

f. Implementation withdrawal mentioned above upon arrival in region of Buraimi commission.

7. If paragraph 6(a) above does not appear practical from standpoint Saudi acceptance, Embassy inclined think British might be more disposed accept formula which simply provides for mutual withdrawal to pre-August 20, 1952 dispositions than one which so obviously debars their forces from all their mainland territories, even though return of Aden levies to Aden Protectorate would be involved in first case. In other words, they could publicly present withdrawal to Aden as natural consequences liquidation of dispute. On other hand, maintaining levies Bahrein creates presumption their presence in area deemed necessary from military standpoint and, in such circumstances, British would appear hard put defend their agreement to stationing them on island 350 miles away.

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*The Secretary of State to the Acting Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Kingdom (Salisbury)*<sup>1</sup>

CONFIDENTIAL

WASHINGTON, August 28, 1953.

DEAR BOBBETY: I have given most careful consideration to your frank exposition of your views regarding the problem of Buraimi in your letter of July 27.<sup>2</sup> To be equally frank, we are disappointed and concerned that you and your Cabinet could not accept the approach to this problem which we suggested last month.

As I see the present position, our respective estimates of the situation differ in certain important respects.

You state that any compromise which entails your accepting that Turki should remain in Hamasa with no proper check on his activities will seriously prejudice the issue. We, however, consider that our proposals would meet your difficulty by providing for a definite

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<sup>1</sup> This letter was drafted by Fritzlan and Beale, Aug. 17-25, and was cleared by NEA, EUR, S/S, G, and C.

Attached to the source text was a memorandum by Byroade to the Secretary, recommending that he sign the letter to Lord Salisbury. The memorandum advised the Secretary that, since Lord Salisbury's letter of July 27 revealed the British were persisting in their "tough" attitude, the Department of State should frankly register its disappointment and hope the British would give further consideration to the Department's previous suggestions. (780.022/8-2553)

Telegram 984 from London, Sept. 5, informed the Department of State the Embassy had delivered the letter to Lord Salisbury on that date. (780.022/9-553)

<sup>2</sup> Document 1530.