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SUBJECT: SECRETARY HAIG BACKGROUNDER

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A BACKGROUNDER GIVEN BY  
 SECRETARY HAIG TO U.S. NEWSMEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS  
 APPEARANCE ON THE OCTOBER 11 "MEET THE PRESS" PROGRAM.  
 THE BACKGROUNDER BEGAN AT 5:07 P.M. CAIRO TIME.

(BEGIN TEXT)

ALL RIGHT, AS PROMISED, I THOUGHT I WOULD MAKE MYSELF  
 AVAILABLE TO YOU BEFORE WE GET ON THE PLANE, AND WE ARE  
 ON OUR WAY THERE RIGHT AFTER THIS. AS YOU KNOW, THE  
 PURPOSE OF OUR VISIT WAS FIRST AND FOREMOST TO PAY THE  
 RESPECTS OF PRESIDENT REAGAN, THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT  
 AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF THE FUNERAL  
 OF PRESIDENT SADAT, BUT ALSO TO USE THIS OCCASION; AND  
 THE HIGH-LEVEL AMERICAN DELEGATION WHICH INVOLVED THE  
 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, OUR UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR JEANNE  
 KIRKPATRICK, THREE FORMER PRESIDENTS AND BIPARTISAN  
 LEADERSHIP OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE, WERE ALL DESIGNED--  
 AND HENRY KISSINGER, AS WELL, I DON'T WANT TO FORGET  
 HIM--WERE ALL DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO DEMONSTRATE  
 THE HEARTFELT LOSS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BUT ALSO THE

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## MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

HIGH LEVEL OF VALUE WE PUT ON THE AMERICAN-EGYPTIAN RELATIONSHIP. AND IT ALSO UNDERLINED TWO FACTORS IN THAT RELATIONSHIP THAT WILL HAVE TO HAVE IN THE POST-SADAT PERIOD SOMEWHAT INTENSIFIED ATTENTION. THE FIRST IS THE PEACE PROCESS ITSELF. AND THE TALKS WE HAD HERE AND THE TALK I HAD LAST NIGHT WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AFFIRMED THE UNEQUIVOCAL DEDICATION OF THE PARTIES TO THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE PROCESS AS IT PERTAINS TO THE AUTONOMY TALKS, THE TALKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, AND THE SINAI WITHDRAWAL PROCESS. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN WAS ESPECIALLY FERVENT IN REASSERTING HIS COMMITMENT TO THE TURNOVER OF THE SINAI ON SCHEDULE DURING APRIL OF 1982. BOTH SIDES WERE SPECIFIC ABOUT THEIR INTENTION TO SEEK A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO THE AUTONOMY TALKS. AND THE ORIGINAL APPROACH OF THE MEETINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE ALREADY IN THIS REGARD OFFER GREATER PROMISE THAN WE HAVE SEEN HERETOFORE, THAT THEY WILL BE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED. THERE ARE STILL MANY DIFFICULT QUESTIONS TO BE SOLVED. BUT ONE CANNOT TAKE EXCEPTION WITH THE ATTITUDE OF THE PARTIES. NOW WE'RE GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN THOSE TALKS. WE HAVE BEEN DOING IT AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL; AND AT WHATEVER MOMENT IT APPEARS THAT IT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRESS TO EVEN ESCALATE THE LEVEL OF OUR PARTICIPATION WE WILL DO SO.

NOW, THE OTHER ASPECT OF OUR INTENSIFICATION INVOLVES THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE REGION, NOT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO OUR ONGOING ASSISTANCE--ECONOMIC AND MILITARY-- TO EGYPT, BUT ALSO TO THE OTHER THREATENED REGIMES IN THE AREA WHO SHARE OUR VALUES, OR AT LEAST WHO WISH TO MAINTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY FREE FROM EXTERNAL MANIPULATION.

