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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO KING HUSSEIN: QUOTE YOUR MAJESTY, AS I PREPARE TO LEAVE OFFICE, I WISH NOT ONLY TO SAY GOOD-BYE BUT ALSO TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE POSSIBLE COOPERATION FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES DURING MY YEARS AS PRESIDENT. I KNOW THAT THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT ON WHICH THIS COOPERATION HAS BEEN BASED WILL CONTINUE AND THAT BOTH OUR PEOPLES WILL BE THE BETTER FOR IT.

OUR PERSONAL ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF SPECIAL GRATIFICATION TO ME. THROUGH IT, BOTH OF US WERE ABLE TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR NATIONS' PROBLEMS AND ASPIRATION. I HAVE BEEN ACUTELY AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BESET YOUR COUNTRY AND PEOPLE, AND HAVE ADMIRERD YOUR STEADFASTNESS AND COURAGE IN YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS. I AM HOPEFUL THAT OUR MUTUAL GOAL OF A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS JORDAN IN A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS MIDDLE EAST WILL BE ACHIEVED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND AM CONVINCED THAT OUR COOPERATION HAS ADVANCED THE POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING THIS GOAL.

AS THE ENCLOSED PHOTOGRAPHS OF OUR RECENT LUANR FLIGHT SUGGEST, THIS SHRINKING GLOBE IS RAPIDLY BECOMING A SINGLE NEIGHBORHOOD. EVEN THE MOST DISTANT NATIONS NOW LIVE CLOSER

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TO EACH OTHER THAN VILLAGES IN A SINGLE NATION DID NOT A FEW CENTURIES AGO. COUNTRIES ARE LEARNING THAT THEY MUST WORK TOGETHER FOR COMMON ENDS IF ANY ARE TO SURVIVE AND PROSPER IN THE NEW WORLD OF INTERDEPENDENCE WHICH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ARE HELPING TO CREATE.

WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS TO THIS END IN RECENT YEARS. NEW FORMS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ARE EVIDENT IN MANY AREAS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS PROGRESS WILL CONTINUE, AND THAT ONE DAY AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL COME INTO BEING WHICH IS AS SOLIDLY GROUNDED IN COMMON INTEREST AND COMMON INSTITUTIONS AS NATIONAL COMMUNITIES ARE TODAY.

I KNOW THAT BOTH OUR COUNTRIES WILL PLAY A PART IN THIS GREAT VENTURE. DESPITE MY RETIREMENT FROM THE PRESIDENCY, MY INTEREST IN JORDAN'S ROLE AND MY FRIENDSHIP FOR ITS PEOPLE WILL REMAIN STRONG, AS WILL MY DEDICATION TO THE GOALS WHICH BOTH OUR COUNTRIES SHARE. LYNDON B. JOHNSON END QUOTE

2. ORIGINAL OF LETTER AND PHOTOGRAPHS BEING POUCHED.

3. WHITE HOUSE PLANS NO RELEASE THIS MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RECIPIENT DOING SO.

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January 18, 1969

Your Majesty:

As I prepare to leave office, I wish not only to say good-bye but also to thank you for helping to make possible cooperation for peace and progress between our two countries during my years as President. I knew that the spirit of friendship and mutual respect on which this cooperation has been based will continue and that both our peoples will be the better for it.

Our personal association has been a source of special gratification to me. Through it, both of us were able to gain a better understanding of our nations' problems and aspirations. I have been acutely aware of the problems that have beset your country and people, and have admired your steadfastness and courage in your constructive approach to a peaceful solution to these problems. I am hopeful that our mutual goal of a peaceful and prosperous Jordan in a peaceful and prosperous Middle East will be achieved in the near future, and am convinced that our cooperation has advanced the possibility of achieving this goal.

As the enclosed photographs of our recent lunar flight suggest, this shrinking globe is rapidly becoming a single neighborhood. Even the most distant nations now live closer to each other than villages in a single nation did only a few centuries ago. Countries are learning that they must work together for common ends if any are to survive and prosper in the new world of interdependence which science and technology are helping to create.

We have made some progress to this end in recent years. New forms of international cooperation are evident in many areas. I believe that this progress will continue, and that one day an international community will come into being which is as solidly grounded in common interest and common institutions as national communities are today.

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I know that both our countries will play a part in this great venture. Despite my retirement from the Presidency, my interest in Jordan's role and my friendship for its people will remain strong, as will my dedication to the goals which both our countries share.

Sincerely,

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

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Jordan

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Suggested Farewell Message from
President Johnson to King Hussein

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Lyndon B. Johnson

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Lyndon B. Johnson END QUOTE

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~~President Johnson does not plan to publish but has no objection~~
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January 17, 1969

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

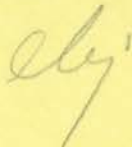
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Sincerely,



His Excellency
Bahjat Talhouni
Prime Minister of the
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Amman

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January 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Thank You Message from Prime Minister Talhouni
of Jordan to President Johnson

There is transmitted a thank you message from Prime Minister
Bahjat al-Talhouni of Jordan, acknowledging President Johnson's
New Year's greeting. The Department believes that no reply is
required.

Benjamin H. Read
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Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Text of Message from Prime Minister
Talhouni.

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Text of Message from Prime
Minister Talhouni to President Johnson

Your Excellency,

I have received with sincere thanks your kind message of congratulations on the occasion of the New Year to me and the people of Jordan.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to your excellency and the people of the U.S.A. my warm greetings and best wishes for continued prosperity and progress.

