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*President Tolbert orders
President Nixon to do
all we can to bring the
ME fighting to a halt.
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TAGS: PEOR LI (TOLBERT, WILLIAM R.)
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRES. TOLBERT TO PRES. NIXON RE: ME CONFLICT
FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED AT EMBASSY FROM EXECUTIVE MANSION
AT 0930 OCT 14, 1973:

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QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON,
MY DEAR GREAT AND GOOD FRIEND: ONCE AGAIN THE LONG STANDING
MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT HAS FLARED INTO A FULL SCALE WAR BETWEEN
ISRAEL, EGYPT AND SYRIA. IT IS A WAR THAT IS CAUSING GREAT
CONCERN AND HAVOC WHICH IS DEEPLY REGRETTEED. THIS BLOODY
BATTLE WHICH I MAINTAIN COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED, IS CAUSING
IMMENSE MATERIAL WASTE AND DESTRUCTION AND COLOSSAL LOSS OF
PRECIOUS HUMAN LIVES. IT MUST SORELY BE REALIZED BY ALL WORLD
LEADERS THAT THE RESULTING INJURY AND
CONSEQUENT DAMAGE OF THIS CONFLICT WILL BE SHARED NOT ONLY
BY THE PARTIES IMMEDIATELY INVOLVED BUT IN SOME WAY BY MEN AND
NATIONS EVERYWHERE IN OUR ONE WORLD. I MUST REITERATE MY VIEW
THAT IN TODAYS WORLD WHERE MANS INGENUITY AND COOPERATION
HAVE PRODUCED UNPRECEDENTED ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELDS
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THEREBY ENABLING HIM TO
EXTEND EXPLORATION EVEN BEYOND THE CONFINES OF THE EARTH, IT IS
A SERIOUS REFLECTION UPON HIS APPARANT INABILITY TO AVOID THE
KIND OF MANMADE DISASTERS SUCH AS IS NOW
THE CASE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I AM EQUALLY CONVINCED THAT MEN
OF GOOD WILL DO HAVE THE CAPACITY TO SECURE PEACE THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD. WHAT IS NEEDED IS THE COMMON WILL TO DO SO. YOURS IS
ONE OF THE GREATEST AND MOST POWERFUL NATIONS OF OUR TIME AND
CAN CONCEIVABLY BE MOST EFFECTIVE IN THE INFLUENCING THE CAUSE OF
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I AM THEREFORE EARNSLTLY APPEALING TO
YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT TO DO ALL THAT LIES WITHIN YOUR ABILITY
TO CAUSE A HALT IN WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE THE WANTEN DESTRUCTION
OF LIVES AND THE RUTHLESS RESTRICTION OF PROPERTY BETWEEN
ISRAEL AND HER ARAB NEIGHBORS. THE STATE OF ISRAEL HAS RIGHT TO
EXISTANCE AND UNRESTRICTED ENJOYMENT OF HER NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

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EQUAL TO THAT OF ANY STATE IN THE WORLD. MOREOVER, I REMAIN UNDER THE CONVICTION THAT NO STATE HAS A RIGHT TO DEPRIVE ANOTHER OF ITS TERRITORY BY FORCE OF ARMS OR BY MILITARY CONQUEST. THIS IS OUR POSITION AND WE FIND IT APPLICABLE TO THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. THE PRINCIPLE EMBODIED IN SECURITY COUNCIL 242 FULLY COINCIDES WITH OUR POSITION AND IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THE ACCEPTANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SAME COULD BE A REAL BASIS FOR A NEGOTIATED PERMANENT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT BASED ON JUSTICE. ESTEEMING YOU TO BE ONE DEDICATED TO CONCILIATION AND THE AVOIDANCE OF BLOODY CONFRONTATION AMONG NATIONS, PERMIT ME TO IMPLORE YOU, BOTH AS THE LEADER OF YOUR GREAT NATION AND AS A RESPECTED FRIEND TO BE GRACIOUS AS TO USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO OCCASION A CEASEFIRE IN THE MIDDLE EAST THUS PAVING THE WAY FOR THE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 AND THE EVENTUAL RESTORATION OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE THIS APPEAL BECAUSE OF THE URGENT NECESSITY FOR PEACE WHICH THE SITUATION DEMANDS AND THE CONFIDENCE I HAVE IN YOUR ABILITY AND LEADERSHIP. IF WE FAIL NOW WE WILL HAVE NO EXCUSE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT FAILURE. I AM TRUSTING THAT THIS APPEAL WILL EVOKE YOUR SYMPATHETIC FAVORABLE REACTION. WITH SENTIMENTS OF HIGHEST PERSONAL ESTEEM AND CONSIDERATION. WILLIAM R. TOLBERT.QUOTE
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