THERE, WE HAD TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUDAN, NIMEIRY; THE PRESIDENT OF SOMALIA, SIAD BARRE; I HAD A DISCUSSION WITH THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF OMAN, PRINCE FAHD; AND I ALSO HAD AN INTERESTING BUT SOMEWHAT BRIEFER DISCUSSION WITH THE HEAD OF STATE OF LIBERIA, MR. DOE, WHO IS ALSO THREATENED BY MISCHIEF-MAKING FROM LIBYA. NOW, WE HAVE TWO TEAMS IN THE AREA, A MILITARY TEAM HERE IN EGYPT WHICH IS STARTING DISCUSSIONS TODAY WHICH WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW ON STEPS THAT WE CAN TAKE BOTH IN TERMS OF THE EXERCISE I REFERRED TO IN THE MEET THE PRESS SESSION WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER--WHAT'S THE NAME OF IT? SHINING STAR? BRIGHT STAR? AND, POTENTIAL EARLIER DELIVERY OF CERTAIN MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN OUR

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PROGRAM FOR EGYPT.  
THE SECOND POLITICAL-MILITARY TEAM IS NOW ON ITS WAY TO  
SUDAN, WHERE WE WILL DISCUSS EARLY DELIVERY OF A  
NUMBER OF EQUIPMENT ITEMS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR  
DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A PROGRAM  
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OF TWO HUNDRED MILLION FOR SUDAN IN FY82, A HUNDRED  
OF WHICH IS MILITARY SALES, AND WE ARE LOOKING TO WAYS  
IN WHICH WE CAN EXPEDITE THAT, RECOGNIZING THAT THE  
FY 82 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT HAS YET TO BE APPROVED. BUT  
WE'RE GOING TO TAKE WHAT I CALL EMERGENCY ACTION TO HELP  
IN THAT SITUATION. NOW, I THINK IN GENERAL WE'LL  
LEAVE THE DISCUSSIONS WE'VE HAD HERE WHICH WENT BEYOND  
THOSE I JUST MENTIONED TO YOU, INCLUDING THE FOREIGN  
MINISTER OF JAPAN AND THE DISCUSSIONS I HAD WITH THE  
FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BRITAIN, GERMANY, FRANCE, AUSTRALIA,  
CANADA AND A WHOLE RANGE OF OTHERS WERE MORE ABBREVIATED,  
AT YESTERDAY'S FUNERAL CEREMONY. ALL CONVINCED ME THAT  
THERE IS A KEEN AWARENESS IN WESTERN CAPITALS THAT IT IS  
VERY IMPORTANT IN THIS POST-SADAT PERIOD THAT OUR CON-  
TINUED SUPPORT FOR EGYPT BE DEMONSTRATED IN A PERCEPTIBLE  
WAY, THAT THE PEACE PROCESS BE CONTINUED WITH A GREATER  
SENSE RATHER THAN A LESSENING SENSE OF URGENCY.

NOW I WELCOME YOUR QUESTIONS.

Q. MR SECRETARY, YOU SPOKE OF THE ACCELERATION OF MILITARY  
AID TO EGYPT. WHAT ABOUT INCREASED VISIBILITY FOR  
ECONOMIC AID?

A. WELL, IT'S CLEAR THAT EGYPT'S ECONOMIC NEEDS REMAIN  
VERY VERY URGENT AND VERY PRESSING, AS THEY HAVE BEEN FOR

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SOME TIME, AND THERE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL AID PROVIDED. IT IS A QUESTION WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK AT, TO SEE IF WE CAN EXPEDITE PROGRAM LEVELS WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIAL AS YOU KNOW AND TO ASSIST WITH THE BANKING COMMUNITY, THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING COMMUNITY, TO BE SURE THAT LOW-INTEREST LOANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT, COMMODITY CREDIT ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE AND, YES, THIS IS AN ASPECT OF OUR REVIEW WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT ONE.

Q. SIR, DID YOU ASK MR. BEGIN TO, OR SUGGEST TO HIM THAT HE GIVE SOME KIND OF GESTURE TO THE MUBARAK GOVERNMENT, SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF A POSSIBLE EARLIER WITHDRAWAL FROM THE LAST PORTION OF SINAI, OR SOMETHING OF THE KIND?

