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QUOTE
MR FOREIGN MINISTER, KNOWING HOW CAREFULLY YOU CHOOSE YOUR WORDS, I HAVE TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE INSISTENCE WITH WHICH YOU POINT OUT THAT I SHALL NOT RETURN THIS EVENING AND GIVEN OUR PAST EXPERIENCES HAVING MADE SO MANY FINAL DEPARTURE STATEMENTS, I JUST WOULDN'T COUNT ON IT COMPLETELY. I AGREE WITH WHAT AUBREY HAS SAID ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LAST MONTH. I BELIEVE IT CAN MARK A TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST. PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE CONTENT OF THE AGREEMENT, BUT EVEN MORE SO IF WE THINK OF THE GULF OF SUSPICION, LACK OF CONFIDENCE AND SUFFERING THAT HAD TO BE BRIDGED IN ORDER TO BRING BOTH SIDES TO THE POINT WHERE THEY COULD TAKE THE RISK FOR PEACE THAT THEY HAVE IN FACT TAKEN, HAVING OVERCOME THESE OBSTACLES ONCE THERE IS NOW HOPE THAT WE CAN MOVE TO A PERIOD OF LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
IT HAS BEEN JUMANLY A VERY PROFOUND EXPERIENCE TO ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES AND ME, AND I SHARE COMPLETELY WHAT THE FOREING MINISTER HAS SAID ABOUT WHAT HAS GROWN UP BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND THE ISRAELI NEGOTIATORS AND IF AUBREY PERMITS ME THE FRIENDSHIP THAT HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED BETWEEN THE FOREING MINISTERS. IT HAS A NUMBER OF VERY POLITE AND KIND THINGS HAVE BEEN SAID ABOUT MY INDIVIDUAL ROLE, BUT WHAT MAKES MY COLLEAGUES AND ME MOST PROUD IS TO THINK THAT AFTER TEN YEARS OF ANGUISH IN THE UNITED STATES IT HAS BEEN AMERICAN THAT HAS BEEN SUFFICIENTLY TRUSTED BY BOTH SIDES. IT IS AMERICA WHOSE VALUES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED SUFFICIENTLY

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RELEVANT SO THAT IT IS THE COUNTRY THAT COULD MAKE THE CONTRIBUTION IN WHICH BOTH SIDES COULD TRUST ITS GOOD FAITH, AND SO THAT IT IS OUR VALUES OF COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND TO A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL OF MANKIND THAT HAS BEEN REPRESENTED AS THE AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS, AND IF I MAY CONCLUDE WITH A PERSONAL WORD TO AUREY, HE IS MAKING VERY SURE THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE TO GO TO BEN GURION AIRPORT BY RETIRING FROM GOVERNMENT, A DECISION WHICH ALL OF HIS FRIENDS HOPE AND ALL ANALYSTS REALIZE, MUST BE TEMPORARY. WE ALL KNOW HIS ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTION IN SYMBOLIZING WHAT ISRAEL STANDS FOR AND HIS STATURE WHICH FAR TRANSCENDS THAT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF A SINGLE COUNTRY. I WOULD LIKE TO WISH HIM IN HIS BRIEF PERIOD OF REST ALL THE BEST, ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFLECTING WHICH THE LAST MONTH DID NOT PROVIDE AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER AGAIN AS I KNOW THAT OUR PATHS WILL CONTINUE TO CROSS WHETHER OR NOT THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS IN OFFICE. SO ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY AND TO TELL THEM THAT WE KNOW OF THEIR DEDICATION TO PEACE AND WE HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO BRINGING THEM THAT MOST VALUABLE OF ALL GOALS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. UNQUOTE
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