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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

August 15, 1967

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Exceptions to the Military Supply  
Freeze to the Near East

Recommendation:

That you authorize us to obtain Congressional reactions to a relaxation of the current freeze on arms shipments to Israel and the moderate Arab States along the lines outlined below.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

Since the outset of hostilities last June, we have maintained very tight restrictions on the shipment of military equipment to the Near East and North Africa. This policy was correct at its inception from both a military and political viewpoint. With the passage of time, however, it has become increasingly difficult to justify its rigidity in terms of our national interest in helping certain countries to meet their legitimate defense needs, and thus contain the spread of Soviet-Nasserite influence. The Soviets have conducted a large-scale rearmament of the radical states and have indicated clear intent to influence both Jordan and Morocco through offers of cheap and extensive arms supplies. This is in sharp contrast to our restraint in the supply of arms. As indicated below, we feel the time for some relaxation is at hand.

--With the exception of the \$3.0 million cash sales authorized in early August, sales and deliveries to Israel have been blocked. The Israeli Government can be expected, as a minimum, to press for early release of their remaining requests for items

E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.4

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By WJP, NARA, Date 10-15-92

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Wednesday, May 24, 1967, 2:15 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Denial of Report that Jordan has Declared  
War on Israel

The attached message from our Embassy in  
Jordan flatly denies the report received earlier  
indicating that Jordan had declared war on Israel.

*Bromley Smith*  
Bromley Smith

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

C.F. Mr. T. Kentner  
FO3-2  
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Tuesday, May 3, 1966  
3:30 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

King Hussein has written you an extremely warm thank-you letter for your decision to sell F-104's to Jordan. It requires nothing more than a friendly acknowledgment because all of our tough conditions are clearly spelled out in the secret memo of understanding which concluded the deal. So this letter just wraps up the niceties.

Attached for signature if you approve.

W. W. Rostow

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NSC Memo, 1/30/95, State Dept. Guidelines  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

My comment on the attached is that Leonard Marks is more right than wrong.

He's right in contesting the Times claim that our "secret" tank deal was blown by USIA "indiscretion." It wasn't secret. It was publicized by Jordan when the tanks arrived. Then Embassy Amman, not just the USIA man, authorized local coverage in Jordan. The Israelis knew all about it anyway.

What was not especially wise was for USIA's weekly News Review, which circulates all through the Arab world, to play up the tanks. The alleged "indiscretion" arose from the Israelis using this as an excuse to belabor us.

Incidentally, "Bundy's staff" did not authorize newsreel coverage, as the man who drafted Leonard's memo admits. I had simply agreed with our Ambassador that we couldn't object to local publicity in Jordan, since the tank delivery was public and the whole exercise was to buck up the Jordanians. In any case, this is a tempest in a teapot.

*Joell - Knower memo to Kennedy  
Read Knower memo to Kennedy  
Then tell him to forget Knower*

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*Orig to Mrs Lantis*

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Subject: Telegram to the President Regarding  
Planes for Jordan

Mr. Eugene Goodwin of Los Angeles, California, sent a telegram October 16, 1965 to the President which stated in its entirety, "Send no U.S. money for Jordan planes." In its referral slip from Mr. Popple dated October 19 to the Department, the White House requested that a direct reply be sent to Mr. Goodwin and that a copy of the reply be furnished to the White House.

The Department believes that a reply to this message would only raise more questions than it could answer. The question of planes for Jordan is a highly classified matter and extremely complicated.

Mr. Goodwin's message does not appear to require an answer. He seems merely to be advising the President. We recommend that no answer be made.

*Alexander, Rattley for*  
Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Telegram from Mr. Goodwin

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Oct. 21, 1965

MR. PRESIDENT

There is one ceremony you may want to consider when you return to the White House:

Receive credentials of three ambassadors -

AUSTRIA : Dr. Ernst Lemberger.  
He arrived on October 10.

NIGERIA: Nathaniel Adeleyinpe Martins  
He arrived October 16.

