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FROM KHALID, SAUD

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White House Guidelines, August 28, 1997

By OS NARA, Date 10/12/04

KEYWORDS: SAUDI ARABIA

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SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES RE ISRAELI BOMBING OF IRAQI

ACTION: FWD TO PRES FOR SIG

DUE: 15 MAY 81 STATUS X FILES

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12 JUN 1981

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OFFICE OF  
THE AMBASSADOR

ROYAL EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 12, 1981

The Honorable  
Richard V. Allen  
Assistant to the President  
for National Security  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500


Dear Mr. Allen:

I have the honor to forward herewith the original,  
signed letter from His Majesty King Khalid bin Abdulaziz to  
President Ronald Reagan which we have just received.

The letter delivered yesterday to you is the same, but  
without His Majesty's signature.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Sheikh Faisal Alhegelan

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1981

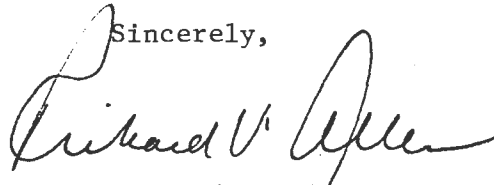
Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from President Reagan to King Khalid. The letter expresses the great appreciation of the President for your government's help in defusing the Lebanon crisis.

It was good to meet with you at the White House with the other Arab Ambassadors and the President. I look forward to seeing you again soon.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Richard V. Allen  
Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

His Excellency  
Sheikh Faisal Alhegelan  
Ambassador of Saudi Arabia  
1520 18th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20036

Enclosure

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

His Excellency  
President Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
of America

Your Excellency:

We would like to take this opportunity to express to Your Excellency our personal best regards and our hope that you enjoy good health, success and prosperity.

The sneak Israeli raid on the Iraqi atomic reactor in the vicinity of Baghdad has been met with strong denunciation and indignation all around the world and in the Middle East, in particular.

1. It is a well-known fact that Iraq signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and that the International Atomic Energy Agency has recently carried out an on-the-spot inspection of the Iraqi nuclear center and found nothing to substantiate the false claims and allegations of Israel. As a consequence, we have to conclude, Mr. President, that Israel, by its barbaric raid, is threatening not only peace in the Middle East but also the peace and security of the world.

2. Even before this vicious raid, the Middle East region had become a volcano which could erupt at any moment. It seems to us that Israel, by its action, wanted to hasten the eruption of the volcano.

3. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has cooperated with the United States to defuse the crisis and ease the tension between Syria and Israel with respect to the Syrian missiles placed in Lebanon. The Israeli action may drive Syria to adopt a stiffer stand which will heighten tensions in the region.

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4. The Arab nation and all the other peoples of the world have attentively noted the U.S. government deploring this unprecedented Israeli action, which has created a very dangerous and serious example in international relations and constitutes a flagrant violation of international law and the charter of the United Nations. The world will be watching with great attention the position to be taken by your representative at the United Nations when this Israeli aggression is discussed at the Security Council. Needless to say, failure by the United States representative to adopt a strong and clear-cut position in harmony with your government's condemnation of the Israeli action could affect the vital and mutual interests of our two countries.

Mr. President:

We greatly appreciate Your Excellency's firm and crucial stand in suspending shipment of the military planes to Israel. We hope to see your government taking other complementary steps that will decrease the loss inflicted upon those friendly forces working toward the achievement of a just and permanent peace in the region, and lessen as well the gains which can be exploited by those states working against the realization of such an objective. Consequently, a firm and clear-cut stand by your government will undoubtedly help in the future to achieve that goal for which we are all working, i.e., the realization of comprehensive peace and stability in the Middle East.

Your Excellency:

Please be assured that had it not been for this dangerous and critical situation and for the traditional and close relations between our two countries, we would not have brought





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this matter to your attention with such frankness. We are confident that Your Excellency will give this question your utmost consideration and attention and will spare no effort to calm the inflamed emotions of the peoples of the region.

Our best regards and hopes for good health, success and prosperity for Your Excellency.

Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

9 Sha'ban, 1401 H.  
11 June, 1981

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this to the Saudi  
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## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

~~SECRET ATTACHMENT~~ACTION

June 25, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: RAYMOND TANTER *RT*

SUBJECT: Cover Letter to Ambassador Alhegelan  
to Transmit His Copy of President's  
Letter to King Khalid

At Tab I is a letter from you to Ambassador Alhegelan transmitting his copy of the President's letter to King Khalid concerning the recent Israeli raid on the Iraqi nuclear facility.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab I.

