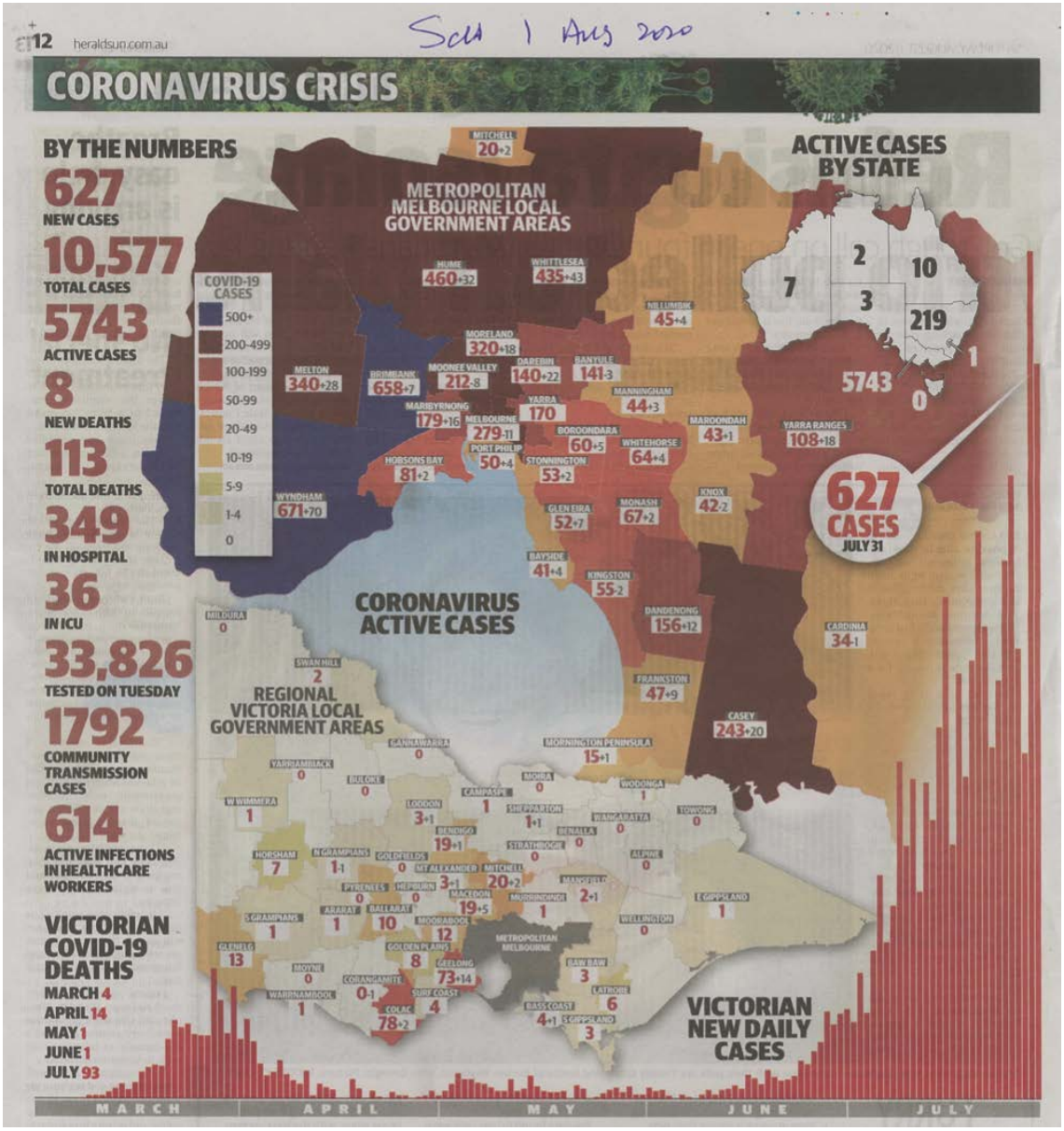
Appendix-A

Melbourne's *Herald Sun* Sat 1 Aug 2020



Appendix-B

Bob Woodward's 2020 book *RAGE* (From Robert Temple)

Please note Trump was repeating what Xi Jinping had told him: the virus goes through the air ... you just breathe the air and that's how it's passed. You don't have to touch things. The conversation between Xi Jinping and Donald Trump was on February 6, 2020. Trump passed Xi's comments on to Woodward on February 8. The passage occurs in the Prologue to Bob Woodward's 2020 book " RAGE". The passage occurs in the Prologue to the book, and here it is: "Trump called me at home about 9:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020. Since he had been acquitted in the Senate impeachment trial two days earlier, I expected he would be in a good mood. "Now we've got a little bit of an interesting setback with the virus going in China," he said. He had spoken with President Xi Jinping of China the night before. 'Setback?" I was surprised the virus was on his mind, rather than his acquittal. There were only 12 confirmed cases in the United States. The first reported coronavirus death in the United States was three weeks away. The news had been all impeachment all the time. The Chinese were very focused on the virus, Trump said. "I think that goes away in two months with the heat," Trump said. 'You know as it gets hotter that tends to kill the virus. You know, you hope." He added, "We had a great talk for a long time. But we have a good relationship. I think we like each other a lot."

I reminded the president that in earlier interviews for this book he had told me he had harshly confronted President Xi about the Made in

China 2025 plan to overtake the United States and become the world's leading producer in high-tech manufacturing in 10 industries from driverless cars to biomedicine. "That's very insulting to me," Trump had told Xi. The president had also said with fierce pride that he was "breaking China's ass on trade" and caused China's annual growth rate to go negative. "Oh yeah, we've had some arguments," Trump acknowledged. So what had President Xi said yesterday? "Oh, we were talking mostly about the virus," Trump said. Why? I wondered. "Mostly?" "And I think he's going to have it in good shape," Trump said, "but you know, it's a very tricky situation." What made it "tricky"? "It goes through the air," Trump said. "That's always tougher than the touch. You don't have to touch things. Right? But the air, you just breathe the air and that's how it's passed. And so that's a very tricky one. That's a very delicate one. It's also more deadly than even your strenuous flus." "Deadly" was a very strong word. Something was obviously going on here that I was not focused on. (Pages xviii-xix of Woodward's book)

Appendix-C (This expanded 16 point version prepared by Edward J Steele, Herbert Rebhan)

Implausibility of Lab Leak Theories - Sixteen Points to Consider

1. A balloon launch or drone plane flight release of a viral 'bomb' in the stratosphere over China. The first question is where is the evidence of a balloon launch or drone flight Oct-Dec 2019 and where did it take place? What type of balloon and carriage or drone? How did it go undetected in China? Or undetected by US and European spy satellites?

2. If it was from a country foreign to China, the Chinese military would have neutralised it perhaps quickly? So was the launch itself then in China? if not China, somewhere else, such as strategic competitor South Korea? Japan? Taiwan?, USA/Guam,? Or from an aircraft carrier or ship in the Pacific Ocean? The viral vector vehicle would be releasing a pure culture of COVID-19 virions with an exact genomic sequence to the Hu-1 (Wuhan) reference sequence. It would need to be in the stratosphere on the 40^{o} N line presumably above China in the period Oct-Dec 2019 (to fit global spread observations and known time lines)? Why at that point in history? But the release was big enough to blanket all of China on a wide scale, at about the same time?– but the biggest dose was over Hubei/Wuhan.

3. The other variant explanation is it was released from a high flying aircraft (spy plane?). Again, which country did it? and why was it not detected by satellite surveillance systems? If it came from outside China, surely it would have been detected and neutralised given China's high technology and space infrastructure?

4. Then we will want to know how and where was the exact COVID-19 29,903 nt sequence made? Wuhan Institute of Virology? Or was it at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda Maryland- the latter is in the mix since Dr. Anthony Fauci's group were collaborators with the Wuhan laboratory (according to Tucker Carlson and many other news outlets).

5. So, finding the evidence for that balloon, drone or plane launch is important to satisfy the predictions listed. And at that time period? What type of balloon/plane/drone and who made it? The evidence must be recorded in the computers of satellite surveillance platforms, or other intelligence listening/observing channels - as there are now many 'spies in the skies'.

