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Dear Prof. Shen:

I am writing to invite you to visit the United States, as part of our ongoing geologic research collaboration, between September 26 and October 18 of 2019. During your stay you will be visiting the Isotope Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as well as participating in geologic field work on the Permian rocks in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming. These activities are part of the project "An integrated high-resolution chronostratigraphic framework for major events during the Guadalupian (Middle Permian) of South China and North America" supported by the National Science Foundation of China Grant no. NSFC 41420104003. The cost of your travel including airfare and accommodation in the United States will be supported by the above mentioned grant.

If you do not already have a valid B-1 visa in your passport, you must present this letter of invitation, proof of your employment at the Nanjing University, and all documentation required for a visa application to the United States Embassy or Consulate in order to obtain a B-1 Business Visa. During this visit, MIT will not provide any salary for you.

Upon arrival at the port of entry to the United States, you must present this letter to the Customs and Border Protection agent along with your valid passport.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the logistics of this visit.

Sincerely yours

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