

24th November, 1982.

URGENT

I asked you at Question Time this afternoon for an assurance that the Government would not receive the PLO representative in the King of Morocco's delegation unless by the time of his arrival in London the PLO had accepted the Reagan proposals and agreed to recognise Israel. You were not then in a position to give me a clear answer.

I have no doubt that you will come under intense if not necessarily sincere pressure from Arab quarters to receive the PLO man. I cannot help feeling, however, that to do so must weaken President Reagan's initiative and - though he may not care to admit it - weaken King Hussein's position in his negotiations with Arafat.

To receive the PLO representative must also cause some offence in Israel - with the Opposition as well as the Government - and to that extent diminish any influence we might have if negotiations between King Hussein and the Israelis should eventually begin.

I am copying this letter to Margaret Thatcher.

Julian Amery

The Rt.Hon. Francis Pym, MP

E.S. I have marked this letter "urgent" in case you should be on the point of taking a decision.

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Prime Minister

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compliments of*

THE RT. HON. JULIAN AMERY, MP

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