

US could effectively assist preventing recurrence such incidents. He was happy President had decided appointment Ambassador Wadsworth and could assure US that Saudi Government would render Ambassador every assistance for accomplishment his mission further strengthening friendly ties between Saudi and American peoples.

Crown Prince's statement was on whole moderate and restrained; it contrasted strongly with sharpness his remarks on Buraimi during Hickenlooper <sup>4</sup> interview (Embtel 111, September 17 <sup>5</sup>). There was, however, undertone of bitterness, particularly when he spoke of continuing British aggressive acts in Buraimi area.

Suggest Department consider advisability again urging British do utmost prevent occurrence further incidents Buraimi area and authorizing Embassy inform SAG our representations. All possible action prevent further incidents such as those described Embtel 190 would seem accord British interests, particularly during this delicate period Saudi-British negotiations where Saudis considering retreat; their position arbitration should be limited Buraimi oasis.

King's councilor, Khalid Bey Gargoni, who was present at interview, indicated that reply to President's message might be forthcoming after receipt by Saudis of signed original.

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<sup>4</sup> Bourke Hickenlooper, Senator from Iowa.

<sup>5</sup> Not printed; it reported the visit of a Congressional party to Saudi Arabia. (033.1100:HI/9-1853)

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205. In conversation November 5 Khalid Bey Gargoni gave lengthy but moderate review Buraimi issue, stating in dealing recent developments SAG confronted three alternatives: (a) Meeting force with force; (b) referring issue to UN; (c) requesting mediation third party, and had adopted latter. In view Saudi-American friendship and particularly in light President Truman's letter, later confirmed by President Eisenhower, SAG had appealed US mediate. As time went by, SAG gradually reached conclusion in light US "attitude", another effort should be made expedite solu-

<sup>1</sup> Repeated to London and Dhahran.