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PARIS FOR BALL AND SISCO

1. PLEASE PREPARE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FOR DELIVERY TO KING AND HOLD FOR AMB. BALL, WHO WILL DELIVER IT PERSONALLY IN HIS CALL ON KING.

BEGIN TEXT.

YOUR MAJESTY:

I HAVE ASKED AMBASSADOR GEORGE BALL, WHO HAS JUST ASSUMED HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE UN, TO DISCUSS WITH YOU AND CERTAIN OTHER ARAB STATESMEN, AND WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS, CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA. THE TRIP TO THE AREA WILL GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. AMBASSADOR BALL BRINGS WITH HIM ASSURANCES OF OUR CONTINUED FIRM SUPPORT FOR JORDAN AND MY SINCERE PERSONAL WISHES FOR YOUR MAJESTY.

IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN A YEAR SINCE THE END OF HOSTILITIES. IN THIS TIME THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY PROGRESS TOWARD THE AGREEMENT CALLED FOR IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF NOVEMBER

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

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22, 1967. I FULLY APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES YOU FACE IN THE CONTINUING ABSENCE OF A SETTLEMENT, AND THE COURAGE AND MODERATION YOU HAVE SHOWN IN MEETING THEM.

I ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN ITS FULL SUPPORT TO THE EFFORTS OF AMBASSADOR JARRING AND THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. AMBASSADOR BALL'S VISIT TO JORDAN, AND TO OTHER STATES IN THE AREA, IS EVIDENCE OF OUR CONCERN AND OF OUR CLOSE INTEREST IN THE EFFORTS WHICH ARE BEING MADE TO FIND A WAY TOWARD PEACE.

I SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM AMBASSADOR BALL YOUR THOUGHTS ON THESE MATTERS. I HOPE THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU WILL HELP LEAD TO THE JUST AND DURABLE SETTLEMENT WHICH WE ALL SO FERVENTLY DESIRE.

SINCERELY, LYNDON B. JOHNSON.

END TEXT

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OK.  
I have told  
John Walsh  
HHS

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PARIS FOR BALL AND SISCO

1. Please prepare following letter from President for delivery to King and hold for Amb. Ball, who will deliver it personally in his call on King.

BEGIN TEXT.

Your Majesty:

I have asked Ambassador George Ball, who has just assumed his new responsibilities at the UN, to discuss with you and certain other Arab statesmen, and with Israeli officials, current developments in the area. The trip to the area will give him the opportunity to become fully familiar with the Middle East problem. Ambassador Ball brings with him assurances of our continued firm support for Jordan and my sincere personal wishes for Your Majesty.

Drafted by: IO:ARDay:mtb 7/12/68 5248 Tel. Ext. 5248 Telegraphic transmission and classification approved by: IO - David H. Popper

Clearances: NEA - Mr. Davies (cleared in substance)

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It has been more than a year since the end of hostilities. In this time there has not been any progress toward the agreement called for in the Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967. I fully appreciate the difficulties you face in the continuing absence of a settlement, and the courage and moderation you have shown in meeting them.

I assure you that the United States Government has given its full support to the efforts of Ambassador Jarring and that it will continue to do so. Ambassador Ball's visit to Jordan, and to other states in the area, is evidence of our concern and of our close interest in the efforts which are being made to find a way toward peace.

I shall look forward to hearing from Ambassador Ball your thoughts on these matters. I hope that his discussions with you will help lead to the just and durable settlement which we all so fervently desire.

Sincerely, Lyndon B. Johnson.

END TEXT

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APPROVED BY: NEA/ARN - DAVID L. GAMON

S/S - MR. PARKER

S/S - MR. SCOTES

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING HUSSEIN

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY KING HUSSEIN.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF KING HUSSEIN'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF LATE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY WAS PARTICULARLY SHOCKING TO ME. HIS DEATH, INDEED, IS AN IRREPLACEABLE LOSS TO THE NOBLE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO HIS FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS ALL OVER THE WORLD. IT IS WITH DEEP SORROW AND PROFOUND REGRET THAT I EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS GOVERNMENT MY MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND THOSE OF THE PEOPLE

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AND GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN. MAY GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, GIVE US  
ALL THE POWER TO SUPPRESS VIOLENCE AND CRIME. WITH RENEWED  
ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. HUSSEIN I. UNQTE  
RUSK

The White House  
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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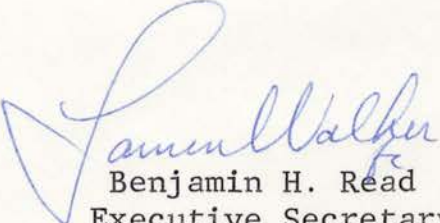
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW  
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Independence Day

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Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Copy of airgram transmitting  
message from King Hussein

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ANALYSIS BRANCH

FROM : Amembassy AMMAN

DATE: May 30, 1968

SUBJECT : King Hussein's Reply to President Johnson's Congratulatory  
Message on the Anniversary of Jordan Independence Day

