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**SUBJECT:** Visit of His Royal Highness Prince Misha'al Abdul Aziz bin Saud, Minister of Defense, Saudi Arabia. An officer is authorized to travel for his trip to make payment of expenses on his basis. Bases exceeding fully authorized substitution allowances will not be reimbursed for such expenditures.

1. H. R. H. Prince Misha'al, Minister of Defense of Saudi Arabia and party will arrive in New York on 12 November 1951 to begin an official tour of U.S. military and industrial installations as guests of the Secretary of Defense. The party will be accompanied by Brigadier General Edwin M. Day, USAF, who will act as escort officer.

2. The purpose of this tour is to further good relations between the Department of Defense and Saudi Arabia military establishment and to give the visitors first hand information pertaining to U.S. military organization, equipment and training procedures and U.S. industrial capabilities.

3. Military information classified no higher than RESTRICTED may be disclosed to the visitors. Not releasable to the visitors is information pertaining to: atomic energy, intelligence, U.S. air order battle, U.S. or combined U.S. - Canada and United Kingdom research and development, defense of the Western Hemisphere, cryptography or cryptographic devices, program or catalogue type information, Mark X IFF, information privately owned in whole or in part, information derogatory to the U.S. or a citizen or commercial entity thereof, information of interest to the Army, Navy or other government agencies.

4. Documentary information which may be requested must be transmitted to this Headquarters for release.

5. The itinerary is attached as Inclosure #1. Biographical information is attached as Inclosure #2. Listing of party, in order of precedence, is attached as Inclosure #3.

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6. Official entertainment funds will be available in the amounts indicated below and these expenses will be met by the escort officer. The cost of quarters and rations will also be paid by the escort officer. All bills should be itemized, consolidated and presented to the escort officer in sufficient time for him to make payment before departing the base. Bases exceeding their authorized entertainment allowance will not be reimbursed for such expenditures. Any released publicity should revolve around the installation as given in paragraph 1 and 2 above. It is suggested that the installation visited arrange for full photographic coverage.

7. The Department of Defense is making a considerable financial investment in this tour. These visits to Department of Defense military installations are a part of the overall program for improving relations with key personnel of foreign friendly nations. It is important for American officers to make the visitors feel that the Department of Defense is genuinely interested in them as individuals as well as in their military establishments.

8. It is suggested that while a reception is an appropriate form of official entertainment, local customs and facilities sometime present the possibility of more enjoyable and typically American activities. Further information concerning this visit is at the disposal of W. A. Vance, Major, or Major W. L. Chapman, telephone 1-2-1-2-9.

9. Travel will be accomplished by Special Air Mission aircraft.

10. All stations are requested to meet the party, provide suitable VIP quarters or hotel accommodations and provide any local transportation desired. Where hotels are utilized it is requested that one two-bedroom suite, one, one bedroom suite, three double bedrooms and thirteen single bedrooms be reserved in addition to three double rooms and one single for the crew of the aircraft.

11. Prince Misha'al's rank entitles him to all honors normally rendered the Secretary of Defense. VIP treatment is requested throughout the visit.

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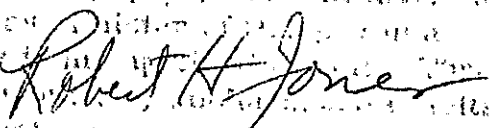
12. Specifically, it is requested that a briefing of the general mission, function and organization be given at each installation as soon after arrival as convenient, or in any case, before the tour of inspection of the installation is begun. Emphasis should be placed upon visual briefings as the visitor's lack of knowledge of the English language will preclude his getting an adequate understanding of the mission through oral briefings.

13. There is no objection to publicity in connection with this visit and it should be handled locally. An initial release will be made by the Director of Public Relations of this Headquarters. Any released publicity should revolve around a general statement as given in paragraph 1 and 2 above. It is requested that each installation visited arrange for full photographic coverage.

14. In order that the Department of Defense will gain the maximum results from this tour, it is important that four copies of each photograph taken at military installations together with any press release or comments be promptly forwarded to the Foreign Liaison Branch, Directorate of Intelligence, Headquarters, USAF for presentation to the visitors. In addition two copies of each photograph should be air mailed to the Air Adjutant General, Attention: Photographic Records and Services Division, Headquarters, USAF. Name of base from which the photograph is sent should be clearly inscribed on the back of each print. Any photographs which may be given to the party during their visit will not preclude copies also being forwarded to this Headquarters.

15. For further information concerning this visit contact Lt. Colonel W.H. Bruce Erwin, or Major C.V.B. Cushman, telephone LI 5-6700, exts. 73989, 53602 or 71097, Washington, D. C. at the address given in paragraph 14 above.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:



ROBERT H. JONES  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Foreign Liaison Branch  
Directorate of Intelligence

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