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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to King Faisal
(S/S 7416096)

Attached for immediate transmittal by cable to Embassy Jidda is a revised Presidential letter to King Faisal.

The signed original of the President's letter will follow.

Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary
Your Majesty:

I want to thank you for your thoughtful letter of August 12. I appreciated your response to my initial message as President to you, as the leader of a country with which we share a major interest in world developments. We have both affirmed our intense desire to achieve a just and permanent peace in the Middle East.

As you know, within the past weeks we have had talks here with Foreign Minister Allon, Foreign Minister Fahmy, King Hussein and Prime Minister Rifai, and Foreign Minister Khaddam and now Foreign Minister Saqqaf. While Secretary Kissinger is naturally bearing the principal burden in our consultations with the various Foreign Ministers, I am also giving my personal attention to these consultations and am meeting with each Minister visiting Washington, including, with pleasure, Foreign Minister Saqqaf.

Even though the consultation process is still continuing, I would like to share my views with Your Majesty. One question that we have been exploring is the issue of when negotiations can be undertaken between Jordan and Israel with a view to restoring Arab authority in some part of the West Bank. Such
a development need not prejudice the outcome of efforts now under way to resolve the question of the respective roles of Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization. It remains our firm policy that no settlement is possible without taking into account the legitimate interests of the Palestinian people. Another possibility we have been exploring concerns the next step in negotiations between Egypt and Israel. Meanwhile, we have assured Minister Khaddam that we have Syria's concerns very much in mind. To all, we have been emphasizing the need to generate further momentum on which we can build, wherever this may be possible, as we look toward reconvening the Geneva Conference later in the year. Our objective is to get agreement among the various parties on the most expeditious way to start the next stage of the negotiations.

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Your Majesty, you have been very kind in your remarks on the progress achieved to date toward reaching a just and permanent peace in the Middle East as a result of the determination and efforts of President Nixon and Secretary Kissinger. I agree with you that what has been achieved thus far has checked the efforts that the Soviet Union has expended during the past twenty years. We will continue to make a major effort to move the negotiations forward as rapidly as the complexities of the situation allow. Meanwhile, we are urging all concerned to maintain the atmosphere of calm in the area which is so important to the success of efforts to achieve peace.
Your Majesty, I believe it is appropriate on this occasion to express my appreciation for the awareness you have shown of the many important ramifications of the question of petroleum prices. A few months ago it was hoped that the inflationary impact of oil price increases could somehow be contained. Now it is clear that high oil prices remain a major agent of inflation in many countries. Each month the world economy is finding the adjustment to the high price of oil more difficult. With the common prosperity in jeopardy, there are bound to be serious effects on political systems and relationships unless the problem is contained. It is my understanding that Your Majesty has recognized these broad dangers. It is my hope that, with Your Majesty’s leadership as an example, the principal oil-producing countries will adopt a statesmanlike posture that will lead to a pricing structure more in accord with the capabilities of the world economy.

I said in my first letter to Your Majesty that I place exceptional importance on the chance to consult with you from time to time on matters of high common interest. I am sending this letter to you in that spirit.

Sincerely yours,

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King of Saudi Arabia
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
SUBJECT: Letter to King Faisal

August 29, 1974

King Faisal responded promptly to your initial message as President, reaffirming his own well-known positions and also expressing support for our continued efforts to help achieve an Arab-Israeli peace. (Tab B)

I do not foresee the need for you to keep up a steady, heavy correspondence with Faisal but I believe that it would be helpful for you to write him from time to time and that another letter at this time would be helpful. It will not be easy to get a consensus among all the concerned parties as to just what the next step should be in the Middle East peacemaking effort, and just when it should be undertaken. It will probably take all the ingenuity we can muster to get such a consensus and to contain the momentum that may build up, at least in Syria, for another round of fighting if the pace of negotiations is slower than the Arabs want. Although Saudi Arabia is not one of the immediate parties to the dispute, it has been in a position to exert increasing influence on the Arab states which need to negotiate with Israel. It is therefore important that we do what we can to keep King Faisal on our side so that he will counsel restraint at critical points.

There is another reason why I believe a message from you to Faisal at this time would be timely. This involves the price of oil. Although Saudi Arabia benefits from the same high prices as other oil producers, at least some key Saudi leaders have favored efforts to bring prices down to a more reasonable level. We understand Faisal is among these. On the other hand, the Saudis recently called off a plan to auction a considerable volume of oil, which would presumably have tended to bring prices down. Our Ambassador has now reported that the Saudi
decision regarding the auction remains in question, and he conveyed the suggestion of the Saudi Petroleum Minister that a letter from you to King Faisal would be extremely helpful at this time. I think Faisal will be impressed by hearing from you of the serious view we take concerning the present high level of prices, and I believe it may encourage him to continue to seek a way to bring them down.

