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(S) We have just concluded with Jordan's Chief of Staff, General bin Shaker, the JMC as a prelude to your meeting with Hussein. Bin Shaker is Hussein's closest and most trusted security adviser (and second cousin). Your offer of special funding for Jordan, plus DoD standard equipment, and continuing military to military exchanges and exercises create a basis for trust and confidence which Hussein never had for Carter.

(S) Just as important, the JMC reflected the extraordinary development of our military to military relationships. In the last year we have created and exercised a capability for Jordan forces to be used with us as an intervention force in crises in the Gulf and elsewhere. The Jordanian forces are highly professional, and a potential buttress of moderate regime elsewhere in the area.

[REDACTED] You should have a fruitful discussion with Hussein about events and trends in the Yemens, Sudan, Iraq and Syria.

(S) Finally, Jordan continues to perform in other vital ways in consonance with our security interests. It stands up to radical threats from Syrians -- including invasion threats by those much better armed northern neighbors.

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