Combating a Truly Collective Threat: Sino-American Military Cooperation against Avian Influenza

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This essay seeks to increase awareness among Western scholars, analysts, and policy makers concerning both the potential danger posed by an outbreak of avian influenza, and Sino-American efforts thus far to militate against such a contingency. Given the importance of cooperation between countries in combating a pandemic, the essay also explores the challenges and opportunities inherent in Sino-American cooperation to combat avian influenza. This may be a particularly productive area of cooperation for the U.S. and Chinese militaries, which possess significant resources and expertise, yet have historically had difficulty cooperating because of differences in political systems and national interests. The global threat of avian influenza may be one area in which Sino-American collective security interests are so great as to outweigh these competing concerns.

INTRODUCTION: CHINA AT THE CENTER

Avian influenza, poses a large and growing threat to international security. No nation is safe from the pandemic influenza threat, and every nation is essential to defense efforts. In one indication of the importance of such efforts to international economic stability, Robert R. Morse, Citicorp's Asia-Pacific head, has stated, "We do not view the possibility of avian flu as an Asian issue, we view it as a global issue."¹ In response to this world-wide challenge, important progress has been made already.² At a major international conference to combat avian influenza, China's Vice-Foreign Minister Qiao Zonghuai noted that "...our destinies are interconnected. In the fight against avian influenza, no country can stay safe by looking the other way."³ Cooperation is vital to defend against pandemic influenza. Robust partnerships involving the U.S., Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, ASEAN nations, other Asia-Pacific allies, and nations around the world will be critical.⁴ Indeed, important progress has been made already.

Several factors, however, make China worthy of particular focus for U.S. policy makers and medical experts. China will likely be at the center of a pandemic influenza crisis. It is home to some 800 million people who live in close contact with over 15 billion poultry, and thus possesses a potential reservoir for the incubation of avian influenza that is perhaps unequaled anywhere in the world.⁵ China also has "1,332 species of migratory birds, over 13 per cent of the world's total."⁶ The persistence of conditions analogous to those detailed above over decades explains why "most flu pandemics in recorded history originated in South China (e.g., 1918, 1957 and 1968)."⁷ China's massive scale and vulnerable populations thus give it a unique importance in disease control measures. Despite continuing challenges in relations between the United States and China, therefore, no effort to stem the spread of infectious disease will be complete without cooperation between what are respectively the world's largest developed and developing nations.

As two Asia-Pacific nations potentially threatened by pandemic influenza, the United States and China have significant shared interests in the area of the prevention of large-scale

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outbreaks of devastating infectious disease. The two nations also share a strategic interest in fighting other unconventional threats such as terrorism.⁸ Thanks to its largely apolitical and non-religious nature, the combating of pandemics, even more than counter-terrorism, offers common ground upon which to build a basis for bilateral and multilateral cooperation. Given the important work that remains to be done before effective cooperation between the United States and China can be fully realized, however, this essay will be devoted to suggesting the extent to which the two great powers share an interest in combating avian influenza, and how robust collaboration toward this end can more fully be realized.

RELATED CHINESE CAPABILITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

China has already allocated \$246.6 million for domestic measures to control avian influenza.⁹ These include building a network of monitoring stations to track transmission of avian influenza by migratory birds¹⁰ and its infection of humans.¹¹ Chinese officials are simultaneously working to raise awareness, coordinate domestic efforts,¹² and build a more efficient reporting system between provinces.¹³ The last is an attempt to address the fact that, particularly in recent years, inter-province coordination has posed a particular challenge for Beijing. China has been similarly proactive in the international arena. In April 2006, Dr. David Nabarro, U.N. System Coordinator for Influenza, met with Chinese officials "to discuss China's role in the international control of avian influenza and preparation for dealing with any possible influenza pandemic."¹⁴ During that same month, China hosted the "Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Symposium on Emerging Infectious Diseases."

