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Leaked Chinese document reveals a sinister plan to 'unleash' coronaviruses

A leaked 2015 government paper has revealed a discussion by top Chinese scientists who said a virus could be "unleashed in way never seen before".





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Communist Party, according to Sky News host Sharri Markson. The World Health Organisation released its...

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Australian.

Titled *The Unnatural Origin of SARS and New Species of Man-Made Viruses as Genetic Bioweapons*, the paper predicted that World War Three would be fought with biological weapons.

Released five years before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, it describes SARS coronaviruses as a "new era of genetic weapons" that can be "artificially manipulated into an emerging human disease virus, then weaponised and unleashed in a way never seen before".

Peter Jennings, the executive director of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), told news.com.au that the document is as close to a "smoking gun" as we've got.

"I think this is significant because it clearly shows that Chinese scientists were thinking about military application for different strains of the coronavirus and



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to co-operate ... we've had the opposite of that."

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Among the 18 listed authors of the document are People's Liberation Army scientists and weapons experts.

Robert Potter, a cyber security specialist who analyses leaked Chinese government documents was asked by *The Australian* to verify the paper. He says the document definitely isn't fake.

"We reached a high confidence conclusion that it was genuine ... It's not fake but it's up to someone else to interpret how serious it is," Mr Potter told news.com.au.

"It emerged in the last few years ... they (China) will almost certainly try to remove it now it's been covered."



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HarperCollins in September.



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The COVID-19 pandemic has been caused by a coronavirus named SARS-Co V-2 which emerged in December 2019. Coronaviruses are MORE IN CORONAVIRUS Ses.





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2. As the infected cell follows those instructions it can make mistakes – a small typo that changes the make-up of the virus.

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3. The changes to the genome are mostly benign but provide signposts for scientists tracking the virus's movement through the population.



Investigations by the World Health Organisation (WHO) have concluded the virus was most likely of animal origin and crossed over to humans from bats.

Director of public health pathology Dominic Dwyer went to Wuhan in January as the Australian representative as part of WHO investigations into the origins of



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Wuhan's Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market, a "wet market" where exotic animals are kept alive in cages, and butchered for meat. Picture: Supplied. *Source:Supplied*

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"The market in Wuhan, in the end, was more of an amplifying event rather than necessarily a true ground zero. So we need to look elsewhere for the viral origins," said Mr Dwyer.

On the hypothesis that the virus escaped from a lab, Mr Potter said that was highly unlikely.



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The P4 laboratory at the Wuhan Institute of Virology in Wuhan in China's central Hubei province. Experts from the World Health Organisation (WHO) eliminated a controversial theory that COVID-19 came from a laboratory in Wuban. Picture: MORE IN CORONAVIRUS ^ Hector RETAMAL / AFP. Source: AFP



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In March WHO reported on their Wuhan visit and called for further investigations into the origins of COVID-19.

"As far as WHO is concerned, all hypotheses remain on the table ... We have not yet found the source of the virus, and we must continue to follow the science and leave no stone unturned as we do," said WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began there have been 156 million cases of COVID-19 and 3.26 million deaths worldwide.

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