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Hi Gayle, Gray and Jim,

I had a meeting with Liz Yuan and Liz updated me with regarding the activities involving Global Health Security Agenda. China's National Health and Family Planning Commission (Ministry of Health) and China CDC are supportive and should commit to be a part of the network. We do want to expand the Chinese participation in the network to include other partners and sectors, including agriculture and veterinary. If you recall, (b) (5)

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(b) (5), if possible. We know Harbin Veterinary Institute is part of the Emory CEIRS center. We could not so far identify any direct NIAID collaboration with the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV). However, from a quick search we found Dr. James Leduc of University of Texas at Galveston and Dr. Jian Han of the HudsonAlpha Institute of Biotechnology at University of Alabama at Birmingham recently visited WIV. Since I could not access the Grads database (from my office in the embassy) I couldn't find out whether they received NIAID funding. James Leduc is the head of the national lab at Galveston and I believe NIAID funded the establishment of the lab (biosecurity lab). I just sent a message to the people at the facility group in OBRTR, DMID, to see if the Galveston lab still gets our funding for the maintenance of the lab. And please find if both James Leduc and Han Jian have any NIAID funded grants. (b) (5)

The purpose of the visit is for GH Security and has little to do with the NIAID funded programs. We would very much appreciate that you get back to us as soon as possible.

Thank you,

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