

**PRIME MINISTER'S  
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THE PRIME MINISTER

4 July 1990

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*Your Majesty,*

I am most grateful to you for sending me a copy of your message to President Bush. Douglas Hurd had already told me of his talks with you in Amman a month ago and has since had an opportunity to discuss with Crown Prince Hassan here in London some of the problems which you raised. I have also read with great interest but also concern Mr. Reeve's account of his conversation with you on 27 June.

I share your worries about the current dangers in the Middle East. The need to break the deadlock in the peace process is pressing. Our European partners feel the same way. You will, I am sure, have seen the Declaration on the Middle East which we agreed at Heads of Government level in Dublin on 26 June. I have made our anxiety clear in a subsequent message to Mr. Shamir.

I shall be seeing President Bush at the NATO Summit at the beginning of July and again shortly afterwards at the Houston Economic Summit. I shall certainly talk to him about the Middle East, with your concerns very much on my mind. I shall urge him to remain fully engaged in the peace process and to press the Israelis to begin a direct dialogue with representative Palestinians. The US role will of course remain crucial. But I nevertheless share your view that the other Permanent Members of the Security Council also have their obligations, and should

concert more effectively; and the Europeans, who can maintain contacts with both the Israelis and the PLO, have an important part in opening the path to an international conference.

I look forward to remaining in close contact with you on this most important issue in the testing weeks ahead. I very much value your insights and will keep you in touch with the way we see things.

With warm regards

and good wishes,

Yours sincerely

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His Majesty King Hussein bin Talal, G.C.B.

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*From the Private Secretary*

4 July 1990

JORDAN

I enclose the reply from the Prime Minister to King Hussein's recent message. I should be grateful if you would ensure its early delivery.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Simon Webb (Ministry of Defence).

C. D. POWELL

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3 July 1990

*Dear Charles**flap*

Amman telnos 330 and 331 contained a message from King Hussein of Jordan to the Prime Minister and a copy of a message from the King to President Bush about the peace process.

I enclose a draft reply to be transmitted by HM Ambassador. This commits the Prime Minister to talk to President Bush about the Middle East. The briefing we are supplying for both forthcoming Summits will reflect this.

King Hussein is in need of reassurance. We therefore recommend an early reply, which can be followed up after the meetings with President Bush if that looks right.

*Yours ever,*  
*S L Gass*

(S L Gass)  
Private Secretary

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO KING HUSSEIN

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I share your worries about the current dangers in the Middle East. The need to break the deadlock in the peace process is <sup>urgent</sup>. Our European partners feel the same way. You will, I am sure, have seen the Declaration on the Middle East which we agreed at Heads of Government level in Dublin on 26 June. I have made our anxiety clear in a subsequent message to Mr Shamir.

I shall be seeing <sup>Agidur</sup> George Bush at the NATO Summit at the beginning of July and again shortly afterwards at the Houston Economic Summit. I shall certainly talk to him about the Middle East. <sup>with</sup> Your concerns will be very much on my mind. I shall urge him to remain fully engaged in the peace process and to press the Israelis to begin a direct dialogue with representative Palestinians. ~~There must be some movement in the peace process, and some prospect of an end to the Israeli territorial occupation, if the forces of extremism are not to gain ground.~~

The US role ~~in the peace process~~ will of course remain crucial. But I nevertheless share your view that the other Permanent Members of the Security Council also have their obligations, and should concert more effectively; and the Europeans, who can maintain contacts with both the Israelis and the PLO, have an important part in opening the path to an international conference.

I look forward to remaining in close contact with you on this most important issue in the testing weeks ahead. I very much value your insights, ~~as always~~, and will, ~~if I may~~, keep you in touch with the way we see things.

~~Yours sincerely.~~

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