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April 5, 2022

The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro Comptroller General of the United States United States Government Accountability Office 441 G Street, NW Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Dodaro,

We write today to request that GAO conduct a comprehensive accounting of all public funds the United States Government disbursed, whether directly or indirectly, from January of 2014 through December of 2021 to:

- 1. China's Academy of Military Medical Sciences;
- 2. The Wuhan Institute of Virology;
- 3. Wuhan University; and
- 4. Individuals known to be employed by these organizations during the relevant timeframe.

As you are well aware, this request is fully within GAO's statutory mandate, as described in the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, authorizing GAO to "investigate all matters related to the receipt, disbursement, and use of public money."¹

We request that your report describe the amounts disbursed, the purpose of the disbursements, whether each disbursement was issued as a grant directly from the government or as a subgrant from a government grantee, and who within the United States Government authorized the disbursements. If GAO is already examining these or similar issues, we ask to be added as co-requestors to those projects as well.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Davis of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence staff at (202) 225-4121.

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Sincerely,

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¹ 31 U.S.C. § 712(1).

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