A. WELL, WE DISCUSSED IN GENERAL, AND I DON'T MAKE IT A HABIT OF LAYING FOR PUBLIC PRINT THE DETAILS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS. IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE. BUT I DISCUSSED WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND, INCIDENTALLY THIS IS A CONCERN HE SHARED, THE NEED TO MAKE PROGRESS, EARLY PROGRESS, WITH THE PEACEKEEPING PROCESS ITSELF, BOTH AS AN OBLIGATION OF THE LEGACY OF PRESIDENT SADAT AND A REFLECTION OF THE FACT THAT MR. BEGIN NOW BECOMES THE ONLY REMAINING MEMBER OF THE THREE PARTIES THAT LAUNCHED THIS PROCESS AND THEREFORE HE SENSES A STRONG OBLIGATION TO MEET ALL OF THE COMMITMENTS THAT WERE OUTLINED UNDER THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS. WE DID TALK ABOUT SOME MEANS OF HOW BEST TO DEMONSTRATE THIS. THEY INVOLVE A NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES WHICH I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD DISCUSS PUBLICLY.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, THE BRIGHT STAR THINGS, I UNDERSTAND HAVE BEEN UNDER, IN THE WORKS FOR A LONG TIME, ALMOST A YEAR. BY YOUR DESCRIPTION OF IT ON MEET THE PRESS JUST NOW, DID YOU MEAN TO IMPLY THAT IT IS BEING EXPANDED TO BRING IN MORE PARTIES, AND COULD YOU GIVE SOME DETAILS ON THAT?

A. WELL, I THINK ITS PREMATURE FOR ME TO DO THAT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DISCUSSIONS WHICH ARE UNDERWAY NOW WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO DO PRECISELY WHAT YOUR QUESTION SUGGESTS. IT IS TRUE THAT THIS EXERCISE HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR SOME TIME AND THE CHARACTER OF IT IS BEING MODIFIED AND EXPANDED TO REFLECT THE CURRENT SITUATION, AND I WOULD PREFER TO LET SECRETARY WEINBERGER AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS GET INTO THE DETAILS OF THAT WHEN ALL THOSE DETAILS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED, BECAUSE THEY ARE CURRENTLY BEING COORDINATED.

Q. WHO ARE THE GULF COUNTRIES THAT YOU...  
HAIG: I THINK I SPOKE, I FLESHED THAT OUT.  
NOT GULF COUNTRIES, I MEANT A GULF COUNTRY, UMAN,

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AND WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DISCUSSING WITH THEM  
HOW THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE. SO AGAIN, I DON'T WANT  
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TO GET OUT AHEAD OF REALITY, IT MAKES IT MORE DIFFI-  
CULT FOR US TO ACHIEVE WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE.

Q. I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE B-52'S WERE FOR, ARE  
THEY A PART OF THAT EXERCISE, THE B-52'S THAT YOU MEN-  
TIONED?

A. NO, NO THE B-52'S--THERE WAS A SPECULATIVE ARTICLE,  
I THINK, IN THE WASHINGTON POST TODAY ABOUT THEM, BUT  
WHAT I REALLY ADDED IN THE PROGRAM WAS THAT THAT IS  
ONE OF THE OPTIONS WE'RE CONSIDERING, NOT NECESSARILY  
THE DROPPING OF LIVE ORDINANCE. THE WAY THAT QUESTION  
WAS POSED IT WAS RATHER HARROWING.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, DO YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE  
THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE PREPARING NOW TO RECONSIDER  
THEIR DEFINITION OF AUTONOMY BEYOND ADMINISTRATIVE  
AUTONOMY, IN OTHER WORDS TO REDEFINE THE CONCEPT IN  
SUCH A WAY THAT IT COULD LEAD TO PROGRESS IN THE TALKS?

A. I WOULD PREFER NOT TO RISK PROGRESS IN THOSE TALKS  
BY SPECULATING ABOUT THE CHARACTER OF THEM.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT ARMS DELIVERIES  
TO EGYPT. IF I UNDERSTOOD YOU CORRECTLY YOU DIDN'T SAY  
"NEW" ARMS DELIVERIES, YOU SAID SPEEDING UP DELIVERIES,  
DIDN'T YOU?

A. WELL, THERE'S A SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL OF ARMS DELIV-

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ERIES PROGRAMMED FOR EGYPT. AND THE PROBLEM HAS NOT BEEN THE LEVEL, THE PROBLEM IN THE PAST HAS BEEN THE RATE OF DELIVERY. AND THIS IS A CONSEQUENCE OF WHAT CAP WEINBERGER HAS TALKED ABOUT REPEATEDLY AT HOME, THE PROBLEM OF OUR PRODUCTION BASE, OUR MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX WHICH SUPPORTS OUR ARMS REQUIREMENTS. SO, IT'S A QUESTION OF HOW QUICKLY WE CAN PRODUCE THE EQUIPMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED, AND IN THIS INSTANCE CERTAIN DIVERSIONS MAY BE NECESSARY FROM OUR OWN FORCE STRUCTURE.

