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*Delivered by the  
Vice President*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 25, 1975

Your Royal Highness:

I want you to know how deeply the loss of His Majesty King Feisal will be felt here in the United States, as well as in your country and the entire Islamic world. He was for many years, as King and Crown Prince, a close friend whose strength and vision did much to bring relations between our countries and peoples to the point where they are today.

Vice President Rockefeller carries this letter as my personal representative. I have asked him to reassure you of our determination to continue to work for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. Secretary Kissinger has told me of the very useful talks he has had with you during his recent visits to Riyadh. We value your advice as we did that of His Majesty King Feisal on what course we should pursue in the Middle East, and we hope to continue to work closely with Your Highness to achieve our common goals.

I have also been told of the vision and dedication which you have brought to the Joint Commissions, which are doing much to further the progress of our two peoples and increase their mutual understanding. Let me assure you of the overriding importance which the United States attaches to the continuance of close and friendly relations between our countries, and to the hope that, through cooperation, we may together proceed toward progress and peace.

Sincerely,

*Gerald R. Ford*

His Royal Highness  
Fahd ibn Abd al-Aziz Al Saud  
Crown Prince and Prime Minister  
Saudi Arabia



*Delivered by the  
Vice President*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1975

Your Majesty:

As I stated in my earlier message to you, the tragic death of His Majesty King Feisal is a loss which will be deeply felt by the people of the United States as well as the people of Saudi Arabia and the Islamic World.

Over the years, His Majesty's leadership and wisdom have brought your country and mine into a new relationship which is far deeper than that which they had previously enjoyed. Our peoples and interests have become truly interdependent in this new era, one which all of us wish to be marked by common endeavor toward our mutual goals of peace, prosperity and continued friendship.

Your Majesty, this development has been deeply gratifying for the United States and it is our hope that it will continue. It is my sincere belief that our countries can and must work closely together, as much so in the future as in the past. There is much that each has given the other, and much still that each may continue to give. I look forward to a furtherance of this relationship, wherein both can continue to derive strength and sustenance through cooperation.

Your Majesty, it is also my hope that from time to time we can continue to share with each other our views on events and matters of importance as



we did with His Majesty King Feisal. I hope also to benefit from your wise counsel on ways we may proceed together toward the attainment of prosperity for our countries and a final, just and durable settlement in the Middle East. For our part, the United States remains determined to work for peace in the Middle East.

I have asked my close colleague the Vice President to convey to you personally my deep condolences and my good wishes for Saudi Arabia. The Vice President fully shares my commitment and that of my Government to the friendship between our two countries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Gerald" is written in a larger, more prominent script, followed by "R." and "Ford". The signature is positioned in the center of the page, below the word "Sincerely,".

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



The seal of the United States Department of State, featuring an eagle with a shield, holding an olive branch and arrows, with a constellation of stars above its head. The text "DEPARTMENT OF STATE" is arched above the eagle, and "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" is arched below it, separated by two small stars.

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OF TIME.

YOUR EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

I RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION THE WISH YOU EXPRESSED THAT THE KINGDOM SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT WITH THE MEMBER STATES IN OPEC AT THE COMING MEETING TO STAND FIRM AGAINST ANY INCREASE IN THE PRICES OF OIL. AS YOUR EXCELLENCY KNOWS, THE KINGDOM DOES NOT PUT LIMITS ON THE PRODUCTION OF ITS OIL, AND IT FACILITATES ITS MARKETING TO THOSE WHO NEED IT. IT IS NOT OUR GOAL NOR OUR OBJECT TO PUSH THE PRICES OF OIL UP. THE SUBJECT OF THE PRICE OF THIS VITAL COMMODITY HOWEVER WILL REMAIN AN ACTIVE ONE AT THIS TIME FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZED AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES--UNLESS SINCERE EFFORTS CAN BE COORDINATED TO NARROW THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM.

YOUR EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT:

IT IS OBVIOUS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT SOME OF THE MEMBER REGIONS IN OPEC ARE CALLING FOR FURTHER PRICE INCREASES IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURES OF THEIR OWN NEEDS. OTHERS CONSIDER PETROLEUM TOO VALUABLE A COMMODITY TO BE USED AS FUEL--THEY WOULD RATHER SEE IT USED AS A BASIC ELEMENT IN NUMEROUS, IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS; IN ADDITION TO THESE OPEC MEMBERS, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHO ARE MORE FLEXIBLE AND DISPOSED TO MODIFY THEIR POSITION TO HARMONIZE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. BUT HOW CAN THESE VARIOUS POSITIONS BE RECONCILED?

