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PRESIDENTIAL ARRIVAL REMARKS FOR

EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT,

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1975

IT IS A GREAT HONOR FOR ME PERSONALLY AND AS

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO WELCOME YOU,

We istatiched in tallyon the unon personal friendskip which 2 looks formal to infinding suring your int to the 4.5. MR. PRESIDENT. TO OUR COUNTRY.

I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT MRS. SADAT AND OTHER

MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY ARE WITH YOU ON THIS HISTORIC

FIRST STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY AN EGYPTIAN

LEADER.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPECTS YOUR FARSIGHTED STATESMANSHIP AND WISDOM AND YOUR UNSWERVING

DEDICATION TO THE WELL BEING OF THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE AND

ALL THE ARAB PEOPLE.

YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, HAVE HELPED TO BRING ABOUT

HISTORIC NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT IS OUR

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FERVENT HOPE THAT THESE DEVELOPMENTS WILL LEAD TO A DURABLE

PEACE FOR ALL PEOPLES OF THAT REGION.

THE OVERRIDING PURPOSE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WILL BE

TO ASSURE THAT PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE WILL NOT STOP.

THE PROCESS OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE ARAB STATES

AND ISRAEL MUST MOVE TO NEW FRONTS AND TO NEW ISSUES.

UNITED STATES POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS TWO

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES:

FIRST, WE SEEK PEACE. WE HAVE MADE EXTRAORDINARY

EFFORTS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS TO HELP THE NATIONS OF THE

MIDDLE EAST FIND PEACE. MUCH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

THE WORLD HAS SEEN THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO NEGOTIATE IN

THE MIDDLE EAST AND THAT AGREEMENTS CAN BE REACHED DESPITE A

LEGACY OF BITTER CONFLICT AND MUTUAL DISTRUST.

THE PROCESS OF PEACE HAS ONLY BEGUN. WE ARE

COMMITTED TO CONTINUE IT. THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES

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WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE NATIONS DIRECTLY CONCERNED ACHIEVE

A PEACE JUST TO ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

SECOND, WE DESIRE A STRONG AND MUTUALLY

BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH EVERY NATION IN THE

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MIDDLE EAST.

THE QUALITY AND GROWTH OF RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE

UNITED STATES DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS GIVE US DEEP

SATISFACTION. YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON, MR. PRESIDENT,

IS A SYMBOL OF THE NEW DIMENSIONS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP.

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EGYPTIANS AND AMERICANS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE HAVE

ESTABLISHED TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION IN MANY

AREAS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT, BUILDING ON AN HISTORIC



WE SEEK WITH EVERY NATION OF THE MIDDLE EAST A RELATIONSHIP

WHICH IS BENEFICIAL TO THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES.

WE ARE PLEASED, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT OUR

OBJECTIVES COINCIDE WITH YOURS.

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YOU HAVE CLEARLY STATED YOUR DESIRE FOR A PEACE THAT WILL

PERMIT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRYMEN TO TURN YOUR ENERGIES

AND YOUR RESOURCES TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIFE IN EGYPT.

WE ARE PROUD TO WORK WITH YOU TOWARD THAT GOAL.

DURING YOUR VISIT, YOU WILL FIND THAT MANY OF OUR

PEOPLE HAVE COME TO KNOW YOU THROUGH NEWS REPORTS AND

THROUGH THE MANY INTERVIEWS YOU HAVE GRANTED SO GRACIOUSLY

TO REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR MEDIA, TO MEMBERS OF OUR CONGRESS

AND TO OTHER AMERICANS.

YOUR SINCERITY, YOUR MODERATION AND YOUR WISDOM HAVE

MADE AN IMPRESSION ON ALL WHO HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH YOU.

I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND

TO OTHER AMERICAN CITIES WILL PERMIT MORE OF OUR PEOPLE

TO KNOW YOU.

YOU WILL FIND AMERICANS DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE ISSUES

WHICH ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU -- PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE

MIDDLE EAST -- ISSUES WHICH ARE VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF

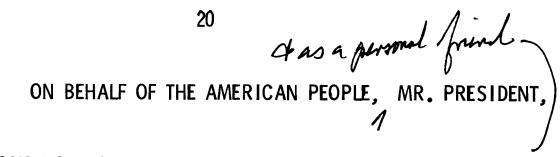
THE WHOLE WORLD.

WE ARE DELIGHTED BY THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THE

DEPTH OF OUR RESPECT FOR YOU AND FOR THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE

AND TO DEMONSTRATE OUR DEDICATION TO THE HIGH IDEALS SHARED

BY AMERICANS AND EGYPTIANS.



I WELCOME YOU TO THE UNITED STATES.

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