Chinese universities, government research institutions and corporations have responded to the growing challenge of avian influenza by conducting what official Chinese media sources report to be cutting-edge research in the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases.¹⁵ A wide variety of research is being conducted by students and faculty members at academic institutions all over China, apparently with particularly prolific contributions from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, China Agricultural University, Shandong Agricultural University, and Yangzhou University.16 Academic conferences have been held periodically in China to disseminate research results.¹⁷ In December 2005, China's Ministry of Agriculture announced that Harbin Veterinary Research Institute had developed the "world's first live vaccine against bird flu."¹⁸ "A major advantage of China's research into the bird flu virus is our technical reserve and capacity to meet emergencies," Vice-Science Minister Liu Yanhua concludes. "They are powerful resources."

Having played a significant role in the handling of the 2003 Sever Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) crisis, China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) can claim valuable experience with regard to infectious disease control measures.²⁰ In 2004, the PLA published a practical pamphlet on techniques for dealing with avian influenza.²¹ In fact, due to its large network of high-level hospitals and research facilities, the PLA holds jurisdiction over a crucial element of China's disease prevention responsibility and expertise. Academy of Military Medical Sciences researcher Li Song recently reported that his team had "completed clinical experiments" concerning a new Chinese drug similar to Tamiflu "and find it is more effective on humans than Tamiflu."²² While little data is available in the West concerning the specifics of such achievements, the PLA is so central to China's medical infrastructure that it would probably be difficult to engage more deeply with China in the prevention of avian influenza without also engaging with elements of the PLA.

SINO-AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENTS THUS FAR

In domestic, bilateral and international forums, the U.S. and China have already made considerable, if preliminary, progress in combating avian influenza. In October 2005, for instance, Chinese Minister of Health Gao Qiang signed an agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to enhance cooperation on avian influenza and other infectious diseases.²³ On November 19, 2005, the United States and China announced a "Joint Initiative on Avian Influenza," through which the countries' respective ministries of Health and Agriculture will "strengthen cooperation" concerning vaccines, detection, and planning.²⁴ Such bilateral measures could offer a model for U.S. cooperation with other nations.²⁵

At the January 2006 "Ministerial Pledging Conference for Avian Influenza," attended by 700 representatives of over 100 nations, including the U.S.,²⁶ Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao stated that "China will continue to actively participate in international cooperation in avian influenza prevention and control, share our experience with related countries and help them fight avian influenza."²⁷ Paul Wolfowitz, president of the World Bank, emphasized, "By hosting this event in Beijing, the Chinese Government is sending a powerful message … that we urgently need a global commitment to share information quickly and openly, and to find ways to work together effectively."²⁸ Such information exchange has already been facilitated by a draft agreement signed on December 20, 2005, affirming China's intention to share "virus samples isolated from human H5N1 cases" with the WHO.²⁹ At the end of the conference, representatives matched their words with substantive actions. The World Bank agreed to contribute \$500 million, the Asian Development Bank, \$470 million, the U.S. \$334 million and China \$10 million.³⁰ As of October 2006, virtually all the \$1.9 billion granted at the Pledging Conference had been committed.³¹

Other examples of Sino-American cooperation regarding pandemic preparedness include the Joint Science Academies' Statement on avian influenza and infectious diseases, whose signatories include Lu Yongxiang of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Ralph Cicerone of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. Noting that SARS caused as much as \$30 billion in economic damage, and affirming the accomplishments of the Beijing ministerial pledging conference, the statement calls for "coordinated actions on a global scale by a whole spectrum of stakeholders including governments, scientists, public health experts, veterinary health experts, economists, representatives of the business community, and the general public."³² In order to ensure that these recommendations are carried out, however, it is necessary to explore in depth the potential roles of the U.S. and Chinese militaries in combating avian influenza. No pandemic disease prevention efforts will be complete without the robust involvement of these two powerful and influential organizations. Given the U.S. military's strong presence throughout the Asia-Pacific region, as well as the abundance of relevant information thanks to its relative transparency, its potential role in such efforts will now be examined in detail.

