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NORMANDY

Good evening everybody. This is Lowell Thomas.

Hundreds of "old soldiers" from World War Two - returned today to the scene of their longest day; friend and foe alike from long ago - celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of D-Day - the Normandy landings.

The U. S. contingent - including General Omar Bradley, General Mark Clark, General Maxwell Taylor, General Lawton Collins and General Ira Eaker; joining in wreath laying ceremonies - at the French memorial to the liberation. Additional ceremonies also held today - at Omaha and Utah Beach at Point DuHoc, at Bayeux and St. Mere L'Eglise; names forever associated with the greatest sea-borne invasion - in all history.

And now this message.

PORT SAID FOLLOW PRISONERS

President Sadat of Egypt, at Port Said today addressed in English - a group of officers from the U.S. British and Egyptian navies. Sadat thanking as he put it - "our friends, the Americans and the British" - for helping clear the Canal of mines and other debris.

"Let us hope" - he continued - "that all our aims will be fulfilled; that we shall have here in the end - peace, after twenty-six years of hatred, bitterness and violence."

PRISONERS

This while Israel and Syria were exchanging their last remaining prisoners of war, fifty-six Israelis and three-hundred-and-eighty-two Syrians. The return of the prisoners to their native land - setting off frantic mob scenes when families and friends rushed to greet them.

At Tel Aviv - Madame Meir was all but swept off her feet - and planned ceremonies were quickly forgotten. At Damascus the Syrian police were using water hoses - to disperse thousands of frenzied well wishers .

KISSINGER

Meanwhile Secretary of State Kissinger in discussing the terms of the new Syrian and Israeli troop disengagement was saying the only commitment the U S. made to Israel was what was disclosed last week by Madame Meir - a U S pledge to give political support to Israel in the event of Israeli retaliation to any future terrorist attacks.

WHITE HOUSE

President Nixon met today with Prince Fahd - a brother of King Faisal of Saudi Arabia; with Dr. Kissinger; discussing economic and technical cooperation - between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia.

WATERGATE

A Federal grand jury voted last February to name President Nixon - an unindicted co-conspirator in the Watergate cover-up.

The President, unaware of this at the time, quickly replied: "They just don't have the evidence - and they are wrong." The President's attorney, James St. Clair - further saying today: "It won't be the first time a grand jury was wrong - and it has no legal effect." Adding, however, "it's unfortunate that this was released - because it leaves the President with really no way of defending himself - except before the American people."

WATERGATE ADD

All of which lead to a demand today from the President; a demand for full disclosure of the grand jury document - in which he and others are named. The President, through his attorney, saying there is no longer any "compelling" reason - for keeping it secret.

GREAT YARMOUTH

From Great Yarmouth, England - a report today
that police are investigating a so-called - "family church
of Jesus." Whose members are taught to believe - they can
walk on water.

Why the investigation? Because two of said members
- have just drowned.

And now this message.

WOMEN

Here's one - a study of women college graduates across the country. The co-eds in the class of seventy-four - asked to list their goals for five years hence. The results showing their number one choice - was, quote, "self-gratification"; either, "through achievement in graduate study - or a job that is psychologically and financially rewarding."

What about marriage and a family? The ladies replying in effect: "Oh, sure, but not just yet." And now so long until tomorrow. This is Lowell Thomas for CBS News.