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Good morning (b)(6)

I hope you are doing as well as can be expected in the final stage of quarantine here in Beijing. Unfortunately, the Chinese CDC is promoting some alternative COVID testing techniques and implemented them with their citizens that are not in line with our diplomatic rights or our general agreement with the host government. I'm writing to ask what your testing experiences have been thus far and to ensure you understand the boundaries of the Day 21 test.

There's no good way to ask this, but has any health authority asked you or your spouse to conduct an anal swab test? The embassy obviously does not authorize or permit this type of testing on diplomats but others have been asked so I need to verify everyone's experience.

The testers may also ask to do an "environmental test" where they enter the residence and swab drinking glasses, furniture, etc. This is also not permitted. They may swab the **outside** of the doorknob, but nothing internal.

For the record, our agreement is for nasal and/or throat swabs only. If you are asked to undergo either of the above or any other that seems inappropriate, please refuse and contact us immediately. We will escalate to MFA/FAO and go from there.

Sorry for the strange questions, but I was directed by embassy management to survey our people and ensure we are not being asked to participate in the more invasive testing procedures. I appreciate any response.

Thanks,

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