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Date	Senior Officials	Summary/Comments
October 8	Kissinger - Qiao Guanhua, in New York City (8:30-11:30 p.m.)	HAK complains about PRC attacks on him and U.S. "appeasement" of the Soviets. Qiao baits HAK for showing weakness regarding the Soviets at Helsinki and in Angola. HAK warns that lack of political support for China in the U.S. because of the current chilly mood will limit the USG's ability to aid China if the Soviets attack. Qiao pressures HAK on Taiwan, noting pro-Taiwan statements by Republican political officials.
December 21	Kissinger - Huang Zhen (4:35-5:40 p.m.)	HZ asserts PRC internal situation "excellent" after smashing of the Gang of Four; assures HAK Mao's foreign policy will be sustained; presses HAK on need for continuity in U.S. policy with the new U.S. administration; asks for word on HAK's meeting with Jimmy Carter in Georgia, the NATO ministerial meeting, and press rumors that HAK will write his memoirs; seeks reassurance that PRC-related documents of the Nixon-Ford period will not be disclosed.
1977 January 8	Kissinger, Secretary of State-designate Cyrus Vance - Huang Zhen (1:15-2:40 p.m.)	HAK and HZ reiterate their respective positions on normalization. HZ complains about Carter statement calling Taiwan "China" as having a "2 Chinas" implication. Vance expresses support for the Shanghai Communique and the principle of "one China," but does not respond to HZ's remarks about the need to oppose the "Polar Bear."

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February 8	President Jimmy Carter - Huang Zhen (10:00 a.m.)	Carter reaffirms U.S. commitment to the SC as the "basis" of the U.S.-PRC relationship. HZ: The relationship will continue to improve so long as the SC is adhered to; any violations will raise adverse results; to normalize relations, the U.S. must withdraw its troops from Taiwan, abrogate the defense treaty, and sever diplomatic relations. Carter expresses hopes for a peaceful resolution of the Taiwan issue
		<p style="text-align: right;">notes the</p> "fundamental dispute" between the PRC and the USSR, but says this should not inhibit development of state-to-state relations. Carter says he sent a message to the Vietnamese leaders expressing interest in normalizing U.S.-SRV relations. HZ: "We think this is good." He assures Carter that PRC internal situation is now "very good and stable"; Mao's policies will be fully implemented by Hua Guofeng.
April 11	Secretary of State Cyrus Vance - Huang Zhen	CV proposes he visit PRC in August; informs of Woodcock appointment as new USLO Chief; briefs on his recent trip to Moscow, SALT, CTB, Indian Ocean issues, Zaire. HZ: The Soviets engineered a mercenary invasion of Zaire; if the U.S. does nothing it will only boost Soviet expansionism and the U.S. will get hurt.
May 22	Carter gives Notre Dame commencement address	"It is important that we make progress toward normalizing relations with the People's Republic of China ... and we hope to find a formula which can bridge some of the difficulties that still separate us."
August 22-25	Secretary of State Vance in Beijing	
August 22	Huang Hua - Vance	CV presents tour d'horizon of U.S. foreign policy.

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August 23	Huang Hua - Vance (9:30-11:50 a.m.)	CV briefs on Soviets in Africa. HH says Soviet actions in Africa are not limited and accidental; asks if U.S. will compete with the USSR and maintain the world balance of power. CV on normalization:
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August 24	Huang Hua - Vance (9:30-12:00 a.m.)	HH on U.S.-Soviet relations: We think the U.S. is afraid of the Soviets; the superpower rivalry is about to lead to a world war.
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August 24	Deng - Vance (3:00-5:40 p.m.)	Deng
	b1, a3 a5	regarding normalization, CV's presentation is a "retreat" from the position of Ford in 1975:
		CV's "informal" USG presence on Taiwan is just a "flagless embassy" or "liaison office."
August 25	Huang Hua - Vance (9:30-10:15 a.m.)	Cultural exchanges. HH debunks the need for a communique.

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August 25	Hua Guofeng - Vance (4:00-5:15 p.m.)	Hua discusses PRC internal affairs, the Soviet Union; Huang Zhen will be recalled as PRCLO Chief.
August 28	John Wallach article on PRC "flexibility" on Taiwan issue	John P. Wallach, "China Seen Softening on Taiwan," Baltimore <i>News American</i> .
September 6	Deng Xiaoping interview with AP editors	Deng: Normalization was "set back" by Vance visit. He lays out PRC position on normalization. [See <i>The New York Times</i> , 9/7/77.]
September 28	Vance - Huang Hua, in New York City	Discussion of international situation. CV says Carter still reviewing normalization issues; when review completed, USLO Chief Woodcock will make presentation of USG views. HH: Premier Hua Guofeng hopes President Carter will view U.S.-PRC relations from long-term strategic and political perspective, not as diplomatic issue; no immediate expression of USG views is necessary; China will not press for a solution.
November 14	Huang Hua - U.S. Liaison Office Chief Leonard Woodcock	LW:
November 15	Vance - Huang Zhen (4:30 p.m.)	HZ's farewell call. CV briefs on Horn of Africa, Middle East, and SALT.
November 17	PRC Foreign Ministry official invites Brezinski to China	Reinforces prior invitation via Huang Zhen.

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January 16	Brzezinski - Han Xu	ZB briefs Han on Carter's trip to India, the Middle East, and Western Europe.
May 20-23	National Security Advisor Brzezinski in Beijing	
May 20	Huang Hua - Brzezinski (9:52 a.m.-1:20 p.m.)	HH: The rivalry between the two hegemonic superpowers is the major source of world instability; the U.S. is on the defensive and fears the Soviet Union, its responses to Soviet expansionism, as in Angola, are weak; China does not fear encirclement; the U.S. is not qualified to raise the human rights issue regarding Cambodia: China will show no flexibility on terms for normalization.
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May 20	Huang Hua - Brzezinski (3:30-6:40 p.m.)	ZB: "I can say on behalf of President Carter that the U.S. has made up its mind to normalize U.S.-PRC relations."
May 21	Deng - Brzezinski (4:05-6:30 p.m.)	Deng: we look forward to President Carter's making up his mind to normalize;
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May 21	Lin Ping - Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs Richard Holbrooke (4:05 p.m.)	Holbrooke reviews U.S. policy toward Southeast Asia.

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May 21	Director MOD Foreign Affairs Bureau Chai Chengwen - Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Morton Abramowitz (4:30-5:40 p.m.)	Chai resists an "exchange" of views on Soviet forces in Asia; rebuts the view that these forces are targeted largely on China.
May 21	Jiang Nanxiang - NSC Staff Member Benjamin Huberman (4:30-5:40 p.m.)	Discussion of scientific and technological exchanges.
May 22	Hua Guofeng - Brzezinski (5:25-7:25 p.m.)	
May 22	Hao Deqing - NSC Staff Member Samuel Huntington	Discussion of PRM-10 and PD-18.
June 2	Vance - Huang Hua (10:55-11:55 a.m.)	CV: Woodcock will soon initiate discussions on normalization in Beijing. HH: If you want Deng to visit the U.S., we must work harder to normalize as Deng is getting older; if the U.S. continues to appease the Soviet Union, it will harm our relationship.
June 19	Brzezinski - Han Xu (11:30-12:00 a.m.)	

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