John to Hussein
July 31, 1968

Your Excellency,

I have requested Mr. George Bush, the new representative of the United Nations, to consult with you and with the leaders of the countries of the Middle East, and with the Israeli officials on the developments in the area. The visit he will make will enable him to have a comprehensive overview of the problems of the Middle East.

Mr. Bush will bring a message of support for our constant and firm support for Jordan, and of our wishes for your Excellency.

It has been more than a year since the end of the war, and throughout this period there has not been any achievement that could lead to the settlement envisaged in the Security Council Resolution of November 22, 1967.

I understand fully the difficulties that you, alas, are going through, and I appreciate the courage and moderation that you have shown in facing these difficulties.

I am sure that the United States government has provided full support to Mr. Barghouty, and it will continue to do so in this field. The visit of Mr. Bush to Jordan and other countries in the area is a demonstration of our concern and our strong support for the efforts that are being made to find a road to peace.

I expect to hear your views on all these matters from Mr. Bush, and I hope that his discussions with you will lead to every possible assistance to achieve a fair and permanent settlement that we all desire with all our strength and enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson
211. Telegram From the Department of State to the Embassy in Jordan

Washington, July 13, 1968, 1847Z.

202036. 1. Please prepare following letter from President for delivery to King and hold for Amb. Ball, who will deliver it personally in his call on King.

Begin Text.

Your Majesty:

I have asked Ambassador George Ball, who has just assumed his new responsibilities at the UN, to discuss with you and certain other Arab statesmen, and with Israeli officials, current developments in the area. The trip to the area will give him the opportunity to become fully familiar with the Middle East problem. Ambassador Ball brings with him assurances of our continued firm support for Jordan and my sincere personal wishes for Your Majesty.

It has been more than a year since the end of hostilities. In this time there has not been any progress toward the agreement called for in the Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967. I fully appreciate the difficulties you face in the continuing absence of a settlement, and the courage and moderation you have shown in meeting them.

I assure you that the United States Government has given its full support to the efforts of Ambassador Jarring and that it will continue to do
so. Ambassador Ball's visit to Jordan, and to other states in the area, is evidence of our concern and of our close interest in the efforts which are being made to find a way toward peace.

I shall look forward to hearing from Ambassador Ball your thoughts on these matters. I hope that his discussions with you will help lead to the just and durable settlement which we all so fervently desire.

Sincerely, Lyndon B. Johnson. End Text.

Rusk