THE ROLE OF THE U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND IN COMBATING AVIAN INFLUENZA

... in today's interconnected world acting in the global interest is likely to mean acting in one's national interest as well. In other words, exercising sovereignty and contributing to global security are no longer mutually exclusive events.

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The U.S. and China share a tremendous interest in preventing outright if possible, or at least containing and mitigating the effects of, an outbreak of pandemic influenza. Like Beijing, Washington has a strong interest in maintaining a global environment that is safe for economic development and trade. In contrast to China, however, the U.S. in recent decades has had both the capability and the willingness to use its military to further such goals on a global scale. The U.S. military is thus often used to provide security for the benefit not only of American citizens but also those of other nations around the world, as when the U.S. Navy secures international sea lanes against piracy, terrorism, or even the actions of hostile states such as North Korea. One potential instrument for securing the global health environment in the event of a medical crisis, therefore, is the U.S. military. Yet in order to provide such public goods effectively, the U.S. military must first be able to protect its own personnel and equip them to perform their duties even under the most adverse conditions.

In light of the substantial global responsibilities of the U.S. armed forces, the U.S. military cannot afford to be immobilized by pandemic influenza. Yet the widespread deployment of U.S. forces and the sheer scope of U.S. military operations illustrate the challenges inherent in guarding against this contingency. Within the U.S. government, efforts to prepare for pandemic influenza are apportioned as follows: the Department of Homeland Security has overall responsibility, the Department of Health and Human Services oversees domestic efforts and medical issues, the Department of State manages public diplomacy (and most overseas issues), and the Department of Agriculture manages animal-related issues. The U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), due to its scope of operations and interactions with regions in Asia known to be potential incubators of avian influenza, is also on the front lines of the pandemic influenza threat. Though not itself a lead agency in avian influenza prevention efforts, PACOM is preparing to support the U.S. government in its effort to combat domestic and international outbreaks of influenza.

In the event of pandemic influenza, PACOM must be prepared both to maintain the operational capabilities of U.S. forces and protect military troops, civilians, and dependents as well as PACOM's military bases and facilities. This will be a difficult task: PACOM's area of operation spans 169 million square kilometers over 16 time zones, and encompasses 43 nations that are collectively home to 60% of the world's population, the world's six largest armed forces, five of the seven U.S. mutual defense treaties, and 35% of U.S. trade (over \$550 billion).³⁴ More than 300,000 U.S. troops are based in the region. The dimensions of PACOM's responsibilities are extended by the fact that while ten pandemics have erupted in the past three centuries, the eleventh will be the first to occur in an instantly interconnected world.³⁵

Given the potential for pandemic influenza to spread rapidly and to inflict devastation on human societies, PACOM must develop coordinated capabilities that can rapidly respond to, address, and continue to ensure the function of relevant organizations during such an outbreak. Because this is a task that no nation can accomplish alone, proper prevention and treatment will hinge upon multilateral cooperation. Effective information sharing will thus be essential to the success of such a broad-based effort. Because of the potential need to actively involve law enforcement agencies and even militaries from many countries in the Asia-Pacific region and around the world, significant mutual trust is essential if preparation efforts are to succeed.

PREPARATIONS TO PROTECT U.S. TROOPS, DEPENDENTS, AND ASIAN NEIGHBORS

In order to assist U.S. forces, military dependents, and citizens of other countries to prepare for an influenza pandemic, PACOM has developed a set of planning goals to address all foreseeable contingencies. These goals involve regional cooperation, preparation and prevention, containment, and recovery.

PACOM is currently seeking to improve the regional security environment by cooperating with Asia-Pacific nations. PACOM is well aware that preparations for avian influenza have been more thoroughly tested in some Asian countries than in the U.S., which thus far has been fortunate not to have suffered from H5N1 avian influenza. The U.S. has much to learn from experts in the countries that have experienced clusters of H5N1 infection.³⁶ In order to facilitate this learning process, the U.S. plans to build a Pacific Region Coordination Center, which will "allow rapid communications, coordination, and information sharing among the 43 [Pacific] nations, their militaries, international organizations, and U.S. interagency representatives active in the Pacific."³⁷ It is hoped that this effort will forge a positive basis for collective health security.