Q. WHERE IS THAT PLANNED? CAN YOU GIVE US SOME FROM NATO STOCKS?

A. NO, NO. IT WOULD NOT BE FROM NATO STOCKS, IT WOULD BE FROM OUR SERVICE STOCKS WHERE THAT'S APPROPRIATE AND THE RISKS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

Q. THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTED THERE WERE MOVEMENTS OF THE SIXTH FLEET. IS THERE A CONFIRMATION OF THAT? THERE WERE WIRE REPORTS--AT LEAST ONE--THAT THE SIXTH FLEET WAS OFF EGYPT AND LIBYA. THIS IS OUT OF DAMASCUS. CAN YOU COMMENT ON THAT?

A. NO, IF YOU MEAN THAT WE HAVE INCREASED IN THE WAKE OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT SADAT, CERTAIN PRUDENT READINESS MEASURES, MY ANSWER TO THAT IS YES. BUT, TO THEN CARRY IT OUT TO THE LIMITS WHICH YOU'VE EXPRESSED, THE ANSWER IS NO.

Q. CAN YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC, SIR, PLEASE, ON WHAT ELEMENTS OF THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY AID PACKAGE COULD BE ACCELERATED?

A. WELL, I, AGAIN, WOULD LEAVE THAT TO OUR EXPERTS AND TO OUR DEFENSE OFFICIALS WHO ARE WORKING ON THIS PROBLEM RIGHT NOW HERE AND HAVE NOT COMPLETED THEIR DISCUSSIONS.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, YOU SEEM TO BE INDICATING THAT, YOU'VE SAID A NUMBER OF TIMES IN YOUR TWO DAYS HERE THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETE FAITH IN THE NEW EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AND THAT YOU'RE IMPRESSED WITH THE CONFIDENCE AND CONTINUITY AND YET YOU'RE ALSO TALKING AS IF THERE IS SOME SORT OF NEW SECURITY GAP OUT HERE, WHICH SEEMS TO INDICATE A LACK OF FAITH IN THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT.

A: NO. THE ANSWER IS A LITTLE BIT OF BOTH, KAREN. I THINK ANY TIME A FIGURE OF THE STATURE OF PRESIDENT SADAT SUDDENLY IS REMOVED FROM THE SCENE, THERE ARE UNCERTAINTIES AND FEARS AND CONCERNS THAT DEVELOP. THIS IS VERY, VERY NATURAL. I THINK IT HAPPENED IN  
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THE CASE OF OUR OWN COUNTRY IN A VERY DRAMATIC WAY,  
 PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DIED SUDDENLY AT THE END OF THE  
 SECOND WAR; IT WAS A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE WORLD-WIDE,  
 PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED. SO, THERE IS A  
 NEED TO REAFFIRM THE DIRECTIONS OF AMERICAN POLICY AND  
 THE DIRECTIONS HERE OF EGYPTIAN POLICY. BUT, SECONDLY,  
 I THINK ONE CAN IN AN OBJECTIVE WAY STAND BACK AND SAY  
 THAT THE MISCHIEF-MAKING OF LIBYA HAS INCREASED IN  
 RECENT MONTHS, SPECIFICALLY BY THE MANIFESTATION OF  
 THREATS TO THE STABILITY OF THE REGIME IN SUDAN, THE  
 PUBLICATION OF A HIT LIST BY MR. GHADAFI OF THE VARIOUS  
 LEADERS IN THE REGION, THE UTILIZATION OF LIBYAN RESOURCES  
 TO DESTABILIZE A NUMBER OF AFRICAN REGIMES IN CENTRAL  
 AFRICA AND TO THE WEST, TO THE EAST, AND AN  
 INCREASING NUMBER OF CASES EVEN INTO SOUTHERN AFRICA,  
 NOW, ALL OF THIS, IN ITS OWN RIGHT JUSTIFIES AN INCREASED  
 SENSE OF CONCERN ABOUT THE SECURITY OF THE REGION,  
 Q: DO YOU THINK THERE IS AN INCREASED RECEPTIVITY TO A  
 BIGGER AMERICAN PRESENCE? JUST SORT OF AN ADJUNCT  
 TO THE QUESTION BERNIE ASKED YOU EARLIER, IS IT FATAL  
 TO BE AMERICA'S FRIEND?

