1. IN MY LENGTHY TALK WITH SADAT ON APRIL 1, HE REMINISCED AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH NASSER.

2. SADAT SAID THAT IN FEBRUARY 1968, NASSER MADE A DECISION TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. I REMEMBER DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THIS WAS PERIOD OF NASSER'S INTERVIEW WITH LOOK RESSCIND CHARGE OF US INVOLVEMENT IN JUNE WAR AND MY OWN DETAINED NEGOT WITH MOHAMED RIAD RE MODALITIES OF RESUMPTION. NASSER REVEALED THIS TO HIS INNER CIRCLE AT ASWAN WHERE NASSER IN GREAT PAIN FROM CIRCULATORY PROBLEM IN HIS LEGS WAS TRYING TO GET SOME REST. SADAT SAID HE LED THE PACK IN TALKING NASSER OUT OF IT. THEY VENCIITED NASSER THAT IN CIRCUMSTANCES THEN PREVAILING RESUMPTION COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED TO EGYPTIAN PEOPLE OR TO ARAB WORLD.

3. SADAT SAID HE HAD BEEN EXCEEDINGLY DISTRUSTFUL OF US INTENTIONS TOWARDS EGYPT FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD AND CONSISTENTLY TOOK THAT LINE WITH NASSER. BUT HIS COMING INTO DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DESTINY OF EGYPT MEANT THAT HE COULD NO LONGER AFFORD THAT LUXURY. HE SAID ONLY THOSE WHO WERE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESTINIES OF A NATION AND ABOVE ALL FOR THE LIVES OF HIS PEOPLE COULD EVER APPRECIATE THE WEIGHT OF THAT RESPONSIBILITY. NO MATTER HOW CLOSE ONE MAY HAVE BEEN TO A LEADER ONE COULD NOT ACCURATELY ESTIMATE THE WEIGHT OF THAT LEADERSHIP UNTIL IT WAS ASSUMED.

4. SADAT INDICATED THAT HE CAME TO THE SUCCESSION BY A PROCESS OF ELIMINATION. HAKIM 'AMR HAD KILLED HIMSELF, ZAKARIYAH HAD OTHERS HAD QUARRELED WITH NASSER IN HIS TWO YEARS ON THE RARE OCCASIONS...
WHEN NASSER LEFT HIS HOUSE FOR SOCIAL PURPOSES, IT WAS PRACTICALLY ALWAYS TO DINE AND SPEND A THURSDAY EVENING WITH HIS FAMILY AND THE SADAT FAMILY AT THE SADAT HOUSE, "THE HOUSE ON THE PYRAMIDS ROAD". SADAT EMPHASIZED COMMENT: I THINK THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF TRUTH IN THIS. I WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED A FEW WEEKS AGO WHEN HEYKAL TOLD ME THAT WHILE NASSER WAS ALIVE, HE AND HIS WIFE HAD NEVER BEEN INTIMATE WITH THE NASSER FAMILY. HEYKAL SAW NASSER ALONE A GREAT DEAL. AND NASSER WAS A GREAT COMPULSIVE TELEPHONER TO HEYKAL, BUT THE TWO FAMILIES WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS.