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MEMORANDUM

White House California August 18, 1997 / THE WHITE HOUSE

July 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT:

Letter from King Khalid

The following is an unofficial embassy translation of a letter to you from King Khalid:

Dear President Reagan:

I have received your letter which Ambassador Robert Neumann conveyed to me upon presentation of his credentials as ambasssador of the United States. Thank you for your kind thoughts and sincere words.

The spirit of friendship which has for a long time characterized the good relations between the United States and the kingdom of Saudi Arabia has found concrete form in the common desire of our two governments to work in fruitful and constructive cooperation and to establish a firm friendship for the interests of both our countries. From the very beginning, the United States and the kingdom of Saudi Arabia have worked to achieve constantly increasing beneficial exchanges for our two countries and their peoples, as well as for all friendly, peace-loving countries. It is our hope that this cooperation will continue in the best and the strongest of ties and that security, stability, and peace will prevail throughout the region.

We in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia cherish every effort which is made for strengthening security and peace in the world

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and which is based on right and justice.

I am pleased to welcome Ambassador Robert Neumann to his new position and I believe you have made an excellent choice, which should further develop the relations between our two countries.

I take this opportunity to convey to you my best wishes for your health and success and to the American people increased prosperity.

Khalid Bin Abd Al-Aziz Al Saud

Cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
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July 9, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT:

Letter from King Khalid

King Khalid has responded to your June 25 letter in which you expressed appreciation for his "thoughts and counsel." The King was pleased with your "swift and clear condemnation" of Israel's raid on the Iraqi military facility, but takes issue with your statement regarding the context in which the raid occurred, i.e., "the continuing state of war between Israel and Iraq." The text of his letter, as unofficially translated by the embassy follows:

Dear Mr. President:

I have received your letter of June 25 and wish to thank you for your kind words and friendly thoughts.

In keeping with our desire to continue consultations between our two countries and our conviction that the traditional friendship between us imposes upon us the duty to exchange points of view so that this friendship might be strengthened, we should like to express to you the high appreciation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for your positive stand in not exercising the right of veto on the Security Council Resolution condemning the Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear reactor.

Yet, with our appreciation for your stand and your efforts to bring peace to the region as well as your swift, clear condemnation of the Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor, we still hope that you will exert more efforts towards enforcing the specifics of the resolution. The

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United States with its standing and its financial resources, with its influence, should cause Israel to abide by the several particulars of the resolution.

The Arab world, in its entirety, is waiting attentively to see what the American authorities (be they in congress or the government) will conclude in light of their review of the situation. It awaits productive decisions by America (decisions on the matter of Israel's attack on Iraq) which will restrain Israel so that peace and stability will be achieved in the region and America's interests here will be protected.

The existence of a continuing state of war between Israel and Iraq, Mr. President, cannot be made into a justification for renewed aggression and at the same time a foundation on which to build a just and lasting peace. Indeed, the real foundations for a just and lasting peace are based on the cessation of threats and violence in the region and the restoration of the legitimate rights of its inhabitants.

Mr. President, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia expresses its anxiety over developments of the situation in the Arab region and its complications. Out of this comes our strong desire to attain stability here, which is in keeping with what we have always perceived to be the desire of the authorities in the United States to endeavor to achieve peace.

We have the utmost conviction that you share with us the desire for this stability and for the deep friendship which exists between us and which is always aimed at further strengthening of our relations. We hope that we will receive from you indications which will calm our fears. Please accept my sincerest regards and kindest assurances.

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The Vice President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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July 10, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT:

Your Letter to King Khalid

Following is text of your June 25 message to King Khalid:

Begin text:

Your Majesty:

I want to thank you for your letter, delivered to me personally June 11 by your Ambassador Faisal Alhegalan.

I am gratified to recieve 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.

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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.

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,

Ronald Reagan.

End text.

cc: The Vice President
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 10, 19/8

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End text.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 18, 1981

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Your Majesty:

Your letter to me of July 7th pleased me greatly. I am very gratified that your meetings with Ambassador Neumann have been so productive. He is one of our most able diplomats and I hope that through him we can continue to communicate on mutually important subjects.

Your Majesty, I want to tell you what is happening with respect to the arms agreements we are 'negotiating with your government. As you know, I have committed myself to play a strong personal role in ensuring that the various items of equipment you have requested, including the F-15 enhancement package and the AWACS aircraft, are approved for sale by the United States Congress. I attach great importance to this sale, which I believe will strengthen our mutual interests in the region. I want you to have no doubt about this.

