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### 'File 5/24 Somali Deserters of HMS

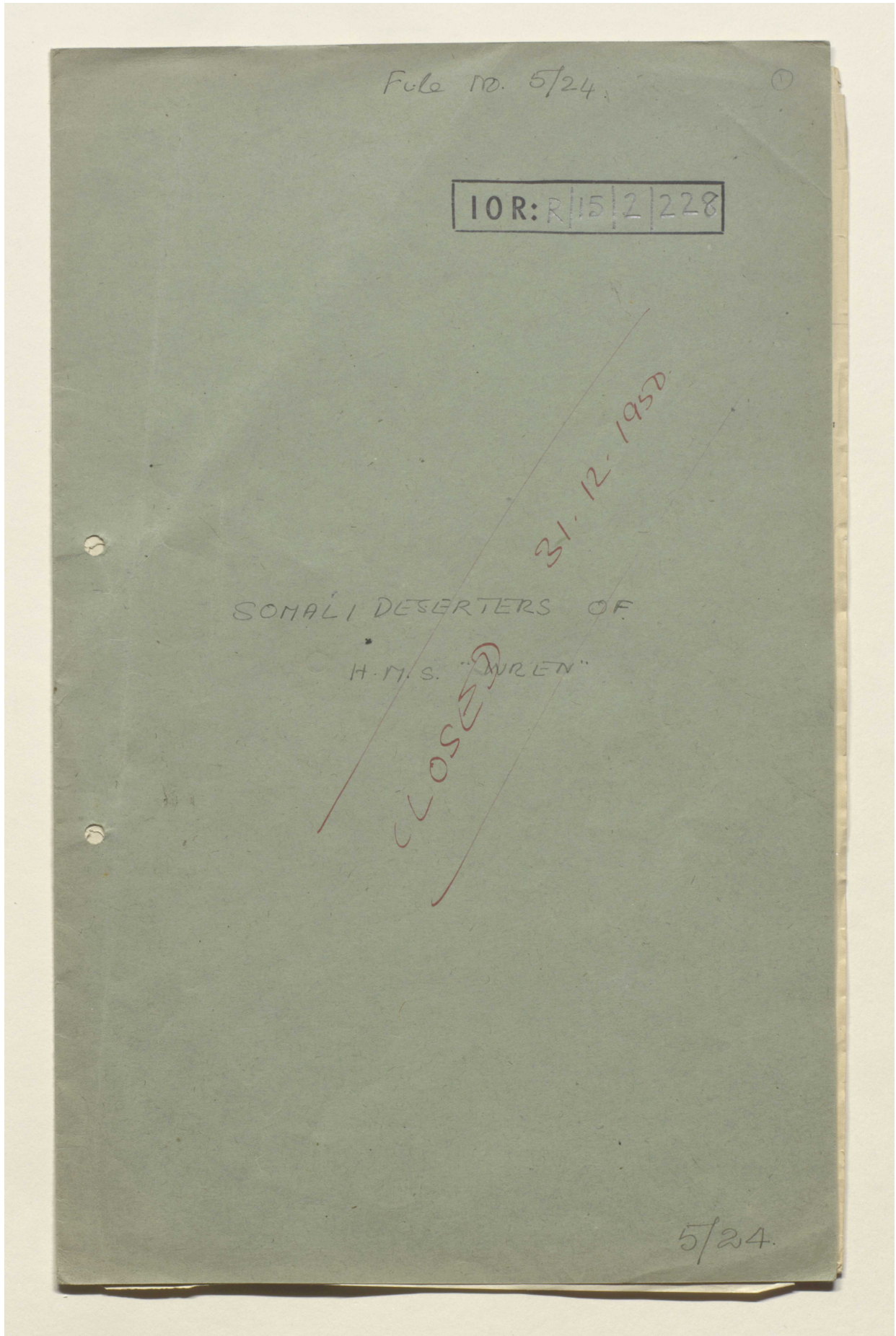
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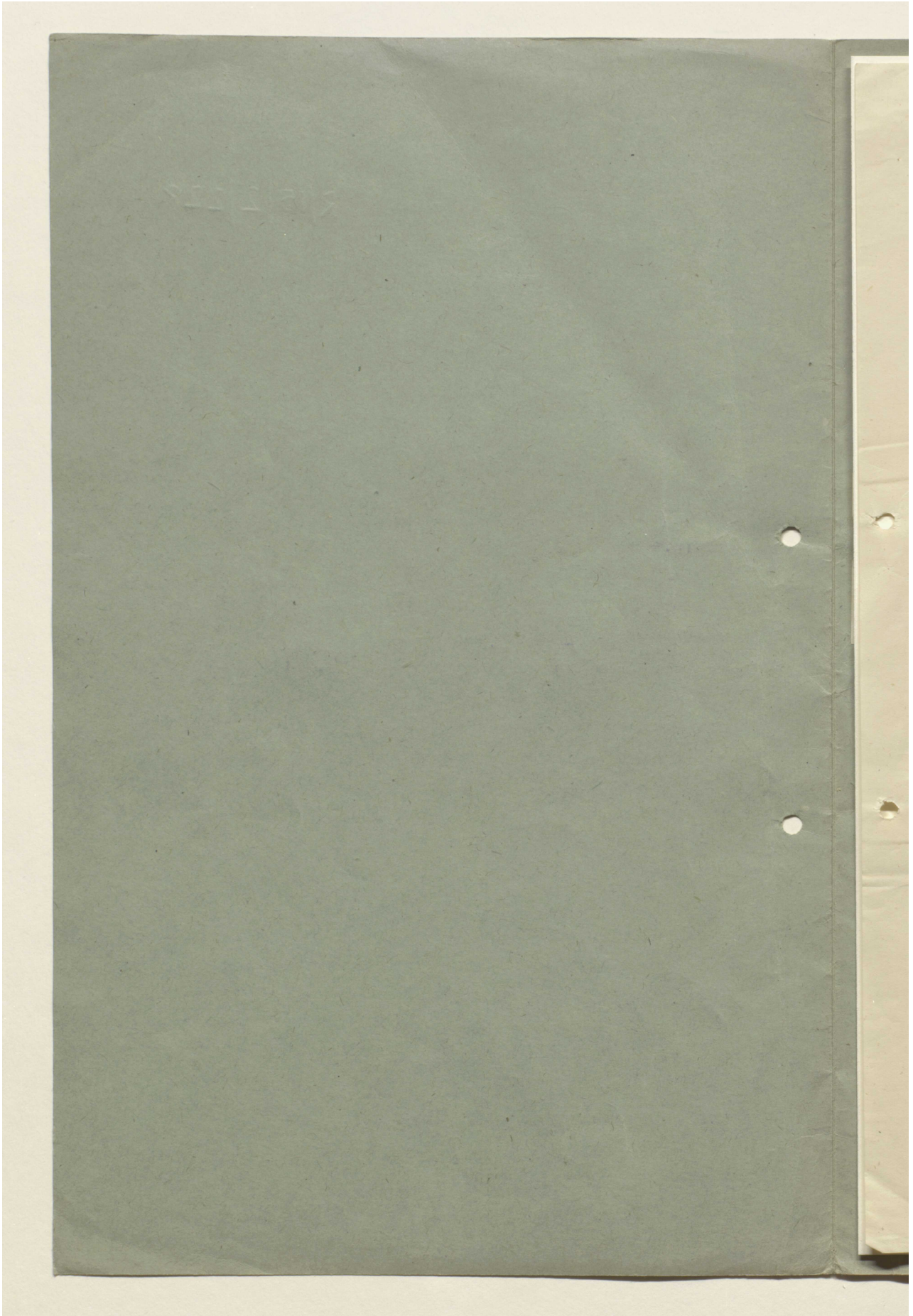


#### About this record

This file contains correspondence between Cornelius James Pelly, British Political Agent at Bahrain; the Commanding Officer of the HMS *Wren* ; and Charles Dalrymple Belgrave, Adviser to the Bahrain Government. These correspondence concern a number of desertions of Somali naval officers from the HMS *Wren* and HMS *Loch Glendhu* who were possibly recruited for labour in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

'File 5/24 Somali Deserters of HMS Wren' [front] (1/14)





'File 5/24 Somali Deserters of HMS Wren' [2r] (3/14)

H.M.S. "Wren" at Bahrain.

(2)

13th April 1948.

My dear Pelly,

As briefly discussed with you yesterday (12th April) evening, the following are the facts concerning the Somali Deserter from H.M.S. "Wren".

2. Name. FAREH MASSAN. Somali Seaman, Official Number 753 A.

Personal Description :- Height 5' 6"

Chest 31"/32".

Marks. Linear Scar centre of forehead.

3. The man went ashore dressed in a pair of blue naval uniform trousers and a white singlet with Naval cap etc. He left the ship at Kher Kaliya at 1800 on 29th March 1948, and did not return as he should have, at 2300 that night. He has not been seen or heard of since.

4. Early in the morning of 30th March 1948, one of my officers accompanied by the Tindal of Somalis, visited Inspector Gechrane and laid before him substantially the above facts.

5. The officer was informed that a man believed to be named ALI SOMALI resident in Bahrain, was known to be "recruiting" Somali labour for work in Dhahrain and that enquiries would be made. Nothing further has transpired.

6. It is known also that three Somali Naval ratings deserted similarly from H.M.S. "Lech Glenahu" at Bahrain on 29th February 1948.

Yours sincerely  
R. C. P. Nante

COMMANDER ROYAL NAVY  
CAPTAIN, H.M.S. "Wren".

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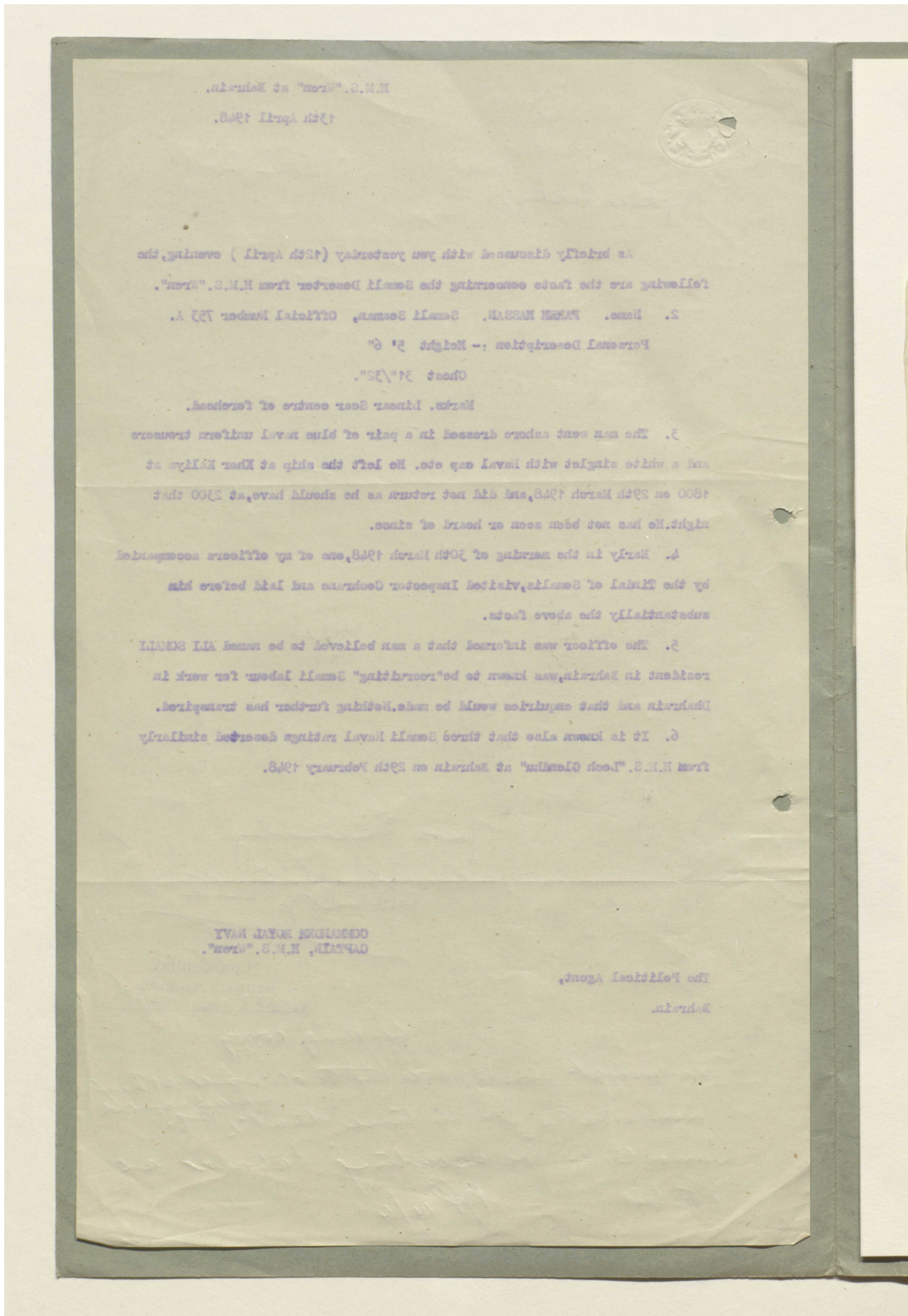
The Political Agent,

Bahrain.

BAHRAIN RECEIPT  
No. 557. Date 14/4/48

Kindly copy  
We might write to the adviser asking him whether it is true that a man named Somali is "recruiting" labour as stated.  
14/4/48

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'File 5/24 Somali Deserters of HMS Wren' [3r] (5/14)

SECRET

D.O. No. C/388      The 15th April, 1948.

Dear Belgrave,

I enclose a letter dated the  
13th April, 1948 from the Commanding  
Officer, H.M.S. "WREN".

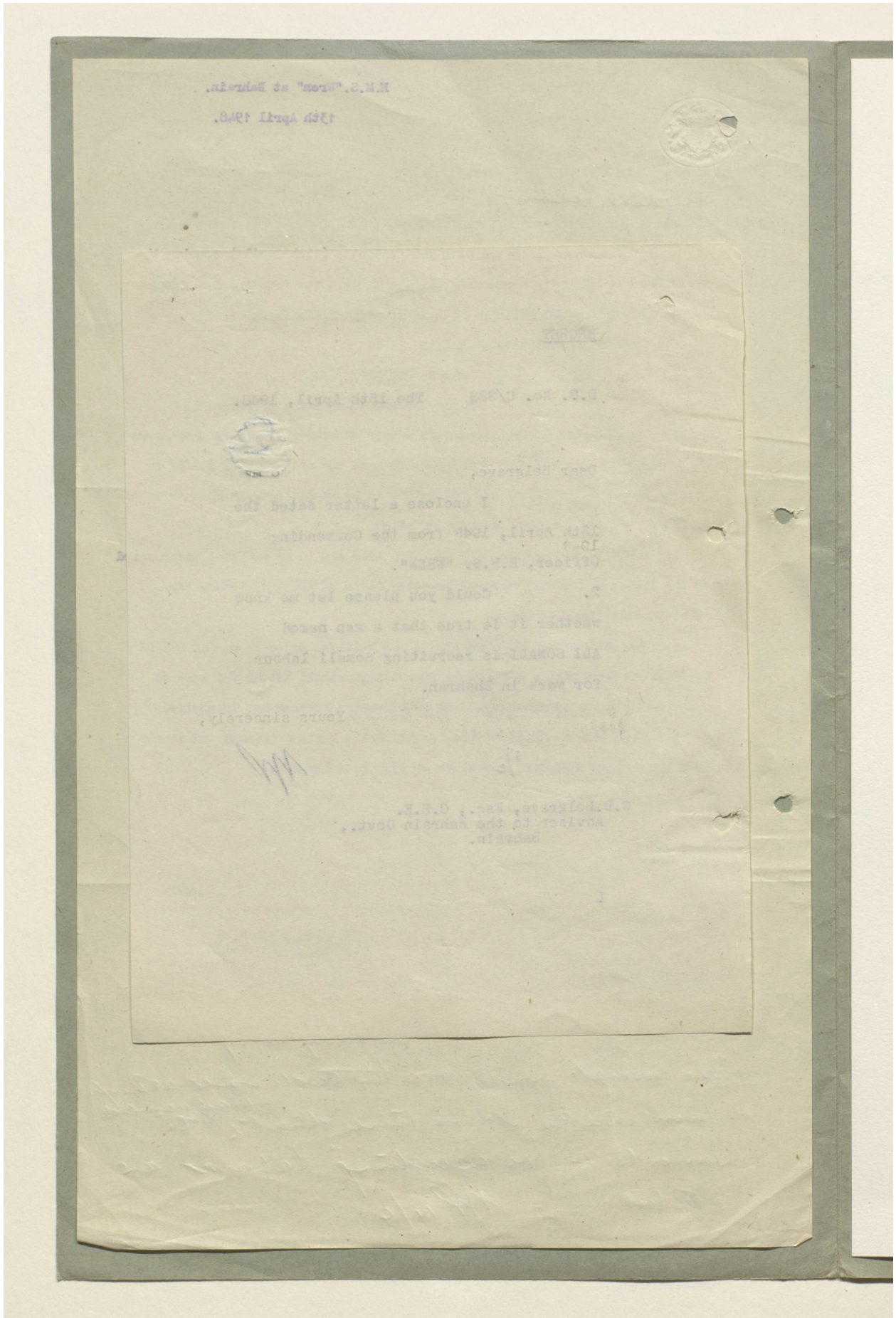
2.      Could you please let me know  
whether it is true that a man named  
ALI SOMALI is recruiting Somali labour  
for work in Dhahran.

Yours sincerely,

*Mc*      *MM*  
C.D. Belgrave, Esq., C.B.E.  
Adviser to the Bahrain Govt.,  
Bahrain.

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'File 5/24 Somali Deserters of HMS Wren' [4r] (7/14)

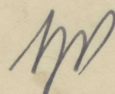
D.O.No.C/L-22,

POLITICAL AGENCY,  
BAHRAIN,  
Dated 19th May, 1948.

Dear Belgrave,

I should be glad of a reply to my  
d.o. letter No.C/388, dated the 15th April,  
1948.

