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dear tony:

i am a cornell medical school cumc (b) (6) graduate. i am associate professor of dermatology at weill-cornell in private practice. (b) (6)  
(b) (6) alexander tarakhovsky is (b) (6) and a professor at rockefeller university. he is a virologist.

we have been following the corona virus pandemic closely, and a few days ago became alarmed at the news that the chinese government is sterilizing their paper money from hubei province.

we think that there is a possibility that the virus was released from a lab in wuhan, the biotech area of china. we also think that the virus might be complexed with another organism, such as a yeast or fungus, to make it more sticky.

we would like to discuss this with you further. we feel that immediate action must be taken by united states scientists to try to neutralize this threat.

please contact alexander and me at your earliest convenience at above emails or my mobile (b) (6) or office (b) (6) michael lockshin gave me your email.

with kind regards

michael jacobs