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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

TOAST: DINNER FOR PRESIDENT AND MRS. SADAT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT, MRS. SADAT, LADIES AND

GENTLEMEN:

IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO HAVE YOU WITH US THIS
EVENING. *and for me to strengthen our ties
of personal friendship.*

ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE BEEN TO OUR COUNTRY BEFORE,
THIS IS THE FIRST STATE VISIT BY AN EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT TO
THE UNITED STATES. YOUR VISIT SYMBOLIZES THE CLOSE
WORKING RELATIONSHIP OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE ACHIEVED IN
THE LAST TWO YEARS.

WE HONOR YOU TONIGHT AS A FRIEND OF THE
UNITED STATES AND FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE YOUR
PEOPLE MANY OF THE SAME GOALS THAT AMERICANS CHERISH.

I know from our many personal discussions

YOU ARE COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS

OF LIFE FOR ALL EGYPTIANS AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE ENTIRE

ARAB WORLD.

YOU HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT WE MUST ALL WORK TO OVERCOME THE

TRAGEDY OF UNFULFILLED LIVES

LIVES MARKED BY DISEASE,

MALNUTRITION,

UNDER-EDUCATION,

UNDER-EMPLOYMENT

AND THE DEVASTATION OF WAR.

AMERICANS RESPECT YOUR VIGOROUS PURSUIT OF PEACE

AND YOUR EFFORTS TO DEVOTE YOUR NATION'S ENERGY AND RESOURCES

NOT TO CONTINUED CONFLICT BUT ~~TO~~ MEETING THE NEEDS OF YOUR

PEOPLE.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORK WITH YOU TOWARD SUCH WORTHY

GOALS.

FAILURE TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL AFFECT

THE LIVES OF AMERICANS AND THE LIVES OF OUR FRIENDS IN THE MIDDLE

EAST AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

WE SHARE YOUR BELIEF THAT

NATIONS CAN GAIN MUCH BY WORKING TOGETHER.

YOUR COURAGE, MR. PRESIDENT, IN TAKING THE FIRST STEPS

TOWARD PEACE AFTER ALMOST THREE DECADES OF WARFARE, ASSURES YOUR

PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

YOU ARE THE MAN WHO ASSUMED THE LEAD IN ENDING A CONFLICT THAT,

FOR MORE THAN A GENERATION, ABSORBED THE LIVES, THE ENERGIES AND

THE SUBSTANCE OF MANY NATIONS.

WE HAVE BEEN PROUD TO WORK

WITH YOU IN THIS NOBLE CAUSE. *and we will continue to*

do so.

MR. PRESIDENT, I KNOW FROM MY CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU
IN SALZBURG, AND FROM OUR MANY OTHER EXCHANGES, THAT YOUR
DEDICATION TO PEACE IS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

emphatically, +
I SAY AGAIN TONIGHT ¹ CATEGORICALLY THAT WE SHARE THE VIEW THAT THE
PROCESS OF MAKING PEACE FOR ALL MUST CONTINUE.

NO STEP WE HAVE TAKEN CAN BE AN END IN ITSELF. THERE CAN BE

NO PEACE UNTIL THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE

MIDDLE EAST ARE TAKEN FAIRLY INTO ACCOUNT IN A FINAL PEACE

SETTLEMENT.

I WISH TO ADDRESS A SPECIAL WORD, MR. PRESIDENT, TO

YOUR CHARMING WIFE.

MY OWN WIFE, BETTY, IS DOING MUCH TO

of desires

INFORM ME ABOUT THE RIGHTS AND PROBLEMS OF WOMEN IN THE NEW

FREEDOMS OF MODERN SOCIETY.

SO I AM PLEASED TO OBSERVE THAT MRS. SADAT HAS DISTINGUISHED HERSELF
IN YOUR NATION BY HER CONTRIBUTIONS BOTH TO THE WELLBEING OF ALL
EGYPTIANS AND TO A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND
EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I ASK THAT YOU JOIN ME IN A
TOAST TO THE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT AND TO OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVES.

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