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TOAST BY THE PRESIDENT
IN HONOR OF
PRESIDENT ANWAR AL-SADAT OF THE
ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT
SUNDAY - JUNE 1, 1975

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I HAVE LONG LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND
AM ESPECIALLY HAPPY THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR US TO
MEET IN THIS HISTORIC CITY.

MY GREAT HOPE, OF COURSE, IS THAT OUR NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE
IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE WE CAN RECIPROCATE THE WARM AND
GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY RECENTLY EXTENDED BY YOU AND THE EGYPTIAN
PEOPLE TO SO MANY OTHER OFFICIAL AMERICAN VISITORS.

WE CAN TAKE PRIDE IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACHIEVED
THROUGH THE CLOSE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF.
INEVITABLY, THERE HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTMENTS. NEVERTHELESS, I DO NOT
INTEND TO ALLOW FRUSTRATIONS AND DIFFICULTIES TO TURN ME AWAY FROM
OUR MUTUAL GOAL WHICH IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DURABLE PEACE,
JUST AND FAIR TO ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE
AGAIN TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT TOLERATE STAGNATION
IN EFFORTS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE IMPRESSED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
AND THE WORLD BY YOUR STATESMANSHIP AND WISDOM. WE UNDERSTAND
THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR POLICIES. AND WE WILL ATTEMPT
IN EVERY WAY WE CAN TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE OPPORTUNITIES YOU HAVE
CREATED.

YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED EGYPT'S SINCERE DESIRE FOR PEACE
BY DEEDS AS WELL AS YOUR OWN FERVENT DESIRE TO TURN THE ENERGIES
AND TALENTS OF YOUR PEOPLE TOWARD THE CREATION OF A BETTER LIFE.
IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER NATIONS, THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED
TO CONTINUE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO EASE EGYPT'S DIFFICULT ECONOMIC
SITUATION.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO
YOUR HEALTH AND TO WISH YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE SUCCESS IN ALL
YOUR ENDEAVORS.

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