The letter attached for your signature shows appreciation for Faisal's viewpoints and objectives while it seeks his support of our positions on both Middle East peacemaking and oil.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the letter to King Faisal at Tab A.
Letter from King Faisal of Saudi Arabia to President Ford, dated August 12, 1974. Secret/Notis.

"In the name of God the merciful, the compassionate, His Excellency the President Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America, I received Your Excellency's letter which was dispatched on the day you took up the office of President of the United States of America. I repeat to Your Excellency my congratulations on (assuming this position and I thank you for your sincere best wishes and noble feelings; I pray that Almighty God may cause you to succeed by His grace and confirm your steps on the path of righteousness so that you might continue the efforts exerted by your predecessor, His Excellency President Richard Nixon.

Your Excellency the President, you know full well the tribulations and tragedies that have befallen the region of the Middle East as a result of the creation of the state of Israel in the heart of the region. I assure Your Excellency that all of the Arab states desire the establishment of permanent peace throughout the region based upon right and justice. They are confirmed in the hope that Your Excellency will persevere--together with your Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger--in the effort to bring about this peace after its harbingers have begun to appear. (This) will bring to its people the benefits of security and stability after prolonged hardship and destitution.

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By ________ Hara Date 2/23/84
I was most pleased to hear from Your Excellency that the achievement of peace in the Middle East will remain one of the goals of United States foreign policy. I have no doubt of your resolution and determination to bring this about. I affirm to Your Excellency that all of the Arab states will cooperate fully with you to realize this goal; I am likewise certain that there will be no final solution so long as Israel does not withdraw from all of the occupied territories and so long as the Palestinian people are not given the right to return to their land and (enjoy) the right of self determination.

Your Excellency the President, it might be useful to inform Your Excellency that the visit of President Nixon to some of the Arab states in the spring of this year and the manifestation of his concern in reaching a just and permanent settlement of the Middle East problem and the perseverance of Dr. Henry Kissinger to reaching disengagement on the Egyptian and Syrian front have left a good impression among the people of the region. This has, moreover, checked the efforts that the Soviet Union has expended during the last 20 years. I sincerely hope that the United States will continue its efforts to consolidate these gains and promote them further.

Your Excellency the President, I thank you for having affirmed your commitment to respecting the obligations which the United States took upon itself with regard to its relationships with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
I affirm to Your Excellency that we are looking forward to strengthening the bonds of friendship, increasing the cooperation, and deepening the relationships between our two countries and peoples.

I pray to God that He may grant Your Excellency health and bring you success.
Henry,

This package came over from Stettin. I have
had it reduce to put
the Faisal letter on
green stationery (it
always requires a hard
copy).

[Signature]
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August 28, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR

GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM:

ROSEMARY NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

Presidential Letter to King Faisal

We received the attached package from State this afternoon recommending a Presidential letter to King Faisal on the Middle East negotiating situation and on the oil issue. This follows a recent suggestion by Saudi Oil Minister Yamani. It has been retyped in the package at Tab 1.

It would seem to make sense that the letter be signed expeditiously to preserve its timeliness and the original State draft suggests that the plan was to have had it signed further in advance of the Saqqaf visit. Paragraph 2 -- talk of a future visit -- has been slightly amended to be consistent with the fact that Saqqaf is now here. I have had no intimation from State that there is any plan to have the letter handed by the President to Saqqaf during tomorrow's meeting. Rather, I understand that it can just go separately when signed.

RECOMMENDATION: That the package at Tab I be forwarded to the President, seeking his signature on a letter to King Faisal at Tab A.

[Text cleared with speechwriters.]

[I understand from State that the fact of this letter will be on the Secretary's morning checklist for tomorrow morning, in connection with briefing on the Saqqaf visit.]
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Attachments:

1. Proposed Letter to King Faisal
2. Geneva Telegram 5366
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Even though the consultation process is still continuing, I would like to share with Your Majesty where matters now stand. One question we have been exploring

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Faisal ibn Abd al-Aziz Al-Saud,
King of Saudi Arabia,
Jidda.
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Sincerely yours,

Gerald R. Ford
Department of State

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FROM AMBASSADOR AKINS

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TAGO CITY, ENAGO, SA, US

SUHD YAHANIS VIEW ON CANCELLATION OF PETROLEUM AUCTION

YAHANIS TOLD AMBASSADOR AKINS YESTERDAY THAT THERE WAS

STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE SAUDI OIL AUCTION FROM ALL OTHER OPEC

COUNTRIES, BUT THE REAL REASON FOR CANCELLING THE AUCTION WAS THAT

PRINCE FAHAD HAD UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR CORRUPTION THROUGH

DIRECT UNILATERAL DEALS. HE THOUGHT THE ONLY WAY TO REVERSE THE

DECISION WOULD BE FOR AKINS AND AKINS TO TAKE IT UP DIRECTLY WITH FAHAD AND

THE KING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE ALSO ASKED THAT THE DEMAND TO

THE KING BE SUPPORTED BY FRANCE, FRANCE AND GERMANY.

