

Dr. Rick Bright Testifies Before House Energy & Commerce Panel



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Rick Bright, the recent director of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) who says he was removed from his job, testifies before a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee. <https://www.c-span.org/video/?471986-...>

Transcript

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MS. ESHOO: THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON

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HEALTH WILL NOW COME TO ORDER. GOOD MORNING, COLLEAGUES. THE CHAIR NOW RECOGNIZES HERSELF

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FOR FIVE MINUTES FOR AN OPENING STATEMENT.

2:02

MR. BURGESS: WILL YOU YIELD FOR A PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY?

MS. ESHOO: I WANT TO DO MY OPENING STATEMENT.

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PARDON ME. I ALREADY RECOGNIZED MYSELF BUT I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU AFTERWARD.

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I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE HOLDING -- OR THAT WE WOULD BE HOLDING A HEARING UNDER THE SAD

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CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT I THINK IT'S A NECESSARY ONE. OUR COUNTRY IS IN PAIN.

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AMERICANS ARE AFRAID. THEY'RE SICK.

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THEY'RE HUNGRY AND JOBLESS. AND OVER 80,000 SOULS HAVE BEEN LOST.

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AND THE GOVERNMENT THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THEM HAS FAILED. THERE ARE HEROES AND THEY HAVE

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RISEN, EXTRAORDINARY, ORDINARY AMERICANS SHOWING COURAGE, COMPASSION, AND A SENSE OF

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SELF-SACRIFICE AND DUTY BEYOND WHAT COULD HAVE OR SHOULD HAVE BEEN ASKED OF THEM.

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REGULAR AMERICANS HAVE RISEN WHEN THEIR LEADERS HAVE NOT. WE ARE THE GREATEST COUNTRY ON

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EARTH, AND, YET, WE HAVE THE MOST CASES AND THE MOST DEATHS FROM COVID-19 OF ANY NATION IN

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THE WORLD. WHY? FIRST, IT'S THE INEPT,

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INEFFECTIVE AND EXTREMELY LATE EFFORT TO RESPOND TO WHAT WAS CLEAR TO MANY SCIENTISTS AND

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PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS IN JANUARY. THAT BASIC DELAY COST PRECIOUS

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LIVES AND IS CONTINUING TO COST LIVES. WE CAN'T HAVE A SYSTEM WHERE THE

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PRICE PAID IS UNCONSCIONABLE. MOTHERS LOSING DAUGHTERS. DAUGHTERS LOSING FATHERS.

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BECAUSE OF INCOMPETENT, DENIAL, DELAY, AND A
DISORGANIZED

3:53

RESPONSE. FRANKLY, I'M TIRED OF THOSE WHO BEAR THE
RESPONSIBILITY ACCEPTING NONE OF IT WHILE

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DEFLECTING BLAME ON OTHERS, THE PREVIOUS
ADMINISTRATION, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, THE

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WUHAN LAB, ANYWHERE BUT WHERE THE BLAME BELONGS.
SECOND, THE UNITED STATES HAS

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AND REMAINS DANGEROUSLY DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN
COUNTRIES

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FOR OUR SUPPLY OF CRITICAL LIFESAVING DRUGS AND
LIFESAVING

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EQUIPMENT -- MASKS, GLOVES, P.P.E. AND VENTILATORS. AS A
RESULT, WE CAN'T TREAT OUR

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OWN PEOPLE WITHOUT RELYING ON CHINA AND OTHERS TO
SUPPLY US.

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WE CAN'T OUTFIT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, OUR HOSPITAL

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WORKERS, OUR NURSES, OUR DOCTORS. WE CAN'T CARE FOR
OUR OWN NATION

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IN CRISIS. THIS SURELY IS A NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUE.

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I WANT TO THANK THE GENTLEWOMAN FROM INDIANA, MRS.
BROOKS, FOR HER BIPARTISAN WORK WITH ME TO

5:00

ADDRESS THE DRUG SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUE AS WELL AS OTHER
MEMBERS ON A BIPARTISAN BASIS FOR THEIR

5:07

LEGISLATION ON THOSE ISSUES AS WELL. TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO HEAR ABOUT THE DISASTROUS FEDERAL RESPONSE

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TO AN APPROACHING PANDEMIC. DR. BRIGHT HAS FILED ONE OF THE

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MOST SPECIFIC AND TROUBLING WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINTS I'VE

5:24

EVER SEEN. HE WAS THE RIGHT PERSON WITH THE RIGHT JUDGMENT AT THE RIGHT

5:29

TIME. HE WAS NOT ONLY IGNORED, HE WAS FIRED FOR BEING RIGHT.

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WE CAN'T HAVE A SYSTEM WHERE THE GOVERNMENT FIRES THOSE WHO GET IT RIGHT AND REWARD THOSE WHO

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GET IT COMPLETELY WRONG. MR. MICHAEL BOWEN, THE EXECUTIVE

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VICE PRESIDENT OF PRESTIGE AMAYOR TECH WILL SPEAK --

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AREMITECH WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE CRIPPLING DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR CRITICAL SUPPLIES,

6:01

A NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUE. OUR COUNTRY IS PAYING A TERRIBLE PRICE TODAY. AND IT RESTS ON CONGRESS TO

6:07

ADDRESS THIS THREAT WHERE ANY EFFORT OF AN ADVERSARY CAN CUT OFF OUR SUPPLY OF LIFESAVING

6:14

DRUGS AND SUPPLIES. OUR LIFELINE. AND THIS WOULD CREATE A HEALTH

6:21

CARE DISASTER ON A SCALE NEVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE. I BEAR THIS RESPONSIBILITY AS

6:28

DOES EVERY MEMBER OF CONGRESS. THIS SUBCOMMITTEE HAS JURISDICTION OVER OUR COUNTRY'S

6:35

MOST PRESTIGIOUS HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS -- F.D.A., N.I.H.,

6:42

C.D.C., AND BARDA. WE HAVE TO LISTEN. WE HAVE TO LEARN.

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AND WE MUST WORK TOGETHER FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY WHO

6:52

NEED US SO, SO MUCH. REGARDLESS OF INCONVENIENT

7:00

TRUTHS. FINALLY, I REGRET THE SECRETARY AZAR, DR. ROBERT KADLIC, AND DR.

7:08

PETER NAVARRO HAVE ALL REFUSED TO TESTIFY TODAY. I NOW ASK FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF THE OVER

7:16

80,000 AMERICANS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES FROM COVID-19.

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THE CHAIR NOW RECOGNIZES -- MR. BURGESS: BEFORE I'M RECOGNIZED FOR AN OPENING

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STATEMENT, I WONDER IF I CAN BE RECOGNIZED FOR A PARLIAMENTARY

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INQUIRY. MS. ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN IS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY. MR. BURGESS: I'D LIKE CLARIFICATION BEFORE US TODAY,

7:53

IS THIS WITNESS TESTIFYING AS A GOVERNMENT WITNESS OR AS AN INDIVIDUAL?

7:59

MS. ESHOO: DR. BRIGHT IS TESTIFYING AS A FEDERAL

8:08

EMPLOYEE. CORRECT? AND REPRESENTING -- HE IS A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE REPRESENTING

8:16

HIMSELF. I NOW RECOGNIZE THE RANKING MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

8:21

>> MADAM CHAIR, JUST TO QUESTION. NORMALLY WE HAVE NAME PLATES IDENTIFYING WHO'S AT THE TABLE

8:27

AND JUST -- I KNOW DR. BRIGHT, OF COURSE, BUT I'M NOT SURE WHO'S NEXT TO HIM.

8:34

MS. ESHOO: YOU'RE CORRECT. I DON'T KNOW WHY WE DON'T HAVE NAME PLATES. I DIDN'T NOTICE THAT WHEN I CAME

8:39

IN THE HEARING ROOM. CAN THE STAFF PROVIDE THEM? CAN THERE ANY WAY THE STAFF CAN PROVIDE THEM?

8:46

I THINK WE CAN. MR. WALDEN: THANK YOU. MS. ESHOO: I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO

8:55

INFORM THE MEMBERS THAT DR. BRIGHT'S ATTORNEY, DEBORAH KATZ, IS AT THE TABLE.

9:02

SHE'S REQUESTED A MICROPHONE. SHE IS NOT HERE AS A WITNESS.

9:08

SO WE WILL NOT BE ASKING HER QUESTIONS. SHE IS SIMPLY HERE TO REPRESENT

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HER CLIENT. I NOW WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE

9:21

THE RANKING MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, DR. BURGESS, FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES FOR AN OPENING

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STATEMENT. MR. BURGESS: I THANK THE CHAIR AND THE ENERGY AND COMMERCE,

9:32

PARTICULARLY THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH IS THE PREMIERE HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE IN THE CONGRESS.

9:37

WE HAVE A BROAD JURISDICTION. A LONG STANDING TRADITION OF TACKLING IMPORTANT HEALTH CARE

9:42

ISSUES IN A BIPARTISAN MANNER. I PERSONALLY, LIKE OUR WITNESS

9:47

TODAY, HAVE BEEN VERY, VERY CONCERNED. IN FACT, SOUNDING THE ALARM ABOUT THIS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

9:53

SINCE JANUARY. SO I ASK, WHY IS THIS THE FIRST OFFICIAL HEARING THAT WE'RE

9:59

HEARING ON THIS TOPIC? TO SAY THIS IS A DISAPPOINTMENT

10:04

WOULD BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT. NOT ONLY DISAPPOINTMENT BUT I'M CONCERNED THAT IT TOOK FIVE

10:09

MONTHS TO HAVE A HEARING ON THIS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS INSTEAD OF TACKLING ANY OF THE ISSUES SUGGESTED IN THE LETTERS THAT --

10:16

THAT I SENT TO YOU THIS WEEK, WE'RE EXAMINING A WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT THAT IS ONLY

10:21

ONE-WEEK-OLD BEFORE A PROPER INVESTIGATION. IN THESE LETTERS, I OUTLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF ADDRESSING THE

10:28

STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE, COVID-19'S IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH, TESTING.

10:33

CERTAINLY WE SHOULD HAVE A HEARING ON TESTING. RACIAL DISPARITIES AND PROVIDE

10:39

RELIEF. THE LACK OF ATTENTION TO THESE DETAILS ARE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR NATION'S OVERALL RESPONSE TO THIS PANDEMIC AND IT IS THE

10:45

RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS HOUSE AND THIS RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS COMMITTEE. WE CONTINUE TO STAND ON THE

10:52

SIDELINES. INSTEAD OF BECOMING FULLY ENGAGED. EVERY WHISTLEBLOWER DESERVES TO

10:58

BE HEARD. DR. BRIGHT HAS RAISED SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS, AND THEY DESERVE

11:05

INVESTIGATION. WHISTLEBLOWERS MUST HAVE THEIR RIGHTS PROTECTED AND DESERVE TO HAVE THEIR ALLEGATIONS

11:11

INVESTIGATED WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT HAVE BEEN LONG

11:16

ESTABLISHED AND UPHELD AS INDEPENDENT AND FAIR. MADAM CHAIR, ON APRIL 23, CNN

11:24

REPORTED THAT YOU PLANNED TO CALL DR. BRIGHT TO TESTIFY. DR. BRIGHT DID NOT ACTUALLY FILE

11:29

HIS WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT WITH THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL UNTIL TUESDAY, MAY 5.

11:34

THAT SAME DAY IT WAS ANNOUNCED ON SOCIAL MEDIA THAT YOU PLANNED TO HOLD A HEARING, BUT IT WAS

11:39

NOT OFFICIALLY NOTICED UNTIL TWO DAYS LATER. BY FRIDAY, MAY 8, THE OFFICE OF

11:44

SPECIAL COUNSEL RECOMMENDED THAT DR. BRIGHT BE TEMPORARILY REINSTATED AS DIRECTOR OF

11:50

BARREDA -- BARDA SO THEY COULD THOROUGHLY CONDUCT ITS

11:55

INVESTIGATION AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE USUAL PROCESSES OF REVIEWING WHISTLEBLOWER

12:00

COMPLAINTS. DESPITE THE HEARING MEMO, NO FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE VIOLATION OF THE WHISTLEBLOWER
12:05

STATUTE HAS ACTUALLY BEEN MADE. FOLLOWING A ROBUST INVESTIGATION PROCESS, THE CUSTOMARY SETTING
12:12

FOR A WHISTLEBLOWER HEARING WOULD BE IN OUR ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE UNDER THE -- UNDER OATH IN THE OFFICE --

12:19
OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE. TO SAY THIS HEARING IS PREMATURE, AND IT IS A DISSERVICE TO THE INVESTIGATION

12:26
OF DR. BRIGHT'S COMPLAINT I THINK GOES WITHOUT SAYING. YOU TRAMPLED ON MINORITY RIGHTS.

12:31
YOU WOULD HAVE NEVER TOLERATED THAT WHEN YOU WERE IN THE MINORITY. YOU NEGLECTED THE TRADITION OF THIS COMMITTEE AND IN THE MANNER

12:37
THIS HEARING WAS CALLED. THE NUMBER OF PROCEDURAL FOULS COMMITTED IN ADVANCE OF THIS HEARING WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE LED

12:43
THE CHAIR TO A FOUL IN MULTIPLE BASKETBALL GAMES.

12:49
APPARENTLY IN A WORLD WITHOUT SPORTS, THIS SUBCOMMITTEE HAS BECOME POLITICAL SPORT. MORE THAN 80,000 AMERICAN LIVES

12:55
HAVE BEEN LOST TO THIS PANDEMIC. IT CONTINUES TO WREAK HAVOC ON OUR COMMUNITIES, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF PHYSICAL HEALTH BUT

13:01
MENTAL HEALTH AND CERTAINLY FINANCIAL HEALTH. WE SHOULD BE CONDUCTING A HEARING ON THE REAL-TIME

13:07
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PANDEMIC

13:14

ALL-HAZARDNESS PREPAREDNESS AND ADVANCING ACT AND WE SHOULD HAVE DONE IT IN FEBRUARY. AS A DEMOCRATIC COUNTERPART TO

13:19

THE PRIMARY OFFICER, DR. SUSAN BROOKS, YOU, MADAM CHAIR, SHOULD

13:24

HAVE A GREAT INTEREST IN HOLDING SUCH A HEARING. IN MY DISTRICT, WE'VE SEEN DEATHS AMONGST YOUNG

13:30

AFRICAN-AMERICANS FROM COVID-19. WE'RE HEARING ABOUT A NEW

13:35

PHENOMENON OF VERY YOUNG INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DYING FROM AN INTENSE INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE

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APPARENTLY SPARKED BY INFECTION WITH THIS VIRUS. WE SHOULD HEAR FROM SOME OF

13:49

THESE FAMILIES AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS TO ANALYZE WHY THIS VIRUS HAS

13:54

DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED SOME COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY MINORITY COMMUNITIES. SO I SAY BEFORE, NOT ALL HEROES

14:00

WEAR CAPES. HOSPITALS, DOCTORS, OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ARE ON THE FRONTLINES EVERY DAY BATTLING

14:05

THIS VIRUS. THEY GO TO WORK SO WE CAN STAY HOME, WHICH WE'VE DONE VERY SUCCESSFULLY.

14:10

THE INABILITY TO CONDUCT NONESSENTIAL PROCEDURES AND VISITS HAS LED TO FINANCIAL HARM TO OUR HOSPITALS AND DOCTORS,

14:18

HOW OUR STATES AND COUNTRY PREPARING TO EASE BACK INTO PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE IS THE

14:25

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROVIDER RELIEF FUND IN THE CARES ACT WORKING? THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS WE SHOULD BE ASKING EXPERTS TODAY.

14:31

I APPRECIATE CHAIRMAN PALLONE HOLDING TELEPHONE BRIEFINGS SINCE WE HAVE OUR OWN QUESTIONS.

14:37

I WILL SAY, THIS PANDEMIC IS ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF OUR NATION. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO HOLD FUTURE HEARINGS ON THE

14:43

STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE, MENTAL HEALTH AND RACIAL DISPARITIES. I'M HAPPY TO HELP YOU SET THE AGENDA FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

14:49

I HOPE YOU WILL COMMIT TO ADDITIONAL HEARINGS ON TESTING AND THE PROVIDER RELIEF FUND. AND I REQUEST THAT MY LETTERS

14:55

AND YOUR RESPONSES BE PART OF THE RECORD. I YIELD BACK. MS. ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS.

15:02

THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK. I THINK THE GENTLEMAN WILL RECALL THAT I CALLED FOR A

15:09

HEARING ON JANUARY 30, AND ON THE HEELS OF THAT, IT WAS TO BE

15:16

WITH DR. CADLICK, DR. FAUCI, ALL THE HEADS OF OUR HEALTH

15:23

AGENCIES, AND IT WAS SECRETARY AZAR THAT SAID THEY CANNOT COME.

15:28

I'M THE TOP PERSON. AND WHEN I COME, THEY WILL COME WITH ME. SO THAT WAS JANUARY 30.

15:35

MR. BURGESS: MADAM CHAIR, OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM COMMITTEE FOR TWO DAYS.

15:41

MS. ESHOO: I'M NOT FINISHED YET. I'M NOT FINISHED YET, DR. BURGESS. YOU'VE WRITTEN SEVERAL LETTERS

15:46

TO ME IN THE LAST WEEK, AND I COMMUNICATED TO YOU, I'M HAPPY

15:52

TO SIT DOWN WITH YOU TO REVIEW AND TO COME UP WITH ALL THE

15:57

APPROPRIATE HEARINGS THAT THIS SUBCOMMITTEE SHOULD HOLD. AND WE WILL WORK TOGETHER ON

16:04

THAT. WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THE STOCKPILE, TESTING, THE LIST

16:12

IS AS LONG AS PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE. SO WE WILL WORK TOGETHER ON

16:17

THAT, REST ASSURED. NOW, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FULL COMMITTEE,

16:23

MR. PALLONE, FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES FOR AN OPENING

16:28

STATEMENT. MR. PALLONE: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, MS. ESHOO, FOR INITIATING THIS HEARING AND

16:33

PUTTING ALL YOUR ENERGY INTO IT SO THAT WE'RE HERE TODAY WITH DR. BRIGHT.

16:39

WE ARE HERE AS PART OF THE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE'S ONGOING WORK TO CONFRONT THE

16:44

LARGEST PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC KRIERS OF OUR -- CROIXES OF OUR LIFE -- CRISIS OF

16:49

OUR LIFETIMES. MORE THAN 80,000 AMERICANS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES.

16:54

36 MILLION LOST THEIR JOBS AS OF TODAY. THIS IS A NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT REQUIRES AFTERS A EKT OF --

16:59

EVERY ASPECT OF GOVERNMENT TOGETHER TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THIS TERRIBLE VIRUS SO WE CAN

17:06

CONFIDENTLY REOPEN OUR ECONOMY. AS THIS PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS WORKED TOGETHER TO ENACT FOUR

17:11

LAWS TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, NEW LAWS ARE SIMPLY NOT

17:16

ENOUGH. PRESIDENT TRUMP AND HIS ADMINISTRATION HAVE FAILED TO PROVIDE THE CONSISTENT AND STABLE LEADERSHIP THAT IS

17:23

NECESSARY TO GUIDE OUR NATION THROUGH THIS PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC CRISIS. FOR MONTHS, THE PRESIDENT HAS

17:28

DELIVERED MIXED MESSAGES AND MISINFORMATION TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, CREATING CONFUSION ACROSS THE NATION.

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INSTEAD OF SHOWING LEADERSHIP, COMPETENCE AND VISION IN A TIME OF CRISIS, THE ADMINISTRATION

17:40

HAS ABSENT INDICATED ITS RESPONSIBILITY AND FORCED STATES TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES AND FIND

17:46

THEIR OWN WAY OUT OF THIS PANDEMIC. WHILE STATES AND FRONTLINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS WERE PLEADING FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE

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EQUIPMENT, TESTING SUPPLIES AND OTHER RESOURCES TO PROTECT THEM AND THEIR PATIENTS, PRESIDENT TRUMP'S RESPONSE WAS TO LET

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STATES FIGHT IT OUT ON THE OPEN MARKET. FOR MONTHS, THE PRESIDENT HAS REFUSED TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT
18:04

A NATIONAL TESTING PROGRAM. FOR MONTHS WE'VE BEEN PROMISED MILLIONS OF TESTS WERE RIGHT
18:09

AROUND THE CORNER. PROMISE IS HOLLOW. TESTING IS GETTING BETTER BUT NOWHERE WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE.
18:16

THE PRESIDENT PROCLAIMED ABOUT TESTING EARLIER THIS WEEK, AND I QUOTE, WE HAVE MET THE MOMENT AND WE HAVE PREVAILED.

18:21
THAT COULD NOT BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH, MR. PRESIDENT. DR. RICK BRIGHT, THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF BARDA, HAS COME

18:29
FORWARD AS A WHISTLEBLOWER AND MADE SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS INCLUDING A LACK OF URGENCY BY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS TO

18:36
RESPOND TO THE VIRUS. MISMANAGEMENT AND FAILURE TO PROCURE NECESSARY SUPPLIES AND DISREGARD FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND

18:41
SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY. HE CLAIMS -- HIS CLAIMS LIE AT THE HEART OF THIS COMMITTEE'S

18:46
CONCERNS REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO HEAR THE

18:52
PERSPECTIVE OF DR. BRIGHT WHO IS POSITIONED TO DISCUSS THE ADMINISTRATION'S PREPARATIONS

18:57
AND RESPONSE TO THIS PANDEMIC. NOW, THE FAILURES WE'VE SEEN SIMPLY CANNOT PERSIST.

19:02
THAT'S WHY THE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO CONDUCT ROBUST OVERSIGHT AND TO

19:09

PROPOSE BOLD LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS OF. WE'VE BEEN DEMANDING ANSWERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION ON

19:14

TESTING, CONTACT TRACING, THE SUPPLY CHAIN, FOOD SAFETY, AND THE SAFETY OF FOOD PRODUCTION WORKERS AND ATTEMPTS UNDERMINE

19:22

SCIENCE AND PUBLIC HEALTH. TO DATE WE HAVE YET TO RECEIVE ANY SUFFICIENT RESPONSES FROM THIS TRUMP ADMINISTRATION.

19:27

AS FOR LEGISLATION, CONGRESS HAS ALREADY PASSED FOUR MAJOR CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE PACKAGES

19:33

THAT WERE IMPROVED BY THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE. AND NOW WITH THE SENSE OF

19:39

URGENCY, EARLIER THIS WEEK WE PROPOSED THE HEROES ACT, WHICH

19:44

WILL BE VOTED ON TOMORROW BY THE HOUSE. IT CONTINUES OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT BY PROVIDING THE HEALTH CARE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT NEEDED TO COMBAT THE

19:52

CORONAVIRUS CRISIS. OUR LEGISLATION WILL STRENGTHEN TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING BY FINALLY REQUIRING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP

19:58

COMPREHENSIVE PLANS WITH CLEAR BENCHMARKS AND TIMELINES AND PUBLIC REPORTING OF KEY METRICS.

20:04

THIS WILL ALLOW TRANSPARENCY SO WE CAN SEE IF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IS FULFILLING ITS

20:09

PROMISES AND HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE IF THEY'RE NOT. WE ALSO PROVIDE \$75 BILLION TO SUPPORT ROBUST TESTING, CONTACT

20:17

TRACING, SURVEILLANCE, AND CONTAINMENT ACTIVITIES. THIS IS BEYOND THE 25 THAT WAS IN THE LAST BILL.

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AND WE SIMPLY CANNOT BEAT THIS VIRUS WITHOUT THESE EFFORTS IN PLACE. OUR LEGISLATION ALSO ENSURES

20:28

THAT ALL COVID-19 TREATMENTS, DRUG, AND VACCINES ARE FREE OF COST FOR PATIENTS.

20:34

THE BILL WILL HELP SHORE UP OUR PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE LONG ROAD AHEAD. OUR TOP PRIORITY IS THE HEALTH

20:39

AND SAFETY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE HEROES ACT BUILDS ON THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE AND LAYS THE FOUNDATION WE WILL NEED TO

20:46

EASE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SAFELY REOPEN THE ECONOMY. SO I JUST WANT TO THANK DR. BRIGHT FOR COMING FORWARD AND

20:51

FOR BEING HERE TODAY. I WANT TO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR BRINGING HIM HERE. I'M HOPEFUL THIS HEARING WILL

20:57

HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND THE FAILURES OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION SO THAT COLLECTIVELY WE CAN FIND

21:03

SOLUTIONS THAT WILL HELP US FINALLY GET A HANDLE ON THIS VIRUS. IT'S THE ONLY WAY WE'LL BE ABLE TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

21:12

AND SAFELY AND COMPETENTLY REOPEN OUR COMMUNITIES. I THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I YIELD BACK. MS. ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS

21:20

BACK. THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES THE GENTLEMAN FROM OREGON, THE RANKING MEMBER OF THE FULL COMMITTEE, MR. WALDEN. MR. WALDEN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,

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MADAM CHAIR. AND BEFORE -- BEFORE I USE MY TIME, I DO HAVE JUST A

21:31

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION FOR YOU. IF YOU WOULD YIELD TO THAT. MADAM CHAIR.

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MS. ESHOO: STATE YOUR PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY. MR. WALDEN: I KNOW WE'RE OPERATING UNDER REALLY UNUSUAL

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CONDITIONS. MS. ESHOO: WE ARE. MR. WALDEN: BECAUSE OF THE MASKS

21:48

WHICH AFFECTS THE LAYOUT OF THE ROOM. I KNOW WHEN WE DO INVESTIGATIVE

21:56

HEARINGS THERE IS A SCRIPT ABOUT WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL IS ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSEL, WHETHER THEY WANT THAT COUNSEL REPRESENTED. I GOT THAT SCRIPT.

22:02

THE REASON I'M ASKING IS WE'RE NOT IN O.N.I., BUT IT IS

22:08

EXTRAORDINARILY UNUSUAL TO HAVE GOVERNMENT WITNESS AS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH PRIVATE COUNSEL

22:13

AT THE WITNESS TABLE AND WITH A MICROPHONE. AND SO I'M JUST TRYING TO GET

22:21

CLARIFICATION FOR FUTURE PRECEDENT SETTING FOR COMMITTEE AND THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I'M ASKING THIS. HE OBVIOUSLY HAS COUNSEL.

22:27

IF WE SHOULD FOLLOW THE PROTOCOL THAT'S PRESCRIBED FOR THE

22:32

OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. MS. ESHOO: WELL, I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THIS -- WE

22:40

HAVE ANOTHER FIRST HERE. WHEN DR. BRIGHT CAME IN THIS

22:46

MORNING WITH HIS ATTORNEY, SHE REQUESTED THE MICROPHONE.

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SO AS A COURTESY, I EXTENDED THE MICROPHONE TO HER. MR. WALDEN: YEAH, SURE.

22:57

MS. ESHOO: NOW, SHE'S NOT A WITNESS. SHE WILL NOT -- WE ARE NOT GOING TO ASK HER QUESTIONS.

23:03

SHE SIMPLY IS ACCOMPANYING HER

23:09

CLIENT. SO I DON'T -- IS IT A PROBLEM? MR. WALDEN: I DON'T HAVE OBJECTION TO ANY OF THAT.

23:14

CAN I READ YOU WHAT THIS TEXT IS AND MAYBE THAT RESOLVES IT? MS. ESHOO: WELL, THIS IS NOT O

23:22

AND I. ARE WE SUGGESTING WE NEED TO FOLLOW WHAT O AND I DOES? MR. WALDEN: I AM SAYING THAT THE

23:30

WITNESS IS NOT HERE IN HIS WHISTLEBLOWING CAPACITY IS WHAT

23:36

I'M TOLD, WHAT YOU COMMUNICATED, BUT THIS IS HIS PERSONAL

23:42

ATTORNEY, IF I'M CORRECT, AND WE ARE NOT -- I KNOW WHO YOU ARE BUT WE HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED THAT FOR THE RECORD.

23:47

AND ALL WE DO IN O AND I, AS YOU KNOW, YOU ASK IF THE -- IF THE

23:53

WITNESS WANTS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSEL, THEY RESPOND YES OR NO. AND THEN COUNSEL IS ALLOWED TO

24:00

MOVE FORWARD, SIT AT THE TABLE, AND THEN THE QUESTION IS ASKED, WILL YOU GIVE TESTIMONY OR NOT

24:05

AND IF SO RAISE YOUR HAND, THAT'S ALL I'M DOING HERE. WE DON'T USUALLY DO THIS TYPE OF

24:11

ACTIVITY IN THIS -- IN THE OTHER POLICY COMMITTEES. AND WE ARE NOT USUALLY SET UP

24:16

THIS WAY BUT BECAUSE -- MS. ESHOO: WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASK THE -- MR. WALDEN: I THINK WE ALL TO

24:21

FOLLOW FOR FUTURE PRECEDENT. MS. ESHOO: IT'S A GOOD SUGGESTION. MR. WALDEN: WE ARE ALL LEARNING

24:27

HOW TO OPERATE IN THIS ENVIRONMENT. MS. ESHOO: ALL RIGHT. THE GENTLEMAN IS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES FOR AN OPENING

24:32

STATEMENT. MR. WALDEN: WELL -- MS. ESHOO: YOU DON'T THINK IT'S RESOLVED? MR. WALDEN: ARE WE GOING TO ASK IF HE WANTS TO BE REPRESENTED BY

24:38

COUNSEL AND THEN WHO THE COUNSEL IS? MS. ESHOO: DR. BRIGHT, DO YOU WISH TO BE REPRESENTED BY

24:44

COUNSEL? DR. BRIGHT: YES. MR. WALDEN: OK. AND CAN SHE IDENTIFY HERSELF FOR

24:51

THE RECORD? MS. ESHOO: FOR RECORD, WOULD COUNSEL PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

24:58

>> MY NAME IS DEBORAH KATZ, AN ATTORNEY REPRESENTING DR. RICK

25:06

BRIGHT, FROM THE LAW FIRM OF KATZ, MARSHALL AND BANKS.

25:13

MS. ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN IS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES. >> PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION.

25:19

MS. ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN WILL STATE HIS PARLIAMENTARY -- >> WILL THE WITNESS BE UNDER

25:24

OATH? IF YOU HAVE A WHISTLEBLOWER TESTIMONY UNDER O AND I, A

25:30

WITNESS IS UNDER OATH. TODAY HE'S NOT UNDER OATH, THEN IF WE GET INTO WHISTLEBLOWER ALLEGATIONS, HOW CAN WE BE

25:35

ASSURED THAT THE WITNESS IS TELLING THE TRUTH UNDER OATH IF

25:40

THEY'RE NOT UNDER OATH AND IF THEY'RE NOT UNDER OATH, THEN HOW CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THE WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINTS?

25:46

MS. ESHOO: I THANK THE GENTLEMAN. >> IN A FAIR AND EQUITABLE MANNER. MS. ESHOO: I THANK THE GENTLEMAN

25:51

FOR HIS INQUIRY. ALL WITNESSES KNOW THAT IT IS

25:56

ILLEGAL TO LIE TO CONGRESS. AND IN OUR SUBCOMMITTEE, UNLIKE

26:04

O AND I, THEY ARE THE ONLY SUBCOMMITTEE -- I MEAN, IT'S A PRACTICE. IT'S A TRADITION.

26:10

BUT WE DON'T SWEAR PEOPLE IN. BUT WITNESSES KNOW THAT IT IS

26:17

ILLEGAL TO LIE TO CONGRESS. MR. WALDEN: 1,003, I BELIEVE.

26:26

MR. BUCSHON: THANK YOU. MS. ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES OPENING. MR. WALDEN: THANK YOU.

26:31

I KNOW WE'RE OPERATING UNDER UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES. THE WORLD IS COPING WITH AN HISTORIC DEADLY PANDEMIC THAT WE

26:39

ALWAYS KNEW WAS POSSIBLE BUT WE PRAYED WOULD NOT HAPPEN. IN A BIPARTISAN WAY WE DID EVERYTHING THE EXPERTS SAID WE NEEDED TO DO TO BE PREPARED

26:45

SHOULD A PANDEMIC OR OTHER HAZARDS STRIKE. MADAM CHAIR, THE WORK YOU, DR.

26:51

BURGESS, REPRESENTATIVE SUSAN BROOKS AND I DID OVER TWO CONGRESSES WHEN EACH PARTY HAS

26:56

CONTROLLED THE HOUSE RESULTED IN ONE PRODUCT -- THE PANDEMIC

27:01

ALL-HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS ACT. DR. BRIGHT, I KNOW YOU ARE ARE PART OF OUR EFFORTS IN WRITING AND RE-AUTHORIZING THAT LAW.

27:09

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. IN FACT, GIVEN THE ROLE YOU ONCE PLAYED AT ASPER BEFORE GOING TO

27:15

BARDA, YOU HAD A BIG RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE CONGRESS PROVIDED THE STRATEGIC

27:20

NATIONAL STOCKPILE WERE NEEDED, TELL US SHORTCOMINGS AS WE WERE

27:26

DOING THE ACT. I WENT BACK TO OVER THREE

27:33

HEARINGS WE HELD IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE WHERE YOU TESTIFIED ABOUT THE ZIKA OUTBREAK IN 2017, THE SEASONAL FLU ON MARCH 8,

27:39

2018, ON JUNE 15, 2018, ENTITLED "THE STATE OF U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH

27:46

BIOPREPAREDNESS, RESPONDING TO BIOLOGICAL ATTACKS, PANDEMICS, AND EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASE

27:52

OUTBREAKS." I WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE DIDN'T MISS ANYTHING. NOTHING JUMPED OUT OF ME AS I

27:57

REREAD THE RECORD. CONGRESS INCREASED FUNDING TO

28:02

ASPER AND BARDIA. WE FOLLOWED YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN PLAYING IN THIS COMBIEPD

28:07

EFFORT. UNFORTUNATELY, SOME OF THE SYSTEMS WE PUT IN PLACE TO PREPARE FOR A PANDEMIC, SYSTEMS DESIGNED WITHOUT ACTUALLY LIVING

28:13

THROUGH SOME LIKE THIS, HAVE NOT PERFORMED AS EXPECTED. WE'VE LEARNED WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH OF THE BASIC SUPPLIES

28:18

THAT WE'VE ALWAYS TAKEN FOR GRANTED. WHILE CHAIR ESHOO AND I WARNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL

28:24

VULNERABILITIES OF OUR MEDICAL SUPPLY CHAPS, ESPECIALLY FROM CHINA, NOT ENOUGH WAS DONE TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM, AND IT

28:30

STILL HASN'T BEEN FULLY ADDRESSED. I'M THANKFUL THAT PRESIDENT TRUMP INVOKED THE DEFENSE

28:36

PRODUCTION ACT TO RAMP UP THE PRODUCTION OF MASKS AND VENTILATORS AND THE PRESIDENT USED THE EMERGENCY POWERS AND

28:42

MONEYS CONGRESS PROVIDED TO LAUNCH UNPRECEDENTED EFFORTS TO SEARCH THE GLOBE FOR SUPPLIES, TO RAPIDLY ADVANCE DEVELOPMENT

28:47

OF TREATMENTS AND VACCINES. BUT WE STILL HAVE MUCH BIPARTISAN WORK TO DO TO RESPOND

28:52

AND ADAPT TO THE CHALLENGES PRESENTED BY COVID-19. AND THE LESSONS WE'RE LEARNING.

28:59

WE HAVE ASKED FOR AND THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD HOLD HEARINGS TO FIND A PATH FORWARD TO REFORM

29:04

THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE, TO INCREASE DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING OF CRITICAL SUPPLIES AND DISENTANGLE OUR

29:10

SUPPLY CHAINS FROM CHINA. WE SHOULD BE EXPLORING STRATEGIES FOR INCREASED TESTING

29:15

SO WE CAN BEGIN TO SAFELY REOPEN OUR ECONOMY. WE NEED TO FIND WAYS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH AND PROVIDE RELIEF, BOTH FOR OUR

29:21

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ON THE FRONTLINES TREATING COVID-19 CASES AND OUR HEALTH CARE WORKERS WHO HAVE BEEN FURLOUGHED

29:26

BECAUSE THEIR HOSPITALS ARE CLOSED. WE SHOULD BE CONDUCTING RIGOROUS OVERSIGHT OF THE TRILLIONS OF

29:32

DOLLARS AND A MYRIAD OF POLICIES CONGRESS APPROPRIATED AND ENACTED IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS AND WE SHOULD BE INVESTIGATING,

29:38

REALLY INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS LIKE DR. BRIGHT'S, THAT RAISE CONCERN THAT OUR -- ABOUT OUR NATION'S CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE.

29:45

THAT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE WHY WE'RE ACTUALLY HERE TODAY AND FRANKLY IT SADDENS ME. DR. BRIGHT, YOUR ALLEGATIONS ARE

29:52

SERIOUS. THEY DESERVE A REAL INVESTIGATION. I KNOW THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL

29:58

COUNSEL, WITH WHOM YOU FILED YOUR COMPLAINT, WILL DO JUST THAT AND I KNOW THEY TAKE THEIR WORK SERIOUSLY AND HEAR YOU OUT.

30:05

AND WE'LL GIVE THOSE NAMED IN YOUR COMPLAINT TO -- COMPLAINT TO HEAR.

30:10

WE WERE CONFUSED WHEN WE LEARNED FROM A TWEET THIS SCHEDULE WAS SCHEDULED IN THE WAKE OF YOUR COMPLAINT.

30:15

AS YOU KNOW, THAT'S CERTAINLY NOT HOW WE DO THINGS AT THE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE. NOT LONG AFTER THE NOTICE OF THIS BEING A WHISTLEBLOWER

30:21

HEARING, WE WERE ADVISED YOU WERE HERE AS A GOVERNMENT WITNESS, NOT A WHISTLEBLOWER, BUT THEN WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE

30:26

NOT REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENT BUT YOURSELF. HEARING TITLE SUGGESTS THE

30:31

HEARING IS ABOUT PROTECTING SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY, YET, THE

30:36

CHAIR INVITED A WITNESS THAT WILL NOT BE SPEAKING BEING THAT ISSUE. IT'S UNUSUAL TO SAY THE LEAST.

30:42

HERE WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A PANDEMIC AND WE AREN'T GIVEN TIME TO SECURE OUR WITNESSES, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE RESEARCH OR

30:47

REQUIRE DOCUMENTS THAT COULD AID IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION YOU FACE AND THE COUNTRY FACE.

30:52

OUR FIRST DISCUSSION WITH THE MAJORITY, UNFORTUNATELY, JUST OCCURRED THREE DAYS AGO.

30:58

THIS IS REALLY SERIOUS BUSINESS. IN MY OPINION, THIS IS NOT HOW

31:04

WE SHOULD CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION. WE NEED TO GET TO THE HEART OF THE INVESTIGATION AND WE LOOK TO LOOK WHAT WE HAVE NOT DONE RIGHT

31:11

AS A CONGRESS AND COUNTRY AND WHAT CAN WE BAND TOGETHER AND FIX BEFORE FALL ARRIVES.

31:18

I THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. I ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU OVER THE YEARS AND CONTINUE TO LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND OTHERS TO GET THIS RIGHT.

31:25

MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE A LETTER FOR YOU ASKING FOR RULE 11 HEARING THAT WE'LL PROVIDE TO

31:30

YOU AND WITH THAT I YIELD BACK. MS. ESHOO: THANK YOU. THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK.

31:36

THE CHAIR WOULD LIKE TO REMIND MEMBERS THAT PURSUANT TO COMMITTEE RULES, ALL MEMBERS

31:41

WRITTEN OPENING STATEMENTS WILL BE MADE PART OF THE RECORD. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO INTRODUCE

31:46

OUR WITNESS. THE FIRST PANEL TODAY. DR. RICK BRIGHT IS A HIGHLY

31:54

REGARDED SCIENTIST WITH EXPERTISE IN THE FIELDS OF IMMUNE YOLG, THERAPEUTICS,

32:01

VACCINE AND DIAGNOSTIC DEVELOPMENT. FOR THE LAST DECADE, HE'S BEEN A CAREER CIVIL SERVANT AT THE

32:07

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. IN 2016, DR. BRIGHT WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF BARDA, THE

32:14

THIRD DIRECTOR OF BARDA, THE BIOMEDICAL ADVANCED RESEARCH AND

32:19

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. AS DIRECTOR OF BARDA, HE'S TESTIFIED BEFORE CONGRESS AS A

32:24

GOVERNMENT EXPERT NUMEROUS TIMES, INCLUDING BEFORE THIS SUBCOMMITTEE. I SHARE A SPECIAL PRIDE WITH

32:32

SENATOR RICHARD BURR BECAUSE TOGETHER IT WAS OUR LEGISLATION THAT CREATED BARDA.

32:39

SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO JOIN US TODAY AND TO OFFER TESTIMONY, DR. BRIGHT.

32:45

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR TESTIMONY. YOU'RE CERTAINLY FAMILIAR WITH

32:50

THE LIGHTS. I DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN THOSE TO YOU. YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES FOR YOUR

32:58

STATEMENT. WELCOME AND GOT THE MICROPHONE ON. THERE YOU GO. GOOD MORNING TO YOU.

33:04

DR. BRIGHT: GOOD MORNING CHAIRWOMAN, ESHOO, RANKING MEMBER BURGESS AND DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

33:10

I AM DR. RICK BRIGHT, A CAREER PUBLIC SERVANT AND A SCIENTIST WHO HAS SPENT 25 YEARS OF MY

33:15

CAREER FOCUSED ON ADDRESSING PANDEMIC OUTBREAKS.

33:22

I RECEIVED MY BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITH HONORS IN BOTH BIOLOGY AND

33:31

PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND A PH.D. IN

33:43

IMMUNOLOGY MOLECULAR PATHOGENESIS.

33:48

I JOINED BARDA IN 2010, UNTIL APRIL 21 OF THIS YEAR, I HAD THE

33:53

PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS ITS DIRECTOR. BARDA PARTNERS WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY TO ADDRESS NATIONAL

33:59

HEALTH SECURITY THREATS. TODAY THE WORLD IS
CONFRONTING A

34:06

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY UNLIKE WE HAVE NOT SEEN IN
OVER A CENTURY. WE ARE FACING A TRANSMISSIBLE AND

34:13

DEADLY VIRUS THAT DISRUPTS THE VERY FOUNDATIONS OF OUR
SOCIETY. THE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

34:18

IS BEING TAXED TO THE LIMIT. OUR ECONOMY IS SPIRALING
DOWN-WARD AND OUR POPULATION IS

34:23

BEING PARALYZED BY FEAR, STEMMING FROM A LACK OF A

34:29

COORDINATED RESPONSE AND A LACK OF ACCURATE, CLEAR
INDICATION ABOUT THE PATH

34:35

FORWARD. AMERICANS YEARN TO GET BACK TO WORK, TO
PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. I GET THAT.

34:40

HOWEVER, WHAT WE DO MUST BE DONE FAIRFULLY AND WITH
GUIDANCE FROM

34:45

THE BEST SCIENTIFIC -- CAREFULLY AND WITH GUIDANCE FROM
THE BEST SCIENTIFIC MINDS.

34:50

OUR WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY IS CLOSING. IF WE FAIL TO
IMPROVE OUR RESPONSE NOW, BASED ON SCIENCE,

34:55

I FEAR THE PANDEMIC WILL GET WORSE AND BE PROLONGED.

35:01

THERE WILL LIKELY BE A RESURGENCE OF COVID-19 THIS FALL
AND BE GREATLY COMPOUNDED ABOUT

35:06

THE CHALLENGES OF SEASONAL INFLUENZA. WITHOUT BETTER
PLANNING, 2020 COULD BE THE DARKEST WINTER IN

35:13

MODERN HISTORY. FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE NEED TO BE TRUTHFUL WITH THE AMERICAN

35:18

PEOPLE. AMERICANS DESERVE THE TRUTH. THE TRUTH MUST BE BASED ON SCIENCE.

35:23

WE HAVE THE WORLD'S GREATEST SCIENTISTS. LET US LEAD. LET US SPEAK WITHOUT FEAR OF

35:30

RETRIBUTION. WE MUST LISTEN. EACH OF US CAN AND MUST DO OUR PART NOW. ON TUESDAY, DR. FAUCI DELIVERED

35:36

A MESSAGE IN A VOICE THAT'S CLEAR AND TRUSTWORTHY AS HE ENCOURAGED US TO ACT WITH CAUTION AS WE RETURN TO OUR

35:42

DAILY LIVES. WE SHOULD LISTEN TO HIM AND OTHER SCIENTISTS SHARING THEIR

35:47

EXPERTISE. WHILE WAITING FOR A CURE AND A VACCINE, WHICH I BELIEVE WILL

35:52

COME, THERE ARE THINGS WE MUST DO IMMEDIATELY. WE MUST INCREASE THE PUBLIC

35:57

EDUCATION ABOUT THE BASICS -- WASHING HANDS, SOCIAL DISTANCING, APPROPRIATE FACE

36:04

COVERING. THEY ARE SIMPLE BUT CRITICAL STEPS THAT BUY A VALUABLE TIME UNTIL THERE IS A VACCINE.

36:09

WE NEED TO RAMP UP PRODUCTION OF ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENTS AND SUPPLIES, INCLUDING RAW

36:14

MATERIALS AND CRITICAL COMPONENTS. SHORTAGES OF THESE INCREASE THE RISK OF OUR FRONTLINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS.

36:19

THEY DESERVE THE BEST EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. WE NEED TO FACILITATE HE CAN

36:27

WHICHABLE -- EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES. FINALLY, WE NEED A NATIONAL TESTING STRATEGY. THE VIRUS IS HERE.

36:33

IT'S EVERYWHERE. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO FIND IT, ISOLATE IT, AND STOP IT.

36:38

WE NEED TO HAVE THE RIGHT TESTING FOR EVERYONE WHO NEEDS IT. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO TRACE

36:45

CONTACT, ISOLATE, QUARANTINE, AND APPROPRIATELY WHILE STRIVING TO DEVELOP A CURE.

36:51

INITIALLY, OUR NATION WAS NOT AS PREPARED AS WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN. AS WE COULD HAVE BEEN.

36:59

SOME SCIENTISTS RAISED EARLY WARNING SIGNALS THAT WERE OVERLOOKED.

37:05

AND PAGES FROM OUR PANDEMIC PLAYBOOK WERE IGNORED BY SOME IN

37:10

LEADERSHIP. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF TIME TO LOOK BACK TO ASSESS WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO WE CAN IMPROVE, BUT

37:16

RIGHT NOW, WE NEED TO FOCUS ON GETTING THINGS RIGHT GOING FORWARD. WE NEED A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

37:22

THAT EVERYONE KNOWS AND EVERYONE PARTICIPATES IN. CONGRESS HAS TAKEN IMPORTANT STEPS TO SUPPORT THE RESPONSE

37:28

AND THERE'S MUCH MORE WE CAN DO. WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS CRISIS.

37:33

WORKING COOPERATIVELY WITH OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS, WE CAN AND WILL SUCCEED IN FINDING A CURE FOR

37:41

COVID-19. THAT SUCCESS DEPENDS ON WHAT WE DO TODAY. WE WILL EITHER BE REMEMBERED FOR WHAT WE DID OR WHAT WE FAILED TO

37:47

DO TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. I CALL ON ALL OF US TO ACT. TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY,

37:54

AND PROSPERITY OF ALL AMERICANS. YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO DO MY PART. THANK YOU.

38:01

MS. ESHOO: THANK YOU, DR. BRIGHT. WE'LL NOW MOVE TO MEMBER QUESTIONS AND I RECOGNIZE MYSELF

38:06

FOR FIVE MINUTES FOR QUESTIONS. THANK YOU, AGAIN, DR. BRIGHT.

38:12

YOU HAVE A DISTINGUISHED CLEAR. YOU'RE ONE OF OUR COUNTRY'S LEADING PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS ON

38:18

HOW TO RESPOND TO PANDEMICS AND NATIONAL SECURITY HEALTH

38:23

THREATS. YOU'RE THE FIRST GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO'S BEEN ON THE

38:28

INSIDE SEEING EVERYTHING FIRSTHAND TO COME FORWARD AND

38:34

SHARE AN UNVARNISHED EXPERIENCES ABOUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED FROM

38:39

JANUARY TO THE TIME YOU DEPARTED BARDA IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR IN

38:46

DEALING WITH THE VIRUS. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TELLING

38:51

US. YOU STATED IN YOUR WRITTEN

38:57

TESTIMONY, A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY IS CLOSING, BUT IT IS NOT YET CLOSED.

39:03

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO WITH THE TIME LEFT TO GET IT RIGHT AND IF

39:09

WE DON'T, WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAY 2020 WILL BE THE DARKEST

39:15

WINTER IN MODERN HISTORY?

39:22

DR. BRIGHT: CHAIRWOMAN ESHOO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTION.

39:27

THE WINDOW IS CLOSING TO ADDRESS THIS PANDEMIC BECAUSE WE STILL

39:33

DO NOT HAVE A STANDARD CENTRAL, CENTRALIZED, COORDINATED PLAN TO

39:40

TAKE OUR NATION THROUGH THIS RESPONSE. I BELIEVE WITH PROPER LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION ACROSS

39:46

GOVERNMENT, WITH THE BEST SCIENCE LEADING THE WAY, WE CAN

39:52

DEVISE A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY. WE CAN DEVISE A PLAN THAT INCLUDES ALL OF AMERICANS AND

39:57

HELP THEM HELP US GUIDE US THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC. BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT BECAUSE

40:04

THE VIRUS IS STILL SPREADING EVERYWHERE. PEOPLE ARE GETTING RESTLESS TO

40:09

LEAVE THEIR HOMES, AND WE HAVE TO MAKE CRITICAL DECISIONS ON HOW TO BALANCE THE ECONOMY AND

40:14

SCIENCE. MY CONCERN ABOUT THIS FALL IS COMPOUNDED BY MY KNOWLEDGE AND PREPARATION AND RESPONSE TO MANY

40:22

YEARS OF INFLUENZA OUTBREAKS. PANDEMIC INFLUENZA OUTBREAKS AND

40:27

SEASONAL INFLUENZA OUTBREAKS. IN OUR COUNTRY IN 2017, WE HAD NEARLY 79,000 PEOPLE DIE IN THE

40:34

U.S. FROM INFLUENZA. THAT -- INFLUENZA. THAT, COUPLED WITH A COVID-19

40:40

RESURGENCE THIS FALL, COULD BE DEVASTATING FOR OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS AND FOR AMERICANS. WE HAVE A LIMITED WINDOW OF

40:45

OPPORTUNITY TO GET PLANS IN PLACE TO ADDRESS BOTH OF THOSE. MS. ESHOO: THANK YOU. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE FIRST FOUR

40:51

MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE GOVERNMENT'S AND THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE AS

40:59

THE SUCCESS -- AS A SUCCESS OR FAILURE? DR. BRIGHT: I BELIEVE WE COULD

41:04

HAVE DONE BETTER. I BELIEVE THERE ARE CRITICAL STEPS THAT WE DID NOT TAKE IN

41:10

TIME. MS. ESHOO: WAS THERE A FAILURE TO RESPOND WHEN YOU CORRECTLY PUSHED TO CLAIM EARLY VIRUS

41:16

SAMPLES OR TO OBTAIN EARLY VIRUS SAMPLES FROM CHINA SO WE COULD DEVELOP CRITICAL MEDICAL

41:23

COUNTERMEASURES? DR. BRIGHT: FROM MY PERSPECTIVE AND WORKING WITH COMPANIES THAT WORK TO GET VACCINES, VIRAL

41:30

SAMPLES ARE CRITICAL. AS SOON AS WE WERE AWARE THIS VIRUS COULD POSE A SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO HUMAN LIVES, I BEGAN

41:36

PUSHING FOR THOSE VIRUS SAMPLES. AND I MET FRUSTRATION AND -- MS. ESHOO: AND WHEN DID YOU DO

41:41

THAT? DR. BRIGHT: I DID THAT IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AZAR IN JANUARY TO PUSH FOR THE VIRUS

41:47

SAMPLES. INITIALLY MENTIONED ON JANUARY 23, AND THE STRONG PUSH ON JANUARY 27 FOR THOSE VIRUS

41:53

SAMPLES. MS. ESHOO: AND WAS THERE A FAILURE TO RESPOND WITH THE NEEDED URGENCY WHEN YOU CORRECTLY PUSHED TO RAMP UP

41:58

PRODUCTION OF MASKS, RESPIRATORS, SYRINGES, SWABS?

42:06

DR. BRIGHT: CONGRESSWOMAN, WE'VE KNOWN FOR QUITE SOMETIME THAT OUR STOCKPILE IS INSUFFICIENT IN

42:13

HAVING THE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. ONCE THE VIRUS BEGAN SPREADING AND BECAME KNOWN TO BE A THREAT, I DID FEEL QUITE CONCERN WE

42:19

DIDN'T HAVE THOSE SUPPLIES. I BEGAN PUSHING URGENTLY IN JANUARY ALONG WITH INDUSTRY

42:24

COLLEAGUES AS WELL. THOSE URGES, THOSE ALARMS WERE NOT RESPONDED TO WITH ACTION.

42:30

MS. ESHOO: WAS THERE A FAILURE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION WHEN YOU CORRECTLY PUSHED TO ACQUIRE

42:35

ADDITIONAL DOSES OF THE DRUG REMDISIVIR, WHICH IS THE ONLY

42:41

DRUG SO FAR THAT HAS -- APPEARS TO BE AT LEAST MILDLY EFFECTIVE,

42:46

THANK GOD, FOR TREATING PEOPLE WITH COVID-19? DR. BRIGHT: THERE WAS NO ACTION

42:52

TAKEN ON THE URGENCY TO COME UP WITH A PLAN FOR ACQUISITION OF LIMITED DOSES OF REMDISIVIR, NOR

43:00

DISTRIBUTE THOSE LIMITED DOSES OF REMDISIVIR ONCE WE HAD

43:05

SCIENTIFIC DATA TO HELP THOSE INFECTED WITH THE VIRUS. MS. ESHOO: INSTEAD OF YOUR

43:16

RECOMMENDATIONS AND TRY TO CUT YOU OUT OF MEETINGS, MARGINALIZE YOUR PARTICIPATION? DR. BRIGHT: I WAS TOLD THAT MY

43:21

URGINGS WERE CAUSING A COMMOTION AND I WAS REMOVED FROM THOSE MEETINGS.

43:27

MS. ESHOO: MY TIME HAS EXPIRED. I NOW RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN --

43:32

THE RANKING MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, DR. BURGESS.

43:37

MR. BURGESS: I THANK THE CHAIR. DR. BRIGHT, I HOPE, AS IT IS

43:43

CLEAR TO YOU, EVERYONE ON THIS DAIS ON BOTH SIDES APPRECIATE

43:48

YOU COMING BEFORE US TODAY EVEN THOUGH WE ARE FRUSTRATED OF

43:53

HAVING THIS HEARING WITHOUT HAVING THE FULL EFFECTS.
YOU'RE TESTIFYING IN YOUR PERSONAL CAPACITY AND NOT ON
BEHALF OF THE LEADERSHIP OR LEAD

44:01

ADMINISTRATION? DR. BRIGHT: THAT'S CORRECT, SIR. MR.
BURGESS: THANK YOU FOR THAT.

44:06

LET ME ASK A QUESTION ABOUT THE

44:14

DISEASE MODIFYING ANTI-RAOUX METTIC DRUGS THAT HAVE
BEEN LOOKED AT FOR THERAPY FOR THIS DISEASE.

44:36

HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE WAS INITIALLY IDENTIFIED FOR A
THERAPEUTIC BECAUSE IF OF ITS

44:42

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY EFFECTS AND THE ABILITY TO CALM
THINGS IN THE IMMUNE SYSTEM. AS WE KNOW, ONE OF THE
FEATURES OF THIS DISEASE IS THE

44:52

OVERWHELMING RESPONSE THAT OVERWHELMS THE HOST.
THERE ALSO MAY BE AN EFFECT OF

44:58

BLOCKING THE VIRUS AT THE POINT OF CONTACT WITH THE
CELL.

45:05

CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT PROBABLY DESERVES A LITTLE
INVESTIGATION. AGAIN, IT'S NOT THE ONLY ONE. THERE WERE
SOME OTHER DRUGS.

45:12

I THINK IF I'M CORRECT BARDA SUPPORTED WITH INVESTMENTS.

