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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH UAR PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT, DECEMBER  
24, 1970

1. SAMI SHARAF'S OFFICE SENT WORD THIS MORNING THAT PRESIDENT  
SADAT WOULD LIKE TO SEE ME AT NOON AT THE BARRAGES REST HOUSE.  
UPON ARRIVAL I FOUND HIM IN THE GARDEN AND WE SAT THERE TO-  
GETHER ENJOYING EGYPT'S WONDERFUL WINTER SUN.

2. SADAT OPENED HIS REMARKS BY WISHING ME A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND NOTING HIS OWN BIRTHDAY WAS DECEMBER 25. HE SAID HE HAD  
BEEN DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIXON WHICH  
I HAD SENT HIM THROUGH PRIMIN FAWZI. SADAT SAID LIFE WAS A  
MATTER OF ACTION AND REACTION, AND PRESIDENT NIXON'S FRIENDLY  
ACTION DESERVED A SIMILAR REACTION FROM HIM. OUR MEETING WAS  
UNOFFICIAL, HE CONTINUED. HE WANTED TO OPEN HIS HEART TO ME IN  
THE HOPE I WOULD PASS HIS INNERMOST FEELINGS ON TO PRESIDENT NIXON.

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