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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Field Marshal Mohamed Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense
   and Military Production
Arab Republic of Egypt
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Colleague:

(C) Following our very productive October meetings in Cairo, several steps have been taken in response to your requests.

• (C) Our Navies are meeting to discuss the upgrading of your countermine warfare capability.

• (C) Our staffs were able to develop several options for your Peace Vector III program. The USAF has further advised me that they have extended an invitation for your aerial demonstration team to visit the USAF Thunderbirds at Nellis Air Force Base.

• (C) The U.S. Navy has been able to expedite initial deliveries of AIM-7F missiles for employment with your new Skyguard Air Defense System. We are still reviewing the replacement pricing issue, and I can assure you we will offer you the lowest possible price permitted by U.S. law.

• (C) We are closely studying your list of technology transfer requests, and are committed to providing you the systems necessary to counter the threat you face. My staff will relay the status of each item through the Egyptian Procurement Office here in Washington and through General Musser in Cairo.

• (U) The recent signing of your Tank Plant contract with General Dynamics is a significant step forward in the development of your local defense industry. It was a distinct pleasure to approve financing for the entire contract through FMS credits.

(U) I enjoyed the opportunity to discuss these issues with you. These meetings always enhance our countries' relationship and advance our mutual goal of peace and stability in the Middle East.

Sincerely,

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