REF : State 170164

The Royal Palace delivered to the Embassy May 27 the following text of a letter from King Hussein to President Johnson, replying to the message transmitted in reftel:

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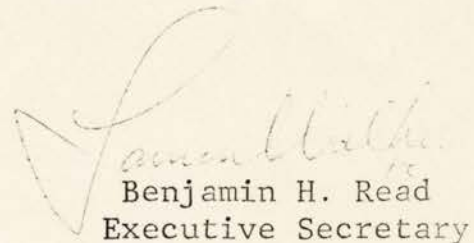
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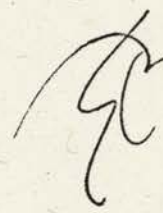
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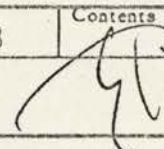
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Congratulatory Message to King Hussein  
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We hope that Ambassador Jarring will soon be able to arrange talks in New York among Jordan, the UAR and Israel. Our message would be helpful to the King as a reassurance of our interest in Jordan and in his regime at this particularly critical time.

We have not sent a similar message since 1964, nor did we greet the King on his birthday in November.

*John P. Walsh*  
Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Text of Suggested Message.

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Text of memorandum received

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MAY 23 1968



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Suggested Message

Suggested message to King Hussein or in his absence to Regent Crown Prince Hassan on May 25: On this anniversary of the independence day of Jordan, it gives me great pleasure to send Your Majesty and the people of Jordan congratulations and good wishes from the people of the United States. We sincerely hope that Jordan, under your courageous leadership, will find peace and justice during the coming year. Signed: Lyndon B. Johnson.

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TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN PRIORITY

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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO KING HUSSEIN OR IN HIS ABSENCE TO REGENT CROWN PRINCE HASSAN ON MAY 25: QUOTE ON THIS ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY OF JORDAN, I CONGRATULATE YOUR MAJESTY AND SEND TO THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN GOOD WISHES FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT JORDAN, UNDER YOUR COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP, WILL FIND PEACE AND JUSTICE DURING THE COMING YEAR. SIGNED: LYNDON B. JOHNSON. UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY OR USIS AMMAN MAY RELEASE MESSAGE IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE. RUSK

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Thursday, May 23, 1968 -- 7:30 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Independence Day Message to Hussein

This Saturday, May 25, is the anniversary of Jordan's independence. State recommends that you send Hussein the following message:

"On this anniversary of the independence day of Jordan, I congratulate Your Majesty and send to the people of Jordan good wishes from the people of the United States. We sincerely hope that Jordan, under your courageous leadership, will find peace and justice during the coming year."

We are checking this with you because it is a message to a touchy area. Otherwise, however, it is quite routine and uncontroversial. Any word of encouragement to Hussein is good at this time when we hope he will soon begin talks with Israel under Ambassador Jarring's auspices in New York. The Israelis know full well that we believe Hussein's survival is important to Israel's security and our own interests.

*W. W. Rostow*  
W. W. Rostow

Approve ✓

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

*add. s/s. Amador  
5/24 11:05 am  
notified Mr. Saunders*

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Enclosure:

Text of Suggested Message.

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Suggested Message

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REF: STATE 133587

1. WE HAVE JUST BEEN ASKED BY KING'S PRIVATE SECRETARY TO SEND FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM KING HUSSEIN TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

2. QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER WHICH I JUST RECEIVED, I WISH TO POINT OUT THE FOLLOWING: WE ARE NOW FIGHTING ONCE AGAIN, DEFENDING--IN THE FACE OF A BLATANT AND PREMEDITATED ISRAELI AGGRESSION--OUR LAND, OUR HOMES, THE SHABBY TENTS OF THE VICTIMS OF CIVILIZATION, AND OUR HONOR. WE ARE DOING SO WITH WHAT HAS REMAINED IN OUR HANDS IN THE WAY OF WEAPONS SINCE JUNE 1967, FACING OVERWHELMING ODDS, UNEQUIPPED AS WE ARE, NOT EVEN BY A FINALIZED AGREEMENT BETWEEN US FOR RESUPPLYING US WITH DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT BY THE FRIENDLY UNITED STATES.

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3. "IF THE BATTLE SHOULD GO THE WAY IT WELL MIGHT DO, THEN JORDAN, ITS HEAD OF STATE: ITS LEADERS, ITS ARMED FORCES AND ITS PEOPLE WOULD ALL BECOME THE VICTIMS OF AMERICAN WEAPONS, AND THEIR OWN FAITH IN THE UNITED STATES AND ITS PRESIDENT, AS WELL AS THE FRIENDSHIP WHICH THEY VALUED TO THE POINT OF REFUSING TO ACCEPT ANY OTHER OPTION TO BOLSTER THEIR DEFENCE IN THE FACE OF A HISTORY OF CONTINUED AGGRESSION.

