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TO : G - Mr. Matthews

FROM : NEA - Mr. McGhee *JG*

SUBJECT: Visits of Chiefs of States

As requested by your office NEA has reviewed again the question of visits to the United States by Chiefs of State during 1952.

With the understanding that only one visitor from each regional area can be accommodated in 1952, we should like to retain as first on the NEA list King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia. It is realized that because of his age and infirmities the King will probably decline, but even so the United States will gain much good will in the Near East for inviting so prominent a leader in the Arab World.

If the King should suggest that the Crown Prince or another son come in his place, the alternate should of course be received, but not as a state visitor. In such event NEA should then like the 1952 invitation to go to the King and Queen of Greece. It is well known that the King and Queen wish to visit this country, and a Greek royal visit would serve to symbolize before American and world opinion the success of the Truman Doctrine and the continuing solidarity of the United States and a small nation in the struggle against Communist aggression.

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