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Subject: RE: NAS Annual Meeting Session on COVID-19 -- Information
regarding your Saturday April 25 participation

Dear all,

Thank you for agreeing to participate in a special late breaking session on the COVID-19 pandemic at the NAS annual meeting. Knowing how busy you are, I am sending this email in lieu of a call to prepare for the session.

As you know, this is a 90 minute session which aims to provide our audience with deeper insights into the latest developments in the COVID-19 response. I plan to hold an engaging discussion that covers the whole experience on dealing with this pandemic – from US to international, to preparedness and response, the biology of the virus, the state of diagnostic, treatment and vaccine development, and the importance of communication.

I will begin the session by providing brief (~3 min) opening remarks describing the circumstances of the pandemic. Then, I will introduce the panelists and you will each have 7 minutes to provide remarks. You may use a limited number of slides for illustration. I hope that each panelist will provide their own perspective and speak to the issues proposed below.

- Jeremy Farrar will discuss the global response to the pandemic, drawing from his experience as a global leader, the chair of the Scientific Advisory Group for the WHO's R&D Blueprint and as a member of the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board.
- Tony Fauci will discuss the US pandemic and provide his perspective as a member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force addressing the 2019–20 coronavirus pandemic.
- George Gao will discuss China's response to the pandemic and lessons learned for the rest of the globe.
- Susan Weiss will discuss the viral characteristics of SARS COV2 , insights into its pathobiology, immunity and development of a pan-CoV antiviral.
- Richard Hatchett will discuss the development of new vaccines and treatments against COVID-19.
- Sanjay Gupta will comment on the health system response to the pandemic and challenges related to communication and public engagement in responding to COVID-19.