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Dear Mr. Zhang:

I am pleased that you have accepted Dr. Fletcher's offer of a Graduate Research Assistantship to work here in CIRES while you are studying at the University of Colorado.

I will be your direct supervisor in this work, and we will be glad to have you start work at any time after July 1. I know that it takes a very considerable time to arrange permits, visas, airplane reservations, and the like, so it may well be some time after that before you can get here. However, I have travel plans for the summer which would make it of advantage to you and to me if you can arrange to arrive as early as July 11. That would make it possible for me personally to get you started on your work.

I am looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph J. Slutz

Senior Research Associate

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