4. "I AM NOT, AND SHALL NEVER HOLD MYSELF OR MY GOVERNMENT AND ARMED FORCE, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE ISRAELI FORCES OF OCCUPATION IN THE WEST BANK OF JORDAN AND THE REST OF THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. NOR DO I EXPECT TO BE HELD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS."

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

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-2- AMMAN 3928, MARCH 21

5. "AS FOR THE INCIDENT OF MARCH 18 TO WHICH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, REFERRED, I WISH TO STATE, FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THAT AFTER A MOST THOROUGH INVESTIGATION, THIS INCIDENT COULD NOT BE TRACED INNSANIN OR CONSEQUENCE, TO JORDAN.

6. "WE HAVE TRIED OUR BEST, HONESTLY, FAITHFULLY AND SINCERELY TO LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THIS AREA. THE BLAME FOR FAILURE, IF IT OCCURS, MUST LIE SQUARELY ON THE ISRAELI SIDE AND ON THOSE WHO, KNOWINGLY OR UNDELIBERATELY,

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ENCOURAGE ISRAEL IN HER PLAN FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FIRST AND LAST CHANCE TO ACHIEVE PEACE.

7. "WITH MY REGARD. SINCERELY, AL-HUSSEIN. UNQTE.

8. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE REPORTED, PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ARRIVED AFTER ISRAELI ATTACKS HAD BEGUN (AND HAD BEEN IN PROGRESS FOR THREE HOURS). IN DELIVERING LETTER IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT IT HAD ORIGINATED PRIOR TO THIS MORNING'S ATTACKS AND THAT A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE HAD ALSO BEEN SENT TO ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER.

9. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO HUSSEIN EVOKED A VERY NEGATIVE REACTION. KING WAS APPARENTLY PARTICULARLY UPSET BY WHAT HE CONSIDERED IMPUTATION WE WERE HOLDING JORDAN RESPONSIBLE FOR BUS INCIDENT AND THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN SINCERE IN HIS EFFORTS TO TRY TO CONTROL TERRORISTS.

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# OUTGOING TELEGRAM Department of State

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STATE 133887

Deliver following message urgently from President to King Hussein. Quote: Dear King Hussein;

While I appreciate your problem in controlling terrorism incidents such as that which occurred on March 18th cannot but arouse passions most destructive for common hopes for peace in the Middle East.

I found your public statement of February 15th courageous; but despite this statement and subsequent efforts incidents have continued.

I appeal to you for a maximum effort to bring such incidents under firm control and to indicate by words and actions your determination to maintain an environment in which such violence cannot occur.

Drafted by:

As received from White House

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Telegraphic transmission and classification approved by:

S/S-O: E Ledbetter

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By: NARA, Date: 11-3-01

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I am making a strong appeal at this time to Prime Minister  
Eshkol to exercise restraint.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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Sent 12:15 AM

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Dear King Hussein;

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DELIVER FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE URGENTLY  
FROM PRESIDENT TO  
KING HUSSEIN

QUOTE

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I appeal to you for a maximum effort to bring such incidents under firm control and to indicate by words and actions your determination to maintain an environment in which such violence cannot occur.

I am making a strong appeal at this time to Prime Minister Eshkol to exercise restraint.

SINCERELY  
LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
ON QUOTE  
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1. AFTER CONFIRMING NEWS REPORT EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING HUSSEIN: QUOTE. DEAR KING HUSSEIN, MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BIRTH OF YOUR TWIN DAUGHTERS. I KNOW THEY WILL LIGHTEN YOUR DAYS, AND I SEND OUR BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS HAPPY TIME. UNQUOTE.

2. USG DOES NOT INTEND MAKE PUBLIC RELEASE THIS MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD GOJ WISH TO DO SO. RUSK

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Wednesday, April 24, 1968  
5:15 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Short Message to King Hussein

King Hussein's wife gave birth late yesterday to twin daughters. State recommends the following message:

"Your Majesty: My heartiest congratulations on the birth of your twin daughters. I know they will lighten your days and I send our best wishes to you and your family at this happy time."

*W. W. Rostow*  
W. W. Rostow

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Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Walt W. Rostow  
The White House

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if President  
approves. Memo  
sent up. HHS

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*John P. Walsh*  
Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

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2. USC does not intend make public release this message but has no objection should GOJ wish to do so.

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S/S KING SAUNDERS

White House - Mr. Saunders

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SUBJ: LETTER FROM KING HUSSEIN TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON

REF: STATE 113645

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March 2, 1968

FROM WALT ROSTOW  
FOR THE PRESIDENT

Herewith Hussein thanks you and asks us to lean on the Israelis.

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FROM WALT ROSTOW  
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MARCH 2, 1968

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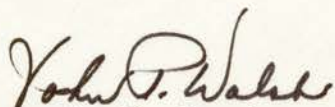
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March 8, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Letter to President Johnson from  
King Hussein

Attached herewith is the original and a  
copy of a letter from King Hussein to President  
Johnson, dated March 5, 1968.

