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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: President's Telephone Call to King Hussein of Jordan

PARTICIPANTS: US  
The President

Jordan  
King Hussein

DATE, TIME April 21, 1989, 3:40 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
AND PLACE: The Residence

The President thanked King Hussein for his visit and his flexibility on Middle East peace during the visit. He especially noted the King's public statement regarding elections and said everyone here was pleased with the visit.

King Hussein agreed that it had been a very beneficial visit.

The President said he wanted to get back to the King immediately regarding their conversation on the food and agricultural needs of the Jordanian people. He said that others will take a little longer.

The President said we will continue food aid grants at the \$27 million level. If necessary, he will issue waivers for Jordan's eligibility for assistance under food aid programs. He referred to the waivers as a technicality. Jordan will need to tell us of continued commercial purchases at current levels. He noted that there are necessary requirements in this matter. The commodity mix between PL-480 and Section 416 agricultural commodity loans and grants is uncertain at this point, but, the President said, we will work it out to the mutual satisfaction of both sides. He said it is a problem but nothing we cannot solve.

The King agreed.

The President said we will continue the GSM-103 agricultural credits to Jordan for the next fiscal year. He acknowledged that the lower interest rate and longer terms are of assistance to Jordan. The President said we have authorized \$65 million in

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credits, but we will be happy to consider additional assistance if this proves inadequate.

The President said we will get all this in writing so the King's experts can review it.

The President thanked the King again for the visit and offered his and Mrs. Bush's best wishes.

The President closed with reference to a meeting he had just had with some Lebanese people and asked the King to let him know if there is anything we can do to help bring peace in the Lebanon situation.

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