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MEMORANDUM

March 1, 2024

To: Members, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic

From: Select Subcommittee Staff

Re: Hearing on “Examining the White House’s Role in Pandemic Preparedness and Response”

On **Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 10:00 AM ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic will hold a hearing titled “Examining the White House’s Role in Pandemic Preparedness and Response.”

I. BACKGROUND:

On July 21, 2023, the Biden Administration announced the establishment of the Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy (OPPR), effective on August 7, 2023. The OPPR is a permanent office in the Executive Office of the President (EOP) charged with leading, coordinating, and implementing actions related to preparedness for, and response to, known and unknown biological threats or pathogens that could lead to a pandemic or to significant public health-related disruptions in the United States.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine how the OPPR will function within established preparedness and response frameworks.

III. WITNESS:

Maj. Gen. Paul Friedrichs, M.D. (ret.)
Director
Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy
The White House