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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Your Meeting with Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, UAR Presidential Assistant for Foreign Affairs, April 11 at 3:45

Dr. Fawzi is calling on you at UAR request and hopes to have a leisurely and substantive conversation with you. I met with him for 45 minutes on April 3 for a discussion which I can only describe as inconclusive. I attempted unsuccessfully to pin him down on UAR willingness to make a binding commitment to peace with Israel. He spoke in generalities and gave indirect replies. He seems to have been somewhat more forthcoming in his discussion with Ambassador Yost, having indicated apparent willingness to make private and public statements of UAR readiness to live in peace with Israel.

Dr. Fawzi's retinue informs us that he is not carrying any new proposals or suggestions but that he is interested in knowing as precisely as possible what our position is on the Arab-Israeli settlement. They have given us an informal list of questions to which they would like answers. We do not believe it is either necessary or desirable for you to get into a number of these specifics, and I suggest that you inform Dr. Fawzi that you have asked Assistant Secretary Sisco to have a further session with him to go over points of interest to the UAR.

There are two points that I believe it is important for you to get across to Dr. Fawzi. The first is that our policy is based on three fundamentals, all of which are part of the Security Council Resolution of November 22, 1967: permanent peace; agreement between the parties; and withdrawal of Israeli forces to secure and recognized borders. Secondly, we believe the UAR holds the key; if it can indicate explicitly, both privately and publicly, its willingness to agree to a permanent peace with Israel,

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