

PRIME MINISTER

JOINT JORDANIAN/PALESTINIAN DELEGATION

The delegation will come to London next Monday 14 October. They will have a meeting with Sir Geoffrey Howe and lunch with Mr. Renton.

They have agreed to make the statement we wanted with only very minor amendments. The text is attached.

The statement will be issued from the Jordanian Embassy in the name of the delegation as a whole. They will try to avoid any other public statements (which would be only too likely to qualify the statement in some way).

C.D.P.

Good mt

C D POWELL

10 October 1985



TEXT OF STATEMENT FOR ISSUE BY THE JOINT JORDANIAN/PALESTINIAN
DELEGATION, AS AGREED WITH THE JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER

'At their meeting this morning with the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the members of the joint delegation reiterated their personal support for a peaceful settlement of the Arab/Israel dispute on the basis of the relevant United Nations resolutions, including resolutions 242 and 338 of the Security Council. They stated that in accordance with these resolutions a settlement should recognise the rights of the Palestinian people including the right to self determination within the context of a Jordanian/Palestinian confederation, as well as the right to secure existence of all states in the area, including Israel within its 1967 borders. They confirmed their opposition to all forms of terrorism and violence from whatever source.'

WICKS

JORDANIAN/PALESTINIAN DELEGATION

The Prime Minister saw the report of John Coles' talk with his Jordanian friend about what a joint Jordanian/Palestinian delegation would say when here.

We've decided to propose the following text to them. Could you please see that the Prime Minister's agreement to it, tonight, if possible. I think it is enough and would not (underline not) allow the Conservative Friends of Israel to claim that the Palestinians had been let off the hook.

BEGINS:

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Agreed mb

CHARLES POWELL
8 October 1985

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MESSAGE NO 1

MR POWELL TO MR WICKS

DUTY CLERK

JORDANIAN/PALESTINIAN DELEGATION

THE PRIME MINISTER SAW THE REPORT OF JOHN COLES' TALK WITH HIS JORDANIAN FRIEND ABOUT WHAT A JOINT JORDANIAN/PALESTINIAN DELEGATION WOULD SAY WHEN HERE.

WE'VE DECIDED TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING TEXT TO THEM. :COULD YOU PLEASE SEE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S AGREEMENT TO IT, TONIGHT ~~to~~ IF POSSIBLE. I THINK IT IS ENOUGH AND WOULDNOT (UNDERLINE NOT~~4~~) ALLOW THE :CONSERVATIVE :FRIENDS OF ISRAEL TO CLAIM THAT THE PALESTINIANS HAD BEEN ~~DET~~ OFF THE HOK.

BEGINS:

:AT THEIR MEETING THIS MORNING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT DELEGATION REITERATED THEIR PERSONAL SUPORT FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE ARAB/ISRAEL DISPUTE ON THE BASIS OF THE RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. :THEY STATED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE RESOLUTIONS A SETTLEMENT SHOULD RECOGNISE THE RIGHTS OF THE A PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AS WELL AS THE RIGHT TO SECURE EXISTENCE OF ALL STATES IN THE AREA, INCLUDING ISRAEL WITHIN ITS 1967 BORDERS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN SECURITY RECTIFICATIONS. THEY CONFIRMED THEIR OPPOSITION TO ALL FORMS OF TERRORISM AND ~~VIOLENVR.~~ ~~VIOLEN~~ VIOLENCE.

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8 OCTOBER 1985

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

8 October, 1985

JOINT JORDANIAN/PALESTINIAN DELEGATION

Thank you for your letter of 8 October about the statement to be made by the Joint Delegation while in London.

The Prime Minister would, I am sure, be content with the proposed statement, and would agree that it ought to be issued by the joint delegation itself. The current hijacking of a ship in the Mediterranean could make it necessary to reconsider the timing of the visit. This is something which might be looked at again on 11 October.

(C.D. Powell)

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