

their dependents, were responsible for complying with Saudi Arabian laws. An offense committed by any individual, excluding military personnel, would be subject to the local jurisdiction of Saudi Arabia.

Other paragraphs of the agreement stated that the Saudi Arabian Government would provide living accommodations and offices for the Advisory Group, while the United States would pay their salaries and transportation expenses to Saudi Arabia for members and their dependents. Military mail was to be exempt from customs duties, except that postal parcels would be governed by the provisions of paragraph 6. Members of the Advisory Group were required to possess valid passports or identification papers and Saudi Arabian visas, and the Advisory Group was required to expel or replace any member of the group considered undesirable by the Saudi Arabian Government. The agreement was to enter into force as soon as it was signed and would remain in force until one year after notice of termination by either party.

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#### *The Ambassador in Saudi Arabia (Hare) to the Department of State.<sup>1</sup>*

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406. While in Riyadh to present Adm Wright, Yusuf Yassin and Khalid Gargoni approached me in considerable perturbation re certain aspects mil asst program which they said had become subj criticism among King's councillors and which were putting them (Yusuf and Khalid) on spot as persons responsible for negots mil assist agrmt.

First problem was payment for students studying US where fees of \$35,000 per year were being charged. Not only was this exorbitant but it was not in accord mil assist agrmt under which tuition shld be free.

Second problem was excessive prices being charged for US planes. It had been found for example Brit jets cld be purchased for 1/7 price US jets.

I replied did not have documentation available for ref but believed student training question had been fully discussed by head of MAAG with Prince Mishaal and that, as far as liability to pay in

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<sup>1</sup> Repeated to Dhahran for General Grover.