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Welcome back [redacted] This should get you started. Just FYSA.

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Ensuring receipt of the below and attached.

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Many thanks to [redacted] for sharing this! Expanding the distro to share my notes with others in the IC.
While it is a long document I do think it is worth keeping an eye on.

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ODNI Leg Affairs told us the final report is reportedly due 1 October. So more to come.

This report can also be obtained from the HFAC's Minority page along with several other items related to the Committee's and the Task Force's work on China. ODNI Leg Affairs told us the link on the unclass side is: <https://republicans-foreignaffairs.house.gov/#>

If it helps, here are my sparknotes:

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- On China: *It is beyond doubt that the CCP actively engaged in a cover-up designed to obfuscate data, hide relevant public health information, and suppress doctors and journalists who attempted to warn the world. Senior CCP leaders, including CCP General Secretary Xi Jinping, knew a pandemic was ongoing weeks before it was announced. Research shows that the CCP could have reduced the number of cases in China by up to 95%, had it fulfilled its obligations under international law and implemented a public health response at an earlier date.*
- On the WHO: *The World Health Organization (WHO) enabled the CCP cover-up by failing to investigate and publicize reports conflicting with the official CCP, while at the same time praising the CCP's response. Despite public reporting to the contrary, the PRC never notified the WHO about the outbreak in Wuhan. While it is technically true that the first reports of the virus originated in Wuhan, WHO headquarters staff initially discovered these reports on a U.S.-based early warning website.*
- On origins: *There are still many unanswered questions as to the origins of SARS-CoV-2 and the cause of the COVID-19 global pandemic. While the broad consensus of the scientific and intelligence communities is that the virus is natural in origin, some experts have hypothesized that SARSCoV-2 leaked from the WIV through improperly handled material or infected staff.** Others have been quick to dismiss these claims based on a low probability of such an event occurring. Other experts initially identified the wildlife markets as the origination point of human infection. However, without the epidemiological data of "patient zero," the destroyed lab samples, or the exact animal source of the virus, we may never know the origination of SARS-CoV-2.*

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- Recommendations: The report ends with a list of three recommendations "supporting accountability, transparency, and reforms to the systems and processes that enabled the CCP's

cover-up and the WHO's failures:" (1) new leadership at the WHO; (2) an international investigation with likeminded WHO Member States regarding the early stages of COVID-19, including a definitive account of the origins of the COVID-19 virus; and (3) concrete reforms to the International Health Regulations. Of note, they write **"we do not believe the withdrawal of the United States [from the WHO] or the establishment of a competing international organization is the correct path forward."**

- Timeline: The appendix includes a timeline of key COVID events in case you need an unclassified resource related to other timelines published by IC agencies. Key differences seem to be doctors in Wuhan reporting positive tests for "SARS Coronavirus" to Wuhan health officials on 30 Dec and the finding that despite public reporting to the contrary, the PRC never notified the WHO about the outbreak in Wuhan on 31 Dec.

I hope these notes are helpful and assist with teams' turnover. Please let me know if I've missed or misrepresented anything,

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All,

FYI, the new(ish) US House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee minority staff interim report "The Origins of the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, including the Roles of the Chinese Communist Party and the World Health Organization" is attached.

I haven't read it yet.

Thanks,

The final page is withheld in full citing (b)(3) 10 USC 424 + 50 USC 3024(i) and (b)(6) and is not provided.