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Mr. Kissinger does not agree that we should send a message Jack Murphy to Andrea Long 8/31/70.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Subject: Recommended Message of Congratulations from the President to King Faisal on the Occasion of Saudi Recognition of the Yemen Arab Republic

On July 23 Saudi Arabia announced it had extended recognition to the Yemen Arab Republic. Saudi Arabia and Yemen have not had diplomatic relations since the Yemeni Imamate was overthrown and a republican government installed in September 1962.

This ends nearly eight years of conflict, during five of which Yemen became a virtual UAR protectorate and Saudi Arabia was the target of UAR air attacks and UAR sponsored subversion. From 1962 until 1967, when the UAR withdrew its troops from Yemen, the United States Government sought to play a key role reconciling Saudi Arabia and the UAR. Our efforts included the personal interventions of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson with King Faisal and President Nasser and the mission of a special Presidential emissary, Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker.

The Department recommends that the President take note of the reconciliation between Saudi Arabia and Yemen and encloses a suggested telegram to King Faisal. The Department intends to have our principal officer in Yemen where we maintain an Interests Section but not a diplomatic mission, relay an oral message of congratulations from the Secretary.

Enclosure:

Proposed message to King Faisal

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Attention Mrs. Schultz

July 24, 1970 together.

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Chris informed. Meeting 8/31/70.
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