

**PRIME MINISTER'S
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FOR LYNE AND WHITMORE.

A) MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO VICE-PRESIDENT MUBARAK: QUOTE
I WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR OF THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT SADAT. HE MADE
AN UNEXAMPLED CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PEACE, AND IS A TRAGIC LOSS
TO EGYPT AND TO THE WORLD. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MOURNED IN BRITAIN
WHERE HE HAD MANY ADMIRERS AND MADE MANY FRIENDS FOR EGYPT.
UNQUOTE.

B) PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MRS SADAT: QUOTE
MY HUSBAND AND I WERE SHOCKED AND DEEPLY SADDENED TO HEAR OF
THE TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND. THE WORLD HAS LOST A GREAT
STATESMAN AND BRITAIN A VERY GOOD FRIEND. OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME. UNQUOTE.

C) MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO KAMAL HASSAN ALI,
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS: QUOTE
THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT SADAT IS A GRIEVOUS LOSS TO EGYPT,
TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO THE WORLD. HIS COWARDLY ATTACKERS
AIMED THEIR BLOW AGAINST PEACE BUT HIS GREAT CONTRIBUTION WILL
ENDURE, AND WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN. UNQUOTE.

D) PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM LORD AND LADY CARRINGTON TO MRS SADAT:
QUOTE. WE WERE BOTH DEEPLY SHOCKED TO HEAR OF THE DEATH OF YOUR
HUSBAND IN SUCH TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES. WE HAVE WARM MEMORIES OF
HIS AND YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROUS HOSPITALITY.
WE HAVE ALL LOST A GREAT FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE.
YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY. UNQUOTE.

E) PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT: QUOTE.
I RECEIVED THE NEWS OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S DEATH WITH PROFOUND
DISTRESS AND SHOCK. THE EGYPTIAN NATION HAS LOST A SUPREME

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LEADER, WHOSE QUALITIES OF COURAGE AND WISDOM WERE MATCHED BY
A DEEP UNDERSTANDING AND AFFECTION FOR HIS FELLOW COUNTRYMEN.
HISTORY WILL MARK HIS GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS, MOST NOTABLY HIS BOLD
AND IMAGINATIVE BID FOR PEACE IN HIS VISIT TO JERUSALEM IN 1977.
THE WORLD IS A MORE DANGEROUS PLACE WITHOUT HIM. THE DEEP AND
HEARTFELT SYMPATHY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND MYSELF GOES OUT
TO MRS SADAT, HIS FAMILY AND HIS PEOPLE. UNQUOTE.

CARRINGTON

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