

The Secretary promised to study the boundary question further and to express his own opinion concerning the procedure best suited to the solution of this problem. ⁴

⁴ Attached to the source text was a memorandum, dated Mar. 3, from Jernegan to the Secretary, with a brief summary of the three problems Faisal had brought up at the meeting. A three-page background paper on the Buraimi border dispute was attached to the memorandum, ending with the reasons for the U.S. decision to support arbitration.

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Memorandum of Conversation, by the Officer in Charge of Arabian Peninsula-Iraq Affairs (Fritzlan)

SECRET

[WASHINGTON,] March 2, 1953.

Subject: Meeting between the President and Prince Faisal.

Participants: The President
 Prince Faisal
 The Secretary
 Sheikh Asad Al Faqih
 Sheikh Ibrahim Suleiman
 Sheikh Ali Alireza
 Mr. John F. Simmons
 Mr. A. David Fritzlan

On March 2, 1953, Prince Faisal, Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister and second son of King Ibn Saud, called on the President to pay his respects and convey his father's greetings.

At the outset, the President expressed his great personal feelings of friendship for the Arab nations and his interest in their welfare, economic development, etc. He stated that he was very pleased to be able to receive Prince Faisal and asked him to be good enough to convey his warmest personal greetings to his father the King. He was interested to learn that the Prince had spent several months in the United States and had visited the Mayo Clinic. He hoped they had found him in good health.

Prince Faisal indicated that he was indeed in good health generally and hoped that the President would be preserved in good health to serve his country and the world. He stated that he had especially prolonged his stay in the United States in order to pay a call on the new President, and added that in 1948 he had determined never to revisit the United States, but that after the Novem-