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(PRESIDENT ANWAR AS-SADAT'S PRESS CONFERENCE AT ASU PREMISES IN CAIRO--LIVE)

(TEXT) IN THE NAME OF GOD, I AM VERY PLEASD TO MEET WITH YOU. I WOULD HAVE LIKED THIS MEETING TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE EARLIER, BUT YOU HAVE BEEN LIVING THE EVENTS WITH US AND YOU KNOW THE EXTENT OF THE CHANGES THAT OCCURRED VERY MOMENT THROUGHOUT THE PAST PERIOD. ANYWAY, I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU TO THANK YOU SINCERELY FOR YOUR EFFORTS DURING THE PAST STAGE AND FOR WHAT AWAITS YOU IN THE COMING PERIOD, GOD WILLING.

OF COURSE, I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO HOLD QUIET SESSIONS, BUT WITH THIS LARGE NUMBER OF ESTEEMED WORLD REPRESENTATIVES IT IS DIFFICULT TO MEET WITH EACH ONE SEPARATELY, PARTICULARLY UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. OF COURSE YOU APPRECIATE THE VALUE OF THE TIME ONE CAN ALLOT FOR THIS. YOU ALSO KNOW THAT, AS I HAVE SAID, IN VIEW OF THE CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENTS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO HOLD SEPARATE MEETINGS. SO I PREFERRED TO MEET WITH YOU AT THIS CONFERENCE.

I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT, INDEED, I AM NOT UNAWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES YOU ARE ENCOUNTERING. I KNOW THAT YOU ARE FACING DIFFICULTIES AND HARDSHIPS WERE, WHETHER IN REGARD TO THE AVAILABILITY

OF MILITARY INFORMATION, OR YOUR GOING TO THE BATTLEFIELD, OR GETTING MILITARY INFORMATION, OR MEETING WITH OFFICIALS. BUT I ASK YOU TO PLEASE APPRECIATE OUR CIRCUMSTANCES BECAUSE THIS IS ACTUALLY THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE FACED CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS TODAY'S--A REAL WAR IN MODERN TIMES. OUR MEDIA ARE TO A CERTAIN EXTENT SHY. WE ARE NOT AS GOOD IN MATTERS OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AS OTHERS. ONE MUST ADMIT A SHORTCOMING IF SUCH A SHORTCOMING

EXISTS. IF OUR ENEMY IS GOOD AT ANYTHING, HE IS GOOD IN MATTERS OF PUBLIC RELATIONS. THIS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT CHANGE THE TRUTH. WE HAVE A SAYING. WHATEVER THE PROPAGANDA AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE AND MODERN SCIENCE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS, WE HAVE A SAYING THAT ONLY THE TRUTH REMAINS IN THE END.

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XXX IN THE END.

(TEXT) BECAUSE OF THIS, I WANT TO MOVE DIRECTLY TO THE CORE OF THE SUBJECT. PERHAPS WE SHOULD SPEAK ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE MILITARY SITUATION FIRST, THE COURSE OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION SECOND AND THE PRESENT SITUATION AND ITS POSSIBILITIES THIRD. THIS MIGHT CLARIFY SEVERAL OF THE QUESTIONS TO WHICH YOU WANT REPLIES. IT WILL CLARIFY FOR YOU AND FOR ALL OF WORLD OPINION THE REALITIES OF THE STAGE WHICH HAS PASSED AND THE STAGE THROUGH WHICH WE ARE PASSING, AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE COMING STAGE.

THEREFORE, I ASK YOUR PERMISSION TO TAKE SOME TIME DURING WHICH I WILL GIVE YOU A PICTURE OF THE FIRST POINT, THAT IS, THE PROGRESS OF THE MILITARY SITUATION.

AS YOU KNOW, OPERATIONS TO CHECK THE AGGRESSION BEGAN ON 6 OCTOBER. BRIEFLY, AND AS YOU HAVE FOLLOWED THE SITUATION HERE, OUR FORCES, THROUGH A HEROIC AND UNIQUE MILITARY OPERATION TO WHICH ALL HAVE ATTESTED, CROSSED THE CANAL--THE MOST DANGEROUS WATER BARRIER IN HISTORY--AND STORMED THE BAR-LEV LINE. IN THE FIRST 3 DAYS OF THE MILITARY BATTLE, BY ISRAEL'S OWN ADMISSION, THEY LOST, APART FROM THEIR OTHER LOSSES, 500 TANKS ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT ALONE AND LARGE NUMBERS OF PLANES WHICH WERE MENTIONED IN OUR OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE. THE BATTLE RAGED ON THE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN FRONTS FOR 11 DAYS. THERE WAS TALK THAT THE BATTLE WOULD END IN A DAY, IN 2 HOURS, OR IN 6 HOURS. THERE WAS ALSO TALK ABOUT THE INVINCIBLE FORCE. THE BATTLE LASTED 11 DAYS, DURING WHICH THERE WERE SCORES OF COUNTERATTACKS WITH HUNDREDS OF TANKS. ALL THIS IS CITED IN THE ANNALS AND RECORDS OF THE WAR WHICH WILL BE ISSUED.

AFTER 11 DAYS (OF BATTLE--FBIS)--AS THE ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER SAID YESTERDAY IN THE KNESSET WHEN HE WAS ASKED WHY HE DID NOT ATTACK TO TAKE BACK THE PRISONERS--THEY DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH AMMUNITION TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT. OUR EVALUATION, AN EVALUATION THAT HAS PROVED TO BE SOUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WORDS OF ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER, WAS THAT ISRAEL HAD (AMMUNITION--FBIS) FOR 14 DAYS. DURING THAT PERIOD THEY COULD CONTINUE TO FIGHT WITH THE SAME INTENSITY AND VIOLENCE WITH WHICH WE HAD FACED THEM. ELEVEN OF THE 14 DAYS HAD PASSED AND ONLY 3 DAYS REMAINED, AFTER WHICH THEIR AMMUNITION WOULD INDEED HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED. HERE THE UNITED STATES INTERVENED.

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SECOND ADD 45 (AS-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE TEXT)

XXX UNITED STATES INTERVENED.

(TEXT) THE UNITED STATES INTERVENED NOT ONLY WITH AMMUNITION. THE UNITED STATES DID NOT HIDE (ANYTHING--FBIS). THE UNITED STATES PLEDGED TO ISRAEL THAT IT WOULD MAINTAIN THE MILITARY BALANCE. THE U.S. INTERPRETATION OF BALANCE IS THAT ISRAEL BE SUPERIOR TO ALL THE ARABS PUT TOGETHER.

