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01c. Memo	Re: Message for the President from King Hussein (3 pp.)	1/10/91	(b)(1)	TS
02. Cable	American Embassy Amman to White House Re: General Brent Scowcroft fro the President (3 pp.)	1/14/91	(b)(1)	TS
03. Cable	Secretary of State Washington DC to American Embassy Amman Re: Presidential Letter to King Hussein (1 pp.)	1/30/91	(b)(1)	S
04. Cable	Re: King Welcomes President's Letter; Plans Visit to Baghdad (4 pp.)	1/30/91	(b)(1)	S
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06. Note	From President Bush to Brent Scowcroft, Re: [Attached Letter] [FOIA restrictions redacted] (1 pp.)	10/20	(b)(1)	C
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09. Cable	To White House Re: To Mr. Brent Scowcroft (11 pp.)	11/3/90	(b)(1)	TS
10. Cable	To White House Re: To Mr. Brent Scowcroft (11 pp.)	11/3/90	(b)(1)	TS
11. Cable	To White House, Re: [The King's Letter] [041133Z Nov 90] [FOIA restrictions redacted] (2 pp.)	11/4/90	(b)(1)	S
12. Cable	To White House, Re: [President's Letter to the King] [231529Z Oct 90] [FOIA restrictions redacted] (1 pp.)	10/23/90	(b)(1), (b)(3)	TS
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16b. Letter	President Bush to King Hussein I (4 pp.)	10/22/90	(b)(1)	
16c. Cable	From White House Re: Message to King Hussein (4 pp.)	10/23/90	(b)(1)	TS

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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January 12, 1991

VIA PRIVACY CHANNEL/EYES ONLY

TO: SECRETARY BAKER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

Jim:

Attached is a draft letter to King Hussein and talking points for Roger Harrison. Please review and get back to us with comments/clearance. I will then take it into the President. PLEASE DO NOT REPEAT DO NOT SEND THIS ON TO JORDAN FROM THE PLANE.

Warm regards, Brent.

cc: Welch/HAASS/Florence

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

11-Jan-1991 22:39 EDT

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Richard N. Haass
C. David Welch

(HAASS)
(WELCH)

FROM: Donna P. Mmoh
(MMOH)

SUBJECT: Hussein letter

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EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR HARRISON; S/S PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PREL, JO, US

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR KING HUSSEIN FROM THE PRESIDENT

REF: STATE 8791

1. ~~TOP SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AMBASSADOR SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER AND TALKING POINTS DIRECTLY TO KING HUSSEIN IMMEDIATELY. IN CONVEYING THE LETTER AND THE TALKING POINTS THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD MAKE CLEAR IN THE MANNER HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE THAT THIS IS A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF. NO SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW.

3. BEGIN TEXT. YOUR MAJESTY:

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 10.

YOU ARE CORRECT, YOUR MAJESTY, THAT WE HAVE ARRIVED AT A FATEFUL POINT. THE PAUSE FOR PEACE ENVISIONED IN UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 678 IS RUNNING OUT FOR IRAQ. TO THE LAST MOMENT, I WILL TRY FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION CONSISTENT WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS, BUT I DO SO WITH THE SOBER REALIZATION THAT IRAQ HAS DEMONSTRATED NO FLEXIBILITY OR WILLINGNESS TO COMPLY WITH THOSE RESOLUTIONS. QUITE HONESTLY, I BELIEVE THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S EFFORTS REPRESENT THE BEST OPPORTUNITY IN THESE REMAINING DAYS TO CHANGE IRAQ FROM A COURSE THAT CAN ONLY BRING IT DESTRUCTION AND DEFEAT.

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THE TIME IS ALSO ARRIVING FOR US TO CONSIDER ANEW WHERE THE U.S.-JORDANIAN RELATIONSHIP WILL BE AFTER THE CRISIS IS RESOLVED. PERMIT ME TO REPEAT WHAT I WROTE YOU IN JULY, DAYS BEFORE SADDAM HUSSEIN LAUNCHED HIS AGGRESSION AND PLUNGED THE WORLD INTO CRISIS: "THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF JORDAN AS JORDAN ARE INTEGRAL TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION." MY VIEWS HAVE NOT CHANGED; NOR HAS U.S. POLICY.

I HAVE ASKED ROGER HARRISON, MY ABLE AND TRUSTED AMBASSADOR, TO DISCUSS WITH YOU IN GREATER DETAIL A NUMBER OF POINTS THAT I BELIEVE ARE VITAL TO OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AS THE DANGERS OF THIS SITUATION ESCALATE. I THOUGHT YOU WOULD APPRECIATE OUR MOST FRANK EVALUATION AS JORDAN FACES CRITICAL CHOICES FOR ITS NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

WITH BEST REGARDS, GEORGE BUSH

4. DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR DEMARCHE TO JORDAN

-- THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY HAVE INSTRUCTED ME TO REVIEW WITH YOU WHERE WE STAND AS THE UN DEADLINE OF JANUARY 15 APPROACHES.

-- IN THE COMING DAYS AND WEEKS, IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT JORDAN AND THE UNITED STATES MAINTAIN THE CLOSE, PRIVATE CONTACT THAT IS TRADITIONAL IN OUR RELATIONSHIP. THOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN STRAINS LATELY IN OUR FRIENDSHIP, A NEW PHASE IN THE GULF CRISIS IS APPROACHING, WITH EXTREMELY GRAVE RISKS THAT COMPEL ALL OF US TO COMMUNICATE AS CANDIDLY AND PRIVATELY AS POSSIBLE.

-- THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT OUR GOAL IS MAINTENANCE OF THE STABILITY AND SECURITY OF JORDAN, UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP. JORDAN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE ENDURED CRISES TOGETHER BEFORE, AND THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES THAT WE CAN DO SO IN THIS NEXT PHASE.

-- AS YOU KNOW, THE RESULTS OF THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH TARIQ AZIZ WERE VERY DISAPPOINTING. THERE WAS NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE US THAT IRAQ INTENDS TO CHANGE ITS POSITION IN THE COMING DAYS.

-- TARIQ AZIZ' REFUSAL TO TAKE THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO SADDAM HUSSEIN, HIS INCREDIBLE OMISSION OF MENTION OF KUWAIT DURING A 45 MINUTE PRESS CONFERENCE, AND HIS BALD THREAT TO ISRAEL ON THE WORLD STAGE CARRY THE MOST SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS.

-- THIS UNFORTUNATE OUTCOME IS PAIRED WITH A CACOPHONY OF BELLIGERENCE FROM BAGHDAD.

-- THE UN-MANDATED DEADLINE OF JANUARY 15 IS APPROACHING AND WE ARE PREPARING ACCORDINGLY.

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-- THEREFORE, THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING WITH YOU IN THE STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE.

-- WE REALIZE THE IMPLICATIONS OF ISRAELI INVOLVEMENT IN ANY HOSTILITIES. THIS IS A MATTER THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING AT SOME LENGTH WITH ISRAEL, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT TAKE ACTION FIRST.

