Write a three-page (typed, double-spaced) integrative paper to answer the following essay question. Please consult the instructions in the syllabus and the tips on writing on the course Web sites. Your paper should be clear, well organized, cogent, and concise. It should follow standard academic styles and contain all references. It must be spell-checked and contain the Honor Pledge.

Critically evaluate James Mann’s (2000) thesis that the United States had maintained a curious or exceptional relationship with the People’s Republic of China since Nixon. Identify the main characteristics of this “exceptionalism.” What factors -- Cold War geopolitics, domestic politics, mystiques, personalities, and so on – contributed (or justified) the style or substance of this policy? What have the main results of this policy been, in terms of accomplishments and problems? In your view, what impact, if any, did some of the more momentous events of the last decade – the Tiananmen crackdown, the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War, the changing realities and democratization on Taiwan, and so on – have on this relationship? Looking ahead, what kind of policy toward China (in style and in substance) would you recommend? Why?