45:19

TWO OTHERS WHICH ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE SIMILAR IMPACTS
ON THE ABILITY TO SUPPRESS THE RESPONSE

45:29

TO HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE, AM I CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: THERE
ARE A NUMBER OF DRUGS THAT WE WERE EVALUATING

45:34

INITIALLY, CONGRESSMAN, THAT WE WERE CONSIDERING TO
CONDUCT CLINICAL STUDIES TO GET FURTHER

45:40

INFORMATION THAT THEY REALLY HAD AN IMPACT AND IF THEY WERE SAFE TO USE IN PATIENTS THAT WOULD

45:46

IMPACT THIS VIRUS. MR. BURGESS: DO YOU HAVE ABLE TO YOU THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS THAT

45:51

BARDA APPROPRIATED OR AUTHORIZED FOR EACH OF THOSE TWO DRUGS?

45:58

DR. BRIGHT: I DON'T HAVE THOSE NUMBERS AVAILABLE WITH ME NOW. MR. BURGESS: WOULD YOU BE ABLE

46:03

TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE? MR. BURGESS: I BELIEVE H.H.S. COULD MAKE THOSE AVAILABLE.

46:10

BARDA COULD MAKE THOSE AVAILABLE. MR. BURGESS: WHAT ABOUT HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE WHEN YOU --

46:16

WAS THE CONCERN OF HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE WHICH BECAME PARAMOUNT IN YOUR DISAGREEMENT

46:22

WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, WAS IT ALREADY ESTABLISHED WHEN YOU MADE THESE OTHER INVESTMENTS IN

46:27

SIMILAR MEDICATIONS? DR. BRIGHT: THE -- MY CONCERNS AROUND THE SAFETY OF

46:34

HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE IN PEOPLE INFECTED WITH THE COVID-19 VIRUS ARE REFLECTIVE OF THE SCIENTIFIC REVIEW THAT WE RECEIVED FROM AN

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INTERAGENCY GROUP OF CLINICIANS AND REGULATORY EXPERTS AND SCIENTISTS. AT THE TIME THAT WE LEARNED

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ABOUT HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE AND CHLOROQUINE, THERE -- CHLOROQUINE, THERE WAS LIMITED

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DATA AVAILABLE AND OUR PROPOSAL AND ACTIONS WERE TO SEE IF WE CAN IDENTIFY A SOURCE OF THAT

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DRUG SO THE N.I.H. COULD CONDUCT A RANDOMIZED CONTROL CLINICAL

47:04

STUDY. THAT'S A SIMILAR ACTION WE TOOK WITH REMDISIVIR.

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ONCE WE THOUGHT WE HAD PROMISE COMING FROM CHEAP, N.I.H. --

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FROM CHINA, N.I.H. DID A CLINICAL STUDY WITH REMDISIVIR.

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THAT WAS OUR PLAN OF ACTION. MR. BURGESS: YOU OF COURSE, AUTHORED THE LETTER TO THE F.D.A. ASKING FOR THE EMERGENCY

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USE FOR HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE? DR. BRIGHT: I WAS DIRECTED AS BARDA DIRECTOR FROM THE OFFICE OF H.H.S. SECRETARY TO PUT IN

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PLACE AN EXPANDED ACCESS PROGRAM TO MAKE CHLOROQUINE DONATION

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FROM BEYER AVAILABLE TO AMERICANS THROUGH A UNIQUE

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OPPORTUNITY THAT WOULD UTILIZE AN APP AND PERHAPS MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO AMERICANS WHO ARE

47:54

NOT UNDER CLOSE SUPERVISION OF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

MR. BURGESS: OF COURSE, THIS

48:00

HEARING NOT HEARING ON HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE, I, OF COURSE, WOULD WELCOME A ROBUST

48:05

HEARING ON THERAPEUTICS AND THE RESEARCH GOING ON, WHAT WE'VE

48:10

INVESTED IN, WHAT IS PANNING OUT. I NOTE THAT KAZARA AND THE OTHER

48:16

MEDICATION MAY NOT HAVE PANNED OUT AND I THINK THE MANUFACTURING COMPANY FOR KAZARA

48:22

WILL DISCONTINUE PART OF THE STUDY BECAUSE IT WON'T HELP

48:29

COVID PATIENTS. SINCE YOU IDENTIFIED YOURSELF AT THIS HEARING AND GOT NOTICED, I'M HEARING FROM A LOT OF DOCTORS. MY STATE, AROUND THE COUNTRY,

48:36

WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED USING HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE AND CHLOROQUINE, COUPLED WITH ZINC

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AND THEY'RE REPORTING SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT IF IS USED EARLY ENOUGH IN THE COURSE.

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AND MAY ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR

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HOSPITALIZATION AND VENTILATOR Y. WE SHOULD LOOK INTO IT AND WOULD JUST BE INTERESTED IF YOU DID

49:06

THAT AS PART OF YOUR DUTIES AT BARDA? MS. ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN'S TIME HAS EXPIRED.

49:11

MR. BURGESS: CAN THE GENTLEMAN ANSWER THE QUESTION? WOULD THE WITNESS BE ABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION?

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MS. ESHOO: YOU MAY. DR. BRIGHT: SIR, I BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT. I HEARD THOSE ANTIDOTAL STORIES

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AS WELL AND THEY WERE NOT CONDUCTED IN THE CONTEXT OF A RANDOMIZED CONTROL CLINICAL

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STUDY. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND DATA FROM THOSE TYPE OF OBSERVATIONAL STUDIES OR

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ANTIDOTA STORIES SO THE DRUG MIGHT HAVE SOME BENEFIT IN SOME POPULATION BUT WE WON'T KNOW

49:39

THAT UNTIL WE HAVE IT FROM A TRULY RANDOMIZED CLINICAL STUDY. MANY OF THOSE STUDIES ARE

49:44

ONGOING NOW. SOME OF THE STUDIES WE ARE STARTING TO SEE DATA FROM AND

49:49

THOSE HAVE NOT SHOWED OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE OF BENEFIT FROM THE USE OF HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE IN THOSE

49:55

PATIENTS. BUT THE DIFFERENT STUDIES ARE DEVISED TO LOOK AT DIFFERENT ANGLES OF IT AS YOU MOST

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DESCRIBED. MS. ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN'S TIME HAS EXPIRED. THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES -- THE

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GENTLEMAN'S TIME HAS EXPIRED THE GENTLEMAN'S TIME -- PLEASE. WE ALL WANT TO BE FAIR TO EACH OTHER. THE GENTLEMAN'S TIME HAS

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EXPIRED. THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FULL COMMITTEE,

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MR. PALLONE, FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONS. MR. PALLONE: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND LET ME JUST SAY, DR. BRIGHT,

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE IN BEING HERE. WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, WE USED TO READ A BOOK BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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CALLED "PROFILES AND COURAGE", AND, YOU KNOW, YOUR COURAGE IN BEING HERE REMINDS ME OF SOME OF

50:37

THE PEOPLE I READ ABOUT IN THAT BOOK. I AM CONCERNED, DR. BRIGHT, THAT

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THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT HAVE PLANS FOR A NATIONWIDE VACCINE PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT

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ONCE A VACCINE IS APPROVED WE'LL BE ABLE TO QUICKLY MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE.

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IN OTHER WORDS, I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE SAME MISTAKES BY THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION, THE

50:58

INCOMPETENCE THAT THEY HAD WITH THE SUPPLY CHAIN AND THE TESTING REPEATED WITH THE VACCINE. AND YOU STATED AT THE OUTSET OF

51:05

THE PANDEMIC IN JANUARY, YOU BEGAN URGENTLY PRESSING H.H.S. OFFICIALS TO PROVIDE THE

51:10

NECESSARY RESOURCES TO BEGIN VACCINE DEVELOPMENT BUT THAT

51:16

YOUR PLEAS FELL ON DEAF EARS. AS THE PANDEMIC PROGRESSED, YOU SAID YOU WERE ALARMED BY THE PRESSURES COMING FROM SOME

51:22

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS FOR YOUR AGENCY TO INVEST IN DRUGS AND VACCINES, I QUOTE, WITHOUT PROPER SCIENTIFIC VETTING OR

51:29

THAT LACKED SCIENTIFIC MERIT. CAN YOU TELL US WHERE WE ARE NOW IN THE HUNT FOR A VACCINE AND

51:34

WHERE WE COULD HAVE BEEN HAD THE H.H.S. LEADERS MADE INVESTMENT

51:40

DECISIONS SOONER THAT WERE BASED ON SCIENTIFIC MERIT?
DR. BRIGHT: THANK YOU,

51:46

CONGRESSMAN. AS WE ALL KNOW, VACCINES ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO MAKE. IT'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO QUICKLY

51:51

AND YOU NEED MULTIPLE SHOTS TO TRY TO MAKE A VACCINE.
THERE ARE MANY DISEASES WE'VE

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ATTEMPTED TO MAKE VACCINES FOR THROUGH HISTORY AND
WE STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO SO. SO IT TAKES MANY
OPPORTUNITIES

52:03

AND MANY DIFFERENT APPROACHES. RIGHT NOW THERE ARE
OVER 100 DIFFERENT APPROACHES FOR DEVELOPING A VACCINE
FOR THIS

52:10

CORONAVIRUS. SO WE'RE COMPETENT -- HOPEFULLY, I SAY, AT
LEAST ONE OF THOSE OR

52:15

TWO OF THOSE WILL WORK. YOU IDENTIFIED KEY CRITICAL
CHALLENGES WE NEED TO ANTICIPATE AND PREPARE FOR
EARLY.

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NUMBER ONE IS THE SUPPLY CHAIN FOR THOSE VACCINES.

52:26

REAGENTS AND BUFFERS AND VARIOUS INGREDIENTS GO INTO A
VACCINE AS

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WELL AS THE GLASS VIALS THAT THE VACCINES ARE PUT INTO
AND NEEDLES AND SYRINGES AND THEN A

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CAREFULLY COORDINATED DISTRIBUTION AND MITIGATION
STRATEGY. WE HAVEN'T YET GOTTEN TO THOSE DOWNSTREAM
STRATEGIES YET IN OUR

52:44

GOVERNMENT AND I THINK THOSE ARE GOING TO BECOME A
SIGNIFICANT ISSUE DOWN THE ROAD IF WE DON'T PLAN FOR
THAT NOW.

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THE URGENT NEED FOR FUNDING AT THE OUTSET OF A
PANDEMIC IS SOMETHING WE'VE KNOWN ABOUT

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THROUGH MANY YEARS OF PANDEMIC EXERCISES, EVEN IN OUR
AUGUST, 2019, CRIMSON CONTAGION

53:02

EXERCISE, IT WAS HIGHLIGHTED WE NEED AT LEAST \$10 BILLION FROM THE OUTSET OF A PANDEMIC TO START THE DEVELOPMENT OF DRUGS

53:07

AND VACCINES. EVERY DAY WE DELAY DELAYS THE OUTPUT OF THAT VACCINE OR DRUG. SO IN THOSE EARLY DAYS, MY FIRST

53:14

MEETING WITH SECRETARY AZAR, I ASKED FOR FUNDING FOR PEOPLE AND

53:20

FOR THOSE VIRUS, THE THREE CRITICAL THINGS TO GET THE VACCINE STARTED. IT TOOK SOME TIME TO GET THE

53:26

FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH VARIOUS PROCESSES BUT WHAT BARDA

53:32

DID, WE LOOKED AT OTHER CONTRACTS AND PROGRAMS WE HAD TO REDIRECT SOME OTHER FUNDING,

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EVEN AS EARLY AS JANUARY TO BE ABLE TO INITIATE CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS WITH SOME COMPANIES

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TO START WORKING ON THOSE VACCINES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT'S BECAUSE OF THOSE ACTIONS

53:48

NOW THAT THE NOT ONLY HAVE THOSE VACCINES STARTED, MADE SOME PROGRESS, BUT ALSO UNITED STATES

53:53

HAS A PLACEHOLDER WITH SOME OF THOSE COMPANIES TO BE ABLE TO PLACE ORDERS FOR THOSE VACCINES

53:59

WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE. AND WE DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THOSE INVESTMENTS

54:05

WERE IN COMPANIES THAT WOULD BUILD CAPACITY IN THE UNITED STATES TO MANUFACTURE THOSE

54:11

VACCINES. WE HAD TO GET IN LINE FIRST. EVEN WHEN THE MONEY WASN'T FULLY THERE TO COMPLETE THE

54:16

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THAT'S WHAT WE DID. MR. PALLONE: I GUESS MY CONCERN IS, I'M VERY CRITICAL OF THE

54:22

ADMINISTRATION IN TERMS OF THEIR -- I CALL IT INCOMPETENCE WITH THE SUPPLY CHAIN, WITH LACK

54:27

OF TESTING. I'M AFRAID THE SAME THING IS GOING TO HAPPEN WITH VACCINES.

54:34

ONCE THIS -- AND THE DISTRIBUTION. SHOULD I BE CONCERNED BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE? DR. BRIGHT: ABSOLUTELY, SIR.

54:39

WE'RE ALREADY SEEING THOSE CHALLENGES WITH LIMITED DOSES OF REMDISIVIR WITH DATA WE'RE

54:45

GETTING THAT IT HAS SOME BENEFIT IN PEOPLE AND WE HAVE LIMITED DOSES AND WE HAVEN'T SCALED UP

54:50

PRODUCTION AND WE DON'T HAVE A PLAN IN HOW TO FAIRLY AND EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTE THAT DRUG.

54:55

IF YOU CAN IMAGINE THE SCENARIO THIS FALL OR WINTER, MAYBE EVEN EARLY NEXT SPRING WHEN THE

55:01

VACCINE BECOMES AVAILABLE, THERE IS NO ONE COMPANY THAT CAN PRODUCE FOR OUR COUNTRY OR THE WORLD, IT WILL BE LIMITED

55:07

SUPPLIES. WE NEED TO HAVE A STRATEGY AND PLAN IN PLACE NOW TO MAKE SURE WE CANNOT ONLY FILL THAT

55:12

VACCINE, MAKE IT -- DISTRIBUTE IT, BUT ADMINISTER IT IN A FAIR AND EQUITABLE PLAN.

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MR. PALLONE: THAT'S NOT THE CASE? DR. BRIGHT: WE DON'T HAVE IT NET AND IT'S A SIGNIFICANT CONCERN. MR. PALLONE: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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MS. ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK. I NOW HAVE THE PLEASURE OF RECOGNIZING THE RANKING MEMBER OF THE FULL COMMITTEE, MR.

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WALDEN. MR. WALDEN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THANK THE WITNESS FORGETTING

55:40

HERE. BARDA'S JOB IS TO GET THE VACCINE, RIGHT? DR. BRIGHT: THAT IS TO SUPPORT

55:45

INDUSTRY TO MAKE THE VACCINES. MR. WALDEN: OK. IS IT BARDA'S RESPONSIBILITY TO

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DIRECT THE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION DISTRIBUTION, THE P.P.E., IS THAT PART OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

55:55

AT BARDA? DR. BRIGHT: BARDA PLAYS A ROLE IN PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS FOR OUR NATION AND WE PREPARE AND ALIGN

56:02

AND DPRR WITH OUR OTHER -- EXERCISE WITH OUR OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES. WE ARE ALSO FAMILIAR WITH THE CRITICAL GAPS IN THE SUPPLY

56:09

CHAIN. BARDA ISN'T RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCURING THOSE ITEMS FOR THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE, WE

56:15

ARE AWARE OF THOSE SHORTAGES AND THOSE NEEDS. WHAT I WAS DOING IN MY CAPACITY AS BARDA DIRECTOR WAS RAISING

56:20

THOSE CONCERNS AND NEEDS WITH THE APPROPRIATE GROUP WITHIN THE -- ASPER.

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MR. WALDEN: ASPER HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THAT, RIGHT? THAT'S NOT YOUR DIRECT

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RESPONSIBILITY. YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY IN THIS DISCUSSION, BUT THAT'S NOT HOW

56:38

IT WAS WITHIN BARDA, CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO RAISE A SIGNIFICANT CONCERN ABOUT A LIMITED SUPPLY OR SHORTAGE THAT

56:43

I THINK WILL AFFECT THE LIVES OF AMERICANS. MR. WALDEN: DID YOU RAISE CONCERNS WITH THOSE ON CAPITOL

56:49

HILL AND IF SO WHO AND WHEN? DR. BRIGHT: I RAISED CONCERN WITH MY LEADERSHIP, SIR. I RAISED IT WITH THE APPROPRIATE

56:55

FOLKS IN THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE AND OUR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

57:00

PROGRAM. MR. WALDEN: NOT UP -- NOT UP HERE? DR. BRIGHT: MY ROLE IS TO RAISE

57:05

IT TO MY SUPERVISOR. I ALSO DID RAISE THAT CONCERN, THOUGH, IN THE WHITE HOUSE WITH

57:12

MR. NAVARRO. MR. WALDEN: I'M INTERESTED BECAUSE WE'RE PASSING THESE BILLS. IN THE FUTURE I HOPE YOU WOULD

57:17

OR ANYBODY OUT THERE LISTENING IN THESE AGENCIES, IF YOU'RE SPOTTING SOMETHING THAT'S NOT WORKING RIGHT, WE NEED TO KNOW.

57:22

ON THE FIRST CASE OF SARS COVID 2 IN THE U.S., IT WAS IDENTIFIED

57:29

IN WASHINGTON STATE. C.D.C. PUT THE POSITIVE SPECIMEN IN CULTURE THAT DAY, CORRECT?

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DR. BRIGHT: I BELIEVE SO. I THINK IT'S JANUARY 20. MR. WALDEN: OK. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THE

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SAMPLES FROM THE VIRUS WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE C.D.C. EXPANDED THE

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VIRUS STOCKS BETWEEN JANUARY 29 AND FEBRUARY 3 AND SHARED THE B.E.I. ON FEBRUARY 4 TO ENABLE

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BROAD SHARING. NOW, ACCORDING TO YOUR COMPLAINT, AFTER THE VIRUS

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SAMPLES WERE AVAILABLE TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE CASE, AND

58:04

POTENTIALLY EVEN AFTER THE C.D.C.'S EFFORT TO GROW THE VIRUS AND SHARE WITH THE

58:13

DR. BRIGHT: THAT'S TRUCE, BUT WE NEED MORE THAN -- MR. WALDEN: WHY WAS IT NOT

58:21

AVAILABLE TO YOU?

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DR. BRIGHT: WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE HAD A HEAD START TO DEVELOP A VACCINE IT WAS

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AVAILABLE THROUGH THE BEI RESOURCES WHICH WAS AVAILABLE,

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-- I ASKED MAKER THAT WE HAD THE

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VIRUSES AND THAT THEY WERE DISTRIBUTED. MR. WALDEN: AND WHERE DID THE

59:03

VIRUSES COME FROM. DR. BRIGHT: SOME CAME FROM DHS

59:08

AND SOME FROM CDC. MR. WALDEN: THAT'S HELPFUL. IN SOME CONVERSATIONS I HAVE BEEN A PART OF, WITH NIH, THEY

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HAVE INDICATED THAT THE REAL KEY HERE WAS TO GET THE
DNA

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SEQUENCE, WHICH CHINA DID EVENTUALLY PUT OUT AT THE END
OF DECEMBER OR LATE JANUARY.

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AND IN TERMS OF GOING AFTER THE VACCINE, IT WAS THAT
SEQUENCING THAT REALLY MATTERED MOST TO GET

59:34

STARTED ON VACCINE DEVELOPMENT, AND THERE ARE OTHER
SCIENTISTS

59:39

WERE VERY DISTINGUISHED, WHO BELIEVE THE DELAY IN
GETTING THE VIRUS SAMPLE ACTUALLY DID NOT SET THEM
BACK.

59:46

IS THAT AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT? OR DO YOU HAVE A
DISAGREEMENT IN THAT VIEW. I KNOW SCIENTISTS DISAGREE
AND

59:51

SO DO WE HAVE HERE. BUT I'M HEARING THAT HAVING THE
SEQUENCING REALLY MATTERED THE MOST AND GETTING A
VIRUS

59:58

IMPORTANT DID NOT SET THEM BACK IN PROCEEDING TO GET
THE VACCINE

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UNDERWAY. DR. BRIGHT: WHEN IT WAS MADE

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AVAILABLE IN JANUARY, IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT
THE SEQUENCES, SOME COMPANIES COULD

1:00:22

GET STARTED WITH THAT INFORMATION. IT'S VULNERABLE
BECAUSE YOU HAVE

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ANOTHER COUNTRY AND THEIR LABORATORY MIGHT BE ON THE
INTERNET OR DATABASE. IT COULD STILL BE CHALLENGES,

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WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY WHEN YOU HAD THAT SEQUENCE.
MR. WALDEN: BEFORE MY TIME --

1:00:38

IT'S RUN OUT OR DIES GOING TO ASK HAD BEGUN WHEN THEY
GOT THE SEQUENCE. DR. BRIGHT: NIH BEGAN AFTER THE

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RNA VACCINE CANDIDATE. BUT WITHOUT THE VIRUSES YOU
CANNOT TELL WHAT THE NEUTRAL

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ANTIBODIES LISTED ARE, OR YOUR DIAGNOSTICS OR
THERAPEUTICS COULD ACTUALLY WORK AREA YOU

1:00:58

COULD TRY TO SYNTHESIZE -- TO WORK. YOU COULD TRY TO
SYNTHESIZE THE VIRUS BUT IT WILL NEVER BE REPRESENTATIVE
AND WE ARE

1:01:06

SPENDING BILLIONS ON DIAGNOSTICS AND WE WANT TO HAVE
THE MOST CREDIBLE INFORMATION POSSIBLE. MR. WALDEN:
THANK YOU. >> THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK.

1:01:13

A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM NEW YORK,
MR. ANGLE FOR HIS FIVE-MINUTE QUESTIONS -- FOR HIS FIVE

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MINUTES OF QUESTIONS. >> THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

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FOR HOLDING TODAY'S HEARING. DOCTOR, IF YOU WERE A
BETTING

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MAN -- OH, SORRY. THANK YOU.

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IF YOU WERE A BETTING MAN, WHEN WOULD YOU BET THAT WE
WOULD A

1:01:49

VACCINE? DR. BRIGHT: THAT'S A VERY

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DIFFICULT QUESTION TO ANSWER. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE
COMPANIES AND ACADEMIC LABS WORKING VERY

1:02:02

HARD. NORMALLY IT TAKES UP TO 10 YEARS TO MAKE A VACCINE, WE HAVE DONE

1:02:08

IT FASTER IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, WHEN WE HAD STARTING MATERIAL AND A FREEZER.

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BEFORE A NOVEL VIRUS, THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE YET THAT QUICKLY.

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A LOT OF OPTIMISM IS SWIRLING AROUND A 12 TO 18 MONTH TIMEFRAME IF EVERYTHING GOES PERFECTLY.

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WE HAVE NEVER SEEN EVERYTHING GO PERFECTLY. MY CONCERN IS THAT IF WE RUSH TOO QUICKLY, AND CONSIDER

1:02:34

CUTTING OUT CRITICAL STEPS, WE MAY NOT HAVE A FULL ASSESSMENT OF THE SAFETY OF THAT VACCINE.

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SO IT WILL STILL TAKE SOME TIME. I THINK 12 TO 18 MONTHS IS AN

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AGGRESSIVE SCHEDULE AND I THINK IT WILL TAKE LONGER THAN THAT TO DO SO. >> 12 TO 18 MONTHS FROM NOW ARE

1:02:53

FROM WHEN THIS ALL STARTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR? >> 12 TO 18 MONTHS FROM WHEN THE

1:03:00

PARTICULAR MANUFACTURERS FIRST RECEIVED THE MATERIAL OR INFORMATION THEY NEEDED TO START DEVELOPING VACCINE. IT'S CRITICAL TO KNOW THAT WHEN

1:03:07

WE SAY 12 TO 18 MONTHS THAT DOES NOT MEAN FOR AN FDA APPROVED VACCINE. THAT MEANS TO HAVE SUFFICIENT

1:03:13

DATA AND INFORMATION ON THE SAFETY, IF NOT EFFICACY, TO BE ABLE TO USE ON AN EMERGENCY

1:03:18

BASIS. THAT'S THE CONSIDERATION THAT WE HAVE IN MIND AS WE TALK ABOUT AN

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ACCELERATED TIMELINE. >> THANK YOU. I REPRESENT ROXANNE WESTCHESTER

1:03:31

COUNTY, WHICH IS THAT -- BRONX COUNTY AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY

1:03:37

WHICH IS THE EPICENTER OF THE CRISIS. NEW YORKERS HAVE REALLY RALLIED

1:03:42

TOGETHER AND SUPPORTED THEIR NEIGHBORS, BUT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS FAILED AT EVERY TURN.

1:03:49

THE PRESIDENT HAS SIDELINED OUR BEST SCIENTISTS, PUSHED BASELESS

1:03:55

CONSPIRACY THEORIES AND MORE,

1:04:01

AND SINCERELY DAYS OF THE OUTBREAK, THE PRESIDENT HAS ENCOURAGED DOCTORS TO PRESCRIBE

1:04:08

HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE TO SUFFERING AMERICANS DESPITE A LACK OF EVIDENCE SUPPORTING ITS USE.

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ON APRIL 24, THE PRESIDENT HAD THE FDA COMMISSIONER COMING OUT AGAINST THE USE OF CHLOROQUINE

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FOR COVID-19 CASES. WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF CHLOROQUINE IF PRESCRIBED

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INCORRECTLY? WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU RAISED THE ISSUE OF ITS USE IN CORONAVIRUS PATIENTS WITH HHS

1:04:33

LEADERSHIP? DR. BRIGHT: OUR CONCERNS ARE AROUND THE POTENTIAL USE OF

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CHLOROQUINE IN PEOPLE WHO WERE INFECTED WITH THIS CORONAVIRUS.

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THERE IS DATA WITH EFFECTIVE USE AND SAFE USE IN MALARIA PATIENTS AND OTHER PATIENTS.

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WE ALSO KNEW THERE WERE POTENTIAL SAFETY RISKS TO CAUSE IRREGULAR HEART RHYTHMS AND IN

1:04:59

SOME CASES DEATH. OUR CONCERN WAS WITH LIMITED INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE,

1:05:05

ESPECIALLY OF ITS USE IN COVID-19 INFECTED PATIENTS, AND THE POTENTIAL FOR THOSE RISKS,

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THEN WE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT ANY STUDIES WITH THAT DRUG WERE DONE IN A CAREFULLY CONTROLLED

1:05:18

CLINICAL STUDY WITH A CLOSE AND WATCHFUL EYE OF THE PHYSICIAN SO THEY COULD RESPOND TO THE PATIENT IF THEY EXPERIENCED ONE

1:05:23

OF THOSE ADVERSE EVENTS. THERE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT DATA AT THAT TIME TO SUPPORT THE USE OF

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THIS DRUG IN PATIENTS WITH COVID-19 WITHOUT CLOSE SUPERVISION. MR. ENGEL: WHEN YOU RAISE THAT

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ISSUE OF CHLOROQUINE USAGE, WITH CORONAVIRUS PATIENTS IN HHS

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LEADERSHIP, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? YOU WERE REMOVED AS THE DIRECTOR OF BARDA, IS THAT TRUE?

1:05:48

DR. BRIGHT: I BELIEVE PART OF THE REMOVAL PROCESS WAS

1:05:53

INITIATED BECAUSE OF A PUSH BACK THAT I GAVE WHEN THEY ASKED ME TO PUT IN PLACE AND EXPANDED

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ACCESS PROTOCOL THAT WOULD MAKE CHLOROQUINE MORE FREELY AVAILABLE TO AMERICANS THAT WERE

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NOT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN AND MAY NOT BE CONFIRMED TO BE INFECTED WITH

1:06:11

THE CORONAVIRUS. THE SCIENTISTS AT FDA, ARTA --

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BARDA, AND OTHERS WORKED HARD TO PUT THAT UNDER STRICT

1:06:22

GUARDRAIL SO THAT PATIENTS WILL BE IN THE HOSPITAL AND UNDER THE CLOSE SUPERVISION OF A DOCTOR.

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WHO COULD NOT OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED STUDY.

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MY CONCERNS WERE ALLEVIATED SOMEWHAT BY BEING ABLE TO LOCK THAT IN THE STOCKPILE WITH THOSE

1:06:38

CONDITIONS. BUT MY CONCERNS WERE ESCALATED WHEN I LEARNED THAT LEADERSHIP

1:06:44

AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WERE PUSHING TO MAKE THAT DRUG AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF THE EMERGENCY USE

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AUTHORIZATION, TO FLOOD NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY WITH THIS DRUG REGARDLESS OF THE EUA.

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WHEN I SPOKE OUTSIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND SHARED MY CONCERN WITH THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, THAT I

1:07:00

BELIEVE WAS THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMELS BACK AND ESCALATED MY REMOVAL. MR. ENGEL: THANK YOU.

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>> THE GENTLEMAN'S TIME HAS EXPIRED. A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE

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GENTLEMAN FROM KENTUCKY, MR. GUTHRIE FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONS. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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READING YOUR COMPLAINT, I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE CHAIRMAN SAID EARLIER, I TALKED ABOUT THE

1:07:25

LACK OF URGENCY AND IMPLIED OF PRESIDENT'S LACK OF URGENCY, MOST OF MY CONSTITUENTS WANT TO

1:07:30

KNOW THAT THINGS ARE GETTING DONE AND WHERE IS THE PRESIDENT ON THIS. YOU ARE HAVING ISSUES WITH THE

1:07:37

LEADERSHIP AT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND YOU ARE GIVING THEM RECOMMENDATIONS. IF THEY ARE NOT ACCEPTING HER

1:07:43

RECOMMENDATIONS, I WOULD FAIR -- NOT ACCEPTING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS COME I WOULD

1:07:49

FAIRLY SURMISE THAT SHOULD GO TO THE WHITE HOUSE. SO THE PRESIDENT IS UNAWARE WHAT YOU ARE PUTTING FORTH.

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BECAUSE READING FROM YOUR COMPLAINT IT SAYS THAT THE WHITE HOUSE TRADE ADVISOR, PETER

1:08:00

NAVARRO, SHARED THEIR SENSE OF URGENCY. SO TALKING ABOUT THE URGENCY IN THE WHITE HOUSE, YOU HAVE A

1:08:05

MEETING WITH HIM ON SATURDAY, YOU ARE BACK IN ON SUNDAY, WHERE YOU ARE PREPARED FOR YOUR

1:08:12

RECOMMENDATION WITH A MEMO FOR MICK MULVANEY. SO ESSENTIALLY, THE PRESIDENT. SO YOU MEET WITH THE LEADERSHIP

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OF HHS, MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, MICK MULVANEY, AND THE MEETING WITH NAVARRO ON

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SATURDAY, THE MEMORANDUM ON SUNDAY, AND ON MONDAY IT'S HAS A NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL POLICY

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FOR DATING COMMITTEE MET WITH AND DIRECTED HHS TO IMPLEMENT

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NAVARRO'S RECOMMENDATION. THE PUSH FOR THE WHITE HOUSE CREATED TENSION BETWEEN DR.

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BRIGHT AND HHS POLITICAL LEADERSHIP. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU COULD BE MORE URGENT IN GOVERNMENT AND

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HAVING A MEETING ON SUNDAY, AND ACTION ON MONDAY ONCE HE GOT TO THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENTION.

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SO WE APPRECIATE THAT. I'M A RANKING MEMBER OF ALL AND

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I, WHICH DOES -- ONI, WHICH DOES INVESTIGATION STREET I'M

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LOOKING AT THE PROCESS OF PUTTING AT THIS HEARING TOGETHER. AS WE READ THROUGH YOUR COMPLAINT, THE ONLY WAY WE HAVE

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IT IS BECAUSE YOU MADE IT PUBLIC. IN YOUR COMPLAINT, THERE ARE DIFFERENT EXHIBITS THAT YOU TALK

1:09:20

ABOUT AND WE ARE HAVING A HEARING TODAY, THERE ARE 33 EXHIBITS REFERENCED IN YOUR COMPLAINT WHICH ARE NOT PUBLIC.

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WE GOT THEM THROUGH THE WASHINGTON POST, THAT'S HOW DOCUMENTS WERE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THIS HEARING.

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SO THE 33 EXHIBITS THAT ARE NOT MADE PUBLIC, THAT ARE REFERENCING A COMPLAINT, WOULD YOU MAKE THOSE AVAILABLE TO THE

1:09:42

COMMITTEE? DO YOU HAVE THEM AND CAN MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE?

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IF WE ARE USING YOUR COMPLAINT FOR THIS HEARING, WE NEED TO HAVE THE DOCUMENTATION. >> MAY I ADDRESS THAT?

1:10:01

DR. BRIGHT: I DON'T HAVE THAT PROBLEM. >> WE WILL TAKE THAT UNDER

1:10:07

ADVISEMENT AND GET BACK TO YOU. MR. GUTHRIE: AND READING THROUGH -- >> THERE MAY BE PRIVACY

1:10:14

CONSIDERATIONS IN THE DOCUMENTS SO WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY. >> AND IF WE READ THROUGH THE

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EMAIL CHAINS THAT ARE MADE AVAILABLE, SUMMA APPEAR COMPLETE , SOME ARE NOT -- SOME APPEAR

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COMPLETE AND SOME ARE NOT FULL EMAIL CHAINS SO YOU WILL UNDER -- WONDER IF THE CONTEXT RELATES

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TO THE INFERENCES TAKEN, WOULD YOU MAKE THOSE AVAILABLE TO US? >> I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THAT

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AS WELL, THE PROBLEM IS WHEN DR. BRIGHT WAS REMOVED FROM HIS POSITION HE WAS LOCKED OUT OF

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HIS EMAIL. HE DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO HIS EMAIL. >> SO THE CHANGES YOU HAVE, WE

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HAVE. >> THAT'S CORRECT. DR. BRIGHT: AND I COULD ADDRESS

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THIS, THAT'S CORRECT. I WAS IMMEDIATELY LOCKED OUT OF MY EMAIL BY APRIL 20 OF THIS YEAR.

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I DID NOT HAVE FULL RECORDS AVAILABLE TO ME, HOWEVER I

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BELIEVE I LAID A SOLID FOUNDATION IN MY COMPLAINT, AS DETAILED AS I COULD BE, FOR THE

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL TO BE ABLE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION. I BELIEVE AS PART OF THEIR

1:11:21

INVESTIGATION THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS THOSE EMAILS AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS TO GET THE FULL

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STORY AND THE FULL INFORMATION. MR. GUTHRIE: IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL FOR US AS WELL.

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ARE THERE ANY EXHIBITS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN SHARED WITH US IN THE MINORITY SIDE? DR. BRIGHT: I BELIEVE YOU HAVE

1:11:39

WHAT'S AVAILABLE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND THE REST HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL COUNSEL. I HAVE NOT MADE IT AVAILABLE TO

1:11:45

ANYONE DIRECTLY. >> TO THE GENTLEMAN, THE

1:11:51

MINORITY AND MAJORITY MEMBERS ALL RECEIVED THE SAME PACKET OF INFORMATION. MR. GUTHRIE: WHICH IS AVAILABLE

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TO THE PUBLIC. >> WHICH WAS AVAILABLE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. MR. GUTHRIE: ARE THERE ANY OTHER

1:12:03

DOCUMENTS IN YOUR POSSESSION OR ACCESSIBLE TO YOU THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE EXHIBITS IN THE

1:12:09

COMPLAINT BUT ARE NONETHELESS RELEVANT TO YOUR ALLEGATIONS? IF SO WILL YOU PROVIDE THOSE? DR. BRIGHT: I BELIEVE I HAVE

1:12:16

PROVIDED THE INFORMATION I HAVE AVAILABLE TO ME AT THIS POINT. IF I HAD ACCESS TO MY EMAIL FROM

1:12:23

HHS, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND THAT EMAIL. I DO NOT KNOW THE STATUS IF THAT

1:12:28

HAS BEEN DELETED OR WHY DOORDASH I HAVE NOT HAD ACCESS. MR. GUTHRIE: I APPRECIATE YOUR

1:12:34

ANSWERS. I YIELD BACK. >> A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM NORTH CAROLINA, MR. BUTTERFIELD FOR HIS FIVE

1:12:41

MINUTES OF QUESTIONS.

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MR. BUTTERFIELD : THANK YOU, FOR COMING TODAY AND YOUR 25 YEARS

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OF SERVICE. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ABOUT YOUR EFFORTS TO ADDRESS SUPPLY SHORTAGES FOR ADMINISTERING

1:12:59

COVID-19 TEST, ACCORDING TO YOUR ACCOUNT AS THE COVID-19 TESTING RAMPED UP, YOU ASKED FOR AN

1:13:05

INVENTORY OF THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL SUPPLY AVAILABILITY OF TESTING SUPPLIES INCLUDING SWABS

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, VIRAL TRANSPORT MATERIALS, AND EXTRACTION BUFFERS. YOU LEARNED THAT THE NATIONAL

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STOCKPILE DID NOT STOCK THESE ITEMS. AFTER THAT -- DID NOT STOCK THESE ITEMS.

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AND THAT THESE SWABS WERE SOURCED FROM A MANUFACTURER IN ITALY, THE CENTER OF THE

1:13:30

COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN ITALY. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS INFORMATION PROMPTED YOU TO REACH OUT TO THE DEITY AGENCY

1:13:38

THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY ASSISTED YOUR OFFICE WITH INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION OF SUPPLIES RELATED TO EBOLA.

1:13:44

MY QUESTION IS, WHY DID YOUR OFFICE CONTACT DOD AT THIS POINT?

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DR. BRIGHT: IT WAS QUITE A SURPRISE TO ME THAT THE URGENT RAMP IN TESTING DID NOT INCLUDE

1:14:00

THE CRITICAL SUPPLIES NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE RAMP-UP OF TESTING, INCLUDING THE MATERIALS YOU

1:14:07

MENTIONED, AND I WAS QUITE ALARMED TO LEARN FROM SITTING

1:14:12

BEHIND THE CDC DIRECTOR, REDFIELD, THAT WE WERE GOING TO EXPERIENCE A SHORTAGE OF SWABS.

1:14:19

I WAS EVEN MORE SURPRISED THAT OUR STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE DID NOT HAVE ANY OF THOSE IN

1:14:24

SUPPLY. MY URGENCY TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THAT WAS SUPPORTED BY THE FDA

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DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR CDR H

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DEVICES AND DIAGNOSTICS AT THE FDA. ONCE I CONFIRMED THERE WAS A

1:14:46

SHORTAGE, IT WAS CRITICAL TO FIND A SOLUTION. THAT WAS BY PARTNERING WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COLLEAGUES

1:14:51

WHO WORKED WITH US FOR THE EBOLA RESPONSE. WE WORKED WITH THEM TO SHIP A

1:14:57

DOSE OF THE EBOLA VACCINE FROM GERMANY TO THE UNITED STATES TO RAPIDLY RESPOND TO THE OUTBREAK IN AFRICA.

1:15:04

IT WAS A NATURAL OCCURRENCE OR RESPONSE FROM ME AND MY COLLEAGUES IN BARDA.

1:15:10

MR. BUTTERFIELD: WHERE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE IN ITALY THAT WOULD REQUIRE SECRETARY

1:15:16

AZAR TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE REQUEST OF THE DOD? DR. BRIGHT: WHAT WE NEEDED TO

1:15:22

ENACT THE AIR BRIDGE WAS OUR SECRETARY, SECRETARY A CZAR, TO

1:15:29

MAKE A REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. MY COLLEAGUE AND ICOM A DR. GARY JUST BRO -- MY COLLEAGUE AND I

1:15:38

RAISED THE ISSUE, AND IT WAS CLEARLY NOT A TOPIC THAT WANTED

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TO BE DISCUSSED ON THAT DAY. WE WERE REBUFFED, SAYING THAT HE

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DID NOT WANT TO TALK ABOUT SWABS RIGHT NOW. MY COLLEAGUE AND I RAISED THIS

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CONCERN REPEATEDLY IN THAT CALL. KNOWING IT WAS CRITICAL AND TIME SENSITIVE, AND WE HAD A CRITICAL

1:16:02

SHORTAGE OF THESE SWABS, I PLACED A CALL TO MR. NAVARRO'S OFFICE AND ASKED IF MR. NAVARRO

1:16:09

COULD OFFER SOME ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND THE CLEARANCE FOR

1:16:15

DOD TO PUT THE AIRPLANES IN PLACE UNDER THE CONTRACT WE HAVE. THAT HAPPENED IN A VERY QUICK

1:16:22

TURNAROUND, WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WE WERE ABLE TO START THAT WITHIN

1:16:28

TWO DAYS. WE HAVE TRANSFERRED OVER 20 5 MILLION SWABS.
>> YOU ARE SAYING YOU ALERTED

1:16:34

PETER NAVARRO ABOUT THIS ISSUE, IS THAT RIGHT? DR. BRIGHT:
YES. MR. BUTTERFIELD: AND WITH HOURS HE HAD COORDINATED
WITH THE DOD

1:16:42

TO TRANSPORT THE SWABS. THIS SEEMS LIKE A LOGICAL
RESPONSE TO THE ANALYSIS THAT

1:16:47

YOU HAVE PROVIDED, WHAT'S PERPLEXING TO ME IS WHY
ANYBODY WOULD RESIST SUCH AN INITIATIVE?

1:16:54

IT'S A RHETORICAL QUESTION I WON'T ASK YOU TO ANSWER
THAT. FINALLY, WE STILL DON'T HAVE

1:17:00

ENOUGH TESTING SUPPLIES, I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW OR
WHY THAT IS POSSIBLE. I UNDERSTAND CONVERTING AN AUTO

1:17:07

PLANT MIGHT TAKE SOME TIME TO BUILD VENTILATORS, BUT
HOW CAN WE BE STRUGGLING TO GET ADEQUATE

1:17:13

AND SIMPLE SUPPLIES LIKE SWABS. WHAT DOES THIS SAY ABOUT
THE FEDERAL RESPONSE ABOUT THE OUTBREAK?

1:17:18

DR. BRIGHT: IT SAYS TO ME THAT

1:17:23

THERE IS NO CORE DATA PLAN ON HOW TO RESPOND TO THIS
OUTBREAK. WE DON'T HAVE A STRATEGY OR A

1:17:29

PLAN IN PLACE WHICH IDENTIFIES EACH OF THOSE CRIPPLE
COMPONENTS , AND WE DON'T HAVE A DESIGNATED

1:17:34

AGENCY SOURCING THOSE COMPONENTS AND COMING UP WITH
A STRATEGY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THOSE SUPPLIES
WHEN WE NEED THEM.

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WE NEED TO THIS COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL STRATEGY. THIS INCLUDES EVERY COMPONENT TO

1:17:46

MAKE SURE THAT WE RESPOND AND PROTECT AMERICAN LIVES. MR. BUTTERFIELD: THANK YOU DR.

1:17:52

BRIGHT, YOU ARE A GREAT AMERICAN. I YIELD BACK. >> THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK, A

1:17:57

PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM VIRGINIA, MR. GRIFFITH.

1:18:07

MR. GRIFFITH: THANK YOU. IT SEEMS LIKE MR. NAVARRO HAS

1:18:12

DONE A GOOD JOB OF LISTING THE QUESTIONS. I WISH WE HAD MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, THAT I WISH WE HAD DONE THIS TO

1:18:17

REGULAR CHANNELS. I WANTED TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT

1:18:22

THE SUPPLIES BEING AVAILABLE. I GOT THE IMPRESSION FROM PRIOR TESTIMONY THAT THE PROJECT YOU

1:18:28

ARE JUST TO PUT MONEY INTO PUT 700 MILLION IN 18 AND 735 IN 19

1:18:36

WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF SOME OF THAT, AND MY MISUNDERSTANDING PROJECT BIO SHIELD? DR. BRIGHT: IT'S USED TO INVEST

1:18:44

IN LATE STAGE DEVELOPMENT OF DRUGS AND SOME DIAGNOSTICS. >> THAT DID NOT HELP ON THIS AT

1:18:51

ALL? DR. BRIGHT: NOT ON THIS AT ALL. MR. GRIFFITH: THAT BEING SAID, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE HAVE

1:18:57

HAD EVERYTHING AVAILABLE TO US AND I UNDERSTAND THAT MAY NOT BE YOUR FAULT, BUT IT DOES CREATE ISSUES.

1:19:04

EVERYTHING'S GOING CRAZY, PEOPLE OF ALL KINDS OF THINGS GOING ON, AND HYDROCHLORIC WIN COMES UP

1:19:10

AND THERE ARE SOME EMAIL EXCHANGES IN EXHIBIT 54 FROM YOUR DOCUMENTS, INDICATING THAT

1:19:20

A CHRISTOPHER WRITING THAT WE SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT THIS, I'M

1:19:25

PARAPHRASING, BUT IT SAYS ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE FEW OR NO OPTIONS. ONE OF THE FRUSTRATIONS I HAVE HAD FOR YEARS WITH OUR COMMUNITY

1:19:33

TRYING TO RESPOND TO ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT DISEASES IS THAT WE WANT TO HAVE THE DOUBLE-BLIND

1:19:38

STUDIES IN PLACE AND THE SCIENCE WHICH MAKES SENSE IF YOU HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE. BUT WHEN YOU HAVE FEW OR NO

1:19:45

OPTIONS, IT SEEMS TO ME YOU WOULD GO AFTER THOSE THINGS THAT ARE AVAILABLE.

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IF HYDROCHLORIC WHEN IS ONE AT ONE POINT AND REMDESIVIR IN THE

1:19:56

OTHER DOUBLE-BLIND STUDY, HAS THAT ALREADY HAPPENED? AND I HAVE AN ARTICLE FROM THE

1:20:04

RICHMOND TIMES DISPATCH, APRIL 15, WHERE A DOCTOR USED HIGH DOSES OF VITAMIN C AND ANOTHER

1:20:17

DRUG, THESE ARE ALL FLOATING OUT OF DOCTORS ARE USING ALL KINDS OF THINGS BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE OTHER OPTIONS.

1:20:24

I'M WONDERING WHAT WAS THE GREAT HESITANCY TO AT LEAST LET DOCTORS TRY, AND EVEN IF

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ANECDOTALLY IT WAS HAVING SOME EFFECT, WE WOULDN'T YOU HAVE TO HAVE THAT AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO DO THE TESTS?

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AND IF YOU HAVE FEW OR NO OPTIONS, WHY WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO GO DOWN THAT PATHWAY?

1:20:41

DR. BRIGHT: WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THE DRUGS WE CONSIDER ARE SAFE.

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AND EFFECTIVE. THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IS SAFETY. MANY OF THE STUDIES THAT WE HAVE OUR ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE ARE

1:20:53

REPORTS THAT WE HAVE HAD WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE A THOROUGH SAFETY VETTING OF THOSE DRUGS. THERE ARE KNOWN SIDE EFFECTS

1:20:59

WITH SOME OF THE DRUGS, MANY WERE REPURPOSED, THEY WERE NOT

1:21:05

BUILT FOR THIS. WE KNEW ABOUT SOME POTENTIAL SAFETY CONCERNS AND WE DID NOT HAVE ANY EVIDENCE OF HOW THOSE

1:21:10

SAFETY CONCERNS WOULD APPEAR IN PEOPLE INFECTED WITH THIS VIRUS. IT TAKES OVER A LOT OF YOUR BODY

1:21:16

AND INFECTS MULTIPLE ORGANS, CAUSING SIGNIFICANT INFLAMMATION AND ORGAN SHUT DOWN BEFORE DEATH

1:21:23

AND ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS WHICH TURNS YOUR LUNGS INTO A BRICK. MR. GRIFFITH: IT IS SCARY STUFF

1:21:31

AND YOU SAID HI TO CHLOROQUINE -- HYDROCHLORIC WHEN --

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HYDROCHLORIC QUEEN -- HOW TO CHLOROQUINE -- HYDROCHLOROQUINE,

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IT AFFECTS YOUR HEART. IF IT IS SHOWING SOME PROMISE, WHY WOULD WE NOT WANT TO ACCEPT

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AN OFFER FROM A MANUFACTURER TO HAVE IT OUT THERE FOR WIDESPREAD USE IF THE DOCTORS CHOSE, LIKE THE DOCTOR IN RICHMOND WHERE

1:22:02

THEY USED IT IN THIS CASE AND IT DID NOT WORK. SO HE TRIED SOMETHING ELSE. I THINK THAT'S REALLY WHAT WE

1:22:07

ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, AND I NOT CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: WE NEED TO DO IT

1:22:13

CAREFULLY. WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE. WE ARE THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX.

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MR. GRIFFITH: -- TO ACCIDENT AND

1:22:24

KILL PEOPLE. DR. BRIGHT: WE CAN PUT UP A CLINICAL STUDY IN LESS THAN A WEEK, IT'S IMPORTANT TO USE

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CLINICAL DATA AND IF WE KNOW THERE ARE POTENTIAL RISKS WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE COGNIZANT OF THEM AND THAT THE

1:22:37

DRUGS ARE USED IN A SAFE AND CONTROLLED MANNER. MR. GRIFFITH: I APPRECIATE THAT. LET ME SAY THIS.

1:22:43

IT'S OUR JOB TO ASK TOUGH QUESTIONS. BUT JUST LIKE YOU FOUND THROUGH THE WHITE HOUSE, YOU MAY HAVE

1:22:48

FOUND SOME FRIENDLY YEARS ON -- EARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

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IN 2018 YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT OFFSHORE PRODUCTION, AND I ASKED YOU TO LET ME KNOW IF THERE WAS

1:23:04

ANYTHING WE COULD DO TO GET ONSHORE PRODUCTION. I'M WITH YOU ON A LOT OF THESE ISSUES. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON

1:23:10

BEHIND THE SCENES PRAY WE HAVE TO INVESTIGATE THAT, TODAY WAS NOT THE DAY TO DO THAT INVESTIGATION, WE DON'T HAVE

1:23:15

ENOUGH INFORMATION. BUT DON'T HESITATE IN THE FUTURE, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, LET US KNOW ON BOTH SIDES OF THE

1:23:21

ISLE WHAT'S GOING ON. I APPRECIATE IT. AND I YIELD BACK. >> A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE

1:23:30

GENTLEMAN FROM CALIFORNIA, MISS MATSUI FOR HER QUESTIONS.

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MR. MATSUI: THANK YOU FOR APPEARING BEFORE US AND FOR YOUR PUBLIC SERVICE.

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YOU DESCRIBE A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES THAT HAS LEFT US

1:23:49

UNPREPARED. MANY AMERICANS ARE EAGER TO REPAIR -- TO RETURN TO NORMALCY. BUT TO EVEN BEGIN TO SAFELY

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REOPEN WE NEED WIDESPREAD TESTING CAPACITY AND ORGANIZE CONTACT TRACING.

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AND A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM THAT CAN HANDLE A SURGE. ULTIMATELY, A VACCINE ARE

1:24:07

THERAPEUTIC CURE IS REQUIRED. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR WARNINGS TO THE ADMINISTRATION WHILE AT

1:24:15

BARDA. I'M HOPING YOU COULD ANSWER WHETHER YOU BELIEVE EACH SCENARIO WILL ULTIMATELY SHORTEN

1:24:21

OR LENGTHEN THE TIME IT TAKES FOR OUR COUNTRY TO SAFELY REOPEN

1:24:26

AND RECOVER FROM THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC. ON
JANUARY 10 YOU BEGAN PUSHING

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HHS LEADERSHIP FOR SEQUENCING AND VIRUS CHALLENGES.
GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE

1:24:38

SAMPLES FOR A VACCINE AND DIAGNOSTIC DEVELOPMENT, HAS
THE INACTION SHORTENED OR LENGTHENED OUR TIMELINE.

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DR. BRIGHT: IT'S IMPORTANT TO START AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE,
ANY DELAY COULD DELAY THE

1:24:57

COUNTERMEASURES WHICH IS OUR IMPORTANT. MR. MATSUI:
THROUGH JANUARY YOU HAVE MADE HHS AWARE OF A NEED

1:25:04

FOR FUNDING. HHS BELIEVE THAT BARDA'S BUDGET

1:25:12

WAS SUFFICIENT, HAS A SHORTEN OR LENGTHEN TO TIMELINE
FOR REOPENING? DR. BRIGHT: IT HAS EXTENDED THE

1:25:18

ABILITY -- THE TIMELINE TO MAKE DRUGS AVAILABLE IN VACCINES
AVAILABLE AND HAS EXTENDED OUR

1:25:23

ABILITY TO RESPOND TO THE PANDEMIC. MR. MATSUI: AND YOU
PUSHED A

1:25:29

COORDINATION FOR A COVID-19 PLANNING ACTIVITY ACROSS
THE GOVERNMENT. INITIALLY THE REQUEST WAS

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REJECTED, SUGGESTING IT WAS NOT TIME SENSITIVE. DID THE
DELAY AND CORONATION SHORTEN OR LENGTHEN OUR
TIMELINE FOR REOPENING?

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DR. BRIGHT: THAT LENGTH INTO THE TIMELINE FOR REOPENING.

1:25:46

WE NEEDED THOSE EARLY POLICY DISCUSSIONS TO HAPPEN AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE. MR. MATSUI: AND YOU PUSHED FOR

1:25:52

HHS TO RAMP UP PRODUCTION IN JANUARY AND MARCH FOR SWABS, SYRINGES, AND MASKS.

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THEY FAILED TO ACT QUICKLY. HAS THIS SHORTEN OR LENGTHENED OUR TIMELINE TO REOPENING? DR. BRIGHT: IT HAS PUT A LOT OF

1:26:05

LIVES AT RISK WITH OUR FRONTLINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS. WITH NO TIME TO REOPEN OUR

1:26:11

COUNTRY BRINGING THOSE PEOPLE BACK TO US. MR. MATSUI: THANK YOU DR. BRIGHT. MANY DECISIONS WERE MADE OUTSIDE

1:26:16

OF THE SCENARIOS WHICH CAN INFLUENCE WHEN WE CAN SAFELY REOPEN. BUT FROM THE HEARING TODAY, IF

1:26:23

WE HAD HEATED YOUR WARNINGS EARLY WE COULD HAVE PROACTIVELY CONTROLLED TO THE ON OUR COUNTRY.

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IT APPEARS CLEAR FROM THE WHISTLEBLOWER REPORT THAT THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIZED POLITICAL CALCULATION ABOVE

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PUBLIC HEALTH WITH REGARD TO CHLOROQUINE AND HYDROCHLOR

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OQUINE.

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THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION PROMOTED THE DRUG USE BECAUSE IT WAS SEEN AS A BIG AND IMMEDIATE WIN. DR. BRIGHT, DO YOU BELIEVE THERE

1:26:57

ARE OTHER INSTANCES WHERE THE

1:27:03

ADMINISTRATION RELIED ON POLITICS RATHER THAN SCIENCE TO MAKE THE RESPONSE DECISIONS? AND WHAT CONSEQUENCES MIGHT THOSE DECISIONS HAVE HAD ON

1:27:08

PUBLIC HEALTH? MR. MATSUI: WE HAVE A -- DR. BRIGHT: WE HAVE A VERY

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RIGOROUS SCIENTIFIC REVIEW PROCESS AND THERE WERE SOME

1:27:22

ATTEMPTS TO BYPASS THE RIGOROUS PROCESS WHICH CAUSED GREAT CONCERN AND ACTUALLY INCREASE

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THE TENSION BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE OTHER DOCTOR. WITHOUT THE VETTING, INCREASES

1:27:35

THE RISK OF A DRUG BEING EVALUATED OR SUPPORTED WHICH COULD HAVE SAFETY CONCERNS.

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WE REALLY NEED TO HAVE THE BEST SCIENCES IN OUR COUNTRY WEIGHING

1:27:46

IN ON WHETHER THAT DRUG SHOULD BE EVALUATED AND HOW IT SHOULD BE -- HOW IT SHOULD BE

1:27:51

EVALUATED. MR. MATSUI: CERTAINLY. THE TRUMPET MINISTRATION WAITED UNTIL APRIL TO INVOKE THE

1:27:58

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT TO INCREASE THE REDUCTION OF LIFESAVING SUPPLIES AFTER

1:28:03

DOCTORS BEGAN EXTREME SINK SHORTAGES. AND THREE MONTH AFTER YOUR INITIAL JANUARY WARNINGS.

1:28:09

SHOULD HHS HAVE INVOKED THE ACT EARLIER TO DECREASE THE DEBT

1:28:17

SHOULD INCREASE THE PRODUCTION OF MASKS AND SWABS?

