

1. From Sadat to the Prime Minister, 16.1.74

Oral message from Sadat to the Prime Minister as read by Dr. K. to her on 17 January 1974:

"This is the first message in 26 years that an Egyptian President is communicating with an Israeli head of State. Nasser tried an indirect approach but it was intended as a trick and the Prime Minister will know what I am talking about. When I made my initiative in 1971 I meant it; when I threatened war, I meant it; when I now talk of permanent peace between us, I mean it.

"We have never had contact between us. We now have Henry Kissinger whom we both trust, let us use him and talk to each other through him and then we will never lose contact with each other."

2. From the Prime Minister to Sadat, 18.1.74

Oral message from the Prime Minister to President Sadat as given to Dr. K. on 18 January 1974:

"I am deeply conscious of the significance of a message received by the Prime Minister of Israel from the President of Egypt.

"It is indeed a source of great satisfaction to me and I sincerely hope that these contacts between us through Dr. Kissinger will continue and prove to be an important turning point in our relations.

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"I, on my part, will do my best to establish trust and understanding between us.

"Both our peoples need and deserve peace. It is my strongest conviction that peace is the goal toward which we must direct all our energies.

"Let me reiterate what you said in your message:

'When I talk of permanent peace between us I mean it.'

It is indeed extremely fortunate that we have Dr. Kissinger whom we both trust and who is prepared to give of his wisdom and talents in the cause of peace. I know that he will continue to extend his untiring service to the promotion of our common interest."