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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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5/31/79

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Dear Hamilton:

Here is a rough draft of a ^{proposed} letter from the President to Prince Faisal which I hope you and the President can consider before my 1:15 meeting with him tomorrow. If he will approve this letter, I believe it is an important first step in reaching the goals we talked about yesterday.

I had a good meeting with Stu this morning; also Ed Fried and Jim Selinger.

The best news is that Bandar assured me that we will get a sympathetic ear to any reasonable request the President makes for increased production, etc.

Thank you again for your help -

P.S. I have started it thru state, Sept channels but doubt that it will reach the boss in time - therefore this is an attempt to "bootstrap" a copy.

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Dear Prince Fahd:

I am happy to hear that you have returned to the Kingdom in good health and spirits, refreshed to face your heavy responsibilities. As I think of the difficult common problems we have faced in the past and will face together in the coming months I realize how richly you deserved your recent brief respite.

As you know, I look forward to the time we can sit down together to exchange thoughts on how our two governments can best continue to serve world peace and prosperity.

In the meantime I have asked Ambassador West to return to the Kingdom to share with you my perceptions, and his own, of the current atmosphere in the United States and its implications for how we might best work together to build the ever stronger Saudi-American relationship which I believe both our peoples need, and which I am confident you cherish as I do.

I have also asked the Ambassador to delivery by this letter my reflections on three pressing issues of mutual concern.

First, I believe that in the past few months we have reached a new stage in the longstanding cooperation between our two governments to assure the security of the Arabian Peninsula and neighboring states. I believe that the world now clearly understands the importance the United States attaches to peace and tranquility in the region, and that those who share Saudi Arabia's constructive attitude toward this question, as well as those who

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might not, more clearly understand the power of Saudi-American cooperation in permitting the people of the region to choose their own destiny without outside pressure. This will, of course, be a continuing problem, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United States have a critical responsibility to fulfill our distinct but cooperative roles in a constructive way. I fully understand that the American contribution should be made with a fine sense of the political environment in the region, and I rely on your counsel in making our contribution[~] a true servant of our mutual goals.

You and I share a vision of the day when all the people of the Middle East can live in peace and justice, and thus I am confident that both our governments will remain dedicated to the sustained negotiation of a comprehensive settlement. If we differ at the moment on how best to proceed, I believe this reflects not a gulf between us but rather the strength of conviction that each of us brings to this common goal.

The peace process is now entering a most vital stage, that is negotiations which will secure the rights of Palestinians and a determination of the future of the West Bank and Jerusalem. In fulfillment of my pledge that the US will remain a full partner in the negotiating process, I have appointed Ambassador Robert Strauss as my personal representative to participate in these negotiations. Ambassador Strauss is a long time friend who has shown extraordinary ability and skill as a negotiator and mediator during my administration. He has a demonstrated capacity to find solutions to the most difficult of problems involving human differences.

Ambassador Strauss will need your advice and counsel if he is to achieve success. I have asked him to meet with you at an early time and I would appreciate your arranging with Ambassador West a convenient time and place for this meeting.

Your Royal Highness, we have both long understood how critical ~~by~~ adequate energy supplies are to the economic welfare and the political health of the international community. Saudi Arabia's constructive attitude toward meeting its global responsibilities as an energy producer is well understood and deeply appreciated by well informed people in my country and around the world. I know you are well aware of my own efforts to impress upon the American public the critical importance of facing our own responsibilities to the world as consumers and producers of energy; it is a domestic political challenge of the utmost difficulty, but I intend to persevere. I am convinced that at this point the world is facing an energy crisis of the most serious proportion, in which both the quantity and the price of crude oil will have profound effect on the international economic order and related political trends. I am hopeful the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which has in the last few months once again indicated its sense of responsibility first with respect to oil supply and then with respect to oil prices, will take a comprehensive approach to how it might best serve its own long term national interests and those of the community of nations in this crisis.

I have directed appropriate officials of my Administration to explore this complex and critical problem with officials of the Saudi Government in some detail.

Your Royal Highness, I am confident that we are on the threshold of new opportunities to build the Saudi-American relationship constructively in ways that will serve both the expanding common purpose of our two peoples and the broader interest of mankind.

In admiration and friendship, I seek your counsel in how best to proceed.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Carter

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1977

Dear Mr. Minister:

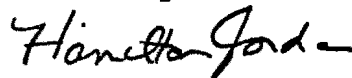
I was very pleased to receive your kind letter and the book "The Genius of Arab Civilization." It is fascinating reading, and I am learning a great deal from it. It was most thoughtful of you to send it to me.

When you come to the United States again, I hope you will contact me. I would enjoy seeing you again and continuing our conversation which we started at the dinner for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Fahd. It was a great pleasure for me to meet the Crown Prince and all the members of his party.

Thank you again for the book, and for your good wishes.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Hamilton Jordan
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Abduallah M. Alireza
Deputy Foreign Minister for
Economic and Cultural Affairs
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
c/o The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia
Washington, D. C.

*P.S. Your beautiful gift has been
a great help to me in understanding
the history and culture of your people.
H.J.*



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ROYAL EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 27, 1977

The Honourable Hamilton Jordan
Assistant to The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Jordan,

I write to tell you how much I enjoyed our impromptu talk at the dinner party given by Ambassador Ali Alireza in honour of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Fahd. I find it very refreshing indeed, to converse with a man in your position whose work load is so heavy, and is yet so consciously willing to give of his valuable time to learn and understand about other peoples and cultures.

I, therefore, take great pleasure in presenting you with the book, "The Genius of Arab Civilization," hoping that you will derive as much enjoyment from reading it as I have.

I would like to come to the United States again, soon, God willing, and look forward very much to continuing our conversation should your time permit it.

In the meantime, I convey my best wishes to you and your charming wife.

And, remain yours sincerely,

Abdullah M. Alireza
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for Economic and Cultural
Affairs
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