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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF KING HUSSEIN'S REPLY.

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DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE DATED 10 JULY, 1985 REGARDING THE CREDIT TERMS FOR THE PACKAGE OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT.

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION AND SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, WHICH I AM SURE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ARRIVING AT THIS MOST ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT.

I ALSO WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND DESIRE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN AND FURTHER ENHANCE THE VERY CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. NEEDLESS TO SAY, I RECIPROCATE YOUR FEELINGS AND WILL CONTINUE, ON MY PART, TO DO ALL I CAN TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN THE VERY STRONG TIES WHICH HAPPILY BIND US.

MY GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE TERMS OF AGREEMENT AS INCORPORATED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, AND IS READY TO SIGN THIS WHENEVER IT IS CONVENIENT FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT.

WITH MY BEST PERSONAL REGARDS AND GOOD WISHES, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT FRIDAY.

I AM YOUR SINCERE FRIEND,

HUSSEIN

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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Amman

11 July, 1985

Dear Prime Minister,

I am grateful for your kind message dated 10 July, 1985 regarding the credit terms for the package of defence equipment.

Please allow me to express my deep appreciation and sincere gratitude for your personal interest in this matter, which I am sure was instrumental in arriving at this most acceptable agreement.

I also wish to thank you for your continued support and desire to do everything possible to maintain and further enhance the very close relations between our two countries. Needless to say, I reciprocate your feelings and will continue, on my part, to do all I can to preserve and strengthen the very strong ties which happily bind us.

My Government accepts the Terms of Agreement as incorporated in the Memorandum of Understanding, and is ready to sign this whenever it is convenient for your Government.

With my best personal regards and good wishes, I look forward to seeing you next Friday.

I am

Your sincere friend,

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher  
Prime Minister of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland  
10 Downing Street  
London SW1  
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17 July 1985

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*Dear Charles,*

Letters from King Hussein

I enclose for your records the signed originals of letters from King Hussein to the Prime Minister on the visit of a Jordanian/Palestinian delegation to London and the credit terms for the defence equipment package for Jordan.

*Yr*

*ever,*

*Peter Ricketts*

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