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07h	letter	King Hussein to LBJ (dup., #09, 71)	PCI	2	4/9/66	A
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09	letter	dup., #07h	PCI	2	4/9/66	A
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24a	memo	R. W. Komer to LBJ (copy of #25)	PCI	1	2/9/66	A
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25a	letter	original of #24b	S	5	2/9/66	A
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Sincerely,
our two nations./ Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQUOTE

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

CONFIDENTIAL

August 4, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Congratulatory Message to Jordanian King Hussein

August 11 marks the anniversary of Hussein's ascension to the throne. A short message from you, like one you sent last year, is an easy way to show our continuing concern. As a courtesy gesture, it should not cause us any trouble elsewhere in the area.

We are in pretty good shape in Jordan now as a result of our aircraft sale. However, we will have to keep on gradually cutting back our economic aid. So keeping alive his sense of your personal interest is worth a little effort.

If you approve, we would send the following:

"On the anniversary of your ascension to the throne of Jordan, I once again take great pleasure in conveying to you my personal greetings and the best wishes of the American people for the increasing prosperity of your country. The United States values highly its association with Jordan and looks forward to continued close and cordial relations between our two nations. Sincerely, Lyndon B. Johnson"

State recommends you approve and I concur.

W. Rostow
W. Rostow

Approve ✓

Disapprove _____

*S/S v Saunders approved
8/5/66*

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August 3, 1966

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Congratulatory Message to
King Hussein

August 11 marks the date in 1953 when King Hussein ascended the throne in Jordan. In 1957, the United States established a special relationship with Jordan which has continued without interruption.

In the past few years, however, and especially prior to our decision to sell supersonic fighter aircraft to Jordan, the King has expressed some concern about the strength of our support for him. Particularly in view of current attacks on him by militant Arab nationalists and Palestinians, we believe the King feels the need for reassurances of our strong support.

Such reassurances would be consistent with our decision to sell him supersonics and to continue heavy economic aid to Jordan. Such a message might also offset any doubts we may have raised in the King's mind by informing him that we plan to reduce our budget subsidy to Jordan next year by about 17 percent.

A proposed message is enclosed, similar to one which was sent last year.

John P. Walsh
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Proposed Message to
King Hussein

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THE WHITE HOUSE
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WATZ M. ROSTOM



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WASHINGTON
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August 3, 1936

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ACTION: Amembassy AMMAN

STATE

1. Embassy should deliver following message:

"His Majesty

Hussein I

King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

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(dated May 4)

Please deliver following letter/from President to King Hussein:

QUOTE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Your Majesty:

Thank you for your kind letter in which you expressed your appreciation for the opportunity to purchase F-104 aircraft. Our decision to sell these aircraft was based on our belief that you and the people of Jordan are firm and reliable friends of the United States. I hope that the sale will further strengthen the ties of friendship and mutual trust that exist between our two countries.

I send you best wishes for the future and I hope you will have every success in carrying out your heavy responsibilities.

Sincerely, ~~XXXXXXXX~~

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

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White House - Mr. Bromley Smith

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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.

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Walt
W. W. Rostow

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

May 5, 1966

Mr. Bromley Smith
The White House

The attached letter is
returned for your consideration.
The contents have been conveyed
to Amman by cable.

John P. Walsh
John P. Walsh
Deputy Exec. Secretary

Attch:
Letter from the President
to King of Jordan.

*S/S referred (via
5/5/66 cable only - no orig.)*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

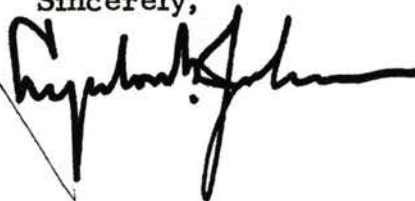
May 4, 1966

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Sincerely,



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His Majesty
Hussein I,
King of the Hashemite
Kingdom of Jordan
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His Majesty
Hussein I
King of the Hashemite
Kingdom of Jordan
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April 24, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Presidential Message to
King Hussein

Enclosed is a recommended reply to King Hussein's
letter of April 9 to President Johnson. The letter was
transmitted to the White House on April 19.

[Handwritten signature]
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

- 1. Suggested message to King Hussein
- 2. Letter to President Johnson from King Hussein

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[Signature]
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(dated)

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Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

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THE ROYAL PALACE,
Amman, JORDAN,
April 9th, 1966.

Dear Mr. President:

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation that I write to you, following the conclusion of the agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for the supply to the Royal Jordanian Air Force with the United States built F.104 Starfighter type aircraft, and also following the return to Jordan of its negotiator General Amer Khammash Chief of Staff of our Armed Forces.

There is no way, Mr. President, by which I could express my deep gratitude and that of my Government and people, especially in the Armed Forces and particularly in the Air Force, for your personal understanding and support, and for the friendly spirit which emanated from it and with which, the Jordanian negotiator was met, throughout his stay up to the completion of his mission in the United States.

It is indeed only a new demonstration of the solidarity of the relations that happily exist between our two nations, the confidence, trust and the sense of unity in belonging to the family of free nations, safeguarding joint-principles and upholding the same ideals.

Mr. President, you came to our assistance as the great friend we know you to be, and we are proud to have, your personal assistance at an extremely delicate moment in Jordan's history shall never be forgotten and by providing us with the 104s, we know that the United States Government has provided us with the best. I am fairly confident that our Jordanian pilots will prove those aircraft to be the best, and once again that the strength of Jordan will be as it has always been that of freedom, stability and progress, that the strength of Jordan

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shall never be used in any other way save in legitimate self-defence, for freedom, justice and in persuasion of a better future for the people of this part of the world.

I seize this opportunity to wish you, Mr. President, continued good health and every success in fulfilling your great and demanding responsibilities.

Your Sincere Brother

J. F. Kennedy

President Lyndon B. Johnson,
President of the United States of America,
The White House,
Washington D. C.

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Your Sincere Brother

[Handwritten signature]

President Lyndon B. Johnson,
President of the United States of America,
The White House,
Washington D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1966

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 6482

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from King Hussein of Jordan
to President Johnson

Enclosed is a letter from King Hussein to
President Johnson regarding the provision of jet
aircraft by the U.S. to Jordan.

The Department will forward to you its recom-
mendation regarding reply.

for *Benjamin H. Read*
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Letter from King Hussein. > *see serial 4/20*

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WASHINGTON

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Benjamin H. Reed
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Executive Secretary

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Letter from King Hussein 4/19

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1. Request you deliver following oral message to King from President:

QTE After full and careful consideration of the problems you face, I have decided we should make a special effort on a one time basis to meet your request for supersonic defensive aircraft. You are already aware of the many reasons for our reluctance to make this decision. These reasons still exist. Our decision to proceed despite them takes into account the special relationship between our two countries and the extreme pressures that you have felt. The proposals that I have authorized Ambassador Barnes to deliver to our you represent a maximum stretching of/policy ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and I therefore earnestly hope that you will find them acceptable. UNQTE

2. You will receive by separate message further instructions regarding proposal you should present to King.

3. If King should remark on absence any reference in President's oral messages to his complaints about aid program or other sections his letter, you may state you informed full letter under study and that appropriate responses will be forthcoming. Dept would welcome any comments you have in that connection.

GP-3.

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February 24, 1966

Date

Mr. McGeorge Bundy
The White House

*Called Sandy S/S
2/26/66 2:50 pm
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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Draft telegram to AMMAN

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to the President
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Mr. McGeorge Bundy
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Draft telegram to AMMAN

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Your 496 and Deptel _____

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1. Request you deliver following oral message to King from President:

QTE After full and careful consideration of the problems you face, I have decided we should make a special effort on a one time basis to meet your request for supersonic defensive aircraft. You are already aware of the many reasons for our reluctance to make this decision. These reasons still exist. Our decision to proceed despite them takes into account the special relationship between our two countries and the extreme pressures that you have felt. The proposals that I have authorized Ambassador Barnes to deliver to you represent a maximum stretching of ^{our} policy ~~considerations~~, and I therefore earnestly hope that you will find them acceptable. UNQTE

2. You will receive by separate message further instructions regarding proposal you should present to King.

3. If King should remark on absence any reference in President's oral messages to his complaints about aid program or other sections his letter, you may state you informed full letter under study and that appropriate responses will be forthcoming. Dept would welcome any comments you have in that connection.

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NEA - Mr. Davies

G/PM - Mr. Meyers

NEA - Raymond A. Hare

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NR - Col. Byrd

DOD/ISA-Mr. Stoddart (draft)

White House - Mr. Komer

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Your 496, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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After presenting oral message from President to King request you/~~give him~~ make
detailed presentation:
following/~~as follows~~

1. As President indicated this decision has posed serious difficulties for United States since among other things it will be interpreted as contributing further to the arms race among friends in Middle East. India-Pakistan example has greatly affected US attitudes.
2. Nevertheless, we understand pressures mounting on King Hussein and have decided to help him out of his dilemma as we did on ground force package provided that clear and unequivocal understanding can be reached on following basis.
3. We would face great difficulty in continuing our aid to Jordan if ~~Jordan~~ Jordan begins purchasing Soviet arms. On the other hand, neither USG, UK, nor apparently France can provide Jordan with what ~~King~~ King says he cannot afford requires within the amount made available from other Arab states. We ~~would~~ subsidize Jordanian purchase of supersonic aircraft.

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4. USG believes best way out of this dilemma is to provide Jordan for cash in time frame 1966-1971 /36 rehabilitated F-104 A/B series supersonic interceptors in three equal increments.

5. Sale of first increment of twelve F-104A series aircraft (ten 104A's and two 104B's) for delivery in calendar year 1968 will be made against UAC allocation of \$18.2 million GOJ gold as is available.

6. If initial sale does not ~~create unmanageable~~ create unmanageable /problem, we will also give GOJ option to purchase 24 additional F-104A's or B's for delivery between calendar year 1968 and calendar year 1971.

7. Our proposal (made against UAC allocation of \$18.2 million for 12 aircraft) is package deal that includes training, one-year spare parts support, ground support equipment, etc.

8. In agreeing to this proposal we must have in return a most explicit understanding between His Majesty and US Government on following matters of great mutual interest:

A. Jordan would reconfirm previous undertakings to make no arms purchases from Soviet Bloc.

B. Delivery of optional last two increments of 12 US aircraft each would be keyed to phase out of Hawker Hunters now in NJAF inventory.

