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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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YOUR TELNO 591: JORDANIAN/PALESTINIAN DELEGATION  
1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO  
KING FAHD.

BEGINS. I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOUR MAJESTY FOR YOUR MESSAGE  
ABOUT THE STORIES IN THE OBSERVER LAST WEEK ABOUT TORNADO. I  
HOPE THAT MR HASELTINE'S VERY FIRM DENIAL OF THE ALLEGATIONS, AS  
WELL AS THE STATEMENT FROM YOUR MAJESTY'S MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND  
AVIATION, WILL HAVE GIVEN THE LIE TO MALICIOUS SPECULATION OF  
THIS KIND. I FEAR THAT FOR THE REASONS YOUR MAJESTY GIVES, WE  
MAY YET SEE MORE OF IT. IF SO, WE SHALL SIMPLY REPEAT OUR  
CATEGORIC DENIALS.

I ALSO WISH TO CONVEY PERSONALLY TO YOUR MAJESTY MY DEEP  
DISAPPOINTMENT THAT SIR GEOFFREY HOWE'S MEETING WITH A JOINT  
JORDANIAN/PALESTINIAN DELEGATION ON 14 OCTOBER COULD NOT TAKE  
PLACE. I ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS MEETING. IT  
REFLECTED MY CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT OF KING HUSSEIN'S  
INITIATIVE. I HOPED ALSO THAT IT WOULD GIVE BOTH JORDANIANS AND  
PALESTINIANS AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL DIRECTLY TO BRITISH,  
EUROPEAN AND INDEED AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION BY PUTTING CLEARLY  
ON RECORD THEIR COMMITMENT TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

THE URGENT NEED FOR PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE BY NEGOTIATION IS  
UNDERLINED BY THE DEPLORABLE SERIES OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS OF

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RECENT WEEKS. WE HAVE FIRMLY CONDEMNED THE BRUTAL MURDERS IN LARNACA AND THE SUBSEQUENT ISRAELI RETALIATION IN VIOLATION OF TUNISIAN SOVEREIGNTY. WE MADE OUR VIEWS CLEAR IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE SUBSEQUENT ATTACK ON THE 'ACHILLE LAURO' MAKES ME EVEN MORE DETERMINED TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING TO BREAK THIS TRAGIC SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE.

WE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE DELEGATION'S VISIT TO LONDON WOULD BE A SUCCESS. WE DISCUSSED WITH THE JORDANIANS, AND THROUGH THEM THE PALESTINIANS, THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH THE DELEGATES WOULD WISH TO MAKE AFTER THE MEETING. WE WERE IN FULL AGREEMENT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF A CLEAR STATEMENT OF THEIR PERSONAL POSITION ON THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE, AND ON TERRORISM. WE LOOKED FORWARD TO WELCOMING THE STATEMENT AGREED BY THE JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER ON BEHALF OF THE DELEGATION AS AN ADVANCE ON ESTABLISHED POSITIONS AND A VICTORY FOR COMMON SENSE.

IT WAS THEREFORE WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT I LEARNED SHORTLY BEFORE THE MEETING THAT ONE OF THE PALESTINIAN DELEGATES WAS UNWILLING TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH THE AGREED STATEMENT. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE MEETING WITH THE DELEGATION COULD NOT TAKE PLACE, BUT GEOFFREY HOWE HAD A USEFUL DISCUSSION WITH THE JORDANIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER. I AM DISAPPOINTED BY THIS SETBACK, WHICH ADDS TO THE BURDENS OF HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN AND CAN ONLY IMPAIR UNDERSTANDING OF PALESTINIAN VIEWS. I AM IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HIS MAJESTY ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS. I ALSO HAD A USEFUL DISCUSSION WITH MR PERES AND WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN IN NEW YORK ON 23 OCTOBER. THE PRESIDENT'S DETERMINATION TO MAKE EARLY PROGRESS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT IS UNDIMINISHED, EVEN THOUGH HE IS INEVITABLY PREOCCUPIED AT THE MOMENT WITH HIS FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH MR GORBACHEV.

WE MUST ALL NOW REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE PROGRESS. I CAN ASSURE YOUR MAJESTY OF MY UNDIMINISHED SUPPORT FOR REALISTIC MOVES TOWARDS A JUST AND BALANCED SETTLEMENT WHICH MEETS THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND PERMITS ALL STATES IN THE AREA TO EXIST WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNISED BOUNDARIES. BRITAIN WILL CONTINUE

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TO PLAY HER FULL ROLE IN PURSUIT OF OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE.

