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THE PRESIDENT HAS SIGNED

SIGNING STATEMENT

SINAI TECHNICIAN BILL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1975
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 Administration has consulted Congress fully over the past month on the latest diplomatic steps, 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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