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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN

SATURDAY, 3 APRIL, 1982

Prime Minister:

Good evening, your Majesty. I am so sorry to have to contact you at this time of night. The problem is rather urgent. There is a Motion before the Security Council about the Argentine invasion of the Falklands. The vote upon that Motion is due to be taken shortly and, as we understand at the moment, Jordan intends to abstain unless your Majesty could agree to vote with us on that Motion. It is vital that we get nine votes; otherwise, the Motion falls. The Motion, as you know, demands an immediate cessation of hostility, demands the immediate withdrawal of all Argentine forces from the Falklands and calls on the Argentine and British Governments to seek a diplomatic solution to their differences. At the moment, in addition to ourselves, the United States, France, Ireland, Japan and Uganda are voting for, and Togo is also voting for. And we had hoped that Jordan would help us by voting for the Motion. We believe that Zaire may also vote for it. And I thought the only way to see if we could secure Jordan's co-operation would be to contact you, Sir, directly.

King Hussein:

Prime Minister, I appreciate that very, very much. We are very concerned about all these developments and are very supportive of ...(unclear). So I will be in touch right away and hope I will be in time to make sure that they will vote for ... (unclear).

Prime Minister:

I am most grateful to you. Very very grateful indeed. Your very kind and a wonderful ally. Thank you so much, thank you. Goodnight.

King Hussein:

Thank you. Thank you for calling me.