

THE ROYAL PALACE
AMMAN JORDAN

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Dear Senator Dole.

I have much pleasure in writing to you and in enclosing, for your kind attention, a copy of the White Paper which contains a factual description of the policies followed by the Jordanian leadership and Government during the different phases in which the recent Gulf Crisis passed before it culminated in a violent and tragic end.

Santayana once remarked that "it is relatively easy to predict the future but well neigh impossible to ascertain the past". I am not unaware of the relevance of this statement to recent events, nor am I oblivious to our inherent subjectivity, as humans, when it comes to apportionate blame. These inherent limitations notwithstanding, I believe the White Paper has striven successfully to be reasonably objective in describing accurately Jordan's much misunderstood and much maligned position during the Gulf Crisis.

May I express the hope that by clarifying any misperceptions regarding Jordan's motives or actions, the White Paper may pave the way for closer relations between Jordan and other members of the international community. It is with this hope in mind that I commend this paper for your kind perusal.

Yours truly,
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