

Arabia. Mr. Dulles added, however, that the U.S. had some influence with the British, and he considered that the subject had not yet been closed. The King said all he wanted to do was to determine who the aggressor was and to stop him. Mr. Dulles said the U.S. was not the lord of the world, but only one country. The King said all he wanted was for the U.S. to execute its promises given in the letter sent to him by President Truman and confirmed by President Eisenhower. Mr. Dulles requested that the King permit him to discuss the details with the Ambassador, as he would like to know about this letter. The King said he could discuss it with the Ambassador and meet tomorrow with the people of Saudi Arabia to discuss the subject again. Mr. Dulles commented that President Eisenhower had taken over the duties of President only three months ago and, although working extremely hard, had not acquainted himself with everything.

Mr. Dulles then said that before taking leave of the King, he would like to express his thanks for his kindness and hospitality. He said President Eisenhower had sent with him a simple gift, from one friend to another. After the King had accepted the gift, Mr. Dulles said Mr. Stassen and all of his group joined him in expressing thanks for the generosity and welcome, by which they were overwhelmed. Mr. Stassen remarked that he would like to join the Secretary in expressing thanks. He continued, saying that having heard what was on the King's mind, he believed it would be of help in studying this situation which was of such great concern to the King. The King then said, addressing the American group, that the main point was that *they* were not living up to their promises and that if the British had a single proof that the area under discussion was theirs, he was ready to accept such proof. But that, on the other hand, he had the proof that the area was his father's and forefathers' for over five hundred years. Mr. Dulles then asked permission to depart.

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