APPROVE ✓ RVA 5/9 7/1

DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments

Tab I - Letter from RVA to Ambassador Alhegelan

~~SECRET ATTACHMENT~~

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White House Guidelines, August 28, 1997

By AS NARA, Date 10/12/04

REFERRAL

DATE: 24 JUN 81

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: KHALID

White House Guidelines  
By \_\_\_\_\_ NARA, Date \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE: PRES

DATE: 24 JUN 81

KEYWORDS: SAUDI ARABIA

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FOR ALLEN J LENZ

STAFF DIRECTOR

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 24, 1981

Your Majesty:

I want to thank you for your letter, delivered to me personally June 11 by your Ambassador Faisal Alhegelan. I am gratified to receive your thoughts and counsel, and I reciprocate your kind wishes of good health, success, and prosperity.

It is a source of assurance to me, as both our governments face the demanding task of seeking to reduce tension in the region in the wake of the unprecedented recent event, that we are in close communication with each other and can be frank in our exchange of views. Your depiction of the Middle East as a volcano strikes me as altogether apt as the current crisis involving Syria, Israel, and Lebanon demonstrates. Only the vigorous exertions of men of peace, including the able and energetic representatives of Your Majesty's Kingdom, have prevented thus far a major military confrontation there.

My Administration condemned quickly and unambiguously Israel's recent raid on the Iraqi nuclear facility. We are nevertheless mindful of the context in which the raid occurred -- the continuing state of war between Israel and Iraq. Until this situation is transformed into a just and stable peace, we can expect no lasting respite from threats and violence throughout the region.

We are determined to promote peace between Israel and all its neighbors and to strengthen security in the area.

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NLRR F1736 #54

BY CW NARA DATE 12/10/07

We appreciate Your Majesty's continuing help in arranging a peaceful resolution of the Lebanese crisis and look forward to even closer cooperation with you to enhance regional security.

You and I and our respective governments, Your Majesty, can work together fruitfully to establish peace and security. I am determined that we shall succeed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

His Majesty  
Khalid ibn Abd al-Aziz Al Saud  
King of Saudi Arabia  
Riyadh

June 24, 1981

Janet Colson:

Mr. Allen has noted that he would like a copy of the President's letter to go to Alhegelan. (via himself)

The notes in the package do not indicate whether this has been done.

A copy is provided to you for that purpose, in the event that your office did not keep one.

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Back from RR.  
Signed #3533  
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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June 22, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM:

RAYMOND TANTER *RT*  
DOUGLAS J. FEITH *DF*

SUBJECT: Response to King Khalid *(U)*

The message to King Khalid is a joint product from our office and State. It takes off on his metaphor comparing the Middle East to a volcano and compliments him for helping to keep the lid on potential explosions. *(S)*

The condemnation of Israel for the strike against Iraq is balanced by an acknowledgement that there is a state of war between Israel and Iraq. *(S)*

The message purposefully does not link the Arab-Israeli peace process to USG attempts to enhance Gulf security; rather the search for peace and the quest for security are parallel processes. *(S)*

Geoffrey Kemp concurs. *(Y)*

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I to the President.

APPROVE ✓

DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

*A good letter.*

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Attachments

Tab I - Memorandum to the President  
A - Letter to King Khalid

*A copy via  
our office (via me)*

*RVA  
6/23*

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Review June 22, 1987

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BY CA NARA DATE 12/1/87

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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June 23, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *RA*  
SUBJECT: Response to King Khalid *(S)*

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RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Approve *✓ RA* Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED**

Attachments

Tab A - proposed response to King Khalid  
Tab B - King Khalid's letter to you

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Review June 22, 1987

cc: Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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NLRR *F136 #55*

BY *CU* NARA DATE *12/10/07*

*James Baker approved 6/24 5:15pm*

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MR. ALLEN'S NOTE SAYS:

A good letter. Alhegelan should get a copy via  
our offices (via me).



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MESSAGE NO. 559 CLASSIFICATION SECRET NO. PAGES 4  
FROM Ray Finner (Name) (Extension) (Room Number)

MESSAGE DESCRIPTION RESIDENTIAL MESS

TO (Agency)	DELIVER TO:	Dept/Room No.	Extension
<u>STATE</u>	<u>AMB VEHICLES</u>	<u>NEA</u>	<u>6244</u>
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Bob Pelletreau

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TAGS: PEPR, MOPS, SA, US

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO KING KHALID

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT  
TO KING KHALID. LONDON AND PARIS ARE INCLUDED AS  
ACTION ADDRESSEES BECAUSE OF KING KHALID'S SCHEDULED  
STATE VISITS. IF KING KHALID IS STILL IN THE UK OR FRANCE  
WHEN THIS MESSAGE IS RECEIVED, THE MESSAGE SHOULD BE  
TRANSMITTED AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO THE KING OR TO HIS  
PARTY. EMBASSY JIDDA SHOULD TRANSMIT THE LETTER TO THE  
KING THROUGH USUAL CHANNELS WITH AN ARABIC TRANSLATION.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR MAJESTY:

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER, DELIVERED TO ME  
PERSONALLY JUNE 11 BY YOUR AMBASSADOR FAISAL ALHEGELAN.  
IT IS A SOURCE OF ASSURANCE TO ME, AS BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS  
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AND CAN BE FRANK IN OUR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. IN THIS DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS TIME I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE YOUR MAJESTY'S CANDID VIEWS AND THE LONG-STANDING FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES. I AM CONFIDENT THAT BY CONTINUING TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER WE CAN MOVE FORWARD IN MEETING OUR MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES TO HELP BRING PEACE AND SECURITY TO THE REGION.

