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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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August 31, 1974

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.

*James S. Barnum*  
Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary

Attachment

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 29, 1974

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

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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 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.



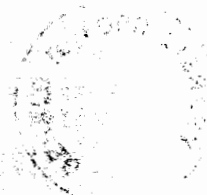
Your Majesty, I believe it is appropriate on this occasion to express my appreciation for the awareness you have shown of the many important ramifications of the question of petroleum prices. A few months ago it was hoped that the inflationary impact of oil price increases could somehow be contained. 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,

*Gerald R. Ford*

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August 29, 1974

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

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

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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~~/Nodis.

"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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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.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Henry -

This package came over from State. I have had it redone to put the Faisal letter on green stationery (He always expects a hard copy).

Brent



## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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August 28, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT  
 FROM: ROSEMARY NIEMUSS  
 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 I.

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.]

*Done*

[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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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
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August 27, 1974

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RECOMMENDATION:

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Attachments:

1. Proposed Letter to King Faisal
2. Geneva Telegram 5366

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SUGGESTED LETTER

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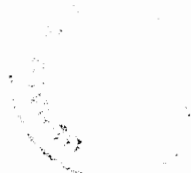
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Sincerely yours,

Gerald R. Ford

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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 PETROLUUM 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 HAD 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 FREEZE PRICES IN OPEC, 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 UP 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. HE ASKED THAT I GO NOW TO LONDON TO SEE FAHD. ALTHOUGH FAHD IS SCHEDULED TO BE BACK IN JIDDA BY THE END OF THE MONTH, YAMANI THOUGHT HE WOULD NOT RETURN BEFORE THE MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER, AT THE EARLIEST.

8. YAMANI SAID I SHOULD ALSO RAISE THE MATTER WITH THE KING AS SOON AS I GOT BACK TO JIDDA. IT WOULD HELP GREATLY, HE THOUGHT, IF

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OUR DEMARCHE TO THE KING (BUT NOT TO FAHD) 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 WAS 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 FAHD AND THE KING

AFTER I RETURN AUGUST 29. ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD BE SOME ADVANTAGE IN SEEING FAHD 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 RECONVENES IN SAUDI ARABIA.

11. IF THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WOULD IT REPEAT THIS CABLE TO LONDON, PARIS AND BONN, 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. DALE

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FOR CHARGE

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL LETTER DATED AUGUST 29, 1974 TO KING FAISAL. SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL BE POUCHED.

2. 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 FAHMY, KING MUSSEIN 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.

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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 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.

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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 FOR TIME TO TIME ON MATTERS OF HIGH COMMON INTEREST. I AM SENDING THIS LETTER TO YOU IN THAT SPIRIT.

SINCERELY YOURS, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT. INGERSOLL  
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By *lhb*, NARA, Date *2/9/04*

F.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SA, PFOR, US, ENRG  
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 FORD. ORIGINAL  
BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT, ATTENTION MR. DICKMAN NEA/ARP.  
EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

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

3. 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 --



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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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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

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YOUR FRIENDS FROM AMONG THE OPEC STATES AND PARTICULARLY IRAN AND ALGERIA TO SUPPORT OUR POSITION WITH REGARD TO LOWERING THE PRICE.

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

8. 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. ENDQUOTE.  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, US, SA  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR KING FAISAL

- 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 DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS EARLIER THIS YEAR AND ON THE SERIES ON 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.

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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.

*George S. Springsteen*  
George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

1. Original and translation
2. State 203063

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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.

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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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فخامة الرئيس جيرالد ر. فورد

رئيس الولايات المتحدة الامريكية

فخامة الرئيس،

استلمت رسالة فخامتكم المؤرخة في ٢٩ اغسطس ١٩٧٤ التي حملها اليّ سفير فخامتكم في جدة . واني اذ اشكر فخامتكم على ما تجلسي في هذه الرسالة من نبيل الشعور ارجو من المولى العلي القدير ان يمدكم بعونه وتأييده ويوفقكم لأحلال سلام عادل ودائم في منطقة الشرق الأوسط ليعود الأمن والاستقرار الى ربوعها وتحقق حياة افضل لجميع شعوبها .

