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TEXT OF A TOAST TO BE GIVEN  
BY THE PRESIDENT AT A STATE DINNER  
AT THE CHANCELLOR'S RESIDENCE  
SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

Chancellor Kreisky, President Sadat, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen:

In the few hours I have been here, I have been struck by the remarkable charm and character of Salzburg.

Austria and the United States have enjoyed warm and friendly ties over a long span of history. Our relationship during the post-war period has been especially close and mutually sustaining.

We value Austria's important role in the search for order and stability in the world -- for its contributions in the Middle East, in Cyprus, and elsewhere in the effort to preserve peace and work toward the negotiated resolution of international conflicts.

When I arrived today, I spoke of the re-establishment of a sovereign Austria, the twentieth anniversary of which was celebrated just a few weeks ago. The State Treaty and subsequent rebuilding of Austria serve as a landmark in the post-war world.

This landmark demonstrates the possibility of achieving stability and security through negotiation and strict adherence to the principles of democratic self-determination and national sovereignty.

The conciliation demonstrated by all sides helped produce the vigorous, dynamic, and prosperous Austria we see today. It contributed to a stable regional political environment. This experience today provides a useful lesson in the search for peace in other regions.

I am particularly grateful to you and your Government. Mr. Chancellor, for providing these hospitable surroundings for my meeting with President Sadat. In our talks today, we have had a welcome opportunity to review the recent positive trends in relations between the United States and Egypt. We have also begun a very useful review of developments in the Middle East, and the exchange of views has been most helpful. It is my fervent hope that our talks will contribute to progress toward a settlement in the Middle East.

Mr. Chancellor, I raise my glass to Austria and to the objective we share -- world peace.

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