

I have heard that substantial progress toward elimination of points of disagreement has been made in recent weeks between representatives of Your Majesty and of the British Government. It gives me great pleasure to observe this development, and it is my fervent hope that Your Majesty's wise statesmanship will continue to influence and guide these discussions to a successful conclusion.

It has been my intention since assuming office to strengthen still further the friendly ties between Your Majesty and the Saudi people and the Government and the people of the United States. These sentiments were expressed by me to His Royal Highness Prince Faisal last March and in subsequent communications to Your Majesty. In order to help achieve my objective, I am sending the Honorable George Wadsworth to be Ambassador at Your Majesty's Court. Mr. Wadsworth has been American Minister to Syria and Lebanon, and has served as Ambassador to Iraq, Turkey, and Czechoslovakia. I consider him to be one of our most eminent and distinguished Ambassadors, and I am confident that Your Majesty will render him every facility for the accomplishment of the important mission entrusted to him.

May God have Your Majesty in His safekeeping.

Sincerely,

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*The Chargé in Saudi Arabia (Jones) to the Department of State*¹

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198. In accordance Foreign Office request, delivered President's message to King² to Crown Prince expressed appreciation President's solicitude regarding King's health and for efforts US assist working out solution Buraimi dispute. Crown Prince said, as US knew, SAG had agreed arbitration at behest US and had exercised greatest restraint in meeting aggressive action on part British in area. He regretted although negotiations looking towards implementation arbitration now going on between British Saudis, British had not ceased their provocative actions and referred Buraimi incident October 26 (Embtel 190, October 29³). He indicated his hope

¹ Repeated to London and Dhahran.

² *Supra*.

³ Not printed; it transmitted information concerning a memorandum sent by the Saudi Arabian Foreign Office to the British Embassy protesting further British activities in the Buraimi area. (780.022/10-2953)