Implications of Federal Funding Provided for Certain Virological Research

CT & RD,

This morning, DTRA received an EcoHealth Alliance inquiry from the Senate Homeland Security Committee. The letter is dated 11/18/2021, but R&E and A&S have been debating in the interim who is to respond and now a response is expected very soon. The questions they ask are as follows:

(1) All research proposals or grant applications submitted by or on behalf of EcoHealth Alliance (EcoHealth) and/or the Wuxian Institute of Virology (WIV).

(2) All documents or communications sent by the agency in response to any research proposal or grant application submitted by or on behalf of EcoHealth and/or the WIV.

It appears that we may be able to respond with the same data provided to HASC in August. I took the liberty of uploading such data to the supporting documents folder in the tasker for your review. Please update or add as necessary. An extension to the suspense date of 6 Jan 2022 is being requested.

Thanks,

Legislative Liaison
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
FYI

-----Original Message-----

CT received this TMT task, with a suspense date of July 15th, 4PM.

Pending any objections, I'll task to CT-BT. I'm creating an EIS task.

SUBJECT: Coordination on EcoHealth Alliance Inc. Congressional Inquiry

ACTION: Please coordinate on the one page letter response to Congress on EcoHealth Alliance Inc. (TAB A) found in Action Attachments via the coordination sheet (TAB C).

Please note that the original tasking (OSD0002210-21) will be used to submit the coordinated response. A new tasker was created in order to provide you with an appropriate suspense. Please have GC review and provide legal concurrence prior to completing the task.

TMT Hyperlink: https://dtra.mil/urGENCY.aspx#3784879

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**OSD002210-21**

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The Honorable Guy Reschenthaler  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  

Dear Representative Reschenthaler:  

Thank you for your letter dated April 30, 2020, regarding a 2017 grant awarded by the Department of Defense (DoD) to EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of Defense.  

The 2017 grant awarded $6.5 million to EcoHealth Alliance for scientific research into combating weapons of mass destruction. In your letter, you stated that EcoHealth Alliance has a history of collaborating with the Wuhan Institute of Virology in the People’s Republic of China. No portion of any funds granted by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency’s Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP) to EcoHealth Alliance supported work at the Wuhan Institute of Virology or any other activity in China.  

For grants awarded in support of the BTRP, the program engages with applicants early in the project development process to ensure that they understand there can be no transfer of funds to parties other than those authorized as sub-recipients by the Department. The Department’s program managers carefully review grant proposals to ensure that no prohibited activities (technical or financial) are included as part of any funded projects. Finally, the Department performs regular oversight of all grant awards through required reporting to ensure that research is conducted as authorized.  

Thank you for your dedication to the Armed Forces and unwavering support of our Service members across the globe. The Department will continue to dedicate its efforts to ensure the best force protection against the most dangerous threats facing our Nation and our Warfighters.  

My point of contact is Commander Jon Fay in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs at 703-693-4027 or jonathan.m.fay.mil@mil.mil.  

Sincerely,  

Michael D. Griffin
Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 15, 2021

The Honorable Lloyd Austin
Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Austin:

We write regarding federal funding awarded by the Department of Defense (DOD) to EcoHealth Alliance Inc. (EcoHealth), a New York-based non-profit organization with a history of collaborating with the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV).

As New York Magazine recently reported, EcoHealth funneled federal grant funding awarded by the U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency to researchers at the WIV. This is deeply concerning given the WIV is a possible origin site of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the lab has significant ties to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and military biological research.

It is also troubling that, according to government records, published research papers, and significant reporting, this is not the first time EcoHealth transferred taxpayer funding to a CCP lab. EcoHealth has partnered with the WIV since 2004, as discovered by the Wall Street Journal. Additionally, between 2015 and 2019, the WIV received approximately $598,500 from EcoHealth for a National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases-funded study on the risk of bat coronavirus emergence. Further, a 2015 WIV research project, which utilized Gain of Function (GOF) research on bats in China, was partially funded by EcoHealth through a grant awarded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Government spending data shows that from 2013 to the present, the DOD has awarded approximately $35 million in funding to EcoHealth in the form of contracts and grants. Significant, in 2017, the U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency awarded a $6.5 million grant to EcoHealth to study the risk of bat-borne zoonotic disease emergence in Western Asia.

As you know, the CCP runs the WIV. Following the COVID-19 outbreak, the CCP replaced the former WIV head with China’s top biowarfare expert, Major General Chen Wei. The WIV facility houses a Biosafety Level IV laboratory, which is the only maximum-security biosafety containment lab in China, and has a history of safety concerns even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, in 2018, two Department of State cables raised concerns regarding safety at the WIV, highlighting “a serious shortage of appropriately trained technicians and investigators..."
needed to safely operate this high-containment laboratory." In recent weeks, the Department of State confirmed that several researchers at the WIV became sick with COVID-19-like symptoms in the fall of 2019, and since 2017, the WIV has engaged in classified research with the Chinese military.\(^2\)

Given the similarities between previously federally funded research at the WIV and the DOD grant funding awarded to EcoHealth, we respectfully request answers to the following questions:

1. How much funding awarded to EcoHealth through DOD has been given to or used in collaboration with the WIV?
2. Was EcoHealth authorized by DOD to transfer taxpayer funding to the WIV? If so, how much funding was provided the Chinese WIV, and for what purposes?
3. Was the grant funding awarded to EcoHealth for GOF research?
4. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, has DOD reconsidered, paused, or cancelled work with EcoHealth or the WIV?
5. Has any other DOD grant, contract, or subcontract been used to fund work at the WIV?

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We look forward to hearing from you.

Very respectfully,

Guy Reschenthaler  
Member of Congress

Matt Gaetz  
Member of Congress

Jeff Van Drew  
Member of Congress

Michael Cloud  
Member of Congress

Thomas G. Tiffany  
Member of Congress

Louie Gohmert  
Member of Congress

Dr. James R. Baird  
Member of Congress

W. Gregory Steube  
Member of Congress

Bill Posey  
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Brian Babin  
Member of Congress

Scott Perry  
Member of Congress

Fred Keller  
Member of Congress

\(^{\text{Ibid.}}\)

Ronny L. Jackson
Member of Congress
From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
CC: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: TMT Task: DTRA-210713-G3HH: Coordination on EcoHealth Alliance Inc. Congressional Inquiry
Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 11:14:52 AM

-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 11:11 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: TMT Task: DTRA-210713-G3HH: Coordination on EcoHealth Alliance Inc. Congressional Inquiry

Got it. One sec.

v/r,

[Redacted]

Department Chief
Biological Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 10:58 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: TMT Task: DTRA-210713-G3HH: Coordination on EcoHealth Alliance Inc. Congressional Inquiry

FYI - please review. We answered this already, but the Pentagon chopped on it and re-vised a few things.

-----Original Message-----
CT received this TMT task, with a suspense date of July 15th, 4PM.

Pending any objections, I’ll task to CT-BT. I’m creating an EIS task.

SUBJECT: Coordination on EcoHealth Alliance Inc. Congressional Inquiry

ACTION: Please coordinate on the one page letter response to Congress on EcoHealth Alliance Inc. (TAB A) found in Action Attachments via the coordination sheet (TAB C).

Please note that the original tasking (OSD02210-21) will be used to submit the coordinated response. A new tasker was created in order to provide you with an appropriate suspense. Please have GC review and provide legal concurrence prior to completing the task.

TMT Hyperlink: https://dra.tmt.army.mil/main.aspx#3784372

Action Officer:

Program Scientist | Strategic Analysis, Inc.

OUSD(R&E)/Basic Research Office

CATMS Officer:
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Here is the article that alleges that DTFAA was involved in funding gain of function experimentation at the Wuhan lab that created the Coronavirus:

--- Forwarded Message ---

From: [Email Address]  
To: [Email Address]  
Cc: [Email Address]  

Sent: Sat, Jun 6, 2021 at 15:01  
Subject: RE: Article  

Hi,

I learned the PAO and the main office had a chance to look at this article before I left DTFAA. An independent blogger had discovered this connection in late January 2020 and posted it on a popular blog along with the supporting evidence.

In short, DTFAA was funding gain of function experimentation in Wuhan. I suspect even the money that went from NIH may have originated from DTFAA.

DTFAA may get its 1.5 millions at least.

Perhaps you would like to alert DTFAA PAO. The link is to the RealState blog article which has a link to the Daily Mail (UK) article.

Money quote from RealState:

"Research papers published by the Wuhan coronaviruses identify the grant funding as having come from USAID and PREDICT. But the limited timeframe didn’t reveal that the funding distributed through PREDICT had, in part, come from the Defense Department — specifically the DOD’s ‘Defense Threat Reduction Agency’. "
From the Daily Mail:

"From the article:

* Grants from the Pentagon included $6,491,025 from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) from 2017 to 2020.

The article states: "Grants from the Pentagon included $6,491,025 from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) from 2017 to 2020 with the description: 'Understanding the risk of non-biodegradable disease emergence in Western Asia.'"

"The Pentagon financed $3 million to a charity that funded Wuhan Lab" - Daily Mail Online - Cenina - https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9122487/The-Pentagon-financed-3-million-charity-funded-Wuhan-Lab.html

"The Pentagon financed $3 million to a charity that funded Wuhan Lab"

Josh Bozwell

Federal data posted by DailyMail.com reveals The Pentagon gave $38 million to charity Health Alliance International (HAI), w..."

I would NOT assume anyone in P3/4 is doing anything about this or even aware. I would urge you to make them at least aware, and Dr. K as well."
See attached. Bottomline question: Is CTR doing work that is funding or has funded EcoHealth Alliance for work on bat-borne zoonotic disease occurrence in Western Asia. Need feedback, yes or no ASAP.
Solutions <osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.list.enterprise-solutions@mail.mil <mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.list.enterprise-solutions@mail.mil>>
Cc: OSD Pentagon OUSD A-S Mailbox AS-CMO <osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.as-cmo@mail.mil>
Subject: FW: (U) Tasker(s) Assigned by CMD Susp 05/22/2020 03:59 (UTC)
CATMS010520206YF4P8 | 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

Request NCB and Sustainment take a quick look at this task (copy attached).

It is a congressional regarding a DoD Grant to EcoHealth Alliance. (Same organization the President just shut down NIH Grant)

If A&S has not been involved in this Grant let me know and if you know who may have been involved (Army?) let me know.

I want to try to make the 24 hour rule and get this assigned to someone else if it is not ours. CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
Subject: Tasker(s) Assigned by CMD | SUSP 05/22/2020 03:59 (UTC) | CATMS010520296YF4P8 | 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

Either a new Tasker has been assigned to you or an existing Tasker assignment has been updated with additional information. Click the appropriate link to your assignment in either the OPR or OCR list below to access your copy of the Tasker.

Priority: Normal
Category: General
Action: None

Subject: 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE
Task Initiator: CMD
Response Type: RDC-Reply Direct by OSD or DoD Component Head
Suspense: 05/22/2020 03:59 (UTC)

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OPR Instructions: "REQUIRED COORDS: LA, GC"
For Release: No
For Response: No

OCR: N/A
OCR Suspense: N/A
OCR Instructions: N/A


Original Instructions:
"REQUIRED COORDS: LA, GC"

TMT Home: <https://crm.osd.mil/CATMSI/>
FYI below. Also, I let [redacted] know about this, but told them not to reach out.

----Original Message----

From [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 2:39 PM

To [redacted]

Subject: Virtual Introduction

Good to speak with you yesterday. As promised, [redacted] is our DTRA Representative in Singapore, and who leads our forward-footprint in the region – to include India. Right now, we do not have permanent presence in the EMB in New Delhi, contact info is below. Also attached are the fact sheets we discussed.

"Please keep these close-held and do not promulgate within the EMB or share with our foreign partners. The fact sheet labeled "GNS India" is particularly sensitive."

Chief, Regional Cooperative Engagement Office – Indo-Pacific

Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)

U.S. Embassy Singapore

Phone [redacted]

Mobile [redacted]

[redacted] is a SOCOM LNO assigned to the USEMB India. He will be there for the next three years engaging with his Indian counterparts focused on training and relationship building. At SOCOM’s request, I recently gave a CTR presentation to SOCOM personnel to include about 10 foreign partners (SOF LNO’s to SOCOM in Tampa) virtually attended that presentation and had some follow up questions about our engagement with India, and spent some time going over our Nuke/Bio activities in country, had some interesting suggestions and shared some insight into potential Indian demand signals in terms of Border Security, which I will research further. Over time, [redacted] may develop partnerships with some of the people who could be involved in nuke security and loose material.