  
Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

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Executive Secretary  
Benjamin H. Keene



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King Hovavri  
SUBJECT: Letter to President Johnson from

THE WHITE HOUSE  
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RUSTOW, ROSTOW

March 9, 1968



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THE ROYAL PALACE,  
Amman, Jordan,  
March 2nd, 1968.

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Our two countries have indeed enjoyed a warm, close and mutually beneficial relationship for a long period of time, and I am pleased to receive your assurances that it is in the United States policy and interest to continue this relationship with us and that the strains and problems created by the June war have not altered the United States fundamental policy towards Jordan.

The arms package, which General Khammash brought us in answer to our request and which was aimed at meeting our legitimate arms requirements, did indeed manifest a strong reaffirmation of your support. We, and in the face of the enormity of the problems that confront us, have every hope that this package, with some slight modifications, can finally be agreed upon, to enable us to overcome the current problems.

As for your unaltered and firm resolve to extend full diplomatic and political support to Ambassador Jarring to reach a just and durable settlement in the Middle East, I can assure you, Mr. President, that we have extremely high hopes that this valuable support may enable Ambassador Jarring to make progress in the pursuit of his mission. However, I regret to inform you, Mr. President, that I have become extremely disheartened by what appears to be a lack of genuine interest in a just and durable peace by the Israelis. It is unfortunate that their victory should direct them to follow a very narrow and short-sighted approach. For though the Israelis have won a battle, they seem unable to appreciate the fact that they have not won a war. This is manifested in their lack of clarity over the acceptance of the Security Council's Resolution under the mandate of which Ambassador Jarring is pursuing his mission; in their arbitrary actions in defiance of a semi-unanimous United Nations Resolution on Jerusalem; in their continuing actions aiming at major alterations in that City which, as you well-know, Mr. President, does not belong to us alone but to all Arabs and Muslims who have enjoyed the privilege of being the proud custodians of the Holy Places within it since the time of the Khalifa Omar, over thirteen centuries ago; in compelling thousands upon thousands of people to continue to leave the areas acquired by Israel through

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Letter to President Johnson from  
King Hussein

Attached herewith is the original and a  
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*John T. Walsh*  
Benjamin H. Read  
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

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Saturday, February 10, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Message to King Hussein

Since you are not seeing General Khammash, Nick Katzenbach is suggesting a short message direct to Hussein. You have already exchanged messages saying we're willing to resume if he won't turn to the Soviets, and he won't if we meet his legitimate needs. The attached is designed to wrap up this exchange.

Hussein's agreement not to buy Soviet weapons is specifically included in the draft memorandum of understanding Secretary McNamara gave Khammash this morning, so State has not labored this point beyond saying this meets his legitimate requirements.

We will send this telegraphically to Harry Symmes, and he can deliver it as either an oral or written message. Your previous exchanges on this subject have been oral, but a written message now might be just a little firmer and help marginally in Symmes' and Khammash's efforts to persuade the King that our response is adequate.

We would like to get this to Hussein by the time Khammash returns Monday.

W. Rostow

Approve as written message \_\_\_\_\_

Approve as oral message \_\_\_\_\_

Call me \_\_\_\_\_

*W. Rostow*  
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February 10, 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Suggested Message from you  
to King Hussein of Jordan

Recommendation:

That you sign the attached letter to King  
Hussein.

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

Discussion:

The Secretary of Defense is presenting our  
arms package to General Khammash at 12:30 today  
February 10. The General plans to leave Washington  
tonight for Amman via London. He expects to arrive  
in Amman on February 12.

As we have mentioned in our previous memoranda,  
part of our current difficulties with Jordan stems  
from a crisis in confidence. King Hussein has, in  
recent months, come to question seriously our inter-  
est in him and his country. We hope that our arms  
package will be reassuring to him. In this respect,  
however, in view of his respect for and confidence  
in you, we believe that a message to him at this time  
would contribute greatly to easing his mind as to our  
continued interest in Jordan and his moderate regime.

*Richard B. Stewart*  
Under Secretary

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Suggested Message to King Hussein

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His Majesty  
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Your Majesty:

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Despite the current heavy demands on our resources, General Khammash is returning with an arms package which we consider to be a substantial response to your request for us to meet your legitimate arms requirements. We intend this package to be a strong reaffirmation of our support.

I also assure you that we have not altered our firm resolve to extend our full diplomatic and political support of Ambassador Jarring to reach a just and durable settlement in the Middle East. During your visit here in November, we explained to you our position on the West Bank and Jerusalem. We have not changed that position. As Ambassador Jarring makes progress, we hope and expect that there will be opportunities for us to support his efforts in more specific ways.

Your Majesty, we are both passing through a critical period in the history of our two countries. With patience, wisdom and mutual trust, I am sure that we can solve our problems and obtain the objective we both so fervently desire -- a peaceful Middle East in which a united Jordan can play its historic role.

