Trade facts and background material

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Bill,

I hope you are doing well.

Please see below some of the points we discussed last week.

**South Dakota and Saudi Economic Ties**

- Saudi Arabia is South Dakota’s 10th largest export partner.
- Saudi Arabia is, additionally, South Dakota’s fastest growing export partner with exports growing at a rate of 91 percent per year since 2003.
- The South Dakota company Rosenbauer America’s Lyons produced $208 million worth of fire rescue vehicles for Saudi Arabia. A Saudi royal, Prince Saud bin Khalid al-Faisal, visited South Dakota to see these vehicles in 2014.

I am also attaching a couple news articles to be used as background.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached on my cell anytime to discuss.

Thank you,

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“His purpose in coming was to learn more about economic development,” Nelson said. “Sioux Falls and South Dakota are a hotbed of activity, so he wanted to learn how we attract businesses ... what opportunities and incentives do we provide.”

The prince met with a group of economic development representatives from the state, city, Sioux Falls Development Foundation, Sioux Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau, Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.

He had lunch at Sanaa’s 8th Street Gourmet and toured several businesses. At Marmen Inc. in Brandon, he watched wind turbine manufacturing and learned what attracted the Canada-based business to South Dakota.

He also toured EROS Data Center and went to a Raven Industries facility to learn about aerostats.

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A highlight came at Rosenbauer America’s Lyons manufacturing facility, where the prince saw fire rescue vehicles being made as part of an order from his home country.

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The company has a long-standing relationship with the Saudi government. An order recently came in for $208 million in firefighting apparatus. Of the 800 vehicles to be supplied, 470 will be built in South Dakota in the next two years.

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The prince was aware of the business relationship with Rosenbauer, said Harold Boer, president of Rosenbauer America and CEO of Rosenbauer South Dakota.

"We were impressed with him, his understanding of business and the need for economic development and a good working relationship within the U.S.,” Boer said. “These are the types of relationships that we need to work on, so we can continue to grow in the international marketplace."

After touring Sioux Falls, the prince met with lawyer Dave Knudson, who represents T. Denny Sanford, to learn more about philanthropy, Nelson said. He then visited the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and Mount Rushmore.

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