IF THE KINGDOM'S CORRECT AND WELL-CONSIDERED VIEWS ARE TO PREVAIL UPON OTHERS, AND FOR ITS DISCUSSION WITH THE OTHER OPEC MEMBERS AT THE COMING MEETING TO HAVE A POSITIVE RESULT, THE GAP BETWEEN MEMBERS' POSITIONS MUST BE NARROWED ON THE ONE HAND AND THAT THERE BE A POSITIVE DISPOSITION TOWARD THE DESIRES OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ON THE OTHER. THIS LATTER CONDITION BECOMES PROBABLE TO THE EXTENT THAT THE ADVANCED REGIONS CAN PROFFER ASSISTANCE TO SOLVING THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS AND IN PARTICULAR THE PROBLEMS

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OF THE OIL PRODUCING NATIONS--BY PROVIDING THEM WITH SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SUPPORT--WHICH WOULD RESULT IN MUTUAL EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN PROMOTING GOOD WILL ON BEHALF OF PROSPERITY FOR ALL PEOPLE.

YOUR EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT:

YOUR EXCELLENCY KNOWS THAT IT IS NOT THE POLICY OF THE KINGDOM TO RAISE THE PRICE OF OIL UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. THE KINGDOM IN FACT IS MAKING AN EFFORT TO CURB THE PRESSURES FOR A FURTHER INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF OIL AT THE NEXT MEETING OF OPEC ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1975. BUT YOU MUST ALSO KNOW THAT THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA DOES NOT WANT TO MAINTAIN A POSITION SINGLEHANDEDLY IF ALL OF THE OTHER OPEC STATES INSIST UPON AN INCREASE ON PRICES, SINCE IT CANNOT STAND ISOLATED FROM ITS PARTNERS IN OPEC. THE KINGDOM HOWEVER WILL TRY TO EXERCISE WHATEVER INFLUENCE IT CAN, SO THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE PRICE INCREASE WILL BE REASONABLE AND MODERATE. THE KINGDOM WILL ALSO TRY TO CONVINCE THE MEMBER NATIONS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING MODERATE--PENDING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF FRUITFUL RESULTS WITH THE EUROPEAN STATES IN THE DIALOGUE WHICH WILL BE HELD WITH THE OIL PRODUCING NATIONS, THE OIL CONSUMERS, AND THE DEVELOPING NATIONS; THE KINGDOM A SHORT TIME AGO BEGAN MAKING CONTACTS WITH THE OPEC STATES TO THIS PURPOSE.

I IMPLORE ALMIGHTY GOD TO CROWN ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS WITH SUCCESS FOR THE BEST OF OUR TWO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES AND FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD. I WISH YOUR EXCELLENCY CONTINUED HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND FELICITY, AND THAT GOD MAY PRESERVE YOU ALWAYS.

KHALID BIN ABD AL-AZIZ

(SEAL)

TAIF ON 15 RAMADAN 1395 A.H.  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO KING KHALID

1. DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO KING KHALID AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR MAJESTY,

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW VERY MUCH I APPRECIATE THE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE WHICH YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT RENDERED US IN OUR SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO BRING A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF AMERICAN AND OTHER CITIZENS OUT OF BEIRUT IN SAFETY. WE WERE GRATIFIED THAT WITH THIS ASSISTANCE THE DIFFICULTIES WE ENCOUNTERED WHEN WE WERE PREPARING OUR ROAD CONVOY WERE ULTIMATELY REMOVED.

THIS IS THE KIND OF COOPERATION WHICH, I AM SURE, WILL CONTINUE TO CHARACTERIZE OUR RELATIONS AS WE WORK TOGETHER

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TO BRING TO THE MIDEAST A JUST AND LASTING PEACE.

WARM REGARDS,

GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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## MEMORANDUM

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September 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: ROBERT HORMATS  
ROBERT B. OAKLEY

SUBJECT: Letter to King Khalid

Attached at Tab A is a letter from the President to King Khalid following up on Fahd's discussions with Ambassador Porter with respect to oil prices (Tab B). The main objective of the letter is to attempt to lock the Saudis into the position taken by Fahd, in Khalid's name, opposing any decision this year to increase oil prices. If we can hold the Saudis to this, it will at least mean no price rise at the December OPEC meeting, buying us several months more of status quo. It could produce a price freeze of longer duration, but this is more problematical. As an encouragement to Fahd and Khalid, the letter indicates that the U.S. will follow their advice and make known to other OPEC countries (especially Iran and Venezuela) our opposition to a price increase. It also underlines our positive approach in the dialogue with the developing countries, but without linking that dialogue directly to oil price-related issues.

This general line of approach is fully consistent with the memo submitted by HAK for the President's meeting with Saud. The text has been cleared by Roy Atherton.

RECOMMENDATION: That you approve the urgent transmission of this letter by State for delivery to King Khalid.

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Your Majesty:

I have read with great interest the reports of Prince Fahd's conversation with Ambassador Porter. I am extremely encouraged by Prince Fahd's statement that Your Majesty is against any increase in the price of oil and will not approve a price rise this year. I recall with deep appreciation your earlier private assurances that Saudi Arabia would do everything it could to prevent a price increase at the last OPEC Ministerial Meeting in Bali. The outcome demonstrated clearly the decisive role played by your representative. I hope that the outcome of the OPEC Ministerial Meeting in December will reflect Your Majesty's view that the subject of an increase in oil prices should not be considered this year.