// JORDAN: Farhan<sup>x</sup> el Shubaylat //  
He arrives today.

I suggest you may want to receive them in the Yellow Oval Room on the Second Floor on Friday or Saturday -- before you go to Texas. As you know they can transact no business until you have received them. This could be done, low-key, with Bill Moyers telling the press you wanted to do this to help the ambassadors get on with their business.

SET TIME FOR THIS FRIDAY OR SATURDAY: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Jack Valenti  
Oct. 21/6:50 am/Thursday

Noted. Also sent to  
Central Files as of \_\_\_\_\_

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September 3, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The President concurs with your opinion and has requested that you inform the Government of Jordan that the appointment of Farhan X el-Shubaylat as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary would be agreeable to the Government of the United States.

/s/  
McGeorge Bundy

cc: Office of the Chief of Protocol

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August 26, 1965

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Dear Mr. President:

The Department has received a communication from the American Embassy in Amman which states that the Government of Jordan has inquired whether this Government agrees to the appointment of Farhan el-Shubaylat as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Jordan to the United States. A biographic sketch of Mr. el-Shubaylat is enclosed.

I believe that the appointment of Mr. el-Shubaylat as Ambassador of Jordan at Washington would be satisfactory and, if you concur in this opinion, I shall be pleased to inform the Government of Jordan of your approval.

Faithfully yours,

/s/ ~~DEAN RUSK~~

Dean Rusk

Enclosure:

Biographic Sketch.

The President,

The White House.

CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE

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Mr. Farhan el-Shubaylat  
Newly designated Ambassador of Jordan  
to the United States

Farhan el-Shubaylat, a career diplomat and government official with an impressive record, was born in a small town of Jordan in 1910, then a part of the Ottoman Empire. After graduating from the American University at Beirut, he taught school in Amman and Baghdad and held minor governmental posts until 1946 when he entered the Jordanian foreign service.

Since then he has served his country abroad in Lebanon, India, Pakistan, West Germany, Iraq, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, and most recently in Algeria. During the years 1951 to 1957 he was variously Chief of the Royal Cabinet, Mayor of Amman, and Minister of Defense.

Ambassador el-Shubaylat is relaxed, friendly and openly pro-American; moreover, he is held in high regard by his Arab diplomatic colleagues.

His wife, also well educated in Beirut, accompanies the Ambassador. They have six children, three boys and three girls, ranging in ages from 16 to 27. Both the Ambassador and Mrs. el-Shubaylat speak English fluently.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Valenti

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By ing, NARA, Date 9-18-92

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SUBJECT: Jordan River Valley Desalting Project

Following your memorandum of August 11, 1965, we have been looking into Secretary Udall's proposal that a large-scale international desalting plant be built to serve all the Jordan Valley countries. Our investigation parallels a more detailed one initiated by Secretary Udall. My understanding is that, for the time being at least, the Secretary has abandoned the proposal, but since similar problems may come up in other areas, it seems worthwhile to summarize the situation which developed after consultation with all the agencies.

Under the best of circumstances, and assuming no serious difficulties of an engineering nature, it appears that after the initial capital investment many tens of millions of dollars in annual subsidy would be required to keep such a plant going. There appears to be <sup>an inadequate</sup> market for the power which would be produced by an optimum dual-purpose plant. As the power component is decreased, the water cost would rise toward a figure of about 50¢ per 1000 gallons. Water for citrus production is possibly worth 20¢ per 1000 gallons in Israel, so that there would be a loss even with an optimum plant producing water at 27¢ per 1000 gallons. It seems likely that at least part of the water would be used on crops with less value than citrus. As for the implication of such a project for peace in the Middle East, the State Department's current, tentative view is that the results would at best be marginal and at worst might be harmful.

I have therefore concluded that the outlook is far too uncertain, from either the foreign policy or the technical-economic point of view, to warrant making any statement whatever on this subject in the near future. State and Interior concur in this view. We should await further developments in our own R&D program.