I HAD OFFICIALLY INFORMED PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE UNITED STATES EARLIER THAT WE REJECT THIS THEORY AND SUCH TALK. THIS WAS EVIDENT IN THE FACT THAT WE CONFRONTED ISRAEL FOR 11 DAYS. ISRAEL HAD 3 DAYS LEFT BEFORE ITS AMMUNITION WOULD ACTUALLY BE EXHAUSTED. THIS WAS ADMITTED BY ITS DEFENSE MINISTER.

AS I SAID, THE UNITED STATES INTERVENED NOT ONLY WITH AMMUNITION. NO, IN THE FIRST 3 DAYS ISRAEL LOST 500 TANKS. LATER THIS EXCEEDED 800 TANKS. WHEN WE WERE SURPRISED BY A NUMBER OF NEW TANKS. THIS WAS NOT SURPRISING (APPARENTLY CONTRADICTS HIMSELF--FBIS) AND WE DEALT WITH IT. BUT WE WERE ALSO SURPRISED BY MODERN U.S. WEAPONS, WHICH THE U.S. ARMY HAD NOT YET USED. THE UNITED STATES OPENED ITS ARSENAL. THIS IS NOT AN ALLEGATION. THIS WAS MADE PUBLIC. THE TELEVISION-GUIDED BOMB (GIVEN TO ISRAEL--FBIS) WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED. NOTHING WAS HIDDEN. AND SO WERE THE NEW ANTITANK SHELLS. ALL THE MODERN WEAPONS THAT THE U.S. ARMY HAD NOT YET USED. U.S. ARMS

DEPOTS WERE WIDE OPEN.

THEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS, THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA, SUBMITTED A DRAFT CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION. I ACCEPTED THE DRAFT CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION FOR TWO REASONS. THE FIRST REASON IS THAT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION PROVIDES, WITH THE TWO SUPERPOWERS AS GUARANTORS, FOR THE CESSATION OF FIRING ALONG THE LINES THAT EXISTED ON 22 OCTOBER. THE SECOND CLAUSE PROVIDES FOR THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 242. THE FIRST THING THAT THIS RESOLUTION PROVIDES FOR IS THE INADMISSIBILITY OF OCCUPYING THE TERRITORY OF OTHERS BY FORCE. IN OTHER WORDS, THIS MEANS THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL. THIS WAS THE FIRST REASON.

AS I SAID, THE FIRST REASON WAS THAT THE TWO SUPERPOWERS HAVE GUARANTEED THE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CESSATION OF FIRING AND THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 242, WHICH, FIRST OF ALL, PROVIDES FOR WITHDRAWAL. THEY HAVE GUARANTEED THIS. THEY HAVE GUARANTEED THE CEASE-FIRE AND THE INITIATION OF TALKS AT THE PEACE CONFERENCE TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION NO. 242, RESOLUTION NO. 242 WHICH IS CLEAR. ITS FIRST CLAUSE PROVIDES FOR WITHDRAWAL.

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FBIS 66

THIRD ADD 45 (AS-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE TEXT)

XXX PROVIDES FOR WITHDRAWAL.

(TEXT) THE SECOND REASON FOR ACCEPTING THE CEASE-FIRE, IN ADDITION TO THE TWO SUPERPOWERS' GUARANTEES OF THIS CEASE-FIRE AND THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION, IS THAT FRANKLY I DO NOT FIGHT AGAINST AMERICA. I FOUGHT ISRAEL FOR 11 DAYS. AS THE ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER SAID YESTERDAY, HIS AMMUNITION WOULD HAVE RUN OUT IN 3 DAYS. THIS WAS ALSO MY ASSESSMENT. BUT I AM NOT PREPARED TO FIGHT AMERICA.

THERE WAS REACTION TO THE CEASE-FIRE IN THIS COUNTRY, IN THE ARAB NATION AND AMONG OUR ARMED FORCES. BUT THESE ARE THE REASONS. I AM SAYING THEM. IT IS FOR THESE TWO REASONS THAT I ACCEPTED THE CEASE FIRE.

IN THE MILITARY SITUATION, THERE WAS THIS QUESTION OF THE GAP OPERATION (AMALIYAT ATH-TLAGHRAH) IN THE DEVERSOIR AREA. IN THOSE 11 DAYS EVERYTHING WAS TAKING PLACE IN THE EAST, THEN THE NEW WEAPONS ARRIVED.

THIS OPERATION REMINDS ME OF A SIMILAR ONE WHICH TOOK PLACE AROUND THE END OF WORLD WAR II. THE ATTACK WAS CALLED THE TWO-LANDS ATTACK. THE ALLIES HAD CLOSED IN ON GERMANY. THEN ONE DAY THE WEATHER FORECAST SAID THE WEATHER WOULD NOT BE GOOD FOR FLYING. THE GERMANS LAUNCHED A SUICIDAL OPERATION AND DROVE A HUGE WEDGE BETWEEN THE ALLIED FORCES. IT WAS A HUGE, SUICIDAL OPERATION. ACTING ON THAT

FAMOUS GOEBBELS FORMULA, THE GERMANS WOVE A BIG STORY. ACTUALLY, GERMANY'S FATE WAS DECIDED BEFORE THIS ATTACK. GERMANY WAS FINISHED, BUT IT STILL CARRIED OUT THIS DESPERATE ATTACK.

THIS WAS WHAT HAPPENED. THE DEVERSOIR OPERATION WAS EXACTLY THE SAME OPERATION. IT WAS A DESPERATE OPERATION. THEY CAME TO THE WEST BANK FOR THE PURPOSE OF CAUSING CONFUSION IN THE GERMAN FASHION, AS I TOLD YOU. WE NOTICED THAT ISRAEL HAD ADOPTED THE NAZI MENTALITY IN ALL ITS ACTION, EVEN IN REGARD TO THE BAR-LEV LINE THEY HAD SET UP BEFORE US AND THE OTHER LINES BEHIND IT. IT WAS EXACTLY LIKE THE SO-CALLED ATLANTIC WALL. THE BAR-LEV LINE WAS THE FIRST WALL FOLLOWED BY THREE OTHER LINES BEHIND IT. IT WAS EXACTLY LIKE THE SITUATION IN NORMANDY. THEY BORROWED GERMAN METHODS AND GOEBBELS' PROPAGANDA METHODS AS WELL.

