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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين"

المكتبة البريطانية: أوراق خاصة وسجلات من مكتب الهند

IOR/R/15/2/715

٢٧ ديسمبر ١٩٤٠-٠١ نوفمبر ١٩٤٤ (ميلادي)

الإنجليزية في اللاتينية

ملف واحد (٦٩ ورقة)

الملكية العامة

المؤسسة المالكة

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حول هذا السجل

يضم الملف نسخًا عن مراسلات وأوراق أخرى تتعلق بالاقترحات الأولية لتعيين مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين، وتعيينه وأنشطته لاحقًا. تتضمن أطراف المراسلات كلاً من: المقيم السياسي في الخليج العربي (المقدم تشارلز جيفري برايبور)؛ الوكيل السياسي في البحرين (الرائد ريجينالد جورج إيفلين ويليام ألبان، والرائد توم هيكينبوثام)؛ وعدة ممثلين عن الحكومة في الهند ومكتب الهند ووزارة الخارجية وخدمة الاستخبارات المشتركة في العراق (CICI).

يتضمن الملف ما يلي:

- مراسلات مؤرخة ما بين ديسمبر ١٩٤٠ ومارس ١٩٤١ ردًا على طلب من القائم بالأعمال الأمريكي في لندن إلى أنتوني إيدن (الذي كان في وزارة الخارجية في ذلك الوقت) بتاريخ ٢٧ ديسمبر ١٩٤٠ (ص).

٢٩) يطلب فيه تعيين مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين. وتسجل المراسلات اللاحقة مناقشة الطلب (والموافقة عليه) بين مسؤولين في الحكومة البريطانية وحكومة الهند والمقيم السياسي في الخليج العربي، والوكيل السياسي في البحرين. وتتضمن النقاط التي جرت مناقشتها: وضع المراقب البحري في البحرين؛ الرقابة والوصول إلى مرافق التشفير؛ السلطة القضائية البريطانية على المراقب البحري؛ وموافقة حاكم البحرين الشيخ حمد بن عيسى آل خليفة على الطلب (صص. ٣-٣٢)؛

• برقيات ومراسلات بتاريخ يونيو ١٩٤١ تتعلق بفقدان طائرة متجهة من بغداد إلى البصرة دون أن ينجو منها أحد، وقد كان المراقب البحري الأمريكي في البحرين، الرائد البحري جورج جروف، مسافرًا على متنها لتولي منصبه في البحرين (صص. ٣٤-٣٩)؛

• مراسلات مؤرخة ما بين أغسطس ونوفمبر ١٩٤١ تتعلق ببديل جروف، الملازم (رتبة مستجدة) ديروود و لوكار: تعيينه، ووصوله إلى البحرين، ورغبة وزارة البحرية الأمريكية بنقل وظيفته إلى البصرة، وربما إلى خرمشهر في إيران لاحقًا (صص. ٤٠-٥٢)؛

• مراسلات مؤرخة في أكتوبر ١٩٤٣ وسبتمبر ١٩٤٤، تتعلق بملاحظات موظفي البحرية البريطانية وتقارير بشأن وجود مراقبين بحريين من الولايات المتحدة في البحرين وأنشطتهم، بما في ذلك تقرير موسوم بأنه سري للغاية، أعده ضابط الأمن في البحرين (النقيب كامبل) بتاريخ ٠٣ أغسطس ١٩٤٤، بشأن الأنشطة الاستخباراتية الأمريكية في البحرين، والاهتمام الأمريكي بإنتاج النفط (صص. ٦١-٦٢)، ورسالة من الضابط البحري الأول في الخليج العربي (العميد البحري جون مونتاجو هاوسون) إلى القائد الأعلى في الأسطول الشرقي، بتاريخ ٢٧ سبتمبر ١٩٤٤، يعلّق فيها على الوجود الأمريكي في الخليج، والطبيعة التجارية والعسكرية الواضحة لذلك الوجود، مع ملفات تعريف لعدد من الأشخاص الأمريكيين الذين صادفهم الضابط البحري الأول (صص. ٦٤-٦٦).

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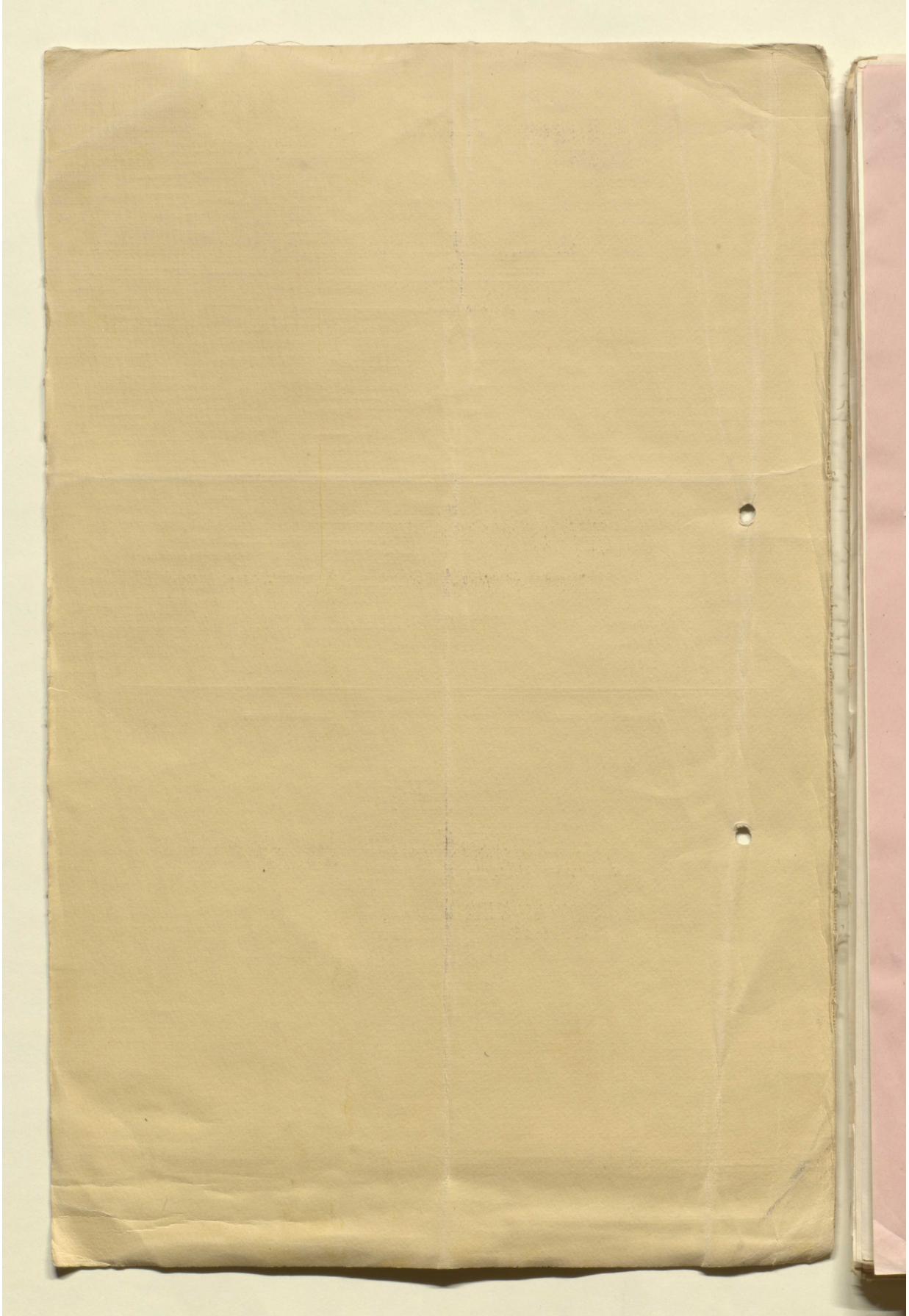
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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [و٢] [١٤٢/٣]

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The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to


1. The Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf Division, Bahrain.
- ✓ 2. The Political Agent, Bahrain.

and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned document (3).

Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,
Camp, BAHRAIN.

~~British Consulate General, BUSHIRE~~ Dated.. 25th February 1941.

Reference to previous correspondence:

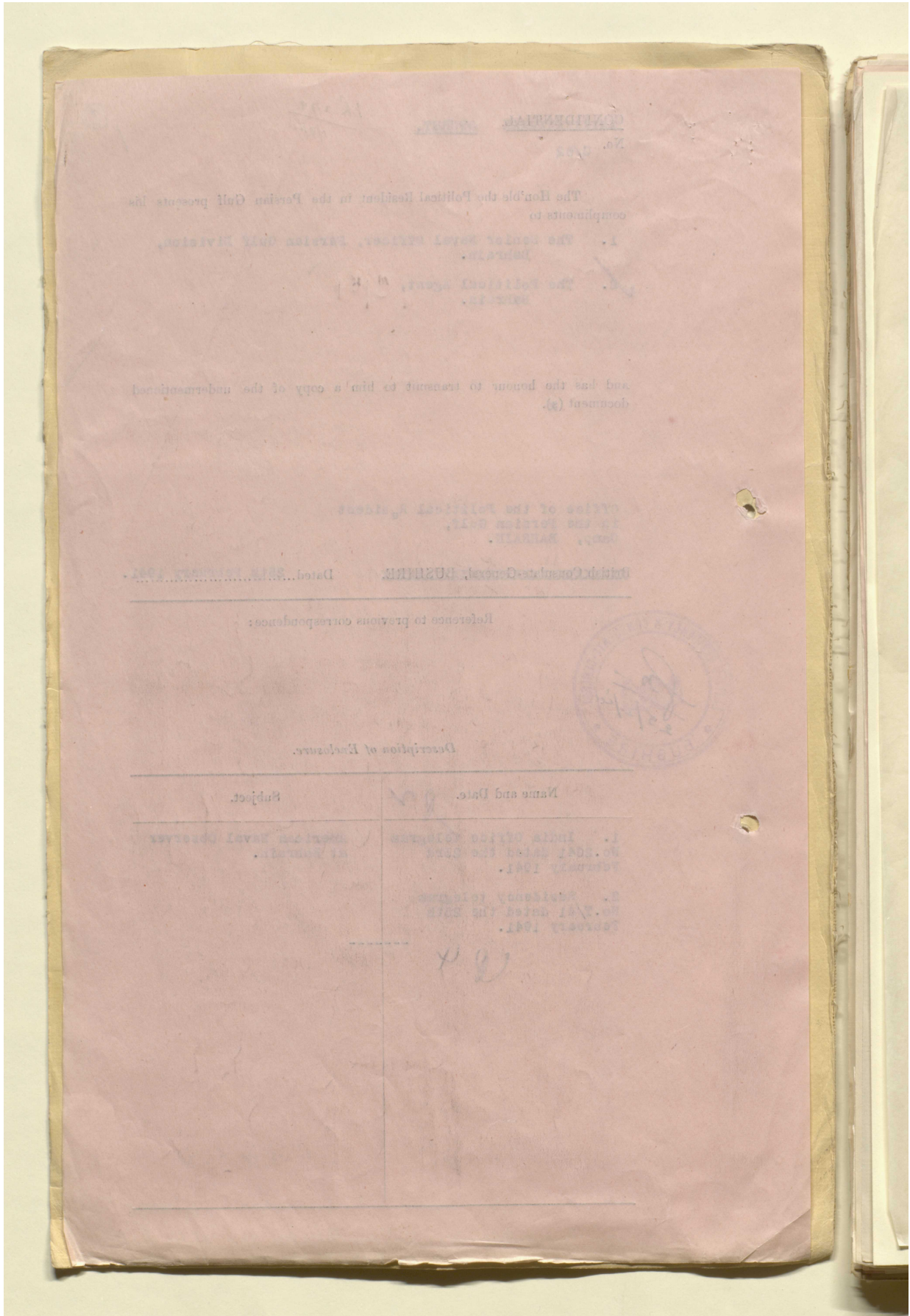


Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
1. India Office telegram No. 2041 dated the 23rd February 1941.	American Naval Observer at Bahrain.
2. Residency telegram No. T/41 dated the 25th February 1941.	

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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [ظ ٢] (١٤٢/٤)



"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [و٣] (١٤٢/٥)

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Telegram 3.
From Secretary of State for India, London.
To Government of India, New Delhi.
Repeated to Political Resident at Bahrain.
No. 2041
Dated 23rd received 25th February 1941.

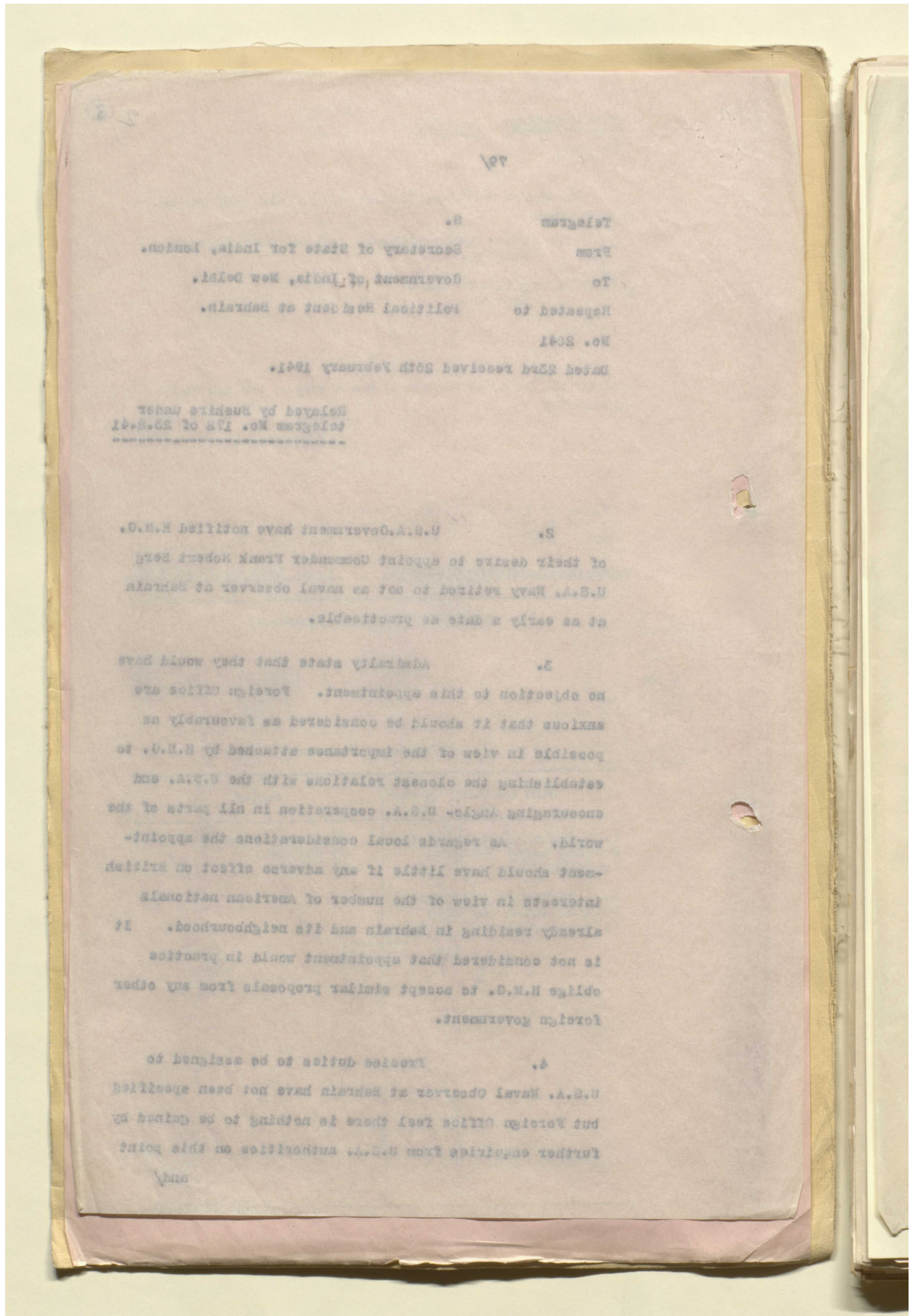
Relayed by Bushire under
telegram No. 172 of 23.2.41

2. U.S.A. Government have notified H.M.G. of their desire to appoint Commander Frank Robert Berg U.S.A. Navy retired to act as naval observer at Bahrain at as early a date as practicable.

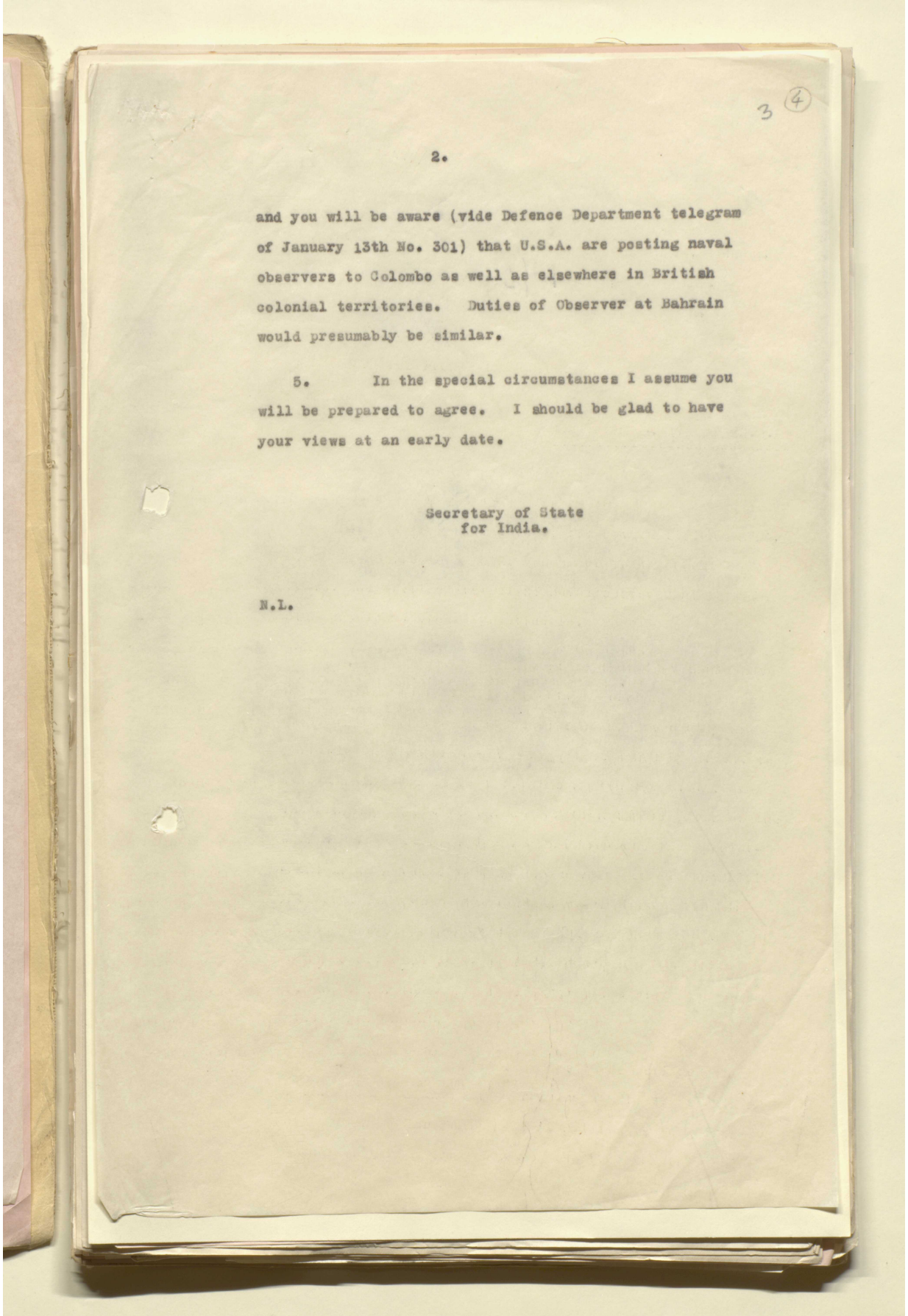
3. Admiralty state that they would have no objection to this appointment. Foreign Office are anxious that it should be considered as favourably as possible in view of the importance attached by H.M.G. to establishing the closest relations with the U.S.A. and encouraging Anglo- U.S.A. cooperation in all parts of the world. As regards local considerations the appointment should have little if any adverse effect on British interests in view of the number of American nationals already residing in Bahrain and its neighbourhood. It is not considered that appointment would in practice oblige H.M.G. to accept similar proposals from any other foreign government.

4. Precise duties to be assigned to U.S.A. Naval Observer at Bahrain have not been specified but Foreign Office feel there is nothing to be gained by further enquiries from U.S.A. authorities on this point
and/

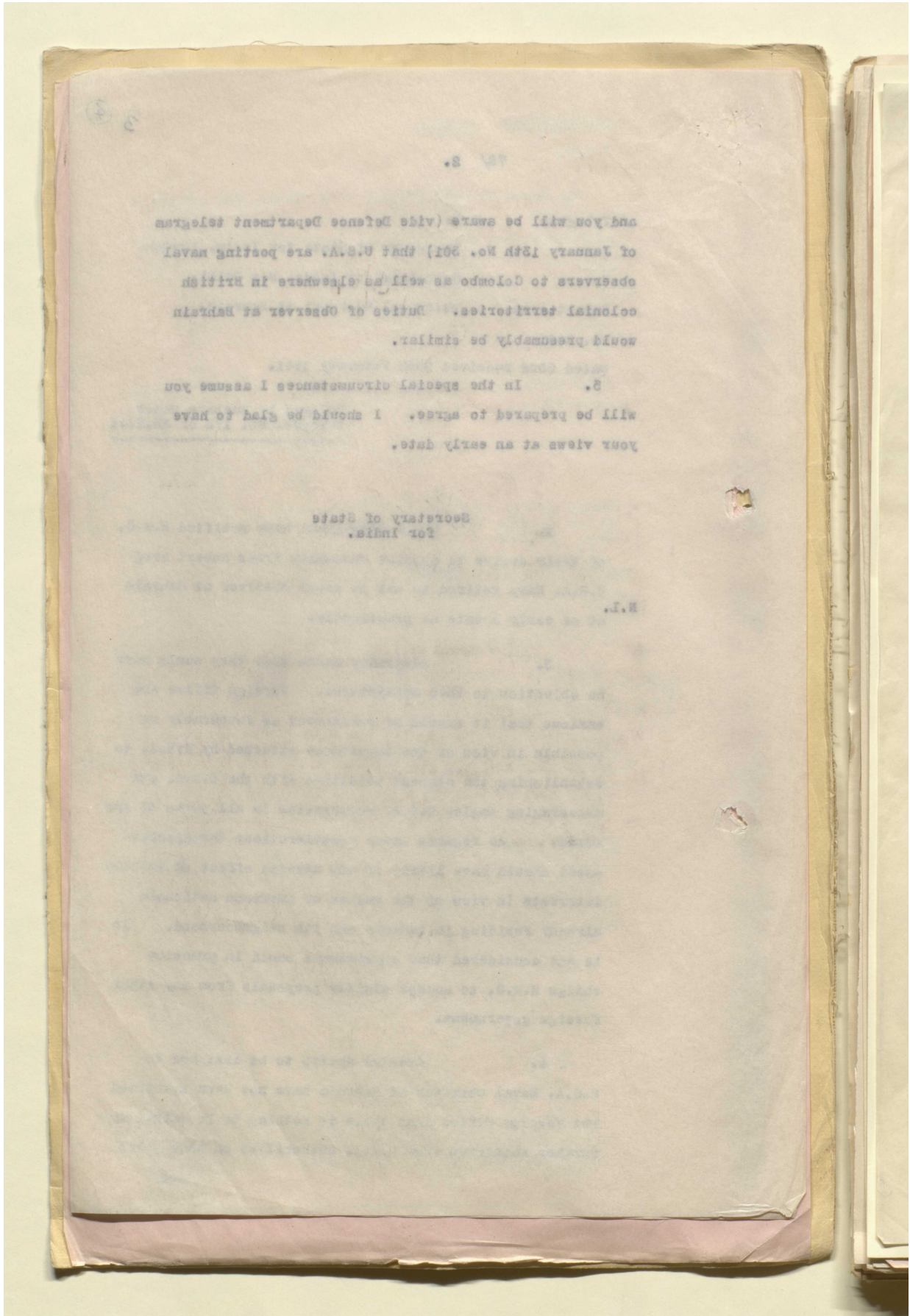
"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [ظ] (١٤٢/٦)



"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [و٤] (١٤٢/٧)



"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٤:ظ] (١٤٢/٨)



"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [و] [١٤٢/٩]

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From Political Resident, at Bahrain.
To Secretary of State for India, London.
Repeated Secretary to the Government of India,
External Affairs Department, New Delhi.
Copy to Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf Division,
Bahrain.
Political Agent, Bahrain.

No.T/41.

Dated the 25th February 1941.

Your telegram No.2041 February 23rd.

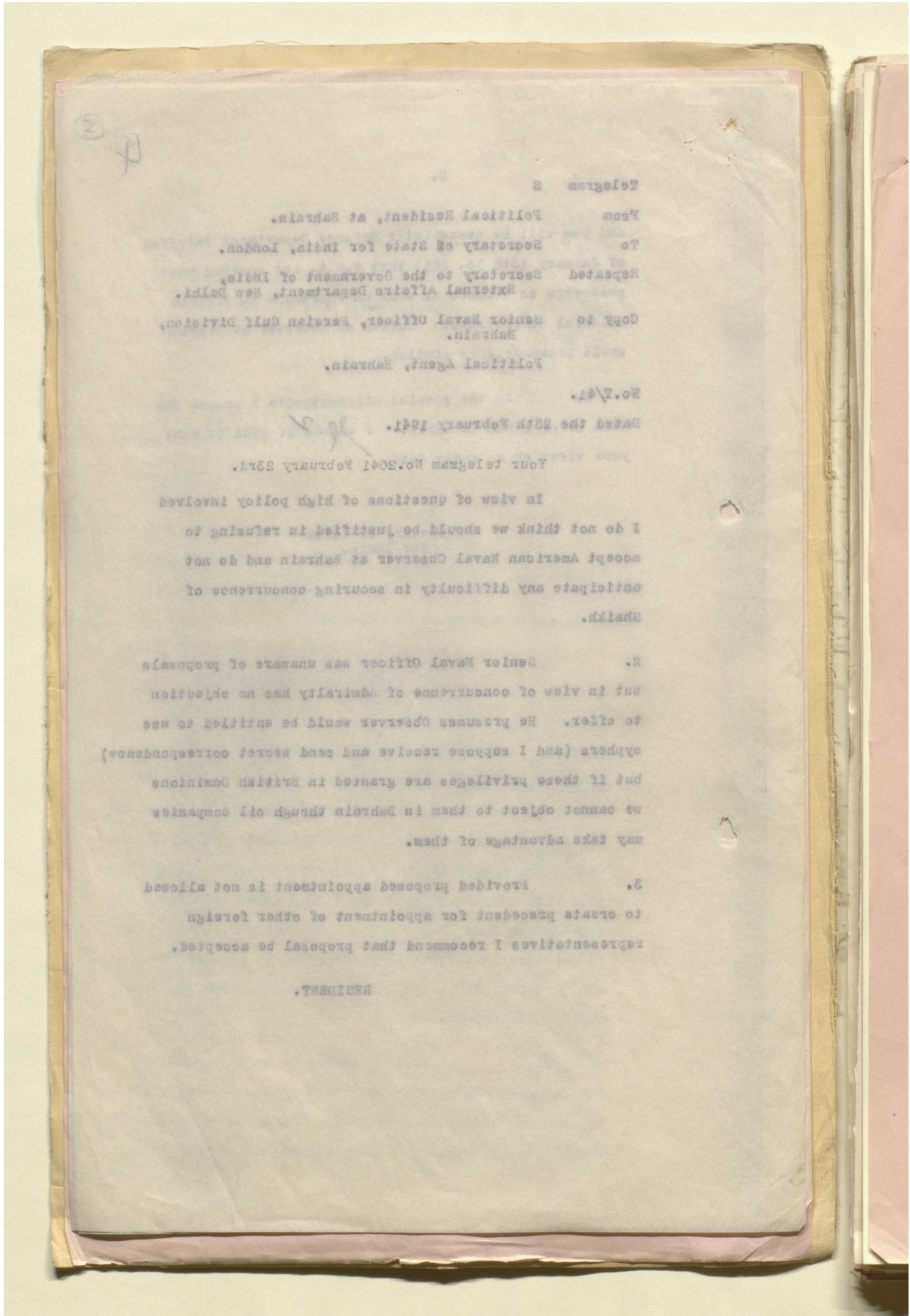
In view of questions of high policy involved
I do not think we should be justified in refusing to
accept American Naval Observer at Bahrain and do not
anticipate any difficulty in securing concurrence of
Shaikh.

2. Senior Naval Officer was unaware of proposals
but in view of concurrence of Admiralty has no objection
to offer. He presumes Observer would be entitled to use
cyphers (and I suppose receive and send secret correspondence)
but if these privileges are granted in British Dominions
we cannot object to them in Bahrain though oil companies
may take advantage of them.

3. Provided proposed appointment is not allowed
to create precedent for appointment of other foreign
representatives I recommend that proposal be accepted.

RESIDENT.

"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [عظ] (١٤٢/١٠)



"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٦] [١١/٤٢١]

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Bahrain.

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British Consulate-General, BUSHIRE. Dated 27th February..1941.
Camp, Bahrain.

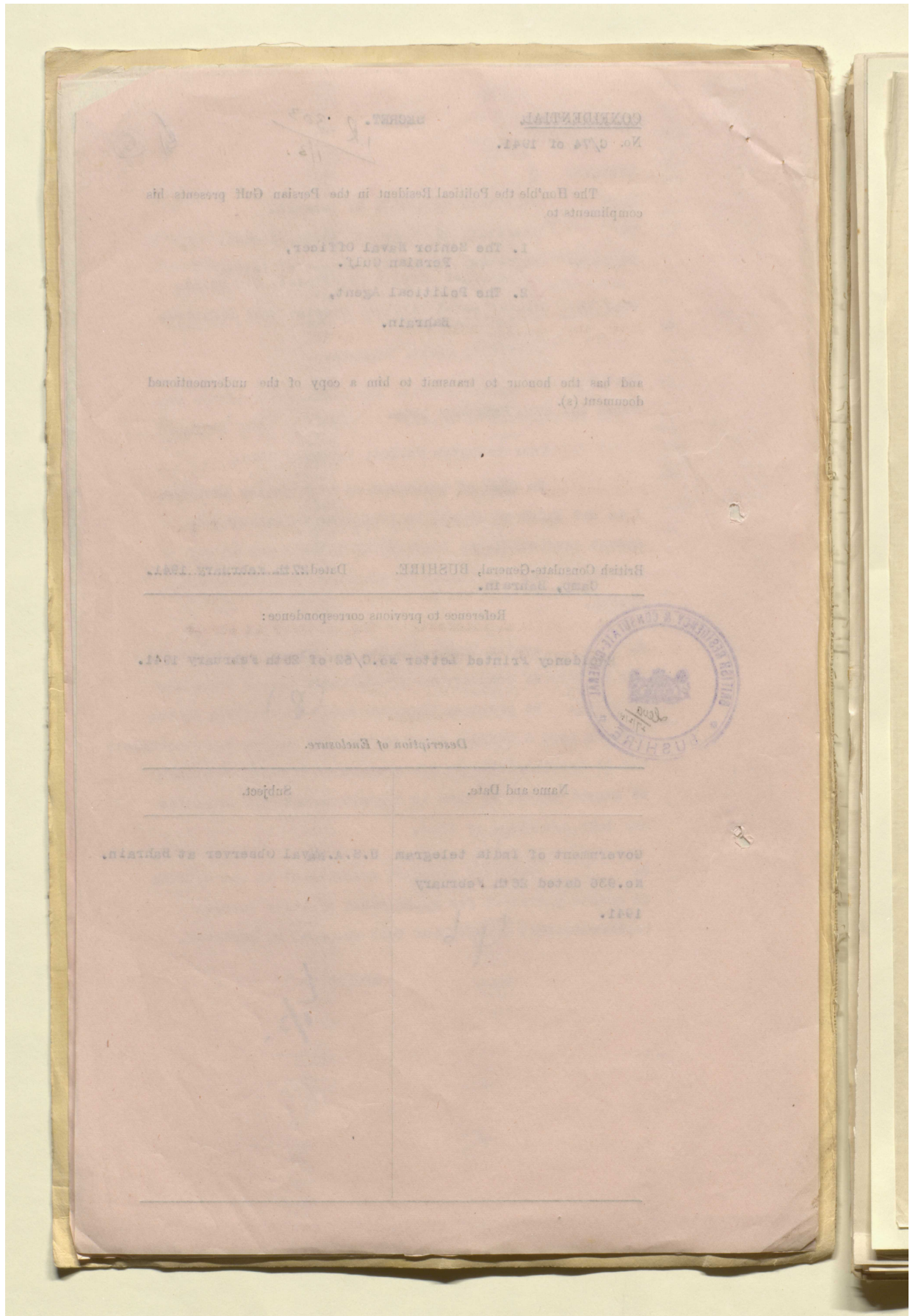
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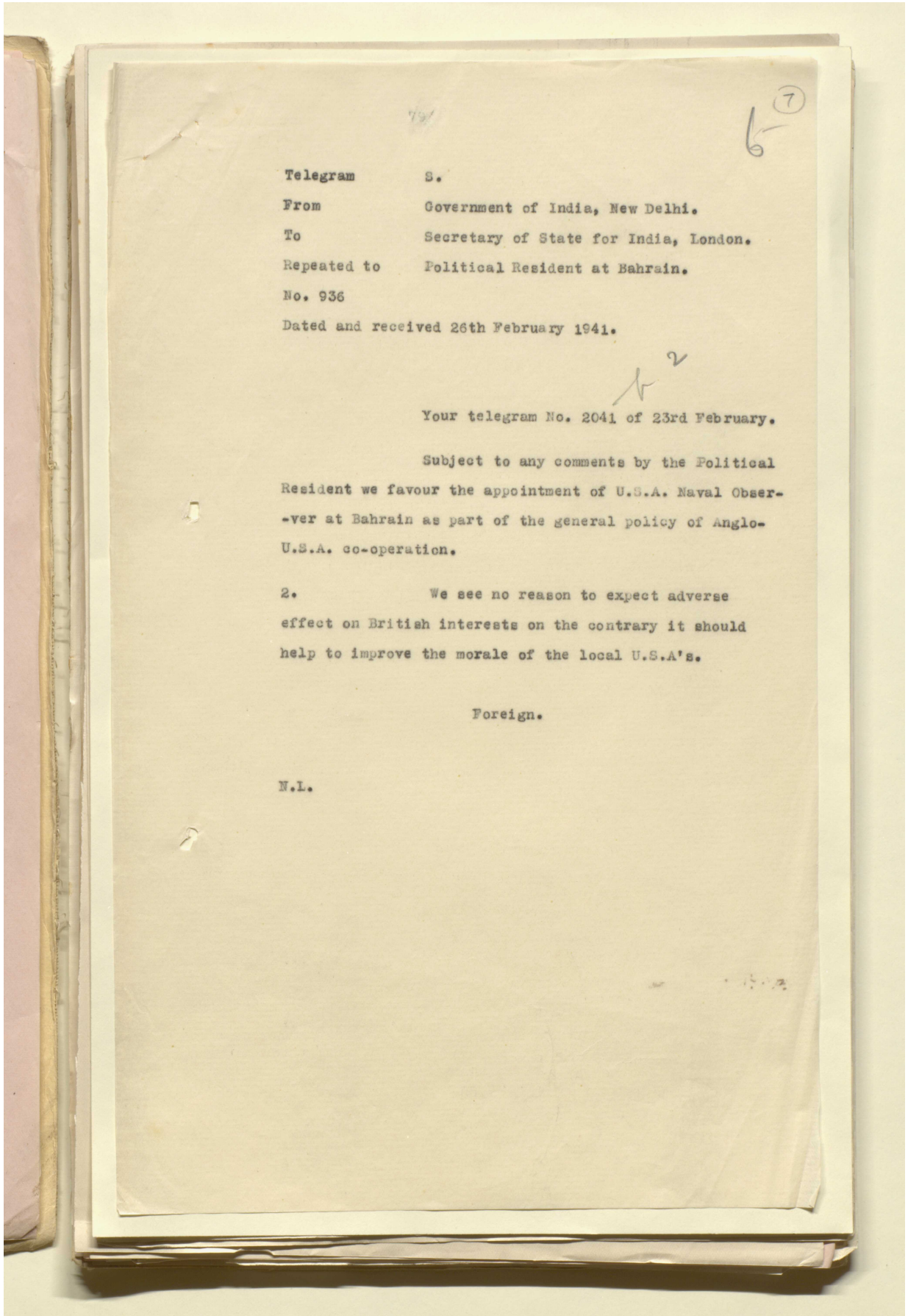
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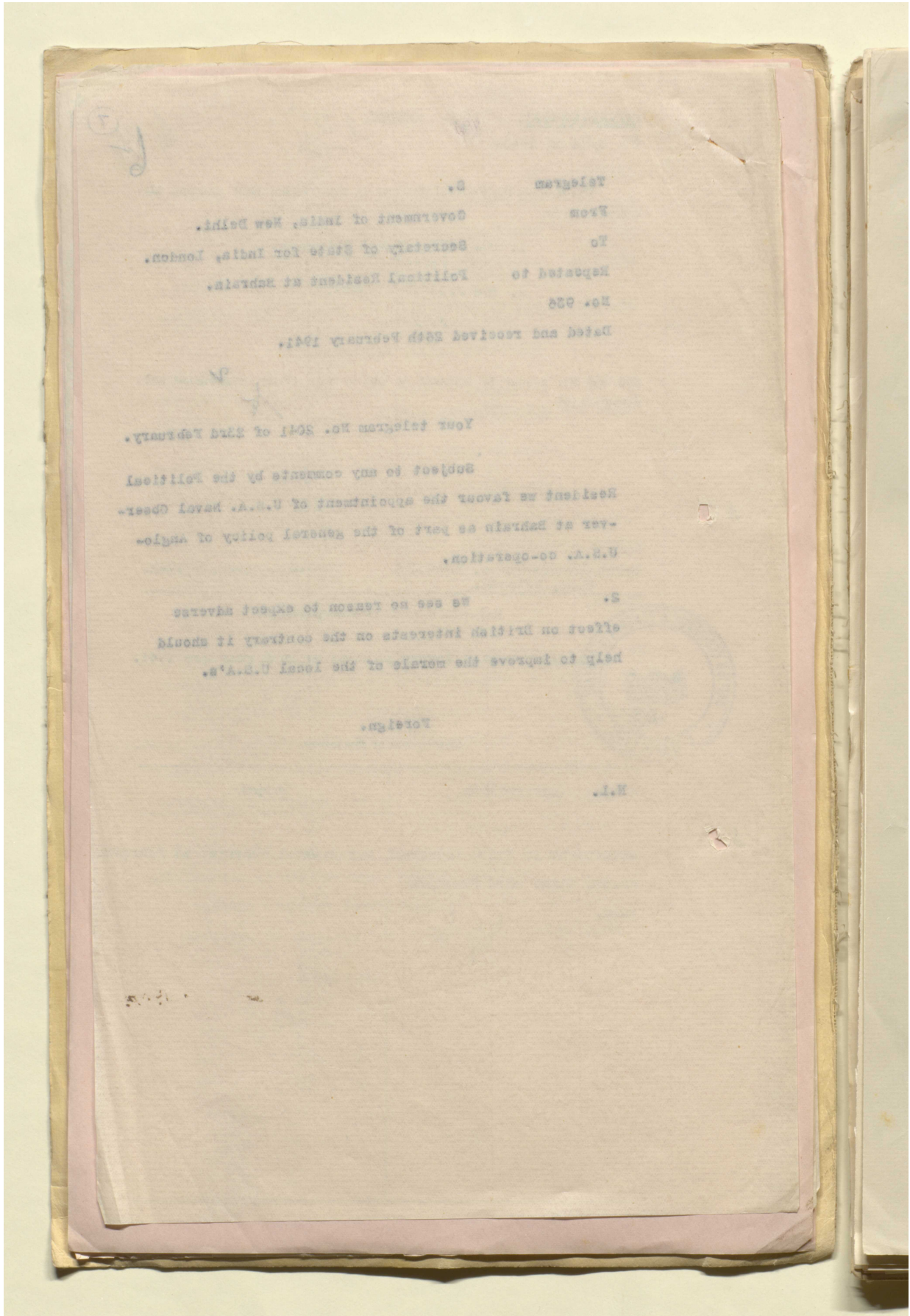
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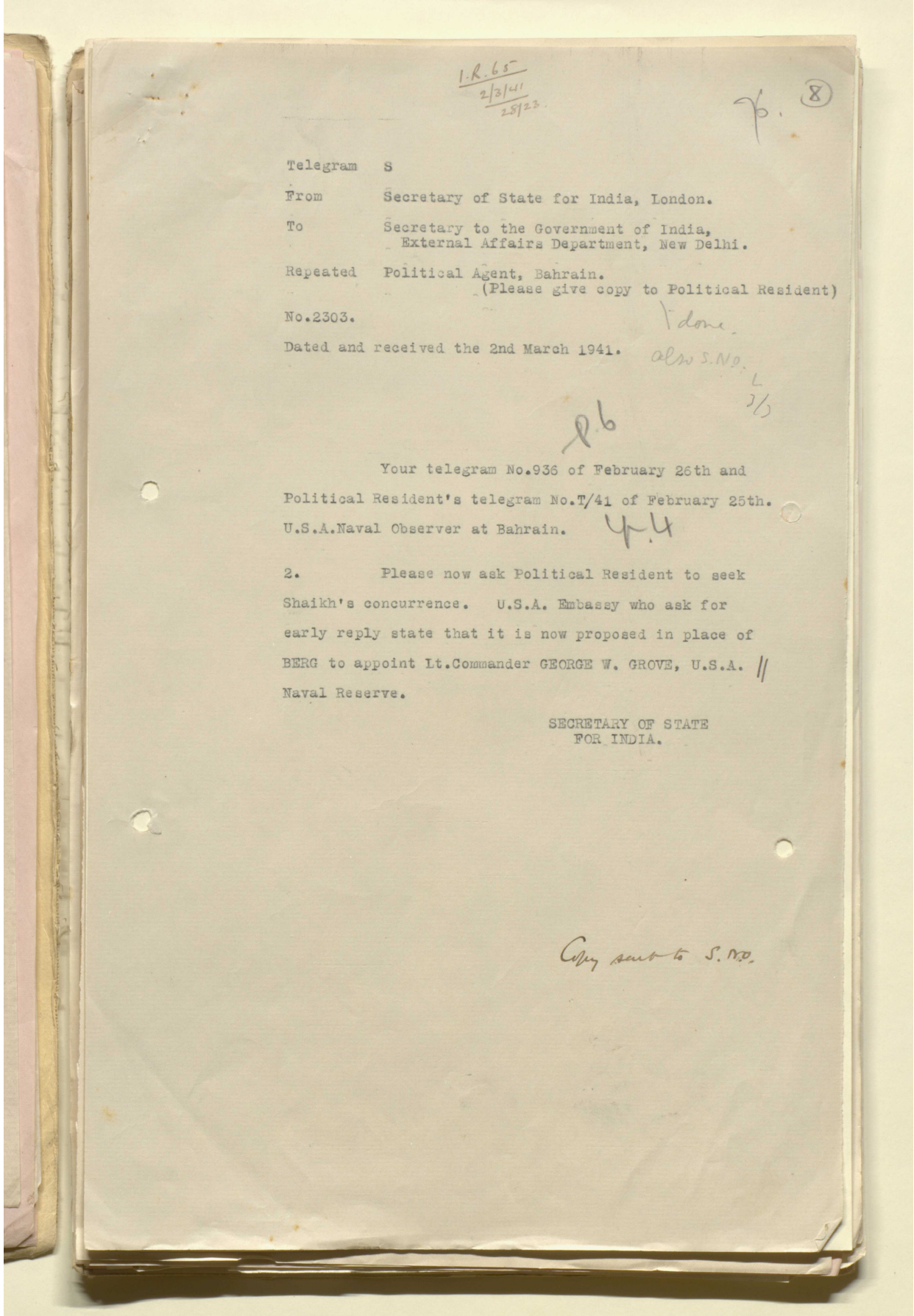
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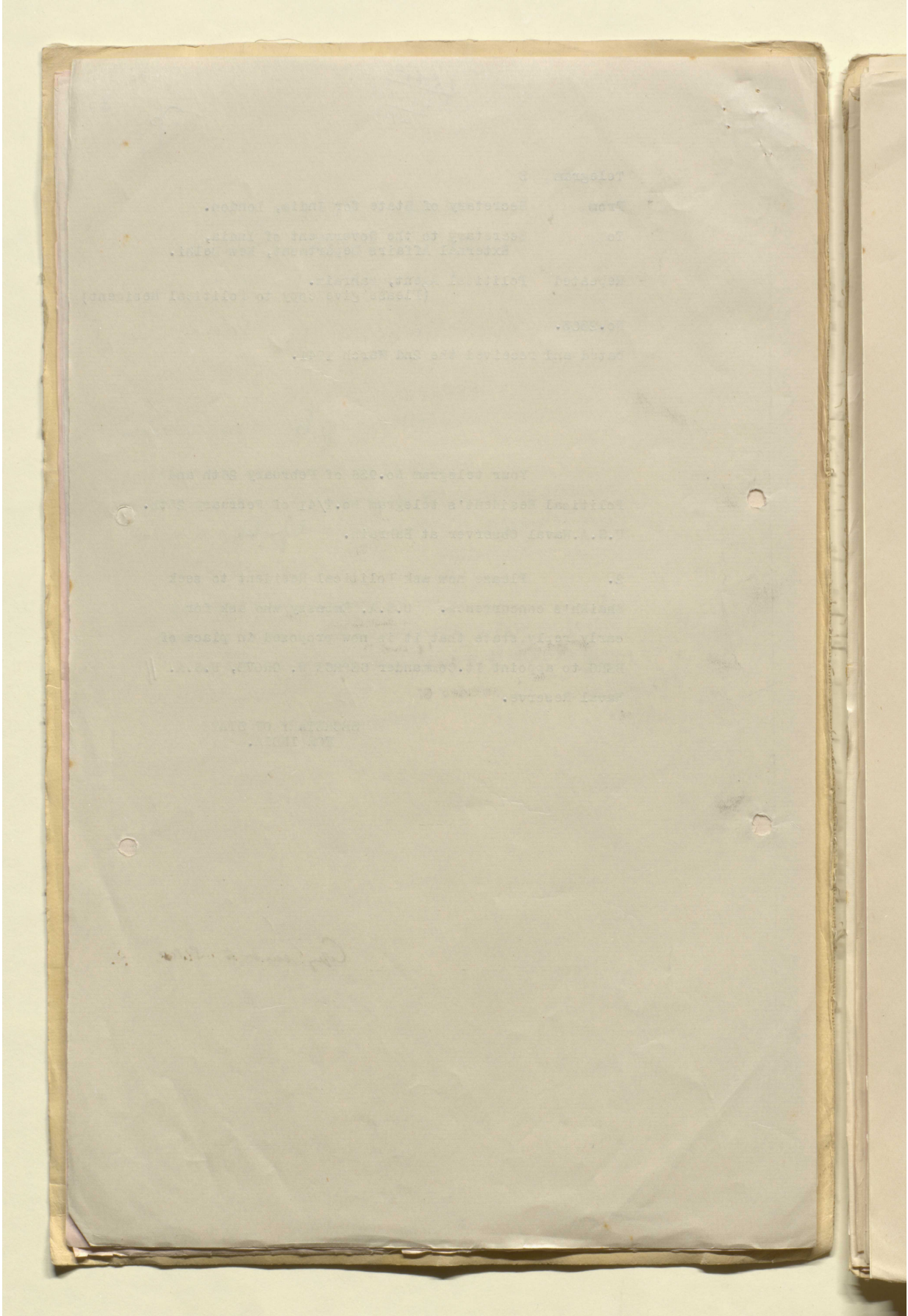
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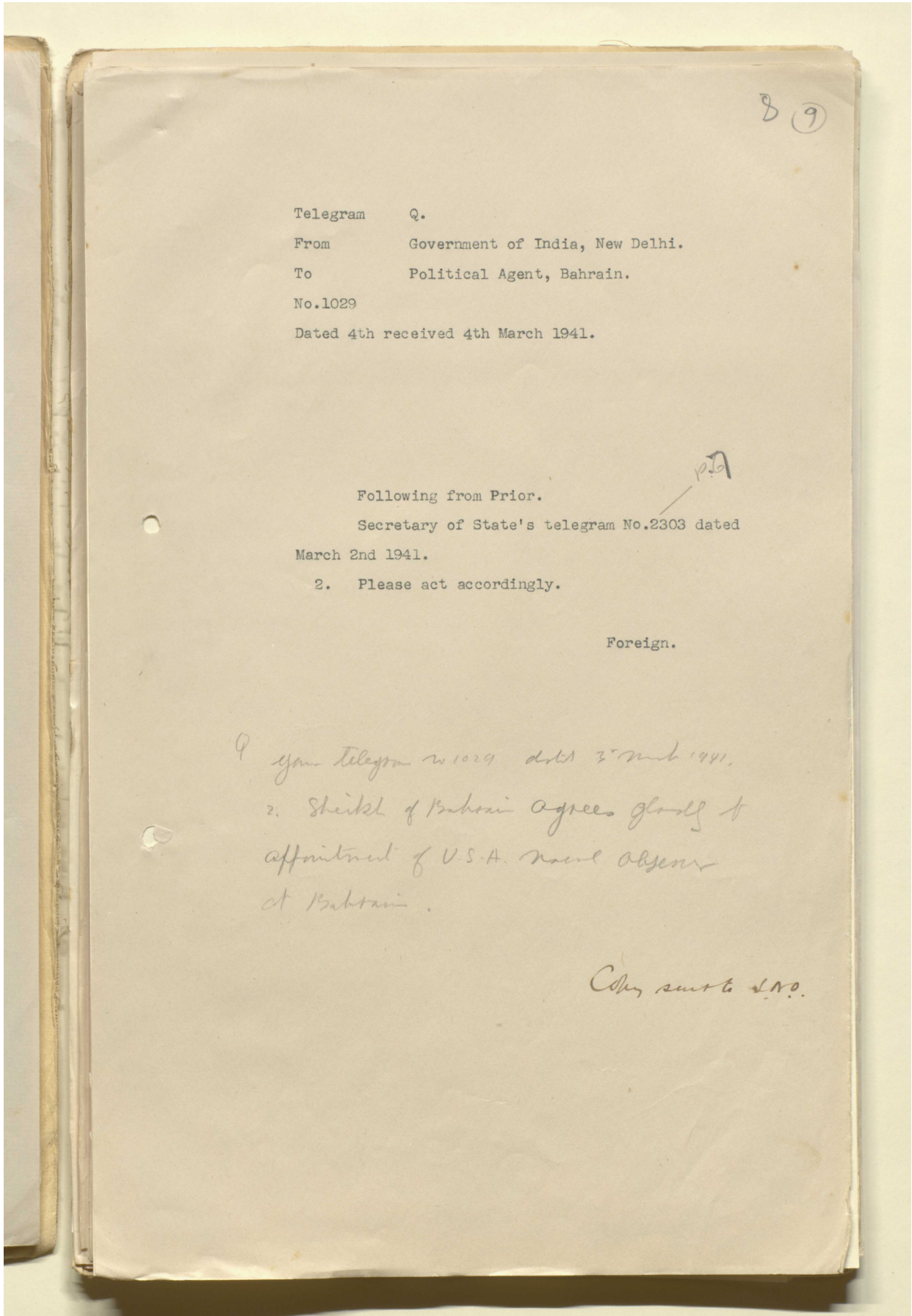
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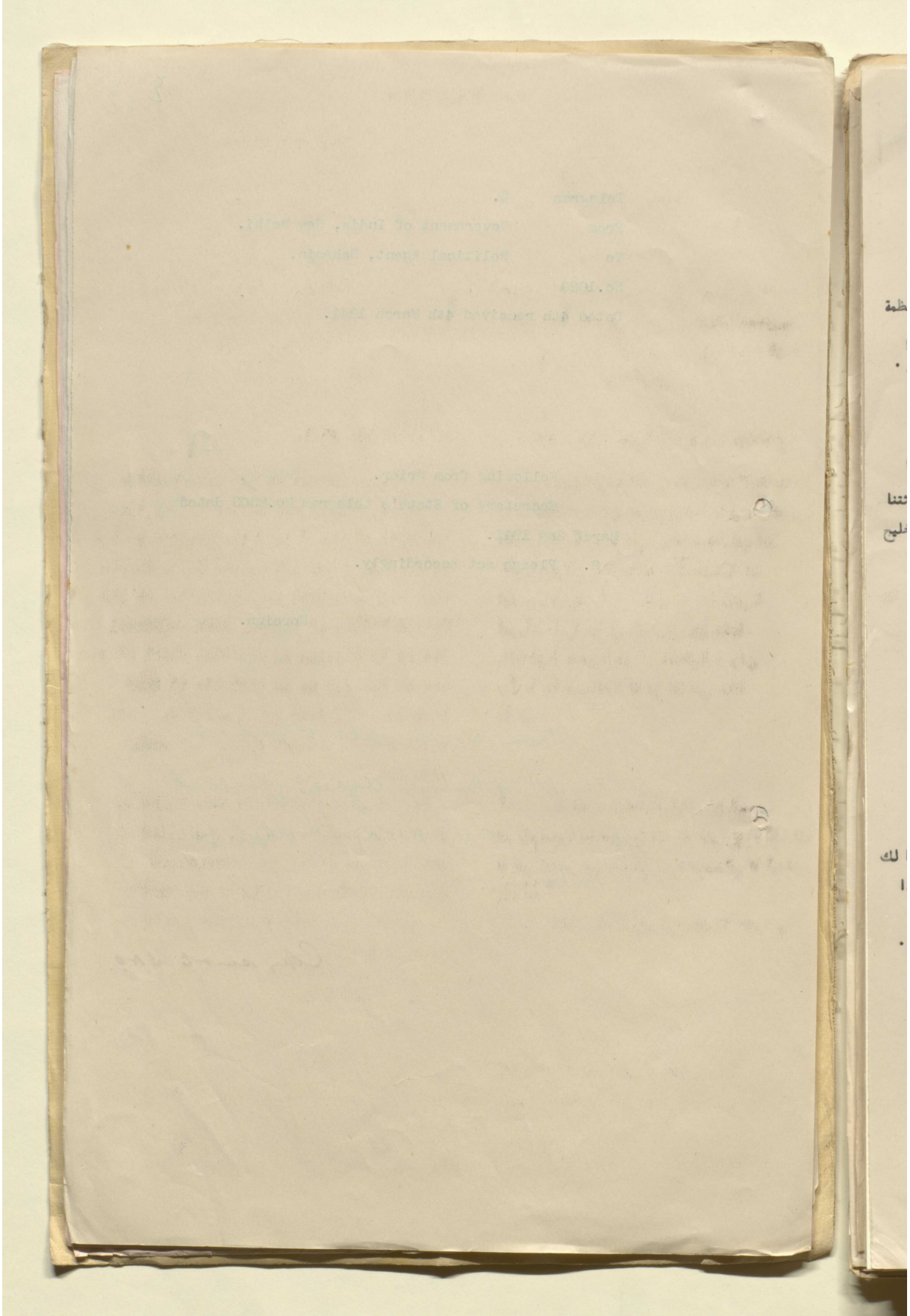
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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [ظ٩] (١٤٢/١٨)



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رقم سي/٢٢٥ - ٢٣/٢٨
في ١٠ مارچ ١٩٤١

Dated the 10th March 1941.

