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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
ISRAEL**

**Letter Agreement relating to an early warning system.  
Signed at Jerusalem on 1 September 1975**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
ISRAËL**

**Lettre d'accord concernant un système d'alerte avancée.  
Signée à Jérusalem le 1<sup>er</sup> septembre 1975**

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistrée par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 19 août 1976.*

# LETTER AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ISRAEL RELATING TO AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

*The Secretary of State to the Israeli Prime Minister*

THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

September 1, 1975

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have the honor to transmit to you the text which follows of a letter to Your Excellency from the President of the United States:

“Dear Mr. Prime Minister: In the context of Secretary Kissinger’s discussions with you on the Agreement between Egypt and Israel now being concluded, I am transmitting the attached Proposal as part of that Agreement. I am simultaneously transmitting the attached Proposal to the President of Egypt.

Our receipt of the attached Proposal signed by a representative of your Government will constitute acceptance subject to the signature of the same Proposal by a representative of the Government of Egypt.<sup>2</sup>

As soon as the Congress of the United States has given its approval to United States participation in the Early Warning System I will notify you, and this Proposal shall be regarded as an agreement between us.

Sincerely, [*Signed*], GERALD R. FORD, His Excellency Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister of Israel.”

The signed original of this letter will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

[*Signed*]

HENRY A. KISSINGER

Attachment:  
Proposal

His Excellency Yitzhak Rabin  
Prime Minister of Israel

## PROPOSAL

In connection with the Early Warning System referred to in Article IV of the Agreement between Egypt and Israel concluded on this date and as an integral part of that Agreement, (hereafter referred to as the Basic Agreement), the United States proposes the following:

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 13 October 1975, the date on which the Government of the United States notified the Government of Israel that the required legislation had been approved by the Congress of the United States, in accordance with the provisions of the Letter Agreement.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 271 of this volume.

1. The Early Warning System to be established in accordance with Article IV in the area shown on the map attached to the Basic Agreement will be entrusted to the United States. It shall have the following elements:

- a. There shall be two surveillance stations to provide strategic early warning, one operated by Egyptian and one operated by Israeli personnel. Their locations are shown on the map attached to the Basic Agreement. Each station shall be manned by not more than 250 technical and administrative personnel. They shall perform the functions of visual and electronic surveillance only within their stations.
- b. In support of these stations, to provide tactical early warning and to verify access to them, three watch stations shall be established by the United States in the Mitla and Giddi Passes as will be shown on the map attached to the Basic Agreement. These stations shall be operated by United States civilian personnel. In support of these stations, there shall be established three unmanned electronic sensor fields at both ends of each Pass and in the general vicinity of each station and the roads leading to and from those stations.

2. The United States civilian personnel shall perform the following duties in connection with the operation and maintenance of these stations:

- a. At the two surveillance stations described in paragraph 1 a. above, United States civilian personnel will verify the nature of the operations of the stations and all movement into and out of each station and will immediately report any detected divergency from its authorized role of visual and electronic surveillance to the Parties to the Basic Agreement and to the United Nations Emergency Force.
- b. At each watch station described in paragraph 1 b. above, the United States civilian personnel will immediately report to the Parties to the Basic Agreement and to the United Nations Emergency Force any movement of armed forces, other than the United Nations Emergency Force, into either Pass and any observed preparations for such movement.
- c. The total number of United States civilian personnel assigned to functions under this Proposal shall not exceed 200. Only civilian personnel shall be assigned to functions under this Proposal.

3. No arms shall be maintained at the stations and other facilities covered by this Proposal, except for small arms required for their protection.

4. The United States personnel serving the Early Warning System shall be allowed to move freely within the area of the System.

5. The United States and its personnel shall be entitled to have such support facilities as are reasonably necessary to perform their functions.

6. The United States personnel shall be immune from local criminal, civil, tax and customs jurisdiction and may be accorded any other specific privileges and immunities provided for in the United Nations Emergency Force agreement of February 13, 1957.<sup>1</sup>

7. The United States affirms that it will continue to perform the functions described above for the duration of the Basic Agreement.

8. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Proposal, the United States may withdraw its personnel only if it concludes that their safety is jeopardized or that continuation of their role is no longer necessary. In the latter case the Parties to the

<sup>1</sup> Should read February 8, 1957 — Devrait se lire 8 février 1957; United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 260, p. 61.

Basic Agreement will be informed in advance in order to give them the opportunity to make alternative arrangements. If both Parties to the Basic Agreement request the United States to conclude its role under this Proposal, the United States will consider such requests conclusive.

9. Technical problems including the location of the watch stations will be worked out through consultation with the United States.

*[Signed]*

HENRY A. KISSINGER  
Secretary of State

*Accepted by:*

*[Signed]*

YITZHAK RABIN  
Prime Minister of Israel

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