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THEY CREATED THE DEVERSOIR GAP. IT WAS A SUICIDAL OPERATION LIKE THAT OF THE TWO-LANDS ATTACK. IT WAS INDEED SMALL. WE DO NOT DENY THAT THERE WERE ERRORS ON OUR PART. BUT THE MAIN PURPOSE AND INTENTION OF ALL THIS WAS TO BE A PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL OPERATION

RATHER THAN A MILITARY OPERATION SO THAT THEY COULD WEAVE THE BIG STORY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN MOVING IN THE PAST 5 OR 6 DAYS. THEY CREATED A BIG UPROAR IN EUROPE SAYING THAT THEY WERE ABOUT 50 KM OR MILES FROM CAIRO, THAT THEY WERE ON THE WEST BANK AND SO FORTH... THIS WAS A HUGE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATION TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE ENTIRE WORLD PUBLIC TO THE ISRAELI MILITARY.

THE ISRAELI MILITARISTS THEMSELVES KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE THAT THE GAP EXISTING TODAY, THE POCKET EXISTING TODAY ON THE WEST BANK, IS NO MORE THAN A POCKET. THEREFORE, THE ISRAELI MILITARISTS EXPLOITED THE CEASE-FIRE. THEY VIOLATED THE CEASE-FIRE AFTER WE HAD ACCEPTED IT AND ADVANCED SO THAT THEY COULD SAY: WE ARE ABOUT 50 MILES

FROM CAIRO. WE ARE ON THE WEST BANK AND ARE OCCUPYING SO MANY SQUARE MILES. WE HAVE SEIZED A TOWN AND SO FORTH SO WE CAN MAKE UP FOR THE EGYPTIAN CROSSING AND THE STORMING OF THE BAR-LEV LINE.

OUR EGYPTIAN YOUTHS IN THE EAST, WHETHER IN THE 2D OR 3D ARMIES, ARE STANDING FIRM. THE ISRAELI OPERATION WAS NO MORE THAN A PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATION. THEY TRIED TO CREATE A MILITARY VICTORY OUT OF IT. IT WAS A DESPERATE OPERATION. THE AIMS OF THE OPERATION ARE NO MORE THAN PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL.

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31 OCT 1442Z HT/MC

FBIS 67

FOURTH ADD 45 (AS-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE .EXT)

XXX PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL.

(TEXT) NOW THEY SAY THAT THEY HAVE CUT OFF THE 3D ARMY'S LINE OF COMMUNICATION AND THAT THEY HAVE ENCIRCLED THE 3D ARMY. JUST FOR YOUR

INFORMATION, THE 3D ARMY IS NOT ONLY ON THE EAST (BANK--FBIS). THE 3D ARMY HAS A SECTION IN THE EAST AND A LARGER SECTION IN THE WEST. THEY KNOW WHAT PART OF THE 3D ARMY IS FACING THEM IN THE WEST. THE POSITIONS ARE INTERMINGLED. IN THE EAST THERE IS THE 3D ARMY. SO THE

CAME BEHIND IN THE WEST. BEHIND THEM DIRECTLY IS THE REST OF THE 3D ARMY, OR THE MAJOR PART OF IT. THE POSITIONS ARE INTERMINGLED, BUT THEY WANTED TO CLAIM: WE HAVE TAKEN THE WEST BANK AND ENCIRCLED THE 3D ARMY.

THE STORY OF THE 3D ARMY HAS BEEN EXPLOITED IN THE GOEBBELS WAY. AS I HAVE TOLD YOU, THE 3D ARMY--THAT IS, A PART OF THE 3D ARMY--HAS OCCUPIED POSITIONS AND SANDS AS FIRM AS A ROCK ON THE EAST BANK. THE MAJOR PART IS IN THE WEST BEHIND THE ISRAELIS. THEY KNOW THIS. BUT THEY CARRIED OUT THE OPERATION AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE AND PUT ME IN A DILEMMA. WELL, WITH THE MAJOR PART OF THE 3D ARMY BEHIND THEM IN THE WEST, I COULD STORM MY WAY THROUGH AND FINISH OFF ALL THESE PEOPLE BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE WEST, BETWEEN THE TWO FLANKS OF THE ARMY, BUT WE HAD COMMITTED OURSELVES TO THE CEASE-FIRE AND WERE EMBARKING ON A NEW AFFAIR.

LET ME SHOW WHY THIS HAPPENED. FOUR OR 5 DAYS AGO, THEY WOKE ME UP. THERE WAS A MESSAGE FROM BREZHNEV, THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION, WHO IS A FRIEND. THE MESSAGE WAS FROM BRITISH PRIME MINISTER MR HEATH TO BE CONVEYED TO ME THROUGH COMRADE BREZHNEV. THE MESSAGE WAS INDEED CONVEYED TO ME. THE MESSAGE IN EFFECT SAID: YOU ARE BLOCKING BAB AL-MANDAB AND THE RED SEA. ABANDON THIS, AND WE WILL LEAVE FOR YOU WHAT IS BEHIND THE 3D ARMY OR THE EASTERN (AS HEARD) FLANK OF THE 3D ARMY, AND WE WANT THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS AND WOUNDED, AND WE WILL LEAVE THE 3D ARMY'S REAR.

MY MILITARY MEN ARE URGING ME AND PUTTING FIERCE PRESSURE ON ME, BECAUSE, AS I HAVE SAID, A PART OF THE 3D ARMY, THE BRIDGEHEAD IN THE EAST IS STANDING PERFECTLY FAST. BUT, IT IS NOT THE MAJOR PART. THE MAJOR PART IS IN THE WEST, AND THE ISRAELIS ARE BETWEEN THE TWO IN A THIN STRIP. THE ISRAELIS KNOW THIS AND THEY HEAR ME NOW. IT IS A THIN STRIP WHICH CAN BE EASILY ELIMINATED AND WIPED OUT. MY MILITARY MEN ARE URGING ME. I DO NOT WANT TO BREAK THE CEASE-FIRE BECAUSE I DO NOT WANT MORE WAR OR BLOODSHED. BUT THIS (ENABLES US--FBIS) TO UNDERSTAND THE METHOD OF THE ENTIRE DEVERSOIR OPERATION, THE TWO LAND OPERATIONS. (THEY WANTED TO SAY--FBIS) WE ARE STANDING HERE SO LEAVE US BAB AL-MANDAB AND THE RED SEA AND GIVE US THE PRISONERS AND THEN WE WILL LEAVE.

FBIS 68

FIFTH ADD 45 (AS-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE TEXT)

XXX WE WILL LEAVE.

