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Dear Mr. President:

The Apollo lunar landing program conducted by the United States has been brought to a successful conclusion. Men from the planet Earth have reached the first milestone in space. But as we stretch for the stars, we know that we stand also upon the shoulders of many men of many nations here on our own planet. In the deepest sense, any exploration of the moon was truly an international effort.

It is for this reason that, on behalf of the people of the United States, I present this flag, which was carried to the moon, to the people of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and this fragment of the moon rock from the final lunar mission of the Apollo program.

If people of many nations can set aside their differences to achieve the dreams of many generations, then surely we can act in humanity's defense of peace and tranquility. In this spirit the people of the Arab Republic of Egypt have a great deal to contribute to the spirit that united the American people in the United States and what we can achieve with all nations.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Amr al-Sadat
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt
Cairo

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