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Dear Caroline,

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Message for King Hussein

The Prime Minister will have her own view on how far she is ready to conciliate King Hussein's hurt feelings, reflected in his message of 18 August (Amman talnos 433 and 434). The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's advice is that his own proposed visit to Amman (already trailed with Crown Prince Hassan) and some general words of encouragement would strike the right balance.

/ I enclose a draft.

Yours ever,
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(S L Gass)
Private Secretary

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DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO KING HUSSEIN

Thank you for your message of 18 August.

In these dangerous times, it is essential that we should be able to communiante cordially and face together the threat to the security of the whole of your region which Iraq's aggression against Kuwait has brought about. I am sorry that you should have taken exception to my earlier messages but they were a mesage of the importance I attach to working with you for the restoration of regional security and the full implementation of SCR 660.

I share your hope that we will be able to meet again soon. Meanwhile I know that Douglas Hurd has mentioned to Crown Prince Hassan his intention, if at all possible and if it is welcome to you, to come to Jordan during his visit to the region in the first week of September. I agree with you that we must maintain the closest possible contact and ensure that there are no possible misunderstandings between such firm friends.