November 15, 1989

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR G. PHILIP HUGHES

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS

FROM: C. DAVID WELCH

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Telephone Conversation with King Hussein of Jordan

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to Stapleton Roy forwarding a copy of subject memorandum of telephone conversation (original at Tab A) to State for appropriate dissemination.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the Memorandum of Telephone Conversation at Tab A for record purposes and sign the memo at Tab I transmitting a copy of the Memorandum of Telephone Conversation.

Attachments
Tab I Hughes Memo to Roy
Tab A Memo of Telephone Conversation
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with King Hussein of Jordan

PARTICIPANTS: The President
King Hussein of Jordan
Notetaker: C. David Welch

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: November 15, 1989, 9:11 - 9:14am EST
The Oval Office

The President initiated the call.

The President: Your Majesty, how are you?

King Hussein: Very fine, sir. Good to hear your voice.

The President: I wanted to call to wish you a very happy birthday.

King Hussein: Thank you very much, Mr. President. I appreciate that.

The President: I would also like to add my congratulations on your bringing off Jordan’s parliamentary elections last week. That was a good thing.

King Hussein: Thank you. We are very proud of the elections. This is a new phase in Jordan. It will also be a good example to others.

The President: You have made some tough economic and political decisions. These are very statesmanlike. On another matter, I’ll be seeing Shamir today. We’re not letting up on the peace process. Jim Baker has been working very hard. We’ve tried to keep your Ambassador informed; I hope we’ve done that. I hope that we can get an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue started, but it will require some give on both sides. We will keep pressing, because we can serve as a catalyst.

King Hussein: I’m really very glad to hear that. We count on your efforts and pray for your success.

The President: We are staying firm on the Baker five points. The Israelis may be coming to realize that but we will know more in a few hours.

King Hussein: Our hopes are high. Noor sends her love and very best to you and Barbara.
The President: Thank you. We send our regards to you. Are you in Aqaba? How's the weather there?

King Hussein: Great -- hopefully, we will get you here again soon.

The President: I would like that. Again, best wishes and hope to talk to you again soon.

-- End of Conversation --