DR. BRIGHT: I'M NOT AN EXPERT ON THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT, I DO

1:28:26

BELIEVE WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE AND PLACING ORDERS EARLY AND

1:28:32

RAMPING UP SUPPLIES. AND GETTING THAT MEDICAL WILL EQUIPMENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, THROUGH THE DEFENSE

1:28:37

PRODUCTION ACT OR OTHER MECHANISMS. IT SHOULD BE HIGH PRIORITY. MR. MATSUI: THANK YOU, I HAVE

1:28:43

RUN OUT OF TIME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR APPEARING BEFORE US TODAY. >> THE GENTLEWOMAN YIELDS BACK,

1:28:48

A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM FLORIDA. MR. VILLA RUCKUS --FROM PORTO.

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>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE FOR OUR CURRENT -- FOR YOUR

1:29:01

SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. FOCUSING ON HYDROCHLOROQUINE, WHEN WAS THE POTENTIAL USE OF

1:29:09

CHLOROQUINE AND HYDROCHLOROQUINE AS TREATMENT FOR THE COVID-19

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FIRST BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION? DR. BRIGHT: PROBABLY MID-MARCH,

1:29:23

BETWEEN MARCH 10 AND MARCH 17, SOMEWHERE IN THAT TIMEFRAME. >> NOT PRIOR TO THAT? DR. BRIGHT: NOT THAT I RECALL

1:29:29

HER THE FIRST I HEARD OF THE DRUG WAS ACTUALLY A CALL AND RECEIVED FROM DR. WOODCOCK

1:29:35

ASKING IF I HAD HEARD OF THE DRUG, I HAD NOT HEARD OF IT OR ITS POTENTIAL USE FOR COVID-19

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PATIENTS. SHE SAID THERE MAY BE SOMETHING INTERESTING TO LOOK AT AND SHE FORWARDED A MANUSCRIPT.

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THAT WAS THE FIRST I LEARNED OF THE DRUG ITSELF. >> SO YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY

1:29:56

NEWS ARTICLES AND RESEARCH PAPERS DISCUSSING THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF THE DRUG? DR. BRIGHT: I HEARD ANECDOTAL

1:30:03

STORIES AND REPORTS. I CAN'T RECALL IF I DID FOR

1:30:10

CHLOROQUINE SPECIFICALLY BUT I TRIED TO TRACK THE MEDIA AND SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL AS WELL. BUT I RELY ON THE GUIDANCE OF

1:30:15

THE SCIENCE WITHIN HHS, THE FIRST I HAD HEARD OF THAT WAS FROM MY COLLEAGUE, DR. WOODCOCK

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AT THE FDA, AND THEN A SUMMARY REPORT FROM OUR SCIENTIST AT

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FDA, CDC, AND BARDA.

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SING THE EVIDENCE FOR BENEFIT WAS WEAK AND IT'S EVIDENCE FOR SAFETY CONCERNS WITH STRONGER AND THEY DID NOT BELIEVE AT THAT POINT IT WAS SOMETHING THAT

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SHOULD BE SUPPORTED. MR. BILIRAKIS: AND WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION, PERSONALLY?

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DID YOU SEE SOMETHING WORTH PURSUING INITIALLY WHEN YOU HEARD FROM DR. WOODCOCK? DR. BRIGHT: INITIALLY, I TRUST

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DR. WOODCOCK AND HER SCIENTIFIC JUDGMENT IMMENSELY. SHE MENTIONED IT WAS SOMETHING WE SHOULD LOOK AT AND SOMETHING

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WE SHOULD CONSIDER TESTING IN A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED CLINICAL STUDY. I WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE

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TEAM REVIEWING THAT PROTOCOL AND THAT INFORMATION TO
SEE IF IT SHOULD BE USED. MR. BILIRAKIS: I HAVE HEARD FROM
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EXPERTS AND I'M CERTAINLY NOT AN EXPERT IN THIS AREA, THAT
THE

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DRUG, THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, IN THIS CASE
HYDROCHLOROQUINE,

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IF IT IS USED, FIRST OF ALL,

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TIMELY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A WINDOW THERE AS FAR
AS THE PATIENT AND THE EFFICACY OF THE

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DRUG. HAVE YOU HEARD THIS? THAT IF IT'S ADMINISTERED

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PROPERLY THERE'S A SMALL WINDOW THERE FOR THE PATIENT
AS FAR AS

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RISK IS CONCERNED? CAN YOU ELABORATE ON THAT IF YOU
HAVE HEARD THAT?

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AND THIS IS NOT FROM A LAYPERSON, THIS IS FROM AN EXPERT.
MR. BILIRAKIS: WE HAVE SEEN

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ANECDOTAL DATA FROM DIFFERENT PHYSICIANS THAT THEY
BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE SEEN BENEFIT OR

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PATIENT IMPROVEMENT FROM USE OF THIS DRUG IN EITHER
COMBINATION WITH AN ANTIBIOTIC OR ZINC OR

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VITAMIN C OR OTHER THINGS.

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BUT THERE WAS NEVER SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE FOR A
RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED STUDY TO SHOW BENEFIT WOULD
OUTWEIGH THE RISK. THAT'S WHY THE NIH AND 40 OTHER

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INSTITUTIONS AROUND THE WORLD WERE CONDUCTING
RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED CLINICAL STUDIES TO LOOK AT THE
BENEFIT EITHER IN

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LATE STAGE TREATMENT OR EARLY-STAGE TREATMENT. MOST OF
THE DATA COMING OUT FROM THOSE CLINICAL STUDIES TODAY

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HAVE NOT SHOWN AN OVERWHELMING LEVEL OF EVIDENCE
THAT IT HAS BENEFITS AND THOSE PATIENTS. IT DOES NOT MEAN
IT WON'T HAVE

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SOME BENEFIT IN INDIVIDUALS IN A CASE OR TWO IN DIFFERENT
STUDIES

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AND PHYSICIANS BELIEVE THEY SEE A BENEFIT IN THEIR
PATIENTS. BUT IN THE CONTEXT OF A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED
STUDY, WE

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HAVE NOT SEEN AN OVERWHELMING LEVEL OF BENEFITS. MR.
BILIRAKIS: HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE STUDIES IN OTHER
COUNTRIES

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LIKE FRANCE AND POSSIBLY JAPAN -- ARE YOU -- I WANT TO
KNOW,

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BECAUSE MY CONSTITUENTS ASK THESE QUESTIONS, DO YOU
TAKE THOSE STUDIES INTO CONSIDERATION

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WHEN YOU MAKE THESE DECISIONS? DR. BRIGHT: WE
ABSOLUTELY DO.

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WE LOOK AT THE QUALITY OF THE STUDIES, WE LOOK TO SEE IF
THEY WERE DONE WITH THE RIGHT CONTROLS IN PLACE AND
THE RIGHT

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SIGNS WAS THAT STATISTICALLY RELEVANT OR JUST A FEW
PEOPLE? 20 PEOPLE?

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OR 2000 PEOPLE? THAT ADDS TO THE POWER OF THE DATA ITSELF. MANY OF THE STUDIES WE SAW EARLY

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ONLY INCLUDED A FEW PATIENTS AND IT WAS UNCLEAR, EVEN FROM THE

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DESCRIPTION OF THOSE, WHETHER

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ALL OF THE PATIENTS WERE TREATED THE SAME, WHETHER THEY HAD FULL PARTICIPATION THROUGH THE CLINICAL STUDY ITSELF.

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AND LOOKING AT THE STATISTICAL POWER OF MANY OF THOSE STUDIES, THEY ARE VERY SMALL. IT'S DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND THE

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BENEFIT. WE ALSO SAW STUDY THAT THE VA

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HOSPITAL CONDUCTED WITH HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE THAT SHOWED THAT PEOPLE TREATED WITH IT APPEAR TO HAVE A HIGHER RATE OF

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DEATH THAN THOSE WHO WERE NOT TREATED WITH HYDROCHLOROQUINE. THAT STUDY AS WELL HAS

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WEAKNESSES, NO STUDY IS PERFECT. YOU TAKE ALL OF THE EVIDENCE INTO ACCOUNT WHEN YOU MAKE A

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DECISION ON HOW TO FURTHER STUDY THE DRUG OR USE THAT DRUG. >> IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, THAT

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NOT MY CONSTITUENT BUDDY U.S. CITIZEN, A VETERAN, WAS CURED, AGAIN, WHAT I HAVE HEARD, FROM

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THE DRUG. THAT WAS A LATE STAGE CASE, BUT

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I'VE ALSO HEARD OF EARLY-STAGE CASES AS WELL. I WANTED TO GET THAT ON RECORD. THANK YOU.

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>> THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK, PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE

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GENTLEMAN FROM FLORIDA MS. CASTOR FOR HER FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONS.

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MR. CASTOR: DR. BRIGHT, THANK YOU FOR SPEAKING OUT TO SAVE

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LIVES. I READ YOUR FILING AND I WANT TO ASK ABOUT THE N95 RESPIRATORS.

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THESE ARE ESSENTIAL PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, THEY ARE NOT THE CLOTH MASKS OR SURGICAL

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MASKS THAT EVERY DAY AMERICANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WHEREBY THE CDC.

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OUR N95 REST -- ARE N95

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RESPIRATORS NECESSARY TO SAVE THE LIVES OF NURSES, DOCTORS, AND THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES? DR. BRIGHT: YES, THEY ARE

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REQUIRED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO HELP PROTECT HEALTH-CARE WORKERS FROM GETTING INFECTED.

MR. CASTOR: AND THIS IS NOT

1:36:06

HYPOTHETICAL CONCERN, THE L.A. TIMES REPORTED A TRAGIC STORY OF A HEROIC NURSE, WHO APPEARS TO

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HAVE DIED BECAUSE SHE LACKED AN N95 RESPIRATOR WHEN SHE REST --

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RUSHED INTO A HOSPITAL ROOM TO TRY TO SAVE A PATIENT WHO HAD STOPPED BREATHING. THIS BRAVE NURSE IS NOT THE ONLY

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ONE, ACCORDING TO THE STAFF, THE

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CDC REPORTED OVER A MONTH AGO THAT OVER 9000 HEALTH CARE

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WORKERS HAD ALREADY CONTRACTED COVID AND DOZENS HAVE DIED.

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I CHECKED WITH MY TAMPA BAY AREA HEALTH PROVIDERS, AND ONE HOSPITAL SAID THAT N95'S ARE

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DIFFICULT TO PROCURE. SAYING THERE'S A DIRE NEED, ONE OF MY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

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SAYS THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO STRUGGLE TO GET THEM. THERE ARE SO MANY FOLKS TRYING TO SELL KNOCKOFFS AND A LARGE

1:37:08

TAMPA BAY AREA HEALTH SYSTEM SAID THE SUPPLY CHAIN REMAINS INCONSISTENT AND IRREGULAR, AND

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THERE ARE REMAINS -- THERE ARE REMAINING AS WE HEAD INTO FALL

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WITH THE DEMAND INCREASING DUE TO THE FLU SEASON AND THE PRESENCE OF COVID-19.

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DR. BRIGHT, YOU UNDERSTOOD THAT AMERICA WOULD FACE A SHORTAGE OF RESPIRATORS IN JANUARY.

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DR. BRIGHT: WE UNDERSTOOD THAT AMERICA WOULD FACE A SHORTAGE OF

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N95 MASKS FOR A PANDEMIC SINCE 2007. WE HAVE NOTIFIED THIS EVERY YEAR

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SINCE 2007. AND THIS WAS EXERCISED AS EARLY AS -- THAT WE WOULD NEED 3.5

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BILLION N95 RESPIRATORS IN OUR STOCKPILE TO PROTECT OUR HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM PANDEMIC RESPONSE. >> AND YOU SOUNDED THE ALARM

1:38:07

REPEATEDLY, BUT WERE IGNORED BY THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP, CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHAT STEPS YOU TOOK AND

1:38:14

THE RESPONSE HE RECEIVED? >> WE KNEW GOING INTO THIS

1:38:19

PANDEMIC THAT CRITICAL EQUIPMENT WOULD BE IN SHORT SUPPLY. I BEGAN GETTING ALERTS FROM

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INDUSTRY COLLEAGUES IN THE MID AND LATE JANUARY, TELLING ME

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THAT FROM THE INDUSTRY VIEW, THE SUPPLY CHAIN WAS DIMINISHING RAPIDLY.

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THAT OTHER COUNTRIES THAT WE HAD RELIED ON TO SUPPLY THEM WERE BLOCKING EXPORT AND STOPPING THE

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TRANSFER OF THOSE MASKS TO THE UNITED STATES. I LEARNED CHINA WAS TRYING TO

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PURCHASE THE EQUIPMENT FROM U.S. PRODUCERS TO HAVE IT SHIPPED TO CHINA SO THEY COULD MAKE MORE. IN EACH OF THESE ALERTS AND

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THERE ARE DOZENS OF THESE ALERTS, I PUSH THIS FORWARD TO OUR LEADERSHIP, AND ASKING OUR

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SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM, AND I PUSH THIS TO OUR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION TEAM

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AND TO OUR STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE TEAM, THROUGHOUT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROCURING

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THOSE MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR OUR STOCKPILE. IN EACH OF THOSE I WAS MET WITH

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INDIFFERENCE. SAYING THEY WERE TOO BUSY, THEY DID NOT HAVE A PLAN, THEY DID NOT KNOW WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR

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PROCURING THOSE. IN SOME CASES THEY HAD A SICK CHILD AND THEY WOULD GET BACK TO

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IT LATER IN THE WEEK AND A NUMBER OF EXCUSES IT WAS WEEKS

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AFTER MY PUSHING THAT AFTER A SURVEY WAS SENT OUT TO MANUFACTURERS ASKING PRODUCERS

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IF THEY ACTUALLY MADE THOSE MASKS. >> IN YOUR FILING YOU DISCUSS A

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FEBRUARY 7 MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP GROUP, WHERE YOU URGED THE DEPARTMENT TO FOCUS ON SECURING N95 MASKS.

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CAN YOU DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED? >> THEY INFORMED ME THAT THEY DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS A CRITICAL URGENCY TO PROCURE

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MASKS. THEY CONDUCTED SOME SURVEYS AND SPOKE TO A FEW HOSPITALS, AND

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DID NOT YET SEE A CRITICAL SHORTAGE.

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I INDICATED THAT WE KNEW THERE WAS GOING TO BE A PROTOCOL SHORTAGE OF THE SUPPLIES AND WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO RAMP UP PRODUCTION. THEY INDICATED THAT IF WE NOTICE A SHORTAGE WE WILL SIMPLY CHANGE

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THE CDC GUIDELINES TO BETTER INFORM PEOPLE WHO SHOULD NOT BE WEARING THOSE MASKS TO SAVE

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THOSE MASKS FOR OUR HEALTH CARE WORKERS. MY RESPONSE WAS, I COULD NOT

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BELIEVE YOU COULD SIT AND SAY THAT WITH A STRAIGHT FACE. IT WAS ABSURD. >> IN FACT IT TOOK THREE MONTHS

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FROM YOUR INITIAL WARNING, UNTIL MID APRIL, FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EVOKE ITS

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AUTHORITY UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT TO REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF MILLIONS OF MORE

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N95 MASKS. EVEN THEN. THE ADMINISTRATION REQUIRED THE PRODUCTION OF ONLY 39 MILLION

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MASKS. FAR FEWER THAN WHAT YOU AND OTHER EXPERTS HAD SAID WE WOULD NEED. WHAT WAS THE CONSEQUENCE OF THAT

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THREE MONTH DELAY AND INADEQUATE RESPONSE? WERE LIVES IN DANGER? DR. BRIGHT: LIVES WERE IN DANGER

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AND LOST. WE WERE FORCED TO PROCURE THE SUPPLIES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

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WITHOUT THE RIGHT QUALITY STANDARDS, SO EVEN OUR DOCTORS AND NURSES IN THE HOSPITAL TODAY ARE WEARING N95 MARKED MASKS

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FROM OTHER COUNTRIES THAT ARE NOT PROVIDING SUFFICIENT PROTECTION THAT A U.S. STANDARD MASK WOULD PROVIDE THEM.

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SOME WOULD BE 30% EFFECTIVE. SO NURSES ARE RUSHING, THINKING

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THEY ARE PROTECTED AND THEY ARE NOT. MS. CASTOR: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGEOUS EFFORT. >> THE GENTLEWOMAN'S TIME HAS

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EXPIRED, A RECOGNIZE -- PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE OUR COLLEAGUE FROM

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INDIANA. >> THANK YOU FOR TESTIFYING. I APPRECIATE IT. I WAS A CARDIOVASCULAR AND

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THORACIC SURGEON WHO HAD BEEN IN HEALTH CARE FOR 30 SOME YEARS AND I WANT TO COMMENT -- I WILL NOT ASK A QUESTION ABOUT

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HYDROCHLOROQUINE. I WANT TO COMMENT ON HOW THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THIS TYPE OF THING.

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DOCTORS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL USE DRUGS OFF LABEL, IN A CIRCUMSTANCE WHERE THEY DON'T

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HAVE OR SEE A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE. I THINK THIS WAS ONE OF THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES. I'M HEARING FROM DOCTORS ACROSS

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THE COUNTRY AND I'M WITH YOU, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A DOUBLE-BLIND

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STUDY, YOU HAVE TO HAVE PROOF IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT IN THIS SITUATION, I THINK A

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LITTLE BIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND LEEWAY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS IN ORDER.

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WE DO WANT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY, THIS IS A DRUG THAT HAS BEEN PROVEN SAFE FOR MANY YEARS IN

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THE APPROPRIATE DOSES. IT DOES PROLONG THE QT INTERVAL AS YOU HAVE OUTLINED WHICH CAN LEAD TO ARRHYTHMIA IF NOT USED

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PROPERLY. BUT WHEN STATES TRY TO STOP

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DOCTORS FROM USING THIS, THERE WAS SUCH A BACKLASH THAT THEY HAD TO BACK AWAY FROM IT BECAUSE THE PHYSICIANS WANTED TO USE IT.

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SO DOCTORS LIKE ME IN THE REAL WORLD, THINGS ARE WORKING, ANECDOTALLY, THEY WILL NOT WAIT

1:43:16

FOR THE BUREAUCRACY TO APPROVE IT. I WANT TO GET THAT ON THE RECORD. I'M SAYING THIS IS WHY DOCTORS

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ARE USING THIS DRUG. WHETHER IT'S RIGHT OR NOT, THE DATA WILL SHOW, BUT OF TWO YEARS

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FROM NOW WE HAVE THE STUDIES AND IT SAYS THAT WOULD HAVE WORKED, AND THE GOVERNMENT STOPPED THAT

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FROM BEING USED, IF I WAS A FAMILY OF A PERSON THAT WAS STOPPED FROM GETTING IT, I WOULD BE PRETTY MAD.

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I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES AS IT RELATES TO THE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE

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EQUIPMENT. I THINK THERE'S ENOUGH BLAME TO GO AROUND IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED

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THERE, AFTER H1N1, THE NATIONAL STOCKPILE WAS DEPLETED AND WE DID NOT REPLENISH THEM, WE HAD

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PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE TALKING ABOUT THIS AREA -- THIS. I THINK THERE IS SOME BLAME TO

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GO AROUND. I DON'T WANT TO BE ACCUSATORY BUT I DO WANT TO GO OVER SOME OF

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THE FACTS ABOUT BARDA AS IT RELATES TO THE MASKS.

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ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED IN 2015 THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AND A COMPANY NOW

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KNOWN AS LMN HOWARD -- HALYARD ANNOUNCED THE PROJECT TO DEVELOP

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RAPID PANDEMIC MASS PRODUCTION. ACCORDING TO FEDERAL CONTRACTING RECORDS IN 2017 HHS SIGNED OFF

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ON A 3.3 MILLION WITHIN AN M

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PAYMENT. TO TURN OUT RESPIRATORY MASKS DURING A PANDEMIC. HOWEVER, IN SEPTEMBER OF 2018,

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CNBC REPORTS THAT THE MACHINE WAS NEVER BUILT. AND DESPITE THE 1.5 BILLION WITH

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A B BUDGET, THE WASHINGTON POST

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REPORTED THERE WAS NOT MONEY TO PAY FOR THE PROJECT, WHY WAS IT SCRAPPED AND DID YOU SIGN OFF ON THAT DECISION?

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DR. BRIGHT: THAT PROJECT WITH HALYARD WAS TO BUILD A NOVEL NEW

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MACHINE TO MAKE RESPIRATORY PROTECTION FACE MASKS FASTER AS YOU HAVE DESCRIBED.

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AND THE TECHNICAL TEAM REVIEWED THE PROPOSAL OR FURTHER INVESTMENT IN THAT MACHINE, THE

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INVESTMENT TO DATE WAS MADE TO DESIGN THE MACHINE, BUILD THE MACHINE AND I'M NOT EVEN SURE.

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DR. BUCHSON: WERE YOU THE HEAD OF BARDA IN 2018?

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DR. BRIGHT: I WAS. DR. BUCHSON: MONEY WAS ALLOCATED FROM HHS TO BARDA TO DO THIS AND

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I WOULD NOT EXPECT -- NOT EXPECTED TO BE SCRAPPED WITHOUT THE DIRECTOR SIGNING OFF. DID YOU SIGN OFF ON IT?
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DR. BRIGHT: IT'S NOT A SCRAPPED PROJECT, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PROPOSAL WAS BUT WE RELY ON A
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THOROUGH VETTING PROJECT. SO FOR THAT PROPOSAL TO
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CONTINUE, NEVER MADE IT TO ME. IT WAS NOT APPROVED AND DID NOT
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MAKE IT THROUGH THE PROPER VETTING PROCESS. THE DECISION TO END OR CONTINUE
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IT WAS NOT BROUGHT TO ME. DR. BUCHSON: I FIND THAT SURPRISING BUT I WILL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT.
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THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PART OF ANY ILLICIT STRATEGY TO HAVE MASK PRODUCTION. WE ARE HERE AND WE DON'T HAVE
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IT, AND WE ARE DEALING WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT DECISION. AND IN ADDITION, TO THE HALYARD,
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AND IS MY UNDERSTANDING -- I AM RUNNING OUT OF TIME. SO WHAT I WILL SAY TO DOCTORS
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ACROSS AMERICA, IT'S EASY FOR US TO SIT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
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WHETHER WE ARE MEMBERS OF," -- CONGRESS OR AGENCIES AND TALK IN THE ABSTRACT ABOUT PEOPLE DYING
1:47:02

IN OUR INTENSIVE CARE UNITS. BUT WHEN YOU ARE AT THE PHYSICIAN AT THE BEDSIDE AND THERE'S A MEDICATION THAT HAS
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PROMISE, AND HAS THE SAFETY PROFILE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT DOCTORS WILL USE THIS MEDICATION

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OFFLINE. THAT IS WHAT IS HAPPENING. WHETHER THAT'S RIGHT OR WRONG,

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WE MIGHT TAKE YEARS TO PROVE. IN THE MEANTIME, PEOPLE CAN DIE. I YELLED BACK.

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>> THE GENTLEMEN'S TIME HAS EXPIRED. IT'S A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE

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GENTLEMAN FROM MARYLAND FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONS. >> THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, DR.

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BRIGHT, WELCOME BACK TO THIS COMMITTEE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DEPLOYS MILLIONS OF DEDICATED

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PUBLIC SERVANTS WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR SHARED GOALS TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT AND TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST,

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IN THIS CASE TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH. AS A SCIENTIST AND PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL THAT WAS YOUR CHARGE

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AND YOU TOOK IT SERIOUSLY. UNFORTUNATELY THE RECORD SHOWS THAT YOUR SUPERIORS AT HHS AND

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POTENTIALLY BEYOND COMMON INSTEAD OF VALUING YOUR EXPERTISE, SQUANDERED AND WASTED IN THIS CRISIS, AMOUNTING TO

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GROSS NEGLIGENCE. THEY IGNORED YOUR SCIENCE-BASED PLEA TO PURSUE CRITICAL STRATEGIES, LIKE YOUR REPEATED

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CALLS TO GET VIRUS SAMPLES FROM CHINA AND GET SUPPLIES, MASKS,

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RESPIRATORS, SWABS, THEY HAVE DISMISSED YOUR WARNINGS ABOUT PURSUING UNPROVEN STRATEGIES,

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AND YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT STAMPEDING TOWARDS
HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE. WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT THAT TODAY.

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AND THEY SEND CHUTE TO FIND TREATMENTS WITH LITTLE
THERAPEUTIC VALUE ALL FOR THE

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SAKE OF SATISFYING POLITICAL CRONIES. YOU TESTIFIED ABOUT
A MIRACLE

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CURE DRUG, AND DISMISSING YOUR INPUT WAS NOT HARMLESS

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MALPRACTICE BECAUSE THERE'S EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE
THAT IF THE INPUT HAD BEEN HEATED --

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HEEDED, ESPECIALLY EARLY IN THE PANDEMIC, IT MAY HAVE
SAVED

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THOUSANDS OF LIES PER EIGHT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
COMING FORWARD AND BLOWING THE WHISTLE ON THIS
MISGUIDED AND CHAOTIC

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RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC. I AM SURE THAT THERE ARE
CONVERSATIONS, EMAILS, MOMENTS

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IN TIME THAT YOU REMEMBER LIKE THEY HAPPENED YESTERDAY,
INFLECTION POINTS WHERE IF THE

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RESPONSE TO YOUR WARNING HAD BEEN HEATED, -- HEEDED,
THINGS

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MIGHT BE DIFFERENT HERE I'M SURE THEY HAUNT YOU AND
KEEP YOU UP AT NIGHT. FROM JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, TELL

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ME FROM -- TELL ME ABOUT ONE SPECIFIC MOMENT WHERE YOU
HAD THAT SINKING FEELING BECAUSE YOU

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DID NOT SEE THE RESPONSE THAT YOU KNEW NEEDED TO HAPPEN. DR. BRIGHT: I WILL NEVER FORGET

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THE MAIL I RECEIVED FROM MY COLLEAGUE INDICATING THAT OUR

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MASKS APPLY, OUR N95 RESPIRATOR SUPPLY WAS DECIMATED.

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HE SAID WE ARE IN DEEP SHIT,

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THE WORLD IS AND WE NEED TO ASK. I PUSHED IT FORWARD TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL I COULD AND GOT NO RESPONSE.

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FROM THAT MOMENT I KNEW THAT WE WERE GOING TO HAVE A CRISIS WITH

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HEALTH-CARE WORKERS BECAUSE WE WERE NOT TAKING ACTION. WE WERE ALREADY BEHIND THE BALL. THAT WAS OUR LAST WINDOW OF

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OPPORTUNITY TO TURN ON THE PRODUCTION AND SAVE THE LIVES OF THOSE HEALTH-CARE WORKERS AND WE DID NOT ACT.

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>> GIVES ME CHILLS BECAUSE IT ADDS UP TO ONE INESCAPABLE

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CONCLUSION, IT DID NOT HAVE TO BE THIS WAY. THERE WAS ANOTHER PATH.

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THINGS COULD HAVE GONE DIFFERENTLY. THE FEDERAL RESPONSE COULD HAVE BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE.

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SO HERE WE ARE, AT A MOMENT WHEN OUR COUNTRY NEEDS THE KIND OF

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EXPERTISE AND SCIENCE-BASED GUIDANCE THAT SHE WENT OTHERS LIKE YOU CAN OFFER US, THESE

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VOICES ARE TOO OFTEN BEING SIDELINED. THINGS ARE UPSIDE DOWN, IN YOU

1:51:02

WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO MADE THE RIGHT CALL IN THE EARLY DAYS AND HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM YOUR POSITION, WHILE SO MANY PEOPLE

1:51:09

WHO MADE THE WRONG CALL STILL HAVE THEIR JOBS.

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DR. BRIGHT, WHEN THE COUNCIL THAT YOU AND OTHERS OFFER IS CAST ASIDE, I KNOW YOU KNOW

1:51:21

THIS, IT MEANS THAT SCIENCE AND REASON ARE ALSO BEING CAST ASIDE

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. THAT'S A DANGEROUS IMPULSE, IT'S AN ATTITUDE THAT DEPRIVES OUR COUNTRY IN THIS CRITICAL MOMENT

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OF ANY REAL CHANCE OF GETTING AHEAD OF THIS PANDEMIC. BUT HOPEFULLY, WE CAN LEARN FROM

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THIS. THERE IS STILL TIME TO PUT SCIENCE AND REASON BACK INTO THE NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR FIGHTING

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COVID-19. WE NEED PEOPLE LIKE YOU TO HELP LEAD US THROUGH THIS.

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THE FEDERAL RESPONSE HAS GOT TO GET SMARTER.

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IT HAS TO PUT SCIENCE AHEAD OF POLITICS AND CRONYISM AND WISHFUL THINKING.

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OUR COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THAT IN THE DAYS AHEAD

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, I KNOW YOU WANT TO LOOK FORWARD, SO TELL US, WHAT CAN WE DO NOW TO LEARN FROM THE

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MISTAKES OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY AND MARCH AND MAKE SURE THAT WE

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NAVIGATE AND LEAD OUR COUNTRY THROUGH THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS? DR. BRIGHT: CONGRESSMAN, WE NEED

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TO INSTALL AND EMPOWER LEADERSHIP. WE NEED TO UNLEASH THE VOICES OF THE SCIENTISTS IN OUR PUBLIC

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HEALTH SYSTEM IN THE UNITED STATES, SO THEY CAN BE HEARD. THEIR GUIDANCE NEEDS TO BE LISTENED TO AND WE NEED TO BE

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ABLE TO CONVEY THAT INFORMATION TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, SO THEY

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HAVE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE REAL RISK AND DIRE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS VIRUS. AND THEY HAVE THE TRUTH ABOUT

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THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTIONS IF THEY DON'T FOLLOW THOSE GUIDANCES. WE DON'T HAVE A SINGLE POINT OF

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LEADERSHIP RIGHT NOW FOR THIS RESPONSE. AND WE DON'T HAVE A MASTER PLAN FOR THIS RESPONSE.

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THOSE THINGS ARE ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE CONGRESS

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TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS OVERSIGHT IN THIS RESPONSE,

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LARGE SUMS OF FUNDING HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO HELP US

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SCIENTISTS AND OTHERS RESPOND TO THIS OUTBREAK, AND WITHOUT PROPER OVERSIGHT OF THOSE

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DOLLARS, I'M CONCERNED THAT THEY COULD BE MISDIRECTED AND LOST AND NOT PUT TO THE RIGHT FIGHT.

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I WOULD URGE CONGRESS TO CONTINUE AND INCREASE THEIR OVERSIGHT, AND HOW THOSE FUNDS

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ARE BEING SPENT, MAKING SURE THEY ARE PRIORITIZED AND USED APPROPRIATELY. >> THANK YOU FOR THE CAUTION,

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YIELD BACK. >> THE GENTLEMAN'S TIME HAS EXPIRED. A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE

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GENTLEMAN FROM INDIANA, MISS BROOKS. FIVE MINUTES FOR HER QUESTIONS.

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MS. BROOKS: WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS

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NAMED THE HEAD OF THE WHITE HOUSE TASK FORCE, WHICH WAS ACTUALLY A RECOMMENDATION FROM A

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BIPARTISAN BLUE-RIBBON STUDY PANEL THAT ISSUE RECOMMENDATIONS YEARS AGO AND THOUGHT THE OFFICE

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OF THE VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE IN CHARGE. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I BELIEVE

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THERE IS THAT COORDINATION. PART OF WHAT I'M VERY CONCERNED, RELATIVE TO THIS HEARING IS THE

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IMPRESSION BEING MADE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO PLAN. IN FACT, THAT IS PART OF WHAT

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THE REAUTHORIZATION THAT I WORKED CLOSELY WITH YOU AND

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OTHERS, SO MANY OF US, RELIED ON YOU ALL TO SHARE WITH US WHAT WE

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NEEDED TO DO TO REAUTHORIZE POPPA, WHICH MOST MEMBERS OF

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CONGRESS DID NOT KNOW, THE PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS ACT,
AND MOST MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND

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MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC DID NOT KNOW THAT WE
HAD STRATEGIC NATIONAL SPOT -- STOCKPILES AND WE MIGHT
BE SHORT

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ON SOME OF THESE THINGS UNTIL THIS HIT. BUT WE DID GET
THAT

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REAUTHORIZED. IT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW OF JUNE 19. DO YOU
RECALL? DR. BRIGHT: YES. MS. BROOKS: AND YOU JOINED BARDA

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RIGHT AFTER H1N1 BECAUSE OF YOUR EXPERTISE AND WE RELY
ON YOUR EXPERTISE AND YOU BECAME THE DIRECTOR IN 2016.

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AND YOU MENTIONED IT, IN 07, AFTER THE H1N1 PANDEMIC THE
SUPPLY OF MASKS IN THE STRATEGIC

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NATIONAL STOCKPILE WAS NOT RESUPPLIED. YOU'VE
MENTIONED IT THAT WE HAVE HAD PROBLEMS.

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BUT I HAVE TO SHARE WITH YOU, MEMBERS LIKE
CONGRESSWOMAN ESHOO AND I HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THIS

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AND MANY OF US DID NOT KNOW THAT. WE, AS MEMBERS OF
THIS COMMITTEE

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DID NOT KNOW AND WERE NOT TOLD OF THESE SHORTAGES OF
MASKS, AS

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WE WORK THROUGH REAUTHORIZATION OF THIS IMPORTANT
LAW. WERE YOU AWARE OF THIS ISSUE,

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DID YOU PUSH HHS TO MAINTAIN MASS PRODUCTION FOR
PURPOSES OF REPLENISHING THE STRATEGIC

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NATIONAL STOCKPILE BEFORE THIS HAPPENED IN JANUARY? DR.
BRIGHT: BEFORE 2017 WE

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ACTUALLY HELD AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCK I'LL -- STOCKPILE WHICH WAS

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CHAired BY DR. LORI. SINCE WE HAVE REMOVED THE

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STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE FROM THE CDC MANAGEMENT UNDER THE MANAGEMENT -- WE HAVE NOT

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YET HAD AN INTER-CROSS DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW OF THE SUPPLIES IN THAT STRATEGIC

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NATIONAL STOCKPILE. WE WENT THROUGH AN ANNUAL PRIORITIZATION PROCESS, THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIMITED FUNDING

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AND NEVER ENOUGH TO TOP OFF THE STOCKPILE. MS. BROOKS: DO YOU KNOW DR. GREG

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BURRELL? HE LED THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE BEFORE THIS.

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DID YOU HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM FROM 2009 UNTIL 2020 ABOUT

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WHAT WAS IN THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE? DR. BRIGHT: ABSOLUTELY. THE BLUE RISK MANAGEMENT MEETING

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MET ON A MONTHLY BASIS AND EACH YEAR THEY REVIEWED AND PRIORITIZED ITEMS THAT SHOULD BE

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PURCHASED BY THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE. THAT BODY, WHICH I DIRECTED FOR SOME TIME, MADE RECOMMENDATIONS

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HOWEVER, WAS THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THOSE PURCHASES. MS. BROOKS: PURCHASE.

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MISS BROOKS: WOULD YOU BRIEFLY, CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHAT THAT IS?

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THIS IS A PLAN EXPERTS LIKE YOURSELF PARTICIPATE IN. I WANT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO

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KNOW, THERE HAVE BEEN PLANS.

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THEY HAD FOR 2017 AND 2018 AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. THE WHITE HOUSE PUT FORTH IN

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SEPTEMBER OF 2018, IN NATIONAL BY A DEFENSE PLAN. DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN THAT PLAN? DR. BRIGHT: I DID, MANY OF US

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DID. >> IT WAS THE FIRST TIME OUR COUNTRY HAD PUT FORTH A PLAN. MANY SAID IT WAS LANDMARK.

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SAME THING.

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I WANT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO KNOW, A LOT OF FOLKS OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME HAVE BEEN FOCUSED

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BUT YET YOU DID NOT STILL HAVE ENOUGH. WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH SWABS, NOT

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ENOUGH MASKS, NOT ENOUGH GOWNS FOR THOSE INCREDIBLE HEALTH CARE

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PROVIDERS. SO I DON'T WANT EVERYONE TO BE GIVEN THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU RAISED THE FLAG ON THE IN JANUARY WHEN YOU SAW IT WAS

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SHORT, BECAUSE YOU HADN'T GOTTEN THE JOB DONE PRIOR TO JANUARY, AND YOU WERE AT THOSE TABLES AS WERE SO MANY OTHERS.

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THIS HAPPENED OVER A VERY, VERY LONG PERIOD OF TIME, AND THOSE

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OF US HAVE BEEN VERY DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN WHAT WAS AND WAS NOT IN THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE,

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXPERTISE, BUT ACROSS THE BOARD, OVER MANY ADMINISTRATIONS, WE DID NOT DO

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ENOUGH. I YIELD BACK.

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DR. BRIGHT: I CAN SEE THAT THOSE PLANS WERE IN PLACE. IT IS -- THAT THEY WERE NOT PUT

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ON THE TABLE WITH A STRONG LEADER INDICATING, THESE ARE OUR

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PLANS, EVERYONE FOLLOW THROUGH. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT EMPHASIZED THAT THE ENTERPRISE

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WAS COMPRISED OF MANY GREAT SCIENTISTS FROM ACROSS OUR GOVERNMENT TO PUT THESE PLANS IN

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PLACE, BUT SINCE 2017, WE HAVE LARGELY DISMANTLED THE

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ORGANIZATION. WE HAVE NOT HAD THOSE INTERAGENCY DISCUSSIONS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. THE EXECUTIVE ENTERPRISE

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COMMITTEE, THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MAY HAVE HAD ONE OR TWO MEETINGS AT MOST.

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AND THE ORGANIZATION WAS

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RESTRUCTURED. SO MY PARTNERS AND COLLEAGUES ACROSS GOVERNMENT HAVEN'T HAD THE VENUE TO EVEN TALK OR COORDINATE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PLAN LOOK LIKE OR HOW THEY COULD WORK

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TOGETHER TO IMPLEMENT THAT PLAN WHEN THE DAY CAME.
CHAIRWOMAN ESHOO: THE

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GENTLEMAN'S TIME HAS EXPIRED. SHE YIELDS BACK. PLEASURE
TO RECOGNIZE THE

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GENTLEMAN FROM NEW MEXICO, MR. LUJAN, FOR YOUR FIVE
MINUTES OF QUESTIONS.

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>> REPO LUJAN. THANK YOU THUS REPRESENTATIVE

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LUJAN -- REPRESENTATIVE LUJAN.

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ACCORDING TO YOUR ACCOUNT, WHEN BAYER OFFERED TO
DONATE

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CHLOROQUINE PILLS, YOUR EXPERTS DETERMINED THAT THERE
WERE SAFETY LIABILITIES ASSOCIATED

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WITH THE DRUG AND THAT ACCEPTING THE DONATION COULD
LEAD TO WIDESPREAD USE NOT SUPPORTED BY

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ANY CLINICAL DATA. FURTHERMORE, ONE OF THE EXPERTS

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ADVISING YOU SAID, THERE WAS NO DATA SHOWING THE
BENEFITS OF THE DRUG.

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YES OR NO, DR. BRIGHT, ARE THERE SAFETY LIABILITIES
ASSOCIATED WITH CHLOROQUINE? DR. BRIGHT: THERE ARE, YES.

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>> ACCORDING TO THE WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT, THE
CONSENSUS WAS THAT IT WAS

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ADVISABLE TO WAIT FOR ADDITIONAL CLINICAL DATA BEFORE
MAKING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE USE OF
CHLOROQUINE TO TREAT COVID-19,

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IS THAT CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: THAT IS CORRECT. >> DID BAYER MOVE FORWARD AND

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DID PRESIDENT TRUMP SAY IN A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE THAT THE DRUG HAS SHOWN

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POSITIVE EFFECTS ON COVID-19. WAS THE PRESIDENT ACCURATE?

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DR. BRIGHT: I DON'T THINK IT WAS THE BEST-INFORMED STATEMENT. >> IN THE CONFERENCE, THE PRESIDENT ALSO SAID THE DRUG HAD

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BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME, SO WE KNOW THINGS DON'T GO AS PLANNED, IT IS NOT GOING TO KILL

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ANYBODY. YES OR NO, IS THAT STATEMENT ACCURATE? DR. BRIGHT: THE JUG HAD BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME FOR ITS USE ON MALARIA, BUT NOT FOR

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COVID-19 PATIENTS. THAT IS A DIFFERENT INDICATION AND DIFFERENT CLINICAL OUTCOME.

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>> IS IT TRUE THAT WITHIN DAYS OF THAT PRESS CONFERENCE,

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YOU RECEIVED URGENT INSTRUCTIONS FROM H.H.S. GENERAL COUNSEL, PASSED FROM THE WHITE

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HOUSE DIRECTING YOU TO MAKE THE DRUG AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC? DR. BRIGHT: IT IS TRUE.

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>> THAT THE PRESSURE PUT YOU IN A DIFFICULT POSITION? DR. BRIGHT: YES. >> HOW DID YOU HANDLE THIS

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PRESSURE WHILE STILL TRYING TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE? DR. BRIGHT: WE HAD TO COME UP WITH AN ALTERNATE SOLUTION THAT

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OUR ADMINISTRATION WOULD ACCEPT. >> YES OR NO, DID THE ADMINISTRATION RESPECT THIS COMPROMISE?

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DR. BRIGHT: THEY ACCEPTED IT

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EVENTUALLY. THE EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION OPTION WAS ACCEPTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. >> WHAT I AM AWARE OF, AND I

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WOULD AGREE, IS THAT OF H.H.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, ADMIRAL GIROIR, ON APRIL

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4, SAID THIS COMPROMISE MATTERS AND THAT THE DRUG NEEDED TO GO TO HOSPITALS.

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THERE ARE ONLY 24 HOURS IN A DAY, AND YOU AND YOUR TEAM HAD TO SPEND ON CHLOROQUINE WAS ON

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OUR YOU COULD NOT WORK ON THE CRISIS. DID THE PRESIDENT'S OBSESSION WITH THIS ISSUE DISTRACT YOU AND

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YOUR TEAM FROM THE MISSION OF SAVING LIVES? DR. BRIGHT: WE RECEIVED A

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PRIORITIZED AND PUT THE PROTOCOL IN PLACE WITHIN 48 HOURS. IT WAS EXTREMELY DISTRACTING TO DOZENS OF FEDERAL SCIENTISTS

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WHO WERE FOCUSED ON THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK. THEY HAD TO SET ASIDE ALL OTHER WORK TO PUT TOGETHER THIS

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PROTOCOL IN THE 48 HOUR DIRECTOR TIME PERIOD. >> DID IT DISTRACT FROM EFFORTS

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TO PREPARE FOR THE CRISIS, INCLUDING SECURING P.P.E. AND WRAPPING UP TESTING AND PRODUCTION OF OTHER SUPPLIES?

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DR. BRIGHT: IT DISTRACTED FROM THE EFFORTS OF DEVELOPING OTHER VACCINES AND DRUGS. >> DR. BRIGHT, JUST YESTERDAY,

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THE PRESIDENT QUESTIONED THE TESTIMONY OF DR. FAUCI WHEN DISCUSSING CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS. THE PRESIDENT INSISTED THAT, "IT

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HAS VERY, VERY LITTLE IMPACT ON YOUNG PEOPLE."

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YES OR NO, DO WE KNOW THAT HIS STATEMENT IS ACCURATE? DR. BRIGHT: THERE IS A LOT WE DON'T YET KNOW ABOUT THIS VIRUS.

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IT IS REALLY CONCERNING OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS AS WE ARE GETTING MORE AND MORE DATA OUT OF NEW YORK AND OTHER PLACES WHERE THEY HAVE HAD HIGH NUMBERS OF

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INFECTIONS THE IMPACT OF THE VIRUS ON CHILDREN. IT IS A VERY DIFFERENT

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PRESENTATION AND OUTCOME IN CHILDREN THAN WE SEE IN ADULTS. IT IS VERY CONCERNING AND WE DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER FOR THAT.

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WE SHOULD PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY AND NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OR HOPE THAT WE HAVE EVERYTHING --

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AND NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE THAT WE KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE VIRUS. >> WITHOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STEPS I AND OTHERS HAVE

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OUTLINED, 2020 WILL BE THE DARKEST WINTER IN MODERN HISTORY. YES OR NO, DO YOU BELIEVE THIS

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ADMINISTRATION IS DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO PREVENT THE DARKEST WINTER, AND WHAT MORE SHOULD THEY BE DOING? DR. BRIGHT: I BELIEVE THERE IS

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WORK WE STILL NEED TO DO. WE STILL NEED -- WE NEED STILL A
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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

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EVERYONE ACROSS THE GOVERNMENT AND EVERYONE IN AMERICA NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT THE PLAN IS AND WHAT WILL THEY PLAY. THERE ARE CRITICAL STEPS WE NEED TO DO TO PREPARE FOR THE WINTER COMING.

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WE DO NOT STILL HAVE ENOUGH PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT OUR HEALTH CARE WORKERS.

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WE STILL DO NOT HAVE THE SUPPLY CHAINS RAMPED UP FOR THE DRUGS AND VACCINES. WE STILL DON'T HAVE PLANS IN

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PLACE TO DISTRIBUTE THOSE DRUGS AND VACCINES, AND WE DON'T HAVE THE COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY SO AMERICANS KNOW WHICH TESTS DO

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WHAT, WHAT TO DO WITH THAT INFORMATION, AND HOW TO FIND THE VIRUS, TRAP IT, AND KILL IT.

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THERE IS A LOT OF WORK WE STILL HAVE TO DO. CHAIRWOMAN ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK.

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IT IS A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM OKLAHOMA FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONS. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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I WOULD BE REMISS NOT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR MY SON. IT IS VERY KIND OF YOU AND I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

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DR. BRIGHT, YOU ARE HERE ON YOUR OWN TIME AS AN INDIVIDUAL, CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: YES. >> WHERE ARE YOU CURRENTLY

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EMPLOYED? DR. BRIGHT: I AM CURRENTLY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. I AM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRANSITION BETWEEN THAT

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DEPARTMENT AND THE N.I.H.. >> YOU HAVE ACCEPTED THE POSITION TO N.I.H.?

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DR. BRIGHT: THE POSITION IS UNDER DISCUSSION AT THIS POINT. I HAVE NOT YET ACCEPTED THAT ROLE. >> ARE YOU CURRENTLY BEING PAID?

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DR. BRIGHT: I AM CURRENTLY BEING PAID. >> FROM N.I.H. OR FROM THE OTHER

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DEPARTMENT? DR. BRIGHT: MUST CLEAR TO ME, BUT I BELIEVE IT IS FROM N.I.H.. >> SO YOU HAVE BEEN OVER THERE SINCE MID-APRIL, IS THAT

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CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: I HAVE RECEIVED ONE PAYCHECK. >> FROM N.I.H.? DR. BRIGHT: I THINK IT WAS STILL PART BARTA AND STILL PART

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N.I.H.. >> SO YOU MIGHT 285,000, IS THAT

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CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: THAT IS TRUE. >> HOW MUCH ARE YOU CURRENTLY MAKING AT THE N.I.H.? DR. BRIGHT: I DON'T THINK MY

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SALARY HAS CHANGED. >> STILL THE SAME? SO YOU HAVE BEEN THERE

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APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH? DR. BRIGHT: IT HAS BEEN ABOUT THREE WEEKS SINCE I WAS REMOVED FROM MY OFFICE. >> HAVE YOU REPORTED TO THE

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N.I.H. YET? DR. BRIGHT: I HAVE CHECKED IN WITH THE N.I.H. DIRECTOR'S

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OFFICE AND DISCUSSED THE ON BOARDING AND FINGERPRINTING PROCESS. WE HAD A CALL JUST LAST EVENING

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TO DISCUSS THE FRAMEWORK OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES THAT HAVE ENVISIONED FOR ME AT N.I.H..

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>> SO YOU HAVE NOT REPORTED TO WORK BUT YOU ARE --

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DR. BRIGHT: I HAVE BEEN ON SICK LEAVE. FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE -- FOR

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HYPERTENSION. >> SO YOU ARE ON MEDICAL LEAVE? DR. BRIGHT: I HAVE BEEN ON MEDICAL LEAVE.

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THIS WEEK I TRANSITION FROM MEDICAL LEAVE TO AND WILL LEAVE SO I CAN MANAGE. >> WHAT IS AND WILL LEAVE? DR. BRIGHT: VACATION TIME.

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DID YOU INFORM YOUR SUPERVISOR IS ABOUT YOU COMING HERE TODAY OR DID YOU NEED TO DO THAT? DR. BRIGHT: I HAVE INFORMED THEM

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OF ULTIMATELY STATUS AND I JUST HAD A CONVERSATION WITH THEM

2:09:23

LAST NIGHT. >> SO YOU TRANSFERRED FROM MEDICAL LEAVE TO VACATION THIS

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WEEK? DR. BRIGHT: I HAD A CONVERSATION WITH MY PHYSICIAN ABOUT MY HYPERTENSION AND HOW WE HAVE BEEN MANAGING IT OVER THE LAST

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FEW WEEKS BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN VERY STRESSFUL TO BE REMOVED SUDDENLY WITHOUT EXPLANATION FOR MY ROLE AND POSITION.

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IT IS A LIFE CHANGE FOR ME.

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MY PHYSICIAN HAS BEEN WORKING WITH ME TO MANAGE MY HYPERTENSION AND STRESS.

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THE CONVERSATION I HAD WITH HIM LAST NIGHT INDICATED -- >>
I AM CONFUSED. YOU SAY YOU HAVE HYPERTENSION

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YET YOU ARE ABLE TO DO THIS INTERVIEWS, MAKE THESE
REPORTS AND PREPARE FOR THIS HEARING, YET YOU ARE TOO
SICK TO GO INTO

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WORK, BUT YOU ARE WELL ENOUGH TO COME HERE, WHILE YOU
ARE STILL GETTING PAID FROM THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT.

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IS THAT CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: SIR, I HAVE BEEN UNDER
MEDICAL LEAVE.

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>>, IF YOU HAVE BEEN UNDER MEDICAL LEAVE YOU ARE TOO
SICK TO DO THAT YET YOU CAN PREPARE FOR A TWO-HOUR
HEARING. JUST HAVING A HARD TIME TRACKING THAT. I HAVE A
HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING

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THAT. IF YOU HAVE HYPERTENSION AND YOU ARE TOO SICK TO
GO TO THE

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N.I.H., BUT YOU NEVER EXPERIENCED THAT IN BARDA? NEVER
HAD HYPERTENSION?

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DR. BRIGHT: NEVER HAD THE LEVEL OF STRESS FROM BEING
REMOVED FROM MY POSITION WHILE IN BARDA.

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>> I GET IT. PEOPLE HANDLE PRESSURE QUITE

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DIFFERENT, BUT AS DIRECTOR OF BARDA, I FEEL LIKE YOU ARE IN

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QUITE A STRESSFUL POSITION IF YOU ARE TRYING TO MANAGE
THE PANDEMIC BUT YOU CAN'T MANAGE THAT, OR YOU COULD
MANAGE THAT

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BUT YOU COULDN'T MANAGE HER OWN HYPERTENSION
BECAUSE YOU GOT REMOVED FROM OFFICE, YET YOU CAN STILL
RECEIVE PAY FROM THE

2:11:07

N.I.H., YET YOU CAN SHOP FROM WORK -- I HAVE A HEART OF
UNDERSTANDING THIS.

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I KNOW YOU ARE A BRIGHT INDIVIDUAL AND VERY SMART, BUT
YOU ARE UNEMPLOYED OF THE

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I JUST WANTED TO MATURE YOU ARE
NOT DOING SOMETHING TO DECEIVE THE AMERICAN YET AT THE
SAME

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TIME GETTING PAID BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. WITH LET
THE YIELD TO THE

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RANKING MEMBER. >> DR. BRIGHT, YOUR LAWYER APPEARS TO
HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL BINDER.

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ARE THOSE THE EXHIBITS TO YOUR COMPLAINT TO THE OFFICE
OF THE SPECIAL COUNSEL?

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DR. BRIGHT: I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE. >> I WILL DIRECT IT
TO THE COUNCIL, THEN.

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ARE THOSE THE EXHIBITS TO THE

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COMPLAINT TO THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL? >> SAM FARR
MY WORK PRODUCTS AND SOME ARE MY NOTES. THEY ARE NOT
APPROPRIATE TO TURN

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OVER TO CONGRESS. >> IS IT APPROPRIATE TO TURN

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OVER THE DOCUMENTS REFERENCED IN THE COMPLAINT? NOT
YOUR WORK PRODUCT, I RESPECT THAT. >> YOU ASKED THE
QUESTION

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INITIALLY AND I SAID WE WOULD LOOK AT THE DOCUMENTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE APPROPRIATE TO TURN OVER.
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>> WE HAVE PARTIAL EMAILED CHAINS, SCREENSHOTS OF EMAILS.

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I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEE THOSE DOCUMENTS IF WE WILL EFFECTIVELY KNOW THE FULL EXTENT OF THIS COMPLAINT. I WISH HE WOULD COMMIT TO TURN THOSE OVER.

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DR. BRIGHT, WILL YOU TURN THOSE OVER. >> I THINK I ADDRESS ABOUT. >> I AM ASKING DR. BRIGHT NOW?

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DR. BRIGHT: I SENT MY FULL COMPLAINT TO THE.

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. CHAIRWOMAN ESHOO: OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL COUNSEL THAT IS THE PROCESS I KNOW TO FOLLOW GENTLEMEN, THE TIME HAS EXPIRED. DR. BRIGHT: SIR, I UNDERSTAND

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THE PROCESS. BY WAS SUPPOSED TO SUBMITTED TO

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THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL COUNSEL, WHICH I HAVE DONE.

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I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE LEGALITIES OF SHOWING THAT BEFORE THEY HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THAT. >> THEY HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN SHARED OUT TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.

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THE "WASHINGTON POST HAS THEM FROM SOME SOURCE.

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OTHER MEDIA OUTLETS ARE CERTAINLY SEEING THEM.

CHAIRWOMAN ESHOO: WE WILL

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SEEK ALL INFORMATION THAT IS APPROPRIATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE. WHAT I CIRCULATED OR

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RECIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE WERE THE EMAILS

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TO THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS THE COMPLAINTS. THAT IS WHAT WAS OUT THERE.

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POLITICO HAS SOMETHING TOO . >> ANY OTHER INVESTIGATION, WE

2:14:04

WOULD BOTH BE GOING, HE NEED TO SEE ALL THE DOCUMENTS AS A COMMITTEE. >> MAY I ADDRESS IT?

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CHAIRWOMAN ESHOO: NO, WE NEED TO MOVE ON. >> THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

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CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE REACTIONS OF THE JANUARY 23 MEETING WHEN

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YOU HAD THE ALL AGENCIES MEETINGS ON THE COVID VIRUS?

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COULD YOU DESCRIBE HOW UP TO SPEED THEY SEEMED TO BE? DR. BRIGHT: IT WAS ONE OF OUR FIRST MEETINGS AFTER THE

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OUTBREAK. SINCE I CAME IN WITH MY LIST OF

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NEEDS,, THE LIST OF MONEY, PEOPLE, AND VIRUSES, MY REQUEST WAS MET WITH A BIT OF SURPRISE,

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PUZZLEMENT. I REMEMBER SECRETARY A'S ARE LOOKING AROUND THE ROOM AND

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SAYING, YOU NEED MONEY? MAYBE THERE IS MONEY SOMEWHERE.

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>> AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE HAD HAD THE OUTBREAK IN CHINA FOR SOME TIME?

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DR. BRIGHT: THIS WAS JANUARY 23 AT THIS POINT. >> CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE EMAILER

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EXCHANGE WITH MR. BOLIN ON THE MASK SITUATION? DR. BRIGHT: I DON'T REMEMBER

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THAT SPECIFIC, BUT I AM SURE IT WAS URGENT. HE WAS SENDING ME A NOTICE SAYING, ASKING IF --

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>> SO YOU DID NOT ASK HIM TO TALK TO YOU, HE JUST REACHED OUT TO YOU? DR. BRIGHT: YES, SIR.

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>> HOW ABOUT AN EMAIL EXCHANGE WITH DR. KERR, ON JANUARY 27?

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DR. BRIGHT: HE REACHED OUT TO ME, I BELIEVE THIS WAS BECAUSE THAT HE IS A PANDEMIC INFLUENZA EXPERT AS WELL AND HE KNOWS THE

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VITAL NATURE OF BEATING THESE VIRUSES. HE WAS INVOLVED IN PREPPING OUR

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SECRETARY FOR A COST HE HAD WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN CHINA.

