

Jews. SAG attitude cannot but undermine this work and arouse deep resentment. . . .

3. Inevitably, continuance SAG attitude will undermine friendly relations US. Impossible for USG indefinitely to regard its own officials as belonging to two classes, one of which is regarded by SA as "undesirable" in total disregard ideology or feelings toward Arabs and based on false assumption religious affiliation in itself creates attitude of enmity toward Arabs or Islam.

4. Dept is not in position explain or defend SAG intransigence these matters to US public or even to other USG agencies. Accordingly Dept feels SAG shld be given advance opportunity carefully weigh its course.

As of possible usefulness to you fol are recent examples discrimination which cld still result in most unfavorable publicity.

1. Case Deptel 273.

2. Nov 20 NY travel agency requested aid Dept in obtaining SAG permission once granted then denied for chartered plane carrying 55 to fly over SA territory from Tel Aviv to Bahrein enroute India for social welfare conference in which Dept had strong interest. Because difficulties encountered case Deptel 273, Dept felt it useless intercede.

3. Early last week prominent official Fed Security Agency denied visa for direct transit Dhahran same conference India. Dept in no position intercede for same reasons. As result Dept, which paying cost official's transportation, having reroute him at great added expense.

If you consider it appropriate and more effective, ur approach cld be coordinated with Dept approach SA Amb.

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The Ambassador in Saudi Arabia (Hare) to the Department of State

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445. No distribution outside State Dept. Crown Prince left Jidda prior receipt Deptel 339, Nov 26, ¹ and, in absence here now of any sufficiently high-ranking official, will wait next trip to Riyadh to discuss. Re concluding para ref tel, believe preferable take up only here originally since subject very sensitive and reaction likely be unfavorable if we dig in both spurs at once.

Meanwhile following comment may not be amiss in appraisal problem:

¹ *Supra.*