



EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

December 10, 1980

Dear Bud:

Please excuse this belated reply to your gracious note. The problem, you see, was that we have been reading a fascinating book about one man's lifetime of distinguished service. We were so engrossed by it that we neglected our correspondence.

In that book, for example, are some most profound views on strategy, as one would expect, but there is also a masterpiece of dialogue, in an hilarious interview between the young officer and a grizzled "monstre sacré" of the United States Navy.

Thank you so much for sending us that book. It is a substantive and stylistic treasure.

We look forward to your next visit. Please be sure to let us know when you will come. If you will allow a little more time here, there is much I should like to discuss with you, and there is much to see.

Ruth joins me in sending our best wishes, and we both hope to meet Mouza in person after having had the pleasure of meeting her in print.

Sincerely,

*Bill*

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Mr. William H. Marsh  
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Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your letter of December 10. I don't have any current plans to return to Saudi Arabia, but would certainly like to do so in the year ahead. I hope that you and Ruth will still be there. Naturally, the blushing author appreciates your comments on my book.

You may have seen the note that I wrote to John West about a wonderful young friend of mine, Charles W. B. Wardell, III, who is currently stationed in Bahrain as Resident Vice President, Middle East, American Express International, Inc.

He plans to visit Saudi Arabia in January or February, and I asked John West if he would see him. I assume that he would, of course, have you talk to Chuck, but I wanted to say to you personally that I would be grateful for any time you can give this good friend.

All best wishes to you and Ruth for a wonderful 1981.

Sincerely,



E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.

bc. Chuck Wardell