A: MY ANSWER TO THAT IS YES, PROVIDED IT DOES NOT  
 BECOME A BURDEN TO SOVEREIGN STATES. AND THAT GETS

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INTO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER WE ARE TRYING TO RECREATE ARCHAIC MILITARY ALLIANCES WHICH HISTORICALLY OUTLIVED THEIR UTILITY, WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE SEEKING EXTENSIVE BASING RIGHTS IN SOVEREIGN STATES WHICH IS A SOURCE OF DISCOMFORTURE TO THOSE STATES IN THE MODERN AGE, AND THE ANSWER TO THAT IS THAT WE'VE GOT TO AVOID THAT. ON THE OTHER HAND I NOTE VERY CLEARLY A FEELING BY THE ARAB LEADERS, THE MODERN ARAB LEADERS, TO WHOM I HAVE SPOKEN, A KEEN INTEREST IN HAVING A CONTINUING EVIDENT AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THIS REGION. ONE OF THE MORE COMFORTABLE MANIFESTATIONS OF THAT IS NAVAL POWER OR EXERCISES OF THE KIND WE ARE GOING TO CONTEMPLATE, IN-AND-OUT PRESENCE, OVER-THE-HORIZON PRESENCE. ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE CONTRIBUTORS IN A WAY WHICH DO NOT VIOLATE THE SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE I TALKED ABOUT.

Q: SIR, WITH REGARD TO THE SALE OF AWACS TO SAUDI ARABIA, WOULD THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT SADAT HAVE ANY BEARING ON THE U.S. CONGRESS DECISION TO SELL AWACS?

A: ONLY TO MAKE US FEEL THAT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT THIS SALE GO THROUGH SUCCESSFULLY.

Q: WILL IT MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO SELL IT TO THE SENATE OR MORE DIFFICULT?

A: WELL, THAT'S A DIFFICULT QUESTION BECAUSE IT CUTS BOTH WAYS. BUT I WOULD SAY THAT IN THE AFTERMATH WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF DOUBTING OR EVEN OPPOSED SENATORS NOW BECOME SUPPORTERS. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT TREND WILL CONTINUE.

Q: CAN I ASK YOU, YOU'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT SUDAN ON THIS TRIP ALSO. CAN YOU BE ANY MORE DETAILED ABOUT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO FOR SUDAN AND DO YOU THINK THAT THIS NEW PERCEIVED CRISIS IN SUDAN--CRISIS OVERSTATES THE PROBLEM IN SUDAN--WILL MAKE THE SAUDIS ANY MORE WILLING TO GIVE SOME HELP TO AN IMPOVERISHED NEEDY COUNTRY?

A: WELL I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE SAUDI LEADERSHIP. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE SAUDIS WOULD LEND A HELPING HAND TO ANY THREATENED STATE IN THE REGION THAT HAS ECONOMIC NEEDS OR REQUIREMENT FOR FUNDS TO IMPROVE THEIR DEFENSES. WITH RESPECT TO WHAT THE AMERICANS ARE GOING TO DO, IT'S A LITTLE PREMATURE AND I WOULD PREFER TO LET THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ADDRESS IT BECAUSE IT'S CAP WEINBERGER'S SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY. BUT I CAN TELL YOU IT WILL BE MEANINGFUL AND IT WILL BE DONE IMMEDIATELY.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, DO YOU ANTICIPATE THAT IN THE COMING MONTHS THE NEW LEADERSHIP OF EGYPT WILL MAKE ATTEMPT TO DRAW A LITTLE CLOSER TO OTHER MODERATE ARAB STATES

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TO MAKE UP FOR SOME OF THE HOSTILITY AND ANIMOSITY  
THAT HAS DEVELOPED IN RECENT YEARS? AND IF THAT IS  
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THE CASE WHAT IMPACT DO YOU THINK THAT MIGHT HAVE  
ON THE PEACE PROCESS?