C. Jordan in consultation with US Government would ~~continue to take all necessary steps to~~ continue to take all necessary steps to /minimize budgetary costs of modernizing its armed forces, lest the US Government be indirectly subsidizing UAC defense buildup with funds intended for Jordan's domestic stability and economic growth.

D. Since our offer is contingent on UAC provision of necessary funds, no credit can be extended for these purchases by United States.

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9. You should point out that premature publicity on details present offer to Jordan could be very embarrassing to both US and Jordan and would generate pressures on USG aimed at preventing consummation. Accordingly, we must ask King to hold this matter extremely closely within GQJ, to ^{prevent} ~~prevent~~ publicity in Jordanian news media, and to consult with us in regard to any public statements. For time being no details should be disclosed to any other Arab government except along agreed lines.

10. In particular, at forthcoming Arab Prime Ministers' meeting on March 14 in Cairo, GQJ should confine itself to following ~~statement~~ statement:

A. GQJ is using UAC allocation of \$18.2 million to purchase one squadron of 12 supersonic aircraft from US Government. Final agreements now being negotiated. Training in United States for supersonic aircraft pilots commenced several months ago and is continuing.

B. If GQJ is pressed by other Arab delegates with regard to second and third squadrons it should point out this question somewhat premature. First squadron is due for delivery in 1968 at which time necessary pilot training and installation ground environment will be completed. However, decision covering additional 24 aircraft agreed in principle. No obstacles are foreseen provided funds are available from UAC.

11. If King raises availability F-104G's you should say these aircraft no longer in production. You should add that F-104A's performance characteristics in air defense role ~~are~~ are virtually same as F-104G's including supersonic performance. Technical experts alluded to in penultimate paragraph this message would be prepared elaborate on characteristics F-104A if King so desires.

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12. In addition you should make following points:

A. FYI: As one-time measure USG may also sell Israel limited number of American aircraft END FYI. You should stress that we do not intend become primary supplier military equipment to Israel. On selective basis however we will meet what we consider legitimate defense needs if Israel cannot meet them from other sources. King will recall he and General Khammash told US officials (Talbot and Solbert) last year GQJ could live with US sales to Israel providing not disproportionate. Any sales made to Israel will be kept at as low level as possible. Nevertheless, in view pressures from UAC and continuing massive flow of Soviet arms to other UAC members, particularly UAR, USG cannot permit marked imbalance to develop. If at UAC meeting attempt is made to link sales of arms to Jordan and sales to Israel, Jordan can state simple truth that it is Soviet sales to other Arabs, not US sales to Jordan nor Saudi Arabia, which forces Western Powers to make limited sales to Israel.

13. You should inform King we understand British propose to submit a revised offer on Lightnings. We have interposed no objection. Jordanians should decide on offers in light of their own interests. FYI: We do not believe that new offer will be significantly more acceptable than last one and have no desire encourage GQJ interest at this late date END FYI.

14. With regard to detailed negotiations our offer, we aware King would like Khammash and Jumaa proceed to US. Presence Khammash alone would probably be sufficient stimulate extensive press interest. If both come we believe it would be extremely difficult preclude damaging publicity. Request your estimate as to feasibility your negotiating agreement in Jordan, with help one or more technicians from Washington, and your suggestions as to timing.

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15. In sum you should stress to King we fully realize difficulty of situation he confronts. President has done his best to devise approach which will meet Jordan's requirements at considerable risk to other US interests. We can proceed however only on basis that King will cooperate in protecting US interests by strictly observing conditions described above.

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Mr. McGeorge Bundy
The White House

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Executive Secretary

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2/26/66
5:15 p.m.
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Draft telegram to AMMAN

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Your 496, Deptel _____

After presenting oral message from President to King, request you give him following ~~specific proposal~~ *detailed presentation*:

1. As President indicated this decision has posed serious difficulties for United States since among other things it will be interpreted as contributing further to the arms race among friends in Middle East. India-Pakistan example has greatly affected US attitudes.

2. Nevertheless, we understand pressures mounting on King Hussein and have decided to help him out of his dilemma as we did on ground force package provided that clear and unequivocal *ly* understanding can be reached on following basis:

3. We would face great difficulty in continuing our aid to Jordan if ~~RENDERING~~ Jordan begins purchasing Soviet arms. On the other hand, neither King USG, UK, nor apparently France can provide Jordan with what ~~REQUIRE~~ *can* says he requires within the amount made available from other Arab states. We ~~will~~ *can* not *afford to* subsidize Jordanian purchase of supersonic aircraft.

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NEA - Raymond A. Hare

NEA - Mr. Davies
NR - Col. Byrd
DOD - Mr. Hoopes
G/EM - Mr. Meyers

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4. USG believes best way out of this dilemma is to provide Jordan for cash in time frame 1966-1971 ^{up to} 36 rehabilitated F-104 A/B series supersonic interceptors in three equal increments.

5. Sale of first increment of twelve F-104A series aircraft (ten 104A's and two 104B's) for delivery in calendar year 1968 will be made against UAC allocation of \$18.2 million GOJ told us is available.

If initial sale does not create unmanageable problems
6. We will also give GOJ option to purchase 24 additional F-104A's or B's for delivery between calendar year 1968 and calendar year 1971.

7. Our proposal (made against UAC allocation of \$18.2 million for 12 aircraft) is package deal that includes training, one-year spare parts support, ground support equipment, etc.

8. In agreeing to this proposal we must have in return a most explicit understanding between His Majesty and US Government on following matters of great mutual interest:

A. Jordan would reconfirm previous undertakings to make no arms purchases from Soviet Bloc.

B. Delivery of optional last two increments of 12 US aircraft each would be keyed to phase out of Hawker Hunters now in RJAF inventory.

(Continue take all necessary steps)
C. Jordan in consultation with US Government would ~~do~~ all in its power to minimize budgetary costs of modernizing its armed forces, lest the US Government be indirectly subsidizing UAC defense buildup with funds intended for Jordan's domestic stability and economic growth.

D. Since our offer is contingent on UAC provision of necessary funds, no credit can be extended for these purchases by United States.

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9. You should point out that premature publicity on details present offer to Jordan could be very embarrassing to both US and Jordan and would generate pressures on USG aimed at preventing consummation. Accordingly, we must ask King to hold this matter extremely closely within GOJ, to ^{prevent} ~~control~~ publicity in Jordanian news media, and to consult with us in regard to any public statements. For time being no details should be disclosed to any other Arab government except along agreed lines.

10. In particular, at forthcoming Arab Prime Ministers' meeting on March 14 in Cairo, GOJ should confine itself to following statement:

A. GOJ is using UAC allocation of \$18.2 million to purchase one squadron of 12 supersonic aircraft from US Government. Final agreements now being negotiated. Training in United States for supersonic aircraft pilots commenced several months ago and is continuing.

B. If GOJ is pressed by other Arab delegates with regard to second and third squadrons it should point out this question somewhat premature. First squadron is due for delivery in 1968 at which time necessary pilot training and installation ground environment will be completed. However, decision covering additional 24 aircraft agreed in principle. No obstacles are foreseen provided funds are available from UAC.

11. If King raises availability F-104G's you should say these aircraft no longer in production. You should add that F-104A's performance characteristics in air defense role ~~HERE~~ are virtually same as F-104G's including supersonic performance. Technical experts alluded to in penultimate paragraph this message would be prepared elaborate on characteristics F-104A if King so desires.

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13. You should inform King we understand British propose to submit a revised offer on Lightnings. We have interposed no objection. Jordanians should decide on offers in light of their own interests. FYI: We do not believe that new offer will be significantly more acceptable than last one and have no desire encourage GOJ interest at this late date END FYI.

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Mr. McGeorge Bundy
The White House

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Your 496, Deptel _____

EXDIS

1. After presenting oral message from President to King request you give him following specific proposal:

In view mounting pressures on King Hussein US Government has decided help him out of his dilemma as it did in March 1965 with ground force package. This decision has posed serious difficulties for United States since among other things it will be interpreted as contributing further to arms race among our friends in Middle East. India-Pakistan example has greatly affected US attitudes. Nevertheless, we understand pressures felt by King Hussein and have decided that Jordan can purchase supersonic aircraft from US on following terms:

- A. We will sell Jordan for cash in time frame 1966-1971 thirty-six F-104A/B series supersonic interceptors in three equal increments.
- B. Sale of first increment of twelve F-104A series aircraft (ten 104A's and two 104B's) for delivery in calendar year 1968 will be made against URC allocation of \$18.2 million GOJ told us is available.
- C. We will also give GOJ option to purchase 24 additional F-104A's or B's for delivery between calendar year 1968 and calendar year 1971.

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D. Our proposal (made against UAC allocation of \$18.2 million for 12 aircraft) is package deal that includes training, one-year spare parts support, ground support equipment, etc.

2. In agreeing to this proposal we must have in return an understanding between His Majesty and US Government on following matters of mutual interest:

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C. Jordan in consultation with US Government would do all in its power to minimize budgetary costs of modernizing its armed forces. US Government cannot be asked to subsidize UAC defense buildup with funds intended for Jordan's domestic stability and economic growth.

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Please deliver following oral message from President to King Hussein:

QUOTE I appreciate your candid letter about the urgency and ~~attach~~ ^{attach} importance you/~~attach~~ to Jordan's need for supersonic aircraft. In the same spirit, I assure you that it remains our policy to support the integrity and progress of Jordan to the fullest extent. Within our capabilities and our many world-wide commitments we intend to continue viewing Jordan's needs with understanding and sympathy.

We have never hidden from you that Jordan's request for ^{problems} supersonic aircraft raises grave and complex/~~program~~ for us, beyond those we recognize it raises for you. From the beginning we have given this matter the most searching study. Aware of the increasing pressure being felt by Your Majesty, I have asked for an urgent and searching re-examination of how the problem can

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Clearances:

S/S - Mr. Kelley

White House - Mr. Komer

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By *lj* NARA, Date 11-3-01

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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ be met in a way that will be best for both of us.
We will be in touch with you further, hopefully in no more than
a few weeks. In the meantime, I earnestly hope you will be able
to hold off any decision on your aircraft needs that would put
strains on our ability to maintain the closest ties with you and
your country.