Saudi opposition to a price increase is indeed a highly constructive position of major benefit to all nations of the free world. Saudi Arabia's leadership in resisting price increases over the last year has helped industrialized and developing nations make progress toward economic recovery, and contributed to the dramatic reduction in the rate of inflation in industrial products so damaging to all countries. This improved economic situation has had important political benefits, for example in Portugal and other Western European nations. Your decision to continue this policy will be extremely beneficial to the many nations which still face major economic difficulties. It will be especially helpful to my efforts to strengthen

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United States-Saudi relations and to resist pressures which would have the effect of weakening our ties.

You can be certain that we are taking your advice in making approaches to other OPEC countries, emphasizing the importance to the global economy of no increase in the price of oil. We recognize the burden you have borne in bringing wisdom to the councils of OPEC and agree that every effort must be made to help others understand the correctness of your policy.

Let me, in addition, add a word about our overall relations with the developing nations. The United States has made, and will continue to make, a genuine effort to seek constructive solutions to issues between the developed and developing nations. We have been at the forefront of the effort to provide resources and positive ideas to promote the development process and to give developing nations an improved role in the international economy. As Your Majesty knows, there are differences between developed and developing nations. But we believe that they can be best resolved through a constructive dialogue and close cooperation. We have in the dialogue attempted to be frank and clear about our limitations and to be equally clear about the many initiatives which we are willing to take to achieve success. Continued close cooperation between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United States, and with other likeminded nations, can considerably strengthen prospects

for overcoming problems and achieving positive solutions beneficial to the developing countries. Working together in a leadership role and a harmonious spirit, our two nations have a real opportunity in the coming months and years to help achieve genuine progress in the interest of all peoples.

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I very much appreciated the opportunity to discuss these and other problems of mutual concern with Prince Saud bin Faysal, just as I greatly appreciated my talks last June with Prince Abdullah.

*I hope to have the pleasure of meeting Your Majesty personally.*  
Sincerely,

[Gerald R. Ford]

His Majesty  
Khalid ibn Abd al-Aziz Al-Saud  
King of Saudi Arabia  
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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, SA, US  
SUBJECT: OIL PRICE

1. YESTERDAY (SEPTEMBER 7) IN TAIF I CALLED ON PRINCE FAND AT MY REQUEST AS I WISHED TO ASSESS EFFECT OF PRESIDENT'S RECENT LETTER TO KING KHALID. REPORT THAT SUBJECT SEPTEL.

2. DURING TALK I TOOK OCCASION TO REMARK THAT STATEMENTS HERE AND ABROAD (YANANI) INDICATE THAT SAG DOES NOT ENVISAGE RISE IN OIL PRICES IN NEAR FUTURE. I ASKED IF HE IN POSITION TO COMMENT.

3. CROWN PRINCE SAID RATHER VEHEMENTLY "THE KING WILL CERTAINLY NOT APPROVE A PRICE RISE THIS YEAR. HE IS AGAINST ANY INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF OIL. IF OTHER OPEC MEMBERS CONTINUE TO APPLY PRESSURE HE WILL AGREE TO TALK TO THEM NEXT YEAR, BUT THERE IS NOTHING PLANNED FOR THEN AS FAR AS SAUDIS ARE CONCERNED." I SAID I WAS SURE PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HIS STATEMENT. HE REPLIED HE WOULD BE PLEASED IF I WOULD INFORM THEM OF IT BUT URGED NO PUBLICITY AS THAT ONLY INCREASES PRESSURE ON SAG. AT THAT POINT HE ASKED FOR USG ASSISTANCE WITH IRAQIS AND VENEZUELANIS. ANYTHING HE COULD DO TO MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND DANGERS OF RAISING PRICES WOULD BE HELPFUL ALL AROUND AND ESPECIALLY FOR SAUDI ARABIA. I SAID I WOULD SEND THE MESSAGE.

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4. COMMENT: IF SAUDIS INTEND TO HOLD TO PRESENT PRICES IN  
FACE OF RISING DEMAND, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THEY MUST LIFT  
THEIR PRESENT PRODUCTION OVER 8.5 MILLION BARRELS A DAY NEXT  
YEAR TO MEET SHORTAGES PREDICTED BY LEVY AND EXXON STUDIES.  
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SUBJECT: MEETING

WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD SEPTEMBER 7

I CALLED ON PRINCE FAHD IN TAIF. SEPTEMBER 7 AT MY REQUEST,  
AS I WISHED TO JUDGE EFFECT OF PRESIDENT'S RECE LETTER TO  
KING. PRINCE FAHD EMPHASIZED THAT KING WAS PLEASED AT  
CONTENTS OF LETTER AND UNDERSTOOD EFFORT PRESIDENT IS MAKING  
TO PRESERVE OUR GOOD RELATIONS. I WENT OVER GENERAL STATUS  
OF PROPOSALS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT. HE DID NOT SPEND MUCH  
TIME ON SUBJECT ASIDE FROM STRESSING USEFULNESS OF LETTER  
AT THIS JUNCTURE. HE DID BRING UP ANTI-BOYCOTT M.