No action required, just establishing relationships that could be of future value. Contact info is below.
Special Operations Liaison Officer (SOLO) India USSOCOM J3-International U.S. Embassy New Delhi

Email: [REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED]

Deputy Director

Cooperative Threat Reduction Directorate

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

[REDACTED] Work Cell: [REDACTED]
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Data for your use as you help us identify acquisition process improvements.

Vbr.

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

Dr. Pope,

Please find attached the weekly WAT comparison. This compares WAT data as of 22 August to WAT data as of 29 August. Please note that the EAD for CTB-20-202, the [redacted], changed from 9/30/22 to 10/28/22. This, of course, will increase the carryover of FY22 funds into FY23.

Please let me know if there are any questions.
Thank you.

Budget Analyst and CTR Finance Integrator, SI-FMOO

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FYSA. Sorry I didn’t get this to you before the business meeting.

Vbr,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

Dr. Pope.

As a supplement to the business meeting slides I sent a few minutes ago, I’ve attached a WAT Snapshot Comparison that compares the UICs that were planned on being awarded in November as of 14 November with those same UICs as of today. After the business meeting slides were produced, some of the programs, BTRP and PPP in particular, made updates to their WAT spend plan. Since those changes are not captured in the business meeting slides, this WAT Snapshot Comparison provides updated data as of this morning as to the status of the UICs with planned obligation dates in November.

The key takeaway is the following: as of 14 November, 28 UICs were planned to be awarded by the end of November. Of the 28 UICs, by 30 November, 6 were awarded, 21 were still planned, and one was removed. Of the 21 UICs still planned, 18 UICs’ EADs were pushed to the right (shaded yellow).

Thank you.
Budget Analyst and CTR Finance Integrator, SI-FMOO

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Vtr,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

Dr. Pope,

I’ve attached the latest WAT comparison. This compares WAT data as of 19 September to WAT data as of 26 September for awards planned through the end of the fiscal year. Please note that some items were pushed to the right; these items are highlighted in blue.

From the “Top 10 list,” here are the statuses of those items:

Awarded:
Moved to FY23:

To award by 9/30/22:

Thank you.

Budget Analyst and CTR Finance Integrator, SI-FMOO

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FYSA. Includes highlights from yesterday's posture hearing to the HASC.

Vir.  
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES  
Director  
Cooperative Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 4:42 PM  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted]  
Subject: Weekly Legislative Update - 05.04.21

Senior Leaders,

Good afternoon. Attached is this week’s legislative update. Thank you to the entire team in preparing Dr. Williams for his testimony before the House Committee on Armed Services subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations today. The full transcript and video of the hearing will be available tomorrow. We expect to receive questions for the record by the end of this week.

Have a great evening!  

Vir.

Chief of Legislative Affairs  
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
HEADLINES

- Senate: Not in session this week. Returning next week for votes.
- House: Committee work only this week. Returning next week for votes. HASC-ISO held their annual CWMD posture hearing today. A summary can be found below.

HEARINGS OF INTEREST

FY22 DoD CWMD Strategy, Policy & Programs
- May 4, 1100
- House Armed Services - Intelligence & Special Operations Subcommittee
- Witnesses:
  - Jennifer Walsh (A/ASD-Homeland Defense & Global Security)
  - Dr. Brandi Vann (A/ASD-NCB)
  - VADM Timothy Szymanski (Deputy Commander, USSOCOM)
  - Dr. Rhys Williams (A/DIR, DTRA)
- The virtual hearing was attended by eight of fifteen members on the Subcommittee. Chairman Gallego opened the hearing by expressing his concern over a possible weaponized COVID-like virus. He also asked the panel about the quality of our CWMD efforts with allies like South Korea, India and Japan. Ranking Member Kelly highlighted the threat of poisoning from biological agents as evidenced by recent Russian activity and how we preserve or strengthen international norms in the chem/bio arena. He also asked specifically about DoD grant funding for EcoHealth Alliance and their subsequent work with the Wuhan Institute of Virology. Secretary Austin recently received a letter on this topic from a separate group of House Members.
- Rep. Bacon asked Dr. Vann if Iran was our number one threat for nuclear proliferation and if there were concerns with Iran colluding with Al Qaeda and WMD. He finished by commenting on the current status of Open Skies. Rep. Waltz, a green beret and former Director of the OSD Afghanistan policy desk, inquired on what CIED capabilities we are leaving behind in Afghanistan and what the withdrawal plan looked like. Other members raised questions about synthetic biology, fentanyl, the Korean Peninsula, and the impact of the withdrawal from Afghanistan on CWMD efforts including the Pakistan nuclear program. A number of questions were deferred to a classified discussion or written response.

POSTURE HEARING RECAP

United States Nuclear Deterrence Policy and Strategy
- April 28 (SASC-Strategic Forces)
- While the hearing was sparsely attended, SASC full committee Chairman Reed did join and asked questions. As expected, there was agreement among panelists and witnesses that nuclear
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Vbr.
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

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Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 2:49 PM
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    DTRA Ft Belvoir Org List DTRA Directorate Deputy Directors
    DTRA Ft Belvoir DIR List Staff Office Chiefs
    DTRA Ft Belvoir DIR List DAG Team
    DTRA Ft Belvoir DIR List LA Govt

Subject: Weekly Legislative Update - 6.24.22

Senior Leaders,
Good Afternoon. Please see attached this week's legislative update.

Included in this issue are updates on House NDAA and appropriations activity.

V/r,

[Redacted]

Legislative Liaison
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

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FYSA -- lots going on up on the Hill this week.

For BTRP, note the NDAA amendment proposed by Rep. Reschenthaler, which states that no funds authorized under this Act may be made available for any purpose to EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. We will need to track whether this makes it into the final legislation.

Vtr.
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

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From: Pope, Robert S <RSPope.DTRA.DOD>@USDA
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 4:13 PM
To: DTRA Ft Belvoir DIR List DTRA CMD GP
Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir Org List DTRA Directorate Directors

Subject: Weekly Legislative Update - 09.21.21

Senior Leaders,

Good afternoon. Attached is this week's legislative update. Also attached is a list of FY22 NDAA amendments recently approved by the House Rules Committee considered to be in order for House Floor debate. We expect they may take up the NDAA tomorrow afternoon after the government funding discussion is resolved.

Some amendments we will be tracking closely include:
- Rep. Crawford (121) - Directs the Executive Agent to designate a joint program executive officer for the FOD
Defense Program.
- Rep. Dunn (131) - Increases the Development of Medical countermeasures Against Novel Entities (DOMANE) program to allow for the rapid screening of all FDA approved compounds and other human safe compound libraries to identify optimal drug candidates for repurposing as medical countermeasures for COVID-19 and other novel and emerging biorisks.
- Rep. Joyce/Langevin (210) - Directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, to develop an annex to the National Biodefense Strategy described under Section 104 of title 6, United States Code for a national biodefense science and technology strategy and implementation plan, no later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this bill.
- Rep. Reschenthaler (354) - States that no funds authorized under this Act may be made available for any purpose to EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.
- Rep. Smith (396) - Requires the GAO to conduct a study of the possible experimentation of ticks, insects, or vector-borne agents by the DOD between 1950 and 1977 for use as a bioweapon.

Very Respectfully,
Duyne (TX) espionage.

Reschenthaler (PA), Van Drew (NJ), Perry (PA), Harshbarger (TN), Keller (PA), Budd (NC) States that no funds authorized under this Act may be made available for any purpose to EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.

Reschenthaler (PA), Kim, Young (CA), Van Duyne (TX) Adds countries that are major producers of fentanyl and fentanyl-like substances to the Majors List and adds a new section on fentanyl to the annual International Narcotics Control Strategy Report.

Reschenthaler (PA), Fitzpatrick (PA), Kelly, Mike (PA), Thompson, Glenn (PA), Smucker (PA), Lamb (PA) Develops and implements an investment and sustainment plan to ensure the sourcing of cannon tubes for the purpose of mitigating risk to the Army and the industrial base.

Reschenthaler (PA), Kelly, Mike (PA), Lamb (PA), Doyle (PA) Includes Purple Heart award recipients on the DOD military valor website who receive the award after the enactment of this Act.

Reschenthaler (PA), Kelly, Mike (PA), Thompson, Glenn (PA), Lamb (PA), Doyle (PA) Expresses a Sense of Congress that the additive manufacturing and machine learning initiative of the Army has the potential to accelerate the ability to deploy additive manufacturing capabilities in expeditionary settings and strengthen the United States defense industrial supply chain.

Ross (NC) Requires a report on the availability of menstrual hygiene products on military bases and accommodations related to menstrual hygiene available to members of the Armed Forces.

Ross (NC) Requires a report on potential TRICARE coverage of preconception and prenatal carrier screening tests for certain medical conditions.
FYSA.

VIR.

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

Subject: Weekly Legislative Update - 11.09.21

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Very Respectfully,

Legislative Liaison
HEADLINES

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NOMINATIONS

* **Department of Defense**:
  * **Confirmed**
    * [Box] **Army Asst. Secretary-Civil Works** (Confirmed Nov 4)
FYSA.

Vir.

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

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From: [Name]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 1:15 PM
To: [Emails]
Cc: [Emails]

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Defense Threat Reduction Agency

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- **Department of Defense:**
  - **Confirmed**
    - [Army Asst. Secretary-Civil Works](https://example.com) (Confirmed Nov 4)
FYSA.

V/r,
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----
From: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THREAT REDUCT (USA)
To: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT Senior Staff; DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG
Subject: FW: Weekly Legislative Update - 12.15.21
Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 5:01:50 PM
Attachments: 2021-12-15 Legislative Update.pdf
Hearing on Biosecurity.pdf

Senior Leaders,

Good afternoon. Attached is this week’s legislative update.

Today, the Senate passed the NDAA and sent it to the President. The update also includes a summary of last week’s hearing on biosecurity and I’ve attached a condensed transcript.

V/r,

DTRA Legislative Affairs
HEADLINES

- **Senate:** The upper chamber will be in session this week, and possibly next, as they attempt to complete three priority items before the holidays: the debt limit, the NDAA, and the Build Back Better Act – a $2 trillion climate and social spending bill. The debt limit was approved yesterday and today the NDAA was agreed to and sent to the President. SASC also sent the JCS Vice-Chair nomination of ADM Christopher Grady to the floor.

- **House:** Yesterday, the House completed their work for the week with votes on the debt limit, combating Islamophobia, barring the importation of goods made with forced Uyghur labor, and holding[^6] in contempt of Congress over his refusal to comply with the January 6th special committee. This is likely the final week in session for the House this year.

- **NDAA:** The Senate voted to pass the $768 billion defense bill today by a vote of 89-10. The measure now goes to the President for his signature. The bill language is identical to the text that was released last week. A key provision on EcoHealth Alliance bars any funding of projects conducted in China. Funding-wise, notable increases include $105 million more for BTRP and $5.877 million more for overall RDT&E.

- **Debt Limit:** Yesterday, both chambers approved of the final step to raise the debt limit by another $2.5 trillion. The bill’s passage sets up another showdown on the debt ceiling as soon as November 2022.

- **Nominations:** DoD nominees[^5] (CIO) and[^5] (Operational Test & Evaluation) were confirmed yesterday. However, with 58 nominees blocked over holds placed by conservatives on other key posts, Senate Majority Leader Schumer has threatened to keep his chamber in session over the weekend and into next week to get movement on the slate. Two Republican Senators have placed holds on high profile Defense and State Department nominees over their objections to related administration policies. Sens. Ted Cruz and Josh Hawley have pledged to maintain their holds until they get a vote on sanctions over the Nord Stream 2 pipeline effort and more accountability over the pullout of troops from Afghanistan, respectively.

KEY HEARING SUMMARY

**Biosecurity for the Future: Strengthening Deterrence and Detection**

- **8 Dec, 1000**
- **House Foreign Affairs - Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia & Nonproliferation**
- **Witnesses:**
  - Nuclear Threat Initiative
  - Johns Hopkins University-School of Public Health
  - (Council on Strategic Risks: Former ASD-NBC)
  - Sculpting Evolution Group, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Summary:** Discussion alternated between the prevention and defeat of naturally occurring health challenges as well as acts of bioterrorism. The chairman advocated for improved international
biosecurity systems, but also praised advancements and investments in efforts such as gene sequencing, bio surveillance, and detection. The ranking member was critical of China’s efforts to hide COVID, highlighted the fact that lab accidents are frequent, and sought a better enforcement mechanism for the Biological Weapons Convention. Former ASD(NCB) enjoyed a “deterrence through denial” strategy for biological weapons that would render any bio threat ultimately unsuccessful through the availability of sufficient countermeasures. He stated that we have the technologies today to make this strategy a reality.

