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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN ACCEPTANCE OF CEASEFIRE

1. EGYPT HAS ANNOUNCED ACCEPTANCE OF CEASEFIRE AS
STIPULATED BY SECURITY COUNCIL EARLY THIS MORNING. ACCEPT-
ANCE IS CONDITIONAL ON ISRAELI COMMITMENT TO CEASEFIRE.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT BROADCAST BY CAIRO
RADIO AT 1430 LOCAL TIME OCTOBER 22:

"PRESIDENT SADAT HAS CAREFULLY STUDIED THE SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION ADOPTED THIS MORNING. THIS CALLS FOR
A CEASEFIRE WITHIN 12 HOURS; THE IMMEDIATE AND FULL IM-
PLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF NOVEM-
BER 22, 1967; AND THE HOLDING OF PEACE TALKS WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, TO BE ATTENDED BY ALL
CONCERNED PARTIES, AS WELL AS THOSE INTERESTED.

"PRESIDENT SADAT, WHO HAS STUDIED WITH EXTREME CARE
THE DETAILS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TALKS, MADE THE FOL-
LOWING OBSERVATIONS:

"1. THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED TO THE SECURITY
COUNCIL WAS PRESENTED BY THE TWO SUPER-POWER AFTER IN-
TENSIVE CONTACTS HELD AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL BETWEEN THEM,
AND ON THE BASIS OF THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY THEY
SHOULD WITH REGARD TO THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL CON-
DITIONS.

"2. THE SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE DRAFT RESOLU-
TION WITHOUT THE OBJECTION OF ANY OF ITS MEMBERS.

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"3. DISCUSSIONS WERE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND CAST NECESSARY ILLUMINATION ON THEIR MEANING. THE OBSERVATIONS OF FRANCE AND INDIA WERE IMPORTANT, AND THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT CONSIDERATIONS DURING THE STUDY OF THE MATTER. THESE CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

"A. THE PEACE PLAN OFFERED BY SADAT TO THE NATION AND THE WORLD IN HIS SPEECH ADDRESSED TO THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 16, 1973. THIS MADE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL THE ABSOLUTE BASIS FOR ANY POLITICAL ACTION.

"B. THE TALKS BETWEEN SADAT AND KOSYGIN, WHO VISITED CAIRO BETWEEN OCTOBER 14 AND 19, 1973. THIS VISIT GAVE BOTH THE CHANCE TO HOLD FIVE JOINT WORKING MEETINGS.

"C. THE ASSURANCES WHICH PRESIDENT SADAT RECEIVED FROM BREZHNEV, WHICH WERE PRESENTED TO HIM BY THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE WHICH THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED ON OCTOBER 21, 1973.

"D. THE CONTACTS WHICH WERE HELD WITH A NUMBER OF ARAB CAPITALS DIRECTLY INTERESTED IN THE BATTLE.

"PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE SOLID BASE WHICH CHANGED THE WHOLE NATURE AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS ACTION CARRIED OUT BY THE ARMED FORCES. IT WAS ONLY THIS GLORIOUS ACTION WHICH BROKE THE STALEMATED CRISIS; CHANGED THE FAIT ACCOMPLI; CHANGED THE WHOLE POLITICAL MAP OF THE MIDDLE EAST; AND ENDED FOREVER THE ARROGANCE OF POWER WHICH THE ISRAELI ENEMY EXERCISED. THEREUPON, AND UPON THIS BASIS, PRESIDENT SADAT, IN HIS CAPACITY AS SUPREME COMMANDER, HAS GIVEN HIS ORDER TO THE GENERAL COMMAND TO DESERVE THE CEASEFIRE AT THE TIME FIXED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, PROVIDED THAT THE ENEMY COMMITS HIMSELF TO THIS.

"IN ADOPTING THIS DECISION ON HIS HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITY, PRESIDENT SADAT CONSIDERS THAT THE BIGGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT CREDIT AT THIS DECISIVE STAGE OF OUR NATIONAL AND EGYPTIAN STRUGGLE IS DUE TO THE STEADFASTNESS OF THE ARAB NATION; THE DEEP CONSCIOUSNESS OF ITS PEOPLES; AND BEFORE ALL, TO THE HEROISM OF THE MEN WHO TOOK UP THE CHALLENGE OF FIRE AND BLOOD IN THE BATTLEFIELD."

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