With highest regards,

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

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February 14, 1966
Monday 3:30 p. m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Message to Hussein of Jordan. McNamara seems to have made a score with Eban, but the latter will have to consult Eshkol. Then we may run into a certain amount of Israeli stalling while they try to haggle a bit.

So we want to buy a little time by calming down Hussein with an interim oral message from you. His letter to you sounded quite nervous, and we don't want him to go off the deep end and buy MIGs while we're on the verge of meeting his need.

Attached message is designed to hold him for a week or two, but without committing you one way or the other. I recall that you were willing to send Hussein a similar handholding message last February.

R. W. Komer

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Approve ✓

See Me _____

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ACTION Amembasy Amman

EXDIS

Please deliver following oral message from President to King Hussein:

"I appreciate your candid letter about the urgency and importance you attach to Jordan's need for supersonic aircraft. In the same spirit, I assure you that it remains our policy to support the integrity and progress of Jordan to the fullest extent. Within our capabilities and our many world-wide commitments we intend to continue ^{viewing} ~~to consider~~ Jordan's needs with understanding and sympathy.

"We have never hidden from you that Jordan's request for supersonic aircraft raises grave and complex problems for us, beyond those we recognize it raises for you. From the beginning we have given this matter the most searching study. Aware of the increasing pressure being felt by Your Majesty, I have asked for an urgent and searching re-examination of how the problem can be met in a way that will be best for both of us. We will be in touch with you further, hopefully in no more than a few weeks. In the meantime, I earnestly hope you will be able to hold off any decisions on your aircraft needs that would put strains on our ability to maintain the closest ties with you and your country.

With highest regards,

Lyndon B. Johnson"

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February 14, 1966

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Date

Mr. McGeorge Bundy
The White House

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Telegram to Amman
Message to King Hussein

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BY WTD ON 7/29/92

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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by Mr. Robert Komer.

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With highest regards,

Lyndon B. Johnson"

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Mr. McGeorge Bundy
The White House

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John P. Walsh
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Telegram to Amman
Message to King Hussein

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Please deliver following oral message from President to King Hussein:

~~"I am ^{glad that I appreciate your letter} ~~glad that you did not write to me about the urgency and~~ importance you attach to Jordan's ^{need} ~~requirement~~ for supersonic aircraft. ~~It is always right for friends to express their concerns frankly and to seek clarification.~~ In the same spirit, I assure you, ^{that} it remains our policy to support the integrity and progress of Jordan to the fullest extent. Within our capabilities and our world-wide commitments we intend to continue to consider Jordan's needs with understanding and sympathy.~~

~~"We have never hidden from you that Jordan's request for supersonic aircraft raises grave and complex problems for us beyond those we recognize it raises for you. From the beginning we have given this matter the most searching study. ^{However,} aware of the increasing pressure being felt by Your Majesty, I have ^{asked for an urgent and searching re-examination} ~~directed an expeditious determination~~ of how we can best ^{can best be met in a way that will be best for both of us} ~~be of help in this matter. It is important we proceed in a way that will be best for both of us. We will be in touch with you further, hopefully in no more than a few weeks, about this matter and the others mentioned in your letter.~~ In the meantime, I earnestly hope you will be able to~~

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hold off any decisions on your aircraft needs that would put strains on
our ability to maintain the closest ties with you and your country.

With highest regards,

Lyndon B. Johnson"

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Dear Mr. President:

Ever since my visit to Washington when I had the pleasure and privilege of meeting you personally, I have often recalled your very kind offer for me to write to you from time to time; as the friend I am proud to be of your goodself and as the leader of Jordan and its people, who have through their courage and determination upheld their convictions and thus earned the friendship and support of the Government and people of the United States, and the prominent place they occupy at least in this part of the world, amongst the free and freedom loving.

That I have failed, to take advantage of your kind offer as much as I would have liked to, was only caused by my awareness of your great and demanding responsibilities.

I had personally supervised and satisfied myself, that in our joint interest the Government of Jordan has continuously made every effort, aiming at resolving all problems and difficulties encountered in different areas of our mutual co-operation. I had thus, resolved to avoid approaching you directly Mr. President, unless my Government's efforts met with some insurmountable obstacles, spelling failure, and the implications were too dangerous and far reaching.

Unfortunately some very serious obstacles have been encountered by us and in approaching you directly Mr. President; The Government of Jordan is making a final effort to surmount them with your help. I hope that you will appreciate the extreme anxiety and sense of urgency that has prompted me to write to you.

These obstacles specifically lie in two fields: I) In the field of economic development. II) In the field of Military defence.

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In the field of economic development, Jordan has taken important strides towards attaining the better future it seeks, and Jordanians are determined to spare no effort to insure the successful accomplishment of our 7 year plan of economic development, as an important land mark in Jordans transition into that better future. Up to this time the Jordanian experiment has been a successful one, and our gratitude has been boundless for all the help and assistance which we have received from the friendly United States Governments, in persuance of our objectives. In an area where stability lacked, democracy was nearly stifled and where freedom was seriously threatened; We were able to meet this challenge well. The Jordanian experiment has been a shining example of what stability and democracy and the determination of a people can achieve, yet it distresses me to bring to your attention Mr. President the following brief review of the current position of the United States Government's contribution to the development program:-

Prior to the beginning of the current Jordanian fiscal year (Beginning April 1965) US/AID agreed to make available to Jordan \$35 million to be allocated for economic development projects within the Seven-Year Program. The total amount was included under the " Capital Development " section of the Government of Jordan's budget for 1965/66.

The current Jordanian fiscal year is close toward its end and until now no disbursement has been made under any of the projects agreed to be considered for financing under this program. Furthermore there has been a noticeable delay in the processing and approval of the loan applications and in the appointment of consulting firms for the preparation of feasibility studies in support of the loan applications.

The following list gives a progress report on the status of these projects:

1. North Shunah-Damieh Road: \$1.6 million: the loan agreement was signed after some delay on 30 September 1965. The contract was then awarded and order to proceed was issued. So far no disbursement.
2. Bethlehem-Jerusalem Road: \$1.95 million: The Ministry of Public Works submitted all documentation needed in support of the loan application Bids were invited for the section from Bethlehem to Jerusalem intersection. So far the Ministry has not been able to adjudicate these tenders nor to

issue a new one for the whole road in view of the delay in the approval of the loan. So far AID/W has not been able to make its mind as to the nature of the intersection and whether the contract should be issued as one contract or two.

3. Jerusalem Airport: \$2.8 million: AID/W took several months before an American consulting firm was appointed to undertake the preparation of a feasibility study. The firm has finished its work in 75 days and submitted its draft report on January 15, 1966. Several months will be needed before the loan is processed or approved. In the meanwhile the Jordan Government wishes to proceed with the preparation of detailed design and tender documents to save time if and when the loan is approved.

4. Telecommunication (Microwave) \$6.8 million: Feasibility study and request for loan were submitted by the Jordan Government on August 4th, 1966 for a loan of \$6.8 million to finance the first stage of the telecommunication improvement program. In the meanwhile the Jordan Government appointed from its resources and at its own risk, with the approval of AID (Microwave Inc.) for the preparation of detailed design and tender documents. AID believes that loan approval may not be forthcoming before the end of March 1966.

5. Potash: \$15 million: the approval of this project is conditional on the successful completion of the current negotiations with both IBRD and IMC and the completion of the definitive cost estimates by Jacobs Engineering Co. At least six months will be required before any loan agreement can be signed.

6. Electrification Program: Thermal generation of electricity at Zerqa and other area: \$6.81 million: AID/W has appointed early this month (Kuljian Inc.), an American consulting firm to prepare a feasibility study. The work will not be completed before the end of June 1966. At least three months will be required for processing the loan application from the date of its submission along with all proper documentation.

The Government of Jordan has made every effort to remedy this situation, nor do I believe that the United States Embassy in Jordan has failed to do its utmost to speed up the process in Washington, indeed there has existed here between our Government and responsible branches in the

United States Embassy a harmony that has stemmed from a close association that inevitably leads to understanding, the delays encountered in trying to implement the different aspects of the aid program have been very damaging to us and to the effective image that we would have wished the United States Government's aid to appear in, while we feel the reluctance of the United States Government to support our obtaining hard loans from other sources in the free world, and know that it understandably prefers for us to accept American soft loans instead, the delays involved in terms of time for receiving these loans and consequently in executing our projects, thus, the loss in revenues is as costly possibly more so than if we would have obtained hard loans from other sources in the free world with shorter proceedings.

Jordan has been and can become even more of a show-piece of how co-operation between any determined hardworking, free and democratic regime and the Government of the United States could bring about great mutual benefits, if only so much red tape did not exist and if the machines did not grind so slow. We have high hopes Mr. President, in your personal intervention in Washington to help us surmount the obstacles in this field.

In the other field, (of Military Defence) although less important in the long run the urgency is far greater for immediate action particularly in the field of requirements for Air defence, specifically Supersonics (once again) for our Air Force.

It has been sometime since I last approached you on this subject, seeking your aid and assistance, yet despite the passage of time and the really serious nature of this problem and the far reaching consequences of leaving it unresolved. Washington, has turned quite frankly a deaf ear to all our pleas for action on this subject and following is a summary of events. In a letter I sent on February 18, 1965, to the United States Ambassador Mr. Robert Barnes for urgent transmission to the highest possible levels concerned I stated:

" In regard to the question of aircraft I am happy to inform you that if the United States Government is able to confirm that no aircraft of the F.104 type and series of American or other free world manufacture have been delivered to Israel; If the U.S. Government is willing to re-emphasize its policy of denying both the Arab and Israeli sides the acquisition of this type of aircraft in all its series or any other type of American aircraft of

the same or more advanced type built or to be built either in the United States or under licence else-where for a period covering at least the full duration of the agreements to be signed under the terms of the memorandum of understanding between the U.S. Government and the Government of Jordan; then Jordan desiring most sincerely to help solve the problem now existing over its request to be supplied with the 104 type aircraft for use in its air force, and in connection with the previously mentioned U.S. policy will agree to change its request and limit it to U.S. Government's help and cooperation to enable Jordan to obtain the aircraft it seeks to acquire to be of other free world manufacture and to be at least of the French type Mirage III now in service with the Israeli Air Force and similarly equipped.

