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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

PRESIDENTIAL TOAST

FOR DINNER HOSTED BY THE EGYPTIANS

OCTOBER 28, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT, MRS. SADAT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

IT IS DIFFICULT TO MATCH THE ELOQUENCE OF OUR

DISTINGUISHED HOST. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR YOUR

THOUGHTFUL AND KIND REMARKS. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR

WARM HOSPITALITY THIS EVENING.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR HISTORIC VISIT TO OUR

COUNTRY MARKS AN IMPORTANT CHAPTER IN THE RELATIONS

BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

YOUR PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES GIVES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH YOU AND YOUR

HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS FOR THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE -- AND FOR

PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN TURN, YOUR STAY IN WASHINGTON AND YOUR VISITS
TO VARIOUS CITIES IN OUR COUNTRY SHOULD RECONFIRM FOR YOU
AMERICA'S DEDICATION TO PEACE AND TO FRIENDSHIP FOR EGYPT
AND ALL THE ARAB PEOPLES.

WE AMERICANS DO OUR BEST TO LIVE UP TO OUR CHERISHED

IDEALS. WE SEEK TO DIRECT OUR ENERGIES TOWARD FULFILLING

NOBLE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. AT THE SAME TIME, WE PRIDE

OURSELVES ON BEING A PRACTICAL PEOPLE, CHOOSING OUR PRIORITIES

AND BALANCING OUR OBJECTIVES AND OUR RESOURCES.

YOU ARE HIGHLY RESPECTED IN THE UNITED STATES,

MR. PRESIDENT, BECAUSE YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY

TO CHOOSE REALISTIC GOALS AND TO STRIVE FOR THEM WITH

PERSEVERANCE AND COMMITMENT.

YOUR POLICIES ON BOTH THE INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC FRONTS

ARE SUCCEEDING BECAUSE THEY REPRESENT THE TRUE INTERESTS OF

YOUR PEOPLE, BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITH IN A BETTER FUTURE, AND

BECAUSE OF YOUR OWN COURAGE AND DEDICATION. IN YOUR

ENDEAVORS, YOU CAN COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES.

I HAVE MADE CLEAR ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THAT THE
UNITED STATES WILL NOT TOLERATE STAGNATION IN THE ONGOING
PROCESS OF ACHIEVING A NEGOTIATED, JUST OVERALL PEACE
SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

I HAVE INSTRUCTED SECRETARY KISSINGER TO EXPLORE EVERY POSSIBILITY
TO ASSURE THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THE DIPLOMATIC PROCESS. HE IS
READY TO WORK FOR FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD A JUST PEACE WITH HIS
COLLEAGUE, FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY (FAH-ME) - A SEASONED
DIPLOMAT WHOSE TIRELESS EFFORTS, WISDOM AND INGENUITY HAVE
ALREADY CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH.

I AM PLEASED THAT MINISTER FAHMY AND MRS. FAHMY ARE HERE
ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT AND MRS. SADAT ON THIS VISIT.

BOTH OUR NATIONS ARE DETERMINED THAT AN END MUST

COME TO THE TURMOIL AND SLAUGHTER WHICH FOR TOO LONG HAS

SAPPED THE ENERGIES AND RESOURCES OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF

THE MIDDLE EAST.

MY GOVERNMENT IS ALSO FULLY AWARE OF EGYPT'S

ECONOMIC NEEDS IN THIS MOMENTOUS PERIOD. THE CLOSE

COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS NOW CUTS ACROSS A

BROAD SPECTRUM OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ACTIVITIES.

THIS WILL CONTINUE AND GROW.

AS WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE

UNITED STATES, MR. PRESIDENT, THE CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION

OF THE UNITED STATES AND EGYPT WILL STRENGTHEN THOSE FORCES IN

THE WORLD WHICH SHARE THE GOALS OF PEACE, JUSTICE, AND

PROGRESS TO WHICH BOTH OUR COUNTRIES ARE DEDICATED.

PERMIT ME, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO PROPOSE A

TOAST TO THE GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS OF OUR DISTINGUISHED

HOST, PRESIDENT SADAT. MR. PRESIDENT, WE HOPE FOR YOUR

CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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