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From the Private Secretary

19 December 1983

Jordan

I sent you on 16 December a record of the Prime Minister's talks with the King of Jordan on that day. Later in the evening King Hussein sent the Prime Minister a letter and enclosed copies of two letters which he had received from President Reagan, dated 26 November and 27 November respectively.

You will obviously wish to take these into account in considering the content of the proposed message from the Prime Minister to President Reagan (see my letter of 16 December). But may I stress again that the fact that King Hussein has let the Prime Minister have copies of President Reagan's letters should be kept very close and the contents of the letters should not be revealed except to those who have an essential operational need to know of them.

I should be grateful if Richard Mottram, to whom I am copying this letter, could take similar precautions to protect the correspondence.

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Attached is a photocopy
of King Hussein's message.
The PM returned the
original.

Vanessa intercepted it
and relayed the contents.

Having discussed with
AT we decided to
leave it for you to
deal on Monday.

Mark
18/12/83.