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The Honorable Roger Marshall, M.D.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Marshall:

This responds to your letter, dated August 1, 2022, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), regarding objectivity in the intelligence process and requesting records regarding the FBI's assessment of the origins of COVID-19.

As you know, the Director of National Intelligence is the head of the United States Intelligence Community (IC) and is responsible for overseeing and directing the implementation of the National Intelligence Program. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence's (ODNI) role is to lead the IC in intelligence integration to ensure national policymakers receive timely and accurate analysis. In May 2021, President Biden directed the IC to conduct a 90-day study into the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic. The ODNI, in consultation with relevant IC elements, was primarily responsible for completing the study. During the 90-day review period, there were regular meetings between IC elements discussing updates on the process and steps going forward. The FBI attended all such meetings conducted by the ODNI.

In its role leading the IC's intelligence integration efforts, and as referenced in your letter, ODNI published a document on behalf of the IC titled, "Updated Assessment on COVID-19 Origins" on October 29, 2021, summarizing the IC's findings. The FBI participated in an extensive IC review of the report prior to its publication and release.

Pursuant to longstanding Department of Justice policy, to preserve the integrity of ongoing investigations, we are not in a position to provide further information regarding the FBI's findings at this time. Additionally, the FBI would respectfully refer you to ODNI regarding your questions relating to briefings to the President led by ODNI.

Thank you for supporting the FBI, our mission, and our people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill C. Tyson", is positioned above the typed name.

Jill C. Tyson
Assistant Director