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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THROUGH: UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Egyptian President Anwar al Sadat

Time and Place: Wednesday, August 5, 1981, 1800-1845 hours, at Blair House

Participants:

US

Egypt

Secretary of Defense, Weinberger  
Deputy Secretary of Defense, Carlucci  
Under Secretary of Defense for  
Policy, Ikle  
Assistant Secretary, ISA, West  
Assistant Secretary of State,  
Vellotes  
Ambassador Atherton

President Sadat  
Dep. Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali  
Minister of Defense Abou Ghazala  
Minister of State for Presidency,  
Hassan  
Ambassador Ghorbal  
Defense Attache Kabli

Setting and Background:

(c) Your meeting with President Sadat will be a follow-on to the meeting you will have attended earlier in the day between the two Presidents. There is little doubt that Sadat will give you his view of the strategic situation in the region. Two constant themes in Sadat's meetings with us have been the encirclement of Egypt by the Soviet Union and the more direct threat posed to Egypt by Qadhafi. He may draw this threat for you with the use of charts and maps, similar to the ones General Ghazala showed you during his visit in May.

(c) More specifically, Sadat will probably discuss defense related items; and contingent on the security assistance decisions that he has received from the President in the morning meeting emphasize Egypt's need for greater assistance or emphasize the need for the US to move more rapidly in countering the Soviet threat. In any case, Sadat will limit himself to discussing the broad issues and not get bogged down in detail. He will likely defer to General Abou Ghazala on this, which in turn will generate a request for MOD Ghazala to have a follow-on meeting with you in the Pentagon. We stand ready to support such a meeting. He will possibly discuss the importance of reinvigorating the Peace Process and seek your support for this effort. We believe that he will not press too hard on any issues during this visit because, although politically isolated, he needs to develop a new and good working relationship with the Reagan Administration. He has economic difficulty at home, a slowdown in normalization

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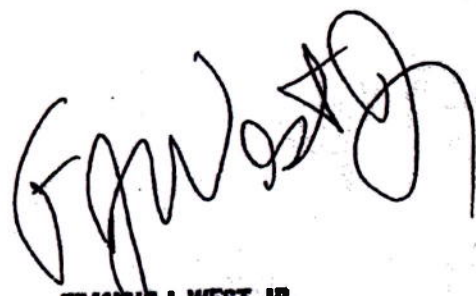
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with Israel and is still ostracized by most of the other Arabs and cannot afford to lose this opportunity. As the first Arab leader to visit the Reagan White House, he needs to come away with assurances that we support him as the first among peers in the Arab world and that comprehensive peace in the region is a major foreign policy goal of the United States.

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