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WE KNEW THAT HIGH PRIORITY WAS FOR OUR SECRETARY TO ASK FOR THOSE VIRUSES. WE HAVE HAD CHALLENGES IN THE PAST GETTING VIRUSES FROM CHINA,

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EVEN INFLUENZA STRAIN VIRUSES. THIS WAS A HIGH PRIORITY AND WE NEEDED THAT.

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HE WAS ALARMED WHEN HE WROTE TO ME THAT MORNING INDICATING THAT THE C.D.C. DIRECTOR HAD RE-PRIORITIZED AND INDICATED WE DID NOT NEED -- THE SECRETARY

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DID NOT NEED TO ASK JENNA FOR VIRUSES. IT WAS ALARMING TO US BECAUSE WE KNEW HOW CRITICAL IT WAS -- NEED

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TO ASK CHINA FOR VIRUSES. IT WAS ALARMING TO US BECAUSE WE KNEW HOW CRITICAL IT WAS. >> THAT IS ALARMING.

2:16:49

SO THE POINT IS WE HAVE A BRAVE INDIVIDUAL COMING FORWARD AS A WHISTLEBLOWER. BUT HE IS NOT ALONE, THERE ARE MANY OTHER EXPERTS, SCIENTISTS

2:16:57

AND THE MANUFACTURERS WHO REALIZED WE WERE IN FOR AS THEY SAY, DEEP [BEEP].

2:17:08

WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF MR. NAVARRO HADN'T REACHED OUT TO YOU AND ACTUALLY RESPONDED TO YOU. WHERE WOULD YOU BE NOW IF HE

2:17:17

HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET ONE PERSON IN THE WHITE HOUSE'S ATTENTION? DR. BRIGHT: DIFFICULT TO SPECULATE WHERE WE WERE.

2:17:24

EVEN WHEN MR. NAVARRA REACHED OUT AND STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT ACTION BE TAKEN ON FEBRUARY 10,

2:17:34

IT WAS CONVEYED TO DR. CATLETT THAT WE NEEDED TO RAMP UP PRODUCTION OF N95 MASKS, THAT

2:17:41

SOLICITATION DID NOT CLOSE UNTIL MARCH 18. SO EVEN WITH THE PRESSURE OF MR.

2:17:46

NAVARRO, WHO I BELIEVE SHARED THE SENSE OF URGENCY AROUND THIS OUTBREAK, THAT STILL DID NOT

2:17:52

SPARE OUR STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE FOR THAT URGENTLY NEEDED ACTION.

2:17:58

>> THAT IS VERY DISCONCERTING, AND THE REASON WE ARE HERE TODAY, PERHAPS.

2:18:05

LAST QUESTION, SWITCHING GEARS AND GOING TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SPECTRUM. IT HAS BEEN HARD TO GET FOLKS ATTENTION HERE IN WASHINGTON,

2:18:10

D.C. ON THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS. I THINK MOST PEOPLE NOW ARE CONVINCED US IS A VERY SERIOUS

2:18:20

ISSUE. I AM A LITTLE CONCERNED WE ARE GOING TO MUCH THE OTHER WAY IN TERMS OF INFORMATION. YOU ALLUDED TO IT HERE ON THE VACCINES.

2:18:27

SOME PEOPLE ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION OF VACCINE WILL BE DEVELOPED IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS AND EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE AND I GO BACK TO WORK.

2:18:35

WE, UNFORTUNATELY, HAVE TO JUXTAPOSE ECONOMIC ISSUES. THEY HAVE TO HAVE REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS AT HOME.

2:18:41

YOU, I THINK ACCURATELY, INDICATED THAT IT COULD TAKE UP TO 10 YEARS.

2:18:49

THE QUICKEST WE DID, I GUESS, WAS EBOLA AND I THINK THAT WAS FIVE YEARS. A TOUGH QUESTION TO ASK, AND YOU

2:18:56

DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER, BUT I DON'T WANT AMERICA TO THINK THEY CAN'T GET BACK TO SOME SEMBLANCE

2:19:02

OF A NEW POST-COVID LIFE UNTIL A VACCINE COMES OUT, BECAUSE THAT COULD TAKE YEARS.

2:19:13

AND THERE IS A CHANCE THAT A VACCINE WILL MAYBE NOT AS EFFECTIVE MUCH LIKE OUR FLU VACCINES, WITH THE FLU MUTATING YEAR-TO-YEAR.

2:19:18

SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE -- ASK YOU IF YOU WOULD AGREE THAT,

2:19:24

WE CAN'T WAIT TO OPEN UP ENTIRELY UNTIL A VACCINE, WE HAVE TO USE SOME OF THE OTHER PARAMETERS YOU SUGGESTED. DR. BRIGHT: WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE

2:19:31

WE HAVE SCIENTIFICALLY LED AND DRIVEN DECISIONS ON WHEN IT IS SAFE TO REOPEN AMERICA.

2:19:37

IF IT HAPPENS BEFORE WE HAVE A VACCINE, IF WE HAVE A VACCINE FASTER, IT IS GREAT, BUT WE NEED TO OPEN AMERICA SOONER, WE NEED

2:19:45

TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS THE RISK OF THEIR ACTIVITIES, AND EVERYONE HAS TO

2:19:51

PLAY A CRITICAL PART IN FOLLOWING THOSE ACTIVITIES TO REDUCE THE RISK. WE HAVE TO HAVE A TESTING PLAN

2:19:57

IN PLACE AND ENOUGH TESTS TO MAKE SURE WE KNOW PEOPLE KNOW WHEN THEY ARE EXPOSED SO THEY

2:20:03

CAN QUARANTINE AND NOT CONTINUE TO INFECT OTHERS.

2:20:08

AND WE ARE ALSO DEVELOPING A NUMBER OF THERAPEUTICS THAT COULD OFFER BENEFIT OF ELECTRICALLY OR PROTECT YOU MOST LIKE -- GOOD OFFER A BENEFIT

2:20:22

PROPHYLACTIC, IT MIGHT OFFER OUR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND FRONTLINE WORKERS PROTECTION UNTIL WE HAVE A VACCINE.

2:20:28

SO THERE ARE A NUMBER OF STEPS BETWEEN NOW AND THE VACCINE.

2:20:33

I BELIEVE IF EXPERTS INFORM AMERICANS OF THE RISKS AND HAVE CLEAR GUIDANCE OF WHAT WILL

2:20:39

HAPPEN IF PEOPLE FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE, IT WILL GET US IN THE

2:20:45

PROCESS OF GETTING BACK TO WORK. CHAIRWOMAN ESHOO: GENTLEMAN 'S TIME HAS EXPIRED.

2:20:54

WE GO TO THE GENTLEMAN FROM NORTH CAROLINA, MR. HUDSON. >> FIRST LET ME SAY, EVERY WHISTLEBLOWER SHOULD BE ALLOWED

2:20:59

TO BE HEARD. IT IS A CORE COMPONENT OF KEEPING OUR GOVERNMENT

2:21:04

ACCOUNTABLE AND RUN SMOOTHLY. BUT THIS HEARING IS NOT ABOUT A WHISTLEBLOWER SOMETHING, IT IS

2:21:10

ABOUT UNDERMINING THE ADMINISTRATION DURING A NATIONAL AND GLOBAL CRISIS AS EVIDENCED

2:21:15

BY THE FACT THAT THIS HEARING IS BEING HELD IN THE WRONG COMMITTEE, WELL BEFORE THE SPECIAL COUNSEL FINISHES HIS WORK.

2:21:21

TO DISREGARD THE MINORITY SO

2:21:26

SPECTACULARLY IN THIS HEARING ONLY UNDERMINES THE POLITICAL NATURE OF THIS HEARING. I HOPE IT WILL SERVE AS A LESSON

2:21:32

OF WHAT SHOULD NOT BE DONE IN THE RESPECT THAT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO WAS A LOWER COMPLAINTS SO

2:21:38

THEY ARE NOT ABUSED FOR POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE HAVE VITAL WORK WE SHOULD BE DOING.

2:21:43

MY CONSTITUENTS WANT CONGRESS TO GET BACK TO WORK. I AM GLAD TO BE HERE TO

2:21:49

HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

2:21:57

LONG STORY SHORT, WE SHOULD BE EXAMINING THE 175 BILLION AUTHORIZED AND APPROPRIATED IN A

2:22:02

BIPARTISAN MANNER FOR PROVIDERS, AND WHAT PROVIDERS STILL NEED, AND RECOMMENDATIONS MOVING

2:22:08

FORWARD. WE SHOULD BE EXAMINING DAPPS AND OUTCOMES OF ACCESS IN MINORITY COMMUNITIES. IN NORTH CAROLINA, FOLKS

2:22:20

BACK HOME ARE SCARED BECAUSE CORONAVIRUS HITS THEM HARDEST. WHY ARE WE NOT SPENDING OUR TIME TODAY EXAMINING THIS CRISIS MORE

2:22:28

CLOSELY? I HEAR FROM PROVIDERS AND HOSPITALS ABOUT ISSUES WITH P.P.E.. I KNOW THE GOV. EDWARDS: AND HAS DONE EXTRAORDINARY THINGS TO

2:22:34

SECURE MORE. -- I KNOW IF ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE EXTRAORDINARY THINGS TO SECURE MORE P.P.E.

2:22:42

HIS TRAVEL BAN ON A JANUARY 30 WAS ABLE TO MOVE ALTHOUGH IT WAS PANNED BY CRITICS AS AN

2:22:47

OVERREACTION AT THE TIME. THE PRESIDENT HAS GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO OVERCOME THE SYSTEM

2:22:54

HE INHERITED. QUESTIONS REMAIN ABOUT WHY THERE IS A GLOBAL SHORTAGE AND WHAT

2:23:01

MORE CONGRESS CAN DO TO SUPPORT THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO SECURE SUFFICIENT P.P.E.

2:23:07

THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE WORKING ON THAT QUESTION. WE HAVE MULTIPLE PIECES OF LEGISLATION WAITING TO BE CONSIDERED TO IMPROVE THE

2:23:14

STOCKPILE. WE SHOULD BE EXAMINING WHY THE STOCKPILE WAS ALLOWED TO DWINDLE UNDER PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS.

2:23:22

THE SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS ARE TIMELY AND CRITICAL TO HELPING THIS ADMINISTRATION COMBAT THIS VIRUS AND THE DEADLY DISEASE IT CAUSES.

2:23:29

AND HEAR FROM QUESTED WINDS WAS EVERYDAY SUFFERING UNDER THESE STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS.

2:23:35

THIS CRISIS IS HARD FOR ANYONE EVEN IF THEY WEREN'T SUFFERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER OR MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES BEFORE THEY WERE CONFINED TO THEIR
2:23:41

HOMES. THE CRISIS HAS EXACERBATED THIS PROBLEM.

2:23:46

WHY ARE WE NOT EXAMINING THE IN FACT THIS CRISIS HAS HAD OUR CONSTITUENTS WITH

2:23:52

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES? I APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE TO THIS COUNTRY. YOU DESERVE TO BE HEARD.

2:24:00

AND YOUR WAS A LOWER COMPLAINT SHOULD BE GIVEN THE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IN A COMPLAINT

2:24:06

DESERVES. BUT WE ALSO DESERVE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST YOU. I WILL NOTE AGAIN, THIS IS NOT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THIS

2:24:12

HEARING, IT IS AFTER THE SPECIAL COUNSEL HAS COMPLETED ITS WORK. DR. BRIGHT, BUILDING ON OTHER

2:24:18

QUESTIONS FROM OTHERS.

2:24:24

THERE WAS A STATEMENT RELEASED YESTERDAY STATING THAT YOUR COMPLAINT LEFT OUT A LOT OF INFORMATION AND CONTEXT REGARDING THE AGENCY'S DECISION

2:24:29

TO ACQUIRE HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE. YOU CHOSE NOT TO ELEVATE YOUR CONCERNS TO THE OFFICE OF

2:24:35

INSPECTOR GENERAL. THE SCREENSHOTS DID NOT INCLUDE FULL CONTEXT. ANOTHER EXAMPLE, THE WALL STREET

2:24:41

JOURNAL REPORTED THAT YOU WERE IN SUPPORT OF ACQUIRING AND USING HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE.

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CAN YOU ELABORATE ON WHAT WAS MISSING FROM YOUR
SCREENSHOTS AND WHY YOU DID NOT ELEVATE YOUR
2:24:52

COMPLAINTS AT ANY TIME TO THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
GENERAL? DR. BRIGHT: WHEN I WAS AWARE OF
2:24:57

THE HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE, WE WERE INTERESTED IN
ACQUIRING THAT
2:25:02

DRUG FOR ITS USE IN A RANDOMIZED AND CONTROLLED
CLINICAL STUDY. WHEN I HEARD FROM THE DOCTOR
2:25:09

THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING WE SHOULD TRY TO INVESTIGATE
IN A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED STUDY, I EVEN REACHED OUT TO
A COMPANY

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THAT WAS LICENSED TO MAKE THE DRUG IN A UNITED STATES TO
SEE IF THEY COULD DONATE THE DROP TO

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THE N.I.H. TO CONDUCT THOSE CLINICAL STUDIES -- DONATE THE
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DRUG TO THE N.I.H. TO CONDUCT THOSE CLINICAL STUDIES.

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AS LONG AS IT WAS GOING TO BE USED AT THAT TIME FOR
THOSE

2:25:37

RANDOMIZED, CONTROLLED CLINICAL STUDIES, I THOUGHT WE
SHOULD LOOK INTO THE SUPPLY CHAIN, THE SAME WAY I DID
WITH

2:25:48

REMDESIVIR. IT WAS ONLY AFTER I LEARNED THAT THE SUPPLY
BEING DISCUSSED WAS COMING FROM PAKISTAN AND INDIA,
FACILITIES NOT APPROVED EITHER F.D.A., NOT APPROVED FOR
USE IN

2:25:54

THE UNITED STATES, BUT I BECAME ALARMED HAVING THE DRUG
IN THE UNITED STATES.

2:26:03

SECOND, IT WAS WHEN I LEARNED THAT THE PLAN WAS TO MAKE THE DRUG AVAILABLE THROUGH AN EXPANDED ACCESS PROGRAM SO PEOPLE COULD POTENTIALLY GET

2:26:09

THAT DRUG AND NOT BE UNDER THE CLOSE SUPERVISION OF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER. THAT CAUSED SIGNIFICANT CONCERN. BECAUSE OF THAT, AND THE

2:26:15

CASCADING DAYS AFTERWARD, WE PUT THAT EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION, WITH THE SAFETY BUMPERS IN WAYS

2:26:24

WE COULD FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THAT THE DRUG WOULD ONLY BE USED UNDER CLINICAL OBSERVATION.

2:26:29

IN THE HIM IN EXCHANGE YOU ARE REFERRING TO, IT WAS BEFORE WE KNEW THAT IN THE EMAILED -- IN

2:26:35

THE EMAIL EXCHANGE ARE REFERRING TO, IT WAS BEFORE WE KNEW EVERYTHING.

2:26:45

BEFORE I THOUGHT OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE DRUG WOULD BE USED AT THE N.I.H. TO CONDUCT RANDOMIZED, CONTROLLED CLINICAL

2:26:53

STUDIES. I WAS RELIEVED THAT WE DID IDENTIFY THE SUPPLY OF THE DRUG FOR THOSE CLINICAL STUDIES. >> MY TIME HAS EXPIRED, MADAM CHAIR. I YIELD BACK.

2:26:59

CHAIRWOMAN ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK. PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE

2:27:05

GENTLEMAN FROM MASSACHUSETTS, MR. KENNY:, THANK YOU FOR YOUR

2:27:10

SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY DR. BRIGHT. LET'S GROUND THIS HEARING A LITTLE BIT.

2:27:17

AS OF THIS MORNING THERE'S 1.4 MILLION CASES DIAGNOSED OF

2:27:22

COVID-19 IN THE UNITED STATES AND OVER FATE -- 80,000 FATALITIES. EXPERTS BELIEVE THOSE ARE UNDER

2:27:27

COUNTS BECAUSE OF AFTER FIVE MONTHS OF THIS VIRUS WE STILL HAVE A SYSTEMIC PROBLEM WITH

2:27:32

REGARDS TO ROBUST TESTING. IN MANY STATES ACROSS THE

2:27:39

COUNTRY, CASES ARE INCREASING BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF TESTING, CORRECT?

2:27:45

AND YOU MENTION YOUR TESTIMONY THAT WE HAVE MISSED EARLY WARNING SIGNS AND FORGOTTEN PAGES FROM OUR PLAYBOOK.

2:27:51

YOU HAVE BEEN THE HEAD OF BARDA SINCE A 20 -- SINCE 2016.

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DR. BRIGHT: UNTIL RECENTLY. MR. KENNEDY: HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ANY PANDEMICS THERE

2:28:03

OR IN YOUR PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE? DR. BRIGHT: WE RESPONDED TO THE EBOLA OUTBREAK WHICH DID NOT

2:28:09

RISE TO THE LEVEL OF PANDEMIC AREA THAT PANDEMIC. MR. KENNEDY: AND YOU ARE AWARE

2:28:15

AT THE END OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION THAT OBAMA PUT TOGETHER A PLAYBOOK IN TRYING TO GUIDE ADMINISTRATIONS AND HOW TO

2:28:22

HANDLE AN OUTBREAK, CORRECT? AND YOU ARE AWARE THAT THERE WAS A SIMULATION DONE FROM AN

2:28:27

OUTGOING ADMINISTRATIVE -- WITH AN INCOMING ADMINISTRATION ON

2:28:35

HOW TO RESPOND. THIS THAT RIGHT? DR. BRIGHT: YES. MR. KENNEDY: AND THE TRUMPET

2:28:41

MINISTRATION CUT CDC STAFF LOCATED IN CHINA FROM 47 TO 14, IS THAT RIGHT? DR. BRIGHT: I DON'T REMEMBER THE

2:28:47

NUMBER BUT I KNOW IT WAS REDUCED. MR. KENNEDY: AND YOU REFERENCED THE SIMULATION CALLED CRIMSON

2:28:54

CONTAGION, THAT WAS DONE BY HHS AND BEGUN IN JANUARY OF 2019.

2:29:00

CAN YOU SHINE A LITTLE LIGHT AS TO WHAT THE SHINE -- THE FINDINGS WERE? DR. BRIGHT: IT WAS ACTUALLY THE

2:29:08

PARTICIPANTS WHO WERE BEYOND -- SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS

2:29:14

WERE THE NEED FOR IMPROVED COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION,

2:29:19

AND AN ALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE LOCAL STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS WITH A NEED FOR

2:29:25

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND A NEED FOR FUNDING. DR. BRIGHT: AND IT WAS BASED --

2:29:31

MR. KENNEDY: AND IT WAS BASED OFF OF A FLULIKE VIRUS BASED OUT

2:29:38

OF CHINA, AND IT RESULTED IN NEARLY 600,000 DEAD, IS THAT

2:29:44

CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: YES. MR. KENNEDY: WHEN DID YOU FIRST

2:29:49

HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN THE UNITED STATES? DR. BRIGHT: EARLY JANUARY. MR.

KENNEDY: WE AWARE THAT YOUR

2:29:56

SUPERVISOR SUGGESTED THE ACTIVATION OF THE DEFENSE

2:30:03

PRODUCTION ACT IN MID-JANUARY? DR. BRIGHT: I WAS NOT. MR. KENNEDY: YOU MENTIONED THAT

2:30:09

YOU HAD TWO MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY AZAR, AND I'M SURE OTHERS BUT YOU REFERENCED TWO

2:30:16

MEETINGS ON JANUARY 23 AND 27TH WHERE YOU RAISED CONCERNS TO HIM. DR. BRIGHT: DEPUTY SECRETARY

2:30:24

HAGEN WAS THERE AT THE SECOND MEETING. MR. KENNEDY: AND YOU WITNESSED TOP SECURITY COUNCIL STAFF INCLUDING THE NATIONAL SECURITY

2:30:29

ADVISOR MR. O'BRIEN AND HIS DEPUTY RAISING SIGNIFICANT WARNINGS THAT CHINA WAS

2:30:35

DOWNPLAYING THE EFFECTS OF THE VIRUS. DR. BRIGHT: I DID LEARN THAT. MR. KENNEDY: AND YOU ARE AWARE THAT WE SENT 17.8 TONS OF

2:30:40

MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO CHINA IN FEBRUARY AREA ARE YOU AWARE THAT

2:30:46

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED A BUDGET RELEASE CALLING FOR A CUT TO THE CDC BY

2:30:51

NEARLY \$700 MILLION? DR. BRIGHT: I'M NOT AWARE OF THAT. MR. KENNEDY: WERE YOU FAMILIAR

2:30:58

WITH A MEMO WRITTEN BY PETER NAVARRO THAT WARNED OF THE IMPACT. DR. BRIGHT: YES. MR. KENNEDY: THAT IT WAS SPREAD

2:31:04

AMONG SENIOR ADMINISTRATION AND WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS. DR. BRIGHT: YES. MR. KENNEDY: APRIL 2 WAS WHEN

2:31:09

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FINALLY ACTIVATED THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION

2:31:15

ACT, MONTHS AFTER BEING WARNED. DR. BRIGHT: I DID LEARN THAT. MR. KENNEDY: ARE YOU AWARE THAT ORDER DID NOT EXTEND THE FULL

2:31:22

AUTHORITY OF THE DPA AND LEFT A HAPHAZARD ALLOCATION PROCESS TO STATES AND HOSPITALS TO COMPETE

2:31:28

AGAINST EACH OTHER? DR. BRIGHT: I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS OF THAT AUTHORITY. MR. KENNEDY: HAS A TASK FORCE

2:31:34

ACTUALLY DEVELOPED A PLAN FOR REOPENING THE COUNTRY? DR. BRIGHT: I'M NOT AWARE OF THE

2:31:39

FULL PLAN TO REOPEN. MR. KENNEDY: HAD THEY DEVELOPED PRINCIPLES THAT THE WHITE HOUSE HAS TOUTED AS GUIDELINES TO

2:31:44

REOPEN? DR. BRIGHT: I HAVE HEARD OF SOME PRINCIPLES. MR. KENNEDY: OUR STATES

2:31:50

FOLLOWING THAT PLAN? DR. BRIGHT: IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THERE IS A COORDINATED PLAN THAT STATES ARE FOLLOWING.

2:31:56

MR. KENNEDY: SO AFTER THIS RECITATION OF ACTIONS AND INACTIONS OF THIS ADMINISTRATION

2:32:02

IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS, CAN WE POSSIBLY SAY THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS PREPARED OUR COUNTRY FOR THE MOMENT THAT WE ARE IN?

2:32:08

AND HOW COULD WE BE PREPARED FOR THE DISTRIBUTION DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING OF DISTRIBUTION OF A VACCINE TO TRY TO ADJUST 330

2:32:15

MILLION AMERICANS OVER THE COURSE AHEAD? DR. BRIGHT: I
THING WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO TO BE

2:32:20

PREPARED. MR. KENNEDY: THANK YOU, I YIELD BACK. >> THE
GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK,

2:32:27

PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM MISSOURI,
MR. LONG, FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES.

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SHOULD WE GO TO -- YOU CAN

2:32:47

RESERVE. WE WILL GO TO THE GENTLEMAN FROM CALIFORNIA,
MR. CARDIN FOR

2:32:55

HIS FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONS. >> OK.

2:33:02

THANK YOU DR. BRIGHT FOR BEING HERE TODAY, I WANTED TO
TELL YOU

2:33:13

THAT MY FAMILY, MY COMMUNITY, AND MYSELF, WE APPRECIATE
YOUR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE,

2:33:19

SPECIFICALLY WHEN IT COMES TO ADDRESSING PANDEMIC
OUTBREAKS. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU

2:33:25

SPENT THOSE 25 YEARS LEADING TEAMS OF SCIENTISTS WHEN
IT COMES TO DRUGS, DIAGNOSTICS, AND

2:33:31

VACCINE DEVELOPMENT. WE APPRECIATE THAT.

2:33:43

WHEN AN ADMINISTRATION OR DECISION-MAKERS PRIORITIZE
POLITICS OVER SCIENCE, DOES THAT

2:33:48

TEND TO INCREASE OR DECREASE THE

2:33:54

LIKELY RESULTS OF THE LOSS OF LIFE IN THE MIDDLE OF A
PANDEMIC? DR. BRIGHT: I BELIEVE THAT THE

2:34:00

SCIENTISTS ARE BEST EQUIPPED TO UNDERSTAND AND MANAGE A HEALTH CRISIS. I BELIEVE SCIENTISTS SHOULD LEAD. >> AND MY QUESTION, WILL PHRASE

2:34:09

IT DIFFERENTLY, THE SCIENTISTS ARE NOT LEADING AND POLITICIANS ARE LEADING WITH THE FINAL

2:34:14

DECISIONS, WHEN TRYING TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF PANDEMICS THAT ARE TAKING LIVES, THAT WAY

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OF HANDLING IT, DOESN'T LIKELY INCREASE THE LOSS-OF-LIFE, OR

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DECREASE THE LOSS-OF-LIFE? DR. BRIGHT: I BELIEVE THAT SCIENTISTS LEADING WILL INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT WE CAN

2:34:34

SURVIVE THIS PANDEMIC AND MOVE THROUGH IT. IF SCIENTISTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK UP, I BELIEVE IT COULD

2:34:40

INCREASE THE LOSS-OF-LIFE. MR. CARDENAS: THANK YOU. HOW MANY TIMES IN YOUR CAREER HAVE YOU, PERSONALLY, ACTIVELY

2:34:50

SAID I NEED TO ENACT MY RIGHT TO BE A WHISTLEBLOWER? HOW MANY TIMES IN THE LAST ONE

2:34:56

HE FIVE YEARS HAVE YOU DECIDED -- 25 YEARS HAVE YOU DECIDED TO

2:35:02

ENACT YOUR RIGHT TO BE A WHISTLEBLOWER? DR. BRIGHT: THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SIR. MR. CARDENAS: I KNEW THAT ANSWER

2:35:09

WAS SIMPLE, I THINK IT WAS CONFUSING BECAUSE I MADE IT SIMPLE. THE REASON WHY I WANTED TO SAY

2:35:15

THAT IS BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY

2:35:21

CONSISTENT AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO DEDICATE YOURSELF,
YOUR EXPERTISE, AND YOUR CAREER, TO

2:35:28

SAVING LIVES. IS THE LOSS-OF-LIFE ON YOUR

2:35:33

MIND, WAS THAT ON YOUR MIND WHEN YOU DECIDED THAT YOU
NEEDED TO ENACT YOUR RIGHT TO BE A

2:35:38

WHISTLEBLOWER? DR. BRIGHT: MY CAREER IS FOCUSED

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ON SAVING LIVES. EVERYTHING I HAVE DONE TO COME
FORWARD NOW IS TO RAISE AWARENESS TO THE CHALLENGES
THAT WE HAVE, BECAUSE I DO THINK IT

2:35:51

WILL SAVE MORE LIVES.

2:35:57

MR. CARDENAS: ARE YOU AWARE OF THE LACK OF TESTING IN
THE UNITED STATES IS AFFECTED BY

2:36:04

MANY PIECES OF THE PUZZLE IN ORDER FOR PEOPLE TO GET
TESTING,

2:36:10

SWABS, AND 95 RATED EQUIPMENT FOR CAREGIVERS TO ENACT
SAFELY

2:36:17

WITH THE PUBLIC, ARE THOSE ALL FACTORS THAT HAVE CAN
TREATED --

2:36:22

CONTRIBUTED TO OUR LACK OF HAVING ADEQUATE TESTING?
DR. BRIGHT: THEY ARE FACTORS

2:36:27

PRE-I DON'T THINK ANYBODY THOUGHT THROUGH THE ENTIRE
PLAN COMPLETELY TO UNDERSTAND THOSE CRITICAL
COMPONENTS FOR TESTING.

2:36:33

I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF CONFUSION ABOUT THE DIFFERENT
TYPES OF TESTS AND I THINK THE

2:36:38

NARRATIVE HAS FOCUSED ON THE NUMBER OF TESTS, IT'S NOT THE NUMBER SO MUCH AS IT IS THE RIGHT TYPES AND WHAT TO DO WITH

2:36:45

THAT INFORMATION. NOBODY HAS REALLY THOUGHT THROUGH THE RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY CHAIN TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN

2:36:51

SUSTAIN THE TEST. MR. CARDENAS: THAT SOUNDS CONFUSING FROM SOMEBODY WHO HAS

2:36:59

BEEN WORKING AT A HIGH LEVEL AT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THIS SPACE THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING.

2:37:05

MY QUESTION IS, IF WE ARE NOT IMPLEMENTING IN THIS PANDEMIC TO

2:37:12

THE DEGREE OR ABILITY THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD OR COULD, WHAT HAS CONTRIBUTED THE MOST?

2:37:18

THE LACK OF SCIENTISTS RECOMMENDING UP THE CHAIN OF COMMAND? THE PEOPLE OF THE TOP OF THE

2:37:23

CHAIN OF COMMAND DECIDING TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY AND

2:37:28

SCIENTISTS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDING? DR. BRIGHT: THERE IS EVIDENCE OF

2:37:34

SCIENTISTS RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT SHORTAGES AND OTHER ACTIONS THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO TAKE THAT WERE NOT TAKEN.

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WITH MY PERSONAL SITUATION IS THE LEADERSHIP WITH HHS AND I ASKED MY SUPERVISOR WHO WAS

2:37:48

DISMISSIVE OF THE EARLY WARNINGS THAT I WAS RAISING. HE SAID --MR. CARDENAS: YOU SAID

2:37:55

EARLY WARNINGS, DESPITE THAT, HAD THERE BEEN OTHER EXAMPLES WERE EITHER BEING A BOARD OR SET

2:38:01

ASIDE AND OTHER ACTIONS WERE TAKEN? DR. BRIGHT: I BELIEVE I HAVE

2:38:07

LEARNED OF OTHERS, THE CDC HAS WRITTEN SEVERAL GUIDELINES FOR REOPENING AMERICA AND GETTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK.

2:38:14

I'M NOT SURE IF ALL OF GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED OR PUBLICLY CONSIDERED AT THIS POINT.

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SO THERE'S ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF REALLY HARD-WORKING CAREER SCIENTISTS AND THEIR INFORMATION HARD WORK NOT GETTING THE PROPER

2:38:30

VENTING -- VENTING -- THAT --

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VETTING. MR. CARDENAS: I'M SORRY I HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH TIME I HAVE

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LEFT, HOPEFULLY A LITTLE -- WE

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HAVE HEARD BOASTING FROM THE WHITE HOUSE ABOUT MILLIONS OF

2:38:55

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, PPE, MILLIONS HAVE GONE OFF TO AMERICA.

2:39:01

BUT TO DATE, WE SHOULD HAVE HAD BILLIONS GO THROUGHOUT AMERICA.

2:39:08

ISN'T THAT THE DISPARITY? DR. BRIGHT: THERE IS A HUGE DISPARITY, HEALTH-CARE WORKERS

2:39:14

ARE HAVING TO COMPROMISE THEIR PROTECTION AND HEALTH AND SAFETY BECAUSE THEY ARE HAPPENING -- BECAUSE THEY HAPPEN TO --

2:39:20

BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO BE CREATIVE AND COME UP WITH
NOVEL STERILE

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PRACTICES THAT ARE NOT PROVEN OR TESTED. IT IS IMPACTING
OUR FRONT-LINE WORKERS, THOSE OF THE LIES WE NEED TO
PRESERVE SO THEY CAN

2:39:32

TREAT OTHERS. MR. CARDENAS: I HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS
WORKING IN HOSPITALS TODAY ON THE FRONT LINES WHO ARE

2:39:38

TELLING ME THAT THEY ARE WEARING EQUIPMENT FOR DAYS AT
A TIME, THAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO

2:39:44

DISPOSE OF SEVERAL TIMES A DAY. >> GENTLEMAN YOUR TIME
HAS

2:39:49

EXPIRED. MR. CARDENAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TO SOME
BUT HE COULD DO A BETTER JOB, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

2:39:54

THE CLOCK KEPT SLIPPING. >> YOU ARE RIGHT, IT GOT STUCK AT
4:44 AND WENT TO ZERO AND

2:40:02

POPPED UP TO 121 TIME -- 1:21.

2:40:07

SO I'M WATCHING AS WELL. MY FATHER WAS A WATCHMAKER AND
CLOCK REPAIR MAN, IT'S A

2:40:15

PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE MR. LONG, FOR MISSOURI, FOR HIS
FIVE MINUTES.

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MR. LONG: YOU CONTEND THAT YOUR REMOVAL BECAUSE THE
TRUMPET

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MINISTRATION AND HHS LEADERSHIP LACKED SCIENTIFIC
INTEGRITY. DO YOU THINK THAT DR. FAUCI

2:40:33

LACKS SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY? DR. BRIGHT: I DON'T THINK MY
REMOVAL IS ASSOCIATED WITH DR.

2:40:39

FAUCI AT ALL, I THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF TENSION BETWEEN MY

2:40:45

SUPERVISOR AND MYSELF. MR. LONG: DO YOU KNOW ABOUT DR. FAUCI'S TESTIMONY TWO DAYS

2:40:51

BEFORE THE SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE QUESTION MARK DR. BRIGHT: I'M AWARE --? DR. BRIGHT: I'M AWARE OF THAT.

2:40:57

MR. LONG: IF THE LEADERSHIP IS SO HOSTILE AS YOU ALLEGE, HOW DO

2:41:03

YOU EXPLAIN DR. FAUCI BEING ALLOWED TO TESTIFY FORTHRIGHTLY, AND HAVING A PROMINENT ROLE ON

2:41:08

THE WHITE HOUSE TASK FORCE AND DIRECT THE RESEARCH EFFORTS?

2:41:14

DR. BRIGHT: I'M NOT SURE WHAT DECISIONS ARE INVOLVED IN

2:41:20

ALLOWING DR. FAUCI TO TESTIFY OR NOT. I'M NOT AWARE OF WHAT PROCESS OR

2:41:27

DECISIONS ARE INVOLVED IN ALLOWING DR. FAUCI TO TESTIFY OR NOT. MR. LONG: HE WAS ALLOWED. DR. BRIGHT: YES BUT I THOUGHT

2:41:34

YOU ASKED ME THAT WAS APPROPRIATE, PERHAPS COULD YOU

2:41:39

REPEAT YOUR QUESTION IF I HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD IT. MR. LONG: YOU ARE SEEING HHS IS HOSTILE TO SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY,

2:41:48

IF THAT'S THE CASE, CAN YOU EXPAND WHY DR. FAUCI WAS ALLOWED TO TESTIFY FORTHRIGHTLY IN THE COMMITTEE?

2:41:54

IF THEY ARE HOSTILE, WHY WOULD THEY LET HIM TESTIFY WITH NO HOLES BARRED?

2:41:59

DR. BRIGHT: I'M SAYING MY SUPERVISOR WAS NOT FOLLOWING

2:42:05

PROPER SCIENTIFIC PROCESS THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE FOR BARDA.

2:42:10

I'M NOT ACTUALLY SAYING THE ADMINISTRATION IS HOSTILE AGAIN SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY IN ALL

2:42:15

CASES. I'M SAYING IN MY SITUATION AND IN MY CLAIM, MY SUPERVISOR WAS

2:42:23

CONDUCTING AN INAPPROPRIATE ACTIVITY THAT WAS GOING AROUND PROPER SCIENTIFIC VETTING.

2:42:29

MR. LONG: WHY DID YOU NOT BRING THESE CONCERNS TO SECRETARY

2:42:34

AZAR? DR. BRIGHT: SIR, I BELIEVE SOME

2:42:42

OF THE ACTIVITIES WERE ISOLATED WITH THE SUPERVISOR, AND HIS

2:42:49

SENIOR STAFF WAS AWARE OF SOME OF THE PROCESSES THAT WERE BEING UTILIZED TO GO AROUND OUR TRADITIONAL REVIEW PROCESS FOR

2:42:55

SCIENTIFIC REVIEW. MR. LONG: WOULDN'T THE NORMAL

2:43:01

PROTOCOL IN ANY SITUATION BE THAT YOU GO TO THE SECRETARY OF HHS OR HIS CHIEF OF STAFF FOR

2:43:08

THE INJECTOR GENERAL WITH YOUR CONCERN INSTEAD OF JUST GATHERING THEM UP IN DECIDING THAT ONE DAY YOU ARE GONNA --

2:43:14

DR. BRIGHT: I DID NOT DECIDE THAT, I WAS PUSHED OUT AND

2:43:20

INVOLUNTARILY TRANSFERRED. MR. LONG: BUT YOU HAD THESE CONCERNS, WHY DIDN'T YOU TAKE THEM TO YOUR CONCEIT -- TO YOUR

2:43:27

SUPERIORS AND MAYBE WE WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY? IT WAS NOT EASY FOR ANY OF US TO GET HERE TODAY. DR.

BRIGHT: I REQUESTED AN IG

2:43:35

INVESTIGATION, IT'S IN MY CLAIM, I THINK IT WAS IN 2018 WHICH I

2:43:41

BELIEVE WAS INAPPROPRIATE POLITICAL PRESSURE, IN

2:43:47

DISCUSSION ABOUT PROCUREMENT INTEGRITY. AND I DON'T THINK I WAS EVER FOLLOWED THROUGH ON. DR. BRIGHT: DID YOU BRING YOUR

2:43:56

CONCERNS TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL? >> I DON'T BELIEVE THEY WERE SUBMITTED TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. BUT I RAISED THOSE CONCERNS TO

2:44:03

-- MR. LONG: YOU DID NOT RAISE

2:44:09

CONCERNS WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, SECRETARY AZAR'S CHIEF OR INSPECTOR GENERAL. DR. BRIGHT: THE GENERAL COUNSEL

2:44:15

WAS PRESENT IN THAT MEETING. MR. LONG: I WILL TAKE THAT AS A NO. HE STATED THAT HHS LEADERSHIP

2:44:21

WAS -- AND THE PRESSING NEED TO ACT. BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT

2:44:27

IT WAS DR. REDFIELD OF THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY

2:44:33

COUNCIL ABOUT THE RISK OF THE VIRUS ON JANUARY THE SECOND, AND A HIGH LEVEL TEAM WITH COUNTER

2:44:41

PROLIFERATION AND BIO DEFENSE DIRECTOR QUICKLY BEGAN MEETING TO ADDRESS THE POSSIBILITY OF

2:44:46

THE PANDEMIC. DO YOU CONSIDER DR. REDFIELD TO BE DISMISSIVE ABOUT THE THREAT

2:44:52

OF CORONAVIRUS? DR. BRIGHT: SIR, PEOPLE WERE AWARE OF THE URGENCY, WHAT WAS

2:44:57

LACKING WAS ACTION AND HOW TO ADDRESS IT. WHEN WE WERE RAISING ISSUES OF

2:45:02

CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAINS AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT DOCTORS AND NURSES, IF THEY WERE

2:45:09

AWARE OF THE URGENCY OF THE SITUATION AND STILL FAILED TO ACT, I THINK THAT'S EVEN MORE

2:45:14

UNCONSCIONABLE THAN NOT BEING AWARE OF THE EMERGENCY AND NOT ACTING. MR. LONG: IN YOUR NEW POSITION I

2:45:20

WOULD RECOMMEND THAT IF YOU HAVE ISSUES THAT YOU GO TO THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT. I YIELD BACK.

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>> GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK, A

2:45:30

PLEASURE TO YIELD TO THE GENTLEMAN FROM VERMONT, MR. WELCH.

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MR. WELCH: YOUR JOB AND OUR JOB

2:45:41

IS TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. AND THIS VIRUS CAN BE MANAGED,

2:45:47

IF DONE CORRECTLY, CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: I BELIEVE SO. MR. WELCH: AND THE PLAYBOOK IS

2:45:55

ESTABLISHED, ITS TESTING, CONTACT TRACING, AND ISOLATION,
2:46:04

STARTING FIRST WITH SOCIAL ISOLATION, CORRECT? DR.
BRIGHT: NONPHARMACEUTICAL

2:46:11

INTERVENTIONS AND TESTING ARE CRITICAL FIRST STEPS. MR.
WELCH: AND THIS VIRUS IS ACROSS THE WORLD, AND IN MANY
2:46:18

COUNTRIES, WHICH HAVE FOLLOWED THE TRIED-AND-TRUE
PROTOCOL HAS DONE BETTER THAN THE U.S.. CORRECT
QUESTION MARK DR.

2:46:23

BRIGHT: WE -- CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: WE HAVE SEEN

2:46:28

DIFFERENCES IN OUTCOMES. MR. WELCH: THE JOHN HOPKINS
STUDY SAID THAT THE U.S. HAD BEST PREPAREDNESS, TURNED
OUT

2:46:35

THAT WE HAD THE WORST RESPONSE. MOST CASES AND THE
MOST DEATHS. DR. BRIGHT: WE HAD THE MOST

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CASES AND THE MOST DEATHS. MR. WELCH: I DID SOME
CALCULATIONS COME ON JANUARY 19,

2:46:47

SOUTH KOREA DETERMINED ITS FIRST CASE, ON JANUARY 19
THE U.S.

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DETERMINED ITS FIRST CASE. DR. BRIGHT: JANUARY 20 WAS THE
U.S.. MR. WELCH: IF WE HAD THE SAME

2:47:00

RESPONSE TO SOUTH KOREA -- AS SOUTH KOREA, BY
POPULATION, THEY

2:47:06

HAD 33,000 DEATHS, WE WOULD HAVE SAVED 50,000 LIVES. IN
TAIWAN THEY HAD THE SAME

2:47:13

VIRUS, 22,000 DEATHS, ADJUSTING FOR POPULATION, THAT IS
60,000

2:47:19

MORE DEATHS THAN WE HAVE HAD HERE. SINGAPORE, 82,000 MORE.

2:47:26

NEW ZEALAND, 65,000.

2:47:35

THE QUESTION FOR US HERE AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IS WHY, WHEN WE HAD THE BEST PLAN AND WE HAD THE WORST EXECUTION. LET ME GO THROUGH A FEW THINGS YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED --

2:47:40

ESTABLISHED. BEGINNING IN JANUARY, THE HHS

2:47:46

WAS ASKED TO START CONTRASTING COMPANIES ABOUT THE SHORTAGES OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND HE GOT BLOWN OFF, CORRECT?

2:47:52

DR. BRIGHT: AS I UNDERSTAND. MR. WELCH: AND BEFORE OUR FIRST CASE YOU WANTED TO CONVENE

2:47:59

HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS ABOUT THE VIRUS BUT THAT WAS INITIALLY REJECTED. CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: YES. MR. WELCH: AND YOU DEMANDED

2:48:07

URGENT ACCESS TO FUNDING FOR CRITICAL SPECIMENS TO DEVELOP LIFESAVING MEDICINES AND WERE

2:48:14

TOLD THAT THE SPREAD WAS UNDER CONTROL, CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: I WAS TOLD THERE WAS NO URGENCY.

2:48:19

MR. WELCH: AND YOU WARNED OTHERS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THEIR WAS A PRETTY COOL NEED -- A

2:48:25

CRITICAL NEED TO SECURE SURGICAL MASKS. THAT WAS IGNORED? DR. BRIGHT: TRUE. MR. WELCH: AND HE PARTICIPATED

2:48:33

IN THE DAILY COVID-19 MEETING WHERE YOU EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION WITH ACCESSING VIRUS SAMPLES AND

2:48:40

CLINICAL SPECIMENS FROM CHINA AND WERE REPRIMANDED AND YOU ARE NO LONGER A PART OF THOSE MEETINGS, IS THAT CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: THAT'S TRUE.

2:48:46

MR. WELCH: SO YOU AND OTHERS WERE SEEING OVER THE HORIZON WHAT WAS COMING TO OUR SHORES.

2:48:53

EVEN BEFORE OUR FIRST CASE WAS CONFIRMED. DR. BRIGHT: WE HAD SPENT MANY YEARS PREPARING FOR PANDEMICS,

2:49:00

WE UNDERSTOOD THE THREAT AND WHAT NEEDED TO HAPPEN.

MR. WELCH: EXACTLY. IT IS KNOWABLE AND MANAGEABLE.

2:49:08

IT IS FIERCE AND FEARSOME. BUT WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO IS

2:49:13

ESTABLISHED, IS THAT MORE OR LESS CORRECT? WE DID NOT DO IT.

2:49:18

FEBRUARY 25, PRESIDENT TRUMP GAVE THE ASSURANCE THAT THE STOCK MARKET IS STARTING TO LOOK VERY GOOD, AND THE CORONAVIRUS

2:49:24

WAS UNDER CONTROL. WERE YOU AWARE OF ANY MEDICALLY INVOLVED PEOPLE WHO HAD THE VIEW

2:49:30

THAT THE VIRUS AT THAT TIME WAS VERY MUCH UNDER CONTROL? >> NO SIR, I DON'T THINK THE

2:49:37

VIRUS WAS UNDER CONTROL AND I DON'T THINK THAT MANY PEOPLE WOULD AGREE WITH ME. MR. WELCH: THOSE COUNTRIES I

2:49:45

MENTIONED INCLUDE GERMANY, TAIWAN, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH KOREA, SINGAPORE.

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THE LEADERS OF THOSE COUNTRIES ACCEPTED THAT THERE WAS A ROLE

2:49:56

THAT ONLY THE NATION COULD PLAY IN THE -- AND THE PROVINCES

2:50:02

WOULD HAVE TO DEPEND ON THEM. I WANT TO GO THROUGH SOME OF THOSE THINGS. ESTABLISHING A TESTING PROTOCOL,

2:50:08

WAS THAT DONE HERE? DR. BRIGHT: NO. MR. WELCH: ACQUIRING AND

2:50:15

ALLOCATING AND DISTRIBUTING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO WHERE IT WAS NEEDED WHEN IT WAS

2:50:21

NEEDED, WAS THAT DONE HERE? DR. BRIGHT: NO SIR. MR. WELCH: WE HAD GOVERNORS AND

2:50:29

HOSPITALS COMPETING WITH EACH OTHER TO GET NEEDED EQUIPMENT, ISN'T THAT CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: THERE'S A LOT OF CONFUSION AND COMPETITION AND BAD DECISIONS MADE TO ACQUIRE

2:50:36

POOR QUALITY PRODUCTS. MR. WELCH: AND IN ANY OF THOSE OTHER COUNTRIES, ARE YOU AWARE OF THE LEADER OF THAT COUNTRY AT

2:50:43

A PRESS CONFERENCE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT KIND OF MEDICATION PEOPLE SHOULD USE?

2:50:48

DR. BRIGHT: I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS OF WHAT HAPPENED IN THOSE COUNTRIES, SO I DON'T

2:50:53

KNOW. MR. WELCH: WE HAD GOVERNORS HERE, REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS,

2:50:59

LIKE HOGAN, PHIL SCOTT FROM VERMONT, WHO HAVE DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB.

2:51:05

BUT NO MATTER HOW GOOD THEY DO THEIR JOB, CAN THEY PROTECT THEIR PEOPLE WITHOUT THE

2:51:10

AGGRESSIVE INTERVENTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
PLAYING ITS ROLE. DR. BRIGHT: I THINK THE FEDERAL

2:51:19

GOVERNMENT PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN COORDINATING,
ALIGNING, AND MAKING AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE
SUPPLIES.

2:51:25

THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE EXERCISED IN THE PAST, THAT THERE
WOULD BE A CRITICAL ROLE FOR A FEDERAL LEAD

2:51:32

IN STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL TERRITORIAL LEVELS. MR. WELCH:
I YIELD BACK. >> THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK.

2:51:39

A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM GEORGIA,
MR. CARTER.

2:51:45

YOU WISH TO QUESTION OR PASS? YOU RESERVE. THE
GENTLEMAN FROM CALIFORNIA,

2:51:51

MR. RUIZ IS RECOGNIZED -- DR. LOUISE IS RECOGNIZED -- DR.
RUIZ

2:52:01

IS RECOGNIZED. DR. RUIZ: THANK YOU.

2:52:08

MY HEART ACHES FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE OVER
80,000 IN AMERICA WHO HAVE DIED OF COVID-19 IN SUCH A
SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. MY HEART ACHES FOR THOSE CLOSER

2:52:17

TO ME, THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY HAS REPORTED 228 DEATHS.

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AS A DOCTOR I APPRECIATE YOUR WRITTEN TESTIMONY THAT
STATES THAT SCIENCE AND NOT POLITICS OR

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CRONYISM MUST LEAD THE WAY TO COMBAT THE DEADLY VIRUS.
THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF HYPE ABOUT CURES FOR COBIT WHICH
HAVE BEEN

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SHOWN TO BE AN EFFECTIVE AND EVEN DANGEROUS. WE ARE NOW SEEING THE VERY REAL

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DANGERS AND CONSEQUENCES OF NOT MAKING DECISIONS BASED ON SCIENCE. HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE, WHICH FOX

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NEWS COMMENTATORS AND THEN THE WHITE HOUSE TOUTED, AND

2:52:53

ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO USE HIS EXHIBIT A. BUT THERE IS ONE DRUG THAT IS PROVIDING SOME THERAPEUTIC

2:52:59

BENEFIT. REMDESIVIR. DR. FAUCI SHOWED A CLEAR-CUT SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE EFFECT IN

2:53:06

DIMINISHING THE TIME TO RECOVER. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IN JANUARY AND EARLY FEBRUARY YOU

2:53:11

LAUNCH A REVIEW TO SAY WHICH DRUG MAY HAVE THERAPEUTIC BENEFIT AND YOU SAID THIS WAS

2:53:18

THE MOST LIKELY DRUG TO BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST COVID-19. CAN YOU DESCRIBE HOW YOU CAME TO

2:53:24

THAT CONCLUSION AND WHAT THE RESPONSE WAS? DR. BRIGHT: IT CAME ABOUT IN A

2:53:31

TECHNICAL REVIEW FROM A NUMBER OF SCIENTISTS WITHIN HHS.

2:53:36

AS WELL AS OTHERS AND IT WAS ALIGNED WITH THE ASSESSMENT FROM DEBBIE HON GLOBAL EXPERTS WHO

2:53:41

LOOKED AT EVERY POTENTIAL DRUG, AND REMDESIVIR WAS THE DRUG THAT HAD THE MOST POTENTIAL FOR

2:53:47

BENEFIT. >> WHO DID YOU TELL AND WHAT WAS THEIR RESPONSE? DR. BRIGHT: WE SHARED THAT

2:53:53

INFORMATION WITH MY SUPERVISOR, AND WITH HHS LEADERSHIP. WE HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE

2:54:00

ACTIONS THAT COULD HAVE THE LIMITED SUPPLY.

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AND WE HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HOW TO RAMP UP THE DISCUSSION FOR MORE REMDESIVIR IN CASE THE

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RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED STUDY CAME THROUGH -- DR. RUIZ: YOU HAD THE

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DISCUSSION, WHAT WAS THE RESPONSE? DR. BRIGHT: NO DECISION WAS MADE AT THAT TIME. DR. RUIZ: MY UNDERSTANDING IS

2:54:24

THAT PETER NAVARRO REACHED OUT FOR YOU TO SEEK YOUR COUNSEL. YOU TOLD HIM ABOUT YOUR TOP

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THREE CONCERNS, THE SHORTAGE OF MASKS, THE NEED FOR A MANHATTAN

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PROJECT TO DEVELOP VACCINES IN SECURING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES, CAN YOU TELL ME IF HE AGREED WITH YOU AND WHAT STEPS YOU TOOK?

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DR. BRIGHT: HE DID AGREE WITH ME ON THE REMDESIVIR, THE MASKS,

2:54:53

AND THE MANHATTAN PROJECT. HE DRAFTED A MEMO TO THE WHITE

2:54:58

HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF AND MICK MULVANEY TO SHARE WITH THE TASK FORCE. DR. RUIZ: IT OCCURRED ON

2:55:05

FEBRUARY 10, WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? TO THE DEPARTMENT PROCURE THE NEEDED SUPPLIES FOR REMDESIVIR? DR. BRIGHT: WE DID NOT PROCEED

2:55:12

WITH PROCURING ANY SUPPLIES. DR. RUIZ: AND YOU ARE REMOVED FROM YOUR POSITION ON APRIL 22,

2:55:17

BY THEN HAD THE DEPARTMENT SETTLED ON A PLAN AND PROCURED THE REMDESIVIR? DR. BRIGHT: NO, THEY WERE STILL

2:55:25

DISCUSSING PRESENTATIONS ABOUT POTENTIAL DONATIONS OF REMDESIVIR AT THAT TIME. DR. RUIZ: WHAT YOU ARE

2:55:31

DESCRIBING AS THEY GAVE THAT COULD NOT SHOOT STRAIGHT BUT WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PANDEMIC. THERE'S ONE DRUG THE EXPERTS SAY

2:55:37

COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND HAS BEEN SHOWN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND THE DEPARTMENT CANNOT SEEM TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO ACQUIRE IT.

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A WEEK AGO THE WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED THE ROLLOUT

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OF REMDESIVIR AS CONFUSING, AND MARRED WITH INCOMPLETE MEDICAL INFORMATION AREA DOCTORS

2:55:55

DESCRIBED HOW THEY CAN OBTAIN THE DRUG AND DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS FOR ACCESSING IT.

2:56:03

WE WERE TOLD THE PROCESS WAS A STAGGERING INJUSTICE. AND YOU ARE WARNING ABOUT THIS OVER THREE MONTHS AGO, IF THE

2:56:09

DEPARTMENT HAD LISTENED TO YOU, AND OTHER X -- AND OTHER EXPERTS AS WELL, WHICH THIS HAVE BEEN

2:56:15

AVOIDED? DR. BRIGHT: WE SHOULD HAVE HAD A PLAN FOR THAT DRUG. DR. RUIZ: IT DID NOT HAVE TO BE

2:56:21

THIS WAY. DR. BRIGHT: RIGHT. DR. RUIZ: YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THE DANGER OF HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE

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, YOU ARE RIGHT ABOUT THE BENEFIT OF REMDESIVIR, YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT N95 MASKS AND OTHER

2:56:35

CRITICAL ISSUES, BUT YOU WERE FIRED FROM YOUR JOB WHILE OFFICIALS WHO BOTCHED THE

2:56:41

RESPONSE AND IGNORED YOUR WARNINGS STAYED AND THERE'S -- IN THEIR'S.

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NOT ONLY IS THIS UNFAIR TO YOU BUT IT'S DANGEROUS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. I YIELD BACK MY TIME. >> THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK.

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I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY SOMETHING QUICKLY, RELATIVE TO

2:57:04

YOUR LEAD DR. BRIGHT. ARE YOU WANT TO CRUISE VACATION TIME NOW?

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-- ARE YOU ON ACCRUED VACATION TIME NOW?

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>> YES. >> WOULD YOU SHARE THE EXHIBITS ONCE YOU REMOVE PERSONALLY

2:57:24

IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION? DR. BRIGHT: I'M HAVING TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING YOU THROUGH THE

2:57:29

MIC. >> I'M GETTING SO COMPARABLE WEARING A MASK I FORGOT TO HAVE

2:57:36

IT ON. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SHARE THE OTHER EXHIBITS ONCE YOU REMOVE PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.

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DR. BRIGHT: YES. >> WE WILL MAKE THEM AVAILABLE

2:57:46

AFTER THE HEARING TODAY WHEN WE HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW IT. >> WILL THEY BE MADE AVAILABLE

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TO THE MINORITY AS WELL AS THE MAJORITY? >> THEY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE ENTIRE COMMITTEE.

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WE HAD NEVER SHARED ANYTHING WITH THE MAJORITY THAT HAS NOT BEEN SHARED TO THE MINORITY, THIS IS A BIPARTISAN ISSUE.

2:58:02

>> WILL EXHIBITS BE KEPT IN

2:58:09

COMMENTS AMONG COMMITTEE MEMBERS? >> NOT KNOWING WHAT'S IN THE EMAILS AND I'M WONDERING IF

2:58:14

THERE'S ANY INFORMATION IN THERE THAT MIGHT BE DEEMED TO BE DEGRADING, WOULD THAT BE KEPT IN

2:58:20

CONFIDENCE AMONG THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS? AS OPPOSED TO BEING RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC? >> WE WILL FOLLOW THE RULES.

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>> THANK YOU.

