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Ambassador Huang Chen/Secretary Kissinger  
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(The Secretary spoke to the Ambassador through an interpreter)

I: Ambassador Huang doesn't speak English so I will pass on whatever you would like to say.

K: I want to express to the Ambassador my personal sadness and the condolences of the United States Government about the death of Chairman Mao, whom we had the privilege to know and who was one of the greatest men of our time. He has changed the history of the world and we feel privileged to have known him. And on our side, we will continue the policy of normalization which he contributed to initiating according to his principles, which we discussed with him. I wanted to express these things personally and on behalf of the United States Government to the Ambassador. If you would communicate this also to Peking we would appreciate it. We will be sending a message directly also.

I: Ambassador Huang would like to express his deep gratitude for your message of condolence and he will convey this message of condolence to our government.

K: We will inquire when you have opened the condolence book and I will come over to sign it.

I: We will let you know as soon as we have everything prepared.

K: My deepest condolences again.

I: I express again our deep gratitude for your condolence.

K: We will be in touch again soon.

I: Thank you very much.

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