A: NOW, AS I POINTED OUT, ONE EVOLUTION THAT WE WOULD  
WELCOME AND THAT IS GREATER UNITY AND NORMALCY BETWEEN  
MODERATE ARAB LEADERS IN THE REGION. I THINK THAT  
SERVES THE PURPOSE OF OUR STRATEGIC CONSENSUS AND THAT  
THE CONCERT OF ACTION THAT I SEE IS CALLED FOR, WITH  
RESPECT TO EXTERNAL THREATS TO THE REGION. THE OTHER  
IS ONE THAT WOULD BE A VERY UNFAVORABLE TREND, AND THAT  
WOULD BE AN EXTENSION OF THE RADICALIZATION OF MODERATE  
ARAB REGIMES OF THE KIND WE SAW IN IRAN. SO, ON  
THE ONE HAND WE WOULD WELCOME GREATER COLLABORATION,  
AND NORMALCY AND ON THE OTHER WAY WE WOULD BE CONCERNED  
THAT OUR POLICIES DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHER RADI-  
CALIZATION IN THE AREA.

Q: HOW WOULD YOU PREVENT THAT?

A: WELL, I THINK ALL OF THE THINGS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
ARE DESIGNED TO DO THAT AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Q: YOU STARTED OUT WITH THE PEACE PROCESS, AT LEAST  
SOME OF US FELT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION STARTED OUT  
WITH THE PEACE PROCESS SECOND ON THE LIST AND A  
MILITARY PRESENCE FIRST.

A: NOT AT ALL.

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Q: AND I KNOW YOU SAID IN SAUDI ARABIA THAT THEY WERE EQUAL, NOW ARE YOU SAYING THAT THERE IS A GREATER URGENCY ON THE PEACE PROCESS, THAT IT IS MOVED UP ONE NOTCH, OR THEY'RE STILL JUST EQUAL?

A: I AM SAYING THAT THEY ARE BOTH IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES, THAT NEITHER ONE HAS PRIORITY OVER THE OTHER AS SUCH, AND THEY'RE MUTUALLY REINFORCING, AND AS YOU MAKE PROGRESS IN ONE IT ASSISTS PROGRESS WITH THE OTHER. IF YOU HAVE A SETBACK IN ONE IT MAKES PROGRESS IN THE OTHER MORE DIFFICULT. AND, INCIDENTALLY, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE SOMETHING TO YOU. WHEN THIS ADMINISTRATION CAME IN THE AUTONOMY TALKS WERE TOTALLY STALLED OUT AND THE TWO PARTIES HAD BECOME PROGRESSIVELY FURTHER APART AND MORE ENTRENCHED IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER. THE SINAI PEACE KEEPING FORCE WAS ALSO THE SUBJECT OF FUNDAMENTAL DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. AS A RESULT OF MY VISIT HERE IN APRIL AND MAY WE GOT THAT MOVING, WE GOT AGREEMENT AND WE HAVE NOW IN EFFECT PUT THE PEACE-KEEPING ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE AND WE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT THEY WILL BE SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTED BY APRIL. SECONDLY, WITH RESPECT TO AUTONOMY, WE INSISTED THAT THESE TALKS GO ON, WE DID IT THROUGH QUIET DIPLOMACY AND NOT BY A LOT OF PUBLIC HOOPLA, WHERE EXPECTATIONS WOULD BE RAISED ONLY TO BE DASHED ON THE PRACTICAL DIFFERENCES THAT CONTINUED TO EXIST. AND THAT'S NOT A REFLECTION OF A LACK OF PRIORITY TO THE PEACE PROCESS, PRECISELY THE OPPOSITE. IT IS A REFLECTION OF OUR BELIEF THAT QUIET DIPLOMACY AND MUTUAL RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE AMONG THE PARTIES TO THAT DIPLOMACY AND THOSE NEGOTIATIONS WERE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN PUBLIC POINT-MAKING. AND THAT'S THE WAY WE HAVE APPROACHED IT AND I WOULD SAY THUS FAR THAT THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE WOULD TEND TO JUSTIFY THAT IT WAS THE BETTER WAY TO DO IT.

Q: SO WE SHOULDN'T LOOK FOR AN UPGRADED ROLE BY YOU.

A: WELL, YOU KNOW YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD ME SAY THAT THE LOSS OF PRESIDENT SADAT DOES PLACE IN MY VIEW EVEN A GREATER URGENCY THAN EXISTED HERE BEFORE, AND IT IS OUR INTENTION TO GIVE IT MAXIMUM ATTENTION. BUT ALWAYS THAT MUST BE MEASURED BY WHETHER IT'S GOING TO BE PRODUCTIVE ATTENTION OR COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE ATTENTION.

