

Message from Mr. Ismail from Secretary Kissinger

October 23, 1973

It is requested that the following message be conveyed urgently from President Nixon to President Sadat:

"I appreciate your recent message and the frankness with which you spoke. Let me be equally frank, so that there will be no misunderstanding between us. All we guaranteed -- no matter what you may have been told from other sources -- was to engage fully and constructively in promoting a political process designed to make possible a political settlement.

"Nevertheless, as evidence of our earnest desire to promote a lasting settlement in the Middle East and to further the improvement of relations between our two countries, I have instructed Secretary Kissinger to make urgent representations to the Government of Israel requesting its full compliance with Security Council Resolution 338. It is, of course, equally essential that Egyptian forces scrupulously adhere to the ceasefire.

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State Dept. review completed

"The use of the UNTSO personnel, authorized by the Security Council this afternoon, should be helpful in assuring compliance by all sides.

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"With warmest regards."