With all good wishes,

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Lyndon B. Johnson

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FOR THE PRESIDENT  
FROM WALT ROSTOW

December 28, 1967

On your instruction we passed the following message to King Hussein:

"The President has indicated that he will make decision on Jordan arms recommendation by New Year's. He is *in* inclined to be sympathetic to Jordan's needs, and hopes the King will not make a major decision before hearing from us."

We continue to get reports from Jordan that time is running out and that King Hussein feels it necessary to make some decision on Soviet arms by the first of the *year.* ~~week.~~ We have strung him along since mid-August and doubt we can do so much longer.

The package which Nick Katzenbach recommends would total about \$6.5 million of spare parts, automotive and communications gear, some anti-tank guns and ammunition. We all know the Israelis won't like this but we have been interested to note in the last few weeks a much more relaxed Israeli attitude toward Hussein. In any case, this equipment will not affect the Israeli-Jordanian arms balance.

Since this is a token move to reopen the door and *block* ~~look at~~ the Soviets, I should think *we c* ~~you~~ would ~~be able to~~ sell it to the Israelis who will not want to jeopardize their aircraft requests by making a fuss *over* ~~out of~~ such an inconsequential package for Jordan.

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If you are ready to go ahead, the next step would be to authorize Ambassador Symmes to offer this package to Hussein.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Call me \_\_\_\_\_

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Per Helma Tolson --

We are holding this  
until the King visits here,  
some time this week (pos-  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Monday, October 9, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Letter from King Hussein

Attached is a long letter from King Hussein <sup>(key passages marked)</sup> reporting his view of the Middle East situation following the Khartoum Conference and recent trips to Cairo and Moscow. He hopes to visit the U.S. toward the end of the month.

It's a strong but dignified letter and lays out Arab reasoning clearly. He expresses deep hurt at what he considers our basic pro-Israeli position. Insofar as we are trying to make the Arabs face up to the existence of Israel, he's not just giving way to polemics. In much the same language as his Ambassador used with you at lunch last Wednesday, he laments the double standard we apply to Arabs and Israelis and says, humbly and sadly, he doesn't find it worthy of a great leader or a great nation to discriminate this way. He told Ambassador Burns he had written because he felt "so personally let down by the USG in recent weeks."

He feels the Arabs at Khartoum reached a reasonable and responsible position. He says even Israeli passage through the Canal is negotiable if linked to redressing the wrongs inflicted on the Arab people of Palestine since 1948. Now he says it's up to the great powers to act, since they were responsible for creating Israel in the first place.

He put two questions to Burns: (1) Will we support a resolution moving UN debate from the General Assembly to the Security Council? He fears that Assembly debate would cause some Arabs to take positions that would tie his hands. (2) Will we support a slightly revised version of the July US-Soviet draft resolution? He says the Soviets will but told him our position had hardened. What he refers to is Arthur Goldberg's effort to work out a more precise understanding of what specific steps would follow such a resolution.

Nick Katzenbach already had his staff working on these questions before this letter came in. We will have an answer for you as soon as possible. But I want you to be aware that this potentially opens a new round of negotiations in New York on the resolution which we felt represents progress if properly interpreted but which the Israelis have objected to vigorously.

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Walt Rostow  
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Monday, October 9, 1967

TEXT OF CABLE FROM AMBASSADOR BURNS (Amman 1777)

SUBJECT: King Hussein's Letter to President Johnson of October 7.

Dear Mr. President:

I thought it imperative, sir, to communicate to you in this manner, the gist of my feelings regarding the current situation in our areas.

I would have very much liked to have had the privilege and pleasure of contacting you personally, Mr. President, but alas, due to the great strain that I have been under for the last few months, my health condition prevents me from having this pleasure -- at least, until about the end of this month when I hope to be able to visit the United States of America once again, and possibly the United Nations.

Due to the urgency of the situation, I felt it important to immediately communicate with you, sir, regarding the prevailing conditions in our area following the recent aggression by Israel and her occupation of the West Bank of Jordan and of other Arab territories. Ever since 1948, Israel has committed aggression after aggression and denied the Arab people of Palestine their right of self determination and expelled in 1948 over one million people from their homeland, only to be followed by hundreds of thousands more people who were recently expelled from the West Bank of Jordan and from other Arab territories, now under Israeli occupation. The fact that now it seems to be expected of the Arab leaders and people -- members of the world community -- to act in a manner which would set a very dangerous precedent, specifically that of permitting an aggressor to dictate his terms from the position that he has acquired as a result of his aggression, is an intolerable farce.

The continued suffering of our people in the occupied territories; the refusal of Israel to abide by the United Nations and Security Council resolutions on Jerusalem and on the humanitarian problem of refugees, and her continued denial to them to exercise their right to return to their homes and land, as well as Israel's use of this issue and human tragedy as a political weapon, is a shame that will be borne by all who permit this situation to persist any longer.

Sir, I have always felt proud of the friendship that has existed between us and between our two nations. I am sad to feel that perhaps I was too much of an idealist when I believed that principles and ideals in which we believe, will always

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be upheld. I refer to the right of an indigenous people of a country to live in peace and security and their unalienable right to "liberty, freedom and the pursuit of happiness." Double standards seem to exist in the treatment of people in our area and we, Arabs, seem to continue to have the misfortune of being victimized, by those who themselves were once victimized, not by us Arabs, but by others.

