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His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Abd al-Aziz Al-Sa'ud Minister of Defense and Aviation Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Your Royal Highness:

Thank you for the invitation to visit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, extended in your kind letter of May 5th, 1976. I wish very much to visit your country and welcome an opportunity to exchange views first hand on the many interests our two countries share, including our defense security assistance relationship.

Unfortunately, other obligations have arisen that force me to postpone my travel plans for some weeks to come. I trust that your invitation will remain open, and I will communicate with you at a later date when my schedule becomes clearer. I sincerely regret this turn of events, and hope that we will be able to work out another mutually agreeable date in the near future.

Sincerely,

