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**U.S. Preventing Real Investigation into Pandemic**

The chair of the COVID-19 commission for Lancet medical journal, wants an independent inquiry into the origins of the virus. He believes there’s proof that officials and scientists have stalled a serious investigation and kept the public in the dark about dangerous research taking place in the U.S.

During a private phone call on February 1st, 2020, government virologists said the virus looked lab-generated because it contains a genetic structure that the U.S. and China have been trying to insert into SARS-like viruses to make them more dangerous. That structure is called the “furin cleavage site” and these virologists saw it in the COVID-19 genome. But publicly they claimed the virus developed naturally.