Q: SIR, FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON IS ON A PRIVATE VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, AND EVEN THOUGH IT'S PRIVATE, I UNDERSTAND HE NOTIFIED YOU THAT HE WAS GOING TO MAKE THIS TRIP. CAN YOU TELL US IF HE DISCUSSED WHETHER HE COULD ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION

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NEWS/CA AND NEA  
YOU?

A: IN THE FIRST PLACE, I WANT IT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD  
PRESIDENT NIXON'S DECISION TO MAKE THAT TRIP WAS HIS  
OWN. HE'S A PRIVATE CITIZEN, ENTITLED TO DO THAT. HE  
DECIDED HE WANTED TO VISIT THESE COUNTRIES WHILE HE  
WAS IN THE REGION AND CLEARLY THAT'S HIS PREROGATIVE  
TO DO SO. OUT OF COURTESY HE INFORMED ME, AND I INFORMED  
THE WHITE HOUSE THAT HE WAS GOING TO MAKE THIS TRIP. WE  
EVEN PROVIDED HIM WITH SOME BRIEFING MATERIAL AS WE  
ALWAYS DO WITH FORMER PRESIDENTS, AS WE'VE DONE WITH  
PRESIDENT CARTER FOR HIS CHINA TRIP AND AS WE HAVE DONE  
WITH PRESIDENT FORD FOR HIS TRIP IN THE REGION. BUT  
HE IS OPERATING AND ACTING AS A PRIVATE  
CITIZEN, A FORMER PRESIDENT. NOW THAT GIVES HIM A  
CERTAIN DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE THAT THE AVERAGE PRIVATE  
CITIZEN MIGHT NOT ENJOY. BUT HE HAS NO SPECIFIC MISSION  
THAT WAS ASSIGNED TO HIM BY US AND HE'S ON HIS OWN.  
AND I KNOW, AND HE TOLD ME, HE WOULD GIVE US HIS  
IMPRESSIONS AND A WRITTEN REPORT WHEN HE COMPLETED HIS  
TRIP AND WE WELCOME THAT.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY FEELING THERE COULD BE SOME NEGATIVE  
FALLOUT FOR YOU ON THE AWACS DEBATE?

A: BECAUSE HE'S MAKING A PRIVATE TRIP?

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Q: BECAUSE HE'S MAKING IT INDEED TO SAUDI ARABIA  
PRECISELY AT THIS TIME.

A: NO, I DON'T THINK HE'S GOING THERE FOR THAT PURPOSE--  
AT ALL.

Q: NO, I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT, APART FROM THE FACT THAT  
HE'S GOING THERE, HIS VERY PRESENCE AT THIS TIME.

A: I WOULD HOPE NOT BECAUSE IT WASN'T ANYTHING  
THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OR THIS ADMINISTRATION HAD  
ANYTHING TO DO WITH. SO YOUR VERY QUESTION WOULD  
SUGGEST A BIAS ON THE PART OF ANYONE WHO WOULD BE  
INFLUENCED, AND I HOPE WE WON'T BE FACED WITH THAT.

Q: THANK YOU, MR. SECRETARY.

Q: WHAT ARE THE GROUND RULES, DEAN?

A: (DEAN FISCHER) WE BILLED THIS AS A BACKGROUNDER.  
SOME PEOPLE HERE I DON'T KNOW, BUT I ASSUME YOU ALL  
KNOW WHAT BACKGROUNDER MEANS.

A: (HAIG) INCIDENTALLY, LET ME JUST SAY ONE THING.  
I GOT SO FLIPPANT ON THAT B-52 ISSUE. WE HAVE BEEN  
SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING SENDING SOME B-52'S HERE, AND USING  
BOMBING RANGES IN EGYPT. BUT THAT WASN'T THE WAY THE  
QUESTION WAS ASKED. THE QUESTION WAS ASKED, I THINK  
IT WAS SMITH, HE SAID, AND DROPPING LIVE ORDNANCE.  
YOU KNOW, IT SOUNDED A LITTLE HAIRY.

Q: SOME OF THEM WOULD BE BASED HERE? IS THAT THE  
IDEA? WE DIDN'T SEE THE FULL STORY.

A: NO, NO THE IDEA WOULD BE TO FLY THEM OVER.

Q: WHERE DO YOU FLY THEM OVER FROM?

A: WELL, FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Q: WOULD YOU LEAVE THEM HERE FOR A WHILE, OR?

Q: I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO  
USE LIVE BOMBS.

A: ON A RANGE.

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