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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE HONORABLE HENRY A. KISSINGER
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM EGYPTIAN PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR
FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS HAFIZ ISMAIL

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"MR. ISMAIL WISHES TO THANK DR. KISSINGER FOR HIS MESSAGE DATED 8 OCTOBER 73. HE WISHES ALSO TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S GOOD INTENTIONS AND ITS PREPAREDNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS TO BE DEPLOYED TO REACH PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"MR. ISMAIL'S MESSAGE OF 7 OCTOBER 73 WAS INTENDED, FIRSTLY TO RE-ESTABLISH CONTACTS [REDACTED] BETWEEN THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE PRESIDENCY. AND, SECONDLY TO CLARIFY, DIRECTLY TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THE EGYPTIAN POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ON QUESTIONS SO SERIOUS AND URGENT AS THOSE RAISED IN OUR MESSAGE. I DO HOWEVER WISH TO CONFIRM AGAIN.

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"(1) ISRAEL SHOULD WITHDRAW TO THE 5 JUNE 67 LINE. A PEACE CONFERENCE WILL THEN BE HELD TO WORK OUT A FINAL PEACE AGREEMENT.

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"(2) THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY TALK ABOUT PLACING THE TERRITORIES EVACUATED BY ISRAEL UNDER INTERNATIONAL OR ANY OTHER "CONTROL". THIS WOULD INFRINGE UPON EGYPT'S SOVEREIGNTY.

"(3) THE PROVISION OF AN INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE FOR A LIMITED DURATION IN SHARM EL SHEIKH IS ACCEPTABLE TO SUPERVISE FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION IN THE STRAITS OF TIRAN.

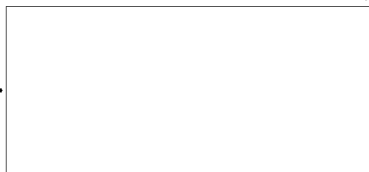
"MR. ISMAIL WOULD LIKE TO SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW DR. KISSINGER'S ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS:

"(1) THE MOVEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN 6TH FLEET IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

"(2) THE CONTINUOUS FLOW OF VOLUNTEERS INTO ISRAEL, SOMETIMES BY AMERICAN CIVIL AIRCRAFT.

"(3) THE BOMBING BY ISRAEL OF THE CITY OF PORT SAID. SUCH DEVELOPMENTS, AS DR. KISSINGER IS WELL AWARE, CAN CREATE A NEW AND GRAVER SITUATION AND TEND TOWARD THE EXTENSION RATHER THAN THE CONFINEMENT OF THE CONFLICT.

"BEST REGARDS."



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