

The Garner Ted Armstrong Evangelistic Association

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Mr. Tuma J. Hazou
Information Advisor
The Royal Palace
Amman, JORDAN

Dear Mr. Hazou:

I am writing in regard to a proposed television interview with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. Our mutual friend, Mr. Adli Muhtadi, recently paid a visit to our offices and we discussed the possibility of our visiting Amman in order to conduct the interviews. As Mr. Muhtadi may have mentioned, the Garner Ted Armstrong telecast is currently airing in seven cities, Los Angeles, Dallas, Nashville, Oklahoma City, Salinas, California (which reaches into the San Francisco Bay area), Bellingham, Washington (reaching viewers across the Canadian border) and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Any interview material would get additional mileage through the extensive coverage of our radio broadcast, in addition to coverage in Twentieth Century WATCH magazine and the monthly International News.

The complex tensions existing in the Middle East are of great interest to us, and have been for many years even prior to the mid-seventies when the world's attention was focused there as a result of the '73 war and the oil embargo which followed.

I am aware of the fact that most people in the United States have learned what little they know of recent Middle Eastern history and politics from our pro-Israeli media. As you may know, we have recently published two articles supplied by your office in the International News in order to allow our readers access to the Arab overview.

Obviously, the importance of European attitudes toward the problems facing the Middle East are often minimized by our American media. Yet, it is our belief that Europe will one day play a much larger role, and the fact that there are direct conflicts between the United States and Europe in points of view as to how foreign policy should be conducted in this volatile region, will likely mean ongoing tension between superpowers.

All theories aside, my proposal is that arrangements be made for a stop in Europe en route to Amman, possibly to Germany to interview a government leader there, or to Brussels to talk to someone involved in the EEC. I will of course welcome your suggestions in this regard.

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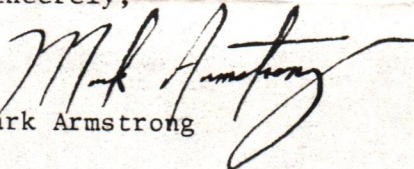
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As a personal introduction, my name is Mark Armstrong and my responsibilities include the production, directing and editing of the telecasts, and the announcing for the radio program. I have editorial and production responsibilities for Twentieth Century WATCH magazine, and am the Managing Editor of the International News. It is likely that I would want to precede my father by a few days in order to conduct the preliminary interview in Europe and possibly another interview with a P.L.O. spokesman prior to his arrival to interview His Highness and hopefully continue on to Saudi Arabia and fulfill any commitments Mr. Muhtadi may be able to arrange. Since he is residing in Saudi Arabia and has governmental contacts, we are hoping that another interview can be arranged there.

I want to make it clear that in no way do we intend to upstage H.R.H. Crown Prince Hassan by interviewing other prominent figures, but rather add increased power to the statements he will make by backing them up with observations from other qualified spokesmen. Ideally, we would return to the United States with several hours of interview footage in addition to some "on location" footage which would give me the basis for editing together a series of television programs which will be very enlightening, and possibly even newsmaking. In addition, I would attract as much media attention as possible through our contacts in Los Angeles and Dallas.

I'll look forward to your response and hope we'll meet in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,


Mark Armstrong

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Enclosure: Map showing Garner Ted
Armstrong radio and
television coverage

cc: Mr. Adli Muhtadi