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Your Majesty,

Ambassador de Ribbing, upon his return to New York some time ago, transmitted to me your gracious message. He was impressed by your desire to re-establish the bonds of friendship, which have existed for a long time between Saudi Arabia and Great Britain. This attitude is most helpful in creating the right atmosphere for finding a solution for the Buraimi question.

I want to express my most sincere thanks for all the help and the courtesies that you have extended to Ambassador de Ribbing and his colleagues. This has facilitated their assignment very much.

It is my personal hope that with good will from both parties they will find their way to a solution. I know the importance of Your Majesty's help in this.

I beg Your Majesty to accept my respectful greetings.

Dag Hammarskjold

His Majesty
King Saud Ibn Abdulaziz
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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From a speech by King Saud:

"My brothers,

In our Arab Island we still complain of aggression against our brothers in the Arab South, and aggression against our brothers in Oman.

We still maintain our position in defending Buremi and other contested areas which have been attacked by the British forces in the name of some of our brothers. Indeed we are closer to them than they are to Britain. If matters were left to the two parties the dispute would have been settled easily and with justice, but imperialistic ambitions cover the eyes of the imperialistic and make him stumble in darkness.

We regret that it was Britain that forced us to continue this rupture in our relations because of its insistence to continue its aggression against a part of our territory.

It would please us to resume our cordial relations with Britain if the current dispute was settled by returning the areas under attack to what they were before, and by withdrawing their aggressive forces.

We do appreciate the efforts exercised by Mr. Hammarakjold, the Secretary General of the United Nations, in seeking a just settlement in this connection.

However, we will not forsake our rights, nor the rights of any Moslem or any Arab until God permits us to win."