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1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE FROM THE SECRETARY:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

PRESIDENT SADAT HASTOLD ME THAT HE WILL BE VISITING YOU SOON, AND I WILL LEAVE IT TO HIM TO INFORM YOU IN DETAIL OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES WHICH WAS SIGNED AT KM 101 ON FRIDAY. AS I START MY TRIP BACK TO THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, I WANT TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF REPORT ON WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND TO SHARE WITH YOU MY THOUGHTS ON WHAT LIES AHEAD.

FRIDAY'S AGREEMENT, WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP AND VISION OF PRESIDENT SADAT, IS IN MY VIEW A MAJOR STEP ON THE ROAD TO A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT WILL CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY THE MILITARY SITUATION ON THE GROUND AND, OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE, WILL ALTER THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE IN WAYS WHICH SHOULD FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON FURTHER AND MORE FAR-REACHING STEPS.

A MOMENTUM TOWARD PEACE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WHICH I AM DETERMINED TO DO ALL IN MY POWER TO MAINTAIN. AS AN IMMEDIATE STEP, I INTEND TO EXPLORE WITH PRESIDENT ASAD WHEN I VISIT DAMASCUS TODAY WAYS IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES CAN BE HELPFUL IN ACHIEVING DISENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES OF ISRAEL

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By JHS NARA, Date 2/21/2012

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AND SYRIA, AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD AN ISRAELI-SYRIAN SETTLEMENT. SUCH A SETTLEMENT, TOGETHER WITH SETTLEMENTS BETWEEN EGYPT AND JORDAN AND ISRAEL AND ARRANGEMENTS THAT TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIANS, ARE ALL NECESSARY PARTS OF THE FINAL PEACE THAT WE ALL SEEK.

MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE DONE WHAT I INDICATED TO YOU I WOULD WHEN I VISITED YOU IN DECEMBER. I BENEFITTED FROM YOUR COUNSEL ON THAT OCCASION, AND I WOULD WELCOME YOUR FURTHER ADVICE AS WE MOVE FORWARD ON THE DIFFICULT COURSE THAT HAS NOW BEEN CHARTED AND BEGUN.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

END QUOTE.

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