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MOSCOW, OCT. 15, REUTER -- SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF
LEONID BREZHNEV AND EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT WILL HOLD
A SUMMIT MEETING NEXT JANUARY IN CAIRO, AIMED AT DEVELOPING
AND DEEPENING RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES, SOVIET
TELEVISION ANNOUNCED TONIGHT.

MR. SADAT HAS BEEN SEEKING SUCH A SUMMIT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.
THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AFTER THREE HOURS OF TALKS HERE
TODAY BETWEEN EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ISMAIL FAHMI, MR.
BREZHNEV AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO.

AUTHORITATIVE DIPLOMATIC SOURCES DESCRIBED THE TALKS AS
"FRUITFUL, POSITIVE AND SUCCESSFUL."

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THE SOURCES DESCRIBED TODAY'S SEVEN HOURS OF TALKS --
WHICH MR. BREZHNEV JOINED IN THE AFTERNOON -- AS "FRUITFUL,
POSITIVE AND SUCCESSFUL."

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THE WHOLE RANGE OF EGYPTIAN-SOVIET
RELATIONS WAS DISCUSSED.

AN EXACT DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET FOR THE KREMLIN
CHIEFS TRIP TO CAIRO BUT IT WAS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE FIRST
HALF OF JANUARY, THE SOURCES SAID.

THE AGREEMENT ON THE CAIRO SUMMIT WAS SEEN AS AN INDICATION
THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS READY TO WORK TOWARD EASING ITS
STRAINED RELATIONS WITH EGYPT, DESPITE OBJECTIONS TO
PRESIDENT SADAT'S MIDDLE EAST AND ECONOMIC POLICIES.

MR. FAHMI ARRIVED IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY TO TRY TO SET UP
THE SUMMIT AND LAUNCH NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW ARMS AND
ECONOMIC AID AGREEMENTS.

HIS QUICK SUCCESS TOOK MOST OBSERVERS BY SURPRISE.

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