

Remarks of Welcome to President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt
October 27, 1975

Mr. President:

It is really a great honor for me to personally—as well as President of the United States—welcome you to our country. We established in Salzburg a warm personal friendship, which I look forward to expanding during your visit to the United States.

I am particularly pleased that Mrs. Sadat and other members of your family are with you on this historic first state visit to the United States by an Egyptian leader.

The United States Government respects your farsighted statesmanship and wisdom and your unswerving dedication to the well-being of the Egyptian people and to all of the Arab people.

You, Mr. President, have helped to bring about historic new developments in the Middle East. It is our fervent hope that these developments will lead to durable peace for all peoples of that region.

The overriding purpose of our discussions will be to assure that progress toward peace will not stop. The process of peaceful negotiations between the Arab States and Israel must move to new fronts and to new issues.

United States policy in the Middle East has two primary objectives. First, we seek peace. We have made extraordinary efforts in the last 2 years to help the nations of the Middle East find peace. Much has been achieved.

The world has seen that it is possible to negotiate in the Middle East that agreements can be reached, despite a legacy of bitter conflict and mutual distrust. The process of peace has only begun. We are committed to continue. The efforts of the United States will continue until the nations directly concerned achieve a peace just to all the peoples of the Middle East.

Second, we desire a strong and mutually beneficial relationship with you.