1. AHMAD ZAKI YAHAN, SAUDI MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, NOW IN GENEVA

FOR AN OPEC MEETING, ASKED TO COME TO GENEVA YESTERDAY.

HE WANTED TO EXPLAIN WHY THE LONG PROMISED PETROLEUM AUCTION HAD NOT

BEEN HELD.

2. AS WE KNEW, HE SAID, THE PURPOSE OF THE AUCTION WAS TO ESTABLISH

A NEW MARKET PRICE FOR OIL AND THEREBY BRING WORLD OIL PRICES DOWN.

THIS HAS UPSET ALL OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES, SOME OF THEM APPEALED

DIRECTLY TO KING FAHAD. HE SAID HE KNEW THAT AT LEAST FOUR TEA

OF HEALTH, THE SHAM AND THE FORM OF KUWAIT HAD ALL ASKED THE KING TO

CANCEL THE AUCTION, "AND THERE MAY HAVE BEEN OTHERS".

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3. This outside pressure, according to Yamani, was not RPT not the real reason for the decision. The Higher Petroleum Council discussed it at length, the minister of finance opposed the auction, as he always had, but it was the strong new opposition of Prince Fahd, minister of the interior and chairman of the petroleum committee, which resulted in the final decision. When Yamani pointed out that he had discussed the auction with me and with Secretary Simon, that no Saudi has ever intimated that the auction would not be held, Fahd replied that Saudi Arabia didn't always need to take orders from the Americans.

4. A sort of compromise was reached in that the committee agreed to try to fix prices in oil, i.e., the Saudis would oppose any further increases in posted prices for at least a year, but would do nothing more to try to decrease them.

5. Yamani said that he could have gone over Fahd's head to the king, and probably would have won, but it probably would also have been his last victory. He said he was not RPT not prepared to alienate Fahd; he intended to stay in his job a little longer.

6. Yamani said Fahd favored bilateral deals for the Saudi oil, preferably with governments but possibly also with companies. In this way, particularly through governmental deals, the opportunities for corruption would be maximized, i.e., long-term deals for oil with kick-backs to the prices.

7. Yamani said he thought the only way to reverse this decision would be for me to take the question with Fahd, to express my government's intense disappointment and to ask him for his advice and assistance. Under no circumstances, he said, should I intimate that it had heard he had opposed the auction; this would freeze him into his position.

8. He asked that I go now to London to see Fahd. Although Fahd is scheduled to be back in Jeddah by the end of the month, Yamani thought he would not return before the middle of September, at the earliest.

9. Yamani said I should also raise the matter with the King as such as I got back to Jedd, it would help greatly, he thought, if
OU BEGAMES TO THE KING (BUT NOT TO FAHID) WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY THE
UK, FRANCE AND GERMANY, I SHOULD MAKE, HE SAID, THE SAME POINTS I HAD
MADE EARLIER ABOUT THE COST TO THE WORLD ECONOMY AND THE POSSIBLE
RESULTING RADICALIZATION OF ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA.

9. YAMANI HAS PARTICULARLY SKITTISH AND ASKED THAT THE INFORMATION
BE TIGHTLY HELD. I TOLD HIM I COULD UNFORTUNATELY GUARANTEE NOTHING
BUT WOULD REPORT THE CONVERSATION ONLY TO WASHINGTON AND ASK THAT
ITS DISTRIBUTION BE STRICTLY LIMITED.

10. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT HAS
CONTRARY VIEWS, I WILL TAKE UP THE MATTER AGAIN WITH FAHID AND THE KING
AFTER I RETURN AUGUST 29.ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD BE SOME ADVANTAGE IN
ABRIDGING FANCE IN LONDON, AWAY FROM THE USUAL SAUDI PRESSURES, NO
DECISION ON THE AUCTION OR ANY OTHER OIL MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL
THE OIL COMMITTEE CONVERSES IN SAUDI ARABIA.

11. IF THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WOULD IT REPEAT THIS CABLE TO LONDON,
PARIS AND BRUSSELS AND ASK THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER
SIMILAR APPROACHES TO THE KING?

