

Of these I feel that (4) wld be disastrous to training program, that (3) shld be avoided if at all possible that (2) wld be satisfactory solution if at all possible but, if impossible, no recourse except adhere to (1) unless prepared consider possible compensation in form payment rent.

Before replying to Saudis, wld appreciate any thoughts Dept may have for our guidance since, although this may turn out be only tempest in teapot, there is also possibility of serious complications. Gen Grover also advising Defense.

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339. Limited distribution. No distribution outside Dept of State. During past year Emb and Dept have made attempts soften SAG attitude discrimination toward Amer Jews. Dept believes these efforts instrumental issuance decree Apr 4 limiting discriminatory trade restrictions on Amer (and other) firms (Embtel 629 Apr 30²). However there is evidence hardening rather than softening SAG attitude other instances.

Dept had hoped persuade SAG its attitude doing SA far more harm than good before it became public knowledge in US that SAG discriminating between Amer citizens. Dept seriously concerned this whole matter may break in US press soon with serious harm SA reputation and deterioration US-SA relations. Incidents involving SAG discrimination toward US citizens increasing. Although Dept well aware sensitivity SAG these matters situation has reached point where wld seem less harmful US-SA relations for US sound warning to SAG than sit by and watch chance constructive action disappear.

Therefore Dept suggests you approach SAG (possibly Crown Prince) along fol lines:

1. Religious discrimination between US citizens particularly abhorrent Americans.
2. Many Amer citizens who are Jewish are not only not Zionists, some vigorously anti-Zionist. Some are topflight people within USG or private life who are working to ease feelings between Arabs and

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² Not printed. (486A.1112/4-3052)