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>> I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF RECOGNIZING THE ONLY PHARMACIST

2:58:42

IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, MR. CARTER. MR. CARTER: THANK YOU FOR BEING

2:58:48

HERE. BEFORE, LET ME EXTEND MY CONDOLENCES TO THOSE 80,000 PLUS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES AND THEIR FAMILIES AS A RESULT OF

2:58:56

THIS, AND A SHOUT OUT TO OUR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND ARE OTHER ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHO

2:59:03

HAVE PUT THEIR OWN HEALTH IN DANGER IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR CITIZENS.

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DR. BRIGHT, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IN 2017 BARDA FUNDED A PROJECT WITH FIVE

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RESEARCH ASSOCIATES OF

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ALBUQUERQUE -- OF A COMPANY TO DEVELOP SANITIZERS, BUT

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ACCORDING TO RECENT REPORTS BY THE WASHINGTON POST, NONE OF THESE NEXT GENERATION RESPIRATORS ARE AVAILABLE FOR US, WHY IS THAT? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA?

2:59:37

DR. BRIGHT: ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE VENTILATORS THAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED? MR. CARTER: I'M TALKING ABOUT

2:59:45

THOSE THAT WERE DEVELOPED, THE RESPIRATORS THAT WERE DEVELOPED AND COULD BE SANITIZED AND REUSED DURING PUBLIC HEALTH

2:59:51

EMERGENCIES. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WAS CONTRACTED AND THAT PROJECT WAS

2:59:56

SCRAPPED. DR. BRIGHT: SO I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE PROJECT TO RE-SANITIZE

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RESPIRATORS. MR. CARTER: TEAR ENOUGH, IF YOU

3:00:09

ARE -- FAIR ENOUGH IF YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH IT. WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF DISCUSSION

3:00:14

ABOUT HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE, CHLOROQUINE, I'M CONFUSED BECAUSE IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS IS WHAT BARDA, AND IF

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YOU WANT TO CLARIFY SOMETHING HERE. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT

3:00:28

IS THE ROLE OF BARDA, THE MISSION, TO LOOK AT THINGS LIKE THIS.

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WHEN WE COME IN CONGRESS, APPROPRIATE AND ALLOCATE MONEY TO GO TOWARDS THIS, BARDA IS

3:00:41

SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING AT THINGS THAT COULD POSSIBLY HAPPEN. SUCH AS HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE AND

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CHLOROQUINE. EARLY ON IT APPEARED THAT YOU EMBRACED THAT AND YOU WERE IN

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FAVOR OF LOOKING AT THAT AND I'M WONDERING, BECAUSE OF THIS PANDEMIC AND WE DID NOT HAVE ANY

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VACCINE OR ANY KIND OF AGREED-UPON TREATMENT, WE SHOULD BE TESTING AND -- THAT'S WHAT WE

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ARE APPROPRIATING THAT MONEY FOR, WOULD YOU AGREE, THAT THAT'S WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO, TO LOOK AT WHAT COULD POSSIBLY

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WORK AND WORK WITH THE TO TRY TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO COME UP WITH

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THOSE KINDS OF SOLUTIONS? DR. BRIGHT: ABSOLUTELY, WE SHOULD LOOK AT ALL OPTIONS AND

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EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL RISK AND SAFETY AND BENEFIT OF THOSE IN THE CONTEXT OF A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED CLINICAL STUDY AND IN

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THE CONTEXT OF AN EMERGENCY WE SHOULD MOVE AND GET THAT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE SHOULD NOT PROCEED RECKLESSLY

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WITHOUT THAT CLINICAL DATA ON POTENTIAL ADVERSE EVENTS IN AN EMERGENCY. MR. CARTER: YOU ARE SAYING WE

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SHOULD NOT PROCEED ADVERSELY, ARE YOU REFERRING TO HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE AND

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CHLOROQUINE? DR. BRIGHT: WE WERE PROMOTING THE
STANDING UP OF RANDOMIZED

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CONTROLLED CLINICAL STUDIES AT THE NIH WITH
HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE. I WORKED WITH THE COMPANY TO

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EVEN ASK IF THEY WOULD DONATE DRUGS TO THE NIH TO BE
USED IN

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THE CONTEXT OF A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED CLINICAL STUDY.
THAT IS WHAT BARDA WOULD DO. MR. CARTER: AND YOU
WORKED WITH

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THE FDA TO GET AN EMERGENCY USE FOR
HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE. IS THAT CORRECT? AND IT WAS
APPROVED.

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DR. BRIGHT: THAT WAS IN THE CONTACT -- THE CONTEXT OF THE

3:02:26

DIRECTOR WE RECEIVED TO HAVE EXTENDED ACCESS
PROTOCOL. MR. CARTER: YOU ARE SAYING YOU

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WERE INSTRUCTED TO DO IT ANYWHERE AGAINST YOUR WILL?

DR. BRIGHT: WE WERE INSTRUCTED

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TO PUT IN PLACE EXPANDED ACCESS PROTOCOL, IN THE
CONTEXT OF AN

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AMERICANS ACCESSING THIS DRUG AND NOT BEING UNDER THE
CLOSE SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN. THE SCIENTIST SAID FDA,
NIH,

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CDC, AND BARDA WORKED TOGETHER TO CHANGE THAT
DIRECTED TO THE

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CONTEXT OF EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION WITH
GUARDRAILS, SO PATIENTS WOULD BE UNDER THE CLOSE
SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN.

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MR. CARTER: UNDERSTOOD. AND INITIALLY APPEARED

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ENCOURAGED BY WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE A RESULT OF THE EFFECT OF HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE.

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WHEN DID THAT CHANGE? WHEN DID YOU SOUR ON THE USE OF

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HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE? DR. BRIGHT: I BELIEVE WE HAVE SEEN MANY DRUGS THAT COULD HAVE

3:03:23

BENEFIT, SOME OF THE MORE INTERESTING THINGS WE'VE NEVER HEARD OF. MR. CARTER: BUT MY QUESTION IS

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WHEN DID YOU SOUR ON IT? DR. BRIGHT: WHEN IT WAS DETERMINED THAT IT SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO AMERICANS

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OUTSIDE OF THE CONTEXT OF A CLOSE PHYSICIAN WHO SUPERVISES.

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I SUPPORTED A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED CLINICAL STUDY AT THE NIH. WHEN I LEARNED THAT THERE WAS A

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DIRECTIVE TO MAKE IT MORE BROADLY AVAILABLE AND NOT UNDER SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN --

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MR. CARTER: WHEN DID THAT DIRECTIVE GO OUT? DR. BRIGHT: MARCH 23.

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MR. CARTER: THAT'S WHEN YOU

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DECIDED THAT'S NOT WHAT WE SHOULD DO, AND WE SHOULD NOT BE LOOKING AT HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE AT ALL. DR.

BRIGHT: I DID NOT THINK IT WAS THE PROPER OR SAFE WAY TO EVALUATE THAT DRUG IN THE

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CONTEXT OF THIS OUTBREAK. I BELIEVE IT SHOULD ONLY BE DONE UNDER CLOSE SUPERVISION OF SAID

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-- OF PHYSICIANS. WHEN WE PUT THE EUA IN PLACE

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WHICH LOCKS THE DRUG DOWN TO ONLY BE USED UNDER
CLOSE SUPERVISION OF A SEDITION -- OF A PHYSICIAN WE HAD
THE

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GUARDRAILS IN PLACE. WITH THE EMAIL STRING FOLLOWED A
WEEK LATER SAYING TO IGNORE THE

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EUA AND PUSH THIS INTO THE RETAIL PHARMACIES IN NEW YORK
AND NEW JERSEY.

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MR. CARTER: --

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WHO PUT THAT DIRECTIVE OUT. >> THE GENTLEMAN'S TIME HAS
EXPIRED. BUT YOU CAN ANSWER.

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DR. BRIGHT: WHICH DIRECTIVE? MR. CARTER: THAT IT SHOULD
BE PUT TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT

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PHYSICIANS? DR. BRIGHT: AN EMAIL STRING THAT

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HAD A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ON IT, I BELIEVE IT FIRST CAME
FROM THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH WHO INDICATED
THE WHITE

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HOUSE WAS ASKING FOR THAT DRUG TO BE MORE BROADLY
USED. MR. CARTER: WAS IT BECAUSE THE

3:05:10

PRESIDENT WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE USE OF THIS DRUG THAT
SHE BECAME DISCOURAGED? DR. BRIGHT: NOTHING TO DO WITH

3:05:15

POLITICS, I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT AMERICANS WERE
AWARE OF THE RISK OF THIS DRUG AND THAT IT WAS ONLY
AVAILABLE SPECIFICALLY.

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>> JET -- THE GENTLEMAN'S TIME

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HAS EXPIRED BY 1.5 MINUTES. YOU CAN FINISH HER ANSWER DR. BRIGHT, THEN WE ARE MOVING TO THE NEXT MEMBER. DR. BRIGHT: IT HAS BEEN USED

3:05:34

SAFELY FOR MALARIA FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, WE DIDN'T HAVE A DATABASE. MR. CARTER: IT'S BEING USED IN

3:05:40

THE SAME DOSAGE. >> PLEASE. I KNOW THAT I'M OVERLY GENEROUS

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WITH BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO MOVE ON. TWO MINUTES OF EXTRA TIME HIS

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TOMB AND ITS OF EXTRA TIME AND I'M NOT GOING TO ASK THAT IT BE SHARED OVER HERE.

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THE GENTLEMAN'S TIME IS EXPIRED. IT'S A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM MICHIGAN, MISS

3:06:03

DINGLE FOR HER TIME. >> THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, THANK

3:06:10

YOU TO DR. BRIGHT ALSO FOR BEING HERE. YOU ARE DOING A GREAT SERVICE. I THINK WE ARE HERE TODAY

3:06:16

BECAUSE COVID IS REAL. I SHARE THE SENTIMENTS OF MANY OF MY REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES THAT

3:06:21

HAVE EXPRESSED THE THANKS TO THE FRONT LINE WORKERS, ASKING QUESTIONS. I WANT TO LOOK AT THE LAST FEW

3:06:27

MONTHS. COVID IS REAL IN MY STATE. MICHIGAN IS THE 10TH LARGEST STATE IN THE COUNTRY, AND WE

3:06:34

WERE THIRD IN THE NUMBER OF CASES FOR WEEKS. WE WERE THIRD AND WE REMAINED

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THERE UNTIL THIS WEEK AND THE NUMBER OF DEATHS. WE
HAVE MANAGED TO MOVE TO

3:06:45

FOURTH PLACE TWO DAYS AGO, WHICH IS NOT A NUMBER
ANYONE WANTS TO BE. MY FAMILY ALONE, A COUSIN WOKE

3:06:53

UP WITH A 104 TEMPERATURE AND WAS DEAD THAT AFTERNOON.

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THERE ARE PEOPLE STILL DYING EVERY SINGLE DAY. I HAVE
LOST SOMEONE, ON SUNDAY

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AND MONDAY, A BROTHER LOST. AND THEN WE HEAR SCIENTIFIC

3:07:15

EXPERTS, YOURSELF, DR. FAUCI, AND OTHER SCIENTISTS
SAYING TO US THAT IF WE DO NOT LISTEN TO

3:07:21

THEM WE COULD BEGIN TO SEE A RETURN.

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YOU CALL IT A DARK POINT. I CALL IT I DON'T WANT TO SEE

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MORE SPIKES OR TO SEE ANYONE ELSE DIE. I'M LOSING TOO
MANY FRIENDS THAT I KNOW, AND PEOPLE ACROSS THE

3:07:38

COUNTRY ARE. I WANT TO FOCUS ON AN AREA THAT'S NOT YOUR
AREA OF

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EXPERTISE, BUT IT IS MINE. CAR SAFETY. WE EXPECT CARS TO
BE SAFE.

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WE SPECKED CAR MANUFACTURERS TO BE RESPONSIBLE IN
MAKING SURE DEFECTIVE CARS ARE NOT SOLD.

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IF THEY FAIL IN THAT RESPONSIBILITY, WE HOLD THEM
ACCOUNTABLE. IF AN ENGINEER AND A CAR COMPANY

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REALIZED A MODEL HAD SERIOUS DEFECTS AND WARNED HER
MANAGEMENT ABOUT THAT, WE WOULD

3:08:09

ALL THINK SHE HAD DONE HER JOB RESPONSIBLY. IF
MANAGEMENT IGNORED HER, AND

3:08:15

OUR COMMITTEE FOUND OUT, I WILL BET YOU RIGHT NOW WE
WOULD BE HAVING HEARINGS.

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IF AMERICANS DIED DRIVING THOSE CARS, THE COMPANIES
WOULD BE SUED, THEY WOULD BE CHARGED WITH KLIM NO --
WITH CRIMINAL

3:08:31

NEGLIGENCE. IN FACT, FOR MY TIME, THIS COMMITTEE
INVESTIGATED AIRBAG

3:08:36

DEFECTS AND VEHICLE SAFETY. THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S RANKING
MEMBER, DR. BURGESS SAID THERE

3:08:43

IS NO ROOM FOR GOING SLOW WHEN IT COMES TO SAFETY.

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AND CERTAINLY DECEPTION CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE
TOLERATED. DR. BURGESS WAS RIGHT THEN.

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ALL CARMAKERS HAVE TO BE ACCOUNTABLE. WHAT I'M
CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT WE ARE NOT APPLYING THE SAME
STANDARDS TO CORONAVIRUS.

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I WANT TO LEARN FROM WHAT HAPPENED SO WE KEEP THAT
DARK WINTER THAT YOU ARE TALKING

3:09:09

ABOUT FROM HAPPENING. IT SEEMS TO BE DR. BRIGHT THAT
YOU ACTED THE SAME WAY THE AUTO

3:09:14

ENGINEER I MENTIONED SHOULD ACT AREA YOU IDENTIFIED
SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND SUGGESTED FIXES

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WHEN IT CAME TO DIAGNOSTICS, THE N95 MASKS, OTHER
EQUIPMENT, AND

3:09:26

MEDICINES, IS THAT RIGHT? DR. BRIGHT: THAT'S TRUE. AND
CONGRESSWOMAN WE STILL HAVE THOSE CHALLENGES.

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MR. DINGELL: DO YOU BELIEVE IF YOUR SUGGESTIONS WERE IMPLEMENTED LIVES WOULD HAVE

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BEEN SAVED AND THE SEVERITY OF THE PANDEMIC MIGHT HAVE BEEN LESSENERED? DR. BRIGHT: I BELIEVE LIVES

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WOULD HAVE BEEN SAVED IF WE HAD PROPER MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR HEALTH-CARE WORKERS. MR. DINGELL: SO PEOPLE DIED

3:09:49

BECAUSE YOU WERE NOT LISTENED TO. DR. BRIGHT: PEOPLE DIED BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO SAVE

3:09:54

THEIR LIVES. MR. DINGELL: THE PROBLEMS ARE NOT LIMITED TO JUST IGNORING YOUR ADVICE.

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THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE CONFUSED , GIVEN MIXED SIGNALS, AND

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FRANKLY, SOME DAYS DECEIVED. LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. THERE WAS A VISIT TO THE CDC ON

3:10:14

MARCH 6, THE ADMINISTRATION SAID ANYBODY WHO WANTS A TEST WILL GET A TEST. WAS THAT TRUE THEN?

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DR. BRIGHT: THERE ARE STILL NOT ENOUGH TESTS. MR. DINGELL: SO EVEN THIS WEEK,

3:10:26

AS WE ARE BEING TOLD ANYBODY WHO WANTS A TEST CAN HAVE A TEST, IS THAT TRUE IN THE UNITED STATES

3:10:31

OF AMERICA? DR. BRIGHT: NO. MR. DINGELL: IN FACT ALL THE

3:10:36

EXPERTS SAY WE ARE DOING ONLY A SMALL FRACTION OF THE TESTS WE NEED TO DO TO REOPEN SAFELY.

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I AM RUNNING OUT OF TIME SO LET ME ASK YOU ABOUT VACCINES. WE ARE TOLD BY THE WHITE HOUSE

3:10:50

THAT WE HAVE HEARD VERY SOON, A MATTER OF MONTHS FOR THAT VACCINE TO BE DEVELOPED.

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THIS IS YOUR AREA OF EXPERTISE, YOU ARE A TOP IMMUNOLOGIST IN THE WORLD, WAS THERE ANY

3:11:02

SCIENTIFIC BASIS TO SUGGEST IN MARCH THAT WE WOULD HAVE A VACCINE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS?

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DR. BRIGHT: THERE'S A LOT OF OPTIMISM AND HOPE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE A VACCINE.

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THERE'S A LOT OF WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. MR. DINGELL: WILL WE BE ABLE TO VACCINATE PEOPLE IN THE NEXT FEW

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MONTHS? DR. BRIGHT: IT'S VERY UNLIKELY. MR. DINGELL: THANK YOU. >> THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK.

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MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE MINORITY IS RESERVING.

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SO WITH PLEASURE I RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE, MS. CUSTER. >> THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US

3:11:42

TODAY, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE, FOR HELPING US TO DO OUR JOB TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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I WANT TO START BY RESTATING WHAT I SAID IN A HEARING ON FEBRUARY 26 WITH SECRETARY ASIA

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ARE -- A CZAR -- SECRETARY A

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CZAR. THE KEY TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IS TRUST AND CREDIBILITY. I URGED THE SECRETARY TO PROVIDE

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CLEAR AND CREDIBLE UPDATES FROM THIS ADMINISTRATION TO THE PUBLIC.

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BUT YOUR WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT AND TESTIMONY TODAY UNVEILED UNHEEDED WARNINGS ABOUT PERSONAL

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PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, TESTING SUPPLIES, AND VACCINE SUPPLIES. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS I

3:12:23

HAVE HELD COUNTLESS CONVERSATIONS WITH DOCTORS AND NURSES AND HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND ALL

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REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR -- OUR REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR AND EVERY

3:12:35

OTHER PERSON IN NEW HAMPSHIRE TRYING TO GET ACCESS TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT OUR FRONT-LINE WORKERS, TO

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PROTECT OUR GROCERY CLERKS. WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET TESTING SUPPLIES, WE WERE TOLD

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THAT BECAUSE WE WERE NOT A HOTSPOT, WE WERE ON OUR OWN. AND WE HAD TO TURN TO

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ENTREPRENEURS, THANK GOD THEY EXIST, AND THANK YOU TO THEM FOR

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FLYING TO CHINA AND BRINGING US THE EQUIPMENT WE NEED THAT WE SHOULD AND COULD HAVE HAD DISTRIBUTED HAVE WE PLANNED

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AHEAD. THESE CONVERSATIONS HAVE INFORMED MY ROADMAP TO RECOVERY ON HOW TO SAFELY REOPEN OUR

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ECONOMY, AND THE KEY TO THOSE EFFORTS IS ADEQUATE TESTING, CONTACT TRACING, SUPPORTED

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ISOLATION AND VACCINE DEVELOPMENT. YOUR SPECIALTY. I WANT TO FOCUS ON YOUR ROLE AS

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THE DIRECTOR OF BARDA AND VACCINE DEVELOPMENT AND DISTRIBUTION. ON PAGE 28 AND 29 OF YOUR

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ADDENDUM TO YOUR COMPLAINT IT STATES THAT BARDA ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN 600 AND 50 MILLION AND

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850 MILLION NEEDLES AND SYRINGES WOULD BE NEEDED FOR A VACCINE TO BE ADMINISTERED IN THE UNITED

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STATES. FOR EVERYBODY TO BE SAFE. YOUR TEAM ALSO ESTIMATES IT COULD TAKE UP TO TWO YEARS TO

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MANUFACTURE THESE VACCINE DELIVERY SUPPLIES. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE DR. BRIGHT, AT

3:14:02

THIS TIME, HAS THE ADMINISTRATION PLACED ANY ORDERS TO PREPARE FOR HOW A VACCINE WILL BE DELIVERED WHEN ONE

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BECOMES AVAILABLE TO EVERY AMERICAN? DR. BRIGHT: I LEARNED THEY

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PLACED AN ORDER FOR SYRINGE IS ON MAY 1, AND ANOTHER ORDER WAS PLACED TODAY.

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MS. KUSTER: WERE THE AMOUNTS ADEQUATE? DR. BRIGHT: 320 MILLION NEEDLES AND SYRINGE'S.

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MS. KUSTER: COULD YOU DESCRIBE THE SITUATION IF EVERY AMERICAN DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE

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VACCINE DUE TO A SUPPLY SHORTAGE? DR. BRIGHT: THAT SITUATION WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC.

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THE DECISIONS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE YET ON WHO TO VACCINATE FIRST AND HOW TO IDENTIFY THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

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AND HOW TO STRETCH THOSE LIMITED SUPPLIES APPROPRIATELY. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT

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IT'S NOT JUST THE UNITED STATES. THERE IS A LIMITED SUPPLY -- WHEN I SAID TWO TO 2.5 YEARS, THAT WAS ASSUMING THERE WOULD

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NOT BE GLOBAL COMPETITION FOR THOSE LIMITED SUPPLIES. THOSE ARE NOT MADE IN THE UNITED STATES, SOME OF THEM.

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DR. BRIGHT: DID A LACK OF PREP -- MS. KUSTER: DID A LACK OF PREPARATION MAKE US MORE

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VULNERABLE TO FUTURE SPIKES. DR. BRIGHT: ABSOLUTELY. MS. KUSTER: TWO WE HAVE ENOUGH

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SUPPLIES TO DISTRIBUTE THE FLU VACCINE NEXT WINTER AND THE CORONAVIRUS? DR. BRIGHT: IT'S GOOD BE

3:15:21

EXTREMELY CHALLENGING. MS. KUSTER: DO WE KNOW THE INTERACTIONS OF THE FULL-FLEDGED

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FLU SEASON IN COMBINATION WITH COVID-19? DR. BRIGHT: WE HAVEN'T SEEN IT YET, LUCKILY IN SPRING THE FLU

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ONES DOWN, THAT'S WHEN COVID-19 EMERGED. MS. KUSTER: WITHOUT ADEQUATE

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SUPPLIES TO VACCINATE ALL AMERICANS, DOES THIS SLOW DOWN THE GOAL OF FULLY REOPENING OUR ECONOMY AND GETTING BACK TO THE

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NORMAL THAT EVERY AMERICAN WANTS? DR. BRIGHT: IT CERTAINLY BRINGS

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SIGNIFICANT CONSIDERATION THAT MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BEFORE REOPENING. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT NOT

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ONLY THE GUIDELINES ARE CLEARED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL, AND THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL FOLLOWS THOSE

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GUIDELINES, OTHERWISE IT WITH A SOLID RISK. MS. KUSTER: AND I KNOW YOU ARE

3:16:09

NOT POLITICAL, AND CERTAINLY WE ARE ALL TRYING TO NOT BE POLITICAL. I'M VERY PROUD IN OUR STATE THAT

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OUR DELEGATION AND OUR GOVERNOR ARE WORKING SO WELL TOGETHER. DR. BRIGHT, DOES THIS VIRUS GIVE

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A DAMN WHETHER A PATIENT IS REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT. DR. BRIGHT: NO, I JUST WANT TO

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INFECT PEOPLE. UNFORTUNATELY, A LOT OF PEOPLE GET SICK AND MANY DIE. MS. KUSTER: THANK YOU, I'M

3:16:38

GRATEFUL, NOT JUST FOR YOUR KNOWLEDGE, BUT FOR YOUR HUMILITY AND SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. I YIELD BACK. >> THE GENTLEWOMAN YIELDS BACK.

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A PLEASURE TO CALL ON THE GENTLEMAN FROM ILLINOIS, MS.

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KELLY, FOR HER FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONS. >> THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

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I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED I'M DEEPLY

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CONCERNED BY THE DESCRIBED --

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DOMINANT TIME -- TIME AND TIME AGAIN, SOME COMMUNITIES ARE FORCED TO DO WITHOUT THE DEBT TO

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MAKE DO WITHOUT THE SERVICES THEY NEED. YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED MULTIPLE SITUATIONS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS FACED A SHORTAGE OF

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SUPPLIES NEEDED TO RESPOND TO COVID-19, FROM MASKS, TEST SWABS, AND OTHER TESTING MATERIAL.

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AND POTENTIALLY DELIVERING A SUPPLY. DURING COVID-19 WE HAVE SEEN SOME PAYING SIGNIFICANTLY MORE

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BECAUSE THEY ARE ON THEIR OWN, TO PROCURE THOSE MEDICAL SUPPLIES. NOT EVERY STATE OR LOCALITY CAN

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AFFORD TO DO THIS. KNOWING WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT HOW SCARCE RESOURCES ARE PROCURED

3:17:52

AND DISTRIBUTED. WHAT SHORTAGES -- WHAT IMPACTS

3:17:59

WILL HAPPEN TO LOWER INCOME COMMUNITIES. DR. BRIGHT: UNFORTUNATELY AND

3:18:04

INCREASES THE CONCERN IN COMMUNITIES THAT ARE NOT PART OF THE MAINSTREAM, OR THOSE WITH

3:18:10

LOWER SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS. IT HAS A SIGNIFICANT CHANCE OF INCREASING THE RISK IN THOSE COMMUNITIES.

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MS. KUSTER: HOW HAVE USED -- MS. KELLY: HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THE

3:18:22

DEVASTATION IN THIS DISEASE. DR. BRIGHT: WE DON'T HAVE THE

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INFORMATION TO UNDERSTAND WHY THEY HAVE BEEN HIT SO HARD. WE DON'T KNOW WHY HEALTH STATUS

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OR ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE OR IMMUNIZATION STATUS OR HEALTH-CARE STATUS, WE ARE LEARNING A LOT ABOUT THAT.

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BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO THINK ABOUT WHEN WE HAVE DIAGNOSTIC TESTS, AND OTHER THINGS AVAILABLE, THAT THEY ARE

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AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE. AND MANY OF THESE TESTS ARE VERY

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EXPENSIVE, OR IN RARE SUPPLIES. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE ARE MAKING THE AVAILABLE TESTS THAT ARE NOT JUST ACCURATE, BUT

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LOW-COST, SO EVERYONE CAN ACCESS A TEST. MS. KELLY: DID YOU URGE HHS

3:19:07

LEADERSHIP OR THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER PREPAREDNESS OUTREACH OR TARGETED RESOURCES FOR THESE POPULATIONS?

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OR ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY HHS ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS TO TARGET

3:19:18

RESOURCES AND OUTREACH TO VULNERABLE GROUPS? DR. BRIGHT: I HAVE HAD SOME

3:19:25

CONVERSATIONS, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CONVERSATIONS I SHOULD SAY THAT FOCUS ON GROUPS THAT ARE HARDER TO REACH AND WITH A

3:19:31

DIFFERENT SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS. I'M NOT SURE THERE'S A PLAN IN PLACE JUST YET TO MAKE SURE,

3:19:38

THAT'S MORE OF A CONVERSATION. MS. KELLY: IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THERE IS.

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YOU RECOMMEND TESTATE -- YOU RECOMMEND HAVING A NATIONAL STANDARD AND HAVING EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

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WILL THIS HELP TO ENSURE THAT EVERY COMMUNITY CAN ACCESS THE QUITMAN 10 SUPPLIES THEY NEED? DR. BRIGHT: THAT IS WHAT'S

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NEEDED. MS. KELLY: WILL THIS HELP TO ADDRESS THE INEQUITIES THAT WE ARE SEEING AND THE IMPACT OF
3:20:02

COVID-19 ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR? DR. BRIGHT: ABSOLUTELY. MS. KELLY: AND DO YOU FEEL IN
3:20:07

THE LAST BILL THAT WE MADE SURE THAT THERE WAS PATHS IN THE BILL
3:20:14

WITH BETTER DATA AS FAR AS RACE AND NOT JUST TWO DIES BUT WHO WAS HOSPITALIZED AND SO ON AND SO FORTH.
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WE ARE HOPING THAT THE DATA WILL INFORM POLICY, DO YOU FEEL THAT WILL HELP? DR. BRIGHT: I THINK IT'S
3:20:28

IMPORTANT AND A WISE MOVE. MS. KELLY: WE ARE SUPPOSED TO GET HER REPORT, 21 DAYS FROM
3:20:34

WHEN THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE BILL, 30 DAYS AND THEN 180 DAYS. DR. BRIGHT: I'M NOT AWARE OF
3:20:41

THOSE GUIDELINES IT COMES FROM A DIFFERENT AREA. BUT I THINK OVERSIGHT IS IMPORTANT. MS. KELLY: AND YOU HAVE BEEN
3:20:48

SITTING IN THAT SEAT FOR A WHILE, IS THERE ANYTHING WE HAVE NOT ASKED YOU THAT YOU WANT TO SAY?
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DR. BRIGHT: IT'S AN IMPORTANT QUESTION AND I'VE THOUGHT A LOT
3:20:59

ABOUT IT. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THINGS I TALKED ABOUT IN MY OPENING STATEMENT IS THAT WE NEED TRANSPARENCY AND
3:21:05

AMERICAN NEEDS TO KNOW THE TRUTH. THIS IS A DEVASTATING PANDEMIC,
3:21:12

NOT JUST FOR HEALTH BUT OUR SOCIETY, ECONOMY, JOBS, LIVELIHOOD. IF WE DON'T TAKE SERIOUSLY THE

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CALL FOR ACTION TO PUT SPECIFIC THINGS IN PLACE, A COORDINATED

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NATIONAL PLAN FOR TESTING IN RESPONSE, AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION IS LIMITED TO

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SUPPLIES AND A RAMP UP AND PREPARING FOR WHAT WILL BE A DEVASTATING FALL IF WE DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT SUPPLIES IN PLACE

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OR RAW MATERIALS, THEN THE VIRUS WILL OVERCOME US IN A SIGNIFICANT WAY. WE HAVE LIMITED TIME, WE HAVE

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THE ABILITY TO DO IT IN THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC MINDS IN OUR COUNTRY TO DO IT. WE NEED TO LISTEN TO THEM AND

3:21:50

PUT THE PLAN IN PLACE AND EVERYONE GETS BUSY STOPPING THE VIRUS.

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MS. KELLY: I HAVE HAD THREE PEOPLE IN MY FAMILY WITH THIS AND I HAVE LOST MY UNCLE MAY 10

3:22:01

DAYS AGO NOW FROM THE VAT -- MAYBE 10 DAYS AGO NOW FROM THE

3:22:06

VIRUS. THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. >> THE GENTLEWOMAN YIELDS BACK.

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THE MINORITY RESERVES? THEN WE GO TO THE GENTLEWOMAN

3:22:19

FROM CALIFORNIA, MS. BARRAGAN. >> THANK YOU.

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ONE STRIKING ASPECT OF YOUR ACCOUNT AND YOUR COMPLAINT OF THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL IS THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE PUBLIC

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UPDATES BY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY A CZAR -- AZAR
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COVID-19 VERSUS THE ANALYSIS YOU AND OTHER EXPERTS
WERE PROVIDING. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE THIS

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DISCONNECT, AND ULTIMATELY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS
SHARED

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INFORMATION THAT WAS MISLEADING. WE NEED TO DO THIS TO
BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND HOW WE CAN
ENSURE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION PROVIDES ACCURATE AND
CONSTRUCTIVE INFORMATION

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GOING FORWARD. DR. BRIGHT, YOU HAD LEARNED OF THE
THREATS BY EARLY JANUARY, IS

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THAT CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT: YES. MS. BARRAGAN: ACCORDING
TO YOUR COMPLAINT IT WAS CLEAR TO YOU

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ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THAT THE VIRUS WAS HIGHLY
CONTAGIOUS, SPREADING RAPIDLY, AND COULD

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HAVE A HIGH MORTALITY RATE. IS THAT CORRECT? DR. BRIGHT:
WE WERE LEARNING THAT FROM THE OUTBREAK IN CHINA

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AT THE TIME. MS. BARRAGAN: EACH DAY WE LEARNED -- EACH
DAY WE LEARN

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MORE IT WAS MORE CONCERNING. MS. BARRAGAN: AND YOUR
VIEW IS CONFIRMED BY THE WORLD HEALTH

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ORGANIZATION IN A JANUARY CALL TO AGENCIES INCLUDING
HHS. IN JANUARY YOU PRESSED LEADERSHIP ABOUT THE
URGENT NEED

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TO DEVOTE INCREASED RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THE
OUTBREAK. ON JANUARY 23 YOU REACHED THE

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SECRETARY DIRECTLY, THAT FUNDING, PERSONNEL, AND CLINICAL SPECIMENS WERE CRITICALLY

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NECESSARY TO BEGIN DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE-SAVING MEDICINE NEEDED IN THE LIKELY EVENT THAT THE

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VIRUS HAS SPREAD BEYOND SOUTHEAST ASIA. YET, ON JANUARY 24 IN A TWEET

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REGARDING THE VIRUS, THE PRESIDENT ASSURED US THAT IT WILL ALL WORK OUT WELL.

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AND ON JANUARY BETWEEN NINTH AND SECRETARY REPORTEDLY TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT THE EPIDEMIC WAS UNDER CONTROL.

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AND THE PRESIDENT ECHOED THAT COMMENT PUBLICLY THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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THIS DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS AND THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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LEADERS CONTINUED THROUGH FEBRUARY. LET ME GIVE YOU MORE EXAMPLES.

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IN EARLY FEBRUARY HE CONTINUED -- YOU CONTINUED TO RAISE THE ALARM BELL WITHIN HHS ABOUT THE

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IMMINENT MASK SHORTAGES AND THE LACK OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE WAVE OF INFECTIONS THAT YOU SAW COMING.

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THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT. YET IN PUBLIC REMARKS ON FEBRUARY THE 10TH PRESIDENT TRUMP STATED IT LOOKS LIKE BY

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APRIL, IN THEORY, WHEN IT GETS WARMER, IT MIRACULOUSLY GOES AWAY. "

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AND HE ADDED I THINK THIS WILL WORK OUT GOOD. WE ONLY HAVE 11 CASES AND THEY ARE GETTING BETTER.

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YOU SAID THAT EXPERTS KNEW THAT THE NUMBER OF RESPIRATOR MASKS NEEDED TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE

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WORKERS AND OTHER AMERICANS IN A PANDEMIC WAS CLOSE TO 3.5

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BILLION. YET IN TESTIMONY ON FOR BUREAU 25TH, SECRETARY AZAR SAID THEY

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WOULD ONLY NEED 300 MILLION RESPIRATORS. THAT'S AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE SO

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MUCH LESS THAN WHAT WAS STATED. THROUGH FEBRUARY YOU CONTINUED YOUR WARNINGS. I WOULD SAY HER HAIR WAS ON FIRE

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ABOUT THE DANGERS THAT MILLIONS OF AMERICANS FACED. BUT PRESIDENT TRUMP

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CHARACTERIZED THE NUMBER OF CASES THIS WAY, WE HAVE 15 PEOPLE, AND WHEN A COUPLE OF

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DAYS IT WILL BE DOWN TO CLOSE TO ZERO. THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD JOB YOU'VE DONE.

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BY MARCH 10, THERE WERE OVER 1000 DIAGNOSED COVID-19 CASES IN THE UNITED STATES.

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OVER 30 DEBTS HAD BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE VIRUS IN THIS COUNTRY. YET THE PRESIDENT THAT DAY TOLD THE COUNTRY IT WILL GO AWAY,

3:26:12

JUST STAY CALM. IT WILL GO AWAY. HE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE

3:26:18

WRONG. TODAY WE HAVE OVER 1.4 MILLION CASES.

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DR. BRIGHT, WHAT IMPACT DO YOU BELIEVE THAT STATEMENTS BY THE

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END MINISTRATION LEADERS DOWNPLAYING THE COVID-19 CRISIS -- THE ADMINISTRATION LEADERS

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DOWNPLAYING THE COVID-19 CRISIS HAD TO MOUNT AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE BY OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS?

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DR. BRIGHT: I BELIEVE AMERICANS NEED TO BE TOLD THE TRUTH.

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THAT THE BEST SCIENTIFIC GUIDANCE AND ADVICE WAS NOT BEING CONVEYED TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC DURING THAT TIME.

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I BELIEVE BY NOT TELLING AMERICA TRUTH, OR BEING FULLY

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TRANSPARENT REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE INFORMATION WAS COMING FROM, PEOPLE WERE NOT AS PREPARED AS THEY COULD HAVE BEEN AND SHOULD

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HAVE BEEN. WE DID NOT FOREWARN PEOPLE. WE DID NOT TRAIN PEOPLE, WE DID

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NOT EDUCATE THEM ON SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WEARING A MASK AS WE SHOULD HAVE IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

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ALL OF THOSE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE AMERICAN PUBLIC COULD HAVE HAD AN IMPACT ON SLOWING THE OUTBREAK AND SAVING MORE LIVES.

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MS. BARRAGAN: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR PERSPECTIVE TODAY.

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I HOPE THAT YOUR COURAGE IN COMING FORWARD HELPS OUR COUNTRY FORGE A BETTER PATH IN A

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DISASTROUS COURSE CHARTERED BY THIS

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REP. ESHOO: THE GENTLEWOMAN YELLED BACK. THE MINORITY RESERVES. PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE

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GENTLEWOMAN FROM DELAWARE, FIVE MINUTES FOR QUESTIONS.

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>> THANK YOU MADAM CHAIRWOMAN. THANK YOU DR. BRIGHT, SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY BUT ALSO FOR

3:28:05

YOUR COURAGE TODAY. AS YOU CAN HEAR, THERE IS NOT A PERSON IN THIS ROOM OR COUNTRY

3:28:11

THAT HASN'T BEEN PERSONALLY TOUCHED BY COVID-19 AND YOUR STATEMENT THAT WE NEED TO BE

3:28:16

TOLD THE TRUTH IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT STATEMENT WE'VE HEARD ALL DAY.

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I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL AMERICANS FOR YOUR COURAGE TO TESTIFY BEFORE US TODAY.

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I WANT TO SAY THAT, MY FOCUS FOR THIS HEARING IS REALLY ON THREE

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THINGS. NUMBER ONE, WE LEARNED? AND NUMBER TWO, WHAT DO WE NEED

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TO DO NOW? NUMBER THREE, WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO PREVENT THE RISKS OF AN

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ADDITIONAL WAVE OF COVID-19? IT IS CLEAR SINCE JANUARY THAT THERE HAS BEEN A FAILURE ON THE

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PART OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO USE THE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE THAT HAS BEEN PREVENTED BY THE NATION'S TOP HEALTH OFFICIALS TO

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TAKE COMPREHENSIVE -- I WILL USE THAT WORD AGAIN --

3:29:07

COMPREHENSIVE, AND URGENT ACTION TO RESPOND TO COVID-19. ONE OF THE MOST PRESSING NEEDS THAT HAS YET BE ADDRESSED IS THE

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NEED FOR A NATIONAL TESTING STRATEGY. AFTER BRIGHT, AND YOUR TESTIMONY

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YOU MENTIONED THE NEED FOR SUCH A STRATEGY THAT ENSURES TESTS ARE AMONG OTHER THINGS,

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AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE WHO NEEDS THEM. I, ALONG WITH CONGRESSMAN

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PETERSON AND PRESENTED TO FROM TEXAS WROTE A LETTER TO THE

3:29:40

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN HOUSE LEADERSHIP IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE AND WE REALLY IMPRESSED UPON THEM THE NEED FOR OUTLINING

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A ROBUST TESTING PLAN.

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WHILE CURRENT CAPACITY IS 1.6 MILLION DIAGNOSTIC TESTS PER WEEK, HEALTH EXPERTS SAY WE ARE WOEFULLY SHORT OF THE ESTIMATED

3:30:02

30 MILLION TESTS PER WEEK WE NEED TO GET AMERICA BACK TO WORK AS SAFELY AND CONFIDENTLY AS

3:30:08

POSSIBLE AND TO MITIGATE A SECOND WAVE OF COVID-19, WHICH IS ONE OF MY BIGGEST CONCERNS.

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DR. BRIGHT, WHAT ARE THE IMMEDIATE STEPS HHS NEEDS TO BE TAKING TO RAMP UP TESTING

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CAPACITY NOW THROUGH THE FALL, AND WHAT TARGET SHOULD THEY BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR? DR. BRIGHT: I THINK WHAT IS

3:30:28

INTERESTING ABOUT THE TESTING STORY THAT GETS LOST IS THE CONFUSION ABOUT THE DIFFERENT

3:30:34

TYPES OF TESTS. THERE IS AN ANTIGEN TEST THAT TELLS YOU IF THEY HAVE THE

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VIRUS, THERE IS A PCR TEST, AND THERE IS AN ANTIBODY TEST THAT LOOKS AT YOUR ANTIBODIES, TRYING

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TO TELL YOU IF YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED ALREADY. I THINK THE FIRST THING HHS

3:30:51

NEEDS TO DO IS DETERMINE WHICH OF THOSE TESTS IS MOST IMPORTANT TO ACHIEVE WHICH OBJECTIVE. IF THE ANTIGEN TEST IS WHAT IS

3:30:59

NEEDED BECAUSE IT IS FASTER AND LOWER COST, WHAT IS IT TELL

3:31:05

AMERICANS -- WHAT DOES IT TELL EMPLOYERS, WHAT IS TELL SCHOOLS

3:31:11

ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, AND THEIR POTENTIAL TO

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HAVE DIFFERENT RESULTS THAN A DAY OR LATER THAT DAY? THERE IS A LOT OF CONFUSION, SO

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I THINK THE FIRST THING HHS SHOULD DO IS DETERMINE THE TYPE OF TEST AND HOW THAT TEST WOULD

3:31:28

BE USED EFFECTIVELY. THEN MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH OF THOSE TYPES OF TESTS.

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THE PEOPLE USING THEM KNOW WHAT THE DATA TELLS THEM. I THINK THERE IS A LOT OF

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CONFUSION AND THEY NEED LEADERSHIP IN HHS TO DISTINGUISH THOSE CHALLENGES AND CLARIFY

3:31:45

THAT FOR THE PUBLIC. IT IS NOT JUST A TEST.

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THERE ARE MANY TESTS THAT TELL YOU DIFFERENT THINGS. REP. ROCHESTER: WHY DO YOU THINK

3:31:55

OUR NATION HAS STRUGGLED WITH RAMPING UP TESTING CAPACITY,

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OTHER -- UNLIKE OTHER COUNTRIES? WAS THERE A BACKUP IN SPIITE OF THE SITUATION YOU'RE IN NOW?

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DR. BRIGHT: I THINK PART OF THE STRUGGLE IS WAITING TOO LATE TO GET IT STARTED.

3:32:12

WHEN WE HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH MANUFACTURERS, THEY HAVE BEEN VERY CREATIVE. ANOTHER CHALLENGE IS, WE HAVE

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ALLOWED MANY OF THESE CAPABILITIES TO BE OFFSHORE. WE HAVE MUCH MORE CAPABILITY OF

3:32:25

EXPANDING DOMESTIC CAPACITY AND IT IS IN OUR COUNTRY. BUT IF THE SUPPLY CHAIN IS

3:32:31

OFFSHORE AND THERE IS A GLOBAL NEED AND COMPETITION, THAT ALSO

3:32:38

SIGNIFICANTLY IMPAIRS OUR ABILITY TO RAMP UP. REP. ROCHESTER: AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE TIME YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR

3:32:46

COUNTRY, BUT ALSO FOR YOUR COURAGE TO BE HERE RIGHT NOW.

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MANY OF US ARE CHALLENGED AS DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COUNTRY IS

3:32:56

SAFE AND HEALTHY. IT REALLY IS -- I DON'T THINK

3:33:05

I'VE EVER MY LIFETIME SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS. IT DOES REQUIRE REST TO LOOK BACK, AND AT THE SAME TIME LOOK

3:33:13

FORWARD AND MAKE SURE WE HAVE WHAT WE NEED IS A COUNTRY. I THINK YOU AGAIN THAT YOU'LL BACK THE BALANCE OF MY TIME.

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REP. ESHOO: THE GENTLEWOMAN YELLED BACK. DOES THE MINORITY RESERVE?

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ALL RIGHT. IT IS A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE

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THE GENTLEMAN FROM ILLINOIS. MR. RUSH, FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONS.

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DO YOU HAVE YOUR MICROPHONE ON? >> I HAVE IT ON NOW.

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IT IS SO GOOD TO SEE YOU. I'VE BEEN WASHING YOU --

3:33:56

WATCHING YOU THIS MORNING AND IT AMAZES ME ABOUT YOUR COURAGE AND

3:34:02

YOUR INSIGHT AND YOUR COMMITMENT . I AM SO DELIGHTED TO BE IN THE

3:34:07

SAME ROOM WITH YOU. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE IMPRESSIVE AND YOUR REPORTS OF

3:34:15

THE SCIENTIFIC PROCESS WAS PUSHED ASIDE FOR SHORT-TERM

3:34:23

POLITICAL POINTS IS EXTREMELY TROUBLESOME TO ME. AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, I'M

3:34:31

SURE. I AM ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT BOTH YOU AND THE CHINESE DOCTOR,

3:34:39

THE DOCTOR WHO FIRST RAISED THE ALARM OVER THE CORONAVIRUS IN

3:34:46

WUHAN, CHINA, YOU TWO WILL BE REMEMBERED AS TO TITANS -- TWO

3:34:55

TITANS OF THIS PANDEMIC. YOU WERE THE PATH THAT IS RIGHT,

3:35:02

RATHER THAN THE PATH THAT WAS EASY. I COMMEND YOU FOR IT.

3:35:08

IT HAS BEEN WIDELY REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA'S WHITE HOUSE

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL LEFT THE ADMINISTRATION A DETAILED,

3:35:19

VERY THOROUGH DOCUMENT ON HOW TO PROCEED THROUGH A PANDEMIC.

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DO YOU HAVE ANY INPUT IN THAT PLAYBOOK? DR. BRIGHT: YES SIR, I DID.

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AND NUMBER OF AGENCIES HAD INPUT. REP. RUSH: AS FAR AS YOU KNOW, AND ANY OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS

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-- HAVE ANY OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS BEEN FOLLOWED?

DR. BRIGHT: I BELIEVE SOME OF THOSE PRINCIPLES HAVE BEEN

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REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED. I THINK -- CHANGED. REP. RUSH: I THINK IT IS

3:35:57

CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE FOCUS ON THE PATH FORWARD.

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WHILE WE MUST LEARN FROM THE FACT, OUR RESPONSE HAS TO BE

3:36:12

FORWARD THINKING, FORWARD MOVING, AND I AM THE SPONSOR OF A BIPARTISAN COVID-19 TRACE ACT.

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I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON DEVELOPMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE

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STRATEGY FOR MOBILE TESTING AND DOOR-TO-DOOR TRACING.

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MY LEGISLATION EMPOWERS COMMUNITY GROUPS TO HIRE, TRAIN,

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AND PAY WORKERS TO ENGAGE IN TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING.

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IT PRIORITIZES HOTSPOTS AND MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREAS, AS

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WELL AS COMPANIES WHO HIRE LOCALLY. AS SUCH, I WAS INTERESTED IN

3:37:01

YOUR VIEWS ON A NATIONAL TESTING AND TRACING STRATEGY. IN YOUR TESTIMONY YOU SAID, THE

3:37:08

VIRUSES OUT THERE, IT'S EVERYWHERE. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO FIND IT,

3:37:13

TO ISOLATE IT, AND STOP IT FROM AFFECTING MORE PEOPLE.

3:37:18

I COULD NOT AGREE WITH YOU MORE.

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I BELIEVE THAT IT IS A QUESTION THAT IS RELEVANT TODAY.

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I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR WHAT YOU BELIEVE SHOULD BE OUR NATIONAL

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STRATEGY FOR TESTING AND TRACING. DR. BRIGHT: I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT. YOU ARE SPOT ON THAT WE NEED TO

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HAVE A STRATEGY THAT EVERYONE FOLLOWS, THE SAME STRATEGIES TO TEST FOR THE VIRUSES, WHO IS

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INFECTED WITH THIS VIRUS. THEN WE HAVE TO ISOLATE THAT PERSON AND QUARANTINE THEM SO

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THEY DON'T INFECT OTHERS. WE RAPIDLY NEED TO TRACE THEIR CONTACTS.

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AND BE ABLE TO TEST THOSE INDIVIDUALS. IF THEY HAVE BEEN INFECTED AS

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WELL, WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO ISOLATE THOSE. THROUGH A COORDINATED EFFORT ACROSS THE COUNTRY, WE CAN BE

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ABLE TO IDENTIFY, GIVE THOSE PAPER -- PEOPLE PROPER TREATMENT

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AND SLOW THE SPREAD OF THIS VIRUS. THAT HAS TO BE IN A COORDINATED WAY.

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WE HAVE TO HAVE THE RIGHT TESTS AND ENOUGH OF THOSE TESTS. IT IS NOT SOMETHING WE DO ONCE

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AND WE ARE DONE. IT IS SOMETHING WE HAVE TO CONTINUALLY DO. IT IS NOT JUST WE HAVE TO HAVE

3:38:45

ONE TEST FOR EVERY PERSON IN AMERICA, WE NEED MULTIPLE TESTS IN THE RIGHT TYPES OF TEST.

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WE NEED THE RIGHT PROFESSIONALS WHO KNEW -- WHO KNOW HOW TO USE THOSE TESTS, TO TRACE THOSE

3:38:58

CONTACTS, AND ISOLATE THE VIRUS. REP. RUSH: I THINK YOU SO VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU FOR BEING

3:39:04

HERE AND LENDING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- LETTING THE AMERICAN

3:39:09

PEOPLE KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON. MADAM CHAIR, I YIELD BACK THE BALANCE OF MY TIME.

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REP. ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN YELLED BACK. THERE IS NO REQUEST -- YOU ARE

3:39:23

ON SPEAKERS, OK. IT IS A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE

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THE GENTLEMAN FROM ERRORS -- ARIZONA, MR. O'HALLORAN, WHO IS

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A MEMBER OF THE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE.

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ACCORDING TO OUR RULES WE CAN WAVE ONTO A SUBCOMMITTEE, SO WE WELCOME YOU THIS AFTERNOON AND

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COMMUTE -- RECOGNIZE YOU FOR FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONS. BUT YOUR MICROPHONE ON.

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>> THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. YOUR INSIGHT, YOUR KNOWLEDGE, AND YOUR CARING FOR THE AMERICAN

3:40:02

PEOPLE. YOU HAVE TOUCHED ON SEVERAL CONCERNS I SHARE WITH MY COLLEAGUES ABOUT HOW THE UNITED

3:40:08

STATES HAS RESPONDED TO COVID-19. WE MUST ADDRESS THE HEALTH CRISIS HEAD-ON.

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IF YOU WANT TO TACKLE THE ECONOMIC CRISIS THAT HAS OVERTAKEN OUR COUNTRY.

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WE ARE GOING TO NEED A COORDINATED NATIONAL TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING PLAN,

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SPEARHEADED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT STATES FROM COMPETING WITH ONE ANOTHER FOR RESOURCES AND PLANNING FOR

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HOTSPOT ATTACKS AND OTHER ISSUES THAT WILL COME UP. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY PEOPLE WILL

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FEEL SAFE RETURNING TO WORK, EATING AT RESTAURANTS, ENJOYING

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ARIZONA'S PUBLIC LANDS, AND BEING OUT IN PUBLIC, AND CLOSE TO OTHERS.

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THIS FLEXIBILITY IS CRITICAL. YOU CAN'T HAVE THAT UNLESS YOU HAVE A COORDINATED PROCESS.

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IN MY DISTRICT, THE NAVAJO NATION HAS BEEN GOING UNDER THIS PROCESS.

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IT IS 170,000 PEOPLE. THE AREA IS THE SIZE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

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THIS FALLACY THAT ONLY URBAN AREAS ARE IMPACTED IS -- AND

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THAT IT CAN SPREAD FAST, 16 PEOPLE DIED YESTERDAY. IN FACT, ON A PER CAPITA BASIS,

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THIS CURRENTLY HAS MORE CASES THAN ANY STATE IN THE COUNTRY. YET THIS HOTSPOT IS STILL NOT

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BEING ADDRESSED IN THE APPROPRIATE WAY. MORE RESOURCES ARE NEEDED AND THEY ARE NEEDED NOW, AND THEY

3:41:40

WERE NEEDED MORE THAN A MONTH AGO WHEN WE STARTED TRYING TO GET THIS DONE.

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THEY CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE TO SEE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S PROMISE OF PAYMENTS IN A TIMELY MANNER. IT CAME THROUGH, FINALLY, WHAT

3:41:52

HAS TO BE TIMELY IN ORDER TO RESPOND. THIS WILL BOLSTER THE HEALTH

3:41:57

SYSTEM AND PROVIDE PEOPLE WITH WATER, FOOD, AND SUPPLIES DURING THIS TIME OF CRISIS. DR. BRIGHT, WHAT IS THE ONE

3:42:06

THING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST DO TO ENSURE THAT HOTSPOTS LIKE NAVAJO NATION

3:42:13

OR ANYWHERE -- ELSE IN OUR COUNTRY ARE SUCCESSFULLY MITIGATED IN A TIMELY WAY?

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THAT THIS VIRUS DOES NOT CONTINUE TO SPREAD AND TO BRING BACK THE CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTRY

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TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL RESPOND QUICKLY WITH THE NECESSARY SUPPLIES? DR. BRIGHT: CONGRESSMAN, THAT IS

3:42:34

A QUESTION. I BELIEVE WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS A HOTSPOT AND

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UNDERSTAND THE PER CAPITA OUT RAKE OF A NUMBER OF INFECTIONS IN DIFFERENT AREAS AND NOT TREAT

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EVERY AREA OF THE SAME. THE RURAL AREAS, THE LESS DENSE AREAS ARE NOT THE SAME AS A

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DENSE CITY SUCH AS NEW YORK CITY. HOWEVER, YOU CAN HAVE JUST AS

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SIGNIFICANT OF CHALLENGE IN A RURAL AREA AS YOU DESCRIBED.

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I THINK THE FIRST RECOGNITION IS TO GET THE DATA ACROSS THE COUNTRY, INTO THE FEDERAL

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GOVERNMENT SO THEY CAN MAKE THE RIGHT PRIORITIZATION DECISIONS, ALLOCATION OF THOSE LIMITED

3:43:16

SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES TO AREAS SUCH AS YOURS. I DON'T THINK THERE IS A FULL

3:43:22

RECOGNITION YET OF HOW TO DEFINE THE HOTSPOTS IN A STANDARDIZED

3:43:27

WAY. WE NEED TO HAVE SCIENTISTS REVIEW THIS CHALLENGE AND COME

3:43:33

UP WITH AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE AREAS. REP. O'HALLORAN: THANK YOU,

3:43:39

DOCTOR. I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THIS ENEMY GOES MUCH FASTER THAN ONE

3:43:45

OF OUR JET PLANES. OUR FIGHTERS GO FAST, BUT THIS GOES

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MOVING FORWARD AND HOW CAN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ADDRESS THESE NOW, WITHIN A QUICK PERIOD OF

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TIME?

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THEY CANNOT GET TESTS. AND THEY HAVE 400 CASES OUT OF

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14,000 PEOPLE. I MEAN, THIS IS A CRITICAL ISSUE, PLEASE.

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DR. BRIGHT: I STILL THINK WE NEED TO IDENTIFY THE TYPES OF TESTS.

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THEN WE NEED TO PUT ALL EFFORTS INTO RAMPING UP PRODUCTION OF

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ALL SUPPLIES FOR THOSE TESTS. WE HAVE FOUND MANY TIMES THAT WE HAVE RAMPED UP NOW TESTS

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PRODUCTION, BUT WE HAVE NOT THOUGHT ABOUT THE CRITICAL AGENTS THAT ACCOMPANY THOSE TESTS.

3:45:06

WE HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT THE SWAPS. WE ARE ASKING DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT THAT MIGHT RUN 100

3:45:13

TEST TODAY TO RUN 10,000 TESTS A DAY. THERE HASN'T BEEN A REAL THOUGHT

3:45:19

THROUGH PLAN ABOUT HOW TO MAINTAIN THAT EQUIPMENT. THAT EQUIPMENT NOW IS FAILING IN

3:45:25

MANY PLACES. AS WE RAMP UP CAPACITY TO TEST AND WE HAVEN'T THOUGHT ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO RAILS AND

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MAINTENANCE, -- MATERIALS AND MAINTENANCE, WE CAN FIND OURSELVES A FEW DAYS DOWN THE ROAD NOT HAVING THE TESTS WE

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THOUGHT WE HAD. AGAIN, THIS IS WHERE A

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COORDINATED STRATEGY AND PLAN FOR TESTING COMES INTO PLACE. NOT JUST HAD TO USE THE TEST,

3:45:49

HOW TO MAKE SURE WE ARE SUSTAINING THAT SUPPLY. HOW TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THOUGHT OF EVERY COMPONENT, IF IT IS A

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SWAB, IF IT IS A BUFFER, IF IT IS A LUBRICANT FOR THE INSTRUMENT ITSELF.