Two additional aspects of current operations to shape the health security environment involve preparation and prevention.³⁸ Toward this end, in October 2005 PACOM sponsored a Public Health Emergency Officer Influenza Seminar that was held in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.³⁹ Information awareness is an essential component of security maintenance. For this reason, the Military Medical Laboratories Syndromic Surveillance Network is actively monitoring over 30 sites in Southeast Asia for the eruption of infectious diseases. In the event of an actual outbreak, laboratories in Indonesia and Thailand will help both the host nation and the World Health Organization (WHO)'s Surveillance Network for Influenza to better track the spread and evolution of the disease so that appropriate countermeasures can be taken in a timely manner. In a recent issue of *Nature*, medical experts urged that this existing network of rapid response laboratories should be enhanced in collaboration with the WHO to emulate U.S. Naval Medical Research Units (NAMRU). NAMRUs were established after World War II to protect U.S. troops overseas.⁴⁰ In order to minimize the chances that U.S. forces and related personnel will contract and transmit avian influenza, the U.S. Department of Defense has been stockpiling the drug Tamiflu at PACOM bases. As of February 2006, six million doses had been stored.⁴¹ In November 2005 PACOM held a "Tabletop Exercise" in order to test preparations for a pandemic. Finally, PACOM has used a variety of venues, including ASEAN, Chiefs of Defense (CHOD) meetings, and Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) planning meetings, to help provide forums for discussions on pandemic influenza and to share planning ideas with a number of foreign government and military leaders.

In the event of a pandemic, PACOM would support the relevant U.S. agencies as they worked with Asia-Pacific nations and the WHO to contain the outbreak. Given the potential of the United States to provide substantial aid, the U.S. government would also likely work to support any recovery efforts that might ensue as a result of the outbreak. Potential regional challenges stemming from an avian influenza outbreak in the Asia-Pacific region might include damage to the regional economy⁴² and threats to domestic stability. Economic threats could involve the disruption of transnational supply chains, as well as reductions in foreign direct investment and local spending. During the 2003 SARS outbreak, for instance, 8,000 were infected and roughly 800 died. "International travel to affected areas fell by 50 to 70 percent, hotel occupancy dropped by more than 60 percent, and businesses in tourism-related areas

failed."⁴³ This caused between \$50 and \$100 billion in economic damage.⁴⁴ The Asia-Pacific region alone is estimated to have borne \$40 billion of this cost.⁴⁵ Threats to domestic stability could occur in those Southeast Asian nations that rely heavily on poultry production as well as in those in Pacific island states that might be particularly vulnerable were a significant portion of their relatively small populations to be threatened with infectious disease. At a panel discussion at the Asia Society in New York City in 2006, Senior U.N. System Influenza Coordinator Dr. David Nabarro stated that the U.S. government had made commendable efforts to prepare for pandemic influenza, but that far more international cooperation was needed in order to address the threat.⁴⁶

U.S.-CHINA MILITARY MEDICAL COOPERATION: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The fight against avian influenza has proven fertile ground for enhanced levels of U.S.-China cooperation overall. There is now potential for both countries to build upon this success in the area of military information exchange. Military medical information and related technology lacks direct application to offensive warfare, and is abundantly available in both countries. China's substantial experience and expertise concerning avian influenza, particularly within its military, raises the possibility of both parties benefiting substantially. Concerns that such mutual benefit could not be achieved, in part because of differing conceptions of transparency, has frustrated previous military exchanges. Perhaps there is now a chance to bridge that gap. Admiral William J. Fallon, former commander of PACOM, has already extended an invitation to the Chinese military to engage in a discussion concerning avian influenza.⁴⁷ In March 2006, a PACOM medical team met with medical leaders in the PLA to discuss pandemic influenza planning efforts and opportunities for the U.S. military and the PLA to work together.

