

cc PC B

PM/85/56PRIME MINISTER*with CAP?*Defence Sales to Jordan

1. I have seen a copy of the Defence Secretary's minute to you on 3 June about the negotiations now underway on the major defence equipment package for Jordan.

2. I agree that there is probably an element of negotiating tactics in the Jordanian attitude. The Jordanian misinterpretation of the original credit package is unfortunate. But I agree with the proposals in paragraph 6 of the Defence Secretary's minute. We should avoid any interruption in the negotiations with the Jordanians, which are now well under way. I am also conscious of the need to develop our commercial links with Jordan as a means of demonstrating support for King Hussein and the stability of Jordan, especially at this delicate stage in the King's efforts to get peace negotiations on the Arab/Israel dispute started.

3. I am sending copies of this minute to other members of OD and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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