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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Dear Mr. President:

I am taking advantage of Ambassador Eilts' return to send you this brief message together with my warmest greetings.

I want you to know that I remain strongly concerned about the impasse that has developed. As I said in my State of the World speech, the active role of the United States to move matters forward must and will be continued. I have pledged the United States to a major effort for peace in the Middle East and will not accept either stagnation or a stalemate in that effort.

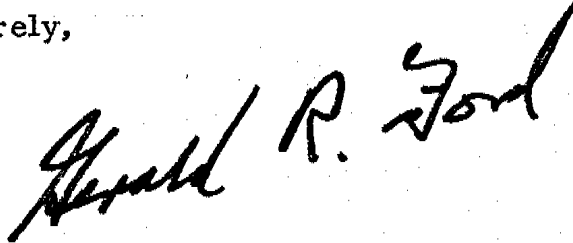
As you know, we are currently conducting an intensive reassessment of our Middle East policy. This is still going on. The issues involved in the Middle East problem are sensitive and complex, and I have therefore asked Ambassador Eilts to convey to you orally our current thinking. I would, of course, welcome any views you may have. Once the reassessment is completed, I will again be in touch with you.

You discussed with Vice President Rockefeller the possibility that we might meet somewhere in Europe. I welcome that opportunity and would like to suggest a

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meeting, perhaps in early June. I have asked Ambassador Eilts to discuss details with you. I share your view that something tangible should come out of that meeting in order to further cement the relations between our two countries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style, with the first name "Gerald" being more prominent and the last name "Ford" following in a similar script.

His Excellency  
Anwar al-Sadat  
President of the  
Arab Republic of Egypt  
Cairo