

agreed Turki would be withdrawn upon arrival Iraq arbitration body, they would tend draw out negotiations for arbitration, including those regarding terms of reference arbitration body, in order delay evil day Turki's withdrawal. During this period, present unsatisfactory situation would continue whereby there is no neutral body to minimize friction leading to incidents between opposing groups.

While Embassy still believes its recommendations contained Embassy telegram 3, July 5³ and 7, July 7⁴ provide most effective approach towards solving question it will of course exert every effort obtain Saudi acceptance of proposals if Department decides proceed with them. We strongly recommend however Saudi views be ascertained before formal recommendations by President to both sides are made but, if Department wishes, after British views are obtained. Otherwise, use of high channel of message from President for presentation of proposals, which at very least are certain to be unpalatable to Saudis, would in Embassy's opinion adversely affect whole fabric US relations with Saudi Arabia, including military co-operation.

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³ Document 1524.

⁴ Not printed. The Embassy reported it agreed with the Department of State that it would be futile to suggest the British plan of mutual withdrawal to Saudi Arabia, since the Deputy Foreign Minister claimed it would be impossible for the Saudis to ask Turki to withdraw and leave the area under British domination. (780.022/7-753)

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577. Following are Embassy's comments Deptel 682:²

1. Embassy assumes paragraph 1 Department's new formula means only Aden levies would be withdrawn to Bahrein and that Trucial levies would return Trucial states. If this case, suggest clarification this paragraph since present wording appears capable interpretation that presence in Buraimi area of any Trucial levies at any time since August 20, 1952 necessitates 350 mile withdrawal.

¹ Repeated to Jidda and Dhahran.

² Document 1531.