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Accompanied by Anthony Wood, I visited the Buraimi area between April 17 and 19. The main purpose of the visit was to introduce Anthony to the leading personalities in the area; Shaikh Zaid was however not present, having remained in Abu Dhabi since his return from Dubai on April 15.

2. Of the Al bu Falah Shaikhs, Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifah was staying at his house in Muwaiqi'ih and his third eldest son Tahnun, who is being groomed by Zaid to become Wali of the Buraimi area in the future, was in Zaid's fort. We lunched and dined with the two shaikhs respectively on our first full day there having paid courtesy calls on them on the afternoon of our arrival. After dinner with Tahnun (two of his brothers, Mubarak and Saif, were also present), we called on Abdul Jalil, a leading merchant in Abu Dhabi who owns property in Buraimi and, in partnership with Ahmad bin Mas'ud, is about to build a new house for Shaikh Zaid on the outskirts of Al Ain village.

3. We visited the site of Zaid's improvement scheme for the Aini and Daoudi Falajes and saw the water-drilling rig in operation close to one of the "thaqqaba" or vertical shafts sunk at right angles to the falaj itself. The first well to be drilled had reached 500 ft. but although there was plenty of water it was under insufficient pressure to raise itself to the surface. Drilling is continuing under the direction of Zaid's foreman, Sultan 'Amri.

4. Relations between the T.O.S. in the Jahili Fort and the local shaikhs and tribes are good, a direct reflection on the personality and popularity of the present commander, Major Pott, plus the fact that the Scouts now have an Intelligence Officer stationed there. It was significant that when we called on Sultan bin Surur and Duda bin Waktum, both passed unsolicited and complimentary remarks about the T.O.S. squadron commander.

5. The locusts have done a great deal of damage to the Buraimi gardens, especially the lime trees and the vegetable crops. Major Pott introduced us to Ibrahim Abboud in Jimi village, who runs a first-class vegetable garden there and has been tireless in his efforts to combat the locust menace. The Muscat sector has also been seriously affected, although it seems that now the greatest danger has passed. The Wali of Muscat, Salim bin Humaid, was in genial mood when we called on him and was quick to enquire after the health of the Al bu Falah Shaikhs. His son, Hamud, was present also.

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6. As a sequel to the locust attacks on the Trucial Coast this winter, while on Das Island this week we met a meteorologist who is employed by the major oil companies in the Gulf area to advise on weather conditions etc. He put forward the interesting view that some of the locusts had bred on Hailul Island, and a large swarm about one mile square had been observed flying towards the coast from the direction of the island.

7. I am copying this letter to Jack Given in Bahrain.

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During a recent visit to Buraimi I saw some of the work Shaikh Zaid is doing on the irrigation falajes. He has dug several new sources and is joining them to the existing falajes.

2. After the end of the Saudi occupation Her Majesty's Government spent nearly £5,000 (as far as I recollect) on falaj cleaning but Zaid, partly inspired by this, has been digging for new sources in addition to further cleaning. This swallows up a lot of money, and I believe Zaid may have been spending as much as half a lakh a year since 1955.

3. The result of the work done since 1955 has been very gratifying. For example part of Al Muwaiqi's grove could only be watered once every five weeks, and over a third could not be watered at all in October 1955; and therefore the trees were dying. Now the whole can be watered about every three weeks. The other groves in the Abu Dhabi villages of the oasis now receive twice or three times the water they had previously, and Al 'ain village, which is the largest, may have many times its previous supply when new sources are linked up by underground channels which are now being constructed.

4. In former days the farmers paid Naut, or water tax proportionate to the number of hours which their fields and groves were watered. This tax is still paid in the Muscat villages of Buraimi, without (so far as I am aware) the farmers receiving any benefit. Any cleaning or repairs is done at the expense of the villagers, or more often they have done it for themselves, without any help. There is of course no new construction.

5. This benevolent attitude is part of a general policy of Zaid's to improve the living of his people without cost to themselves, and it is remarkable that in a country where water is so expensive it should be given to the farmers free. Likewise the new suq constructed in Al 'ain some time after the departure of the Saudis from Humasa was built at Zaid's expenses and he allows the merchants to use the well-built shops at no charge. In contrast to the Muscat side there are no customs levied in any of the Abu Dhabi settlements of the oasis.

6. I am copying this letter to Edric Worsnop in Dubai and Bill Marshall at the Foreign Office, and Bill Montieth in Muscat

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(E. F. Henderson).

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