The potential for cooperation between the U.S. and Chinese militaries was further suggested by a search and rescue exercise (SAREX) held by their respective navies off San Diego on September 20, 2006. Though a series of port visits had previously occurred, and are scheduled to continue,⁴⁸ this was the first bilateral military exercise ever conducted between the two nations.⁴⁹ The two navies stationed observers on each other's ships as they practiced transmitting and receiving international communications signals. Led by North Sea Fleet deputy commander Rear Admiral Wang Fushan, China's guided missile destroyer *Qingdao* and refueling vessel *Hongze Hu* joined the new U.S. Arleigh Burke-class Aegis guided missile destroyer USS *Chung-Hoon* (DDG 93). Specifically selected to convey a positive connection, USS *Chung-Hoon* is the first U.S. Navy ship named for a Chinese-American.⁵⁰ The 2006 SAREX is envisioned to be "the first in a series of bilateral exercises."⁵¹ If the U.S. and China can engage in such military exercises, surely they can cooperate to combat avian influenza, a mutual enemy that spares no one on the basis of nationality.

To be sure, progress must be made in several areas for this goal to be realized. Perhaps most importantly, the timely flow of information must be improved. Due to both the Chinese domestic political landscape and concerns that Chinese scientists receive proper credit for their research overseas, ⁵² some inherent challenges may accompany such exchanges. Aside from domestic politics, one major reason for the minimization of U.S.-China military contacts has been U.S. concern that military transparency and cooperative benefits will be asymmetric. This discrepancy might be partially addressed, however, by first determining which areas demand an absolute equality of exchange, and which disparities might be compensated for by alternative areas of comparative advantage and willingness to share information and other resources.

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Cooperation undertaken in response to the mutual threat of avian influenza could be an excellent place to begin efforts to improve overall military relations between the U.S. and China.

During the 2003 SARS crisis, which has been described as "the most severe social or political crisis encountered by China's leadership since the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown," Premier Wen Jiabao told fellow officials that "the health and security of the people, overall state of reform, development, and stability, and China's national interest and image are at stake."⁵³ Yet there is a widespread perception, both inside and outside China, that Beijing's attempts to control information backfired, thereby hampering international response efforts and undermining domestic public confidence.⁵⁴ Recently, however, there appears to be growing official recognition that transparency is essential to good governance and public safety. An October 2005 *China Daily* opinion editorial underscores the importance of increasing transparency in furthering China's own national interests:

Unlike the SARS ... outbreak in 2003, when the nation was in panic... [and] the authorities' initial foot-dragging left the public nervous... we can see a substantial change in the government's response this time around. The response has been prompt.... More importantly, information sharing with international health institutions appears to be timely, smooth and comprehensive. These are some of the lessons learnt from the fight against the SARS epidemic. ... A better-informed and thus better-prepared public is conducive to its own safety in the face of a life-threatening epidemic. ... There is no harm if people are honestly informed about what is happening and what is at stake. And there obviously is room for improvements regarding transparency. Also, we find it imperative to upgrade our involvement in international efforts to cope with bird flu.⁵⁵

Though the *China Daily* typically contains content that is different from official Chinese language media sources in order to influence a Western audience, the outlook expressed here is refreshingly realistic and positive, in marked contrast to previous silence or even questionable statements concerning this issue.

Furthermore, as unexpected challenges surrounding America's own Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in October 2005 demonstrate, responding to large-scale natural disasters is inherently difficult and requires substantial preparation, coordination, and learning from previous problems. Avian influenza, which has the potential to inflict far greater human suffering with far fewer warning signs, has the potential to challenge government response efforts unlike any other natural disaster. At the same time, however, preventative and emergency measures can drastically reduce the impact of a potential pandemic. As the policy measures and official leadership and media statements listed above suggest, Beijing is to be commended for its continued, and apparently improving, efforts in this regard.