-- AN IRAQI EFFORT TO INVOLVE ISRAEL IN HOSTILITIES IS POSSIBLE, MAYBE EVEN PREDICTABLE GIVEN IRAQ'S THREATS. ISRAELI RETALIATION IS THUS A SERIOUS POSSIBILITY THAT YOU AND WE MUST COME TO GRIPS WITH.

-- WE HAVE NOTED YOUR STATEMENT THAT JORDAN WOULD PREVENT, TO THE BEST OF ITS ABILITY, ANY VIOLATION OF ITS TERRITORY AND AIR SPACE BY ANY SIDE.

-- THE PRESIDENT REQUESTS:

-- (1) THAT JORDAN NOT INVITE OR PERMIT IRAQI FORCES TO ENTER JORDAN; IN ANY WAY FACILITATE IRAQI MILITARY-RELATED ACTIVITIES; OR ACT IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE UN SANCTIONS.

-- (2) THAT JORDAN DO ITS UTMOST NOT TO PLAY TO IRAQ'S HAND BY ENTERING ANY CONFLICT THAT IRAQ INITIATES WITH ISRAEL.

-- IF THERE ARE HOSTILITIES, THE UNITED STATES WILL USE MASSIVE AND DECISIVE FORCE, INCLUDING AGAINST TARGETS THAT COULD THREATEN ISRAEL; IF IRAQ INITIATES HOSTILITIES BY ATTACKING ISRAEL, WE WILL REMOVE THE SOURCE OF THE THREAT.

-- YOUR MAJESTY, WE ARE ASKING ISRAEL TO STAY OUT OF THIS.

-- WE ARE ASKING JORDAN TO STAY OUT ALSO.

-- THE PRESIDENT APPRECIATES THE SENSITIVITY OF THESE REQUESTS AND THE DIFFICULT SITUATION IN WHICH JORDAN FINDS ITSELF. HIS INTENT IS CLEAR AND SIMPLE: TO SECURE THE STABILITY OF JORDAN AND THE SURVIVAL OF ITS RULING FAMILY. ONLY IN THIS MANNER CAN JORDAN CONTINUE TO MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO MODERATION, PROGRESS AND PEACE IN THE REGION.
END TEXT.##

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10-Jan-1991 19:25 EDT

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JNET%"WELCH@VAXC"@WHSR"@MRGATE

FROM: VMSMail User JNET%"WHSR
(JNET%"WHSR@WHSR"@MRGATE)

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM KING HUSSEIN

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2. KING HUSSEIN ASKED THAT I PASS THIS URGENT MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT, AND I AM DOING SO THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS:

10 JANUARY 1991

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM MESSAGE ON THE NEW YEAR. I ALSO AM AND HAVE ALWAYS BEEN YOUR FRIEND. IN THIS SPIRIT I ADDRESS YOU NOW AS WE ALL STAND AT THE EDGE OF THE ABYSS.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU ARE AWARE OF MY ATTEMPT TO MEDIATE AND REVERSE THE PROCESS DURING THE FIRST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF THE CRISIS WITHIN THE ARAB CONTEXT, AND THAT I SUCCEEDED THEN IN SECURING THE DATE AND TIME OF THE BEGINNING OF AN IRAQI WITHDRAWAL FROM KUWAIT, AND AN AGREEMENT TO ATTEND A MINI ARAB SUMMIT IN SAUDI ARABIA TO RESOLVE SEVERAL ISSUES OF THE IRAQ/KUWAIT DISPUTE WHICH LED TO THE TRAGIC HAPPENINGS OF 2ND AUGUST. THAT MY EFFORTS WERE SCUTTLED BOTH REGIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY BOTH THEN AND EVER SINCE DOES NOT ALTER MY COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE OF RESOLVING THIS CRISIS WITHIN THE ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL SPHERE. I BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN OUTCOME COULD LEAD TO THE WORLD COMMUNITY AND ALL CONCERNED PARTIES ADDRESSING ALL OTHER CHRONIC REGIONAL PROBLEMS.

I AM NOW FACING THE CHOICE, ONCE AGAIN, OF EITHER COMMITTING ALL MY ENERGIES AND RESOURCES TO AVERTING THE LOOMING HORRENDOUS DISASTER, BY ACTIVELY ENGAGING ALL CONCERNED TOWARDS THAT END, AS I DID AT THE OUTSET OF THE GULF CRISIS, OR REMAIN AN OBSERVER WHILE STANDING CLEARLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF THE INADMISSIBILITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY WAR, AND IMPLEMENTING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON THE GULF CRISIS, WHILE ADHERING TO OUR ANNOUNCED POLICY OF PREVENTING, TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY, ANY VIOLATION OF OUR TERRITORY AND AIR SPACE BY ANY SIDE TO THE IMPENDING CARNAGE WHICH WILL BE ONE OF THE GREATEST SETBACKS THE HUMAN RACE HAS YET ENCOUNTERED.

IF YOU SUPPORT MY INTENTION TO ACT AT THIS ELEVENTH HOUR THEN MY CHANCES OF CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE GULF CRISIS WILL BE ENHANCED BY BOTH YOUR EARLIEST RESPONSE TO THIS MESSAGE AND YOUR ASSISTANCE IN OPENING THE WAY FOR ME TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY A DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH OUR SAUDI BRETHREN. IF THIS HAPPENS IT WILL THEN FACILITATE MY SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS WITHIN THE ENTIRE ARAB WORLD AND INTERNATIONALLY TO SALVAGE THE SITUATION.

I AM SURE YOU KNOW BY NOW THAT WE NEVER ENGAGED NOR WERE WE EVER INVOLVED IN ANY PLAN OR ACTION AGAINST

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ANY OF OUR ARAB BRETHREN BUT HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AND
WILL ALWAYS BE DEDICATED TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE,
STABILITY AND SECURITY FOR ALL IN THIS REGION AND THE
WORLD; AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE READY AND
DETERMINED TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS WITH THOSE OF ALL
WHO SEEK THE SAME WORTHY OBJECTIVES.

WITH MY WARM WISHES,

I AM,

YOUR SINCERE FRIEND,

HUSSEIN, I.

HARRISON

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

14-Jan-1991 14:34 EDT

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JNET%"HAASS@VAXC"@WHSR"@MRGATE

FROM:

VMSMail User JNET%"WHSR
(_JNET%"WHSR@WHSR"@MRGATE)

SUBJECT:

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FROM AMBASSADOR HARRISON
FOR EYES ONLY GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT FOR THE PRESIDENT
FOR PRESIDENT BUSH
WHITE HOUSE PLEASE PASS SECRETARY BAKER
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2. I DELIVERED YOUR MESSAGE TO KING HUSSEIN AND THE TALKING POINTS 1630 LOCAL TIME JANUARY 14. THE CROWN PRINCE WAS PRESENT THROUGHOUT OUR DISCUSSION. I EMPHASIZED THAT THE POINTS WERE FROM YOU PERSONALLY. WHEN I WAS DONE, THE KING ASKED ME TO GO BACK INDIVIDUALLY OVER THE ASSURANCES FOR WHICH YOU HAD ASKED. HE RESPONDED TO EACH IN TURN, OFTEN NOTING IN THE PROCESS THAT HE HAD DEALT WITH THESE QUESTIONS BEFORE.