Optimism was contrasted by the testimony from who was highly critical of scientists who seek to learn and share which viruses could cause new pandemics as their research will eventually assist bioterrorists. Professor called out Eco Health Alliance as a prime culprit in this area and blasted federal funding for making it all possible. encouraged the panel to support more focused research as opposed to the “overly broad surveillance and basic analysis” that is currently conducted to combat zoonotic events. He also expressed support for vaccines and felt that the medical community should be more proactive in pushing back on anti-vaccine elements. Finally, promoted a three-pronged approach to biosecurity, which included (1) stronger global norms, (2) development of a reliable system for attribution and accountability, and (3) an increased financial commitment from the U.S. and global partners to make these goals a reality.

**NOMINATIONS**

**Department of Defense:**

- **Confirmed (Date)**
  - Dir, DoD Operational Test & Evaluation (14 Oct)
  - DoD Chief Information Officer (14 Dec)

- **Intention to Nominate (Date Announced)**
  - Secretary of the Navy (13 Dec)
  - SAF Asst. Secretary-Financial Management & Comptroller (13 Dec)
  - Army Asst. Secretary-Manpower & Reserve Affairs (8 Dec)
  - USD-A&S (Nov 30)

- **Reported to Full Senate (Date reported)**
  - ADM Christopher Grady – Vice Chair, Joint Chiefs of Staff (14 Dec)
  - DUSD Personnel & Readiness (8 Dec)
  - Army General Counsel (8 Dec)
  - DUSD for Policy (28 Oct)
  - ASA Acquisition, Technology & Logistics (28 Oct)
  - USN General Counsel (28 Oct)
  - Under Secretary of the Army (21 Oct)
  - USD for Research & Engineering (21 Oct)
  - USAF Asst. Secretary-Acquisition, Technology, Logistics (21 Oct)
  - Asst. Army Secretary for Installations & Environment (21 Oct)
  - USAF Asst. Sec.-Manpower & Reserve Affairs (21 Oct)

- **Nomination Hearing Held (Date of Hearing)**
KEVIN ESVEKT: Thank you, Chairman Bera, Ranking Member Chabot, members of the Subcommittee. Thank you for inviting me here today. And Additional thanks to my fellow witnesses for outlining the situation.

As a practicing biotechnologist I am deeply concerned that pandemic viruses pose a proliferation threat greater than that of nuclear weapons. The US government can take specific steps that would greatly reduce this risk. The threat is severe because new technologies have given thousands of skilled individuals the ability to assemble infectious viruses using materials and equipment that can be ordered online.

If scientists learn and share which viruses could cause new pandemics, no matter how pure our motives, everyone with these skills will gain access to credible weapons of mass destruction. For example, even though there are no virologist in my own lab at MIT, perhaps a third of us could order synthetic DNA in the mail, and successfully follow published step by step virus assembly verticals.

Thankfully, scientists don’t yet know of any animal or lab-created viruses that would cause another pandemic. But, some well-meaning programs that aim to prevent or mitigate natural pandemics are trying to identify all of the viruses that could cause them and publish a list of the most threatening ones. This inadvertently threatens US national security and the world’s future. I do not believe that there are remotely commensurate benefits. The vast majority of pandemic viruses would never naturally jump into humans and finding the remainder would not speed vaccine development.

The main proliferation risk comes from laboratory experiments performed by Eco Health Alliance and similar programs to determine which viruses would likely cause pandemics. These experiments are the equivalent of nuclear tests. They first received federal support back when it was much harder to make viruses. And funding has continued under administrations of both parties.

Nations from the Netherlands to China to Germany have also funded these kinds of experiments. In my opinion, they should be stopped. Not just in China and in the US, but everywhere.

If successful, pandemic virus prediction will give thousands of actors the ability to ignite more pandemics at the same time than would normally occur in a century.

If there is published peer-reviewed research describing the potential of these viral weapons, threats to use them will be all too credible. Imagine a rogue state warning that infectious samples of all the top ranked pandemic viruses will be released in airports if their regime is overthrown. Extremist groups, apocalyptic cults, or even a lone wolf bioterrorist could kill more people than any nuclear weapon.

So what can be done to minimize our vulnerability to pandemic proliferation? First, Congress should issue a finding that pandemic virus prediction threatens the security of the United States. That alone would change the tenor of the discussion and lead federal agencies with little security expertise to rethink their support and oversight of such experiments, which are only performed by a tiny fraction of neurology labs.

Second, the US and other governments should limit access to synthetic viral DNA. The California State Legislature recently passed well-targeted legislation with this intent, but it was vetoed on the grounds that security bills should be enacted federally.
Sir,

Attached are letters from the team for Guinea and Tanzania.

Many thanks to [REDACTED] and their teams.

Acting Department Chief

Biological Threat Reduction Program

Cooperative Threat Reduction

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

BTRP 101 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1E4-WulYRA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1E4-WulYRA)

Research Culture [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93T8w1hUT8o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93T8w1hUT8o)

Zoonotics https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nocIfklLw <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nocIfklLw>

Lugar Center https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkiUly_WYmE <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkiUly_WYmE>
Dr. Williams,

For your situational awareness, late yesterday DTRA received an RFI from the HASC regarding DTRA work with EcoHealth Alliance. Most of the RFI includes questions we have answered before stating CTR didn't fund any work in China. The new part of this RFI is a request for copies of “the agreements, initial research reports and all progress/final reports.” We have those assembled for transmission and will route to the FO with the rest of CT’s tasker response. We're also sending all of this to TRAC and CWMD-Policy for their review and awareness.

Yr,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES

Director

Cooperative Threat Reduction
The OAAC section of the ARC has four funded lines but only three of them have descriptions in the text. Please provide a 1-paragraph activity summary for Operational Evaluations that will go on pg 77 of the attached draft. Please get that paragraph to me by noon on Tue 12 Jan. Thanks for the quick turn!

Vor,
Rob
Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

--- Original Message ---
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 2:20 PM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Cc: [Redacted]
DAG <dtra.belvoir.ct.list.ct-dag@mail.mil>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: FY21 CTR Annual Report to Congress

Dr. Pope,

Please find attached the ARC with consolidated input from SE, PP, BT, and Finance. PI confirmed they had no comment or edits.

Thank you,

Booz | Allen | Hamilton
CTR A&AS Support Contractor
Sir,

As requested, here is the brief from this morning.

Regards,

BTRP Country Manager, Thailand and India
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Good morning,

Sharing a very long article that is probably of interest to you. “The origin of COVID: Did people or nature open Pandora’s box at Wuhan?” It gets fairly technical in parts, but it discusses the theory of COVID coming from the Wuhan Institute of Virology. The author also mentions EcoHealth Alliance and is funding sources, and more. I am still working through the article, but will flag anything of note as I can read through it.

<https://thebulletin.org/2021/05/the-origin-of-covid-did-people-or-nature-open-pandoras-box-at-wuhan/>

Very Respectfully,

CTR Director’s Action Group

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but delete the original message. Please notify the sender by email at the address shown. Thank you for your compliance.
FYSA, tonight’s 60 Minutes included a segment on WIV and EcoHealth Alliance’s NIH grant. No mention of DTRA but thought it might be of interest.

BLUF: There’s no provision of USG funds to the Institute.

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CTR Director's Action Group Lead
Cooperative Threat Reduction
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
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Good morning,

Please find the meeting minutes and Q&A readout from Wednesday's Virtual Town Hall attached. Thank you to those who participated. Please note that the attached is not for distribution outside of CTR without approval by the CT Front Office.

Thank you,

Booz Allen Hamilton
CTR A&AS Support Contractor
Director's Action Group Action Officer
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Sir,

The EIS folks have changed their guidance yet again (first an emailed query from Todd; then a formal tasker asking for answers to the 3 questions; which we were told separately to run by DTRA/GC and DTRA/LA; now a Form 1 and Action Memo that needs to be formally coordinated with GC and LA before DIR sees it, which they will then coordinate with OSD/GC and OSD/LA before it goes up to U/S Lord) on this. I’ve been coordinating with Joe and BTRP on the language, so their formal sign off on a package shouldn’t take long.

I’m having my team put things in the new required format(s), but flagging that you will receive a Form 1 for signature once we assemble it and get GC/LA sign off on same.

Sorry for the moving goalposts (I’m not sure what’s generated this upstairs; same thing happened with Seibert’s ETP package this morning).

V/r,

CTR Director’s Action Group Lead

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Dr. Pope,

Sir, please find below a rough transcript of the few minutes Dr. William Karesh briefly raised the work of BTRP in relation to zoonotic diseases.

IAM BIO Podcast <https://www.bio.org/podcast> hosted by Congressman Jim Greenwood

Episode 12: COVID-19’s True Origins (with guest Dr. William Karesh of EcoHealth Alliance)

Section mentioning BTRP starts at 32:02; ends at 33:20.

Greenwood: If you ruled the world, Dr. Karesh, what would be the list of things that you would do to reduce the threat of zoonotic diseases in the future?

Karesh: Well, there are quite a few. And I certainly think there have been some programs in the past that are at the US Federal Government level that could certainly be enhanced... The Defense Department has a program under the Defense Threat Reduction Agency called the Biological Threat Reduction Program. They do remarkable work – like engaging with researchers around the world... on these emerging diseases – both animal and human diseases. They require... a scientist from the United States partnering with a foreign scientist. You build a trusted relationship, and you know what’s going on in their laboratories, and you communicate. That started back with nuclear threat reduction, with the collapse of the Soviet Union. They started investing in that and expanding – that program could be a lot bigger... 

Please let me know if you need anything else. Thank you.

Very Respectfully,

CTR Director’s Action Group
Sir,

Please see attached and below ref the BTRP Metrics RAH for tomorrow's discussion. I've also attached it to the calendar item. Thank you.

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CTR Director’s Action Group Lead
Cooperative Threat Reduction
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
CTR A&AS Contractor
Booz Allen Hamilton

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:19 PM
To: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: BTRP 2020 Metrics Summary

Please find the BTRP 2020 Metrics Summary brief for tomorrow’s meeting (19 February @ 1000) with Dr. Pope attached.

Please acknowledge receipt and let me know if you have any questions.
International Project Manager, Science Division

Biological Threat Reduction Program

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

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Gentlemen,

Lots of variety in the current reporting, but most worthy of note is the Indonesia disinfo, from two perspectives. The first is that this story has only appeared once before in 2022, and then only one time before that in Sept 2021. The timing of this intense barrage in the Russian and Chinese domestic and international news services is suspect given that there was a meeting discussing health cooperation between DoD officials and the Embassy Jakarta less than 12 hours before these stories hit the wires.

It also highlights the need to approach the disinfo problem from a Departmental perspective. While there is a natural fusion between most of the elements of the CBW Defense and CTR sides, there are numerous gaps across the broader Service and DoD health enterprise in coordinating messages and maintain cognizance over activities.

We have engaged representatives from the PIOA who are examining ways of addressing this challenge.

Very Respectfully, and I hope you have a relaxing and refreshing weekend.
environment, if it looks like a duck, quacks like a duck, the color of the feathers do not matter.

--Both Russia and China are exploiting fears about the current grain international food crisis. They are propagating claims that the US is working on anti-crop agents as well as "insect allies" and "insect cyborgs."

-CBS news did several positive stories, including a video with a tour and visit to one of the public health labs in Ukraine. One piece of data in the video is the statistic that 26% of Americans believe the biolab narrative.

I will also send, via follow-on email, a 2013 joint US-Russian Academy of Sciences Report summarizing their history of bio-engagement. In summary, it is a "love letter" between the two countries before a nasty divorce.

The latest charges that started appearing this am are broad statements claiming that the US is undermining nonproliferation norms, more to follow this weekend.

Have a nice holiday weekend.....

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Pilot Growth’s partner, among others, is Metabiota, which, according to the Russian Ministry of Defense, is among the project implementers in Ukraine, which were tasked with creating elements of selective biological weapons and which used Ukraine as a biotesting ground, a place for testing new drugs. Metabiota CEO Italia Madhav appeared in the case file, which the Russian Ministry of Defense showed as part of profile briefings.

