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4/19/89

8:00 a.m.

REMARKS: TOAST FOR KING HUSSEIN

APRIL 19, 1989

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REMARKS: KING HUSSEIN DEPARTURE

APRIL 19, 1989

APPROX: 10:00 A.M.

I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE AND HONOR OF AN INTIMATE DISCUSSION WITH AN OLD FRIEND, HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JORDAN HAS DEEP ROOTS.

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IT IS FOUNDED ON A COMMONALITY OF INTERESTS AND ON MUTUAL RESPECT. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT HIS MAJESTY AND I REVIEWED THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE SEARCH FOR ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE.

FEW INDIVIDUALS CAN MATCH THE DEDICATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE. FOR HIS IS A COMMITMENT TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES, EXAMINE OPTIONS, AND PURSUE POSSIBILITIES.

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I EXPLAINED TO HIS MAJESTY OUR THINKING ON THE NEED TO DEFUSE TENSIONS, TO PROMOTE DIALOGUE, AND TO FOSTER THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT COULD LEAD TO A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. I REITERATED MY BELIEF THAT PROPERLY DESIGNED AND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ELECTIONS COULD AS AN INITIAL STEP, CONTRIBUTE TO A POLITICAL PROCESS LEADING TO NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FINAL STATUS OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA.

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I ALSO REAFFIRMED TO HIS MAJESTY OUR LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO BRING ABOUT A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT, THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. THROUGH THESE NEGOTIATIONS, PEACE AND SECURITY FOR ISRAEL AND ALL STATES, AND LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN POLITICAL RIGHTS, CAN BE REALIZED.

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IN ADDITION, A PROPERLY STRUCTURED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COULD SERVE, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, AS A MEANS TO FACILITATE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

THE TIME HAS COME TO ENCOURAGE FRESH THINKING, TO AVOID STERILE DEBATES, AND TO FOCUS ON THE DIFFICULT BUT CRITICAL WORK OF STRUCTURING A SERIOUS NEGOTIATING PROCESS. HIS MAJESTY COMMITTED JORDAN TO THIS TASK, AND I COMMIT THE UNITED STATES.

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AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS EFFORT -- AND OF THE STABILITY OF THE MIDDLE EAST AS A WHOLE -- WILL BE THE CONTINUED ECONOMIC AND MILITARY STRENGTH OF JORDAN. JORDAN'S SECURITY REMAINS OF FUNDAMENTAL CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES. I HAVE REASSURED HIS MAJESTY THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL DO ITS UTMOST TO HELP MEET JORDAN'S ECONOMIC AND MILITARY REQUIREMENTS.

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HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN AND I DELVED DEEPLY INTO  
BROADER REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. AND, AS  
ALWAYS, I BENEFITTED GREATLY FROM THE WISDOM OF MY  
FRIEND. TOGETHER, WE PLEDGED TO CONTINUE THE CLOSE  
COOPERATION AND COORDINATION THAT MARK THE RELATIONS  
BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

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IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY BEST WISHES  
TO KING HUSSEIN AND TO THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN FOR AN  
AUSPICIOUS MONTH OF RAMADAN AND A BLESSED 'EID [EED]  
HOLIDAY. THANK YOU.

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 04/18/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ----

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: KING HUSSEIN TOAST

(04/17 3:00 pm Draft Two)

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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April 18, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO  
THE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*  
SPEECHWRITER

SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN TOAST

I. SUMMARY

The enclosed remarks are for your April 19 after dinner toast to King Hussein in the State Dining Room.

II. DISCUSSION

They reference the King's long friendship with America, and his many visits to the White House. The toast salutes the King as a man of character, and as "a leader on the world stage." It discusses his major role in the quest for Mid-East peace, and in reaching a comprehensive settlement.

(Smith/Simon)  
4/17/89; 3 pm  
Draft Two  
KING

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HUSSEIN TOAST  
STATE DINING ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1989

Your Majesties and Distinguished Guests.

It is customary, on occasions like these, to welcome visiting heads of State and their spouses to the White House. And, tonight, on behalf of the American people, I am pleased to do so.

But, in truth, having been a frequent visitor to the White House, perhaps His Majesty should be welcoming me! For as a long time friend of the United States, you have been a guest here of seven Presidents. Come to think of it: You may have been to dinner in this room even more than I have!

