



DECLASSIFIED

Authority NND 969049

By CM NARA Date 6-2-03

Department of State

TELEGRAM

105448

POL 16 YEMEN
XR POL SANAD-YEMEN

SOC 10 YEMEN

2 JUL 70 15 31z

INDICATE:

COLLECT

CHARGE TO

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: Amembassy JIDDA
USINT SANAA

INFO: Amembassy ROME
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

STATE

SUBJ: YemenSaudi Relations

REF : A. Jidda 2448
B. Sanaa 33

105448
1970-7-1, Iryani, Saudi, Royalists

1. Agree it desirable for ~~XXXX~~ Amb. Eilts to raise at early date with Rashad Pharaon, and later with King Faisal, question of how Saudis see their relations with Yemen developing over course next several months.
2. From Sanaa refTel it would appear that Aini is making genuine effort carry out Jidda agreement to reintegrate Royalists into Yemeni political life. However, we share USINT Sanaa view that Aini must continue tread warily to avoid alienating Republican hard liners, particularly within Army.
3. Smooth reintegration of Royalists into Yemeni political life will not, of course, be helped by tent-sulking of such tribal leaders as Shaikh Ali Najj al-Ghadir. While we do not, of course, wish become involved in mediating Saudi-Yemen rapprochement, we wonder whether there might not be utility in suggesting to both Faisal

DRAFTED BY: BW+amp+meier:sb

DRAFTING DATE 7/1/70

EXT 22647

APPROVED BY: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Mr. Atherton

CLEARANCES:

NEA/ARP: RMurphy

5

SECRET

Classification

DECLASSIFIED

Authority **NND 969049**By **CM** NARA Date **6-12-03**-ECT
CHARGE TO

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: Amembassy JIDDA

Page 2

consideration and Amiri ~~development~~ of compromise formula whereby al-Chadir and other ex-Royalist officers are appropriately commissioned by Yemen Government to assume, together with ex-Royalist forces under their control, responsibility for security in Royalist-dominated regions. Formula could perhaps designate these Royalist tribal forces as "National Guard" or "militia." As we see it, this compromise would give YARG recognition to what we understand is status quo in these areas without need formally to integrate these tribal forces into Yemen regular Army. As reconciliation process proceeds, ~~and counterintelligence operations are necessary to improve~~ Yemenis themselves should find ways further regularize status former Royalist military personnel, either by integration into armed forces or by appointment to other government posts.

FOR SANAA:

4. / In meantime we are encouraged by indications that Saudis not waiting for recognition to provide badly needed food aid in Yemen. Agreement to establish Sanaa-Jidda telegraphic and civil air communications also indicative that substantive progress toward

DRAFTED BY:

DRAFTING DATE TEL. EXT.

APPROVED BY:

CLEARANCES:

FORM

- 68

SECRET

Classification

FORM DS-322
4-68

4-68

DECLASSIFIED

Authority **NND 969049**By **CM** NARA Date **6-12-03****AM**

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: Amembassy JIDDA

Page 3

normalization Saudi-Yemen relations can be made even in absence formal SAG recognition. USINT Sanaa may, therefore, wish on appropriate occasion point out to Aini that, while his impatience for Saudi recognition is understandable, important thing is that after nearly eight years of open antagonism Saudis and Yemenis have already shown they can need and ~~can~~ find ways restore ~~and strengthen~~ channels of communication between them. You might add as personal observation normalization of these contacts is necessary to establish degree of mutual confidence ~~which will be~~ required before Faisal will be satisfied that Yemenis are sincere in their desire for better relations and that coalition arrangements are more than mere facade.

END

GP-3

[JOHNSON]

DRAFTED BY:

DRAFTING DATE TEL. EXT.

APPROVED BY:

CLEARANCES:

SECRET

Classification

Classification

FORM DS-322
4-68FORM DS-322
4-68