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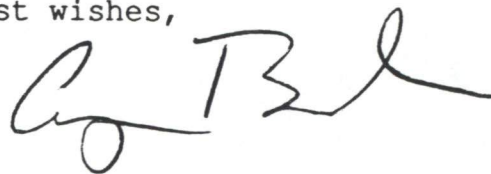
April 16, 1991

Dear Mr. President,

On the holy occasion of Id al-Fitr, I am pleased that Secretary Baker can convey my warmest wishes to you and all the people of Syria. Secretary Baker has returned to the region at a crucial moment. I am convinced that we have a real and historic opportunity to make a breakthrough toward enduring peace in the Middle East.

Syria's role right now is going to be critical. On the basis of our exchanges so far, I am confident that we can work together for regional peace. I hope that you will be able to work closely with Jim Baker in making a breakthrough now possible. We have accomplished great things together in recent months, and together we can do much more. I look forward to hearing Secretary Baker's report of his discussions with you and to the continued improvement of U.S. - Syrian relations and our dialogue.

With best wishes,



His Excellency  
Hafiz al-Asad  
President of the Syrian Arab Republic  
Damascus

*Thank you for the courtesies shown to my friend Jim Baker. He fills me in on every detail*

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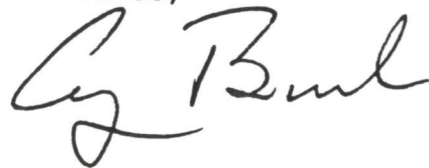
April 16, 1991

Your Majesty,

On the holy occasion of Id al-Fitr, I am pleased that Secretary Baker can convey my warmest wishes to you and all the people of Saudi Arabia. Secretary Baker has returned to the region at a crucial moment. I am convinced that we have a real and historic opportunity to make a breakthrough toward enduring peace in the Middle East.

Your help right now is going to be critical. I hope that I can count on it, and I hope also that you will be able to work closely with Secretary Baker in making a breakthrough now possible. We have accomplished great things together in recent months, and together we can do much more. I look forward to hearing Secretary Baker's report of his discussions with you and to our continued cooperation.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

His Majesty Fahd bin Abdulaziz al-Saud  
Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques  
King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
Riyadh

*My personal respects  
a friendship comes with  
this letter*

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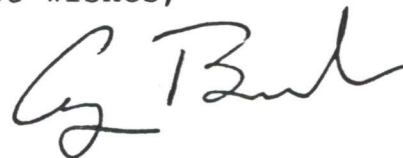
April 16, 1991

Your Majesty,

On the holy occasion of Id al-Fitr, I am pleased that Secretary Baker can convey my warm wishes to you and all the people of Jordan. Secretary Baker has returned to the region at a crucial moment. I am convinced that we have a real and historic opportunity to make a breakthrough toward enduring peace in the Middle East.

Your help right now could be critical. I hope that I can count on renewed cooperation in the peace process, and I hope also that you will be able to work closely with Secretary Baker in making a breakthrough now possible. I look forward to hearing Secretary Baker's report of his discussions with you and to our continued dialogue.

With best wishes,



His Majesty  
Hussein I  
King of the Hashemite Kingdom  
of Jordan  
Amman

*I am very pleased  
that Tim will be  
visiting. We have a long  
way to go, but working  
together we can get  
there.*

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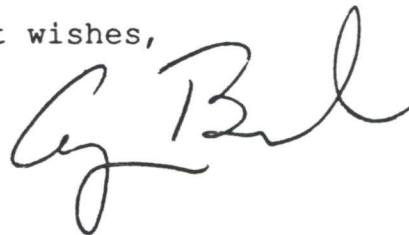
April 16, 1991

Dear Hosni,

On the holy occasion of Id al-Fitr, I am pleased that Secretary Baker can convey my warmest wishes to you and all the people of Egypt. Jim has returned to the region at a crucial moment. I am convinced that we have a real and historic opportunity to make a breakthrough toward enduring peace in the Middle East.

Egypt's help right now is going to be critical. I am confident that I can count on it, and I hope also that you'll be able to work closely with Jim Baker in making a breakthrough now possible. We have accomplished great things together in recent months, and together we can do much more. I look forward to hearing Jim's report of his discussions with you and to our continued close cooperation and friendship.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "G" and a distinct "B".

His Excellency  
Mohammad Hosni Mubarak  
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt  
Cairo

*My warmest personal regards.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 16, 1991

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am pleased that Secretary Baker can convey my warmest wishes to you and all the people of Israel. Jim has returned to the region at a crucial moment. I am convinced that we have a real and historic opportunity to make a breakthrough toward enduring peace in the Middle East.

Your help right now is going to be critical to turn opportunity into reality. I know that I can count on it, and I hope also that you will be able to work closely with Secretary Baker in making a breakthrough now possible. While compromises from everyone will be necessary, the fundamental basis for progress toward the dream of a lasting, comprehensive peace is the U.S. commitment to Israel's security. I look forward to hearing Secretary Baker's report of his discussions with you and to continued U.S.-Israeli cooperation and friendship.

With best wishes, *and*

*high regard,*

*AJ Bush*

His Excellency  
Yitzhak Shamir  
Prime Minister of Israel

*P.S. Thanks for your generous  
allocation of time to my  
friend Jim Baker.*

Phil: NSC has originals for Baker trip.

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