3:46:02

MAKING SURE ALL OF THOSE THINGS ARE CONSIDERED IN THAT NATIONAL STRATEGY SO WE DON'T RAMP UP ONE

3:46:09

AREA AND CRASH IN ANOTHER. REP. O'HALLORAN: THANK YOU,
3:46:14

DOCTOR. MADAM CHAIR, I YIELD. REP. ESHOO: SEE NO OTHER
MEMBERS

3:46:23

TO SPEAK. I WANT TO CLOSE, DR. BRIGHT.

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YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR JUST SHY OF FOUR HOURS OF
STRAIGHT TESTIMONY.

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AND MY OBSERVATION IS THE FOLLOWING. I THINK THAT YOU
ARE THE FINEST AMBASSADOR IN OUR COUNTRY WERE

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SCIENTISTS. YOUR ENCYCLOPEDIA KNOWLEDGE, THE

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DEPTH AND THE BREADTH OF IT, I THINK THAT THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE HAVE LISTENED THIS MORNING, THAT

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YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM CONFIDENCE. YOU HAVE ALSO ISSUED
YOUR WARNING. I PRAY -- AND I SINCERELY MEAN

3:47:01

THAT WORD -- I PRAY THAT WE WELL WORK TOGETHER
SUCCESSFULLY SO

3:47:06

THAT THAT WINDOW THAT IS CLOSING, WE WILL OPTIMIZE THE
TIME THAT WE HAVE WHILE IT IS

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STILL OPEN. YOU KNOW, FACTS ARE REALLY

3:47:19

STUBBORN THINGS. AND SOMETIMES IT IS

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UNCOMFORTABLE TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE FACTS THAT WE
ARE FACING. BUT WE, THE UNITED STATES, STILL

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HAS MORE CASES, MORE DEATHS BY FAR THAN ANY OTHER
NATION ON

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EARTH. AND BY THAT DEFINITION, WE HAVE,

3:47:44

IN MY VIEW, A PROFOUND FAILURE. YOU HAVE GIVEN THIS COMMITTEE

3:47:49

ROADMAP TODAY. AND WE ALL HAVE BEEN WITNESSED

3:47:55

YOUR INTEGRITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

3:48:01

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO TESTIFY HERE TODAY.

3:48:06

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE, CHAS RAISED YOUR LEAD PRESSURE WITH ALL OF THE, WHAT ONE CONTENTS

3:48:14

WITH WHEN YOU COME I HIGH-PROFILE WITNESS. I THINK YOU SHOULD REST ASSURED

3:48:23

THAT YOU'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE TODAY. ON BEHALF OF ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES, I THINK YOU AND

3:48:28

SALUTE YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAMILY BEING HERE AS WELL. THANK YOU. DR. BRIGHT: THANK YOU.

3:48:33

REP. ESHOO: YES? >> I WAS GOING TO ASK IF I COULD BE RECOGNIZED?

3:48:39

REP. ESHOO: HOW WOULD BE GLAD TO. DR. BURGESS, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. REP. BURGESS: THERE ARE A NUMBER

3:48:46

OF THINGS WE NEED TO LOOK INTO, AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL. THIS CRISIS HAS BEEN GOING ON

3:48:52

FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. WE HAD AN HOUR TACKED ONTO A BUDGET HEARING AT THE END OF

3:48:59

FEBRUARY, THEN THIS IS THE FIRST GLANCING BLOW WE'VE HAD AGAINST THIS CRISIS.

3:49:04

I WELCOME THE HEARING TODAY, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT. I APPRECIATE DR. BRIGHT BEING HERE.

3:49:10

I DO THINK WE NEED TO LOOK INTO THE ISSUE OF TESTING. I SIMPLY DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE CDC. SO FAR BEHIND THE

3:49:18

CURVE. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT. BUT I ALSO FEEL LIKE THERE HAS

3:49:24

BEEN, IN PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION THERE WAS AN EFFORT TO REALLY

3:49:30

REGULATE WHAT ARE KNOWN AS LABORATORY DEVELOPED TEST AND

3:49:35

MOVE THEM AWAY FROM REGULATED PRODUCTS TO FDA-REGULATED PRODUCTS. THAT REALLY PUT US BEHIND.

3:49:43

THE INNOVATORS HAVE NOW STEPPED UP, I AM THANKFUL THAT THEY HAVE TO BREAK WE SHOULDN'T HAVE EXCLUDED THEM IN THE FIRST

3:49:49

PLACE, AND WE LOOK BACK ON THIS THAT IS GOING TO BE ONE OF THE

3:49:55

FAILINGS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. THAT IS NOT A RECENT FAILING. THAT GOES BACK TO GUIDANCES AND

3:50:00

RULES THAT WERE ISSUED BACK IN

3:50:06

2012-2014, AS FAR AS TESTING IS CONCERNED AND THE ANCILLARY SUPPLIES.

3:50:12

OUR TESTS INVOLVE TAKING A SALIVARY SAMPLE, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

3:50:18

SPIT INTO A CUP, NOT HAVE TO DEAL WITH OBNOXIOUS SWABS GOING DOWN YOUR THROAT.

3:50:24

I SUSPECT THOSE COPS ARE PROBABLY IN GREATER SUPPLY AND MORE DELAY AVAILABLE.

3:50:29

THEN, DR. BRIGHT, YOU WILL REMEMBER I HAD AN ACTION -- AN

3:50:34

INTERACTION WITH YOU IN MARCH. I'VE HAD PEOPLE POUNDING ON THE DOOR WITH ALL KINDS OF IDEAS.

3:50:40

I HAVE HAD PEOPLE WANT TO TURN THEIR FURNITURE SHOP INTO A PPE MANUFACTURING SHOP.

3:50:45

THEY HAVE ISSUES GETTING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES.

3:50:51

I HAVE A MAN WHO HAS A BREATHALYZER TEST FOR COVID-19. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT WORKS. IF IT DOES, IT IS INTRIGUING.

3:50:59

A MOBILE UNIT ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BREADBOX YOU CAN TAKE FROM PLACE TO PLACE, SIMPLY BLOW INTO A TUBE -- I WOULD HAVE TO HAVE

3:51:07

MORE STRAWS, BUT THAT COULD BE DEALT WITH.

3:51:14

THERE ARE SOME INNOVATIVE THINGS ON THE HORIZON. THE VACCINE WORRIES ME TOO,

3:51:19

BECAUSE I RECOGNIZE THIS IS ANALYSIS -- THERE ARE ILLNESSES

3:51:25

FOR WHICH WE HAVE NEVER FOUND A VACCINE. H1N1, I RECOGNIZE THAT IS DIFFERENT.

3:51:31

THAT HAPPENED IN ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS IF I RECALL CORRECTLY. THE OUTBREAK HAPPENED AT SPRING

3:51:36

BREAK, WE DIDN'T KNOW IF WE WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO OPEN SCHOOLS

3:51:41

IN SEPTEMBER. THE VACCINE WAS AVAILABLE MID SEPTEMBER,
EARLY OCTOBER

3:51:46

DEPENDING ON THE PART OF THE COUNTRY YOU ARE IN. THAT
GIVES ME HOPE THAT PERHAPS THERE IS GOING TO BE LIGHT AT

3:51:52

THE END OF THIS TUNNEL IN THE FORM OF A VACCINE. BUT I DO
WELCOME THE HEARING

3:51:58

TODAY, I LOOK FORWARD TO A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL
HEARINGS. THE RANKING MEMBER OF THE FULL COMMITTEE
WAS INCORRECT -- WAS

3:52:06

CORRECT TO INVOKE RULE 11. WE WILL KEEP THAT AS AN
OPTION GOING FORWARD. I THINK OUR WITNESSES AND I

3:52:11

YIELD BACK. REP. ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK. YOU
AGAIN, DR. BRIGHT.

3:52:19

THE FIRST PANEL HAS COMPLETED TESTIMONY AND I JUST ASK
THE

3:52:24

STAFF TO PREPARE THE TABLE FOR OUR NEXT WITNESS AND
THEN WE

3:52:30

WILL BEGIN IN JUST A FEW MINUTES.

3:54:03

>> THIS SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING TAKING A BREAK IN BETWEEN
PANELS. SO STAFF CAN CLEAN OUT THE WITNESS TABLE.

3:54:08

WE HEARD FROM BLICK HEALTH OFFICIAL RICK BRIGHTON.

3:54:14

ME UP, TESTIMONY FROM A VICE PRESIDENT OF A MEDICAL
DEVICE COMPANY. YOU ARE WATCHING LIVE COVERAGE ON C-
SPAN.

3:55:46

>> MR. BOWEN, YOU CAN BE SEATED AT THE WITNESS TABLE.
GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO YOU.

3:55:56

I KNOW MEMBERS HAVE MISSED BEING TOGETHER, BUT WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN OUR SECOND PANEL.

3:56:03

I WANT TO INTRODUCE MR. MIKE BOWEN.

3:56:10

MR. BOWEN IS THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF PRESTIGE AMERITECH,

3:56:17

WHICH IS AMERICA'S LARGEST DOMESTIC SURGICAL MASK MAKER. I WANT TO THANK YOU, MR. BOWEN,

3:56:25

FOR FLYING FROM TEXAS TO BE WITH US TODAY. YOUR STORY IS A VERY POWERFUL

3:56:32

ONE. TO MY COLLEAGUES, MR. BOWEN HAS

3:56:38

BEEN, I THINK, HE WINS AN AWARD FOR TENACITY.

3:56:43

BECAUSE OVER THREE PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIONS HE HAS BEEN

3:56:49

BANGING ON THE DOOR, WARNING, ASKING FOR, POINTING OUT THAT

3:56:55

AMERICA HAS A DANGEROUS DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR PRODUCT THAT WE NEED HERE AT

3:57:03

HOME. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TESTIMONY AND WE WELCOME YOU, WE THANK YOU

3:57:10

FOR TRAVELING TO BE WITH US TODAY. WITH ALL OF THE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES TO TRAVEL.

3:57:18

AND WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU. SO, YOU ARE NOW RECOGNIZED FOR YOUR STATEMENT AND THEN WE WILL,

3:57:29

AND THEN HE WILL HEAR FROM THE MEMBERS AND I AM SURE BOTH YOUR STATEMENT WILL PROVOKE QUESTIONS

3:57:35

AND THAT YOU WILL GET GOOD ONES FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE. I SHOULD ADD SOMETHING HERE.

3:57:40

THAT IS THIS ISSUE OF OUR

3:57:50

TERRIBLE DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR NOT ONLY OUR DRUGS, OUR NATION'S CRITICAL

3:57:57

DRUG SUPPLY, BUT ALSO ALL OF THE MATERIALS WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IS AN ISSUE THAT IS

3:58:06

SHARED, THE CONCERN IS SHARED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE. AS I SAID PREVIOUSLY, I THINK IT

3:58:12

WAS THIS MORNING, THAT WE HAVE HAD BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION ON.

3:58:17

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORY. I THINK IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT

3:58:23

ONE AND I KNOW THE MEMBERS WILL AS WELL. I WANT TO INVITE AT

3:58:32

I WANT TO INVITE THE RANKING MEMBER WELCOME OUR GUEST BECAUSE

3:58:37

HE IS A CONSTITUENT.

3:58:43

>> IT IS ALWAYS GOOD TO WELCOME A TEXAN TO THE COMMITTEE.

3:58:48

I HAVE BEEN ON THIS COMMITTEE SINCE 2005.

3:58:54

HUDLER SECOND TERM, THEN CHAIRMAN -- ON MY SECOND TERM,

3:59:01

THEN CHAIRMAN INGLE HAD AN AMOUNT OF -- WE HAD A PROBLEM

3:59:10

WITH CONTAMINATION. WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF ISSUES

3:59:16

WITH LEAD-BASED TOYS, MELAMINE

3:59:22

AND PET FOOD, AND THERE HAS BEEN CONCERN ABOUT WHY WE CONTINUE TO USE THE SUPPLY CHAIN WHEN IT HAS

3:59:28

BEEN DETRIMENTAL FOR US. IF THERE IS ANY BRIGHT SPOT, IT MIGHT NEED THAT FINALLY, AFTER

3:59:37

13 OR 14 YEARS, WE SERIOUSLY

3:59:43

MOVE TO MAKE STUFF HERE, BE PROVIDERS FOR OURSELVES, AND,

3:59:49

QUITE FRANKLY, AMERICA FIRST SHOULD MEAN SOMETHING.

3:59:56

>> AND MADE IN AMERICA. YOU HAVE THE FLOOR NOW. YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES FOR YOUR

4:00:05

TESTIMONY. IF YOU WANT TO PLACE YOUR STATEMENT IN THE RECORD AND JUST

4:00:15

READ, THAT IS UP TO YOU. BUT THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY. YOU NEED TO TURN YOUR MICROPHONE

4:00:24

ON. >> GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION.

4:00:31

MY PLEASURE TO TESTIFY. MY NAME IS MICHAEL BOWEN, AND I

4:00:37

AM THE EXECUTIVE PHRASE PRESIDENT -- EXECUTIVE VICE

4:00:43

PRESIDENT OF PRESTIGE AMERITECH IN TEXAS. I HAVE BEEN IN THE INDUSTRY

4:00:49

SINCE 1986, WITH PRESTIGE AMERITECH SINCE 2006.

4:00:55

PRESTIGE AMERITECH WAS FOUNDED

4:01:02

BY PRESIDENT AND CEO DAN REESE IN 2005.

4:01:07

I WILL FIRST GIVE YOU SOMETHING IT MASK INDUSTRY HISTORY.

4:01:13

UNTIL 2004, 90% OF ALL SURGICAL

4:01:18

MASKS WORN, AND I AM INCLUDING SURGICAL RESPIRATORS,
UNTIL THAT

4:01:28

YEAR, THEY SWITCHED FROM SELLING DOMESTICALLY MADE
MASKS TO

4:01:34

SELLING IMPORTED MASKS. PRESTIGE AMERITECH WAS
FOUNDED

4:01:40

IN 2005 AND RECOGNIZED THIS AS A SECURITY ISSUE IN 2006.

4:01:46

WE THOUGHT THAT ONCE AMERICAN HOSPITALS FOUND THAT
THERE MASK

4:01:52

SUPPLIES WERE SUBJECT TO FOREIGN DIVERGENCE DURING A
PANDEMIC, THAT THEY WOULD SWITCH BACK TO

4:01:59

AMERICAN-MADE TASKS. DO THOUSAND SEVEN, WE RECEIVED A
PHONE CALL FROM BARDA -- IN

4:02:09

2007, WE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM BARDA TO TOUR OUR
MASK FACTORY.

4:02:15

BRENDA HATED WITH BARDA GAVE --

4:02:22

BRENDA HADEN WITH BARDA GAVE A

4:02:27

PRESENTATION. WE WERE THRILLED UNTIL BRENDA SAID THAT BARDA WAS ONLY CHARGED

4:02:35

WITH STUDYING THE PROBLEM. WE WERE DISAPPOINTED, BUT WE

4:02:42

TOOK CONSOLATION IN THE FACT THAT THE FEDERAL AGENCY FINALLY KNEW THAT THE MASK SUPPLY WAS IN

4:02:52

DANGER. WE WERE HAPPY TO HAVE AN ALLY.

4:03:00

TWO YEARS LATER, I GOT A CALL FROM BRENDA HAYDEN.

4:03:06

SHE ASKED IF WE COULD RAMP UP PRODUCTION. I SAID YES. WE BOUGHT MORE MACHINES, BOUGHT

4:03:14

AN ABANDONED MASK FACTORY, TRIPLED OUR WORKFORCE.

4:03:19

WE TOLD THEM ABOUT THE HIGH COST OF RAMPING UP AT THEY SAID THEY

4:03:26

WOULD STAY WITH US.

4:03:40

THE U.S. MASK SUPPLY, BY TAKING PAY CUTS AT TAKING ON MORE INVESTORS.

4:03:45

THE H1N1 PANDEMIC OF 2009-2010

4:03:50

WAS NOT SEVERE ENOUGH TO CAUSE THE FOREIGN HEALTH OFFICIALS TO CUT OFF MASK SHIPMENTS TO

4:03:57

AMERICA, SO OUR PREDICTIONS DID

4:04:05

NOT COME TRUE YET. IN 2004, TO GIVE MY SECURITY

4:04:12

STORY MORE ISSUE, I FORMED THE SECURE MASK SUPPLY ASSOCIATION.

4:04:20

PARAPHRASING BEN FRANKLIN, I TOLD THREE COMPETING DOMESTIC

4:04:26

MASK MAKERS THAT IF WE DID NOT HANG TOGETHER, WE WOULD HANG SEVERALLY. CHINA WAS PLACED TO THE COMPANY

4:04:32

AT GREATER RISK.

4:04:39

OTHER COMPANIES, ALL DOMESTIC MASK MAKING COMPANIES, ALL AGREED AND JOINED THE SMSA.

4:04:50

UNFORTUNATELY, THE WARNINGS WERE ALSO UNHEATED.

4:04:55

MY QUEST, I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH THREE DIRECTORS.

4:05:04

DR. ROBINSON, DR. HATCHETT, AND DR. RICK BRIGHT.

4:05:11

THEY ENCOURAGED ME IN WARNING PEOPLE ABOUT THE MASK SUPPLY.

4:05:20

AFTER YEARS OF DOING THIS, I QUIT MANY TIMES. THE ONLY REASON I DID NOT STOP

4:05:26

DOING IT WAS THE DIRECTORS AT BARDA, THEY ENCOURAGED ME NOT TO QUIT.

4:05:34

WE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO TALK TO REPORTERS, WHICH WAS FRUSTRATING FOR ME.

4:05:40

WE ALSO WERE NOT ALLOWED TO -- THEY ALSO WERE NOT ALLOWED TO ENDORSE THE SECURE MASK SUPPLY

4:05:46

ASSOCIATION. DR. ROBINSON WAS GOING TO DO SO UNTIL ATTORNEYS TOLD HIM IT

4:05:52

COULD COST HIM HIS JOB. I COULD CONFIRM THAT THE EMAILS IN DR. BRIGHT'S COMPLAINT ARE

4:06:00

MINE. THEY ARE MERELY THE LATEST IN 13

4:06:05

YEARS OF EMAILS I SENT TO GET HHS TO UNDERSTAND THAT
THE U.S.

4:06:10

MASK SUPPLY WAS DESTINED FOR FAILURE. THEY ALL WANTED
TO REMEDY THE

4:06:16

PROBLEM AT IN MY OPINION, THEY DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH
AUTHORITY.

4:06:24

THEIR HEARTS WERE IN THE RIGHT PLACES. AMERICA WAS TOLD
AFTER 9/11 THAT

4:06:30

GOVERNMENTAL SILOS HAD BEEN TORN DOWN SO THAT
DIFFERENT FEDERAL AGENCIES COULD WORK FOR NATIONAL

4:06:35

SECURITY. I DID NOT SEEK -- I DID NOT SEE

4:06:45

ANY OF THAT. THEY COULD WORKED TOGETHER TO SECURE
AMERICA'S MASK SUPPLY.

4:06:51

I SUGGESTED THAT TO BARDA AND THE CDC ON MULTIPLE
OCCASIONS.

4:06:57

I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE
ABOUT

4:07:02

PRESTIGE AMERITECH, THE MASK SUPPLY, OR ANY QUESTIONS.
REP OSU -- >> THANK YOU VERY

4:07:15

MUCH FOR BEING HERE AND TESTIFYING.

4:07:21

WE WILL MOVE TO QUESTIONS AND I WILL RECOGNIZE MYSELF
FOR FIVE MINUTES.

4:07:26

YOU ALREADY TOUCHED ON YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF YOUR EMAILS OR YOUR DESCRIPTION IN DR. BRIGHT'S

4:07:32

COMPLAINT. TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE, IS THE SECTION OF DR. BRIGHT'S

4:07:39

COMPLAINT ABOUT THE MASK SUPPLY ACCURATE? MR. BOWEN: YES.

4:07:46

REP. ESHOO: SHOULD HHS AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN ABLE TO

4:07:52

FORESEE THE MASK SHORTAGES CAUSED BY THE BOARD NEVER --

4:07:57

CAUSED BY THE PANDEMIC? MR. BOWEN: YES. REP. ESHOO: HOW MANY OF YOUR MASK LINES ARE NOT ACTIVATED

4:08:04

RIGHT NOW? MR. BOWEN: FOUR. REP. ESHOO: MY GOODNESS.

4:08:10

MR. BOWEN: AS WE HAVE A RUN ON SUPPLIES, YOU HAVE FOUR LINES

4:08:16

THAT COULD BE WORKING AND MANUFACTURING HIGH-GRADE MASKS FOR THOSE THAT NEED THEM?

4:08:21

MR. BOWEN: YES, BUT NOT LIKE TURNING ON A LIGHT SWITCH. REP. ESHOO: TELL US WHAT THIS

4:08:29

TAKES TO BRING IT UP. IF YOU WERE TO RECEIVE ORDERS NOW TO ACTIVATE THOSE LINES,

4:08:36

EXPLAIN THAT TO US. AND HOW MANY MORE MASKS COULD YOU BE MANUFACTURING RIGHT NOW?

4:08:48

MR. BOWEN: WE COULD BE MAKING ABOUT 7 MILLION N95 RESPIRATORS

4:08:54

MONTH. BUT, AGAIN, IT IS NOT LIKE TURNING ON A SWITCH. WE DID NOT KNOW THESE PARTICULAR

4:09:01

MACHINES. THEY WERE FROM CHINA. AND WE GOT THEM IN AN

4:09:07 ACQUISITION YEARS AGO. IN MY EMAILED TO RICK BRIGHT, I

4:09:12

SAID, WE HAVE THESE MACHINES, IT WOULD BE EXPENSIVE AND HARD TO GET THEM GOING.

4:09:18

IF THIS IS GOING TO BE BAD, THAT COULD HAPPEN THAT WAS MY OFFER.

4:09:24

REP. ESHOO: VERY OFTEN, ESPECIALLY FOR LAWYERS IN

4:09:30

COURTROOMS AND ELSEWHERE, WHEN YOU ARE GOING TO ASK A QUESTION, THEY SAY YOU SHOULD KNOW THE ANSWER.

4:09:35

I THINK I KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS BUT I WANT TO HEAR YOUR VIEW.

4:09:40

WE HAVE ALLOWED THIS VERY

4:09:47

IMPORTANT SUPPLY OF PROTECTIVE ARTICLES TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

4:09:58

DO YOU LEAVE IT IS BECAUSE OF SAVING NICKELS, DIMES, AND

4:10:03

QUARTERS? MR. BOWEN: I CALL IT CHASING PENNIES TO CHINA.

4:10:08

REP. ESHOO: AND LOOK WHAT IT HAS COST US. MR. BOWEN: IT HAS COST US LIVES.

4:10:15

REP. ESHOO: IT HAS COST US LIVES.

4:10:20

IF THERE IS SOMEONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME, I WOULD BE GLAD TO.

4:10:25

IF NOT, WE CAN GO TO THE RANKING MEMBER OF THE FULL COMMITTEE,

4:10:30

MR. WALTON. THANK YOU, MR. BOWEN.

4:10:43

REP. WALDEN: MR. BOWEN, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

4:10:49

I APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY, WHICH I READ LAST NIGHT. TOWARD THE END OF THE LAST

4:10:56

PANEL, I RECEIVED A COPY OF AN EMAIL THAT YOU SENT TO DR. BRIGHT THIS YEAR.

4:11:01

THIS EMAIL APPEARS TO BE THE ONE INCLUDED IN DR. BRIGHT'S COMPLAINT.

4:11:08

IT WAS ONE OF THE EXHIBITS THAT WAS NOT PUBLICLY POSTED BY THE WASHINGTON POST.

4:11:13

HERE IS WHAT IT SAYS. TWO DAYS LATER, MR. BOWEN SENT

4:11:20

YET ANOTHER EMAILED, ONCE AGAIN ISSUING A DIRE WARNING ABOUT THE IMMINENT MASS SHORTAGE.

4:11:26

AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE ADVISED, "THIS WEEK WE SENT A THOUSAND

4:11:31

MASKS TO CHINA AND HONG KONG. I BELIEVE YOUR EMAIL ACTUALLY

4:11:36

SAYS A MILLION MASKS. HE CONTINUED, "IN ALL MY YEARS

4:11:41

OF PREDICTING THAT THE U.S. MASK SUPPLY WOULD COLLAPSE, I NEVER

4:11:47

PICKED IT -- NEVER PREDICTED SELLING MASKS TO CHINA."

4:11:53

HE CONCLUDED, "I THINK CHINA WILL CUT OFF MASKS TO THE USA.

4:12:01

IF SO, I THINK U.S. HOSPITALS WILL HAVE A TOUGH TIME BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF MASKS ARE MADE

4:12:07

IN CHINA. A HORRIBLE SITUATION WILL BECOME UNBEARABLE." MR. BOWEN: THAT IS MY EMAILED.

4:12:13

REP. WALDEN: IN THE COMPLAINT, THIS IS CITED AS AN EMAIL FROM R. WORLD TO -- R. WOLF TO L.

4:12:27

BRIGHT. MR. BOWEN: THAT IS MY EMAILED.

4:12:34

I DON'T KNOW WHAT EMAILED CHAIN YOU ARE LOOKING AT THAT IS MY EMAILED. REP. WALDEN: I WAS READING FROM

4:12:41

MR. BRIGHT'S COMPLAINT. I JUST RECEIVED WHAT I THINK APPEARS TO BE A COPY OF THIS

4:12:47

EMAIL. I THINK IT IS CITED WRONG IN THE COMPLAINT.

4:12:53

THE EMAIL I RECEIVED IS DATED JANUARY 31, 2020.

4:12:58

IT INCLUDES ALL OF THE LANGUAGE I JUST READ TO YOU.

4:13:06

THIS IS WHY THE COMMITTEE NEEDS ALL THE EXHIBITS AND THE FULL EMAILED CHAIN.

4:13:12

BECAUSE, THIS DOCUMENT ALSO SAYS , AND I WILL QUOTE, THIS IS YOUR

4:13:18

EMAIL FROM DR. BRIGHT AND TO LAURA WOLF. IT SAYS, "MY GOVERNMENT STRATEGY

4:13:27

IS TO HELP THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IF AND ONLY IF THE V.A. AND DOD

4:13:34

BECOME MY CUSTOMERS AFTER THIS IS OVER. MADAM
CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO

4:13:40

SUBMIT THE EMAIL FOR THE RECORD WE WILL SEND YOU AN
ELECTRONIC

4:13:46

COPY FOR THE RECORD. MR. BOWEN, YOU SAY YOU WANT TO

4:13:53

HELP AMERICANS GET THE MASK, YET

4:14:01

IT APPEARS THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE A CONDITION HERE. I
ASSUME THAT IS BECAUSE IN THE

4:14:07

PAST, YOU WRAPPED UP, THINGS WENT AWAY, PEOPLE BOUGHT
FROM OTHER MANUFACTURERS.

4:14:12

SO YOU ARE SAYING, "MY STRATEGY

4:14:19

IS HELPING EXISTING CUSTOMERS AND ONLY BRING ON NEW
CUSTOMERS WHO ARE WILLING TO SIGN A

4:14:25

LONG-TERM CONTRACT. -- LONG-TERM CONTRACT."

4:14:31

AND HERE WE WERE IN A CRISIS, MASKS GOING OVERSEAS. THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT IS NOT YOUR

4:14:36

ONLY PURCHASER, RIGHT? MR. BOWEN: THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

4:14:44

HAS NEVER FOUGHT FOR ME EXCEPT DURING A PANDEMIC. THAT
STATEMENT WAS BASICALLY SAYING THAT I DON'T WANT THE

4:14:51

GOVERNMENT TO ONLY CALL ME DURING A PANDEMIC. GIVE ME
BUSINESS DURING

4:14:57

PEACETIME SO THAT I CAN SURVIVE DURING A PANDEMIC.

4:15:05

I HAVE BID ON THE DOD NVA BUSINESS, AND I CONTINUALLY
LOSE

4:15:11

TO MASKS MADE IN MEXICO BECAUSE THE DOD WAS NOT OBEY
THE BEARING

4:15:18

AMENDMENT. THEY BUY FOREIGN MASKS, MADE IN MEXICO,
BECAUSE MEXICO IS A

4:15:26

FRIEND OF OURS, BASED ON PRICE, NOT NATIONAL SECURITY.
REP. WALDEN: YOU SAID YOU COULD

4:15:34

NOT TURN ON THESE LINES OF MANUFACTURING VERY QUICKLY.
IF YOU GOT A BIG ORDER FROM THE

4:15:39

GOVERNMENT TODAY, HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE YOU TO
PRODUCE MASKS?

4:15:49

MR. BOWEN: THREE OR FOUR MONTHS, AND THEY WANT TO DO
THAT RIGHT NOW.

4:15:55

I TOLD HIM IT WOULD TAKE THREE OR FOUR MONTHS, THEY ONLY
ONE

4:16:00

MASKS THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR, SO I WOULD HAVE TO
HIRE 100 PEOPLE, TRAIN 100 PEOPLE,

4:16:05

THEN FIRE THEM AT THE END.

4:16:10

REP. ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK.

4:16:15

IT IS A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM NEW
YORK, MR.

4:16:20

INGLE -- MR. ENGEL. REP. ENGEL: THANK YOU.

4:16:31

THANK YOU, MR. BOWEN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4:16:37

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT HEARING. IT IS AN ISSUE THAT WE NEED
TO

4:16:43

FOCUS ON. BECAUSE IT HAS REPERCUSSIONS THAT JUST CONTINUE AND CONTINUE.

4:16:51

EVERY DAY, I HEAR FROM MY CONSTITUENTS, INCLUDING DOCTORS

4:16:56

AND NURSES SERVING ON THE FRONT LINES OF THIS PANDEMIC ABOUT THE DIRE SHORTAGE OF PERSONAL

4:17:03

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, THERAPEUTICS, PPE.

4:17:10

RECENTLY, I HELPED AUTHOR THE DRUG SHORTAGES ACT BY SEVERAL OF

4:17:16

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. THIS ALL TIES TOGETHER.

4:17:23

I HAVE USED MY ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO CUT THROUGH RED TAPE AND

4:17:28

BRING MUCH-NEEDED SUPPLIES LIKE

4:17:33

100,000 ANTIBODY TESTS TO NEW YORK CITY FROM CHINA. ALL OF THESE ACTIONS YOU POINT

4:17:40

OUT ARE SYMPTOMS OF A LARGER PROBLEM. MOST MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IS

4:17:45

MANUFACTURED ABROAD. THIS LEAVES THE UNITED STATES VULNERABLE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CRISES.

4:17:51

AND OBVIOUSLY IT POSES A NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT, THE WAY I LOOK AT IT.

4:17:57

AS WE CAN TELL THIS AFTERNOON, READING ALL ABOUT YOU, THINGS

4:18:03

YOU HAVE SAID AND WRITTEN, YOU HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN A LEADING ADVOCATE FOR THIS ISSUE,

4:18:10

ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO FACE MASKS, WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN IN DEMAND AS MUCH AS NOW.

4:18:17

IN YOUR WRITTEN TESTIMONY, YOU KNOW THAT IN 2004, MAJOR DOMESTIC SURGICAL BESTSELLERS

4:18:23

SWITCHED TO MAKING SURGICAL MASKS DOMESTICALLY TO IMPORTING

4:18:28

THEM. COULD YOU GO INTO MORE DETAIL AND EXPLAIN WHAT PROMPTED THIS

4:18:36

CHANGE? MR. BOWEN: MASK COMPANIES

4:18:42

WANTING TO MAKE MORE PROFIT. WELL, IT IS NOT JUST MASK COMPANIES.

4:18:47

COMPANIES IN THE HOSPITAL INDUSTRY WHO ARE COMPETING FOR SUPPLIES.

4:18:52

IT IS A BID-TYPE SITUATION MOST OF THE TIME. THE WAY THAT YOU MAKE PRODUCTS CHEAPLY IS TO MAKE THEM IN

4:19:00

CHINA, MEXICO, AND OTHER PLACES. IT WAS NOT A COORDINATED EFFORT.

4:19:05

IT WAS A BUNCH OF COMPANIES COINCIDENTALLY DECIDING TO SAVE

4:19:10

MONEY AT THE SAME TIME AND DESTROYING MAYBE 4000 JOBS IN

4:19:17

AMERICA AND PUTTING THE U.S. MASK SUPPLY UNDER FOREIGN CONTROL.

4:19:23

THAT HAS BEEN MY MESSAGE SINCE 2006.

4:19:30

REP. ENGEL: IS NOT JUST FOREIGN

4:19:35

CONTROL, IT IS VERY LARGE DEGREE TO CHINA CONTROL.

4:19:41

WHEN WE LOOK AT GEOPOLITICAL PARTS OF THE WORLD, CHINA IS

4:19:46

PROBABLY THE BIGGEST ADVERSARY TO THE UNITED STATES. NOT ONLY ARE WE LEAVING IT IN THEIR HANDS, WE ARE LEAVING IT

4:19:51

IN THE HANDS OF AN ADVERSARY. WE ARE SORT OF BEHOLDEN TO THAT

4:19:57

COUNTRY AND I CANNOT THINK OF MUCH THAT IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN THAT.

4:20:02

MR. BOWEN: CHINA CONTROLS MOST OF THE WORLD'S MASK SUPPLY.

4:20:08

CHINA SELLS A BOX OF MASKS FOR A

4:20:14

DOLLAR. I DON'T THINK ANYONE IS MAKING ANY PROFIT DOING THAT. BECAUSE I SELL THEM FOR ABOUT

4:20:21

FIVE DOLLARS. THEIR PRICES ARE SO CHEAP THAT THEY HAVE CAPTURED MOST OF THE

4:20:27

WORLD'S MASK MARKET. REP. ENGEL: ARE THEY

4:20:34

GOVERNMENT-SUBSIDIZED? MR. BOWEN: I DON'T KNOW THAT. ALL I KNOW IS, IF I TAKE MY

4:20:39

LABOR COSTS COMPLETELY OUT, I AM STILL NOWHERE NEAR THE PRICE OF THE PRODUCT.

4:20:44

REP. ENGEL: TWO CHINESE MASKS MEET OUR STANDARDS? MR. BOWEN: SOME DO, SOME DON'T.

4:20:52

REP. ENGEL: WHAT STEPS CAN CONGRESS TAKE TO INCENTIVIZE MORE MANUFACTURING OF MATERIALS

4:20:59

LIKE FACE MASKS IN THE UNITED STATES? MR. BOWEN: IN A LETTER I SENT TO

4:21:07

PRESIDENT OBAMA, I DON'T THINK IT REQUIRES MONEY. I THINK IT REQUIRES THE GOVERNMENT SAYING IT IS A

4:21:12

SECURITY PROBLEM. I THICKET REQUIRES THEM TELLING THE CDS -- I THINK THAT REQUIRES

4:21:19

TELLING THE CDC THAT THEY ARE TOO RELIANT ON FOREIGN SUPPLIERS. IF YOU SAY, THIS IS A NATIONAL

4:21:26

SECURITY ISSUE, THEN THOSE HOSPITAL ATTORNEYS WILL PROBABLY GET ON THE BALL AND TELL THEIR

4:21:32

HOSPITALS TO BUY AMERICAN-MADE PRODUCTS. THEY DO NOT COST THAT MUCH. THE HOME MARKET IS A COUPLE

4:21:42

HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. THIS IS A \$30 MILLION PROBLEM, PEOPLE TRYING TO SAVE PENNIES

4:21:48

ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. IT IS NOT SOME MULTIBILLION-DOLLAR PROBLEM. REP. ESHOO: CAN YOU REPEAT THAT

4:21:55

AGAIN? MR. BOWEN: I SAID, THIS IS A \$30 MILLION PROBLEM IS NOT ALIENS

4:22:06

\$30 MILLION -- THIS IS A \$30 MILLION PROBLEM.

4:22:13

IT IS NOT A BILLION DOLLARS.

4:22:19

I TOLD PRESIDENT OBAMA, HOSPITALS WILL BE IN A POSITION TO NOT BE ABLE TO PROTECT THEIR

4:22:24

STAFF, THEIR PATIENTS, AND HOSPITAL ATTORNEYS WILL TELL

4:22:29

THEM TO BUY AMERICAN-MADE MASKS. I DON'T NEED YOUR MONEY, YOUR

4:22:34

SUBSIDIES. JUST TELL PEOPLE ABOUT THE PROBLEM BARDA WANTED TO DO IT,

4:22:40

THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO DO IT. TO TRY TO GET THEM TO TALK TO

4:22:46

THE INFECTION CONTROL PREVENTION MAGAZINE, INFECTION CONTROL

4:22:52

TODAY. EVERY TIME WE HAD A FLU BUMP, I WANTED TO GET THEM TO TALK AND

4:22:58

THEY COULD NOT DO IT. REP. ENGEL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TESTIMONY HAS BEEN

4:23:04

ENLIGHTENING. THE CHAIRWOMAN AND I WERE LOOKING AT EACH OTHER SORT OF IN

4:23:09

DISBELIEF. THIS IS SOMETHING CONGRESS HAS TO GET INVOLVED IN SOONER THAN

4:23:15

LATER. MR. BOWEN: CAN I POINT OUT SOMETHING?

4:23:21

I WATCHED THIS A LITTLE WHILE AGO. EVERYONE BEATING UP ON DR.

4:23:26

BRYANT WAS A REPUBLICAN AND EVERYONE WHO DEFENDED HIM WAS A DEMOCRAT.

4:23:32

I AM A REPUBLICAN. I VOTED FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP.

4:23:39

AND I ADMIRE DR. BRYANT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE DID IN ALL

4:23:45

OF THE OTHER ACTIVITIES BUT EVERYTHING I HEARD, EVERY TIME I HAVE TALKED TO HIM, AND

4:23:51

EVERYTHING HE SAID HERE TODAY HAS MADE A LOT OF SENSE, AND I BELIEVE HIM.

4:23:56

REP. ESHOO: THANK YOU, MR. BOWEN. I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF

4:24:02

RECOGNIZING THE GENTLEMAN FROM KENTUCKY, MR. GUTHRIE.

4:24:19

REP. GUTHRIE: APPRECIATE YOU COMING TODAY. DURING A PANDEMIC, THERE IS AN

4:24:25

UPLOAD AND AS EVERY BUSINESSPERSON SAYS, WE ARE NOT GOING TO ADJUST OUR LINES DURING

4:24:31

A PANDEMIC. FORD AND GM HAVE DIFFERENT ACCESS TO CAPITAL THAN OTHERS.

4:24:39

DURING A PANDEMIC, YOU DO HAVE INCREASED ORDERS.

4:24:44

YOU MAY WANT LONG-TERM GUARANTEES AS WELL. BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE MAKING DECISIONS, A LOT OF

4:24:50

PEOPLE HAVE THEIR BUSINESSES SHUT DOWN. I AM JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE MASK MANUFACTURING PROCESS.

4:24:58

WHAT TYPE OF MASKS DO YOU MANUFACTURE IT TO THEY REPRESENT

4:25:07

-- SOLVED BY THE STRATEGIC STOCKPILE? AND DO YOU MAKE ALL MASKS THAT

4:25:13

ARE IN DEMAND THAT OTHER PRODUCERS MAKE? MR. BOWEN: THE ONLY MASK THAT I

4:25:18

DON'T MAKE IS THE COHEN STYLE MASK, THE HARD CONE STYLE MASK.

4:25:26

ALL THE MASKS YOU ARE WEARING, WE MAKE THOSE AND N95 ARE

4:25:31

ESTIMATED -- N95 RESPIRATORS. REP. GUTHRIE: THE STRATEGIC

4:25:36

NATIONAL STOCKPILE PROCEDURE PROCURES OTHER SUPPLIES TO BE DEPLOYED IN A PUBLIC HEALTH

4:25:42

AGENCY. I UNDERSTAND YOU WORKED WITH DR. BRIGHT AT BARDA TO GET FEDERAL FUNDING.

4:25:48

DID YOU HAVE ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH STEPHEN ADAMS, THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE STOCKPILE?

4:25:58

MR. BOWEN: I MET WITH GREG

4:26:03

BURRELL FACE-TO-FACE, FIVE OR SIX YEARS AGO. GREG BURRELL HAD NO PROBLEM

4:26:08

PLAYING CHINESE MASKS. I SAID, DON'T YOU FIND THIS A

4:26:14

PROBLEM THAT PEOPLE ARE -- THAT AMERICA IS DEPENDENT ON CHINESE

4:26:22

-MADE MASKS? HE SAID, I DON'T KNOW.

4:26:32

I HAVE SPARRED WITH MR. ADAMS. I BELIEVE I EMAILED HIM. I DON'T KNOW, I HAVE TALKED TO

4:26:37

SO MANY PEOPLE. REP. GUTHRIE: SO YOU THOUGHT IT

4:26:42

WAS NECESSARY TO GO THROUGH DR. BRIGHT? MR. BOWEN:

NO, YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG. REP. GUTHRIE: I AM JUST LOOKING

4:26:48

FOR THE INFORMATION. MR. BOWEN: I WAS NOT LOOKING FOR BUSINESS.

4:26:54

I DON'T NEED YOUR BUSINESS. PHONES ARE RINGING OFF THE WALL.

4:26:59

I THOUGHT OF BARDA, DR. ROBINSON, DR. HATCHETT, AND DR.

4:27:05

BRIGHT AS BROTHERS IN ARMS. I KNEW THEY COULD NOT BUY MY

4:27:10

PRODUCT, BUT THEY WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO BELIEVED IT. I WANT PEOPLE TO GO TO YOUTUBE

4:27:16

AND PUT IN "MICHAEL BURGESS PRESTIGE AMERITECH."

4:27:22

YOU WILL SEE MR. BURGESS TALKING OUR FACTORY 10 YEARS AGO.

4:27:27

SAYING THAT ONLY 10% OF THE MASK SUPPLY IS MADE IN THE UNITED STATES. I TALKED TO MICHAEL BURGESS,

4:27:35

MARTIN, PATRICK LEAHY, CHUCK SCHUMER. I WROTE BARACK OBAMA 20 LETTERS.

4:27:42

I WROTE THAT THE TRUMP AND EVERYBODY IN HIS EARLY ADMINISTRATION. DEFENSE SECRETARY MATTIS,

4:27:48

GENERAL JEFF FLAKE CLARK -- GENERAL JEFFREY CLARK, ANITA

4:27:55

PATEL WITH CDC, GREG BURRELL, HUNDREDS OF HOSPITALS, THE

4:28:01

HOSPITAL RISK MANAGERS ASSOCIATION. THE HOSPITAL RISK MANAGERS

4:28:07

ASSOCIATION, I TOLD THEM THE MASK SUPPLY WAS GOING TO COLLAPSE, THIS WAS A RISK.

4:28:12

NOBODY LISTENED. TEXAS GOVERNOR RICK PERRY. STATE TEXAS REP BILLS ADLER.

4:28:20

BY THE WAY, BILL ZEDLER GOT IT.

4:28:25

DOZENS OF REPORTERS. I HAVE DONE THIS FOR 13 YEARS. NOBODY LISTENED.

4:28:31

MY CONSCIENCE IS CLEAN. I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS DAMN

4:28:41

ISSUE FOR 13 YEARS, NOBODY LISTENED. I AM NOT GOING TO TAKE ANY OF

4:28:46

THIS WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO. REP. GUTHRIE: I DON'T KNOW WHAT I AM TRYING TO DO, I AM JUST

4:28:52

TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO YOU TALKED WITH. WE DO NEED TO FIGURE OUT THE STRATEGIC MOVE FORWARD. A LOT OF STUFF COMES FROM CHINA,

4:28:59

A LOT OF PHARMACEUTICALS. THIS IS SOMETHING THE COMMITTEE NEEDS TO DIG IN MOVING FORWARD.

4:29:06

I AM NOT SURE WHAT YOU ARE ACCUSING ME OF TRYING TO DO. I APOLOGIZE IF I OFFENDED YOU.

4:29:14

REP. ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK. I THINK MY COLLEAGUES WOULD

4:29:24

AGREE THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF MR. BOWEN, HE IS A FORCE OF

4:29:30

NATURE. HE HASN'T REFUSED TO -- HE HAS REFUSED TO GIVE UP SINCE, WHAT

4:29:35

YEAR, 2006? IT IS A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE

4:29:40

THE GENTLEMAN FROM CALIFORNIA, MS. MATSUI.

4:29:48

REP. MATSUI: THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY.

4:29:53

HAVING BEEN IN THE PPE INDUSTRY

4:29:58

FOR OVER A DECADE, I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE WORKED WITH SEVERAL ADMINISTRATIONS AND BARDA DIRECTORS.

4:30:04

WHERE YOU UTILIZE INFORMAL CHANNELS -- UTILIZING FORMAL

4:30:09

CHANNELS WITH BARDA, INCLUDING DR. BRIGHT?

4:30:16

WERE YOU GOING TOWARDS NOT ONLY DR. BRIGHT BUT PEOPLE ABOVE HIM? MR. BOWEN: I NEVER SPOKE WITH

4:30:24

ANYBODY ABOVE THE DIRECTOR. ACTUALLY, THAT IS NOT TRUE.

4:30:29

I DID CORRESPOND WITH NICOLE LEURY ONE TIME.

4:30:35

REP. MATSUI: THERE IS INDICATION THAT THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN

4:30:41

FAVORITISM AMONG ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS. I UNDERSTAND YOUR COMPANY WAS

4:30:47

AWARDED A FEMA CONTRACT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MASKS ON APRIL 7.

4:30:54

IT WAS REPORTED IN THE WASHINGTON POST THAT A SENIOR

4:30:59

U.S. OFFICIAL DID NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO TAKE YOU UP ON YOUR OFFER TO HELP SECURE MASKS WHEN

4:31:04

YOU INITIALLY REACHED OUT, BUT

4:31:10

THE GOVERNMENT ULTIMATELY AWARDED CONTRACTS TO MANUFACTURERS WHO CHARGED AS MUCH AS \$550 A PIECE FOR MASKS,

4:31:21

NEARLY SEVEN TIMES WHAT YOU OFFERED. WOULD YOU SAY IT IS FAIR TO SAY

4:31:27

THAT THE GOVERNMENT ULTIMATELY LOST MONEY BY NOT PARTNERING WITH PRESTIGE EARLIER?

4:31:33

MR. BOWEN: YEAH, MY MASKS WOULD HAVE COST \$.79.

4:31:39

REP. MATSUI: YES. AND I THINK EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IS WE WOULD HAVE HAD MORE MASKS

4:31:46

EARLIER. MR. BOWEN: IN THEIR DEFENSE, AGAIN, IT WAS NOT JUST LIKE

4:31:51

TURNING ON A SWITCH. THIS WAS A DIFFICULT PROCESS.

4:31:58

I THINK THEY LOOKED AT IT LIKE, IS IT WORTH IT, IT IS AN EVOLVING SITUATION.

4:32:04

WHAT I WAS TALKING TO MR. NAVARRO, HE WAS ACTING IN GOOD FAITH, I WAS ACTING IN GOOD

4:32:09

FAITH. I WOULD NOT BEAT ANYBODY UP ABOUT THAT.

4:32:16

REP. MATSUI: I DO STILL HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS WITH THE WAY

4:32:21

THIS ADMINISTRATION ASSESSED THE RISK AT NEED FOR SUPPLIES.

4:32:28

I THINK THERE IS A NEED TO EVALUATE THE PROCESSES SO WE ARE PROCURING IT IN THE MOST

4:32:34

EFFICIENT WAY POSSIBLE WE ARE PREPARING FOR SECOND WAVE OF

4:32:40

COVID-19 OUTBREAKS THAT COULD COINCIDE WITH THE FALL FLU SEASON.

4:32:46

MR. BOWEN, WHAT GAPS REMAIN IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN AND WHERE SHOULD WE BE FOCUSING EFFORTS

4:32:53

NOW TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE. PUBLIC HEALTH -- WE ARE PREPARED

4:33:01

TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020? MR. BOWEN: THERE IS NO WAY

4:33:06

ANYBODY COULD HAVE MADE ENOUGH MASKS TO PROTECT ALL AMERICAN

4:33:13

CITIZENS. BUT WE COULD HAVE PROTECTED AMERICA'S HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND PATIENTS.

4:33:19

THAT IS MORE OF WHAT MY WORLD IS. THAT IS THE PRODUCTS WE MAKE, WE

4:33:24

HAVE TRIED TO DO. IN THIS PANDEMIC, WE WERE MAKING

4:33:32

75,000 RESPIRATORS A MONTH. THAT IS NOT A LOT.

4:33:39

NOW WE ARE MAKING 2 MILLION. FROM 75,000 TO 2 MILLION.

4:33:52

I HAVE SEEN A LOT OF PEOPLE KIND OF LIKE WHAT HE IS SAYING, YOU

4:33:57

HAVE FOUR MACHINES, WHY ARE YOU NOT RUNNING THOSE MACHINES? WE ARE NOT SITTING ON OUR HANDS.

4:34:02

WE HAVE GONE FROM ONE SHIFT TOOK 3, 80 PEOPLE TO 200 WE BEEN

4:34:12

WORKING OUR TAILS OFF.

4:34:18

WE ARE A SMALL BUSINESS. AGAIN, I AM NOT 3M.

4:34:24

IF WE DO THIS, MY PARTNER AND I EUPHEMISTICALLY CALL IT A

4:34:29

SUICIDE MISSION. LET'S HIRE A HUNDRED PEOPLE, ORDER TRUCKLOADS OF MATERIAL,

4:34:35

SOMEONE SAYS THE PANDEMIC IS OVER AND WE ARE STUCK WITH IT AGAIN. WE ARE NOT MERCENARY.

4:34:42

MY CONSCIENCE COULD NOT BE ANY CLEANER. I HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS

4:34:49

FOREVER. REP. MATSUI: I AM NOT SAYING THAT AT ALL.

4:34:55

YOU HAVE BROUGHT A LOT OF THINGS TO OUR ATTENTION, SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. MR. BOWEN: IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO

4:35:01

BE HERE. REP. ESHOO: PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM

4:35:09

VIRGINIA, MR. GRIFFITH. REP. GRIFFITH: I REPRESENT THAT

4:35:16

LINE OF VIRGINIA ON THE SOUTH SIDE RIGHT NEAR NORTH CAROLINA, AND A LOT OF OUR FOLKS HAD

4:35:22

EXPERIENCE IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY BEFORE BOTH MEXICO AND CHINA DID THE SAME THING THEY

4:35:28

HAVE DONE TO YOU. THEY HAVE RAN UP AND THEY ARE MAKING ALL KINDS OF MASKS AND SO

4:35:35

FORTH. OUR CONCERN IS, IF WE RAMP UP, WILL THERE BE SOMETHING DOWN THE

4:35:40

ROAD WHERE WE BUY MADE IN AMERICA. WE NEED TO DO THAT NOT ONLY ON

4:35:46

MASKS, PPE, DRUG SUPPLY.

4:35:56

THAT BEING SAID, PHONE IS RINGING OFF THE HOOK. IF YOUR PHONE IS RINGING OFF THE

4:36:01

HOOK, WHY DO YOU NEED TO HAVE A GUARANTEE ON THE OTHER END, KNOWING THAT THE POLICY WILL

4:36:08

SHIFT AND WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU A CONTRACT IN ADVANCE? MR. BOWEN: FOR ME TO HIRE THE

4:36:15

PEOPLE TO BUILD THE MACHINES, I CAN'T DO THAT FOR A TEMPORARY NEED.

4:36:21

REP. GRIFFITH: YOU DO NOT HAVE THE MACHINES BUILT? MR. BOWEN: FOR WHAT WE --

4:36:30

REP. GRIFFITH: I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU HAD FOUR LINES SITTING EMPTY. MR. BOWEN: YES.

4:36:36

REP. GRIFFITH: WE CAN'T CARRIAGE RE-YOUR CONTRACT BUT I THINK

4:36:41

EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS WE HAVE TO HAVE MORE MADE IN AMERICA. WHY NOT RAMP UP WITH THE

4:36:47

UNDERSTANDING THAT THE POLICY MAY CHANGE. AND IT WILL CHANGE. WHETHER WITH MASKS, OTHER PPE,

4:36:55

BLOOD SUPPLY, WE WILL NEED TO

4:37:00

HAVE A SIGNIFICANT PORTION MADE IN THE UNITED STATES GOING FORWARD.

4:37:06

KNOWING THAT, WHY NOT RAMP UP THOSE LINES? MR. BOWEN:
ONE DAY, THE PANDEMIC

4:37:13

WILL END, USAGE WILL GO TO THE BASEMENT AGAIN, THEY WILL
BE 10 TIMES LESS USAGE, AND I WILL

4:37:20

HAVE ALL OF THESE MACHINES, MATERIALS, PEOPLE, AND
NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM.

4:37:26

IT IS A VERY DIFFICULT THING TO WRAP UP. WE HAVE RAMPED UP.

4:37:31

WE HAVE GONE FROM MAKING 75,000

4:37:36

RESPIRATORS TO SOON WE WILL BE MAKING 4 MILLION
RESPIRATORS PER MONTH.

4:37:42

DO NOT CONCENTRATE ON THESE FOUR CHINESE MACHINES
THAT WE DO NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT AND WOULD BE A

4:37:47

TOTAL PAIN TO GET GOING. ON TOP OF, I AM TRYING NOT TO KILL
MY BUSINESS PARTNER TRYING

4:37:54

TO GET ALL THIS DONE. HE IS WORKING 20 HOURS PER DAY NOW
WITH ALL THE PROJECTS WE HAVE DONE.

4:38:00

NOW TO DUMP ALL THIS ON TOP FOR SOME BUSINESS THAT THEY
ARE MAY

4:38:07

NOT, -- MAKER MAY NOT C -- MAY OR MAY NOT COME,
ABSOLUTELY NOT.

4:38:14

REP. GRIFFITH: BUSINESS IN MY DISTRICT HAVE RAMPED UP --

4:38:19

MR. BOWEN: THEY ARE MAKING THINGS THAT LOOK LIKE MASKS,
NOT -- REP. GRIFFITH: THAT BEING SAID,

4:38:26

I THINK AMERICANS WILL BE WEARING MASKS A LOT MORE AND I

4:38:33

DON'T THINK THE NUMBERS WILL GO BACK DOWN. YOU TESTIFIED THAT IN 2009, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED BY THEN BARDA
4:38:39

DIRECTOR BRENDA HAYDEN TO RAMP UP PRODUCTION. DID YOU HAVE A CONTRACT WITH HHS

4:38:46

AT THAT TIME? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

4:38:52

MR. BOWEN: WE DID NOT. REP. GRIFFITH: AFTER H1N1, DID

4:39:00

YOU CONTINUE TO PRODUCE MASKS FOR THE PURPOSES OF RESTOCKING THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE?

4:39:05

MR. BOWEN: I CAN'T DO THAT WITHOUT THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL

4:39:11

STOCKPILE WANTING TO BUY THEM. REP. GRIFFITH: DID YOU HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH BARDA, HHS AT

4:39:17

THAT TIME ABOUT SUPPLYING MASKS FOR THE NATIONAL STOCKPILE>

4:39:23

-- NATIONAL STOCKPILE? MR. BOWEN: I HAVE TALKED TO GREG

4:39:28

BURRELL ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS. I HAVE ALSO OFFERED THOSE MACHINES TO HIM. REP. GRIFFITH: ARE YOU JUST

4:39:34

GOING TO GIVE HIM THE MACHINES ARE PRODUCTION? MR. BOWEN: I WANTED CDC, DOJ,

4:39:41

DOD TO GET TOGETHER. I HAD FOUR MACHINES. I HAVE 13 YEARS OF EMAILS, I CAN

4:39:50

DOCUMENT A LOT OF THIS STUFF. I SAID TO THE CDC, WE CAN FIX --

4:39:58

I HAVE GOT THESE FOUR MACHINES HERE DOING NOTHING. REP. GRIFFITH: YOU ARE WILLING

4:40:05

TO GIVE THEM THE PRODUCTION BUT NOT THE MACHINES? MR. BOWEN: LET ME FINISH.

4:40:12

LET'S USE ONE MACHINE, IT WILL MAKE YOUR WHOLE ANNUAL USAGE,

4:40:17

AND WE WILL HAVE THREE OF THEM SIT THERE IN OUR FACTORY READY TO GO. WHEN YOU NEED THEM, WE CAN TURN

4:40:24

THOSE ON. REP. GRIFFITH: WERE YOU GOING TO GIVE THEM TO THEM OR LEASE THAT? MR. BOWEN: DID NOT MATTER.

