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KING HUSSEIN

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
TO KING HUSSEIN WHICH, PROVIDED THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS
CONTENT, SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY AMMAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
ON RECEIPT OF YOUR TRIGGER TELEGRAM.

BEGINS :

OUR AMBASSADOR HAS CONVEYED TO ME YOUR MESSAGE OF 18 AUGUST.
I AM GLAD THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES AND
HAVE A THOROUGH TALK WITH THE PRESIDENT, WHO FELT THAT THE
MEETING HAD GONE WELL. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR BEING ABLE
TO TALK THROUGH THESE VERY DIFFICULT ISSUES TOGETHER. I HOPE
VERY MUCH THAT WE SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY SOON TO DO SO,
AND TO GO INTO THE MANY DIFFERENT ASPECTS AND IMPLICATIONS
OF THE PRESENT CRISIS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE JORDAN'S NEED FOR
SOME FORM OF MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP MEET THE COSTS
TO JORDAN OF APPLYING UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAQ.

I SHOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO YOU, AND
HOPE YOUR MAJESTY WOULD LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU INTEND TO COME
TO LONDON. MEANWHILE, I THINK YOU KNOW THAT THE FOREIGN
SECRETARY IS HOPING TO VISIT JORDAN IN THE FIRST WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER. IF YOU WERE ABLE TO SEE HIM THEN, IT WOULD BE MOST
HELPFUL. IT IS VITAL THAT BRITAIN AND JORDAN SHOULD MAINTAIN
THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONTACT IN THESE VERY DIFFICULT TIMES.
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From the Private Secretary

20 August 1990

MESSAGE FOR KING HUSSEIN

Thank you for your letter of 20 August enclosing a draft message for the Prime Minister to send to King Hussein. I enclose a revised version which the Prime Minister has approved. Provided the Foreign Secretary is content, it may be despatched to our Ambassador in Amman for delivery.

CHARLES POWELL

Simon Gass Esq
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THE PRIME MINISTER

20 August 1990

Our Ambassador has conveyed to me your message of 18 August. I am glad that you were able to visit the United States and have a thorough talk with the President, who felt that the meeting had gone well. There is no substitute for being able to talk through these very difficult issues together. I hope very much that we shall have an opportunity soon to do so, and to go into the many different aspects and implications of the present crisis. This would include Jordan's need for some form of multilateral assistance to help meet the costs to Jordan of applying United Nations sanctions against Iraq.

I should be happy to meet at any time convenient to you, and hope Your Majesty would let me know when you intend to come to London. Meanwhile, I think you know that the Foreign Secretary is hoping to visit Jordan in the first week of September. If you were able to see him then, it would be most helpful. It is vital that Britain and Jordan should maintain the closest possible contact in these very difficult times.

His Majesty King Hussein bin Talal, G.C.B.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

Our Ambassador has conveyed to me your message of 18 August, ^{for} ~~for~~ which I am grateful. I am ~~also~~ glad that you were able to visit the United States and have a thorough talk with the President, who felt that the meeting had gone well. There is no substitute for being able to talk through these very difficult ^{issues} ~~issues~~ face to face, and I hope very much that we shall have an opportunity soon to do so, ^{and to go} ~~We need to go into~~ ^{many different} ~~all~~ the aspects and implications of the present crisis. This would include Jordan's need for some form of multilateral assistance to help meet the costs to Jordan of applying United Nations sanctions against Iraq, ^{as well as the} ~~as well as the~~

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