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Greetings Dr. Baric,

I hope this email message finds you well. The U.S. National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) and the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) in partnership with representatives from other Chinese institutions are organizing **1) a dialogue meeting** of Chinese and American experts to discuss the challenges of emerging infections, laboratory safety, and global health security and **2) a workshop** on the responsible conduct in the use of gene editing in pathogen research. These topics will be considered, particularly, in the context of high-containment labs. The meetings will take place back to back on **January 8-9-10, 2019** on the campus of CAAS's new biological safety level four facility in Harbin, China and will feature leading experts from China, the U.S. and for the gene editing meeting, several additional countries.

David Franz and James Le Duc are leading this effort and NASEM Policy and Global Affairs staff are organizing the meetings in partnership with the Board on Life Sciences and CAAS. **We are writing to see if you are interested and able to attend the dialogue meeting and workshop as a speaker and participant.** I have attached a DRAFT agenda for your information and have also courtesy copied (cc'd) Dave and Jim who will have more thoughts on your role. If you are available at that time and interested in attending, we would be happy to send you a formal invitation and more detailed information about flights, transportation, accommodation and visa arrangements.

In addition to the dialogue and workshop sessions between experts from the U.S. and China, the CAAS has offered to plan optional outings to visit the world-famous Harbin Ice Festival taking place that week as well as the Unit 731 Museum.

Please let us know if this opportunity is of interest to you. Feel free to contact me (brusek@nas.edu, or Katie Bowman (with BLS, KBowman@nas.edu, with any questions. Thank you in advance and we look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Ben

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Subject: RE: NASEM bio meetings in Harbin, China in Jan 2019?

Greetings Ralph,

Wonderful to hear that you are interested and can join the delegation! Hope Hare (cced) will follow up with an email about booking your flights. We are trying to get some flights booked before the Thanksgiving holiday so you will hear from her soon. Thanks again for joining us for these meeting.

Kind regards,

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Hi Ben, Looks like an interesting discussion topic and meeting. I would be delighted to attend. Thanks for the invitation. Ralph

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