3. ON THE POINT ABOUT JORDAN INVITING OR PERMITTING IRAQI FORCES TO ENTER THE COUNTRY, HE SAID HE HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO BOTH THE ISRAELIS AND THE IRAQIS THAT HE WOULD NOT PERMIT ANY FOREIGN FORCES TO ENTER JORDAN. HE THEN AMENDED THAT BY SAYING HE MIGHT MAKE A "SOVEREIGN DECISION" TO INVITE FOREIGN FORCES IN IF JORDAN WERE ATTACKED. THERE WAS A COLLECTIVE ARAB COMMITMENT TO DEFEND JORDAN; THAT COMMITMENT COULD BE ENVOCKED, BUT "I WILL CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN I COME TO IT." I ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD INVITE IRAQI FORCES INTO JORDAN UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES. HE SAID HE DOUBTED IRAQI FORCES WOULD BE IN ANY CONDITION TO HELP JORDAN BUT HE WOULD MAKE ANY DECISION BASED ON CONDITIONS PREVAILING AT THE TIME.

4. THE KING ADDED THAT IF U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL FORCES IN THE GULF WERE TO STRIKE IRAQ, HE ANTICIPATED THE IRAQIS WOULD REQUEST THE USE OF JORDANIAN AIRSPACE TO ATTACK ISRAEL. HE WOULD NOT PERMIT THIS. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE ISRAELIS DIRECTLY TO PASS THE SAME MESSAGE. HE ADDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A "HINT FROM THE ISRAELIS" THAT THEY WOULD AVOID CROSSING JORDANIAN AIRSPACE IF AND WHEN THEY RETALIATED AGAINST IRAQ. HE HOPED THAT WOULD BE THE CASE. JORDANIAN FORCES WERE AT THEIR HIGHEST STATE OF ALERT, BUT HIS WANTED ABOVE ALL TO KEEP JORDAN OUT OF ANY FIGHTING.

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6. THE KING ALSO ASSURED ME THAT SANCTIONS WERE BEING APPLIED.

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I SAID WE HAD BROUGHT OUR CONCERNS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GOJ BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED AND TO PREVENT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US.

7. AS TO MILITARY COOPERATION, THE KING SAID THAT HIS PREVIOUS ANSWER SHOULD STAND AS WELL FOR THIS QUESTION -- I.E., THAT JORDAN WANTED TO STAY OUT OF CONFLICT AND WOULD NOT COOPERATE WITH ANY SCHEMES WHICH MIGHT DRAW JORDAN IN.

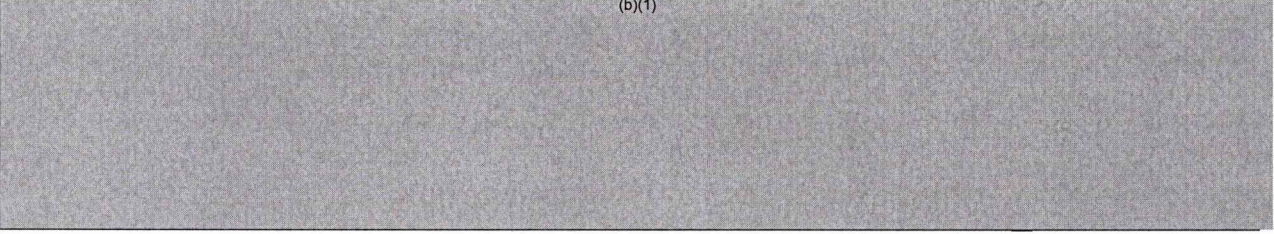
8. I ASKED THE KING IF HE HAD AN RESPONSE TO THE TEXT OF YOUR LETTER. HE SAID HE APPRECIATED ITS WARM TONE, WHICH WAS HOWEVER CONTRADICTED BY THE TONE OF THE TALKING POINTS I HAD READ. IT WAS A QUESTION OF TRUST. EITHER THE U.S. TRUSTED JORDAN OR DID NOT; THE TALKING POINTS SEEMED TO INDICATE THE LATTER.

9. I ASKED THE KING IF HE PLANNED TO TRAVEL.

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO KING HUSSEIN

1. (~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT BUSH FOR TRANSMITTAL TO KING HUSSEIN.

BEGIN TEXT:

JANUARY 29, 1991

YOUR MAJESTY:

UPON HIS RETURN, RICH ARMITAGE BRIEFED ME ON HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH YOU IN AMMAN. I WAS GRATIFIED RICH CONVEYED TO YOU MY BELIEF THAT THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN HAS A POSITIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

YOUR MAJESTY, WE CANNOT ESCAPE THE FACT THAT WE DIFFER PROFOUNDLY CONCERNING EVENTS IN YOUR PART OF THE WORLD. I AM PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS FACT WITHOUT QUESTIONING THE PERMANENCE OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN AND THE UNITED STATES. IN THESE EXTRAORDINARY TIMES, HOWEVER, WHEN AMERICANS ARE GIVING THEIR LIVES FOR A CAUSE WE BELIEVE TO BE WORTHY, THE NEED FOR CLEAR COMMUNICATION IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL. WE MUST NOT ALLOW A MISUNDERSTANDING TO UNDERMINE SOMETHING SO PROFOUND AS THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE INITIATED THIS WEEK. SHOULD YOU WISH TO SEND AN ENVOY TO WASHINGTON FOR A VERY LOW-KEY ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS, PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT HE WILL RECEIVE AN ATTENTIVE RECEPTION. IF YOU WISH TO HAVE ANOTHER CONVERSATION IN AMMAN, I WILL BE PLEASED TO ACCOMMODATE. WHATEVER THE VENUE, WE SHOULD CONTINUE THIS PROCESS.

SINCERELY,

GEORGE BUSH

HIS MAJESTY

HUSSEIN I

KING OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

AMMAN.

END OF TEXT.

3. SIGNED ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF THIS LETTER. BAKER

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Robin A. Uhl (UHL)
Florence E. Gantt (GANTT)

FROM: C. David Welch
(WELCH)

SUBJECT: Letter to King Hussein Delivered

Robin:

You might give this cable to Bob and Brent if they have not
already seen it. Thanks.

CC: Richard N. Haass (HAASS)
CC: Kathy Leahy (LEAHY)

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

(WHSR_ROUTER@WHSR)

SUBJECT: B KING WELCOMES PRESIDENT'S LETTER; PLANS

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KING WELCOMES PRESIDENT'S LETTER; PLANS
VISIT TO BAGHDAD

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FOR NEA A/S JOHN KELLY; MBA RICH ARMITAGE

E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR

TAGS: OPDC, JO

SUBJECT: KING WELCOMES PRESIDENT'S LETTER; PLANS
VISIT TO BAGHDAD

REF: STATE 29270

1. ~~S~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

~BEGIN SUMMARY~

2. SUMMARY: THE KING WELCOMED THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

AND IS VERY WILLING TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS STARTED BY THE ARMITAGE VISIT. HE SEEMED TO BE LEANING TOWARD RECEIVING AN EMISSARY BUT SAID HE WOULD RESPOND FORMALLY IN A FEW DAYS. THE LETTER AND BAKER/BESSMERTNYKH STATEMENT ALSO SEEMED TO ENCOURAGE THE KING TO THINK THAT A VISIT TO BAGHDAD "TO SEE WHAT IS POSSIBLE" MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA, THOUGH HE ADMITTED THAT HE SAW LITTLE CHANCE NOW FOR A "PAUSE" IN THE FIGHTING. FOR THE REST, THE KING SAID HE WAS VERY DISTURBED AT REPORTS -- WHICH HE SAID WERE NOW CONFIRMED -- OF A COALITION AIR ATTACK WHICH HAD CAUSED MULTIPLE DEATHS AND INJURIES TO DISPLACED PERSONS FLEEING IRAQ.

