

وثيقة رقم (14-1671) المؤرخة في 16 أكتوبر 1953

من : مكتب العلاقات الخارجية

إلى : رئيس المفوضية البريطانية في تعز

ملخص الوثيقة:

✧ ارفاق محضر الاجتماع الذي تم في 7 أكتوبر 1953

✧ تأكيد مكتب العلاقات الخارجية بأنه تم تحذير عبد الله عبد الوهاب بوقف نشاطه المعادي للإمام احمد ولكن بدون جدوى حيث مازل الفضول يصر على مهاجمة الامام احمد.

✧ تأكيد مكتب العلاقات الخارجية بأنه تم الاتفاق على قرار تأديبي بحق الفضول لكنهم اختلفوا فيما اذا كان من الافضل ترحيل الفضول او سحب ترخيص صحيفته .

✧ طلب مكتب العلاقات الخارجية من رئيس المفوضية البريطانية في تعز الاجابة عن ثلاثة اسئلة على النحو التالي :

1. هل لازالت المقالات السياسية الموجهه ضد النظام الملكي تظهر في صحيفة الفضول و ارفاق هذه المقالات اذ وجدت .
2. هل مازال الامام احمد يتضايق ويعترض على تلك المقالات
3. هل يعتقد في حالة اتخاذ حكومة عدن قرار باغلاق صحيفة الفضول هل سيساعد هذا القرار على تطوير العلاقات الثنائية بين البلدين، وهل ستتوقف المقالات المعادية لحاكم عدن في صحف الشمال.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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October 16, 1953.

Dear Roper - Curzon,

Would you please refer to correspondence about the publication by the Aden newspaper Al Fadhooh of articles attacking the Imam and his administration, which rests with Jacomb's Despatch No. 19 of March 17.

2. I am enclosing a copy of a Colonial Office minute showing the conclusions reached by a meeting held to discuss this question, which has remained undecided for a considerable time. Having found that warnings to the editor of Al Fadhooh had no lasting effect the Colonial Office have been anxious to establish the fact that they have good legal grounds on which to take extreme action. There has in fact been a division of opinion in the Colonial Office as to whether this action should take the form of deportation of the editor or of withdrawal of the paper's licence.

3. You will see from the enclosed minute, however, that the Colonial Office are now prepared to take the latter, more drastic and effective course, if it is still considered to be justified by the Foreign Office. Obviously the suppression of a newspaper cannot be lightly undertaken, and questions would probably be asked in the House of Commons.

4. Before anything is done therefore we should be grateful if you would answer the following questions:

- (a) Are anti-Yemeni articles still appearing in Al Fadhooh? (If so, please provide us with typical recent examples)
- (b) Does the Imam continue to complain about these articles?
- (c) Do you consider that the improvement in our relations with the Yemen would be sufficient to justify the withdrawal of Al Fadhooh's licence? Could we, for example, expect that Al Saba would cease publication of articles attacking the Government of Aden?

5. I am sorry to inflict this questionnaire upon you, but all the information which we possess at present is more than six months old.

Your sincerely,
(sgd) (P. M. Maxey)

The Honourable
R.H. Roper-Curzon,
Taiz.