

to reach an acceptable solution. He believed, he said, that his friends in Saudi Arabia would not find in Mr. Dulles negative conclusions. He added that both of them were working for a President who was well known for his experience, foresight, wisdom and special friendly feeling for Saudi Arabia. Mr. Stassen concluded by thanking His Highness for giving him a chance to express his comments. Prince Saud said he was placing great hope on this study, on Mr. Dulles' wisdom and experience, and on the belief that Mr. Dulles was not deserting his friends. Mr. Dulles replied that after such a day, which was crowded by all these meetings and work which would resume tomorrow, he believed this meeting and these talks were fruitful. The Crown Prince said it was Saudi Arabia's great hope to come to good results. Mr. Dulles added that at the same time he hoped that the Saudis would continue discussions with the British, and he said he would push the British to come to an acceptable and reasonable solution.

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Participants:

United States

Saudi Arabia

The Secretary

Prince Faisal, Foreign Minister

Mr. Stassen

Sheikh Yussef, Deputy Foreign

Ambassador Hare

Minister

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Summary

Mr. Dulles opened the conversation by stating that although this was a short trip, it had been a very fruitful and useful one. He had been able, after talking with His Majesty and Crown Prince Saud, to formulate some ideas about the problem the Saudis had on their hands. Mr. Dulles added that the U.S. had been of help in the past, and he hoped she would be of great help in the future.

¹ This conversation took place at Riyadh.