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ATHENS AND BEIRUT FOR VOA.

SUBJECT: SADAT ADDRESSES ASU CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1. PRESIDENT SADAT CHAIRED FIRST PLENARY SESSION OF ASU'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE AUGUST 8. AHRAM HEADLINE SAYS SADAT SEES CRISIS ENTERING COMPLEX STAGE AND THAT EGYPT HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT WIN VICTORY. GUMHURIYYA AND AKHBAR HEADLINES PREDICT BATTLE COMING. FOLLOWING BASED ON PRESS ACCOUNTS SADAT'S ADDRESS TO ASU GATHERING:

2. SADAT REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN CEASEFIRE SITUATION SINCE NASSER'S DEATH AND REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THAT US PEACE INITIATIVE HAD FAILED OWING TO STUBBORN AMERICAN-ISRAELI ATTITUDE. SAID THAT HIS OWN FEBRUARY 4 INITIATIVE FOR RE-OPENING CANAL
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WAS BASED ON FIVE CONDITIONS, ALL OF WHICH ISRAEL HAD
REJECTED. THESE CONDITIONS SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:
(A) EGYPTIAN WILLING RE-OPEN CANAL TO FACILITATE INTERNATIONAL
NAVIGATION; (B) EGYPT CANNOT ACCEPT PARTIAL AGREEMENT ON
RE-OPENING CANAL EXCEPT AS FIRST PHASE IN ACHIEVING OVERALL
SOLUTION, i.e., ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL TERRITORIES
OCCUPIED AFTER JUNE 4, 1967; (C) EGYPTIAN TROOPS MUST
CROSS TO CANAL'S EAST BANK; (D) CEASEFIRE MUST BE LIMITED TO
SIX MONTHS BY END OF WHICH PERIOD, SHOULD JARRING FAIL TO
ACHIEVE OVERALL SOLUTION, EGYPT'S ARMY RESERVES RIGHT TO CARRY
OUT LIBERATION OPERATIONS; AND (E) THERE SHOULD BE NO
DISCUSSION OF EGYPT'S INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES AND NO SURRENDER
OF AN INCH OF LAND.

3. SADAT REPORTEDLY SAID THAT ALTHOUGH SECRETARY ROGERS
HAD ADMITTED THAT EGYPT HAD MADE EVERY REASONABLE OFFER TO
ACHIEVE PEACE, US HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONVINCE ISRAEL ACCEPT
EGYPT'S CONDITIONS, REFERRING TO NEWS REPORTS THAT SISCO'S
VISIT TO ISRAELI AND FAILED, SADAT SAID EGYPT HAS NOT RECEIVED
ANY OFFICIAL CLARIFICATION ABOUT VISIT FROM USS.

4. SADAT SAID HE HAD MADE JUST ONE REQUEST OF US, NAMELY THAT
IT DEFINE ITS POSITION ON MID EAST CONFLICT SINCE ISRAEL HAS
NOW PUBLICLY DEMONSTRATED THAT IT WANTS TERRITORIAL EXPANSION
AND NOT PEACE, SAID US MUST DEFINE ITS STAND SINCE THAT
STAND DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN PEACE AND WAR.

5. SADAT SAID HIS LATEST MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT NIXON HAD
STRESSED THAT CONTINUED ISRAELI AGGRESSION PLACED EGYPT AT
CROSSROAD BETWEEN PEACE OR WAR. HE SAID HE FOUND PRESIDENT
NIXON'S REPLY CONTAINED NICE APPRAISAL OF EGYPTIAN CIVILIZATION
BUT NO POSITIVE STEP. NEVERTHELESS, SADAT CONTINUED, EGYPT
IS NOT CLOSING DOOR TO FURTHER CONTACTS WITH US WHICH IS ONE
OF TWO SUPER POWERS IN WORLD AND ONE WHICH SUPPLIES ISRAEL WITH
EVERYTHING FROM BREAD TO PHANTOMS. SADAT SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE
MESSAGES HE HAD EXCHANGED WITH PRESIDENT NIXON TO CENTRAL
COMMITTEE'S SECRETARIAT FOR THEIR PERUSAL.

6. SADAT THANKED USSR FOR ITS ASSISTANCE AND SAID THAT TREATY
SIGNED LAST MAY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES PLACED RELATIONS
BETWEEN THEM WITHIN THEIR NATIONAL FRAMEWORK. ADDED THAT THERE
WERE NO SECRET AGREEMENTS OR ANNEXES TO TREATY. HE ALSO HAD
WORDS OF PRAISE FOR NONALIGNED STATES, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, OAU, FRANCE, BRITAIN AND EEC.

7. SADAT SAID HE WOULD CONVENE MEETING OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND PRESENT DETAILED FINAL REPORT ON ATTITUDES OF ALL PARTIES TOWARD CONFLICT, "IN ORDER TO DEFINE A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY OF OUR BATTLE, FOR WE ARE BOUND TO MAKE A DECISION BEFORE THE END OF 1971." "THE BATTLE," HE SAID, "IS UNDOUBTEDLY COMING. THIS IS THE ONLY FACT IN THE CONFLICT, AS FAITHFULLY EXPRESSED BY GAMAL ABDEL NASSER THAT 'WHAT MIGHT HAS TAKEN, MIGHT SHALL RESTORE.' THE WHOLE WORLD HAS COME TO APPRECIATE OUR ATTITUDE, OUR DUTY AND OUR RIGHT TO LIBERATE THE LAND AND TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THIS ZIONIST INVASION WHICH POSES THE GREATEST DANGER TO OUR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS." SADAT REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED POLITICAL-MILITARY ASPECT HIS SPEECH SAYING: "WE ARE GOING THROUGH AN EXTREMELY COMPLICATED STAGE BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO THROUGH THIS STAGE WITH HOPE AND SACRIFICE, WITH ALL OFFERINGS FOR LIBERATION AND VICTORY. WE SHALL TRIUMPH, GOD WILLING."

8. REMAINDER OF SPEECH APPARENTLY DEVOTED TO ASU INTERNAL MATTERS, BUT SADAT REPORTEDLY WARNED ASU THAT IT MUST BEHAVE OF ANY ATTEMPT TO RESTORE CENTERS OF POWER WHICH HAD CORRUPTED POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LIFE. SADAT SAID ASU CANNOT BEHAVE AS AN EXECUTIVE OR LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY.