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SUBJ: LETTER FROM KING FAISAL TO PRESIDENT NIXON

REF: (A) JIDDA 5663; (B) STATE 236510; C) JIDDA 5704

1. OV DECEMBER 26, MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OMAR SAGGAF
PRESENTED TO AMBASSADOR AKINS LETTER FROM KING FAISAL TO
PRESIDENT NIXON DATED DECEMBER 25. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED TO
NEA/ARP, ATTENTION MR. DICKMAN. EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:
QUOTE

IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE: HIS
EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA:

I AM HAPPY TO TAKE THE OCCASION OF THE CHRISTMANS HOLIDAY AND
THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW CHRISTIAN YEAR TO PRESENT TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY THE WARMEST AND MOST HEARTFELT GREETINGS FOR YOUR
CONTINUED WELL BEING AOIUXKAT OF THE FRIENDLY AMERICAN PEOPLE.
AND THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE BONDS EXIST BETWEEN (THE AMERICAN PEOPLE)
AND THE PEOPLE OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN KINGDOM; WE SHALL STRIVE
STEADFASTLY TO STRENGTHEN AND PROMOTE THESE BONDS.

YOUR EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT,

WITH ALL MY HEAR AND WITH ALL SINCERITY I IMPLOR GOD TO MAKE
THE YEAR 1974 A YEAR OF GOODNESS AND BLESSING FOR ALL OF MAN-
KIND BY SOLVING OR MOVING ON THE ROAD TOWARD A SOLUTION OF THE
PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE IN TODAY. THESE ARE NOT
FEW; RATHER, THEY ARE SO NUMEROUS THAT AS ONE CONSIDERS
THEM IT MIGHT APPEAR AS IF THEY WERE HARD, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE,
TO SOLVE. GOD, HOWEVER, ALL GRACE AND POWER BE UNTO HIM, CAN
LIGHTEN THE TASK FOR CAPABLE MEN AND SINCERE LEADERS AS THEY
WORK TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS WHICH IMPEDE THE PROGRESS OF
MANKIND TOWARD A BETTER LIFE.

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THE PROBLEMS TO WHICH I REFER ARE NUMEROUS AND COMPLICATED; THEY INCLUDE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND RACIAL ONES, AND (ALSO) SUBVERSIVE PRINCIPLES, ETC.

I AM CERTAIN THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY SHARES MY OPINION THAT ALL (PARTIES) MUST CONSULT WITH ONE ANOTHER AND EXCHANGE OPINIONS ABOUT SOLVING THE REFRACTORY PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD.

AMERICA, UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP AS ITS WISE AND FAR-SIGHTED PRESIDENT -- MUST PLAY A IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS FILD. 81 (AMERICA) USED ITS INFLUENCE AND DID ITS BEST WITH THE HELP OF THE MANY OTHERS WHO WISHED TO COOPERATE WITH IT IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU CAN SUCCEED WITH THE HELP OF GOD, PARTICULARLY SINCE YOU WOULD BE TREATING CASES OF (HUMAN) FREEDOM AND RECTIFYING THE WRONG INFLICTED UPON A PEOPLE ENSLAVED AFTER THE PATTERN OF THE RACIST MINORITY GOVERNMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA AND ELSEWHERE. YOU WOULD LIKEWISE SUCCEED BECAUSE YOU WOULD BE TREATING THE CASE OF THE EXPULSION OF A SETTLED PEOPLE FROM ITS LAND AND ITS REPLACEMENT BY ANOTHER AS IS THE CASE IN PALESTINE WHERE ZIONISM AND ITS AGENTS PERPETRATE THE MOST CRUEL ACT OF VIOLENCE BY THE EXPULSION OF THE INHABITANTS AND EXPANSION AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE TO ANY LAW OF EITHER DIVINE OR MANMADE ORIGINS. I DO NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, BY ANY OF THE FOREGOING TO TRY TO MINIMIZE IN ANY MANNER, THE ACTION WHICH YOU ARE TAKING NOW.

SINCE IT WAS GOD'S WILL THAT WE SHOULD BE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST YOU FIND US MORE CONCERNED WITH IT THAN ELSEWHERE. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU ARE DOING EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO BRING ABOUT A PERMANENT PEACE BASED UPON JUSTICE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THERE HAVE INDEED BEEN AMERICAN MISTAKES WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE, BUT I WANT TO FORGET THE PAST AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE, RELYING UPON YOUR GOOD INTENTIONS OF WORKING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM (SIC) THE PRE-JUNE 5 1967 BORDERS, AND GIVING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ITS RIGHT TO RETURN TO ITS COUNTRY TO DECIDE ITS DESTINY BY ITSELF. AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WHAT I HAVE REFERRED TO, OR DURING ITS IMPLEMENTATION -- IF WE SEE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE THAT THIS IS PROCEEDING IN A SERIOUS WAY -- YOU WILL FIND THAT OUR HAND SHALL BE IN YOUR HAND AND THAT (OUR RELATIONS) SHALL RETURN TO NORMAL OR BE EVEN STRONGER BETWEEN THE TWO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES.

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-3- JIDDA 5705, DEC 26, NODIS/CHEROKEE

WE SHALL SOON EXTEND -- GOD WILLING -- OUR HAND FOR THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES AND FOR COOPERATION WITH IT IN ALL FIELDS. I SINCERELY HOPE -- RELYING UPON GOD, AND THEN UPON THE ABILITY AND SINCERITY (THAT YOU BRING) TO WHATEVER YOU UNDERTAKE -- THAT THE STORM CLOUD SHALL BE DISPERSED AND THAT MATTERS SHALL RETURN TO NORMAL IN THE FIRST PART OF THE COMING CHRISTIAN YEAR. PLEASE ACCEPT THE VERY BEST WISHES.
/S/ FAISAL

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CORRESPONDING TO 25 DECEMBER 1973 END QUOTE. AKINS

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