

path of modernization and reform which you so clearly desire. In pursuing this course you may be assured of full United States support for the maintenance of Saudi Arabia's integrity.

"I am fully aware that in order to accomplish your goals you must have the requisite tranquillity—an atmosphere reasonably devoid of recriminations and instigations from within or without. I share your concern at the tensions which prevail in the area and which hamper your design to strengthen the fabric of government and society in Saudi Arabia. As I indicated to you in Washington, the United States desires to be helpful in finding means of reducing these tensions.

"I foresee for our two countries not merely the continuance of the cordial relationship which began so auspiciously during the reign of your illustrious father, His Majesty Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud; rather I foresee the opening of a chapter in Saudi-United States relations in which the common bond of enlightened self-interest is firmly riveted by a common dedication to the inalienable rights of man for self-fulfillment, progress and freedom.

"I wish you success and send you my warmest personal regards. May God keep you and the Saudi people and grant you peace.

"Sincerely, John F. Kennedy"

FYI. We plan withhold recognition YAR until able publicize correspondence and in any case until have completed talks in Cairo and have determined what other supporting measures we can provide SAG. End FYI.

For Cairo: Embassy Cairo will note that in deference Embassy Jidda's strong recommendation and view precariousness situation in Saudi Arabia, we have chosen not delete sentence per your telegram 683 to Dept.²

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² In telegram 683 from Cairo, October 26, Badeau expressed concern over plans to publish Kennedy's letter to Faysal and predicted that the UAR Government would almost certainly interpret the first sentence of the second paragraph as a direct accusation, which might stimulate Nasser to react publicly in a manner detrimental to U.S. interests. Badeau urged the sentence be removed. (Ibid., 786A.11/10-2662) in telegram 316 from Jidda, October 28. Hart disagreed with Badeau's proposal and recommended that the text be delivered without change. (Ibid., 786A.11/10-2862)

89. Editorial Note

On November 3, 1962, the Saudi Government issued a communiqué over Radio Mecca, expressing concern about UAR intervention in the