On the Pilot Growth website, Madhav commented: "Partnering with Pilot Growth was a great decision for our company; they have been loyal allies and brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to our relationship. We are very lucky to have them on our team."

Such statements indicate a fairly close relationship.

There is one important nuance. Nita Madhav is a former Special Pathogens Officer at the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC). She also worked for Air Worldwide (until 2015). The latter is engaged in modeling large-scale disasters, predicting the consequences of outbreaks of epidemic diseases.

And the Board of Directors of Metabiota is headed by Nathan Wolf (Nathan Wolfe, in open sources is also listed as the founder) - a member of the Council for Defense Scientific Research of the US Department of Defense (DARPA). This department, among other things, is developing the latest weapons for the Pentagon. For example, in 2005 Wolf received the National Institutes of Health Director's Award for pioneering research on virus transmission. Wolf is known to have studied monkey viruses. According to some sources, Wolf is also on a board of EcoHealth, another defendant in the biolab case, in which Peter Daszak, whose name is closely associated with the covid pandemic, is a key figure. EcoHealth Alliance is partnering with the Wuhan Institute of Virology. Namely, Wuhan was called the starting point of infection with COVID-19.

Do not forget that Metabiota is associated with Hunter Biden.

But back to Pilot Growth.

The website of this company previously published a forecast made by the same Metabiota: “The probability that in the next 25 years another pandemic or epidemic will occur in the world, from which at least as many people will die as from COVID-19, is from 47% to 57%”.

It also clarified that the likelihood of another pandemic of the same or larger scale as COVID-19 is much higher than many experts expect: 2.5-3.3% this year, 22-28% in the next 10 years and 47-57% in the next 25 years.

Metabiota is noted to model the frequency and scale of future pandemics, potential financial losses, and the likely impact of interventions.

There are quite a few releases on the Pilot Growth website that relate specifically to the work of Metabiota.

**Notable Pilot Growth Team and Biden Connections**
Dr. Pope,

U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine provided the attached report in advance of your meeting with them on this Thursday.

V/r,

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Executive Assistant in support of the Director

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• CDC provides experts who spend months at a time working in country B, helping to improve laboratory practices and upgrade a legacy laboratory to deal with more difficult pathogens.

• Country C has an Institute Pasteur laboratory that participates in the same regional network of researchers on zoonotic diseases with conferences and joint research organized by the EcoHealth Alliance.

• The State Department’s Biological Engagement Program sponsors a nonprofit organization to conduct biosecurity training and upgrades at laboratories in country C.

• Most of these organizations provide information to the World Health Organization (WHO) and participate in regional WHO conferences. As part of its commitment under the Global Health Security Agenda to implement the WHO International Health Regulations (2005), country B is conducting a Joint External Evaluation, while country A is considering doing the same.

In this hypothetical situation there is little or no obvious and unnecessary redundancy, which is good. Likewise, all of these efforts are valuable in and of themselves. Rather than being conceived as a series of separate efforts, though, they could be linked with a coordinated and cooperative strategy to strengthen global health security. Furthermore, the hypothetical situation noted here reflects routine circumstances. Should an outbreak occur in one of these countries, public health and security needs may rapidly change and would increase urgency, and all of the preexisting and additional resources would be needed for an effective response. Pre-established laboratories, pre-deployed protective equipment and pre-existing expertise in handling dangerous pathogens, pre-established supply chains, and pre-existing networks of people and their collaborative relationships would be invaluable in rapidly and effectively responding to an emerging infection or epidemic.

Each of these organizations involved in the hypothetical scenario brings unique capabilities, from the expertise in CDC personnel, to the flexible funding of BTRP and logistical capabilities of DOD, the diplomatic relations conducted by State, the strengthened healthcare infrastructure developed and the Disaster Assistance Response Team deployed by USAID, and the decades of collaboration in the Institut Pasteur resulting in enhanced indigenous capability and operation in the country and the region.

As the above hypothetical scenario indicates, DOD’s programs are unique in that they provide a national security focus, while other U.S. government departments and agencies involved in international health
Kingston,

Providing for your situational awareness, in case your staff has not briefed you on this.

CTR over the years has provided grants to the NGO EcoHealth Alliance to assist in biosurveillance studies. Over the past couple of years, the media and Congress have raised questions about EcoHealth Alliance's work with China, with the Wuhan Institute of Virology, and whether EcoHealth Alliance has conducted gain-of-function research.

DoD has answered several Congressional queries in which we have shown that no CTR funds to EcoHealth Alliance have gone to China or to any gain-of-function research.

I assess that the request for this review is to fulfill TRAC's chartered mandate to provide acquisition oversight for the CTR program and to provide additional data for any follow-on Congressional queries to demonstrate that DTRA sufficiently oversees work conducted by EcoHealth Alliance for CTR.

I asked the DTRA Inspector General to take the lead for this review within DTRA so my team is not grading its own work. He just provided a status update that indicates their review is proceeding well.

Yrs,
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2022 8:58 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: EHA Review memo—signed

I hope that you are well! As mentioned yesterday, attached is the signed EHA review memo. We accepted all your comments, which made the memo better—thank you!
MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION, DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY

SUBJECT: EcoHealth Alliance Grant Reviews

This document directs the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), through the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program’s Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP), to initiate and support a full-scale review of three grants awarded to EcoHealth Alliance (EHA). DTRA may choose which active grants to review, with a strong emphasis on selecting those nearing the end of their periods of performance. DTRA may choose between employing a third-party to conduct the review or conducting the review internally. Please keep my office informed throughout the process, including which grants are selected for review and the review format.

Based on my January 2021 review of all active scientific research grants sponsored by BTRP, EHA dominated the BTRP research portfolio as the prime awardee on seven grants totaling nearly $34M in research funding. This total encompasses nearly a third of all funding for scientific research awarded through BTRP. The second-highest funded awardee is the University of Florida, with two grants totaling less than $6M. EHA’s active grants are awarded at near-maximum funding levels (at a combined 97% of allowable funding) and recent proposal submissions continue to request a similar level.

Since EHA is a recipient of a large portion of BTRP’s grant funds, we must ensure that EHA is expending those funds capably and responsibly, in line with grant requirements, federal regulations, and BTRP’s threat reduction mission. Through this review, we aim to ensure that all grant funds are used for the documented purpose for which they were awarded.

Further, conducting a review of EHA grants at this time demonstrates DoD’s focus on ensuring accountability from grantees. This is especially important given the increased congressional attention on EHA and its use of federal funding. We should ensure that EHA is conducting research, reporting findings, and managing sub-awards consistent with grant agreements.

Our objectives in requesting this review of three grants are therefore:

1. To review all grant financial records for consistency with specific grant purposes and for compliance with legal requirements;
2. To review all experimental records for proper and ethical data handling, reporting, and dissemination requirements; and
3. To assess whether EHA’s internal grant management processes continue to comply with DoD and USG guidelines that would allow for EHA to remain a potential candidate to compete for CTR funding.

I ask that DTRA deliver a comprehensive report on the results of the review to my office by the end of FY22. Please make my office aware if additional time is required to complete this

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review. I look forward to supporting your efforts in this regard, and please let me know what my office can do to assist.

My point of contact for this guidance is Ms. Leila Terrell, Director for WMD Threat Reduction, at 202-697-5737 or leila.a.terrell.et@navy.mil.

[Signature]

Kingston Reif
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for
Threat Reduction and Arms Control

cc:
DASD(CWMD Policy)
Policy and NCB are both aware of the EcoHealth Alliance news reporting and Congressional inquiry.

USD Kahl is in place; bio is important to him.

Policy Deep Dive Schedule, DTA/Interagency discussion. These will be done by SVTC:

- Wed 19 May, BTRP: 1030-1500
- Thurs 20 May, CSE/PPP: 1030-1500
- Friday 20 May, GNS/SAOE: 1030-1500

Policy Deep Dive Schedule, CCMD Discussions. These will be conducted the week of 24 May. MTF on the details of each CCMD

Policy will follow up with SOUTHCOM, as they have promised to do, and complete a “discussion” with them; a short memo from Policy will codify this discussion.

Agreements: next Agreements meeting is scheduled for 19 May:

- Armenia: ball is back in Armenia’s court (MoJ); Policy wants to get this one done quickly and keep it low profile.
- UKR: State and the UKR EMB in DC are finalizing the clean extension; Policy wants to pursue “burden sharing language” in the implementation agreement.
- KEN: package being worked for DASD Johnson signature.
- UZB: working with the Policy regional desk to finalize, DASD Johnson will sign this one.
- Rom/Bul: Policy is finalizing their research on agreements with these countries.
- Policy will soon solicit thoughts from NCB and DTRA about the next round of Legislative proposals.
- Sub-PCC tomorrow (Thursday) on GHSA support/ linkages focusing on Africa and Asia; State leading the discussion.

NCB thinking about larger acquisition processes (like PCN’s / RVRs), particularly assessing the various products, the need for those products, and how to best streamline and make those processes and information sharing better.
FYSA – weekly update of the priorities tracker.

V/r,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES

Director

Cooperative Threat Reduction
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Principal Director - Threat Reduction and Arms Control

From: "Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (US)"
To: "OSD Pentagon OUSD ATL List WMD Threat Reduction TRAC"
Subject: RE: URGENT REVIEW: FW: (U) Tasker(s) Assigned by CMD SUSP 05/22/2020 03:59 (UTC) | CATMS010520206YF4P8 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 at 5:04:05 PM

Checking: DTRA has the query through formal channels, so response will come through the DTRA CoS

Vtr.  Rob
Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

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Rob

See attached. Bottomline question. Is CTR doing work that is funding or has funded EcoHealth Alliance for
work on bat-borne zoonotic disease occurrence in Western Asia. Need Feedback, yes or no ASAP.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 4:09 PM
To: [Redacted]

OUSD A-S (USA) DTRA Ft Belvoir DIR List Task CS

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URGENT REVIEW REQUESTED:

NCB Team,

Please take a look at the attached congressional memo and let me know if it belongs to us. NEED a response ASAP. Thanks

v/r

[Redacted]
Sr Analyst, DUSD(A&S)

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Subject: FW: (U) Tasker(s) Assigned by CMD Susp 05/22/2020 03:59 (UTC) | CATMS010520206YF4P8 | 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

Request NCB and Sustainment take a quick look at this task (copy attached).

It is a congressional regarding a DoD Grant to EcoHealth Alliance. (Same organization the President just shut down NIH Grant)

If A&S has not been involved in this Grant let me know and if you know who may have been involved (Army?) let me know.

I want to try to make the 24 hour rule and get this assigned to someone else if it is not

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Subject: Tasker(s) Assigned by CMZ SUST 05/22/2020 03:59 (UTC) | CATMS010520206YF4P8 | 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

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TMT Home <https://crm.osd.mil/CATMS1>
Dr Pope—thank you! Our emails were like two proverbial ships passing in the night. Wasn’t trying to get ahead of you. Hope you have a good weekend.

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 1, 2020, at 5:52 PM, Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (US) wrote:

> Answered.
> V/r,
> Rob
> Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
> Director
> Cooperative Threat Reduction
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: DTRA RED
> Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 5:51 PM
> To: DTRA RED
> Cc: OSD Pentagon OUSD ATL List WMD Threat Reduction TRAC <osd.pentagon.ousd-atl.list.wmd-threat-reduction-trac@mail.mil>; Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (US)

> Subject: Re: URGENT REVIEW: FW: (U) Tasker(s) Assigned by CMD SUSP 05/22/2020 03:59 (UTC) | CATMS010520206YF-4P8 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

> Adding since it’s Friday afternoon and I know is on leave.

> I know it’s Friday afternoon but we are urgently looking for a yes or no on the below question.

> Sent from my iPhone
On May 1, 2020, at 4:30 PM Rob wrote:

See attached. Bottomline question: Is CTR doing work that is funding or has funded EcoHealth Alliance for work on bat-borne zoonotic disease occurrence in Western Asia. Need feedback, yes or no ASAP.

