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TELEGRAM NUMBER 797 OF 27 NOVEMBER 1984



YOUR TELNO 472: KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO LONDON

1. I TODAY DISCUSSED THE VISIT WITH THE CHIEF OF THE ROYAL DIWAN (MARWAN AL-QASEM).
2. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN FINALISED, LARGELY BECAUSE THE PALACE STAFF ARE FOCUSSING ON THE KING'S VISIT TO EGYPT (SEE MY SEPARATE TELEGRAM) WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE HIS VISIT TO LONDON.
3. ON PRESENT PLANS HE WILL BE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FROM 6 DECEMBER UNTIL ABOUT 14 DECEMBER, THOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE FRENCH WILL INVITE HIM TO PARIS DURING THIS PERIOD (THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN ENQUIRING ABOUT THE LONDON DATES).
4. APART FROM HIS ADDRESS TO THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE FOR DEFENCE STUDIES ON 6 DECEMBER AND AN ENGAGEMENT AT HARROW (FOR THE HARROW SONGS) ON 7 DECEMBER THE KING'S ENGAGEMENTS ARE SAID TO BE PRIVATE.
5. THE KING CONFIRMED BY TELEPHONE TO MARWAN AL QASEM WHILE I WAS WITH HIM THAT HE WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER. I HOPE THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE. KING HUSSEIN IS STAKING A LOT TO ON HIS EFFORTS TO PUT TOGETHER A MODERATE GRAB GROUPING AND TO RESTART THE PEACE PROCESS. HE WILL CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE WILLING TO USE HER INFLUENCE WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN AGAIN TO PERSUADE HIM OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENCOURAGING JORDANIAN EFFORTS. FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND HIS VISIT TO EGYPT HE MAY WELL HAVE MORE SPECIFIC IDEAS IN THIS REGARD THAN ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.
6. A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER MAY ALSO PROVIDE THE LAST HIGH-LEVEL OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE THE EVENTUAL JORDANIAN DECISION ON THE QRMS PACKAGE. IF, AS I SUSPECT, THE KING IS INVITED TO PARIS, THE FRENCH WILL CLEARLY HAVE A SIMILAR AIM.
7. AS REGARDS THE TIMING OF A CALL, MARWAN AL CASEM THOUGHT THAT THE EVENING OF 6 DECEMBER (YOUR TUR) WOULD BE A GOOD TIME. OTHER POSSIBILITIES, THOUGH HE WOULD NEED TO CHECK THESE WITH THE KING, WERE 10 DECEMBER AND THE AFTERNOON OR EARLY EVENING OF 12 DECEMBER. IF YOU CAN LET ME HAVE A SPECIFIC TIME (OR CHOICE OF TIMES) WHICH WOULD SUIT THE PRIME MINISTER, I WILL TRY TO TIE THE JORDANIANS DOWN.

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8. IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THE KING ON HIS VISIT. QUEEN NOOR MAY DO SO BUT MARWAN WILL CONFIRM THIS AND OTHER DETAILS LATER.

9. I HAVE ASKED TO SEE THE KING AFTER HIS RETURN FROM EGYPT AND BEFORE HIS VISIT TO LONDON. MY REPORT MAY BE A LITTLE LATE FOR YOUR BRIEFING PURPOSES BUT I THIZ IT WILL BE MORE VALUABLE THEN THAN EARLIER.

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 YOUR TELNO 478: VISIT OF KING HUSSEIN TO LONDON

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~~Prime Minister~~

1. YOUR TUR CROSSED WITH MY TELS NOS 805 TO 807. THE HEAD OF PALACE PROTOCOL HAS TOLD ME THAT 12 DECEMBER IS NOT, AS THINGS STAND, A CONVENIENT DAY FOR THE KING. IF THAT IS ABSOLUTELY THE ONLY TIME WHICH NO 10 ARE ABLE TO OFFER (AND I CAN APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES) THEN I WILL OF COURSE SEE WHETHER THE KING CAN ADJUST HIS PROGRAMME TO ACCOMMODATE IT.
2. BUT, THOUGH HE WOULD NEVER SAY SO, I WOULD GUESS THAT HE WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED. AS I HAVE REPORTED, THIS IS A CRITICAL TIME FOR HIM. HE IS TAKING MANY RISKS IN TRYING TO RALLY MODERATE VOICES IN THE ARAB WORLD AND NEEDS THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THOSE HE CONSIDERS HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS - HE TALKED AGAIN YESTERDAY WITH WARMTH OF HIS GREAT RESPECT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.
3. HE WILL DOUBTLESS BE FETED IN PARIS AND URGED TO GIVE THE FRENCH A MAJOR SHARE OF THE PROSPECTIVE ARMS PACKAGE.
4. SINCE MY TURS WERE SENT WE HAVE RECEIVED FURTHER INDICATIONS OF JORDANIAN DISENCHANTMENT WITH RECENT SOVIET BEHAVIOUR. THERE IS THEREFORE PERHAPS A SLIGHTLY GREATER CHANCE THAN I SUGGESTED EARLIER OF INFLUENCING THE KING AGAINST A MAJOR ARMS PURCHASE FROM THE SOVIET UNION - BUT ONLY, I WOULD JUDGE, IF WE TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY OFFERED BY THIS VISIT TO LONDON.
5. I WOULD THEREFORE HOPE THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO OFFER THE KING RATHER LONGER THAN 45 MINUTES AND ON EITHER 6 OR 10 DECEMBER RATHER THAN 12 DECEMBER. FAILING ALL ELSE, COULD THE PRIME MINISTER OFFER RATHER LONGER ON 12 DECEMBER?
6. AS YOU KNOW, KING HUSSEIN LEAVES FOR CAIRO ON 1 DECEMBER (FAIRLY EARLY IN THE DAY) AND WILL NOT BE BACK UNTIL 4 DECEMBER. I VERY MUCH DOUBT WHETHER I CAN OBTAIN FORMAL CONFIRMATION OF HIS ACCEPTANCE OF ANY OFFER BEFORE HE RETURNS.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, I THINK YOU CAN TAKE IT THAT ANY TIME AFTER HIS LECTURE ON 6 DECEMBER WOULD CERTAINLY BE ACCEPTED AND I HAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT A TIME ON 10 DECEMBER WOULD BE AS WELL.

7. GRATEFUL FOR A REPLY BY CLOSE OF PLAY ON 3 DECEMBER.

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Caroline

Mr. Cales ought to
know better!!

Can we enter:

- (a) give him the hour on
10 December being kept
free for face station
meeting, switching the
in another line
- (b) give him longer on
12 December.

(a) is preferable if it
can be managed.

Charles



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From the Private Secretary

29 November 1984

King Hussein's Visit to London

The Prime Minister has seen Amman telegram number 797 about King Hussein's forthcoming visit.

The Prime Minister's diary is extremely full at the time King Hussein is here although she would of course like to see him. Virtually the only convenient time is from 6.00-6.45 pm on 12 December. I should be grateful if this could be put to the King.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

C.D. Powell

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Prime Minister

Mr. Gales would like

you to see King
Hussein while he is here

There are no free

lunches.

Agree to see him
for a talk, perhaps over
tea?

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Yes
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