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TOAST BY THE PRESIDENT IN HONOR OF ANWAR AL-SADAT

MONTH OF THE SHOW OF WAR

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1975

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MR. PRESIDENT:

DISCUSS OUR MUTUAL CONCERNS, AND OUR HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS FOR

A JOINT AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST BASED ON SECURITY

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338.

I AM ALSO GLAD TO SEE SO MUCH OF HENRY HERE IN

SALZBURG. I THOUGHT HE HAD TAKEN UP RESIDENCE IN THE

MIDDLE EAST.

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AS YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES WILL CELEBRATE ITS

TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE NEXT YEAR. WE ARE

TAKING A NEW LOOK AT OUR EARLY HISTORY. AS OUR CELEBRATION

BEGINS, WE HAVE NEW PRIDE IN THE COURAGE, THE VISION, AND THE

DETERMINATION OF OUR FOREFATHERS.

AMERICA HAS LONG STOOD FOR PEACE AND HUMAN PROGRESS BASED UPON

JUSTICE.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THESE REMAIN

OUR OBJECTIVES.

THEY HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN

PEOPLE. REGARDLESS OF THEIR POLITICAL PERSUASION.

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YOU AND I HAVE THOROUGHLY REVIEWED THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE AREA AND THE WORLD AS A WHOLE. WE HAVE DISCUSSED APPROACHES TO CONTINUING THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION: THE FINAL DECISION CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL OTHER CONSULTATIONS ARE COMPLETED.

OF GIVING MOMENTUM TO PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE. AND, AS I HAVE PLEDGED TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT PERMIT A STALEMATE OR STAGNATION TO DEVELOP IN THIS ALL-ESSENTIAL PROCESS.

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I BELIEVE OUR TALKS HAVE MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THIS OBJECTIVE.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU GAVE ME AN ILLUMINATING PICTURE OF YOUR PLANS TO PUT EGYPT ON THE PATH OF SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH.

I ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE EGYPT

WITH CURRENT ASSISTANCE AS A BASIS FOR SOUND LONG-RANGE ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT, BOTH BILATERALLY AND IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER STATES

AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. I WILL WORK WITH OUR CONGRESS

TO GIVE REALITY TO THIS CONTINUING PLEDGE.

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MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE FOUND IN OUR TALKS THAT WE BOTH

SHARE THE SAME GOAL -- PEACE AND PROGRESS FOR OUR PEOPLES AND

FOR ALL HUMANITY. FOR THAT REASON, I AM GRATIFIED THAT OUR TWO

COUNTRIES HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR FRIENDSHIP DRAMATICALLY IN THE PAST

YEAR-AND-A-HALF AND BEGUN COOPERATION IN SO MANY FIELDS.

I AM DETERMINED, MR. PRESIDENT, TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND OUR FRIENDSHIP.

NOTHING IS MORE APPARENT IN TODAY'S WORLD THAN THE FACT THAT THE DESTINIES OF ALL NATIONS ARE INTERTWINED. THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF NATIONS IS NOT SIMPLY AN ABSTRACT CONCEPT;

IT IS A REALITY WE ALL MUST RECOGNIZE.

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THE PROBLEMS OF ONE ARE THE PROBLEMS OF ALL: THE PROGRESS OF ONE CONTRIBUTES TO THE PROGRESS OF ALL. WE WILL CONDUCT OUR RELATIONS WITH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, IN THIS SPIRIT. AND WE KNOW THIS IS ALSO YOUR DESIRE. TOGETHER, MR. PRESIDENT, AND IN COOPERATION WITH ALL OTHER STATES SEEKING PEACE, PROGRESS AND HUMAN DIGNITY, WE WILL ACHIEVE OUR COMMON GOAL.

GENTLEMEN, I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO THE

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE OF EGYPT, TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST,

AND TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE FOR ALL PEOPLES.

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