12. YAMANI SAID THAT HE THOUGHT A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD WOULD BE
EXTREMELY HELPFUL AT THIS TIME. IT SHOULDN'T MENTION THE AUCTION, AS
SUCH, ONLY PRAISE THE KING'S EFFORTS TO LOWER WORLD OIL PRICES. IT
WOULD ALSO BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY, HE THOUGHT, TO EXPRESS GENERAL
FEELINGS OF GOOD WILL TOWARD SAUDI ARABIA.

13. I CAN BE REACHED MOST EASILY THROUGH THE MISSION IN GENEVA FOR THE
NEXT WEEK.

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TO: FRIDAY
FROM: KISSINGER
SUBJECT: Middle East Negotiations

Please forward this support re Middle East Negotiations.
PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL LETTER DATED AUGUST 29, 1974 TO KING FAISAL. SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL BE POUCHED.

BEGIN TEXT.

YOUR MAJESTY:

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL LETTER OF AUGUST 12. I APPRECIATED YOUR RESPONSE TO MY INITIAL MESSAGE AS PRESIDENT TO YOU, AS THE LEADER OF A COUNTRY WITH WHICH WE SHARE A MAJOR INTEREST IN WORLD DEVELOPMENTS. WE HAVE BOTH AFFIRMED OUR INTENSE DESIRE TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND PERMANENT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

AS YOU KNOW, WITHIN THE PAST WEEKS WE HAVE HAD TALKS HERE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ALLOU, FOREIGN MINISTER TAMMY, KING HUSSEIN AND PRIME MINISTER RIFAL, AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAI AND NOW FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF. WHILE SECRETARY KISSINGER IS NATURALLY BEARING THE PRINCIPAL BURDEN IN OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE VARIOUS FOREIGN MINISTERS, I AM ALSO GIVING MY PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THESE CONSULTATIONS AND AM MEETING WITH EACH MINISTER VISITING WASHINGTON, INCLUDING, WITH PLEASURE, FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF.

END TEXT.

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EVEN THOUGH THE CONSULTATION PROCESS IS STILL CONTINUING, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE MY VIEWS WITH YOUR MAJESTY. ONE QUESTION THAT WE HAVE BEEN EXPLORING IS THE ISSUE OF WHEN NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE UNDERTAKEN BETWEEN JORDAN AND ISRAEL WITH A VIEW TO RESTORING ARAB AUTHORITY IN SOME PART OF THE WEST BANK. SUCH A DEVELOPMENT NEED NOT PREJUDICE THE OUTCOME OF EFFORTS NOW UNDER WAY TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION OF THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF JORDAN AND THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. IT REMAINS OUR FIRM POLICY THAT NO SETTLEMENT IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WE HAVE BEEN EXPLORING CONCERNS THE NEXT STEP IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE ASSURED MINISTER KHADDAM THAT WE HAVE SYRIA'S CONCERNS VERY MUCH IN MIND. TO ALL, WE HAVE BEEN EMphasizing THE NEED TO GENERATE FURTHER MOMENTUM ON WHICH WE CAN BUILD, WHEREVER THIS MAY BE POSSIBLE, AS WE LOOK TOWARD RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE LATER IN THE YEAR. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO GET AGREEMENT AMONG THE VARIOUS PARTIES ON THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS WAY TO START THE NEXT STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

I HAVE INVITED PRIME MINISTER RABIN TO COME TO WASHINGTON IN THE FIRST PART OF SEPTEMBER. WE WILL THEN HAVE A CLEARER VIEW OF WHAT THE NEXT STEP OR STEPS SHOULD BE, SUBJECT TO FURTHER EARLY TALKS WITH THE VARIOUS FOREIGN MINISTERS, WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONvenes IN NEW YORK.

