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~~THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID~~

SIGNING STATEMENT

SINAI TECHNICIAN BILL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1975

Deputy

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I AM GRATIFIED TODAY TO SIGN THIS IMPORTANT

MEASURE WHICH WAS APPROVED LAST WEEK BY AN OVERWHELMING

MAJORITY OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS. MY SIGNATURE

REAFFIRMS THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO WORK

TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL NATIONS AND PEOPLES

IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE SINAI AGREEMENT, WHICH AMERICAN CIVILIANS WILL HELP
SUPPORT, IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT
IN THE MIDDLE EAST. BUT NEITHER THE UNITED STATES,
NOR EGYPT NOR ISRAEL SEE IT AS AN END IN ITSELF.

THE WAR IN OCTOBER, 1973, BROUGHT HOME TO AMERICANS

JUST HOW DANGEROUS ANOTHER ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT WOULD BE

NOT ONLY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA BUT FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD.

IT ALSO BROUGHT HOME THE PRESSING NEED FOR A JUST SETTLEMENT

OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH UNDERLY THE TENSION AND INSTABILITY

IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD.

AS A RESULT, FOR TWO YEARS OUR GOVERNMENT, WITH THE
GOVERNMENTS OF THE COUNTRIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED, HAS BEEN
ENGAGED IN VIGOROUS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE
PROSPECTS OF PEACE ON THE BASIS OF SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTIONS 338 AND 242.

WITH THE HELP AND NEGOTIATING SKILL OF

SECRETARY KISSINGER, WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS, IN GOOD PART

BECAUSE OF THE TRUST PLACED IN US BY BOTH ISRAEL AND

ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS. THIS CONFIDENCE MUST BE MAINTAINED

IF THERE IS TO BE FURTHER PROGRESS, AND IF THE UNITED STATES

IS TO RETAIN THE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS IT HAS

ESTABLISHED WITH ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES.

WE MUST CONTINUE OUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WITH THE PARTIES
IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THE MOMENTUM TOWARD PEACE GENERATED
BY THE SINAI AGREEMENT. AND THE UNITED STATES MUST ACCEPT
THE RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH FLOW FROM OUR STAKE IN PEACE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND FROM OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS,
WHICH FORM THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS IN OUR DIPLOMATIC
EFFORTS.

I WILL SOON CONSULT CONGRESS ON WHAT IS REQUIRED
TO SUSTAIN THESE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS, JUST AS ^{the}~~THIS~~
ADMINISTRATION HAS CONSULTED CONGRESS FULLY OVER THE
PAST MONTH ON THE LATEST DIPLOMATIC STEP, INCLUDING THE USE
OF UNITED STATES CIVILIANS TO FURTHER THE PEACE PROCESS.

WE ANTICIPATE THE SAME SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING
BY THE CONGRESS. THE OVERALL MIDDLE EAST POLICY
OF THE UNITED STATES IS FOUNDED UPON THE MOST BASIC REASONS
OF NATIONAL NECESSITY, AS WELL AS OUR DESIRE TO HELP BRING
PEACE TO A REGION WHOSE PEOPLES HAVE SUFFERED TOO MUCH.

I REAFFIRM TODAY THAT WE WILL NOT ACCEPT STAGNATION OR

STALEMATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE PARTICIPATION OF

UNITED STATES CIVILIANS IN THE SINAI EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

DEMONSTRATES THIS DETERMINATION.

I APPRECIATE THE COOPERATION OF THE CONGRESS

IN THIS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO STABILITY AND PEACE.

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