From:
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 4:09 PM
To: DTRA Ft. Belvoir DIR List Task CS <dtra.belvoir.dir.list.task.cs@net.mil>
Cc: USD

Subject: URGENT REVIEW; FW: (U) Tasker(s) Assigned by CMD SOSP 05/22/2020 03:59 (UTC) | CATMS010520206YF4P8 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE

URGENT REVIEW REQUESTED:

NCB Team,

Please take a look at the attached congressional memo and let me know if it belongs to us. NEED a response ASAP. Thanks
Sr Analyst, DUSD(A&S)
3015 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-3015

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 4:01 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: OSD Pentagon OUSD A-S Mailbox AS-CMO <osd.pentagon.osd-a-s.mailbox.as-cmo@mail.mil>
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If A&S has not been involved in this grant let me know and if you know who may have been involved (Army?) let me know.

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For Release: No
For Response: No
It is CTR-funded research. No CTR funds went to the Wuhan Institute. We'll provide the details next week. Have a good weekend.

V/r,
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES

Director

Cooperative Threat Reduction
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Revized! I'm not sure. I think [REDACTED] is out of the office [REDACTED] send (and cc you) to [REDACTED] acting DTRP lead.

Sent from my iPhone.

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v:

Sr Analyst, DUSD(A&S)

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3015 Defense Pentagon

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<OSD004467-20-Congressional Incoming.pdf>
Thanks. This is great. I appreciate the update on the “top 10.” Am I reading this correctly that we have just 7 or 8 remaining planned awards by Friday, aside from the travel and reserve lines?

V/r,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

I’ve attached the latest WAT comparison. This compares WAT data as of 19 September to WAT data as of 26 September for awards planned through the end of the fiscal year. Please note that some items were pushed to the right; these items are highlighted in blue.

From the “Top 10 list,” here are the statuses of those items:
Awarded:

$2,847,789.07  KZ: STS - NNC Sole Source Contract 2022-2023 Work Season FY21 Funds (incr fund)

$245,900.00  KZ: STS - NNC Sole Source Contract 2022-2023 Work Season FY20 Funds (incr fund)

$5,435,426.00  Liberia NRL Construction - FY20 Funds

$2,335,104.00  WOAH (OIE) Strengthening Veterinary Paraprofessional (VPP) 3. Base year.

$300,000  WOAH (OIE) Strengthening Veterinary Paraprofessional (VPP) 3. Base year.

$25,336,433.00  SNL FY22

$1,840,491.00  CDC 2022

$1,270,901.00  Track 1.5 Biosec Dialogues option exercise / JHU

(b)(4), (b)(5)

Thank you.

[Redacted]

Budget Analyst and CTR Finance Integrator, SI-FMOO

Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR)
Dr. Pope,

1. Correct - the current FY23 spend plan is significantly below the baseline FY23 spend plan taken on 30 Sep.

2. Looking at the actions that were in the baseline spend plan for October and November, there were 42 UICs in those months and 23 of those were pushed to the right.

   The attached spreadsheet identifies the above UICs and shows how they changed. In Column E, orange highlighting signifies UICs that were removed, red highlighting signifies UICs whose amounts decreased, blue highlighting signifies UICs whose amounts increased, and yellow highlighting signifies UICs whose estimated award dates were pushed to the right. The table starting on row 350 identifies UICs that were added between 30 Sep and 21 Nov.

   In terms of UICs that are delayed, of the 345 UICs in the baseline spend plan, the estimated award dates for 41 of those UICs (~12%) have been pushed to the right. The decrease in the FY23 spend plan appears to be primarily due to the fact that UICs have been removed and the dollar amounts of some UICs decreasing, as noted above. A chunk of this is due to the removal of Ethiopia awards that have been removed.

3. To get back on track, we'd have to obligate, approximately more per month than what the current spend plan calls for.
Thank you.

---- Original Message ----
From: Pope, Robert S. SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 4:32 PM
To: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT Senior Staff
Bcc: dtra.belvoir.ct.list.ct-senior-staff@mail.mil


Vbr,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

From:
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 3:02 PM
To: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT Senior Staff
Cc: dtra.belvoir.ct.list.ct-senior-staff@mail.mil


Subject: Weekly CTR Ops Financial Report

Good afternoon,


Thank you.

Budget Analyst and CTR Finance Integrator, SI-FMOO

Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR)

Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Withheld pursuant to exemption (b)(4); (b)(5) of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act.
good to know; thank you.

V/r,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

On another note, the text of the SASC NDAA was recently released and for CTR aligns with the PB request.

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SEC. 1301. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS; SPECIFICATION OF COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION FUNDS.
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(3) For global nuclear security, $17,767,000.
(4) For cooperative biological engagement, $124,022,000.
(5) For proliferation prevention, $58,754,000.
(6) For activities designated as Other Assessments/Administrative Costs, $23,059,000.

(b) SPECIFICATION OF COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION FUNDS.—Funds appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 301 and made available by the funding table in division D for the Department of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Program shall be available for obligation for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024.
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Also, the SASC Report had the following language re: CWMD-CSTs

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
Training for Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams The committee emphasizes the importance of
regular training for weapons of mass destruction civil support teams (WMD-CSTs) to maintain readiness. The committee recognizes that such training opportunities are often only offered at facilities that are located at unreasonably far distances from National Guard units’ home stations. The committee assesses that units may incur prohibitively high costs for the travel associated with participating in such training, which may risk diminishing units’ activities and effectiveness. The committee thus determines that the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy may lack sufficient capacity to regularly train WMD-CSTs to a degree that maintains readiness.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the Secretary of Energy, to study the feasibility of increasing training capacity for WMD-CSTs, including through the creation of new facilities and programs and through the augmentation of extant facilities and programs to provide such training. The study shall estimate the costs associated with increasing training capacity for WMD-CSTs and shall identify prospective facilities and programs that could provide such training. The Secretary shall provide a report on the study to the congressional defense committees not later than December 31, 2022.

--- Original Message ---

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 1:35 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Weekly Legislative Update - 09.21.21

Update (almost entirely BTRP):

A few others of interest that are all en bloc and will not receive individual votes (but will be included in final passage). Numbers are Floor, not Rules, numbers. Please let me know if you’d like any of the text. These are in addition to the one already flagged:

(114) GHSA -- similar to several versions of this in bills over the past few years -- Directs the President to create the Global Health Security Agenda Interagency Review Council to implement the Global Health Security Agenda and to appoint a U.S. Coordinator for Global Health Security to coordinate and report on the interagency process for responding to global health security emergencies.

(140) National Security Commission on Synthetic Biology -- Establishes a National Security Commission on Synthetic Biology.

(289) Adds the text of the Global Pandemic Prevention and Biosecurity Act, legislation that seeks to address the source of highly infectious diseases beginning in animal species, including by reducing the sale and trade of live and fresh wildlife for human consumption, and addressing food insecurity associated with a reliance on local game and wildlife.

(322) Guinea -- Likely intended to not apply but the amendment is very vaguely worded, not exclusive to 333 or similar -- Requires reporting on recent security assistance programs to Mali, Guinea, and Chad.

(350) WHO and FAO collaboration equities -- Establishes the foreign policy of the United States to work with state and non-state partners to shut down certain commercial wildlife markets, end the trade in terrestrial wildlife for human consumption, and build international coalitions to reduce the demand for wildlife as food, to prevent the emergence of future zoonotic pathogens. Authorizes USAID to undertake programs to reduce the risk of endemic and emerging infectious disease exposure and to help transition communities globally to safer, non-wildlife sources
of protein.

(454) ASEAN -- DOS has lead but may rope in DoD or others, of interest to INDOPACOM -- Requires the Secretary of State to develop a strategy for engagement with Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

(464) PRC/RF AFRICOM Malign Influence report -- Requires an annual report on and congressional notification of U.S. efforts to counter malign foreign influence in Africa.

--- Original Message ---
From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Pope, Robert S; SES; DTRA; CT; COOP; THRT; REDUCT (USA)
Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG; DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT Senior Staff
Subject: RE: Weekly Legislative Update - 09.21.21

Sir,

The Azerbaijan amendment did not make it through the Rules Committee. The EHA amendment does get approved on the floor, which is likely at this point. Policy will most certainly look to submit an appeal if there is a significant impact to the CT program.

Virt.

--- Original Message ---
From: Pope, Robert S; SES; DTRA; CT; COOP; THRT; REDUCT (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 10:27 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG; DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT Senior Staff
Subject: RE: Weekly Legislative Update - 09.21.21

--- Thank you.

In the coming days, please let me know BTRP's contingency plan if we can no longer work with EHA beginning next month.

Virt.
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

----- Original Message ----- [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 10:00 AM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA) [Redacted]
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Subject: RE: Weekly Legislative Update - 09.21.21

Update:

EHA amendment is included in en bloc #3 (EB3); National Security Commission on Synthetic Biology is included in EB1. These will both pass.

Azerbaijan not yet included in en bloc (TBD) -- they’re moving quickly, with initial votes beginning shortly after noon today and final votes tomorrow.

R/

Cooperative Threat Reduction
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
CTR A&AS Contractor
Booz Allen Hamilton

----- Original Message ----- [Redacted]

From: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA) [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 8:47 AM
To: [Redacted]
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Subject: RE: Weekly Legislative Update - 09.21.21

Thanks for this. I was going to ask you about it after the call. Please track this one through the process, as well as any other amendments that may place restrictions on partnership with our FY22 partner countries or performers (like EHA).

"No Federal funds may be made available to provide any United States military or security assistance or cooperation to the defense or security forces of the Government of Azerbaijan."

As currently drafted, it sounds like this would not impact health partners unless they are part of the defense or security forces. Do you see any impacts to BTP?

FYSA.
Dear Rob,

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 8:18 AM
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Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG <dtra.belvoir.ct.list.ct-dag@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: Weekly Legislative Update - 09.21.21

Update:

[redacted] remarks on the AOR call this morning re: Azerbaijan:


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Cooperative Threat Reduction
Defence Threat Reduction Agency
CTR A&AS Contractor
Barz | Allen | Hamilton

----- Original Message ----- 
From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 7:44 AM
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Cc: DTRA Ft Belvoir CT List CT DAG <dtra.belvoir.ct.list.ct-dag@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: Weekly Legislative Update - 09.21.21

Sir,

Thank you for sending. Nothing beyond what's listed that's of specific interest to CTR, except there's also a proposal by Reps. Gallagher and Moulton to establish a National Security Commission on Synthetic Biology. Comprised of DOD, DEPSEC Commerce, DEPSEC HHS, PDDN, and an assortment of appointees from both House and Senate majority and minority parties:


No word yet on en bloc formation, but there are nearly 500 amendments, so there will likely be at least a half-dozen.

ALCON, please let me know if you'd like me to track any (in addition to EHA) of the below through passage. Full amendment texts can be found on the Rules website: https://rules.house.gov/bill/117/hr-4339.
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Subject: FW: Weekly Legislative Update - 09.21.21

FYSA -- lots going on up on the Hill this week.

For BTRP, note the NDAA amendment proposed by Rep. Reschenthaler, which states that no funds authorized under this Act may be made available for any purpose to EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. We will need to track whether this makes it into the final legislation.

V/r,
Rob

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Senior Leaders,

Good afternoon. Attached is this week's legislative update. Also attached is a list of FY22 NDAA amendments recently approved by the House Rules Committee considered to be in order for House Floor debate. We expect they may take up the NDAA tomorrow afternoon after the government funding discussion is resolved.

Some amendments we will be tracking closely include:
- Rep. Crawford (121) - Directs the Executive Agent to designate a joint program executive officer for the EOD Defense Program.
- Rep. Dunn (131) - Increases the Development of Medical countermeasures Against Novel Entities (DOMANE) program to allow for the rapid screening of all FDA approved compounds and other human safe compound libraries to identify optimal drug candidates for repurposing as medical countermeasures for COVID-19 and other novel and emerging biothreats.
- Rep. Joyce/Langevin (210) - Directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, to develop an annex (to the National Biodefense Strategy described under Section 104 of title 6, United States Code) for a national biodefense science and technology strategy and implementation plan, no later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this bill.
- Rep. Reschenthaler (354) - States that no funds authorized under this Act may be made available for any purpose to EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.
- Rep. Smith (396) - Requires the GAO to conduct a study of the possible experimentation of ticks, insects, or vector-borne agents by the DOD between 1950 and 1977 for use as a bioweapon.

Very Respectfully,
On another note, the text of the SASC NDAA was recently released and for CTR is aligns with the PB request.