Sincerely,

Bahjat Talhouni
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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President from Prime Minister
Bahjat Talhouni of Jordan

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President has sent a holiday greeting card to the
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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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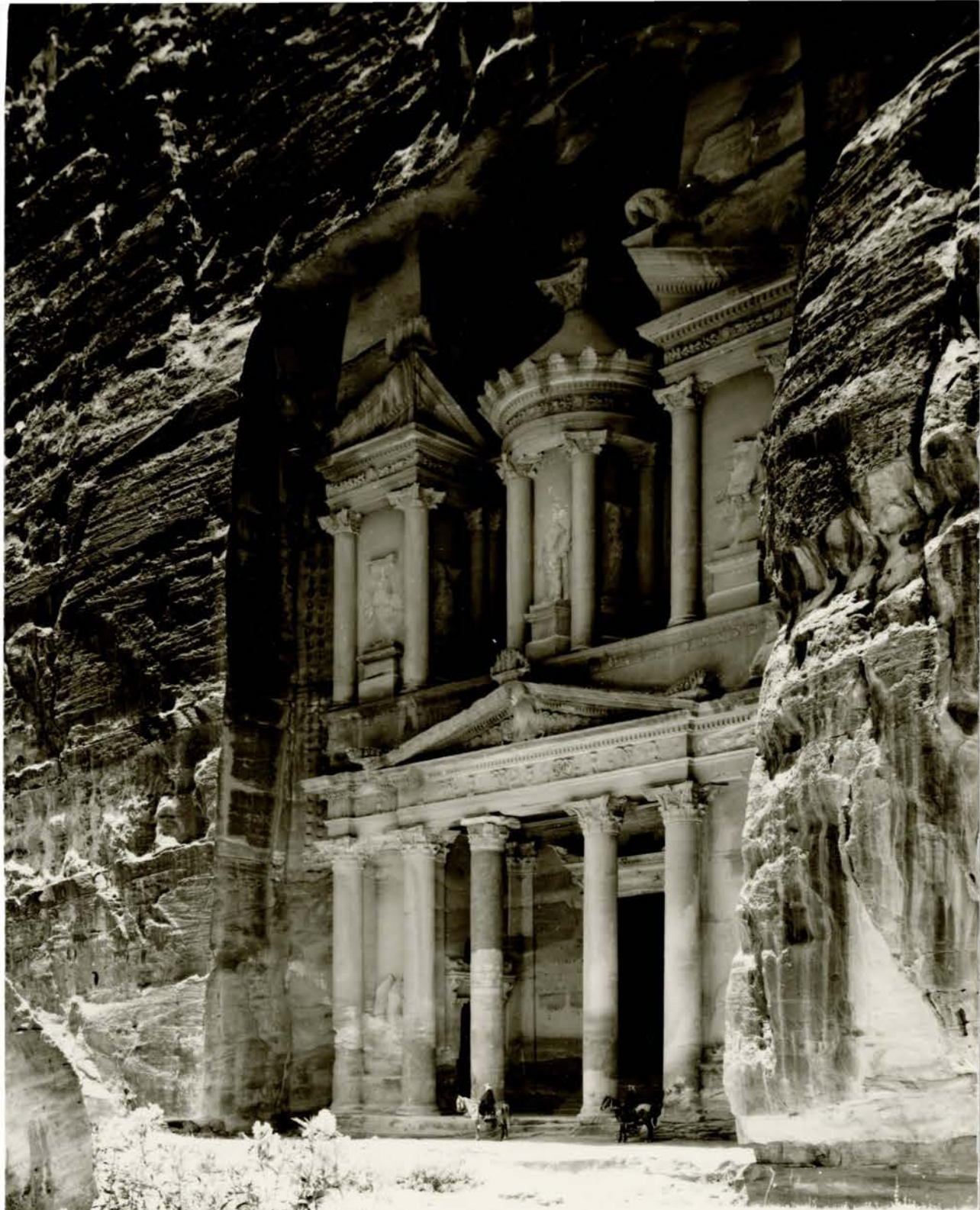
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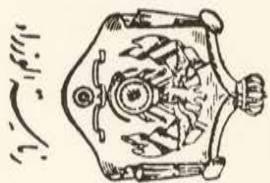
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Season's Greetings

B. Talhouni
BAHJAT TALHOUNI
Prime Minister
Amman - Jordan



H.E. Mr Lyndon B Johnson,
President of the United States
of America.

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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING NEW YEAR'S MESSAGES FROM THE
PRESIDENT TO THE KING AND PRIME MINISTER AL-TALHOUNI
RESPECTIVELY

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FOR THE COMING YEAR. SINCERELY, LYNDON B JOHNSON END QUOTE

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PUBLISH WOULD APPRECIATE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS NOTICE SO
WHITE HOUSE MAY ARRANGE FOR JOINT RELEASE IF DESIRED.

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January 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Acknowledgement of King Hussein to President Johnson's 'Id al-Fitr Greeting

Enclosed is a thank you message from His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan acknowledging President Johnson's message of greetings on the occasion of the Moslem 'Id al-Fitr observance. The Department recommends that no reply be sent to this message.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Message from King Hussein.

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Message from King Hussein.

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His Excellency President Lyndon B. Johnson,
President of the United States of America.

I wish to thank Your Excellency most sincerely
for your kind message of felicitations on the occasion
of 'Id al-Fitr. I take this opportunity to extend to
Your Excellency my best wishes for your personal
happiness and the continued prosperity of the
American people.

