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China-Nixon Messages

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PEKING, Nov. 27 (Reuter)—The Chinese have sent former President Nixon at least two personal messages since his resignation, American sources said here today.

This personal solicitude for the man who set in motion the American detente with China shows an interesting contrast with the usual Chinese view that historical forces operate independently of human will, observers said.

Another indication of the high regard in which the Chinese—who view his initiative on China as the most significant event of his presidency—continue to hold Mr. Nixon came in the speech given by China's new foreign minister, Chiao Kuan-hua, at a banquet in honor of visiting Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger Monday.

Chiao, speaking on Sino-American detente, paid an unusual tribute to Mr. Nixon for "the pioneering role" he played in deciding to open a dialogue with China.

No details about the messages have been disclosed.