Your Majesty, there is a song from The King and I -- lovely, lyric -- called "Getting to Know You." Well, we can't sing that song tonight . . . of course, with my voice, you're better off that way.

We're not getting to know you because we already do. Barbara and I, of course, have visited your homeland and marveled at its beauty. And our Nation knows you as a friend, and as a leader on the world stage.

We have seen you serve your people honorably, courageously, and with respect for the individual. And by believing in the innate decency of man, you have kept alive --in your heart, and in fact -- the promise and the necessity of peace.

Your visit comes at a crucial moment in your region's history. For, today, one can sense an urgency to the quest for peace -- the kind of peace which lasts.

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After your first visit to Washington in 1959, President Eisenhower told then-Vice-President Nixon how impressed he had been by the "quiet inner strength" of the King of Jordan.

My friends, I have seen that inner strength. Felt it.  
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**REMARKS:**  
 Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 AM Tuesday, April 18, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**  
  
*Comments*

**James W. Cicconi**  
 Assistant to the President  
 and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
 Ext. 2702

1989 APR 17 PM 3:45

(Smith/Simon)  
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*In our travels, Barbara and I have been to every*

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~~We're not getting to know you because we already do.~~

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TO: CHRISS WINSTON

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The NSC concurs with the attached draft with changes as indicated.

*Brent Scowcroft*  
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cc: Jim Cicconi

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*painted 1869 -*

*Peace 1865*

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I HOPE YOU FEEL WELCOME HERE, GENUINELY WELCOME. YOU ARE, SIR, AMONG FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS.

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YOUR VISIT HERE GIVES BARBARA AND ME A CHANCE IN A SMALL WAY TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATED YOUR SPECIAL HOSPITALITY TO US WHEN WE VISITED YOU AT YOUR LOVELY HOME AT AQABA, NOT SO MANY MONTHS AGO.

THIS MAGNIFICENT PICTURE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS PAINTED BY GEORGE HEALY IN 1869.

BUT, UPSTAIRS IN MY OFFICE, THERE IS ANOTHER MARVELOUS PICTURE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN ALSO PAINTED BY GEORGE HEALY. IT IS CALLED "THE PEACEMAKERS."

- 3 -

THE PICTURE SHOWS LINCOLN IN EXACTLY THE SAME PENSIVE POSE AS IN THIS MAGNIFICENT PICTURE. BUT IN THE PICTURE UPSTAIRS THERE IS A WINDOW RIGHT BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD AND OUT THAT WINDOW ONE CAN SEE A BEAUTIFUL RAINBOW. THE PICTURE DEPICTS LINCOLN WITH HIS GENERALS NEAR THE END OF THE TRAGIC WAR THAT THREATENED OUR UNION AND PITTED BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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FROM:

G. PHILIP HUGHES 

SUBJECT:

Suggested Themes for Presidential Toast  
at Hussein Dinner

Attached are suggested themes for the Presidential toast for the King Hussein dinner on Wednesday, April 19.

Attachment

Tab A Suggested Themes

SUGGESTED THEMES FOR PRESIDENTIAL TOAST AT HUSSEIN DINNER

- Honor and pleasure to welcome King Hussein and Queen Noor to the White House.
- Barbara and I had the pleasure of visiting Jordan and seeing some of its beauty. We are happy to have this opportunity to return some of your generous hospitality.
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-- The United States and Jordan have a long and close partnership. In no small measure it is due to King Hussein.

NOTE: You might want to add a reference to Mt. Vernon

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ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

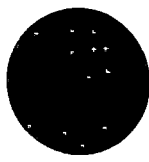
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Toast for King Hussein

Pursuant to your request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. Counsel's Office has no legal objection to the toast as drafted.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

cc: James W. Cicconi

**WHITE HOUSE  
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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Hussein Toast

I have reviewed the draft presidential remarks for the Hussein toast at the dinner tomorrow evening. There are no suggestions that we have with respect to any policy changes that we would recommend.

I like the beginning that talks about the long association that King Hussein has had with the United States and with previous presidents. I would recommend dropping the last line on the first page that makes reference to the President's voice. It add little and removing it does not interrupt the flow.

The references later to quiet inner strength are superb and should be preserved.

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Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 AM Tuesday, April 18, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HUSSEIN TOAST  
STATE DINING ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1989

Your Majesties and Distinguished Guests.