The Jordan Government has already begun to explore the possibilities of acquiring the Mirage III with France and will inform you immediately any results materialise.

The Jordan Government wishes to confirm that it will undertake to supply its armed forces with arms and equipment of free world manufacture solely so long as it is able to do so through such arms and equipment being made available to her.

Jordan wishes to reaffirm its commitments under the agreement of the Joint Arab Defence of the Arab League through which the U.A.C. developed".

We went to France following the advice of the United States Government and strengthened by its promise of help and although we were to have resolved this problem, before appearing at the Third Arab Summit Conference which was held at Casablanca during September 1965. We felt sufficiently encouraged, when challenged, both by the United States Government's attitude at the time, and our initial talks in France, regarding the outcome, to the point where we asked for a grace period of two months during which we believed ourselves able to come up with a satisfactory contract of aircraft purchase before the Unified Arab Command, thus resolving the problem, and barring which we stated before the conference that we would leave it to the Unified Arab Command to arrange for the supply to us of the number of supersonics required from any source available.

The two months have long past and we have dodged until this moment, the outcome of our failure. This failure was not the result of France's reluctance to discuss the problem with us right up to the point of pre-signing

a finalized agreement to supply us with 36 Mirage III aircraft of the type B and E and related equipment for we had during the last Arab Summit Conference managed to persuade the Unified Arab Command to accept our point of view, that it was physically impossible for us to operate the 60 Supersonics they wished us to acquire within the period of time they specified even if the finances available made their purchase easy. In France, I went right up to the President who was sympathetic and whose personal intervention made it possible for us to reach the stage of pre-signing a finalized agreement. The problem however lay with Washington, and even as far back as early October 1965, we approached the U.S. Embassy in Amman to arrange, as previously agreed, for a resumption of talks leading up to resolving this problem, this by arranging for the Jordanian Armed Forces Chief of Staff, General Amer Khammash, to visit Washington immediately, but the response discouraged this taking place, and as the situation deteriorated further, I was in continuous contact with the U.S. Ambassador to Jordan, over this subject and requested approval for a visit to Washington of the General and a top Government official to review the situation; But this was to no avail, I felt the situation become as serious as to warrant my expressing readiness to go myself to Washington to discuss this crisis which I felt could rapidly lead to a deterioration of our present friendly relations and cause exceedingly serious and damaging results to our joint interest, but no answers came. I honestly began to feel embarrassed on behalf of the United States Ambassador, who had to meet me repeatedly under such circumstances. Moreover, as things still stand, and as the danger mounts and the consequences of our continuing to be in such a vulnerable position seems more imminent, I got to learn of the recall of the present American Ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Robert Barnes, and the appointment of a new Ambassador; and so it came that I found no option but to approach you personally in this urgent manner.

Mr. President, there are many arguments to justify our demand for immediate and final attention on the question of supersonics to our Royal Jordanian Air Force, the very fact that the Communist Camp is willing to supply our Air Force with the needed aircraft to be of the most modern types within the resources available to us, and in fact at any cost, is in itself an indication that such a supply would above all represent a political triumph for Communism in this area. The very fact that we have spared no effort to harness the extremist dangerous forces in our area, regarding the Palestine issue under the Arab Summit Conference and Arab unanimous decisions

and the very defensive nature of all Arab plans under the Unified Arab Command, would have in our opinion, enough merits to justify our demanding and expecting the support of our old friends who have always claimed they were for moderation and professed to encourage constructive attitudes. The very fact that the need for a modest modernisation of our Armed Forces had been agreed upon by both our Governments, since long ago and that, in the face of serious threats to our very existence, to our beliefs that have united us with you as free people, would have been in our opinion sufficient justification to make the U.S. Government feel disposed to assist us fully. That, and the very nature of our present military assessment of what will be the case, when all the programs devised and implemented through the Unified Arab Command are completed, which in brief suggests that we would then just be able to achieve a balance of power necessary to thwart any further expansionist military action which Israel might attempt.

That it should have been clear to our friends, particularly in Washington, who claim to be striving to maintain a balance of power detrimental to an explosion of the Palestine issue, that our request was in fact in implementation of such a policy which we recognize to be a prerequisite to a just, satisfactory and final solution to the tragedy of Palestine seemed to us an accomplished fact. After all we never asked for more than what we considered to be the barest minimum requirement for our legitimate selfdefence. We never asked for anything more than was absolutely necessary for us to overcome the complex from which all Arabs suffer, that of being constantly threatened, by a foe with a long record of hostile actions. We never asked for an alternative to strength that would be that of freedom, free people and for stability and moderation, yet we are, it would seem, at the end of the line. There are many, I am sure whose sympathies towards Israel would go as far as to make them encourage a course of action that would lead to a crystalization of the Arab-Israeli dispute as an East West conflict even if this meant sacrificing friends as we are, and as we have proved to be, free, and freedom loving.

Communism has had for long as its target the overrunning of this area and the control of its strategic position, and to step from it towards greater targets in Africa and elsewhere, how sad it is to see that through ignorance or unreasonable sympathy for Israel which is in fact the leading Socialist regime in this area, that free people and the United States itself may face losing so much.

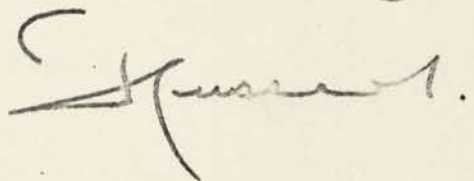
Jordan, Mr. President, which has found itself so closely associated in the battle of ideologies with the United States and which, only for example, remains the last state in the area continuing to vote against the admittance of Communist China to the United Nations. Jordan which has most recently played the key role at the Security Council in fostering your attempts, Mr. President, for an honourable peace in Vietnam. Jordan now finds itself at what could be the end of the line. I hope that my bitterness and frankness will be properly interpreted in the light of what my country now faces, and Mr. President, throughout our association truth and honesty, not bluff, have been our way.

I also hope most sincerely that we would not have been wrong to consider you our last resort, and in ascertaining your understanding and support in this emergency, to order immediate action, to finalise measures, to furnish our R.J.A.F with 36 in number, Supersonic interceptor ground support aircraft, of the type F-104, four of which to be F-104B trainers, and related equipment; or 36 Mirage III French type aircraft, four of which to be of the type Mirage IIIB trainers and the rest to be of the type Mirage IIIE interceptor ground support aircraft, with related equipment, the subject of our near-final agreement with France. Especially since both Saudi Arabia and Lebanon have already signed contracts of aircraft purchase leaving us only in this vulnerable position.

To those who suggest that the United States Government would face having to supply Israel with supersonics if it did so in the case of Jordan, an answer that comes to mind is that it might find itself compelled to do so if Jordan were forced to acquire very modern Soviet manufactured aircraft, but that the United States, in such an eventuality, would more than likely have lost Jordan, and sacrificed its freedom and the whole situation in the area and context, may then be greatly altered.

Jordan has been more than a match to the enemies of freedom, progress and moderation in this area in the past, whether it is destined to continue to be so depends to an unlimited extent on your expected reaction to the contents of this letter.

I am hopefully awaiting your earliest favourable reaction, I remain your sincere friend Mr. President, wishing you continued success in executing your great and demanding responsibilities, with my renewed best regards,

Yours most sincerely,


President Lyndon B. Johnson,
 The White House,



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from
King Hussein dated February 7

Enclosed is the original of the letter to the President which was summarized in Embassy Amman's telegram 468 of February 8, 1966. The signed original was received in the Department on February 21 from our Embassy in Amman. An interim reply was made in the Department's telegram 379 of February 14 (copy enclosed). A fuller response will be sent when interagency consideration of the points raised is complete.

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

- 1. Signed Original.
- 2. Department's 379 to Amman.

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February 9, 1966
Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

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The letter does tend to underline the urgency of the Jordan/Israeli aircraft problem summed up in my memo this morning. We have scheduled a session with you for 11:30 Friday on it.

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LETTER FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM KING HUSSEIN (Amman 468)

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I have constantly supervised activities of the Government of Jordan and assured myself we are continuously making every effort to resolve all problems in our mutual best interests. Now I am appealing to you because we in Jordan have encountered serious obstacles which could spell failure for our joint endeavors, with implications too dangerous and far-reaching to imagine. I hope you will appreciate the extreme anxiety and sense of urgency which has prompted me to write.

Obstacles relate to fields of (a) economic development and (b) military defense.

In the field of economic development Jordan has made commendable forward strides and is determined to spare no effort to ensure successful accomplishment of seven-year plan which is an important landmark to a better future, our experiment has been a successful one; we have withstood efforts to stifle democracy and freedom in Jordan; and we have boundless gratitude for the help and assistance we have received in this endeavor from the U.S. Government. We hope we can become an even better example of what stability, democracy and determination of people can accomplish but unfortunately we have encountered difficulties with the United States in our development program.

Your government has generously offered us \$35 million planning figure for economic development loans related to our seven-year plan. These funds have all been earmarked for particular projects and certain assurances given as to their timely implementation but we have encountered one delay after another and as we come to the end of Jordan's fiscal year I note that no disbursements have been made at all for development assistance.

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Jordan has made every effort to remedy the situation but to no avail. Delays have been very damaging to us and to the image of the United States which we wish to see in the Middle East. Jordan has been in the past and can become even more in the future the show-piece of how cooperation between any determined, hard working free and democratic regime and the United States can produce great mutual benefits. Unfortunately, the machine in Washington grinds so slowly that benefits are dissipated, but I hope with your personal intervention we can surmount obstacles in the economic development field.

The other field of military defense is less important in the long run but urgency for immediate action is far greater, specifically with reference to our requirements for air defense. It has been some time since I last approached you on this subject, yet despite the passage of time, the serious nature of the problem and far-reaching consequences of leaving it unresolved, Washington has turned a deaf ear to our pleas for action."

He then quotes from his letter of February 18, 1965, and then goes on to say:

"Following U.S. advice and strengthened by its promises of help we turned to France. Although unable to resolve the problem by a third Arab summit, we felt sufficiently encouraged by the U.S. attitude at the time and initial talks with the French that when challenged at Casablanca we asked for a grace period of two months during which we believed we could arrange a satisfactory contract for purchase of aircraft. Failing this we stated before the Conference we would leave it to the United Arab Command to supply number of aircraft required from any available source.