Sir, Israel seems to have benefited beyond reason from the assistance, help and pampering of many countries, and of the United States in particular. The United States would appear at present to have chosen to forsake her friendships and friends amongst us Arabs and to mainly concern herself with attempting to enforce on them what Israel might or might not wish. Israel has benefitted from the fact that the Great Powers, in their concern over world peace and their own security, have repeatedly avoided a confrontation on so many issues. This has permitted Israel to carry out her aggression and to infringe on the rights of Arabs to live in peace -- a peace with justice; and has forced them to divert their energies and resources from their primary objective of building for themselves the better future which is their right. Israel has also managed to nearly achieve complete success in discrediting the policies of the United States in this area and in damaging her image, as well as causing untold harm to United States interests in this part of the world and the interests of many who live in it.

Sir, It appears to me that, due to the extreme necessity for swift action which would bring about an early Israeli withdrawal to the positions held prior to June 5th, so that a people can be saved and their dignity be restored and wrong be righted before it becomes too late, that every attempt should be made to encourage the Big Powers, mainly the United States and the USSR to deal with this problem which involves world peace as well as their mutual interests. Since these World Powers were mainly responsible for the creation of the problem in the first place, they have a moral obligation to enforce what is right and to redress the wrongs that have been committed against my nation. They should ensure, through their mutual contacts, that results are achieved as early as possible. It seems to me that the Security Council of the United Nations would be the appropriate organ to deal with this problem and to arrive at a just solution which can bring about peace and security to our region. The basis for such a solution might very well be along the same lines embodied in the last draft resolution agreed upon by the United States and the USSR towards the end of the last Emergency Session of the General Assembly.

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Another sad and utterly incomprehensible situation exists over the United States Government's position on Jerusalem. In all frankness, the United States' insistence on internationalizing the city of Jerusalem and depriving us of the privilege of being the custodians of the Holy Places for all the great monolithic religions, a privilege which we have proudly enjoyed for over twelve centuries, is totally unacceptable to us and is an affront that is directed to all your friends in the Muslim world. We have repeatedly said that had there been a just peace in this area, no one would have ever been denied his right to visit these Holy Places and it was only the fact that no such just peace existed, ever since the tragedy of Palestine first took shape, that caused the Israelis to be prevented from visiting their Holy Places. We have also always said that until such a just peace is established we differentiate between people of the Jewish faith and Zionists.

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Sir, I really hope that I might be right in feeling that the United States Government has not made her choice to back Israel and to forsake her other friends and interests in this area.

Sir, if at the end of this present session of the United Nations no satisfactory solution to this present crisis is reached, the Arabs have one of two choices; either to stoop and accept Israel's dictated conditions or be compelled to do all in their power, regardless of the consequences, to secure their rights and recover their dignity. I can assure you, sir, in advance, that we shall have only the latter choice and course of action to take. We shall have been driven to that end and I am sure that, fair and just as you are, you will be able to understand and appreciate our predicament.

Wishing you, sir, all the best for your continued good health and happiness, and entrusting you with the fate and future of this area where so much is at stake, I remain, your sincere friend, Hussein.

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Monday, October 9, 1967

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Letter from King Hussein

*Mr. Goldstein  
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Attached is a long letter from King Hussein reporting his view of the Middle East situation following the Khartoum Conference and recent trips to Cairo and Moscow. He hopes to visit the U.S. toward the end of the month.

It's a strong but dignified letter and lays out Arab reasoning clearly. He expresses deep hurt at what he considers our basic pro-Israeli position. Insofar as we are trying to make the Arabs face up to the existence of Israel, he's not just giving way to polemics. In much the same language as his Ambassador used with you at lunch last Wednesday, he laments the double standard we apply to Arabs and Israelis and says, humbly and sadly, he doesn't find it worthy of a great leader or a great nation to discriminate this way. He told Ambassador Burns he had written because he felt "so personally let down by the USG in recent weeks."

He feels the Arabs at Khartoum reached a reasonable and responsible position. He says even Israeli passage through the Canal is negotiable if linked to redressing the wrongs inflicted on the Arab people of Palestine since 1948. Now he says it's up to the great powers to act, since they were responsible for creating Israel in the first place.

He put two questions to Burns: (1) Will we support a resolution moving UN debate from the General Assembly to the Security Council? He fears that Assembly debate would cause some Arabs to take positions that would tie his hands. (2) Will we support a slightly revised version of the July US-Soviet draft resolution? He says the Soviets will but told him our position had hardened. What he refers to is Arthur Goldberg's effort to work out a more precise understanding of what specific steps would follow such a resolution.

Nick Katzenbach already had his staff working on these questions before this letter came in. We will have an answer for you as soon as possible. But I want you to be aware that this potentially opens a new round of negotiations in New York on the resolution which we felt represents progress if properly interpreted but which the Israelis have objected to vigorously.