WITH MY BEST PERSONAL WISHES FOR YOUR MAJESTY'S CONTINUED HEALTH AND WELFARE. SINCERELY, RONALD REAGAN.  
END TEXT.

4. THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL. YY

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MEMORANDUM

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION

June <sup>22</sup> 27, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: GEOFFREY KEMP *AK*  
DOUGLAS FEITH *DF*  
RAYMOND TANTER *RT*

SUBJECT: Response to King Khalid (U)

*is a joint product from our office and State. It*  
The message to King Khalid takes off on his metaphor comparing the Middle East to a volcano and compliments him for helping to keep the lid on potential explosions. (S)

The condemnation of Israel for the strike against Iraq is balanced by an acknowledgement that there is a state of war between Israel and Iraq. (S)

The message purposefully does not link the Arab-Israel peace process to USG attempts to enhance Gulf security; rather, the search for peace and the quest for security are parallel processes. (S)

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the memorandum at Tab I to the President.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ As amended \_\_\_\_\_

*Chris Shoemaker* concurs. *State also concurs*

Attachments

- Tab I - memo to President
- A - letter to Khalid
- B - Khalid's letter

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Review June 17, 1987

*DF Douglas Feith strongly prefers that the last word "succeed" be replaced by "do so" in the message to the King.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Your Majesty:

I am grateful to receive your thoughts and your counsel, and I reciprocate your kind wishes of good health, success, and prosperity.

Your depiction of the Middle East as a volcano struck me as altogether apt, insofar as the danger of eruption is concerned. The difference, however, between the Middle East and a volcano is that the efforts of bold, just men can avert the eruption of the former. For proof, we need but look to the current crisis involving Syria, Israel, and Lebanon. Only the vigorous exertions of good men -- including the able and energetic representatives of Your Majesty's Kingdom -- have prevented thus far a major military confrontation.

Israel's recent raid on Iraq's nuclear facility is an alarm that rings out the perils of belligerence. My Administration condemned the raid quickly and unambiguously. We are nevertheless mindful of the context in which the raid occurred -- the continuing state of war between Israel and Iraq. Until that state of war is transformed into a just and stable peace, pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, we can expect no lasting respite from threats and violence throughout the region.

We shall promote such a peace between Israel and all its neighbors just as vigorously as we are moving to arrest the deteriorating strategic situation in the Middle East.

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We appreciate Your Majesty's help in moving toward a peaceful resolution of the Lebanon crisis and look forward to even closer cooperation with you to enhance regional security.

You and I and our respective governments, Your Majesty, can work together fruitfully to establish peace and security. I am determined that we shall do so.

Sincerely,

His Majesty  
Khalid ibn Abd al-Aziz Al Saud  
King of Saudi Arabia  
Riyadh

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Your Majesty:

I want to thank you for your letter, delivered to me personally June 11 by your Ambassador Faisal Alhegelan. I am grateful to receive your thoughts and your counsel, and I reciprocate your kind wishes of good health, success, and prosperity.

It is a source of assurance to me, as both our governments face the demanding task of seeking to reduce tensions in the region in the wake of the unprecedented recent event, that we are in close communication with each other and can be frank in our exchange of views. Your depiction of the Middle East as a volcano struck me as altogether apt, as the current crisis involving Syria, Israel, and Lebanon demonstrates. Only the vigorous exertions of men of peace -- including the able and energetic representatives of Your Majesty's Kingdom -- have prevented thus far a major military confrontation there.

My Administration condemned quickly and unambiguously Israel's recent raid on Iraq's nuclear facility. We are nevertheless mindful of the context in which the raid occurred -- the continuing state of war between Israel and Iraq. Until that state of war is transformed into a just and stable peace, we can expect no lasting respite from threats and violence throughout the region.

We shall promote such a peace between Israel and all its neighbors just as vigorously as we are moving to arrest the deteriorating strategic situation in the Middle East.

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We appreciate Your Majesty's continuing help in arranging a peaceful resolution of the Lebanon crisis and look forward to even closer cooperation with you to enhance regional security.

You and I and our respective governments, Your Majesty, can work together fruitfully to establish peace and security. I am determined that we shall do so.

Sincerely,

His Majesty  
Khalid ibn Abd al-Aziz Al Saud  
King of Saudi Arabia  
Riyadh



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