SPEECH

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President and Mrs. Ford,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I hope I have adequately expressed my feeling, and that of the Egyptian people, towards President Ford and the people of the United States. What I would like to add, however, is that the more I meet with President Ford and pursue with him the stimulating talks and pleasant conversations, the more confirmed becomes the initial impression I got when I first met him. His personality conveys to anyone who gets to know him a sense of confidence, genuineness and warmth.

As you know, President Ford and I will meet again more than once before I leave your beautiful country, and we will have the chance to solidify our relations even further. But let me now express my admiration of President Ford's method of dealing with different situations and his enlightened approach to people and human relations. From this standpoint, he can achieve tremendous progress in various domains and the United States, under his leadership, can reach new horizons commensu-
rate with the challenges of our time. I have no doubt that he will play a most constructive role, both in bringing about peace in the Middle East and in solving complex international problems.

It is an asset that he has an able and dedicated Secretary of State who is a man of experience and vision.

While I propose a toast for President Ford, his charming wife and for the friendship between the American and Egyptian peoples, I am sure that I am expressing sentiments which are genuinely reciprocated by President Ford, his assistants and compatriots towards a country that is known for its fortitude, culture and historical heritage.

I am certain that when my visit is completed, the picture will be clearer to the American public, to Government officials and legislators. This would definitely lead to cementing the relations between the American people and the Egyptian people as well as the entire Arab nation.