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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN'S OCTOBER 19 LETTER TO THE
PRESIDENT ON LEBANON AND THE PEACE PROCESS

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED TODAY FOLLOWING LETTER DATED
OCTOBER 19, 1983 FROM KING HUSSEIN TO PRESIDENT REAGAN.
DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOTE THAT LETTER CONTAINS EXTREMELY
SENSITIVE INFORMATION ON THE KING'S PLANS AFFECTING
THE PEACE PROCESS. INTERNAL DEPARTMENT DISTRIBUTION
SHOULD BE DECIDED ACCORDINGLY. PLEASE NOTE FURTHER
THAT KING HAS CLASSIFIED THE LETTER "TOP SECRET."
EMBASSY COMMENTS ON LETTER FOLLOW SEPTEL.

3. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED TO S/S UNDER
REGISTRY NO. 5804441.

4. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

- IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE I WROTE YOU, SIR,
ON SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

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BY RUS NARA DATE 5-20-10
I am following with great anxiety all the developments on the Lebanese scene which relate to our common goal of establishing the sovereignty of the Lebanese government over all Lebanese territories. We must emphasise the independence of that bereaved country through the attainment of the total withdrawal of all foreign forces and minimise the negative inputs of external influences on the domestic scene in that country. The efforts at achieving Lebanese national reconciliation to freeze, if not totally resolve, differences amongst the different communities there, are attempts with which we have been involved to the best of our ability. The success of these efforts may well provide the last chance of averting the total disintegration of the Lebanon, with the untold complications and inherent dangers to the area as a whole. If we were ever to witness such a tragic end.

Mr. President, much has happened since I wrote you on 10 April appraising you, with deep regret, of my inability to proceed on the course we discussed during our meeting of December last. We availed ourselves of the opportunity which your peace plan of 1 September 1982 afforded all concerned in the Arab Israeli problem, the root cause of Middle East instability and the major threat to peace, both in the area and possibly the world. I explained then, the reasons for the failure of our best efforts to secure Palestinian participation and Arab support, reasons that resulted primarily from the Israeli rejection of your plan. The Israelis, as is well known, responded to your proposal by intensifying settlement activities and increasing repression in the occupied West Bank and Gaza. Israel
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- ALL THESE FACTORS, AND OTHERS OF WHICH YOU ARE AWARE, OBLIGED ME TO STATE TO YOU MY INABILITY TO MOVE FURTHER, DESPITE MY MOST VIGOROUS ATTEMPTS, TO SUCCESSFULLY ELIMINATE THE DIFFERENCES AT THAT TIME BETWEEN THE ARAB FEZ SUMMIT PROPOSALS FOR PEACE, AND THE AMERICAN PEACE PLAN OUTLINED BY YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1982.


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CLEAR THAT IT REGARDED SYRIAN MOVES IN THAT CONNECTION
AS SERIOUS, IN THAT THEY UNDERMINED THE LEGITIMACY OF
THE P.L.O.'S REPRESENTATION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE,
AS ADOPTED BY THE ARAB SUMMIT AT RABAT, MOROCCO IN
1974.

EVENTS IN LEBANON HAVE BEEN THE FOCAL POINT
OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S INTEREST IN RECENT
MONTHS, WITH THE EXECUTION OF THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENTS'
PLANS TO RECREATE THE P.L.O. AS A TOTALLY SUBJUGATED
INSTRUMENT OF ITS WILL, IF NOT ITS CONTRACTUAL ALLIES
OR OTHERS, PASSING WITHOUT MUCH NOTICE.

MR. PRESIDENT, I DO NOT KNOW IF IT IS
THE UNITED STATES' POLICY OBJECTIVE TO GIVE
THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA THE ABILITY TO ADD
THE PALESTINIAN CARD TO THAT OF THE LEBANON,
WHICH IT APPEARS TO HAVE SECURED TO A MAJOR
DEGREE. HOWEVER, I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT
THIS SUBJECT REQUIRES THAT WE BOTH SEEK THE
CLEAREST UNDERSTANDING OF OUR RESPECTIVE
PERSONAL, AS WELL AS GOVERNMENTAL AND NATIONAL POSITIONS.


