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**PRESIDENTIAL TOAST: HOSNI MUBARAK OF EGYPT
STATE DINING ROOM
APRIL 4, 1989/9:30 P.M.**

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IT'S AN HONOR TO WELCOME THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED STATES. AND IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO GREET AN OLD FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE AS ONE OF MY FIRST VISITORS TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

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THESE LAST TWO DAYS HAVE BEEN PRODUCTIVE, A TIME FOR SEEKING COMMON GROUND IN APPROACHING THE PEACE PROCESS AND BILATERAL ISSUES. WE HAVE ALSO SHARED SOME INSIGHTS INTO EACH OTHER'S CULTURES, INCLUDING THAT MOST AMERICAN OF PASTIMES, BASEBALL.

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TO QUOTE THE GREAT YOGI BERRA, "YOU CAN OBSERVE A LOT JUST BY WATCHING." MR. PRESIDENT, BASEBALL IS A GAME IN WHICH COORDINATED EFFORT, PATIENCE AND A SPIRIT OF TEAMWORK PROVIDE THE WINNING EDGE. IN A PHRASE -- THE SPIRIT OF TEAMWORK.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU AND I SHARE A SPECIAL BOND. BOTH OF US HAVE BEEN TESTED AS SECONDS-IN-COMMAND.

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BOTH OF US HAVE ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE CHALLENGED TO FULFILL THE PROMISE OF PAST DIPLOMACY.

IN FACT, THERE HAVE BEEN FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS SINCE YOUR LAST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES JUST FIFTEEN MONTHS AGO.

IN AFGHANISTAN, TEN YEARS OF FOREIGN OCCUPATION HAVE BEEN SWEEPED AWAY BY A BRAVE PEOPLE.

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THE CEASEFIRE BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ IS A FIRST STEP TOWARD LASTING PEACE. AND WE HAVE RECENTLY SEEN AN ENHANCED AND WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION OF EGYPT'S LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE ARAB WORLD, A ROLE THAT HAS BEEN ENHANCED BY YOUR PERSEVERANCE AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO PEACE. AS I SAID THIS ^{Yesterday} AFTERNOON, WE MUST WORK TO CREATE A NEW ATMOSPHERE, WHERE PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS PUT ASIDE VIOLENCE IN FAVOR OF WORDS.

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A DIALOGUE FOR PEACE IS THE BEST WAY TO ESTABLISH ISRAELI SECURITY AND GIVE THE PALESTINIANS THEIR LEGITIMATE POLITICAL RIGHTS.

MR. PRESIDENT, JUST ONE WEEK AGO WE OBSERVED THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF EGYPT'S HISTORIC PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL. OUR TASK TODAY IS TO EXTEND THAT PEACE TO ALL THE NATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST. SUCH AN UNDERTAKING WILL REQUIRE GREAT PATIENCE AND IMMENSE TRUST.

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BUT I FIRMLY BELIEVE PEACE WILL PREVAIL IF WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH A COMMON PURPOSE, IN THE SPIRIT OF TEAMWORK. THE UNITED STATES, I ASSURE YOU, REMAINS WILLING TO HELP IN THIS IMPORTANT QUEST.

MR. PRESIDENT, MRS. MUBARAK, I RAISE MY GLASS IN YOUR HONOR, PROUD OF YOUR FRIENDSHIP, THANKFUL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS THE PEOPLES OF AMERICA AND EGYPT.

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PRESIDENTIAL TOAST: HOSNI MUBARAK OF EGYPT
STATE DINING ROOM
APRIL 4, 1989/9:30 p.m.

It's an honor to welcome the President and First Lady of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United States. And it is a pleasure for me to greet an old friend and colleague as one of my first visitors to the White House.

These last two days have been productive, a time for seeking common ground in approaching the peace process and bilateral issues. We have also shared some insights into each other's cultures, including that most American of pastimes, baseball. To quote the great Yogi Berra, "you can observe a lot just by watching." Mr. President, baseball is a game in which coordinated effort, patience and a spirit of teamwork provide the winning edge. In a phrase -- the spirit of teamwork.

Mr. President, you and I share a special bond. Both of us have been tested as seconds-in-command. Both of us have assumed the Presidency at a time when we are challenged to fulfill the promise of past diplomacy.

In fact, there have been favorable developments since your last visit to the United States just fifteen months ago.

In Afghanistan, ten years of foreign occupation have been swept away by a brave people. The ceasefire between Iran and Iraq is a first step toward lasting peace. And we have recently seen an enhanced and well-deserved recognition of Egypt's leadership role in the Arab world, a role that has been enhanced by your perseverance and your commitment to peace. As I said this afternoon, we must work to create a new atmosphere, where Palestinians and Israelis put aside violence in favor of words. A dialogue for peace is the best way to establish Israeli security and give the Palestinians their legitimate political rights.

Mr. President, just one week ago we observed the tenth anniversary of Egypt's historic peace treaty with Israel. Our task today is to extend that peace to all the nations of the Middle East. Such an undertaking will require great patience and immense trust. But I firmly believe peace will prevail if we continue to work with a common purpose, in the spirit of teamwork. The United States, I assure you, remains willing to help in this important quest.

Mr. President, Mrs. Mubarak, I raise my glass in your honor,
proud of your friendship, thankful for your leadership. God
bless you, and God bless the peoples of America and Egypt.

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