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SAYING THAT SAUDIS HAVE NO INTENTION OF PLAYING INTO HANDS OF  
THEIR OPPONENTS BY TELLING AMERICANS THEY MUST AGREE TO THIS  
OR THAT ANTI-ZIONIST OR ANTI-JEWISH ACTION. SAUDIS WILL TRY TO  
CONTINUE THEIR CLOSE NATURAL ASSOCIATION WITH E

AMERICANS  
AND THEY WILL MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS ABOUT THOSE WITH WHOM  
THEY WISH TO TRADE AS UNITED STATES IS DOING WITH CUBA AND,  
FORMERLY, WITH CHINA. HE SAID IT MUST BE THE QUALITY OF  
MODERATION IN THE SAUDI ATTITUDE TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST  
PROBLEM WHICH CAUSED ZIONIST SUPPORTERS IN THE UNITED STATES  
TO MAKE SAUDI ARABIA A SPECIAL TARGET IN ARMS AND BOYCOTT  
MATTERS. SAUDI ARABIA, THE CP STATES, IS THE MOST PACIFIC  
STATE THE ARAB WORLD, HAS NEVER TAKEN UP ARMS AGAINST  
ANYONE. THE SAUDIS KNOW THAT THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS A REALITY  
AND THAT ISRAEL HAS INTERNATIONAL STATUS. BUT THEY WILL NOT  
YIELD ON SOME THINGS. THE BOYCOTT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE ARAB  
LANDS LOST IN 1967 ARE RETURNED.

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b. For

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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October 29, 1976

Your Majesty:

I have received Your Majesty's letter of September 13, 1976, conveyed to me by His Royal Highness Prince Saud Al-Faisal, in which you expressed your concern about the opposition of some members of Congress to proposed sales of military equipment to Saudi Arabia. I appreciate Your Majesty's warm sentiments of friendship and your commitment to maintain and solidify the good relations between our two countries. I fully share this commitment.

As Your Majesty is aware, my Administration has made a major effort with the Congress to defend our relationship with Saudi Arabia. We have succeeded in defeating legislative proposals which would have been harmful to our economic relations and prevented certain military sales to your country. In doing this, we have been well aware of the necessity of avoiding any interruption in the modernization of Your Majesty's armed forces or in the assistance the United States is providing in the security field. More fundamentally, I wished to avoid any action which might have cast doubt upon the soundness of the close relationship which has been of such great benefit to both our countries through the years.

Our actions in this regard have been part of an intense and continuing effort to build public support for an even closer relationship with Saudi Arabia. We have been aided in this task by our ability to point to so many areas of cooperation between our two nations, and to the moderate positions taken by Saudi Arabia on a number of issues of international importance, including in particular the constructive role played by Saudi Arabia in international oil affairs.

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I was most gratified to learn in my recent meeting with Prince Saud, and from reports of Ambassador Porter's meeting with Crown Prince Fahd last month, that Your Majesty does not intend to approve an oil price increase this year. Your earlier assurance that Saudi Arabia would do everything it could to prevent a price increase at the last OPEC Ministerial meeting in Bali was most welcome, and the outcome clearly demonstrated the decisive role played by your nation.

Saudi Arabia's moderate policy in oil matters has worked to support both the economic health and the political stability of non-communist nations. Your wise leadership in resisting price increases over the last year has aided both industrialized and developing nations toward economic recovery. However, as you are aware, this economic recovery remains extremely fragile and uneven, and enormous trade imbalances have further eroded the already weak borrowing ability of a number of nations. A new increase in the price of oil in January, which some members of OPEC are advocating, would add new and perhaps unmanageable stress to trade balances and creditworthiness. It would also rekindle inflationary pressures and hamper economic recovery, particularly among the oil-importing developing countries and in those key industrialized nations whose political fabric and orientation is already strained by economic difficulties. These effects could contribute to a process of political radicalization in crucial areas where stability is essential to the kind of world order I believe we both seek.

Your Majesty's continued opposition to increases in the price of oil, therefore, would be of substantial benefit to global political stability as well as economic well-being. It will also be very helpful in building broader public support in the United States for close relations with Saudi Arabia. Conversely, a price increase next year would come as a serious blow to your friends in the Administration and the Congress who have worked hard and successfully to resist actions which would have damaged those relations.

Your Majesty can be certain that we have adopted your government's advice on making strong approaches to other OPEC countries, emphasizing the importance to the global economy of avoiding an increase in the price of oil. We would like to discuss this matter further with your government after we have had a chance to study the replies of other OPEC governments.