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ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
Training for Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams

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Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 1:35 PM
To: [6][8] Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
[3][6]
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[8]
Subject: RE: Weekly Legislative Update - 09.21.21

Update (almost entirely BTRP):

A few others of interest that are all en bloc and will not receive individual votes (but will be included in final passage). Numbers are Floor, not Rules, numbers. Please let me know if you'd like any of the text. These are in addition to the ones already flagged:

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(350) WHO and FAO collaboration equities -- Establishes the foreign policy of the United States to work with state and non-state partners to shut down certain commercial wildlife markets, end the trade in terrestrial wildlife for human consumption, and build international coalitions to reduce the demand for wildlife as food, to prevent the emergence of future zoonotic pathogens. Authorizes USAID to undertake programs to reduce the risk of endemic and emerging infectious disease exposure and to help transition communities globally to safer, non-wildlife sources of protein.

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(464) PRC/RF AFRICOM Malin Influence report -- Requires an annual report on and congressional notification of U.S. efforts to counter malign foreign influence in Africa.

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Subject: RE: Weekly Legislative Update - 09.21.21

Sir,

The Azerbaijan amendment did not make it through the Rules Committee.

Vrr,

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From: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)

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Thank you.

Vrr,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
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V/r,

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Very Respectfully,

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Received, sir! Will work with [ ] and team on next steps.

V/r,

[ ]
Department Chief
Biological Threat Reduction

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[ ] Thank you.

[ ] In the coming days, please let me know BTRP's contingency plan if we can no longer work with EHA
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[Redacted] remarks on the AOR call this morning re' Azerbaijan:


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Executive-level readout from my conversation with Jan Epstein attached FYSA.

Vir,
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:02 AM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
Subject: RE: Weekly Legislative Update - 11-03-21

Good Morning Sir,

Odd placement for CWMD, but not necessarily a bad thing.

Mr. Plumb has most recently served as Principal Director and Chief of
Government Relations at the Aerospace Corporation, an FFRDC. He served in
the Navy as a submarine officer in the 1990s, then worked for Sen. Salazar
as his MLA (2005-2009) and was PD for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy
from 2009-2012, then Acting DASD Space Policy from 2012-2013. Former
Director, Defense Policy and Strategy on the NSC from 2013-2015. He ran for
Congress (moderate blue-collar Democrat in New York state) in 2015 and then
got to work at RAND as a Senior Engineer. He serves in the USN Reserve. He
has a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering from CU-Boulder, physics master, etc.
-- very clear that he will bring a heavy S&T and RDT&E perspective to the
role.

I wouldn’t make much of the August 4 date -- that means his nomination was
submitted on the eve of August recess, and the Senate didn’t even return
until mid-September when it continued to focus exclusively on other policy
matters. SASC continued to focus on NDAA and related. If you (more
accurately) start the clock in mid-September, it hasn’t been that long, and
Senate has had other things on their mind. I haven’t seen and can’t find any
indication that his nomination is controversial from a personal standpoint;
I could see some obstacles on the Space Policy side more generally but both
parties have generally acknowledged the need for expansion into this space
(no pun intended).

Completely unrelated -- EHA came up in a House Energy & Commerce hearing
yesterday in the context of NIH, not DoD, NAR/FYSA.
Hope this helps -- please let me know if you'd like me to track down more information.

R/

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FYSA.

V/r,
Rob

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Hann, Ronald K Jr SES DTRA RD (USA)
liashm, Michael A SES DTRA RD (USA)
Dowling, Stephen J SES DTRA RD (USA)

Subject: Weekly Legislative Update - 11.03.21

Senior Leaders,

Good afternoon. Attached is this week’s legislative update. Key activity includes Rep. Yvette Herrell's visit to DTRA on Monday and the President's expected nomination of ADM Christopher Grady as the next Vice Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Very Respectfully,

Legislative Liaison
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Dr. Williams,

Reps from CWMD-P, TRAC, and OSD LA listened in. Per CWMD-P, "consensus on my end was that it went as well as we could have hoped."

V/r,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction
Thank you to you and the team. I’m up on the WOHC2020 site listening to an EcoHealth Alliance presentation on Rift Valley Fever, so everything seems to be working for me.

Copy on posting a welcoming note in the chat section when my talk begins.

Copy on your intent to open the group Skype chat at 0950.

Thanks everyone for your assistance and support. I hope the conference has been going well for all of you.

V/r,

Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES

Director

Cooperative Threat Reduction
Subject: WOH C2020: Initial Lessons Learned

Good afternoon, Dr. Pope.

As requested, I’d like to provide you with an update since the WOH C2020 virtual event began Friday (10/30).

Your session doesn’t include any other speakers or live moderators, so the broadcast begins at 10:00am tomorrow (11/3). In the first few minutes, I recommend you present yourself in the Chatbox window under your video. Something like, “Thank you to World One Health Congress and One Health Platform organizers for the opportunity to engage participants today. My team and I are standing by to address any discussion topics you may have.” This lets the “audience” know that you’re available for real-time discussion.

As I understand it, [ ] will set up a group Skype conversation for you to engage BTRP internally. If needed, the team can/will provide insight for potential answers. You can also request that other BTRP personnel address questions directly in the Chatbox. Like social media platforms, you’re able to link your answer directly to a participant’s question, but it may be a good idea to use their name in the response.

We could expect the discussion to go beyond your ~30 minute broadcast. While I cannot confirm, I suspect these chat threads stay open and available through the access window on December 31, but you have the autonomy to end the live Q&A whenever is appropriate. The discussion may continue to 11:00am. If it appears to be going beyond that, a graceful exit may be required.

Lastly, because your video and the associated Chatbox thread is available for the next two months, I will periodically check the page for new content and make sure you and/or BTRP personnel are made aware.

Happy to address any questions you may have.

[Signature]

Science Branch Lead

Biological Threat Reduction Program

Booz Allen Hamilton - Toennow Associates
Subject: RE: EcoHealth Alliance Grant Review: The Progress Updated 7/27/02
Sent: 5/2/2002 12:48 PM

was read on 5/2/2002 12:48 PM.

Your message

To: [Redacted]
Your message

Subject: RE: EcoHealth Alliance Grant Review (re: Progress Update) 427-092
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 7:22:27 PM
Good afternoon Dr. Pope.

Last week Policy tasked CTR for information on DoD CTR bio threat programming in Africa.

Attached is the guidance we received through CATMS and the results that BTRP pulled together in response. I has reviewed and concur. Our suspense back to the DTRA Front Office is COB today.

Upon your review and, I will close out in EIS.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Booz Allen Hamilton
CTR A&S Support Contractor
Main: [Redacted]
Office: [Redacted]
Mobile: [Redacted]

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Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:20 PM
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I reviewed and concur. Thanks.

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Good afternoon.

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Our suspense is COB today.

Thank you,

Respectfully,

Booz | Allen | Hamilton

CTR A&AS Support Contractor

Subject: Bioterror Tasker BT input

Hi,

I uploaded and closed this already on EIS but wanted to send it to you directly too in case that was easier.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Respectfully,

Booz Allen Hamilton

Operations Coordinator, Biological Threat Reduction Program

CTR A&AS Support Contractor
Sir,

We do not usually request your review of the weekly Ops meeting notes, however with all the actions that seemed to come out of discussions and comments, the DAG respectfully requests your review of the attached draft Ops Meeting notes. We want to ensure that all Action Items were captured.

Upon your review and approval, we will distribute them. Thank you.

Very Respectfully,

CTR Director's Action Group Lead
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
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Sir,

Please see below the list of questions I've received, for your awareness and review.

Very Respectfully,

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Summary:

- RUS formally announces they will compete in the biospace through the CSTO.
- RUS officially states DoD Bio labs give them "serious concern."
- TASS/Sputnik amplified articles in UKR, GG, ARM, AZJ. For UKR, the volume is high.
- DTRA called out by name in one of the articles amplified in ARM (Sputnik ARM).
- PRC volume continues in WEIBO, but dialed back significantly in official channels.

Highlights in yellow in the attachment.

Deputy Director

Cooperative Threat Reduction Directorate

Defense Threat Reduction Agency
*Newsweek* cannot confirm the veracity of the DRASTIC group or the existence of the Project DEFUSE documents described. The group says the documents were provided anonymously.

DRASTIC is a group of activists who say they are working towards solving the "riddle" of the origins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that is behind the COVID pandemic. They say they were given documents by an anonymous source which detail something called "Project DEFUSE."

According to what appear to be funding proposal excerpts published by DRASTIC, Project DEFUSE aimed to reduce the threat of bat-borne coronaviruses through research and was headed by Peter Daszak, president of the U.S.-based research organization EcoHealth Alliance (EHA). It would have run between 2018 and 2022.

DRASTIC states the research proposal would have involved "advanced and dangerous" research into bat coronaviruses in cooperation with the WIV and other facilities, and said the research would qualify as Gain of Function (GoF)—a process that can be used to make viruses more dangerous so that humans can investigate them and improve understanding.

However, DRASTIC said the documents showed that DARPA rejected the DEFUSE proposal in part because of GoF concerns. DRASTIC did not publicly release the actual document it said it had seen.

In a statement to *Newsweek*, DARPA denied funding any activity associated with EHA or the WIV. A spokesman said: "In accordance with U.S. Federal Acquisition Regulations, we are not at liberty to divulge who may have or may not have submitted a proposal in response to any of the agency’s solicitations. Further, information contained within bids is considered proprietary and can only be released by the bidder.

"That being said, DARPA has never funded directly, nor indirectly as a subcontractor, any activity or researcher associated with the EcoHealth Alliance or Wuhan Institute of Virology."

*Newsweek* has contacted Peter Daszak and EHA for comment. *Newsweek* has also contacted UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke-National University in Singapore, the USGS National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) and Palo Alto Research Center (PARC), which DRASTIC says are also mentioned in the documents, for comment. *Newsweek* was unable to contact the WIV.

GoF research into coronaviruses has been a hot topic recently, since many are concerned that SARS-CoV-2 could have been accidentally leaked from a lab, sparking the pandemic.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), for instance, has already denied approving grants that would have supported GoF research on coronaviruses.

Investigation into the origin of SARS-CoV-2 is ongoing. In August, President Joe Biden received a report from the intelligence community into the matter that came back
the collapse of the USSR, was crowned with success. In the same period, Ukraine was turned into a testing ground for running various political technologies, including bioprojects used in the military sphere. Evidence the existence of which was discovered by the Russian military during the operation. Facts are stubborn things. Without waiting for the available evidence to be made public, having studied only the information posted on the Internet, one can understand the extent of Ukraine's involvement in the American biological courage. Judge for yourself.

This inhuman project originates in 1991, when the United States launched the so-called Nunn-Lugar program aimed at helping Russia and the CIS countries in the disposal of nuclear, chemical and other types of weapons of mass destruction that have been decommissioned and establishing control over their non-proliferation. The beneficiary of this program was the Pentagon, the curator was the Defense Intelligence Agency (the leading body of US military intelligence), more precisely, the National Center for Medical Intelligence, which is part of it, and the main executor was the US Department of Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). After that, two years later, the Ukrainian leadership signed a pact with Washington to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and since 2000, RUMO began to actively implement a military biological project in Ukraine, including a number of large companies affiliated with the Pentagon, such as like Black & Veatch Special Projects. Starting from 2005, the DTRA contracting company began the construction of biological laboratories on the territory of Ukraine, where American specialists violated the work, and Ukrainians were forbidden to enter....

The year 2005 marked the beginning of the dawn of American military biological activity. After the signing of an additional protocol to the pact between the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and DTRA on preventing the spread of technologies, pathogens and knowledge that can be used in the development of biological weapons, the Ukrainian military biological potential, in fact, passed into the hands of American specialists. But the most interesting fact is that in 2007-2014 at the biological three very interesting characters appeared in the field: Nathan Wolf - an employee of the US Department of Defense, Christopher Heinz - the stepson of former US Secretary of State John Kerry and Hunter Biden - the son of US President Joe Biden with his Global Viral Forecasting Institute (Global Viral) and Rosemont Seneca Partners, engaged in non-profit research on transboundary pathogens and projects investing in these. By the way, in 2016, the structure of the founder of Global Viral Nathan Wolf - the EcoHealth Alliance Foundation was involved in research on coronaviruses transmitted by bats at the Wuhan Laboratory Research Center in China.

After the Maidan revolution in 2014, under the control of all the same activists from DIA and DTRA, Metabiota, Global Viral and Black & Veatch Special Projects begin to actively work within the framework of the Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP) with the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, headed by Ulyana - Nadezhdna Suprun is an American citizen with a very specific biography.

