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From the Principal Private Secretary

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Dear Sir,

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL ON 23 OCTOBER
MIDDLE EAST

During her discussion with the Secretary General of the UN today, the Prime Minister described her disappointment with the failure of the Joint Delegation Initiative. Clearly the killing of the Israelis at Larnaca, the Israeli bombing at Tunis - an attack by one UN member on another, which was to be deplored - and the hijacking of the Achille Lauro had made it even harder for Milhem to accept the agreed form of words. For the time being it seemed that the peace process was halted. For understandable reasons King Hussein felt unable to negotiate with Israel without the support of the Arab world. She would certainly not put pressure on the King for negotiations against his better judgement. The King was very depressed with the attitude of the United States.

The Secretary General said that in his report to the General Assembly he would try "to keep the window a little open". It was important to think of a way of overcoming the US refusal to involve the Soviet Union in the Middle Eastern peace process.

Yours sincerely
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