MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL ERNEST ECONOMOY
THE WHITE HOUSE

August 15, 1974

Subject: Letter to Former President Nixon from President Sadat

Attached for appropriate handling is a letter from President Sadat of Egypt to Former President Nixon expressing appreciation for Mr. Nixon's friendly attitude toward Egypt and recalling his visit with pleasure.

Paul Bankan
for Samuel R. Gammon
Acting Executive Secretary

Attachment:
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Dear Mr. Nixon,

At this juncture and after the very difficult decision you so courageously took, I would like to express to you, once again, my deep-felt appreciation as well as that of the Egyptian people for the friendly attitude you adopted towards my country and the farsightedness and wisdom of your policy which made it possible to initiate steps aiming at restoring confidence and friendship between the American people and the Arab nation. This has been an outstanding achievement that will be long remembered with satisfaction.

I recall with the greatest of pleasure your visit to Egypt and I particularly remember our talks which so strongly reflected our firm belief to bring about a just and durable peace in the area.

Mrs. Sadat joins me in wishing you and Mrs. Nixon every happiness and contentment.

With warmest personal regards,

Anwar El Sadat

13 August 1974
MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: President Sadat's Message to Former President Nixon

Attached is a draft reply from former President Nixon to Egyptian President Sadat's message on the occasion of Mr. Nixon's departure from office.

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
1. Draft reply to President Sadat.
2. Text of President Sadat's Message.

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August 19, 1974
Dear Mr. President:

My family and I deeply appreciate your thoughtful message. Our two countries have made considerable progress in deepening the ties of friendship and cooperation which are so necessary if a just and lasting peace is to be achieved in the Middle East.

President Ford has stressed the continuity of U.S. policy and his commitment that the U.S., as in the past, will play an active role in the difficult and complex Middle East negotiations which lie ahead. Your wisdom and statesmanship coupled with President Ford's determination to move ahead on our mutual course gives me confidence that a fair and just Middle East settlement will be reached.

Mrs. Nixon and I will treasure the memory of our magnificent reception in Egypt in June, which did so much to further the deepening friendship between our two countries.

Again, permit me to express my gratitude for your kind thoughts and to wish you good health and continued success in leading your country to a bright and peaceful future.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

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