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FM ABU DHABI 111300Z APR 83  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 100 OF 11 APRIL 83

RPTD IMMEDIATE DESKBY TO JEDDA, RIYADH, AMMAN, WASHINGTON  
RPTD PRIORITY UKMIS NEW YORK AND OTHER MIDDLE EAST POSTS.

FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

ARAB/ISRAEL

1. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SPOKE TO PRINCE SAUD ON THE TELEPHONE AT 0845Z ON 11 APRIL . HE SAID THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED BY THE NEWS AND ASKED FOR PRINCE SAUD'S ASSESSMENT OF THE JORDANIAN POSITION. SAUD SAID THAT HE WAS ALSO DISAPPOINTED BUT SAW NO REASON TO LOSE HEART YET. KING HUSSEIN WAS OBVIOUSLY FRUSTRATED

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BUT IT WAS PERHAPS SIGNIFICANT THAT THE JORDANIAN STATEMENT HAD  
BEEN MADE IN THE NAME OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RATHER THAN  
HIS OWN NAME. IN RESONSE TO A QUESTION FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE,  
SAUD SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK IT WAS THE KING'S LAST WORD.  
THE SAUDIS WERE URGING THE JORDANIANS TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS.  
ASKED WHETHER THE SAUDIS WERE ALSO IN CONTACT WITH THE PLO TO  
URGE THEM TO ADOPT A MORE HELPFUL POSITION, SAUD SAID THAT THEY  
WERE. HE THOUGHT THAT THE PLO ALSO WANTED TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR  
AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY ARAFAT. HE HOPED THAT THE JORDANIAN  
STATEMENT WOULD HELP RATHER THAN HINDER THIS. THE SECRETARY OF  
STATE SAID THAT HE HAD HITHERTO BEEN TAKING A GLOOMIER VIEW AND  
WAS GLAD TO HEAR SAUD'S RATHER MORE OPTIMISTIC ASSESSMENT. HE WAS  
THINKING OF STOPPING OFF IN AMMAN ON THE WAY BACK TO LONDON. THE  
JORDANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAD WELCOMED THIS IDEA. PRINCE SAUD  
SAID THAT HE ALSO WELCOMED IT AND SUGGESTED THAT A VISIT MIGHT  
OPEN THE WAY FOR "A NEW INITIATIVE".

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK SAUD FOR  
THE WARMTH OF HIS RECEPTION IN RIYADH. HE AND SAUD AGREED  
TO KEEP IN TOUCH .

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