

Andrews Arrival Statement

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Vice President Mondale, Speaker O'Neill, Senatory
Byrd, Members of Congress, members of the Cabinet,
friends and fellow citizens.

You are looking at a tired but ~~happy~~^{grateful} man. All of
us who made this journey ~~are grateful~~^{appreciate} for the opportunity
we have had to render ~~service~~^{some} in the cause of peace.

Now the journey is done, and we are ~~grateful~~^{glad} to be home --
~~to be~~^{own} back in our ~~beloved~~ country, our beloved United
States of America.

It's good to see so many familiar and welcoming
faces. ~~especially at this hour of the night.~~ I want
to thank ~~every one of~~ you for coming ~~out~~ here to greet
us.

[~~This was not a ceremonial trip.~~] We did not go to
Egypt and Israel in order to confirm a result guaranteed
in advance. We went there [~~to work~~] to use our influence
and our good offices to help the leaders of two great

There were risks involved - political risks to me as President - and therefore perhaps to the prestige of the United States. Fortunately,

nations move decisively toward the peace that is so ardently desired by the peoples they serve. Our work has had a happy result. But I want to stress that the effort would have been worth making regardless of the outcome. No goal is higher than that of genuine peace.

~~no goal, therefore, is worthier of risk. In war, we put ourselves on the line almost as a matter of routine.~~

offer our very lives

We must be no less daring, no less steadfast in the pursuit of peace.

For more than thirty years, the nations of Egypt and Israel have existed in a continual state of hostility. That hostility has exploded into ^{combat} ~~war~~ four times, and each war has brought with it suffering and loss of life, *and hatred,* renewed fear, and great danger for the region and the world beyond. But in the last 16 months the way has been opened to peace.

Risk of failure should never not deter us from a worthy goal, and

When I decided to make this trip, ~~important~~
~~differences still divided the two nations,~~ and the *peace*
negotiations seemed to have reached a stalemate.

After long hours of discussion in both Egypt and Israel,
~~During the visits from which we have just returned,~~

~~the United States presented proposals~~ *were made*
for resolving

all the outstanding issues. All but two of these
issues *resolved with*
~~proposals~~ have ~~now~~ been ~~accepted by~~ Prime Minister Begin

and his Cabinet. Less than three hours from now, the
Prime Minister will present *the* ~~these two~~ remaining proposals

The Israeli
to ~~his~~ Cabinet for consideration. President Sadat has *already*
st
accepted all, the proposals, ~~the American delegation~~ *we*
~~presented.~~

Therefore,
~~What this means is that~~ we have now defined all the
major components of a peace treaty between the largest
Arab country, Egypt, and her neighbor and former enemy,

Israel. *There may*
~~In both countries there will~~ be sharp internal
debate, before this process is complete. But the treaty

^{can}
that emerges ~~will~~ be the cornerstone of a comprehensive
settlement, ~~in the Middle East~~, one that ^{can bless with peace} ~~would encompass~~
all the peoples who have suffered from the conflict, ^{in the}
~~Middle East.~~

~~I spoke of risk a moment ago. But the real risks~~
~~have been taken by~~ ^T The leaders of Egypt and Israel, ~~They~~
have overcome major substantive obstacles, ~~But the~~ ^{and}
~~psychological leap they have taken is far greater.~~

^{are now daring}
~~They have dared~~ to break the pattern of 30 years of
bitterness and war. ^{are following} ~~They have dared to follow~~ the

advice of the Biblical proverb: "When a man's ways
please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at
peace with him." In choosing peace, President Sadat

and Prime Minister Begin are venturing into the unknown.

~~They want~~
~~I want them to~~ know that the United States will be with

them as they begin to make peace ~~between them~~ a living

reality for their peoples. ^{I am thankful that} ~~the~~ friendships between their

countries and the United States will ^{now} grow even stronger

and more meaningful, ~~than they are now.~~

~~But~~ Through private messages and public statements

^ I am urging other world leaders to support what

Egypt and Israel have done, for it offers hope to all

who love peace, everywhere in the world.

My friends, thank you again for coming out to

I believe that God has answered our

greet us, ~~and for listening so patiently to what I have~~

prayers.

~~said.~~ God bless you all, and good night.

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