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**THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .**

**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,  
MR. PRESIDENT, TO OUR COUNTRY.

We established in Katelyn a  
warm personal friendship which I look  
forward to expanding during your visit  
to the U.S.

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  
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

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

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.

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  
TRADITION.

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.

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.

*as a personal friend*

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MR. PRESIDENT,

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I WELCOME YOU TO THE UNITED STATES.

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