However, you must also know that I have been very concerned during the early months of my Administration in bringing about essential reforms to our economy. This has required that I spend a great deal of my time persuading the Congress to pass these reforms. Because of other legislative priorities, then, as well as the need to get our economic package approved this summer, I have, after detailed consultation with our legislative leaders, determined that the most effective time to assure the success of the arms package is when Congress returns from the summer recess.

Therefore, on August 24, I will submit the request to Congress. With the procedures that have to be followed, Congressional action will be

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Your Majesty, rest assured that there has been no change of attitude on the part of my government. We are as determined now, as we always have been, to strengthen our relations with your country and regard approval of the arms package as one of our most important tasks in the months ahead. It is our hope to further broaden and strengthen our friendship as we face the future together as friends and partners.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

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Following is the President's message to King Khalid: BEGIN TEXT

Your Majesty:

On the occasion of the National Day of Saudi Arabia, I wish to express my personal best wishes and those of the American people. The historic union of your countrymen into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by your father has indeed been blessed by God's grace. We, as Americans, have shared a similar unifying experience and therefore feel a special affinity for your national achievement.

On this happy occasion, allow me to again emphasize the importance I attach to the special relationship between our two countries and my commitment to continued cooperation between our two governments to foster peace, the security of the kingdom and well being in the region and beyond.

With Best Wishes,

RONALD REAGAN

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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August 4, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT:

Telegrams From King Khalid and Prince Fahd

The embassy in Jidda received the following telegrams from Khalid and Fahd in response to your greetings on the occasion of Id Al-Fitr (feast marking end of Ramadan). (Attached)

Begin text.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the government and the people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, I wish to thank you for the kind thoughts expressed in your message of felicitations on the occasion of the blessed Id Al-Fitr. Please accept our best regards and may you always enjoy continuous benefits of health and happiness. For the friendly American people, we wish the best of success in their endeavors.

We have the greatest confidence that the exemplary relations between our two countries will contribute greatly to our working together towards finding a just peace, which will overcome tryanny, and thus insure that the region will be blessed with tranquility free from foreign intervention.

Khalid Bin Abd Al-Aziz

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Begin text.

Dear Sir:

I was pleased to receive your letter of congratulations on the occasion of the blessed Id Al-Fitr and I wish to thank you for your kind thoughts. I would also like to convey similar sentiments to you and hope that this message finds you in the best of health. The strong bonds of friend-ship between our two peoples is based on mutual esteem. We are searching for every effort to vanquish tyranny so that all may be blessed by peace, grounded in the restoration of right to the people. Best wishes for success in your endeavors. May you continue to live in good fortune.

Fahd Bin Abd Al-Aziz

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QUOTE: YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU, AT THE JOYOUS CELEBRATION OF ID AL-FITR, MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES AND THOSE OF MY COUNTRYMEN. MAY YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND THE PEOPLE OF SAUDI ARABIA BE BLESSED WITH GOD'S GRACE AND MAY OUR MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP, RESPECT, AND GOOD WILL CONTINUE TO AID OU EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR ALL, WITH BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, RONALD REAGAN. END GUOTE.

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SAUDI ARABIA, AT APPROPRIATE TIME:

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By CA NARA, Date 5/1/02

The Honorable Ronald Reagan President of the United States

Dear Mr. President:

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In keeping with our desire to continue consultations between our two countries and our conviction that the traditional friendship between us imposes upon us the duty to exchange points of view so that this friendship might be strengthened, we would like to express to you the high appreciation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for your positive stand in not exercising the right of veto on the Security Council Resolution condemning the Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear reactor.

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Mr. President:

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Please accept my sincerest regards and kindest assurances.

Khalid bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 18, 1981



MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: King Khalid's Letter to the President of July 7, 1981

Since the subject letter represents a response to the President's letter to King Khalid of June 25, 1981, it is recommended that no response be made. Secretary Haig has subsequently discussed many of the issues raised with the Saudi Foreign Minister at Cancun, and we believe there is no immediate issue which requires a continuation of dialogue through this channel at the present time.

L. Paul Bremer III Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Khalid's letter to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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September 28, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN

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SUBJECT:

Thank You Message From King Khalid

Below is the text of a message from Saudi King Khalid in response to the national day message you sent him last week.

Begin text

The Honorable Ronald Reagan

President of the United States

I have received the congratulatory telegram which you sent on the occasion of Saudi Arabia's National Day. I would like to thank you and the friendly American people for the kind thoughts in the message. I wish to reaffirm Saudi Arabia's strong interest in maintaining the special relationship which exists between our two countries and peoples, and in continuing cooperation between our two governments. This cooperation has been beneficial in stability within the region and outside it. Please accept my sincerest regards and best wishes.

