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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

10 February, 1984

Dear John,

Visit by King Hussein

We have heard from our Embassy in Washington (telegram enclosed) that King Hussein plans to arrive in London en route home from Washington on 15 February. We do not yet have a date for his departure. He has expressed a wish to see the Prime Minister if possible.

I realise that the Prime Minister's diary for the first half of next week will of course depend on arrangements for attendance at the Andropov funeral. But the King has indicated that he would be free to see the Prime Minister on 16 February.

There will clearly be much to talk about with King Hussein. He will have seen President Reagan on 13 February, and will therefore have formed his own impressions of US intentions in Lebanon and more generally in the Middle East. He is due to renew his talks with Arafat later in the month in the hope of unblocking negotiations on the Anglo/Israeli problem.

I would be grateful if you could let me know whether the Prime Minister would be able to see King Hussein, once arrangements for next week are clearer.

Yours ever,

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*From the Private Secretary*

15 February 1984

Visit by King Hussein

Thank you for your letter of 10 February.

As you will have heard from our Diary Secretary, the Prime Minister has agreed to a meeting with King Hussein at 10 Downing Street at 1645 hours on Thursday 16 February.

A. J. COLES

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MR. BUTLER  
MR. COLES ✓  
MR. TURNBULL  
MR. FLESHER  
MR. BARCLAY  
MR. ALISON  
MR. SHERBOURNE

I have arranged the following meeting with the Prime Minister:-

Subject .....  
Date .. 16.2.84 .....  
Time .. 16.45 .....  
Venue .. No 12 .....  
Person/people invited .. King Hussein .....  
.....  
Added Ministerial attendance .....

Briefing

- ✓ a) I have commissioned briefing from .....  
✓ b) Could you arrange briefing if necessary

By 15/2

Caroline Ryder

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 459 OF 9 FEBRUARY

INFO SAVING AMMAN

KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT

1. THE JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD US TODAY THAT KING HUSSEIN PLANS TO LEAVE WASHINGTON LATE ON 14 FEBRUARY AND TO ARRIVE IN LONDON EARLY ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. HIS ONWARD TRAVEL PLANS WERE NOT YET FIRM. KING HUSSEIN WAS VERY MUCH HOPING TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A TALK WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT, IF THE PRIME MINISTER'S DIARY PERMITTED, IT WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT FOR THE KING TO ARRANGE FOR LATE ON 15 FEBRUARY OR ON 16 FEBRUARY IN ORDER TO ALLOW HIM TIME TO REST AFTER HIS FLIGHT

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PS/MR. LUCE  
SIR. J LEAHY

MR. EGERTON

( Repetition to Amman .....  
referred for departmental decision,  
repeated as requested to other posts. )

**THIS TELEGRAM  
WAS NOT  
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