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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
SAUDI ARABIA**

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et
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droits reconnus aux États-Unis à l'aérodrome de
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No. 4109. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SAUDI ARABIA CONCERNING UNITED STATES RIGHTS AT DHAHRAN AIRFIELD AND RELATED MATTERS. WASHINGTON, 2 APRIL 1957

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The Secretary of State to the Saudi Arabian Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 2, 1957

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the discussions which have taken place between His Majesty King Saud and President Eisenhower and representatives of our two Governments between January 30 and February 8, 1957, concerning the relations between the two countries and their common interest in promoting and consolidating their cooperation. The Government of the United States is now pleased to confirm its understanding of the general agreement reached during these discussions.

1. The United States Government acknowledges the comments of His Majesty King Saud to President Eisenhower and recognizes that Saudi Arabia has a need to strengthen its armed forces for the purposes of the defense of the Kingdom, including the defense of the Dhahran Airfield.

2. In this connection, the United States Government will, within its constitutional processes, continue its cooperation with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by providing military equipment on a reimbursable basis in accordance with the exchange of notes between the two Governments of June 18, 1951,² which provides that the equipment shall be used to "foster international peace and security within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations." Equipment to be provided will be in accordance with understandings reached during the foregoing mentioned discussions. The two Governments further agree that the equipment to be provided will be used by Saudi Arabia for the purpose of defending the independence and territorial integrity of Saudi Arabia and for the maintenance of internal security. It is understood that the two Governments will arrange appropriate terms of payment for such equipment.

3. The United States Government agrees to provide at no cost to the Saudi Arabian Government certain additional construction at Dhahran Airfield designed to

¹ Came into force on 2 April 1957 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 141, p. 67, and Vol. 212, p. 335.

improve civil aviation facilities. The United States Government agrees also to provide a program of training for the Saudi Arabian Air Force, to augment the present advisory training program for the Saudi Arabian Army and to train Naval personnel. Details of these services will be as agreed.

4. In the same spirit and re-asserting the close cooperation between the two countries, the United States Government is pleased to be able to continue the use of the facilities granted at the Dhahran Airfield in accordance with the Agreement of June 18, 1951,¹ which is extended for a period of five years from the date of this exchange.

5. To facilitate and improve the implementation of the Dhahran Airfield Agreement and related agreements, the two Governments agree to hold further discussions in Saudi Arabia looking toward possible additional understandings.

6. The United States Government, in considering the economic needs of Saudi Arabia, is prepared to assist in mutually agreed projects. In this connection, the expansion of the Dammam port will receive primary consideration. It also agrees to the provision of some engineering and technical assistance, as well as lending its good offices to assist in establishing credit arrangements for economic projects. These matters will be discussed between the competent representatives of the two Governments and confirmed by subsequent understandings.

7. These foregoing measures will be undertaken in accordance with due legislative processes of both countries.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Saudi Arabia, the Government of the United States agrees that this note and Your Excellency's reply concurring in its content will constitute firm agreement between the two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State :

Robert MURPHY

Deputy Under Secretary of State

His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah Al-Khayyal
Ambassador of Saudi Arabia

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 102, p. 73.

[ENGLISH TEXT OF THE FOREGOING NOTE]

ROYAL EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

Excellency :

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I have received your note dated today, the text of which is as follows :

[*See note I*]

I have been authorized to inform Your Excellency that my Government accepts the contents of Your Excellency's foregoing note.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

ABDULLAH AL-KHAYYAL
Ambassador of Saudi Arabia

The Honorable John Foster Dulles
Secretary of State

Washington, D. C.
Ramadan 2, 1376H.
(Corresponding to April 2, 1957 A.D.)