6. The issue of where the plane/balloon/drone was launched from is important. Was it from: China?, Taiwan? Guam? South Korea? Japan? Alaska? Russian Siberia? What was the make of the launch vehicles and who made them? China? USA? Taiwan? Japan? North Korea?. Etc etc.) – again there must be satellite surveillance evidence of where the balloon or plane or drone departed from. It must exist somewhere. So, this is an important part of the predictions of the Lab Leak theory to explore further.

7. But before we go further, take notice the escalating set of *ad hoc* assumptions that already need to be tested. We are putting ourselves in the position of the Sci Fi fantasist: there must be other possibilities not thought of - because that is the nature of fantasy as opposed to science. One will never pin it down rationally. It has a fantastic life all of its own.

8. But if a product of a bioweapon development program why now with this garden variety common cold coronavirus? And why one that seriously causes bad respiratory outcomes (death) in only about 0.1% of the exposed population (with deficits in Type I and III Interferon responses [20-25]. Maybe the common cold is a test run? But by Who, and Why? Yes why design it this way? Why not kill all competitor enemies, particularly those of military age? Why not use a known virus of superior lethality and proven effectiveness, such as the Spanish Flu variant sequence (that is known and is located at least at NIH, and maybe in laboratories elsewhere- but anyone could synthesise it from public sequence information) - **and how was it planned that the designers of this agent would be protected?**

9. Notice again the multiplication of implausible assumptions- **this is a clear signature of a non-scientific fantasy**. Indeed we need the assistance of a real Sci Fi fantasist here – someone like Arthur C. Clark to give it authenticity.

10. The "human purpose and motivation factors" (Cold War Conspiracy) are necessary and must be plausible in this story- because that is the whole point of the story.

11. But there may be other non-State bad actors- like ISIS or Al Quaeda. After 9/11 the United States eventually found all the evidence, some quickly, then launched the missions to bomb their bases in Afghanistan and kill Osama Bin Laden, and then strike Iraq as Saddam Hussein threatened nuclear attacks on Israel and neighbours so he had to go as well. This short summary shows that Sharri Markson, Luc Montagnier, Wei Jingsheng, Nikolai Petrovsky and all the other writers elsewhere and at News Ltd on the influential *The Australian* newspaper in particular (Nick Cater, Adam Creighton, Paul Monk) have not thought through the fantastic implications of their proposals and conclusions. There must be, as was the case with the 9/11 strike on the World Trade Centre, a significant amount of discoverable 'human-factor' associated-evidence behind this stratospherically launched viral attack over China and thus the world in Oct-Dec 2019 that supports their theory.

12. So this human motivated attack was first made on China i.e. ALL of China Dec 2019-Jan 2020- but central China in the biggest viral dose- and there are many How? and Why? questions generating the predictions we list.

13. Because the first big explosive outbreaks are centered on the Chinese industrial heartland, is that the reason a foreign state would target China? But why do that as many countries trade and depend on Chinese products? And if not foreign inspired why would China do that to potentially destroy its extraordinary industrial hinterland?

14. So it goes full circle – it would have to be a strategic competitor like Taiwan or USA?

15. But then why arrange matters with the first strike, and knowledge of stratospheric jet streams, so the viral bombing run continued to first Tehran, then Lombardy/Italy, then Spain, …why those countries first, and why their elderly co-morbid citizens?

16. And then on to the "Mother of all Targets"…New York City!? Why in that order? And again why these targets first? There was also some viral dusting of South Korea and Japan early in Feb 2020- Why so?

All these questions are not trivial. But then you also have to pause to ask yourself this- where does all this fantastic mental effort end? The answer is, that with fantasy stories, **there is no end to creative SciFi imagination.** Scientific analyses of data and observations and then predictions are very different. Science sticks to known facts, plausible mechanisms, with a bare minimum number of useful assumptions, to explain the widest possible domain of observed facts in a coherent way - without multiplying the number of *ad hoc* assumptions. This is why our published explanation is preferred over all Lab Leak theories involving human intention.