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A Look at Saudi–U.S. Relations

His Royal Highness
Prince Turki Al-Faisal
Saudi Ambassador to the U.S.

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His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al-Faisal, who became the Saudi ambassador to the U.S. in 2005, resigned in December 2006. Al-Faisal had previously served since 2002 as ambassador to the UK and Republic of Ireland. And he served as the director general of the General Intelligence Directorate, the kingdom's main foreign intelligence service from 1977 to 2001. Prince Turki was appointed an adviser in the Saudi Royal Court in 1973. His other interests include being one of the founders of the King Faisal Foundation and being chairman of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies in Riyadh. He is also chairman of the board of the Prince Charles Visual Islamic and Traditional Arts Center as well as the co-chair of the C100 Group, which has been affiliated with the World Economic Forum since 2003. In 1963, Prince Turki graduated from the Lawrenceville School, a four-year coeducational school in New Jersey and subsequently received an undergraduate degree at Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University (1968). The eighth and last son of the late Saudi King Faisal, he and his wife, Princess Nouf bint Fahd bin Khalid Al-Saud, have six children.