Two months have long passed and we still have no acceptable answer. We persuaded the last summit to reduce the requirement on Jordan from 60 to 36 planes. We approached the French at the highest levels and they agreed in principle to supply us with 36 Mirage 111-B and E with related ground equipment. However, certain difficulties remained which in view of earlier joint discussions I referred to your government.

As early as last October I sought permission for General Khammash to visit Washington to resume discussions of unresolved issues but this was refused. As situation deteriorated I sought to send Khammash and senior Jordan official to Washington but this was of no avail.

Because I felt we were approaching a crisis which could lead to deterioration of our present friendly relations and cause great damage to our mutual interests in the Middle East, I expressed readiness myself to go to Washington but no answer came. Throughout I have kept in touch with your Ambassador. Now as dangers inherent in our present vulnerable position mount, I learn of the recall of your Ambassador and so have no option but to approach you directly on this urgent matter.

We feel there are many arguments to support our need for supersonic aircraft to modernize the Royal Jordanian Air Force. The very fact that the Communist camp is willing to supply us with most modern aircraft within resources available to us, or in fact at any price, is evidence that such action would represent a political triumph for communism in this area. The fact that we have spared no effort to control extremist forces rallying behind Palestine cause merits support of our friends who support moderation. Further, both our governments have long ago agreed on the need for modest modernization of our armed forces.

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I trust I am not in the wrong in turning to you as a last resort and in seeking your support for immediate action to furnish our Air Force with 36 supersonic interceptor ground support aircraft. We need

type F-104 of which four could be F-104B trainers, with related equipment, or alternately 36 Mirage III aircraft of which four should be III-B trainers and the rest III-E interceptors with related equipment. We are particularly vulnerable on this problem today since both Saudi Arabia and Lebanon have now signed contracts for purchase of aircraft.

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Comment:

Unwritten part of the letter which we believe King assumes we understand because of frequent conversations with us relates to his sudden feeling of sense of urgency. This stems from a combination of many factors but primarily relates to his growing uneasiness about area problems. These include still unresolved dispute with Shuqairy and Plo, problem of Fatah and other terrorist groups building on sentiments of Palestine extremists, continuing UAR-Saudi dispute on Yemen, increasing danger of a split between Arab moderates and extremists, and growing influence of Communism in the area. As a result of Faisal talks, all these issues are now uppermost in his mind. I believe Hussein sees a satisfactory resolution to all issues but is convinced he can only face up to them if he is strong and that strength depends on the degree of support he receives from the U.S. Government.

Added to his area concerns is a growing anxiety about slippage of time. On several occasions just before and during early days of Faisal visit, Hussein communicated his feeling of urgency over supersonic decision

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and once indicated intention to write the President directly if he did not have an answer within a few days. In handing me the letter he indicated the belief that with my departure he now had no other channel of communication. Time for confrontation with the United Arab Command is rapidly approaching in upcoming series of Arab meetings and my estimate is that the King genuinely believes he cannot stall a decision on Migs beyond that point.

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The other field of military defense is less important in the long run but urgency for immediate action is far greater, specifically with reference to our requirements for air defense. It has been some time since I last approached you on this subject, yet despite the passage of time, the serious nature of the problem and far-reaching consequences of leaving it unresolved, Washington has turned a deaf ear to our pleas for action."

He then quotes from his letter of February 18, 1965, and then goes on to say:

"Following U.S. advice and strengthened by its promises of help we turned to France. Although unable to resolve the problem by a third Arab summit, we felt sufficiently encouraged by the U.S. attitude at the time and initial talks with the French that when challenged at Casablanca we asked for a grace period of two months during which we believed we could arrange a satisfactory contract for purchase of aircraft. Failing this we stated before the Conference we would leave it to the United Arab Command to supply number of aircraft required from any available source.

Two months have long passed and we still have no acceptable answer. We persuaded the last summit to reduce the requirement on Jordan from 60 to 36 planes. We approached the French at the highest levels and they agreed in principle to supply us with 36 Mirage 111-B and E with related ground equipment. However, certain difficulties remained which in view of earlier joint discussions I referred to your government.

As early as last October I sought permission for General Khammash to visit Washington to resume discussions of unresolved issues but this was refused. As situation deteriorated I sought to send Khammash and senior Jordan official to Washington but this was of no avail.

Because I felt we were approaching a crisis which could lead to deterioration of our present friendly relations and cause great damage to our mutual interests in the Middle East, I expressed readiness myself to go to Washington but no answer came. Throughout I have kept in touch with your Ambassador. Now as dangers inherent in our present vulnerable position mount, I learn of the recall of your Ambassador and so have no option but to approach you directly on this urgent matter.

We feel there are many arguments to support our need for supersonic aircraft to modernize the Royal Jordanian Air Force. The very fact that the Communist camp is willing to supply us with most modern aircraft within resources available to us, or in fact at any price, is evidence that such action would represent a political triumph for communism in this area. The fact that we have spared no effort to control extremist forces rallying behind Palestine cause merits support of our friends who support moderation. Further, both our governments have long ago agreed on the need for modest modernization of our armed forces.

We have never asked for more than the barest minimum requirements for legitimate self defense. We never asked for more than necessary to overcome complex from which all Arabs suffer, namely, being constantly threatened by foe with long record of hostile actions. We have sought no more than strength to support our freedom, stability and moderation yet we are, it would now seem, at the end of the line. Communism has long sought to overrun this area and use it as a springboard toward Africa, and there are those who no doubt wish to see the Arab-Israeli dispute crystallized as the East-West dispute, but this would be a great loss for free people everywhere.

Jordan, Mr. President, has found itself closely associated with the U.S. in battle of ideologies. As only one example we are the last state in the area continuing to vote against admittance of Communist China to the UN. More recently Jordan played a key role in the Security Council in fostering your attempts for honorable peace in Vietnam. Now however, we find ourselves at what could be the end of the line. I hope my bitterness and frankness will be properly interpreted in light of what my country now faces and in recognition of the fact that our association has always been marked by truth and honesty.

I trust I am not in the wrong in turning to you as a last resort and in seeking your support for immediate action to furnish our Air Force with 36 supersonic interceptor ground support aircraft. We need

type F-104 of which four could be F-104B trainers, with related equipment, or alternately 36 Mirage III aircraft of which four should be III-B trainers and the rest III-E interceptors with related equipment. We are particularly vulnerable on this problem today since both Saudi Arabia and Lebanon have now signed contracts for purchase of aircraft.

To those who suggest the U.S. would have to supply Israel with aircraft if it did so in the case of Jordan, I suggest the U.S. Government might be compelled to do so if Jordan were forced to acquire modern Soviet aircraft, but in such eventuality the U.S. would more than likely have already lost Jordan, sacrificed its freedom and greatly altered the situation in the area. Jordan has been more than a match for the enemies freedom, progress and moderation in past but whether it is destined to continue in this role depends to unlimited extent on your reaction to this letter.

Hopefully awaiting your earliest favorable reaction, I remain a sincere friend, wishing you continued success in executing your great and demanding responsibilities,

Hussein I'

Comment:

Unwritten part of the letter which we believe King assumes we understand because of frequent conversations with us relates to his sudden feeling of sense of urgency. This stems from a combination of many factors but primarily relates to his growing uneasiness about area problems. These include still unresolved dispute with Shuqairy and Plo, problem of Fatah and other terrorist groups building on sentiments of Palestine extremists, continuing UAR-Saudi dispute on Yemen, increasing danger of a split between Arab moderates and extremists, and growing influence of Communism in the area. As a result of Faisal talks, all these issues are now uppermost in his mind. I believe Hussein sees a satisfactory resolution to all issues but is convinced he can only face up to them if he is strong and that strength depends on the degree of support he receives from the U.S. Government.

Added to his area concerns is a growing anxiety about slippage of time. On several occasions just before and during early days of Faisal visit, Hussein communicated his feeling of urgency over supersonic decision

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and once indicated intention to write the President directly if he did not have an answer within a few days. In handing me the letter he indicated the belief that with my departure he now had no other channel of communication. Time for confrontation with the United Arab Command is rapidly approaching in upcoming series of Arab meetings and my estimate is that the King genuinely believes he cannot stall a decision on Migs beyond that point.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to the President from King Hussein
of Jordan

In response to Mr. Bromley Smith's request of
November 17, the Department recommends that no reply
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for W.G. Miller
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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November 17, 1965

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TO: Mr. Ben Read

FROM: Bromley Smith

Attached for translation and/
or recommendation is a message to
the President.

It is requested that a recom-
mendation be provided my office by
no later than 11/22.

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"His Majesty

King Hussein

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

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Lyndon B. Johnson"

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White House - Mr. Komer

S/S - Mr. Walsh

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 8, 1965

TO: Mr. Komer

FROM: Bromley Smith

The attached is for your immediate attention. Please have your secretary keep Miss Simpson of my staff (145-697) informed of all action taken.

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November 5, 1965

MEMORANDUM TO MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Subject: Presidential Birthday Greetings to
King Hussein of Jordan

King Hussein of Jordan will be 30 years old on November 14. The Department recommends that the President send him greetings.

The King's consistently wise and courageous leadership of Jordan's affairs are a prime factor in the maintenance of moderate government in Jordan. As Jordan is inevitably drawn closer into wider Arab affairs which affect the stability of the area and are related to the Arab-Israel dispute, our relations with King Hussein and his Government take on ever increasing importance. The occasion of King Hussein's birthday is an event which gives us a useful opportunity to reaffirm our relationship to Jordan's welfare.

John P. Walsh
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

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PROPOSED MESSAGE

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August 25, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Called Jan 5/5
8/26/65
3:20 P.M.

Subject: Telegram to the President from
King Hussein of Jordan

In response to your memorandum of August 16, the Department believes that no reply is necessary to King Hussein's message to President Johnson received in the White House August 14. The King's message was an acknowledgment of the President's congratulatory message.

Requested

Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR PRESIDENT IT IS WITH DEEP APPRECIATION THAT I RECEIVED YOUR
MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF MY ASCENSION TO
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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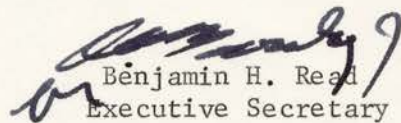
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A friendly word of greeting and congratulation would demonstrate our continued respect for the King personally and would serve also to signal our confidence in his Government.