(TEXT) IN FACT, I REPLIED TO MR HEATH AND SAID THAT BEFORE THIS, THE CEASE-FIRE MUST BE OBSERVED ALONG THE 22 OCTOBER LINE. THEN, I WILL BE PREPARED FOR AN EXCHANGE OF WOUNDED AND PRISONERS BETWEEN US. HOWEVER, WHEN IT COMES TO BAB AL-MANDAB, WE WILL TALK ABOUT IT WHEN WE

TALK ABOUT STEPS TOWARD THE DISENGAGEMENT OF THE COMBATANT FORCES, WHICH WE CALL DISENGAGEMENT. THIS IS IF WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT PEACE. HOWEVER, IF THE QUESTION IS ONE OF YOU LET GO AND I LET GO AND THEN EACH SIDE WILL SEEK TO IMPROVE HIS POSITION, THEN, BY GOD, THE MILITARY IS PUTTING PRESSURE ON ME AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THEY MIGHT PUT AN END TO THIS SITUATION. I SENT (MESSAGES--FBIS) TO PRESIDENT NIXON AND TO PRESIDENT (AS HEARD) BREZHNEV ABOUT THIS. I TOLD THEM THAT THE SITUATION CANNOT BEAR THIS AND I CANNOT SIT WITH MY HANDS FOLDED. WHY? BECAUSE ENDING ALL THIS IS EASY FOR MY MILITARY PERSONNEL AND IT IS IN THEIR HANDS. I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT THE PURPOSE BEHIND THIS PROCESS IS POLITICS.

DISCUSSIONS ON THIS MATTER ARE NOW TAKING PLACE IN WASHINGTON. THEY ASKED ME IN WASHINGTON--THAT IS, PRESIDENT NIXON ASKED ME--FOR MORE TIME SO THAT WE WOULD NOT LOSE THE CEASE-FIRE, SO THAT THE ISSUE COULD BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY AND SO THAT ISRAEL WOULD RETURN TO THE 22 OCTOBER LINE.

WELL, NOW THEY SAY IT IS NOT KNOWN WHERE THE 22 OCTOBER LINE IS. THIS MATTER IS SIMPLE. ON THE DAY OF THE CEASE-FIRE TWO STATEMENTS WERE ISSUED, ONE BY MRS MEIR AND ONE BY US. MRS MEIR SAID: WE NOW OCCUPY 73 SQUARE KM ON THE WEST BANK. WE ISSUED A STATEMENT IN WHICH WE SAID ISRAEL IS INDEED ON THE WEST BANK IN SUCH AND SUCH AREAS AND WE ARE ON THE EAST BANK IN SUCH AND SUCH AREAS. WE WERE SPECIFIC. THESE TWO STATEMENTS WERE ISSUED ON 22 (OCTOBER--FBIS). THE STATEMENT
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WERE ISSUED AT THAT TIME.

WELL, THESE ARE THE BOUNDARIES OF 22 (OCTOBER--FBIS). MRS MEIR SAID

70 SQUARE KM ON THE WEST BANK. NO, I GIVE HER 10 (KM--FBIS) MORE.
LET HER TAKE ANOTHER 10 SQUARE KM FROM ME ABOVE WHAT SHE SAID. THIS
IS NO PROBLEM. THIS IS AN ENCLAVE. IT IS DOOMED AND THIS IS KNOWN
IN MILITARY CIRCLES. BUT IS THE OBJECTIVE TO TALK ABOUT THE 22
OCTOBER LINE, ABOUT PRISONERS WHO WERE TAKEN ON 22 OCTOBER OR BEFORE
OR AFTER THAT, ABOUT BAB AL-MANDAB, ABOUT WHAT WE SHOULD LEAVE FOR
YOU (MEIR--FBIS), OR DO WE WANT PEACE?

IF PEACE IS WHAT IS REQUIRED, THEN WE WANT PEACE. I AM PUTTING
PRESSURE ON AND RESTRAINING MY MILITARY PERSONNEL WITH GREAT
DIFFICULTY, BECAUSE THEY WANT TO SETTLE THIS SUBJECT AND THIS ENTIRE
PROBLEM. SETTling IT IS EASY AND THE ISRAELIS KNOW THIS. THEY
KNOW THAT SETTling IT IS EASY. I REVEAL WHAT THE ISRAELIS SAID.
THIS IS EXPOSED AND VERBATIM SO THAT I WILL TELL THEM, AND THEY
HEAR ME NOW. (SENTENCE AS HEARD) THEY TOLD EACH OTHER THAT THEIR
POSITION, VERBATIM, IS FRAGILE. THEY HEAR ME NOW.

MY MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE ASKING ME (TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT--FBIS).
BUT I SAY LET US NOT BREAK THE CEASE-FIRE. LET US NOT HAVE MORE WAR.
WE WANT TO PROCEED TOWARD SOLUTION. THIS IS THE REASON FOR ISMA'IL
FAHMI'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. PRESIDENTS BREZHNEV AND NIXON ARE AWARE
OF ALL THE DETAILS OF THIS, MINUTE BY MINUTE.

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FBIS 69

SIXTH ADD 45 (AS-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE TEXT)

XXX MINUTE BY MINUTE.

(TEXT) THIS IS THE MILITARY SITUATION. THERE IS ONE MORE POINT ABOUT THE MILITARY SITUATION. THEY WENT TO SUEZ. THE GOEBBELS OF TEL AVIV ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD OCCUPIED SUEZ. THEY ALSO TOOK A PICTURE OF MRS MEIR NEAR ONE OF THE OIL TANKS IN SUEZ. FOR 3 DAYS THEY TRIED TO OCCUPY SUEZ BUT COULD NOT.

THE UNEF COMMANDER ENTERED SUEZ. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WAS NOBODY AT ALL IN SUEZ, THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN OCCUPIED, AND THAT SUEZ IS EGYPTIAN. THEY WANTED TO OCCUPY ONE OF THE CANAL TOWNS, PARTICULARLY SUEZ BECAUSE THE CANAL IS NAMED AFTER IT. (THEY TRIED--FBIS) FOR 3 DAYS. SUEZ TOWN'S RESISTANCE AND THE NUMBER OF TANKS IT DESTROYED IS WORTHY OF GREAT PRAISE. THE RESISTANCE PREVENTED THE ISRAELIS FROM OCCUPYING AN INCH OF SUEZ TOWN.