It is customary, on occasions like these, to welcome visiting heads of State and their spouses to the White House. And, tonight, on behalf of the American people, I am pleased to do so.

But, in truth, having been a longtime friend of the United States, perhaps His Majesty should be welcoming me! For you have met some eight Presidents, and been a guest here of seven. Come to think of it: You may have been to dinner in this room even more than I have!

Your Majesty, there is a song from The King and I -- lovely, lyric -- called "Getting to Know You." Well, we can't sing that song tonight . . . of course, with my voice, you're better off that way.

We're not getting to know you because we already do. Barbara and I, of course, have visited your homeland and marveled at its beauty. And our Nation knows you as an ally, and as a leader on the world stage.

We have seen you serve your people honorably, courageously, and with respect for the individual. And by believing in the innate decency of man, you have kept alive --in your heart, and in fact -- the promise and the necessity of peace.

Your visit comes at a crucial moment in your region's history. For, today, one can sense an urgency to the quest for peace -- the kind of peace which lasts.

Our task is to use that urgency to seize the moment. And toward that end, Your Majesty, I look forward to working with you. As old friends, let us find new ways to bridge the differences between Israel and her neighbors. Let us reduce suspicions, and prepare the way for negotiations leading to a comprehensive settlement.

After your first visit to Washington in 1959, President Eisenhower told then-Vice-President Nixon how impressed he had been by the "quiet inner strength" of the King of Jordan.

My friends, I have seen that inner strength. Felt it. Inner strength means strength of character. It can help mold a more just and peaceful world.

I ask you to join me in a toast to the goal of peace. And to raise your glasses to the health of His Majesty, King Hussein, to Queen Noor, of whom Pennsylvania is so proud, and to the friendship between the American and Jordanian peoples.

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by President  
Bush.

4/19/89

8:00 a.m.

REMARKS: TOAST FOR KING HUSSEIN

APRIL 19, 1989

Your Majesties, and Distinguished Guests:

Welcome to the White House. Your Majesty, you have been here so many times -- the guest of seven Presidents I am told -- that I'm sure it's all quite familiar to you.

I hope you feel welcome here, genuinely welcome. You are, sir, among friends and admirers. Your visit here gives Barbara and me a chance in a small way to tell you how much we appreciated your special hospitality to us when we visited you at your lovely home at Aqaba, not so many months ago.

Upstairs in my office, there is a marvelous picture of Abraham Lincoln painted by George Heals. The picture shows Lincoln in exactly the same pensive pose as in this magnificent picture. But in the picture upstairs there is a window right behind the President's head and out that window one can see a beautiful rainbow. The picture depicted Lincoln near the end of the tragic war that threatened our Union and pitted brother against brother.

But that rainbow symbolized the hope of peace . . . the imminent end to hostilities that nearly bled us dry as a nation.

Your Majesty, it is my fervent hope that by working together we can guarantee there will be a rainbow over the Middle East. War must give way to peace. Whether it's the turmoil and fighting on the West Bank or the heart-rending hostilities in a now fractured Lebanon, we must all recommit ourselves to lasting peace to the Middle East.

Your visit comes at a crucial moment in your region's history. One can sense an urgency to the quest for peace now.

Our task is to use that urgency to seize the moment. And toward that end, Your Majesty, I look forward to working with you. As old friends, let us find new ways to bridge the deep differences that exist. Let us reduce suspicions, and prepare the way for negotiations leading to a comprehensive settlement.

I pledge to work with you, sir, first to bring the rainbow of hope to the wonderful people of Jordan, and to your neighbors -- and then, with that rainbow clearly in view to finalize a peace so secure that not a single child will know the horrors of battle.

I ask you to join me in a toast to the goal of peace. And to raise your glasses to the health of His Majesty King Hussein

-- to Queen Noor, of whom America is so proud -- and to the lasting friendship between Jordan and the United States of America.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AND KING HUSSEIN DURING  
EXCHANGE OF TOASTS

State Dining Room

THE PRESIDENT: You are among friends, sir -- your lovely Queen, and among admirers.

And your visit here gives me and Barbara a chance in a very small way to tell you how much we appreciated your special hospitality to us when we visited you at your lovely home at Aquava, as well as your beautiful home in Amman itself, not so many months ago.