4:40:31

I DID NOT HAVE ANY MONEY IN THIS. I SAID, GIVE ME YOUR PEACETIME

4:40:40

HOSPITAL BUSINESS AND I WILL GIVE YOU THIS MACHINES, THEY WILL JUST SIT THERE.

4:40:46

I WAS BASICALLY SAYING, IF WE HAVE A WARM BASE OPERATION, IT

4:40:51

WILL NOT COST YOU ANYTHING. REP. GRIFFITH: I SEE THAT MY

4:40:58

TIME IS UP. MR. BOWEN: BY THE WAY, FORGIVE ME FOR BEING ANGRY.

4:41:05

I AM ANGRY BECAUSE I HAVE DONE THIS FOR SO LONG. AND I HAVE BEEN IGNORED FOR SO

4:41:10

LONG. AND I APOLOGIZE. REP. ESHOO: WELL, MR. BOWEN, I

4:41:18

DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO APOLOGIZE. AT LEAST THAT IS MY VIEW. I THINK, SHAME ON US, SHAME ON

4:41:25

ALL OF US THAT WE HAVE ALLOWED THIS TO HAPPEN. THIS IS POWERFUL TESTIMONY.

4:41:32

IT UNDERSCORES WHAT WE NEED TO DO, THE POSITION WE ARE IN, OUR CRIPPLING DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN

4:41:39

COMPANIES FOR WHAT IS, WE ALL REALIZE NOW WITH THIS PANDEMIC, WHAT HAS BEEN LAID BARE.

4:41:48

SO, YOUR TESTIMONY IS, I THINK, SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TESTIMONY THAT CONGRESS COULD BE

4:41:55

HEARING. I NOW HAVE THE PLEASURE OF

4:42:00

RECOGNIZING THE GENTLEMAN FROM FLORIDA, MS. CASTOR.

4:42:12

REP. CASTOR: THANK YOU, MR. BOWEN. I THINK YOU HEARD MR. BRIGHT

4:42:17

THIS MORNING SAYING THAT AN ACTION COST LIVES. YOU ARE FIRST CONTRACTED BY THE

4:42:24

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN JANUARY BECAUSE THEY WANTED MASKS FOR AIRPORT SCREENER. IS THAT CORRECT?

4:42:30

MR. BOWEN: YES. LET ME CLARIFY. THAT WAS PROBABLY A LOW LEVEL

4:42:37

PURCHASING PERSON.

4:42:42

I SAID, I CAN'T HELP YOU. I SAID, TELL ME, ARE YOU WORRIED

4:42:48

ABOUT THIS? HE SAID, I AM REALLY WORRIED ABOUT IT. REP.

CASTOR: SO THAT IS WHEN A

4:42:54

LIGHT SWITCH FLIPPED FOR YOU IN JANUARY? MR. BOWEN: AND A LOT OF OTHER

4:42:59

THINGS. AT THE END OF JANUARY, MY PHONE STARTED -- STARTED EXPLODING.

4:43:05

IT WAS WEIRD, IT WAS CHINESE-AMERICANS CALLING TO BUY

4:43:10

MASKS AND SENDING THEM HOME. THE IDEA THAT I WAS
SENDING

4:43:15

MASKS TO CHINA IS INACCURATE. I WAS SENDING MASKS TO
AMERICANS WHO WERE SENDING THEM TO CHINA. REP. CASTOR:
YOU BEGAN EMAILING

4:43:23

WITH DR. BRIGHT, WAS IT JANUARY 26, YOU EMAILED DR. BRIGHT
AND

4:43:30

SAID, HERE IN AMERICA COME OUR MASK SUPPLY IS IN IMMINENT
RISK?

4:43:38

MR. BOWEN: YES, BUT AGAIN, THOSE

4:43:43

EMAILS ARE JUST THE LATEST IN YEARS OF EMAILS TO BARDA. I
CONSIDERED THEM MY ONLY

4:43:50

ALLIES. ANYTIME SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN, WE WOULD GET
THE FLU, THE MERS

4:43:56

COMES OUT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, I WOULD SEND THEM AN
EMAIL, IS

4:44:01

THIS THE BIG ONE, SHOULD I RAMP UP? REP. CASTOR: DR.
BRIGHT ELEVATED

4:44:07

YOUR CONCERN AND SEND IT TO THE HHS ASSISTANT
SECRETARY FOR

4:44:13

PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE. DID YOU HEAR AT
THAT POINT FROM

4:44:20

DR. KADLEC? MR. BOWEN: NO.

4:44:26

I HAVE NEVER HEARD FROM THEM BEFORE. REP. CASTOR: YOU DID NOT HEAR

4:44:31

BACK UNTIL A MONTH LATER WHEN YOU RECEIVED A FORM LETTER FROM THE FDA? MR. BOWEN: I DO NOT RELATE THOSE

4:44:37

TWO EVENTS. AND THE TIMING, I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK BACK AT EMAILS.

4:44:49

REP. CASTOR: HERE'S THE FRUSTRATION I HAVE. THIS CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM.

4:44:59

AFTER YOU SENT THE EMAIL AND DR. BRIGHT ELEVATED IT AT THE END OF

4:45:06

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL

4:45:12

MAY, WHAT I HEARD FROM MY HOSPITAL JUST YESTERDAY, AND

4:45:17

95'S ARE STILL VERY DIFFICULT TO PROCURE. THEY ARE STILL IN DIRE NEED FOR N95'S.

4:45:27

MY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, WE STILL STRUGGLE TO GET N95'S.

4:45:33

THE SUPPLY CHAIN REMAINS INCONSISTENT AND IRREGULAR.

4:45:39

THEY REMAIN CONCERNED THAT THEY WILL BE SQUEEZED BECAUSE OF FLU SEASON AND THE CORONAVIRUS.

4:45:46

WHY HAVEN'T WE BEEN ABLE TO GET A HANDLE ON THIS?

4:45:51

I KNOW THEY HAVE ISSUED CONTRACTS. THERE WAS A CONTRACT APPARENTLY ISSUED FOR \$55 MILLION TO A

4:46:00

COMPANY WITH NO HISTORY OF PROCURING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR A COST OF \$5.50 A PIECE.

4:46:06

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT? MR. BOWEN: JUST WHAT I READ IN THE PAPER.

4:46:11

NOTHING MORE THAN YOU DO. REP. CASTOR: REP. CASTOR: WHAT DO WE SAY TO MY HOSPITALS,

4:46:18

NURSES, DOCTORS, EMTS ON THE FRONT LINE, THAT IT IS MONTH LATER -- THAT IT IS MONTHS LATER

4:46:25

AND THEY ARE STILL STRUGGLING WITH THE SUPPLY LINE?

4:46:31

WHEN WE HAVE NURSES DYING GO INTO SAFE COVID PATIENTS.

4:46:39

IN THE DETROIT AREA, THEY HAVE 700 MEMBERS AND ONE HEALTH SYSTEM AND DOZENS OF DIED.

4:46:44

MR. BOWEN: I SAY THAT WE, AS A COUNTRY, AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ON TOP OF THIS

4:46:52

STUFF, MESSED UP. IT IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE 2007.

4:46:57

ACTUALLY, SINCE 2004. PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE 21 BY

4:47:02

GEORGE BUSH IDENTIFIED THIS AS A PROBLEM IN 2007. ON CNN, LOU DOBBS, NEIL CAPUTO,

4:47:15

FOR ALL THIS TIME. REP. CASTOR: IS THERE NOT SOMETHING MORE INSIDIOUS HERE WHEN YOU HAD AN ADMINISTRATION

4:47:23

THAT DOWNPLAYED IT, SAID IT WOULD DISAPPEAR, DID NOT FOLLOW THE SCIENTISTS, TOLD DR. BRIGHT,

4:47:31

WE WILL CAN YOU, REASSIGN YOU, BECAUSE YOU ARE SPEAKING TRUTH

4:47:36

TO POWER? ISN'T THAT A LITTLE DIFFERENT RIGHT NOW? MR. BOWEN: NOW THAT YOU ASK.

4:47:44

AGAIN, I AM A REPUBLICAN. I HAVE BEEN A LIFELONG
REPUBLICAN. AND I AM EMBARRASSED BY HOW THAT
4:47:50
HAS BEEN HANDLED. LIKE RICK BRIGHT SAID, IT IS THE
4:47:56
SCIENTISTS WE NEED TO BE LISTENING TO. AND WE ARE NOT.
THAT HAS GOT TO CHANGE OR MORE
4:48:02
LIVES WILL BE LOST. REP. CASTOR: THANK YOU. REP. ESHOO:
GENTLEWOMAN'S TIME
4:48:11
HAS EXPIRED. IT IS A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE
4:48:21
THE GENTLEMAN FROM FLORIDA, MR. BILIRAKIS.
4:48:34
REP. BILIRAKIS: CAN YOU DESCRIBE HOW CHINA IS WORKING TO
CORNER
4:48:39
THE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, PPE MARKET? MR.
BOWEN: AMERICA HAS A
4:48:45
WEAKNESS FOR LOW PRICES.
4:48:50
AND I THINK CHINESE PRICES ARE
4:48:55
SO LOW. A FEW YEARS AGO, I DECIDED TO GO
4:49:01
BUY 12 THINGS FROM LOWE'S HOME
4:49:06
IMPROVEMENT CENTER. I DECIDED I WOULD PAY WHATEVER IT
TOOK TO BUY AMERICAN.
4:49:13
I COULD NOT MAKE THAT DECISION. A TOILET PLUNGER WAS THE
ONLY THING I COULD FIND THAT WAS MADE IN AMERICA.
4:49:20
IT IS PEOPLE LIKE THE LOWE'S, HOME DEPOT, WALMART,
MEDICAL
4:49:28

COMPANIES, THE WAY THEY WANT TO MAKE ONE IS LOWER THE COST. THE WAY THEY LOWER THEIR COST IS

4:49:34

GOING TO CHINA. THAT IS WHY WE ARE DEPENDENT ON THEM FOR EVERYTHING. GO IN YOUR CLOSET, LOOK AT YOUR

4:49:40

TOOLS, LOOK AT EVERYTHING. IT IS ALL FROM CHINA. AND THE STUFF THAT IS IN MEXICO

4:49:47

-- HALF OF THE U.S. MASK SUPPLY IS IN MEXICO. IT HAS GOT RESERVATIONS TO GO TO

4:49:52

CHINA. MEXICO IS NOT CHEAP ENOUGH. HOSPITALS ARE CASH-STRAPPED.

4:49:58

IF THIS HADN'T HAVE HAPPENED, AND FIVE YEARS, CHINA WOULD HAVE

4:50:05

MADE MASKS AND RESPIRATORS, LIKE

4:50:12

THEY DID, THE GOWNS. REP. CASTOR: -- REP. BILIRAKIS:

4:50:20

PPE, IN INDUSTRIES LIKE THE MEDICAL INDUSTRY, WHAT SAFEGUARDS DO WE HAVE IN

4:50:26

PROTECTING OUR CONSTITUENTS? MR. BOWEN: THAT IS NOT A

4:50:32

QUESTION I CAN ANSWER. THAT IS UP TO THE FDA.

4:50:38

REP. BILIRAKIS: IN ADDITION TO REPORTS OF SUBSTANDARD MASKS IN

4:50:46

MARKETS LIKE CANADA, AND THE BEST GADGET IN THE UNITED STATES, I HAVE ALSO SEEN

4:50:52

DISCONTINUED MASKS HERE IN THE U.S., ALONG WITH FAKE EMAIL

4:50:59

ADDRESSES. HOW IS PRESTIGE AMERICA TECH

4:51:06

WORKING TO CRACKDOWN ON COUNTERFEITING OF THEIR PRODUCTS

4:51:13

, OF YOUR PRODUCTS, AND OTHER WORDS. MR. BOWEN: WE ARE A SMALL

4:51:19

COMPANY, A FAMILY COMPANY.

4:51:24

NEVER HAD TO WORRY ABOUT THAT BEFORE. NOBODY CARED ABOUT OUR PRODUCTS.

4:51:30

MY PHONE NEVER RANG. NOW I AM WORKING WITH THE FDA -- THE FBI ON A DAILY BASIS BECAUSE

4:51:38

MYSELF AND MY BUSINESS PARTNER HAVE BEEN -- OUR WEBSITE HAS

4:51:46

BEEN COPIED, OUR IMAGES HAVE BEEN COPIED.

4:51:51

HERE IS HOW IT GOES. I WILL GET AN EMAIL FROM SOMEONE. I GOT AN EMAIL FROM THE CEO OF A

4:52:00

COMPANY IN DALLAS, SAYING, I AM ABOUT TO WIRE YOU \$1.6 MILLION.

4:52:06

I SAID, THAT IS NOT ME. SOMEONE IN INDIA COPIED OUR

4:52:13

ENTIRE WEBSITE. THEY WANT TO USE OUR REPUTATION

4:52:19

AND WORLDWIDE PRESS COVERAGE. OFFERING YOU HUNDREDS OF

4:52:25

MILLIONS OF MASKS. THEY EVEN HAVE TEXAS PHONE NUMBERS.

4:52:31

ANYBODY WATCHING THIS BEING OFFERED A LOT OF PRESTIGE AMERICA MASKS, DON'T DO IT.

4:52:38

REP. BILIRAKIS: GIVE US SOME ADVICE, HOW MIGHT CONGRESS

4:52:43

FURTHER SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PREVENT PRICE GOUGING AND COUNTERFEIT GOODS?

4:52:50

WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND? MR. BOWEN: THAT IS SOMETHING I HAVE NOT THOUGHT ABOUT.

4:52:56

IF YOU GAVE ME A COUPLE OF DAYS, I COULD THINK ABOUT IT.

REP. BILIRAKIS: IF YOU COULD GET

4:53:03

THAT INFORMATION TO US, WE WOULD THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MR. BOWEN: I PROBABLY WATER

4:53:10

MEMBER AFTER THIS. IF SOMEBODY COULD SEND ME A LETTER, THAT WOULD BE GREAT. REP. ESHOO: THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS

4:53:17

BACK EVERY MEMBER WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO OUR WITNESSES.

4:53:22

SO YOU WILL HAVE THOSE QUESTIONS, MR. BOWEN, AND AS

4:53:31

TIMELY AS POSSIBLE YOU CAN RESPOND TO THE GENTLEMAN'S QUESTION.

4:53:40

NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM MARYLAND, MR.

4:53:48

SARBANES.

4:53:55

REP. SARBANES: THANK YOU, AT IMPAIRMENT. YOU DON'T KNOW ME BUT -- THANK

4:54:02

YOU, MADAM CHAIRMAN. YOU DON'T KNOW ME BUT I FEEL LIKE I KNOW YOU BECAUSE YOU

4:54:08

REMIND ME OF PEOPLE IN MY DISTRICT TO SAY, WHY CAN'T WE GET THIS FIXED, WHY CAN'T WE DO SIMPLE STUFF, GET FROM POINT A

4:54:15

TO POINT B. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I THINK

4:54:21

YOUR COMPOSURE TODAY HAS BEEN REMARKABLE. IN ANCIENT MYTHOLOGY, THERE IS A CHARACTER CALLED CASSANDRA.

4:54:31

CASSANDRA HAD THE ABILITY TO SEE INTO THE FUTURE, BUT WAS CURSED BY APOLLO THAT NO ONE WOULD EVER

4:54:38

BELIEVE HER PROPHECY. SITTING HERE LISTENING TO YOU TODAY, THAT IS IMMEDIATELY WHAT

4:54:44

I THOUGHT OF. THANK YOU FOR MAINTAINING

4:54:50

COMPOSURE AT A TIME WHEN YOU COULD LITERALLY, WITHOUT APOLOGY

4:54:56

, STAND ON THAT DESK AND SCREAM AT THE TOP OF YOUR LUNGS, I TOLD

4:55:02

YOU OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THIS IS A REPORT FROM 2007, A

4:55:09

DISCUSSION WITH RESPIRATOR PROTECTION DEVICE MANUFACTURERS ON. THIS AND SURGE CAPACITY.

4:55:16

FIRST PAGE IS THE BOTTOM LINE.

4:55:21

2007. THEY WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NEED FOR RESPIRATORY DEVICES DURING AN

4:55:29

INFLUENZA PANDEMIC. THEY WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT NEED ACROSS ALL SECTORS. HEALTH CARE, BUSINESS,

4:55:36

GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC. INDUSTRIAL SURGE CAPACITY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET NEEDS AND

4:55:43

SUPPLIES WILL BE SHORT DURING A PANDEMIC. THERE ARE SEVERAL RPD OPTIONS

4:55:49

THAT CAN BE EMPLOYED TO PROVIDE THE PROJECTED NEED TO.

4:55:58

FINDING SAFE WAYS TO WORK AROUND LIMITED SUPPLIES DURING A PANDEMIC.

4:56:03

THIS IS 2007. THIS IS WHEN YOU WERE STARTED ON YOUR CRUSADE, WELL-FOUNDED,

4:56:11

OBVIOUSLY, GIVEN WHAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS IDENTIFYING AS NEEDS DURING THAT TIME.

4:56:18

AND HERE WE ARE 13 YEARS LATER, IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC, THAT YOU AND OTHERS CAUTIONED US

4:56:24

ABOUT, AND WE ARE NOT READY. I HAVE TO SAY THAT I AM

4:56:33

EMBARRASSED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THESE WARNINGS ARE SO MANY

4:56:38

YEARS. I WAS ELECTED IN 2006 AND CAME HERE IN 2007.

4:56:45

SO MY TIME HERE KIND OF TRACKS YOUR JOURNEY TO TRY TO GET US TO WAKE UP TO THIS PANDEMIC, TO GET

4:56:55

THINGS TO BE MADE AGAIN HERE IN AMERICA. I HAVE BEEN AN ADVOCATE FOR

4:57:01

THOSE THINGS BUT NOT ENOUGH OF AN ADVOCATE, I CONFESS.

4:57:07

I APOLOGIZE ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THAT WE HAVE NOT RESPONDED THAT HER TO THE WARD

4:57:15

EXTENT YOU HAVE GIVEN US FOR SO MANY YEARS. NOW WE ARE PAYING FOR IT AND THE

4:57:23

COST IS LIVES, UNFORTUNATELY. SHAME ON US.

4:57:29

AND, YOU KNOW, 10 YEARS FROM NOW, THEY WILL PLAY BACK A VIDEO

4:57:35

OF THIS AND WILL WE MARK THIS AT

4:57:40

THE BEGINNING OF -- >> WE WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THIS TO FULFILL OUR 41 YEAR COMMITMENT

4:57:48

TO COVERAGE OF LIVE HOUSE COVERAGE. NOW, TO THE HOUSE. [CAPTIONS COPYRIGHT NATIONAL

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THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE: THE HOUSE WILL BE IN ORDER. THE CHAIR LAYS BEFORE THE HOUSE A COMMUNICATION FROM THE

4:58:45

SPEAKER. THE CLERK: THE SPEAKER'S ROOM, WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 14, 2020,

4:58:52

I HEREBY APPOINT THE HONORABLE MARY GAY SCANLON TO ACT AS

4:58:57

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE ON THIS DAY. SIGNED, NANCY PELOSI, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE: THE PRAYER WILL BE OFFERED BY OUR

4:59:03

CHAPLAIN, FATHER CONROY. CHAPLAIN CONROY: LET US PRAY.

4:59:09

COMPASSIONATE AND MERCIFUL GOD, THANK YOU FOR GIVING US ANOTHER DAY.

4:59:15

AS MEMBERS RETURN AND ARE MAKING THEIR WAY BACK TO THE CAPITOL, WE ASK THAT YOU KEEP THEM SAFE

4:59:23

FROM INFECTION AS THEY PASS THROUGH AREAS OF RELATIVELY HIGH SOCIAL CONTACT.

4:59:29

BLESS THE MEN AND WOMEN WHOSE WORK IN THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY PLACES THEM AT A HYTENED RISK --

4:59:38

HEIGHTENED RISK DURING THIS PANDEMIC. MAY ALL THOSE THAT TRAVEL THESE

4:59:43

DAYS BE MINDFUL OF THE SAFETY OF THOSE AROUND THEM IN THE USE OF

4:59:48

FACEMASKS AND OTHER CAUTIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL.

4:59:54

MAY EVERYTHING DONE TODAY AND IN THE DAYS TO COME BE FOR YOUR

5:00:01

GREATER HONOR AND GLORY. AMEN. THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE: PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-A OF HOUSE

5:00:08

RESOLUTION 891, THE JOURNAL OF THE LAST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS IS APPROVED. THE CHAIR WILL LEAD THE HOUSE IN

5:00:14

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

5:00:19

AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

5:00:36

THE CHAIR LAYS BEFORE THE HOUSE A COMMUNICATION. THE CLERK: THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER, HOUSE OF

5:00:42

REPRESENTATIVES, MADAM, PURSUANT TO THE PERMISSION GRANTED IN CLAUSE 2-H OF RULE 2 OF THE RULES OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF

5:00:49

REPRESENTATIVES, THE CLERK RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE ON MAY 14, 2020, AT 2:32 P.M.

5:00:58

THAT THE SENATE PASSED SENATE 2661, THAT THE SENATE PASSED WITHOUT AMENDMENT H.R. 943.

5:01:04

WITH BEST WISHES, I AM, SIGNED

5:01:11

SINCERELY, ROBERT F. REEVES, DEPUTY CLERK. THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE: THE CHAIR LAYS BEFORE THE HOUSE A

5:01:17

COMMUNICATION. THE CLERK: THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MADAM, PURSUANT TO THE PERMISSION GRANTED IN

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CLAUSE 2-H OF RULE 2 OF THE RULES OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE CLERK RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE

5:01:28

FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE ON MAY 14, 2020, AT 2:47 P.M.

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THAT THE SENATE PASSED WITH AMENDMENTS H.R. 6172.

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WITH BEST WISHES, I AM, SIGNED SINCERELY, ROBERT F. REEVES,

5:01:45

DEPUTY CLERK. THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE: PURSUANT TO CLAUSE 12-A OF RULE 1, THE CHAIR DECLARES THE HOUSE

5:01:55

>> AND THE HOUSE GAVELS OUT. THEY'RE BACK TOMORROW AT 9:00 A.M. EASTERN.

5:02:00

MEMBERS WILL DEBATE AN OVER \$3 TRILLION CORONAVIRUS RELIEF PACKAGE WHICH INCLUDES MONEY FOR

5:02:05

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO FUND FIRST RESPONDERS AND HEALTH

5:02:12

WORKERS. NOW BACK TO THE HOUSE HEARING.

5:02:24

>> IF THAT'S HAPPENING, THAT'S FROM WHERE ELSE. I'M ONLY SELLING THEM A MILLION A MONTH.

5:02:30

THEY'RE GETTING LOTS AND LOTS, MILLIONS. >> ANYTHING WE GET IN MISSOURI, WE TRIED SO HARD FOR A LISTENING

5:02:35

TIME TO GET A HOLD OF THEM. >> I HAVE A LITTLE BITTY CONTRACT. >> ONE OF THE TWO LARGEST

5:02:42

HOSPITALS IN MY DISTRICT ORDERED MASKS AND I'M NOT EVEN -- I'M SURE THEY WERE N95'S THEY

5:02:48

ORDERED THEARK PAID EIGHT TIMES THE GOING RATE PRECORONA

5:02:53

OUTBREAK. THEY GOT THEIR N95 MASKS IN

5:02:58

GREAT SHAPE, THEY WERE FINE BUT THEY WERE COUNTERFEIT. THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS, IF

5:03:06

PEOPLE ARE STEALING YOUR WEBSITE IT'S OBVIOUS WHERE SOME OF THE COUNTERFEIT MASKS AT EIGHT TIMES

5:03:11

THE GOING RATE ARE COMING FROM. I GOT A LITTLE OFF
SUBJECT. LET ME ASK YOU MY QUESTION BEFORE I GET TOO FAR
OUT ON A

5:03:18

LIMB. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING YOU WERE ABLE TO GET
CONNECTED WITH THE WHITE HOUSE ECONOMIC ADVISOR,

5:03:25

PETER NAVARRO, IN MARCH. >> I GUESS IT WAS MARCH. >> NBC
NEWS REPORTED AFTER YOU

5:03:31

CONNECTED WITH PETER NAVARRO THAT DR. BRIGHT WROTE
OTO HIS

5:03:36

DEPUTY ASKING HIM TO EXPLORE IF THEY COULD DIVERT MONEY
RESERVED FOR VACCINES AND OTHER DEFENSE

5:03:42

MEASURES TO BUY MASKS. ACCORDING TO NBC NEWS THIS WAS
AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TRUMP AND HIS TOP AIDES PLAYED
FAVORITES IN

5:03:49

AWARDING CONTRACTS AND ALLOCATING SCARCE RESOURCES.

5:03:54

YOUR COMPANY'S DEAL WITH FEMA IS WNL ON OF TWO
IDENTIFIED THAT

5:04:00

EXPLICITLY SAYS IT WAS DIRECTED BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

5:04:06

MYMY QUESTION, WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO THESE
ALLEGATIONS?

5:04:12

I ASK BECAUSE DR. BRIGHT'S ALLEGATIONS ALLEGE CRONYISM.

5:04:18

>> I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THAT UP. NBC -- THAT ARTICLE WAS
ONLY ONE

5:04:23

ARTICLE OF TWO THAT WERE CRITICAL ABOUT US. AND BOTH OF
THOSE ARTICLES WERE WRITTEN BY PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T TALK
TO ME AND GOT THE ARTICLE

5:04:28

WRONG. IF YOU'D LIKE I CAN TELL YOU THAT THAT ALL CAME ABOUT. >> CERTAINLY.

5:04:34

>> I WAS ON EITHER NP RMBING OR BBC. ONE OF STEVE BANNON'S PRODUCERS

5:04:41

HEARD ME ON THE SHOW AND ASKED ME TO BE ON THEIR SHOW. AND THEY CALLED ME. AND I -- PRODUCER, A GUY NAMED

5:04:51

GEORGE, SAID WOULD YOU BE ON STEVE BANNON'S SHOW. I DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT STEVE

5:04:57

BANNON, I KNOW HE'S A LOT FARTHER TO THE RIGHT THAN I AM, I SAID, WELL IN ALL FAIRNESS, I

5:05:03

HAVE TO TELL YOU I'M NOT A TRUMP SUPPORTER. HE SAID, I DON'T CARE. SO I -- I JUST WANT TO GET THAT

5:05:10

OUT -- I DON'T WANT TO BE ON THE SHOW IF THEY THINK I'M A TRUMP SUPPORTER. HE SAID, I DON'T CARE. SO THEN THE SHOW WENT REAL WELL.

5:05:18

I WAS INVITED BACK. AND I ENJOYED TALKING TO STEVE BANNON.

5:05:23

THAT WAS FINE. STEVE GOT IT. HE GOT THE CAUSE. AND HE SAID I'M GOING TO TELL A

5:05:30

FRIEND OF MINE, DR. HATFIELD, DR. NAVARRO ABOUT YOU GUYS.

5:05:37

I SAID WHO IS DR. NAVARRO? HE TOLD ME, I SAID GREAT. SO THEN DR. -- SOMEBODY FROM DR.

5:05:45

NAVARRO'S OFFICE CALLED ME AND I WENT THROUGH THE SAME SHPIEL.

5:05:52

I WANT TO BE SURE EVERYBODY KNOWS EVERYTHING. SO SOMEBODY FROM DR. NAVARRO'S OFFICE CALL AND ASKED ME ABOUT

5:05:57

MY COMPANY. I SAID YEAH, I MAKE MASKS. IN ALL FAIRNESS, I NEED TO TELL

5:06:03

YOU I'M NOT A TRUMP SUPPORTER. IN FACT I DID AN ARTICLE IN THE "DALLAS MORNING NEWS" TWO YEARS AGO THAT WAS VERY CRITICAL AND

5:06:09

THAT'S GOING TO COME OUT AND HE SAID I DON'T CARE. AND THEN TO MAKE MATTERS, BEAT A

5:06:17

DEAD HORSE, WHEN DR. NAVARRO CALLED ME I DID THE SAME THING. I SAID F.Y.I., GIVE ME A CONTRACT

5:06:22

THIS CARL IS GOING TO COME OUT, THIS MIGHT EMBARRASS YOU, JUST TO LET YOU KNOW. HE LAUGHED. I REMEMBER HE LAUGHED AT ME.

5:06:29

AND HE SAID SEND ME THE ARTICLE. I DID.

5:06:34

SO I TOLD MY FRIENDS RECENTLY, THAT ARTICLE SHOULD HAVE BEEN TITLED, TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

5:06:40

GETS MASK CONTRACT -- GIVES MASK CONTRACT TO BIDEN SUPPORTER. THAT'S REAL DEAL.

5:06:48

IT WAS NOT CRONYISM, SIR. IT WAS NOT CREENYISM AT ALL. AND LET ME TELL YOU TOO, PETER

5:06:55

NAVARRO WAS A GENTLEMAN, ACTED IN GOOD FAITH. HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE MASK SUPPLY.

5:07:00

SO WAS I. AND THAT'S WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT.

5:07:05

NO CRONYISM. IF YOU WANT TO TAKE THAT FEMA CONTRACT AWAY FROM ME PLEASE DO.

5:07:10

I CAN MAKE A LOT MORE MONEY SELLING THOSE MASKS SOMEWHERE ELSE. I GOT A PURE HEART, SIR, I DO.

5:07:16

>> TRUMP'S ADVISORS AND CLOSE PEOPLE, SEE HIM AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, SEVERAL OF THOSE

5:07:21

PEOPLE ARE NOT TRUMP SUPPORTERS EITHER BUT THE PRESIDENT PICKED THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS BECAUSE I THINK

5:07:26

THAT'S GOOD. >> THAT WAS THE FARTHEST FROM -- I TRIED TO TALK MYSELF OUT OF

5:07:32

THAT THAT'S PROBABLY WHY MR. NAVARRO SAID I WAS DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH.

5:07:37

I DON'T KNOW. >> THE GENTLEMAN'S TIME HAS EXPIRED. IT'S A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE

5:07:42

GENTLEMAN FROM NEW MEXICO, MR. LUJAN, FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONING.

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MR. LUJAN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MR. BOWEN, THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US.

5:07:53

AS YOU OUTLINED IN YOUR TESTIMONY YOU HAVE BEEN RAISING THE ALARM ABOUT THE NATIONAL SECURITY RISK FROM THE LOSS OF

5:07:58

DOMESTIC MASK PRODUCTION FOR SOME TIME. DOES THE UNITED STATES NEED TO CHANGE THAT AND DRAMATICALLY

5:08:04

INCREASE THE MANUFACTURING OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES? WELL, THERE'S A SHORT-TERM ISSUE

5:08:09

AND A LONG-TERM ISSUE. RIGHT NOW THERE'S A LOT OF MASKS NEEDED. AND THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE

5:08:15

GOING INTO THE BUSINESS, UNFORTUNATELY, A LOT OF THEM DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING AND WE'RE MAKING MASKS OUT OF

5:08:20

FABRIC AND OTHER THINGS THAT DON'T WORK. WHAT I CALL IT IS MAKING A LIFE

5:08:27

JACKET OUT OF LEAD. I CAN MAKE LIFE JACKET OUT OF LEAD AND PAINT IT ORANGE BUT DON'T GO IN THE POOL. SOME OF THESE MAFFINGS BEING

5:08:33

MADE ARE WORTHLESS. SO -- I'M SORRY, I GOT -- I LOST

5:08:40

-- >> I THINK YOU ANSWERED THE QUESTION. YES, THE UNITED STATES SHOULD TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY.

5:08:45

AND UP MANUFACTURING. BUT WE NEED TO DO IT THE RIGHT WAY. >> I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO UP MANUFACTURING THAT MUCH.

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I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE IT BE IN THE UNITED STATES SOCIETY CAN'T GET CUT OFF LIKE A LOT OF THE

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CHINESE SUPPLY WAS CUT OFF. >> APPRECIATE THAT, SIR. ON JANUARY 22, YOU EMAILED

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OFFICIALS AT H.H.S. AND OFFERED TO REACTIVATE FOUR OF YOUR COMPANY'S UNUSED PRODUCTION LINES FOR N95S REPRETTYORS.

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>> YES, SIR. >> WHAT WAS THE RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFER? >> WELL, DR. BRIGHT WAS KIND OF

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ALL OVER IT. HE REALLY THOUGHT THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT THING. SO HE SAID I'M GOING TO FORWARD

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YOU TO LAURA WOLF, SHE'S IN CHARGE OF INFRASTRUCTURE. AND MY ATTITUDE WAS IT'S -- THIS

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IS TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE BUT WE'VE GOT FOUR MACHINE, WE CAN AT LEAST PROTECT SOME PEOPLE, MAYBE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE.

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SO THEY ASKED ME TO GET WITH HER AND TELL HER WHAT WE COULD DO.

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I DID. SENT A BIG, LONG EMAIL THAT SAID HERE'S WHAT WE CAN DO. THEN THERE WASN'T A LOT OF

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RESPONSE AFTER THAT. AND AGAIN, I WASN'T LOOKING FOR A CONTRACT. I'M JUST TRYING TO BE HELPFUL AT

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THIS POINT.

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AND AGAIN, I THINK THAT THE TRAVESTY HERE ISN'T WHAT HAPPENED IN JANUARY AND THAT TIME.

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LAURA WOLF IS NO MORE RESPONSIBLE THAN ALL THESE OTHER THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT I TOLD.

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HOSPITALS AND EVERYBODY I TOLD. SO TO LOOK AT HER AND -- OR LOOK AT THEM AND GO THEY DIDN'T

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LISTEN AND YOU WERE RIGHT, I MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN RIGHT. THEY'RE ALL MAKING DECISIONS IN A BATTLEFIELD SITUATION I'M NOT GOING TO BE TOO HARD ON THOSE

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FOLKS. I THINK THE REAL ISSUE IS THAT, LOOK AT THE H.H.S. PRESENTATION

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FROM 13 YEARS AGO. THEY SAID HERE IT IS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PROBLEM. THAT DAY, THAT'S WHY I SAID WHEN BRENDA HADEN GAVE US THAT

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PRESENTATION, SHE -- BRENDA, YOU'RE PREACHING TO THE CHOIR, WE CAN'T BELIEVE THIS, THIS IS

5:10:44

WONDERFUL. SHE GO, BUT WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO FIX IT. I SAID YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING.

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THAT'S WHY I LATCHED ONTO BRTA, THEY WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO BELIEVED IT. I KEPT THINK, I'LL TELL YOU HOW

5:10:55

BAD IT WAS, HOW THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS GOES FAR AND WIDE, IS ALL THREE OF THOSE

5:11:00

DIRECTORS BELIEVED IN AND KNEW IT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN AND TRIED TO WORK WITH ME. DR. ROBINSON GOT ON A PLANE AND

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WENT AND TALKED TO A HOSPITAL GROUP IN HOUSTON BECAUSE I ASKED HIM TO. AND BECAUSE OF THAT M.D.

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ANDERSON CANCER CENTER TODAY HAS ENOUGH MASKS AND THEY'RE THE ONLY HOSPITAL SYSTEM IN TEXAS,

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SORRY, IN HOUSTON, WHO DOES. BECAUSE HE GOT ON A PLANE.

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>> JUST BECAUSE OF MY TIME LIMIT, IN THAT COMMUNICATION IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU SHARED HOW MANY MASKS YOU COULD

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MAKE. AND WHAT -- I WAS LED TO BELIEVE WAS 1. MILLION MASKS WE ARE

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PEEK OR SEVEN MILLION PER MONTH. >> THAT'S CORRECT IF WE RAN

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24-7. >> AND THE PRICE WAS 79 CENTS? >> BACK THEN THERE WAS NO TALK OF PRICE. I SAID THE MACHINES ARE AVAILABLE.

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I JUST SAID THIS IS HERE. REMEMBER THIS? THIS IS HERE, DON'T FORGET. >> EARLIER IN TESTIMONY, I THINK

5:11:56

YOU SAID THE PRICE WAS 79 CENTS. >> SINCE THEN WE HAVE PRICED THEM AT 9 CENTS.

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>> APPRECIATE THAT, SIR. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT TIMELY ACTED ON THE NEED FOR MASKS AND ENTERED INTO CONTRACTS WITH LESS

5:12:07

EXPERIENCED MANUFACTURERS THEY ENDED UP PAYING AS MUCH AS \$5.50 PER MASK?

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>> I JUST KNOW WHAT I READ IN THE PAPER. >> I READ THAT AS WELL. SOUNDS LIKE PRICE GOUGING TO ME.

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DR. BRIGHT TESTIFIED THERE'S A SHORTAGE OF P. PERFORM E. THERE SHOULD BE NO QUESTION TO EVERYONE IN THIS HEARING THAT

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THERE'S A SHORTAGE OF P.P.E. INCLUDING MASKS. INSTEAD OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY AND ENSURING

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CRITICAL P.P.E. IS MANUFACTURED AT THE LEVEL NEEDED AND LOY UH

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STATING TO DIST THEM WHERE NEEDED, THEY PITTED THE STATES

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AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. JARED KUSHNER SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, THE NOTION OF A

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FEDERAL STOCKPILE IS IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE OUR STOCKPILE NOT THE STATE'S STOCKPILE THEY THEN

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USE. THE DAY AFTER HE WAS ON THAT PRESS CONFERENCE THE WEBSITE WAS CHANGED TO REFLECT HIS REMARKS. MADAM CHAIR I WANT TO SUBMIT

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INTO THE RECORD AN ARTICLE FROM "U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT," STATES COMPETING IN GLOBAL

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JUNGLE FOR P.P.E. >> SO ORDERED. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. >> THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK.

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PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM ILLINOIS, DR. BUCSHON, FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES OF

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QUESTIONS. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIRWOMAN, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

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IT'S JUST YOU AND 3M THAT MAKES THESE TYPE OF MASK MASKS IN THE

5:13:29

U.S.? PREDATING THE PANDEMIC? >> PREDATE DATING THE PANDEMIC.

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>> THERE'S NOT MUCH COMPETITION. OAN LARGE SCALE. >> NOT ON A LARGE SCALE.

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WE'RE ALL SMALL. MEMBERS OF THE SECURE MASK SUPPLY ORGANIZATION I STARTED IN

5:13:46

2014, THERE'S FOUR OF US AND A FEW OTHERS, SMALL, BUT WE MAKE PROBABLY LESS THAN 10% OF THE

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SUPPLY. >> THIS HAS BEEN A LONG STANDING ISSUE.

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YOUR TESTIMONY HAS SHOWN US THAT, IT'S AN ISSUE THAT

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PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED IN CONGRESS. YOU KNOW, CONGRESS CAN TELL AGENCIES WHAT TO DO.

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AND HOW TO ACT. AND YOU KNOW, GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING RULES, AGENCY RULES

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AND REGULATIONS, I MEAN, THIS IS MY 10TH YEAR IN CONGRESS, IT'S

5:14:21

ALWAYS AMAZED ME ABOUT HOW NOT VERY PRESCRIPTIVE WE ARE IN

5:14:26

CONGRESS. WE -- IT'S MORE BROAD ON WHAT WE SAY. I MEAN THE REN CENT STUFF WE'VE

5:14:34

DONE IS AN EXAMPLE. FOR THE MOST PART IT'S TURNED OUT OK. BUT WE DO GIVE AGENCIES A LOT OF

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LEEWAY TO SET RULES, REGULATIONS AND OTHER THINGS. AND IT'S CLEAR YOU'VE INTERACTED

5:14:46

WITH THESE AGENCIES FOR YEARS AND EVEN THOUGH MAYBE WE KNEW UP HERE AND TALKED ABOUT IT, WE HAD

5:14:53

TO FIX THIS PROBLEM, IT WAS REALLY NEVER FIXED UNLESS CONGRESS TELLS THEM TO DO IT,

5:14:58

THEIR PROBABLY NOT GOING. TO THE OTHER THING IS, THE PRIVATE SECTOR MARKETPLACE, I

5:15:03

KNOW YOU TALKED ABOUT THAT. HOW HOSPITALS GET PRODUCTS FROM

5:15:08

-- BUY CHEAPER PRODUCTS NOT MADE IN THE EYES. FOR YOUR PRODUCTS, SAY FOR AN

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N95 MASK, THE F.D.A. HAS TO APPROVE THOSE PRODUCTS TO BE USED IN THE UNITED STATES?

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>> YES, SIR. WELL, I THINK JUST NOW, I THINK THAT'S CHANGED.

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I BELIEVE -- >> BUT THERE IS A FEDERAL AGENCY

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THAT HAS TO CERTIFY THIS IS SOMETHING -- >> YES, SIR. >> RIGHT.

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SO, AND -- SO I MEAN, WE DO HAVE SOME CONTROL OVER WHAT,
IN A

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CERTAIN RESPECT, ABOUT THE QUALITY OF THE MASKS WE
IMPORT INTO THE UNITED STATES. CLEARLY THERE'S BEEN, YOU
KNOW,

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SOME COUNTERFEITS. BUT PROBABLY ALSO SOME PRODUCTS
BROUGHT FROM CHINA AND OTHER

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PLACES THAT MAYBE DON'T GO THROUGH -- DID GO THROUGH
THE SAME CERTIFICATION PROCESS THAT

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YOU DO? >> THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO.

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BUT I KNOW FOR INSTANCE, EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, CHINESE
RESPIRATOR.

5:16:10

THEY'LL TAKE MASKS OUT OF THE MARKET, THEY'LL GO BUY
MASKS AND TEST THEM. IF THEY FAIL YOU CAN LOSE YOUR

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REGISTRATION. >> AND THEY DO THAT FOR THE CHINESE MADE
MASKS TOO. >> CHINESE MASKS A LOT OF THOSE

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HAVE GOTTEN LOST THEIR REGISTRATION. >> AND FOR THE
NATIONAL

5:16:28

STOCKPILE, I MEAN IT SEEMS TO ME WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
REALLY CONSIDER CHANGING HOW WE DEAL WITH THAT.

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YOU HAVE A STOCKPILE OF SOMETHING. YOU BUY ALL THE
STUFF. THEN IT OUTDATES.

5:16:38

THEN YOU BUY IT ALL AGAIN. WHAT'S THE OUTDATE ON -- SAY

5:16:43

JUST AN N95 MASK. HOW LONG ARE THOSE CERTIFIED TO

5:16:49

BE USED SITTING ON A SHELF, YOU PULL IT OFF THERE.

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FOR HOW LONG? >> THEY'RE ALL DIFFERENT. 5, 10, 15 YEARS, THEY'RE ALL DIFFERENT.

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BUT I NEVER THOUGHT STOCKPILING WAS THE WAY TO GO ZPHSM THIS MASK HERE MIGHT BE, YOU KNOW IF

5:17:05

IT SAT ON A SHELF INFORM A CLOSED BECOMES IT MIGHT SAY ON THERE 10 YEARS.

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>> IT MIGHT BE FINE. >> IT MIGHT BE FINE. >> OR THE ELASTIC COULD ROT. >> WHICH HAS HAPPENED.

5:17:16

I'VE HAD PEM AT HOSPITALS TELL ME THEY PULLED MASKS OFF THE SHELF AND THE ELASTIC POPPED.

5:17:22

>> I DON'T THINK STOCKPILING. >> WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO? FOR EXAMPLE IN THE STOCKPILE IF THEY WERE OUTDATED, START TO

5:17:29

OUTDATE SHOULD WE BE ABLE TO SELL THAT STUFF BEFORE IT JUT DATES? WHAT WOULD BE THE LENGTH OF TIME BEFORE AN OUTDATE THAT YOU'D

5:17:35

FEEL COMFORTABLE SELLING A PRODUCT? >> I DON'T BELIEVE IN STOCKPILING SIR BECAUSE OF THE POBS WE HAVE ALREADY IDENTIFIED.

5:17:41

I THINK WHAT WE SHOULD DO IS COME UP WITH A NEW KIND OF MASK THAT CAN BE MADE EXTREMELY FAST,

5:17:48

HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS A WEEK. >> SO INNOVATION. >> ABSOLUTELY.

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THEN RAMP UP. I PRESENTED A PROGRAM, AN IDEA CALLED HYPER SURGE TO C.D.C.

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SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THAT'S WHAT I SAID. THEY SAID IT WAS THE BEST PRESENTATION OF THE MEETING.

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THEN WE NEVER DID IT BECAUSE I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT A WAY TO MAKE IT PROFITABLE TO GO AND BUILD A MACHINE THAT'S NOT GOING

5:18:11

TO BE USED. I'M NOT IN THAT BUSINESS. >> I WAS A HEART SURGEON BEFORE. WE USED TO, WHEN I FIRST STARTED

5:18:17

25 YEARS AGO, WE WOULD HAVE A STOCKPILE OF HEART VALVES OF ALL

5:18:23

SIZES. HOSPITAL BOUGHT THEM. THEY SAT THERE THEY HAD OUTDAYS ON THEM. OVER THE YEARS, ULTIMATELY, WE

5:18:28

GOT TO A POINT WHERE THEY DON'T STOCKPILE THOSE ANYMORE AT THE HOSPITAL. BECAUSE THINGS WOULD OUTDATE AND

5:18:34

THEY'D HAVE TO GET RID OF THEM. SO NOW BASICALLY THINGS ROTATE THROUGH. WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO DO A HEART

5:18:40

SURGERY CASE, YOU KNOW, YOU CAN GET THE PRODUCTS WILL COME

5:18:46

THROUGH, AND YOU'LL -- IT'S CONSIGNMENT. YOU DON'T BUY THEM ANYMORE. SO THAT'S THE -- THAT'S KIND OF

5:18:53

WHAT YOU'RE SAYING AS A STOCKPILE. YOU DON'T STOCKPILE THIS STUFF. BUT OFF WAY OF QUICKLY GETTING

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THINGS -- >> A STOCKPILE WILL WORK IN SOME SITUATIONS. FOR INSTANCE THE GOVERNMENT DOES BUY MASKS. V.A. AND D.O.D. BUY MILLIONS OF

5:19:07

MASKS. SO THAT CAN ROTATE THROUGH. SO THEY NEED A COHERENT PLAN AND THAT'S WHAT I TRIED TO PRESENT.

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WE'VE GOT FOUR MACHINES, LET'S USE ONE FOR YOUR PEACETIME USE, WE'LL ROTATE THAT STOCK FOR YOU.

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THAT WAS THE PLAN. >> THE U.S. GOVERNMENT COULD HELP CREATE A CONSISTENT MARKETPLACE FOR U.S.-MADE MASKS.

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>> YES. >> IT COULD BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. >> IT CAN BE DONE FOR HEALTH CARE WORK, TO DO IT FOR THE

5:19:32

WHOLE UNITED STATES FOR SOMETHING HA HAPPENS EVERY 100 YEARS TO PROTECT ALL AMERICANS IS PROBABLY NOT PRACTICAL. >> UNDERSTOOD.

5:19:42

>> BUT PROTECTING AMERICA'S HEALTH CARE WORKERS IS POSSIBLE. >> FAIR ENOUGH.

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I YIELD BACK. >> THE GENTLEMAN FROM OREGON, MR. SCHRADER FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONS. >> WELCOME.

5:19:53

WE'RE DOING A LOT OF THINGS THESE DAYS THAT AREN'T REAL PRACTICAL BUT WE'RE BEING FORCED INTO THEM.

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>> IT'S SURREAL. >> YEAH. TO SOME OF THE COMMUNICATIONS

5:20:04

WITH DR. BRIGHT, ONE OF THE REFERENCES HE MADE WAS TO A DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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REQUEST OR COMMUNICATION WITH YOU BACK IN MID JANUARY TO PROCURE SOME MASKS AND COULD YOU

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TALK ABOUT THAT A LITTLE BIT? WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF THAT? >> WHAT I WOULD CLASSIFY, SOME

5:20:24

SORT OF PURCHASING AGENT KIND OF PERSON. NOT A HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL, CALLED AND SAID THEY WERE

5:20:30

LOOKING FOR MASKS I BELIEVE FOR SCREENERS. AND I SAID I DON'T HAVE ANY. WE'RE SOLD OUT.

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AND THEN I JUST ASKED HIM WHAT DO YOU THINK, IS THIS REAL?
AND HE -- I SAID GIVE ME YOUR

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HONEST OPINION? HE SAID I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE BAD, I SAID
YEAH, I DO TOO. SO TO PICK UP THE PHONE AND CALL

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RICK BRIGHT. THESE FOLKS TO ME WERE BROTHERS IN ARMS. I
CALLED THEM FOR 15 YEARS, 13 YEARS. EVERY TIME
SOMETHING LIKE THIS

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WOULD HAPPEN I'D PICK UP THE THIS PHONE AND SAY, IS THIS IT,
CAN I HELP YOU?

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>> IT'S INTERESTING THAT WHILE H.H.S. WAS NOT RECEIVING
THIS INFORMATION OR PRODUCTIVE

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MANNER, D.H.S., AT LEAST SOME FOLKS IN D.H.S. WERE VERY
AWARE

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KIND OF SITUATION. >> I DON'T KNOW. WE WERE NEVER AGE TO
SELL THE GOVERNMENT MASKS. GOVERNMENT WAS NEVER A
CUSTOMER

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OF OURS. UNTIL THE H1N1 PANDEMIC.

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THEY BOUGHT MASKS FROM US IN AN EMERGENCY AND NEVER
BOUGHT AGAIN. >> IF I MAY, I'D LIKE TO GET AT

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THAT. BEFORE WE DO, ON FEBRUARY 3, THERE WAS
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN

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YOU AND DR. WOLF AND A COMMENT

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WAS MADE, I THINK DR. WRIGHT

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REFERRED TO THIS IF WE'RE NOT RESPONDING NOW OUR
MASKS WOULD FOREVER BE UNDER FOREIGN CONTROL. DO
YOU REMEMBER THAT COMMENT?

5:21:51

>> I DON'T KNOW. BUT -- >> I WAS CURIOUS WHAT YOU MEANT BY -- >> I SAID THAT? >> YEAH.

5:21:56

>> OH, YEAH. WHAT I MEANT WAS IF -- I'M GLAD

5:22:03

YOU ASKED THE QUESTION. WHAT I MEANT WAS IF WE DON'T FIX THE U.S. MASK SUPPLY NOW, WHILE

5:22:08

EVERYBODY IS THINKING ABOUT IT, WHILE PEOPLE ARE DYING, WE'LL DO EXACTLY WHAT DEWE DID AFTER

5:22:16

H1N1, DURING H1N1 I WAS ON THE NEWS JUST LIKE NOW. WE WERE VINDICATED.

5:22:22

WE COULDN'T BELIEVE IT WENT RIGHT BACK. AND THINGS ARE WORSE NOW THAN THEY WERE BEFORE H1N1.

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>> SO GETTING BACK TO EARLIER COMMENTS AND A BIT OF WHAT DR. BUCSHON WAS TALKING ABOUT IT'S

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CLEAR WE NEED TO MAKE SOME OF THIS STUFF IN AMERICA. THE QUESTION IS -- I HAVE A TINY

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-- OR HAD A VERY SMALL VETERINARY PRACTICE AND WE USE MASKS.

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THE QUESTION -- I WAS ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT THE DOLLAR. MY JOB HERE IS ALSO TO PROTECT THE TAXPAYER DOLLAR.

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\$5 A BOX, \$1 A BOX, YOU GOT TO THINK ABOUT IT AT LEAST A LITTLE

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BIT. WHAT'S THE RIGHT MIX THERE? HOW DO WE PROTECT THE TAXPAYER DOLLAR BUT MAKE SURE WE PROTECT

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MADE IN AMERICA SO WE CAN REACT? >> WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY IS GOING TO MAKE NO ACCOUNTING

5:23:08

SENSE. WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY IS THAT \$1 IS NOT REAL. IT SHOULD BE IGNORED.

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THEY'RE NOT MAKING A PROFIT. JUST BECAUSE SOME COUNTRY CAN SELL A MASK AND LOSE MONEY ON IT

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TO US, DOES THAT MEAN WE TAUGHT BUY THAT AND THINK THAT'S VIABLE? IT'S NOT. IT'S NOT.

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WE OUGHT TO BUY EVERYTHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH CRITICAL PRODUCTS LIKE A MASK IN THE UNITED

5:23:31

STATES. MASKS COST LESS NOW, MY MASKS COST LESS NOW THAN MASKS COST 30

5:23:38

YEARS AGO. YOU CAN BUY TWO CLASS-2 MEDICAL DEVICE, SURGICAL MASKS, FOR LESS

5:23:44

THAN A GUMBALL. THE FACT THAT CHINA CAN MAKE THEM FOR TWO CENTS OR SELL THEM FOR TWO CENTS, LET'S IGNORE THAT

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IT'S NOT REAL. AND IT'S A THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY. >> LAST QUESTION, IF I MAY, AND YOU'VE ALLUDED TO THIS AGAIN.

5:23:58

NICE TO HAVE A STOCKPILE, BUT STOCKPILE IS NOT THE TOTAL ANSWER FOR WHAT YOU AND LARRY WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT.

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WHAT ROLE DOES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN SETTING UP MAYBE PLATFORM THAT BUSINESSES COULD

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USE WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH? IN OTHER WORDS IT'S NOT WORTH YOUR WHILE TO SET UP THIS PLATFORM PRORK DEUCE FOR A

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COUPLE OF MONTHS AN THEN TRY TO SHUT IT DOWN, UNEMPLOYEE PEOPLE.

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WHAT ROLE COULD THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAVE, WE FACE THIS WITH DRUGS.

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THE CHAIRWOMAN IS IN VERY ADAMANT CONCERN THAT ALL OUR

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ACTIVE INGREDIENTS ARE MADE IN CHINA OR INDIA. THAT'S NOT A HEALTHY SITUATION EITHER, ESPECIALLY RIGHT NOW.

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WHAT IS THE ROLE, WHAT'S THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO

5:24:42

STAND UP A PLATFORM THAT COULD BE ACTIVATED AND WE BEAR SOME OF THE COSTS AND YOU GUYS CAN TOO?

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>> START BY PEARING DOWN THE --

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TEARING DOWN THE WALL TWEENS THE F.C.C. AND D.O.D. AND ALL THE

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DEPARTMENTS. THEY CAN ROTATE A STOCKPILE. THAT CAN JUSTIFY HAVING MACHINES SITTING HERE READY TO BE USED.

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IT NEEDS TO BE -- THERE NEEDS TO BE A COORDINATED PLAN BETWEEN THE -- ALL THESE ORGANIZATIONS

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AND THEN THERE NEEDS TO BE, AGAIN, THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS -- THE GOVERNMENT CAN'T TELL

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HOSPITALS TO BUY AMERICAN MADE MASKS. BUT THEY CAN SURE PUT THEM ON NOTICE THAT IF YOU DON'T, YOU'RE

5:25:27

PROBABLY GOING TO GET SUED AT SOME POINT. I TOLD MY WIFE THE OTHER DAY, I'M PROBABLY GOING TO SPEND THE

5:25:33

LAST 10 YEARS OF MY CAREER BEING A PAID WITNESS. BECAUSE I THINK THESE -- I THINK ALL THESE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T

5:25:39

PROTECH THEIR EMPLOYEES ARE GOING TO SAY HEY. WHY DON'T YOU CO-THIS STUFF?

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AND LET ME SAY ONE MORE THING TOO. I DEALT WITH THIS THING FOR SO

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LONG, IT'S BEEN SO ILL LOMB CALL, I TRIED TO FIGURE IT OUT, WHO IS AT FAULT?

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PEOPLE ASK ME THAT, WHO'S TO BLAME? IT'S HUMAN NATURE, IT'S ALL OF US, I COULDN'T CONVINCED DOCTORS.

5:26:03

I COULDN'T LISTEN TO. THIS I HAD THREE DIRECTORS AT BARTA SAY MIKE IF YOU GET SOMEBODY TO CALL ME I WILL

5:26:11

VERIFY THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE. I'LL TELL THEM IT'S TRUE. I COULDN'T GET THEM TO CALL. I COULDN'T GET HOSPITALS TO MAKE

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THAT CALL. I DON'T THINK THEY WANTED TO HEAR IT. THEY'RE PROGRAMMED TO SAVE MONEY. THEY'RE NOT PROGRAMMED TO SAY I

5:26:22

WANT TO MAKE SURE MY MASKS WILL BE HERE. IT DIDN'T COMPUTE. I WAS SPEAK GREEK TO EVERYONE.

