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Ms. Kara L. Bue
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Dear Ms. Bue,

I am deeply saddened to hear about the untimely passing of Ambassador Richard L. Armitage, Former Deputy Secretary of State.

I am certain that his passing must be a huge loss to you and your organization. Sorrow is certainly indescribable for us as well.

Ambassador Richard Armitage made an immense contribution to strengthening the Japan-U.S. alliance and partnership. He was also a respected true friend and precious supporter of our institute. He left a significant impact on us as well.

Please accept my deepest and heartfelt condolences to you and to your and his colleagues.

If you do not mind, please allow me to express our wish that the attached message reaches close to him or somewhere appropriate whenever possible.

Wishing you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Sincerely yours,

Masafumi Shukuri
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