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If these records are authentic, they paint a picture that has little in common with the public perception of the former NIAID director. Instead of an independent scientist, Fauci appears as a central architect of a tightly interwoven network of intelligence agencies, the military, the White

House, the pharmaceutical industry, and international organizations—and as someone whose private assessments often differed significantly from his later public statements.

The laboratory hypothesis was on the table internally from the very beginning.

The entries from January 31st and February 1st, 2020 are particularly explosive.

Fauci documented that leading virologists had already alerted him at the end of January that the **furin cleavage site** of the virus seemed difficult to reconcile with a natural origin. Several scientists considered artificial alteration or a laboratory accident a serious possibility. Fauci himself immediately organized further expert meetings and simultaneously initiated both scientific and security investigations.

Publicly, however, the laboratory hypothesis was later portrayed for years as unfounded or conspiratorial speculation. The discrepancy between the internal discussions and the subsequent public communication is one of the most striking findings of the documents.

From scientist to power manager

The second [document](#) is even more revealing .

Records show that Fauci acted far beyond the classic role of a researcher years before COVID.

He describes regular meetings at the White House, consultations with the National Security Council, close coordination with the State Department, USAID, and HHS, as well as the drafting of strategic government documents. Health policy is presented not as a medical field, but explicitly as an integral part of American foreign and security policy.

This paints a picture of a man who worked for decades at the intersection of science, politics, and national security.

The blueprint for global health architecture

Particularly noteworthy is a strategy paper from 2001. It outlines an international healthcare model, which was developed in part by, among others...

- WHO,
- World Bank,
- UNAIDS,
- Gates Foundation,
- Pharmaceutical companies,
- governments and
- Non-governmental organizations

They should be involved jointly.

An international panel of experts will evaluate programs, distribute funds, and develop long-term strategies.

In retrospect, this document almost seems like an early blueprint for the global health architecture that became visible worldwide during the COVID pandemic.

Not medication, but control over systems

After a trip to Uganda, Fauci comes to a conclusion that reveals his later way of thinking.

He writes that medication alone is not enough. Crucially, complete healthcare structures, monitoring systems, and administrative infrastructure must be built. Even one of the best hospitals in Africa barely has basic care. The AIDS crisis must be used as an opportunity to expand the entire healthcare system.

This perspective is a recurring theme throughout the documents: crises are not only understood as medical challenges, but also as an opportunity to permanently expand institutional structures.

Science or political communication?

Even during the pandemic, records show that communication played a central role.

Fauci describes discussions about press relations, coordination with government agencies, and concerns about how certain information might be perceived publicly. At the same time, he documents intensive consultations about travel bans, quarantines, contact tracing, and later measures such as social distancing – long before these were publicly implemented.

The impression arises that political strategy and communication management were closely linked to scientific decisions from the very beginning.

These documents raise fundamental questions:

- Why were options discussed internally so categorically ruled out publicly?
- What role did security authorities play in scientific decisions?
- Where does independent science end – and where does political crisis management begin?
- And how great was the influence of a small circle of officials on decisions that affected billions of people?

One thing becomes clear after reading these documents: the image of **independent** scientist Anthony Fauci appears considerably more complex than it was presented to the public during the pandemic. Instead, the records paint a portrait of one of the most influential power brokers in modern health and biosecurity policy – with far-reaching influence on science, government, and international institutions.

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