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SOME POINTS THAT MAY ARISE IN YOUR TALKS  
WITH THE PRESIDENT AND FAHMY

Summarized below are some pending issues which may arise in the course of your talks with the President and Fahmy:

1. US/Egyptian Bilateral Commission

Our Egyptian friends expect that an announcement on this will be made during your visit. I understand from Joe Sisco that you already have a draft announcement.

2. Helicopters

Having learned that the Inchon is to depart June 5, Fahmy tackled me yesterday about the status of the President's request that some helicopters be left behind. I told him I had no information, but he may well raise the subject. The Egyptians are somewhat tepid, incidentally, on the orientation flights that their pilots are now undergoing. Fahmy commented somewhat critically that the Egyptian pilots are only being allowed to sit in the copilot's seat and observe.

3. Arms

Adverting to the tentative timetable you had mentioned earlier to the President, Fahmy has raised the matter of accelerating direct US arms sales to Egypt. He considers this to be politically desirable. He may raise the subject with you.

4. USS Inchon Visit to Alexandria

You will recall that you told the President that if at any time he wished an American warship to visit an Egyptian port, we would arrange this. About a week ago the Egyptian CNO, Admiral Zikri, told Admiral McCauley that the Inchon should visit Alexandria at the conclusion of her mission (June 4). Following McCauley's pertinent report to his

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superiors, CINCUSNAVEUR has asked Zumwalt that an operational call by the Inchon at Alexandria be authorized for June 5-10. I have asked Fahmy if Zikri's invitation was extended in the context of what you discussed with the President. Fahmy told me today such a visit by the Inchon is agreeable. You had earlier indicated you would raise the matter with the President when you came to Cairo, and I am taking no action on this until you have a chance to check it out with the President.

## 5. Military Visits

In connection with possible US military visits to Egypt, we are beginning to reach an "invasion by invitation" stage. Three such separate invitations have recently been extended by Egyptian military or civilian officers and are listed below. Fahmy doubts that they were extended with the President's specific approval and is personally a bit leary about some of them. On the President's orders, a letter is now going to Marshal Ismail indicating all high ranking military visits must first be approved by Fahmy.

### a. EUCOM/Pentagon Officers' Visit

About a week ago Marshal Ismail told Guay that he would like a group of EUCOM officers to visit Egypt to be briefed on the October operation. The Marshal wanted to balance a similar presentation allegedly being given with EUCOM staff by an Israeli team. As Fahmy later explained it to me, the Marshal's thought was that there might be two or three such officers and that such a visit should take place after Syrian disengagement. Whatever the Marshal's concept, it snowballed. Guay came away with the impression that the Marshal had invited ranking officers of all three services at EUCOM, plus selected staff members, to come for this purpose. No time frame was apparently indicated. Upon receiving a copy of Guay's message, DOD cabled Guay pointing out that it is Washington that will have to backstop any Egyptian programs and suggesting that ISA, JCS and other Pentagon officers be included in the delegation. Thus we have the makings of a large, highly visible military delegation. Neither Fahmy nor I consider this desirable. Fahmy checked with the President and called me last night to say the President approves in principle, but left the details to us

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to work out. In order to maintain a low profile, Fahmy and I believe there should be two groups--the first of about four or five from the Pentagon and at a slightly later date, the second of about the same number of EUCOM officers. I have so indicated to Guay, but have asked him to hold up making this recommendation to DOD and EUCOM until you could be informed.

b. Murphy Visit

Admiral Murphy, COMSIXTHFLT, is still panting to visit Egypt. Pursuant to your instructions, I sent him word earlier that his initial proposal of coming here for the June 4th change of command ceremonies was premature, but that I would look for a suitable opportunity for him to come after your current disengagement talks. Meanwhile, Admiral Zikri has also told McCauley that Murphy should come. I gather Zumwalt is urging McCauley to press me on this. Fahmy tells me Zikri spoke without the President's or even the Marshal's express authorization. He thinks it is not politically desirable to have COMSIXTHFLT come at this time.

c. Chief of Engineers

Guay has learned that the Chairman of SCA, Mashhour, is extending an invitation to the Chief of the US Army Corps of Engineers to visit Egypt to see the Suez Canal. Mashhour is looking for further equipment assistance for his Canal rehabilitation efforts. Fahmy said Mashhour was acting on his own without approval. However, Fahmy agrees that the Chief of Engineers might come, but in civilian clothes. If lower ranking COE officers come instead, they may be in uniform.

6. Fahmy

Fahmy's nose is just a bit out of joint at what he feels is lack of appreciation on our part for his efforts. In reading several of your recent messages to the President in which you indicated appreciation for the President's efforts, Fahmy ruefully commented that not a word was said about what he has done. I have always emphasized to Fahmy that you are aware of his efforts in preparing the President's letters and messages and are most appreciative. You may wish to say a word to him about your appreciation for his constant helpfulness.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING BODIES

We have reliable information of deliberate efforts by higher and lower Egyptian echelons to undermine the joint plan for the renewed search of missing bodies in the Canal vicinity.

The joint operation (UN, Egypt and Israeli military chaplains) is supposed to resume this coming week.

We believe that the Egyptian intention is to sabotage the search so that no bodies will be discovered. The probable purpose is to discredit any possible Israeli claim that bodies are still to be found in the Egyptian-held area, despite the allegedly thorough search already conducted by the Egyptian Army. We view this as an attempt to discourage Israeli requests for additional searches.

It is our belief that intervention with the highest Egyptian echelon is required to assure Egyptian good-faith in this matter.

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Recd : 30 May

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4:43 A.M.

DEPT PASS TO THE SECRETARY

FOR THE SECRETARY FORM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR MARR EG IS SY  
SUBJ: DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND UN PROTOCOL

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May 30, 1974

**MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT**  
**FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT**

The following is Secretary Kissinger's report of his meeting with President Sadat.

"Sadat welcomes a visit by you in the near future. He would prefer your visit to start on the 12th but he could manage the 11th. He insists on two full days and three nights because he wants to take you to Alexandria by train to give you a tremendous public reception.

"Sadat insisted on announcing the intention of forming a joint Egyptian-US Economic Cooperation Commission today for the following reasons:

(1) Because of the statement we made on terrorism to obtain Israeli approval, he was afraid Syria might refuse to sign at the last moment. However, in the face of an improvement in US-Egyptian relations, they would be deterred.

(2) He had a letter from Brezhnev three days ago asking for an improvement of relations. Before answering that letter, he felt it essential to show an improvement in relations and he could not delay any longer.

(3) There is a meeting of the oil ministers in Cairo on June 1st, and he wanted to prevent any tendency to use oil as a political weapon against the United States.

(4) There is a meeting of Palestinian organizations, which he wants to wean away from terrorism, starting in Cairo on June 6, and he thought such an announcement was essential to produce moderation -- especially in the light of the terrorism debate in Israel.

(5) He wants your visit to be announced not in the context of Syrian disengagement but in the context of something that has happened in Egyptian-US relations with respect to the trip.

I arranged for the formal announcement to be made simultaneously in Cairo and Washington tomorrow at noon at the White House.

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"Sadat prefers the announcement of your visit to be made on Tuesday next week. He believes the order of your trip should be Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Israel and Jordan."

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Following is text of arrival statement by Secretary Kissinger upon his arrival at Cairo International Airport, May 30, 1974: QUOTE:...The United States is dedicated to a permanent peace in the Middle East. What has been achieved up to now is considered by us only as a first step towards that goal in which we will work closely and with confidence with your government and your leaders. Thank you UNQUOTE.

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