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(b) (6) After a discussion with my daughter yesterday (an Asst. Principal in (b) (6) area), we theorized that the Coronavirus May well have already been here before the close of 2019. China had likely had the outbreak begin much earlier but never acknowledged it; people traveling to China from the US could have returned and brought the virus with them at a much earlier date. When thinking about the number of people my daughter and I have known that had a bout of respiratory illness with a cough that continued much longer than the typical cold, we are proposing a theory that possibly Corona made its entry here much earlier....and this new expected outbreak may well be more of a continuation and less threatening than possibly theorized at this time. It is just a thought but I thought it was worth sharing. If true, we have already met the disease and the deaths attributed to "normal" flus and respiratory causes in the elderly and previously impaired, may have been caused by Coronavirus. This could be a slightly new twist and could present a slightly lower concern for a new major outbreak. Just a thought....

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