

the reasons that lie behind the other's concerns. If this understanding is coupled with the courage, statesmanship and commitment to compromise for the sake of peace, which we saw at Camp David, I am confident success will be achieved before much more time passes. Neither side should lose sight of the vast benefits peace will bring their peoples in the coming years. Whatever the difficulties, it is this which all must work toward.

In the wake of Camp David, I had also hoped that Israel's other neighbours would have overcome the legacy of fear and distrust and actively enter the peace process. I had hoped that they would view the Camp David Accords for what they are - a framework to begin negotiations - a framework in which they could pursue their objectives in an atmosphere of mounting trust and goodwill. Although they continue to stress their wish to negotiate with Israel, unhappily they have so far been unwilling to take up the Camp David option.

I believe that if mutual trust between Egypt and Israel results in peace between them, this can serve as a stimulus and a model for negotiations with Jordan, the Palestinians and Syria. Even though the security problem of Israel's other borders, for instance - including the question of where those borders should be - is more difficult and infinitely more sensitive, I do not