To

His Highness Shaikh Sir Hamad
bin 'Isa al Khalifah,
K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,
Ruler of Bahrain.

حضرة الا فخم الا كرم حميد الشيم صا حب المعظمة
الشيخ المرحد بن عيسى ال خليفة المحترم
كي . سي . اي . سي . اي . سي . اي . سي . اي .
حا كم البحرين

بعد التحية والا احترام اللاتقين بمقام عظمتكم

After Compliments.

بحسب الوعد الذي جرى اننا . محادثتنا
امس لوج الشرف ان اقول ان فخامة رتيب الخليج
الفا رسي قد اعزالي ان اخبر عظمتكم ان
حكومة الولايات المتحدة الا مريكية قد
اهدت رغبتها بان تجعل صا بها بحريا
امريكيا كمرآقبا في البحرين لهوا صلها
بالعلوما تن عن الشو . ن البحرية . وان
حكومة صا حب الجلالة موافقة علي هذا
الاقتراح .

As promised at our conversation
yesterday I have the honour to say that
the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the
Persian Gulf has instructed me to inform
Your Highness that the Government of the
United States of America have expressed a
desire to station an American Naval Offi-
cer at Bahrain as an observer to keep
them in touch with naval matters. His
Majesty's Government are in agreement
with the proposal.

٠٢ . قد علمت من عظمتكم امس انه ليس
لد يكم اعترافا ضا علي ذاك الاقتراح ولذا لك
فانني التمس من عظمتكم ان تحررولي تا كيدا
بذالك .
هذا وتفضلو بقبول فائق الاحترام .

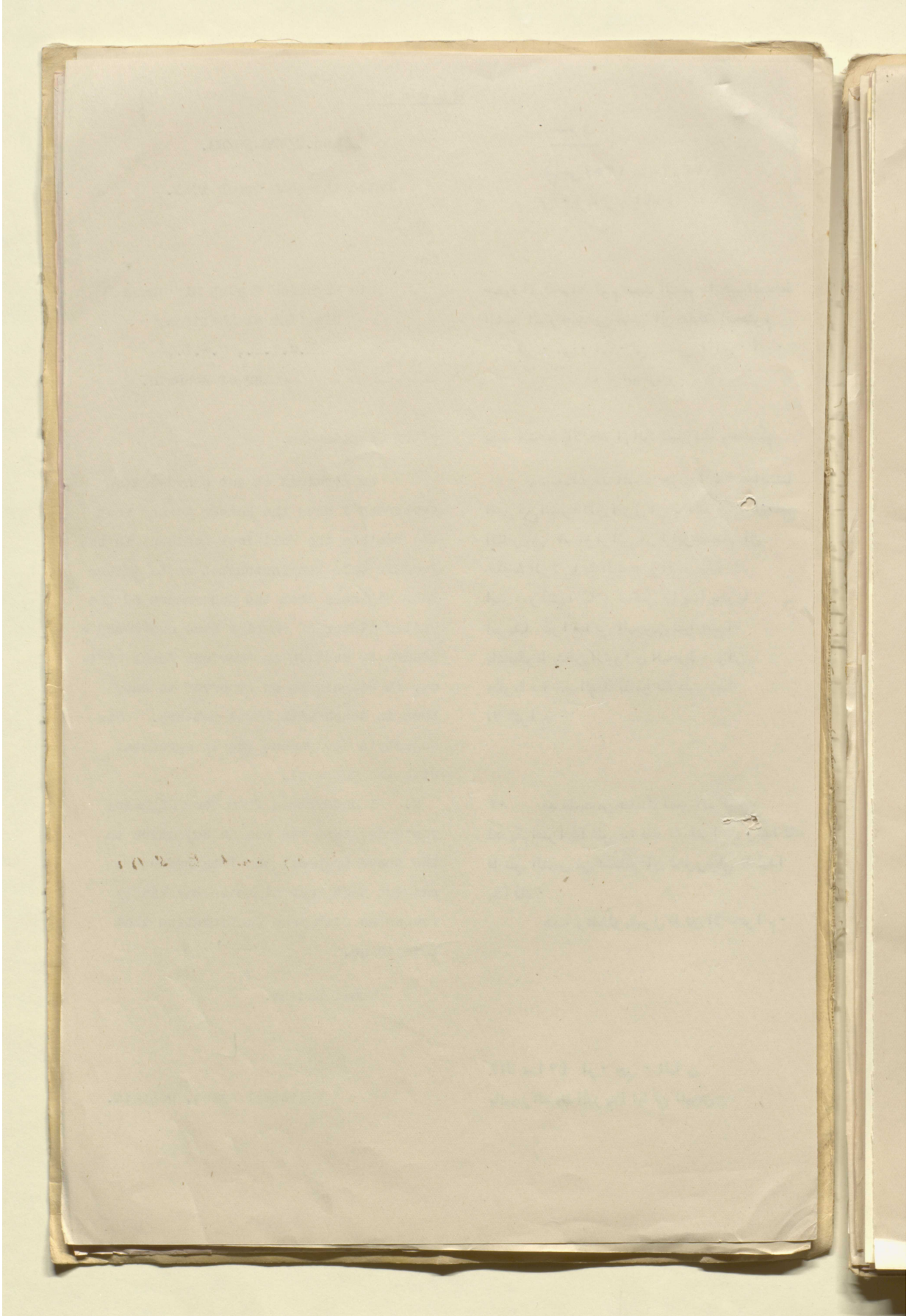
2. I understood from Your Highness
yesterday that you had no objection to
the above proposal and I therefore
request that Your Highness may kindly
favour me with your confirmation that
this is so.

Usual Ending.

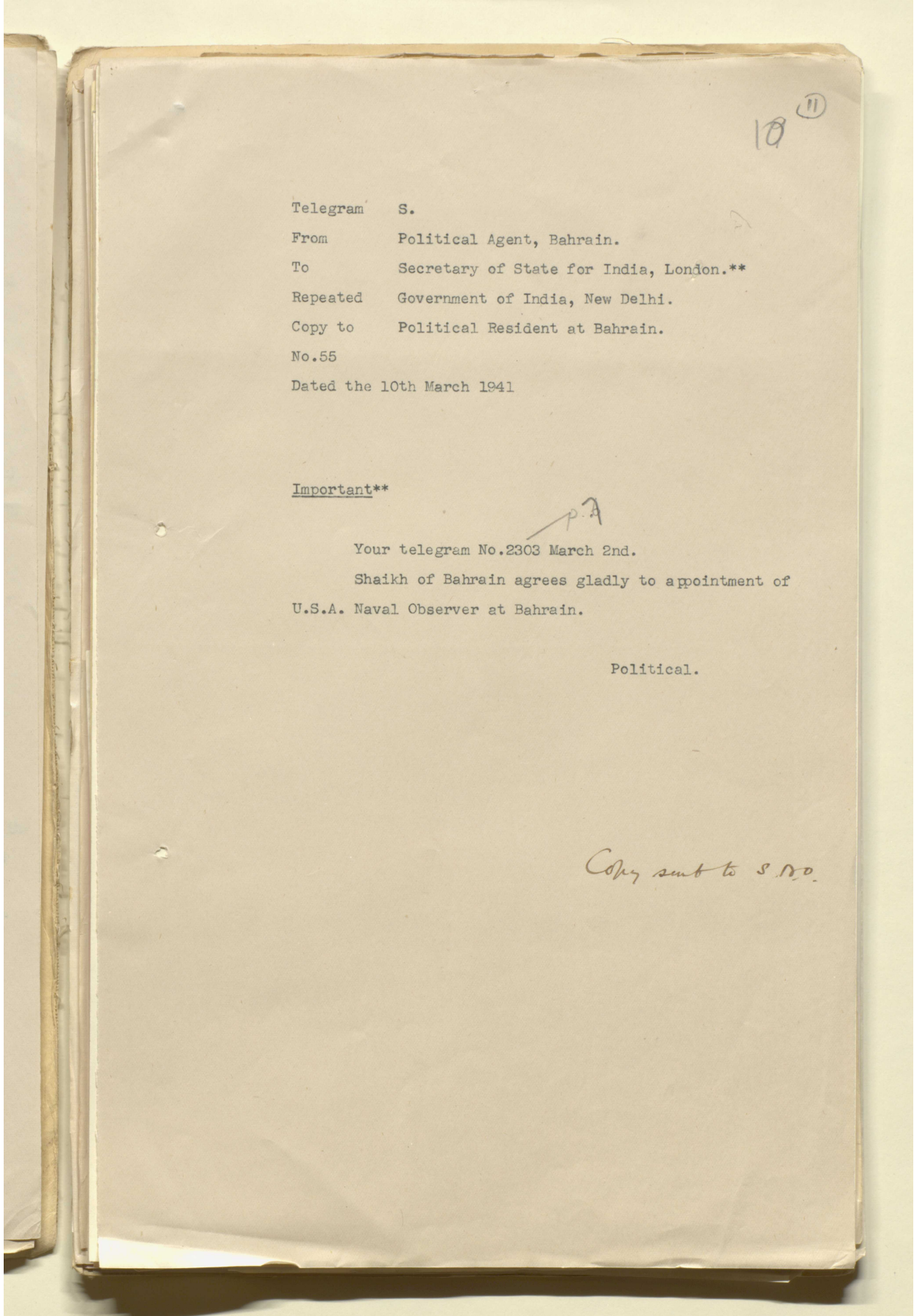
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باليوز الدولة البرميطة في البحرين

Political Agent, Bahrain.

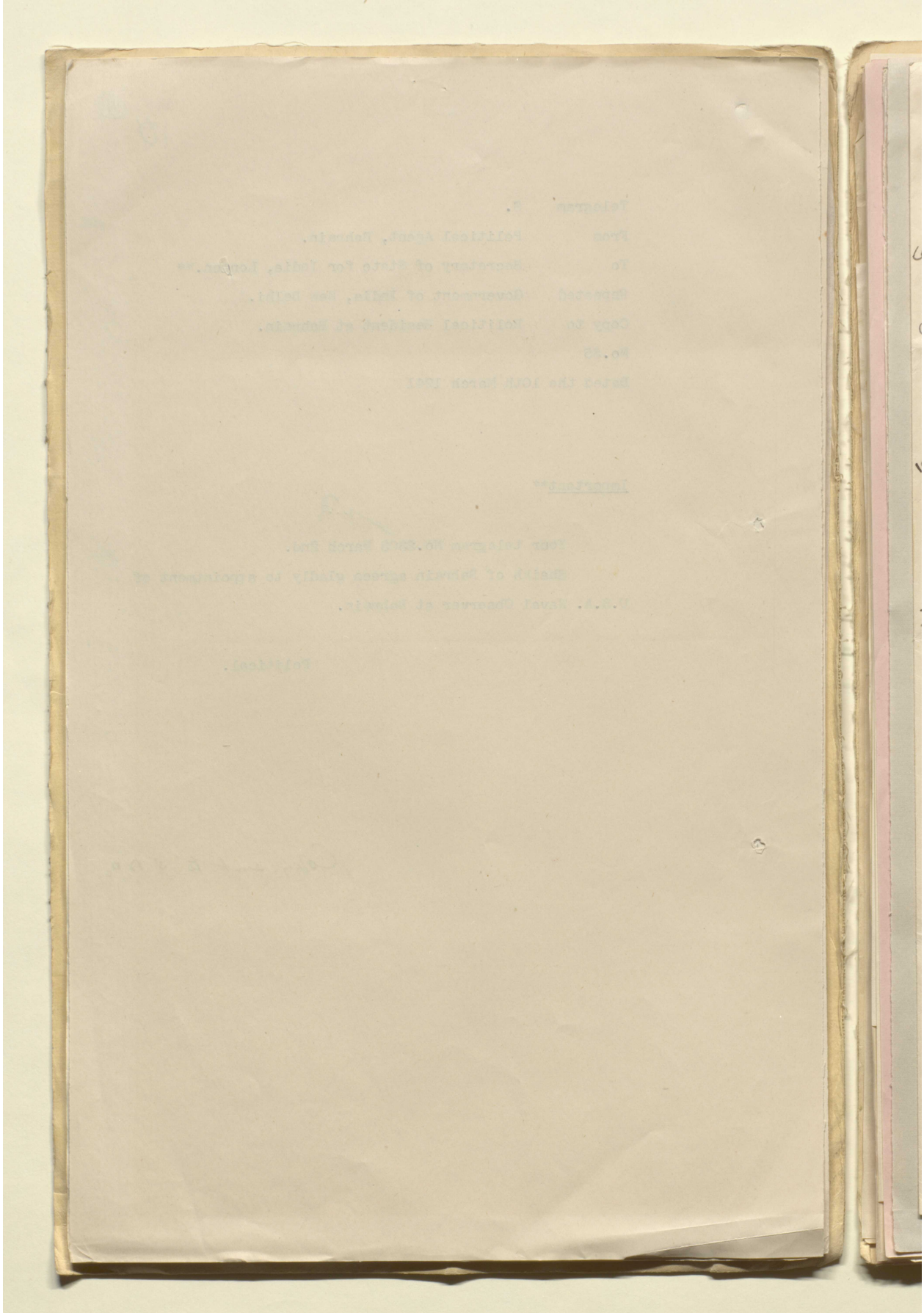
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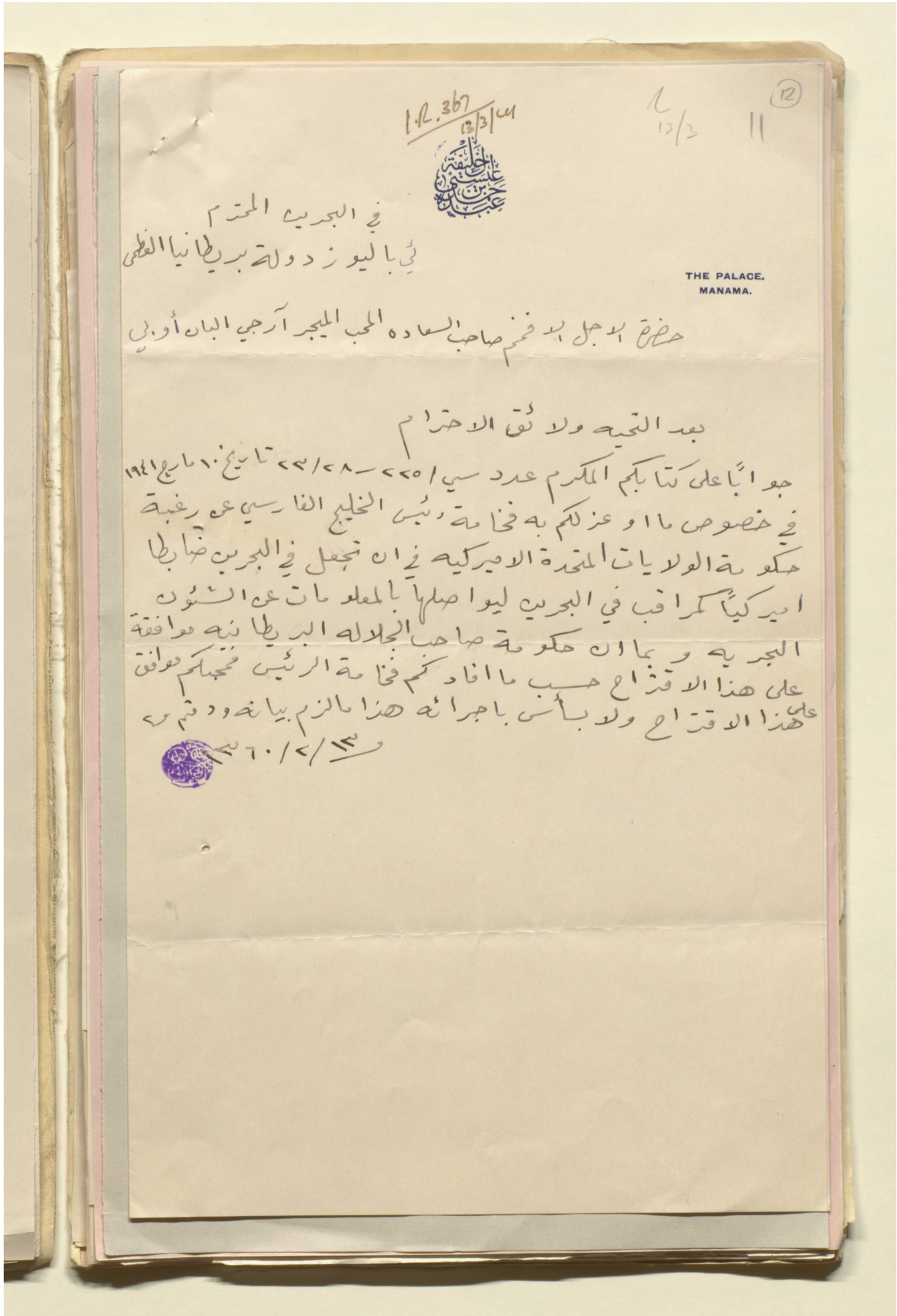


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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [١١ ظ] (١٤٢/٢٢)





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في البحرين المحترم
في باليوز دولة بريطانيا العظمى

THE PALACE.
MANAMA.

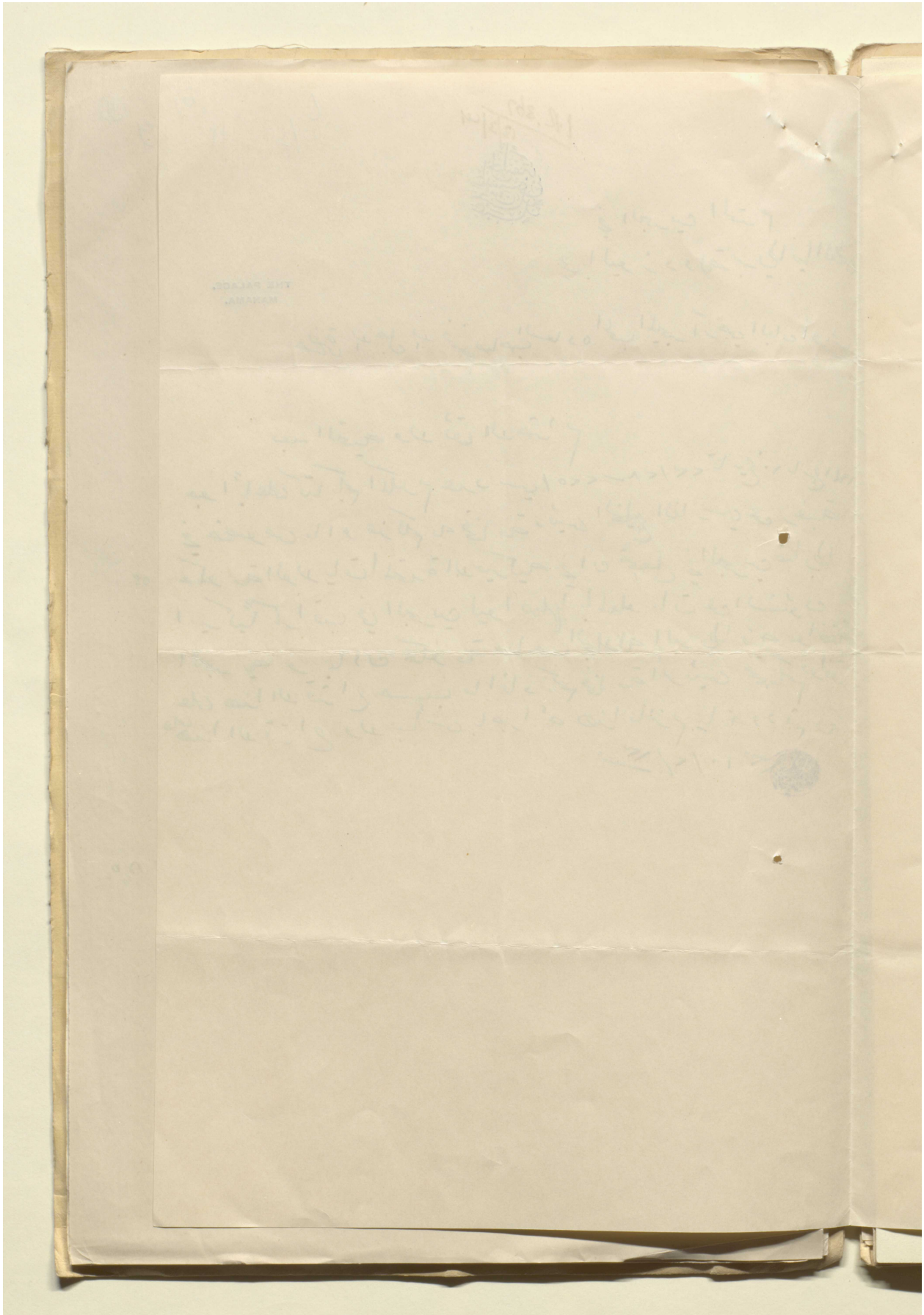
حفظه اهل يد فتم صاحب السعادة المحب الميجر آر جي البان أوبلي

بعد التحيه ولائق الاحترام

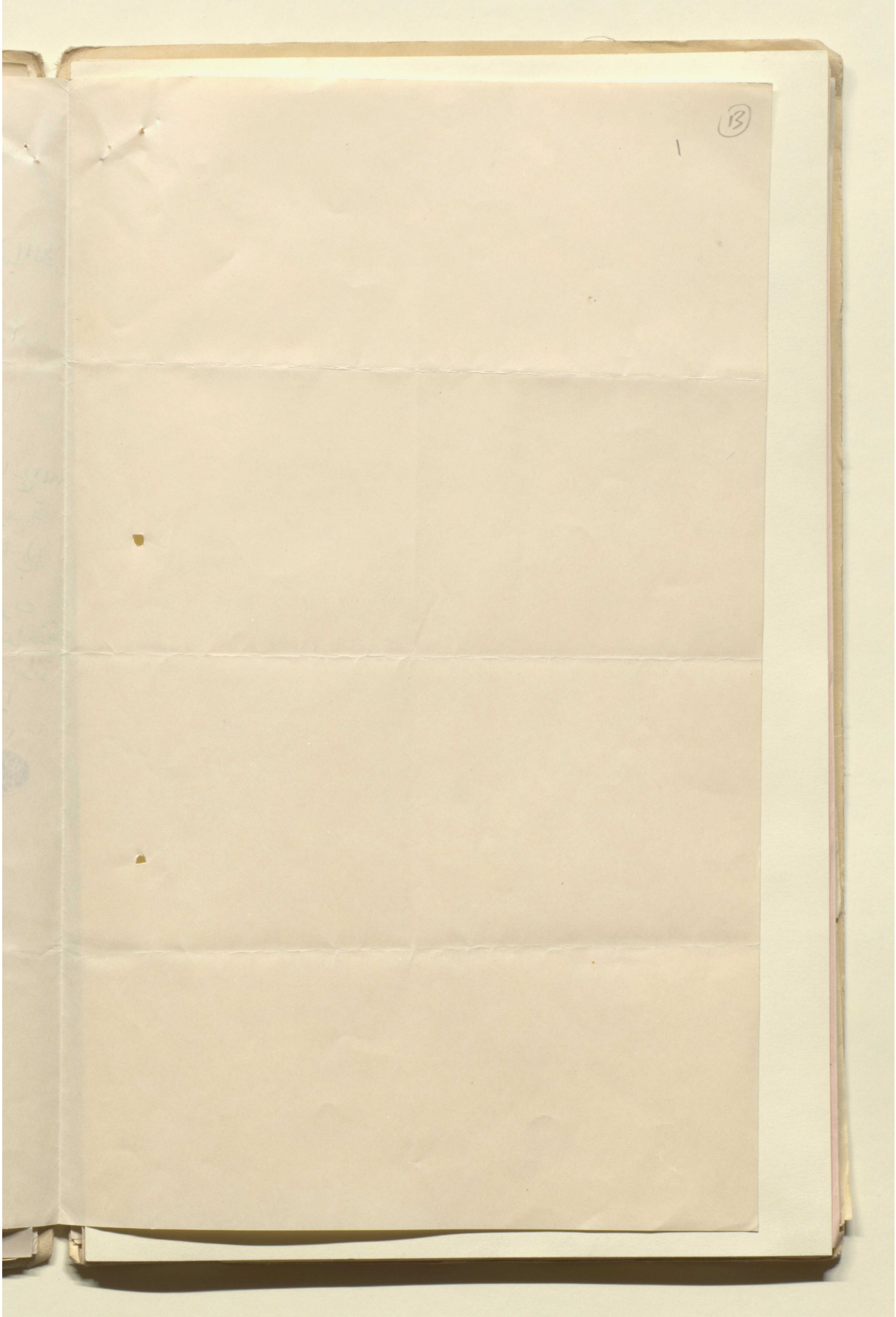
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في خصوص ما او عنكم به فخامة رئيس الخليج الفارسي عن رغبة
حكومة الولايات المتحدة الاميركية في ان تجعل في البحرين صاحب
اميركياً مراقب في البحرين ليواصلها بالمعلومات عن الشؤون
البحرية و بما ان حكومة صاحب الجلالة البريطانيا به موافقة
على هذا الاقتراح حسب ما افادكم فخامة الرئيس فحسبكم موافق
على هذا الاقتراح ولا بأس باجرائه هذا ما نلزم بيانته و قد تم

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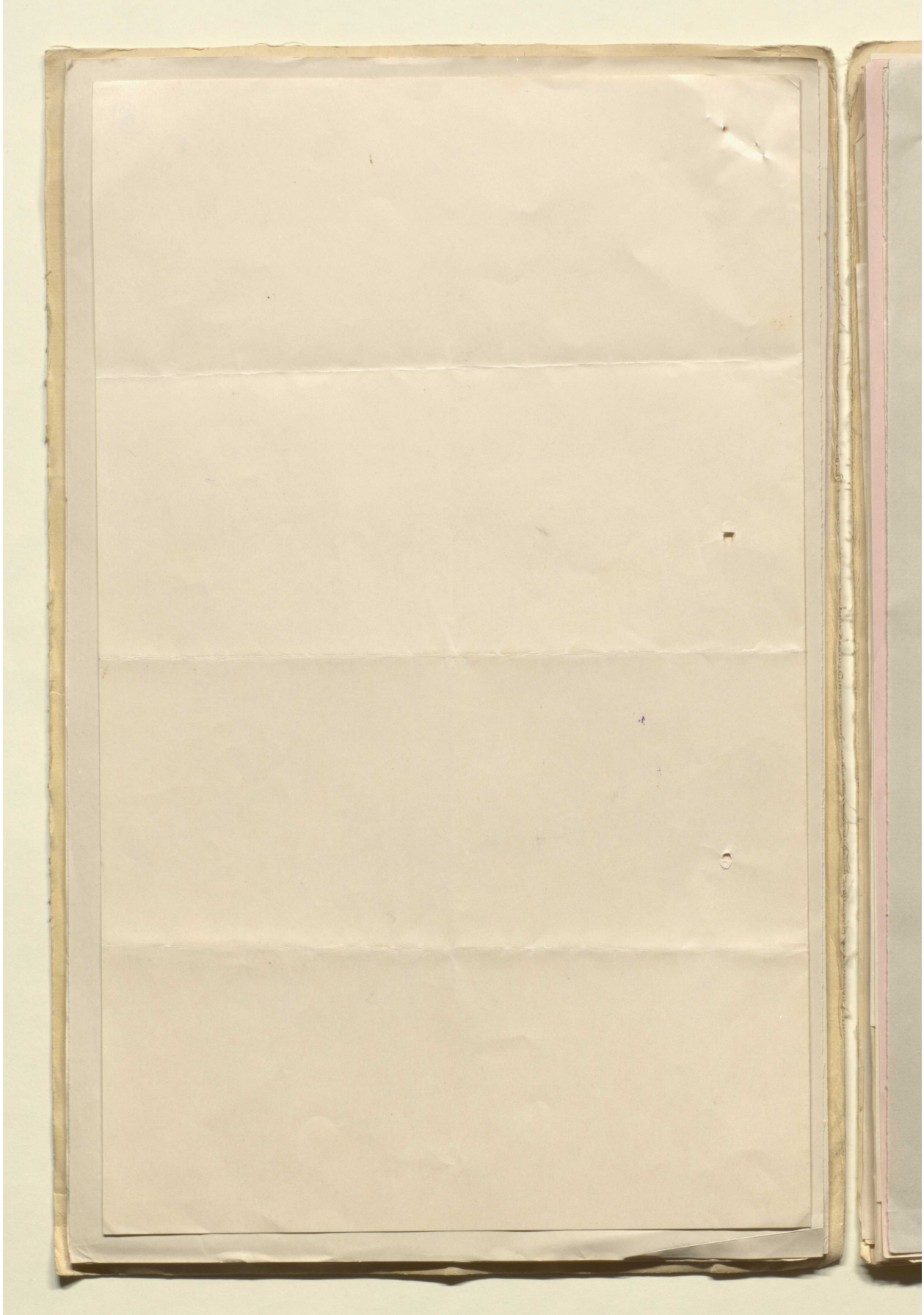
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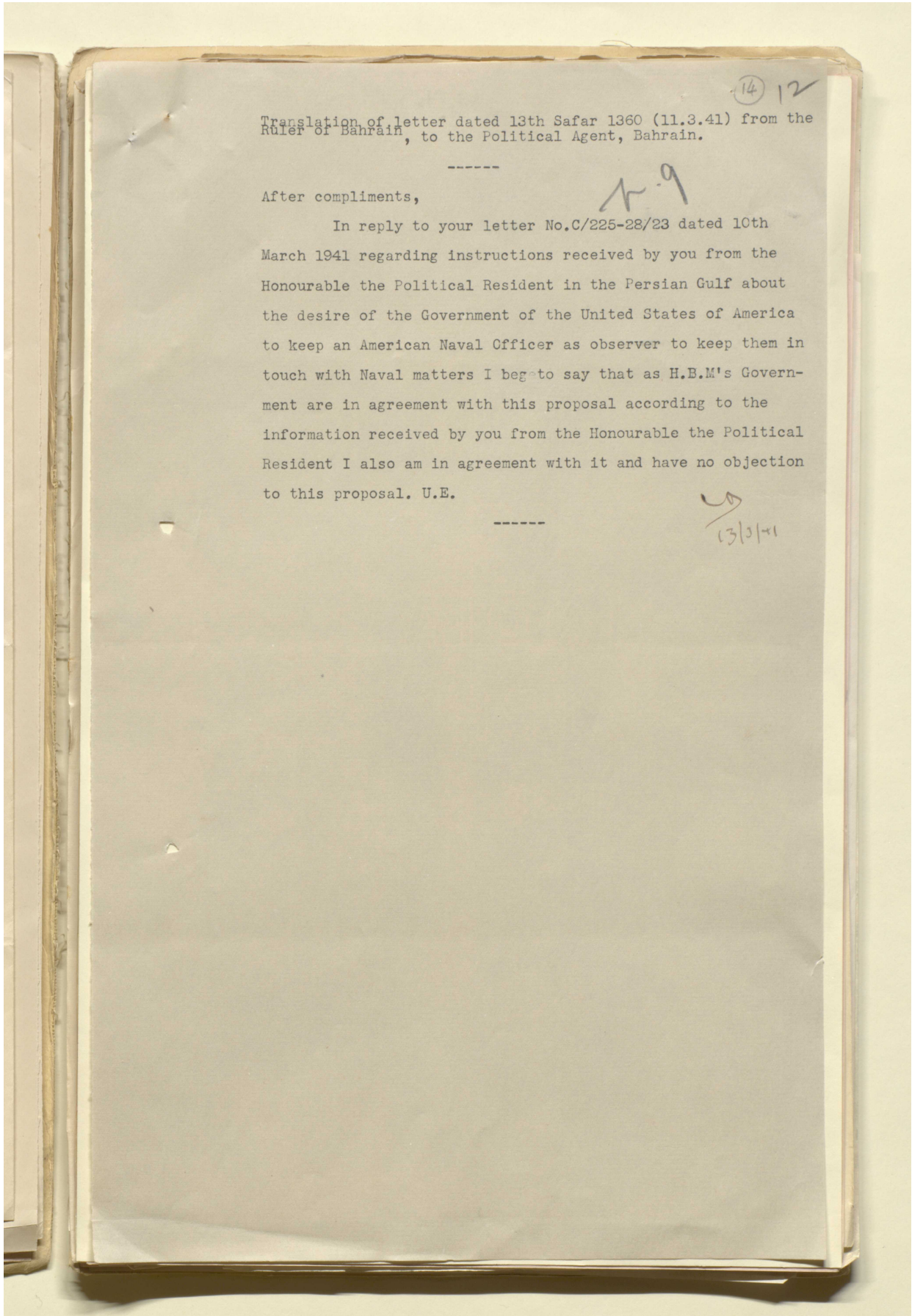
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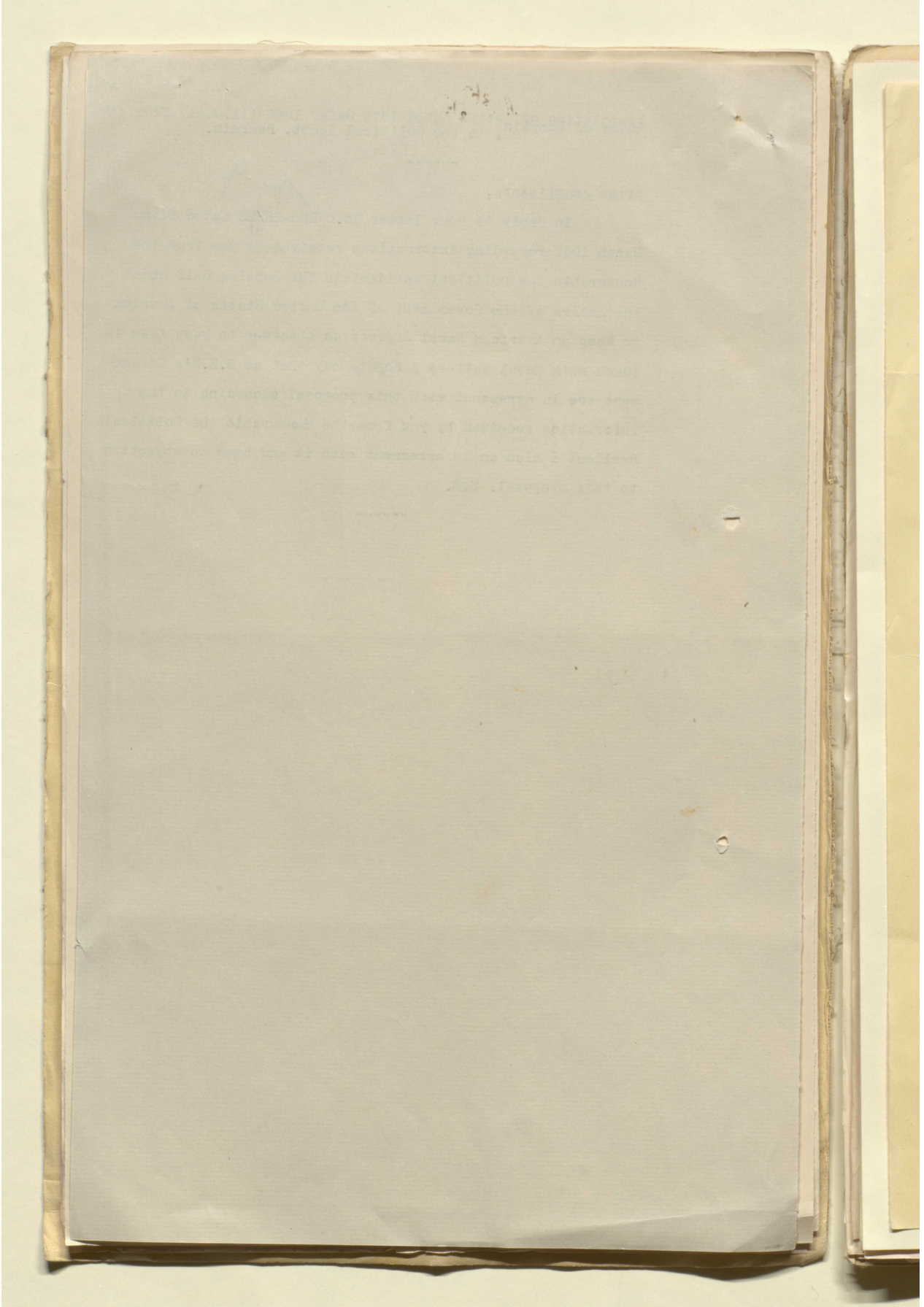
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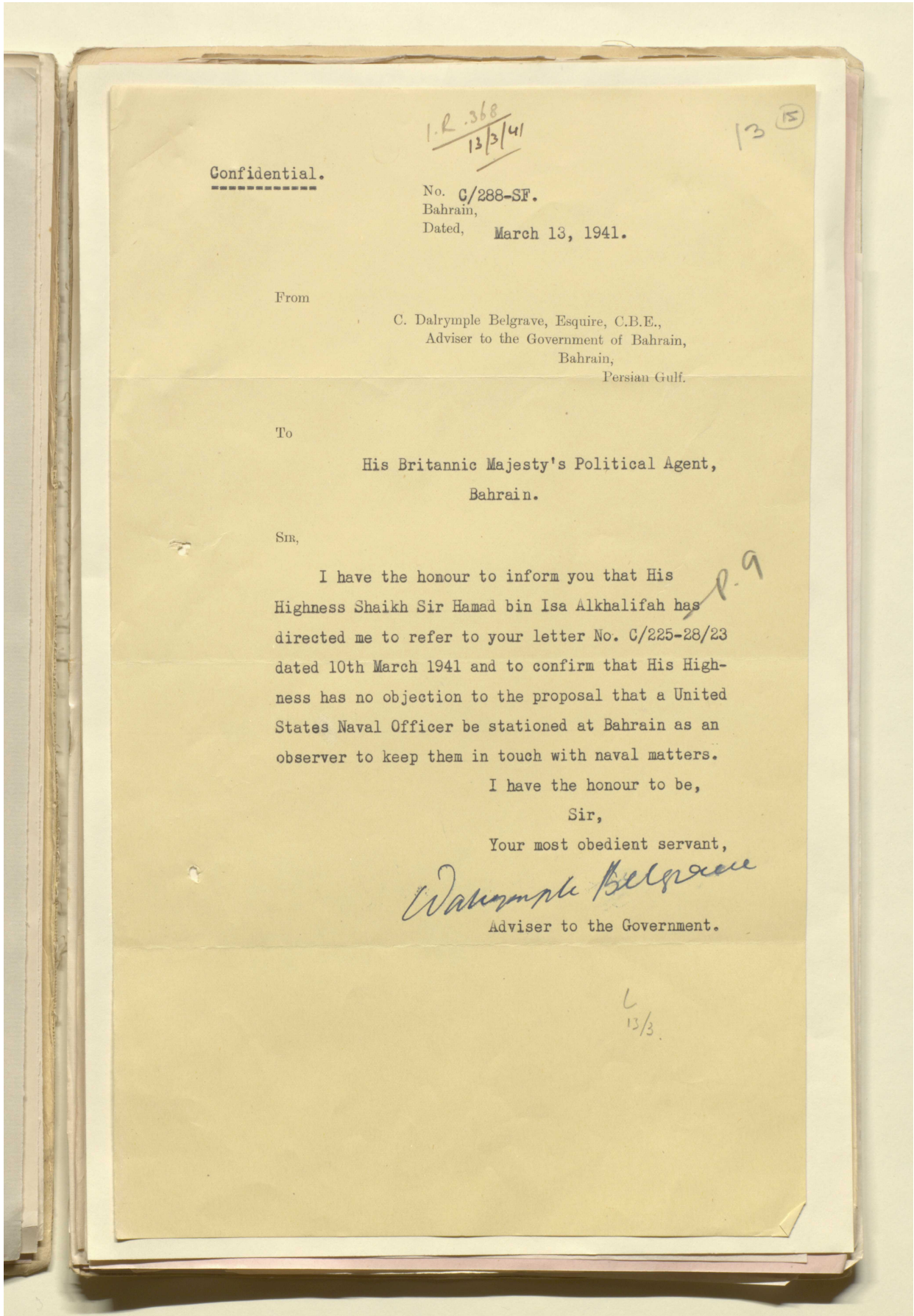
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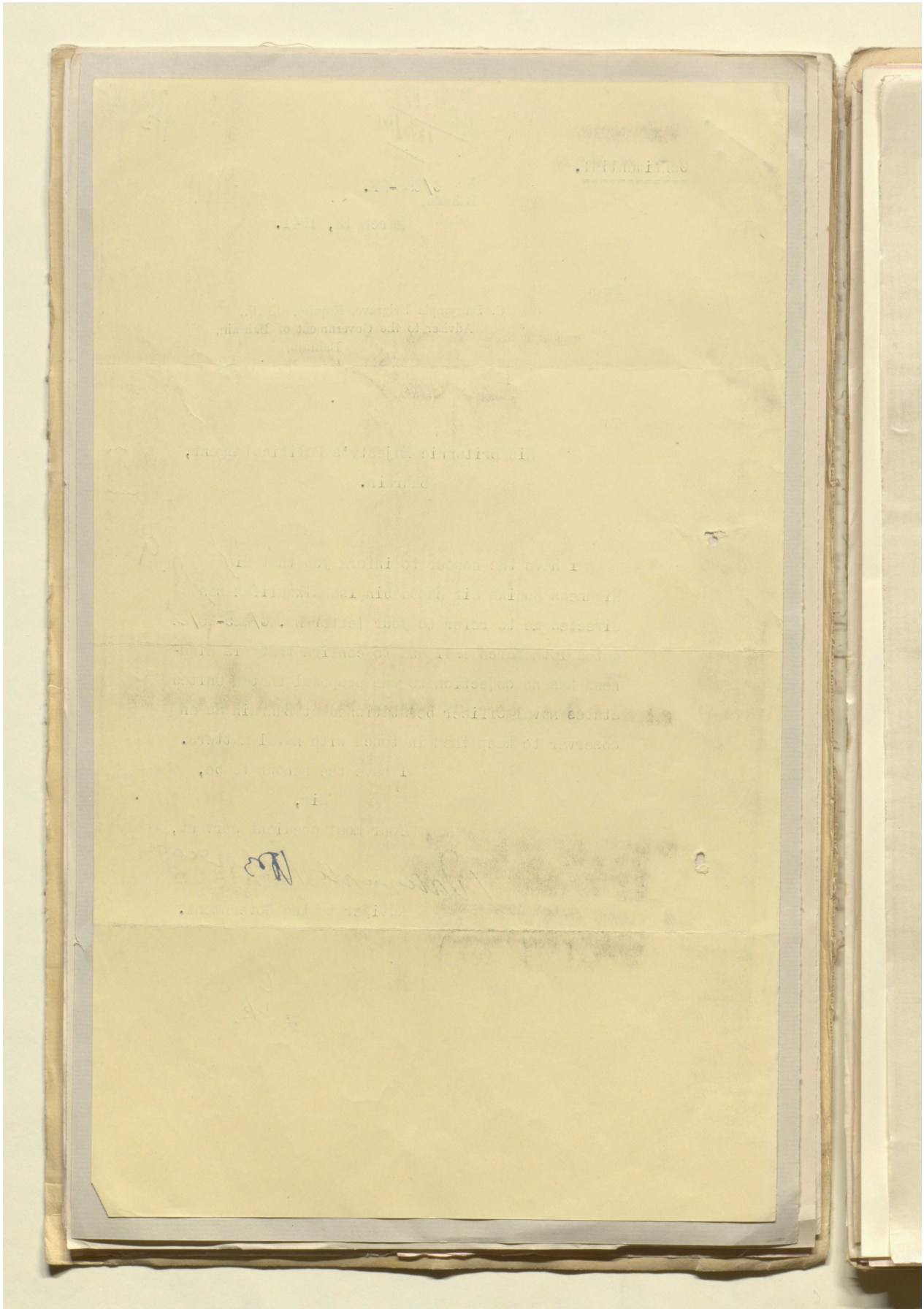
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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٥١ ظ] (١٤٢/٣٠)



"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [١٦] [١٤٢/٣١]

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NoC/238-28/23.