THE ISRAELIS STAYED OUT NEAR AZ-ZAYTIYAH. THEY BROUGHT MRS MEIR AND TOOK HER PICTURE NEAR ONE OF THE AZ-ZAYTIYAH OIL TANKS. THIS WAS A PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATION AIMED AT SHAKING US. THIS WOULD ENABLE THEM TO CLAIM THAT SUEZ IS FINISHED AND THAT THEY ARE MARCHING TOWARD CAIRO. THIS IS GOEBBELS' METHOD OF PROPAGANDA. THIS IS PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE. NO, WE WILL NOT BE AFFECTED. OUR NERVES ARE VERY STRONG. IF THIS SITUATION CONTINUES FOR 10 YEARS, THEN WE WILL CARRY ON FOR 10 YEARS BECAUSE WE ARE ASKING ONLY FOR OUR RIGHTS, OUR LAND AND PEACE BASED ON JUSTICE. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING THAT BELONGS TO OTHERS. WE ARE ASKING FOR OUR LAND AND OUR RIGHTS.

THIS IS THE MILITARY SITUATION. THIS WAS THE FIRST POINT, THE MILITARY SITUATION. I AM SORRY FOR HAVING DISCUSSED IT AT SOME LENGTH. HOWEVER, I HAVE EXPLAINED TO YOU THE CEASE-FIRE; OR RATHER FIRST I DISCUSSED THE BATTLE AND THEN THE CEASE-FIRE, THE REASON WHY I ACCEPTED IT, THE QUESTION OF THE DEVERSOIR ENCLAVE, AND FINALLY WHAT I HAVE DISCUSSED JUST NOW.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION. THE SECOND POINT IS THE POLITICAL SITUATION. AS YOU ALL KNOW REGARDING THE POLITICAL SITUATION, SOVIET PREMIER M

UTSYLI VISITED ME HERE AND TALKED TO ME. HE TALKED TO ME ABOUT AMERICAN AND RUSSIAN GUARANTEES FOR THE CASE-FIRE DECISION. HE ALSO DISCUSSED AMERICAN AND RUSSIAN GUARANTEES AS REGARDS THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 242. TODAY YOU HEARD ABOUT MR KISSINGER'S VISIT. THIS WAS AGREED UPON BETWEEN US AND THE UNITED STATES 4 DAYS AGO. HE WILL, GOD WILLING, ARRIVE ON THE SIXTH. HE WILL SPEND ONE DAY WITH US AND LEAVE ON THE SEVENTH. MEANWHILE, SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETSOV ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY. WE HELD A LONG MEETING WITH HIM IN THE EVENING. AT THE SAME TIME, MINISTER ISMA'IL FAHMI HELD A 4-HOUR MEETING WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DR KISSINGER YESTERDAY. TODAY HE WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON AND WILL HOLD ANOTHER MEETING WITH DR KISSINGER.

VERY SOON I WILL SEND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER (AS HEARD) DR AZ-ZAYYAT TO SEE PRESIDENT POMPIDOU OF FRANCE. I WILL ALSO SEND A HIGH-LEVEL EMISSARY TO PRESIDENT TITO AND TO MR HEATH.

AS YOU CAN SEE, POLITICAL ACTION IS GOING ON ALONG WITH ALL OTHER ACTIONS, WHETHER IN WASHINGTON, CAIRO, OR WESTERN EUROPE.

OF COURSE IN THE PAST PERIOD I ACQUAINTED ALL MY ARAB BROTHERS WITH ALL THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT OCCURRED. THIS HAS BEEN DONE THROUGH ENVOYS WHO VISITED THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

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FBIS 81

SEVENTH ADD 45 (AS-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE TEXT) .

XXX ARAB COUNTRIES.

(TEXT) THIS IS THE POLITICAL SITUATION. BUT BEFORE I CONCLUDE TALKING ABOUT THE POLITICAL SITUATION, I CAN SAY THAT THE USSR, AS A FRIEND AND AS A SUPERPOWER RESPONSIBLE FOR WORLD PEACE, IS CARRYING OUT ITS COMMITMENTS.

I CAN ALSO SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES, DESPITE ITS INTERVENTION AFTER THE 11TH DAY AND ITS SUPPLY TO ISRAEL OF WHAT THE AMERICAN ARMY HAD NOT YET USED (OF WEAPONS--FBIS), THAT UNTIL THIS MOMENT, THE U.S. ATTITUDE IN REGARD TO WORKING FOR PEACE IS A CONSTRUCTIVE ONE. IT IS SO UNTIL THIS MOMENT.

I AM WAITING FOR MR KISSINGER'S VISIT SO THAT WE MAY LAY DOWN THE BASIC PRINCIPLES (LAMSAT) CONCERNING THE SITUATION.

NOW I WILL SPEAK OF THE THIRD POINT, WHICH IS THE SITUATION AS IT IS NOW AND ITS FUTURE POTENTIALITIES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MRS MEIR HAS LEFT FOR WASHINGTON TODAY. AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, I HAVE TOLD PRESIDENT NIXON AND LEADER BREZHNEV THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE SITUATION IN REGARD TO THE POCKET IN OUR COUNTRY CONTINUING UNDER THE PRETEXT OF THE CEASE-FIRE. NOT AT ALL.

SINCE WE ARE IMPLEMENTING THE CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION, WHICH PROVIDES FOR HALTING AT THE LINE OF 22 OCTOBER, THEN, BY GOD, ANY MEASURE WE TAKE TO GET TO THAT LINE WOULD BE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND WITH THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECURITY

COUNCIL. AS I HAVE ALREADY SAID, I AM IN THIS RESPECT UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE MILITARY. BUT I HAVE PREVENTED MY MILITARY FROM DOING ANYTHING PENDING THE RESULTS OF WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IN WASHINGTON AND

MR KISSINGER'S VISIT. HOWEVER, I HAVE SENT A WARNING THAT SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN TO MY SONS ON THE EAST BANK, I SHALL NOT STAND ON THE FENCE. I SHALL ADOPT THE NECESSARY MEASURES CALLED FOR BY THE SITUATION.

AS I HAVE ALREADY SAID, THE SITUATION TODAY IS AS FOLLOWS: MRS MEIR IS IN WASHINGTON. MINISTER ISMA'IL FAHMI WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON TODAY. HE MET WITH MR KISSINGER YESTERDAY AND WILL BE MEETING WITH HIM AGAIN TODAY. AS I HAVE SAID, DEPUTY USCR FOREIGN MINISTER MR KUZNETSOV WAS WITH ME YESTERDAY. ALL THESE MAKE UP A COMPLETE PICTURE, THE FEATURES OF WHICH WILL BECOME EVIDENT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. AS I HAVE ACCUSTOMED MY PEOPLE AND YOU YOURSELVES, WE WILL PLACE THE WHOLE PICTURE BEFORE ALL TO SEE.

