

Robin:

Please pass to Bob/Brent:

Sirs:

King Hussein has sent another letter to the President (text below, as dictated by Harrison, cable to follow). As you will note, this appears to be Hussein's way of casting his vote with us, though the polls may be closed, and of influencing our judgment on receiving his envoy.

Dear Mr. President:

I listened to your speech of February 28, and read through the text with which my friend, Roger Harrison delivered to me today. I also had an extensive conversation with him and would like to express my deep joy at the conclusion of hostilities.

It is a crisis which I had tried so hard to resolve before it escalated. In any event, well done, my friend. And you will find me more than ever determined to contribute my utmost to the healing of wounds and to the opening of a new and bright chapter in the history of this region and for the benefit of its future generations. We shall commit ourselves to the renewal of the best Jordanian-American and Arab-American relations on sound, clear and solid foundations. Noor joins me in sending Mrs. Barbara Bush and yourself our warm wishes, as does my brother the Crown Prince.

God bless you my friend.

(Handwritten)

I am, your sincere friend,

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM KING HUSSEIN TO PRESIDENT BUSH

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. CHIEF OF ROYAL COURT BEN SHAKER SUMMONED ME THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 28 TO GIVE ME THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE KING TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT. BEGIN TEXT:

28 FEBRUARY 1991

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

I LISTENED WITH GREAT INTEREST TO YOUR SPEECH OF FEBRUARY 28TH AND READ THE TEXT WHICH MY FRIEND, AMBASSADOR ROGER HARRISON, DELIVERED TO ME TODAY. I HAVE ALSO HAD AN EXTENSIVE CONVERSATION WITH HIM AND WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEP JOY AT THE CONCLUSION OF HOSTILITIES.

IT IS A CRISIS WHICH I HAD TRIED SO HARD TO RESOLVE BEFORE IT ESCALATED. IN ANY EVENT, WELL DONE MY FRIEND AND YOU WILL FIND ME MORE THAN EVER DETERMINED TO CONTRIBUTE MY UTMOST TO THE HEALING OF WOUNDS AND TO THE OPENING OF A NEW AND BRIGHT CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF THIS REGION FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS FUTURE GENERATIONS. WE SHALL COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE RENEWAL OF THE BEST JORDANIAN/AMERICAN AND ARAB/AMERICAN RELATIONS ON SOUND, CLEAR AND SOLID FOUNDATIONS.

NOOR JOINS ME IN SENDING MRS. BARBARA BUSH AND YOUR GOOD SELF OUR WARM WISHES, AS DOES MY BROTHER THE CROWN PRINCE.

GOD BLESS YOU MY FRIEND.

I AM,

YOUR SINCERE FRIEND,

HUSSEIN I.

3. ORIGINAL LETTER WILL BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE POUCH.

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