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delegation on a 4-day visit to Egypt. The FRG guest was received upon arrival by Major General 'Umar Hammad, commander of the central zone, as well as by ranking armed forces' officers.

Mubarak Receives FRG Minister

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[Text] Cairo 7 Mar (MENA) — President Muhammad Husni Mubarak received this morning West German Defense Minister Dr Manfred Woerner. Present at the meeting were Field Marshal Muhammad 'Abd al-Halim abu Ghazalah, deputy prime minister and minister of defense and war production, and FRG Ambassador Dr Kurt Mueller.

The German defense minister arrived in Cairo last night on a 3-day visit to Egypt at the invitation of Field Marshal Abu Ghazalah.

New Zealand Interior Minister Arrives in Cairo

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[Text] Cairo, 6 Mar (MENA) — Peter Tapsell, New Zealand's minister of internal affairs, and his delegation arrived in Cairo this evening on a 3-day visit to Egypt. He was received by Assistant Interior Minister Major General Muhammad Ra'fat, and Major General Muhammad Fakhr al-Din, director of public relations at the Interior Ministry.

Agreement Signed With Uganda on Nile Authority

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[Excerpt] Cairo, 7 Mar (MENA) — Max Choudry, Ugandan minister of lands, minerals, and water resources, left Cairo for home this morning at the end of a 10-day visit to Egypt, during which he was received by President Muhammad Husni Mubarak and met with Prime Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali.

Choudry held a news conference at which he praised the progress achieved in Egypt in irrigation, industry, and agriculture, particularly the agricultural projects in Ismailia areas.

He described his talks in Cairo as successful and said that he will report on these talks to the Ugandan president and will convey to him President Mubarak's invitation to visit Egypt soon.

The news conference was held after he and Egyptian Irrigation Minister Engineer 'Isam Radi signed a joint communique on cooperation between Egypt and Uganda. Choudry said that the Egyptian, Ugandan, and Sudanese ministers of irrigation and water resources will meet in Uganda in May to draw up a complete concept for setting up a joint technical committee to be the nucleus of the Nile Valley authority to include the nine Nile littoral states.

Engineer Radi said that the establishment of the Nile states authority, which initially consists of three states, is an encouraging beginning and that other Nile valley states will join it later.

He said that discussions are under way with all the countries concerned to join this authority, noting that the Burundi agriculture minister will discuss this during his visit to Cairo next month.

Engineer Radi said that studies have been made to benefit from every drop of water for agricultural projects in Egypt and not to waste any drop of it.

UKTUBAR Editor Interviews President Mubarak

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[Interview with President Husni Mubarak by Chief Editor Salah Muntasir in Cairo on 9 February]

[Excerpts] He was supposed to receive me for a few minutes on 9 February. Part of his program that day was devoted to receiving the new appointees in the press.

I was fortunate to be at the bottom of the list of appointments. Thus the 15 minutes allotted for the meeting extended to 95 minutes.

And from the moment I took my place in the chair facing the president at his office in Qasr al-Qubbah I switched on the recorder.

Laughing, he asked: Did you come to take an interview?

I said: Mr President, sitting with you is an opportunity every minute of which should be exploited.

He said: But they would say that you have come in order to flatter me.

I said: This, Mr President, would mean that every interview with you by a journalist would fall within this category: Nevertheless, I will let the questions themselves supply the answer to this. There was then the following dialogue:

Mr President, have you changed? After 3 and 1/2 in office how much do you feel you have changed?

Smiling quietly, he said: You must put this question to those who have been with me for a long time. They would certainly know if I have changed or not.

I said: Mr President, in any position one feels the change inside one. Previously you were vice president for 6 years; it is a difficult and taxing position.

Interrupting, he said: Yes, it used to be difficult and taxing because I used to work 20 hours or more in every 24 hours.

I said: Which makes me ask: Have your worries, or let me say burdens, as president of the republic, changed?

President Mubarak said: There is no doubt about it, because no responsibility falls on the vice president. The decisions are made by the president. When I was vice president my task was to convey to the president the views I heard and to put the