3. COMMENT: I DOUBT THE KING HAS A CLEAR AGENDA FOR A BAGHDAD TRIP, OR EVEN ASSURANCE THAT HE WILL BE RECEIVED, THOUGH HE DOES SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THE FIRST STEP TO ENDING THE FIGHTING IS A CONCRETE SADDAM COMMITMENT TO WITHDRAW. END COMMENT.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER "VERY, VERY WELCOME"

4. I DELIVERED THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO KING HUSSEIN JANUARY 30. HE RECEIVED ME ALONE, AND THE ATMOSPHERE THROUGHOUT WAS RELAXED -- IN MARKED CONTRAST TO OUR LAST MEETING JUST AFTER HOSTILITIES BEGAN. THE KING READ THE LETTER CAREFULLY, THEN SAID IT WAS "VERY, VERY WELCOME." HE HAD GREATLY APPRECIATED THE ARMITAGE VISIT, THE KING SAID, AND WAS READY TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS. HE THOUGHT OUT LOUD FOR A MOMENT ON THE RELATIVE BENEFITS OF SENDING HIS OWN EMISSARY TO WASHINGTON, OR RECEIVING ONE HERE. IN THE END, HE SEEMED TO BE LEANING TOWARD THE LATTER COURSE, BUT MENTIONED -- WITH SOME APPARENT HESITATION LEST HE BE SEEN TO BE INTERFERING IN THE PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS -- THAT PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BEST IF ARMITAGE WERE THE EMISSARY, RATHER THAN SOMEONE "WHO KNOWS LESS ABOUT OUR PARTICULAR SITUATION".

5. THE KING ADDED THAT HE WOULD RESPOND IN WRITING TO THE PRESIDENT, BUT SINCE HE WROTE SUCH LETTERS HIMSELF "IT MIGHT BE A FEW DAYS."

6. I POINTED OUT THAT WE WERE WILLING TO MAKE THE NEXT EXCHANGE AS LOW-KEY AS THE ARMITAGE VISIT HAD BEEN. THE KING RESPONDED THAT HE HAD PLAYED THE VISIT DOWN HERE BECAUSE HE THOUGHT THAT WAS OUR WISH. "OTHERWISE I WOULD HAVE ANNOUNCED IT MORE PUBLICLY." I SAID WE HAD THOUGHT WE WERE DEFERRING TO HIM ON PUBLIC HANDLING, BUT IN ANY CASE WOULD LET HIM DECIDE ON WHAT PUBLIC PROFILE FUTURE CONTACTS SHOULD HAVE.

KING HOPES TO VISIT BAGHDAD AND "SEE WHAT IS POSSIBLE"

7. I THEN PROVIDED THE KING WITH A COPY OF THE BAKER/BESSMERTNYKH STATEMENT OF JANUARY 29, AS WELL AS OUR TALKING POINTS ON THE SUBJECT. THIS TOO HE READ WITH CARE, FOCUSING PARTICULARLY ON THE STATEMENT THAT WE WERE READY FOR A CEASEFIRE IF SADDAM WOULD MAKE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO WITHDRAW AND TAKE CONCRETE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT IT. CITING THAT PARAGRAPH, THE KING SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN CONSIDERING A VISIT TO BAGHDAD TO SEE "WHAT WAS NOW POSSIBLE." HE HAD HOPED TO ARRANGE FOR A PAUSE IN THE FIGHTING, BUT REALIZED NOW THAT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE. STILL, IN LIGHT "OF ALL THIS" (HE GESTURED AT THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND THE JOINT STATEMENT) HE NOW WAS MORE CONVINCED THAT A VISIT COULD BE USEFUL.

8. I SAID THAT THE KEY WAS STILL IRAQI WITHDRAWAL. THE KING SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS.

9. I ASKED HOW HE WOULD TRAVEL AND WHEN. HE SAID HE WOULD DOUBTLESS GO BY ROAD, BUT DID NOT KNOW WHEN (MY IMPRESSION WAS THAT HE HAS NOT YET BROACHED THE IDEA OF A VISIT WITH THE IRAQIS). I ASKED FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF HIS TIME AND ROUTE OF TRAVEL; HE PROMISED TO GIVE IT, AS MUCH IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE.

MORE ON BADRAN'S VISIT TO BAGHDAD

10. WHEN I ASKED ABOUT THE RESULTS OF PM BADRAN'S VISIT TO BAGHDAD SHORTLY AFTER THE WAR BEGAN, THE KING SAID THAT RAMADAN AND TARIQ AZIZ HAD AGAIN EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS FOR DIALOGUE. THEY EVIDENTLY HAD ALSO TOLD BADRAN THAT THE SCUD MISSILE ATTACKS ON TEL AVIV WERE ORDERED IN RESPONSE TO ALLIANCE AND ISRAELI CLAIMS THAT SADDAM'S SCUD CAPABILITY HAD BEEN DESTROYED -- AND IN RETALIATION FOR ATTACKS ON BAGHDAD. BUT IN GENERAL, THE KING SAID HE HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED, NOT LEAST BECAUSE BADRAN HAD NOT SEEN SADDAM.

CONCERN ABOUT TURKEY'S INTENTIONS

11. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, THE KING SAID HE WAS VERY HAPPY WITH THE RESULTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER MASRI'S VISIT TO TEHRAN, AND EAGER TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH IRAN. ONE CONCERN THE TWO SIDES SHARED, THE KING SAID, WAS THE ROLE OF TURKEY IN THE GULF WAR. HE WAS "VERY DISAPPOINTED" IN TURKEY'S DECISION TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING. HE FEARED THAT TURKEY'S ULTIMATE GOAL MIGHT WELL BE TERRITORIAL. IN RESPONSE I NOTED OUR STATEMENTS THAT WE HAD NO DESIRE TO DESTROY OR DISMEMBER IRAQ.

ALLEGED COALITION "STRAFING" OF CIVILIANS IN IRAQ

12. AT THIS POINT, A MESSAGE WAS PASSED TO THE KING,

EVIDENTLY CONCERNING CASUALTIES BECAUSE OF ALLEGED COALITION AIR STRIKES ON CIVILIANS ON THE AMMAN/DAMASCUS HIGHWAY. THE KING SAID THAT THE GOJ NOW HAD CONFIRMATION THAT SEVERAL GROUPS HAD BEEN ATTACKED. A CONVOY OF OIL TANKERS HEADED FOR JORDAN HAD BEEN STRUCK SEVERAL DAYS AGO, AND THREE DRIVERS KILLED (HE DID NOT SAY THESE WERE JORDANIAN DRIVERS; MANY OIL TRUCK DRIVERS ARE NOT). NOW CAME WORD THAT A BUS HAD BEEN HIT AND MANY PEOPLE KILLED AND INJURED, INCLUDING JORDANIANS. HE WOULD VISIT SOME OF THE VICTIMS IN A HOSPITAL LATER IN THE DAY. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN REPORTS OF "STRAFING" OF HIGHWAYS. HE HOPED THIS SORT OF THING WOULD STOP, SINCE IT WAS UNWARRANTED AND WOULD INFLAME PUBLIC OPINION.

