

Sincerely,

Dear President Sadat:

I deeply appreciate the warm and gracious reception which you and other members of your ^{Richard Nixon} Government extended to the United States delegation attending President Nasser's funeral. The grief ~~and that~~ which I know you personally felt at the President's death makes your act of receiving the delegation a most generous one. I was distressed to hear of your collapse the day before and I most sincerely hope that you will have a rapid and complete recovery.

President Nasser was a great leader who will go down in history as having shaped the destiny of his nation. He had that gift sought by all leaders but possessed by so few of identifying with his people's most deeply felt needs and aspirations. His influence extended far beyond the borders of the United Arab Republic. His last acts were to attempt to bring peace to the area and to stop the fighting between his own Arab brothers. They were both acts of courage and statesmanship. I am encouraged by your assurance to Secretary Richardson that under your leadership the United Arab Republic will pursue these policies.

As you assume the heavy burdens of office, Mr. President, I extend to you my sincere wishes for success in your effort to bring the blessings of peace and a better life to your people.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon