Egypt hails Nixon's visit to Mideast

CAIRO — Egypt yesterday welcomed President Nixon's announced intention to visit the Middle East and expressed hopes such a visit would help the cause of peace in the region.

commenting on the announcement by Presidential Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler that there is a "distinct possibility" Nixon may visit the region, an official source at the ministry of information said:

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"Egypt welcomes such a visit and hopes that it will produce positive results that run paralley to the change that had occurred in the American attitude following the October war, a change which is indeed likely to help establish a just and lasting peace in the area."