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SUBJECT MESSAGE TO PRISIDENT SADAT

YOU SHOULD PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO SADAT
THROUGH FAHMI AS QUICKLY AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE:

'DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

'I HAVE JUST COMPLETED MY TALKS IN ISRAEL AND WANT YOU
TO KNOW THAT I HAD VERY GOOD DISCUSSIONS ON EGYPTIAN-
ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT ALONG THE LINES OF MY DISCUSSION WITH
YOU. I AM CONFIDENT THAT A SERIOUS AND SUCCESSFUL
NEGOTIATION IS POSSIBLE WHEN THE WORKING GROUP STARTS ITS
TALKS IN GENEVA IN EARLY JANUARY AND THAT IT CAN BE
COMPLETED DURING JANUARY. I SHALL SPEAK FURTHER TO YOUR
FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT THIS WHEN WE MEET IN GENEVA.
" THE IMPORTANT ISSUE NOW REMAINS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS
OF NEGOTIATION. THE ISRAELIS HAVE TOLD ME THAT THEY ARE
PREPARED TO BEGIN DISCUSSION OF AN ISRAELI-SYRIAN
DISENGAGEMENT PROMPTLY AND TO ALLOW THE 15,000 OR SO
SYRIAN VILLAGERS DISPLACED IN THE RECENT WAR TO RETURN TO
THEIR HOMES. BEFORE ANY OF THIS IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER,
SYRIA MUST PROVIDE A LIST OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR THEY
HOLD AND MUST ALLOW RED CROSS VISITS TO THOSE PRISDCERS.
I BELIEVE I CAN BE HELPFUL IN A SERIOUS DISENGAGEMENT
EFFORT ON THIS FRONT AS ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT BUT ONLY
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CONFERENCE. INDEED, I CANNOT
GUARANTEE THAT ISRAEL EILL STAY AT THE PLENARY SESSION OF
THE CONFERENCE IF SYRIA IS PRESENT AND HAS NOT PROVIDED A
PRISONER LIST BEFORE THE CONFERENCE. I HOPE THAT YOU CAN

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USE YOUR INFLUENCE TO PERSUADE SYRIA TO CREATE THE
CONDITIONS FOR THE PROGRESS WHICH IS NOW SO ATTAINABLE.
"AS I LEAVE THE MIDDLE EAST, MR. PRESIDENT, I WANT NOT
ONLY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY BUT ALSO TO TELL
YOU AGAIN HOW MUCH I CONTINUE TO ADMIRE THE STATESMANSHIP
WITH WHICH YOU ARE PROCEEDING.
"WARM PERSONAL REGARDS.
"HENRY A. KISSINGER".
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