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Prestige Ameritech poc info below. I thought he also sent his cell number. Will forward when I get that email. I think Laura has been following up with him regularly. She might have more details.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Mike Bowen [REDACTED]
Date: January 31, 2020 at 10:36:40 AM EST
To: "Wolf, Laura (OS/ASPR/SIIM)" [REDACTED], "Bright, Rick (OS/ASPR/BARDA)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Quick Mask Supply Update

Laura and Rick,

Things are insane here. I have 400 unanswered voicemails and emails.

- This week, we sent 1,000,000 masks to China and Hong Kong. Most of which was purchased by Chinese Americans for friends and family back home. In all my years of predicting the US mask supply would one day collapse, I never pictured myself selling masks to China.
- Maryn McKenna is doing a story for Wired Magazine. Rick, she may call you.
- I've put in a call to Triomed's former regulatory guy in Vermont. He's checking to see if in a national emergency he could reassemble the old Triomed team, fly the to Texas and fire up the four idle N95 lines we bought from Triomed several years ago.
- I've contacted Jeff Petersen at NIOSH to see if we could rush through a NIOSH approval in a national emergency.
- I've heard from the governments of Hong Kong and Singapore, probably more, but I haven't had time too catch up on voicemails. I can't help any of them.
- I have it from two reliable sources that China has begun telling Chinese mask makers not to let masks leave China.
- My strategy is to help my existing customers and only bring on new customers who are willing to sign a long term contract.
- My government strategy is to help the US government if, and only if, the VA and DOD become my customers after this thing is over.

During the H1N1 pandemic, I geared up and helped everyone who asked. I laid off 150

people and nearly went out of business. I'm going to be much more careful this time.

I think China will cut off masks to the USA. If so, US hospitals are going to have a very rough time, as up to half of the supply is made in China. A horrible situation will become unbearable.

Email is now the best way to reach me. My voicemail is full.

Mike Bowen



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