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Bioweapon

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Back in 2020, at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Arkansas Senator Tom Cotton informed a *Fox News* audience that "just a few miles away from that food market [initially proposed as the epicenter of the outbreak] is China's only biosafety level 4 super laboratory that researches human infectious diseases."

The Senator's mere suggestion that the fast-spreading virus might have originated from a leak at the Wuhan Institute of Virology labs — which were (a) known to be sloppy, and (b) doing U.S. funded gain-of-function research on coronaviruses — was immediately labelled a "debunked" "conspiracy theory" by *The Washington Post* (which has since corrected <u>its story</u>).

Some scientists and pundits also expressed outrage – erroneously – at Cotton's "implication" that China had unleashed a bioweapon. In Cotton's defense, he never said any such thing.

Hmmm?

When the lab leak theory made a comeback - after a year

or more of Fauci & Co. colluding to snuff out the very thought – it seemed the one thing "we" somehow "knew" was that it certainly wasn't a bioweapon.

Yet, unsure of its precise origin, how can we know that?

"It matters little whether it was intentionally leaked from a lab or not," Brian T. Kennedy, chairman of the Committee on the Present Danger: China, <u>explained</u> at a recent Hillsdale College speech, "what is clear is that they allowed it to spread throughout the world knowing the harm it would cause."

The Chinese rulers did this both by <u>covering up</u> human transmission for many weeks and by knowingly <u>allowing</u> hundreds of thousands of Chinese to travel throughout the world spreading the new virus. That's why Kennedy calls it "a biowarfare attack against the United States."

In his <u>book</u>, *No Limits: The Inside Story of China's War with the West*, Andrew Small writes about a well-placed Chinese friend who told him in January of 2020 that "the Chinese leadership had reached a decision: if China was going to take a hit from the pandemic, the rest of the world should too."

With friends like China ...

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.