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TO: USINT CAIRO, NIAC, IMMEDIATE

INFO: AMBASSADY TRIPOLI, NIAC, IMMEDIATE

AMBASSADY TEL AVIV, IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: SHOOTING DOWN LIBYAN AIRCRAFT

1. PLEASE CONVEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING

MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SADAT:

QUOTE: DEAR PRESIDENT SADAT:

I WAS DEEPLY SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE LOSS OF LIFE AMONG WHOM THERE WERE APPARENTLY MANY EGYPTIANS ABOARD THE LIBYAN AIRLINER WHICH WAS SHOT DOWN OVER SINAI. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONDOLENCES TO YOU PERSONALLY AND TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES OVER THIS TRAGEDY.

SINCERELY YOURS,

RICHARD NIXON (UNQUOTE)

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