The Political Agent, Bahrain, presents his compliments to:—

The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the
Persian Gulf,
Camp, Bahrain.

and has the honour to send him a copy of the undermentioned document (s)

THE AGENCY,
BAHRAIN, PERSIAN GULF

Dated 13th March 1941.


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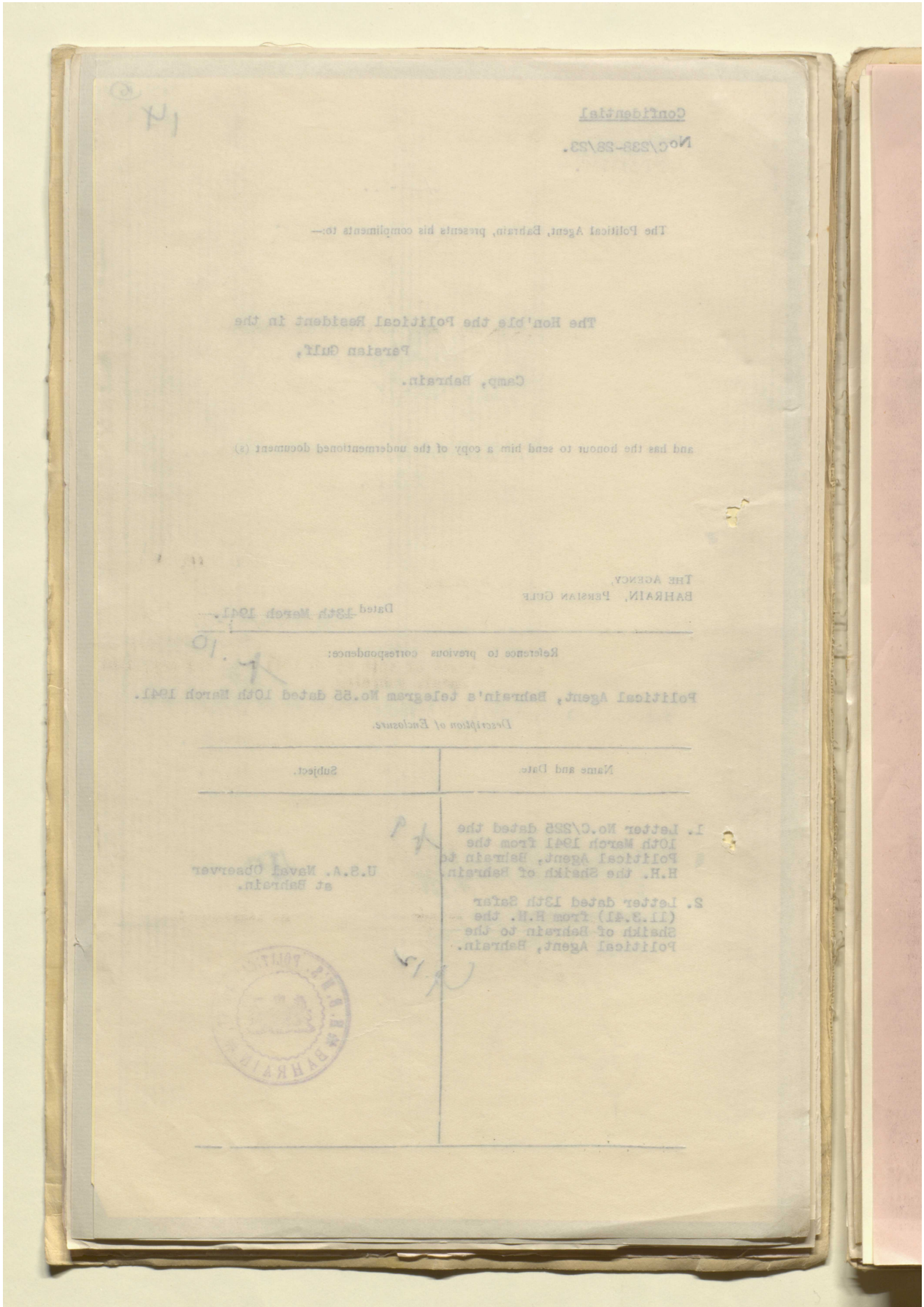
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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [١٧] [١٤٢/٣٣]

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The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

1. His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, London.
2. The Secretary to the Government of India, External Affairs Department, New Delhi.
3. The Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf,

and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned document (s).

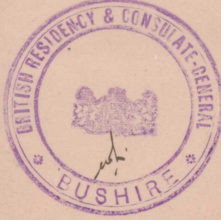
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Dated....~~19th March 1941.~~

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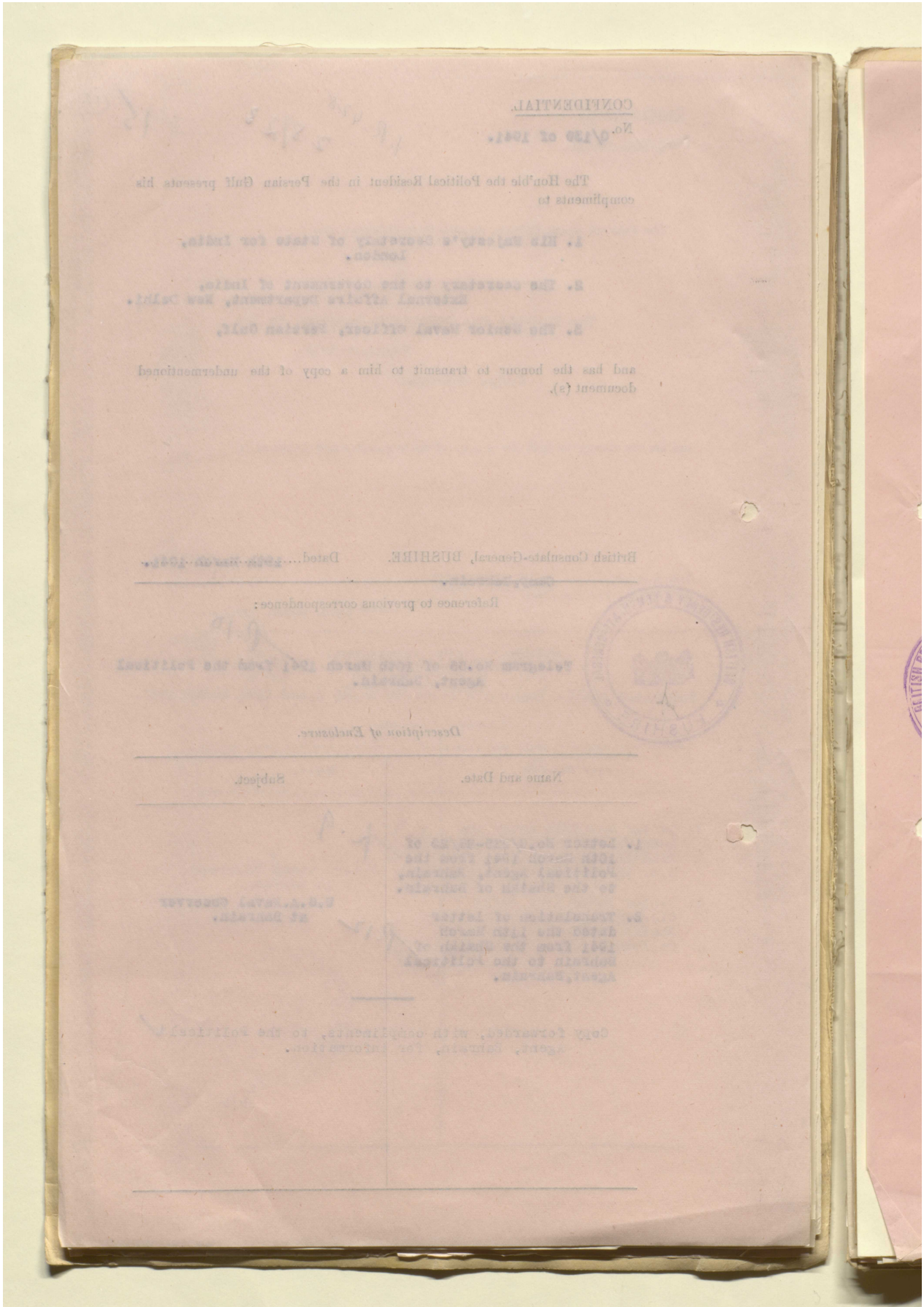
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Copy forwarded, with compliments, to the Political Agent, Bahrain, for information. ✓

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The Secretary to the Government of India,
External Affairs Department, New Delhi,
The Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf Division,
The Political Agent, Bahrain ✓

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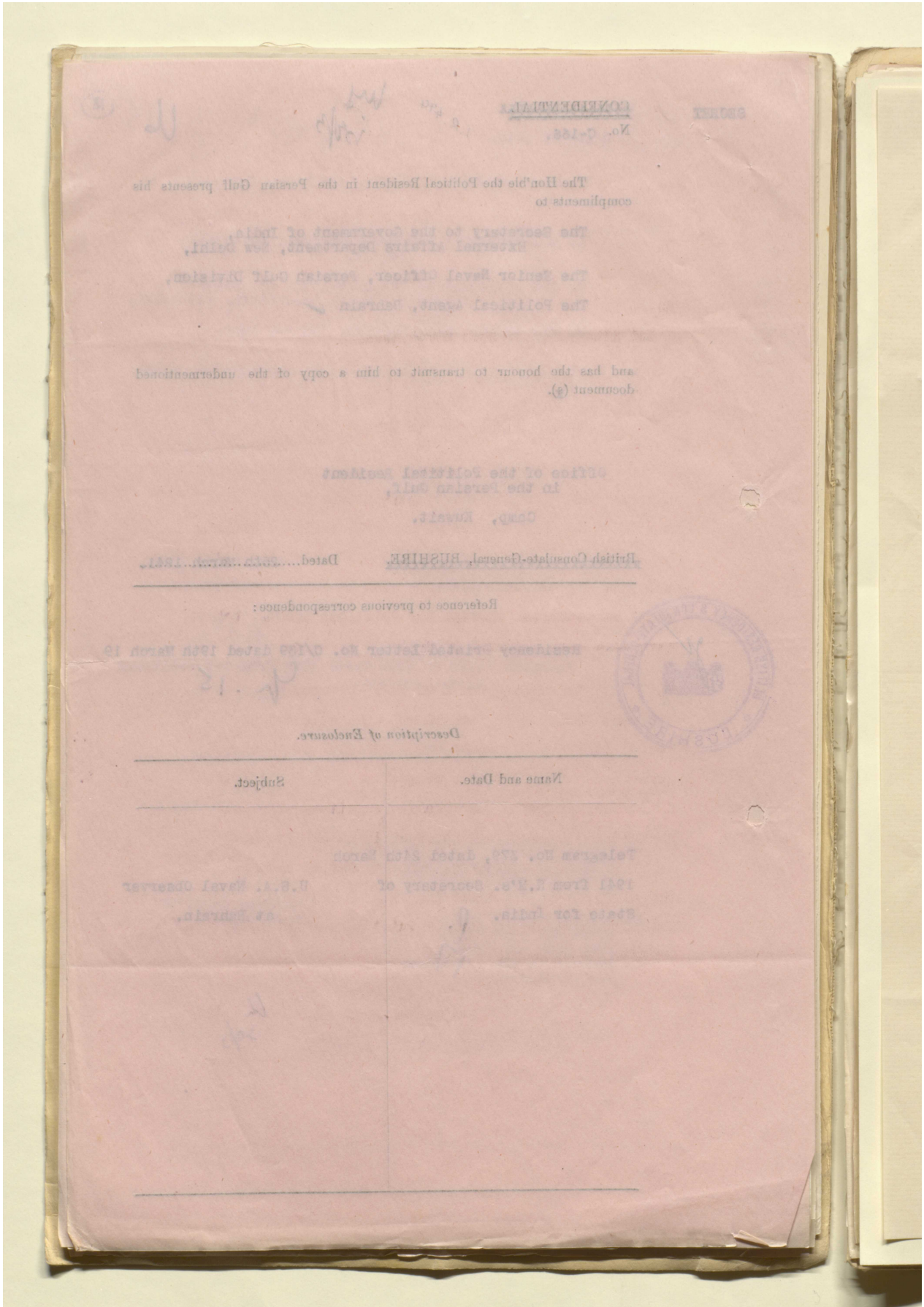
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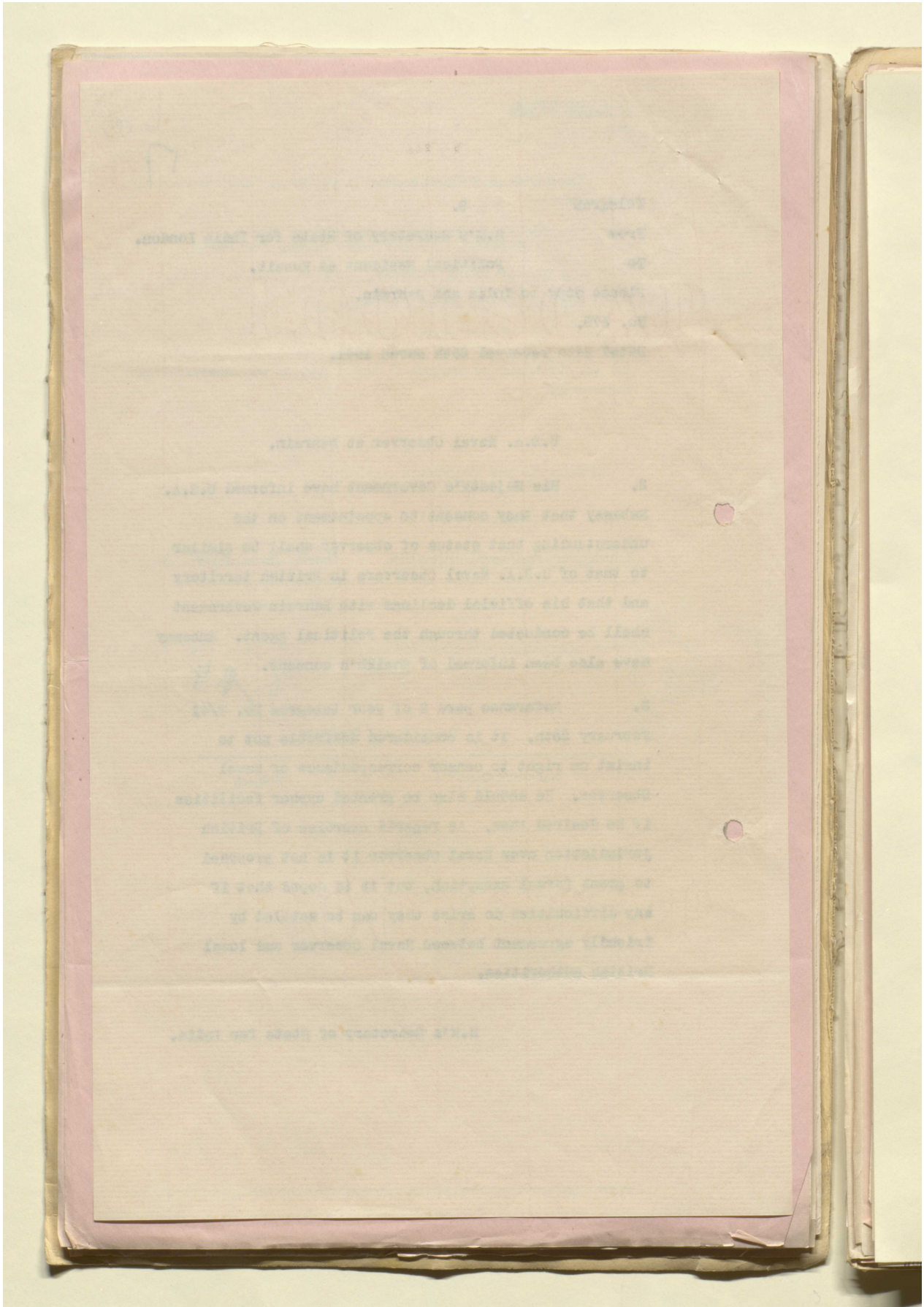
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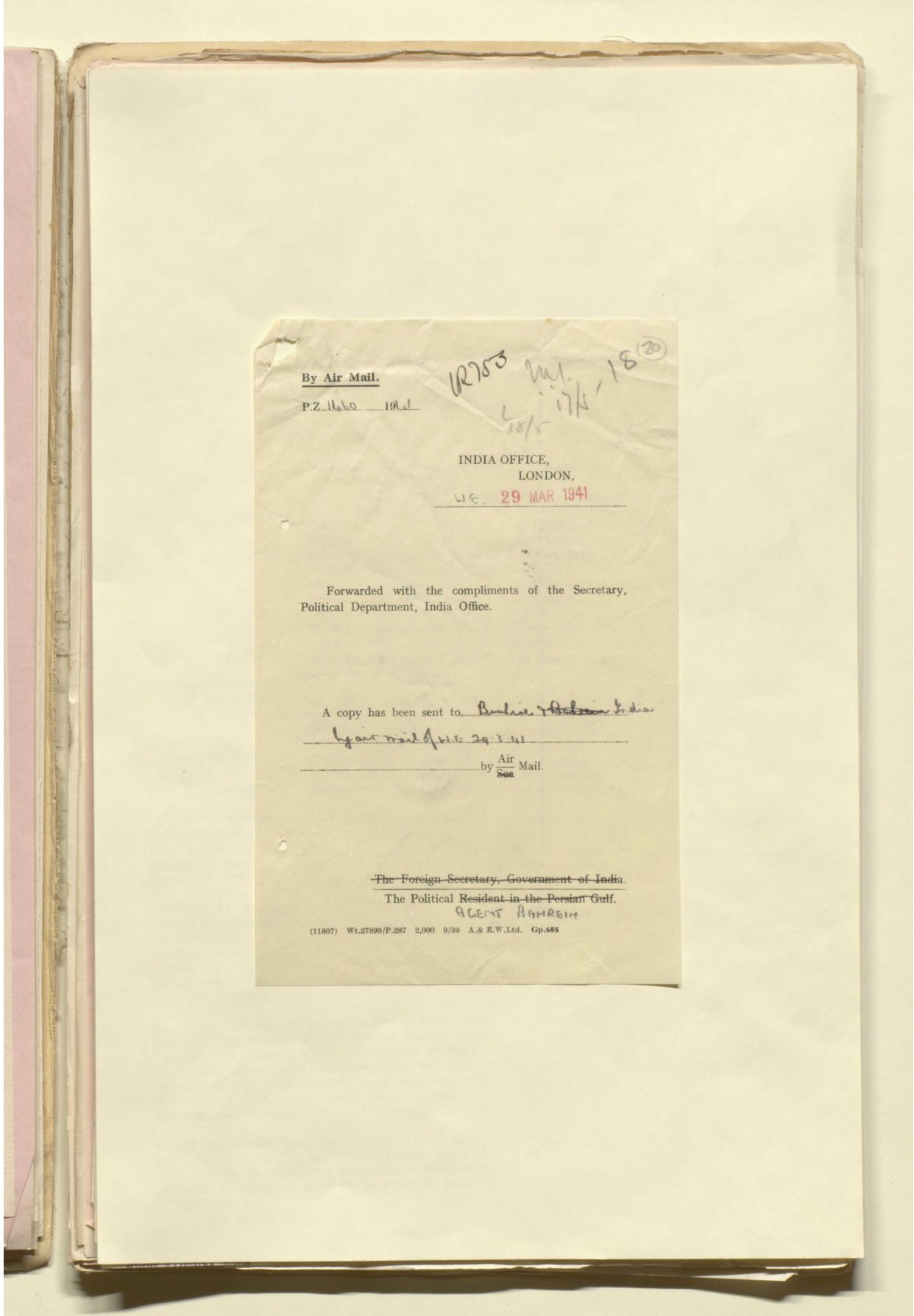
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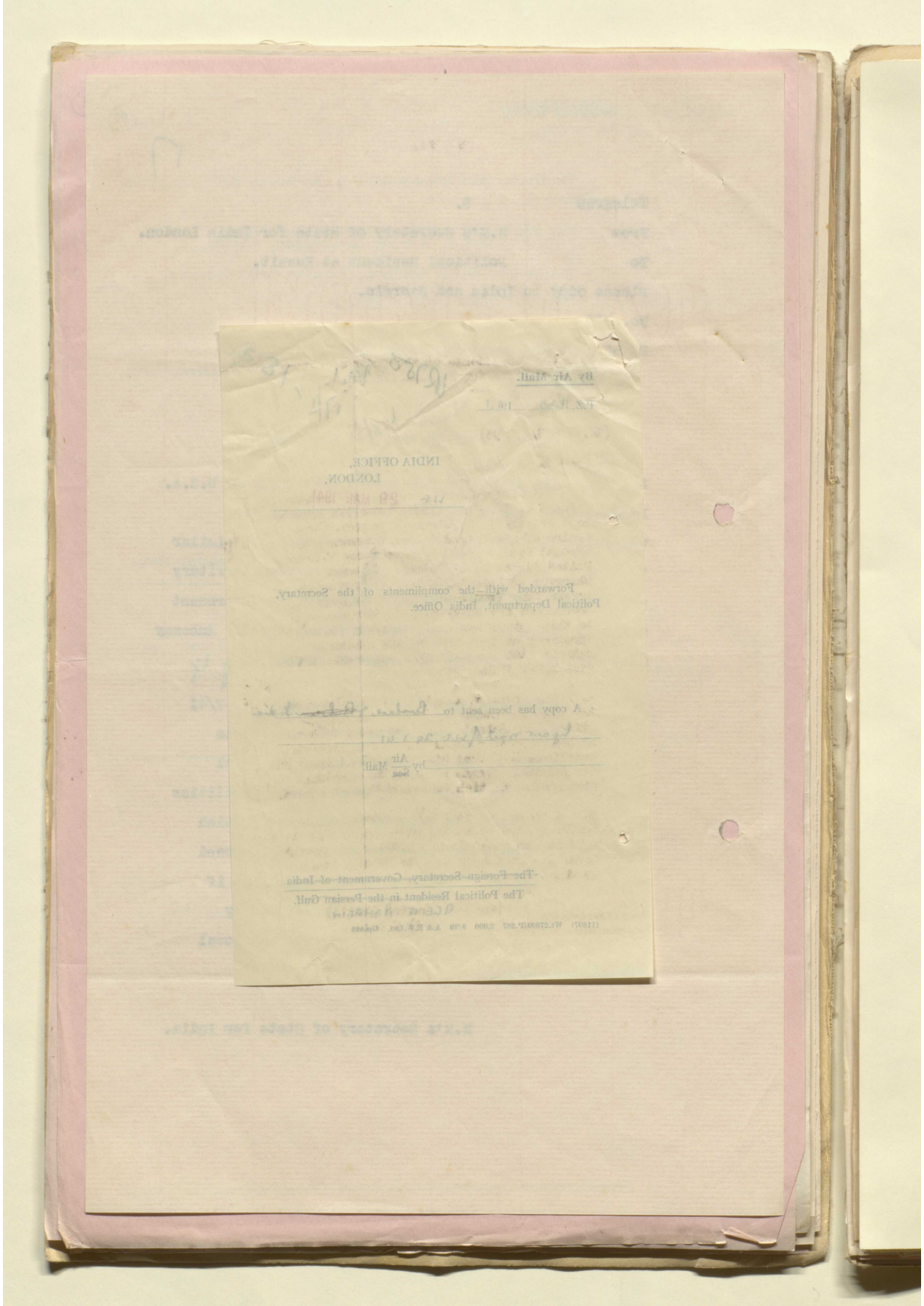
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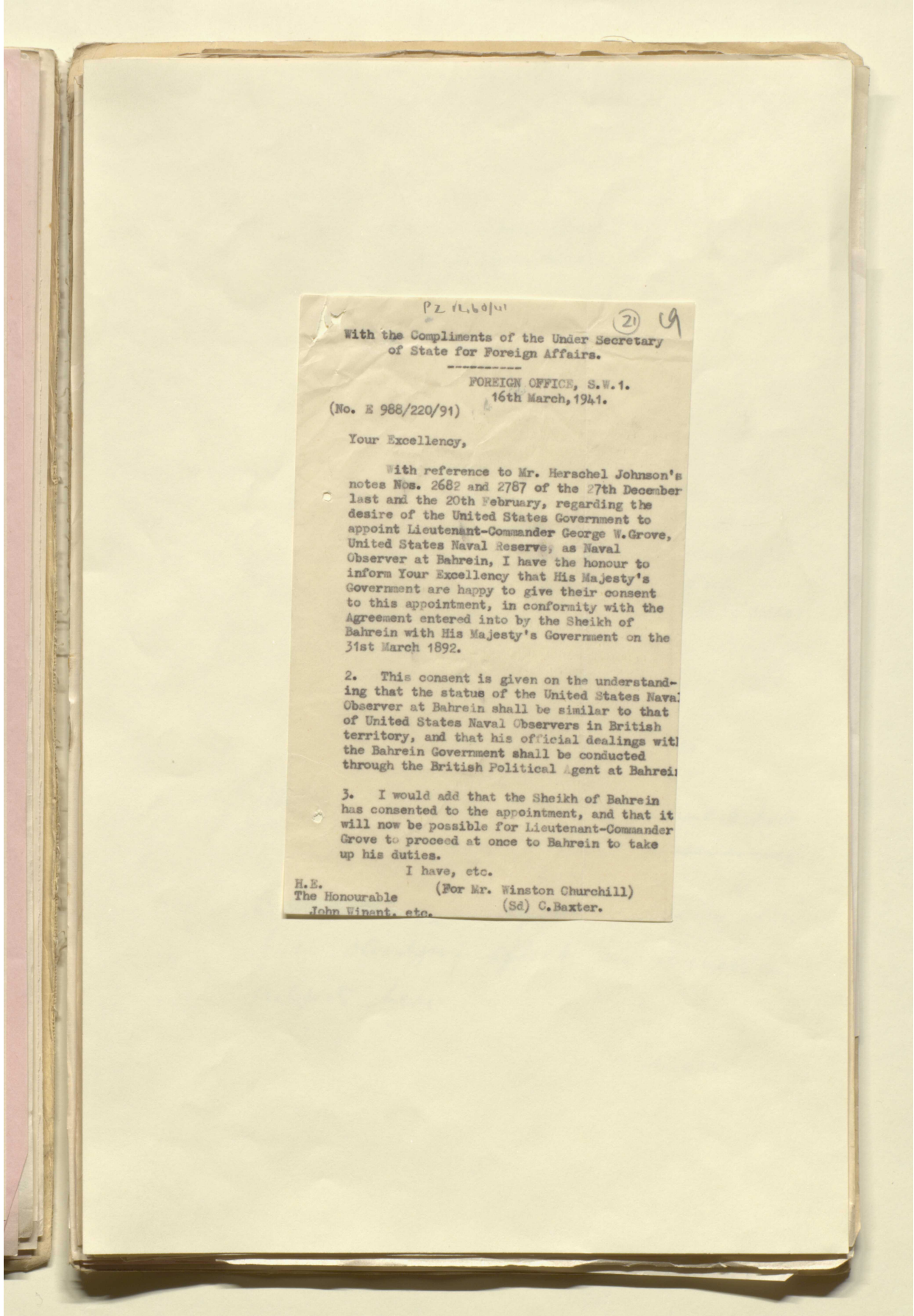
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With the Compliments of the Under Secretary
of State for Foreign Affairs.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.
16th March, 1941.

(No. E 988/220/91)

Your Excellency,

With reference to Mr. Herschel Johnson's notes Nos. 2682 and 2787 of the 27th December last and the 20th February, regarding the desire of the United States Government to appoint Lieutenant-Commander George W. Grove, United States Naval Reserve, as Naval Observer at Bahrain, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that His Majesty's Government are happy to give their consent to this appointment, in conformity with the Agreement entered into by the Sheikh of Bahrain with His Majesty's Government on the 31st March 1892.

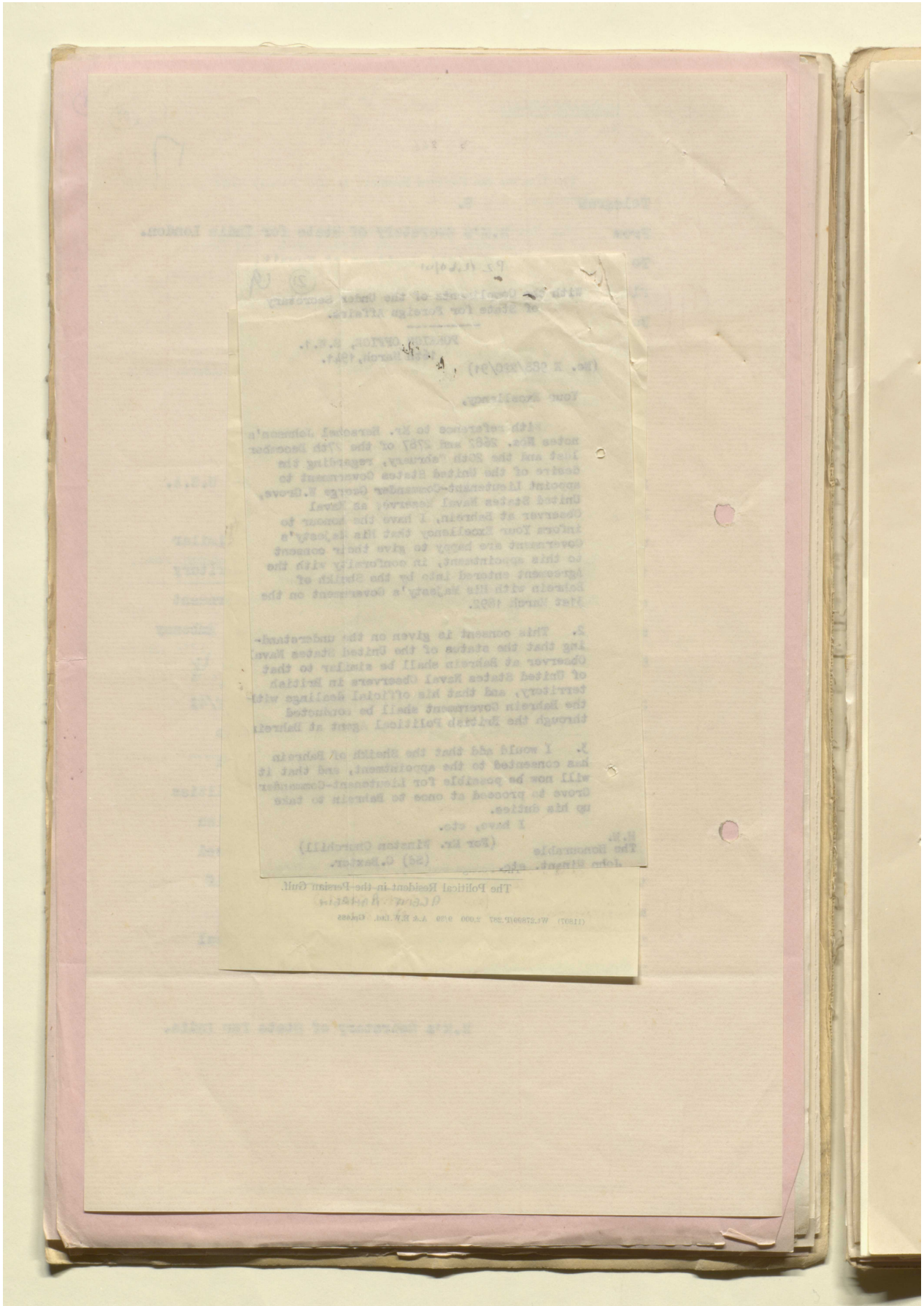
2. This consent is given on the understanding that the status of the United States Naval Observer at Bahrain shall be similar to that of United States Naval Observers in British territory, and that his official dealings with the Bahrain Government shall be conducted through the British Political Agent at Bahrain.

3. I would add that the Sheikh of Bahrain has consented to the appointment, and that it will now be possible for Lieutenant-Commander Grove to proceed at once to Bahrain to take up his duties.

I have, etc.

H.E. (For Mr. Winston Churchill)
The Honourable John Winant, etc. (Sd) C. Baxter.

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From H.M. Ambassador, Baghdad.
To Political Agent, Bahrain
No. 2
Dated 22nd received 23rd April 1941.

United States Legation have received telegram from Lipp, Manager of Bahrain Petroleum Company, which appears to relate question of United States citizens leaving Bahrain April 30th, though exact meaning of his telegram is not clear. Please contact Lipp and telegraph his proposals to me for communication to United States Legation.

Please telegraph cost of your reply.

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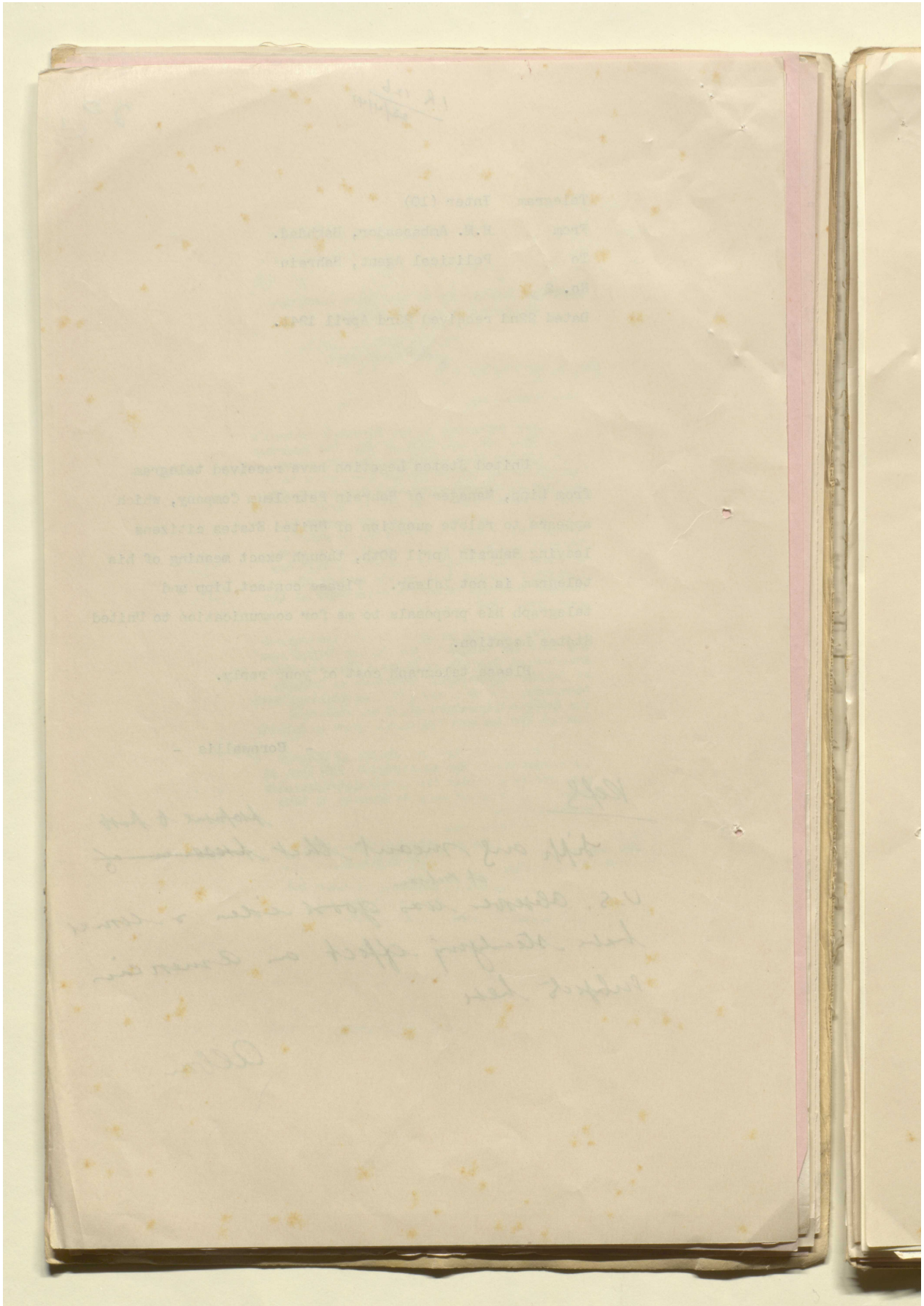
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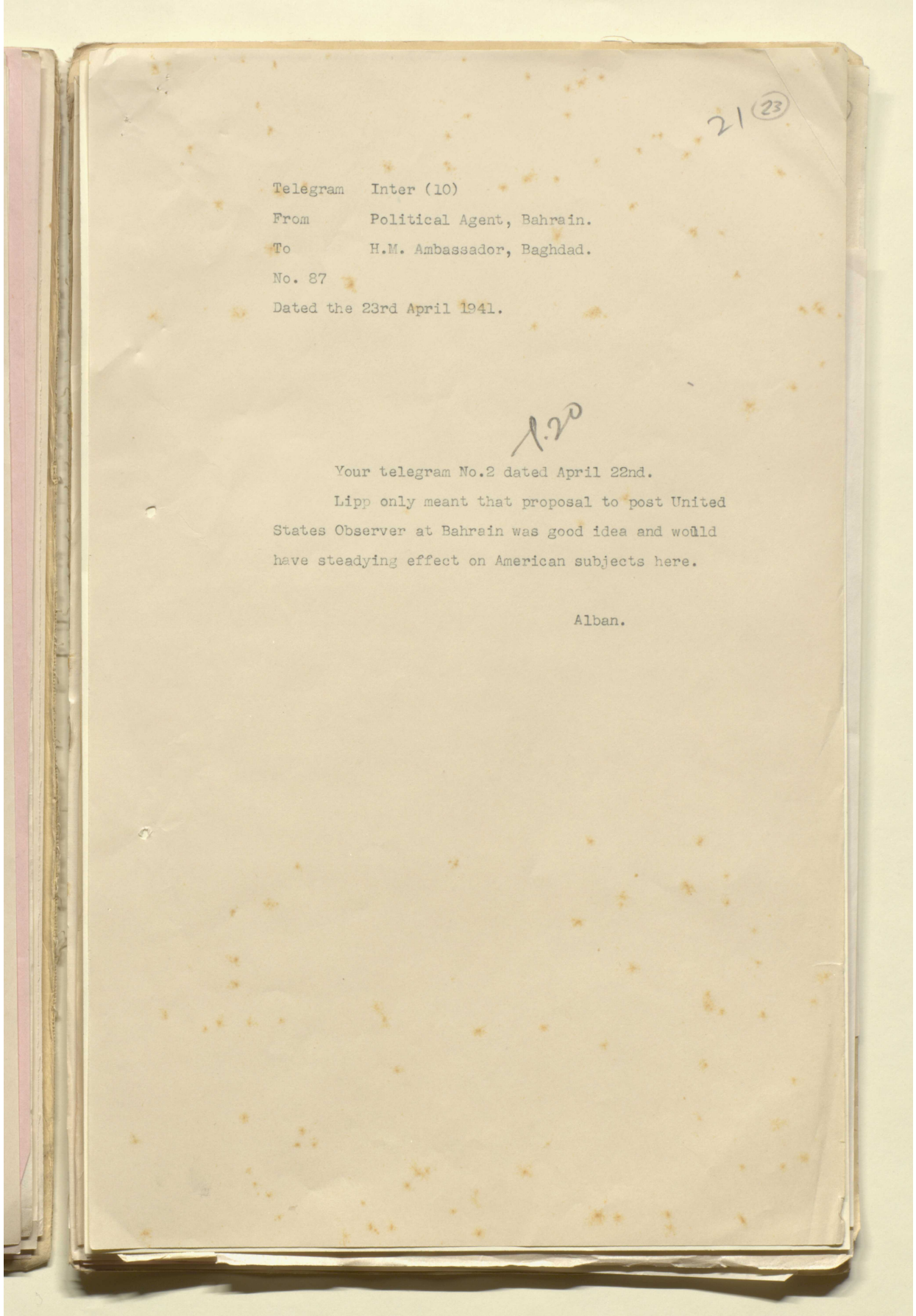
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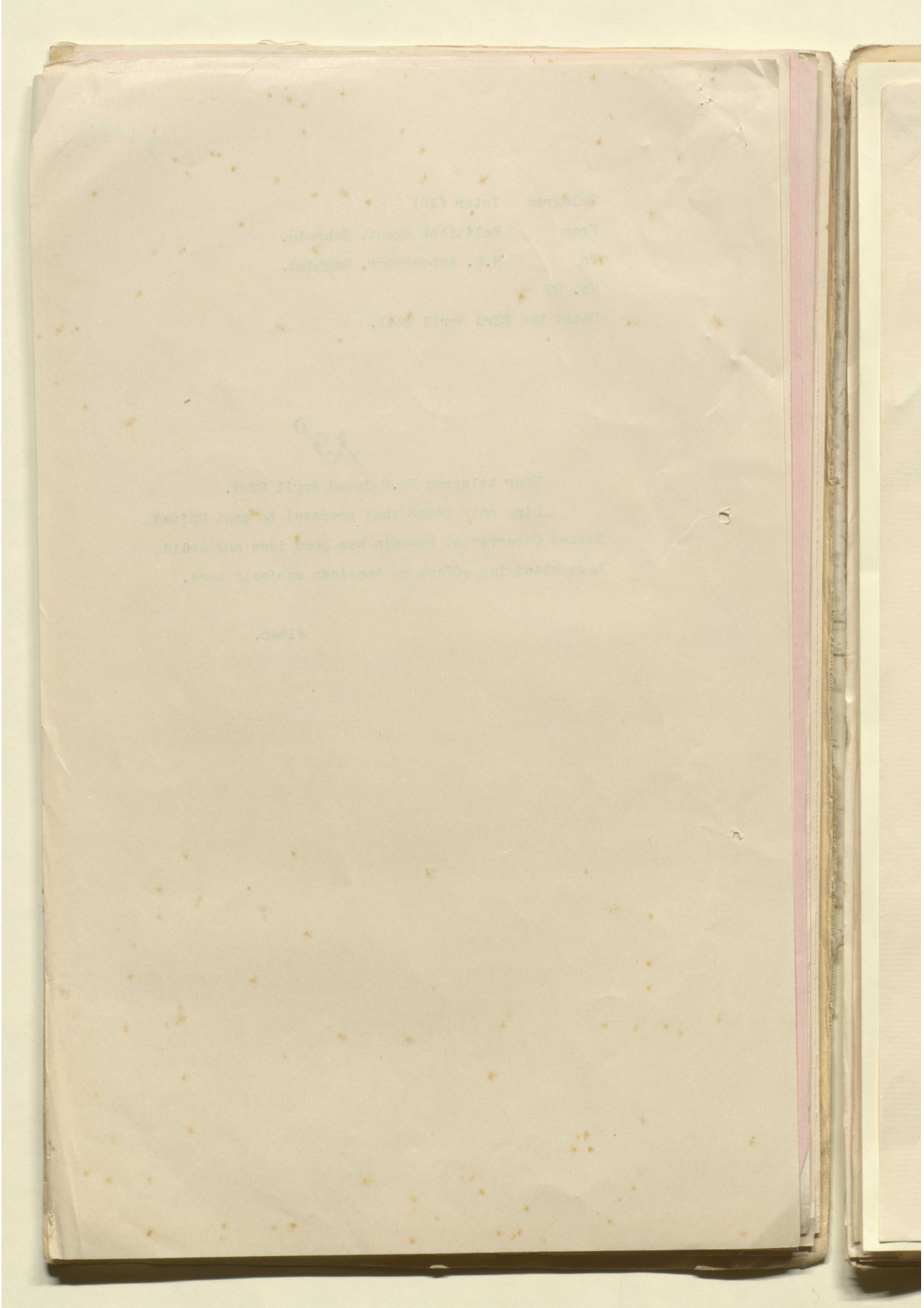
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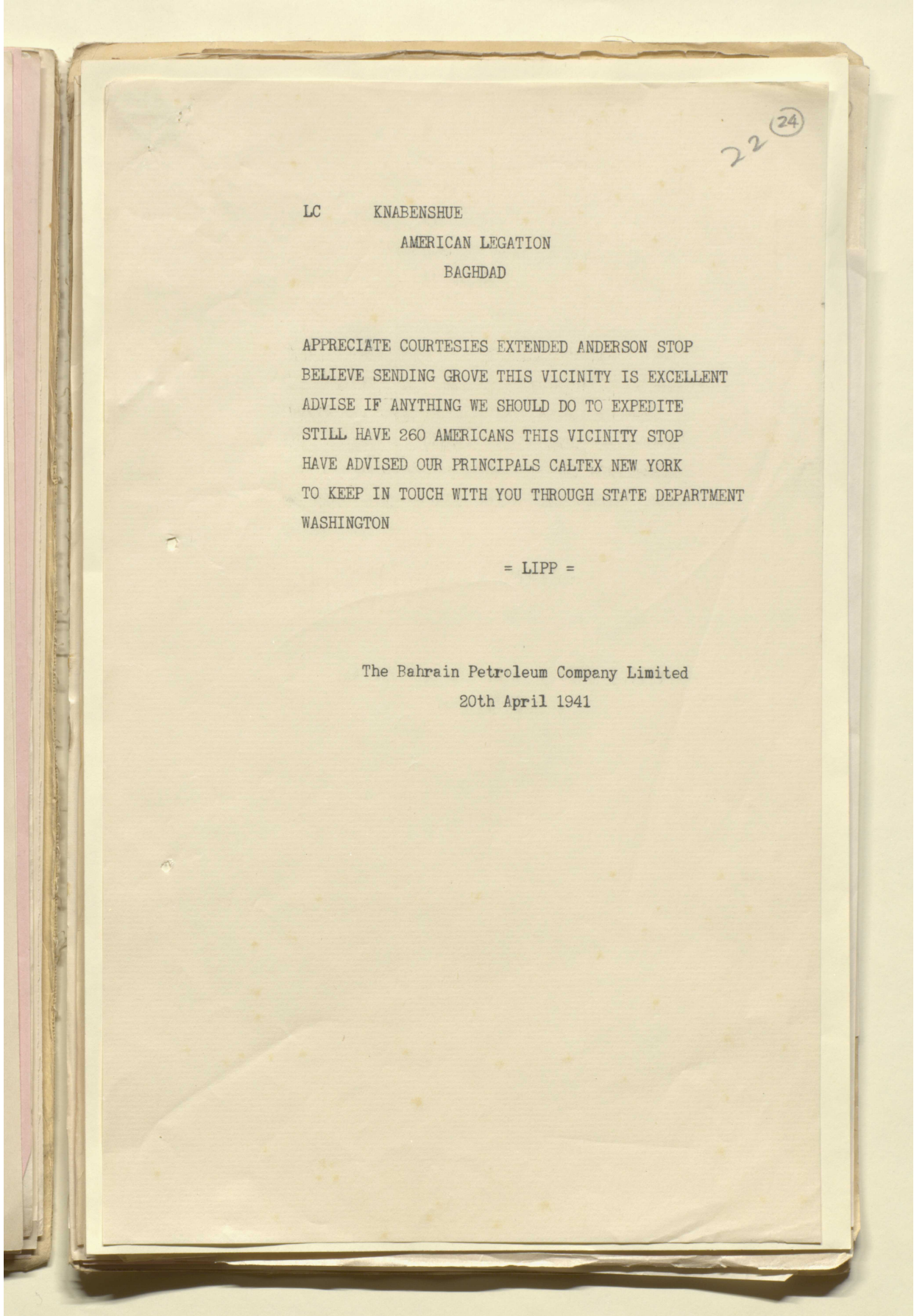
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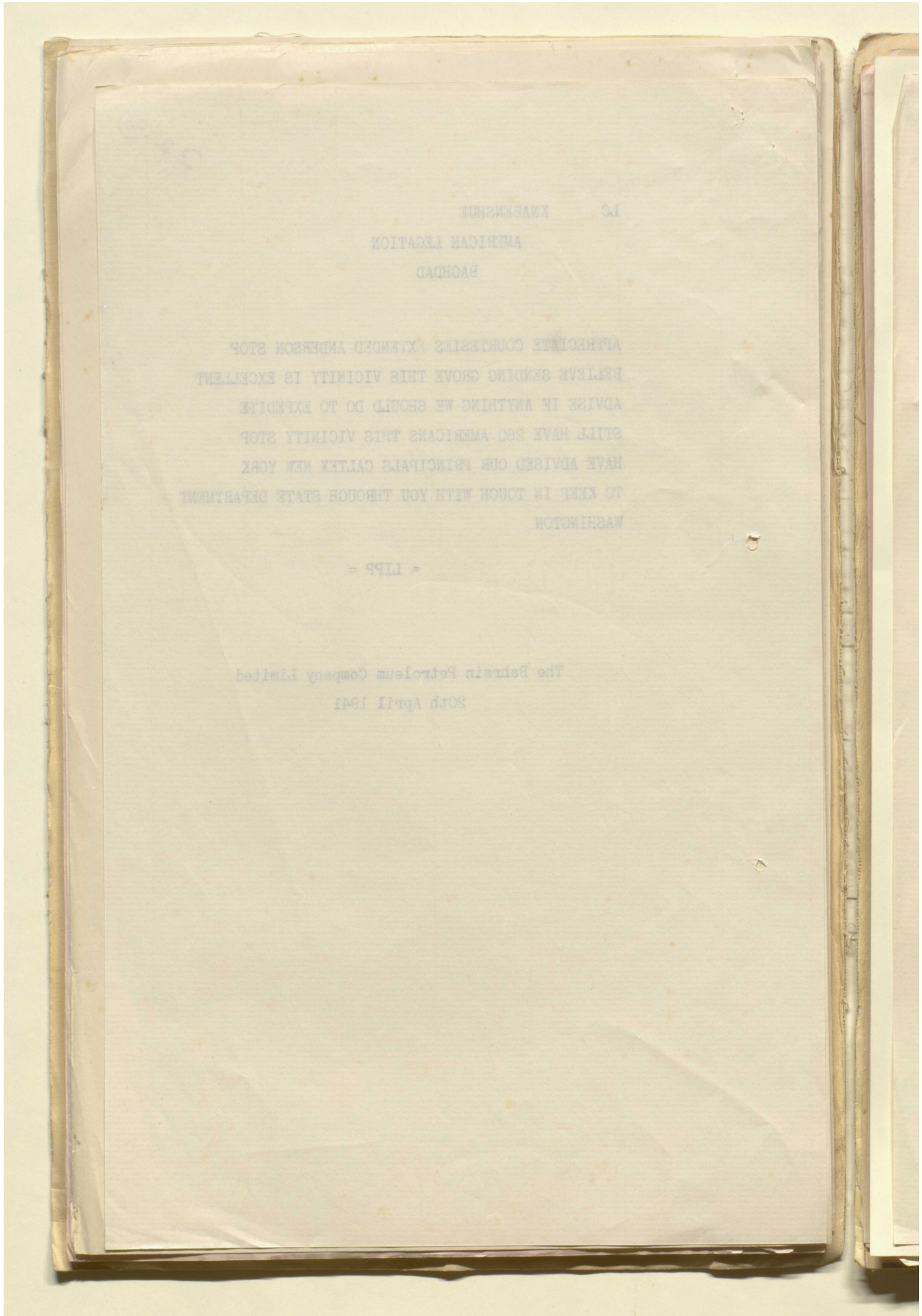
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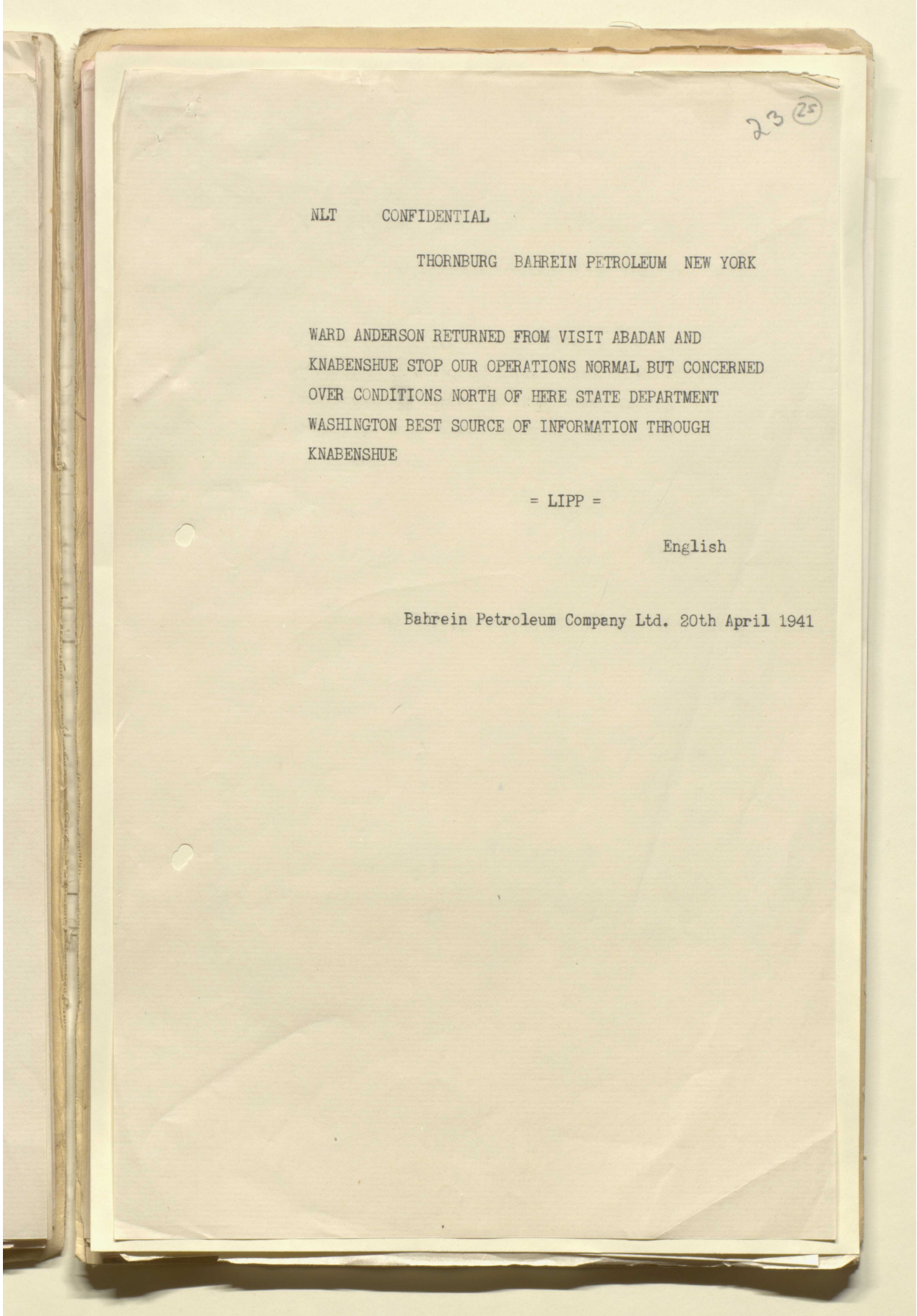
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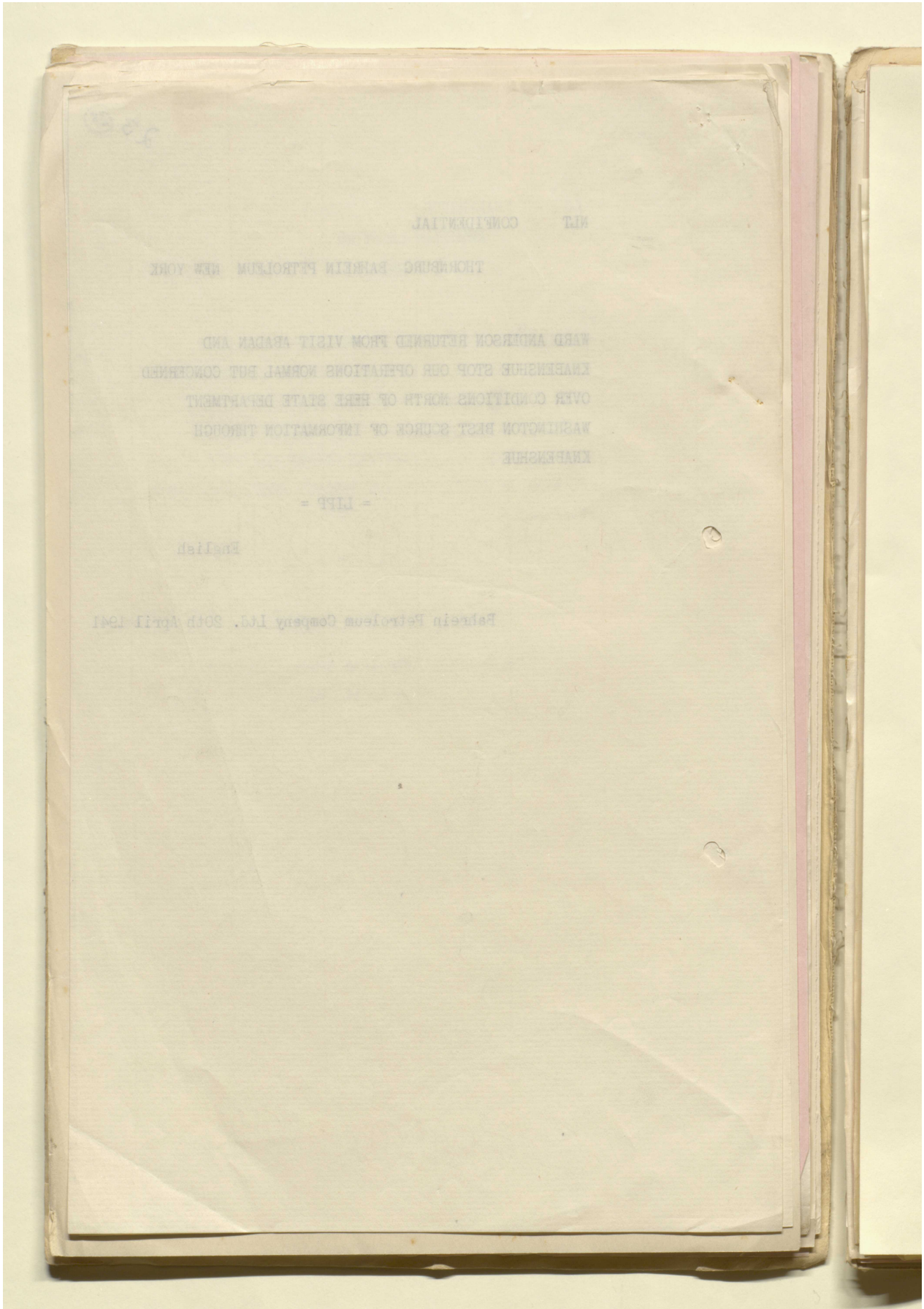
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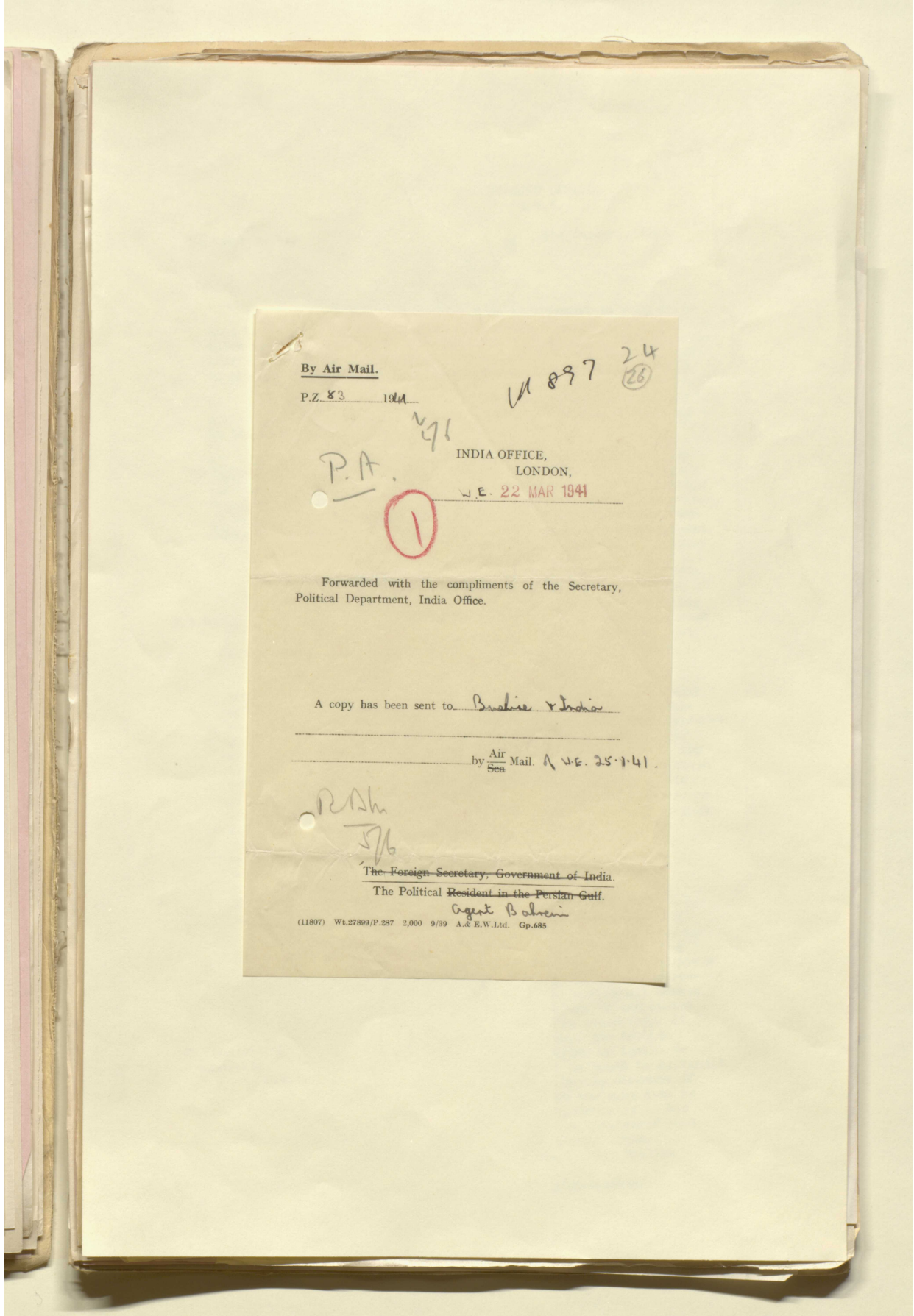
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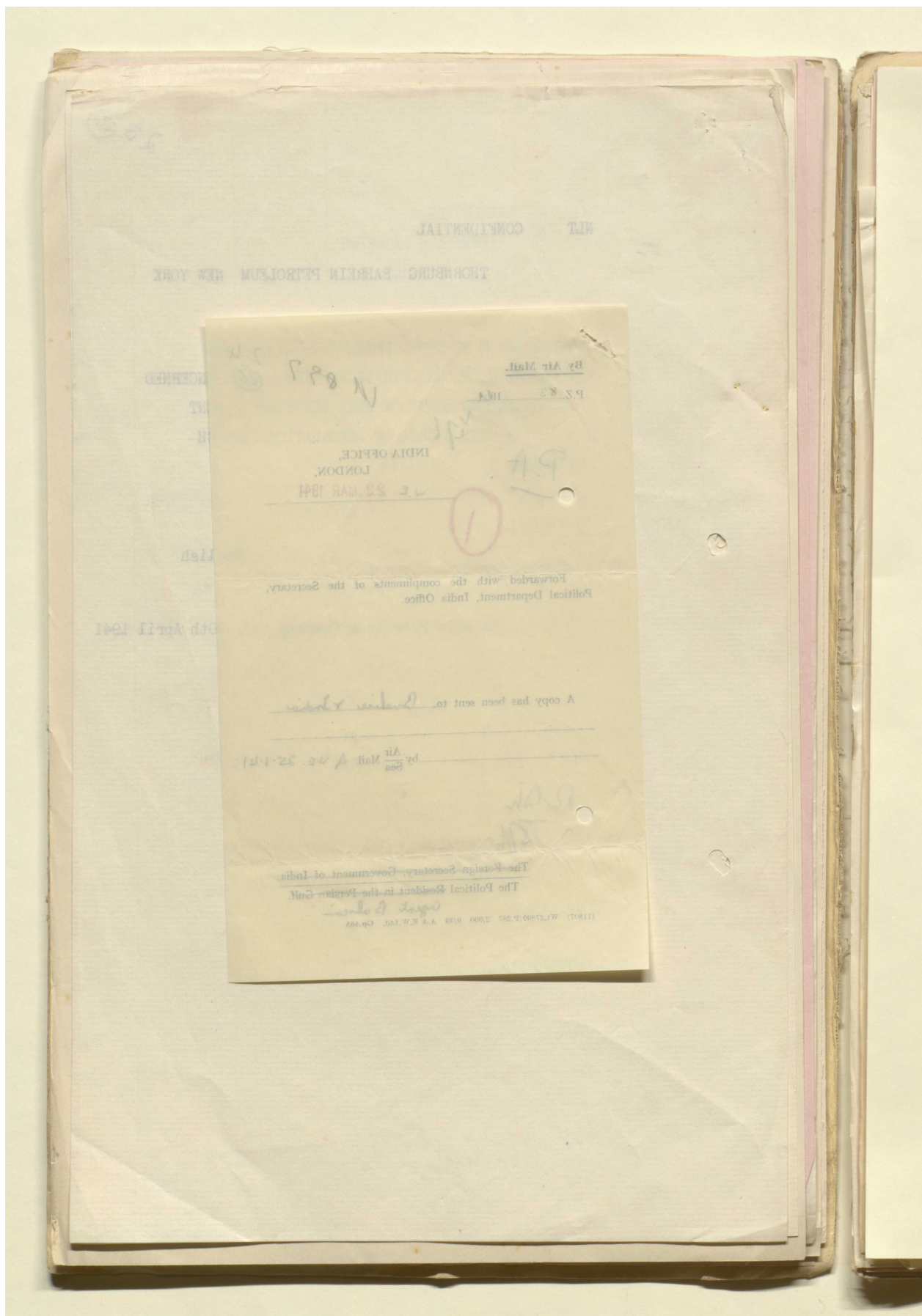
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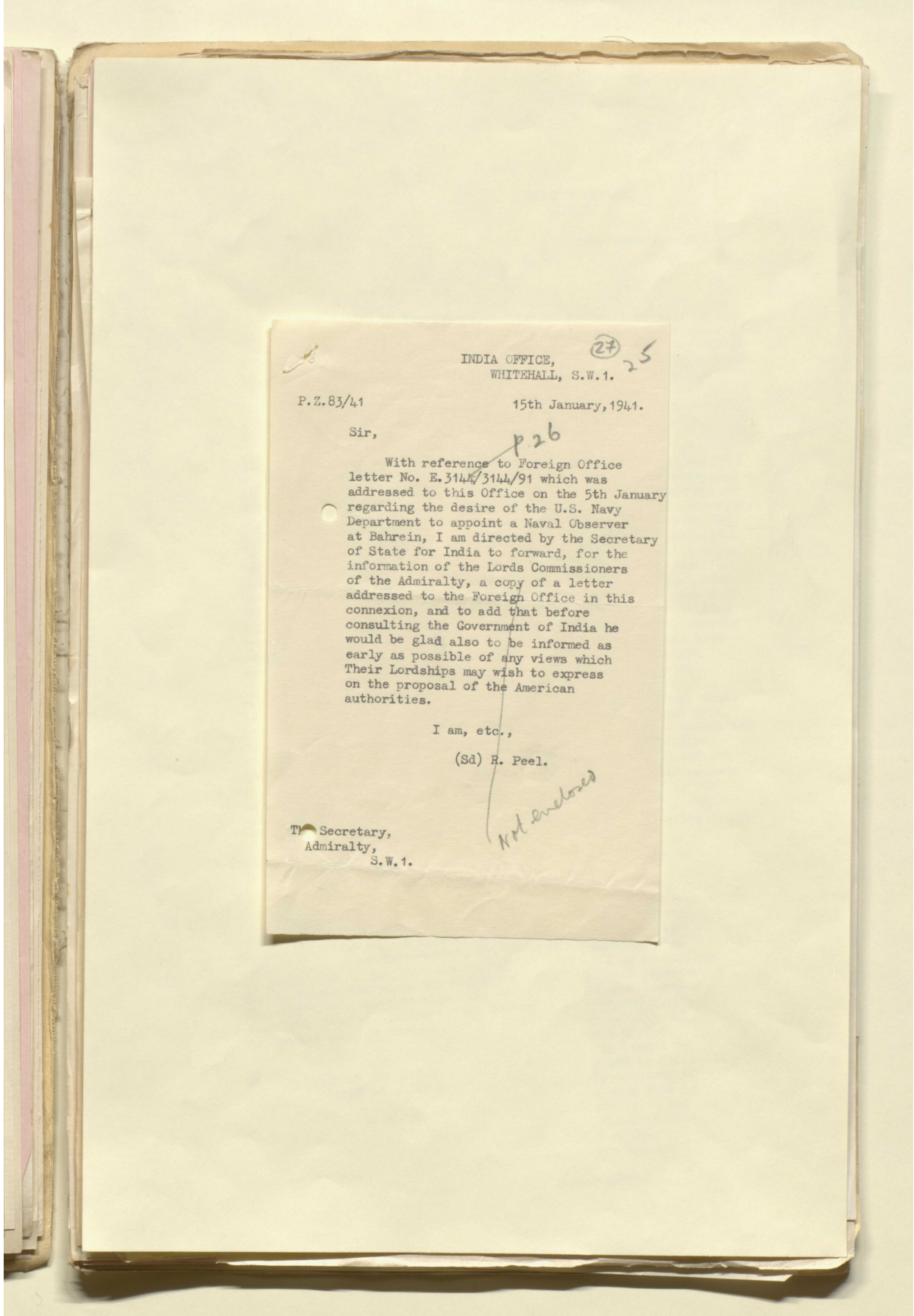
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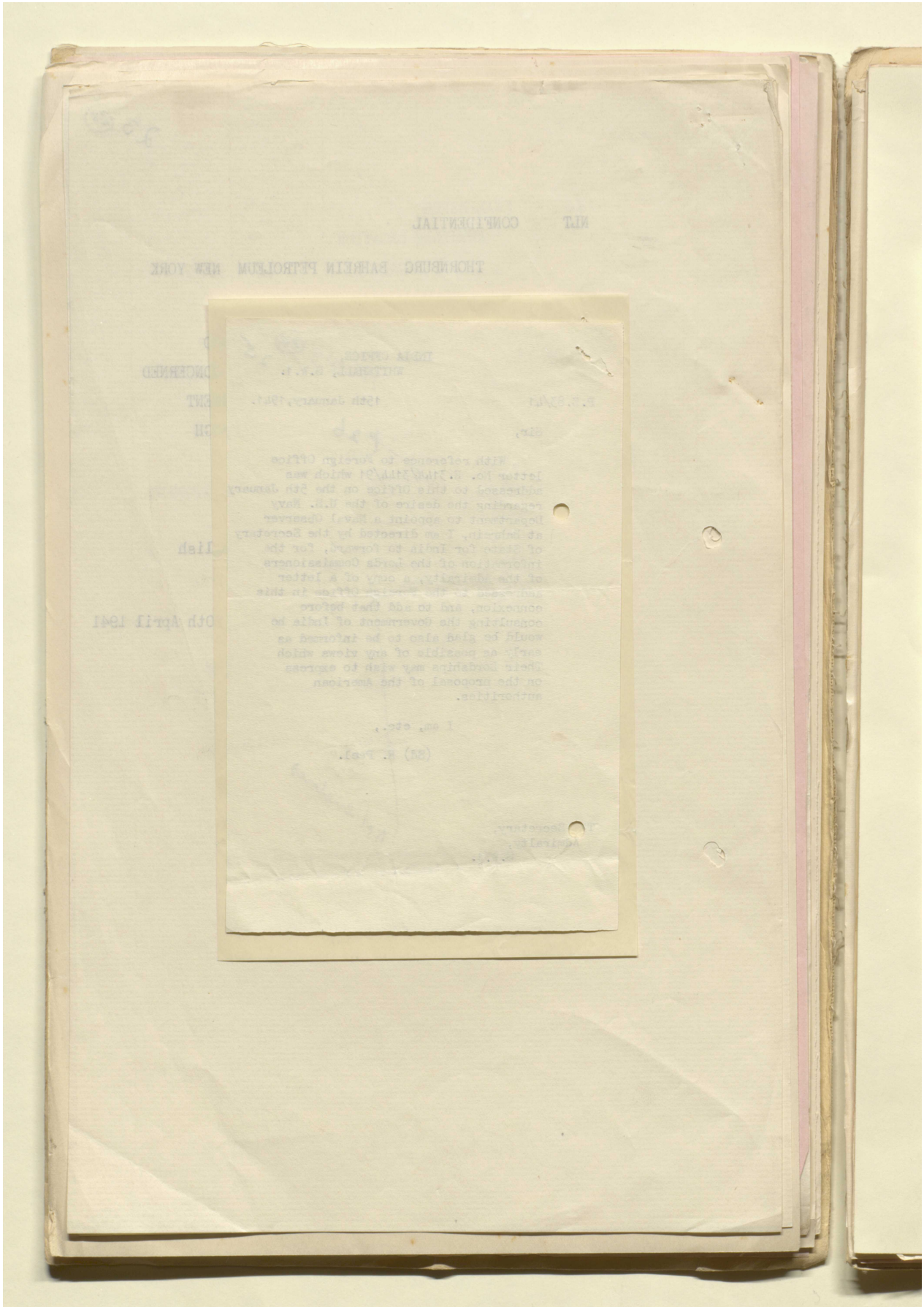
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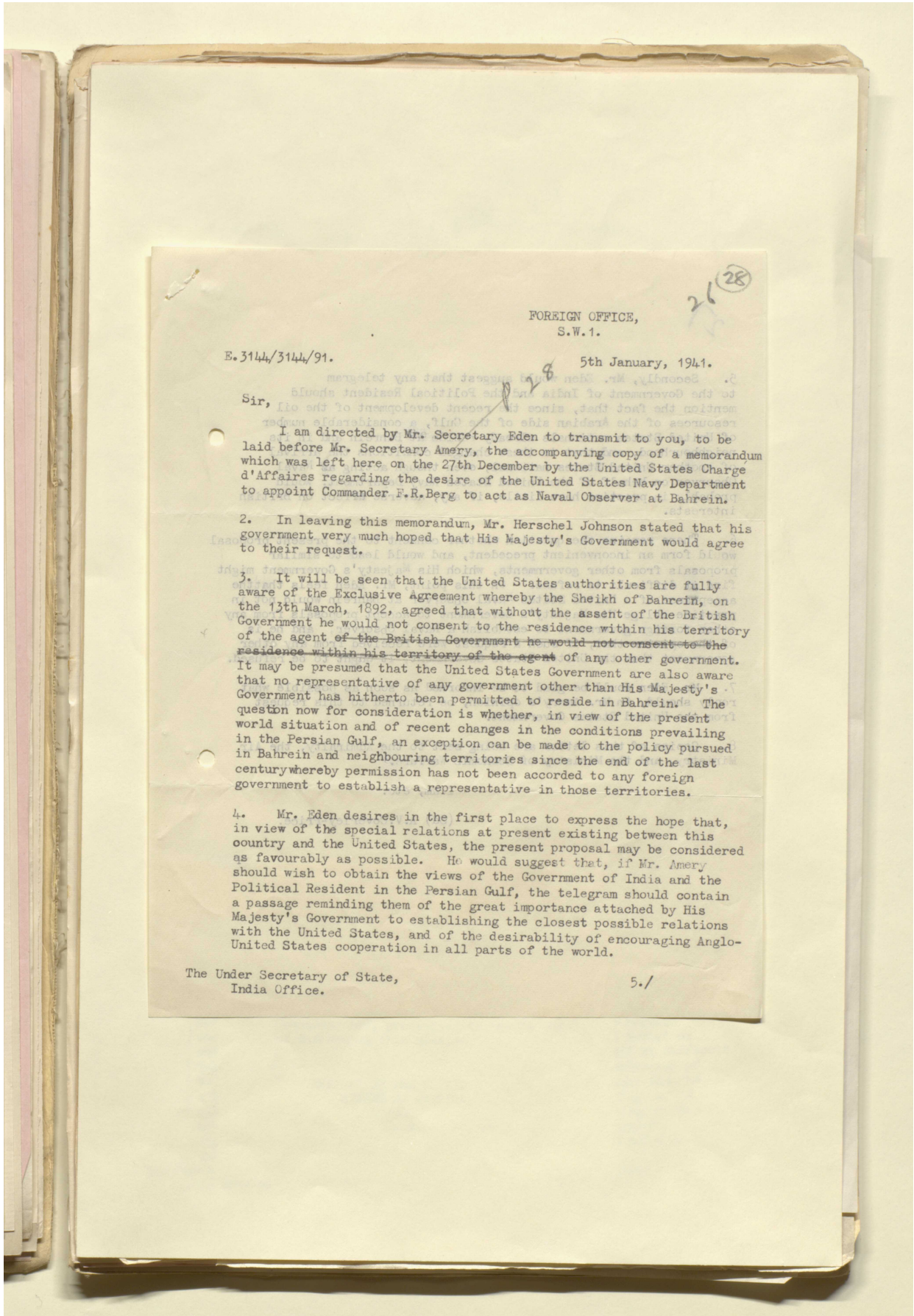
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FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W. 1.

E. 3144/3144/91.

5th January, 1941.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Eden to transmit to you, to be laid before Mr. Secretary Amery, the accompanying copy of a memorandum which was left here on the 27th December by the United States Charge d'Affaires regarding the desire of the United States Navy Department to appoint Commander F.R. Berg to act as Naval Observer at Bahrein.

2. In leaving this memorandum, Mr. Herschel Johnson stated that his government very much hoped that His Majesty's Government would agree to their request.

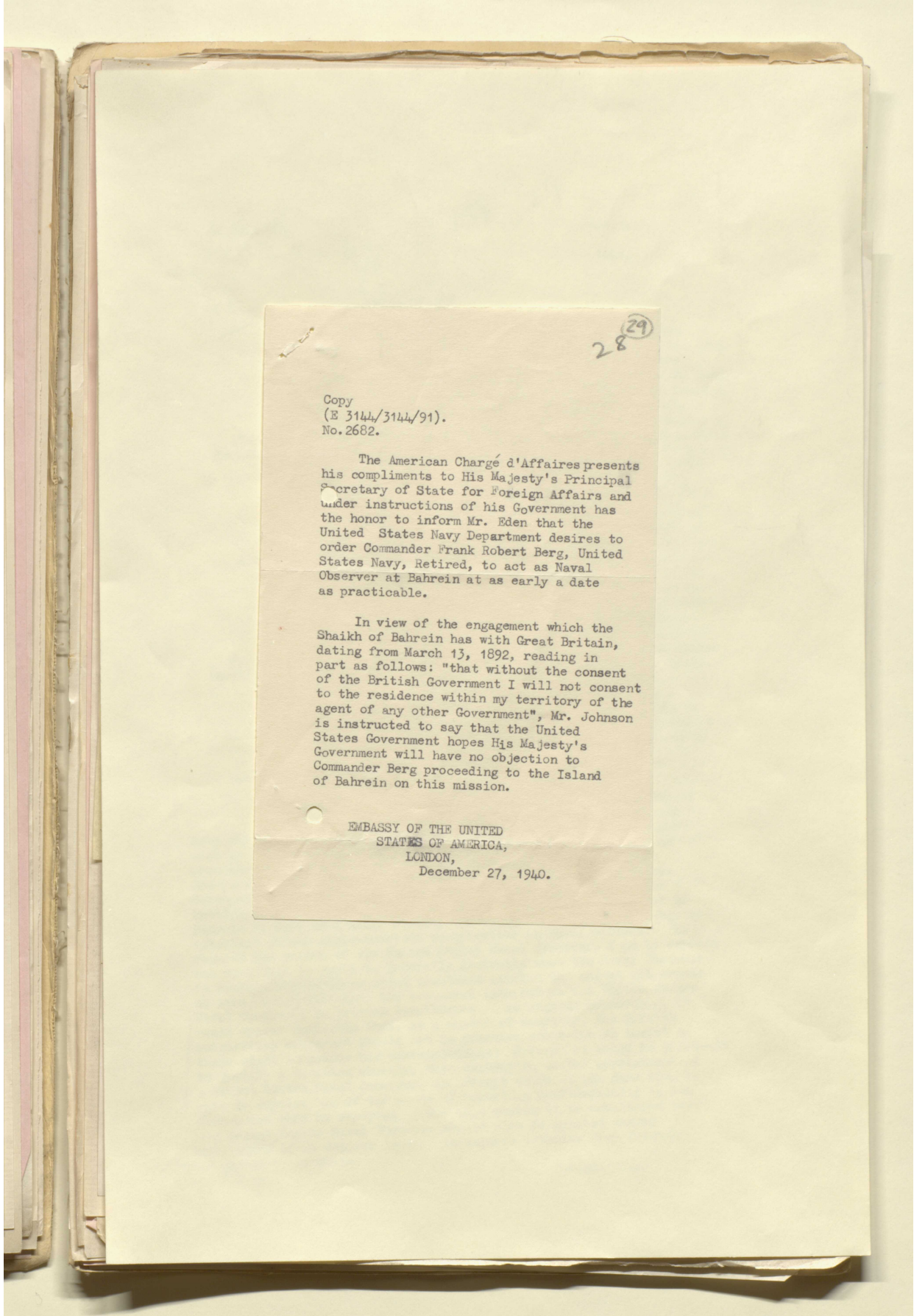
3. It will be seen that the United States authorities are fully aware of the Exclusive Agreement whereby the Sheikh of Bahrein, on the 13th March, 1892, agreed that without the assent of the British Government he would not consent to the residence within his territory of the agent of the British Government he would not consent to the residence within his territory of the agent of any other government. It may be presumed that the United States Government are also aware that no representative of any government other than His Majesty's Government has hitherto been permitted to reside in Bahrein. The question now for consideration is whether, in view of the present world situation and of recent changes in the conditions prevailing in the Persian Gulf, an exception can be made to the policy pursued in Bahrein and neighbouring territories since the end of the last century whereby permission has not been accorded to any foreign government to establish a representative in those territories.

4. Mr. Eden desires in the first place to express the hope that, in view of the special relations at present existing between this country and the United States, the present proposal may be considered as favourably as possible. He would suggest that, if Mr. Amery should wish to obtain the views of the Government of India and the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, the telegram should contain a passage reminding them of the great importance attached by His Majesty's Government to establishing the closest possible relations with the United States, and of the desirability of encouraging Anglo-United States cooperation in all parts of the world.

The Under Secretary of State,
India Office.

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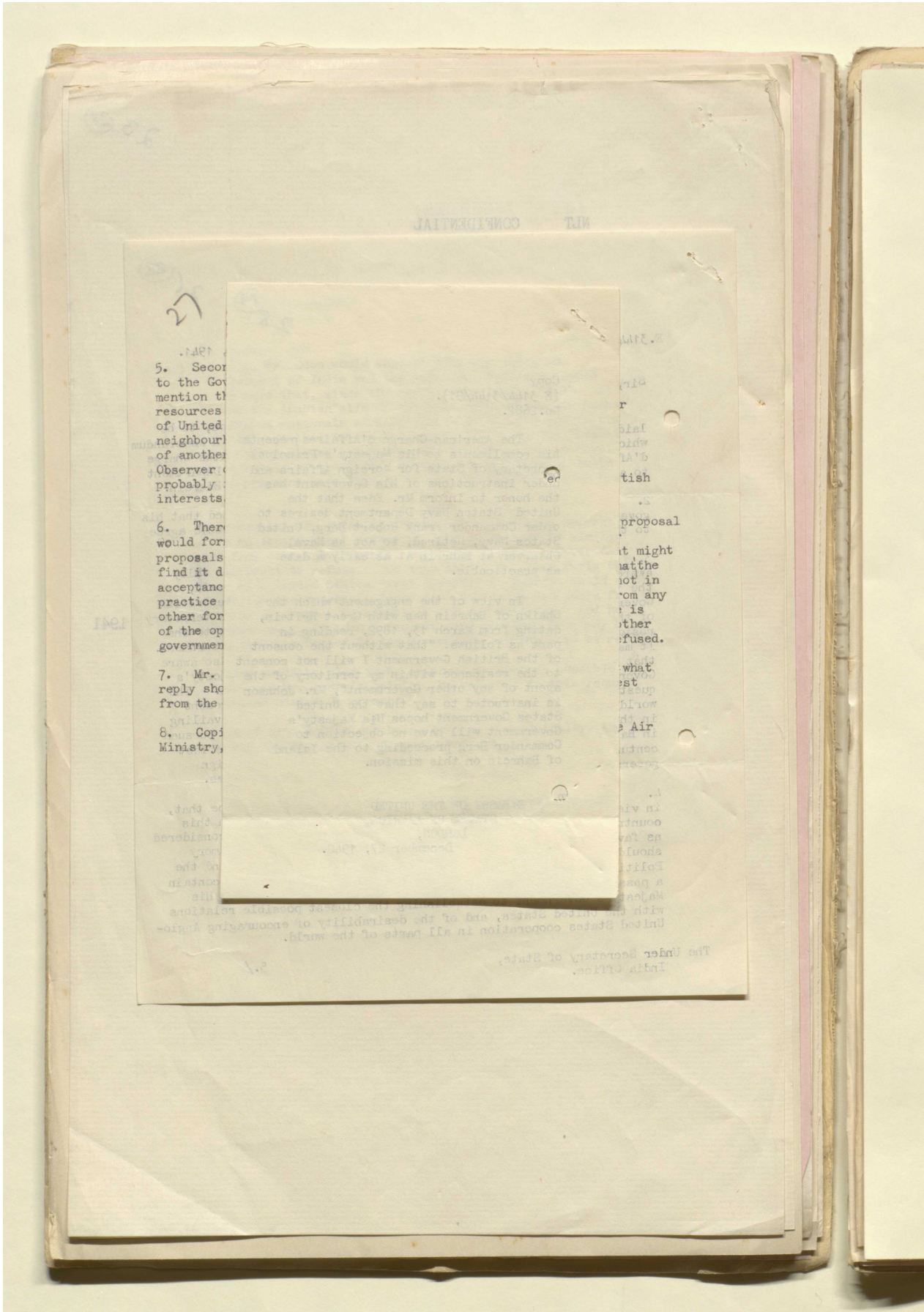
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No. 2682.

The American Chargé d'Affaires presents his compliments to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and under instructions of his Government has the honor to inform Mr. Eden that the United States Navy Department desires to order Commander Frank Robert Berg, United States Navy, Retired, to act as Naval Observer at Bahrein at as early a date as practicable.

In view of the engagement which the Shaikh of Bahrein has with Great Britain, dating from March 13, 1892, reading in part as follows: "that without the consent of the British Government I will not consent to the residence within my territory of the agent of any other Government", Mr. Johnson is instructed to say that the United States Government hopes His Majesty's Government will have no objection to Commander Berg proceeding to the Island of Bahrein on this mission.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA,
LONDON,
December 27, 1940.

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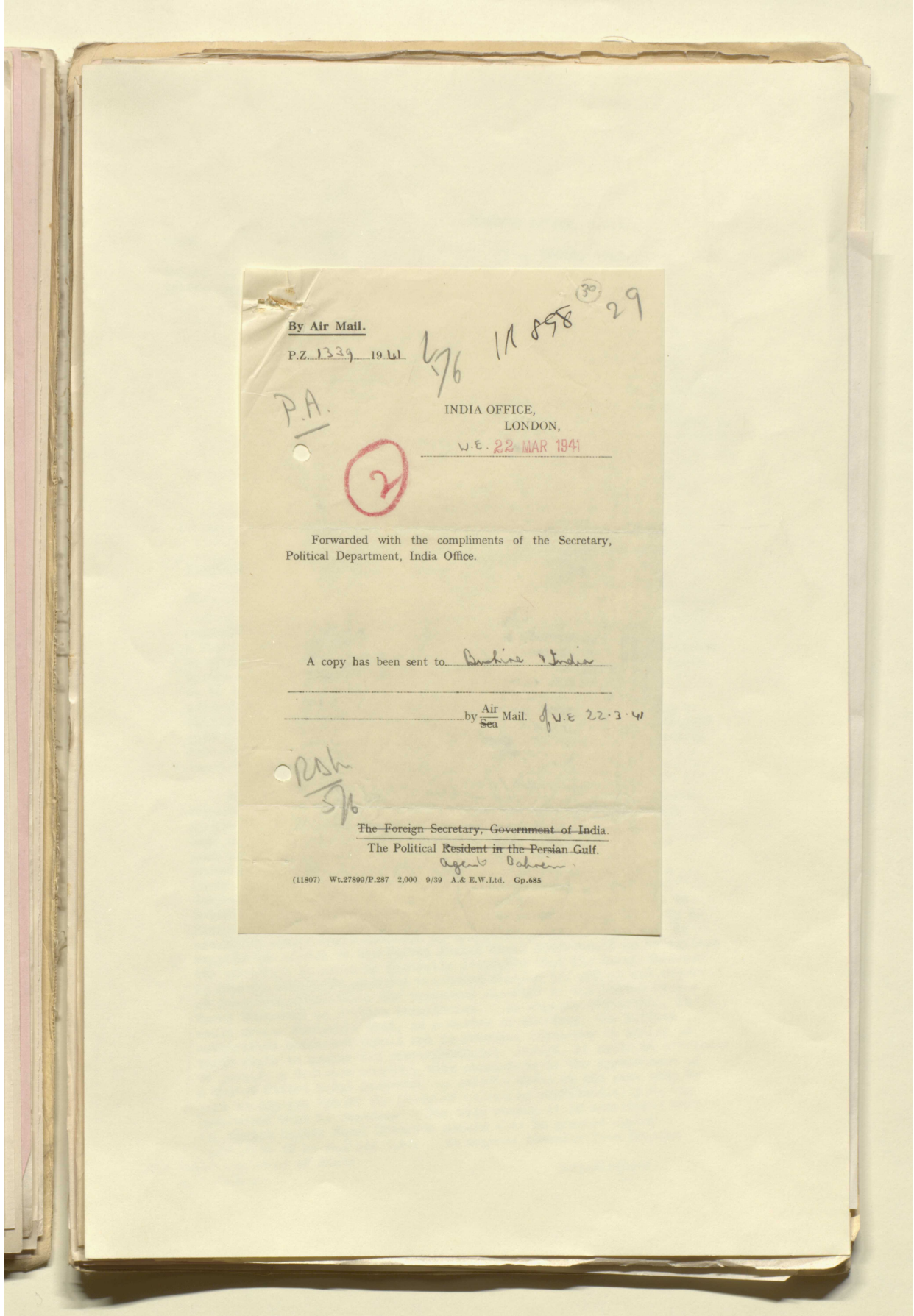
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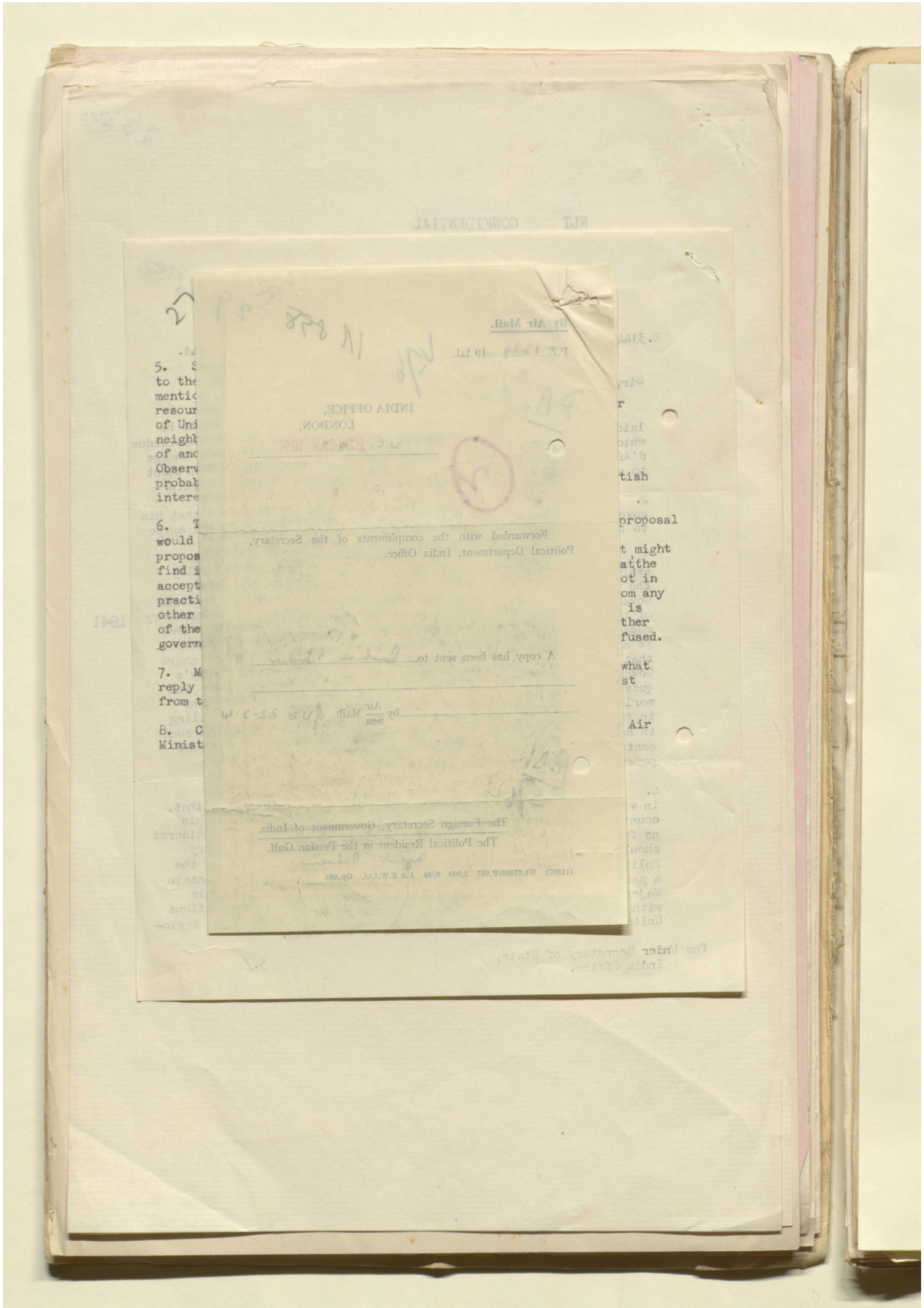
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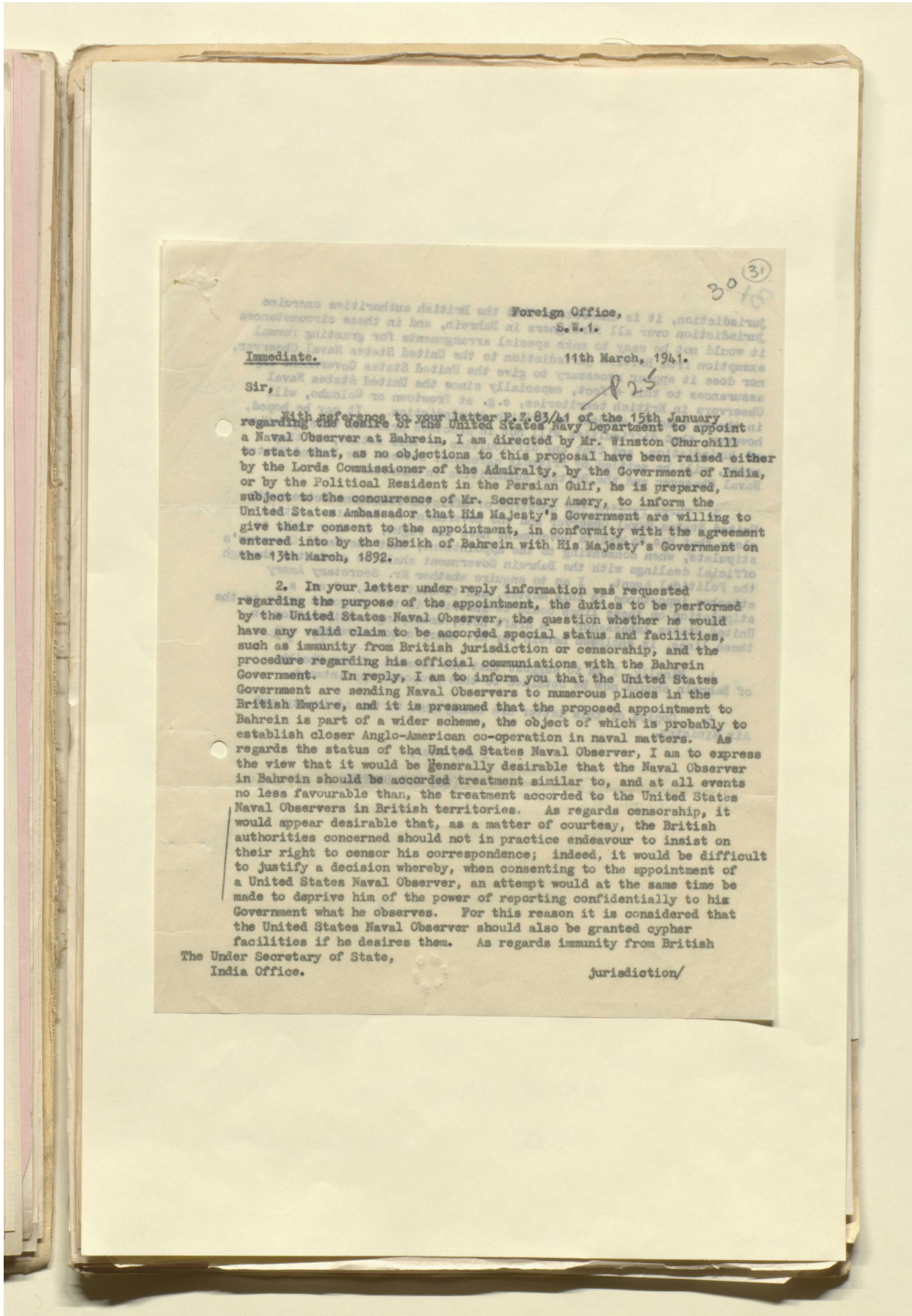
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11th March, 1941.

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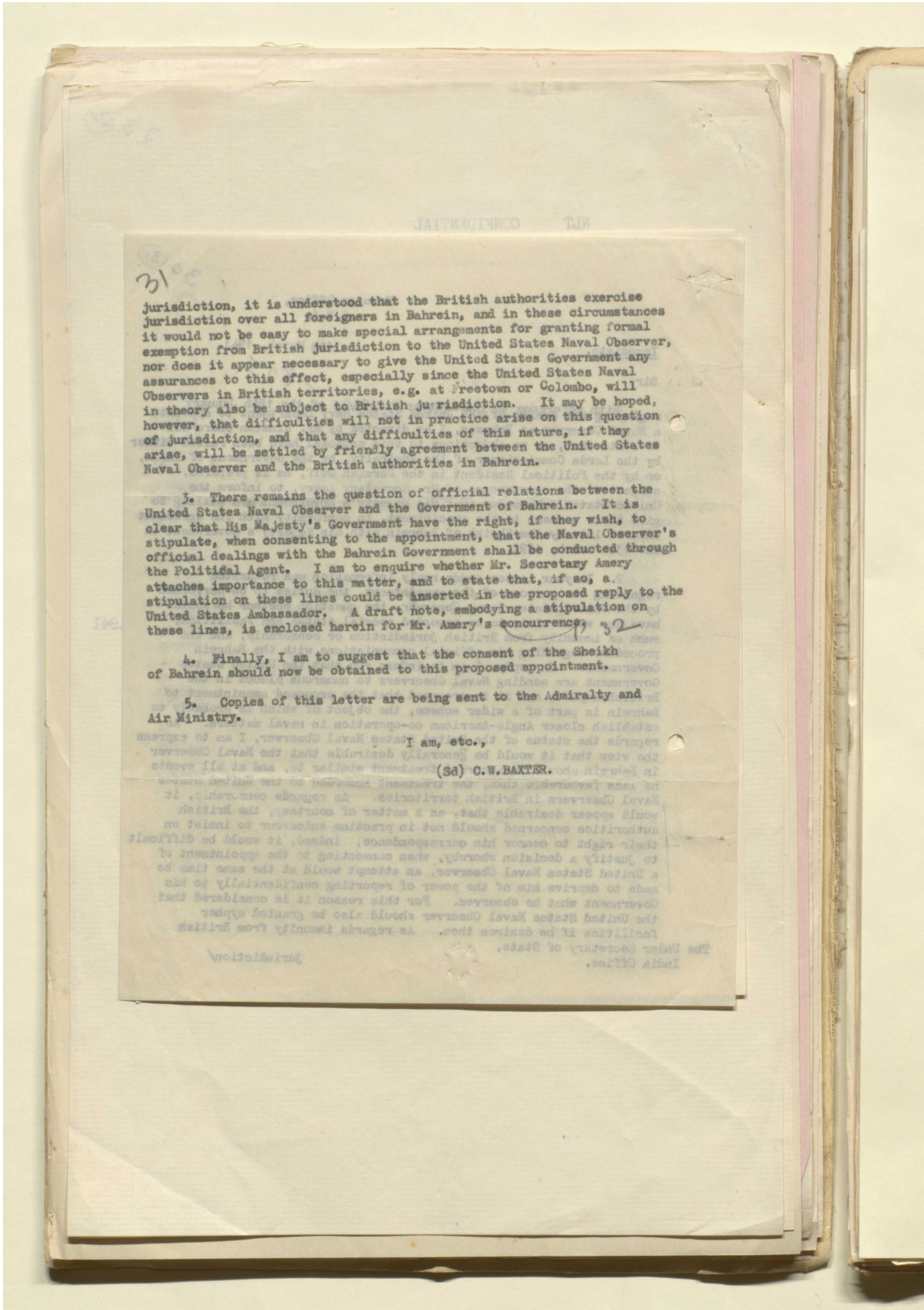
Sir,

With reference to your letter P.2.83/41 of the 15th January regarding the desire of the United States Navy Department to appoint a Naval Observer at Bahrain, I am directed by Mr. Winston Churchill to state that, as no objections to this proposal have been raised either by the Lords Commissioner of the Admiralty, by the Government of India, or by the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, he is prepared, subject to the concurrence of Mr. Secretary Amery, to inform the United States Ambassador that His Majesty's Government are willing to give their consent to the appointment, in conformity with the agreement entered into by the Sheikh of Bahrain with His Majesty's Government on the 13th March, 1892.

2. In your letter under reply information was requested regarding the purpose of the appointment, the duties to be performed by the United States Naval Observer, the question whether he would have any valid claim to be accorded special status and facilities, such as immunity from British jurisdiction or censorship, and the procedure regarding his official communications with the Bahrain Government. In reply, I am to inform you that the United States Government are sending Naval Observers to numerous places in the British Empire, and it is presumed that the proposed appointment to Bahrain is part of a wider scheme, the object of which is probably to establish closer Anglo-American co-operation in naval matters. As regards the status of the United States Naval Observer, I am to express the view that it would be generally desirable that the Naval Observer in Bahrain should be accorded treatment similar to, and at all events no less favourable than, the treatment accorded to the United States Naval Observers in British territories. As regards censorship, it would appear desirable that, as a matter of courtesy, the British authorities concerned should not in practice endeavour to insist on their right to censor his correspondence; indeed, it would be difficult to justify a decision whereby, when consenting to the appointment of a United States Naval Observer, an attempt would at the same time be made to deprive him of the power of reporting confidentially to his Government what he observes. For this reason it is considered that the United States Naval Observer should also be granted cypher facilities if he desires them. As regards immunity from British jurisdiction/

The Under Secretary of State,
India Office.

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jurisdiction, it is understood that the British authorities exercise jurisdiction over all foreigners in Bahrein, and in these circumstances it would not be easy to make special arrangements for granting formal exemption from British jurisdiction to the United States Naval Observer, nor does it appear necessary to give the United States Government any assurances to this effect, especially since the United States Naval Observers in British territories, e.g. at Freetown or Colombo, will in theory also be subject to British jurisdiction. It may be hoped, however, that difficulties will not in practice arise on this question of jurisdiction, and that any difficulties of this nature, if they arise, will be settled by friendly agreement between the United States Naval Observer and the British authorities in Bahrein.

3. There remains the question of official relations between the United States Naval Observer and the Government of Bahrein. It is clear that His Majesty's Government have the right, if they wish, to stipulate, when consenting to the appointment, that the Naval Observer's official dealings with the Bahrein Government shall be conducted through the Political Agent. I am to enquire whether Mr. Secretary Amery attaches importance to this matter, and to state that, if so, a stipulation on these lines could be inserted in the proposed reply to the United States Ambassador. A draft note, embodying a stipulation on these lines, is enclosed herein for Mr. Amery's concurrence.

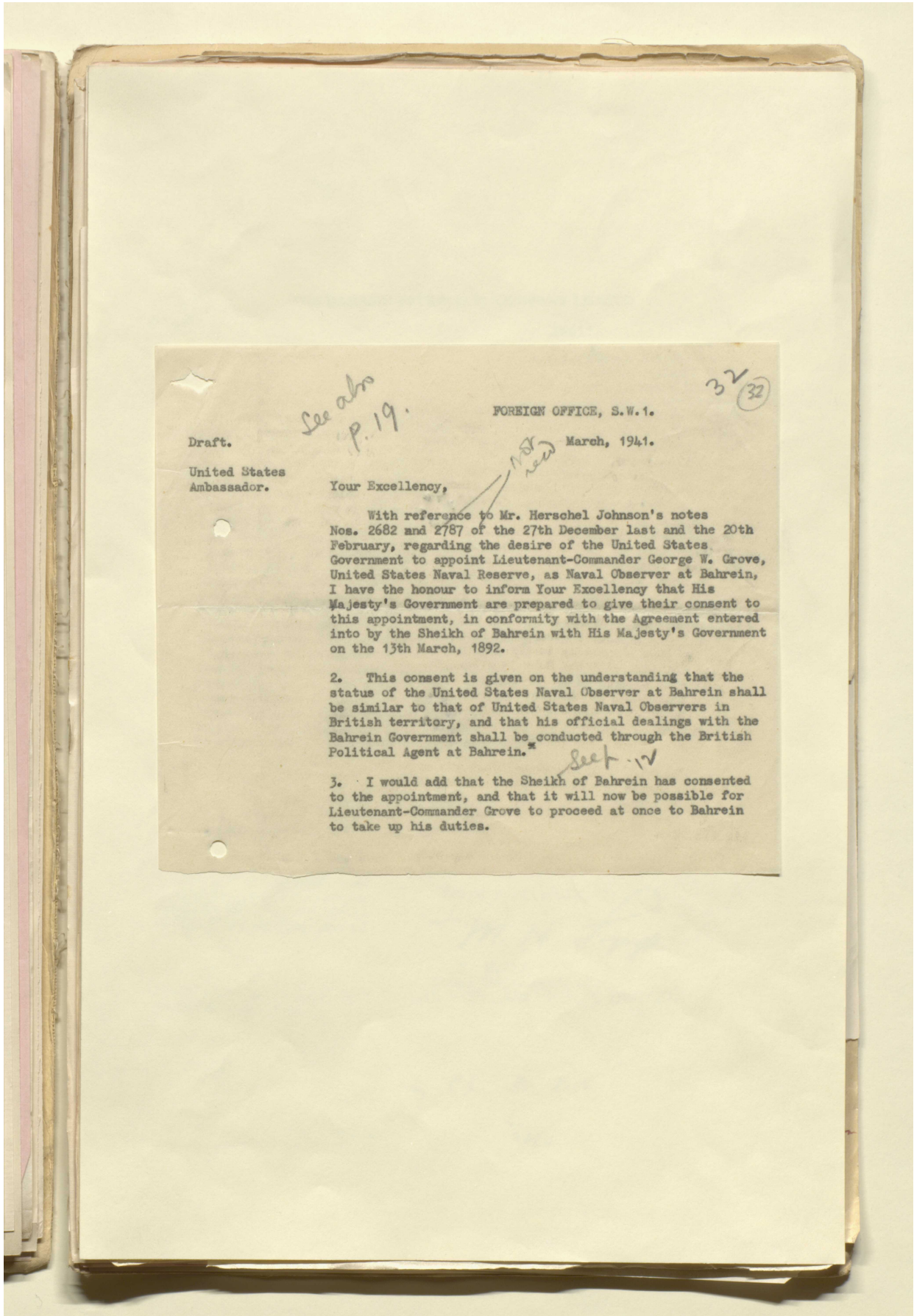
4. Finally, I am to suggest that the consent of the Sheikh of Bahrein should now be obtained to this proposed appointment.

5. Copies of this letter are being sent to the Admiralty and Air Ministry.

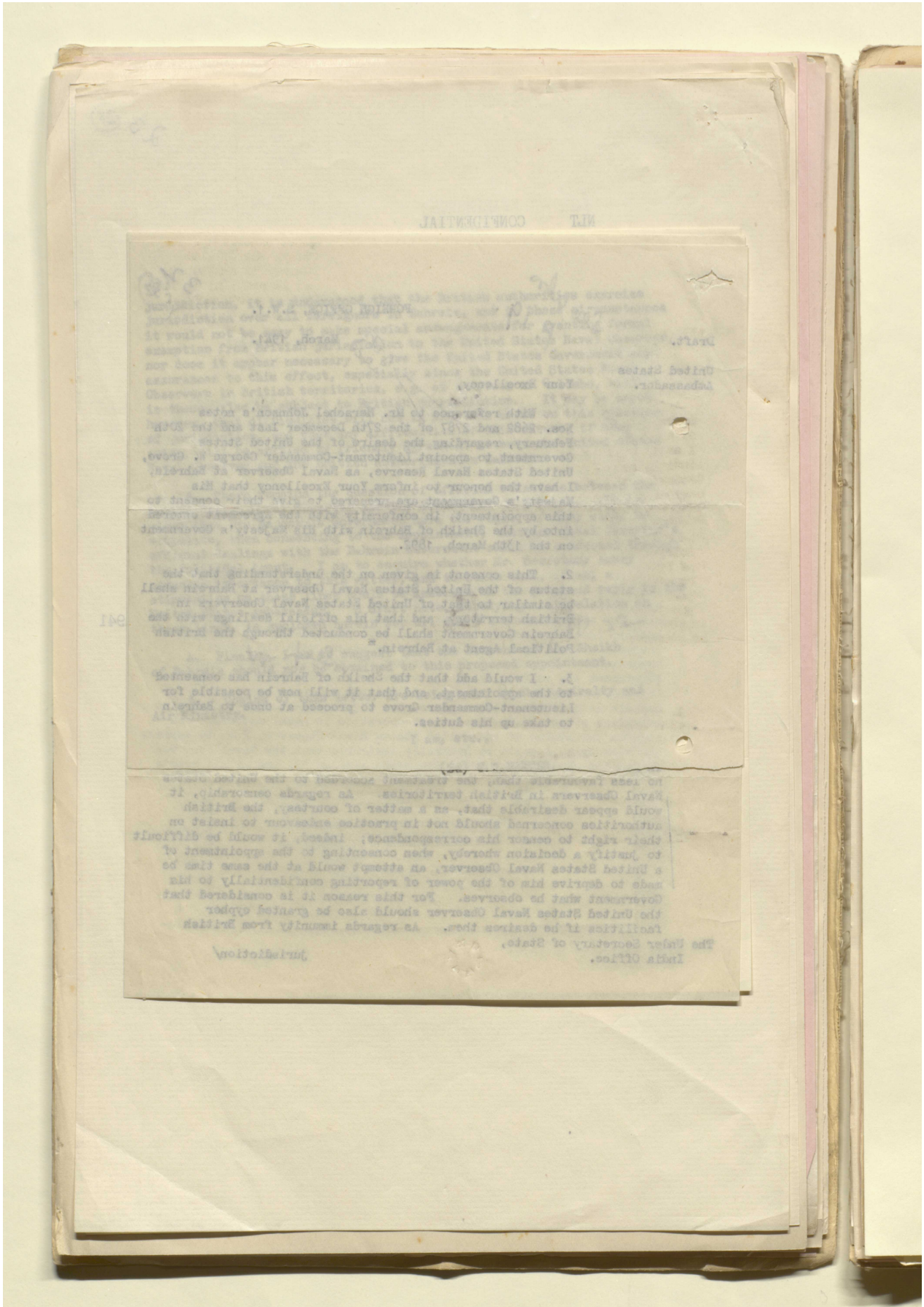
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The Naval Secretary of State,
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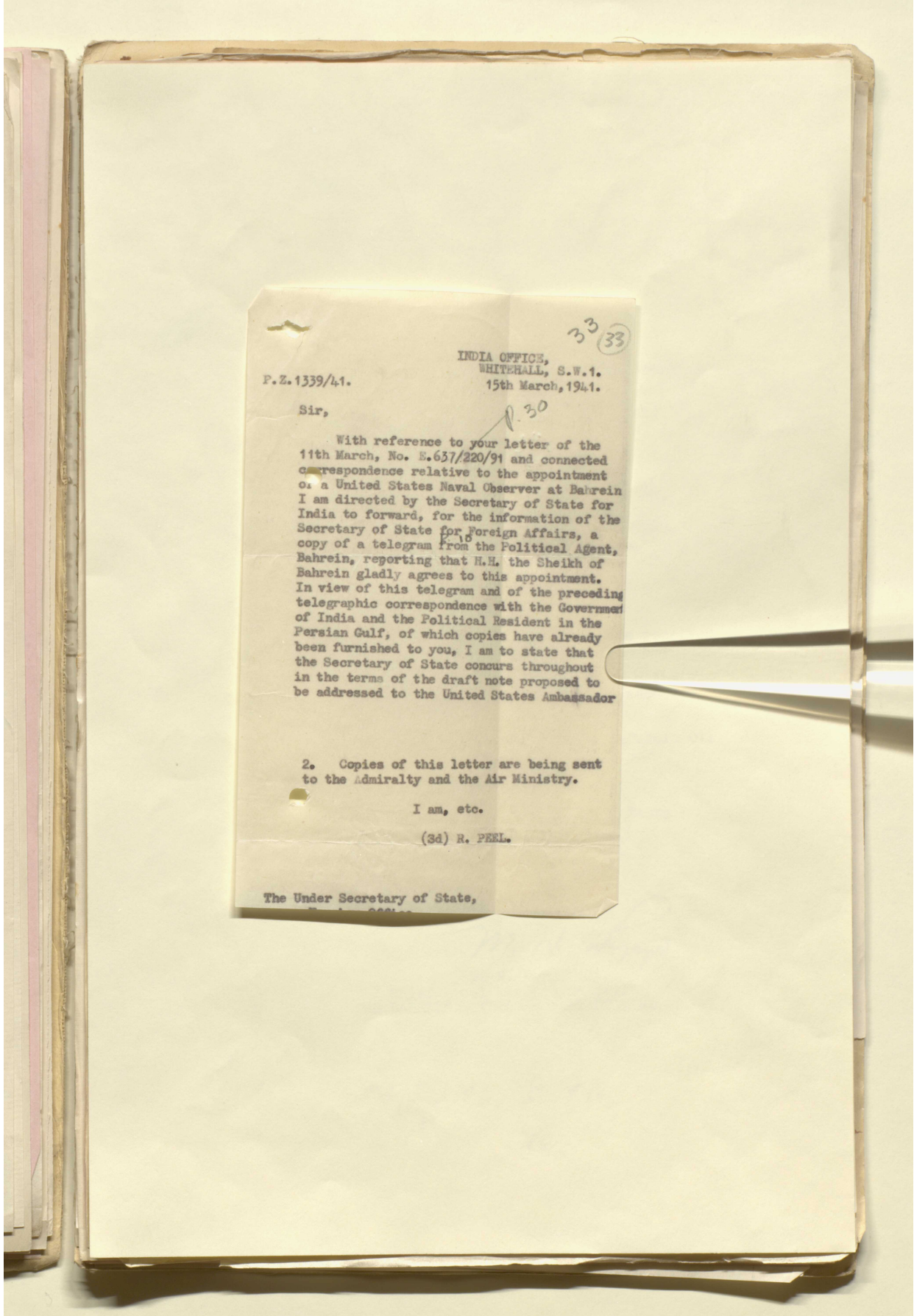
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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [و٣٣] [١٤٢/٦٥]



P.Z. 1339/41.

INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.
15th March, 1941.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 11th March, No. E.637/220/91 and connected correspondence relative to the appointment of a United States Naval Observer at Bahrain I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to forward, for the information of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a telegram from the Political Agent, Bahrain, reporting that H.H. the Sheikh of Bahrain gladly agrees to this appointment. In view of this telegram and of the preceding telegraphic correspondence with the Government of India and the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, of which copies have already been furnished to you, I am to state that the Secretary of State concurs throughout in the terms of the draft note proposed to be addressed to the United States Ambassador

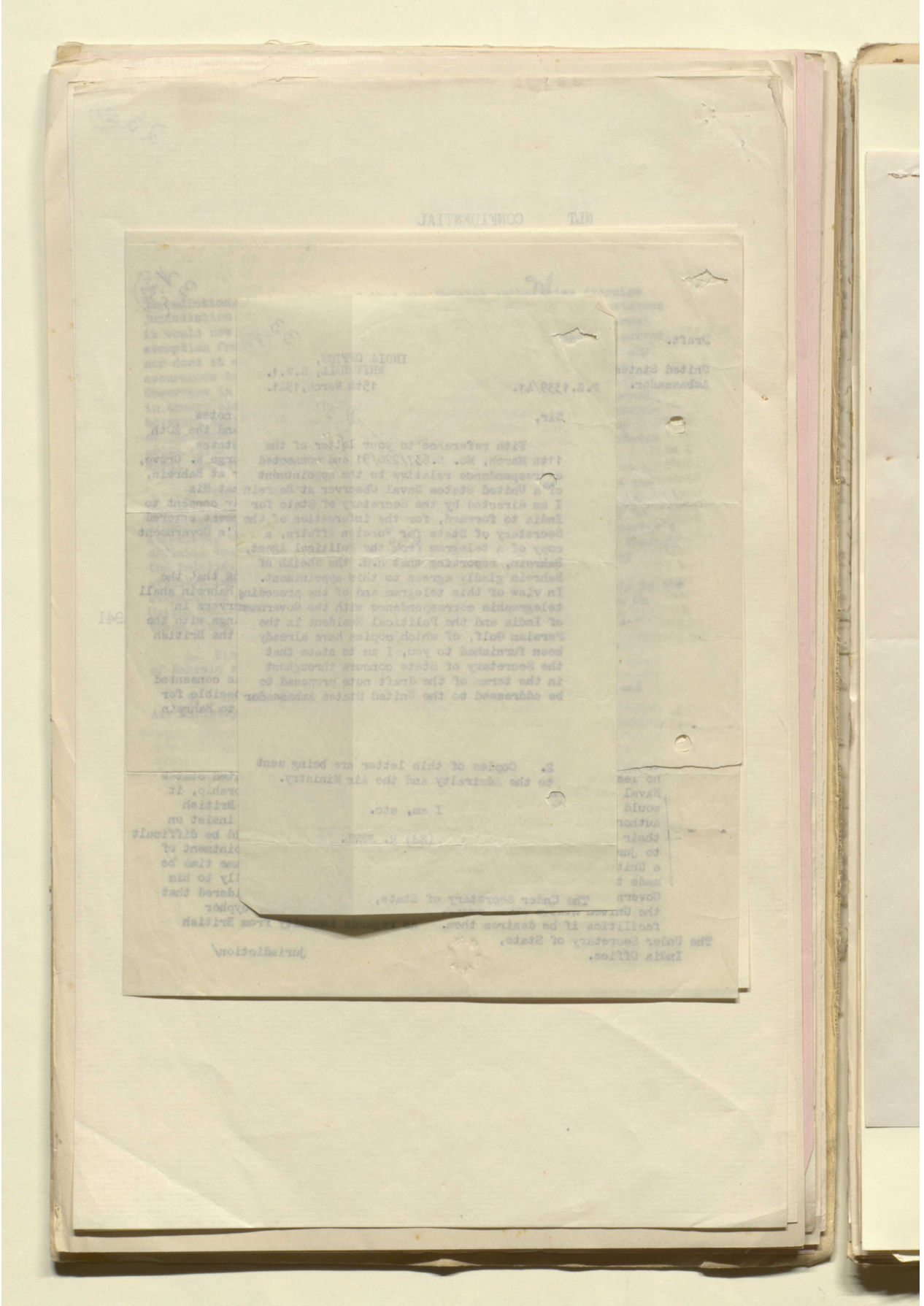
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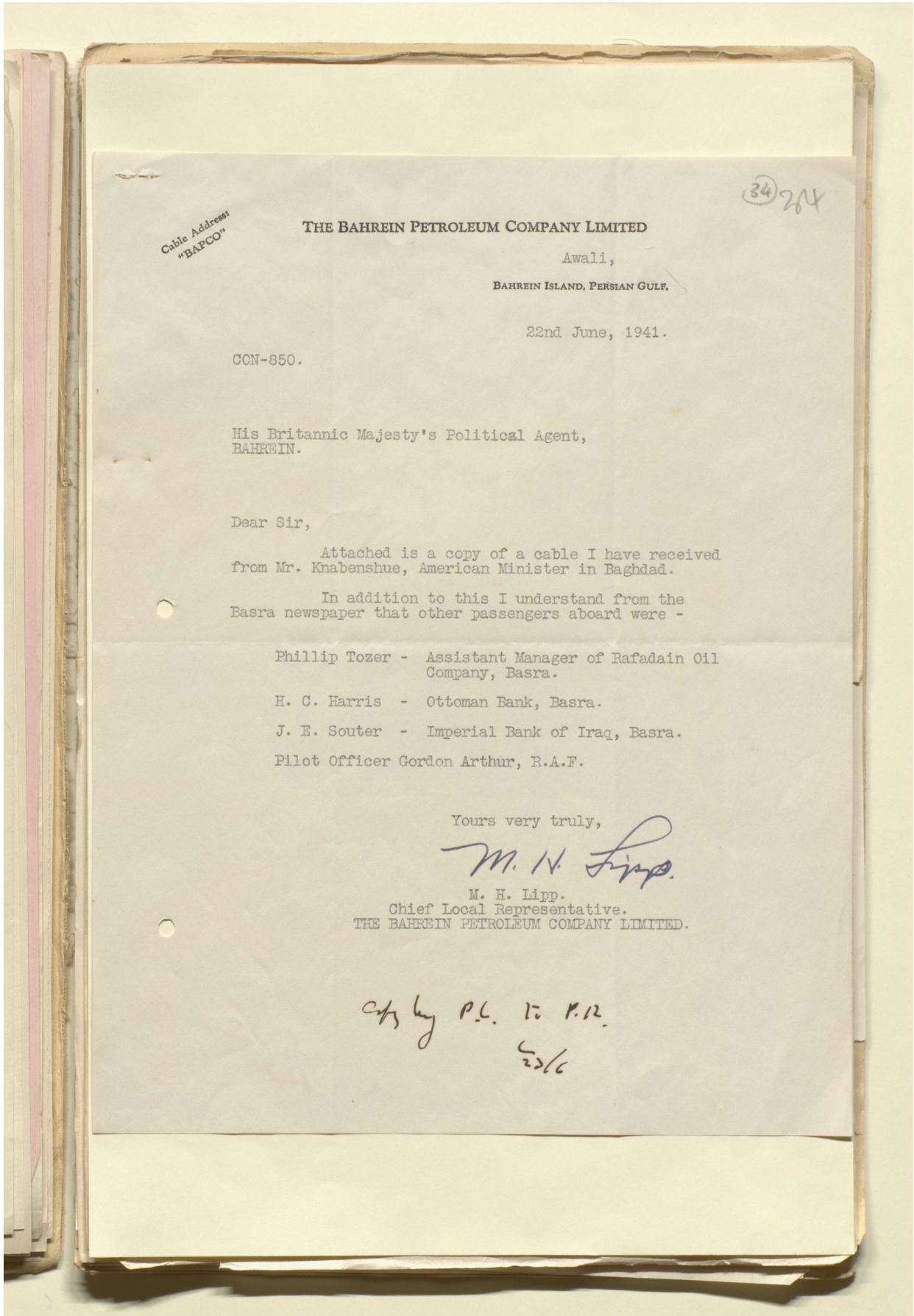
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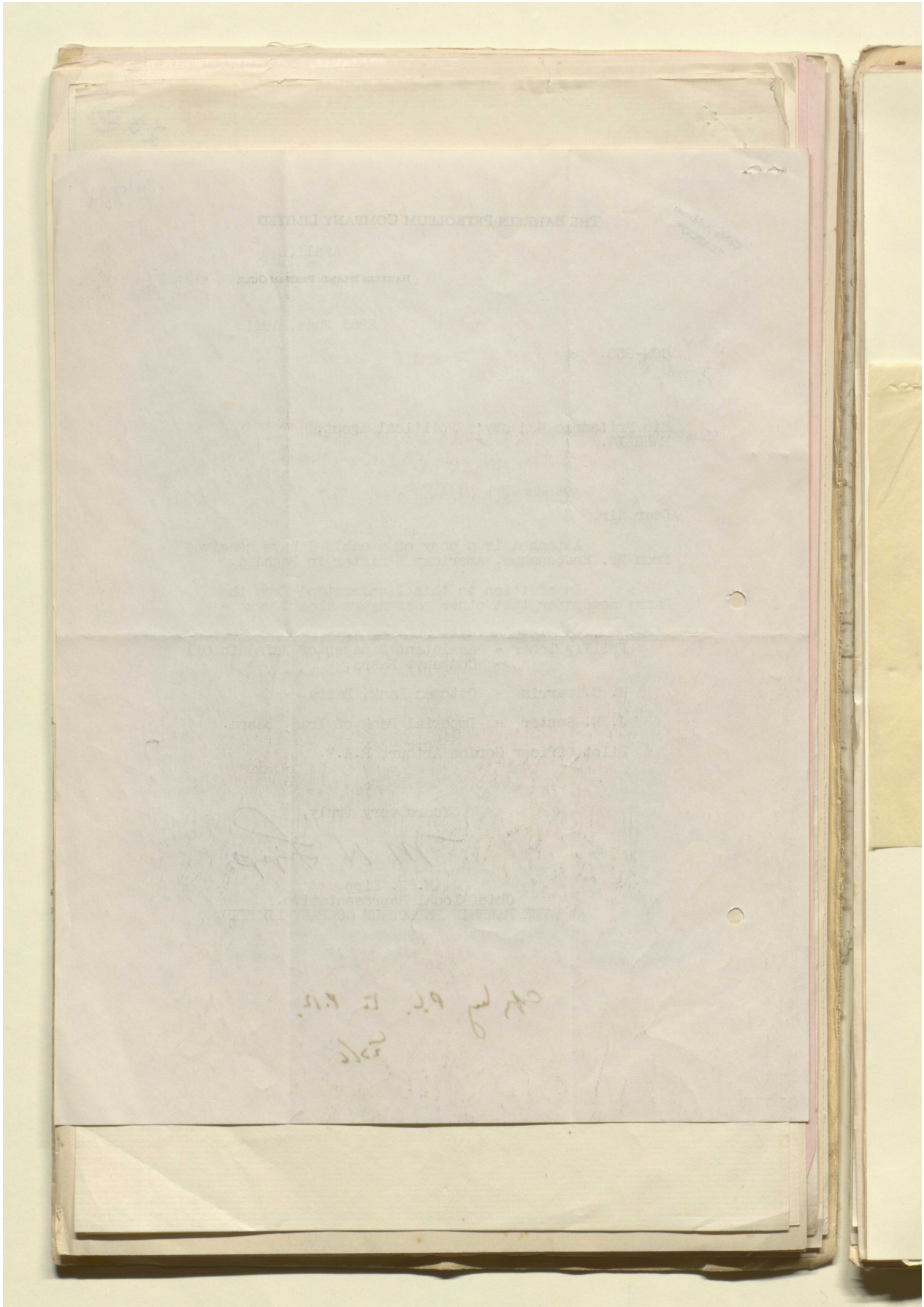
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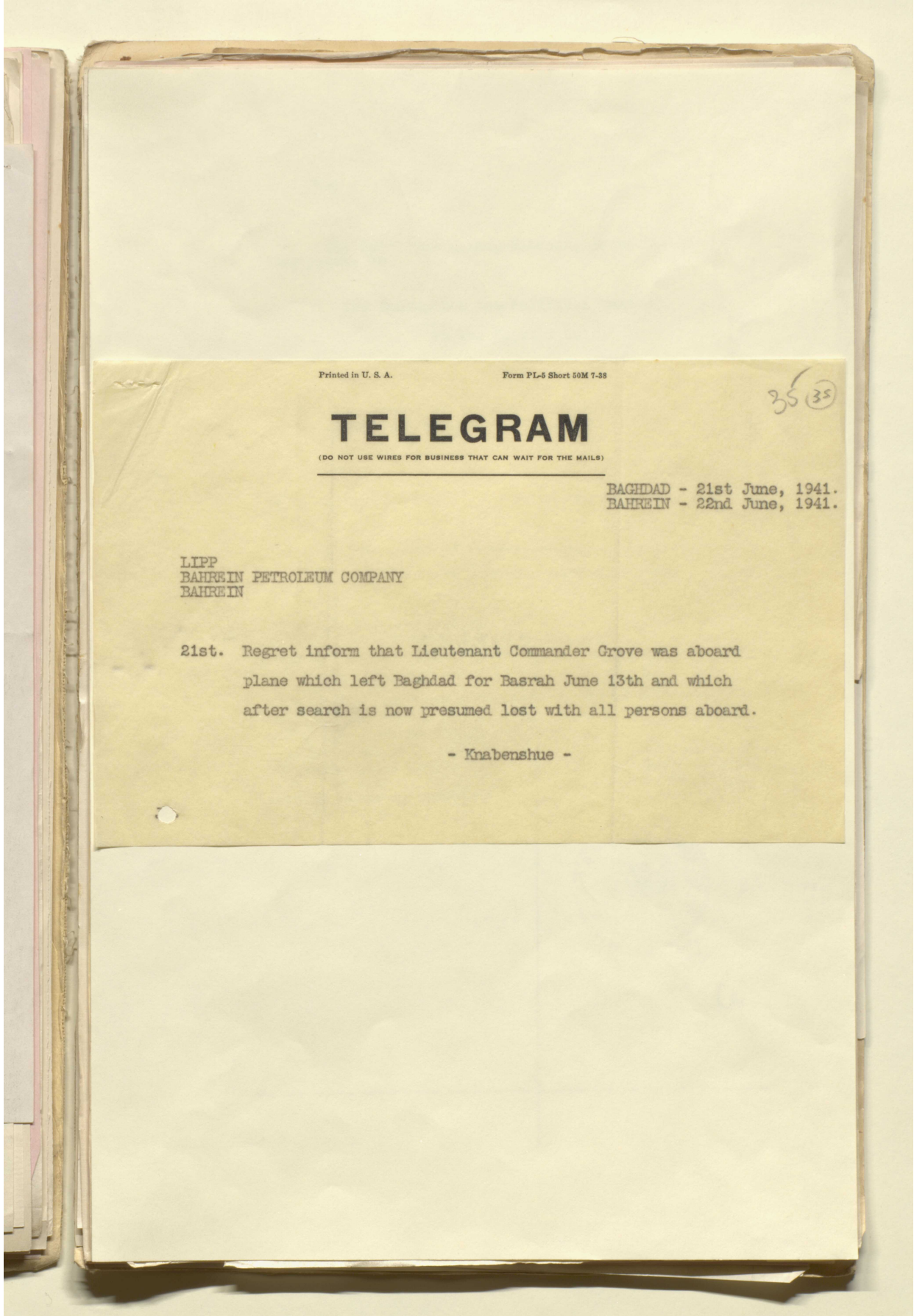
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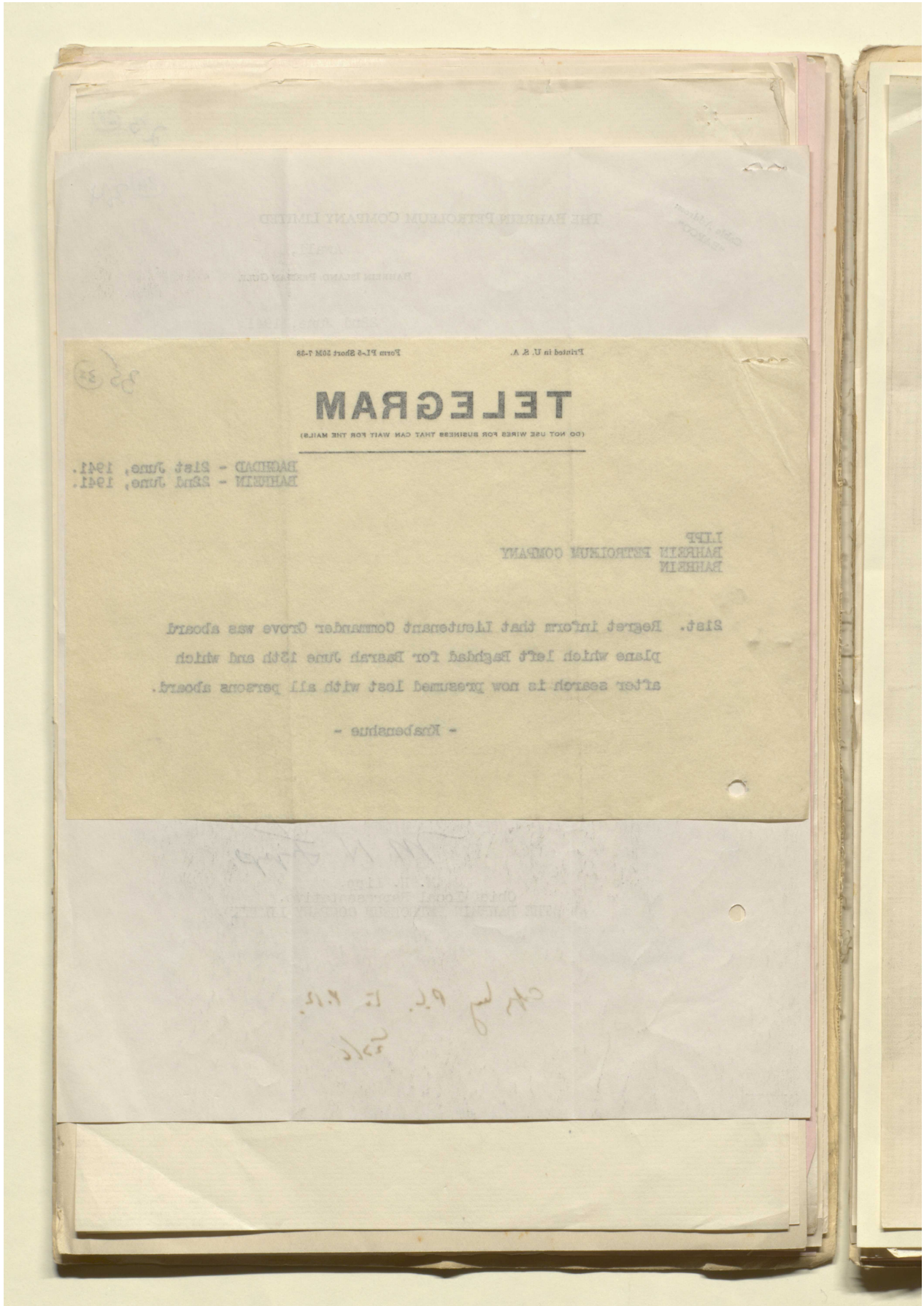
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The Political Agent, Bahrain, presents his compliments to

The Honourable the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,
Camp Bahrain

and has the honour to forward herewith a copy of the undermentioned documents.


The Agency,
Bahrain, Persian Gulf. Dated the 23rd June 1941

Reference to previous correspondence.

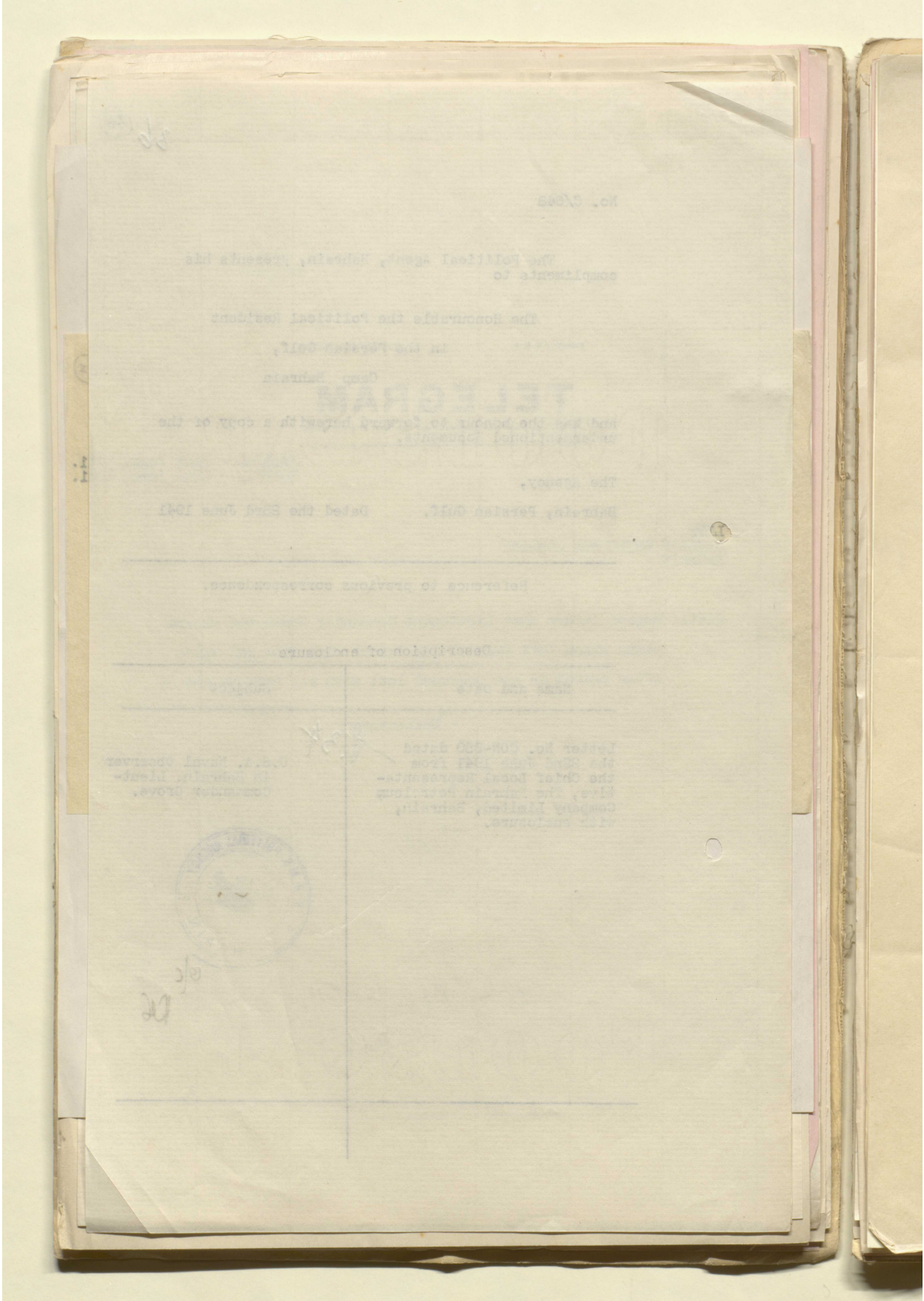
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Letter No. CON-850 dated the 22nd June 1941 from the Chief Local Representative, The Bahrain Petroleum Company Limited, Bahrain, with enclosure.	U.S.A. Naval Observer in Bahrain. Lieut-Commander Grove.

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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٣٦ظ] (١٤٢/٧٢)



"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [و٣٧] [١٤٢/٧٣]

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No. C/218 of 1941.

The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

1. The Secretary to the Government of India,
External Affairs Department,
Simla.
2. The Political Agent,
Bahrain.

and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned document (s).

British Consulate-General,
BUSHIRE.

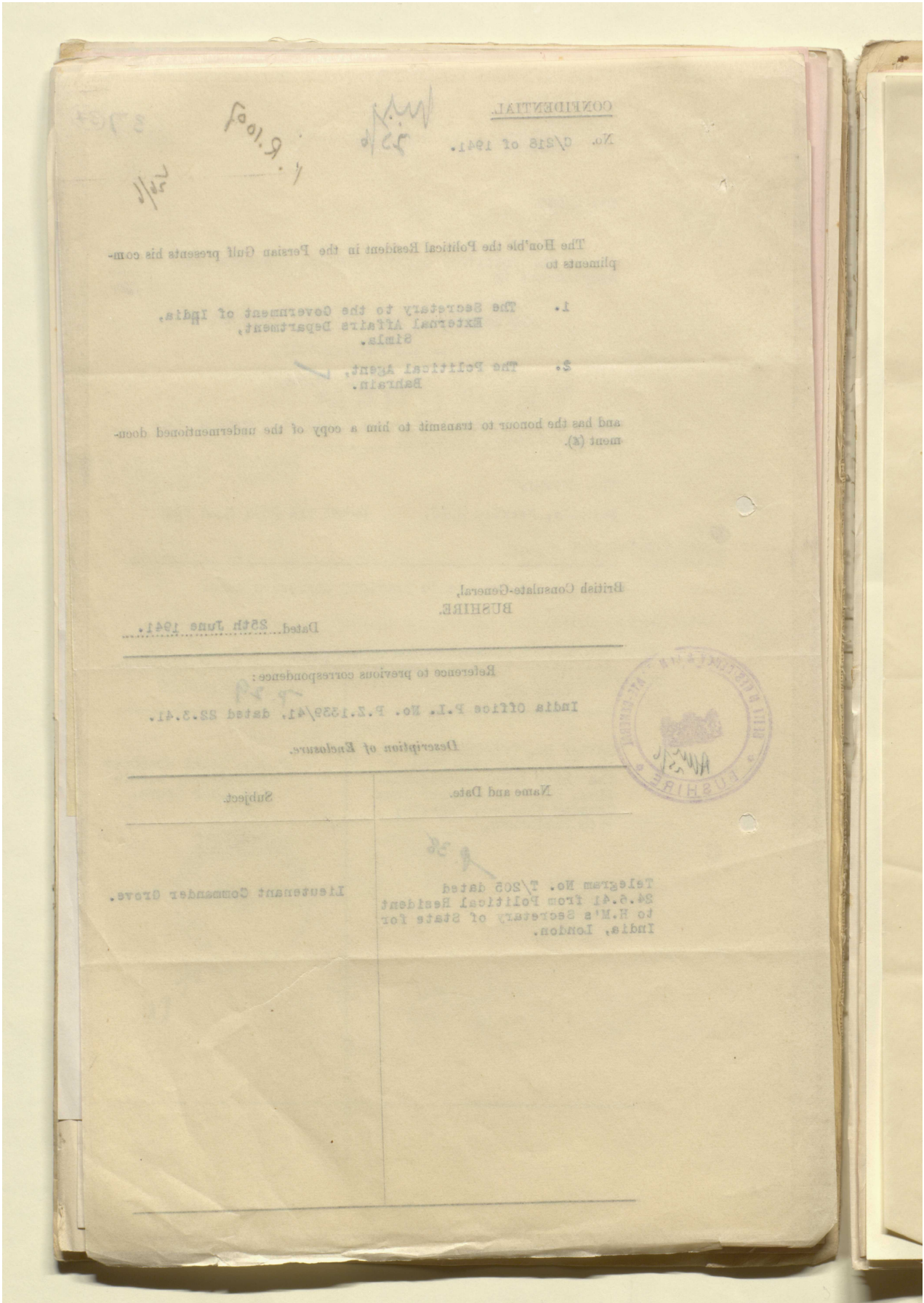
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India Office P.L. No. P.Z.1339/41, dated 22.3.41.

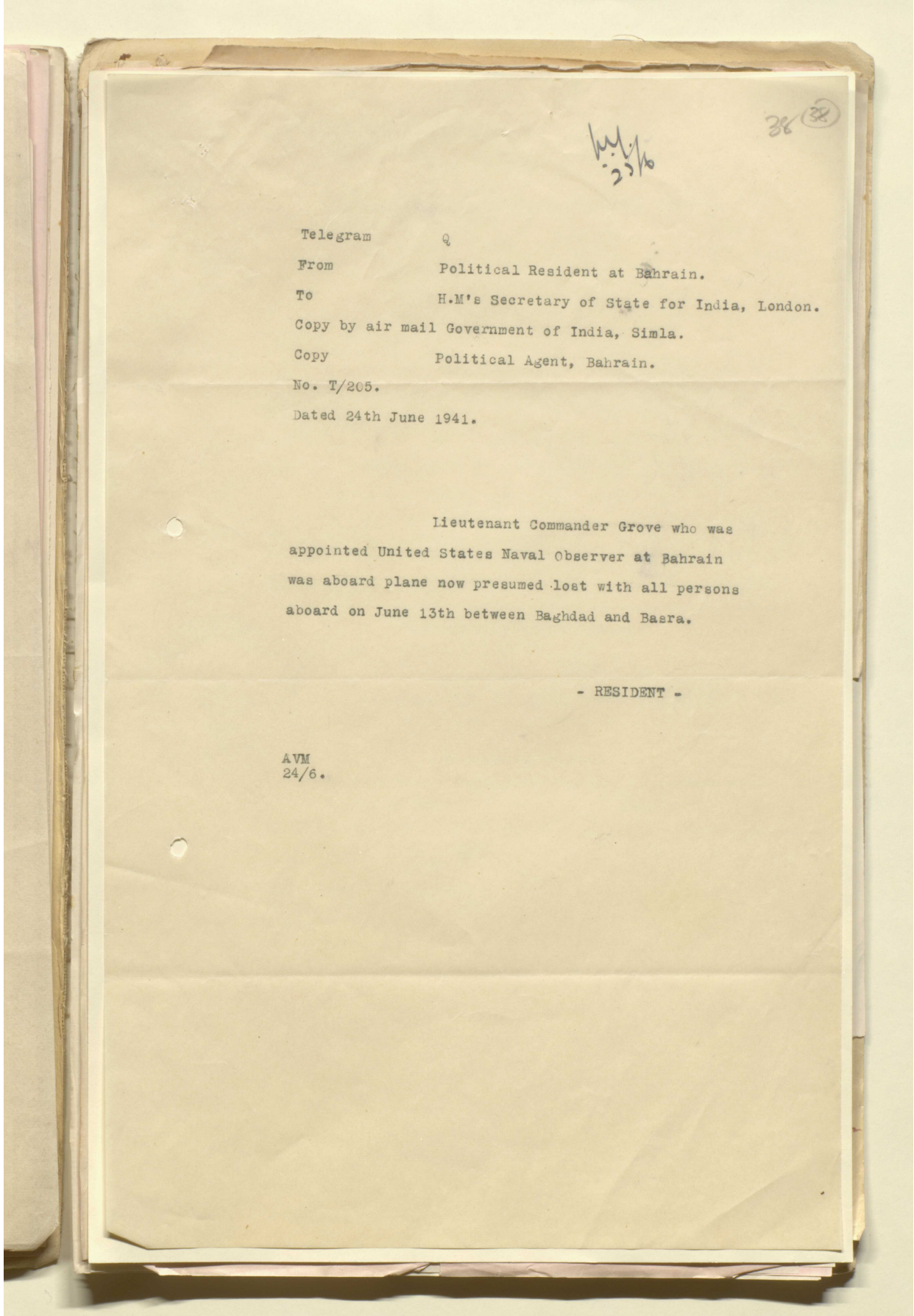
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<i>p. 38</i> Telegram No. T/205 dated 24.6.41 from Political Resident to H.M's Secretary of State for India, London.	Lieutenant Commander Grove.

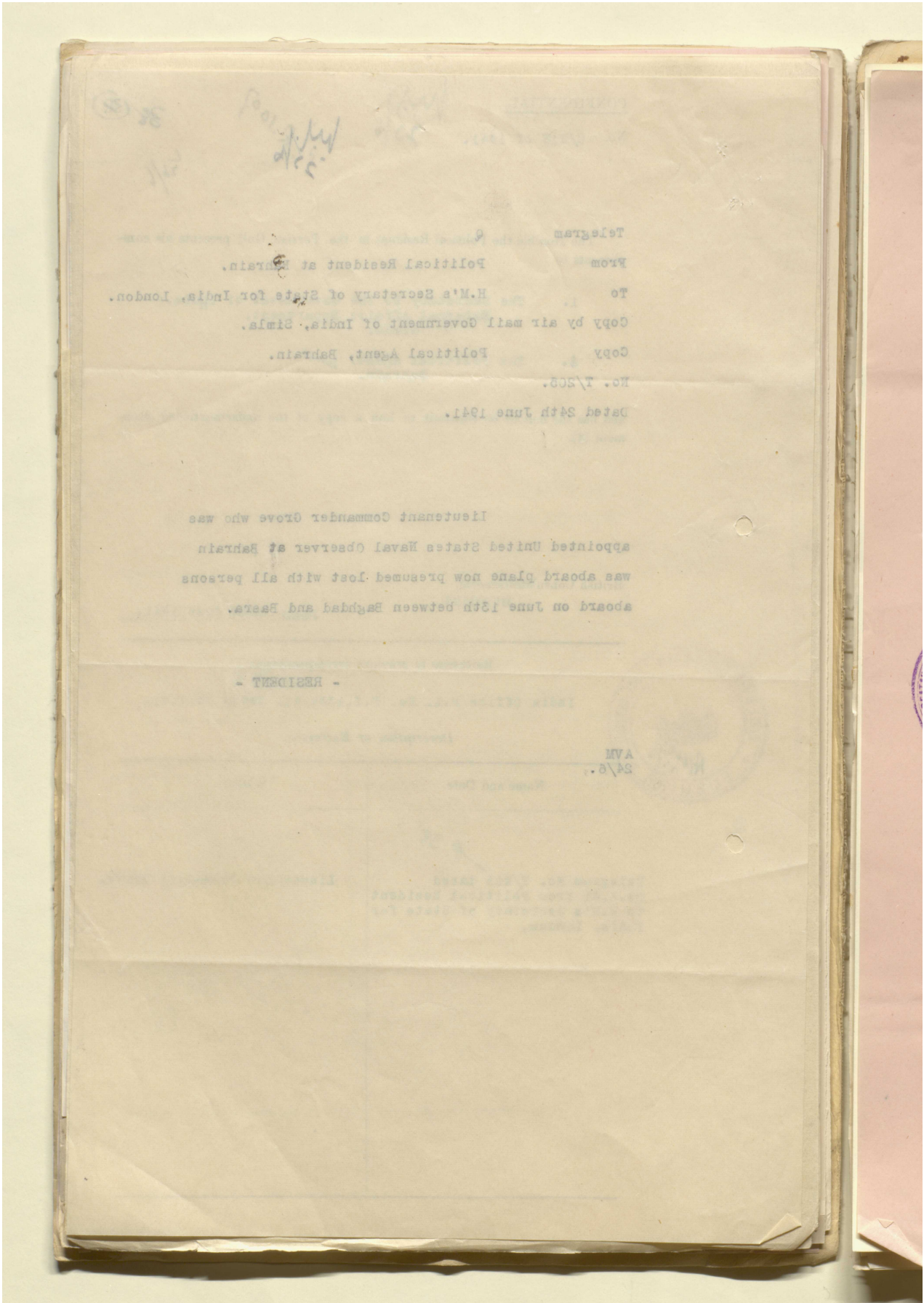
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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٣٨ ظ] (١٤٢/٧٦)



"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [و٣٩] (١٤٢/٧٧)

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The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

The Political Agent,
Bahrain,

and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned document (s).

Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf, Camp Bahrain.
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Residency P.L. No. C/62, dated 25th February 1941.

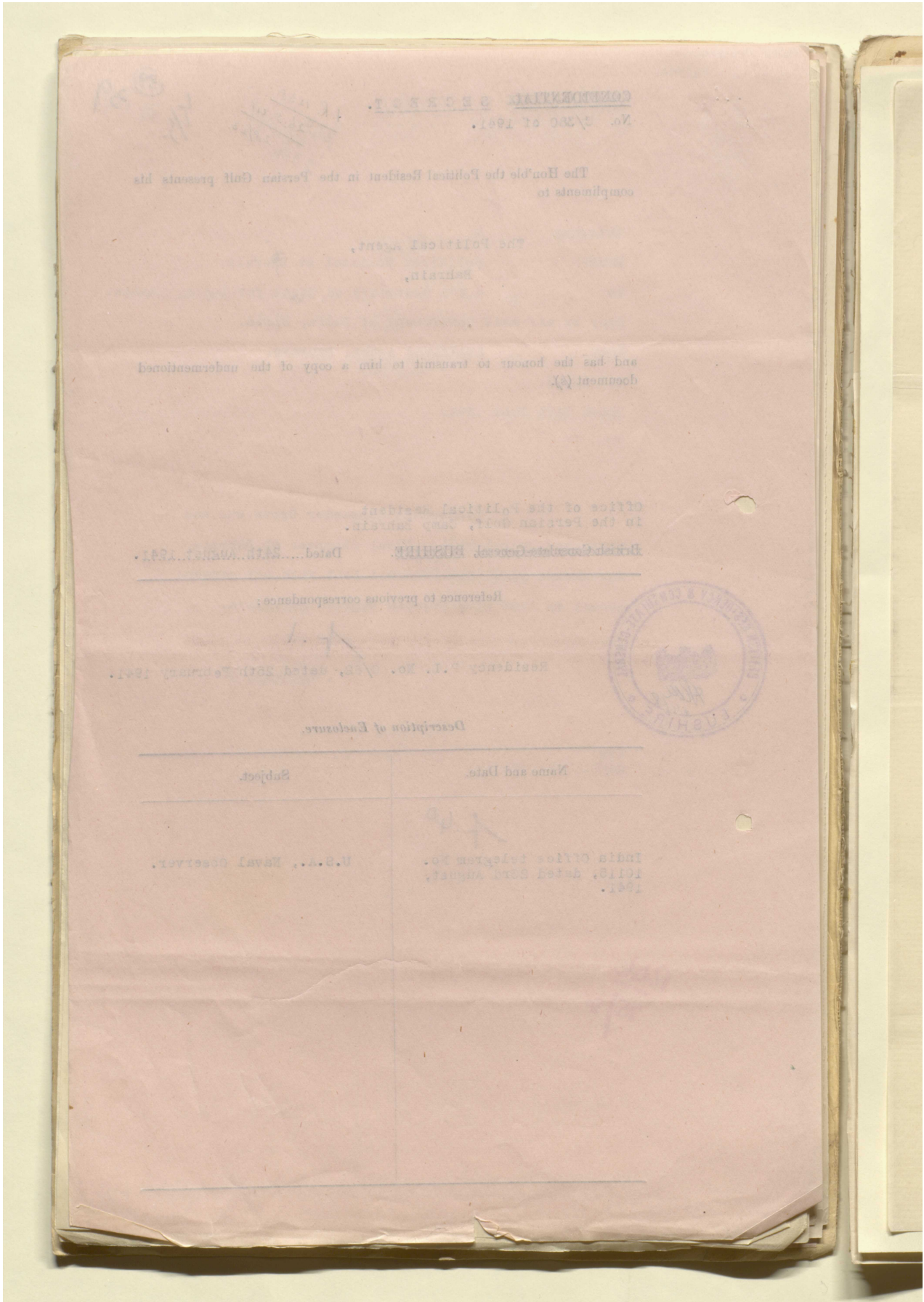
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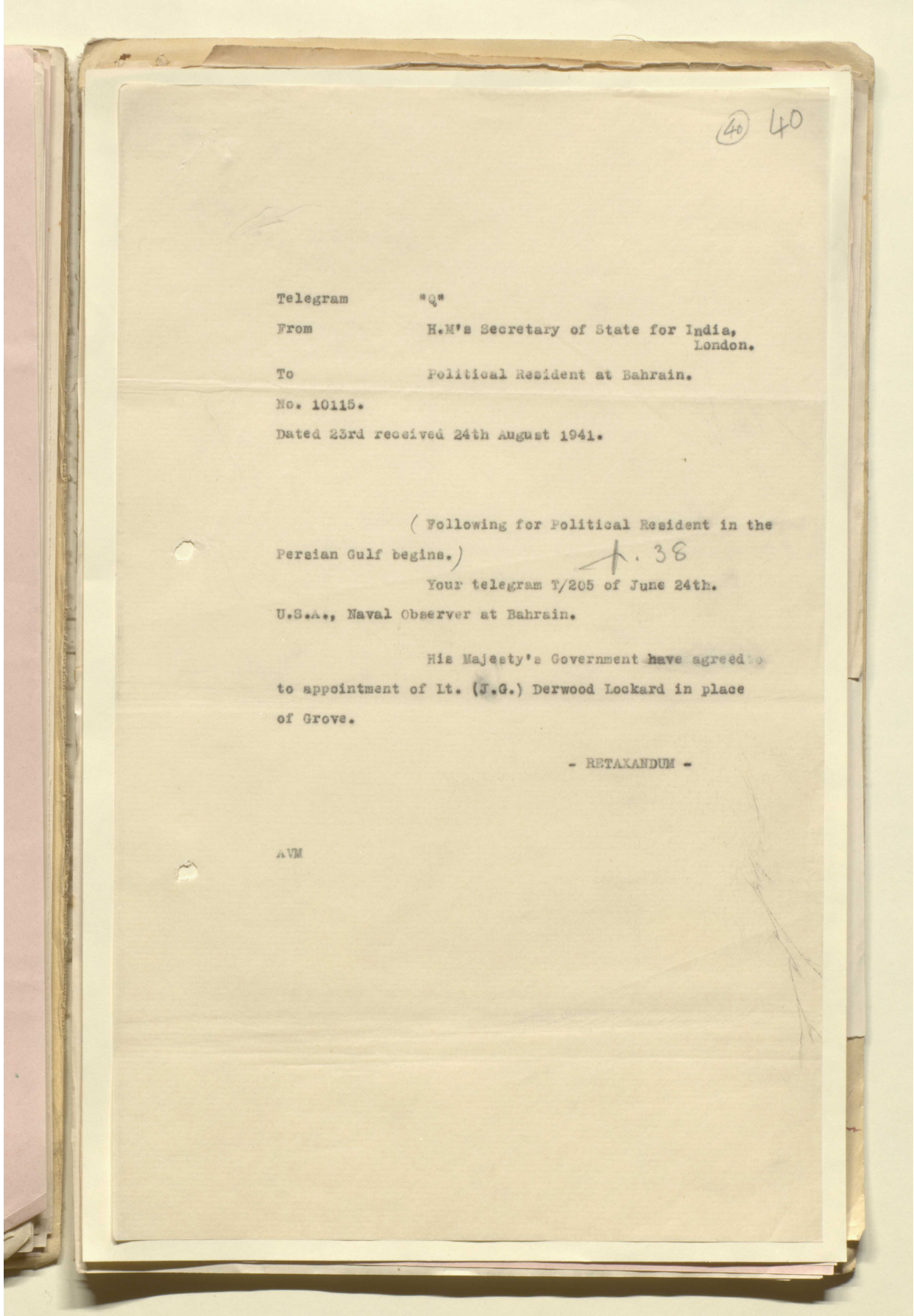
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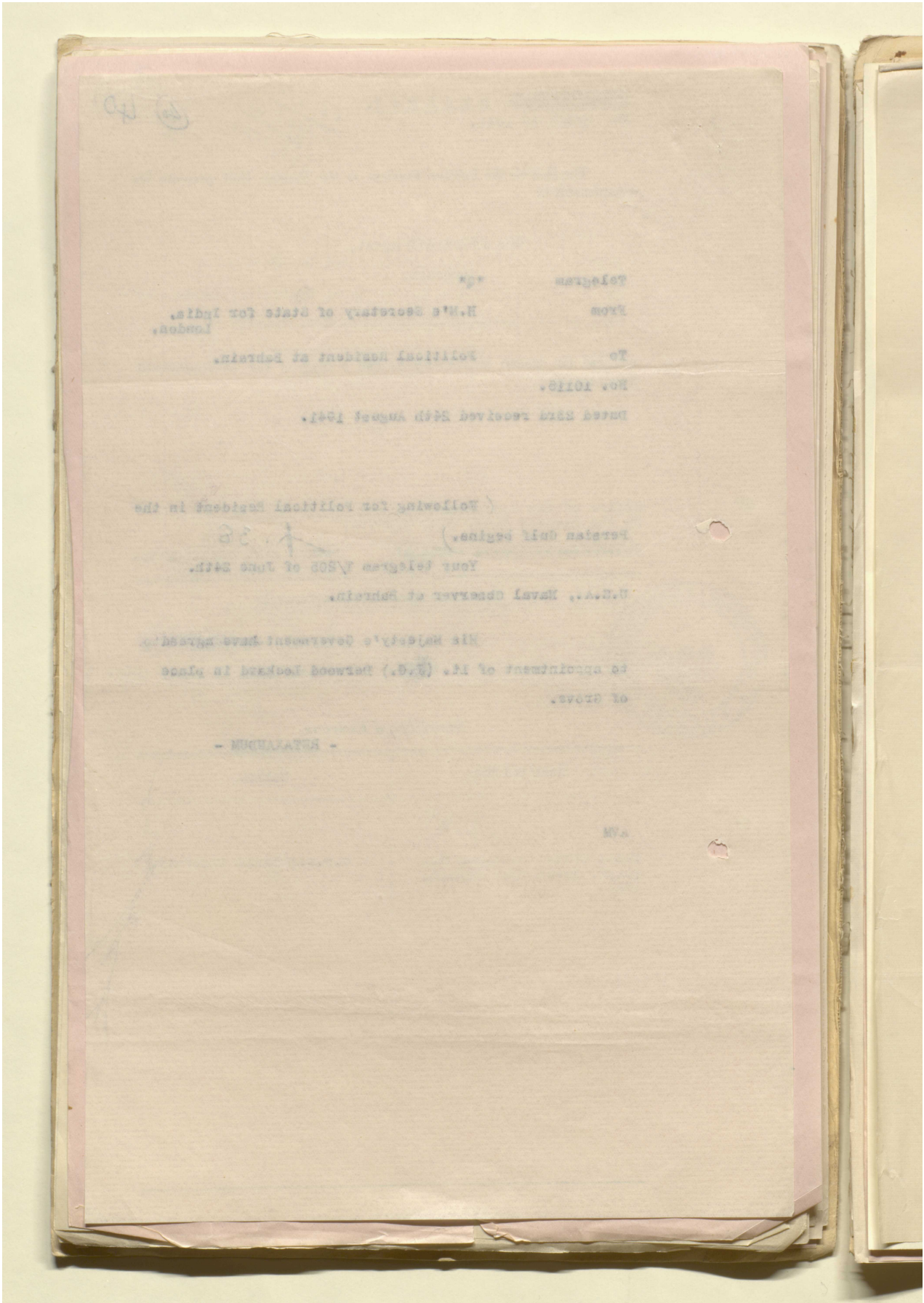
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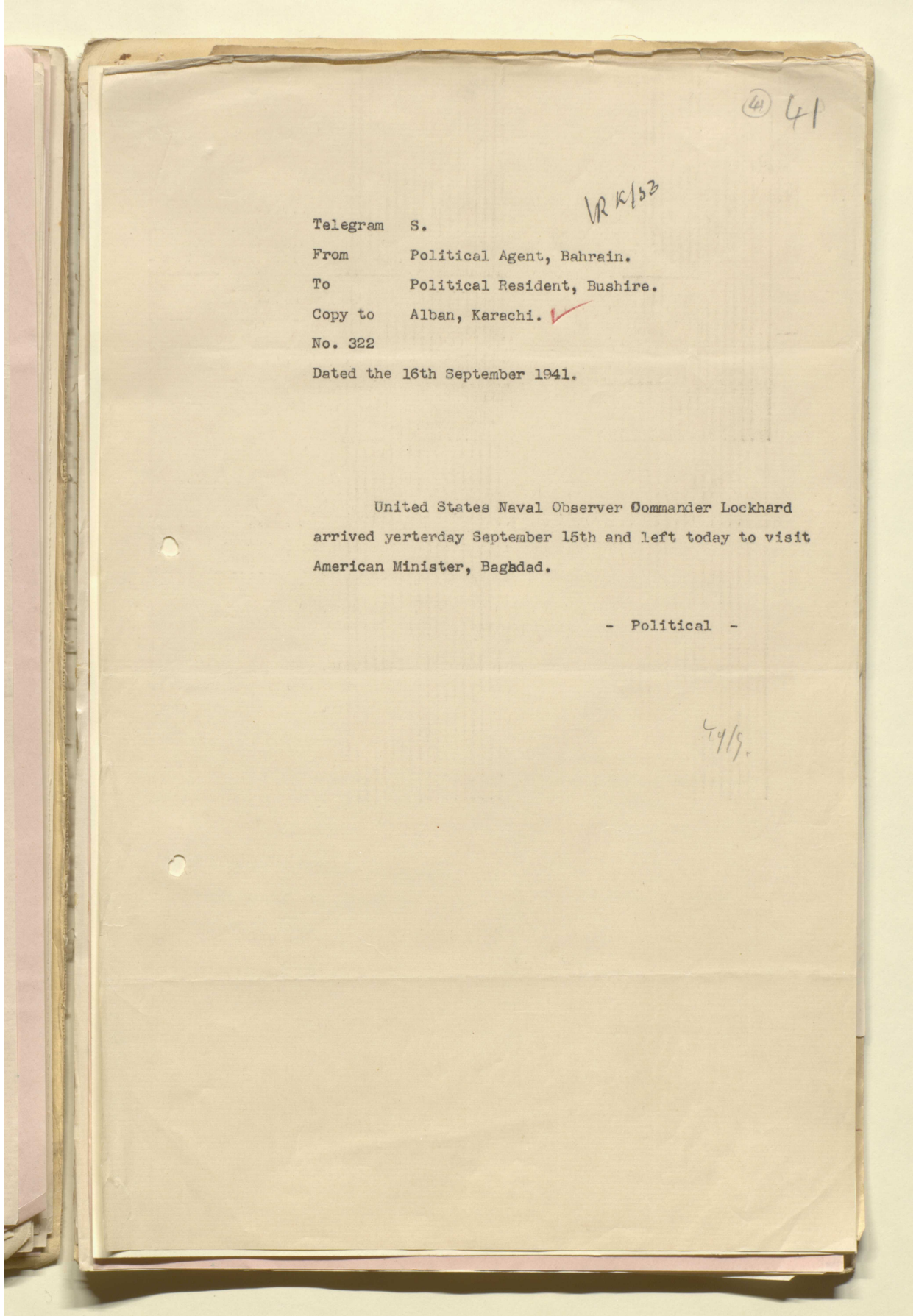
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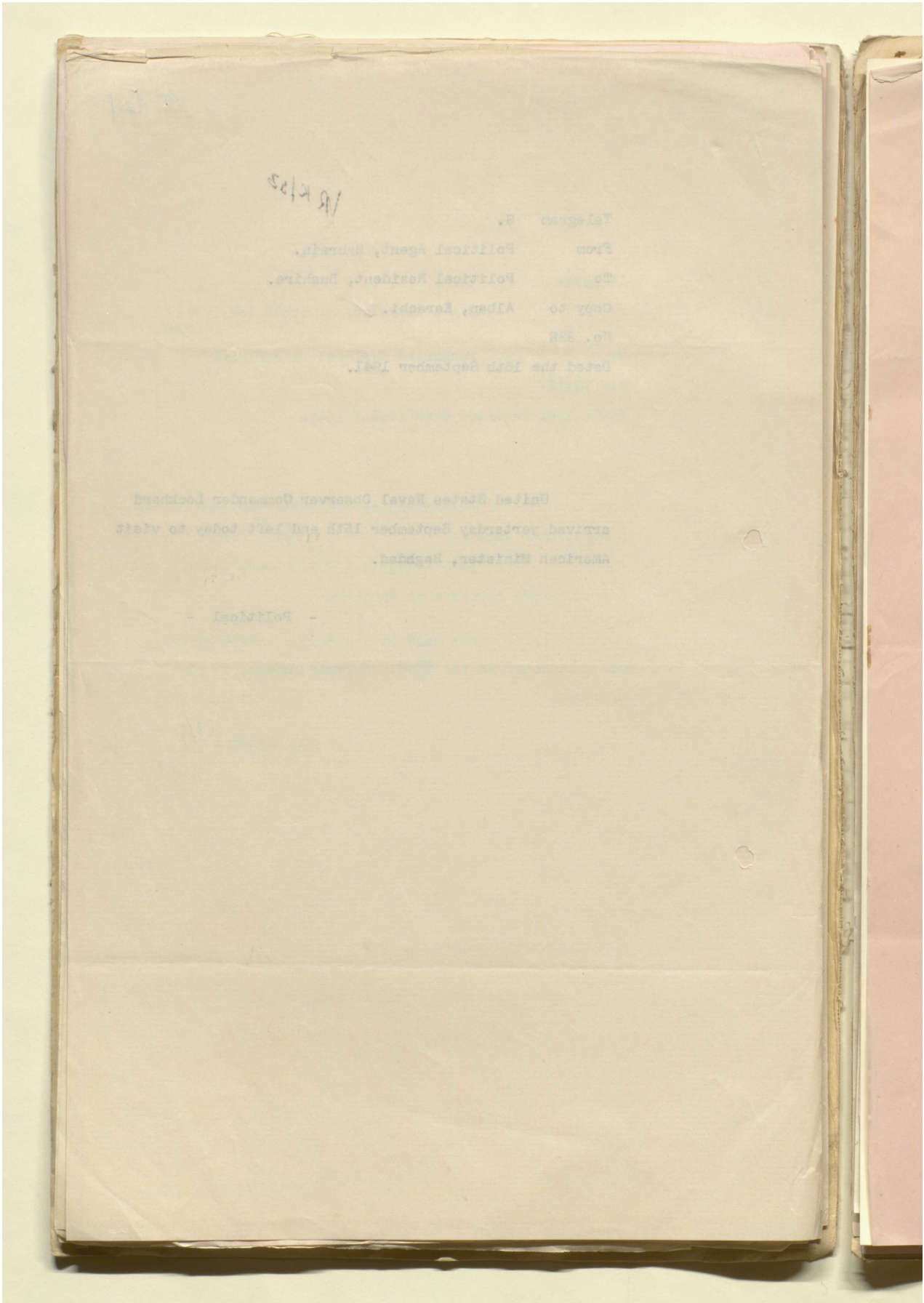


Telegram S.
From Political Agent, Bahrain.
To Political Resident, Bushire.
Copy to Alban, Karachi. ✓
No. 322
Dated the 16th September 1941.

United States Naval Observer Commander Lockhard
arrived yesterday September 15th and left today to visit
American Minister, Baghdad.

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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٤١ظ] (١٤٢/٨٢)



"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٤٢ و] (١٤٢/٨٣)

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The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

The Political Agent,
Bahrain.

and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned document (s).

British Consulate-General, BUSHIRE. Dated. 22nd September 1941

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Bahrain telegram No. 322, dated 16th September 1941.

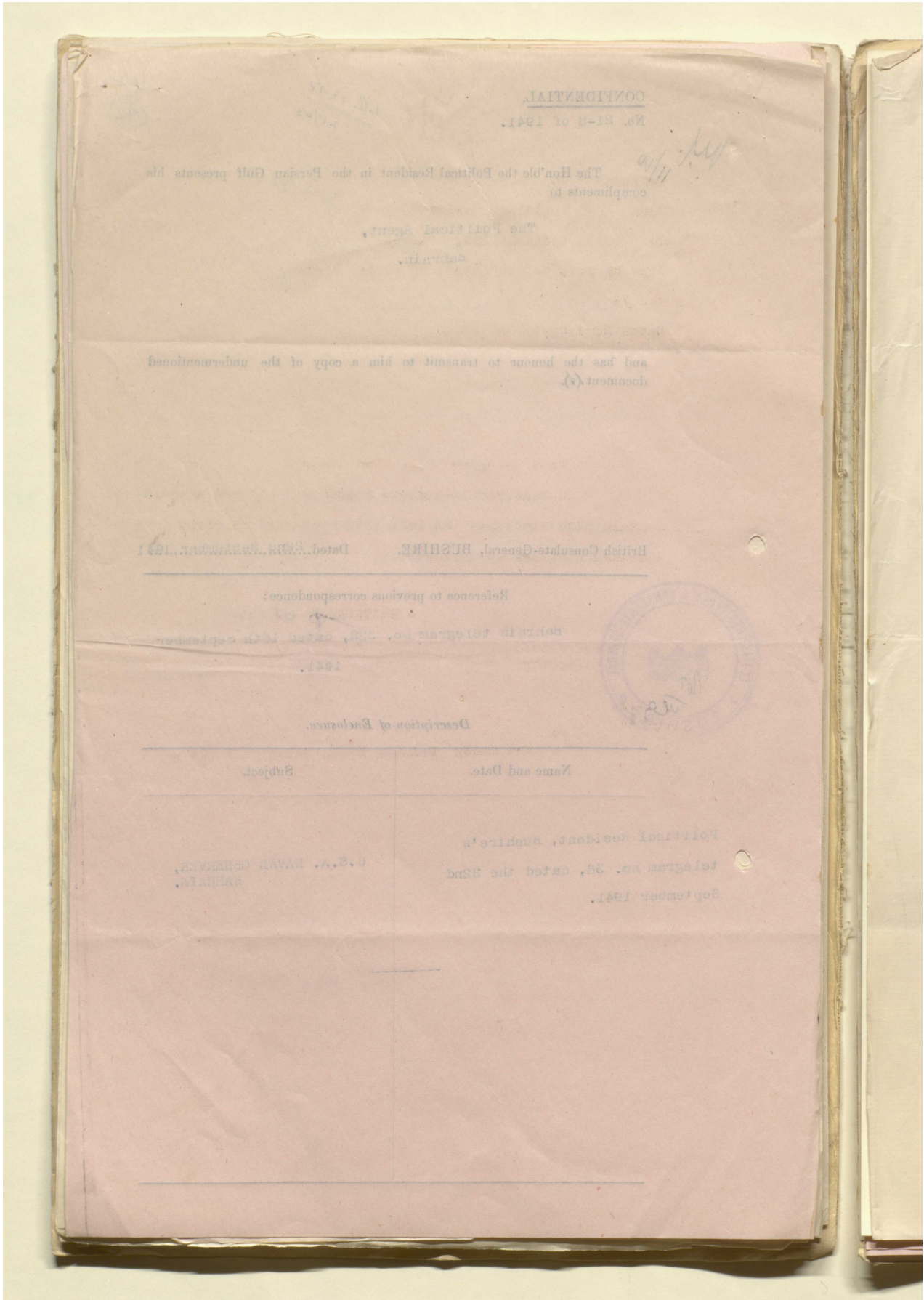
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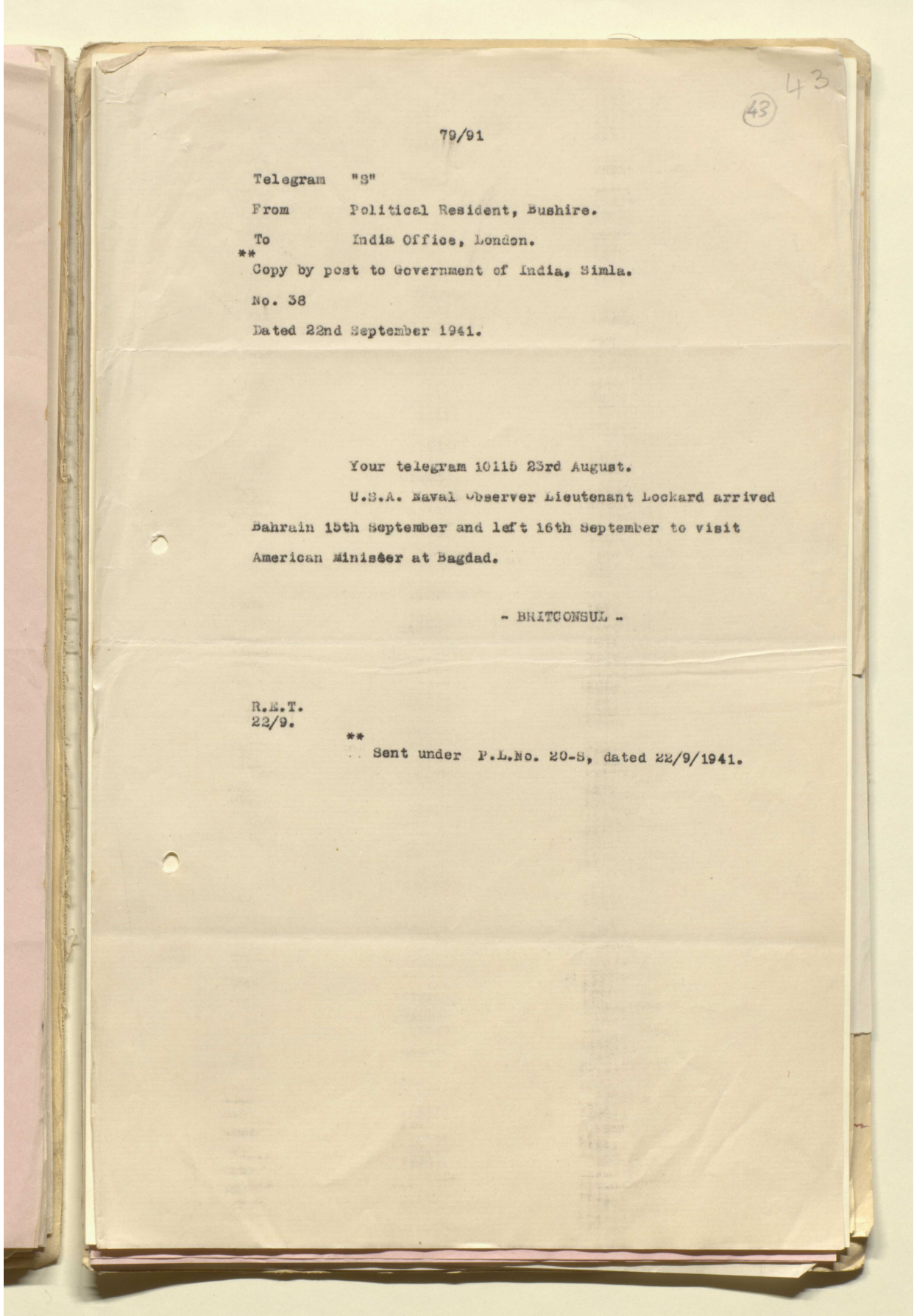
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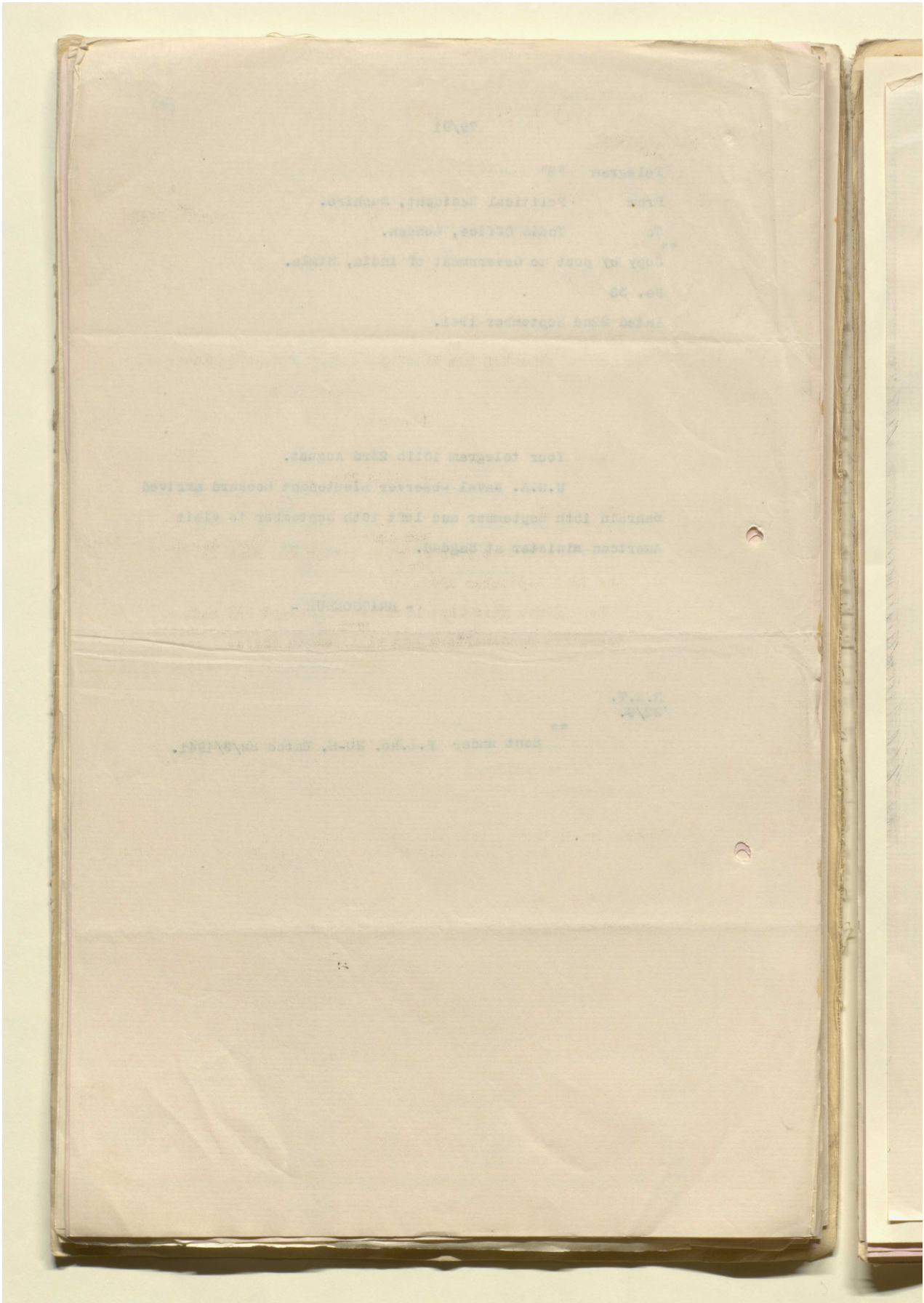
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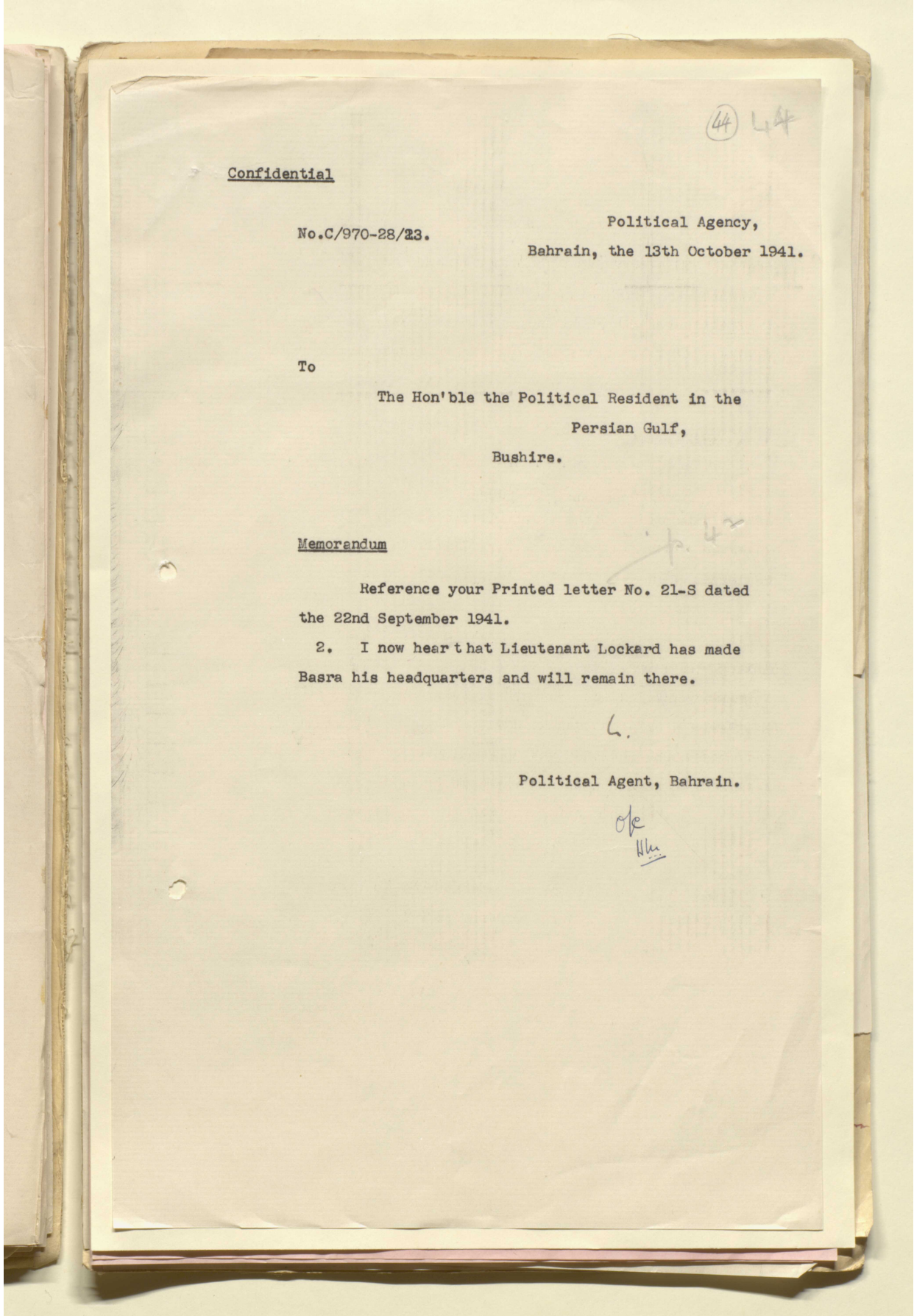
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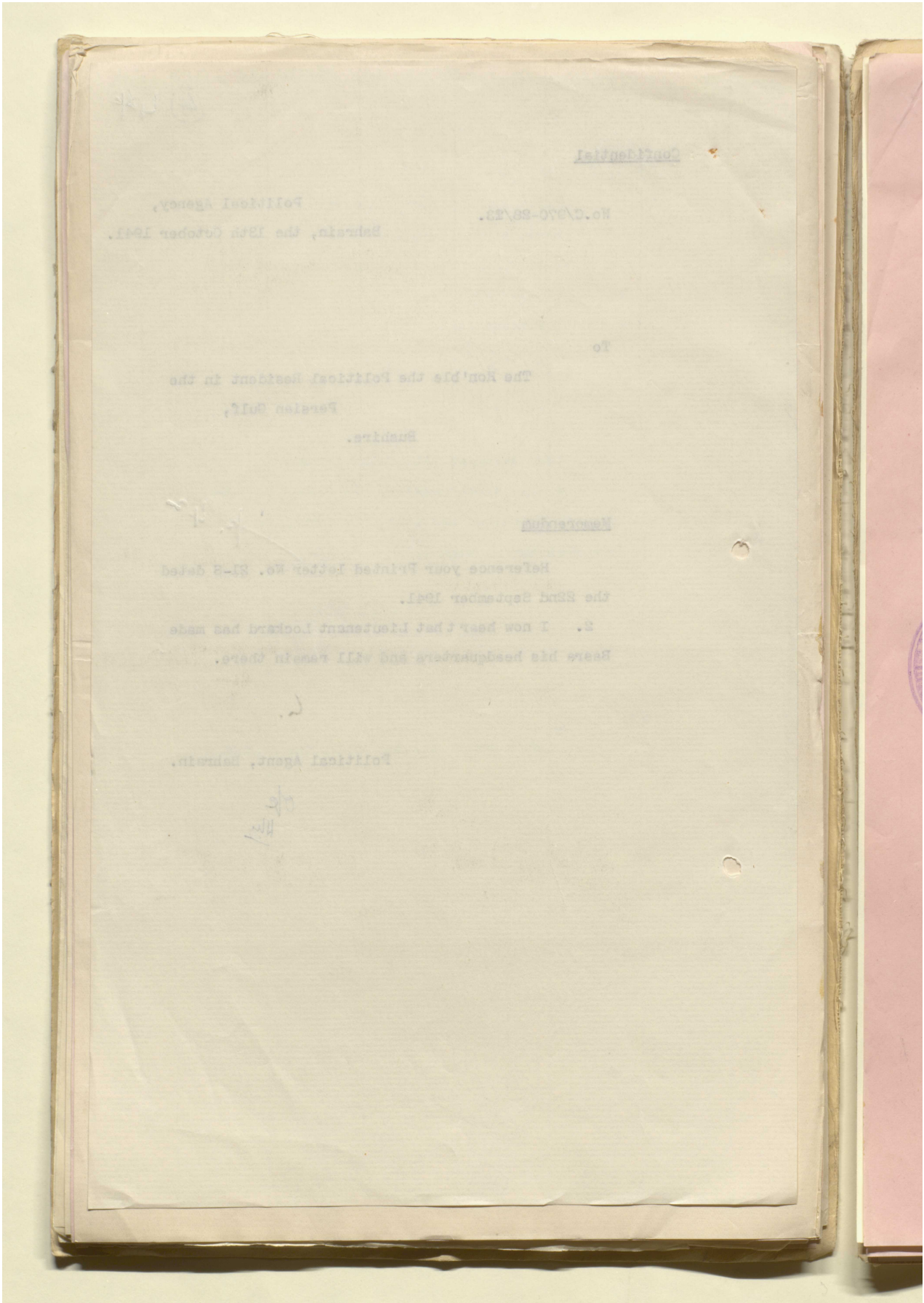
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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٤٤ظ] (١٤٢/٨٨)



"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٥٤] [١٤٢/٨٩]

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No. C/496 of 1941.

The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

1. The Secretary to the Government of India,
External Affairs Department,
New Delhi.
2. The Political Agent, Bahrain, ✓

and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned document(s).

British Consulate-General, BUSHIRE. Dated..... 3rd November 1941.
Camp, Bahrain.

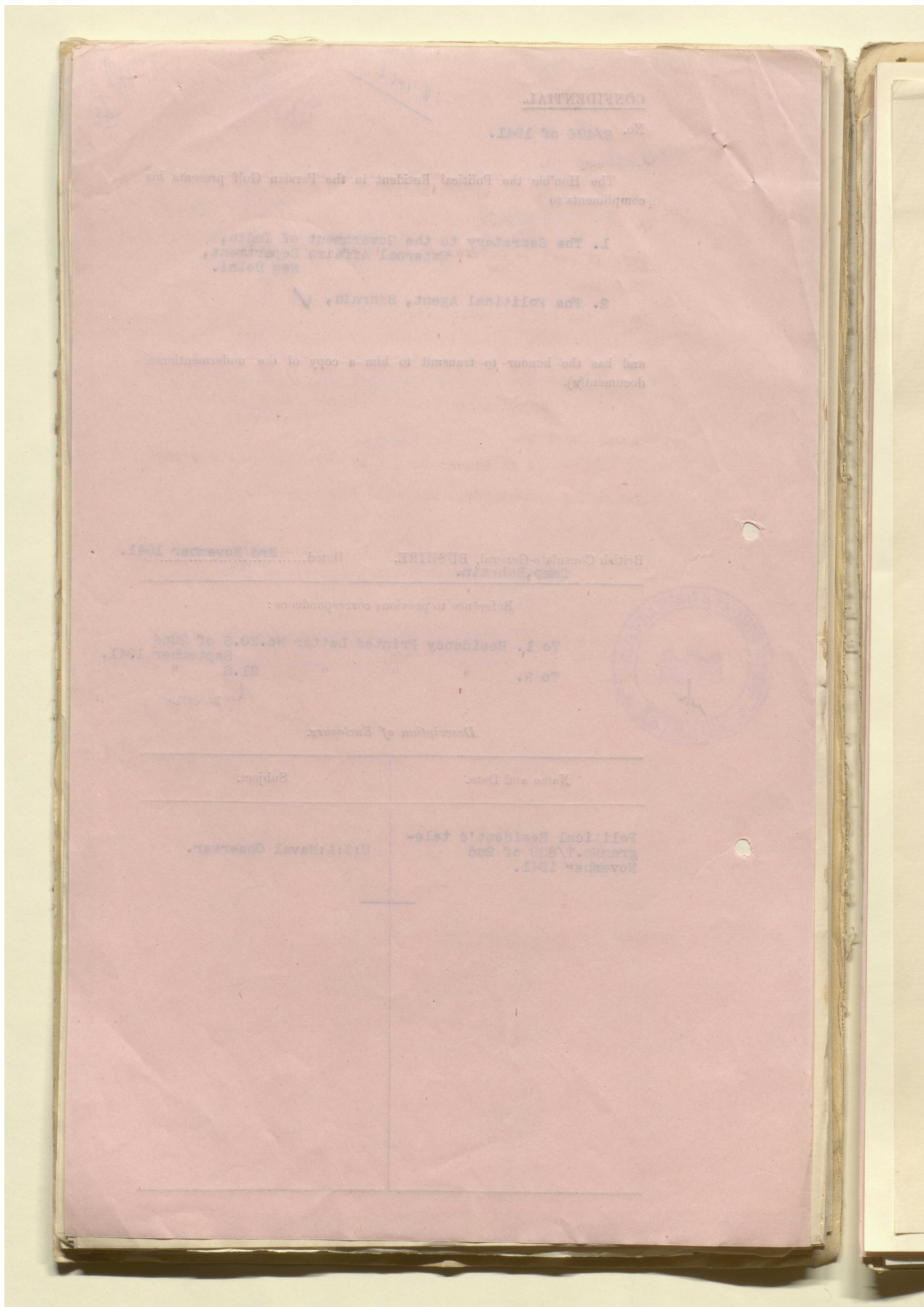
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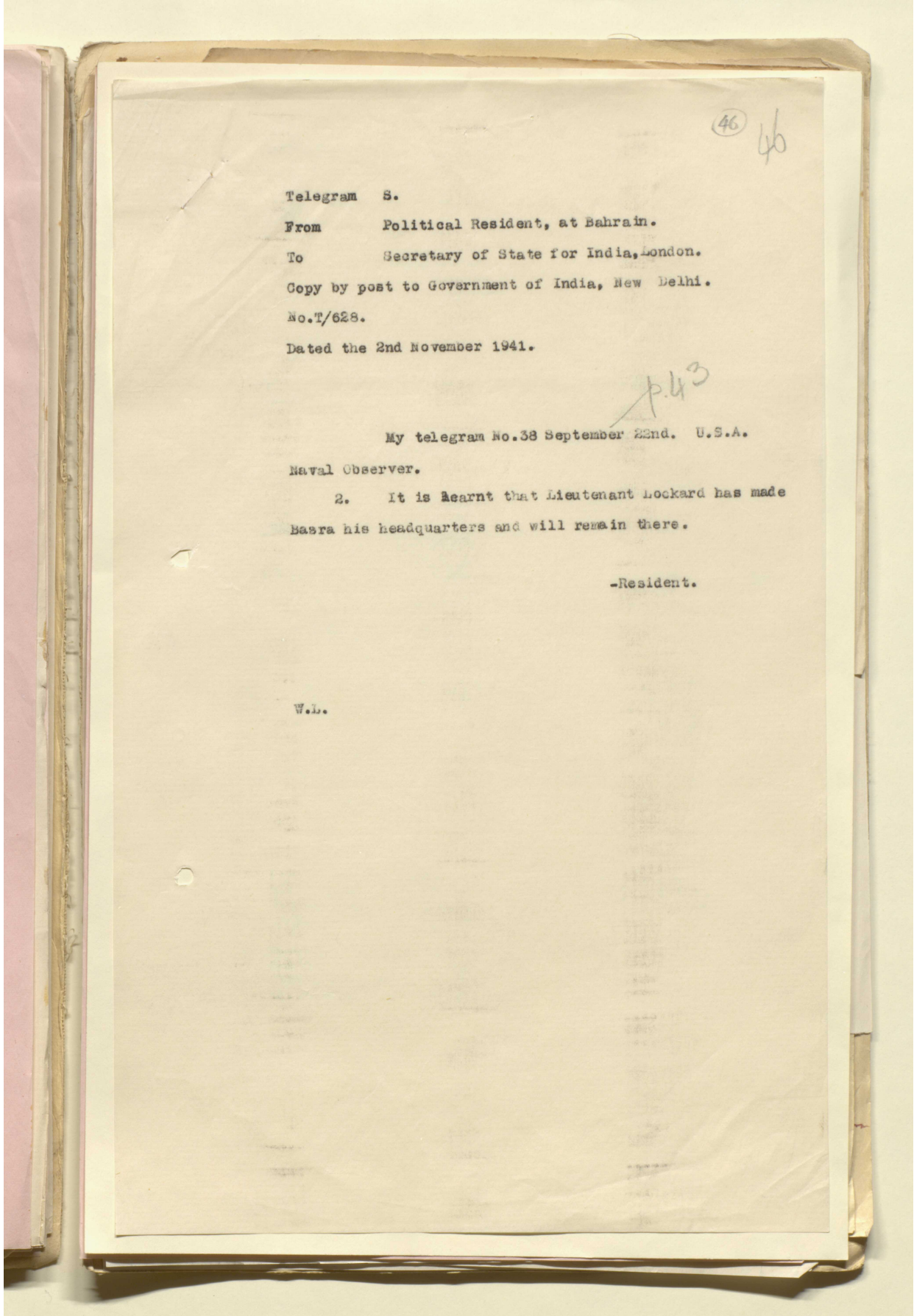
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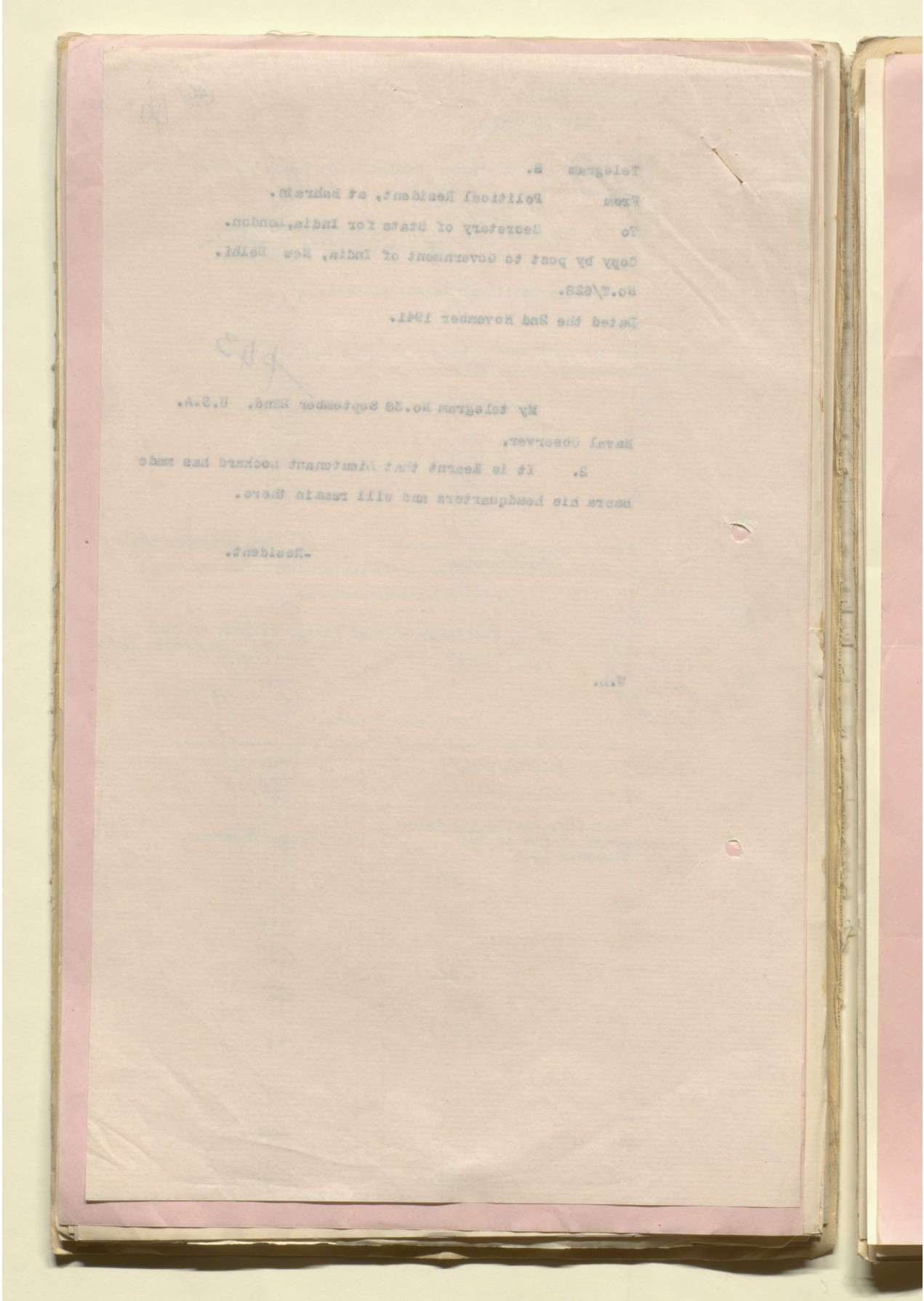
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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٧٤] [١٤٢/٩٣]

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No. C/593.

The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

The Political Agent,
BAHRAIN.

and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned document(s).

Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,
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~~British Consulate-General, BUSHIRE.~~ Dated...27th..November..1941.

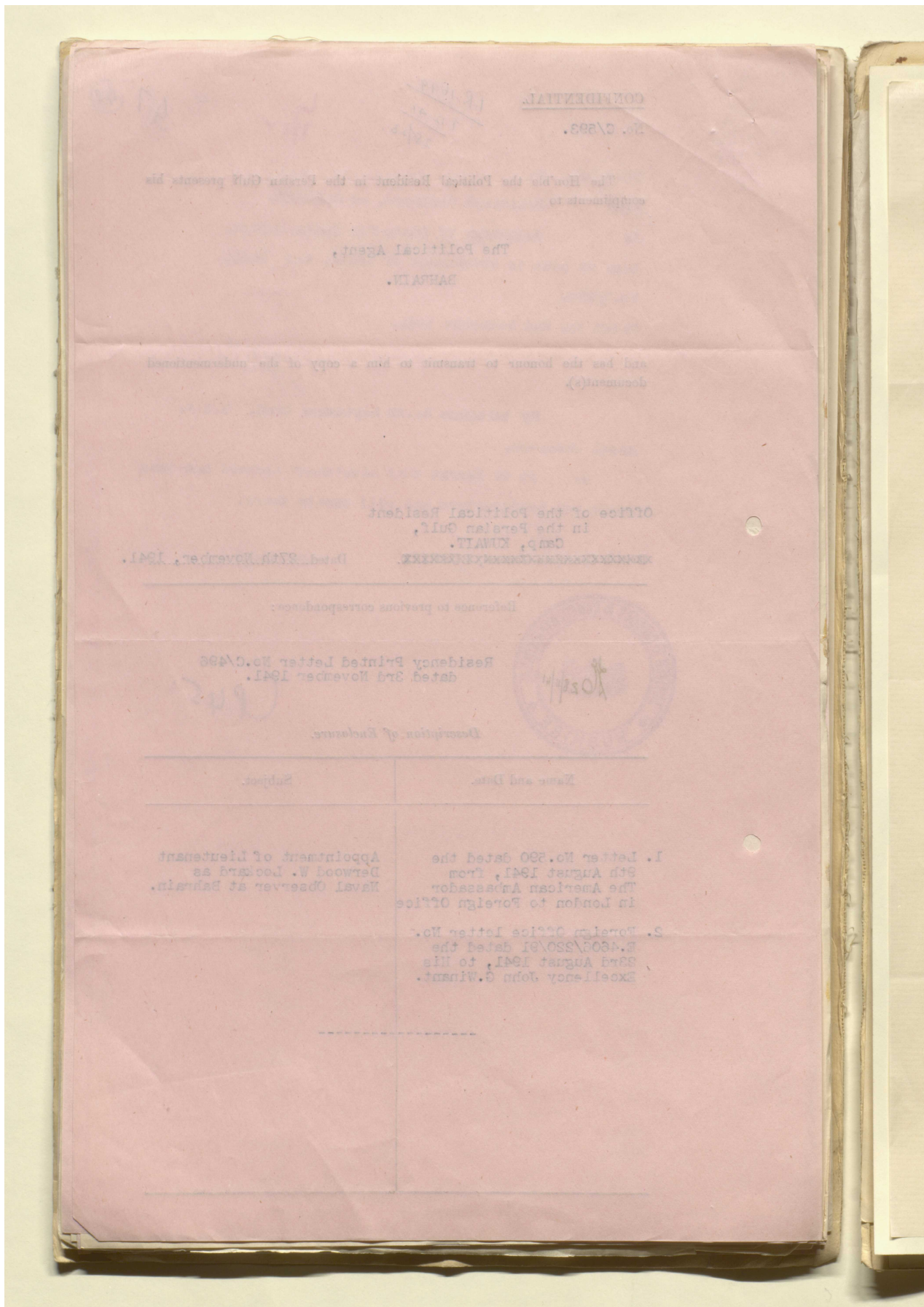
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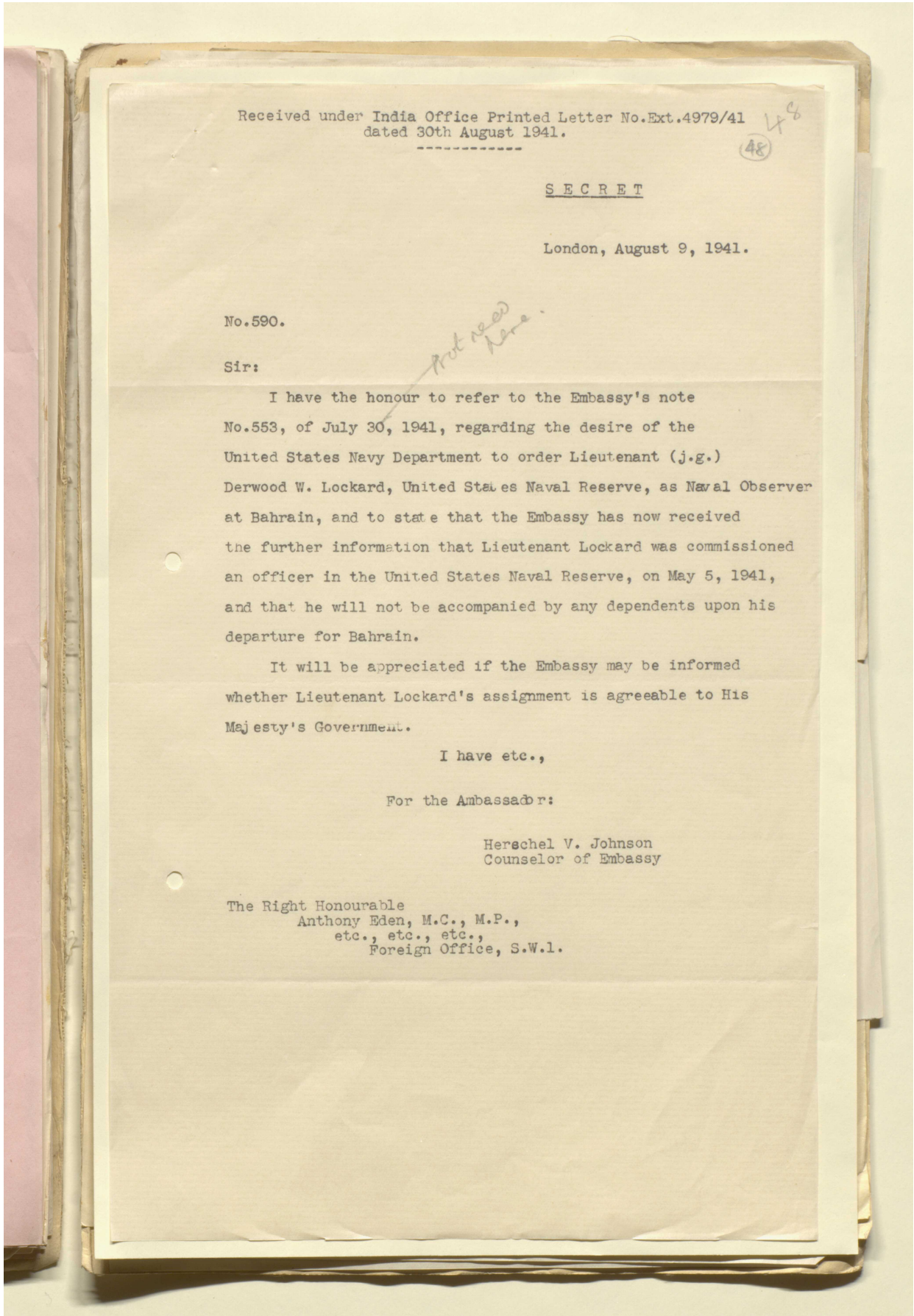
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Name and Date.	Subject.
1. Letter No.590 dated the 9th August 1941, from The American Ambassador in London to Foreign Office	Appointment of Lieutenant Derwood W. Lockard as Naval Observer at Bahrain.
2. Foreign Office letter No. E.4606/220/91 dated the 23rd August 1941, to His Excellency John G.Winant.	

"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٧٤ظ] (١٤٢/٩٤)



"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [و٤٨] [١٤٢/٩٥]



Received under India Office Printed Letter No. Ext. 4979/41
dated 30th August 1941.

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London, August 9, 1941.

No. 590.

Sir:

I have the honour to refer to the Embassy's note No. 553, of July 30, 1941, regarding the desire of the United States Navy Department to order Lieutenant (j.g.) Derwood W. Lockard, United States Naval Reserve, as Naval Observer at Bahrain, and to state that the Embassy has now received the further information that Lieutenant Lockard was commissioned an officer in the United States Naval Reserve, on May 5, 1941, and that he will not be accompanied by any dependents upon his departure for Bahrain.

It will be appreciated if the Embassy may be informed whether Lieutenant Lockard's assignment is agreeable to His Majesty's Government.

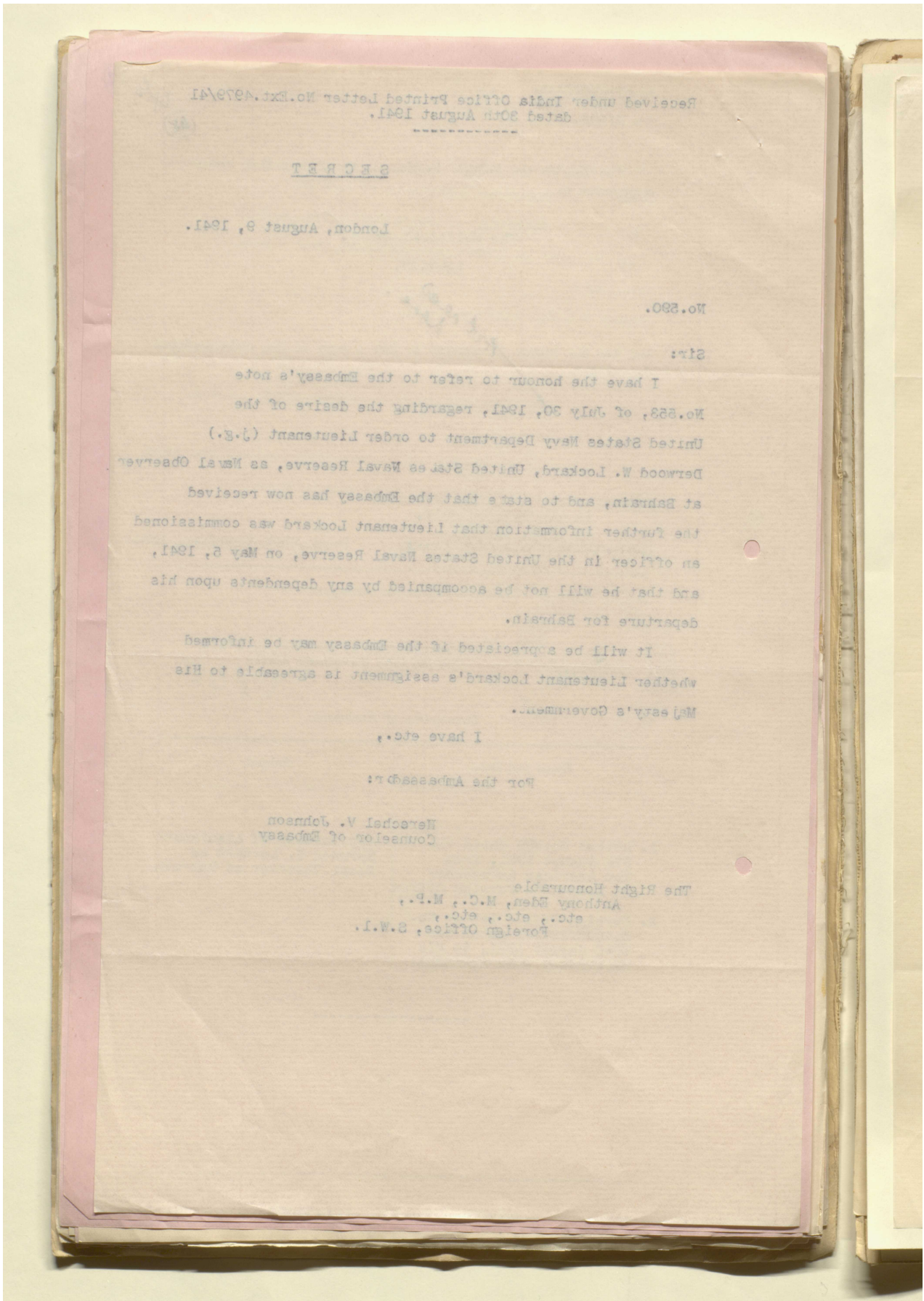
I have etc.,

For the Ambassador:

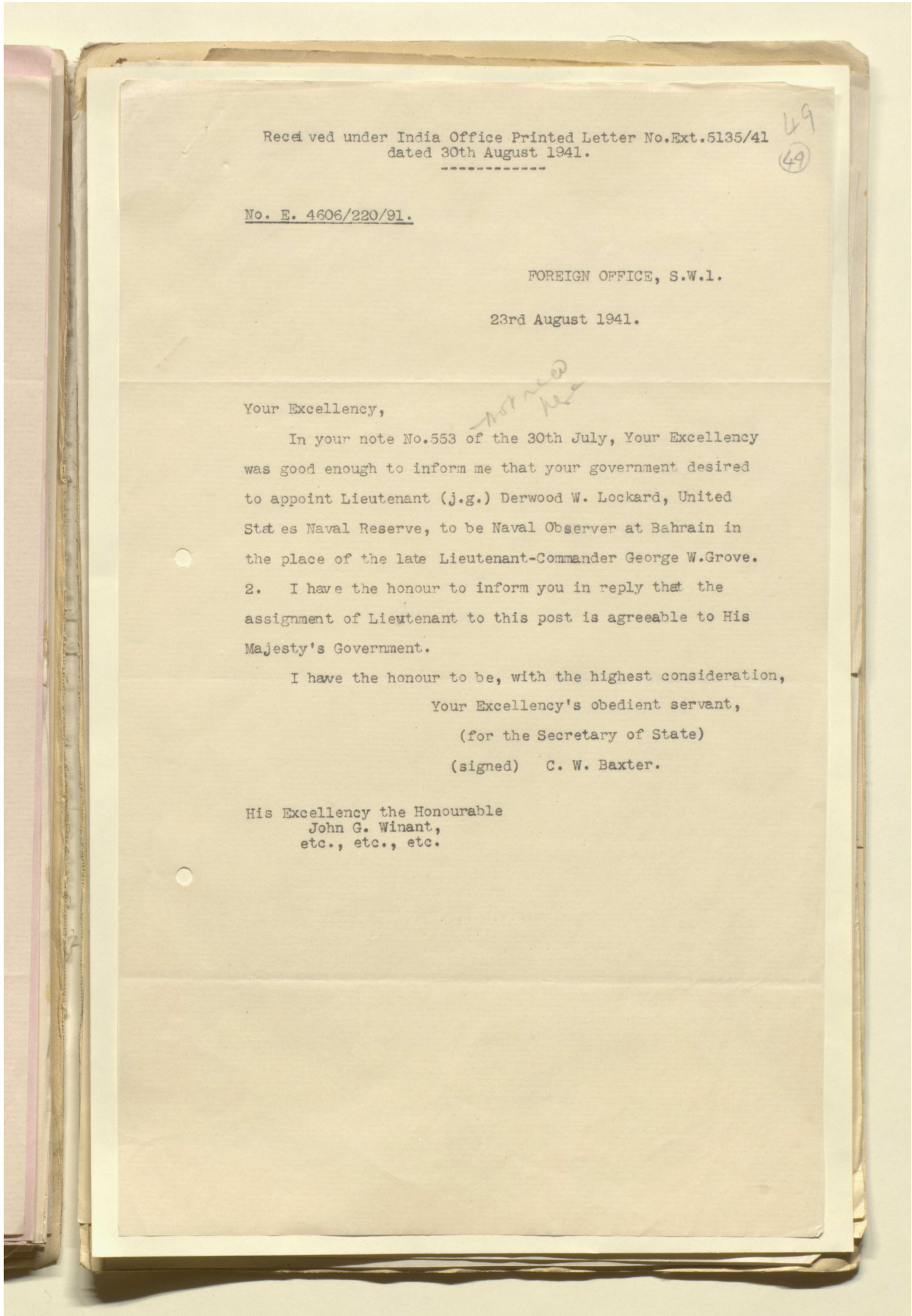
Herschel V. Johnson
Counselor of Embassy

The Right Honourable
Anthony Eden, M.C., M.P.,
etc., etc., etc.,
Foreign Office, S.W.1.

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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [و٤٩] (١٤٢/٩٧)



Received under India Office Printed Letter No.Ext.5135/41
dated 30th August 1941.

No. E. 4606/220/91.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

23rd August 1941.

Your Excellency,

In your note No.553 of the 30th July, Your Excellency was good enough to inform me that your government desired to appoint Lieutenant (j.g.) Derwood W. Lockard, United States Naval Reserve, to be Naval Observer at Bahrain in the place of the late Lieutenant-Commander George W.Grove.

2. I have the honour to inform you in reply that the assignment of Lieutenant to this post is agreeable to His Majesty's Government.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,

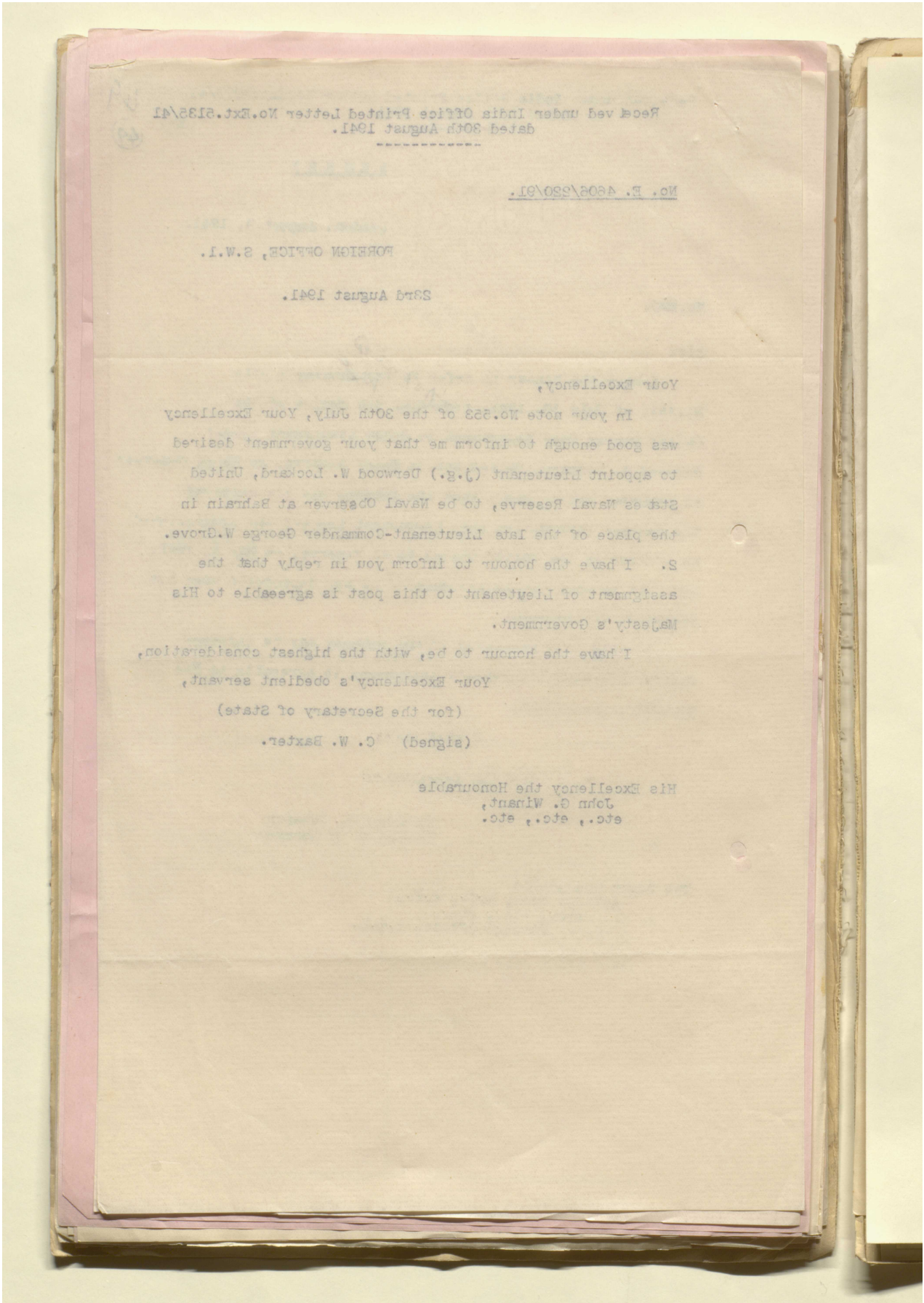
Your Excellency's obedient servant,

(for the Secretary of State)

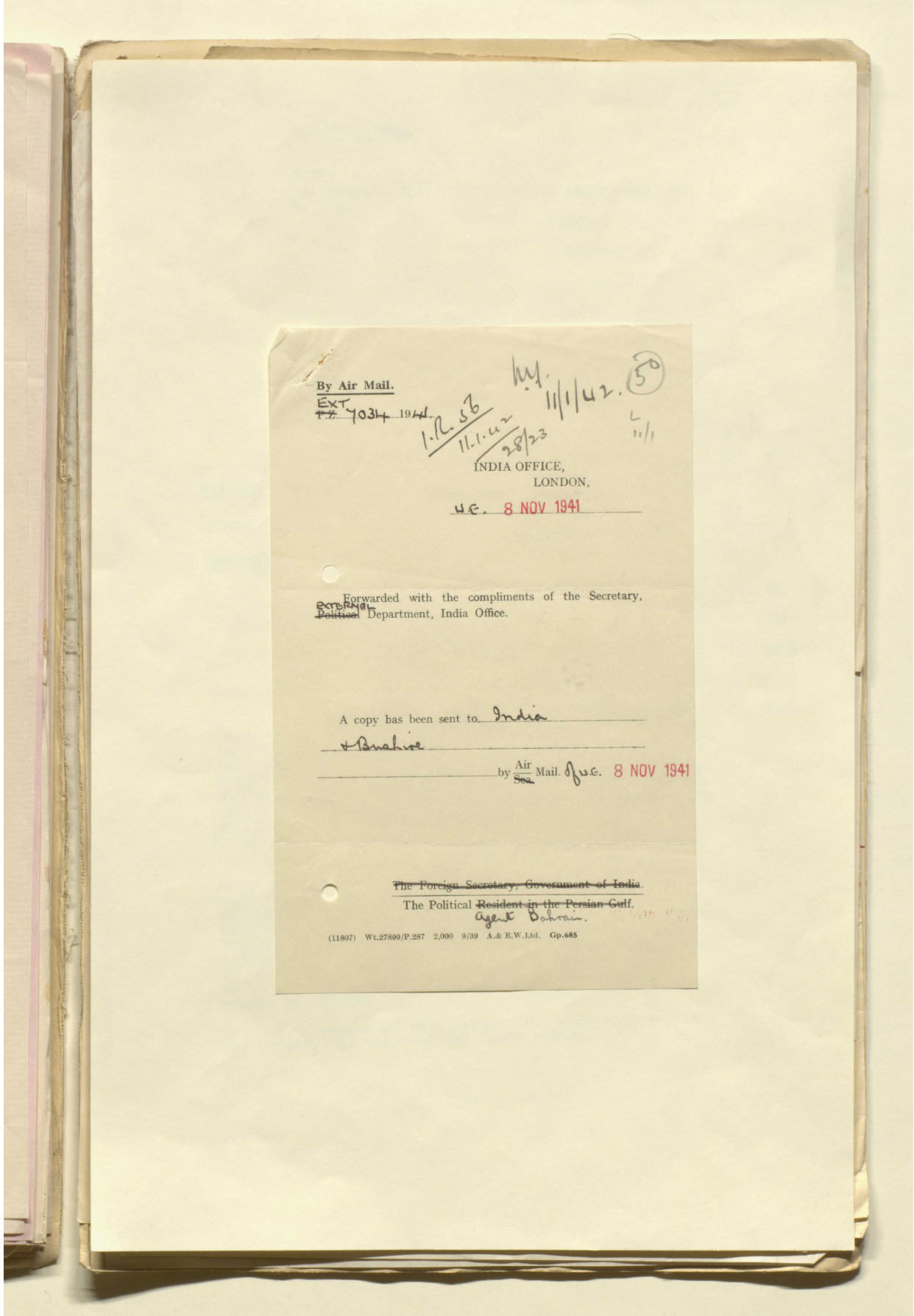
(signed) C. W. Baxter.

His Excellency the Honourable
John G. Winant,
etc., etc., etc.

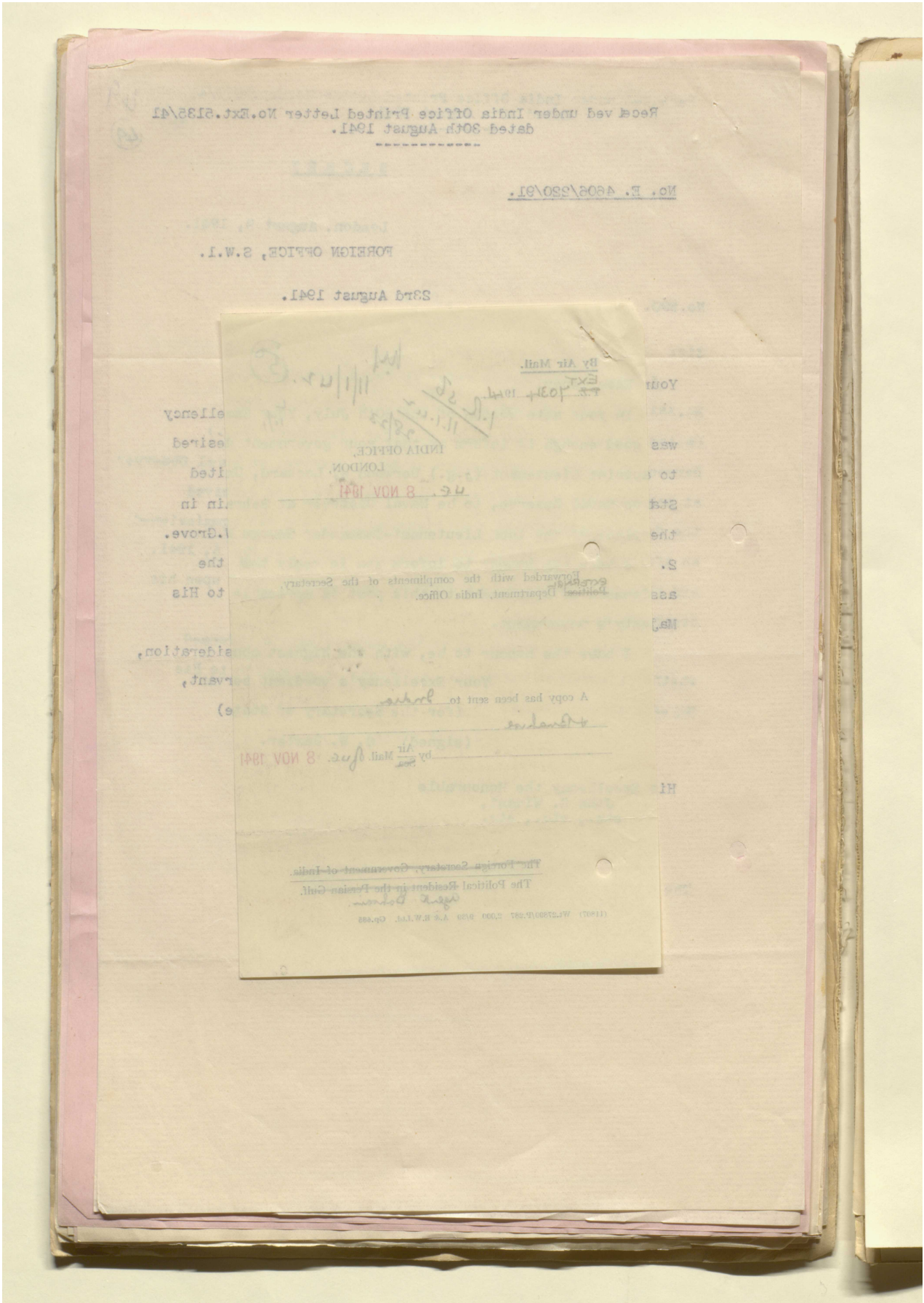
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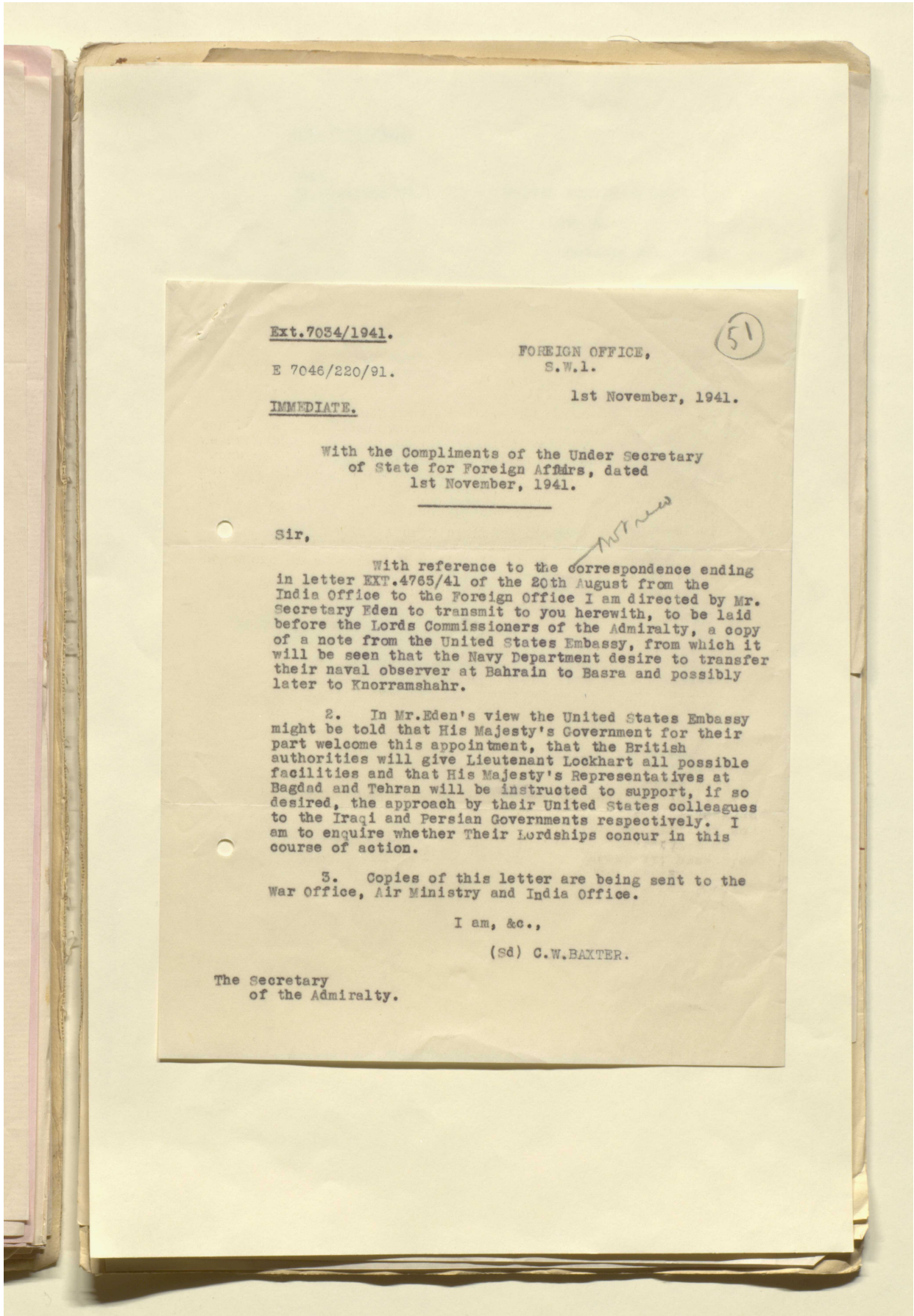
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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٥٠] [١٤٢/١٠٠] (١٤٢/١٠٠)



"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٥١] [١٤٢/١٠١]



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FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

1st November, 1941.

IMMEDIATE.

With the Compliments of the Under Secretary
of State for Foreign Affairs, dated
1st November, 1941.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending
in letter EXT.4765/41 of the 20th August from the
India Office to the Foreign Office I am directed by Mr.
Secretary Eden to transmit to you herewith, to be laid
before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy
of a note from the United States Embassy, from which it
will be seen that the Navy Department desire to transfer
their naval observer at Bahrain to Basra and possibly
later to Knorramshahr.

2. In Mr. Egen's view the United States Embassy
might be told that His Majesty's Government for their
part welcome this appointment, that the British
authorities will give Lieutenant Lockhart all possible
facilities and that His Majesty's Representatives at
Bagdad and Tehran will be instructed to support, if so
desired, the approach by their United States colleagues
to the Iraqi and Persian Governments respectively. I
am to enquire whether Their Lordships concur in this
course of action.

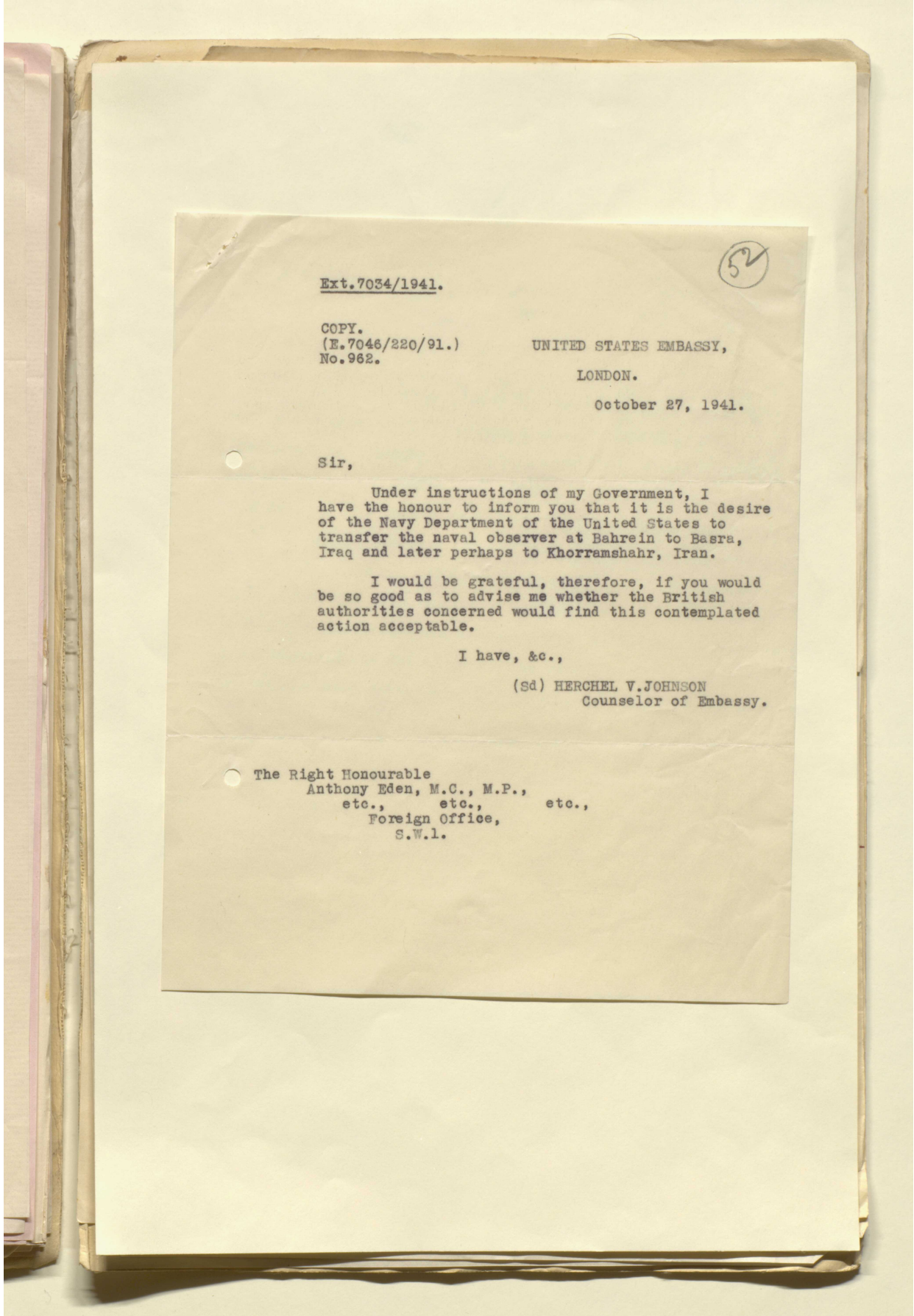
3. Copies of this letter are being sent to the
War Office, Air Ministry and India Office.

I am, &c.,

(sd) C.W. BAXTER.

The Secretary
of the Admiralty.

"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٥٢و] (١٤٢/١٠٣)



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COPY.
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No.962.

UNITED STATES EMBASSY,
LONDON.

October 27, 1941.

Sir,

Under instructions of my Government, I have the honour to inform you that it is the desire of the Navy Department of the United States to transfer the naval observer at Bahrein to Basra, Iraq and later perhaps to Khorramshahr, Iran.

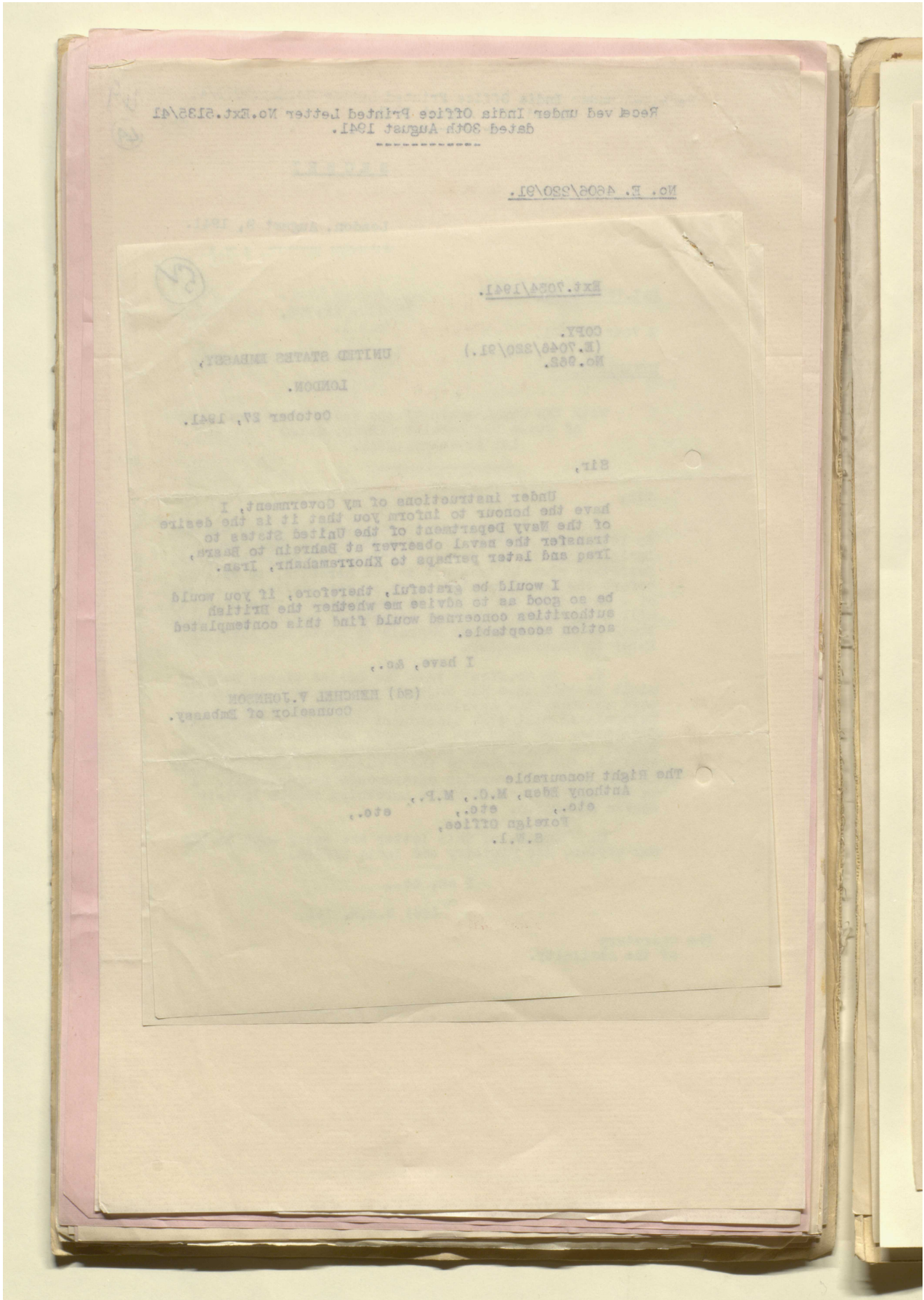
I would be grateful, therefore, if you would be so good as to advise me whether the British authorities concerned would find this contemplated action acceptable.

I have, &c.,

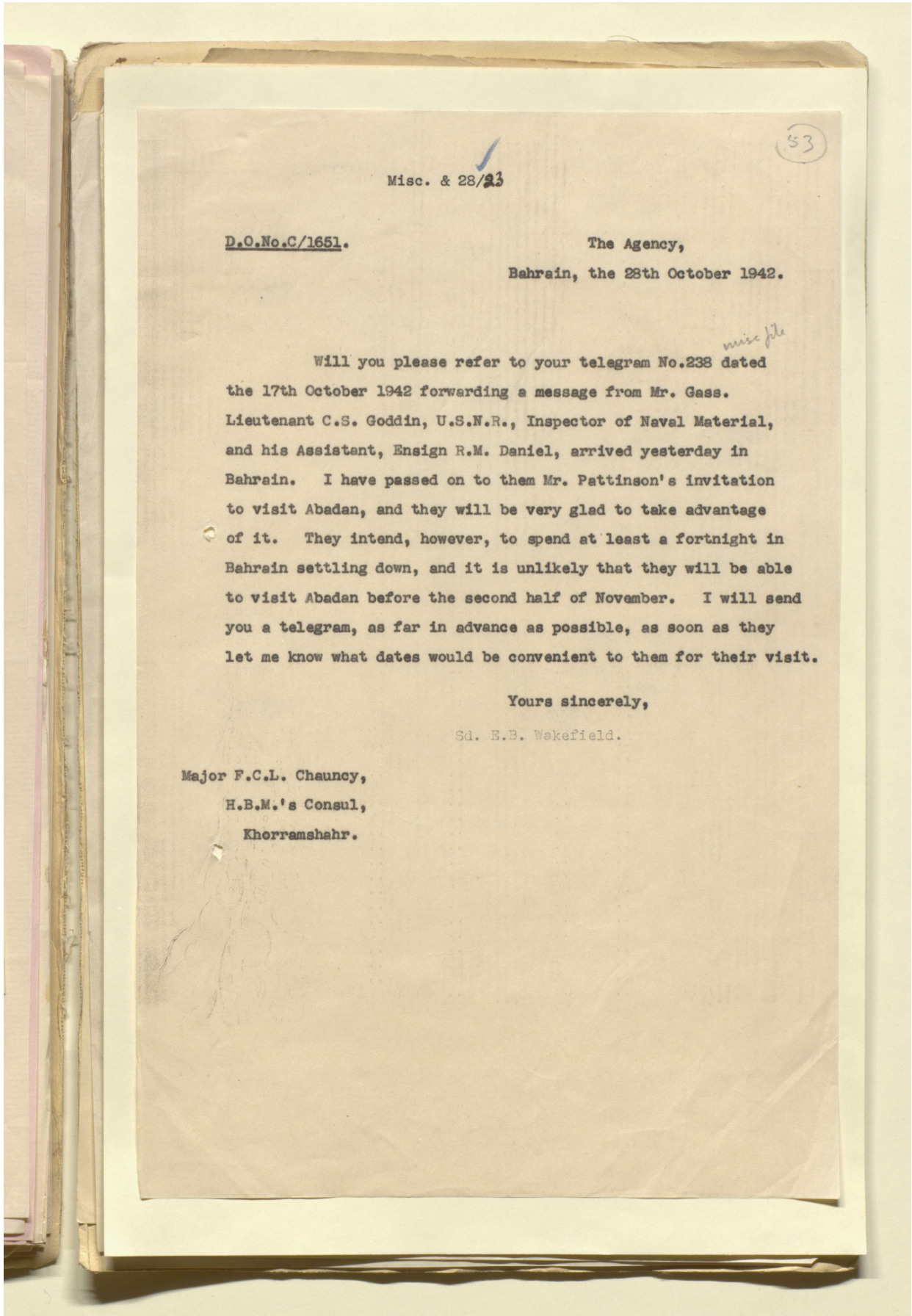
(Sd) HERCHEL V. JOHNSON
Counselor of Embassy.

The Right Honourable
Anthony Eden, M.C., M.P.,
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Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٢٥٢] (١٤٢/١٠٤)



"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٥٣و] (١٤٢/١٠٥)



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D.O.No.C/1651.

The Agency,
Bahrain, the 28th October 1942.

