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SAUDI ARABIAN EMBASSY
LONDON

The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia presents its compliments to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and has the honour to set hereunder translation of a message received from His Royal Highness, Prince Saud Al Faisal bin Abdulaziz, Minister of Foreign Affairs for Saudi Arabia, to the Rt. Hon. Lord Carrington, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs:-

"The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia attaches great importance to the European attitude concerning the Palestinian issue, an attitude which will be formed within the European Summit Meeting in Venice and to the importance of the support of the E.E.C. to the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, particularly their right in self-determination.

The Kingdom, observing the aspects of retreat in the European initiative in the present stage of the Palestinian case, believes that any postponement of the case would harm its process. Israel will be the only benefactor of such a retreat.

The Kingdom hopes that her friends will push the European initiative a further step or at least support what comprises recognition of the Palestinian people of their right of self-determination at this stage."

The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia would appreciate a reply to this communication in order for it to be conveyed to its Foreign Office, as soon as possible.

The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office the assurance of its highest consideration.



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SAUDI/UK RELATIONS

1. Attached is a Note delivered by the Saudi Chargé this afternoon. I have telegraphed about it to Jedda.
2. NENAD will be minuting on the substance. Procedurally it is encouraging that the Saudis have approached us in this way; but only moderately so, since the other Europeans have received similar approaches (except the French, who have had bilateral talks with the Saudis).

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