13. I REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT PART OF OUR POLICY TO ATTACK CIVILIANS. WE HAD TAKEN EXTRAORDINARY STEPS -- AND OUR PILOTS HAD EXPOSED THEMSELVES TO INCREASED DANGER -- TO AVOID THIS. I ADDED THAT I COULD NOT BELIEVE REPORTS THAT HIGHWAYS HAD BEEN STRAFED. IF HE HAD EVIDENCE OF THIS, I ASKED HIM TO PASS IT TO ME. HE SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

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MOVEMENT OF PLANES TO IRAN RELIEVES A CONCERN

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14. I ASKED THE KING IF HE HAD ANY INTERPRETATION OF THE MOVEMENT OF IRAQI PLANES TO IRAN. HE SAID HIS ONLY THOUGHT WAS THAT SADDAM WANTED THE PLANES OUT OF HARM'S WAY -- WHICH SHOWED THAT, AT LEAST, HE WAS THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE. IN ANY CASE, IT WAS HELPING ALLEVIATE ONE OF HIS CONCERNS, SINCE THE AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION WERE PRECISELY THOSE THAT SADDAM MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE USED FOR AN ATTACK ON ISRAEL. HE WAS DETERMINED, HE SAID, TO OPPOSE ANY IRAQI ATTEMPTS TO OVERFLY JORDAN FOR THAT PURPOSE.

HARRISON

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Brent,
Rich called to say that he is leaving
for the Philippines on Thursday but
would be happy to go via Jordan

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if you and the President
want him to. He already
has a plane laid on.

02-Feb-1991 13:19 EDT

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

(WHSR_ROUTER@WHSR)

SUBJECT:

KING RESPONDS POSITIVELY TO THE PRESIDENT'S

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KING RESPONDS POSITIVELY TO THE PRESIDENT'S
LETTER

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SUBJECT: KING RESPONDS POSITIVELY TO THE PRESIDENT'S
LETTER

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM KING HUSSEIN TO
PRESIDENT BUSH IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S
LETTER. BEGIN TEXT:
2 FEBRUARY 1991
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,
I AM INDEED GRATIFIED THAT YOU WERE CONSIDERATE

Sandy APNSA Seen

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10/15/2001 MM

ENOUGH TO HAVE CHOSEN AN OLD FRIEND, A MAN OF GREAT
INTEGRITY AND MORAL COURAGE, RICH ARMITAGE TO TALK TO
ME.

BELIEVE ME, MY FRIEND, THAT IT WAS MY CONCERN FOR YOU
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHICH CAUSED ME TO
SEEK TO MEET YOU AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE CRISIS AND
LATER IN PARIS, WHICH WAS NOT TO HAPPEN. MINE IS AND
HAS POSSIBLY BEEN A LONE VOICE, DIFFERENT TO MANY IN
THIS REGION, BUT BEFORE GOD I AM SATISFIED THAT
WHATEVER HAPPENS IT WAS AND WILL BE THE VOICE OF
FRIENDSHIP, PEACE AND HONOUR.

I WELCOME THE CONTINUATION OF OUR DIALOGUE AND WOULD
SUGGEST THAT FURTHER CONVERSATIONS IN AMMAN ARE MOST
WELCOME, WHILE I SHALL SEEK AND ENTRUST A JORDANIAN
WITH THE TASK OF VISITING WASHINGTON PERIODICALLY FOR
A VERY LOW-KEY ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS. DISCUSSIONS
MUST CONTINUE BETWEEN US, SIR. WHATEVER THE VENUE, I
FULLY AGREE WE SHOULD CONTINUE THIS PROCESS.

SINCERELY,

HUSSEIN I.

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

END TEXT. HARRISON

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CAMP DAVID

10-20



Brent

I thought it would
be useful to personalize
this letter-- also laying down in
harsh terms the way I feel
about the rape of Kuwait etc.
In a sense it might be putting
him on notice.
Please hold very very
close. Let's send

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share only iwht JAB over here
not over there.
Discuss any changes

gb
[Handwritten signature]

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*President
has seen*



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TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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WHITE HOUSE PLEASE ENVELOPE AND DELIVER TO MR. BRENT
SCOWCROFT, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS, THE WHITE HOUSE.

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O 231518Z OCT 90

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TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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~~TOP SECRET~~ VIA PRIVACY CHANNELS

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BRENT:

I DELIVERED THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO THE KING OCTOBER 23.
HE READ IT THROUGH CAREFULLY. "I AM MOVED AND TOUCHED," HE SAID
WITH SOME EMOTION, THEN REPEATED THOSE WORDS. "THIS IS SO
APPRECIATED," HE SAID, FOLDING THE LETTER AND PUTTING IT IN HIS
POCKET. "OUR LONG RELATIONSHIP HAS NOT BEEN FOR NOTHING." HE
WENT ON TO SAY THAT, OF COURSE, THERE WERE MANY DETAILS WHICH
HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER BEFORE RESPONDING; BUT HE WOULD RESPOND
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THROUGH THIS CHANNEL.

THERE WAS NO MISTAKING THAT THE KING WAS DEEPLY AFFECTED,
NOT SO MUCH, IT SEEMED, BY THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER AS BY THE
FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD WRITTEN SO PERSONALLY AND DIRECTLY.
BELEAGUED AS HE IS, THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY VERY WELCOME.

WARM REGARDS, ROGER.

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FLORENCE, ^{11/4}
0710 EST

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AMBASSADOR HARRISON.
THE GENERAL HAS THE
ONLY OTHER COM.

V/R,
David Radi

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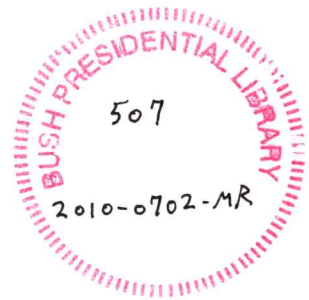
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TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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WHITE HOUSE FOR DELIVER TO MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT,
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
AFFAIRS, THE WHITE HOUSE.

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TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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BEGIN TEXT:

BRENT:

FURTHER TO THE KING'S LETTER, I BELIEVE THE RIGHT KIND OF
RESPONSE WILL BRING GREAT BENEFITS. THE KING WILL NOT DO A
U-TURN ON POLICY. BUT REESTABLISHING THE STRENGTH OF THE
PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESIDENT COULD BE VERY USEFUL
TO US IF THINGS DETERIORATE HERE OR IN THE GULF.

