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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
American Consulate General,
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia,
July 28, 1952.

Dear "Pete":

Heartiest congratulations on your new assignment! I can think of no better choice for this difficult and important position. I know you will have every success.

We have sent on the letters which you forwarded for Saud bin Jelewi and Shaikh Abdullah bin Adwan.

With reference to the Memorandum of Conversation with the Strategic Air Command dated June 20, I feel that we should do everything we can to encourage the military in any suggestion for a friendly display of force to strengthen the American position in this part of the world. I have had several talks along these lines with Fred Davies and with Bill Eddy and other top executives at Aramco. They feel that we should make a display of force in this part of the world whenever we can do so as a friendly and cooperative gesture. This could be either by sending ships into the Persian Gulf or planes to the field at Dhahran. You would be amazed at the amount of work that has been accomplished at the Air Base and I assure you that they would be able to take care of the proposed contingent. As General Day remarked that if they weren't able to do so he should "turn in his suit" as that is what he has been here for. Granted, some of the people would have to sleep in the tents but DAF can and is prepared for that too. I do recommend from the Dhahran angle, and of course this is always subject to the broader points of view which the Embassy in Jidda and the Department in Washington have, an early visit here by American military strength. It is to be assumed that such a visit would be undertaken only with an enthusiastic invitation from the Saudi Government.

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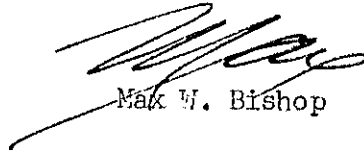
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You have probably gathered that we have been bombarding the Department with personnel requests. I am sure that if you will put your support behind it FP will give us what we need before long.

Again, with heartiest congratulations and best personal wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Max W. Bishop