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Fauci-funded Lab Director Alerted Wuhan Lab About Potential Probe

James LeDuc, an Anthony Fauci-funded lab director, [gave a heads-up](#) to Wuhan Institute of Virology researchers ahead of a potential U.S. investigation into the lab for its involvement in the Covid-19 outbreak.

As seen in new emails obtained via a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed by Judicial Watch, there was a close relationship between the Wuhan lab and LeDuc, who heads the Galveston National Laboratory — which describes [itself](#) as “constructed under grants awarded by [Fauci’s] National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).”



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James LeDuc

NIAID is the outfit of Fauci, who has been the face of the federal government’s coronavirus response.

Notably, the Wuhan Institute had the right to make its American counterpart “destroy and/or return the secret files, materials and equipment without any backups.”

LeDuc has received 32 grants from NIAID.

The National Pulse notes of the FOIA-obtained emails:

On April 16th, 2020, former Commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases David Franz emailed LeDuc that he “heard from someone in government this evening that Senator Rubio is starting to push for [an] investigation regarding Wuhan lab” regarding the origins of COVID-19.

LeDuc quickly forwarded the email to the Wuhan Institute of Virology’s top bat coronavirus researcher - dubbed the lab’s “bat woman” - to alert her of the possible investigation and additionally requested a phone call with her.

The next day, the Wuhan researcher, Zengli Shi, responded that it wasn’t the “right time to communicate by the call” before defending her lab against accusations Covid-19 escaped from it.

“What I can tell you is that this virus is not a leaky [sic] from our lab or any other labs. It’s a shame to make this scientific question so complicated,” she asserted.

LeDuc responded, referencing his “long history of collaboration” with the Wuhan lab and adding a “draft summary” of a report sent to “the leadership of our University of Texas system and likely to Congressional committees.”

“Please review carefully and make any changes that you would like. I want this to be as accurate as possible and I certainly do not want to misrepresent any of your valuable contributions,” LeDuc offered to Shi.



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Separate emails from April 20th, 2020 show LeDuc informing Shi and Director of the Wuhan National Biosafety Laboratory at the Chinese Academy of Sciences Dr. Yuan Zhiming that he was “afraid” the Wuhan lab would be looked into for its role in the viral outbreak:

I’m afraid that this discussion will continue for some time regarding where early coronavirus work was being done, the role, if any, of the Wuhan CDC in research on bat-associated coronaviruses, and exactly when scientists at WIV [Wuhan Institute of Virology] first became aware of the new coronavirus and had possession of specimens in the WIV and where was that work done (level of biocontainment).

LeDuc went so far as to prep Wuhan Institute of Virology officials with dozens of questions they might potentially face in an investigation of the origins of Covid-19. Questions were even categorized under the headings “physical security,” “personnel,” “geography,” and “where is coronavirus research conducted.” This included the question, “Is anyone on your team conducting gain of function studies, recombination studies or any other studies that may have resulted in the creation of the nCoV?”

On Sunday evening, Fauci told CNN he would [leave his post](#) of chief medical advisor if Donald Trump were to win the presidency again in 2024.

“If you look at the history of what the response was during the administration, I think, you know, at best, you can say it wasn’t optimal. And I think just, history will speak for itself about that,” Fauci said.

Fauci also [doled out millions](#) of dollars from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

Per a report from Fox’s *The Next Revolution With Steve Hilton*, Fauci continued gain-of-function research even after an Obama administration ban, ultimately funding a China-based study that “unlocked a highly specific doorway into the human body.” That’s the same pathway used by Covid-19.

The millions of dollars in NIH grants went to the dangerous research of Dr. Peter Daszak’s EcoHealth Alliance, which conducted the studies together with the Wuhan Institute of Virology.





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