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The Honorable Dante B. Fascell, Chairman
International Political and Military
Affairs Subcommittee
Committee on International Relations
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On August 10, 1976, you requested information on the number of Americans working on military or military-related projects in Saudi Arabia, with a breakdown by employer and activity. You also wanted to know how many of these employees were readily ascertainable as Jewish or female. Finally, you requested information on any agreements between American Government agencies and private firms.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Current

As of August 5, 1976, U.S. Government personnel working in Saudi Arabia on military or military-related projects totaled 631--315 military and 316 civilian. (See app. I.) Most of these employees train the Saudi Arabian air force, administer the security assistance program, provide design and construction management services, or oversee technical training provided by private U.S. companies.

Of the 631 U.S. Government employees, 64 were female. We were unable to readily determine the number of Jewish employees because U.S. Government agencies and civilian firms do not collect such information; however, U.S. Government officials in Saudi Arabia told us that a number of Americans employed incountry by the U.S. Government and by American civilian firms are Jewish.

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Projected

According to projections made by the U.S. Military Training Mission in Saudi Arabia, U.S. military and civilian personnel will increase to 1,207 in fiscal year 1977 and 1,429 in fiscal year 1978. (See app. I.) The large 1977 increase is attributable partly to the transfer of the U.S. Corps of Engineers Mediterranean Division at Livorno, Italy, to a newly established Middle East Division at Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, and partly to the expansion of technical assistance training teams and increased personnel needed to support the enlarged U.S. Government staff.

As of August 5, 1976, these military and civilian personnel were accompanied by 693 dependents. In fiscal year 1977, there will be about 1,120 dependents and in fiscal year 1978 about 1,530. Over the next 2 years then, the total number of U.S. Government employees and their families is projected to increase from the current 1,324 to about 2,330 in fiscal year 1977 and about 2,960 in fiscal year 1978.

CURRENT AND PROJECTED
CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL

Department of Defense agencies have entered into agreements with civilian contractors on military or military-related projects. For example, on behalf of the Saudi Arabian Government, the Corps of Engineers supervises U.S. and foreign firms which undertake construction projects.

Americans engaged in such military or military-related projects and employed by private U.S. firms which have contracts with the Department of Defense or the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia totaled 2,042, as of August 1976. This number is projected to reach 3,142 by fiscal year 1977 and 3,419 by fiscal year 1978. (See app. II.)

TOTAL U.S. CITIZENS IN SAUDI ARABIA

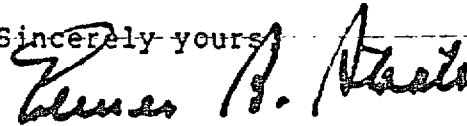
U.S. Government and contractor personnel associated with military or military-related projects comprise only a small part of the total number of Americans in Saudi Arabia. Many more Americans work for some 270 U.S. firms currently doing other business there. In fact, the U.S. consulate staff at Dhahran estimated the total number of Americans currently in Saudi Arabia at 25,000, an increase of about 5,000 from the preceding year. According to the consulate staff, an accurate

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count is difficult to obtain because many Americans fail to register at the consulate or Embassy when they arrive or neglect to inform the American diplomatic staff when they depart.

If you would like to discuss this information or need further assistance from my staff, please let me know.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas A. Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Comptroller General
of the United States

CURRENT AND PROJECTEDU.S. GOVERNMENT PERSONNELIN SAUDI ARABIA FISCAL YEARS 1977-78

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Actual (at Aug. 5, 1976)</u>			<u>Projected</u>		
	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	
	<u>(Male)</u>		<u>(Female)</u>			
<u>Planning and contract management:</u>						
Corps of Engineers (supervises design and construction of projects for Ministry of Defense and Aviation and Saudi Arabian National Guard; assists the Saudi Ordnance Corps in contract and fiscal management of Saudi Army logistics program)	60	204	41	a/305	540	750
<u>Military training:</u>						
U.S. Military Training Mission and related support services (note b) (administers assistance program and other training projects; also hosts U.S. military and agency personnel)	176	0	2	178	317	419
U.S. Army Modernization Program for Saudi Arabian National Guard (oversees Vinnell Corporation contract to organize, equip, and train national guard infantry)	23	7	14	44	68	68
U.S. Air Force Logistics Command, Detachment 22 (monitors Northrop Corporation F-5 aircraft Peace Hawk contract with the Royal Saudi Air Force)	26	4	7	37	69	69
Technical Assistance Training Teams (provides pilot and vehicle training)	15	0	0	15	213	123
Temporary duty	<u>15</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>(c)</u>	<u>(c)</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>315</u>	<u>252</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>1,207</u>	<u>1,429</u>

a/ Does not include 300 Corps of Engineers employees assigned to the Saudi Arabian program but located in a recently opened contracting facility in Berryville, Virginia, nor 150 employees on personal service contracts working in Saudi Arabia, some of whom are U.S. citizens.

b/ Includes commissary, medical corps, post office, Military Airlift Command, and 5th Signal Corps personnel.

c/ Not available.

CURRENT AND PROJECTEDCONTRACTOR PERSONNELFISCAL YEARS 1977-78

<u>Company and project</u>	<u>Employees</u>		
	<u>August 1976</u> <u>actual</u>	<u>1977</u> <u>projected</u>	<u>1978</u> <u>projected</u>
CADILLAC-GAGE (provides armored personnel carriers and related support services to Saudi Arabian National Guard)	30	33	33
GENERAL ELECTRIC (provides Vulcan anti-aircraft batteries)	17	23	23
J. A. JONES (constructs medical support, power plant extension, and Ministry of Defense and Aviation facilities)	111	98	55
BENDIX-SIYANCO (joint American-Saudi venture, trains Saudi Army Ordnance Corps to establish a logistic base and staff)	182	332	498
VINNELL (organizes, equips, and trains Saudi Arabian National Guard)	247	290	290
NORTHROP (provides maintenance, training, and facilities for Saudi Air Force F-5 aircraft)	820	1,123	1,134
LOCKHEED (provides C-130 aircraft and follow-on support services)	469	1,007	1,100
RAYTHEON (supplies Hawk missile batteries)	154	223	273
CENTER FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS (provides language training to Saudi Arabian National Guard)	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
Total	<u>a/2,042</u>	<u>3,142</u>	<u>3,419</u>

a/Breakdown between male and female personnel was not readily available.