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Sadat's Press Statement after his talks With Kissinger

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After Kissinger's departure from the villa where the talks had taken place Sadat met with Egyptian correspondents and issued the following statement:

Sadat stated: I thank Kissinger for his efforts and I believe that the U S has now a new position and which reflected openly good intentions, a development that enabled the resumption of relations between Egypt and the U.S.

He added that Kissinger's visit to the region signified American intentions to obtain a solution and on this basis the relations between our two countries would be renewed. Sadat talked about separation of forces on the Syrian front and said that Syria was directly involved and we (Egypt) cooperated on the basis that we fight a common battle. He said that we cooperated in this matter as a party ready to help.

Sadat added that he assumes that separation of forces on the Syrian front would be achieved in the manner that it was achieved on the Egyptian front, moving through four preparatory stages leading toward agreement: The Six Points, Kilometer 101, the Geneva Conference and the Aswan talks.

Sadat said that separation of forces on the Syrian front would profit from our (Egypt's) experience and begin based on this experience. He also said that disengagement on the Egyptian front was carried out precisely as planned and the main thing now is preparation for the next stage and we have already made (such) preparations.

Sadat said that the second stage of the Geneva Conference was conditional on separation of forces on the Syrian front and also the obvious fact that without the Palestinians one could not discuss peace in Geneva.

Sadat said that he had invited Hussein to visit Cairo after his visit to Washington. He also said that Nixon and Brandt would visit Cairo in 1974.

He added that he would contact Assad in the next few hours.

He said also that he would meet with Gromyko on March 2.

Sadat also talked about the areas of cooperation between Egypt and the U.S. and said that there existed cooperation in the field of clearing the Suez Canal, an effort that required technical means which were at the disposal of the U.S.

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