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Leslie:

Thank you for your note. We are actually looking into the effect of ACE inhibitors on the coronavirus.

Best regards,

Tony

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Dear Mr. Fauci,

This may be way too presumptive of a note...

As an engineer I've always liked to understand the mechanics of how things work so I looked into educating myself about the coronavirus and it's mechanics. (b) (6)

(b) (6) I've correlated a possible research route for your organization regarding the prevention aspect.

A quick overlook on this strategy is the following:

Coronaviruses are RNA viruses that typically enter human cells when their glycoproteins bind proteins on the cell surface. In the case of the virus that causes SARS, that human protein is **angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2)**. At this time, scientists think the novel coronavirus is similar enough to SARS that its entry point is likely ACE2 as well.