Khalid Bin Abd Al-Aziz Al Saud

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End text

cc: The Vice President

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The President of the United States,
The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington D.C., United States of America

Your Excellency, The President of the United States of America:

I received your letter dated 18 July 1981; and I was pleased for what it portrayed - of good intentions toward our common interests that I have felt you have great interest in and sympathy for, requiring me to exchange ideas with Your Excellency with the frankness of a friend to a friend and the confidence which we feel in Your Excellency and your country, for whom we have friendship and respect.

Your emphasis, Your Excellency, on your interest in the arms agreement which we have discussed with your government is most assuring for us; and I have not had any doubt at all that Your Excellency will do all that is necessary to accomplish that personal resolve, particularly as to the AWACS and F-15 accessories, because Your Excellency best appreciates the importance of this equipment for our defense and for assuring the security and stability of our area. From what I have felt toward Your Excellency since the American people gave you their trust and since you took control of events in your nation, I have had no doubt for a moment that you do attach great importance to completing this matter, which Your Excellency knows better than anyone else the importance of for our two countries.

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BY LOT NARA, DATE 8/8/No.

What you have indicated, Your Excellency, about presenting this sale to the United States Congress after its return from its recess, makes me very optimistic that it can be completed before the 28th of October. I say that because I am convinced that as a consequence of Your Excellency's genuine attention being given to this matter, everything in your power is beind done to do that in the least possible time, and in less than the deadline stated. We offer our assistance to help create the right conditions useful to you in those matters.

I am following with great interest the constructive endeavors Your Excellency is undertaking to correct and enhance the infrastructure of the economy of your country; and no doubt that requires of Your Excellency much ontinuing effort and work. We hope that you will achieve what you are seeking to do and will be able to cement a strong foundation for that; for we appreciate very much the strength and economic stability of your country and the effect that has on the economy of the world.

Mr. President, the strong and close ties of friendship whose roots were planted a long time ago between Saudi Arabia and the United States; make us always want to strengthen those roots and increase, and secure, the ties which exist between our two countries. Because of that, the dialogue between us has always been a continuing matter; and we have no objective other than to show our determination to conserve that friendship and enhance it. The exchange of ideas and consultation are nothing less than essential to maintain forever the friendship between us.

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Please accept my best wishes and respect.

KHALID BIN ABDULAZIZ

21 July 1981

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Your Excellency, The President of the United States of America:

I received your letter dated 18 July 1981; and I was pleased for what it portrayed - of good intentions toward our common interests that I have felt you have great interest in and sympathy for, requiring me to exchange ideas with Your Excellency with the frankness of a friend to a friend and the confidence which we feel in Your Excellency and your country, for whom we have friendship and respect.

Your emphasis, Your Excellency, on your interest in the arms agreement which we have discussed with your government is most assuring for us; and I have not had any doubt at all that Your Excellency will do all that is necessary to accomplish that personal resolve, particularly as to the AWACS and F-15 accessories, because Your Excellency best appreciates the importance of this equipment for our defense and for assuring the security and stability of our area. From what I have felt toward Your Excellency since the American people gave you their trust and since you took control of events in your nation, I have had no doubt for a moment that you do attach great importance to completing this matter, which Your Excellency knows better than anyone else the importance of for our two countries.

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What you have indicated, Your Excellency, about presenting this sale to the United States Congress after its return from its recess, makes me very optimistic that it can be completed before the 28th of October. I say that because I am convinced that as a consequence of Your Excellency's genuine attention being given to this matter, everything in your power is beind done to do that in the least possible time, and in less than the deadline stated. We offer our assistance to help create the right conditions useful to you in those matters.

I am following with great interest the constructive andeavors Your Excellency is undertaking to correct and enhance the infrastructure of the economy of your country; and no doubt that requires of Your Excellency much ontinuing effort and work. We hope that you will achieve what you are seeking to do and will be able to cement a strong foundation for that; for we appreciate very much the strength and economic stability of your country and the effect that has on the economy of the world.

Mr. President, the strong and close ties of friendship whose roots were planted a long time ago between Saudi Arabia and the United States; make us always want to strengthen those roots and increase, and secure, the ties which exist between our two countries. Because of that, the dialogue between us has always been a continuing matter; and we have no objective other than to show our determination to conserve that friendship and enhance it. The exchange of ideas and consultation are nothing less than essential to maintain forever the friendship between us.

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Please accept my best wishes and respect.

KHALID BIN ABDULAZIZ

21 July 1981

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