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TO: GEN SCOWCROFT

FROM: PG SVENDSEN

1. JUST RETURNED FROM MEETINGS GEN GRAHAM HAD WITH GEN NASSAR, DIRECTOR OF INTEL; GEN FAHMY, CHIEF OF STAFF; AND GEN GAMASSY, MINISTER OF WAR. POSITIVE EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FOR PERCEPTIONS OF JUNIOR EGYPTIAN OFFICERS PERSIST. GENERAL GAMASSY DISPLAYED A VERY ENLIGHTENED ATTITUDE ABOUT PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT AS IT RELATES TO U.S. MILITARY HARDWARE SUPPORT WHEN HE SAID, QUOTE WE KNOW YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE US SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS BUT WE ARE VERY HOPEFUL THAT PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRESIDENT FORD CAN AGREE ON SOME FORM OF MILITARY HARDWARE UNQUOTE. COMMENT: AS CLOSE AS GAMASSY IS TO SADAT, THE ABOVE IS PROBABLY ALSO PRESIDENT SADAT'S POSITION. IT IS NOT IMPORTANT FOR EGYPT TO RECEIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT THAT WILL ALTER OR EVEN AFFECT THE BALANCE OF POWER IN MIDDLE EAST BUT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO OUR LEADERSHIP TO FOSTER THE PERCEPTION OF JUNIOR MILITARY THAT THEIR SHIFT TO THE WEST IS NOT GOING TO DISARM EGYPT AND THAT AMERICA IS ACTING IN GOOD FAITH.

2. GENERAL GRAHAM'S VISIT VERY SUCCESSFUL AND WILL YIELD LONG TERM DIVIDENDS FOR US HERE IN CAIRO.  
WARM REGARDS.

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