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From the Private Secretary

28 January 1986

ARAB/ISRAEL: MESSAGES TO ARAB LEADERS

Thank you for your letter of 27 January enclosing draft messages from the Prime Minister to King Hussein, King Fahd and President Mubarak about the Prime Minister's recent discussions on the Middle East situation with Mr. Peres. The Prime Minister agrees to send the messages and I think they can be despatched as they stand (though in referring in the messages to King Hussein and President Mubarak to conditions in the occupied territories, I would take out the words "harsh" and "miserable" which give a rather too firm impression of the tone in which the Prime Minister tackled these issues).

I have spoken to the Prime Minister about how we should inform the Americans of these talks. The Prime Minister recalls that she told King Hussein that she would be in direct touch with President Reagan and indeed this is mentioned in at least one of the other messages. In the circumstances, she thinks it would be best if she were to write to the President, though you may wish to ensure that Secretary Shultz receives a more detailed account of her talks than would be appropriate in a letter to the President. I should be grateful, therefore, if you could let me have a draft message from the Prime Minister to the President which highlights her main impressions from the talks and offers some general advice on the way forward.

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