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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Your Excellency,

Thank you very much for your letter of 23 September with its full account of your discussions with Mr. Begin at Haifa and your intentions for the future.

I take this opportunity to confirm my firm support for your efforts aimed at achieving a comprehensive Middle East peace. I very much agree with your view of the need to find a formula which will meet the legitimate rights of the Palestinians, and provide for co-existence between the Palestinian and Israeli peoples. I wish the continuing negotiations well. I am convinced that if some genuine autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza can be achieved as a transitional arrangement, this would be a valuable basis on which to build toward lasting peace in the area.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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His Excellency Mr. Muhammed Anwar Sadat.

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