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FEBRUARY 7, 1974  
TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT  
FROM: AMBASSADOR EILTS, CAIRO 110

1. RE YOUR MESSAGE OF FEBRUARY 5, I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ASHRAF MARWAN ABOUT PROPOSED VISIT OF WALDMANN AND SAMSON. HE SAYS A FEBRUARY 12 DATE IS AGREEABLE AND THAT BOTH WALDMANN AND SAMSON ARE WELCOME. HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO INCLUSION OF USG OFFICIAL ON TEAM. I SUBSEQUENTLY MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH OMAR SIRRI OF FOREIGN MINISTRY TO AUTHORIZE GHORBAL TO ISSUE THE NECESSARY VISAS. HE TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT HE HAD DONE SO.

MORI/CFD, C03352039

2. REGARDING THE EGYPTIAN DESIRE TO HAVE ONE OF THEIR BOEING 707'S CONFIGURED FOR PRESIDENTIAL USE, THERE IS EGYPTIAN BUREAUCRATIC CONFUSION ON THIS SCORE. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN BEIRUT'S 1343 INDICATING THAT SAUDI ROYAL COUNSELOR KAMAL ADHAM HAD ASKED LOCKHEED TO TALK TO EGYPTIANS ABOUT THIS MATTER. MARWAN HAS CONFIRMED TO ME THAT ADHAM DID SO AT HIS REQUEST.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

3. THE LOCKHEED GROUP'S SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH MARWAN AND EGYPTIAN AVIATION MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE REPORTED IN CAIRO 614 AND SHOW THE SHARP DICHOTOMY THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS HERE AS TO THE PARAMETERS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT. AS IS SO OFTEN THE CASE, THERE IS INADEQUATE COORDINATION BETWEEN MINISTRIES AND OFFICIALS. I UNDERSTAND A BOEING REPRESENTATIVE IS EXPECTED NEXT WEEK IN CAIRO IN RESPONSE TO AVIATION MINISTRY'S REQUEST THAT BOEING PROVIDE A READILY INSTALLABLE "KIT" FOR SUCH VIP PURPOSES. I THINK WE SHOULD LET MATTERS TAKE THEIR COURSE ON THIS ONE AND LEAVE IT TO EGYPTIANS TO SORT OUT THEIR DIS-AGREEMENT. WHICHEVER WAY EGYPTIANS DECIDE TO GO ON THIS, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THEY WILL FINANCE THE

State Dept. review completed

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PROJECT--AND ESPECIALLY THE MORE GRANDIOSE ONE MARWAN  
ENVISAGES. I SUSPECT THEY WILL LOOK TO US FOR FINANCIAL  
HELP.

4. WARM REGARDS.  
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