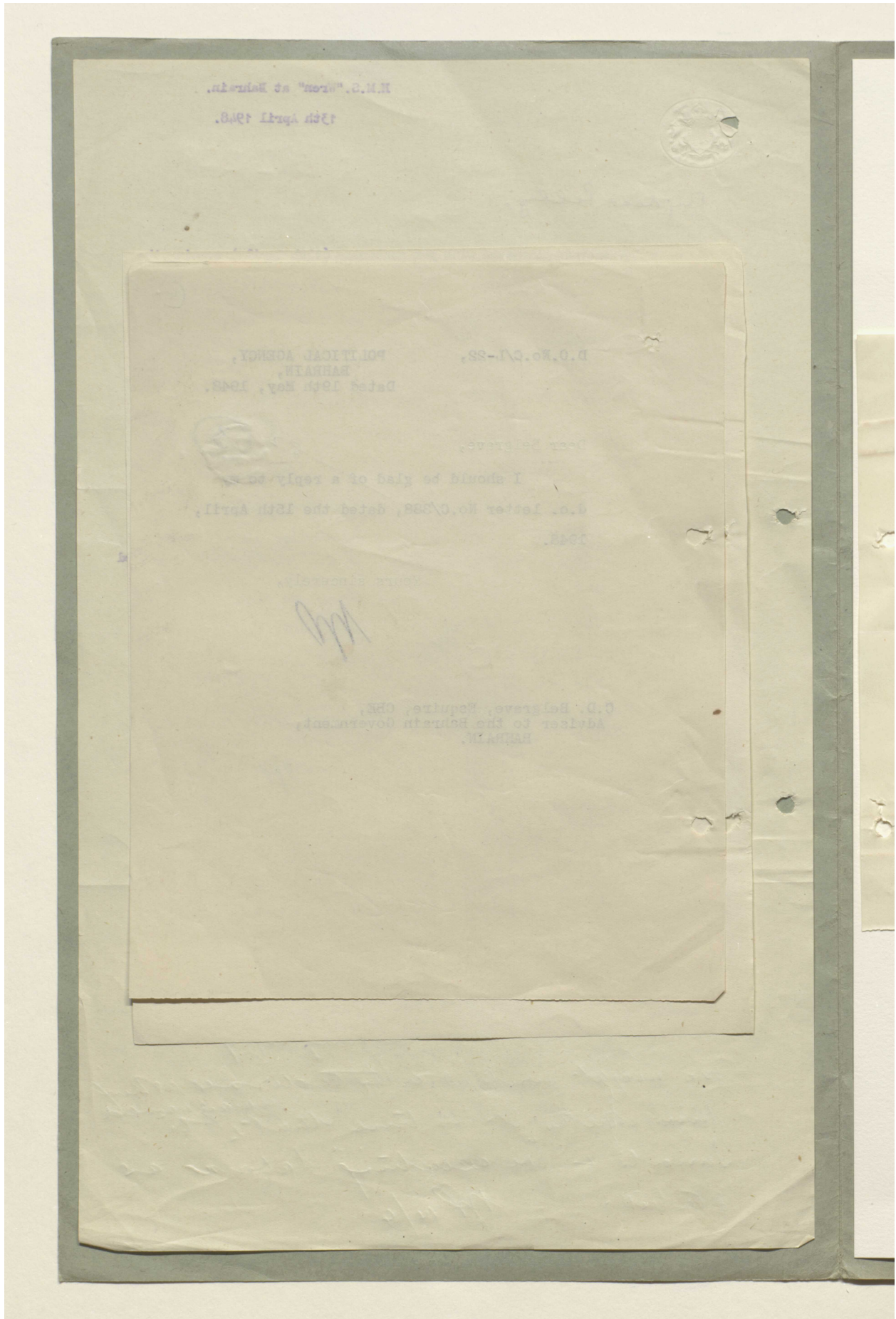
Yours sincerely,

*of* 

C.D. Belgrave, Esquire, CBE,  
Adviser to the Bahrain Government,  
BAHRAIN.



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'File 5/24 Somali Deserters of HMS Wren' [5r] (9/14)

D.O. No. 1545-9A.

Adviserate, May 29, 1948.

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Dear Pelly,

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Reference your D.O. No. C/388 dated 15th April 1948, we have no definite information leading us to suppose that Ali Somali is recruiting labour. We have searched his house and found no evidence. The Police authorities did not inform any Naval officers that Ali Somali was recruiting labour but this was suggested by the interpreter of H.M.S. "Wren".