YOUR MAJESTY, YOU HAVE BEEN VERY KIND IN YOUR REMARKS ON THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED TO DATE TOWARD REACHING A JUST AND PERMANENT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS A RESULT OF THE DETERMINATION AND EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. I AGREE WITH YOU THAT WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED TO DATE HAS CHANGED THE EFFORTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS EXPENDED DURING THE PAST TWENTY YEARS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO MOVE THE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD AS RAPIDLY AS THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE SITUATION ALLOW. MEANWHILE, WE ARE URGING ALL CONCERNED TO MAINTAIN THE ATMOSPHERE OF CALM IN THE AREA WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE.
YOUR MAJESTY, I BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE ON THIS OCCASION TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE AWARENESS YOU HAVE SHOWN OF THE MANY IMPORTANT RAMIFICATIONS OF THE QUESTION OF PETROLEUM PRICES. A FEW MONTHS AGO IT WAS HOPE THAT THE INFLATIONARY IMPACT OF OIL PRICE INCREASES COULD SOMEHOW BE CONTAINED. NOW IT IS CLEAR THAT HIGH OIL PRICES REMAIN A MAJOR AGENT OF INFLATION IN MANY COUNTRIES. EACH MONTH THE WORLD ECONOMY IS FINDING THE ADJUSTMENT TO THE HIGH PRICE OF OIL MORE DIFFICULT. WITH THE COMMON PROSPERITY IN JEOPARDY, THERE ARE SURE TO BE SERIOUS EFFECTS ON POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND RELATIONSHIPS UNLESS THE PROBLEM IS CONTAINED. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOUR MAJESTY HAS RECOGNIZED THESE BROAD DANGERS. IT IS MY HOPE THAT, WITH YOUR MAJESTY'S LEADERSHIP AS AN EXAMPLE, THE PRINCIPAL OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES WILL ADOPT A STATESMANLIKE POSTURE THAT WILL LEAD TO A PRICING STRUCTURE MORE IN ACCORD WITH THE CAPABILITIES OF THE WORLD ECONOMY.

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SINCERELY YOURS,
Gerald R. Ford.

END TEXT.
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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM KING FAISAL RE MIDDLE EAST PEACE, CONTACTS WITH PLO AND HELP ON OIL PRICES

1. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 12 FOLLOWING LETTER FROM KING FAISAL ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT FORO. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT, ATTENTION MR. DICKMAN NEAARP.

AMBASSADOR'S TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

QUOTEI IN THE NAME OF GOD THE MERCIFUL AND COMPASSIONATE, OUR EXCELLENCY GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

3. YOUR EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT, I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER DATED AUGUST 20, 1974 WHICH YOUR EXCELLENCY'S AMBASSADOR IN JIDDA BROUGHT TO ME, IN THANKING YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR THE NOBLE SENTIMENT THIS LETTER CONTAINED I PRAY THAT ALMIGHTY GOD MAY EXTEND TO YOU HIS STRENGTH AND SUPPORT AND ENABLE YOU TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND PERMANENT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT WOULD BRING SECURITY AND STABILITY TO ALL ITS PARTS AND A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL ITS PEOPLE.

YOUR EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT, THE ARAB PEOPLES AND PARTICULARLY THE PALESTINIANS ARE LOOKING WITH GREAT HOPE AND TRUST TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AFTER YOUR REPEATED AFFIRMATIONS --

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SECRET
TO ALL OF THE ARAB HIGH OFFICIALS WHO HAVE VISITED WASHINGTON RECENTLY AND WHO MET WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY AND HIS EXCELLENCY DR. KISSINGER, YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE -- THAT JUSTICE WILL BE DONE AND THAT A PEACE BASED UPON JUSTICE SHALL PREVAIL OVER THE REGION.

A. I CONSIDER THAT BRINGING ABOUT A COMPREHENSIVE AND IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT TO THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION IS NOT AN EASY MATTER FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY AFTER ISRAEL BECAME ACCUSTOMED IN THE COURSE OF PREVIOUS AMERICAN ADMINISTRATIONS TO IMPOSING WHATSOEVER REQUIREMENTS CAME TO ITS MIND AND OF OBTAINING SATISFACTION WITHOUT ANY DELAY. BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOUR FIRM JUDGMENT, WISDOM, AND DETERMINATION TO FIND A JUST PEACE WILL PREVAIL OVER ALL THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH STAND IN THE WAY. I THEREFORE FEEL NO DOUBT THAT THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM LIES IN YOUR EXCELLENCY’S HANDS. IF ISRAEL MERELY SURMISES THAT ITS REQUESTS MIGHT BE PROTESTED SHOULD IT NOT LISTEN ATTENTIVELY TO THE VOICE OF REASON AND CUMPLY WITH TRUTH AND REALITY.

B. YOUR EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT, I ASSURE YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THERE CANNOT BE A SETTLEMENT THAT DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LAWFUL INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

C. ON THE BASIS OF THIS FIRM POLICY IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR THE UNITED STATES TO EXTEND FEELERS TO THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION IN PREPARATION FOR INVITING IT TO GENEVA AS AN INDEPENDENT DELEGATION SO THAT IT COULD THERE SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REPRESENTING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

D. YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT, YOU UNDOUBTEDLY KNOW OUR POSITION ON THE SUBJECT OF PETROLEUM PRICES. ALTHOUGH ALL OF THE OPEC STATES ARE STANDING AGAINST US WITH REGARD TO LOWERING THE PRICES WHICH WE HAVE SUGGESTED BECAUSE THEY WISH THEM TO INCREASE STEADILY. NOT AFTER LONG DISCUSSIONS WITH ALGERIA AND IRAN IT WAS RECON CED TO PREFER THE CURRENT PRICE FOR A FURTHER PERIOD. WE ASK THAT YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH
YOUR FRIENDS FROM AMONG THE OPEC STATES AND PARTICULARLY IRAN AND ALGERIA TO SUPPORT OUR POSITION WITH REGARD TO LOWERING THE PRICE.

