

Toast by the President  
in honor of  
Anwar al-Sadat, President of the  
Arab Republic of Egypt



Mr. President:

I have long been looking forward to meeting you. I am therefore especially happy that arrangements could be made for us to meet in this historic city. My great hope is that our next meeting can take place in the United States where we can reciprocate the warm and gracious hospitality shown by you and the Egyptian people to my predecessor and to so many other official American visitors over the past year.

We can take pride in the bilateral accomplishments achieved through the close cooperative effort forged between our two countries over the past year and a half. In this effort there has happily been much success; and those few disappointments we have encountered will, with determination, be overcome. Our greater goal, to which we have given our greatest attention, is the establishment of a durable

peace, just and fair to all the peoples of the Middle East. In our achievements toward this end, we can also take pride; but much remains to be done. I would like to take this opportunity to stress that the United States will not tolerate stagnation in the effort for a negotiated settlement to the Middle East conflict.

Mr. President, the American people and the world have been deeply impressed by your statesmanship and your wisdom. You have shown by deeds Egypt's sincere desire for peace, and your own belief that the energies and talents of your people must be turned toward creating a better life for themselves and for their children. Let me state now that the United States, in cooperation with other nations, is prepared to help, to continue its assistance to ease the burdens upon your country, and to deepen the cooperative effort to meet Egypt's economic needs.



Mr. President, I would like to propose a toast to your health  
and to wish you and your people success in all your endeavors.

