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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T46/84

1 PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO  
KING HUSSEIN:

BEGINS: GENERAL DE LA BILLIERE HAS REPORTED TO ME ON HIS  
RETURN FROM VISITING JORDAN, AND I MUST IMMEDIATELY TELL YOU HOW  
VERY GRATEFUL MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE TO YOU, TO THE COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF, TO BRIGADIER GENERAL SULEIMAN SALMAN, AND TO ALL YOUR  
PEOPLE FOR THE EXTRAORDINARILY WARM AND UNDERSTANDING WAY IN WHICH  
HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE RECEIVED. THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE FELT  
ABLE TO AGREE TO OUR RATHER UNUSUAL REQUEST, AND THAT YOUR  
SECURITY AUTHORITIES DEALT SO PATIENTLY WITH OUR ENQUIRIES AND  
SUGGESTIONS, IS SOMETHING THAT WE VALUE VERY DEEPLY. IT IS A  
GREAT PLEASURE TO ME THAT WE FOR OUR PART ARE NOW ABLE TO GIVE  
FIRM ADVICE TO THE QUEEN THAT SHE SHOULD PROCEED WITH HER VISIT,  
AND THAT WE DO NOT WISH TO SUGGEST TO YOU ANY ALTERATION TO THE  
PROGRAMME.

I HOPE YOU WILL ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS, THROUGH YOU, THE  
ADMIRATION WE HERE HAVE FOR THE SKILL AND DEDICATION OF  
YOUR MILITARY AND SECURITY AUTHORITIES. I THINK THEY ALREADY  
KNOW THAT, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THEIR CONTACT WITH THE QUEEN  
AND HER HOUSEHOLD OVER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAMME,  
THE QUEEN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR COLIN SMITH, THE SENIOR  
POLICE OFFICER WHO IS HEAD OF ROYAL PROTECTION. HE HAS BEEN  
ON TWO PREPARATORY VISITS TO JORDAN, AND YOUR PEOPLE WILL KNOW  
HIM WELL, AND CAN COUNT ON HIS FULL CO-OPERATION. HE HAS MY  
FULL CONFIDENCE - AND, OF COURSE, THE QUEEN'S. ENDS

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