

A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE

held by

PRESIDENT ANWAR EL SADAT

and

CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT

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Following the talks with Chancellor Schmidt, and at the beginning of the press conference held by the two Presidents, President Sadat declared :

I am here to convey a message of friendship and peace to the people of the Federal Republic of Germany, from the people of Egypt who are looking forward to establish close ties with your noble people. They wish to establish ties of friendship with a people of such glorious, intellectual and civilisational heritage and who own the creative power of achievement in the various fields of life.

May peace be upon the world, so that man can enjoy a safe and secure life, free from fear and worry, to enable him to devote all his powers to the establishment of a better life for the coming generations.

You know that your people are particularly appreciated in our country for many reasons, such as the deep historic ties between us and the cultural interaction which developed throughout the ages and was so beautifully personified in the works of your great

poet, Goethé; perhaps also because of the extended horizons of cooperation between us at present and in future.

I am happy to say that the talks with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt were just as I expected; they fulfilled my hopes since they revealed complete understanding of the political aims of each of us, and our mutual wish to consolidate the bridges of cooperation between our two countries and our two peoples.

I found him to be a model of the perfect and wise statesman; he enjoys a penetrating vision which makes him deeply aware of the circumstances of our contemporary world. He believes that the will of the struggling peoples to achieve peace and freedom must ultimately triumph.

I shall proceed to talk to the responsible officials in the different parts of the Republic of Federal Germany, which are covered by my programme of visit. I will be pleased to further my knowledge of the phases of activities of the German people.

We are looking forward to deepen and develop cooperation between us in all fields, and we shall see to it that necessary steps are taken to achieve this goal for the interest of both countries and both peoples.