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Cover: Surveying the Desert for TAPLINE

Seeking a Mediterranean outlet for Middle Eastern oil, ARAMCO and the U.S. government thought that a Trans Arabian Pipeline would benefit all concerned, but the entrepreneurial and diplomatic maneuvering involved in its construction brought out areas of conflicting, as well as of converging, interests. (Photograph reproduced from Arabian American Oil Company, Report of Operations to the Saudi Arab Government, 1950 [Dhahman, 1951], p. 11.).

Back Cover: Laying a Section of Pipe

Laying pipe across hundreds of miles of barren desert was a major engineering feat, but technical problems paled beside the diplomatic difficulties encountered on the shifting sands of American Middle East policy and Arab politics. (Photograph reproduced from Arabian American Oil Company, Report of Operations to the Saudi Arab Government, 1951 [Dhahman, 1952], p. 43.).

For a full examination of the TAPLINE story, see pp. 255–285.

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