

United States Senate

December 30, 2024

Inspector General Jeremy Kirkland
Office of the Inspector General
Defense Intelligence Agency
200 MacDill Boulevard SE
Washington, DC 20340

Dear Mr. Kirkland:

I am writing to inquire about the results of an investigation opened by the Defense Intelligence Agency's Office of Inspector General (OIG) concerning the National Center for Medical Intelligence's (NCMI) study into the origins of Covid-19. Specifically, I am interested in the findings of the OIG's inquiry as to whether the NCMI's findings were appropriately included in briefings to President Biden and senior policy makers.

In May of 2020 NCMI's research into Covid-19's origins was outlined in a working paper from NCMI scientists Commander Jean-Paul Chretien and Dr. Greg Cutlip. This working paper concluded that there was insufficient evidence to discount Covid-19's creation in a laboratory.¹ Commander Chretien continued to support this conclusion through testimony before the House Oversight Committee in June of 2023.²

However, recent reporting has stated that NCMI's research was not included in reports given to President Biden.³ The same reporting stated that Inspector General's office opened an inquiry to determine whether NCMI's conclusion was mishandled or suppressed.

The results of this inquiry have not been made public.

Given the pandemic's implications for public health, national security, and global stability it is imperative to ensure all pertinent intelligence was accurately conveyed to senior policy makers. This OIG inquiry is critical in making this determination. Please provide answers to the following questions by January 17, 2025.

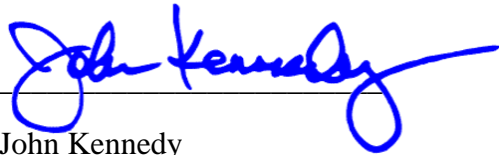
¹ <https://docs.house.gov/meetings/VC/VC00/20230711/116185/HHRG-118-VC00-20230711-SD005.pdf>

² <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2024.12.04-SSCP-FINAL-REPORT-ANS.pdf>

³ <https://www.wsj.com/politics/national-security/fbi-covid-19-pandemic-lab-leak-theory-dfbd8a51>

1. Did the Office of the Inspector General open an inquiry to determine whether the NCMI conclusion was handled appropriately?
2. Did the Inspector General's office complete this inquiry?
 - a. If the office did not complete the inquiry, why not?
3. Did the Office of the Inspector General find that results from any of NCMI's studies, or any other report that concluded that Covid-19 was manipulated in a laboratory, was mishandled or suppressed in reports to President Biden or other policy makers?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Kennedy", written over a horizontal line.

John Kennedy
U.S. Senator