A proposed message is enclosed.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Telegram to Amman

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Please convey following personal message from President to

King Hussain:

"Most concerned learn of your injuries and relieved to learn you are now moving rapidly toward full recovery.

"With very best wishes.

Lyndon B. Johnson"

Message not for release.

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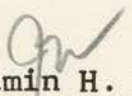
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June 14, 1965
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Mr. McGeorge Bundy
The White House

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clearance prior to transmission.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Draft telegram to Amman.

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Following message received:

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Bromley:

We have no interest in this.

Geo. Reedy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Mr. Reedy

Do you have any interest
in releasing this exchange.

If not, please return this.

If so, please telephone
so we can send off
the President's reply before
release here

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 7, 1964

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doesn't have much
action.*

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Jordanian King's Message of Sympathy
for Recent U. S. Flood Victims

We recommend approval of the attached Presidential
reply to King Hussein's thoughtful message of sympathy
for flood victims in the Western States. The White House
may wish to consider transmitting the exchange of messages
to the Governors of afflicted states and issuing an
appropriate press release.

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

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No further reply to King Hussein's message of August 15 to the President

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1964

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Letter from King Hussein to President

The Department forwards the original, but unsigned, letter from King Hussein to the President, the text of which was received earlier in Embassy Amman's telegram 99. The letter is in response to the President's message to Hussein contained in the Department's telegram No. 80 to Amman.

Meanwhile, Ambassador Barnes has spoken with King Hussein who appeared to accept our proposals to send an Air Survey Team to Jordan and to defer a decision on the supersonic problem until after the Arab Summit meeting. There does not, therefore, appear to be any reason at this time for the President to answer the enclosed letter.

Steps to implement the proposals to re-examine the supersonic plane question and to send a survey team are now under consideration.

Benjamin H. Read
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Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Letter from King Hussein.

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Mr. President:

I have been deeply touched by your very friendly message which Ambassador Barnes conveyed to me most recently. I had planned to write to you availing myself of the opportunity you kindly offered me, to do so from time to time. And I still hope to do so again following the second Arab Summit Conference during which I plan to convey to my brethren the Arab Leaders your message of friendship and goodwill which you kindly charged me to deliver during my recent visit to the United States and also my impressions and thoughts stemming from that visit.

Mr. President, amongst the most valued of my friendships in this world is that which exists between us. I feel this is more so, since our last meetings in Washington. I have felt and appreciated your deep interest in my Jordanian Family and self, equally so, in my larger Arab Family, and also in the problems and challenges that face us, as well as the ways in which we meet them. Your recent message Mr. President is only the most recent indication of this interest and concern. With the same sincerity and frankness which was so clear in your recent message as always, I now address you, fully aware of the heavy responsibilities I bear but more so of the greater and far heavier responsibilities which you bear in this world, and the weight and importance that are attached to all your decisions, and actions.

I address you Mr. President in a manner stemming from the friendship which I have always had for the United States and the pride which I have always cherished with the people of Jordan, through the most difficult times; pride in our beliefs and convictions, pride in the ideals and principles which we share and have always shared with the people of the United States and the family of free nations, and pride in the fact that in facing the most difficult trials, time and again, we were always ready to lay our lives down in defending those beliefs. We have at the same time never and will never forget the support which our friends especially in the United States, gave us and continue to give us through these years in so many ways, Support and assistance which has and is enabling us to come rapidly closer to our objective of becoming economically sound and a model to others.

Mr. President, I do hope that you are completely aware of all the aspects of the problem of arms to my country but more so of the urgent reasons that have necessitated our requests; reasons which I have done my utmost to explain fully to Ambassador Barnes and which similarly our special military envoy covered during talks held recently in Washington. I have since receiving your message Mr. President, had a very frank talk with Ambassador

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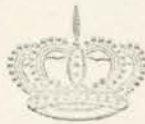
Barnes again explaining once more and in no uncertain terms, the difficulties we face, the dangers close at hand and the damage which we can clearly foresee and expect, not only to Jordan and its interests and future, but also to the United States interests in the area, to the Free World's interests, and to peace and stability in this area, should misunderstandings develop between us further to such a point, were the struggle which Jordan has maintained for years and all that Jordan fought against so bitterly, win an easy victory through Jordan being forced to accept defensive military equipment from other sources, due to its failing to obtain them from friends, namely from the United States.

Mr. President, I assure you I can see most clearly the communist plan to increase its influence and hence its control over the whole Arab world, through exploiting such situations. This has been clearly illustrated time and again. I can just as clearly Mr. President, see the Zionist plan aiming at changing the Israeli Arab conflict into an East-West one, with all the Arab states on one side and Israel on the other, whether these Arab states liked it or not; and more than that Mr. President, I can see the dangers, which I implore you as a friend and as a great leader bearing the heaviest of responsibilities, to examine fully the dangers to the area, to peace and to the vital interests of the United States as well as the free world as a whole, in this strategically important part of the world, dangers that involve us all, and could spell disaster on a very large scale.

Mr. President, Jordan's armed forces which are free world equipped and which are among the few so remaining, and which are now a part of the forces of defence under the Arab Unified Command, I assure you, will be sensibly and realistically equipped. We welcome your help in facing this task and we are as anxious as you are if not more so, to preserve our happy relationship and not jeopardize your interests or ours. Mr. President, our true interests are identical, and I most sincerely hope that all my friends in Washington may find it possible to credit me with a little wisdom stemming from a little experience gained through the years, as well as with sense and realism.

Jordan, Mr. President, stands on the longest truce line of any Arab state with Israel. The truce line between Jordan and Israel is in fact longer than those of all the Arab states bordering a truce line with Israel put together. Jordan's well trained forces, in the estimation of the Jordanian military high command as well as that of the Arab Unified Command, are incapable as they stand , of defending my country's west bank for more than 48 hours in case of an Israeli full offensive. Jordanian officers who have had many opportunities of visiting other Arab states can not but notice with bitterness the difference between our equipment and theirs, and their moral that had always been high, can not but

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begin to be affected especially when no Jordanian can fail to recognise the danger to his homeland of a future Israeli action, in particular if Jordan's military situation remained as it is. In much the same way, no one can see the problem of Palestine moving towards its solution until a real balance of power between the Arab world and Israel is brought about, with Jordan as an integral part of it. The Arab states sensing the ever present threat that Israel represents, with its expansionist policies, brought into existence the Unified Arab Command to organise and supervise the defence of the Arab homeland, to minimise the danger and to narrow the gap and bring a real balance of power into existence in a way that would be detrimental to further complications. Mr. President I implore you in the face of danger we confront and the record of facts of the Israeli-Arab conflict, to help me find a way of convincing myself before considering convincing others, that one squadron of supersonic fighter aircraft already agreed upon between the Jordanian military high command and the Unified Arab Command, as being though inadequate, an essential for Jordan's air defence together with the other Jordanian ground attack squadron which now constitutes our air force. How, Mr. President, can I convince myself before attempting to convince others, that such a squadron of supersonics is a luxury not required when it is to be paid for and maintained by external Arab funds. And the offer to supply such a squadron by the U.A.C. comprised of 20 Mig 21 with their new base, the first part of which we refused stating our confidence in our ability to obtain better if not similar equipment from our friends and that, were we to fail, then the U.A.C. may do what it found suitable to provide our requirements. Were we so sure that our friends would not fail us or fail to see that in a way, whereas the 20 ^{supersonics} ~~supersonics~~ we requested from you, would not alter the balance in the area as the United States government readily agrees for after all, Israel has a vastly and numerically superior air force and the American Hawke anti-aircraft missiles, that these planes flown all over the Arab world by the best well trained Arab pilots could only help bring for the first time a comparison between communist equipment and free world products. How Mr. President, if the answer is still ^{negative} ~~negative~~ can we continue to refuse the Migs. How could we minimise the damage of accepting the Migs. How can I inform my brethren the Arab Leaders at our next summit meeting that what we had ^{agreed} ~~agreed~~ with the U.A.C. was essential to Jordan's defence provided all our worries were dealt with by them, regarding costs of purchase and maintenance, and that having reached that stage we now have changed our minds. How am I expected to be able to convince myself my people as well as all the Arab Leaders and peoples that the better course for us all lies in accepting the protection of the U.S. sixth fleet and forget all else. How Mr. President Am I expected to ^{sell} ~~sell~~ such an idea or maintain my position as a responsible moderate influence in the event that I a



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able to maintain it at all, following such a statement, and how Mr. President and as United States government hopes and I to present the United States' response "in the constructive fashion at which it is intended and avoid decisions which might weaken our relations" as Ambassador Barnes reports. The U.S. government's response to our requests contain their recognition that the Hawker-Hunter aircraft with which the R.J.A.A.F. is presently equipped will become "unsupportable at some point in the future", and that provision should be made by that time for the introduction of a replacement aircraft" into the R.J.A.A.F. Now if an additional squadron of supersonics is a luxury, is there no contradiction in this statement.

Mr. President, as regards the equipment required for our ground forces I wish to state our deepest gratitude for all of the sympathy and understanding that the request has met with, and although we hope that further talks could, when we are fully prepared, bring more satisfactory and always sensible and realistic results, we have but the deepest and sincerest of thanks.

I hope Sir that you may find it possible to appreciate what feelings have driven me to be so frank and lengthy.

Mr. President I shall stall in giving any answer to the many questions. I shall be asked later today in the U.A.R. on this subject, and throughout the period leading up to the 5th of September, when I hope to attend the 2nd Arab summit conference there.

I shall live with hope in a favourable response. My hope will not diminish and my faith in your ability to appreciate our position and to take the right decision will remain.

Once again, Mr. President, may I extend to you my respects, regards and sincerest wishes. May God help you make the right decisions always.

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VERBATIM TEXT.

DEPTEL 80.

