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HAKTO 37

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED AT 3:00P M THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, WASHINGTON TIME. IT HAS BEEN CLEARED BY THE SECRETARY. TEXT FOLLOWS:

" I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT AT THIS MOMENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL ARE MAKING THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT: IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION OF THE GENVA CONFERENCE, THE GOVERNMENTS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT OF THEIR MILITARY FORCES. THE AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED BY THE CHIEFS OF STAFF OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL AT NOON EGYPT-ISRAEL TIME, FRIDAY JANUARY 18, AT KILOMETER 101 ON THE CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD. THE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE, GENERAL SILASVUD, HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE PARTIES TO WITNESS THE SIGNING. " I KNOW THAT ALL AMERICANS WILL WELCOME THIS GOOD NEWS AND ARE PROUD OF THE PART THEIR COUNTRY HAS PLAYED IN WORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL TO BRING ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT STEP ON THE ROAD TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. FOR MY PART, I SHOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER MEIR FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT AND GOOD WILL BOTH HAVE DEMONSTRATED OVER THE PAST DIFFICULT WEEKS OF NEGOTIATION THAT LED TO THIS AGREEMENT. A CONTINUED DEMONSTRATION OF THAT GOOD WILL AND WISDOM ON THE PART OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD CAN ASSURE THAT WHAT HAS NOW SO HOPEFULLY BEGUN WILL LEAD

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TO A NEW ERA OF LASTING PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR THE PEOPLES OF
 THE MIDDLE EAST.
 MUCH YET REMAINS TO BE DONE, FOR THE HATREDS AN
 ANTAGONISMS OF A ALMOST THREE DECADES OF WAR ARE NOT
 EASILY PUT ASIDE, BUT THEY MUST BE, FOR THE MIDDLE EAST HAS
 SEEN ENOUGH OF DEATH, SUFFERING AND DESTRUCTION. THE AGREEMENT THAT
 ISRAEL AND EGYPT WILL SIGN TOMORROW MUST BECOME THE FOUNDATION FOR
 FURTHER STEPS TOWARD A PERMANENT PEACE IN THE AREA. THE UNITED
 STATES REMAINS READY TO DO ITS PART.
 YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE TEXT CONTAINS NO REFERENCE TO THE
 SECRETARY. I BELIEVE THAT THE ADSENSE OF ANY REFERENCE TO
 THE SECRETARY-- AND A HIGHLY COMPLIMENTARY
 ONE AT -- WOULD BE NOTICED BY ALL AND CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE
 COMMENT, PARTICULARLY SINCE BOTH THE ISRAELS AND EGYPTIANS
 INCLUDED WILL BE SAYING SOME VERY NICE THINGS. NEVERTHELESS,
 WE HAVE INCLUDED NOTHING HERE FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. I HOPE YOU
 CAN CORRECT THIS LACK.

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