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Working together in a leadership role and a harmonious spirit, our two countries have an opportunity in the coming months and years to help achieve continuing progress toward economic and political stability in the world, and toward a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. I welcome and applaud your own dedication, and reaffirm the commitment of the United States to this noble purpose.

Sincerely,

*Gerald R. Ford*

His Majesty  
Khalid Ibn Abd Al-Aziz Al-Saud  
King of Saudi Arabia  
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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TO NSC/S

Attached is the original letter from King Khalid of Saudi Arabia to the President (in Arabic) which Prince Saud delivered during his Sept. 17 meeting with the President. We did a talker for that meeting and this original can be closed out with it. [We are trying to find a copy of the translation but the main point is that the President has already sent a reply to this letter -- State NODIS telegram 267995 of October 30 to Jidda.]

Rosemary Niehuss

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رئيس الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية

تحية طيبة .

ابلغنى سفير الولايات المتحدة السيد وليام . بورتر رسالة فخامتكم المؤرخة فى ٤ سبتمبر ١٩٦٦م والمتعلقة بالتجهيزات اللازمة للجيش العربى السعودى .

ومع تقديرى للجهود التى تبذلونها فخامتكم لمساعدة المملكة العربية السعودية فى الحصول على المستلزمات الضرورية لجيشها ١٠٠ الا أنه يؤسفنا أن تكون هذه الطلبات عرضة للاخذ والرد من قبل الكونجرس .

يا فخامة الرئيس ،

انكم تدركون تماما بأن المملكة العربية السعودية دأبت طيلة السنين الطويلة الماضية على احترام الصداقة التقليدية التى تربطها بالولايات المتحدة وما زالت تسعى للمحافظة عليها وتقويتها ، ولهذا فانها تتطلع ان تبادلها الولايات المتحدة نفس المشاعر ونفس الادراك للمسئوليات المترتبة على هذه الصداقة ، انا ننظر الى الولايات المتحدة وهى تقدم التسهيلات والاستعدادات غير المشروطة لبعض الدول فى منطقتنا ونحس بالامتناع عندما نرى ان طلبات تجهيز جيشنا الضرورية للدفاع عن بلدنا تقابل بالرفض تارة والتخفيض تارة اخرى من قبل بعض أعضاء الكونجرس والمهيمين عليه . فى حين انها لم تتعد الحد المعقول للحفاظ على كياننا وحماية ارضنا ، علما بأننا نقوم بالدفع الفورى لكل ما يلزمنا . فضلا عن ان المملكة العربية السعودية — كما تعلمون فخامتكم — كان ولا يزال لها دور عظيم فى خلق جو من الصداقة بين اصدائها من العرب وغيرهم للولايات المتحدة وما برحت تحثهم على التعامل مع الولايات المتحدة وابعادهم عن الشيوعيين وادراكا لهذه الحقيقة فان من حقنا على الولايات المتحدة أن تفى بتحقيق التجهيزات الضرورية للجيش العربى السعودى الصديق ، واذا لم يتسن للمملكة العربية السعودية ان تعد جيشها اعدادا حديثا من الدول الصديقة فما عساها أن تفعل لتوفير ما تحتاج اليه .

يا فخامة الرئيس .


ان المملكة العربية السعودية ، اعتقادا منها لتقدير فخامتكم للمصالح المشتركة ، وحفاظا على تدعيم روابط علاقات الصداقة المتينة بين بلدينا الصديقين وتقوية جذورها ، فإن الأمل يحدوها أن تبذلوا فخامتكم والمسؤولين في ادارتكم الكثير من الجهود الجادة الملموسة لتحقيق حصول المملكة على كامل التجهيزات المطلوبة للجيش العربي السعودي وهي طلبات معقولة ولاشك بأن فخامتكم توافقون معى على أنه ينبغي ان تبني علاقتنا الودية على اساس من التقسيم والتفهم لمصالحنا المشتركة .

واني لعلى ثقة تامة بأن فخامتكم سوف تعيدون النظر في تقدير الامور وتبذلون كل جهد ممكن لعدم انقاص اى شيء مما طلبته المملكة .

وانه لمن دواعى غبطيني ان يحمل رسالتي هذه الى فخامتكم صاحب السمو الملكى الامير سعود الفيصل وزير الخارجيه الذى كلفته بأن يشرح لفخامتكم بواعث اهتمام المملكة العربية السعودية بهذا الموضوع ويبحث مختلف جوانبه مع المسؤولين في ادارتكم بما يحقق خير بلدينا الصديقين وما نتطلع اليه من المزيد من التعاون المثمر بين حكومتينا .

وتقبلوا فخامتكم اصدق تمنياتي لكم بالتوفيق والنجاح في الانتخابات القادمة مقرونا بدوام الصحة والسعادة والهناء لفخامتكم . ومزيد الرقي والرخاء لشعب الولايات المتحدة الصديق .

والله يحفظكم .