This magnificent picture of Abraham Lincoln that I know you're all admiring was painted by George Healy in 1869. Upstairs in my office -- excuse me, a little slight cold -- upstairs in my office there's another marvelous picture of Abraham Lincoln and that was also painted by George Healy four years earlier. And I took His Majesty to see it today. It's called "The Peacemakers." And the picture shows Lincoln in exactly the same pensive pose as this magnificent picture. But in the picture upstairs, there's a window right over his left shoulder. And out that window one can see this beautiful rainbow. And the picture depicts Lincoln with his generals -- three generals -- right near the end of the war that threatened our union and pitted brother against brother. The rainbow in the picture by Healy symbolized the hope of peace, the imminent end to hostilities that near bled us as a nation to death.

And so, Your Majesty, it is my fervent hope that by working together we can guarantee that there will be a rainbow over the Middle East. And war must give way to peace. And whether it's the turmoil or the fighting in the West Bank that plagues us all, or the heartrending hostilities that we now all feel so strongly about in a fractured Lebanon, we must all recommit ourselves to lasting peace in the Middle East.

And this visit today by the King of Jordan comes at a crucial moment in your region's history -- that we feel it, we in the United States feel it. And I think the King summed it up well when he said -- told me today, that the time is right. But let me assure you, sir, that we can sense an urgency to the quest for peace now. Our task is to use that urgency to seize the moment.

And toward that end, Your Majesty, I look forward to working with you as old friends -- and I mean that, it's not a diplomatic use of the word. Let us find new ways to bridge the deep differences that exist. Let's reduce suspicions and prepare the way for negotiations that will lead to the comprehensive settlement that everybody wants.

And I pledge to work with you, sir; first to bring the rainbow of hope to the wonderful people of Jordan, and to all your neighbors, and then, with that rainbow clearly in view, to finalize a peace so secure that not a single child will know the horrors of battle.

And so, my friends, I ask you to join me in a toast to the goal of peace and to raise your glasses to the health of His

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Majesty King Hussein, and to Queen Noor, of whom America is so especially proud, and to the lasting friendship between Jordan and the United States of America.

(A toast is offered.)

KING HUSSEIN: Mr. President, Mrs. Bush, distinguished guests, and dear friends. I thank you, Mr. President. I am deeply moved by the generosity of your remarks and the affection and hospitality with which you and Mrs. Bush received Noor, myself, and my colleagues. We are most appreciative.

It is clear that the kinder, gentler America of which you have spoken begins in this house. I was also genuinely gratified, Mr. President, by the assurances you gave this morning of your commitment to the security and well-being of Jordan. We, indeed, feel very much at home, which befits friends.

The friendship between Jordan and the United States has indeed been special. It began 30 years ago when I first came to the White House to meet President Eisenhower. I have since dined in this lovely room as the guest of presidents on more occasions than I can count. If that is a record, it is one of which I am proud. These have all been memorable occasions. But none more so than tonight as your guest, Mr. President, and the guest of Mrs. Bush.

But our friendship is not only personal, which I treasure. It is based as well on the common values which our two nations share -- freedom, equality, and human dignity. Friendship deserves the most serious consideration of those who enjoy it. When there is joy, one calls upon friends to celebrate. When there is sorrow, friends come to comfort one. When there is a task to be done, friends join together in common effort. There is honor and pride and true friendship, as is evident here tonight.

One of the sorrows which we share is the continuous tragedy of that of the Israeli conflict. To end this tragedy is the focus of our visit. I was interested in your explanation this morning, Mr. President, of the American viewpoint regarding steps to further the cause of peace in our area. And as I assured you this morning, Jordan will cooperate closely with the United States to achieve a just, durable and comprehensive peaceful settlement. We will support you in all your endeavors to achieve a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in the Middle East, and, God willing, we will see that rainbow, and so will the people in our part of the world. And God willing, it will be our contribution for a better future for generations to come on all sides in that area of the world.

Mr. President, we share with you an unusual fact. The names are founding capitals. Philadelphia was the birthplace of your independence. Philadelphia was, as well, the ancient name of our capital, Amman. The meaning of both is the same: brotherly love. In this spirit, I would like to convey the best wishes and warmest greetings from the people of Jordan to you, Mr. President, and Mrs. Bush, and to all of your fellow Americans.

Ladies and gentlemen, my dear friends, may I ask you to join me in a toast to the President of the United States and Mrs. Bush.

(A toast is offered.) (Applause.)

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