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To: Strauss, Eric M.

Subject: RE: 500k dead? (Background)

That number seems exceptionally high.

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To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)

Subject: 500k dead? (Background)

Hello Dr Fauci: Hope you're holding up well. Remember to rest and hydrate!

We had a DHS person tell us epidemiology models for US show worst case scenario 98m get COVID-19 and 500k dead.

I've seen models all over the board. And Dr Jen and I are keeping our coverage on point on what we know and what we don't know.

If that a possible number for our planning? Or is that outlandish?

Thx.

- EMS

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