  
خالد بن عبدالعزيز آل سعود

الطائف في ١٩ رمضان ١٣٩٦هـ  
الموافق ١٣ سبتمبر ١٩٧٦م

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM KING KHALID

REF: STATE 291000

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO THE PRESIDENT FROM KING KHALID RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 'ID AL ADHA.

2. "HIS EXCELLENCY GERALD R. FORD  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
"I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR EXCELLENCY'S MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE BLESSED "ID AL-ADHA. IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY, MARKED BY SACRIFICE AND ALTRUISM, TO EXPRESS IN THE NAME OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN PEOPLE AND IN MY OWN NAME DEEP APPRECIATION AND WARM REGARDS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND TO THE FRIENDLY AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THE SINCERE CORDIAL SENTIMENTS YOU EXPRESSED. MAY GOD ALMIGHTY GRANT ALL ON THIS OCCASION PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS, MAY OUR ARAB NATION WITNESS THEREWITH SECURITY AND PEACE, AND MAY AFFLUENCE AND TRANQUILITY PREVAIL OVER THE ENTIRE WORLD. I ASSURE YOUR EXCELLENCY OF OUR KEENNESS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE DEEP-ROOTED LONG-EXISTING TIES BETWEEN OUR FRIENDLY COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, THE TIES WHICH WE HOPE WILL REMAIN FLOURISHING.  
"WITH BEST PERSONAL WISHES FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY'S CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS, AND INCREASED PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY FOR THE FRIENDLY AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND MAY GOD PROTECT YOU.

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BOYCOTT

9. EMBASSY RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM KING KHALID TO PRESIDENT FORD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9: TELEGRAM WAS IN FORM OF LETTER AND ORIGINAL WILL BE POUCHED TO NEA/ARP, ATTN: MR. CECIL, EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

DATE: 18/12/1396 AH CORRESPONDING TO 9/12/1976 AD  
TELEGRAM

HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
WASHINGTON

THE AMBASSADOR OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA IN WASHINGTON INFORMED ME OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S ORAL MESSAGE AND OF THE FRIENDLY DISCUSSION THAT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN YOUR EXCELLENCY AND HIMSELF ABOUT THE POSITION WHICH THE MEMBERS OF OPEC MIGHT TAKE CONCERNING THE PRICES OF OIL AT THEIR COMING MEETING.

I AM HAPPY TO CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY DEEP  
THANKS AND EXTREME APPRECIATION FOR YOUR EXPRESSIONS OF

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GOOD FEELING TOWARD ME, AND TOWARD THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA. I LIKEWISE APPRECIATE THE PERCEPTION AND UNDERSTANDING YOU SHOWED CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN GENERAL, AND THE POSITION OF THE POOR AND DEVELOPING STATES IN PARTICULAR, WHEN ANY INCREASE OCCURS IN THE PRICE OF OIL.

CONCERNING THE PRICE OF OIL, WE APPRECIATE YOUR EXCELLENCY'S CLARIFICATION, AND UNDOUBTEDLY YOU APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS WHICH THE KINGDOM MADE TO FREEZE THE PRICE OF OIL FOR 15 MONTHS; WE DEFINITELY WANTED TO PROLONG THIS PERIOD AT THE COMING MEETING OF OPEC. HOWEVER, THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR OIL HAS LED TO A RISE IN ITS PRICE. LIGHT ARABIAN CRUDE IS NOW SELLING AT MORE THAN \$12 PER BARREL INSTEAD OF \$11.51--THAT IS, AN INCREASE OF 5 PERCENT ABOVE THE POSTED PRICE. THE CONSUMER IN EUROPE AND AMERICA AND JAPAN, MOREOVER, IS PAYING THIS PRICE, WHILE THE OIL COMPANIES ARE BENEFITING FROM THE DIFFERENTIAL. THE PRICES OF PETROLEUM FROM OTHER MEMBER NATIONS IN OPEC HAVE RISEN BY MORE THAN 5 PERCENT. THE KINGDOM, NEVERTHELESS, SHALL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS WITH ITS FRIENDS IN OPEC TO LIGHTEN THE BURDEN, AND TO ARRIVE AT THE LOWEST INCREASE (IN THE PRICE OF OIL) THAT IS REASONABLE AND ACCEPTABLE.

THERE IS ANOTHER MATTER WHICH WAS TOUCHED ON IN THE DISCUSSION THAT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR, NAMELY, THE MATTER OF THE OPPOSITION TO THE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL.

