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cc: Sir A. Parsons

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From the Private Secretary

15 February 1983

VISIT BY KING HUSSEIN

We spoke this morning on the telephone about John Holmes' letter of 14 February.

The Prime Minister would much like to give a small working lunch for King Hussein on Monday, 21 February. I should be grateful if this invitation could be conveyed to the King. The Prime Minister would hope to use the occasion for a good talk about current Middle East problems.

I think we might envisage a total of, say, eight participants. Could we have a word on the telephone soon about who they might be?

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cc: Mrs. Goodchild

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From the Private Secretary

16 February 1983

KING HUSSEIN

As I told you on the telephone, the Prime Minister has agreed to give a working lunch for the King on Monday, 21 February.

We shall, as you suggest, be inviting from the Jordanian side Commander in Chief Zaid bin Shaker, and the Jordanian Ambassador.

The Prime Minister also hopes that the Secretary of State for Defence and, in the absence of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and Mr. Hurd abroad, Sir Antony Acland will be able to attend. Sir Anthony Parsons will also be present.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

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PRIME MINISTER

LUNCH FOR KING HUSSEIN - MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY

You agreed to give a working lunch for eight (and as this is the only occasion for a serious talk with him, I suggest we stick to that number).

I suggest that the eight should be yourself,
King Hussein, General Shagr (Jordanian Chief of Staff),
Jordanian Ambassador, Secretary of State for Defence,
Sir Antony Acland (Mr. Pym and Mr. Hurd will both be abroad),
Sir Anthony Parsons, Private Secretary.

Agree?

*Yes
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15 February 1983

PRIME MINISTER

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VISIT BY KING HUSSEIN

King Hussein will pay a private visit to London from 19-27 February (see attached letter).

If you would like to entertain him, the only possibility seems to be a lunch on Monday, 21 February - this would mean cancelling your lunch for colleagues on that day.

You may think that a very small lunch in the Small Dining Room would be best - then you would not need a separate time for talks (your diary is very crowded at that time). If you agree to this I will submit a guest list for, say, 6 - 8 people.

Agree to give a working lunch for King Hussein on Monday, 21 February?

Yes ms

A.J.C.

14 February 1983

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14 February 1983

Dear John,

Visit by King Hussein

As you will have seen, King Hussein is planning to pay a private visit to London from 19-27 February. This is good news. He had earlier suggested that he would find it difficult to come here while the Arab League Delegation problem remained unsolved. He will be accompanied by his Commander in Chief, General Zaid bin Shaker. The King has said that he very much hopes that it may be possible for him to meet the Prime Minister, Mr Pym and Mr Heseltine while he is here.

In the past the Prime Minister has set aside at least an hour for talks with King Hussein and she may wish to do so again during this visit. He is coming at a particularly crucial moment for Middle East peace prospects. I assume that it would be very difficult at this notice for the Prime Minister to offer the King a meal, but this would no doubt be much appreciated if it were possible.

A senior Foreign and Commonwealth Office official will be available to attend the meeting if required. Mr Pym and Mr Heseltine propose to call separately on King Hussein.

I am copying this to Richard Mottram (MOD).

Yours ever
John Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

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VISIT TO BRITAIN BY KING HUSSEIN

I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY THE HEAD OF ROYAL PROTOCOL THAT
HUSSEIN WILL BE VISITING BRITAIN FOR ABOUT 8 DAYS FROM FEBRUARY 19.
2. I HOPE TO SEE THE KING WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO TO FIND OUT
MORE ABOUT HIS PLANS. HE HAS TOLD ME ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS RECENTLY
THAT HE INTENDED GOING TO LONDON SOON IN ANY CASE AND WAS NOT
PREPARED TO WAIT MUCH LONGER FOR THE ARABS TO GET THEIR ACT
TOGETHER OVER THE ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION'S VISIT. NO DOUBT HE WILL
HOPE TO SEE BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER AND YOURSELF DURING THIS VISIT.
HE NOW SEEMS LIKELY TO BE IN LONDON WHEN THE RESULTS OF THE
PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN ALGIERS (WHICH BEGINS ON
14 FEBRUARY AND IS EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT A WEEK) BECOME KNOWN.
IF, AS IS GENERALLY EXPECTED IN PLO CIRCLES HERE, THE COUNCIL GIVES
ARAFAT ENOUGH LATITUDE TO PURSUE THE PEACE PROCESS IN COMPANY WITH
THE JORDANIANS, THE KING MIGHT WELL DECIDE TO GO ON TO WASHINGTON
FROM LONDON.

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KING HUSSEIN

King Hussein is coming on a private visit on 23/24/25 February. The dates are thoroughly inconvenient but I appreciate the Prime Minister will have to see him. The FCO are writing. I fear we might have to put him in after Signor Fanfani's visit on 25 February.

Yes.
MR 14/2

Ed.

11 February 1983