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The PM sent a message to King Hussein on the birth of a son. Message on Both of a daughter.

JORDAN

April 1980

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL NO. T31B/86

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TO PRIORITY AMMAN  
TELNO 33  
OF 121300Z FEBRUARY 86

YOUR TELNO 072: BIRTH OF PRINCESS RAYA

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER AND ME TO KING HUSSEIN:
  - A. 'DENIS AND I WERE DELIGHTED TO HEAR OF THE BIRTH OF PRINCESS RAYA. WE SEND YOU AND HM QUEEN NOOR OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS. MARGARET THATCHER'.
  - B. 'I SEND YOU AND QUEEN NOOR MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BIRTH OF PRINCESS RAYA'. GEOFFREY HOWE.
2. SEPARATE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEING SUBMITTED TO THE QUEEN AND THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF KENT ARE ALSO BEING INFORMED.

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*From the Private Secretary*

11 February 1986

Birth of a Daughter  
to King Hussein

Thank you for your letter of 11 February. The Prime Minister agrees to send a message to King Hussein to congratulate him on the birth of Princess Raya. I enclose a text.

(CHARLES POWELL)

R.N. Culshaw, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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	10	YOUR TELNO 072: BIRTH OF PRINCESS RAYA		
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	12	1. Please pass the following messages from the Prime Minister		
	13	and me to King Hussein:		
	14	A. "Denis and I were delighted to hear of the birth of		
	15	Princess Raya. We send you and HM Queen Noor our warmest		
	16	congratulations. Margaret Thatcher".		
	17	B. "I send you and Queen Noor my warmest congratulations		
	18	on the birth of Princess Raya". Geoffrey Howe.		
	19	2. Separate recommendations are being submitted to The Queen		
	20	and the Prince and Princess of Wales. The Duke and Duchess		
	21	of Kent are also being informed.		
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Prime Minister  
 Agree to send  
 a message of  
 congratulation to King  
 Hussein on his latest progeny (number eight)?

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

11 February 1986

Dear Charles,

Yes Mr

CDP  
 11/2

Birth of a Daughter to King Hussein of Jordan

Queen Noor Al-Hussein gave birth to her fourth child, Princess Raya, on 9 February. HM Ambassador in Amman has recommended that a message of congratulation from the Prime Minister might be appropriate. The Prime Minister sent messages of congratulation on the birth of Queen Noor's children in 1980, 1981 and 1983. Sir Geoffrey Howe agrees that a message would be well received, particularly in view of the King's close relations with the Prime Minister. I enclose a draft which incorporates a separate message from Sir Geoffrey.

Queen Noor is King Hussein's fourth wife, whom he married in June 1978. The birth does not affect the succession to the throne. Crown Prince Hassan was formally appointed Heir Apparent in 1965. In 1978 King Hussein announced that Prince Ali, his infant son by his third (Palestinian) wife, the late Queen Alia, would become next in line to Prince Hassan, cutting out any sons by Queen Noor and his two sons by his second wife, Princess Muna. The purpose of these arrangements was to preserve the Arab character of the Hashemite throne; Princess Muna is English and Queen Noor is American, though her father's family came originally from Lebanon.

The Palace have been informed.



Yours ever,

*R N Culshaw*

(R N Culshaw)

C D Powell Esq  
 No.10 Downing Street

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	16	congratulations". Margaret Thatcher.		
	17	B. "I send you and Queen Noor my warmest congratulations on the		
	18	birth of Princess Raya". Geoffrey Howe.		
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JORDAN

PM'S MESSAGE

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27 April 1983

Birth of a Daughter to King Hussein

The Prime Minister has approved the message enclosed with your letter of 26 April. I should be grateful if it could be despatched.

A J COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Prime Minister



Agree message to  
King Hussein?

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

26 April 1983

*Yes*

Dear John,

Birth of a Daughter to King Hussein of Jordan

Queen Noor Al-Hussein gave birth to her third child, Princess Iman, on 24 April. HM Ambassador in Amman has recommended that a message of congratulations from the Prime Minister might be appropriate. (The Prime Minister sent messages of congratulations on the birth of Queen Noor's sons in 1980 and 1981.) The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary agrees that a message would be well received, particularly in view of the King's close relations with the Prime Minister. I enclose a draft.

Queen Noor is King Hussein's fourth wife, whom he married in June 1978. The birth does not affect the succession to the throne. Crown Prince Hassan was formally appointed Heir Apparent in 1965. In 1978 King Hussein announced that Prince Ali, his infant son by his third (Palestinian) wife, the late Queen Alia, would become next in line to Prince Hassan, cutting out any sons by Queen Noor and his two sons by his second wife, Princess Muna. The purpose of these arrangements was to preserve the Arab character of the Hashemite throne; Princess Muna is English and Queen Noor is American, though her father's family came originally from Lebanon.