THE PRESIDENT'S INITIAL MESSAGE BEGAN THAT PROCESS -- NOT
BECAUSE OF ITS CONTENT BUT PRECISELY BECAUSE IT WAS PERSONAL.

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A PERSONAL RESPONSE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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1.4(c) [REDACTED] IGNORES THE RHETORIC, ACKNOWLEDGES (WITHOUT NECESSARILY AGREEING TO) HUSSEIN'S CONCERNS, AND RESPONDS TO SOME PART OF THIS APPEAL WOULD, I AM CONVINCED, PAY HUGE DIVIDENDS FOR THE FUTURE.

THE LETTER MENTIONS TWO PROBLEMS THE PRESIDENT MIGHT ADDRESS: ONE IS THE NAVAL BLOCKADE, AND HERE THE PRESIDENT MIGHT SIMPLY SAY HE HAS DIRECTED THE NAVY TO TAKE CARE TO ENSURE --WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF OUR INTERDICTION EFFORT -- THAT NO EGREGIOUS HARM IS DONE TO JORDANIAN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS. THAT COULD ALSO HELP FORESTALL A JORDANIAN APPEAL AGAINST INTERDICTION TO THE UN.

THE OTHER PROBLEM IS EXPENSE OF THE DISPLACED PERSONS FROM IRAQ/KUWAIT. JORDAN'S CASE IS VERY STRONG: \$50 MILLION OR SO PAID OUT, AND LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THAT AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM ABROAD. IF THERE IS SOME DISCRETIONARY MONEY (\$10-15 MILLION) WHICH THE PRESIDENT COULD MAKE AVAILABLE NOW, THE APPRECIATION WOULD GREATLY EXCEED THE OUTLAY.

BOTH OF THE ABOVE WOULD BE BEST, BUT EITHER WOULD BE USEFUL HERE.

WARM REGARDS, 1.4(c) [REDACTED]

END TEXT

DECL: OADR

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Flo,

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This is your copy
of this message as
you requested. The
General has the only
other copy.

Dennis Cheney

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[1.4(c)]

TO THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~ 041133Z NOV 90 [1.4(c)]

WHITE HOUSE FOR DELIVER TO MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT,
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
AFFAIRS, THE WHITE HOUSE.

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TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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[1.4(c)]

BEGIN TEXT:

BRENT:

FURTHER TO THE KING'S LETTER, I BELIEVE THE RIGHT KIND OF
RESPONSE WILL BRING GREAT BENEFITS. THE KING WILL NOT DO A
U-TURN ON POLICY. BUT REESTABLISHING THE STRENGTH OF THE
PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESIDENT COULD BE VERY USEFUL
TO US IF THINGS DETERIORATE HERE OR IN THE GULF.

THE PRESIDENT'S INITIAL MESSAGE BEGAN THAT PROCESS -- NOT
BECAUSE OF ITS CONTENT BUT PRECISELY BECAUSE IT WAS PERSONAL.

[1.4(c)]

A PERSONAL RESPONSE FROM THE PRESIDENT [1.4(c)]

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1.4(c) [REDACTED] IGNORES THE RHETORIC, ACKNOWLEDGES (WITHOUT NECESSARILY AGREEING TO) HUSSEIN'S CONCERNS, AND RESPONDS TO SOME PART OF THIS APPEAL WOULD, I AM CONVINCED, PAY HUGE DIVIDENDS FOR THE FUTURE.

THE LETTER MENTIONS TWO PROBLEMS THE PRESIDENT MIGHT ADDRESS: ONE IS THE NAVAL BLOCKADE, AND HERE THE PRESIDENT MIGHT SIMPLY SAY HE HAS DIRECTED THE NAVY TO TAKE CARE TO ENSURE --WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF OUR INTERDICTION EFFORT -- THAT NO EGREGIOUS HARM IS DONE TO JORDANIAN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS. THAT COULD ALSO HELP FORESTALL A JORDANIAN APPEAL AGAINST INTERDICTION TO THE UN.

THE OTHER PROBLEM IS EXPENSE OF THE DISPLACED PERSONS FROM IRAQ/KUWAIT. JORDAN'S CASE IS VERY STRONG: \$50 MILLION OR SO PAID OUT, AND LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THAT AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM ABROAD. IF THERE IS SOME DISCRETIONARY MONEY (\$10-15 MILLION) WHICH THE PRESIDENT COULD MAKE AVAILABLE NOW, THE APPRECIATION WOULD GREATLY EXCEED THE OUTLAY.

BOTH OF THE ABOVE WOULD BE BEST, BUT EITHER WOULD BE USEFUL HERE.

WARM REGARDS, 1.4(c) [REDACTED]

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WHITE HOUSE PLEASE ENVELOPE AND DELIVER TO MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, THE WHITE HOUSE.

-----TEAR LINE-----

O 231518Z OCT 90

1.4(c)

TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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~~TOP SECRET~~ VIA PRIVACY CHANNELS

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BRENT:

I DELIVERED THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO THE KING OCTOBER 23. HE READ IT THROUGH CAREFULLY. "I AM MOVED AND TOUCHED," HE SAID WITH SOME EMOTION, THEN REPEATED THOSE WORDS. "THIS IS SO APPRECIATED," HE SAID, FOLDING THE LETTER AND PUTTING IT IN HIS POCKET. "OUR LONG RELATIONSHIP HAS NOT BEEN FOR NOTHING." HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT, OF COURSE, THERE WERE MANY DETAILS WHICH HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER BEFORE RESPONDING; BUT HE WOULD RESPOND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THROUGH THIS CHANNEL.

THERE WAS NO MISTAKING THAT THE KING WAS DEEPLY AFFECTED, NOT SO MUCH, IT SEEMED, BY THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER AS BY THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD WRITTEN SO PERSONALLY AND DIRECTLY. BELEAGUED AS HE IS, THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY VERY WELCOME.

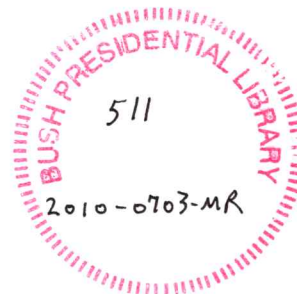
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 19, 1990

Mr. President:

Here is the King Hussein interview
you requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'B' followed by a circular flourish.

Brent Scowcroft

Attachment

King Hussein on Kuwait and Dashed Hope

By JUDITH MILLER

Special to The New York Times

AMMAN, Jordan, Oct. 15 — He is chain-smoking again, and says it is impossible to sleep more than four hours a night. To relieve the pressure, he has taken to riding around his palace on a BMW motorcycle. While his eyes can sparkle at times, he looks at other times as if he is carrying the cares of 200 million Arabs on his shoulders.

Since the Persian Gulf crisis began, King Hussein of Jordan has traveled more than 50,000 miles and met with 15 leaders to avert a war that he warns would be catastrophic not only for his country, but also for this region and the West.

"With or without war, nothing will return to what it was," the King says. "This will be an area of turmoil unless people face up to the need to create new dreams and new realities."

Missed Opportunities

Now, after 10 weeks, he says that war may be imminent, despite statements in Washington indicating that there are still months of waiting to see if the economic sanctions against President Saddam Hussein of Iraq will work.

