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**Subject:** RE: Oct. Update

Please make a very careful and full report on what you learn during this visit. It will be a very important interaction and one that many are interested in. Please share your report with us before it goes into any other reporting.

We will be glad to engage directly or via grantees in whatever will help assure safe operations.

Gray

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**From:** Chen, Ping (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 10:20 AM  
**To:** Handley, Gray (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)  
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The lab will be operational soon. The visit has been arranged through one of our grantees. I know Jim LeDuc has been worked with WIV and had done some training. (b) (5)  
(b) (5). Also, I was told only certain viruses can be worked in this lab. (b) (5)  
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Ping

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On Oct 20, 2017, at 9:54 PM, Handley, Gray (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6) wrote:

Thanks, Ping. Interesting note.

Jim, (b) (5)  
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Also, can OGR assist with putting together information for her to use for the flu meeting in Thailand? I think Ping also is in direct contact with some of the DMID folks, but she can clarify.

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**From:** Meegan, James (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 9:39 AM

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Jim LeDuc at U Texas Medical Branch, Director of the Galveston BSL4, works closely with them. In 1986 Jim and I spent the year on and off in Wuhan setting up a virology lab and studying Hantavirus infections and treating patients with ribavirin. We trained many, and some later came to the States. I think that helped it on its way to becoming a center for virology.

Is the visit all set, (b) (5)

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On Oct 20, 2017, at 9:09 AM, Chen, Ping (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6) wrote:

Yes

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On Oct 20, 2017, at 8:28 PM, Meegan, James (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6) wrote:

Is the BSL4 in Wuhan?

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On Oct 20, 2017, at 8:23 AM, Chen, Ping (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6) wrote:

Yes. I am available. 9 pm my time

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On Oct 20, 2017, at 8:06 PM, Rosa, William (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6) wrote:

We can have the call on Monday if you are available.

Thanks,

William

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**From:** Chen, Ping (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 5:09 AM  
**To:** Handley, Gray (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6); Bernabe, Gayle (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6); Meegan, James (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6); Rosa, William (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)  
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Dear all,

I traveled to Zhengzhou for the formal beginning of the Predict TB trial in Henan this week. The week before the Henan site received the approval from China's Human Genetic Resources office. So now the trial can start enroll patients. The Henan official wanted to have another initiation celebration and wanted to have NIAID official to attend. I was invited. The ceremony was postponed from Tuesday to Thursday because of the opening of the 19th national meeting of the Chinese communist party. All officials had to watch to opening and to listen to the president's speech, which I was told lasted for 3.5 hours! On Tuesday we traveled to one of the 4 sites in Henan, Kaifeng City TB institute and witnessed the screen of the first TB patient. The head of the provincial Bureau of Health and others from provincial CDC attended the ceremony. The event was sent on the street in the front of the hospital. They had placed 4 cannons and fired up at the beginning of the ceremony and later with confetti. I gave a 5 mins remark to thanks Henan for long term and successful collaborations, and wishing a successful trail. See the photo attached.

I have been worked with Janette on the logistics of the USJCMSP EID meeting. The first batch of the visa invitation has been sent back. Both hotel and of Shenzhen sponsor have been very responsive. We are making progress.

I am going to visit the only BSL4 level laboratory in China next week. The lab will become operational soon. Once it is hot, it won't be able to accept visitors.

Thank you for the funding cable.

The health team in Beijing suggested to do a public event on AMR at the Beijing American Center this month. I agree to it. But now it looks like that we may not be able to find a time slot for Nov. Will keep you posted when we will do it.

I will need you to help me prepare the information that CDC wants for the H7N9 round table event in Thailand. Gray knows what I need for the meeting.

As for the NIH-CAMS annual symposium on liver diseases, I will need to discuss it with Matt.

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I will work with Matt till I can hand the majority of responsibility to him.

Are we have the call on Monday? I can take it from Wuhan.

Have a nice weekend.

Ping

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