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Mike:

Thanks for sending this. It looks good. I have copied it to a WORD document and have made some minor suggested edits for your consideration.

Best regards,

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Meanwhile, on the other side of the earth, there have been 73,000 cases of coronavirus and more than 2000 deaths. This leaves American health experts hoping that the number of infections has been dramatically underreported.

That is not a typo. If the current numbers are close to accurate, it indicates a coronavirus mortality rate upwards of 2 percent. The morality rate for the seasonable flu is generally .1 percent. The mortality rate for pandemic flu is .3 percent. The particularly deadly flu pandemic of 1918 –