ONE POINT REMAINS. REGARDING THE ARAB NATION, I WISH TO SAY TO THE WORLD PRESS--AS YOU SEE, THE ENTIRE ARAB NATION STANDS TODAY TO DEFEND ITS SANCTITIES. IT IS THE RIGHT OF THE WHOLE NATION TO PARTICIPATE IN MAKING ITS PEACE--A GENUINE PEACE; AN UNIMPOSED PEACE; A PEACE NOT IMPOSED BY FORCE OF ARMS, EXPANSION OR THE SQUANDERING OF THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLES. ARROGANCE HAD GONE TO THE EXTENT THAT THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THESE PEOPLES HAD BEEN IGNORED.

(MORE)

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EIGHTH ADD 45 (AS-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE TEXT)

XXX HAD BEEN IGNORED.

(TEXT) WHEN I TALK ABOUT PEACE I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS PEACE DOES NOT MEAN A PARTIAL OR SEPARATE SOLUTION AFFECTING EGYPT ALONE. NO. QUITE CLEARLY IT MEANS (RESTORATION OF--FBIS) THE EGYPTIAN TERRITORY, SYRIAN TERRITORY AND THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S RIGHTS, INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. THIS IS OUR INTERPRETATION OF PEACE.

PLEASE EXPLAIN TO YOUR PEOPLES THE ATTITUDE OF THE ARAB NATION AS IT USES THE ENERGY WEAPON, OIL. IT IS NOT AT ALL DIRECTED AGAINST ANY ONE OF YOUR PEOPLE, NOR EVEN AGAINST INDIVIDUAL AMERICANS WHOSE GOVERNMENT HAS SUPPLIED ISRAEL WITH MODERN EQUIPMENT NOT YET USED BY EVEN THE UNITED STATES. THE ARAB NATION IS SAYING NO, I WANT MY RIGHT TO LIVE. WE ARE SAYING THAT WE WANT TO MAKE LIFE EASIER BY ALL MEANS FOR THE WHOLE WORLD, PROVIDED WE GET OUR RIGHTS IN THIS LIFE AND PEACE SO THAT LIFE AND PEACE WILL NOT BELONG TO ONE SIDE AND NOT THE OTHER. THE ARAB NATION DOES NOT WREAK VENGEANCE ON PEOPLES, ON YOUR PEOPLES, NOR ON INDIVIDUALS. THE ARAB NATION IS ONLY DEMANDING ITS RIGHT TO LIVE.

I CONCLUDE BY SAYING ONCE AGAIN THAT I LEAVE OUT ALL THE DETAILS. (SENTENCE AS HEARD) IF PEACE IS REALLY DESIRED, THEN WE INDEED WANT PEACE. IF THERE IS A TRUE DESIRE FOR PEACE, LET THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF 22 OCTOBER BE RESPECTED AND COMPLETELY IMPLEMENTED. WE ARE PREPARED TO HONOR ALL OUR COMMITMENTS UNDER IT IMMEDIATELY. LET US DIRECT OURSELVES TO THE STAGE OF SEPARATING THE FORCES, OF DISENGAGEMENT (AS-SADAT USES ENGLISH WORD HERE--FBIS), SO THAT THINGS WILL BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND IN ORDER TO PROCEED TOWARD PEACE. I HAVE SAID THAT DURING THIS STAGE WE WILL IMMEDIATELY BEGIN CLEARING THE SUEZ CANAL AND I HAVE GIVEN MY INSTRUCTIONS TO THE (SUEZ CANAL--FBIS) AUTHORITY DIRECTOR TO HAVE IT READY FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION WITHIN

A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 4 MONTHS TO MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR OUR BROTHERS IN WESTERN EUROPE AND EVERYWHERE ELSE, AND TO OPEN THE ROAD FOR WORLD TRADE AND PROSPERITY.

I THANK YOU. I AM PREPARED TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

(MORE)

FBIS 83

NINTH ADD 45 (AS-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE TEXT)

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IN YOUR VIEW, IN THE FACE OF THE FACT THAT THE UN LIAISON
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NINTH ADD 45 (AS-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE TEXT)

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IN YOUR VIEW, IN THE FACE OF THE FACT THAT THE UN LIAISON
OFFICER HERE HAS STATED THAT THE UN COMMAND DOES NOT KNOW WHERE
THE OCTOBER 22 LINES WERE?

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By CH NARA Date 2/1/06

(ANSWER): AS I HAVE SAID, WE ARE PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WHICH STIPULATES A CEASE-FIRE ON THE LINE OF THE 22D AND AN IMMEDIATE INITIATION OF TALKS AT A PEACE CONFERENCE TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE BY IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION 242. WHEN THIS RESOLUTION IS OBSERVED BY THE OTHER SIDE AND WHEN THEY ARE STATIONED ON THE LINE OF THE 22D, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS AND TO ENTER INTO (PRESUMABLY TALKS--FBIS) ON HOLDING A PEACE CONFERENCE. CONCERNING DEMARCATION, IT IS JUST AS I HAVE SAID. JUST AS I SAID IN THE EXPLANATION I GAVE EARLIER, DEMARCATION EXISTS AND IS ON THE RECORD FOR BOTH SIDES. MRS MEIR ISSUED A STATEMENT AND WE ISSUED A STATEMENT ON THAT DATE. WE WILL REFER TO THE TWO STATEMENTS. FOR MY PART, I WILL GIVE MRS MEIR AN ADDITIONAL 10 SQUARE KM ON THE WEST BANK ABOVE WHAT SHE CLAIMED IN HER STATEMENT.

(QUESTION) A GROUP OF QUESTIONS BY MOHAMMAD JAHANGIR, THE CORRESPONDENT OF IRANIAN NATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION: YOUR EXCELLENCY, YOU POINTED OUT IN YOUR SPEECH TO THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE PRESENT WAR IS TO ATTAIN TWO OBJECTIVES: 1) LIBERATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND, 2) TO SAFEGUARD THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. WHAT IS MEANT BY THESE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND WHAT ARE THE FEASIBLE STEPS, IN YOUR EXCELLENCY'S VIEW, TO INSURE THESE RIGHTS, WHILE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ALL THE EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES?

ON THE SAME SUBJECT, YOUR EXCELLENCY MR PRESIDENT, THERE IS A QUESTION BY THE LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY CORRESPONDENT, FARAJ 'ALI AN-NAMUSHI, WHO ASKS: IN YOUR RECENT SPEECH, YOU REFERRED TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. HOW DOES THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT VIEW THESE RIGHTS IN THE LIGHT OF ACCEPTANCE OF UN CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION NO. 338?