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL WAS NOT BORN YESTERDAY OR TODAY; RATHER IT DATES BACK 25 YEARS, (AND WE BELIEVE) THAT THIS TOPIC IS BEING RAISED NOW ONLY TO DIVIDE AND DISRUPT THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP WHICH BINDS THE UNITED STATES WITH ITS TRADITIONAL FRIENDS. THE ARAB STATES, MOREOVER, ARE NOT THE FIRST TO IMPOSE A BOYCOTT; NUMEROUS OTHER STATES HAVE TAKEN, AND ARE TAKING, AND SHALL TAKE SIMILAR MEASURES WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE--AND AMONG THEM

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ROYAL EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 13, 1976

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honour to transmit herewith a message from His Majesty King Khalid Bin Abdul-Aziz to Your Excellency with an unofficial translation.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest esteem and profound respects.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ali A. Alireza", with a long horizontal line extending to the left and a large loop at the end.

Ali A. Alireza  
Ambassador

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سفارة المملكة العربية السعودية في واشنطن

ROYAL EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

We have received Your Excellency's verbal message which was conveyed to us by the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia in Washington and took note of Your Excellency's friendly discussion with him on the possible outcome of the coming meeting of OPEC with regard to oil prices.

It gives us great pleasure to express to Your Excellency our profound thanks and gratitude for the kind feelings which you expressed toward us and toward Saudi Arabia. We also appreciate your full understanding and comprehension of the international situation in general, and the position of the poor and developing countries in particular in case of an increase in oil prices and Your Excellency's elucidation on that matter. We are certain that you appreciate Saudi Arabia's efforts which led to freezing the oil prices for fifteen months. We were hoping to extend this period in the coming meeting of OPEC. However, the increase of demand on oil led to the increase of its prices. Arabian Light Crude Oil is sold now for more than \$12.00 per barrel instead of \$11.51, an increase of 5 per cent of the posted price. The oil companies became the only beneficiaries from this difference which the consumers in Europe, America, and Japan are paying. Also, the oil prices of the other members of OPEC were increased for more than 5 per cent.



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Nevertheless, Saudi Arabia will continue its endeavors with its friends in OPEC to alleviate the burden and to reach a reasonable and acceptable minimum increase.

There was another matter which the discussion between Your Excellency and the Saudi Ambassador touched upon, that is, the opposition to the boycott of Israel.

Mr. President, the Arab boycott of Israel is not a product of yesterday or today; it has been in existence for twenty five years. To stir up the subject at this particular time is to invite suspicion and cast doubts on the traditional friendship between the United States and the Arabs. Moreover, the Arab countries are not the first, nor the only, countries that apply the boycott. The United States itself and many other countries applied and are still applying such a procedure whenever the need arises. Bearing in mind, however, that ending the boycott depends entirely on Israel's intentions and its receptivity to a durable, just, and peaceful solution acceptable to all the parties involved in the dispute.

Here we would like to take this opportunity to respond with appreciation and praise to President-elect Jimmy Carter's allusion that the statements on assistance to Israel which he made in the course of his presidential campaign were intended only for domestic consumption; that he will oppose in the future any legislation against the boycott of Israel, and that



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he will use leverage on Israel to prevent it from committing any act of aggression against the Arabs in Southern Lebanon. Undoubtedly, this is a good initiative on his part, and we would like to wish him every success during his presidency for the good of his country and the world at large.

We also would like to express to Your Excellency our deepest appreciation for the assistance and the understanding which Saudi Arabia in particular, and the Arab World in general, have received during your Administration; praising your profound comprehension of the intricacies of the international situation and your noble stands for the causes of right and justice. We wish Your Excellency a serene and tranquil life filled with happiness, success, and continued good health and progress and prosperity for the friendly people of the United States. His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and His Royal Highness Prince Saud Al Faisal convey to Your Excellency their high regards and esteem.

May God protect you.

Khalid Bin Abdul-Aziz

December 10, 1976



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صاحب الفخامة الرئيس جيرالد فورد

رئيس الولايات المتحدة الامريكية

ابلغني سفير المملكة العربية السعودية في واشنطن رسالة فخامتكم الشفوية وما دار بين فخامتكم وبينه من الحوار الودي حول موضوع ما قد يتخذه اعضاء منظمة الاوبك في اجتماعهم القادم بالنسبة لاسعار الزيت ، ويسعدني ان اعبر لفخامتكم عن بالغ شكري وعظيم امتناني علي ما عبرتم عنه من المشاعر الطيبة نحوي ونحو المملكة العربية السعودية وما ابدتموه من تفهم وادراك بالنسبة للموقف الدولي بصفة عامة والدول الفقيرة والنامية بصفة خاصة حينما تطرا زيادة علي اسعار الزيت وبالنسبة لاسعار الزيت فنحن نقدر ما ورد في امضاح فخامتكم ، ولاشك عليكم تقدرون جهود المملكة العربية السعودية التي ادت لتجميد اسعار الزيت لخمس عشرة شهرا وكنا ولاشك نرغب في تمديد هذه المدة في الاجتماع القادم للاوبك الا ان زيادة الطلبات علي البترول ادت الي ارتفاع سعره وقد اصبح البترول العربي الخفيف يباع باكثر من ١٢ دولار للبرميل الواحد بدلا من ١١.٥١ دولار اي بزيادة قدرها ٥% عن السعر الذي تقرر له ، ويدفع المستهلك في اوروبا وامريكا واليابان هذا السعر وتستفيد شركات البترول وحدها من الفرق ، كما زادت اسعار زيوت الدول الاخرى الاعضاء في منظمة اوبك بنسبة اكبر من ٥% ، ومع ذلك فان المملكة العربية السعودية ستواصل مساعيها مع اصدقائها في الاوبك لتخفيف العبء وللتوصل الي ادني نسبة معقولة ومقبولة الزيادة .

