

"2. UAR Clandestine Radio

"Ambassador Badeau indicated we knew the location of the UAR clandestine radio and suggested termination of broadcasts which are doing great harm to US-UAR relations. Nasser tacitly acknowledged responsibility but gave no commitment regarding termination." (Department of State, Central Files, POL 27 YEMEN)

On March 5, Komer sent Bundy a note suggesting that when Bundy showed Kennedy telegram 1379 from Cairo he also give the President the following memorandum from Komer to Kennedy. Komer added, "I'm a bit worried by Badeau's pitch." Komer's proposed memorandum to the President reads as follows:

"Nasser's reply (Cairo 1379) to your warning is just about as responsive as could be expected. After justifying his bombings as intended merely to cut off Saudi gun-running rather than to overthrow Faysal, he in effect says he'll hold off further attacks for a few weeks to give our mediation efforts a chance.

"This may in fact only postpone our confrontation with Nasser, but it's hard to see how he could have said more. His answer also shows that our new policy has given us leverage with him.

"It's a pity that Badeau rested his argument so heavily on our need for time for Bunker and Bunche efforts. If these stall, Nasser can argue that he's entitled to resume. But we'll now push hardest to turn Faysal off." (Kennedy Library, National Security Files, Countries Series, United Arab Republic, Nasser Correspondence)

On March 8, Badeau sent to Nasser's office a copy of the memorandum of the March 5 conversation with a letter from Badeau to Nasser informing him, on instructions from the U.S. Government, of the following:

"Although Dr. Ralph Bunche has returned to the United States, the United States Government does not consider that his mission has been terminated. It has reason to believe that he will either be received in Saudi Arabia or will hold discussions with Saudi Arabian representatives in New York. Ambassador Bunker will also continue his efforts in Saudi Arabia.

"In view of the above, the United States Government considers that the United Arab Republic's commitment to cease attacks on the soil of Saudi Arabia continues in operation. It considers that this commitment applies to every type of indirect and direct action (including naval) and not simply to aerial bombardment." (Department of State, Central Files, POL 27 SAUD-UAR)