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We should be sorry to see any change in the present plans for the operations of the De Ribbing Mission. We agree that De Ribbing should continue with the present stage (stage 2). Although the terms of reference in Mr. Hammarskjöld's letter of June 9, 1960 provided for a review of progress after the completion of stage 2, we should be sorry if the death of Mr. Hammarskjöld was made the cause for any slowing down even then. We know how close to Mr. Hammarskjöld's heart was the task of bringing about a revival of the traditional Anglo-Saudi friendship, and H.M. Government for their part are anxious to press on in this direction as fast as possible.

A. J. Edden, C.M.G.

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