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KEY POINTS IN ALEXANDRIAN TOAST

(With lines from toast draft)

1. Praise of the city and its contributors

Whatever achievements man's soaring spirit may move him to, he reaches out with one foot firmly planted in Alexandria.

2. U.S. -Egyptian joint role in peacemaking

We are joined together by history as partners in human progress, and today we give new emphasis and new meaning to this partnership.

We can and we should work together to make the world of the future the best possible reflection of all the greatness and nobility that is our common heritage.

3. Mutual benefit from better relationships

We look to a new era of new relationships, of mutual cooperation and mutual benefit.

4. Peace means progress

Peace can foster progress, providing an atmosphere in which prosperity can grow and not be eaten away by the costs of war.

5. Praise of President Sadat

Egypt is fortunate to have at this time in her history a leader of vision and wisdom and courage in the highest tradition of her greatest statesmen.

I look forward to our growing personal relationship, as the leaders of two great peoples.

We spoke frankly and with confidence. I believe the results have been excellent and will continue to be.

6. Historical nature of event

As I traveled toward Egypt this week, I could not help thinking how my journey retraced a historical line: a line beginning in what our history books call the New World, crossing to the Old World, which was Europe, and then coming to Egypt -- the hub of the Ancient World, upon whose accomplishments and achievements so much of Western culture and civilization rests.

Just as those events which occurred here thousands of years ago affected the entire world -- both then and throughout history, what happens here now in this last quarter of the twentieth century will affect the world.

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