وهناك امر اخر تطرق له الحديث الذي جرى بين فخامتكم والسفير السعودي الا وهو موضوع معارضة المقاطعة لاسرائيل ، يا فخامة الرئيس ان المقاطعة العربية لاسرائيل ليست وليدة الامس او اليوم بل انها قد اقرت منذ خمسة وعشرين سنة وان اشارة موضوعها في هذا الوقت انما قصد منه اشاعة الفرقة والتشكك في الصداقة التقليدية بين الدول العربية والولايات المتحدة ، كما ان الدول العربية ليست اول من فرض المقاطعة فهناك دول عديدة اتخذت وتتخذ مثل هذا الاجراء في الحالات التي تستوجب ذلك بما في ذلك الولايات المتحدة نفسها ، علي ان امر رفع الحظر عن تلك المقاطعة مرهون بما ستقوم به اسرائيل من النوايا الحسنة وتجاوبها في قبول حل سلمي عادل ودائم ترتضيه كافة الاطراف المعنية في النزاع ، ولا يفوتني هذا كان اقبال بالتقدير والثناء ما المرح اليه فخامة الرئيس المنتخب جيمي كارتر بان ما صرح به اثناء حملته الانتخابية لمساعدة اسرائيل انما قصد به الاستهلاك المحلي فحسب وانه سيعارض اي قانون قد يصدر مستقبلا ضد المقاطعة الاسرائيلية كما وانه سيمارس الضغط علي اسرائيل بان لا تقوم باى عمل عدواني ضد العرب في جنوب لبنان ولا شك ان هذه بادرة طيبة في عهد فخامتة واننا لنرجو له التوفيق والسداد في فترة رئاسته لما فيه خير امته والعالم اجمع معبرا لفخامتكم عن اسمي عبارات التقدير والامتنان علي ما قمتم به من عون وادراك خلال فترة ادارتكم نحو المملكة العربية السعودية بصفة خاصة والعالم العربي بصفة عامة مشيدا بتفهم فخامتكم الواعي للاوضاع الدولية المتشابكة ومواقفكم النبيلة في سبيل الحق والعدل ومتمنيا لفخامتكم حياة هادئة مقرونة بدوام الصحة والسعادة والمزيد من التوفيق والنجاح لشخصكم والتقدم والرخاء للشعب الولايات المتحدة الصديق مع اصدق تحيات صاحب السمو الملكي ولي العهد وصاحب السمو الملكي الامير سعود الفيصل لفخامتكم والله يحفظكم ويرعاكم .

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 29, 1976

Your Majesty:

I wish to express to you directly my personal admiration for Saudi Arabia's demonstration of responsible leadership at the OPEC Ministerial Conference in Doha. While I continue to fear that even a modest increase may lead to unfortunate setbacks among developed and developing economies, your own example of restraint was most commendable and, I am sure, very difficult under the circumstances.

I regret that most of the other OPEC nations were not motivated by the same sense of shared concern for the health of the world economy upon which we all depend. However, Your Majesty's determination to stand firmly against the many pressures for a larger price rise and to increase your country's oil production has made an important contribution to the cause of international cooperation which is an important goal for both our nations. It has also moderated significantly what could otherwise have been a dangerous blow to the world economy at a particularly difficult time.

I know that my feelings are shared by countless Americans and others throughout the world who see in your decision a further example of the responsible approach to world problems which has been a characteristic of Saudi Arabian foreign policy and which has so ably and conscientiously been maintained under your leadership. I am confident that the United States will, for its part, continue to work closely with Your Majesty's Government for the solution of global economic

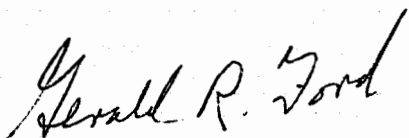
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problems within a framework of cooperation between developed, oil-producing and developing nations. The United States will also continue to work with Saudi Arabia as it pursues its efforts to bring about further progress in this coming year toward our shared objective of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

In closing, I wish to reaffirm my appreciation for Your Majesty's wise leadership and for the contributions which you and Your Majesty's Government have made to the enhancement of relations between our two countries -- a relationship of such immense importance to regional and world peace and stability. May Your Majesty continue to enjoy the fullest blessings of health, happiness and prosperity in the future.

With warm good wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "F".

His Majesty  
King Khalid bin Abdul Aziz al Saud  
King of Saudi Arabia  
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