Thanks to such close cooperation, Ukraine has become a biological testing ground. In the period from 2005 to 2014, the Pentagon deployed a large-scale, expensive system of reference laboratories in Odessa, Vinnytsia, Dnepropetrovsk, Lvov, Poltava, Kharkov, Kiev, Kherson and Ternopil, where pathogens of especially dangerous infections and strains were actively studied.
The Russian Federation, in connection with the facts of US military biological activities in Ukraine, does not exclude the launch of a consultation mechanism under the Convention on the Prohibition of Biological and Toxin Weapons, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said.

V/r,
Rob

Robert S. Pope, Ph.D., SES
Director
Cooperative Threat Reduction

-----Original Message-----
From:
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 11:00 AM
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP THRT REDUCT (USA)
[REDACTED]
Reif, Kingston A SES (USA)
[REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Quick view DoD Russian Disinfo April 1-April 3

Gents,

The big event to watch is what the Russians are going to do with this Atria Format UN Security Council Informal session in NY this coming Wed. Will keep you informed as I learn more. There is a Russian claim that Facebook is blocking lab disinfo content. I do not know the validity of that statement.

VR

Subject: Quick view DoD Russian Disinfo April 1-April 3

All,

The attached is a fast browse/reads. There are a number of translated items from Telegram that give some picture of the propaganda fight, including a posting from the Ukrainian National Center for Disinformation.

Highlights:

--Russian Ambassador in Geneva is highlighting the German support to the labs in Ukraine

--Russia is sponsoring "informal session" on global military biological activities this Wed at 10 am in NY at the UN on margins of UNSC

--Duma is issuing statements expressing possibility of inviting Victoria Nuland to testify to their investigative committee
- Russia and China once again mentioning possibility of using some form of multilateral/international mechanism to consider US compliance with BWC

- Duma considers possibility of requesting access to labs receiving US support in Georgia and Kazakhstan
Dr. Pope,

Shortly after your call on 2 Nov with [redacted] to discuss the FY22 House NDAA provision on EcoHealth funding, SASC Minority PSM [redacted] contacted us seeking similar input. Checking with him to see if a phone call between you two would suffice or if he'd need a more formal response. If the latter is necessary, I spun up the attached based on our appeal of this provision. Will advise on his preference.

Thanks,

Legislative Liaison
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2021 3:33 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: DTRA contact

Thanks!

Can you please assist us in getting feedback from DTRA on this provision? Would it have any negative impact and if so, to what extent?

SEC. 6485. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FUNDING TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE, INC.

No funds authorized under this Act may be made available for any purpose to EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.

Thank you!
DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY
RESPONSE TO SASC PSM ERIC TRAGER
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

RFI Received: 11/02/2021

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DoD CTR works cooperatively with partner countries throughout Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia to reduce biological threats by securing dangerous pathogens, enhancing biosafety to reduce the chances of accidental “lab leaks,” and strengthening the capacity for partner nation human and animal health systems to detect, diagnose, and report especially dangerous disease outbreaks rapidly and accurately, before they become regional or global threats.

EcoHealth Alliance is a highly-effective implementing partner with a proven record of biosurveillance capacity building and biological threat reduction in CTR partner nations. The FY22 House NDAA provision barring federal funding of EHA would result in the cancelation of several ongoing efforts to characterize endemic and emerging biological threats in these regions that could threaten the United States or its deployed military forces.

Eliminating existing contractual efforts with EcoHealth Alliance could also negatively impact DoD’s exploration of Machine Learning (ML) and predictive epidemiology to potentially prepare for and react to the next national or global biological threat. Research in both of these areas is critical to advancing the science to produce decision support tools to better plan and prepare for the next pandemic. EcoHealth Alliance is currently funded to determine the efficacy of ML techniques in predicting the impacts of epidemics on our Joint Forces in early-stage, data-sparse conditions, particularly focused on novel and emerging biological threats – both deliberate and naturally occurring. If successful, EcoHealth Alliance’s research will help to enable rapid decision-making when the next epidemic occurs.
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Sir,

Good morning, (SASC PSM) reached out yesterday re: House NDAA section prohibiting DoD work with Eco Health Alliance. The PSMs are beginning to informally conference and he is looking for more information on what we and DARPA have been doing with EHA. I passed him the attached spreadsheet which we shared with HASC last month. He would like a follow-on phone call with you next week. If we can offer him a few windows, that would be great.

V/r,

Chief of Legislative Affairs
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

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<td>Enhance capacity of key government labs in human and animal health sectors for serological surveillance in animals and human populations to characterize the distribution and detect spillover of henipaviruses from indigenous populations and on farms in Peninsular Malaysia.</td>
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<td>Characterize the diversity of coronaviruses and monitor other bat-borne zoonotic virus emergence risks in Western Asia in order to reduce the threat of infectious diseases.</td>
<td>Georgia, Jordan, Pakistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Oman</td>
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<td>Provide training to Malaysian partner scientists to enhance local serologic diagnostic testing capabilities, biosafety protocols, and biosafety practices to detect the causes of acute febrile illness and other zoonotic diseases with a focus on Bornean Malaysia.</td>
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<td>Provide biosafety training to Malaysian partner scientists on field sampling of small mammals and ectoparasites to support the development of sustained local biosurveillance of vector-borne select agent pathogens and other priority diseases.</td>
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<td>Strengthen Rift Valley Fever Virus (RVFV) detection and diagnostic capabilities, promoting South Africa as a leader in RVFV diagnostics, and enhance Biological Threat Reduction Program’s relationship with the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.</td>
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<td>Build Liberian capacity for threat reduction through an integrated human-animal surveillance approach to high consequence zoonotic pathogens associated with human acute febrile illness.</td>
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<td>Reduce the threat of Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) by providing critical epidemiological data to monitor the emergence of outbreaks and improve Tanzania’s capacity to detect, diagnose and manage the risk of CCHF.</td>
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<td>Strengthen South Africa’s, and the region’s, capacity to develop and implement surveillance strategies with appropriate biosafety and biosecurity principles, detect pathogens (both molecular and serological) in bats before outbreaks occur, recognize and diagnose outbreaks if they do occur and develop appropriate resorting strategies for the region.</td>
<td>South Africa, Mozambique, Zimbabwe</td>
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<td>Build scientific expertise and appropriate capacity to safely and accurately detect, respond and report viral zoonotic agents. Enhance India’s ability to detect viral threats such as Ebola, Nipah and related viruses, and reduce the threat caused by deliberate release of select agents.</td>
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<td>Enhance Jordan &amp; Iraq’s capacity for threat reduction of Avian influenza and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus that pose serious potential human health, economic, and food production as well as security consequences to U.S. warfighters.</td>
<td>Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon</td>
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<td>Developed a tool called “Global Rapid Identification Tool System (GRITS)” for undiagnosed outbreaks of emerging infectious diseases (EIDs). GRITS facilitated rapid, high probability diagnosis of outbreaks to pinpoint disease threats more rapidly than current public health systems and diagnostics. The combined digital disease surveillance, network analysis, zoonotic disease, and epidemiology.</td>
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<td>Enhanced a tool called the “Global Rapid Identification Tool System (GRITS)” for New York, NY diagnosing infectious disease bio events that was developed under a previous OTRA RD-CEI project (HDTTRA-13-6029). The tool was intended to support handling large data in near-real-time on data feeds for diseases or disease characteristics for decision support to warfighter leadership.</td>
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<td>Funded to determine the efficacy of ML techniques in predicting epidemic impacts in early-stage data-sparse conditions, particularly focused on novel outbreaks both international, and natural. The project will answer fundamental machine learning and data questions to enable rapid decision making based on ML models of epidemic impacts.</td>
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Sir,

Good Morning. Attached is the weekly Task Tracker for today’s meeting.

I will brief the spreadsheet as I will be in PM2 all week. I will check emails between classes and while on break.

v/r

Contractor, Amyx Inc., Team Noblis

DAG TMT Tasker Lead

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From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Sen Rand Paul: Unredacted Docs re FOIA Requests 20-063 and 22-008
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 10:42:06 AM

Sir,

Attached is the Sen Rand Paul task docs. FY1 – 22-008 was assigned to AL, not CTR. We are only looking at 20-063.

As a reminder, 20-063 is a closed tasker with rolling submissions. I have attached that doc also as a reference.

v/r

[Redacted]

Contractor, Amyx Inc., Team Noblis

CTR DAG TMT Tasker Lead

DTRA CT

[Redacted]
August 31, 2020

Defense Threat Reduction Agency
OGC (FOIA/Privacy Office)
8725 John J. Kingman Road STOP 6201
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6201

VIA Email: dtrafoiaprivacy@mail.mil

RE: FOIA Case 20-063

Dear FOIA Officer:

This request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, et seq, to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency ("DTRA") reflects a revision of FOIA Case 20-063. This request has three parts.

Part 1. We request finished intelligence, policy-related documents, and/or scientific and technical reports regarding the following topics:

- Containment failures AND/OR accidental or deliberate release of biological agents in dual-use biosafety research in BSL-2, BSL-3 or BSL-4 research facilities in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Georgia, India, Iran, Israel, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and/or Thailand.

- Assessments of the risks, hazards and efficacy of BSL-2, BSL-3 or BSL-4 containment schemes AND/OR assessments of the potential flaws or failings and weaknesses in BSL-2, BSL-3 or BSL-4 containment schemes in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Georgia, India, Iran, Israel, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and/or Thailand.

Author(s):

- DTRA staff
- EcoHealth Alliance staff
- Cooperative Biological Engagement Program (CBEP)
- Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP)
- World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) staff
- Foundation Merieux
- Metabiota, Inc.

Date Range: January 1, 2015 to the present.

Exposing what the food industry doesn’t want us to know
Part 2. We request contracts, grants, grant proposals and communications about funding between DTRA staff and EcoHealth Alliance staff about the following contracts and/or grants awarded by DTRA to EcoHealth Alliance, since January 1, 2014.

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Part 3. We request contracts, grants, and communications about funding between DTRA employees and employees of Metabiota, Inc. pertaining to the following contracts and/or grants awarded by DTRA to Metabiota, Inc. since January 1, 2013.

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Please exclude the following documents from your search results:

1. 9th Science Program Review of the DTRA CBEP, February 8-10, 2017

We request that you disclose the above documents and materials as they become available, without waiting until all the documents have been compiled.

If documents are denied in whole or in part, please specify which exemption(s) is (are) claimed for each passage or whole document denied. Give the number of pages in each document and the total number of pages pertaining to this request and the dates of documents withheld. We request that excised material be "blackened out" rather than "whited out" or cut out and that the remaining non-exempt
Rob,

Here is what the team came up with so we can track FOIA requests. If it meets with your approval, I will have it added as an addendum to the tasker tracker and we can review at the Monday FO Sync in conjunction with regular taskers.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very respectfully,

Chief of Staff
Cooperative Threat Reduction Directorate
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
8725 John J Kingman Road
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
A tasker approval request requires action from you. You have been given the role of: Approve / Disapprove

To access this request, click the following link - Approve / Disapprove: [link]

To access the originating Tasker, click the following link - DTMA-211115-74EF: [link]

Priority: Expedite

Current Response: BTRP's inputs have been uploaded to TMT. [link]

Route Comments:

TMT Home: [link]

Classification: Unclassified
A Tasker approval request requires action from you. You have been given the role of - Concur / Non-Concur

To access this request, click the following link - Concur / Non-Concur

https://dtra.tmt.army.mil/webresources/ava/HeliosSlap/slap.html?Data=siteid%3D112b7b84-cde4-eb11-819a-01505681367b

To access the originating Tasker, click the following link - DTRA-210713-G3HH


Priority: Critical

Current Response: CT concurs as written, no changes.

Route Comments:

TMT Home: https://dtra.tmt.army.mil

Classification: Unclassified
Team,

Attached is a copy of the TMT tracker for today’s meeting.

V.R.,

Contractor, Amyx Inc.

Director Action Group Task Lead

DTRA CT

Director Action Group Task Lead

FWICS
From: (b)(6)
To: DTRA CT
Subject: TMT Tracker as of Dec 7, 2021
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 12:07:14 PM
Attachments: CTR-EIS Task Tracker 20211207.xlsx

Dr. Pops

TMT tracker is attached for your review.

V.R.

Contractor, Amyx Inc.
Director Action Group Task Lead

DTRA CT

NIPR:
SIPR:
FWICS:
Good Morning Sir.

Attached is the updated ARC with requested changes. Please advise if you have any other change requests.

