

3. Under Secretary emphasized training program unrelated to and broader than this and pointed out its scope could be determined only after conclusion agreement on subject as required by legislation, after submission of Saudi requirements, after consultation between Saudi Defense Minister, United States Ambassador, and Grover, and after availability funds established.

4. Faisal expressed regret for earlier misunderstanding scope grant aid which had led to his expression of disappointment to Secretary.

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*The Ambassador in Saudi Arabia (Hare) to the Department of State*¹

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746. While here en route Cairo (Embassy telegram 744, March 28²) Yassin went over Buraimi matter at great length. Most of what he had to say was so repetitious as not to require recording but following of interest:

(1) Situation regarding observance standstill has deteriorated to point where Saudis will be unable continue maintenance present position. Unless British change policy Saudis will have no alternative but to meet augmented British force by force regardless of consequences, or of resorting some other device such as recourse to Security Council. Prince Faisal had been instructed on March 25 to so inform American Government either personally or through Saudi Ambassador Washington.

(2) Saudis will definitely not submit Buraimi to arbitration but reply to British to that effect still being withheld pending receipt final report from Prince Faisal regarding his discussions in US.

(3) Since American Government had unfortunately seen fit "to take sides with British" in supporting arbitration, Yassin had personally been thinking of asking some other country act as third party in observing plebiscite.

(4) In reply my inquiry whether he seeing British Ambassador while here, Yassin said felt useless do so on basis past experience but would see him if he so requested. In subsequent discussion which I had regarding foregoing with British Ambassador he took somewhat similar line, saying he had indicated indirectly to acting

¹ Repeated to London, Dhahran, and the Arab capitals.

² Not printed; it reported that Yassin was attending the Arab League meeting personally because he expected Secretary of State Dulles' forthcoming trip to be a principal topic of discussion. (110.11 DU/3-2853)