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TEXT OF CABLE FROM AMBASSADOR BURNS (Amman 1777)

SUBJECT: King Hussein's Letter to President Johnson of October 7.

Dear Mr. President:

I thought it imperative, sir, to communicate to you in this manner, the gist of my feelings regarding the current situation in our areas.

I would have very much liked to have had the privilege and pleasure of contacting you personally, Mr. President, but alas, due to the great strain that I have been under for the last few months, my health condition prevents me from having this pleasure -- at least, until about the end of this month when I hope to be able to visit the United States of America once again, and possibly the United Nations.

Due to the urgency of the situation, I felt it important to immediately communicate with you, sir, regarding the prevailing conditions in our area following the recent aggression by Israel and her occupation of the West Bank of Jordan and of other Arab territories. Ever since 1948, Israel has committed aggression after aggression and denied the Arab people of Palestine their right of self determination and expelled in 1948 over one million people from their homeland, only to be followed by hundreds of thousands more people who were recently expelled from the West Bank of Jordan and from other Arab territories, now under Israeli occupation. The fact that now it seems to be expected of the Arab leaders and people -- members of the world community -- to act in a manner which would set a very dangerous precedent, specifically that of permitting an aggressor to dictate his terms from the position that he has acquired as a result of his aggression, is an intolerable farce.

The continued suffering of our people in the occupied territories; the refusal of Israel to abide by the United Nations and Security Council resolutions on Jerusalem and on the humanitarian problem of refugees, and her continued denial to them to exercise their right to return to their homes and land, as well as Israel's use of this issue and human tragedy as a political weapon, is a shame that will be borne by all who permit this situation to persist any longer.

Sir, I have always felt proud of the friendship that has existed between us and between our two nations. I am sad to feel that perhaps I was too much of an idealist when I believed that principles and ideals in which we believe, will always

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SUBJ: KING HUSSEIN'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON OF OCT 7  
QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I THOUGHT IT IMPERATIVE, SIR,  
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DUE TO THE GREAT STRAIN THAT I HAVE BEEN UNDER FOR THE LAST FEW  
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THE CONTINUED SUFFERING OF OUR PEOPLE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES; THE REFUSAL OF ISRAEL TO ABIDE BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON JERUSALEM AND ON THE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM OF REFUGEES, AND HER CONTINUED DENIAL TO THEM TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND LAND, AS WELL AS ISRAEL'S USE OF THIS ISSUE AND HUMAN TRAGEDY AS A POLITICAL WEAPON, IS A SHAME THAT WILL BE BORNE BY ALL WHO PERMIT THIS SITUATION TO PERSIST ANY LONGER.

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TO LIVE IN PEACE AND SECURITY AND THEIR UNALIENABLE RIGHT TO "LIBERTY, FREEDOM AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS." DOUBLE STANDARDS SEEM TO EXIST IN THE TREATMENT OF PEOPLE IN OUR AREA AND WE, ARABS, SEEM TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THE MISFORTUNE OF BEING VICTIMIZED BY THOSE, WHO THEMSELVES WERE ONCE VICTIMIZED, NOT BY US ARABS, BUT BY OTHERS.

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SIR, I HAVE BEEN DOING A GREAT DEAL OF WORK IN THIS AREA WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY. THE KHARTOUM SUMMIT CONFERENCE REPRESENTED A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT AND CHANGE IN ARAB POLICY AND APPROACH. I FEEL THAT ARAB LEADERS HAVE RISEN TO THE LEVEL OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THAT ARABS ARE DEMONSTRATING THAT THEY ARE REASONABLE AND RESPONSIBLE. THE ANSWER NOW LIES WITH THE GREAT POWERS TO TAKE ACTION, AND THEN IT LIES WITH ISRAEL. THIS IS HER CHANCE TO REALLY PROVE TO THE WORLD, BEFORE PROVING TO US, THAT SHE WANTS PEACE IN THIS AREA AND THAT ALL HER EARLIER ATTEMPTS TO APPEAR IN THAT LIGHT WERE NOT MERELY TO CONCEAL HER REAL AMBITIONS OF CONSTANT EXPANSION AT OUR EXPENSE.

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ALL FRANKNESS, THE UNITED STATES INSISTENCE ON INTERNATIONALIZING THE CITY OF JERUSALEM AND DEPRIVING US OF THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING THE CUSTODIANS OF THE HOLY PLACES FOR ALL THE GREAT MONOLITHIC RELIGIONS, A PRIVILEGE WHICH WE HAVE PROUDLY ENJOYED FOR OVER TWELVE CENTURIES, IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO US AND IS AN AFFRONT THAT IS DIRECTED TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS IN THE MUSLIM WORLD. WE HAVE REPEATELY SAID THAT HAD THERE BEEN A JUST PEACE IN THIS AREA, NO ONE WOULD HAVE EVER BEEN DENIED HIS RIGHT TO VISIT THESE HOLY PLACES AND IT WAS ONLY THE FACT THAT NO SUCH JUST PEACE EXISTED, EVER SINCE THE TRAGEDY OF PALESTINE FIRST TOOK SHAPE, THAT CAUSED THE ISRAEWIS TO BE PREVENTED FROM VISITING THEIR HOLY PLACES. WA HAVE ALSO ALWAYS SAID THAT UNTIL SUCH A JUST PEACE IS ESTABLISHED WE DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN PEOPLE OF THE JEWISH FAITH AND ZIONISTS.