THERE IS ANOTHER QUESTION BY PIERRE (ERAT), CORRESPONDENT OF ORTF. (QUESTION IN FRENCH--TRANSCRIBED FROM FRENCH): THE PALESTINIANS HAVE NOT ACCEPTED THE CEASE-FIRE. YOU MET ONE OF THEIR LEADERS, ABU IYAD, RECENTLY. HOW DO YOU VISUALIZE THE REALIZATION OF THEIR ASPIRATIONS, WHICH YOU HAVE ALWAYS PRESENTED AND SUPPORTED AS LEGITIMATE?

(MORE)

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FBIS 84

TENTH ADD 45 (AS-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE .EXT)

(TEXT) (ANSWER) IN REPLY TO THIS VERY SIMPLE QUESTION, WE HAVE STATED THAT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE SHALL BE REPRESENTED AT THE PEACE CONFERENCE. THEY MUST BE REPRESENTED. THERE ARE NUMEROUS UN RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THE PALESTINIANS THEMSELVES ARE THE ONLY ONES WITH THE RIGHT TO DISCUSS PALESTINE. NO ONE CAN ASK ME OR ANY OTHER ARAB LEADER TO SPEAK ABOUT PALESTINE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PALESTINIANS.

(QUESTION IN ENGLISH--TRANSCRIBED FROM ENGLISH) FROM MR CHARLES QUINN OF NBC NEWS: ARE YOU SATISFIED THAT THE CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN YOUR SPEECH OF OCTOBER 16 HAVE BEEN FULFILLED? IS EGYPT WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL DIRECTLY? WILL EGYPT NEGOTIATE WHILE THE ISRAELIS ARE ON THE WEST BANK?

(ANSWER) AS REGARDS THE FIRST PART, THOSE ARE THE CONDITIONS, (HERE A VOICE IS HEARD REPEATING THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION--FBIS) AS REGARDS THIS, UP TO THIS VERY MOMENT THESE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET EXCEPT FOR ISRAEL'S VIOLATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE OF THE 22D. AS I HAVE ALREADY SAID, THE EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING EXERTED IN CAIRO AND WASHINGTON AND BETWEEN US AND THE USSR AND THE UNITED STATES ARE ALL DIRECTED TOWARD THIS--INDEED UP TO THIS VERY MOMENT.

THIS IS IN REGARD TO THE FIRST PART. AS FOR THE SECOND PART ON (THE VOICE IS HEARD AGAIN READING THE SECOND PART OF THE QUESTION--FBIS) DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS: NO. A MEETING HAS ACTUALLY TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ISRAELI MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF UN OBSERVERS AND UNDER THE UN FLAG TO AGREE ON THE 22 OCTOBER LINE. MORE SUCH MEETINGS MIGHT BE HELD, JUST AS HAPPENED IN REGARD TO THE 1949 TRUCE.

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(THE VOICE IS HEARD READING THE THIRD PART OF THE QUESTION--FBIS) I HAVE ANSWERED THIS? I SAID THAT (THERE SHOULD BE--FBIS) A RETURN TO THE LINE OF THE 22D AND RESPECT FOR THE CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION. I GIVE MRS MEIR AN ADDITIONAL 10 SQUARE KM AND WE BEGIN THE PEACE CONFERENCE IMMEDIATELY.

(QUESTION) --MR PRESIDENT, HERE ARE TWO QUESTIONS. THE FIRST QUESTION FROM (ANATOLIY REDIN) AND (BORIS GRODKOV), THE CORRESPONDENTS OF TRUD AND THE SOVIET NOVOSTI AGENCY: IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT WILL THE NEAR AND DISTANT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS BE AND WHAT ARE THE TANGIBLE STEPS EGYPT IS TAKING TOWARD THE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE? THE SECOND QUESTION IS FROM GERALD (CHESTER) OF TIME MAGAZINE: ARE YOU PREPARED TO ATEND AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE ONCE THE CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED? HOW DO YOU ENVISAGE THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL AT THIS CONFERENCE? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR PROPOSALS ON HOW THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ORGANIZED?

(ANSWER) AS FOR THE SOVIET QUESTION, IT IS A BROAD, GENERAL QUESTION. (HERE THE VOICE IS HEARD READING THE QUESTION AGAIN--FBIS) I BELIEVE I HAVE ANSWERED THIS QUESTION. YESTERDAY I MET WITH KUZNETSOV, ISMA'IL FAHMI WILL BE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NIXON TODAY AND LATER WITH KISSINGER. MRS MEIR HAS GONE TO WASHINGTON. DIRECT CONTACTS ARE CONTINUING 24 HOURS A DAY BETWEEN CAIRO, MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON. ALL THESE ANSWER THE QUESTION IN MY OPINION.

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FBIS 107

ELEVENTH ADD 45 (AS-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE TEXT)

XXX IN MY OPINION.

(TEXT) (ONE OF PREVIOUS QUESTIONS REPEATED, THIS TIME IN ENGLISH--TRANSCRIBED FROM ENGLISH) FROM GERALD (CHESTER): MR PRESIDENT, ARE YOU PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE AS SOON AS A CEASE-FIRE IS ESTABLISHED? HOW DO YOU ENVISION NEGOTIATIONS TAKING PLACE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL AT THIS CONFERENCE? CAN YOU PROVIDE US WITH YOUR SPECIFIC IDEAS ON HOW THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ORGANIZED AND RUN?

(ANSWER) I BELIEVE I HAVE ALREADY ANSWERED THIS QUESTION. HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE NEW POINT IN IT--NAMELY HOW DO WE ENVISION (AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE--FBIS). YES, WE HAVE ENVISIONED ALL THE PROCEDURES. PERHAPS I HAVE ALREADY MENTIONED THE BEGINNING OF SUCH PROCEDURES. THE FIRST STAGE IS THE SEPARATION OF FORCES WHICH WE CALL (IN ENGLISH--FBIS) DISENGAGEMENT.

(QUESTION) IN ENGLISH--TRANSCRIBED FROM ENGLISH) FROM GENT OF THE BBC. EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI OFFICERS HAVE ALREADY MET TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE. DOES THE PRESIDENT SEE THIS AS A FORERUNNER OF MORE CONTACT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL?