WE LOOK FORWARD ALWAYS TO STRENGTHENING THE BOND OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES AND TO DEEPENING THE EXISTING RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

WE WISH YOUR EXCELLENCY HEALTH AND SUCCESS; MAY GOD PRESERVE YOU. /S/ FAISAL, JIDDA, 24 SHA'BAN, 1394 A.H., (CORRESPONDING TO SEPTEMBER 11, 1974 A.D., ENDOQUOTE.

AKTNS
1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO KING FAISAL FROM PRESIDENT FORD:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR MAJESTY:

I AM WRITING TO TELL YOU THAT I HAVE DISCUSSED FULLY WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER HIS RECENT TALKS WITH YOU, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW OF MY GRATIFICATION AT YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION, BOTH ON THE QUESTION OF OIL POLICY AND TOWARD THE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

I REMAIN DETERMINED THAT THE US DO EVERYTHING FEASIBLE TO HELP MAINTAIN PROGRESS IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS, BUILDING ON THE DE-ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS EARLIER THIS YEAR AND ON THE SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND I HAVE CONDUCTED IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. WE ARE PREPARED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE STRATEGY SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS OUTLINED TO YOU IS NOT ONLY IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES BUT WILL SERVE THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

I WANT TO GIVE YOU MY PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK IN THE DIRECTION DESCRIBED TO YOU BY PRESIDENT NIXON. I CONSIDER IT A SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT PERSONALLY AND FULLY ANY NEGOTIATION THAT DEVELOPS.
YOURS DELIBERATIONS AT THE ARAB SUMMIT MEETING AT RABAT WILL DO MUCH TO DETERMINE HOW IT IS POSSIBLE TO PROCEED. I KNOW YOUR MAJESTY'S WILL BE A VOICE FOR A PRACTICAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH WHICH CAN LEAD STEADILY TO THE RESULTS WE ALL WANT. MY PRAYERS GO WITH YOU FOR A SAFE AND FRUITFUL JOURNEY.

WARM REGARDS, GERALD R. FORD, END TEXT.

KISSING.

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from King Faisal to President Ford

Attached is the original, and a translation, of a letter to President Ford from His Majesty King Faisal dated September 11, 1974. The President's message of appreciation to King Faisal on Saudi Arabia's stand on oil prices (State 203063, attached) partially responded to this letter. We believe no further reply is necessary.

[Signature]
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
1. Original and translation
2. State 203063
Translation of letter to President Ford from His Majesty King Faisal dated September 11, 1974

QUOTE:
In the Name of God the merciful and compassionate,

His Excellency Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America.

Your Excellency the President, I received your letter dated August 29, 1974 which your Excellency's Ambassador in Jidda brought to me. In thanking your Excellency for the noble sentiment this letter contained I pray that Almighty God may extend to you his strength and support and enable you to achieve a just and permanent peace in the Middle East that would bring security and stability to all its parts and a better life for all its people.

Your Excellency the President, the Arab Peoples and particularly the Palestinians are looking with great hope and trust to Your Excellency after your repeated affirmations -- to all of the Arab high officials who have visited Washington recently and who met with Your Excellency and His Excellency Dr. Kissinger, Your Secretary of State -- that justice will be done and that a peace based upon justice shall prevail over the region.
I consider that bringing about a comprehensive and immediate settlement to the Palestinian question is not an easy matter for Your Excellency after Israel became accustomed in the course of previous American administrations to imposing whatever requests came to its mind and of obtaining satisfaction without any delay. But I am confident that your firm judgment, wisdom, and determination to find a just peace will prevail over all the difficulties which stand in the way. Likewise I feel no doubt that the solution to the problem lies in Your Excellency's hand if Israel merely surmises that its requests might be frozen should it not listen attentively to the voice of reason and comply with truth and reality.

Your Excellency the President, I assure Your Excellency that there cannot be a settlement that does not take into account the lawful interests of the Palestinian people.

On the basis of this firm policy it might be useful for the United States to extend feelers to the Palestinian Liberation Organization in preparation for inviting it to Geneva as an independent
delegation so that it could there bear the responsibility of representing the Palestinian people.