CTR Finance Integrator, O&M Budget Analyst
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Cooperative Threat Reduction
SI-FMOO
Phone: DSN: [redacted]
Loc: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]
Sir,

Attached is the updated ARC with the foreign contribution table added with larger font.

For version controlled I renamed the file V4 with today's date.

Please advise if you need any other changes.

VR

CTR Finance Integrator, G&M Budget Analyst
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Cooperative Threat Reduction
SI-FMOO

Phone: DSN [redacted]
Loc: [redacted]
From: Pope, Robert S, SES, CTR Director
To: Pope, Robert S SES DTRA COOP HRT REJECT (US)
Subject: URGENT REVIEW: CATMS010520206YF4P8 | 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 5:31:44 PM

URGENT REVIEW: CATMS010520206YF4P8 | 2017 GRANT AWARD BY DOD TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE
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Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, CIV

Work: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]
IM: [Redacted]

Skype for Business
Team,

TGIF! Good afternoon. Another week has passed, 1 week left in the month of September. Where has the time gone!!!!

Below is the current task tracker. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Task Subject

Task Issued

Task Received in CTR DAG

Dept Suspension to CT FO

Assigned Programs

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Comments

Tasker Link

DTRA-220826-57M

Cong RFI: EcoHealth Documents

8/26/2022

9/23/2023

CT-B1

CT-B1

Pending BTRP determining how long they need for an extension.
DTTRA-220907-ZJPN

DTTRA Joint Rating Scheme

GS15/O6

9/8/2022

9/8/2022

9/26/2022

CT-FO

CT-FO


DTTRA-220910-KR34

Call for Nominations for the DTTRA CY22, 3rd Quarter Awards

SES

9/10/2022

9/12/2022

9/26/2022

CT-PI, CT-MP

Packages with [0](0) and Dr. Pope.

DTTRA-211202-F635

DTTRA Instruction 1020.02 Implementation of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

GS15/O6

9/13/2022
FOIA Case Number 22-045

AC

3/24/2023
3/24/2023
3/30/2023
CT-BT
CT-BT

Reviewing SNET emails


DTRA-220916-VQMC

SRPR COORD: DTRA 220916-W26 Information Resilience Deliverable Development

9/15/06
9/16/2023
9/19/2023
9/30/2023

6(6) CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-P1, CT-P9

Pending guidance on issuance

DTRA-220919-9G6R

SRNP Coord: CATMS-160922-W8XN 0-6 Coordination on the 2022 Draft CWMD Strategy

9/15/06
9/19/2023
9/20/2023
10/3/2023
CT-P1
Sen Rand Paul: Unredacted Docs re FOIA Requests 20-063 and 22-008

9/15/04
9/21/2022
9/22/2022
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FY23 CTR Operational Imperatives

GS15/O6
9/8/2022
9/8/2022
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CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PL, CT-PP
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SIPR Coord: DTRA-220908-7543- UoE SPPOD October
AG
9/8/2022
Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) / Wireless Priority Service (WPS) Cards Program for DFRG and Reconstitution members

AO
9/15/2023
9/19/2023
10/7/2023
CT-FC
CT-FC

(b)(6) is working

DTRA-220922-W877
SIPR Coord - DTRA-220922-ZPKT - DTRA Support Plan Review

O&S/TO
9/23/2023
9/27/2023
10/14/2023
CT-FC
CT-FC

(b)(5) is working

DTRA-220407-F8TL
Support Agreement, Form 7600A Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

AO
4/7/2023
4/7/2023
10/14/2023
CT-PI
Waiting on CBP to sign final version and then we will close out task


[S-220913-NFL] [S-220913-NFL]

Invitation to Attend the FY23 Joint Senior Leaders’ Course

AG 9/14/2023 9/14/2023 10/18/2023

CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PL, CT-PP

CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PL, CT-PP


DTRA-220917-3FP

Q4/FY22 OSD Country Fact Sheets

AG 9/7/2022 9/7/2022 10/26/2022

CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PL, CT-PP

CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PP


DTRA-220921-5ZRT

Agency-Wide Annual Cyber Awareness Challenge Training

AG 9/21/2022
9/22/2023
10/31/2023
CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PL, CT-PR
CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PL, CT-PR

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Contractor, Anyx Inc., Team Noblis
CTR DAG TMT Tasker Lead
DTRA CT

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NIPR
SIPR:
TGIF. Happy Labor Day Weekend.

Weekly TMT Tracker follows. As always, please let me know if you find an error.

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Tranche 5, Hathaway/Bates Consultation

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8/19/2023

8/22/2023

8/31/2023

CT-P1

Closed via email, will close on S-TMT Tuesday 9/6

DTRA-220826-4581
Approved closure. Will close on 9-1TMT Tuesday.

DTRA-220810-ZQZ9

BES 24 Tasker Planned IT expenditures

CT-PI, CT-FMC

CT-PI, CT-FMC

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DTRA Director Albuquerque field site visit 26-30 September 2022

SFS

8/23/2022

8/29/2022

CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PI

CT-BT, CT-SE
INDOPACOM AAR: CT Provide update on BTRP Brief

6/15/O6

9/1/2023

9/1/2023

9/9/2023

CT-BT

CT-BT

[FY23 HON] [X6] Travel Recommendations

SES

9/2/2023

9/2/2023

9/9/2023

CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PL, CT-PP

CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PL, CT-PP

DTRA Capabilities and Activity Manual (DCAM) for Fiscal Year 2023 Ph

6/15/O6

9/1/2023
Support Agreement, Form 7600A Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

Waiting on CBP to sign final version and then we will close out task

Agency GS15/06 DTRA Crisis Response Playbook Review and Supporting Action Input

will review after PI
DTRA-220826-57M7

Cong RFI: EcoHealth Documents

GS15/06

8/26/2022

8/26/2022

9/23/2022

CT-BT

CT-BT


DTRA-220831-6HRH

Lunchtime Chat (September) with Dr. Pope

AO

8/31/2022

8/31/2022

9/26/2022

CT-BT, CT-SF, CT-PI, CT-PP

CT-PI


DTRA-220324-X9DL

FOIA Case Number 22-045

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3/24/2022

3/24/2022

9/30/2022
Requested extension in order to review/search classified data:

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Thank you

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Contractor, Amyx Inc., Team Nobis

CTR DAG TMT Tasker Lead

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Team,

Please review the TMT Tracker for this week. I am sending it out today as many of us are off for the Directorate Golf event tomorrow.

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Task Subject

Release Level

Task Issued

Task Received in CTR DAG

Dept Suspense to CT FO

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Tasker Link

DTRA-220324-X9DL

FOIA Case Number 22-045

AC

3/24/2023

3/24/2023

10/13/2023

CT-BT

CT-BT

Reviewing SNET emails/ Brief out to the boss.  

Dr. Pope directed to (6)

Tranche 6 - Hathaway v DOD 21-L-0355

Review SNET Files to ensure there is nothing Classified

December 2022 Joint Duty Assignment List (JDAL) Validation Board
Luachtime Chat (October) with Dr. Pope

AC
9/26/2023
9/26/2023
10/21/2023

CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PI, CT-PF

CT-SE, CT-PF

Competitive Leadership Development Program Winter Solicitation Cycle

GS15 (O6)
10/3/2023
10/3/2023
10/24/2023

CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PI, CT-PF

CT-PF

Copy of tasker to Randy

FOIA Case Number 22-058

GS15 (O6)
8/10/2023
10/11/2023
10/25/2023
CT-PI

CT-PI

F01A specifically assigned this to 39(3) Asking for PWS information


DTRA-230407-3JFP

Q4/FY22 OSD Country Fact Sheets

AC

9/7/2022

9/7/2022

10/26/2022

CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PI, CT-PI

CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PI


DTRA-220407-F8TL

Support Agreement, Form 7600A Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

AC

4/7/2023

4/7/2023

10/28/2023

CT-PI

Waiting on CBP to sign final version and then we will close out task


DTRA-220826-53M7

Kong RI1: EcoHealth Documents

GS15/O6
CATMS-131022-THCT

Coordination on First FY23 CTR Congressional Notification

GS15/06
10/13/2022
10/13/2022
11/2/2022
CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PI, CT-PP, FM
CT-BT, CT-SE, CT-PI, CT-PP, FM

Email sent to:

CATMS-041022-KXCP

Coordination on Proposal to Extend U.S.-Armenia CTRA

GS15/06
10/13/2022
10/13/2022
10/26/2022
CT Support Agreements
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Contractor, Amyx Inc., Team Nobis

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SIPR:
Team,

Please review the below against your own department trackers. Let me know where we do agree.

Have a great weekend.

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DTRA-220324-1SZP

Call for Nominations for the DTRA CY22, 1st Quarter Awards

SLS

3/24/2023

4/1/2023

CT-BT, CT-PP, CT-SE, CT-P1

is collating and preparing for signature


CATMS-250222-3A39
Five Power/CNAD Call Memo

3/15/20
3/31/2023
4/4/2023
CT-PI
CT-PI


DTRA-220316-12ZE
SIPR Coord - DTRA-220316-RVHH AFRICOM Response Memo & Spreadsheet Update

3/15/20
3/31/2023
4/4/2023
CT-PI

Sent to [Redacted] for review/approval

DTRA-220331-CCQ7
Updated Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative (USAI) document preservation

3/15/20
3/31/2023
4/4/2023
CT-BT, CT-PP, CT-SE, CT-PI
CT-BT, CT-PP, CT-SE, CT-PI


DTRA-220323-K9QH
Reimbursable Agreement Receipt and Acceptance

AG
3/23/2023
4/5/2023
FM, CT-BT, CT-PP, CT-SE, CT-Pi

FM, CT-Pi

DTRA-220328-68GG

Follow up RFI from HSGAC - Permanent investigations Subcommittee - Congressional EcoHealth Grants not Approved
GS15/O6
3/28/2023
4/6/2023
CT-BT

CT-BT

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DTRA-220316-2273

March Lunchtime Chats with Dr Pope

AG
3/16/2023
4/6/2023

CT-BT, CT-PP, CT-SE, CT-Pi

CT-Pi

(b)(6) Directed PI to receive

DTRA-220401-S86M

Review of the DTRA Human Capital Roadmap (HCR)

SES

4/1/2023

4/12/2023

CT-BT, CT-PP, CT-SE, CT-PH

CT-BT, CT-PP, CT-SE, CT-PH

PI is OPR. All others OCR

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DTRA-220401-ROJ3

Review of the Human Resources Leadership and Learning Implementation Plan

SES

4/1/2023

4/14/2023

CT-PH

CT-PH


DTRA-220322-2JBS5

By Country BTRP Facility Laydown in SEA

SES

3/22/2023

4/22/2023

CT-BT

CT-BT

Q2/FY22 OSD Country Fact Sheets and Regional Summaries Update

2/9/2023
4/26/2023

CT-BT, CT-PP, CT-SE, CT-P1
CT-BT, CT-PP, CT-SE, CT-P1

Issued Q2 / Q3 due dates


DTRA-220322-4S7W

FOIA Case Number 22-044  UKR Does Investigative Report

3/22/2023
5/4/2023
CT-B1
CT-B1


DTRA-220324-X9D1

FOIA Case Number 22-043

3/24/2023
5/4/2023
CT-B1
CT-B1

FOIA Case Number 22-046

CT-SE

CT-SE

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DTRA-220329-9SB1

FOIA Case Number 22-048 UKR Metobiota

CT-B1

CT-B1

seeking all records of communication between any official or employee of the DTRA and any officer, employee, or representative of Rosencrantz Seneca Technology Partners


DTRA-220316-PGXS

Trip Report Action Item Submissions

CT-BT, CT-PP, CT-SE, CT-P1

CT-BT, CT-PP, CT-P1

4 tasks with differing dates. Final suspense date is furthest date for last item

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DTRA-220228-NN27

FOIA Case Number 22-036 - Ukraine contract

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2/28/2023
4/3/2023
CT-BT, CT-FM
CT-BT, CT-FM

Ukraine contracts support etc


DTRA-220302-NM3M

FOIA Case Number 22-038 More UKR

AG

3/2/2023
4/3/2023
CT-BT
CT-BT


DTRA-220302-TRWH

FOIA Case Number 22-039 More UKR

AG

3/2/2023
4/3/2023
CT-BT
CT-BT

POIA Case Number 22-037 More UKR

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3/3/2023
4/3/2023
CT-B1

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