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Hi Tony,

Nice Facebook session with Zuck! And I heard you were just on CNN, but I missed that one. I did an interview with Sheila Kaplan late this afternoon – and she greatly appreciated your message of apology. I don't think (b) (5).

When we spoke yesterday, you were enthusiastic about the convening of a 2 – 3 hour session of IC Directors and SMEs from their ICs, to brainstorm about additional scientific efforts that could be mounted at NIH to address COVID-19. It looks as if this can be arranged for an early afternoon next week. Obviously there would be nothing better than to have you there in person for this. While I know your schedule is not exactly under your control, is there any 2 – 3 hour period next week that might have a chance of being open for you? If not, who would you want to be the presenter of the current portfolio of NIAID investments? (b) (5)

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We have the NIH virtual Town Meeting at 1 PM tomorrow. Is there any chance you can come to Wilson Hall in person for that? If not, is there a chance you can call in? I will serve as moderator, and after a few minutes of opening remarks, would hope to turn this over to you for ten minutes or so of the unique Fauci perspective. After that, Larry and Alfred will talk for a few minutes about the NIH COVID Response Team, and Jim Gilman will talk about what's happening at the CC. Then we'll open it up to questions, which we can accept in real time from the estimated 20,000 staff who will be logged in. But you wouldn't need to stay for all that – if we could somehow have your participation (either in person or on the phone) from about 1:10 to 1:20, that would be really wonderful. Please let me know if that will be possible.

Sorry about the long e-mail. Get some sleep!

Best, Francis