Your Excellency, the President, you undoubtedly know our position on the subject of petroleum prices but all of the OPEC states are standing against us with regard to lowering the prices which we have suggested -- because they wish them to increase steadily. But after long discussions with Algeria and Iran it has been agreed to freeze the current price for a further period. We ask that you get in touch with your friends from among the OPEC states and particularly Iran and Algeria to support our position with regard to lowering the price.

We look forward always to strengthening the bond of friendship between our peoples and to deepening the existing relations between our two countries.

We wish Your Excellency health and success; May God preserve you. /S/ Faisal,
Jidda, 24 Sha'ban, 1394 A.H. (Corresponding to September 11, 1974 A.D.) End Quote.
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رئيس الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية

خامسة الرئيس

استلمت رسالتي في 24 أغسطس 1973 الذي خطتمه إلى سفيرنا في القاهرة باسم:

في جدة، وأنا آسف أن تكون رسالتكم طرأت علي هذه الرسالة من نيل الشعور بروح من الدول الغربية الدافرة في منطقة الشرق الأوسط لبعض الأمن والاستقرار إلى ربيعها وتحقيق حياة أفضل لجميع شعوبها.

خامسة الرئيس

إن الشعوب العربية والشعب الفلسطيني خاصة تتطلع إلى التفاهم، وكلها أصيلة رقعة في نسيجها تفاهمكم - بعد تأكيدكم المحكمة التي صرحت بها مجموعة كبار المسؤولين العرب الذين زاروا واشتفلوا في الآونة الأخيرة في مصر، وكانت نتيجة لتفاهمكم وصياغة تفاصيله الدكتور كينج - بأن الحق ليس هو العدل والعدالة، وإنما هو ما يحققه ديناسًا مباشرًا على العدل ومبدأ إجراها.

وإنني لحد الآن أبعد حل شامل ونور للقضية الفلسطينية ليس بالأسس المطلق، في ظل فخادكم، بعد أن انتهى عامًا إسرائيلي أختارنا الأدوار الممكية للإجابة على نجوم ما سبق لهامين عقبات ويدعو كلاً منهما إلى ذلك دون مكانته أو استخدامه. ولكن، من نواحي سداد رأيك وحكمة فخادكم، لجدعكم الأيدي على إجادة الحل الحديث التسلم على جميع الصعوبات التي تغص صغيرة، يعوض سيله: إذا لا يجدها شكل، فان نقل التحديد، بقيد، كأجبك فإن يوجد لأسرائيل بمجرد تجديد طلباتها إذا لم تصح لصوت الحق وتوجيه للمفعول والواقع.

خامسة الرئيس

لا يمكنني تحقق مثل هذه الأسس دون أن تدخل في حساباتها.
الحالة المشروعة للشعب الفلسطيني:

والتعلقان من هذه السياسة السائدة لدى الولايات المتحدة لأنه قد يكون من الغير أن تجري إصابات جارية مع منظمة التحرير الفلسطينية تعويدها لدعمها التي
جبيك الكويت لن تتحمل مسؤولية تشيل الشعب الفلسطيني.

خاتمة الرئيس:

علمتونا ونتشاك موقفنا من موضوع أسعار البترول لكمن جميع دول الأوبك تخفف
عددنا في موضوع تخفيف الأسعار الذي افترضته لأنها ترغب في زيادة منظمة.
ولكن بعد مفاوضات طويلة اجتذبها مع الجزائر وإيران تم الاتفاق على تخفيف السعر الحالي لفترة أخرى.
ولننا نرغب في أن تكون بإمكانكم أن تتغلبوا بطرق تهمك من دول الأوبك وخاصة إيران والجزائر لهم موافقة
بتخفيف السعر.

هذا ونأمل أن يكون ما نتيلي جرى بداية في الصداقة بين شعمنا وتعزيز العلاقات الأقلمة بين بلدين.

منيباً لعفافكم الصحبة والثوابط، والله يحفظكم.

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APPROPRIATE TO HIS MAJESTY KING FAISAL PRESIDENT FORD'S
APPRECIATION FOR THE COURAGEOUS AND STATESMANLIKE POSITION
TAKEN BY SAUDI ARABIA AT THE OPEC CONFERENCE IN VIENNA.

