



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

14 March 1983

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Dear John,

Arab League Delegation

The Jordanians have confirmed that King Hussein will take the place of King Hassan as leader of the Arab League delegation and have agreed to the following programme, essentially the same as that negotiated with the Moroccans.

Friday 18 March

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| 1015      | Foreign Ministers etc arrive FCO courtyard - met by Mr Pym   |
| 1030      | King Hussein arrives FCO courtyard - met by Prime Minister. Guard of Honour etc.                   |
| 1045      | King Hussein introduces delegation members before walking to 10 Downing Street for plenary session |
| 1215      | Tete-a-tete  |
| 1300/1315 | Luncheon at 10 Downing Street  |
| 1445      | Presentation to The Queen of the delegation by King Hussein  |

King Hussein is to have luncheon with The Queen at Windsor on Saturday 19 March at 1 pm.

PARTICIPATION IN THE TALKS

A list of the delegation based on available information is attached. It is not yet absolutely certain that the Palestinian representative will be Walid Khalidi, but the principle of a non-PLO Palestinian seems now to have been generally accepted. The Jordanian Ambassador has made a strong plea, faced with our stated intention to keep the numbers down to foreign ministers plus one official, that we should accept two supporting officials per delegation (ambassador plus notetaker). This may pose considerable physical difficulties, but to agree to the request would be in the interests of a smooth visit without last-minute complications. I would be grateful for your views. On our side, we suggest that representation should be, in addition to the Prime Minister and yourself:

/Mr Pym

Holmes to Coles 14/3/83

Dear Mr. Coles,

I have your letter of 14/3/83.

I am sorry that I cannot

reply to you more quickly.

I am sure that you will

understand my position.

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be satisfied with the result.

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Mr Pym

Mr Hurd

Sir J Leahy

Interpreter

This would of course leave the parties very ill-matched as far as numbers are concerned. It might therefore be best to add one or two more officials, including Mr Miles, the head of the relevant department here.

*Yours ever*

*John Holmes*

(J E Holmes)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street

DRAFT LIST AS AT 14 MARCH

THE ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION TO LONDON

HM King Hussein of Jordan (Leader)

HE Mr Abdul Halim Khaddam (Syria) +

HRH Prince Saud Bin Faisal Bin Abdul Aziz (Saudi Arabia)

HE Mr Marwan Sidqi al-Qasem (Jordan)

HE Maître M'Hamed Boucetta (Morocco)

Mr Mohamed Chaker, Justice Minister (Tunisia)

Mr Hadj Abdl el Kade~~Y~~ Azzout (Algeria)  
or/M Mehri - Information Under Secretary

Mr Walid Khalidi (Palestinian representative)

HE M Chedli Klibi (Secretary General Arab League)

+ Foreign Ministers listed in order of date of  
appointment to post.

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