- WE BELIEVE THAT THE FINAL STEPS ARE IMMINENT IN TRANSFORMING THE P.L.O. INTO A SYRIAN SURROGATE. WE THEREFORE FEEL STRONGLY THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH THE P.L.O. IF IT IS TO FALL UNDER SYRIAN CONTROL. A SERIOUS CRISIS IS PREDICTABLE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH SYRIA AND THEIR RE-CREATED P.L.O.

- IN THE LIGHT OF MANY DEVELOPMENTS, BUT MOST PARTICULARLY AFTER AN INTOLERABLY LONG PERIOD OF JORDAN'S EXISTANCE WITHOUT DEMOCRATIC PARLIAMENTARY LIFE, WE ARE NOW MOST SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THE RECALL OF THE JORDANIAN PARLIAMENT INTO SESSION. WE FEEL UNABLE TO CONTINUE TO BEAR RESPONSIBILITY AT THIS CRUCIAL TIME IN ITS ABSENCE. THE JORDANIAN PARLIAMENT, AS YOU WELL KNOW, REPRESENTS THE EAST AND OCCUPIED WEST BANK OWING TO THE CONTINUED ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF THOSE TERRITORIES SINCE 1967. THE OLD PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY CAN, HOWEVER, WITHIN THE CONSTITUTION, APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE WEST BANK TO FILL VACANCIES, CAUSED BY THE LAPSE OF TIME, FROM WEST BANK CONSTITUENCIES. ELECTIONS COULD BE
IN THE FOLLOWING PERIOD I HOPE THAT THE CONCEPT OF FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH PALESTINE AND JORDAN COULD BE FORMULATED IN THE MOST ACCEPTABLE AND EXEMPLARY FRAMEWORK TO REPRESENT A COMMITMENT BY ALL, WHICH WOULD BE RATIFIED THROUGH THE EXERCISE OF A FREE PLEBISCITE, ONCE OCCUPATION IS AT AN END. IN OTHER WORDS, THROUGH THE EXERCISE OF THE LEGITIMATE AND SACRED RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION, PALESTINE MAY INCORPORATE THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP. NONE OF THIS HOWEVER, AND ACCORDING TO JORDANIAN CONSTITUTION, WOULD INFRINGE UPON THE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS IN A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN, ARAB ISRAELI CONFLICT, NOR WOULD JORDAN INFRINGE ON THE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY PEACE PROCESS LEADING TO THAT END.

HOWEVER, IN THIS NEW CONTEXT OF DIRECT JORDANIAN INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FATE OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, IT BECOMES VITAL THAT WE RECEIVE YOUR COMMITMENT IN UNEQUIVOCAL TERMS. IT IS VITAL TO US TO KNOW IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT YOU, SIR, THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE AMERICAN NATION ARE COMMITTED TO THE IMPLEMENT-

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BOTH FORMULATED IT IN 1967 AND THAT THE UNITED
STATES ACTS IMMEDIATELY TO BUTTRESS JORDAN'S
CAPABILITIES TO MEET ALL CHALLENGES, NOT AFTER
THE FACT, BUT IMMEDIATELY.

- OBVIOUSLY ALL THIS PRESUPPOSES THAT YOUR
GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THAT THE OCCUPIED WEST
BANK IS OCCUPIED JORDANIAN TERRITORY AND THAT
WHAT APPLIES TO OCCUPIED EGYPTIAN TERRITORIES,
APPLIES TO THESE TERRITORIES IN THEIR ENTIRETY
AND WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

- I NEED NOT REMIND YOU, SIR, OF OUR
COMMITTMENT TO THE CAUSE OF ESTABLISHING A JUST
AND DURABLE MIDDLE EAST PEACE. WE ARE COMMITTED
TO THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND THE RIGHTS OF ALL
PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT TO LIVE IN PEACE AND
SECURITY. ONCE A JUST, HONOURABLE PEACE IS
ACHIEVED.
- I HAVE CHOSEN TO WRITE TO YOU SIR, THIS PERSONAL LETTER ON THESE HIGHLY SENSITIVE MATTERS AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE, AND IN ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE.

- WITH MY HIGHEST ESTEEM AND SINCEREST WISHES.

/S/ YOUR SINCERE FRIEND, HUSSEIN I.

END TEXT.

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