ments didn't defuse only the explosive situation but has opened the way to a comprehensive settlement. So, adhering to the Camp David two documents, for sure we shall be reaching an agreement.

Q. What is the main obstacle now, President Sadat? What is the main problem you still must solve?

PRESIDENT SADAT. I think—and it may appear, I mean, ridiculous—some words here or there, only some words here or there.

Q. Can that be resolved by tomorrow night, by Saturday night?

PRESIDENT SADAT. Between me and President Carter, be sure of one thing: Whatever arises between me and President Carter, we are identical, and we shall continue to be identical.

CORRESPONDENT. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

NOTE: The exchange began at 11:05 a.m. on board the train. Participants included Walter Cronkite of CBS News, John Chancellor of NBC News, and Peter Jennings of ABC News.

Following the trip, the President went to Ras-al-Tin Palace, where he stayed during his visit to Alexandria.

Alexandria, Egypt

White House Statement Following a Meeting Between President Carter and President Sadat. March 9, 1979

President Sadat and President Carter continued their discussions of the peace process and other matters of mutual interest. The discussions lasted from about 7:05 p.m. until 8 p.m. and were conducted in the atmosphere of friendship and candor.

Participants in the meeting were:

On the American side:
- President Carter
- Secretary of State Cyrus Vance
- Secretary of Defense Harold Brown
- Zbigniew Brzezinski, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
- Harold Saunders, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs
- Ambassador Herman Eilts
- Ambassador at Large Roy Atherton
- Bill Quandt, NSC staff

On the Egyptian side:
- President Sadat
- Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil
- Vice President Husni Mubarak
- General Hassan Ali, Defense Minister
- Ahmed al-Sayegh, Economics Minister
- Ambassador Ashraf Ghorbal
- Hassan Kamel, Chief of Protocol
- Butrus Ghali, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Secretary Vance and Prime Minister Khalil met this afternoon from 3:30 until 5 p.m. at the Palestine Hotel. Their discussions focused on the unresolved issues in the peace treaty negotiations.

The two Presidents will attend a working luncheon tomorrow at Mena House, near Cairo, to be followed by additional discussions.

President Carter will depart Egypt for Israel tomorrow evening.

NOTE: The meeting was held at Mamoura Palace.

Alexandria, Egypt

Toasts at a Dinner Honoring President Carter. March 9, 1979

PRESIDENT SADAT. . . . for the very noble cause of peace. My people have welcomed President Carter yesterday and