WITH MY WARMEST RESPECTS AND REGARDS TO YOUR MAJESTY. ENDS.

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*From the Private Secretary*

28 October 1985

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO KING FAHD:  
JOINT DELEGATION**

Thank you for your letter of 25 October proposing that the Prime Minister should send King Fahd a message about the reasons why the meeting with the joint Jordanian/Palestinian delegation could not take place.

The Prime Minister agrees to send a message and is in general content with the draft enclosed with your letter. However the last sentence of the last full paragraph of the second page should be amended to read:

"I also had useful discussions with Mr. Peres and with President Reagan in New York on 23 October. The President's determination to make early progress towards a settlement is undiminished even though he is inevitably preoccupied at the moment with his forthcoming meeting with Mr. Gorbachev."

I should be grateful if the message, thus amended, could be despatched.

(C. D. POWELL)

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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25 October 1985

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Yes no  
Dear Charles,

Prime Minister  
Approve message to  
King Fahd? CDP 25/10.

Message from the Prime Minister to King Fahd: Joint Delegation

Sir P Wright called on the Saudi Foreign Minister on 16 October to explain the reasons why Sir Geoffrey Howe's meeting with a Joint Jordanian/Palestinian delegation could not take place. He recommends that the Prime Minister should send a message to King Fahd putting our version on record with the King. Sir Geoffrey Howe agrees that it is important to ensure that there is no misunderstanding by the Saudis of HMG's decision.

Press publicity about alleged commissions for Saudi princes involved in the Tornado deal threatened to strain relations with the King. However, the King seems well content with Mr Heseltine's firm statement on 21 October, and has written in those terms to the Prime Minister (Riyadh unnumbered telegram of 22 October). This matter therefore deserves no more than a passing mention by the Prime Minister.

I enclose a draft message. If the Prime Minister managed to raise the Middle East with President Reagan on 23/24 October, that would be a valuable additional point to make to the King.

Yes over

Peter Ricketts

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Private Secretary

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2 The urgent need for progress towards peace by negotiation is

3 underlined by the deplorable series of terrorist incidents of

4 recent weeks. We have firmly condemned the brutal murders in

5 Larnaca and the subsequent Israeli retaliation in violation of

6 Tunisian sovereignty. We made our views clear in the Security

7 Council. The subsequent attack on the "Achille Lauro" makes me

8 even more determined to support those who are seeking to break

9 this tragic spiral of violence.

10 We made every effort to ensure that the delegation's visit

11 to London would be a success. We discussed with the Jordanians,

12 and through them the Palestinians, the public statements which

13 the delegates would wish to make after the meeting. We were in

14 full agreement about the importance of a clear statement of their

15 personal position on the fundamental questions of the rights of

16 the parties to the dispute, and on terrorism. We looked forward

17 to welcoming the statement agreed by the Jordanian Prime Minister

18 on behalf of the delegation as an advance on established positions

19 and a victory for common sense.

20 It was therefore with great sadness that I learned shortly

21 before the meeting that one of the Palestinian delegates was

22 unwilling to associate himself with the agreed statement. In

23 these circumstances, the meeting with the delegation could not

24 take place, but Geoffrey Howe had a useful discussion with the

25 Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. I am

26 disappointed by this setback, which adds to the burdens of His

27 Majesty King Hussein and can only impair understanding of

28 Palestinian views. I am in close touch with His Majesty about the

29 next steps. I also had a useful discussion <sup>and with President Reagan</sup> with Mr Peres in

30 New York on 23 October. *The President's determination to make early*

31 *progress towards a settlement is undiminished, even though he is inevitably*

32 *preoccupied at the moment with his*

33 *meeting with*

34 *Mr. Gorbachev.*

35 We must all now redouble our efforts to make progress. I can

36 assure Your Majesty of my undiminished support for realistic

37 moves towards a just and balanced settlement which meets the

38 legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people to self-

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2	determination and permits all	states in the area to exist within
3	secure and recognised boundaries.	Britain will continue to
4	play her full role in pursuit	of our common objective.
5	With my warmest respects	and regards to Your Majesty. Ends
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