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## EXECUTIVE CORRESPONDENCE

ES 2021-00951

DATE: 25 June 2021  
ROUTING: DNI  
FROM: The Honorable Josh Hawley  
U.S. Senator  
SUBJECT: Allegations of National Institutes of Health Purging Database Information on COVID-19 Gene Sequences at China's Behest

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### SUMMARY:

Senator Hawley sent the DNI and FBI Director a courtesy copy of a letter on allegations that Chinese researchers directed the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to purge database information on COVID-19 gene sequences. In his letter, Senator Hawley asked that National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Dr. Anthony Fauci and NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins respond to a list of provided questions on the allegations by July 1, 2021. He also noted that he was sending a copy of this letter to the intelligence and law enforcement communities to take action as appropriate.

Senator Hawley did not request a response to his letter.

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

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OLA acknowledged receipt via email.

POC: (b)(3),(b)(6)  
Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs  
OLA  
(b)(3),(b)(6)

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DIRECTION:

- ☒ Agree with Recommendation  
☐ Alternative Guidance:

Acknowledge Receipt (by initialing below):

Principal: (b)(3),(b)(6) Date: 6/29/21 Chief of Staff: (b)(3),(b)(6) Date: 6/26/21

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