فخامة الرئيس،

ان الشعوب العربية والشعب الفلسطيني خاصة تتطلع الي فخامتكم وكلها أمل وثقة في شخص فخامتكم - بعد تأكيدكم المتكررة التي صرحتم بها لجميع كبار المسؤولين العرب الذين زاروا واشنطن في الآونة الاخيرة واجتمعوا بفخامتكم وبمعالي وزير خارجيتكم الدكتور كيسنجر - بأن الحق سيعود الي نصابه وان سلاما مرتكزا على العدل سيسود اجواء المنطقة .

وانني لمقدر بأن ايجاد حل شامل وفوري للقضية الفلسطينية ليس بالأمر السهل على فخامتكم ، بعد ان اعتادت اسرائيل ابان الادارات الامريكية السابقة على فرض ما يعنّ لها من طلبات وحيث كانت تنال ذلك دون ما تأخر او ابطاء . ولكنني موقن بأن سداد رأيكم وحكمة فخامتكم وتصميمكم الأكيد على ايجاد الحل العادل ستتغلب على جميع الصعوبات التي تعترض سبيل ذلك . كما لا يخامرني شك بأن مفتاح الحل بيد فخامتكم اذ يكفي ان يلوح لأسرائيل بتجميد طلباتها اذا لم تنصع لصوت الحق وتروضخ للحقيقة والواقع .

فخامة الرئيس،

انني اويد فخامتكم بأنه لا يمكن تحقيق اية تسوية دون ان تدخل في حسابها

المصالح المشروعة للشعب الفلسطيني .

وانطلاقاً من هذه السياسة الثابتة لدى الولايات المتحدة فإنه قد يكون من المفيد ان تجرى اتصالات جانبية مع منظمة التحرير الفلسطينية تمهيداً لدعوتها الى جنيف كوفد مستقل لكي تتحمل مسؤولية تمثيل الشعب الفلسطيني .  
فخامة الرئيس،

تعلمون ولاشك موقفنا من موضوع اسعار البترول ولكن جميع دول الأوبك تقف ضدنا في موضوع تخفيض الأسعار الذي اقترحنه لأنها ترغب في زيادتها زيادة مضطربة . ولكن بعد مناقشات طويلة اجريناها مع الجزائر وايران تم الاتفاق على تجميد السعر الحالي لفترة اخرى . واننا نرغب اليكم ان تتصلو باصدقائكم من دول الأوبك وخاصة ايران والجزائر لدعم موقفنا بتخفيض السعر .

هذا واننا نتطلع دوما الى توثيق عرى الصداقة بين شخصينا وتعميق العلاقات القائمة بين بلدينا .

تمنيا لفخامتكم الصحة والتوفيق - والله يحفظكم .



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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, SA, US  
SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR SAUDI POSITION AT OPEC  
REF: JIDDA 5305

1. AMBASSADOR SHOULD CONVEY IN MANNER HE DEEMS MOST 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 BEHAVING 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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3. 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.

4. 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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E.O. 11652C GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, SA, US  
SUBJECT: KING FAISAL'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER  
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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 (REFTEL). KING'S LETTER DATED OCTOBER 23; ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED: ATTENTION MR. DICKMAN, NEA/APR. 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 ASSURED ME ONCE AGAIN -- AS DID YOUR EXCELLENCY'S LETTER -- OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S DETERMINATION TO EXPEND EFFORTS AND TO WORK ALONG THE LINES LAID DOWN BY PRESIDENT NIXON AND WHICH YOUR EXCELLENCY PERSONALLY AND COMPLETELY 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 ON 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 BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BECOME STRONGER AND MORE SUBSTANTIAL.



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QUOTE 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 OBSTINANCY 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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