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Lieutenant General Sharif Zeid bin Shaker
Commander-in-Chief
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General Headquarters
Amman, Jordan

Dear Zeid:

(S) Thank you for your participation in the Joint Military Commission meetings. It was a distinct pleasure having you with us. I believe we addressed many of your concerns forthrightly and that many were resolved to your satisfaction. Obviously, we cannot overcome the complete range of problems that exist between us, but I think you were able to see that we are trying hard to maintain the strength of our military ties. We believe these are in the best interest of each nation and we want them to remain as firm and strong as possible. We will continue to work toward that goal.

(U) We sent a lengthy summary of the working group results last week and I hope you have had time to review it. This letter will review our discussions in the executive sessions. But, first let me say that I appreciate the honor of your invitation to your daughter's wedding. My plans for that part of July are indefinite at this time but I will let you know for certain as soon as events and my schedule permit.

(S) The JMC produced a number of results in which we can all take pride.

-- We were pleased to brief you on the IRCM systems available for His Majesty's aircraft. We are prepared to take immediate action to facilitate procurement as soon as Jordanian officials select which of the three systems they prefer.

-- We believe that we have a Memorandum of Understanding regarding repositioning that takes account of most, if not all, of your principal concerns. LTC Ben Fitzgerald will bring the MOUs with him to Amman next week and we are optimistic that progress can be made toward resolving outstanding issues during his visit.

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-- Noel Koch appreciated very much the opportunity to discuss with you the subject of counter-terrorism training. We are confident there is much that we can do to be of assistance to you, particularly in the area of training and in an exchange of 1-2 personnel. As we agreed during the JMC, working together is important and Noel Koch will be prepared to discuss further cooperation with you during his visit to Amman in early September.

-- Progress of Thumb Arrow is a source of pride to us and we hope for you. Major General Click Smith will discuss with you next week the status of the implementing annexes for the plan. We foresee little problem at this time in having Thumb Arrow proceed as planned.

-- At His Majesty's request JLP is on hold, but we are prepared to resume efforts toward Congressional approval of the program and funding, after the new Congress convenes next year. As I mentioned to you, we regard this as a valuable program for both our countries and the region, and we are optimistic that realization will be effected when the political climate in the US is more settled.

-- Also after the US election, we plan to resubmit Stinger notification. We remain committed to some training on operational features of Stinger now which will speed integration of the missiles once Congressional approval is obtained.

-- As I told you during the JMC, we regret the problems associated with the armor rebuild facility, but the resolution discussed seems satisfactory to both of us. Ben Fitzgerald will bring the Memorandum of Understanding with him to Amman next week.

-- We are prepared to work with you on helicopter acquisition. As regards the Cobra, we will move when you want us to and will initiate the sale under normal FMS procedures. In addition, we are willing to look at the Blackhawk helicopter for you. Let us know what you want to do.

-- Finally, as we discussed, we are prepared to proceed with the sale of the F-20 aircraft to Jordan through normal FMS procedures, providing Jordan can arrange the necessary funding and Northrop Corporation obtains sufficient sales to open its production line.

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(U) Again, thank you for participating in the JMC and for your substantial contribution to its success. I look forward to seeing you soon and to working closely with you to continue progress on the programs so important to the US-Jordan relationship and our mutual regional concerns.

Warm regards,

Rich

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Zeid,

*Great to be with you
in Washington. Next time
we meet, I trust we'll
be even more successful
Rich*

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