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Prime Minister

Dear Michael,

and Paul

MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO JORDAN

In your letter to me of 20th September you recorded the Prime Minister's hope, in the light of her discussion with the King of Jordan, that we would be able to respond favourably to the request made by the Jordanian Commander-in-Chief for assistance in training the Jordanian Armed Forces.

Major General Fursdon, the Director, Military Assistance Office, visited Jordan in October and established that the Jordanians would like priority accorded to training in five areas - Infantry, Armoured, Artillery, Special Forces and Logistics. A group of Jordanian officers will visit the United Kingdom early next month to look at British Army training methods and consider which aspects might be adopted for their needs; and a Military Assistance Office team will visit Jordan thereafter (in early 1980) to make specific recommendations. In the light of that team's report we will discuss with Jordan what training assistance might be offered.

I am sending copies of this letter to Paul Lever (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

*Yours and
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