AS FOR THE DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE USSR, I HAVE MADE MANY CONCERTED EFFORTS IN THIS AREA TO MAKE IT ACCEPTABLE. I TALKED AT LENGTH OVER THIS ISSUE WITH THE UAR PRESIDENT AND HE AGREED THAT THE GIST AND CONTEXT OF THE RESOLUTION, IF EMBODIED IN A SIMILAR RE-WORDED DRAFT, EMANATING

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FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WOULD BE MOST ACCEPTABLE. AS FOR SUEZ AND THE RIGHT OF PASSAGE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS. THE UAR'S POSITION IS ONE THAT LINKS THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM

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TO ACTIONS THAT MUST BE TAKEN TO REDRESS THE WRONGS CAUSED TO THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE. I BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS EMBODIED IN THE SAID DRAFT RESOLUTION. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION WHERE I FELT SATISFIED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR WAS WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT IN BRINGING ABOUT SUCH A RESOLUTION AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WHAT DISTRESSED ME MOST THROUGH MY CONTACTS, IS SOMETHING THAT I HOPE MOST SINCERELY IS TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION, SPECIFICALLY THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S POSITION HAS ALTERED SINCE THE EARLIER DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS AGREED UPON AND THAT SHE IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO ADD TO ISRAEL'S GAINS. SIR, OUR PROBLEMS HERE ARE ENORMOUS. WINTER IS ABOUT TO SET IN AND THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE ENDURING EXTREME HARDSHIP AND WILL HAVE TO ENDURE MORE HARDSHIP, DUE TO OUR INABILITY TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEM WITH OUR PRESENT LIMITED RESOURCES. IN THE FACE OF ISRAEL'S CONTINUED DENIAL TO THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN AND OTHER ARABS OF THEIR RIGHT TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND LAND, AND IN THE FACE OF ISRAEL'S GROWING

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ARROGANCE, MILITARY MIGHT AND SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE, AND IN FACING THE FACT THAT ONLY ISRAEL'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY SEEMS TO BE THE CONCERN OF MANY IN THIS WORLD, WE ARE HAVING TO RE-BUILD AND RE-EQUIP OUR ARMED FORCES. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING SO ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS: DETERMINING OUR NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH EARLIER EXPERIENCES AND ATTEMPTING TO SECURE THE URGENTLY NEEDED RIGHT EQUIPMENT BEST SUITED TO OUR NEEDS, FROM ANY AVAILABLE SOURCES. THIS IS ANOTHER ADDITIONAL STRAIN WHICH WE ARE COMPELLED TO BEAR.

SIR, I REALLY HOPE THAT I MIGHT BE RIGHT IN FEELING THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NOT MADE HER CHOICE TO BACK ISRAEL AND TO FORSAKE HER OTHER FRIENDS AND INTERESTS IN THIS AREA.

SIR, IF AT THE END OF THIS PRESENT SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS NO SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THIS PRESENT CRISIS IS REACHED. THE ARABS HAVE ONE OF TWO CHOICES; EITHER TO STOOP AND ACCEPT ISRAEL'S DICTATED CONDITIONS OR BE COMPELLED TO DO ALL IN THEIR POWER, REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES, TO SECURE THEIR RIGHTS AND

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RECOVER THEIR DIGNITY. I CAN ASSURE YOU, SIR, IN ADVANCE, THAT WE SHALL HAVE ONLY THE LATTER CHOICE AND COURSE OF ACTION TO TAKE. WE SHALL HAVE BEEN DRIVEN TO THAT/END AND I AM SURE THAT, FAIR AND JUST AS YOU ARE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE OUR PREDICAMENT.

WISHING YOU, SIR, ALL THE BEST FOR YOUR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS, AND ENTRUSTING YOU WITH THE FATE AND FUTURE OF THIS AREA WHERE SO MUCH IS AT STAKE, I REMAIN, YOUR SINCERE FRIEND, HUSSEIN END QUOTE

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2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:  
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HEARTFELT WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

" AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, WE ARE STILL DOING OUR BEST TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN OUR PART OF THE WORLD. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT OUR EFFORTS WILL BE ASSISTED BY THE ACTIONS AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR FRIENDS.

SINCERELY,

AL-HUSSEIN."

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PROBLEMS OF THE NEAR EAST, AND I ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAINS READY TO HELP ALL EFFORTS TO FIND A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. SINCERELY, LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE



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Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

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