King phoned me just before departure for Cairo to say he sending me message to President which he wanted me transmit urgently. Commented that he hoped our next meeting would be under "pleasanter circumstances". Following is text of message with unessential words omitted but no effort to correct grammar which is rocky in several places and may read like telegraphic garbles:

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I have been deeply touched by your very friendly message which Ambassador Barnes conveyed me most recently. I had planned write you availing myself of opportunity you kindly offered me, to do so from time to time. And I still hope to do so again following second Arab Summit Conference during which I plan convey to my brethern the Arab Leaders your message of friendship and goodwill which you kindly charged me to deliver during my recent visit to the United States and also my impressions and thoughts stemming from that visit.

Mr. President, amongst the most valued of my friendships in this world is that which exists between us. I feel this is more so, since our last meeting in Washington, I have felt

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I address you, Mr. President, (#) from friendship which I have always had for United States and the pride which I have always cherished with people of Jordan, through the most difficult times; pride in our beliefs and convictions, pride in ideals and principles which we share and have always shared with people of United States and family of free nations, and pride in fact that in facing the most difficult trials, time and again, we were always ready to lay down our lives in defending those beliefs. We have at same time never and will never forget support which our friends, especially in the United States, gave us and continue give us through these years in so many ways; support and assistance which has and is enabling us come rapidly closer to our objective of becoming economically sound and model to others.

Mr. President, I do hope that you are completely aware of all aspects of the problem of arms to my country but more so of urgent reasons that have necessitated our requests; reasons which I have done my utmost to explain fully to Ambassador Barnes and which similarly our Special Military Envoy covered during talks he had recently in Washington. I have since receiving your message, Mr. President, had very frank talk with Ambassador Barnes again explaining once more and in no uncertain terms, difficulties we face, dangers close at hand and damage which we can clearly foresee and expect, not only to Jordan and its interests and future, but also to United States interests in area, to free world's interests, and to peace and stability in this area, should misunderstandings

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VERBATIM TEXT.

Mr. President, Jordan's armed forces which are free world equipped and which are among few so remaining, and which are now part of forces of DEFENSE under Arab unified command, I assure you, will be sensibly and realistically equipped. We welcome your help in having this talk and we are as anxious as you are if not more so, to preserve our happy relationship and not jeopardize your interests or ours. Mr. President, our true interests are identical, and I most sincerely hope that all my friends in Washington may find it possible to credit me with a little wisdom stemming from a little experience gained through the years, as well as with sense and realism.

Jordan, Mr. President, stands on longest truce line of any Arab State with Israel. Truce line between Jordan and Israel is in fact longer than those of all Arab States bordering a truce line with Israel put together. Jordan's well-trained forces, in estimation of Jordanian Military High Command as well as that of Arab unified command, are incapable as they stand, of defending my country's West Bank for more than 48 hours in case of Israeli full offensive. Jordanian officers who have had many opportunities of visiting other Arab States cannot but notice with bitterness difference between our equipment and theirs, and their morale that had always been high, cannot but begin to be affected especially

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when no Jordanian can fail to recognize danger to his homeland of future Israeli action, in particular if Jordan's military situation remained as it is. In much same way, no one can see problem of Palestine moving towards its solution until real balance of power between Arab world and Israel is brought about, with Jordan as integral part of it. Arab States sensing ever present threat that Israel represents, with its expansionist policies, brought into existence unified Arab command to organize and supervise defense of Arab homeland, to minimize danger and to narrow gap and bring real balance of power into existence in way that would be detrimental to further complications. Mr. President I implore you in face of danger we confront and record of facts of Israeli-Arab conflict, to help me find way of convincing myself before considering convincing others, that one squadron supersonic fighter aircraft already agreed upon between Jordanian military high command and unified Arab command, as being though inadequate, an essential for Jordan's air defense together with other Jordanian ground attack squadron which now constitutes our air force. How, Mr. President, can I convince myself before attempting convince others, that such a squadron of supersonics is luxury not required when it is to be paid for and maintained by internal Arab funds. And offer to supply such squadron by UAC comprised of 20 MIG 21 with their new base, first part of which we refused stating our confidence in our ability obtain better if not similar equipment from our friends and that, were we to fail, then UAC may do what it found suitable to provide our requirements.

Were we so sure that our friends would not fail us or fail see that in a way, whereas 20 supersonics we requested from you, would not alter balance in area as United States Government readily agrees for after all, Israel has vastly and numerically superior air force and American HAWKE anti-aircraft missiles, that these planes flown all over Arab world by best well-trained Arab pilots could only help bring for first time comparison between Communist equipment and free world products. How, Mr. President, if answer is still negative, can we continue refuse the MIG's. How could we minimize damage of accepting MIG's

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What can I inform my brethern the Arab leaders at next summit meeting that what we had agreed with UAR was essential to Jordans defence provided all our worries were dealt with by them, regarding costs of purchase and maintenance, and that having reached that stage we now have changed our minds. How am I expected to be able convince myself my people as well as all Arab leaders and peoples that better course for us all lies in accepting the protection of US Sixth Fleet and forget all else. How Mister President am I expected sell such idea or maintain my position as responsible moderate influence in event that I am able maintain it at all, following such statement, and how Mister President and as US Government hopes am I to present US response "in the constructive fashion at which it is intended and avoid decisions which might weaken our relations" as Ambassador Barnes reports. The US Government's response to our requests contain their recognition that Hawker-Hunter aircraft with which RJAAF is presently equipped will become "unsupportable at some point in future, and that provision should be made by that time for introduction of replacement aircraft " into RJAAF. Now an additional squadron of supersonics is luxury, is there no contradiction in this statement.

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I hope sir that you may find it possible to appreciate what feelings have driven me to be so frank and lengthy.

Mister President I shall stall in giving any answer to the many questions I shall be asked later today in the UAR on this subject, and throughout period leading up to fifth of September, when I hope attend second Arab summit conference there.

I shall live with hope if unfavorable response, my hope will not diminish and my faith in your ability to appreciate our position and to take right decision will remain.

Once again, Mister President, may I extend to you my respects, regards and sincerest wishes. May God help you make right decisions always.

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"Your Majesty:

Your recent visit to Washington underlined the deep and cordial ties between Jordan and the US. For me personally, the visit was an occasion to take stock of the progress that has been achieved in Jordan under your wise leadership and to reaffirm the close relationships between our two ~~XXXX~~ countries. I felt your friendship for the US and sensed in turn your appreciation of the factors underlying our policies toward Jordan. I particularly appreciated the truth of your assurances to Ambassador Macomber several months ago that in Jordan's own interest there could be no basic change in our relations growing out of the exchange of Ambassadors between Jordan and the Soviet Union.

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No one is in a better position than Your Majesty to understand the sincerity of US interest in a fully independent and progressive Jordan. Our support has been proven over time. It is because I know you understand our great stake in Jordan's continued stability and progress that I want to raise with you my concern over recent developments that could adversely affect Jordan's very integrity. We understand your present problem regarding arms for Jordan. We desire to help you ^{face} ~~face~~ it--sensibly and realistically--in ways which will preserve our happy relationship and not jeopardize your interests or ours.

So I have asked Ambassador Barnes to review with you my concerns in the fullest confidence and candor. He will speak frankly on my behalf and I shall welcome from Your Majesty a similarly frank and friendly response.

Lyndon B. Johnson."

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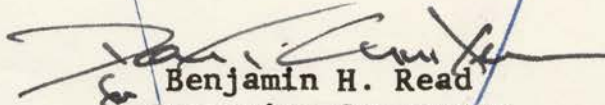
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No one is in a better position than Your Majesty to understand the sincerity of American interest in a fully independent, progressive, and sovereign Jordan. It is because I know you understand our sincere interest ^{and great stake in Jordan's} in continued stability and progress [under Your Majesty's leadership] that I ^{want} feel compelled to raise with you my concern over recent developments that could adversely affect ^{its} the future integrity.

[of Jordan.] We understand your present problem regarding arms for Jordan. I wish you to know of ^{We} ~~my~~ desire to help you face it—sensibly and realistically—in ^{in ways which} ~~so as to~~ ^{will} preserve our happy relationship *and not jeopardize your interests or ours.*

^{So} I have asked Ambassador Barnes to review with you my concerns in the fullest confidence and candor. [As a friend] ^{He} will speak frankly on my behalf and I shall welcome from Your Majesty a similarly frank and friendly response.

Lyndon B. Johnson"

(The White House does not repeat not wish to have foregoing message released.)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 30, 1964

To: Benjamin H. Read

From: McGeorge Bundy

For your information and files.
(Two ~~messages~~.)

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MAY I, MR. PRESIDENT, AS I LEAVE THE UNITED STATES, ONCE AGAIN
EXTEND TO YOU MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR THE GREAT KINDNESS,
WARMTH AND HOSPITALITY WHICH YOU, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE
OF THIS GREAT NATION EXTENDED TO ME THROUGHOUT MY VISIT AND
STAY STOP I SHALL CARRY BACK WITH ME TO MY JORDANIAN FAMILY
AND ALL THE ARAB PEOPLE MANY IMPRESSIONS AND MESSAGES THE MOST

OUTSTANDING OF WHICH IS YOURS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S DESIRE
TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN ALREADY EXISTING GOOD RELATIONS
WITH THE ARAB NATION AND DESIRE AND WISH WE ALL RECIPROCATE
AND BELIEVE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH GENUINE AND CONTINUOUS
EFFORT TO ACHIEVE BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US AN END
TO WHICH I SHALL REMAIN FULLY DEDICATED FOR OUR TWO NATIONS'
JOINT INTEREST IN PROGRESS, STABILITY AND A JUST PEACE FOR
THE GOOD OF MANKIND STOP I SHALL TREASURE ALWAYS OUR FRIENDSHIP
MR PRESIDENT AND I EXTEND YOU MY SINCEREST WISHES FOR YOUR
CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH AND SUCCESS IN THE SERVICE OF YOUR PEOPLE

AND THE WORLD AT LARGE
HUSSEIN OF JORDAN.

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ACTION:

His Majesty
King Hussein of Jordan,
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John F. Kennedy International Airport,
New York, New York

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Your Majesty:

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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~/hope that Your Majesty will return to Jordan with pleasant memories of your visit to the United States, and with renewed assurances of the friendship which this country has always had for Jordan. It has been both an honor and a pleasure for me to be able personally to exchange views with you. Please accept my best wishes for Your Majesty's health and the continuation of your inspiring leadership of the people of Jordan.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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Hussein*

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: King Hussein's Reply to Letter From President

Enclosed is the original of King Hussein's reply to the letter from President Johnson which Mr. Shriver personally handed to the King on January 6.

