

WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

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SUBJECT: KING RESPONDS POSITIVELY TO THE PRESIDENT'S
LETTER

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2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM KING HUSSEIN TO
PRESIDENT BUSH IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S
LETTER. BEGIN TEXT:

2 FEBRUARY 1991

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I AM INDEED GRATIFIED THAT YOU WERE CONSIDERATE
ENOUGH TO HAVE CHOSEN AN OLD FRIEND. A MAN OF GREAT
INTEGRITY AND MORAL COURAGE, RICH ARMITAGE TO TALK TO
ME.

BELIEVE ME, MY FRIEND, THAT IT WAS MY CONCERN FOR YOU
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHICH CAUSED ME TO
SEEK TO MEET YOU AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE CRISIS AND
LATER IN PARIS. WHICH WAS NOT TO HAPPEN MINE IS AND
HAS POSSIBLY BEEN A LONE VOICE, DIFFERENT TO MANY IN
THIS REGION. BUT BEFORE GOD I AM SATISFIED THAT
WHATEVER HAPPENS IT WAS AND WILL BE THE VOICE OF
FRIENDSHIP, PEACE AND HONOUR.

I WELCOME THE CONTINUATION OF OUR DIALOGUE AND WOULD
SUGGEST THAT FURTHER CONVERSATIONS IN AMMAN ARE MOST

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WELCOME WHILE I SHALL SEEK AND ENTRUST A JORDANIAN
WITH THE TASK OF VISITING WASHINGTON PERIODICALLY FOR
A VERY LOW-KEY ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS DISCUSSIONS
MUST CONTINUE BETWEEN US. SIR. WHATEVER THE VENUE. I
FULLY AGREE WE SHOULD CONTINUE THIS PROCESS.

SINCERELY

HUSSEIN I.

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON. D. C.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

END TEXT. HARRISON

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