The Palace have been informed and they will respond separately. Mr Pym is also sending a message.

*Yours ever  
for Holmes*

(J E Holmes)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street

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TO PRIORITY AMMAN

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BIRTH OF PRINCESS IMAN

1. Please pass the following message to King Hussein from the Prime Minister:

Quote. I was delighted to hear of the birth of your daughter. I send you and HM Queen Noor my warmest congratulations. Unquote. Margaret Thatcher.

PYM

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T 90B/81



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THE ROYAL PALACE Jordan  
Amman, Jordan (4)  
June 16, 1981

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Dear Prime Minister,

Prime Minister

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Both Noor and I were deeply touched by your kind message of congratulations on the birth of our son Hashim.

We send you our sincerest wishes and warmest personal regards.

Your sincere friend,

The Rt. Honourable  
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher,  
The Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
London, S.W.1,  
United Kingdom.

SUBJECT.

Jordan

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T 88/81.

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 187 OF 13 JUNE

YOUR TELNO 213 OF 10 JUNE

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

QUOTE I WAS DELIGHTED TO HEAR THE NEWS OF THE BIRTH OF YOUR SON.  
I SEND YOU AND HM QUEEN NOOR MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS.  
MARGARET THATCHER. UNQUOTE.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

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Prime Minister

Approved?

Yes

12 June 1981

Paul

Paul

Dear Michael,

Birth of a son to King Hussein of Jordan

Queen Noor Al-Hussein gave birth to a second son, Prince Hashem, on 11 June. HM Ambassador in Amman has recommended that a message of congratulations from the Prime Minister might be appropriate. (The Prime Minister sent a message of congratulations on the birth of Queen Noor's first son, Prince Hashem, last year.) The Secretary of State agrees that such a message would be well received, particularly in view of the King's close relations with the Prime Minister, whom he met during a visit to Britain in April of this year. I enclose a draft.

Queen Noor is King Hussein's fourth wife, whom he married in June 1978. The birth does not affect the succession to the throne. Crown Prince Hassan was formally appointed Heir Apparent in 1965. In 1978 King Hussein announced that Prince Ali, his infant son by his third (Palestinian) wife, the late Queen Alia, would become next in line to Prince Hassan, cutting out any sons by Queen Noor and his two sons by his second wife, Princess Muna (as well as, presumably, the Crown Prince's heir). The purpose of these arrangements was to preserve the Arab character of the Hashemite throne; Princess Muna is English and Queen Noor is American, though her father's family came originally from Lebanon.

The Palace has been informed and they will respond separately. The Secretary of State is himself sending a message.

Yours ever,

(F N Richards)  
Private Secretary

M O'D B Alexander Esq  
10 Downing St



Birth of Prince Hashem

Please pass the following message  
to King Hussein from the Prime Minister:

'I was delighted to hear the  
news of the birth of your son.  
I send you and HM Queen Noor  
my warmest congratulations.

Margaret Thatcher'

Jordan  
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Prime Minister  
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**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE**  
SERIAL No. T 76A/80

THE ROYAL PALACE  
Amman, Jordan  
April 7, 1980

THE RT. HONOURABLE MRS. MARGARET THATCHER, M.P.  
THE PRIME MINISTER  
10 DOWNING STREET  
LONDON, S.W.1  
ENGLAND

QUEEN NOOR JOINS ME IN EXTENDING TO  
YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR  
YOUR WARM MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS AND  
GOOD WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF THE BIRTH OF  
OUR SON, HAMZAH.

HUSSEIN I

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**SUBJECT**

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Jordan

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**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T73a/80**

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TO PRIORITY AMMAN

TELEGRAM NUMBER 94 OF 2. APRIL

YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 124 : BIRTH OF PRINCE HAMZA

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO KING HUSSEIN FROM THE  
PRIME MINISTER: QUOTE: I WAS DELIGHTED TO HEAR THE NEWS OF THE  
BIRTH OF YOUR SON. I SEND YOU AND HM QUEEN NOOR MY WARMEST  
CONGRATULATIONS. MARGARET THATCHER. UNQUOTE.

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

2 April 1980

*BT for Telegram*

Birth of a Son to King Hussein of Jordan

The Prime Minister has seen and approved the draft telegram of congratulations to King Hussein enclosed with your letter to me of 1 April. I should be grateful if you could arrange for the telegram's immediate despatch.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

Paul Lever, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Prime Minister

Agree with?

