

aware our interest his welfare and that his country and also knows past efforts made by us facilitate agreement between Brit and Saudis who both our friends. We wish continue do anything we appropriately can assist and to that end will seek occasion discuss matter frankly with Brit. However, must proceed not only with reasonableness and fairness but also with delicacy and we must ask HM leave to our discretion timing and manner of our approach. In meantime we hope HM and his reps will take advantage every opportunity talk constructively with Brit.

Doubt foregoing will go far toward satisfying King but submit for consideration in hope Dept will have other and better ideas. Much of course will depend on whether Brit prepared make real gesture.

Recall Prince Faisal remaining here in order take our reply to King and therefore hope action may be expedited to extent possible.

Request this tel like reftel be held confidential by addressee offices . . . .

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4691. Dept disappointed results Damman conference and from knowledge SA affairs has concern that boundary problem fast becoming emotional *cause célèbre* injurious to UK (Jidda's Embtels 474 and 477, Mar 10 and 11 rptd London 61 and 62<sup>2</sup>). Dept has wanted remain aloof this problem and has for four years met SAG importunities our intervention with counsel for moderation, patience and direct substantive talk UKG, which still advocated. US can not remain aloof however if non-solution problem might needlessly jeopardize Brit position to which we attach great importance NE area.

Dept believes, therefore, that interests both US and UK lie not in further delay (London Embtel 4030, Mar 14<sup>3</sup>) but in prompt resumption UK-SAG talks along constructive lines and offers suggestions to fol. Dept hopes FonOff will not misconstrue purpose as sup-

<sup>1</sup> Repeated as 350 to Jidda. Drafted by Awalt and cleared by NEA, EUR, and BNA.

<sup>2</sup> Document 1467 and *supra*.

<sup>3</sup> Not printed, but see footnote 3, *supra*.