If war comes, the Jordanian King says, it will be partly because of a failure by President Bush and



King Hussein of Jordan said war might be imminent.

other Western leaders to respond in time to signals from the Iraqi leader, soon after the Kuwait invasion, that he was ready to withdraw from most of the occupied territory.

The 54-year-old King, now in his 38th year on the throne, says that he believes a peaceful end to the Kuwait dispute is possible, but only

if there is a greater willingness to compromise by the United States and its Arab allies, and what he called "an end to the current embargo on dialogue."

"A dialogue across the airwaves is not constructive," he said. If diplomacy fails, he said, his conversations with Saddam Hussein have

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NY Times

OCT 16 1990

Mideast Tensions: A Talk With a Weary King

Jordanian Talks of Chances Missed And Trust Betrayed in Kuwait Crisis

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convinced him that the Iraqis would fight.

"If it's a question of humiliation and surrender, it won't work," the King said. "Capitulation is unacceptable."

Back at Nadwa, his yellow granite palace in downtown Amman, the King continues his diplomatic campaign with King Hassan II of Morocco and President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria, sending letters and messages back and forth between Baghdad and other Arab capitals planning his next moves.

In a series of interviews over the weekend, he spoke at length about his efforts to prevent and later to contain the Persian Gulf crisis, the first time he has given a full public accounting of his actions.

He disclosed that on Aug. 2, the day of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, he had been given 48 hours by President Bush to secure a commitment from President Hussein to withdraw his troops. He said that President Hussein had promised to begin pulling out troops if the Arab League did not condemn him, something it did do, which he said, led to the collapse of his early efforts.

The King's mood, often frustrated and angry, was lightened by occasional bursts of humor as he mused about happier times, or watched the latest news on CNN. At one point, his spirits darkening, he spoke of thoughts of resigning from a job that many regard among the most dangerous in the Middle East, thoughts he said he has since put firmly out of his mind.

A Favored Land Now Out of Favor

Jordan was once regarded by the United States and other Western countries as the most dependable of the Arab nations. Now, King Hussein showed his distress at the way he and his country have been criticized since the start of the crisis by the United States and its allies. They have deplored what they regard as his hedging on condemning the Iraqi invasion, a stand that the harshest critics say comes close to condoning Baghdad's action.

What made his isolation particularly stressful, he says, is that he and President Bush are friends of long standing. And he went out of his way not to assail the United States. He was more critical of his former Arab allies.

Of all Arab leaders, King Hussein said, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt has disappointed him the most. The King said he had helped bring Egypt back into the Arab fold, after its peace treaty with Israel in 1979, but that the move seemed not to have assuaged Egyptian anger at having been excluded in the first place. At a Cairo summit meeting in August, the King said he had the feeling that Mr. Mubarak was "trying to pay back Iraq for having led the campaign against Egypt."

Mr. Mubarak has been bitter in turn at President Hussein for deceiving him before the invasion of Kuwait, by telling him that he would not

take military action.

The King repeatedly emphasized that Jordan has supported all the United Nations Security Council resolutions on Kuwait. He has, however, opposed the presence of American forces in Saudi Arabia, something he said was neither anti-Western nor pro-Iraqi.

"I am pro-peace," he declared. "I have backed nobody except my conscience and the interests of all in peace and security in this region."

Nevertheless, in the interviews, he praised Mr. Hussein as "a friend and a new phenomenon in Arab politics."

When he was asked if he believed that President Hussein, his namesake but no relation, was justified in having invaded part or all of Kuwait, he seemed momentarily uncomfortable.

"I honestly can't tell, but given the leadership of Saddam Hussein, I know it was not easy," he replied. "I can't justify or condone, but the reason must have been pretty substantial to have had it happen. Both sides, I fear, gradually succumbed to a conspiracy theory about the other."

Quashing Rumors Of Lust for Land

The King seemed especially eager to rebut a conspiracy theory that has gained wide credence in Arab circles since the invasion, that Iraq, Jordan and Yemen had been eyeing Kuwait and Saudi Arabia for themselves, and had been planning for months before the invasion to divide up the oil-producing area among themselves.

According to these accounts, Iraq would have taken Kuwait, securing its long-sought free access to the Persian Gulf; Yemen would get part of disputed Saudi territory, and King Hussein, who is revered as a 33d-generation descendant of the prophet Mohammed, would be restored to his family's traditional role as custodian of Islam's most sacred sites in Saudi Arabia.

He said Jordan wanted nothing but peace, and had not been forewarned about the Iraqi invasion.

The King argued, however, that the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait could have been prevented through astute Arab diplomacy, and that American forces would not have been needed if the Arabs had enough time to resolve the problem themselves.

And, he said, the United States' decision to send forces to the Saudi desert was taken before the Riyadh Government formally requested them and, he said, seemed ultimately intended not to defend Saudi Arabia but to destroy President Hussein.

According to the King's account, he received an agreement from President Bush, in a telephone conversation within hours of the Iraqi invasion, that he would be given 48 hours to secure a commitment from Mr. Hussein to withdraw his troops. The King said the commitment was given while he was meeting in Alexandria, Egypt, with Mr. Mubarak.

The King said he told the American and Egyptian leaders that he had talked to President Hussein by phone before flying to Egypt and that the Iraqi had said he was planning to begin withdrawing from Kuwait within days. "Within a week we'll be gone," the King quoted President Hussein as saying. The King told Mr. Bush and

Mr. Mubarak that the Iraqi leader had also warned that he "would not respond positively to threats or intimidation."

Conciliatory Words From Iraqi Quoted

The Arab League foreign ministers were meeting in Cairo, and the King said, Saddam Hussein suspected that the ministers might call for foreign involvement. "Let us not scratch each other's eyes out," the King quoted the Iraqi leader as saying. "If things go that way, we may say Kuwait is part of Iraq and annex it."

Early the next morning, Aug. 3, the King flew to Baghdad, where he found President Hussein "fine and more relaxed than on my previous visit" six days earlier. The Iraqi leader, he said, reiterated that he was willing to withdraw from most of Kuwait — exactly to where he did not say — and to discuss other grievances at a meeting of heads of government in Jidda on Sunday, provided the Arab League did not condemn him or call for foreign intervention.

The King returned to Amman later that day, confident that agreement was possible, but he said he was unable to get either King Fahd or President Mubarak on the phone. While still waiting to convey the results of the Baghdad meeting, he said, he learned that Egypt had just condemned Iraq's invasion, and that the Arab League was preparing to take similar action that night.

King Hussein said he still did not understand why his initiative was undermined. But the condemnations dashed hopes of an early peaceful resolution to the crisis, he said, adding "Suddenly, it was all torn apart."

