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**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
WASHINGTON

August 16, 1974

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saying that you had asked  
Dave Parker to see it.


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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 15, 1974



MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL HAIG  
FROM: DAVE GERGEN   
SUBJECT: Toast for Hussein Dinner

Here is the toast and fact sheet. The toast has been approved by the President, General Scowcroft and Bob Hartmann.

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August 15, 1974

SUGGESTED TOAST FOR KING HUSSEIN (AUGUST 16, 1974)

Your Majesties, Mr. Prime Minister and Mrs. Al-Rifai,  
Honorable Guests:

All of us are pleased to welcome an old friend back to the United States. And I am personally honored that your Majesty is the first Chief of State to visit Washington in my Administration.

Your Majesty's leadership of Jordan has spanned five American Presidential administrations -- Democratic and Republican -- and there have been great changes in the world during this time. But there has never been any change in the great respect and high regard which Americans hold for the King of Jordan and his people.

The most hopeful change in this era has been the move toward peace in the Middle East. No man has worked harder, taken greater personal risks, or shown more courage and determination to win this peace than Your Majesty.

The goal of peace still lies before us. But significant first steps have been taken. We have had two important agreements for disengagement of military forces, and we

are now engaged in consultations which we hope will lead to further progress.

I pledge to you, Your Majesty, my determination to continue the diplomatic efforts of the past ten months and to find a just and lasting solution to these very difficult problems.

The issues at stake in the Middle East are complex. They are of long standing. They have brought years of bloodshed. But I also see there today a leadership which offers hope that the wounds of war can be healed, and the suffering redeemed, and the future secured.

As we go forward in this effort, I will certainly continue to depend upon the counsel of such wise and trusted friends as Your Majesty. We will continue to work together. Our mutual goal is to find a lasting peace, with justice for all, in the Middle East and in the world. This is a goal which you have pursued with enormous courage for 21 years. It is a goal which I am confident we shall reach together.

I ask you all to join me in tribute to His Majesty, the King of Jordan.

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FACT SHEET: KING HUSSEIN

1. This is the eleventh time Hussein has visited the United States. His first visit was in 1959 when he was received by Ike, and his most recent visit was in March, 1974, when he was entertained by then Vice President Ford. He is the first Chief of State greeted by GF as Vice President, and, of course, the first to be received by GF as President.

Hussein has just completed a State visit to Canada; he stopped in Seattle to pick up a 727 from Boeing for the Royal Jordanian Airways and is now on the way home.

2. An energetic sportsman, Hussein has broken the sound barrier flying a supersonic jet over the Mojave Desert. On his 1972 visit to U.S., he piloted a Royal Jordanian Airways Boeing 707 into Andrews AFB.

Hussein has also had several miraculous escapes from death, the first coming when his grandfather, King Abdullah, was assassinated and a bullet, fired almost point-blank, ricocheted off a medal on Hussein's chest. Since ascending the throne, he has been an assassination target on more than half a dozen occasions.

3. In December of 1972 Hussein divorced his second wife, Princess Muna (daughter of a British Army colonel who worked with the Jordanian Army) and married a 24-year-old Jordanian Palestinian, Alia. Queen Alia is a former student at Hunter College in New York and has degrees in economics, political science, and social psychology. Before her marriage she did PR for Royal Jordanian Airways. Her father has been Jordanian

Ambassador to Egypt and the UN. Alia gave birth to a daughter in May; if she should bear a son, the child could become the Crown Prince. This is her second visit to the White House.

4. Of interest is the fact that Hussein, despite his royal background, grew up in virtual poverty. At one time, his mother was forced to sell his bicycle -- a gift from his cousin, Feisal, of Iraq -- to keep the household going. At another time, his mother sold her last piece of jewelry, to buy him a teddy bear. He has written that "It does one no harm to be poor."

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 10, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH

FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *pot*

SUBJECT: State Dinner  
Friday, August 16, 1974

Because of the significance of the President's first State Dinner, I believe it important that the President invite the congressional protocol list rather than his best friends. Once the formal group is covered, I will recommend Members who may be closer to the First Family for future events.

GUESTS

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|-----|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.  | Rep. Carl Albert         | Speaker               |
| 2.  | Rep. Thomas O'Neill      | Leader                |
| 3.  | Rep. John Rhodes         | Leader                |
| 4.  | Rep. Thomas Morgan       | Foreign Affairs       |
| 5.  | Rep. Peter Frelinghuysen | Foreign Affairs       |
| 6.  | Sen. James Eastland      | President Pro Tempore |
| 7.  | Sen. Mike Mansfield      | Leader                |
| 8.  | Sen. Hugh Scott          | Leader                |
| 9.  | Sen. William Fulbright   | Foreign Relations     |
| 10. | Sen. George Aiken        | Foreign Relations     |
| 11. | Mr. William E. Timmons   |                       |



ALTERNATES

Should sufficient seats be available, these four  
Members are recommended:

Rep. George Mahon	Appropriations
Rep. Elford Cederberg	Appropriations
Sen. John McClellan	Appropriations
Sen. Milton Young	Appropriations