A LOGICAL PLACE TO BEGIN

Cooperation against the threat of avian influenza could build mutual confidence and generate momentum for initiatives in other areas. In addition to enhancing communication, the building of bilateral contacts could give both sides a healthy respect for each other's capabilities, thereby reducing the chance of dangerous miscalculations. Ongoing tensions in U.S.-China relations are based in part upon differences in national interests that are likely to endure. A positive bilateral military relationship will not in and of itself resolve those tensions. But such a relationship could offer realistic first steps that might serve to outline and safeguard mutual interests and thereby provide incentives to avoid unnecessary escalation and avert serious crises as the two nations seek to realize stable if competitive coexistence. China, situated at the potential epicenter of an avian influenza outbreak, has a particularly vital role to play in infectious disease control. China's efforts in this regard are apparently growing, and seem to be increasingly impressive. Already, according to Dr. David Nabarro, Asia as a whole has made substantial progress in preparation for an influenza pandemic.⁵⁶

One way to increase mutual understanding and goodwill would be for Chinese and U.S. researchers to translate unclassified Chinese documents—starting with those concerning avian influenza and related public health threats—into English and to facilitate their wider distribution among Western experts. Such dissemination could increase Western knowledge of Chinese advances in disease prevention and control, which are reportedly numerous and rapid—particularly in specific technological areas. This might help to set the stage for follow-on medical research—perhaps with an innovative combination of government and private sector funding—that could exploit the synergy between U.S. technology and analysis and Chinese ability to conduct large scale experiments and biotechnological production in a cost effective manner. Moreover, Western analysts and scholars could use knowledge of China's disease prevention efforts and security challenges to augment their analysis and understanding of China from a broader perspective.

Here it must be emphasized that a more robust and nuanced spectrum of U.S. analyses of China, such as could be facilitated by greater transparency concerning Chinese military medical progress, is in China's own national interest. After all, like its foreign counterparts, the U.S. military is duty bound to anticipate and prepare for worst case scenarios. But more optimistic projections and positive-sum suggestions produced by other analysts who are free from such responsibilities are extremely important as well. Such analyses could further elucidate the great benefits that the U.S. and China might derive from effective cooperation in a wide range of areas. Otherwise, exclusive focus on the possibility of conflict could negatively influence U.S.-China relations by overshadowing these other vital areas.

At very least, the origins and purposes of military medical and other analyses should be made transparent where possible by their authors and kept in proper perspective by those who consume them. This can be facilitated by efforts on both sides of the Pacific, even in the absence of explicit inter-governmental cooperation. There is substantial room for improvement in both nations. American analysts would do well to understand important nuances of increasingly robust (though often still somewhat opaque) Chinese policy debates in order to differentiate between official government policy and opinionated reports from China's ever livelier media. This effort would be greatly facilitated if more Americans would develop their often inadequate language skills-Beijing can be surprisingly transparent in Chinese. Chinese analysts, who already tend to be quite sophisticated both linguistically and in their ability to trace political debates, would do well to document their assertions with ample specific references, such as footnotes, to where they obtained their information. While slowly improving, and already achieved by some highly advanced journals such as the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences' American Studies, the overall dearth of such citations in both Chinese scholarship and official government reports makes it extremely difficult even for foreigners fluent in Chinese to assess the quality of data being presented. This is particularly true in the exacting fields of science and medicine, where a vaccine's efficacy must be proven in a manner that is replicable by experts around the world, not simply announced without supporting evidence.

These significant challenges should not distract us from the larger issues at stake: a significant threat to humanity can and must be averted. This collective responsibility requires cooperation across national boundaries regardless of political differences. In this spirit, through translation and analysis of Chinese sources, I have endeavored to increase awareness among Western scholars, analysts, and policy makers of important Chinese developments and their potential relevance to Sino-American cooperation against avian influenza. The bottom line is that differences in other national interests should not prevent the United States and China—or, for that matter, all other nations—from recognizing their growing collective interests in combating emerging threats such as that of pandemic influenza. As a Chinese proverb cautions, "disasters know no boundaries" (*shuihuo wuqing*).

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