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/s/ William S. Shepard

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Executive Secretary

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Hussein I

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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"tell Jim Jones that's alright...
to tell Walt Rostow to go over all
of these and see that they're all
alright."

LBJ/yb
12/29/68
7:15p

Jim told Walt.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Everything is A-OK on this batch.
Nothing strange. Only one grammatical
error which I corrected.

Doris

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FROM WALT ROSTOW
TO THE PRESIDENT
CITE WH82939

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DECEMBER 28, 1968

FOLLOWING ARE THREE SETS OF DRAFT NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO CHIEFS
OF STATE OR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT:

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NO MESSAGE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK, DUE TO
THE LACK OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA. IN THE CASES OF
JAPAN, LAOS AND VIETNAM, STATE RECOMMENDS THAT PAST PRACTICE BE
FOLLOWED, AND THAT PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES BE SENT ONLY TO PRIME
MINISTER SATO OF JAPAN, KING SRI SAVANG VATTHANA OF LAOS AND
PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU OF VIETNAM.

DEAR LORD CASEY:

DURING 1969 WE HAVE TAKEN IMPORTANT STEPS
TOWARDS PEACE ON THIS EARTH. WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN
A GIANT STEP INTO THE UNIVERSE THAT LIES BEYOND
OUR EARTH. IN BOTH OF THESE HISTORIC ENDEAVORS,
AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE PARTNERS.
YOUR CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN INVALUABLE. LET US
CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE 1969 A YEAR OF
EVEN CLOSER PARTNERSHIP AND FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS
THE GOALS WE SHARE.

WARMEST BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR TO
YOU AND TO ALL AUSTRALIANS,

SINCERELY,

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE RIGHT HONORABLE
LORD CASEY, P.C., G.C.M.G., C.H.,
GOVERNOR GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

YOUR FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE HAS BEEN A YEAR
OF FRUITFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN US. I HAVE
ENJOYED OUR ASSOCIATION, AND YOUR VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY
LAST MAY WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED. I AM CONFIDENT
THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP AUSTRALIA WILL CONTINUE
TO WORK OUT ITS DESTINY AS ONE OF THE GREAT FREE
NATIONS OF THE PACIFIC. MRS. JOHNSON JOINS ME IN
SENDING YOU AND MRS. GORTON OUR WARM PERSONAL REGARDS
AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

THE RIGHT HONORABLE
DUDLEY SENANAYAKE,
PRIME MINISTER,
GOVERNMENT OF CEYLON,
COLOMBO.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I TAKE THE OCCASION OF OUR NEW YEAR TO
EXTEND TO YOU, AND THROUGH YOU, TO ALL THE CITIZENS
OF ISRAEL, MY FOND HOPE THAT THE YEAR 1969 WILL MARK
THE BEGINNING OF THAT PEACE ENVISIONED BY THE PROPHETS
OF OLD AND SO DESPERATELY NEEDED BY ALL MEN OF TODAY.
IN THE YEARS TO COME I WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW WITH
SYMPATHY AND CONFIDENCE ISRAEL'S PURSUIT OF A JUST AND
LASTING PEACE.

SINCERELY,

HIS EXCELLENCY
ZALMAN SHAZAR,
PRESIDENT,
JERUSALEM.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

AS WE IN THE UNITED STATES PREPARE TO CELEBRATE
THE DAWN OF A NEW YEAR I SEND YOU MY PERSONAL
GREETING AND EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR FRIEND-
SHIP THROUGHOUT MY ADMINISTRATION. WITH THIS MESSAGE
GOES MY FERVENT HOPE FOR THE ADVENT OF A JUST AND
LASTING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST. MRS. JOHNSON JOINS
ME IN WISHING YOU AND MRS. ESHKOL "SHALOM".

SINCERELY,

HIS EXCELLENCY
LEVI ESHKOL,
PRIME MINISTER,
JERUSALEM.

YOUR MAJESTY:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE I EXTEND TO YOU AND TO
THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN GREETINGS AND WARM GOOD WISHES
FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. AS I APPROACH
THE END OF MY TERM IN OFFICE, I TRUST THAT THE COMING
YEAR WILL BRING SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN THE SEARCH FOR
A JUST AND LASTING MIDDLE EAST PEACE, WHICH BOTH OUR
COUNTRIES SO EARNESTLY DESIRE.

SINCERELY,

HIS MAJESTY
HUSSEIN I,
AMMAN.

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

AS ONE OF MY LAST OFFICIAL ACTS, I EXTEND TO YOU AND
TO THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN SINCERE GREETINGS AND BEST
WISHES ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR
THE COMING YEAR.

SINCERELY,

HIS EXCELLENCY
BAHJAT AL-TALHOUNI,
PRIME MINISTER,
AMMAN.

YOUR HIGHNESS:

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OCCASION OF THE NEW YEAR, 1969. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE
UNITED STATES I EXPRESS MY PLEASURE THAT WE WERE RECENTLY ABLE
TO WELCOME YOU AS A DISTINGUISHED GUEST TO OUR COUNTRY AND MY
THANKFULNESS FOR YOUR SAFE RETURN TO YOUR OWN LAND.

IN CONCLUDING MY TERM OF OFFICE, I EXTEND TO YOUR HIGHNESS,
AND THROUGH YOU, THE PEOPLE OF KUWAIT MY WARMEST GOOD WISHES
FOR CONTINUED HEALTH AND PROSPERITY.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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"tell Jim Jones that's alright...
to tell Walt Rostow to go over all
of these and see that they're all
alright."

LBJ/yb
12/29/68
7:15p

Jim told Walt

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Everything is A-OK on this batch.
Nothing strange. Only one grammatical
error which I corrected.

Doris

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FROM WALT ROSTOW
TO THE PRESIDENT
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FOLLOWING ARE THREE SETS OF DRAFT NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO CHIEFS
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EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC

NO MESSAGE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK, DUE TO
THE LACK OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA. IN THE CASES OF
JAPAN, LAOS AND VIETNAM, STATE RECOMMENDS THAT PAST PRACTICE BE
FOLLOWED, AND THAT PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES BE SENT ONLY TO PRIME
MINISTER SATO OF JAPAN, KING SRI SAVANG VATTHANA OF LAOS AND
PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU OF VIETNAM.

DEAR LORD CASEY:

DURING 1969 WE HAVE TAKEN IMPORTANT STEPS
TOWARDS PEACE ON THIS EARTH. WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN
A GIANT STEP INTO THE UNIVERSE THAT LIES BEYOND
OUR EARTH. IN BOTH OF THESE HISTORIC ENDEAVORS,
AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE PARTNERS.
YOUR CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN INVALUABLE. LET US
CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE 1969 A YEAR OF
EVEN CLOSER PARTNERSHIP AND FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS
THE GOALS WE SHARE.

WARMEST BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR TO
YOU AND TO ALL AUSTRALIANS,

SINCERELY,

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE RIGHT HONORABLE
LORD CASEY, P.C., G.C.M.G., C.H.,
GOVERNOR GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

YOUR FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE HAS BEEN A YEAR
OF FRUITFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN US. I HAVE
ENJOYED OUR ASSOCIATION, AND YOUR VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY
LAST MAY WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED. I AM CONFIDENT
THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP AUSTRALIA WILL CONTINUE
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Suggested Message

Your Majesty:

On behalf of the American people, it is my great pleasure to extend sincere greetings and warmest good wishes to you and to the people of Jordan on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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

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SUBJ ID-AL-FITR Messages

1. Please deliver following to King Hussein at appropriate time:

QUOTE: Your Majesty: On behalf of the American people, it is my great pleasure to extend sincere greetings and warmest good wishes to you and to the people of Jordan on the occasion of "Id al-Fitr".

Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQUOTE

2. White House does not plan release but has no objection if COJ wishes to do so.

END

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Suggested Message

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Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Majesty
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Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQUOTE

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~~Suggested New Year's Greeting~~

Your Excellency:

~~_____~~ As one of my last official
acts, ~~I~~ extend to you and to the people of Jordan
sincere greetings and best wishes on behalf of the
people of the United States for the coming year.

Sincerely,

~~Lyndon B. Johnson~~

His Excellency

Bahjat al-Talhouni,

Prime Minister,

Amman.

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~~DEPARTMENT OF STATE~~

~~Suggested New Year's Greeting~~

Your Majesty:

American
^
[redacted]
o
 on behalf of the
people
[redacted]
I
^
 extend to you and to
 the people of Jordan greetings and warm good wishes
 for a happy and prosperous New Year. As I approach
 the end of my term in office, I trust that the coming
 year will bring substantial progress in the search for
 a just and lasting Middle East peace, which both our
 countries so earnestly desire.

Sincerely,

~~[redacted signature]~~

His Majesty

Hussein I,

Amman.



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SUBJ: 'ID-AL-FITR MESSAGES

1. PLS DELIVER FOLLOWING TO KING HUSSEIN AT APPROPRIATE TIME:
QTE: YOUR MAJESTY: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, IT
IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO EXTEND SINCERE GREETINGS AND WARMEST
GOOD WISHES TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN ON THE OCCASION
OF "'ID AL-FITR".

LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF
GOJ WISHES TO DO SO. RUSK

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 27, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Presidential New Year's Greetings
to Near Eastern Chiefs of State
and/or Heads of Government

Enclosed are proposed New Year's Greetings prepared by the Department from the President to Near Eastern Chiefs of State and/or Heads of Government. No messages have been prepared for Greece, the UAR, Yemen, Iraq, Syria or the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

Owing to the delicate nature of our relations with Greece, the Department does not believe it appropriate to send Presidential messages to either the King, who is still absent from Greece, or to Prime Minister Papadopoulos. We do not address routine messages to the Regent. This policy is the same as the one followed in the preparation of the President's 1968 New Year's Greeting.

It would not be appropriate to send Presidential messages to the UAR, Yemen, Iraq or Syria which broke relations with us in June 1967.

In view of the accusation by President Qahtan al-Shaabi of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen that the United States was attempting to bring down his regime ("New York Times", December 26, page 8), we also do not believe it appropriate to send him Presidential New Year's Greetings.


A message has not been prepared for Prime Minister Hoveyda of Iran. Conceivably such a message might detract from the message to the Shah, and the Prime Minister has received several substantive messages resulting from his visit to the United States earlier this month.

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In order to enable the posts to ensure timely delivery we would hope to transmit the approved messages telegraphically before December 31.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

As stated

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BKS:

Roger revised the messages to the President and Prime Minister of India and the King and Prime Minister of Nepal. I redid the one to the Shah of Iran. These are the first things attached, thogther with the messages they replace. None of this has been cleared with State, but the only possible problem is my reference to Hoveida's visit.

State forgot the message to Prime Minister Demirel of Turkey, but will send one first thing Monday. Roger is taking up whether the Prime Minister of Afghanistan should get a message with State. We have no message for Lebanon, but Roger Davies thinks one was written and is checking. - attached

To eliminate " I wish to extend greetings" wording the following changes should be made:

- To Senanayake--delete "wish to" in the second line. ✓
- To Shazar-- delete "wish to" in the first line. ✓
- To Eshkol--delete "wish to" in the second line. ✓
- To Hussein-- begin "On behalf of the American people I extend to you..." ✓
- To Talhouni--begin "As one of my last official acts, I extend to you..." ✓
- To the Amir of Kuwait-- begin "I send you my warmest wishes..." ✓
 delete "would like to" in the ~~first~~^{third} line
- To Ayub--delete "wish to" in the first line. ✓
- To Faisal--delete "would like to" in the first line. ✓

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
FROM KING HUSSEIN ON APOLLO EIGHT

REF: AMMAN 8093
1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO KING HUSSEIN:

QTE: YOUR MAJESTY:
ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE
ON THE OCCASION OF TH COMPLETION OF THE APOLLO VIII MISSION.

THE ACHIEVEMENT OF APOLLO VIII AND ITS GALLATN CREW IS AN HISTORIC
STEP IN MAN'S SEARCH FOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNIVERSE IN WHICH HE
LIVES, AND HERALDS A BRIGHT NEW ERA OF EXPLORATION AND
SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIN. COL. BORMAN, CAPT. LOVELL, AND LT
COL. ANDERS JOIN ME IN THIS EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR YOUR
KIND WORDS.

SINCERELY,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN PUBLISH BUT HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD
KING WISH TO DO SO. IF PALACE DOES PLAN TO PUBLISH WOULD
APPRECIATE 24 HOURS NOTICE SO WHITE HOUSE MAY ARRANGE
JOINT RELEASE IF DESIRED. RUSK

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December 25, 1968

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Your Majesty:

I appreciate the frank exposition of your concerns and problems regarding the general area situation and that of Jordan in particular as contained in your letter of November 30. I believe it is indicative of close and friendly US-Jordanian ties and of your personal confidence in me that you feel free to express your views in such a direct manner.

In the past difficult eighteen months we have played an active role in support of Ambassador Jarring's efforts to bring a just peace in the framework of the Security Council Resolution of November 22, 1967. I feel certain that the new administration will give priority attention to attainment of peace in the Near East.

Since this will most probably be our last exchange of correspondence before I relinquish office as President, I reaffirm my great admiration for your wise leadership, gallantry and courage which have been so severely tried

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

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over the past months. I wish you success in your determination to bring peace, justice and prosperity to your people. Your constructive goals have my support and that of my country, and I feel confident that my successor will view your praiseworthy aspirations in a similar light.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Note:

White House/Rostow
has cleared this - and telegram
has been sent, per JP Walsh.

This is forwarded, therefore,
for your files.

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By ny, NARA, Date 11-3-01

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Since this will most probably be our last exchange of correspondence before I relinquish office as President, I reaffirm my great admiration for your wise leadership, gallantry and courage which have been so severely tried

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

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With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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CORRESPONDENCE BEFORE I RELINQUISH OFFICE AS PRESIDENT, I REAFFIRM MY GREAT ADMIRATION FOR YOUR WISE LEADERSHIP, GALLANTRY AND COURAGE WHICH HAVE BEEN SO SEVERELY TRIED OVER THE PAST MONTHS. I WISH YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR DETERMINATION TO BRING PEACE, JUSTICE AND PROSPERITY TO YOUR PEOPLE. YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE GOALS HAVE MY SUPPORT AND THAT OF MY COUNTRY, AND I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT MY SUCCESSOR WILL VIEW YOUR PRAISEWORTHY ASPIRATIONS IN A SIMILAR LIGHT. WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, LYNDON B. JOHNSON. END QUOTE.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Wednesday, December 25, 1968
11:50 AM

Mr. President:

Herewith a proposed response to King Hussein's letter to the President.

Our ambassador in Jordan now believes a response is appropriate.

The draft is simply a courteous statement bridging the time until the new Administration takes hold and makes its Middle East dispositions.

Walt
Walt W. Rostow

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: The President's Reply to King Hussein's Letter

Enclosed is a suggested reply from the President to King Hussein's letter of November 30. Although we initially recommended that there was no need for a response, our Ambassador in Amman subsequently reported that Hussein was expecting a reply. We believe now that failure to respond might be misinterpreted and concur in the Ambassador's strong recommendation that a reply be sent.

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:
Suggested reply to
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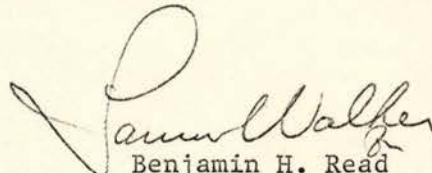
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SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Messages on the
Occasion of 'Id al-Fitr

Enclosed are proposed Presidential messages to King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, Acting Amir Jabir al-Ahmad al-Sabah of Kuwait, President Qahtan al-Shaabi of Southern Yemen, King Hussein of Jordan, Prime Minister Yafi of Lebanon, President Ayub of Pakistan, and King Zahir of Afghanistan on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr (Feast of Fastbreaking). The Feast will be celebrated on or about December 21, 1968. This is the second most important religious holiday in the Muslim year and messages of congratulations are traditionally sent to heads of state or government in Muslim countries.

The Ruler of Kuwait will be in Washington, D. C. and we are proposing a similar Presidential message to him in a separate memorandum.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

Messages for 'Id al-Fitr to:

1. King Faisal
2. Acting Amir, Kuwait
3. President al-Shaabi
4. King Hussein
5. Prime Minister Yafi
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from King Hussein to
President Johnson Replying
to the President's Message
of October 11, 1968

Enclosed is King Hussein's signed letter of
November 30, 1968 to the President. Embassy Amman
telegraphed the text to the Department on December 2.
My memorandum to you of December 5, 1968 transmitted
the text and recommended no reply.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read *dr*
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

- 1. King Hussein's Letter
- 2. Copy of My Memorandum, December 5
- 3. Copy of Embassy Amman's Covering
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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The enclosed sealed envelope contains a letter from King Hussein to President Johnson replying to the President's message of October 11, 1968 (State 253744). The text was cabled in Amman 7684. The King's letter was transmitted to the Embassy under cover of a letter from Secretary General of the Royal Court, Zaid Rifa'i, requesting that it be forwarded to the President.

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THE ROYAL PALACE,
Amman, Jordan,
November 30th, 1968.

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His Excellency
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For Kay -

Here's your answer. No
need to pass to Mr. Smith
unless you wish. .

Hal Saunders

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 12, 1968

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BKS:

As the attached memo suggests our initial feeling was that we didn't have to respond because this was a response to a letter from the President.

Then a few days ago, Ambassador Symmes said it would make life easier for him if we replied. He's on the receiving end of new military aid requests from the Jordanian Chief of Staff. However, State wants to delay drafting until it can do so in the full knowledge of Jordanian requests.

So we don't need a draft response, but we may get one in a few days and that's OK.


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King Hussein's Message as Contained
in Amman 7684 of December 2, 1968

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Hussein I



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The King is obviously very upset with the proposed sale of Phantoms to Israel. His sharply worded reply to the President reflects the great strains placed upon him during the past months. A principal thrust of the King's reply is that alleged Israeli intransigence and alleged United States' passivity in the face of this intransigence impedes a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. Other points made by the King include: (1) the proposed Phantom sale directly contradicts our profession of support for the Jarring Mission; (2) Jordan has suffered from Israeli military actions since the June 1967 war, particularly from aircraft supplied to Israel by the United States; (3) Jordan's marked military inferiority to Israel requires a military quid pro quo for Jordan to offset the Phantoms; (4) the United States' commitment to the territorial integrity of Jordan continues to be violated by Israeli occupation; (5) U. S. actions and positions on the Middle East problem are making it difficult for Hussein and other moderate Arabs to justify their close ties with the United States.

Our Ambassador in Jordan has a continuing dialogue with the King and there is no need for a further response on the part of the President. A signed copy of the letter has been sent by pouch.

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Enclosure:
Text of King Hussein's Message

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King Hussein's Message as Contained
in Amman 7684 of December 2, 1968

Dear Mr. President:

I appreciated receiving your message of October 11, 1968. Unfortunately it confirmed my premonition that the United States would decide to supply Israel with (air superiority) Phantom jet aircraft.

In your message, sir, you expressed the hope that I would understand the circumstances which led you to take this action. Frankly, I could not help but be more disillusioned by this action. As you are aware, Mr. President, I have done, and will continue to do, all that is humanly possible in the hope of clearing the way to a just, honorable, and thus lasting peace in our area. I am willingly taking great political and other risks in my endeavors to achieve that objective. If we have been unable to make any substantial progress towards peace, it is because of Israel's intransigence and failure to make any substantial contributions and concessions towards that end, as well as Israel's obvious territorial ambitions which she often shrouds under the guise of "national security."

I strongly believe that the supply of Phantoms to Israel, if it does not increase her belligerent ambitions, then it certainly does not contribute towards curtailing them. The continuous flow of arms into Israel may only encourage her intransigent attitude, and thus, I fail to see how the decision on the Phantoms would not in any way diminish your support for Ambassador Jarring's efforts.

I quite agree that our search for peace in the area will be facilitated if a meticulous balance of power between the states concerned were possible to achieve, but I submit that Jordan continues to be left out when calculations regarding armaments are made. Jordan is the only country involved in the June war which has not yet satisfactorily replenished her military losses in the war, and Jordan has been the only country to bear the fury of the new American aircraft that have been supplied to Israel since the war. Some might argue that the Eastern armaments of the UAR and other Arab states may well have tipped the balance in favor of the Arabs. I wish to assure, sir, and in all frankness, that after studying the 1948 armed conflict, witnessing and narrowly missing entanglement in the 1956 clash and living through the 1967 so called war, where the air forces of the UAR and others were nearly all completely wiped out by Israel, which has always enjoyed the advantage of superior preparation in every respect as well as the advantage of striking the first blow, I am not consoled by all this superiority in armament quantity and quality that the Arab camp is said to enjoy. In fact, I am far more worried and far more apprehensive regarding the eventual fate of my people and armed forces who will be even

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more inadequately equipped and threatened when Israel receives the Phantoms. I believe it is only fair that Jordan should also receive its share of its legitimate requirements for defense from its traditional sources of supply. I hope that our requests from the United States Government would be favorably considered. The Jordanian Chief of Staff, Lt. General Amer Khammash is ready to leave for Washington, D. C. whenever officials in Washington are ready to meet with him for this purpose.

As for your commitment regarding the territorial integrity of Jordan, may I please remind you, Mr. President, that this integrity has been violated for over a year and a half. If no pressure can be exerted by the United States on Israel to accept a peaceful settlement to the problem, then the United States, in keeping with her commitments to us, should at least refrain from helping Israel to continue her violation of our territorial integrity.

Mr. President, I wish to assure you that I value our close relationship, and I am well aware that our association is in the best interest of our two countries. But what worries me is that American actions and positions regarding the problems of our area are making it difficult, if not impossible, for me and for your other Arab friends to defend or justify American policy in the Middle East. I trust and pray that you will do all that is possible to help us change this image. We are doing our best, but we need your help, support and assistance: for the future of the entire Middle East is at stake, and if there is no just peace in the Middle East, then, unfortunately, there can be no peace in the world.

Please accept, Mr. President, my sincere regards and best wishes.

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TRADITIONAL SOURCES OF SUPPLY. I HOPE THAT OUR REQUESTS FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD BE FAVOURABLY CONSIDERED. THE JORDANIAN CHIEF OF STAFF, LT. GEN. AMER KHAMMASH IS READY

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TO LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON D.C., WHENEVER OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON ARE READY TO MEET WITH HIM FOR THIS PURPOSE.

AS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT REGARDING THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF JORDAN, MAY I PLEASE REMIND YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THIS INTEGRITY HAS BEEN VIOLATED FOR OVER A YEAR AND A HALF. IF NO PRESSURE CAN BE EXERTED BY THE UNITED STATES ON ISRAEL TO ACCEPT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE PROBLEM, THEN THE UNITED STATES, IN KEEPING WITH HER COMMITMENTS TO US, SHOULD AT LEAST REFRAIN FROM HELPING ISRAEL TO CONTINUE HER VIOLATION OF OUR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT I VALUE OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP, AND I AM WELL AWARE THAT OUR ASSOCIATION IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. BUT WHAT WORRIES ME IS THAT AMERICAN ACTIONS AND POSITIONS REGARDING THE PROBLEMS RBOF OUR AREA ARE MAKING IT DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR ME AND FOR YOUR OTHER ARAB FRIENDS TO DEFEND OR JUSTIFY AMERICAN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I TRUST AND PRAY THAT YOU WILL DO ALL THAT IS POSSIBLE TO HELP US CHANGE THIS IMAGE. WE ARE DOING OUR BEST, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP, SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE; FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST IS AT STAKE, AND IF THERE IS NO JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THEN, UNFORTUNATELY, THERE CAN BE NO PEACE IN THE WORLD.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, MY SINCERE REGARDS AND BEST WISHES. SGD. HUSSEIN I. UNQTE

2. DEPT MAY WISH TO SEND THIS MESSAGE TO INTERMEDIATE POSTS ON GOV SCRANTON'S ITINERARY SO THAT HE MAY HAVE TIME TO READ IT PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL IN AMMAN.

3. SIGNED LETTER FOLLOWS BY POUCH. SYMMES

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December 3, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message of Thanks from Crown Prince
Hassan to President Johnson

Enclosed is Crown Prince Hassan's message of
November 13, 1968 thanking President Johnson for his
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airgram.

The Department recommends no reply.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

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Executive Secretary
Mr. [Name]

The following information is for your information:

Message from the President of the United States, dated December 3, 1968, regarding the situation in the State Palace, a message of

Message to President Johnson
Subject: Message of thanks from State Palace

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON FOR MR. MILT A. ROSS

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FROM : Amembassy AMMAN

DATE: November 26, 1968

SUBJECT : Message of Thanks from Crown Prince Hassan to President Johnson
for the President's Wedding Gift

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The Embassy does not believe that a reply is necessary.

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THE ROYAL PALACE,
Amman, Jordan,
November 14, 1968

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May I take this opportunity to wish you continued good health and prosperity to your nation.

Al Kattan bin Fozaf.

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President of the United States of America,
Washington.

HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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MEMORIAL FOR MR. AVILA M. ROSTOW

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Tuesday, November 12, 1968
3:00 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Birthday Greetings for King Hussein

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State recommends the following greeting for Hussein's Birthday
November 14:

"On this your thirty-third birthday, I send Your Majesty
our best wishes. Though young in years, you are old in
the wisdom of leadership. While I am mindful of the
difficulties that beset your country, I am confident that
Jordan under your courageous guidance will find during
the coming year the peace and justice that we mutually
seek."

This is a nice gesture in any case, but Hussein needs all the
encouragement this sort of personal attention can give him. I recommend
you approve.

W. W. Rostow

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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November 7, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Robert C. Fouché
for Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Signed: Lyndon B. Johnson.

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IN SENATE

Handwritten signature: *Walter St. Louis*

TO THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE
ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE SENATE AT ITS REGULAR SESSION
HOLDEN AT THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF
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WALTER ST. LOUIS
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
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By g, NARA, Date 11.2.06 WASHINGTON

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Thursday, October 10, 1968
7:35 p.m.

Mr. President:

Herewith Nick suggests a hand-
holding message to King Hussein, now
in London.

Walt
W. Rostow

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Call me _____

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S/S - Helen Brown
Neil Saunders
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TO: Amembassy LONDON IMMEDIATE

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USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE

1. Appropriate Senior Embassy Officer should deliver following oral message from the President to King Hussein soonest: "Your Majesty, as you are aware, I have instructed the Secretary of State to open negotiations for the sale of Phantom jet aircraft to Israel. I trust that you will understand the circumstances that led me to take this action, which in no way diminishes our full and unequivocal support for Ambassador Jarring's efforts to bring about a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israel crisis. Please be assured that it continues to be our policy to facilitate in every possible way Ambassador Jarring's important mission. I have been gratified by your cooperation with Ambassador Jarring and remain hopeful that our joint search for peace in the Middle East will come to a successful conclusion.
2. I would also like to assure you that our commitment to and support for your wise leadership, as affirmed in my messages to you of February 11 and June 4, remain undiminished. I highly value our close relations as being in the joint interests of our two countries. You can rest assured that my government desires to maintain -- and strengthen -- this relationship and that we are prepared to give full support to Your Majesty's efforts to find an honorable and equitable solution to the problems that beset you. Please accept my most cordial regards." End Quote.

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3. In delivering this message you may wish to elaborate, drawing upon guidance contained in State 252286.

4. FOR AMMAN: Charge should inform Prime Minister of gist of message after London confirms delivery to King Hussein.

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1. Appropriate Senior Embassy Officer should deliver following oral message from the President to King Hussein soonest: quote Your Majesty, As you are aware, I have instructed the Secretary of State to open negotiations for the sale of Phantom jet aircraft to Israel. I trust that you will understand the circumstances that led me to take this action, which in no way diminishes our full and unequivocal support for Ambassador Jarring's efforts to bring about a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israeli crisis. Please be assured that it continues to be our policy to facilitate in every possible way Ambassador Jarring's important mission. I have been gratified by your cooperation with Ambassador Jarring and ~~remain~~ ^{remain} hopeful that our joint search for peace in the Middle East will come to a successful conclusion.

2. I would also like to assure you that our commitment to and support for your wise leadership, as affirmed in my messages to you of

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February 11 and June 4, remain unfinished. I highly value our close relations as being in the joint interests of our two countries. You can rest assured that my government desires to maintain - and strengthen - this relationship and that we fully are prepared to give full support to Your Majesty's efforts to find an honorable and equitable solution to the problems that beset you. Please accept my most cordial regards. End quote

3. In delivering this message you may wish to elaborate, drawing upon guidance contained in State 252286.

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1. AT ABOUT 1:00 P. M. EDT TODAY THE WHITE HOUSE PUT OUT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT MADE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS SIGNING OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1968.:

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QUOTE: I HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF SECTION 651 CONCERNING THE SALE OF PLANES TO ISRAEL.

IN THE LIGHT OF THIS EXPRESSION OF THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS, I AM ASKING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AND TO REPORT BACK TO ME. END QUOTE

2. FYI SECTION 651 OF THE AID AUTHORIZATION ACT READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: SECTION 651. SALE OF SUPERSONIC PLANES TO ISRAEL- IT IS THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD TAKE SUCH STEPS AS MAY BE NECESSARY, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS SECTION, TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL PROVIDING FOR THE SALE BY THE UNITED STATES OF SUCH NUMBER OF SUPERSONIC PLANES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH AN ADEQUATE DETERRENT FORCE CAPABLE OF PREVENTING FUTURE ARAB AGRESSION BY OFFSETTING SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS RECEIVED BY THE ARAB STATES AND TO REPLACE LOSSES SUFFERED BY ISRAEL IN THE 1967 CONFLICT. END QUOTE END FYI

3. AT THEIR DISCRETION ADDRESSEE POSTS MAY WISH TO POINT OUT TO LOCAL CONTACTS THAT PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WAS MADE IN CONTEXT OF CLEAR EXPRESSION CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS ON SUBJECT AND IN LIGHT CONTINUING SOVIET DELIVERIES OF ARMS TO CERTAIN ARAB COUNTRIES. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE ARABS WILL BE PRONE TO JUMP TO UNJUSTIFIED CONCLUSIONS, SIMPLE FACT IS THAT ARMS LIMITATION IN CURRENT VOLATILE NEAR EASTERN SITUATION CANNOT BE ONESIDED. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE FACT THAT USG /GOI DISCUSSIONS MAY TAKE SOME TIME AND AGREEMENT WILL HAVE TO BE REACHED ON A RANGE OF POINTS BEFORE THERE WILL BE ANY ACTUAL AIRCRAFT DISPATCHED TO THE AREA.

4. ALTHOUGH YOU SHOULD AVOID DISCUSSING COMPARISION OF AIRCRAFT, YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT SINCE JUNE 1967 WAR SOVIETS HAVE DELIVERED MANY SUPERSONIC JET MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO ARAB COUNTRIES ON OR NEAR ISRAEL'S BORDERS...SEVERAL TIMES THE NUMBER OF PHANTOM AIRCRAFT ISRAEL HAS REQUESTED. FURTHERMORE, WITH FRENCH EMBARGO ON MARAGES, ISRAEL HAS HAD NO SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR AIRCRAFT IN THIS CATEGORY TO REPLACE ITS WARTIME LOSSES. SUPPLY OF SUPERSONIC JETS TO ISRAEL BY USG THUS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH OUR LONG-

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STANDING POLICY OF ASSURING ISRAEL HAS ADEQUATE DEFENSE
CAPABILITY AND REPRESENTS NO CHANGE IN OUR BASIC APPROACH TO
POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF AREA.

5. WE WILL CONTINUE WORK FOR RESOLUTION COMPLEX ARAB/ISRAEL
ISSUES IN PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE WHICH WOULD RENDER PROVISION
ADDITIONAL ARMS TO EITHER SIDE NO LONGER NECESSARY.

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