1 April 1980

Handwritten initials and date: *Handwritten initials* - 1/4

Dear Michael,

BIRTH OF A SON TO KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN

Queen Noor Al Hussein gave birth to a son, Prince Hamza, on 29 March. HM Ambassador in Amman has recommended that a message of congratulations from the Prime Minister might be appropriate. The Secretary of State agrees that such a message would be well received, particularly in view of the King's close relations with the Prime Minister. I enclose a draft.

Queen Noor is King Hussein's fourth wife, whom he married in June 1978. The birth does not affect the succession to the throne. Crown Prince Hassan was formally appointed Heir Apparent in 1965. In 1978 King Hussein announced that Prince Ali, his infant son by his third (Palestinian) wife, the late Queen Alia, would become next in line to Prince Hassan, cutting out any sons by Queen Noor and his two sons by his second wife, Princess Muna (as well as, presumably, the Crown Prince's heir). The purpose of these arrangements was to preserve the Arab character of the Hashemite throne; Princess Muna is English and Queen Noor is American, though her father's family came originally from Lebanon.

A message from HM The Queen has been recommended separately, and the Secretary of State is himself sending a message.

Yours WZ

Paul

(P Lever)

M O'D B Alexander Esq  
10 Downing Street

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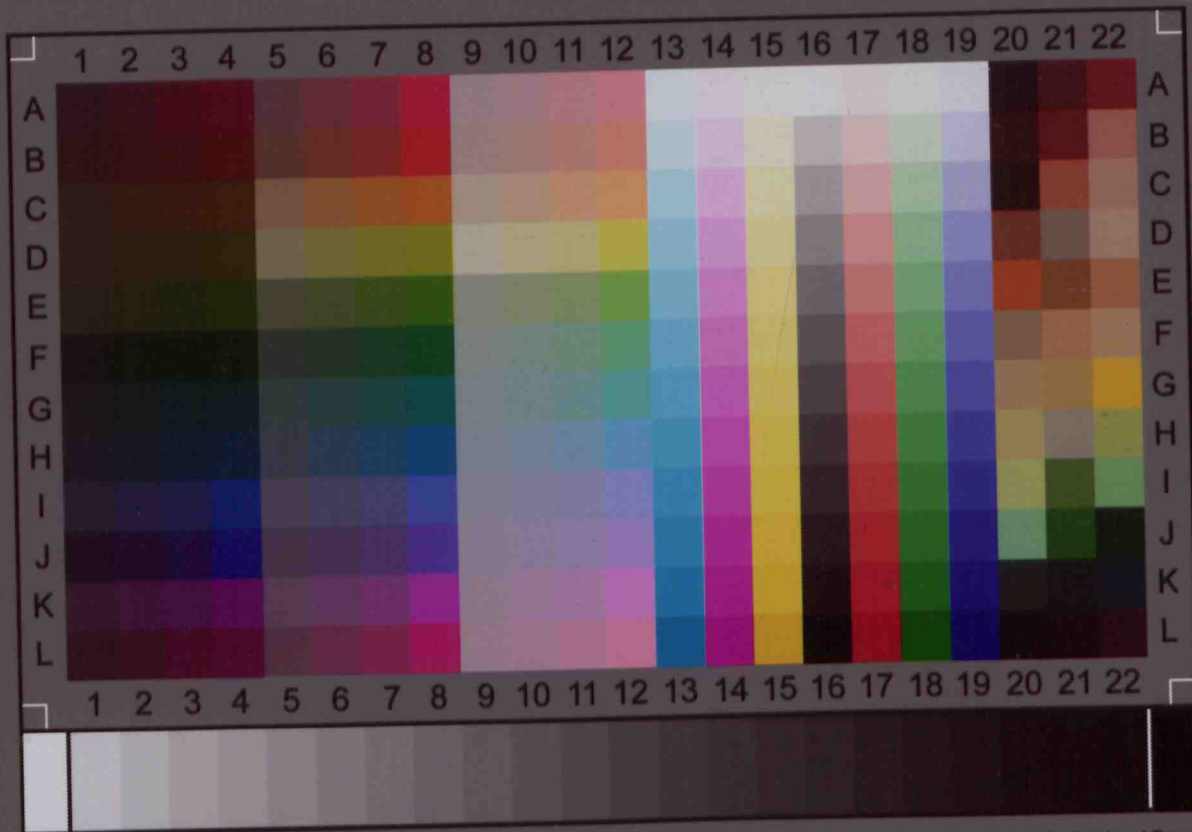
YOUR TELNO 124: BIRTH OF PRINCE HAMZA

1. Please pass the following message to King Hussein from the Prime Minister:

Quote: I was delighted to hear the news of the birth of your son. I send you and HM Queen Noor my warmest congratulations.

Margaret Thatcher Unquote

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