

31 March 1955

The Honorable Herbert Hoover, Jr.  
The Under Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Herb:

[redacted] dropped in to see me Saturday to review the situation in Saudi Arabia in connection with his forthcoming trip there. At the same time he left with me a memorandum dated 22 March 1955, and told me that he had given a copy of the same memorandum to you.

The recommendations in this memorandum relate largely to certain legal questions which are not of direct concern to CIA. However, the overall problem implicit in his memorandum seems to me to be one which we might raise at an early luncheon meeting of the OCB.

As you know, we have been working on [redacted] for many months and I believe that the danger from this quarter is at least minimized, and possibly removed, although we do not consider that we can mark the operation "finished." The basic issue of what more we can do to help protect the vast assets of this area remains. The loss of these assets to the Soviet would seriously affect the balance of power between us. We should have a coordinated program to deal with this.

Faithfully yours,

*SIGNED*

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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