

being recklessly enlarged, (2) RAF flights suspended, (3) Saudi "engineer" released, (4) Eden genuinely anxious settle dispute amicably and equitably and ready withdraw levies Buraimi simultaneously withdrawal Turki, (5) UK will propose reopening frontier discussions soon as possible but King must allow time for preparation, meantime King shld demonstrate sincerity by putting end to present incident. ⁵ Garbled story Buraimi today reached US press corres. Brit Emb asked by *Newsweek* in preparation article appearing Oct 9 whether US asked mediate Buraimi incident. Emb replied had no knowledge such request and played down affair. Source not yet known.

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⁵ Telegram 97 from Dhahran, Oct. 9, reported Yassin acknowledged that a supply expedition sent to Buraimi had passed through Abu Dhabi territory in error, but when the King heard of it he gave peremptory orders that there was to be no recurrence of such a violation of Abu Dhabi territory. When the Ambassador brought up the substance of the source text, however, Yassin and Gargoni immediately and categorically denied the entire report. (780.022/10-952)

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780.022/10-1052: Telegram

The Secretary of State to the Embassy in the United Kingdom ¹

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WASHINGTON, October 10, 1952—7:35 p. m.

2565. Saudi Amb acting on instrs from King called on Bruce today. ² Made fol pts: (1) Sit Buraimi now very precarious. Drastic Saudi reaction can be expected to Brit move to cut Saudi supply line between Buraimi and Al Hasa. (2) King's request for mediation is for formal mediation if US desires consider it that way; but if US believes sit better handled by informal mediation then King agreeable. In other words up to US to decide, but results are what is now important. (3) Plane flights have ceased over Saudi occupied areas Buraimi but now believed continuing over Brit occupied areas. (4) Brit forces now being replaced by Muscati forces. This illustration Brit not adhering promise not to take aggressive actions. (Amb was

¹ Drafted by Sturgill and repeated as telegram 197 to Jidda and 100 to Dhahran for the Ambassador.

² No memorandum of this conversation was found in Department of State files. The files do contain a memorandum by Sturgill to Hart, dated Oct. 10, on matters to be discussed by Hart at an oral briefing for Bruce prior to the meeting. (641.86A/10-1052)