

187. Memorandum From the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs (Talbot) to Secretary of State Rusk

Washington, undated.

SUBJECT

Resolution of Yemen Conflict

*I. What Has Been Accomplished*

A. In accordance with instructions from the President, Ambassador Bunker met with Crown Prince Faysal in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, on March 6, 7, and 8, and presented eight specific points for a disengagement program.<sup>1</sup> These were:

1. An agreement by the SAG to suspend its support to the Royalists.
2. An agreement by the UAR to begin withdrawal of its troops simultaneously with suspension of aid to the Royalists by the SAG.
3. Agreement to stationing of neutral observers in Najran-Jazan area to certify support activities are suspended, and at Hodeidah and YAR airports to certify to outward movement of UAR forces and equipment.
4. Cooperation of SAG, with SYG's representative to reach agreement on modalities through him with YAR and UAR.
5. Prevention by SAG of efforts of Imam's adherents to continue support from Saudi territory.
6. Implementation of UAR pledge to remove troops, and restatement publicly of its determination to withdraw.
7. Military support to the SAG to deter attacks.
8. Encouragement of moderation, and concentration on domestic affairs by YAR.

Crown Prince Faysal indicated that he was prepared to accept in principle the suspension of aid, provided that he could be assured that UAR forces would indeed get out of Yemen. In addition, Faysal wished that consideration be given to the following points:

1. There should be a stoppage of all UAR raids and all other actions of aggression on Saudi territory whether by air or sea.

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Source: Department of State, Central Files, POL 27 YEMEN. Secret. Drafted by Grant and Davies. This memorandum was transmitted to Bundy on March 11 under cover of a memorandum from Brubeck that indicated that it covered points to be discussed at a White House meeting at 4:30 p.m. on March 11, which McGhee, Talbot and Bunker would attend.

<sup>1</sup> Transcripts of Bunker's meetings with Faysal on March 6 and 7 were transmitted to Bundy under cover of memoranda from Brubeck, dated March 27 and 19, respectively (Ibid., POL 27 YEMEN and NEA/NE Files: Lot 66 D 116, Gen. Truce, Cease-fire, Armistice (Bunker Mission & UN Effort) Other than tels.) For Bunker's initial reports, see Documents 180 and 181.