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Dear Max:

I regret the long delay in answering your letter of July 28. Thank you very much for the good wishes you express therein. I find my new tasks extremely interesting, and it is a rather remarkable change to back-stop my old post and to try to fit its problems into the multitude of others we have here in NE. My thanks also for forwarding the letters to Saud bin Jelewl and Sheikh Abdullah bin Adwan.

Your comments regarding "a display of force" in your general area were very welcome. That question has been under consideration here ever since the conversation of June 20 to which you refer. It has been discussed recently with Ray Hare, and I believe there is general agreement that such a "show" would tend to strengthen our position out there. However, we have not yet reached a firm decision in the matter because such an event is now intimately involved with a number of other problems concerning Dhahran Air Field. These also have been occupying our attention for the past few weeks, and until they are solved the possibility of SAC training flights to DAF will have to wait. Despite this delay, I believe the decision will be made to request the Saudi Arabian Government to allow such flights under certain conditions.

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I am very much aware of some of your personnel problems, and I plan to answer your letter of August 7 shortly after this one is dropped into the pouch.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Max W. Bishop, Esquire,
American Consulate General,
Dhahran.

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