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THE PRIME MINISTER

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9 July 1985

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Your Majesty,

When we met on 7 June you asked me to consider what improvements we could make to the credit terms for the package of defence equipment under negotiation between our two countries. My colleagues and I gave very careful consideration to this and I am pleased to say that our respective negotiators have now found a solution which is entirely acceptable to us, and which I hope commends itself to Your Majesty. I understand that they have also agreed a timetable for repayment of the loan which is satisfactory to both sides. That the outcome is a considerable improvement on our original offer reflects our wish to do everything possible to maintain the very close relations between Britain and Jordan.

The precise terms agreed ad referendum between our representatives have been incorporated into a Memorandum of Understanding and I understand that Dr Odeh is submitting this to your Cabinet for their approval. I am pleased to confirm to Your Majesty that the British Government accepts the terms set out in the Memorandum of Understanding and that we are willing to sign this whenever the Jordanian Government is ready.

Your sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Majesty King Hussein Bin Talal

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From the Private Secretary

9 July 1985

Dear Richard,

The Prime Minister has considered the Defence Secretary's minute of 8 July about defence sales to Jordan to which he attached a draft message to King Hussein.

The Prime Minister has approved the message in slightly amended form and I am sending the top copy to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for despatch to Amman.

I am sending copies of this letter and enclosure to Colin Budd (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), to the Private Secretaries to the other members of OD, and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

yours sincerely,
Charles Powell

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Richard Mottram, Esq.,
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