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**Subject:** RE: Letter from WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

In the intervening hours between my note to WHO and this message, it has been determined that Dr. Lane will curtail his work in Japan to join the WHO Mission in China. We are identifying flights to have him arrive on Saturday February 22 evening.

One challenge is that he will need to obtain his Chinese visa upon arrival at Beijing. We are working with the Chinese Embassy in Washington to see how this might be accomplished but we also would welcome WHO advice.

Apologies for any confusion as we were juggling options.

Gray

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**Importance:** High

Mr AMB and Stew,

With respect to the email below, which you may have seen, I just talked to Dr Fauci and there must have been some communication mix up about Cliff.

**Cliff Lane is absolutely going to China as part of the WHO team (if invited).**

Dr. Fauci has communicated with Gray and this may have been corrected with WHO. But, I wanted to make sure you both heard from me that Cliff is joining the team.

Many thanks!

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Just keeping you in the loop.

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**Subject:** RE: Letter from WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Dear WHO,

Dr. Cliff Lane has shared the invitation letter he just received from your office. He is in transit to Japan where he has been asked to assist with rapid implementation of a study of the drug remdesivir as a therapeutic intervention for COVID-19, within the context of the current cases in that country. Due to the importance of this study, Dr. Lane may not be available to participate in the WHO Mission to be undertaken next week in China.

Therefore, would it be possible for Dr. David Morens, who also was nominated to serve on this mission by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to serve on the mission rather than Dr. Lane? Dr. Morens is a senior clinical scientist in the Office of the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. His CV and passport face page are attached. If Dr. Morens serves on this mission, he is prepared to be in Beijing on Monday February 17, 2020.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your response.

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Dear Dr Lane,

Please find attached for your kind and urgent attention, a letter from Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization.  
Best regards.

Office of the Director-General  
World Health Organization