

President Sadat and I, in the car together, repledged ourselves not to disappoint those here, in Israel, among the Palestinians, among the countries also presently in a state of war, who depend on us and others to bring the long unrealized but deeply desired state of peace to this region.

Like you, Mr. President, I am dedicated to the cause of peace. Like you, Mr. President, I'm determined to persevere. Our common dedication, our common determination is rooted in the soil of common religious truth. Many signs said, "We believe in God." You and I, Mr. President, believe in God. We believe in truth, that truth takes different forms. But its underlying message is the same—it's a message of love, of faith, and of peace.

As we work together in the crucial discussions that are about to begin, let us pray God, in the words of the Christian Gospel, "to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The exchange began at 3:30 p.m. on the terrace of Qubba Palace, where the President stayed during his visit to Cairo.

Earlier in the day, President Sadat met the President at Cairo International Airport, and the two Presidents traveled by motorcade to the palace for the ceremony.

## Cairo, Egypt

*White House Statement Following a Meeting Between President Carter and President Sadat. March 8, 1979*

The discussions tonight began at 6:40 p.m. between President Carter and President Sadat. At about 7:10 p.m., the two Presidents were joined by Vice President Mubarak and Prime Minister Khalil on the Egyptian side and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Assistant to the Presi-

dent for National Security Affairs, Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, on the American side. These discussions concluded at 9:05 p.m.

The talks this evening focused almost entirely upon the unresolved issues and the negotiation of a treaty of peace between Egypt and Israel.

NOTE: The meeting was held at Tahra Palace. Following the meeting, the President returned to Qubba Palace.

## Train Trip From Cairo to Alexandria, Egypt

*Informal Exchange With American Television Correspondents. March 9, 1979*

PRESIDENT SADAT. This is my Georgia.

Q. It is what?

PRESIDENT SADAT. My Georgia.

PRESIDENT CARTER. This is President Sadat's home province.

Q. He says it is his Georgia.

PRESIDENT CARTER. That is right. He lives about a half hour from here.

I think it's obvious that these people want peace.

Q. How are the talks going, sir?

PRESIDENT CARTER. I think very well. We still have some problems, obviously. But President Sadat genuinely wants peace. So do I. So does Prime Minister Begin. We don't know yet what will happen until we get through with the talks.

Q. Do you have a feeling that you can wrap up this end of it on the scheduled trip?

Q. Will you be able to leave on schedule, sir?

PRESIDENT CARTER. I don't know.

Q. Maybe stay another day?

PRESIDENT CARTER. I don't know. I really don't know.