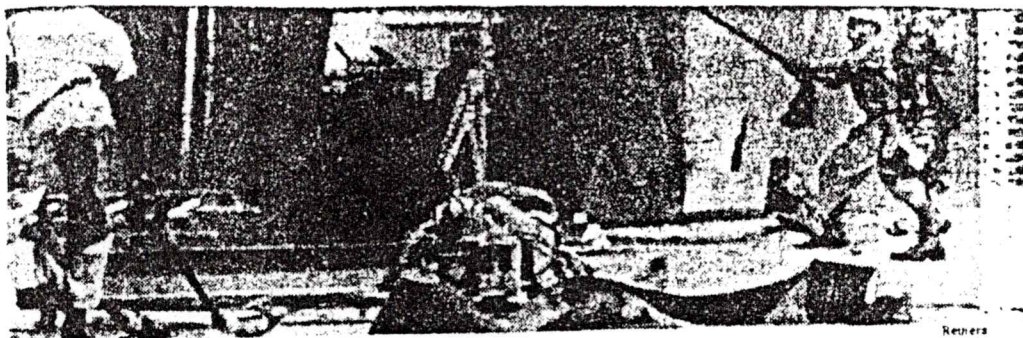
From the King's version of the crisis, an extraordinary picture emerged of the world of Arab politics — a milieu of secrets and conspiracies; of lies and treachery; of humiliations for him and other, poorer Arabs; of duplicity, revenge and broken promises, and of dashed hopes that, he said, had brought him to consider resignation.

"When you look beyond this," he asked, "what is there for us? I'm proud of what I've done in Jordan, but the region itself is sitting on a time bomb. So before the crisis, I was thinking of quitting. I won't quit in the middle of this. But I'll never be a burden to my country."

When Baghdad Decided to Strike

Ranging back and forth through his experiences in recent weeks, the King shed fresh light on other aspects of the crisis.

Among other things, he said, after the invasion Mr. Hussein had told him that he had decided only late in July that military action was necessary. The King said the Iraqi leader had told him that he had decided to seize all of Kuwait, instead of the part of the territory long in dispute, because he expected the United States to defend the sheikdom with force, and believed he would be in stronger position militarily and politically if he could eventually withdraw to a point



Troops and Equipment Continue to Arrive In Saudi Arabia

American troops unloading a Bradley Fighting Vehicle of the First Cavalry Division at a Saudi port.

that left Iraq with the disputed territory only.

The King said Saddam Hussein also told him that he never intended to invade Saudi Arabia, a threat that was originally cited by the United States in sending troops there.

Furthermore, the King said, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had told him, during a meeting at her country residence, that the United States troops were "halfway to Saudi Arabia" before they were formally requested. The King said he had confirmed this later through what he described as his own sources.

The King of this small country, flanked on three sides by Iraq, Israel and Saudi Arabia, seemed most agitated when expressing the view that the invasion could have been prevented.

On at least five occasions since the end of the Iran-Iraq war in 1988, he said, he had unsuccessfully tried to persuade Kuwait directly or through gulf intermediaries to resolve the financial and territorial disputes with Baghdad that he said triggered the invasion. Saddam Hussein also made repeated, unsuccessful attempts, he said.

He said he first became concerned about an escalation of the dispute five months ago, at the end of May, at an Arab summit meeting in Baghdad.

"We had a closed meeting and he was very frank," the King said. President Hussein warned that his debt-ridden country was being strangled by economic warfare waged by "its brothers" among Arab leaders, and that these leaders seemed indifferent

to the fact that Iraq had protected them and their people with "the blood of Iraqis" during the just-concluded war with Iran.

Saddam Hussein had already tried to resolve the border issue during the Iran-Iraq war, the King said. Kuwait and Iraq had formed several different levels of joint commissions to resolve it, but with no success.

A Volatile Mixture: Oil and Outrage

The King's "second jolt" came when he learned that Iraq's Foreign Minister, Tariq Aziz, had sent a scathing public memorandum to the Arab League on July 15 accusing Kuwait of violating its oil-production quotas and of stealing Iraqi oil from the Rumaila field, which the two countries shared. Terrible consequences might result, Mr. Aziz warned.

In retrospect, neither Kuwait nor Saudi Arabia seemed to have trusted him, the King said. But he added that relations with Kuwait had never been easy. An assistant to the King described his visits to Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti Emir, for discussions of financial matters, as a "tin-cup exercise," and said that they had become increasingly humiliating.

By 1988, the gulf states had stopped making payments that had continued for 10 years under a 1978 pledge to support Arab countries threatened by Israel. Some had not made full payments. Jordan had a \$6 billion deficit. After 1988, the payments abruptly ended. "They were putting the squeeze on us and I realized we were going to have severe internal problems," the King said.

In the spring of 1989, as he had feared, severe food rioting erupted in Jordan. Kuwait ultimately paid Jordan a modest sum, for which the King said he was grateful.

He said his final effort to warn Kuwait about the potential consequences of its deteriorating relationship with Iraq came late in July. On July 29, he visited Mr. Hussein in Baghdad.

"They were bitter," the King recalled, speaking of the Iraqis. They recalled with fury, for example, that after Iranian-backed terrorists had tried to assassinate the Emir, "Iraq had blasted Iran with everything they had — ground to ground missiles, the works." Iran had retaliated, causing 1,500 civilian casualties, but Kuwait

would not write off its debt, or end the border dispute, or stop stealing oil.

"I realized then that the situation was really very serious," the King said. "I knew they were hurting badly. The atmosphere was tense; the troops were on the border."

On July 30, the King visited the Emir in Kuwait and expressed hope that a special meeting in Jidda between Kuwait and Iraq, scheduled to open the next day, would succeed. And he warned that the meeting was critical.

"I pleaded with them," he said. "They were warm and cordial, unusually so. But there was no commitment, just hopes that it would not fail."

A View of Doom In Soldiers' Eyes

Before boarding his plane, he said, he had a premonition. "I looked at some Kuwaiti soldiers on the tarmac. I suddenly had a deep sense of sadness. Sometimes, leaders' failures can cost these young people's lives."

On the plane back to Jordan, the King said his aides told him that they, too, had failed to detect true concern in their meetings with the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister. "They said their Constitution does not permit us to give up an inch of territory. We won't give in. If they attack us, we would call the Americans." The Kuwaitis' only concern, the King said he was told, seemed to be that relying on American military backing would be "embarrassing" because of American support for Israel.

He said he had learned of the invasion at 6 A.M. on Aug. 2, when King Fahd telephoned him and urged him to call Saddam Hussein and ask the Iraqi leader to withdraw to the disputed territory. "It's all Kuwait's fault," King Hussein said, quoting King Fahd. "They would be this adamant. They've brought this about."

The King spoke to King Fahd rarely after that. On Aug. 6, the Saudi ruler invited "friendly forces" to assist in his country's defense. The next day, he sent an envoy to assure King Hussein that relations between Riyadh and Baghdad were fine, that there was no evidence of a hostile Iraqi buildup on the border, and that despite American assertions, there was no truth to reports that Iraq planned to invade Saudi Arabia. Later that night, the presence of U.S. forces in the Saudi desert was announced.

Gulf Involvement

ge relations with other Arab countries and strengthen the military position of the United States in the region.

"The direct involvement of Soviet troops in military activity against Iraq will result in increased activity of the opposition inside the country," he said. And in the first order, that activity will be aimed at the army."

He ridiculed the foreign ministry for confusing the public by turning against Iraq after many years of supplying it with arms and proclaiming him a yal ally.

"We army political workers cannot keep pace with the reorientation of the political course of the foreign ministry," he said.

Evgeny Kogan, a deputy from Esto

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