5:26:29

TO LOOK -- TO LOOK AT THIS STORY, LOOK BACK AND BLAME EVERYBODY, I'M NOT GOING TO DO. THIS I'M LOOKING AT THIS

5:26:35

PANDEMIC, THERE'S A SILVER LINING AND THAT IS IT TELLING EVERYBODY THERE'S A BIG PROBLEM.

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WE CAN FIX THIS PROBLEM AND NEVER GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. >> THANK YOU. >> THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK.

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IT'S A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEWOMAN FROM INDIANA, MRS. BROOKS.

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MRS. BROOKS: THANKS, MADAM CHAIRWOMAN. THANK YOU, MR. BOWEN, FOR BEING HERE.

5:26:57

IT'S SO INTERESTING TO HEAR AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, ACTUALLY, FOR NOT BLAMING AND TRYING TO

5:27:04

EDUCATE ALL OF US AS TO WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN TELLING AMERICA AND

5:27:09

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOR A VERY, VERY LONG TIME. IN FACT, THE CHAIRWOMAN AND I HAVE BEEN A PART OF, AND I

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ENTERED INTO THE RECORD, A FEW HEARINGS AGO, A GROUP CALLED

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CFIS, STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S PUBLIC HEALTH SECURITY. THE TITLE OF THIS BIG REPORT A BUNCH OF PROFESSIONALS CAMING

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TO, A BUNCH OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS CAME TOGETHER, THE TITLE OF THE REPORT IS ENDING

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THE CYCLE OF CRISIS AND COMPLACENCY IN U.S. GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY.

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IT WAS LED BY JULIE GEBERDING,

5:27:48

SENATOR KELLY AYOTTE WHO HAD BEEN IN THE SENATE, IT WAS ALL FOCUSED ON -- IT CAME OUT IN NOVEMBER OF 2019.

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AND IT HAD A LOT OF GREAT OF GR

5:28:05

RECOMMENDATIONS THAT I HOPE -- WE TALKED ABOUT IT -- WE ALWAYS GO INTO THE CYCLE OF DEALING WITH SOMETHING AND THEN WE BECOME COMPLACENT AND WE LOSE FOCUS ONCE AGAIN.

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AND WE HAVE DONE IT, YOU HAVE SAID SINCE 9/11. PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH.

5:28:16

HAD A FOCUS ON IT. TRIED TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE MASK PROBLEM. AND OTHERS.

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AND THEN WE LOST IT. DURING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION.

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AND YOU WROTE LOTS OF LETTERS. AND WE DIDN'T RAMP UP. BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT DURING ALL OF THAT TIME,

5:28:33

PARTICIPATING IN THAT COMMISSION, I DON'T -- WE TALKED ABOUT THERAPEUTICS. WE TALKED ABOUT VACCINES.

5:28:38

WE TALKED ABOUT DIAGNOSTIC TESTING. I DON'T RECALL ANYONE EVER TALKING ABOUT MASKS.

5:28:44

OK. THEY DIDN'T TALK ABOUT P.P.E. AND THESE WERE ALL PROFESSIONALS.

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WHO WERE SITTING AROUND THE TABLE. I'M GLAD CHAIRWOMAN ESHOO IS AGREEING WITH ME. WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT DISCUSSION.

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AND NOW WE ARE ALL SUFFERING, OUR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS REALLY

5:29:04

AND OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE WHO ARE TRULY ON THE FRONT LINES ARE THE ONES NOW SUFFERING THE

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CONSEQUENCES. AND NOW WE HAVE THIS HUGE ISSUE.

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I WANT TO TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT THE STOCKPILE SINCE YOU DON'T BELIEVE STOCKPILE IS THE WAY TO

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GO. MOST OF AMERICA DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS A STOCKPILE UNTIL THIS HAPPENED. MOST OF AMERICA DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ALL THESE TYPE OF

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THINGS UNTIL THIS PANDEMIC HIT. BUT -- SO WE HAVE TO HAVE SOME SUPPLY.

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I COME FROM INDIANA, MANUFACTURING STATE. WE HAVE TO HAVE A SUPPLY CHAIN. WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO RAMP UP

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PRODUCTION. BARTA IS ALL ABOUT PARTNERING WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR. MANY BARTA DIRECTORS DIDN'T GET

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THE JOB DONE. BASED ON WHAT YOU SAID. NOT JUST DR. BRIGHT.

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DR. HATCHET AND DR. ROBINSON. THEY COULDN'T GET THE JOB DONE.

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WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS LATER ON AS A MANUFACTURER. IF WE DONE HAVE A STOCKPILE IF

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WE DON'T HAVE DRAMATIC NEED FOR P. PERFORM E., AND LET'S, GOD

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FORED BY WE DON'T, -- FORBID, WE DON'T, BUT WE MIGHT, WHAT IS THE

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MAGIC FORMULA ABOUT RAMPING UP PRODUCTION WHEN WE NEED IT VERSUS WHEN WE DON'T NEED IT?

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>> THIS IS JUST MY OPINION MY OPINION IS TO HAVE A SMALL STOCKPILE THAT CAN BE ROTATED THROUGH AMERICA'S HOSPITAL

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SYSTEM. BUT AS FAR AS THE GENERAL -- THE

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BULK OF THE MASKS, I THINK WE COULD COME UP WITH A DIFFERENT KIND OF MASK THAT COULD BE MADE

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SO FAST THAT YOU WOULDN'T NEED TO STOCKPILE. THE PROBLEM ISN'T -- ISN'T --

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THE PROBLEM IS HOW DO YOU GET MASKS TO THE RIGHT -- HOW DO YOU GET MASKS TO PEOPLE? HOW DO YOU GET MILLIONS OF MASKS

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TO PEOPLE? YOU CAN DO IT TWO WAYS. EITHER HAVE THEM IN A STOCKPILE OR THEY COULD ROT, OR YOU LEARN

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TO MAKE THEM FASTER. WITH A CONCERTED EFFORT, WITH A GROUP LIKE I WAS TALKING ABOUT WHERE YOU GET PEOPLE, SOME SMART

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PEOPLE, IN A ROOM, HEY, MAKE IT LUCRATIVE. TELL THE AMERICAN MASK INDUSTRY

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HERE'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO. FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE A MILLION MASKS A DAY ON ONE MACHINE.

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>> WOULD THAT BE A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT? OR WOULD THAT BE TURNING ON THE

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SPIGOT SO THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN CALL THOSE MASKMAKERS, HOSPITALS CAN CALL

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THE MASKMAKERS BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW? >> I THINK IT COULD BE BOTH. I THINK THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD

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USE THE V.A. AND D.O.D.'S BUSINESS AS A CARROT. D.O.D. AND V.A. ARE BUYING

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MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF MASK. I'D LOVE TO HAVE THAT BUSINESS. WHAT I'M SAYING IS, ME OR

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ANOTHER AMERICAN MASK MAKE OR COMBINATION GETS THAT BUSINESS, AND BUILDS THE MACHINE OR

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WHATEVER, YOU KNOW, I CAN'T THINK THROUGH THE WHOLE THING BUT THERE ARE WAYS TO DO THAT

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>> WE CAN USE YOUR COUNSEL. WHILE I HAVE A FEW COLLEAGUES HERE, THE CHAIRWOMAN AND I HAVE

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A BILL, H.R. 5517 WHICH IS ALL ABOUT MODERNIZATION OF THE

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STOCKPILE INVENTORY AND IT IS ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT WE CAN MOVE OUT EXPIRING PRODUCTS LIKE

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EXPIRING MASKS BEFORE THEY EXPIRE SO THAT THEY DON'T GET SHIPPED TO STATES WHICH I DO

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THINK IS HAPPENING, THAT SOME EXPIRED PRODUCTS ARE GOING TO STATES. BUT I WOULD ENCOURAGE EVERYONE

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WE'RE TRYING TO MODERNIZE THE STOCKPILE, IMPROVE THE STOCKPILE, AND WE WELCOME YOUR

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IDEAS AND THOUGHTS. AND CERTAINLY WISH THAT AMERICA HAD LISTENED MORE TO YOU

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STARTING IN 2007 WHEN YOU SAID THE WHOLE H.H.S. INFORMATION CAME TO LIGHT.

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THANK YOU. >> MY PLEASURE. >> THE GENTLEWOMAN YIELDS BACK. THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES THE

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GENTLEMAN FROM CALIFORNIA, MR.

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CARDINASS, FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTION -- MR. CARDENA, FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONS.

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>> I'M GOING TO LABEL YOU AS SOMEONE WHO CARES. IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU CARE ABOUT EMPLOYEES.

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>> I CARE ABOUT THEM, I CARE ABOUT THE COUNTRY. >> I WAS GOING TO CRESCENDO INTO

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LOVING OUR COUNTRY. AND I THINK YOU LOVE PEOPLE BEYOND OUR COUNTRY. WE'RE SUCH AN AMAZING EXAMPLE TO

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THE WORLD WHEN WE DO THINGS TO OUR LEVEL OF CAPABILITY? >> I AGREE. >> ON THIS ISSUE, I THINK YOU

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KNOW, AS WELL AS ANYBODY, WE ARE NOT DOING OUR PART THE WAY WE

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CAN SHOW THE WORLD THOUSAND DO THINGS RIGHT. HOW DO TO THE DO THINGS FOR THE RIGHT REASONS.

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IT SOUNDS TO ME THAT YOU HAVE 13 YEARS OF TRYING TO GET MANY

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PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, TO UNDERSTAND THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG. BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO TAKE

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GENIUS NOR IS IT GOING TO TAKE MORE MONEY THAN WE COULD PUT

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TOGETHER TO DO IT. IT JUST MEANS THAT PEOPLE NEED TO LISTEN. PAY ATTENTION. AND THEN IMPLEMENT.

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IS THAT -- >> YES. I ALWAYS SAID IT DIDN'T TAKE A LOT OF MONEY, JUST SOME CHANGE, TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY.

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>> I'VE NEVER BEEN ACCUSED OF BEING A GENIUS. ARE YOU A GENIUS, SIR?

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>> I AM NOT A GENIUS AND I'M NOT STABLE, SOMETIMES. >> YOU'RE NORMAL. >> I'M NORMAL.

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>> THANK YOU. I FIGURED THAT. >> I DESCRIBE MYSELF AS A GOOBER WITH A CONSCIOUS.

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-- CONSCIENCE. I'M JUST A NORMAL GUY. >> WHEN YOU HEAR THE TERM NATIONAL SECURITY, THE ISSUE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY, JUST

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SPECIFICALLY MASKS, WHAT -- DOES

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IT HAVE SPG TO DO WITH NATIONAL SECURITY? 80,000 PEOPLE HAVE DIED AND NOT

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THAT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED, BUT 80,000 PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN THIS

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PANDEMIC IN AMERICA. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT NUMBER DIDN'T HAVE TO BE THAT HIGH.

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HAD WE DONE MORE THINGS BETTER. INCLUDING GETTING P.P.E.'S OR

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PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, SPECIFICALLY MASKS. THE RIGHT KIND, BY THE WAY.

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>> I AGREE WITH YOU.

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>> I DO APPRECIATE YOU VERY MUCH. AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO COME AND SPEAK TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. YOU KNOW YOU'RE SPEAKING TO

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CONGRESS BUT YOU'RE SPEAKING TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THIS IS LIVE. THANK GOD SOME PEOPLE ARE

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WATCHING.

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YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT STOCKPILING. I USED TO OWN A LITTLE BUSINESS.

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I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO CARE ABOUT YOUR EMPLOYEES, TO KNOW THAT IF YOU HAVE TO SHUTTER YOUR DOORS SHUT DOWN PART OF YOUR

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FACTORY, YOU KNOW FAMILIES ARE GOING TO SUFFER. PEOPLE YOU'RE CLOSE TO. PEOPLE YOU DEPENDED ON.

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SO I UNDERSTAND. I'M GETTING THAT FROM YOU THAT YOU DO CARE ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS INCLUDING THE PEOPLE IF

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YOU'RE GOING TO PUT THEM TO WORK YOU DON'T WANT TO LAY THEM OFF LATER FOR NO GOOD REASON. >> CORRECT. SO THE ISSUE OF STOCKPILE --

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>> SO THE ISSUE OF STOCKPILES, WHERE WE ALLOW THESE KINDS OF THINGS, FOR RUBBER BANDS TO

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BREAK OR WHAT HAVE YOU THAT HAPPENS, WHAT I ENVISIONED IS, YOU MAY HAVE ALLUDED TO AND I

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MAY BE WRONG, A ROTATION OF SOME SORT, COOPERATION OF SOME SORT BETWEEN A BIG ENTITY LIKE THE

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V.A. TO ACTUALLY GET A SYNERGY OF ORDERS AND THEN ALSO ROTATE

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THAT STUFF LEGALLY AND APPROPRIATELY AND SAFELY AND PROPERLY TO OTHER USERS BEFORE

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THOSE ITEMS PIRKSE -- EXPIRE SO WE MAXIMIZE NOT ONLY PRODUCTION BUT WE MINIMIZE WASTE AND WE

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ACTUALLY GET THOSE PRODUCTS WHERE THEY NEED TO BE WHEN THEY NEED TO BE THERE. >> IF YOU GOT EVERYONE INVOLVED,

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ALL OF THE BIG THREE HOSPITAL

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DISTRIBUTORS, LIKED MELINE AND CARDINAL, INVOLVED AND THE

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GOVERNMENT WOULD ONLY HAVE TO, I'M THINKING THRU THIS, IT WOULDN'T COST AS MUCH AS GOVERNMENT STOCKPILE. IF THESE PEOPLE AND US ALL THE

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PEOPLE IN THE MASK INDUSTRY, IF WE ALL CARRIED MORE INVENTORY AND THE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED JUST THAT PART OF IT.

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THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO BUY -- I DON'T KNOW. >> THE THING --

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>> WE COULD DO THAT. >> THE THING THAT CONSERVATIVE TAXPAYERS AND CONSERVATIVE

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ELECTED OFFICIALS DON'T LIKE IS WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT SUBSIDIZING. BUT IN REALITY, WHAT DOES THE --

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THE EXAMPLE YOU JUST GAVE. THE BRIEF EXAMPLE YOU JUST GAVE IN THE LONG RUN THE TAXPAYERS

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WOULD END UP SPENDING LESS. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD END UP SPENDING LESS. EVERYBODY WOULD END UP SPENDING LESS IF WE JUST TRIED TO FIGURE

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OUT HOW TO FILL THAT GAP PROPERLY. >> RIGHT. >> THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, RIGHT? >> RIGHT.

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>> WHAT I'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU DO TO, YOU MAY HAVE DONE IT,

5:38:03

CALL MY OFFICE, TONY CARDENAS, I'LL WORK WITH ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES TO INTRODUCE A BILL

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TO ACTUALLY ENLIST AND REQUIRE THAT ACTIVITY FROM THE FEDERAL

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GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, LENEN -- ENLISTING VOLUNTARY AND REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT SIDE,

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SO THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD REQUIRE ITSELF, TO DO THAT ONCE AND FOR ALL. I BELIEVE THAT THIS WOULD BE AN

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EXAMPLE ABOUT MASKS BUT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO
CROSS POLLINATE THAT AMAZING,

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COST-SAVE, LIFE-SAVING EXAMPLE IN OTHER AREAS OF
RESPONSIBILITY.

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>> THE ONE THING THAT WOULD BE MANDATORY FOR THAT TO
HAPPEN IS FOR AMERICA'S HOSPITALS TO BE

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WILLING TO PAY A LITTLE MORE FOR A MASK. BECAUSE NOBODY
CAN MATCH THE PRICES.

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>> I KNOW SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES DON'T LIKE THE WORD
MANDATE BUT WE COULD MANDATE THAT IN A WAY

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THEY'D WELCOME IT. NOT WITH A STICK BUT TRULY A CARROT.
BUT LIKE YOU SAID THEY HAVE TO

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UNDERSTAND HOW IT WILL WORK TO THEIR BENEFIT. >> I DON'T
KNOW WHAT THE SOLUTION IS BUT IT'S PREBLE A

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GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP. THE
MEDICAL INDUSTRY IS FULL OF PEOPLE WHO CARE.

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YOU GUYS ARE PEOPLE WHO CARE.

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>> THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK. AN INTERESTING LINE OF
QUESTIONS. I WOULD JUST PLACE SOMETHING ON

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THE TABLE HERE. THE EMPTY TABLE. AND THAT IS THAT IT'S ONE
THING

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FOR FOREIGN COUNTRY, CHINA, YOU KNOW, TO MAKE SNEAKERS
AND --

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T-SHIRTS AND WHATEVER. BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
COMMODITIES THAT TRULY ARE PART

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OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY. AND IF ANYTHING HAS LAID THAT BARE IT IS THIS PANDEMIC.

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SO THIS IS ANOTHER CATEGORY AND WE HAVE TO TREAT IT AS SUCH.

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THE CHAIR IS PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEMAN FROM GEORGIA, MR. CARTER, FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES.

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>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MR. BOWEN, VERY QUICKLY, I'VE BEEN IN AND OUT.

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I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED. HELP ME CLEAR UP. I OWE MY FRIEND THE CHAIRLADY

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TWO MINUTES SO I'LL GIVE THOSE BACK TO HER. I'M CONFUSED ABOUT YOUR CURRENT CAPABILITIES. YOU SAID YOU'VE GOT FOUR LINES

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THAT ARE JUST SITTING DORMANT. SITTING EMPTY RIGHT NOW. IS THAT CORRECT? >> YES, FOUR IDLE RESPIRATOR

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MANUFACTURING LINES. >> AND THEY'RE JUST -- THEY'RE NOT BEING USED RIGHT NOW? >> YES.

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BUT -- >> YES, THEY ARE NOT BEING USED? >> CORRECT. >> SO YOU SAID YOU'VE ALREADY

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GOT THE MACHINES FOR THOSE LINES. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PROCURE THEM. THE ONLY THING YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO IS GET STAFF IN ORDER

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TO USE THOSE. >> THERE'S THREE THINGS. WE NEED TO HIRE 100 PEOPLE. WE NEED TO TRAIN 100 PEOPLE, WE

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NEED TO GET ALL THE MATERIALS FOR THAT AND WE NEED TO GET NIOX

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APPROVAL. WE BOUGHT THE SYSTEMS FROM A DEFUNCT VERMONT MASK COMPANY SEVEN YEARS AGO.

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WE REALLY DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO USE THOSE MACHINES. THEY'RE COINED OF A LAST RESORT. IF YOU'LL GO BACK AND LOOK AT MY

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EMAIL TO DR. BRIGHT, I SAID THIS WOULD BE BASICALLY A PAIN TO DO.

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BUT THEY'RE HERE AND IF WE NEED THIS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE LET'S TALK ABOUT IT. BUT WHAT WE'VE DONE IN THE

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MEANTIME IS WE'VE GONE FROM MAKING 75,000 RESPIRATORS A

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MONTH, 75,000. TO TWO MILLION.

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AND THEN IN ANOTHER 40 DAYS WE'LL BE AT FOUR MILLION.

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FROM 75,000. SO THAT'S THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF -- >> BUT YOU SAID YOU BOUGHT THOSE YOU BOUGHT THEM FOR A PURPOSE,

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YOU BOUGHT THEM TO USE THEM? >> NO. THANK YOU FOR ASKING THAT QUESTION. NO THEY CAME AS PART OF AN

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ACCUSATION. WE BOUGHT A DEFUNCT MEDICAL COMPANY AND IT JUST -- THOSE MACHINES CAME AS PART OF THE ACCUSATION.

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>> OK. DID YOU SAY EARLIER THAT YOUR

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PHONE WAS RINGING OFF THE HOOK? GOT ORDERS COMING OUT THE YAZOO. >> YEAH, YEAH, YEAH.

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BUT I CAN'T GO ON AS MISSION. I CAN'T RAMP UP, HIRE ALL THESE PEOPLE FOR SOMETHING I DON'T

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KNOW HOW IT'S GOING TO END OR HOW LONG IT'S GOING TO LAST. AND WE DID THIS, YOU'VE GOT TO

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REMEMBER WE ALMOST WENT OUT OF BUSINESS DOING THIS BEFORE. WE RAMPED UP AND WE SPENT MONEY AND BUILT A BIGGER FACTRY, HIRED

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150 PEOPLE, BILL MORE MACHINES AND THEN ONE DAY THE BUSINESS NOT ONLY WENT AWAY IT WENT

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SMALLER THAN IT WAS AND WE HAD TO RAISE \$1 MILLION, WE HAD TO TAKE PAY CUTS AN HAD TO FIRE 150

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PEOPLE. WE -- YOU KNOW -- >> SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS -- I'M NOT TRYING TO PUT WORDS IN

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YOUR MOUTH. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO USE THEM, NOT GOING TO FIRE THEM UP UNLESS YOU GET A LONG-TERM CONTRACT

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FROM THE GOVERNMENT? >> I'M NOT GOING TON A SUICIDE MISSION, ABSOLUTELY. >> SO THAT'S YES.

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YOU'RE NOT GOING TO USE THEM UNLESS YOU GET A LONG-TERM CONTRACT. >> UNLESS I GET A CUSTOMER WHO IS GOING TO USE -- COMMIT TO USE

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THOSE MACHINES, SO YF TO FIRE 100 PEOPLE.

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>> SO THAT MEANS THAT YOU'D HAVE TO HAVE A LONG-TERM CONTRACT FROM THE GOVERNMENT IN ORDER DO

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IT. >> YEAH.

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LISTEN WE'VE GONE FROM ONE STHOIST THREE. 80 PEOPLE TO 200. WE'RE MAKING FOUR TIMES THE

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PRODUCTS WE MADE. WE'RE MAKING OVER A MILLION MASKS A DAY. DON'T YOU LOOK AT ME AND ACT LIKE I'M SITTING ON MY ASS AND

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NOT FIRING UP FOUR MACHINES. IT'S NOT LIKE JUST TURNING ON A SWITCH. IT'S PUTTING PEOPLE'S LIVES,

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IT'S GOING TISSUE >> I UNDERSTAND. I'M A BUSINESSMAN TOO.

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I UNDERSTAND >> I SAT AND WATCHED MY BUSINESS PARTNER CRY WHEN HE HAD TO LAY

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THOSE PEOPLE OFF. WE'RE NOT DOING THAT AGAIN. >> SO IN ORDER -- IT'S GOING TO

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HAVE TO BE A LONG-TERM CONTRACT FROM THE GOVERNMENT THOUGH. THAT'S MY POINT. >> FROM SOMEBODY.

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>> AND I GET IT, FROM SOMEBODY. BUT WHY -- >> I CAN'T HIRE 100 PEOPLE BASED

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ON A MAYBE. BASED ON A WHEN IS THIS GOING TO END? WHO KNOWS. >> NONE OF US CAN.

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WHETHER WE'RE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR OR PUBLIC SECTOR. WE CAN BE THE DO THAT I

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UNDERSTAND THAT. >> YOU'RE NOT RISKING YOUR

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LIVELIHOOD. >> I RISK MY LIVELIHOOD FOR 30 YEARS AS AN INDEPENDENT RETAIL

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PHARMACIST. I NEVER HAD -- I HAD CONTRACTS. >> WHY DON'T YOU BUY MY MACHINES

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AND YOU CAN HIRE 100 PEOPLE. I'LL GIVE YOU THE MACHINES IF I HIRE 100 PEOPLE. >> YOU'RE SAYING I WON'T DO IT

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UNLESS I GET A LONG-TERM CONTRACT FROM THE GOVERNMENT. >> NO, NO, NO.

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GO BACK TO THE CONTEXT. THE CONTEXT OF THAT WAS, IN
5:44:57

THOSE EMAILS, HEY, HERE'S FOUR MACHINES, LET'S -- THEY'RE
HERE. I CAN'T TURN THEM ON UNLESS IT'S

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A LONG-TERM DEAL. I'M NOT GOING TO JUST FLIP THEM ON AND
HAVE YOU FLIP THEM OFF AND LEAVE ME HANGING LIKE LAST

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TIME. LET ME TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME. THE
GOVERNMENT SITS AROUND, DOESN'T BUY AMERICAN MADE

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PRODUCTS, COMES TO ME IN A PANDEMIC, BUYS MILLIONS OF
MASKS IN 2010, THEY STORED THOSE FOR

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10 YEARS AND THEN THEY AUCTIONED THEM TO SOME
KNUCKLEHEAD WHO PUT THEM ON EBAY AND SOLD THEM FOR

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10 TIMES WHAT THEY WERE WORTH. NOT ONLY DID I HAVE -- HAD
I NOT SEEN THE GOVERNMENT IN 10 YEARS,

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I GOT TO COMPETE WITH MY OWN MASKS AND I GOT TO HAVE
THOUSANDS OF PHONE CALLS TO ME

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FROM PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT THAT 10-YEAR-OLD MASK OF MINE
ON EBAY FOR \$10 -- 10 TIMES THE PRICE,

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YELLING AT ME. I HAD NOTHING DO WITH IT. IT'S BECAUSE THE
GOVERNMENT WAITED AND SOLD THIS STUFF. I'VE BEEN HIT
FROM EVERY SIDE ON

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THIS THING. WE HAVE BLED FOR THIS COUNTRY. WE HAVE
CREATED JOBS. WE PUT OUR FACTORY IN TEXAS,

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WHEN EVERYBODY ELSE HAD ALREADY LEFT THE COUNTRY. SO
DON'T SIT HERE AND JUDGE ME

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FOR FOUR MACHINES THAT AREN'T RUNNING THAT I'D HAVE TO
HIRE AND FIRE 100 PEOPLE FOR I'M NOT GOING TO DO IT.

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>> NOT UNLESS YOU HAVE A LONG-TERM GOVERNMENT CONTRACT. >> THE GENTLEMAN'S TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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I NOW -- THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES THE GENTLEMAN FROM CALIFORNIA,

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DR. RUIZ, FOR HIS FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONS. MR. RUIZ: THANK YOU, MR. BOWEN,

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FOR YOUR TESTIMONY TODAY. THANK YOU FOR TRYING TO SOUND THE ALARM ON THE ISSUES OF MASK SHORTAGE AND RELIANCE ON FOREIGN

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MANUFACTURING FOR OVER A DECADE NOW BEFORE ANYONE HAD EVER HEARD OF COVID-19.

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YOU STATED IN WRITTEN TESTIMONY, RELYING SO HEAVILY ON IMPORTED MASKS IS A NATIONAL SECURITY

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RISK. UNFORTUNATELY THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAVE SHOWN US HOW VULNERABLE IT LEAVES US DURING A PANDEMIC.

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YOU OF COURSE ALREADY KNEW THAT AND TRIED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

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UNFORTUNATELY, THOSE EFFORTS WERE STIFLED. IF YOUR WARNINGS HAD BEEN

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HEEDED, WE WOULD NOT BE IN THIS SITUATION NOW WHERE DOCTORS AND

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NURSES CANNOT FIND THE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT THAT THEY NEED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND

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DO THEIR JOB SAFELY. WE ALL HAVE HEARD THE STORIES. DOCTORS, REUSING MASKS THAT ARE

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MEANT FOR SINGLE USE. NURSES WEARING GARBAGE BAGS BECAUSE THEY'RE OUT OF GOWNS.

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THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. THIS IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OUR FRONTLINE HEALTH

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WORKERS DON'T EVEN HAVE ACCESS TO THESE BASIC SUPPLIES. THAT IS WHY I INTRODUCED THE

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COMMISSION ON AMERICA'S MEDICAL SECURITY ACT WHICH WOULD DIRECT THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF

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SCIENCES, ENGINEERING AND MEDICINE TO ASSESS THE UNITED STATES' DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN MANUFACTURING FOR DRUGS AND

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MEDICAL DEVICES. THAT BILL WAS INCLUDED IN THE

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CARES ACT WHICH WAS SIGNED INTO LAW IN MARCH. OF COURSE THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS A SYSTEM THAT DOESN'T PUT OUR OWN

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ACCESS TO CRITICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT AT RISK BECAUSE WE ARE AT THE MERCY OF OTHER COUNTRIES

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DURING A PANDEMIC WHEN THEY NEED THOSE SUPPLIES FOR THEIR OWN POPULATIONS.

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IT IS A HEALTH SECURITY RISK THAT PUTS AMERICAN LIVES ON THE LINE AND THEREFORE IT IS A NATIONAL SECURITY RISK.

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MR. BOWEN, WHEN WE GET PAST THIS CRISIS AND ANALYZE THE MISTAKES THAT WERE MADE IN ORDER TO NOT

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REPEAT THEM IN THE FUTURE, HOW DO WE RESTRUCTURE A SYSTEM THAT -- SO THAT WE AREN'T CAUGHT IN

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ANOTHER PREVENTABLE MASK OR OTHER P.P.E. SHORTAGE IN FUTURE

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PANDEMICS? >> I'M NOT SURE. I THINK WE SHOULD PUT TOGETHER A

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GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT INCLUDES SOME OF YOU ALL AND THE MASKMAKERS AND THE MASK

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DISTRIBUTORS, THE V.A. AND D.O.D., AND COME UP WITH A PLAN. IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE.

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IT'S JUST LOGISTICS. AND THE MILITARY IS REALLY GOOD AT LOGISTICS. >> GREAT.

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>> AND ALSO I THINK TOO, JUST TO BE FAIR, AGAIN, I WANT TO BE FAIR WITH THIS.

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WE COULDN'T -- THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY SITUATION. I MAKE MASKS FOR M.D. ANDERSON

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CANCER CENTER. AND THE TEXAS HEALTH RESOURCES

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HOSPITALS IN FORT WORTH. AND COOK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. THOSE ARE MY THREE BIGGEST ACCOUNTS. AND THEY'RE USING, MY GOODNESS,

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THEY'RE USING SO MANY MORE MASKS. IT'S NOT JUST 10%, 20%. IT'S HUNDREDS OF PERCENT.

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SO COULD WE HAVE MADE SURE EVERYBODY HAD MASKS? PROBABLY NOT. BUT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A LOT BETTER THAN IT IS NOW.

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>> IF WE WOULD HAVE HEEDED THE WARNINGS DECADES AGO AND CREATED THEM AND RAMPED UP OUR ABILITY

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TO PRODUCE THEM I BELIEVE WE COULD HAVE. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS REGARDING THE SAFETY ISSUE OF

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SOME OF THE MASK THAT WAS BEEN IMPORTED. IN THE PAST WEEK. AND ALSO REPORTS ABOUT THE

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F.D.A. PULLING APPROVAL FOR OVER 60 MANUFACTURERS IN CHINA FOR N95 MASKS AFTER TESTS SHOWED

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THAT THEY DID NOT MEET QUALITY STANDARDS. N95 MASKS FILTER OUT 95% OF

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PARTICLE, HENCE THEIR NAME, BUT SOME TESTS SHOWED MANY MASK PROSS DEUCED BY CHINESE

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MANUFACTURERS WERE, ACCORDING TO ONE C.D.C. OFFICIAL, GROSSLY UNDER THAT NUMBER. ONE OF THE COMPANIES WHO HAD THEIR APPROVAL REMOVED FILTERED

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OUT ONLY 24% TO 35% OF PARTICLES. AS A DOCTOR, WHO WAS IN THE

5:50:27

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN, DURING THE H1N1, THE PROSPECT OF THIS IS HORRIBLE.

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IT LEAVES THOSE IN THE FRONTLINES TAKING THE HIGHEST RISK WITH A FALSE SENSE OF

5:50:39

SECURITY AND EVEN HIGHER VULNERABILITY. AND WHILE I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE

5:50:44

F.D.A. EVENTUALLY PULLED THEIR APPROVALS, IT WASN'T DONE BEFORE THESE MASKS WERE ALREADY IN CIRCULATION HERE IN THE U.S.

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CAN YOU COMMENT ON THIS DEVELOPMENT AND OUTLINE STEPS WE

5:50:55

CAN TAKE TO PROTECT OUR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AGAINST SUBSTANDARD

5:51:00

MASKS IN THE FUTURE. >> THAT'S NOT AN AREA OF MY EXPERTISE, I DON'T KNOW HOW MASKS GET IN THE COUNTRY.

5:51:06

I DON'T KNOW WHAT FOREIGN -- I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT WORKS. SO I DON'T HAVE A SOLUTION FOR THAT BUT IT IS DEFINITELY A

5:51:12

PROBLEM. >> OK. LET'S SAY THE PRESIDENT FULLY AND COMPREHENSIVELY USED THE

5:51:19

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT AND WORKED WITH MULTIPLE COMPANIES AND MULTIPLE INDUSTRIES TO MASSIVELY PRODUCE MASKS AND ALL

5:51:26

THE INGREDIENTS NEEDED AND CREATED A SUPPLY CHAIN AND ALSO CREATED A RAPID RESPONSE TEAM OF

5:51:33

ALL THE C.E.O.'S FROM THOSE DIFFERENT COMPANIES. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT RAPID

5:51:38

RESPONSE TEAM TO HANDAL SURGE? >> I'M OPEN TO ANY REASONABLE

5:51:44

TYPE OF THING. I'M NOT SURE IF -- >> THANK YOU. >> THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T DO

5:51:50

REAL WELLING MORING A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS. I'M NOT SURE THAT WOULD HELP. >> THAT'S WHY THE C.E.O.'S AS

5:51:57

RAPID RESPONSE ADVISORY TEAM WOULD BE HELPFUL. THANK YOU. >> THE GENTLEMAN YIELDS BACK.

5:52:03

PLEASURE TO BE RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEWOMAN FROM MICHIGAN, MRS.

5:52:09

DINGELL, FOR HER FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONS. MRS. DINGELL: THANK YOU, MADAM

5:52:14

CHAIR. I WANT TO SAY -- I WANT TO START OUT THANKING OUR CHAIRWOMAN

5:52:19

ESHOO AND REPRESENTATIVE SUSAN BROOKS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON UNDERSTANDING THE STOCKPILE AND

5:52:25

THE NEED FOR THE COUNTRY TO -- TO BE PRODUCING THESE.

5:52:30

I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO BE TALKING ABOUT THE MEDICAL SUPPLY CHAIN.

5:52:36

I AM ALSO GOING TO TELL YOU, I'M A CAR GIRL, A MANUFACTURING GIRL, I THINK WE NEED TO BE MAKING A LOT MORE IN AMERICA.

5:52:42

I THINK THAT THESE TIMES HAVE CHANGED US. I DON'T THINK PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD

5:52:47

SUPPLY CHAIN WHEN WE USED TO TALK ABOUT IT. I ALSO THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE

5:52:53

A MUCH STRONGER CUSTOMER BASE

5:52:58

FOR RESPIRATOR -- I USED TO CALL THEM VENTILATORS, RESPIRATOR, BUT THE N95 MASKS THAT WE'RE

5:53:04

TALKING ABOUT. I THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE A PERMANENT NEED IN THIS COUNTRY. I THINK WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT

5:53:09

THE STOCKPILE. AS WE GO FORWARD. NOT A NEW ISSUE. MR. BOWEN, AS YOU HAVE AND MY

5:53:16

COLLEAGUES HAVE HIGHLIGHTED, AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE ALL TALKING ABOUT THE BILLS THAT WE HAVE GOT IN AND I'VE GOT A GOOD, STRONG

5:53:23

BIPARTISAN BILL WITH MY COLLEAGUE, CONGRESSWOMAN JACKIE

5:53:30

WALORSKI, ABOUT THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM PANDEMICS ACT THAT WOULD REFORM THE STRATENALIC

5:53:37

NATIONAL STOCKPILE. I STILL THINK WE NEED IT, TO STRENGTHEN DOMESTIC PRODUCTION

5:53:42

OF P.P.E. I'M ALSO GOING TO SAY THAT NOW, YOU'RE JUST TALKING ABOUT A NEED FOR FRONTLINE DOCTORS AND NURSES

5:53:48

BUT AS PEOPLE ARE GOING BACK TO WORK, THERE'S EVEN A BROADER NEED FOR P.P.E. EQUIPMENT.

5:53:54

WE'RE REOPENING FACTORIES. AND THE COMMUNITY AND CAR

5:54:00

MANUFACTURERS ARE PUTTING STRINGENT PRODUCTION, NEW PROTOCOLS INTO PLACE AND THEY'RE

5:54:05

GOING TO HAVE A NEED AS WELL. SO I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT IS SUPPLY AND

5:54:10

DEMAND IN THIS COUNTRY AND HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THERE'S ENOUGH AND IT'S NOT ONLY IN TIMES OF

5:54:17

CRISIS. I THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE A MARKET WILL.

5:54:23

FORD MOTOR IS PRODUCING N95 MASKS IN MY DISTRICT IN MICHIGAN. YOU WERE GOING TO SAY SOMETHING?

5:54:30

>> GENERAL MOTORS WAS KIND ENOUGH TO SEND CONSULTANTS TO US. THEY WORKED WITH US FOR THE LAST

5:54:35

30 DAYS. >> SO THE COMPANIES ARE STEPPING UP.

5:54:45

FORD HAS, WITHOUT ANY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ORDER HAS PRODUCED -- I CAN'T READ THIS NUMBER BUT THEY'VE BEEN PRODUCING A LOT OF

5:54:51

THESE MASKS SO FAR. SO THERE IS A MARKET OUT THERE.

5:55:03

DO YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF HOW MANY MORE MASKS WOULD BE ON THE MARKET IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

5:55:08

HAS TAKEN YOU ON -- UP ON YOUR OFFER IN JANUARY? AND CAN WE WILL BE ATE LL SHORT

5:55:15

BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME. >> SEVEN MILLION A MONTH.

5:55:24

>> AND THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR PANDEMICS ACT WOULD INCREASE SUPPLY FOR ELASTTIES --

5:55:31

ELASTICITY. AND PRODUCE MORE EMERGENCY -- FOR EMERGENCIES. AND THIS SITUATION UNDERSCORES THE NEED FOR FUTURE INVESTMENT

5:55:38

IN THE AREA.

5:55:55

YOU TALKED ABOUT RAMPING UP SUPPLY. YOU DESCRIBED THIS DECISION AS A MISTAKE. WHY? YOU DON'T THINK YOU COULD KEEP

5:56:02

THE -- >> NO, BECAUSE PEOPLE STOPPED BUYING MY PRODUCTS AFTER THE PANDEMIC.

5:56:18

MY BIGGEST CUSTOMER DIDN'T ORDER FOR SEVEN MONTHS BECAUSE OF A GLUT IN THE MARKETPLACE.

5:56:23

>> BUT YOU KEPT THE EQUIPMENT, THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT THAT YOU HAD. I GUESS I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT

5:56:29

HOW DO WE KEEP PRODUCTION IN AMERICA? I HAD THREE HOSPITAL SYSTEMS

5:56:34

THAT SPENT JUST \$1 MILLION, \$1 MILLION ON THE PLANE FROM CHINA

5:56:39

TO THE U.S. TO GET THESE N95 MASKS IN PAID QUADRUPLE THE

5:56:46

PRICE OF WHAT THEY NORMALLY PAID TO GET THE MASKS HERE.

>> IF THEY WOULD PAY 15% OR 20%

5:56:53

MORE IN PEACETIME THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT. WHAT THEY'VE DONE IS, THE

5:56:59

HOSPITALS CREATED THIS PROBLEM. BY TRYING TO SAVE MONEY. AND CHASING THESE PRODUCTS TO CHINA.

5:57:04

>> I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BRING THE SUPPLY CHAIN BACK TO THIS COUNTRY PERIOD SO WE DON'T HAVE

5:57:09

TO CHASE THEM AND WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT -- >> BUT WHAT'S FUNNY IS I SEE

5:57:14

HOSPITALS NOW IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS SAYING YEAH, WE'RE GOING TO SWITCH BACK TO AMERICAN BUT ONLY

5:57:20

25% OR 30%. THEY STILL WANT TO BUY CHINESE PRODUCTS. IT'S NOT GOING TO ALL COME BACK.

5:57:25

PEOPLE AREN'T GOING TO PAY FOR IT.

5:57:34

>> THANK YOU. >> THE GENTLEWOMAN YIELDS BACK. NOW I'D LIKE TO -- THERE ISN'T

5:57:40

ANYONE ON THE MINORITY SIDE, RIGHT? ALL RIGHT. THE GENTLEWOMAN FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE.

5:57:45

MS. KUSTER, FOR HER FIVE MINUTES OF QUESTIONS IS RECOGNIZED.

5:57:50

>> THANK YOU, MR. BOWEN, THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US. WE APPRECIATE IT. THIS HERE IS A HOMEMADE MASK

5:57:56

WHICH IS WHAT PEOPLE IN STATE -- IS WHAT PEOPLE MANY ANY
-- IN MY

5:58:02

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HAS HAD TO TO BECAUSE WE
COULDN'T GET THE MASK WE HAVE TRIED IN A BIPARTISAN WAY.

5:58:12

WE HAVE A FEDERAL DELEGATION THAT'S DEMOCRAT, WE WE
HAVE A GOVERNOR THAT'S REPUBLICAN, WE ALL SCRAMBLED
BEHIND THE SCENES.

5:58:18

EVENTUALLY WE WERE TOLD BECAUSE WE WEREN'T A HOT
SPOT, WE'RE A SMALL STATE, A RURAL STATE, WE HAVE PLENTY
OF COVID-19'S.

5:58:37

YOU MAY KNOW DEAN WHO TOOK TWO FLIGHTS TO CHINA AND
CAME BACK WITH THE EQUIPMENT, THE SUPPLY,

5:58:43

THE MASKS. AND SO WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE GOT
HERE AND WHY NOBODY WAS

5:58:51

LISTENING TO YOU. ABOUT THE PRODUCTION OF MASK

5:58:56

HERE'S IN AMERICA. I WANT TO REVISIT

5:59:10

WE DO THAT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ALL THE TIME.
HOW MANY TANK MANUFACTURERS DO

5:59:15

YOU EXPECT MAKE A TANK NOT KNOWING WHETHER THE
GOVERNMENT WAS GOING TO BUY IT, RIGHT?

5:59:20

I MEAN, THAT'S WHERE WE ARE, RIGHT? WE NEED YOUR
PRODUCT TO PROTECT

5:59:26

OUR PEOPLE, TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. AND MY
COLLEAGUE, MRS. DINGELL, IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.

5:59:33

YES, IT'S THE FRONTLINE WORKERS. AND I, EVERY NIGHT, IN
THINKING OF SLEEPLESS NIGHTS OF PEOPLE

5:59:38

GOING HOME WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED ALL DAY LONG AND THEY'RE GOING HOME TO THEIR CHILDREN BECAUSE

5:59:44

THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE EQUIPMENT THAT THEY NEEDED. THEY DIDN'T HAVE -- WE WOULDN'T SEND OUR TROOPS INTO HARM'S WAY,

5:59:52

AND WE ARE SENDING OUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS INTO HARM'S WAY. SO JUST WALK ME THROUGH, IF YOU

6:00:02

WILL, WHAT IS IT WHEN YOU WARNED OF THE MASK SHORTAGE, WHAT DID

6:00:09

YOU THINK -- YOU SAID THE U.S. MASK SUPPLY IS AT IMMINENT RISK.

6:00:14

WALK ME THROUGH WHAT THAT -- WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO CONVEY?

6:00:21

MR. BOWEN: WHAT I WAS TRYING TO CONVEY TO DR. BRIGHT WAS THAT CHINA WAS IN THE PROCESS OF CUTTING THE MASK SUPPLY AND THAT

6:00:26

CHINA SUPPLIES ABOUT HALF OF THE MASK SUPPLY. THE MASK SUPPLY WAS ALREADY TIGHT SO IMAGINE HALF OF IT

6:00:32

GOING AWAY. NOW, HERE'S WHAT I DIDN'T SAY. MEXICO MAKES THE OTHER HALF.

6:00:37

IF MEXICO GETS IN REALLY BIG TROUBLE, WE MIGHT NOT GET THAT SUPPLY TOO.

6:00:43

HAD CHINA NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET THEIR SUPPLY OR THEIR DISEASE

6:00:50

UNDER CONTROL AND MEXICO HAD BEEN IN TROUBLE, THE ENTIRE U.S. MASK SUPPLY WOULD HAVE BEEN CUT

6:00:55

OFF. WE DODGED A BULLET BY JUST HAVING PART OF IT CUT OFF.
MS. KUSTER: ARE YOU FAMILIAR IN

6:01:02

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WITH THE MADE IN AMERICA AND
WHY WE DO THAT?

6:01:08

MR. BOWEN: I SENT MR. TRUMP A LETTER IN 2017, I SENT IT TO

6:01:16

EVERYBODY ON HIS STAFF AND IT SAID, PLEASE -- I CAN GIVE
YOU THE LETTER. IT SAID, PLEASE, MAKE THE D.O.D.

6:01:23

AND V.A. -- MAKE THE D.O.D. USE THE AMENDMENT, MASKS ARE
COVERED

6:01:30

UNDER THE BERRY AMENDMENT. WE SPENT THOUSANDS AND
THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR AN ATTORNEY THAT

6:01:37

MASKS SHOULD BE UNDER THE BERRY AMENDMENT BECAUSE
IT'S CLOTHING AND THE BERRY AMENDMENT HANDLES

6:01:44

MILITARY CLOTHING AND THEY SHOT IT DOWN. I DIDN'T GET ANY
RESPONSE FROM THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION. BUT I ALSO
WROTE THE OBAMA

6:01:50

ADMINISTRATION 20 LETTERS AND THEY SENT ME A FORM
LETTER BACK. YOU KNOW, THIS IS EVERYBODY.

6:01:56

THIS IS EVERYBODY. I AM NOT THROWING ANY ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE BUS.

6:02:01

THIS IS EVERYBODY. MS. KUSTER: IN THE PROCESS -- MR.
BOWEN: NO.

6:02:07

MS. KUSTER: YOU ARE TRYING TO HELP THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
MR. BOWEN: I GET REALLY MAD ABOUT THIS AND I TEND TO POP
OFF

6:02:13

AND I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T USED TO BE LIKE THIS. LET ME SAY THIS -- MS. KUSTER: YOU'RE FRUSTRATED.

6:02:21

MR. BOWEN: I DIDN'T USED TO SWEAR BEFORE. MS. KUSTER: I HAVE LET LOOSE A

6:02:27

FEW WORDS THAT MY MOTHER WOULD BE SHOCKED BY BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE HURTING, RIGHT? WE CAN'T PROTECT OURSELVES.

6:02:33

WHAT'S YOUR MOST FUNDAMENTAL -- ARE YOU A PARENT?

6:02:39

MR. BOWEN: I HAVE FIVE CHILDREN, FOUR LIVING. MY OLDEST SON -- MY OLDEST SON

6:02:45

DIED OF THE SAME THING MR. BIDEN'S SON DIED OF AND I HAVE

6:02:51

16 CHILDREN. MS. KUSTER: AND EVERY NIGHT YOU GO TO BED, YOU'D DO EVERYTHING TO PROTECT THEM AND THAT'S THE

6:02:57

POSITION WE ARE IN. WE'RE TRYING TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE'RE TRYING TO PROTECT OUR OWN

6:03:03

FAMILIES. I WISH YOU'D BEEN LISTENED TO. MR. BOWEN: LET ME SAY THIS. I'M GETTING 500 TO 1,000 EMAILS

6:03:09

A DAY. I'M GETTING EMAILS FROM PEOPLE, NOT BUSINESSES. I AM GETTING EMAILS FROM MOMS.

6:03:15

I'M GETTING EMAILS FROM OLD PEOPLE. PLEASE, SEND ME MASKS.

6:03:23

AND I -- MS. CUS

6:03:30

MS. KUSTER: YOU MAKE A PRODUCT THAT HELPS PEOPLE. MR. BOWEN: I CAN'T MAKE THE PRODUCT TO HELP PEOPLE. I HAVE EVERY EMAIL I SENT ALL

6:03:36

THESE PEOPLE AND I SAID FOR YEARS, YOU CAN'T WAIT -- WE CAN'T WAIT UNTIL THE PANDEMIC HAPPENS BEFORE WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

6:03:42

AND IT'S TIME TO FIX IT. WE HAD 13 FREAKING YEARS TO FIX

6:03:47

IT. THAT'S THE TRAVESTY. AGAIN, THE THING I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHY NOBODY HARDLY

6:03:53

WOULD LISTEN. IT WAS UNIVERSAL.

6:03:59

LIKE -- MS. KUSTER: WELL, I'LL CLOSE BY SAYING THIS, NOTE TO SELF, DON'T ELIMINATE THE OFFICE OF PANDEMIC

6:04:05

PREPAREDNESS. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE WITH US TODAY AND I YIELD BACK.

6:04:10

MR. BOWEN: MY PLEASURE. MS. ESHOO: THE GENTLEWOMAN YIELDS BACK. WELL, THIS CONCLUDES OUR SECOND

6:04:18

PANEL. I WANT TO THANK YOU, AGAIN, MR. BOWEN, NOT ONLY FOR COMING HERE

6:04:26

TODAY, FLYING ACROSS THE COUNTRY, ALL THE COMPLICATIONS THAT ARE PART OF THAT.

6:04:31

SO MANY FLIGHTS CANCELED. WHEN I SPOKE TO YOU ON THE PHONE

6:04:39

AND URGED YOU TO ACTUALLY COME TO WASHINGTON, YOU SAID, WHY,

6:04:45

AND I SAID, BECAUSE I THINK YOU'RE A PATRIOT.

6:04:51

YOU'VE BEEN ON THIS FOR MORE THAN A DECADE.

6:04:56

AND I THINK YOU'VE MORE THAN PROVEN THAT TODAY. TO EVERY SINGLE MEMBER THAT'S

6:05:04

HERE. YOUR STORY AND YOUR TENACITY ABOUT A COMMODITY THAT IS A PART

6:05:10

OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY, I WISH PEOPLE HAD LISTENED TO.

6:05:17

BUT NOW IT'S OUR JOB TO LISTEN TO YOU AND TO MAKE SURE THAT

6:05:24

YOUR CRUSADE CAN ESSENTIALLY COME TO AN END. YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO SPEND

6:05:29

ANOTHER 10, 15 YEARS KNOCKING ON DOORS. SO YOUR TESTIMONY, I THINK, HAS

6:05:35

REALLY MOVED THE NEEDLE. AND YOU SHOULD -- I HOPE YOU WILL GO HOME FEELING GRATIFIED.

6:05:41

YOU'LL BE TOTALLY SATISFIED WHEN WE REALLY GET THIS DONE. BUT I THINK THAT YOUR TESTIMONY

6:05:46

HAS BEEN -- YOU'RE A TRUTH TELLER. TOTALLY UNVARNISHED.

6:05:52

AND REFRESHING, I MIGHT SAY. WE LISTEN TO A LOT OF WITNESSES

6:05:57

HERE, AND THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF STYLES AND THAT, BUT YOURS IS -- YOURS IS A SPECIAL FORM OF TRUTH

6:06:05

TELLING. IT'S REFRESHING. AND IT'S FILLED WITH THE KIND OF CONTENT FOR US TO NOT ONLY

6:06:14

UNDERSTAND BUT THAT WE TAKE IT AND WE RUN WITH IT. I STARTED OUT THE HEARING TODAY

6:06:20

BY SAYING, I NEVER THOUGHT THAT I WOULD CHAIR A HEARING -- IT'S

6:06:27

REALLY SO SAD. AND THE BACKDROP OF ALL OF THIS

6:06:32

ARE 80,000 SOULS THAT HAVE BEEN

6:06:37

LOST THAT -- LOST, THAT WE ARE NOT MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THIS CRISIS.

6:06:44

WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT YOU MAKE, WE'RE NOT -- WE CAN'T EVEN KEEP

6:06:50

UP WITH AND MAKE SURE THAT DOCTORS, NURSES, HEALTH CARE

6:06:55

WORKERS HAVE THE SUPPLIES, THE CRITICAL SUPPLIES THAT THEY NEED.

6:07:02

IT'S SHAMEFUL IN OUR COUNTRY. SO WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR COMING.

6:07:08

MR. BOWEN: THANK YOU. MS. ESHOO: -- WE WANT YOU TO STAY HEALTHY. WE NEED YOU.

6:07:15

AND MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO SUBMIT -- THEY ALL KNOW THEY CAN

6:07:21

SUBMIT QUESTIONS AND PURSUANT TO THE COMMITTEE RULES THEY HAVE 10 BUSINESS DAYS TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE

6:07:26

RECORD BE TO ANSWERED BY THE WITNESS, IN THIS CASE, YOURSELF.

6:07:32

AND ALSO, AGAIN, WE ASK YOU TO RESPOND PROMPTLY TO ANY SUCH

6:07:38

REQUEST. SO THANK YOU, AGAIN. I HAVE JUST A LITTLE BIT OF

6:07:44

HOUSEKEEPING HERE. I REQUEST UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO

6:07:50

ENTER THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS INTO THE RECORD --
EXCUSE ME --

6:07:55

>> MADAM CHAIR, UNLESS IT'S ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED, I'LL
WAIVE THE READING OF THE LIST, IF

6:08:00

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAD
DOCUMENTS WE HAD A HARD TIME GETTING TO YOU AND WE
ASK THEY

6:08:06

BE PLACED INTO THE RECORD

6:08:11

WITHOUT OBJECTION, AS WELL. MS. ESHOO: I RESERVE THE
RIGHT FOR THE MAJORITY TO REVIEW THEM AND HAVING DONE
SO, THEN PLACE

6:08:18

THEM IN THE RECORD. I APPRECIATE THE GENTLEMAN

6:08:24

AGREEING OR WAIVING THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST.

6:08:30

>> MADAM CHAIR, COULD I ASK FOR THE RECORD IN A MR.
BOWEN THAT HE REFERENCED BE ENTERED IN THE

6:08:36

RECORD. MS. ESHOO: WHAT LETTER IS THAT? MS. KUSTER: YOU
REFERENCED A

6:08:41

LETTER YOU SENT TO THE ADMINISTRATION ABOUT THE MAKING
OF MASKS. MR. BOWEN: YES.

6:08:48

I CAN SEND THE LETTERS I SENT TO BOTH THE OBAMA
ADMINISTRATION AND THE --

6:08:53

MS. ESHOO: IF YOU CAN GET THAT TO MR. BOWEN AND BOTH
SIDES CAN REVIEW AND WITH THE APPROVAL,

6:08:58

THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH SIDES, WE CAN PLACE THEM IN THE
RECORD. MR. BOWEN: YES, MA'AM.

6:09:04

WOULD YOU LIKE THE LETTERS I SENT TO SECRETARY MATTIS AND TO OTHERS?

6:09:10

MS. ESHOO: YES. MR. GRIFFITH: I KNOW IT WAS PROBABLY SAID IN FRUSTRATION BUT I INDICATED TO YOU I HAD A

6:09:17

NUMBER OF COMPANIES THAT GOT BACK IN THE BUSINESS AND ONE OF THOSE INTEGRATED TEXTILE

6:09:23

SOLUTIONS THAT THEY'LL TAKE THE MACHINES IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GET RID OF THEM. JUST LET ME KNOW.

6:09:28

MR. BOWEN: WE'LL WORK SOMETHING OUT. MR. GRIFFITH: ' I'LL PUT YOU

6:09:35

TOGETHER. MS. ESHOO: ON BEHALF OF ALL THE MEMBERS, WE WANT TO THANK THE COMMITTEE STAFF ON BOTH SIDES. THIS IS -- THIS IS OUR NEW WAY

6:09:43

OF OPERATING. AND AS EVERYONE MAKES THE ADJUSTMENTS, YOU'RE DOING THE

6:09:50

HARD WORK SO THAT WE CAN MAKE THE ADJUSTMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT

6:09:56

THE DIRECTIVES OF THE CAPITOL

6:10:03

PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE HAS PUT OUT. I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH. I MEAN, YOU'VE BEEN -- I'VE BEEN

6:10:09

WATCHING YOU. I EVEN SAID TO MIKE, YOU DON'T HAVE GLOVES ON.

6:10:14

SO THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU, SALUTE YOU. AGAIN, MR. BOWEN, THANK YOU.

6:10:21

TO THE REST OF THE GUESTS IN THE ROOM, THANK YOU. MAYBE SOME OF US ARE GOING TO GO OFF AND HAVE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

6:10:28

COMBINED, SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I THINK WE KIND OF EARNED OUR KEEP TODAY WITH FOUR -- SIX

6:10:34

HOURS OF WELL-SPENT TIME ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY. SO WITH THAT, THE HOUSE

6:10:41

SUBCOMMITTEE IS ADJOURNED. MR. BOWEN: THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION. [CAPTIONS COPYRIGHT NATIONAL

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