The Department of State recommends that no reply be made.

for Grant B. Hollister
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

As stated.

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THE ROYAL PALACE,
Amman, Jordan,
January 11th, 1964.

Mr. President:

I have been touched by the expressions of greetings, best wishes and goodwill which your message, Mr. President, conveyed to me during the recent visit to Jordan of our good friend Sargent Shriver.

I acknowledge with appreciation the warm and friendly feelings which you, Mr. President, have expressed towards Jordan - The Holy Land, towards my Jordanian Family and myself.

I wish to acknowledge with deep gratitude your sincere and generous appreciation of the efforts which Jordan has been exerting towards achieving the maximum possible goals of progress, prosperity and social justice. These are goals to the attainment of which we are fully committed and dedicated. We are confident that with determination, the Jordanian Family, will succeed in facing and surmounting the problems of progress, notwithstanding the heavy burdens and obstacles which confront us in pursuing this all important task.

I am happy to acknowledge with appreciation and gratitude, the contribution which the government and people of the United States have made in assisting Jordan to achieve this aim.

I am equally happy to note, Mr. President, that you share our faith in achieving the targets of economic self-sufficiency to which we are making a relentless and all-out effort.

It is truly gratifying to receive, Mr. President, your categorical assurance s of continued United States assistance to Jordan towards this end.

Sincerely,

President Lynden B. Johnson,
President of the United States of America,
The White House,

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There follows the text of King HUSSEIN's reply to the letter from President JOHNSON which Mr. Sargent SHRIVER personally handed to the King on January 6. The original of the reply is attached as an enclosure to this airgram for transmission to the President.

"Mr. President:

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By *John Lewis*

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"Hussein I"

Geoffrey W. Lewis
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Charge d'Affaires a. i.

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Original Letter from King Hussein
to President Johnson.

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For your information

There follows verbatim text Presidential message to King Hussein to be delivered by Shriver January 6:

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Your Majesty:

I am taking the occasion of the visit of my good friend and colleague Sargent Shriver to the Holy Land to have him convey to Your Majesty my sincere greetings and warm good wishes.

Although I have never visited Jordan, I feel I know your country both because of my deep interest in the Bible and because of the very close and cordial relations this country has with Jordan. Our support of Jordan's progress under Your Majesty's wise leadership has been shown in many ways. We have followed with pride the advances in Jordan's economic and political welfare. The United States is pleased to be associated with Your Majesty's efforts to build your country and serve your people.

I know the heavy burdens and serious obstacles faced by Your Majesty in leading Jordan forward. Only a few years ago it took great faith to believe Jordan could overcome the obstacles in its advance towards economic self-sufficiency. Your Majesty supplied that faith through your leadership. Your

enduring confidence

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Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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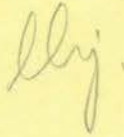
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Sincerely,



His Majesty
King Hussein
King of the Hashemite
Kingdom of Jordan

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

November 6, 1964

Date

Mr. McGeorge Bundy
The White House

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The enclosed is for White House
clearance prior to transmission.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure: Telegram to AMMAN

A telegraphic reply from the President
containing the brief cleared language has
already been sent answering Hussein's
congratulatory message on the election.

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Don T. Christensen
S/S
Duty Officer

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Please convey following message to King Hussein from President Johnson. Presidential messages are also going to other leaders in the Near East and elsewhere.

QUOTE Your Majesty:

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In November [of last year] it was my sad duty to acknowledge Your Majesty's eloquent [and moving] message of condolence over the death of President Kennedy. In my reply at that time of tragedy, I assured Your Majesty that the deep interest of the United States in the welfare and prosperity of Jordan, under Your Majesty's wise leadership, would not diminish. The American people have now decided I shall serve as President of this Republic for the next four years, if it is God's will. Now in acknowledging your good wishes on my election I wish to assure your Majesty once again that the friendship of the United States for Jordan [is constant]. All officials of this Government will do everything possible to promote our wide mutual interests.

As I recall the events of the past year, I am more than ever convinced that the policy reflected in President Kennedy's declaration of May 8, 1963, is of fundamental importance to the [present and future] peace and stability of the Middle East. In that statement the United States pledged to oppose

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aggression. That pledge has been reiterated on several occasions. It applies as specifically to Jordan as it does to other countries in the Middle Eastern area.

We ^{remain} continue to be fully alive to Your Majesty's concern for the security and integrity of Jordan. ^{No nation has more fully supported Jordan than the United States.} (As you well know we are now considering sympathetically Your Majesty's desires ^{for additional} to strengthen ^{ing of} Jordan's defensive capabilities. ^{As you know, we are} Nevertheless we

~~remain~~ ¹ ~~remain~~ concerned over the magnitude of the proposed buildup of military forces in Jordan requested by the Unified Arab Command, ^{and} ~~we have consulted with [officials of]~~ your government about ^{it} the serious financial implications ~~(this proposed military buildup)~~ could present for both Jordan and the United States. We believe it essential that the proper balance between military and economic development needs in Jordan be maintained. I am certain we can count on a reasonable approach to these problems by Your Majesty in the coming months.

The sudden removal of Mr. Khrushchev from leadership of the Soviet Union poses the question of possible shifts in Soviet policy. For our part, we shall continue to seek further means of reducing tension while maintaining the military power to deter Soviet expansionism. The effects of this change on Communist policies in the Near East remains to be seen. In the period ahead ~~if believe~~ it will be important for us to ^{watch this matter} ~~consider~~ carefully ~~(the policies of the Communists in the Middle East)~~ in the light of ^{Communist} their known objectives.

As Jordan and the United States go forward in the pursuit of peace, I shall strive to insure that nothing will come between us and that there will be no holding back from the full candor that has characterized our relationship. Our relations with Jordan and the other Near Eastern states will be based during my occupancy of

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the White House purely on the enlightened national interests of the United States.
In adhering to this principle I am fully confident we shall promote Jordan's interests
as well as our own. With God's help such will be the case.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQUOTE

This message will not repeat not be made public.

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1. Embassy should deliver following message:

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"His Majesty

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Hussein I

King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

QUOTE On the anniversary of your ascension to the throne of Jordan, I once again take great pleasure in conveying to you my personal greetings and the best wishes of the American people for the increasing prosperity of your country. The United States values highly its association with Jordan and looks forward to continued close and cordial relations between

Sincerely,
our two nations./ Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQUOTE

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THE ROYAL PALACE,
Amman, Jordan,
July 13th, 1966.

Dear Mr. President:

I am indeed grateful to have at my disposal precious copies of photographs of the lunar surface taken by the Surveyor I spacecraft.

I am sure that the farsighted and ambitious spatial endeavours would in the course of time unfold many of the heavenly secrets and provide mankind with effective means to combat the ever increasing problems on earth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Hussein', written in a cursive style.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson,
President of the United States of America,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

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President of the United States of America,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.



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Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson,
President of the United States of America,
The White House,
Washington D.C.



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June 10, 1966

Dear King Hussein:

I thought you might want these copies of photographs of the surface of the moon taken by the Surveyor I spacecraft.

These and other photographs will be distributed to the scientific community of the world in the hope that they will contribute to our combined knowledge of the lunar surface.

I have the strong feeling that if we are wise and earnest, what is happening in outer space can help us live better together on earth.

Sincerely,

His Majesty
Hussein I
King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Amman

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1. Following message received by White House July 3, 1966:

QUOTE The people of Jordan join me in expressing to you Mr. President and the people of the United States of America our warmest felicitations on the occasion of the 190th anniversary of independence. I avail myself of this opportunity to renew our best wishes for your personal health and continued success in serving the people of America and the world. Al Hussein UNQUOTE.

2. Please deliver following reply to King Hussein: QUOTE On behalf of our people and Government, I thank you for your good wishes on the 190th anniversary of the independence of the United States of America. Sincerely, Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE.

3. White House does not plan to release above reply but has no objection if GOJ wishes to do so.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN JOIN ME IN EXPRESSING TO YOU MR PRESIDENT
AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OUR WARMEST
FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF
INDEPENDENCE STOP I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW
OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH AND CONTINUED
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(dated May 4)

Please deliver following letter/ from President to King Hussein:

QUOTE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Your Majesty:

Thank you for your kind letter in which you expressed your appreciation for the opportunity to purchase F-104 aircraft. Our decision to sell these aircraft was based on our belief that you and the people of Jordan are firm and reliable friends of the United States. I hope that the sale will further strengthen the ties of friendship and mutual trust that exist between our two countries.

I send you best wishes for the future and I hope you will have every success in carrying out your heavy responsibilities.

Sincerely, ~~XXXXXXXX~~

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

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THE ROYAL PALACE,
Amman, JORDAN,
April 9th, 1966.

Dear Mr. President:

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation that I write to you, following the conclusion of the agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for the supply to the Royal Jordanian Air Force with the United States built F.104 Starfighter type aircraft, and also following the return to Jordan of its negotiator General Amer Khammash Chief of Staff of our Armed Forces.

There is no way, Mr. President, by which I could express my deep gratitude and that of my Government and people, especially in the Armed Forces and particularly in the Air Force, for your personal understanding and support, and for the friendly spirit which emanated from it and with which, the Jordanian negotiator was met, throughout his stay up to the completion of his mission in the United States.

It is indeed only a new demonstration of the solidarity of the relations that happily exist between our two nations, the confidence, trust and the sense of unity in belonging to the family of free nations, safeguarding joint-principles and upholding the same ideals.

Mr. President, you came to our assistance as the great friend we know you to be, and we are proud to have, your personal assistance at an extremely delicate moment in Jordan's history shall never be forgotten and by providing us with the 104s, we know that the United States Government has provided us with the best. I am fairly confident that our Jordanian pilots will prove those aircraft to be the best, and once again that the strength of Jordan will be as it has always been that of freedom, stability and progress, that the strength of Jordan

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shall never be used in any other way save in legitimate self-defence, for freedom, justice and in persuance of a better future for the people of this part of the world.

I seize this opportunity to wish you, Mr. President, continued good health and every success in fulfilling your great and demanding responsibilities.

Your Sincere Brother

Stewart L.

President Lyndon B. Johnson,
President of the United States of America,
The White House,
Washington D. C.