(ANSWER) I BELIEVE I HAVE ALREADY ANSWERED THIS QUESTION. IT IS NATURAL FOR THIS TO HAPPEN UNDER THE UN FLAG AND IN THE PRESENCE OF UN OBSERVERS. THE SAME THING HAPPENED DURING THE 1949 TRUCE. AS I SAID, THIS HAPPENED BEFORE AND COULD HAPPEN AGAIN. THIS IS BECAUSE THERE ARE DETAILS (TO BE DISCUSSED--FBIS) REGARDING MILITARY MATTERS ON THE LINES AND THE INTERMINGLING. AS I SAID, THERE IS AN INTERMINGLING. WE HAVE PART OF THE 3D ARMY IN THE EAST, ISRAELI POSITIONS IN THE WEST AND SOME POSITIONS OF THE 3D ARMY WEST OF THEM. THERE IS AN INTERMINGLING. THEREFORE, MILITARY PERSONNEL MUST MEET FROM TIME TO TIME IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR LINE. IT IS NATURAL FOR THIS TO TAKE PLACE UNDER THE UN FLAG.

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(QUESTION IN ENGLISH--TRANSCRIBED FROM ENGLISH) HERE IS ANOTHER QUESTION WHICH, MR PRESIDENT, I FEEL THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY COVERED IN YOUR STATEMENT. HOWEVER, HERE IT IS: FROM JOSEPH (?KAMALIK) OF WES. INGHOUSE BROADCASTING COMPANY: MR PRESIDENT, HOW SOON DO YOU DEMAND THAT ISRAEL RETURN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AS CALLED FOR IN THE OCTOBER 22 CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION? THE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 242. WHAT THEN IS YOUR INTERPRETATION OF "IMMEDIATE"?

(ANSWER--IN ENGLISH) MY INTERPRETATION IS "IMMEDIATE" TOO.
(LAUGHING)

(QUESTION IN FRENCH--TRANSCRIBED FROM ARABIC) FROM PIERRE (SERAI): THE SOVIET UNION, MR PRESIDENT, HAS GIVEN SEVERAL GUARANTEES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED ADEQUATE. YOUR EXCELLENCY APPROVED THE CEASE-FIRE DECISION. THERE IS A TIME LIMIT FOR THESE GUARANTEES. WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER THIS TIME LIMIT IF (QUESTION INTERRUPTED BY THE PRESIDENT'S ANSWER--FBIS)

(ANSWER) I BELIEVE I HAVE ALREADY ANSWERED THIS. THE GUARANTEE FOR THE CEASE-FIRE IS NOT ONLY SOVIET. IT IS A SOVIET-AMERICAN GUARANTEE FOR THE CEASE-FIRE DECISION THAT PROVIDES FOR THE CESSATION OF FIRING AND RESPECTING THE DECISION ON THE 22 OCTOBER LINE. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION NO. 242. THE GUARANTEE HERE IS NOT RUSSIAN ALONE, BU. RUSSIAN AND AMERICAN.

THE LAST QUESTION, MR PRESIDENT: (QUESTION IN ENGLISH--TRANSCRIBED FROM ENGLISH) FROM CHRISTOPHER (SINCLAIR) OF AP: WHAT, SIR, DO YOU CONSIDER THE MAJOR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MILITARY GAINS ACHIEVED BY EGYPT DURING THE 1973 MIDDLE EAST WAR?

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TWELFTH AND LAST ADD 45 (AS-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE TEXT)

XXX MIDDLE EAST WAR?

(TEXT) (ANSWER) I BELIEVE THAT THE COMMENTATORS, MANY OF WHOM ARE PRESENT HERE, HAVE ANSWERED A GREAT PART OF THIS QUESTION FOR ME. ISRAEL SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THAT DESPITE THE MYTHICAL 1967 VICTORY--ABOUT WHICH THE LEAST THAT CAN BE SAID IS THAT IT WAS ACTUALLY A MISHAP (SENTENCE LEFT INCOMPLETE) THEY BELIEVED THAT THIS WAS THE REAL SITUATION VIS-A-VIS THE ARABS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS ILLUSION HAS BEEN DISPELLED FOR GOOD. I BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL HAS BECOME CONVINCED THAT THE POLICY OF SECURITY CANNOT BE BASED ON FORCE, TERROR, NAZI METHODS OR THE BELIEF THAT IT IS INVINCIBLE FORCE IN THE EAST. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL HAS BECOME CONVINCED THAT THE ARABS ARE NOT THE PEOPLE WHOM IT PORTRAYED TO THE WORLD AS BACKWARD AND AS A NATION HEADED FOR EXTINCTION. NO. I BELIEVE THAT ALL THIS IS NOW UNDERSTOOD.

I HOPE THAT MY REVIEW OF THE BATTLE THAT TOOK PLACE HAS PROVIDED ISRAEL WITH A LESSON THAT WILL CHANGE ITS CONCEPT OF SECURITY. THERE ARE FOUR SALIENT POINTS IN THIS LESSON: ISRAEL MUST UNDERSTAND THAT AS AN ARAB NATION--AND HERE I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS GREETINGS OF PRIDE AND APPRECIATION TO ALL MY BROTHER ARAB KINGS AND PRESIDENTS FOR THEIR STAND, TO THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE WHO OFFERED THE FIRST SACRIFICE, TO THE SYRIAN PEOPLE AND TO OUR ARMED FORCES ON BOTH FRONTS--WE ARE PREPARED FOR A LONG WAR; THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT LOSSES AND CAN INFLICT LOSSES ON OUR ENEMY; AND THAT THREATS AGAINST THE DEPTHS OF OUR COUNTRY AND ATTEMPTS TO HUMILIATE AND INTIMIDATE US ARE NO LONGER OF ANY AVAIL. IF ISRAEL WILL UNDERSTAND THESE THREE POINTS AND THE FACT THAT SHE IS FIGHTING ON TWO FRONTS AND THAT, AS AN ARAB NATION, WE STAND FAST ON THESE FOUR POINTS, THEN I BELIEVE THAT ITS CONCEPTS WILL CHANGE. THESE ARE THE FOUR BASIC LESSONS FROM WHICH ISRAEL SHOULD BENEFIT IF IT WANTS PEACE AS WE WANT PEACE.

BEFORE CONCLUDING MY TALK, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONVEY TO ALL YOUR PEOPLES, INCLUDING THE PEOPLE OF EUROPE, THE SINCEREST GREETINGS OF THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONVEY MY GREETINGS AND APPRECIATION TO MY BROTHERS IN AFRICA, BOTH THOSE WHO BROKE THEIR RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND THOSE WHO DID NOT. THANK YOU.

(ENDALL)

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