

so doing and it might be that UN would recommend to both parties arbitration on that basis.

Re final point reference telegram he asked me inform Department in strict confidence that Saudi guards accompanying Aramco party "which might enter disputed area today" were instructed not to use their arms but that if ordered by British to withdraw they were to refuse.

2. I have shown Owen Deptel 335, May 29. <sup>5</sup> He comments that if its last two words were "crystalize issue" rather than "produce incident" last sentence would better reflect King's attitude as he understands it. Aramco party he says "crossed 1952 line into disputed area mid-morning May 30".

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<sup>5</sup> Not printed. It informed the Embassy the U.S. Government had advised Aramco that, while the government would not officially intervene at that time, it was deeply concerned at the possibility of conflict between nationals of the United States and the United Kingdom. Regarding Aramco information that the King told the Aramco party it must not turn back unless forced by the British, the last sentence reads: "Duce interprets this as evidence that King is determined to produce incident." (888.2553/5-2954.)

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780.022/6-654: Telegram

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SECRET PRIORITY

JIDDA, June 6, 1954—8 p. m.

500. Following information received from Aramco Jidda.

1. British aircraft dropped following message to Aramco party in disputed area at noon June 5:

"Addressed to Aramco party at location 51 degrees 12 minutes east, 24 degrees 30 minutes north (approximately). You are hereby warned you are committing trespass on territory of Abu Dhabi. Please return immediately to Saudi Arabian territory.

"By order of His Excellency, Political Resident Persian Gulf. Charles M. LeQuessne, First Secretary".

2. Aramco President Keyes sending following by courier today to Bahrain:

"His Excellency, Political Resident Persian Gulf Bahrain.

"Sir we have your note 5 June 1954 dropped to one of our seismograph parties in course of its work in vicinity of Khur al Odaid.

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