



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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The Honorable
Cathy McMorris Rodgers
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. McMorris Rodgers:

Thank you for your October 5 letter and your continuing interest in and support for a comprehensive investigation into the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic. We note in particular your interest in the January 15, 2021 Fact Sheet specifically referenced in your letter.

As you note, the further review of these matters that President Biden announced on May 26, tasking the Intelligence Community to redouble its efforts to collect and analyze information that could bring us closer to a definitive conclusion about the origins of COVID-19, has now been completed and made available by the Intelligence Community.

The January 15, 2021 Fact Sheet was based upon the information and analysis then available to the U.S. government, as stated therein. Like the U.S. government's knowledge of these matters, the Fact Sheet was not a continuing statement of the U.S. government's position, but rather was and is subject to new information, analysis, and conclusions, which occurred in the Intelligence Community review. Therefore, we urge you to review the recent report of the Intelligence Community, and we defer to the Intelligence Community on these matters.

We hope this information is helpful to you. Please let us know if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Naz Durakoglu".

Naz Durakoglu
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