2. THE PRESIDENT QUITE UNDERSTANDS THE POINT MADE IN
HIS MAJESTY'S LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 11 THAT OTHER OIL
EXPORTERS ARE RECEIVING IN A LESS RESPONSIBLE MANNER, AND
WE HAVE LET OUR VIEWS BE KNOWN BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY.
WHAT IS REQUIRED IS CONTINUING UNDERSTANDING THAT WE LIVE
IN AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD AND THAT THE FREE WORLD WILL
SUFFER IF MEASURES ARE TAKEN TO PREVENT MARKET FORCES FROM
DETERMINING A FAIR PRICE FOR OIL. WE FEAR THAT UNLESS
THERE IS A STATESMANLIKE APPROACH ON OIL PRICES, THE
ALTERNATIVE WILL BE A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN CONSUMER AND
PRODUCER COUNTRIES, GIVEN THE NEED FOR OIL TO HELP FUEL

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The President appreciates the burdens that are now being thrust on Saudi Arabia because of the heavy responsibility it bears for the free world’s economic health.

This is a responsibility, however, which Saudi Arabia derives from the position of leadership which the Kingdom now occupies and from the value it places in the prosperity, well-being, and security of the free world.

2. FYI we are not coming out publicly to pat Saudis on the back because we know they are sensitive to charges of being an American tool on oil policy matters. However, we are quite prepared to do so if Embassy believes Saudis would welcome this. End FYI. Kissinger
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1. CHIEF OF ROYAL PROTOCOL AHMED ABDUL WAHHAB GAVE AMB
ON OCTOBER 24 KING FAISAL'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S
LETTER REPEL. KING'S LETTER DATED OCTOBER 23. ORIGINAL
BEING POUCED: ATTENTION MR. DICKMAN, NEA/APP. EMBASSY
TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE IN THE NAME OF GOD THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE
HIS EXCELLENCY GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, YOUR EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT.

I RECEIVED YOUR EXCELLENCY’S LETTER DATED OCTOBER 23, 1974,
WHICH WAS DELIVERED BY YOUR EXCELLENCY'S AMBASSADOR IN
JIDDA. I DO AFFIRM TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE DISCUSSION
WHICH I CONDUCTED WITH HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY
WAS USEFUL AND PLEASING AS IT ASPIRED ME ONCE AGAIN --
AS DID YOUR EXCELLENCY’S LETTER -- OF YOUR
EXCELLENCY’S DETERMINATION TO EXPEND EFFORTS AND
TO WORK ALONG THE LINES LAYED DOWN BY PRESIDENT
NIXON AND WHICH YOUR EXCELLENCY PERSONALLY AND COMPLETLY
SUPPORTS: THE PURPOSE OF THESE EFFORTS BEING TO
BRING ABOUT A JUST AND PERMANENT PEACE IN THE REGION OF THE
MIDDLE EAST.

QUOTE WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY IN WHICH THE
WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM ALL OF THE ARAB OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES IS ACCOMPLISHED AND IN WHICH THE ARAB
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE OBTAIN ITS RIGHT TO RETURN
TO ITS FATHERLAND AND TO SELF-DETERMINATION.
WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WE THAT DAY A NEW AND HOPEFUL
PAGE AS GOD WILLS--WILL BE TURNED IN THE HISTORY
OF ARAB-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THAT THE TIES BETWEEN
US AND 35 BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BECOME
STRONGER AND MORE SUBSTANTIAL.

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QUITE WE ARE STILL COMPLETELY CONFIDENT THAT THE KEY TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN CASE LIES IN THE HANDS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS REPRESENTED IN THE PERSON OF YOUR EXCELLENCY. THE BEST PROOF OF THIS IS THE VOTE WHICH RECENTLY TOOK PLACE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHERE THE UNITED STATES STOOD NEUTRAL WITH REGARD TO LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AS REPRESENTED BY THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.

QUOTE IT IS THEREFORE INCUMBENT UPON ISRAEL TO HEED THE ADVICE AND COUNSEL OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH IT TO SOLVE THIS CRISIS WHICH HAS LOOMED OVER THE MIDDLE EAST, FOR ABOUT ONE QUARTER CENTURY AND WHOSE BAD EFFECTS HAVE BEEN FELT BY ALL OF THE STATES OF THE WORLD -- BECAUSE OF ISRAEL'S OBSTINACY AND ARROGANCE AND RELIANCE UPON THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES.

QUOTE AS FOR THE POLICY OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN KINGDOM TOWARD OIL, IT IS KNOWN TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND WE WILL CONTINUE WITH EFFORTS TO REALIZE IT AND WE HOPE FOR COOPERATION FROM YOUR EXCELLENCY WITH YOUR FRIENDS IN REACHING THIS GOAL. WISHING YOUR EXCELLENCY HEALTH AND SUCCESS, AND THAT GOD MAY PRESERVE YOUR. FAISAL AL SA'UD.

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