Donald F. Hornig  
Special Assistant for  
Science and Technology

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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September 5, 1965

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McGEORGE BUNDY'S OFFICEMEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY  
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Subject: Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit - Presentation of  
Bound Catalog to the President, and Request  
that He Inscribe Another Copy to the King  
of Jordan

Under an agreement between the Smithsonian Institution  
and the Government of Jordan, an exhibit of the Dead Sea  
Scrolls, on loan from the Palestine Archaeological Museum,  
has been touring the United States, including showings in  
Washington, Philadelphia, Berkeley, Claremont, and Omaha.  
The tour concludes in Baltimore in September.

The exhibit, containing objects of extraordinary and  
unique historical value, is described in a catalog published  
by the University of California. A few specially bound  
copies have been prepared, including the enclosed copy for  
presentation to the President with the compliments of the  
\* Manuscript Fund of the American Schools of Oriental Research.

A second copy for presentation to His Majesty, King  
Hussein, and so marked, is also enclosed. It has been  
requested that the President inscribe a suitable sentiment  
and autograph it on the title page. The Department will  
then forward it to the Embassy in Amman for presentation  
to the King.

The Department suggests that the President inscribe  
on the title page of the copy for King Hussein a phrase  
such as "a token of the gratitude of the American people  
to the people of Jordan for the opportunity to see this  
fine exhibit" and autograph it.

*Alexander Rattig for*  
Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

## Enclosures:

1. Copy of bound catalog for  
presentation to the President
2. Copy of bound catalog for  
King Hussein

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FINAL ACTION Memo fm Valenti  
to President re above

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Memo for Bill Moyers

Because Arab-Israeli questions crop up recurrently, you might find useful as background the brief I did for Mac Bundy's long-delayed confidential briefing of eleven Jewish House Democrats, which finally took place Wednesday evening. We told them it was strictly off the record, and hope it won't leak.

*Rt R*

R. W. Komer

Nothing else sent to CONFIDENTIAL  
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February 22, 1965

MEMO FOR JACK VALENTI

Ogden Reid impressed me as not only balanced and well informed but genuinely eager to help the President on his Middle East problems. He wanted to ask whether the President would OK his going out to Israel on a hand-holding exercise--a mission of reassurance. I was of course able to tell him that Harriman and I were off today. I also gave him a skeleton reassurance on Jordan arms and our determination to do right by Israel (no details).

It strikes me that, given Israel's likely continued state of nerves, as the Jordan Waters crisis develops, periodic US visitors would be most helpful. Reid would certainly fit in, say a month from now; nor does he want to be a Presidential emissary. He just wants to see LBJ a minute beforehand, so it can be a bipartisan exercise. I'll follow this up.

R. W. Komer

cc: McG. Bundy

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February 23, 1965

TO: The President

FROM: Jack Valenti

I thought you ought to see this. From what Komer says, Ogden Reid is genuine in his desire to help.

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February 3, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

Jordan Arms. Mike Feldman has you telling him that Talbot's instructions are not to enter into any agreement at all, but to report back here before offering either ground force equipment or aircraft.

I didn't debate with him but am simply doublechecking, since our understanding of your decision is that Talbot should come back home (or in an emergency cable back) only on the supersonic aircraft. We'll proceed as planned unless we're wrong on this, in which case there's time to clue Talbot.

*R. W. Komer*  
R. W. Komer

— proceed as planned  
— Talk to me

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September 23, 1964

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MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. VALENTI

SUBJECT: Appointment with President --  
American Ambassadors

1. We have three more American Ambassadors who need the usual two-minute, off-the-record treatment in the Cabinet Room -- i.e. a handshake and a picture. The Ambassadors are Barnes (Jordan), Parker T. Hart (Saudi Arabia), and Robt C. Strong (Iraq). \*

2. Can you spare two minutes this afternoon or Thursday?

GC  
Gordon Chase

9/23 7:15 pm

Gordon says there is no problem if this is not done. would like to do it - they don't mind waiting.

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