*for summary  
Adviserate Pelly*

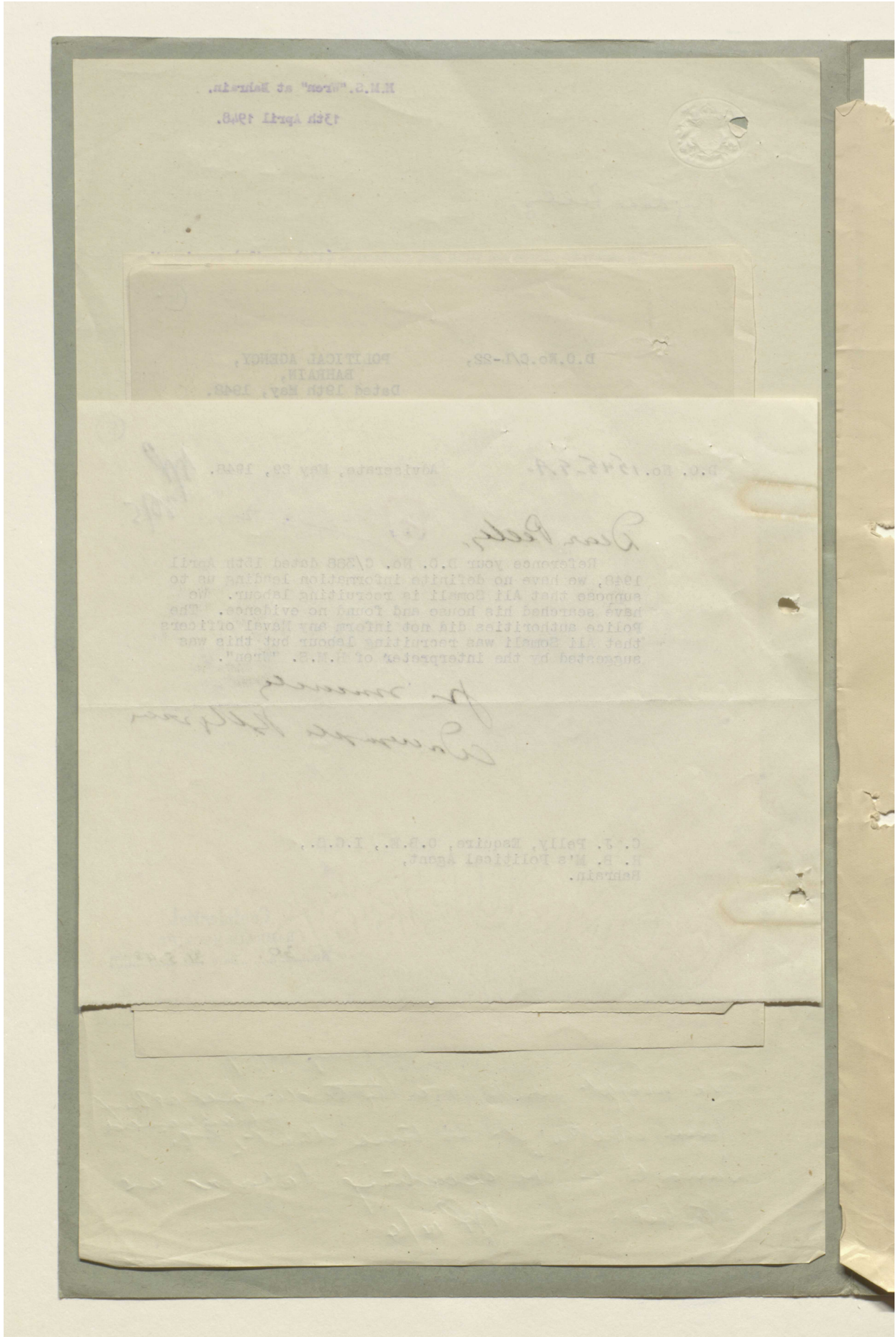
C. J. Pelly, Esquire, O.B.E., I.C.S.,  
H. B. M's Political Agent,  
Bahrain.

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BAHRAIN RECEIPT.

No. 30 Date 31.5.48

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'File 5/24 Somali Deserters of HMS Wren' [6r] (11/14)

5/24.

(6)

Somali Deserter of HMS 'WREN'

(1)

Letter dated 13/4/48 from Commander H.M.S. "WREN"

1. We might write D.O. sending copy to Adviser asking him whether it is true that a man named Ali Somali is "recruiting" labour as stated.

ITD C.J.P.  
14/4.

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~~P.A.~~  
DPA  
14/4.

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Issued d.o. letter No. C/388 dt. 15/4/48 to Adviser.

3.

May issue reminder. D.F.A.

18/5

~~P.A.~~

18/5

(3)

Issued D.O. No. C/L. 22. dt. 19.5.48 to Adv. B.G.

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