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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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