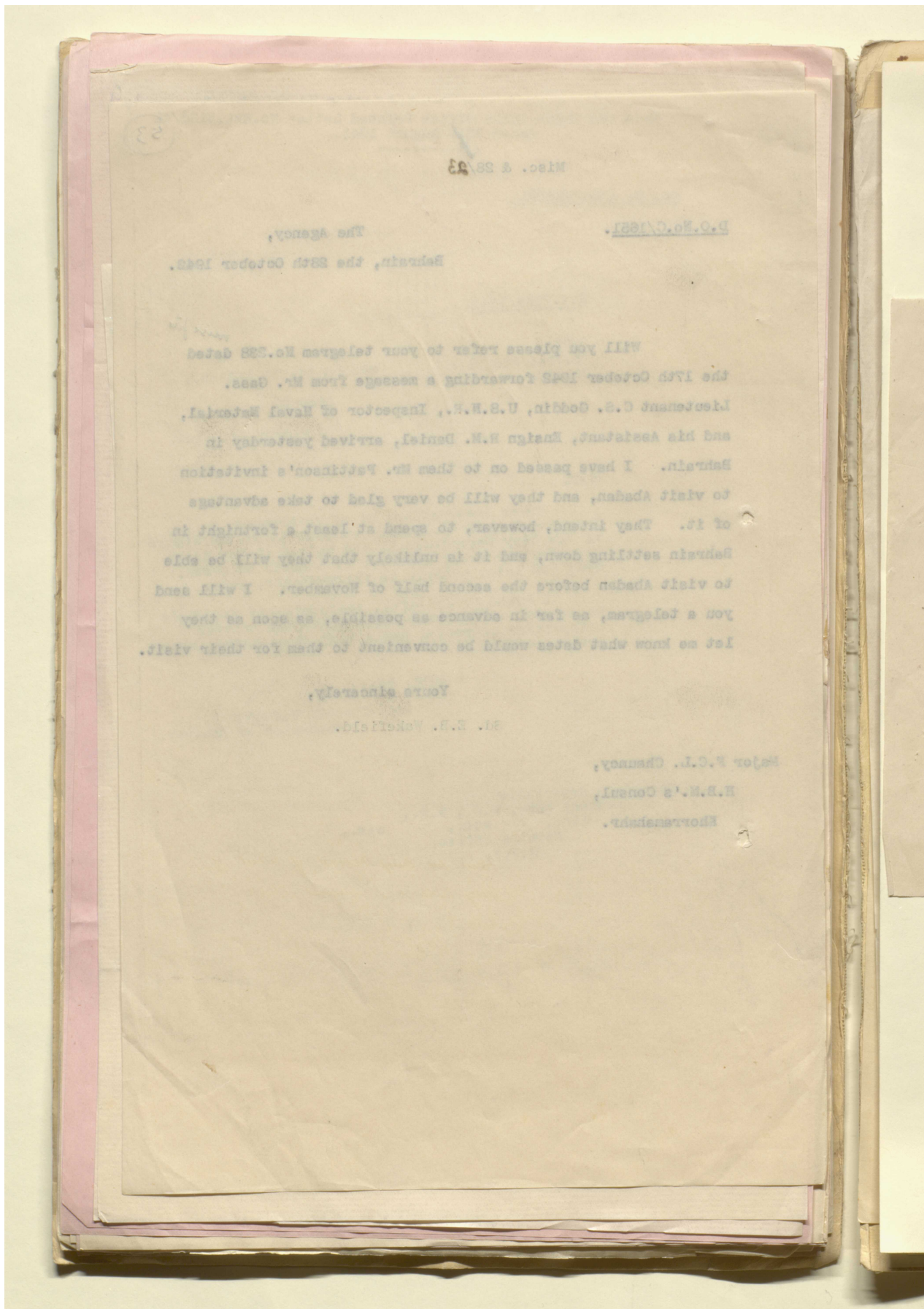
Will you please refer to your telegram No.238 dated the 17th October 1942 forwarding a message from Mr. Gass. Lieutenant C.S. Goddin, U.S.N.R., Inspector of Naval Material, and his Assistant, Ensign R.M. Daniel, arrived yesterday in Bahrain. I have passed on to them Mr. Pattinson's invitation to visit Abadan, and they will be very glad to take advantage of it. They intend, however, to spend at least a fortnight in Bahrain settling down, and it is unlikely that they will be able to visit Abadan before the second half of November. I will send you a telegram, as far in advance as possible, as soon as they let me know what dates would be convenient to them for their visit.

Yours sincerely,

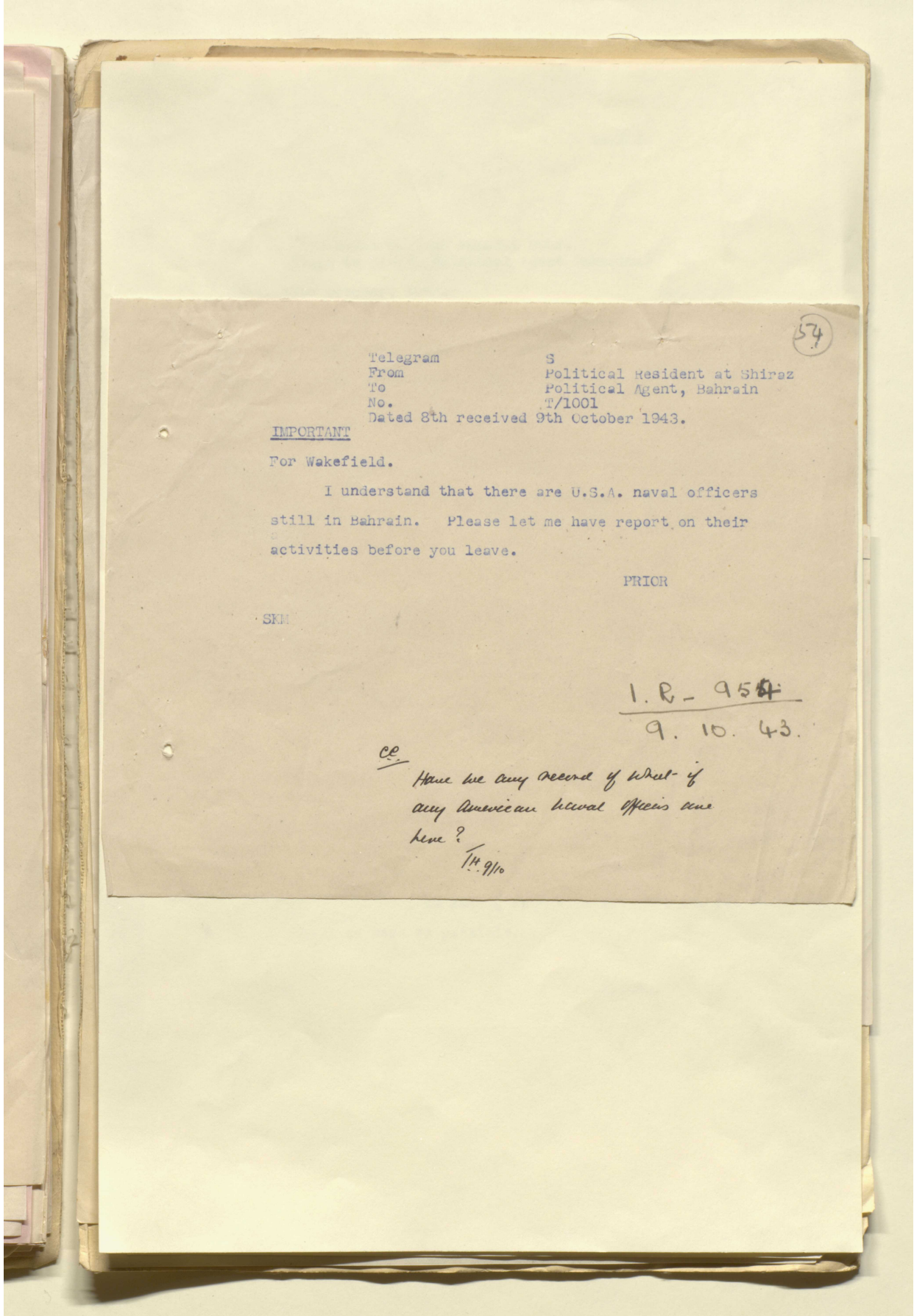
Sd. E.B. Wakefield.

Major F.C.L. Chauncy,
H.B.M.'s Consul,
Khorramshahr.

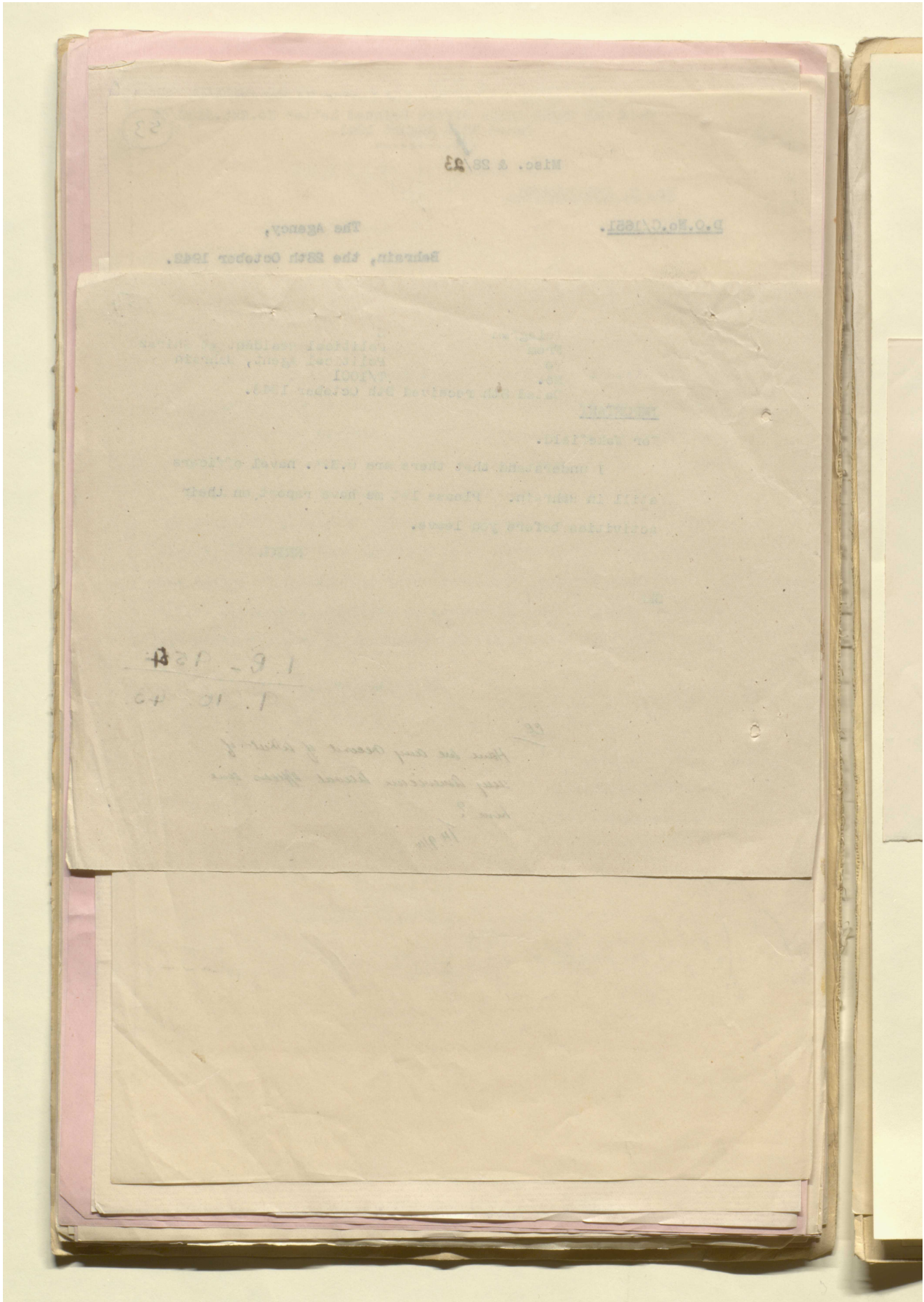
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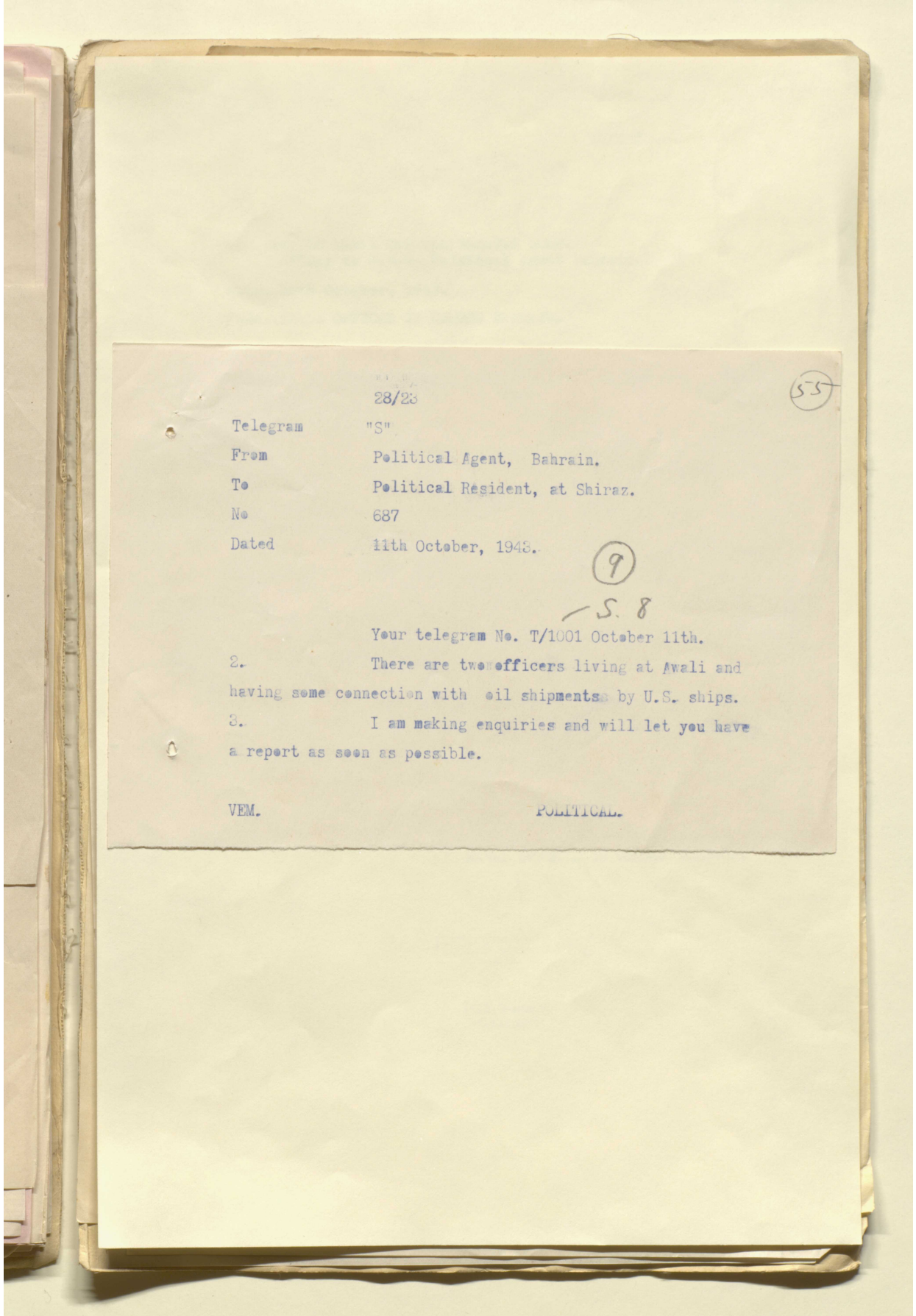
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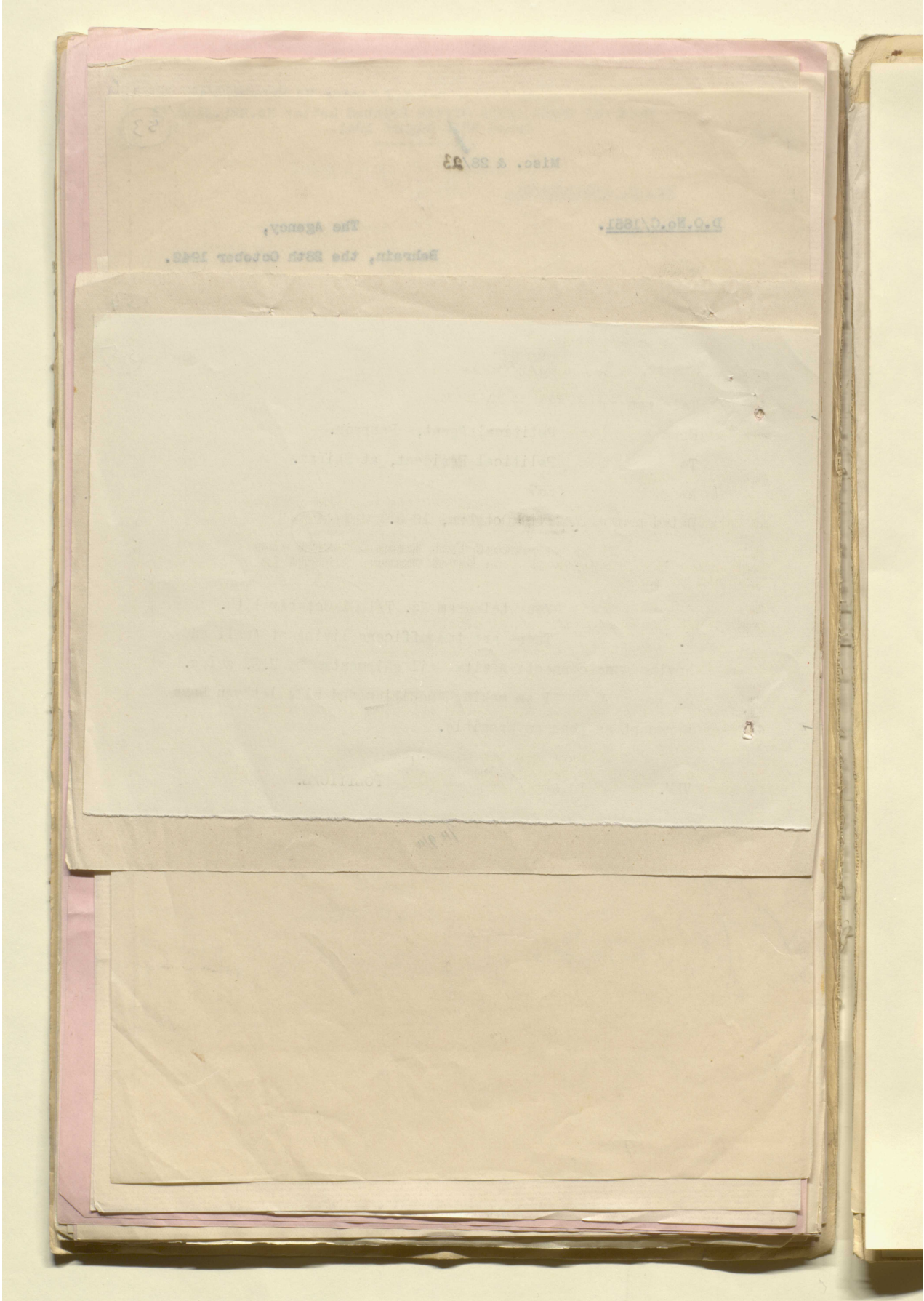
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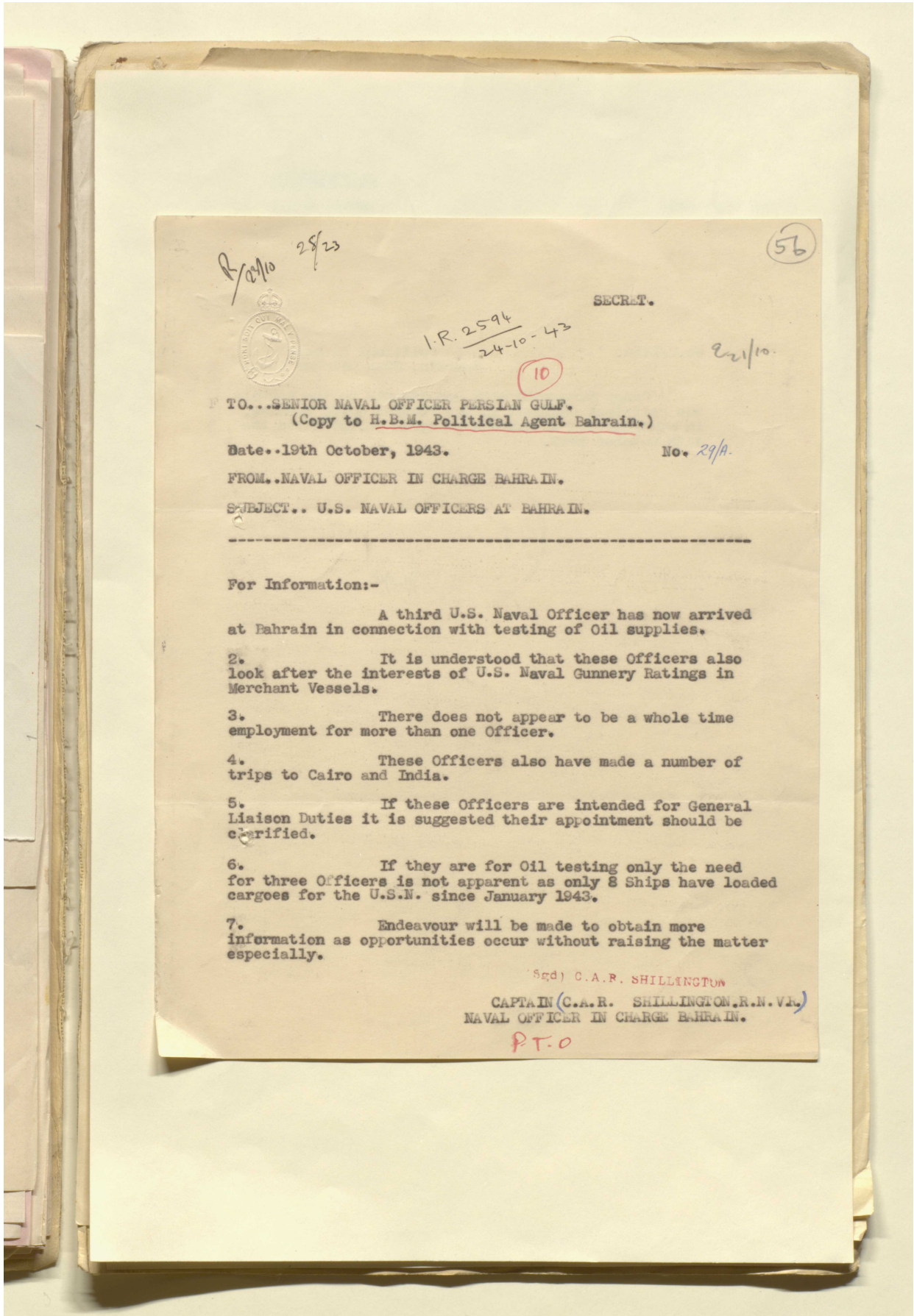
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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [٥٦] [١٤٢/١١١]



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I.R. 2594
24-10-43 (10)

TO... SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER PERSIAN GULF.
(Copy to H.B.M. Political Agent Bahrain.)

Date.. 19th October, 1943. No. 29/A.

FROM.. NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE BAHRAIN.

SUBJECT.. U.S. NAVAL OFFICERS AT BAHRAIN.

For Information:-

A third U.S. Naval Officer has now arrived at Bahrain in connection with testing of Oil supplies.

2. It is understood that these Officers also look after the interests of U.S. Naval Gunnery Ratings in Merchant Vessels.

3. There does not appear to be a whole time employment for more than one Officer.

4. These Officers also have made a number of trips to Cairo and India.

5. If these Officers are intended for General Liaison Duties it is suggested their appointment should be clarified.

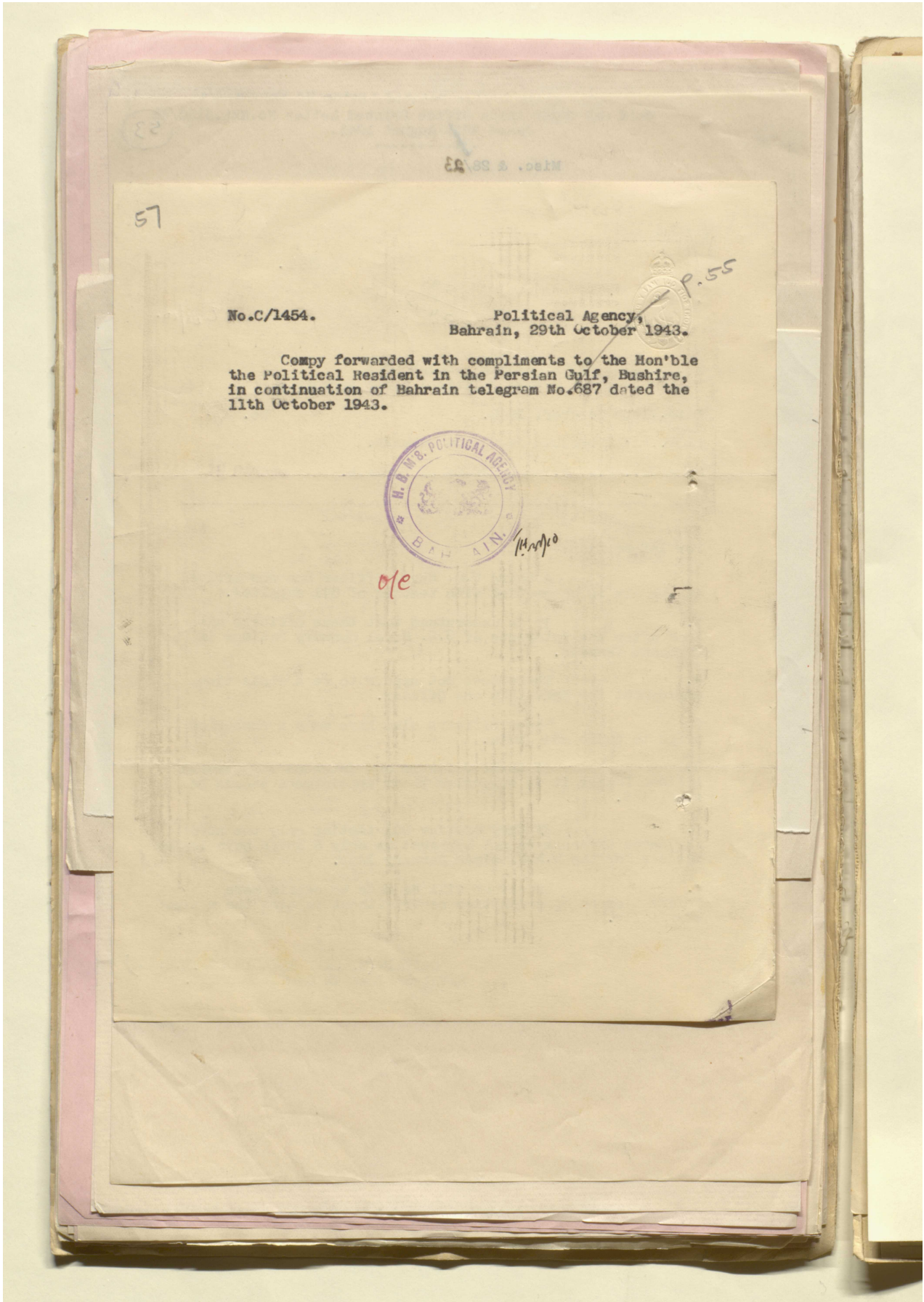
6. If they are for Oil testing only the need for three Officers is not apparent as only 8 Ships have loaded cargoes for the U.S.N. since January 1943.

7. Endeavour will be made to obtain more information as opportunities occur without raising the matter especially.

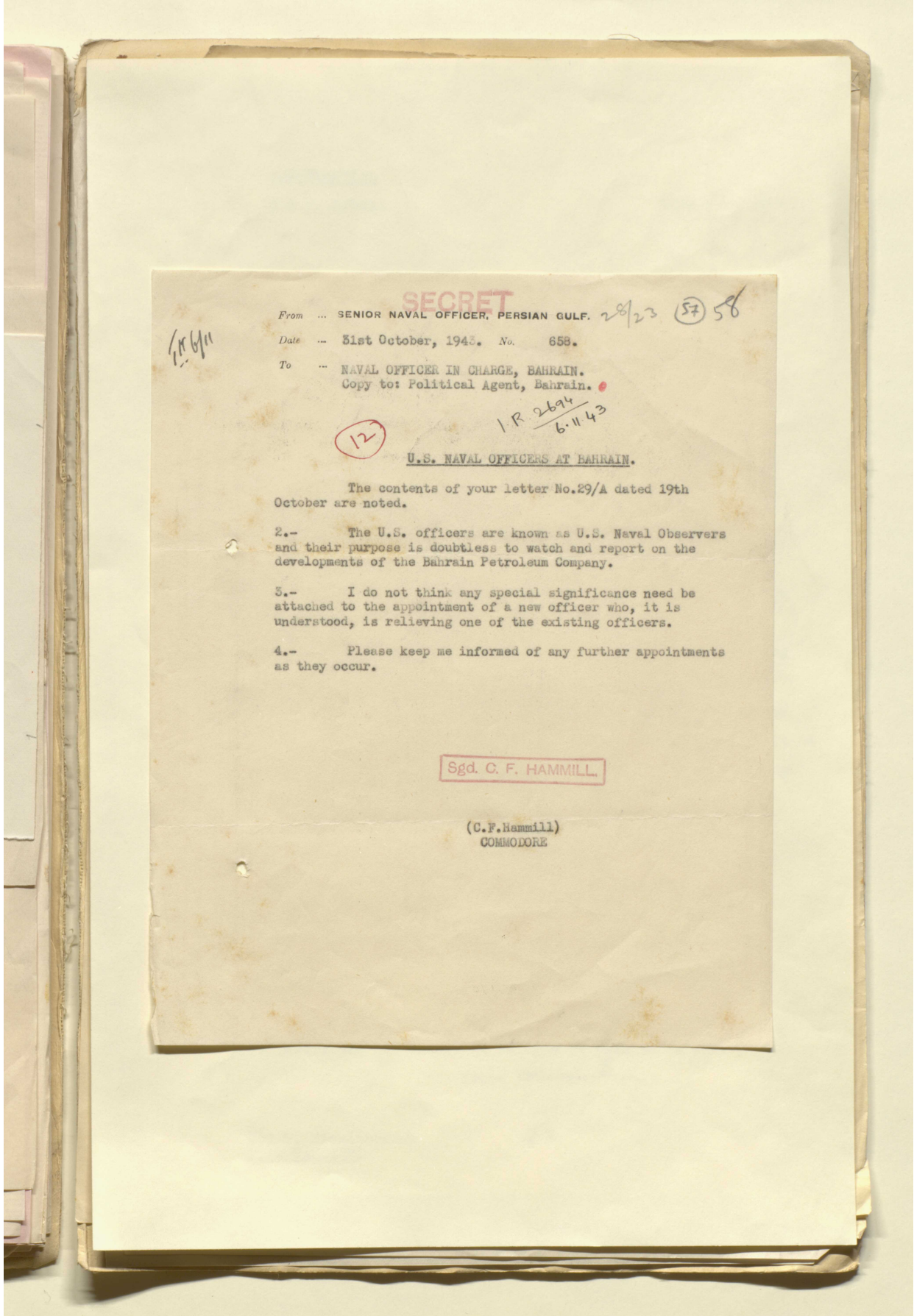
Sgd) C.A.R. SHILLINGTON
CAPTAIN (C.A.R. SHILLINGTON, R.N.V.R.)
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE BAHRAIN.

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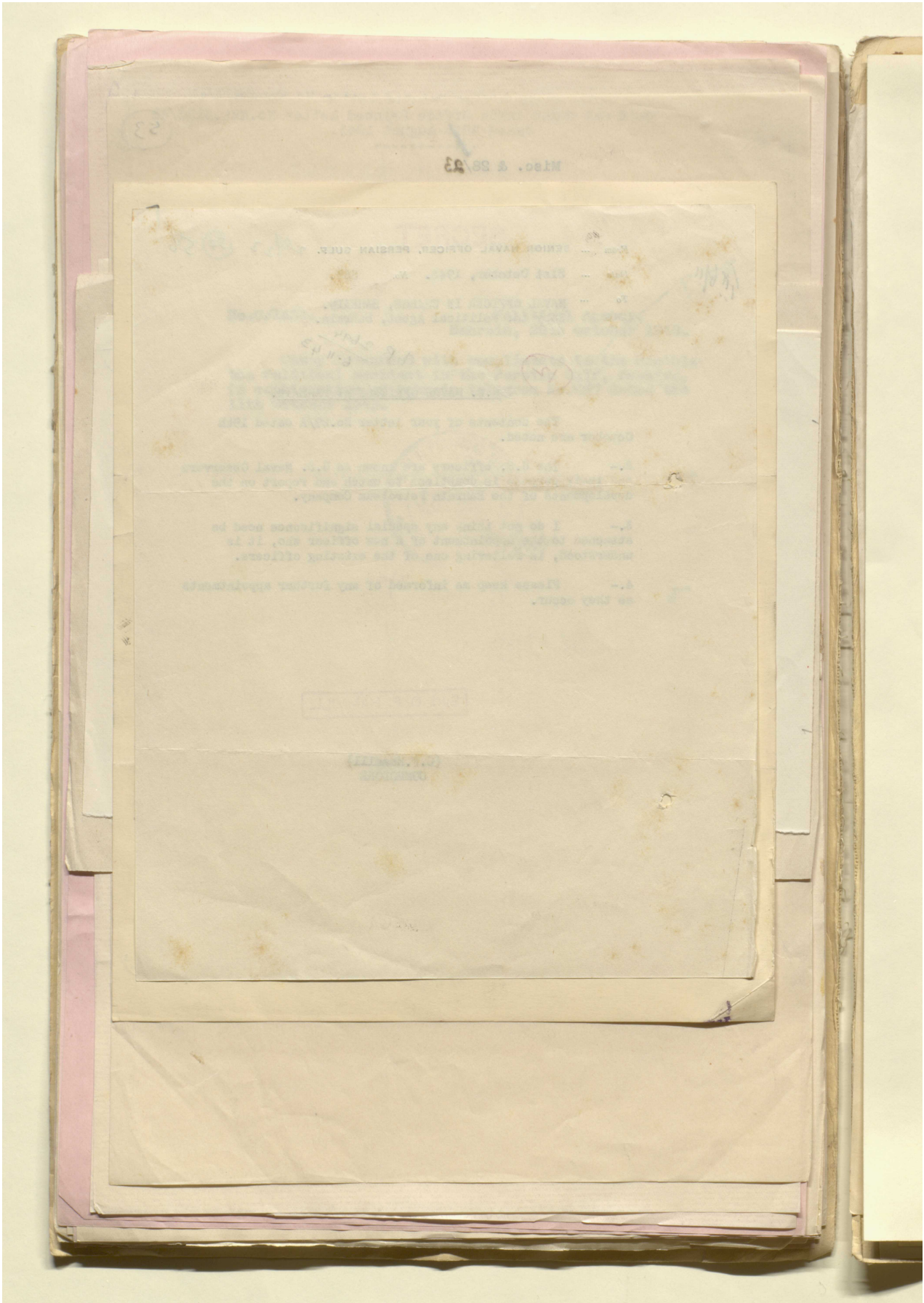
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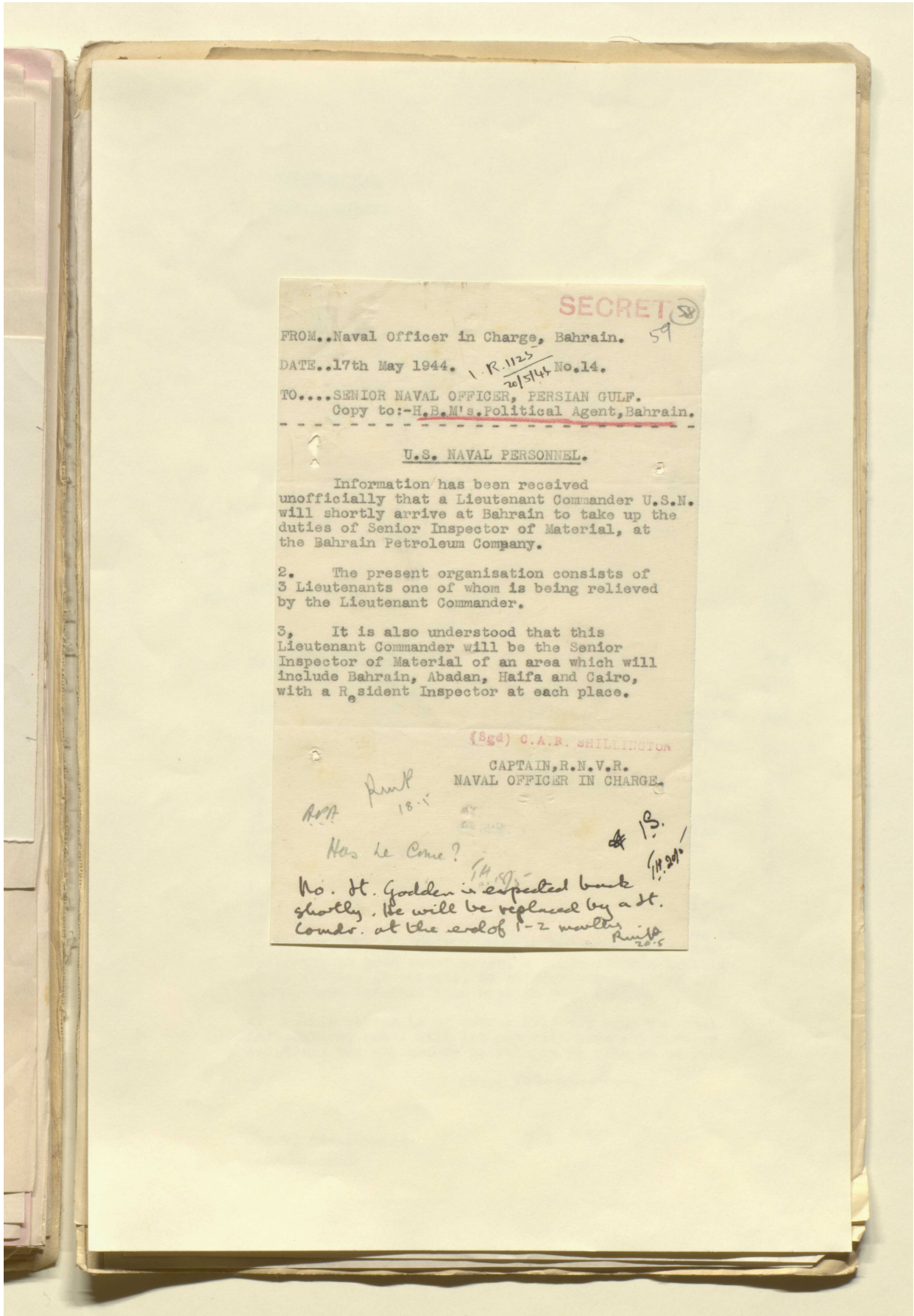
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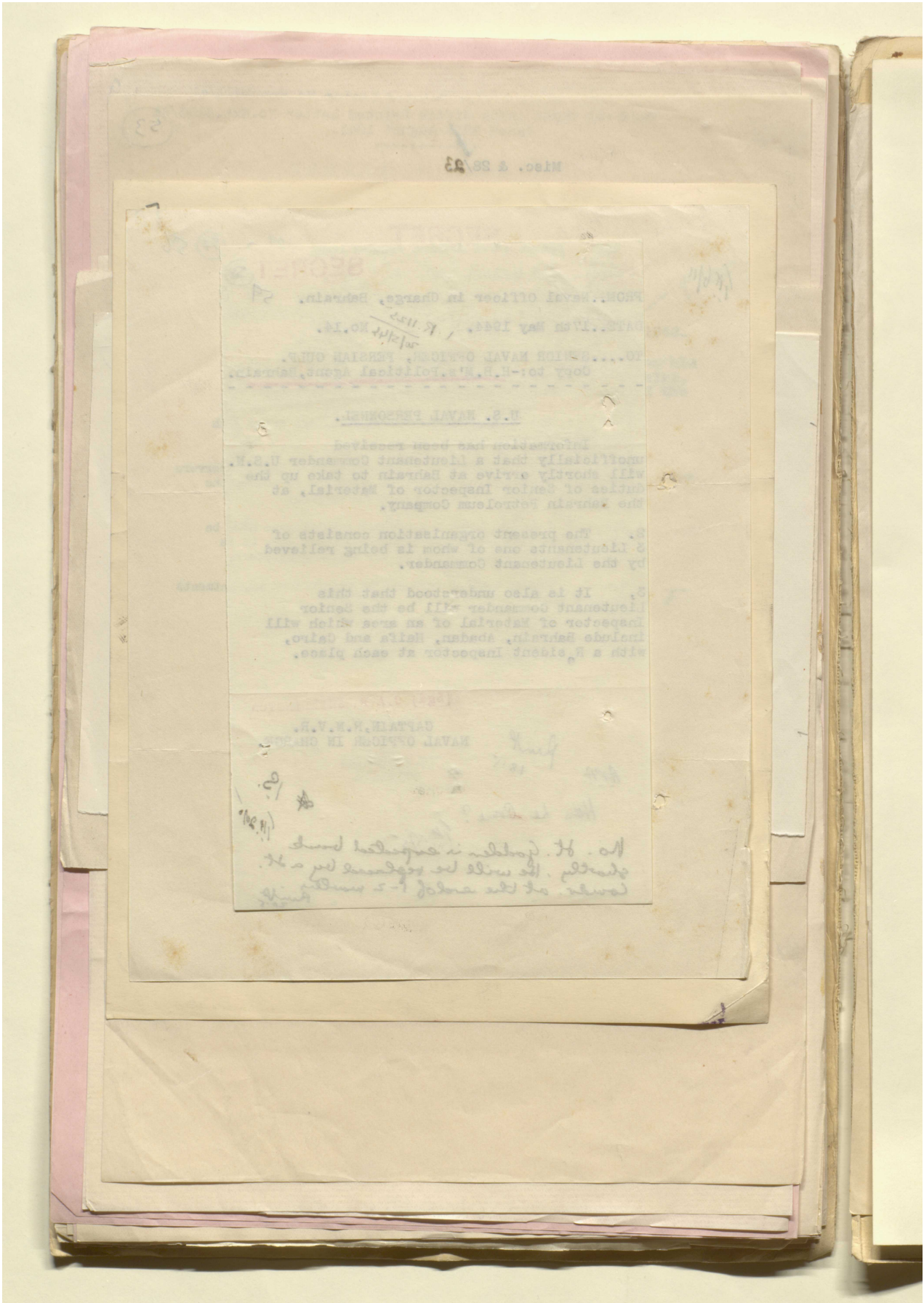
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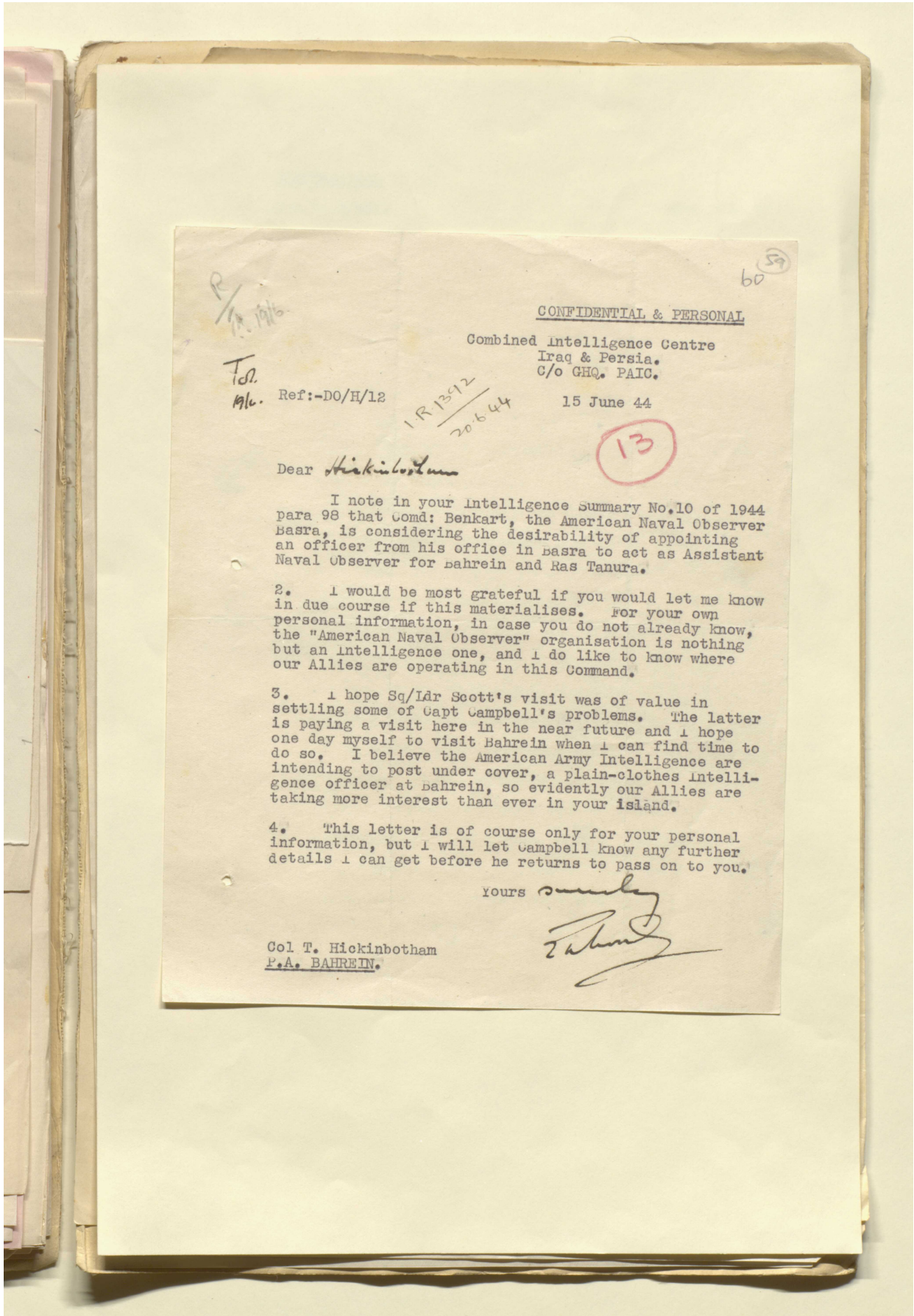
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Combined Intelligence Centre
Iraq & Persia.
C/o GHQ. PAIC.

15 June 44

Ref:-DO/H/12

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Dear *Hickinbotham*

I note in your Intelligence Summary No.10 of 1944 para 98 that Comd: Benkart, the American Naval Observer Basra, is considering the desirability of appointing an officer from his office in Basra to act as Assistant Naval Observer for Bahrein and Ras Tanura.

2. I would be most grateful if you would let me know in due course if this materialises. For your own personal information, in case you do not already know, the "American Naval Observer" organisation is nothing but an intelligence one, and I do like to know where our Allies are operating in this Command.

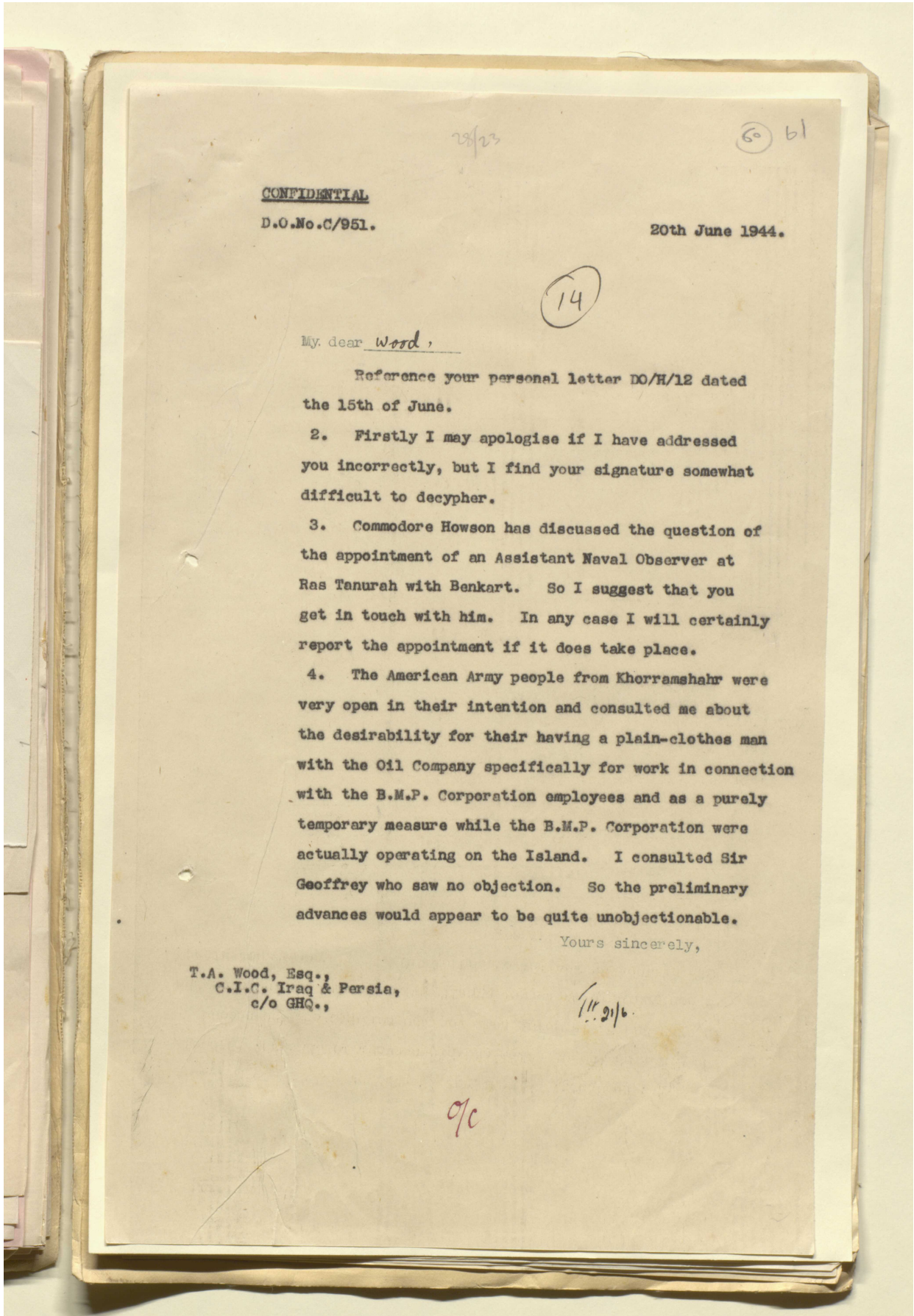
3. I hope Sq/Ldr Scott's visit was of value in settling some of Capt Campbell's problems. The latter is paying a visit here in the near future and I hope one day myself to visit Bahrein when I can find time to do so. I believe the American Army Intelligence are intending to post under cover, a plain-clothes intelligence officer at Bahrein, so evidently our Allies are taking more interest than ever in your island.

4. This letter is of course only for your personal information, but I will let Campbell know any further details I can get before he returns to pass on to you.

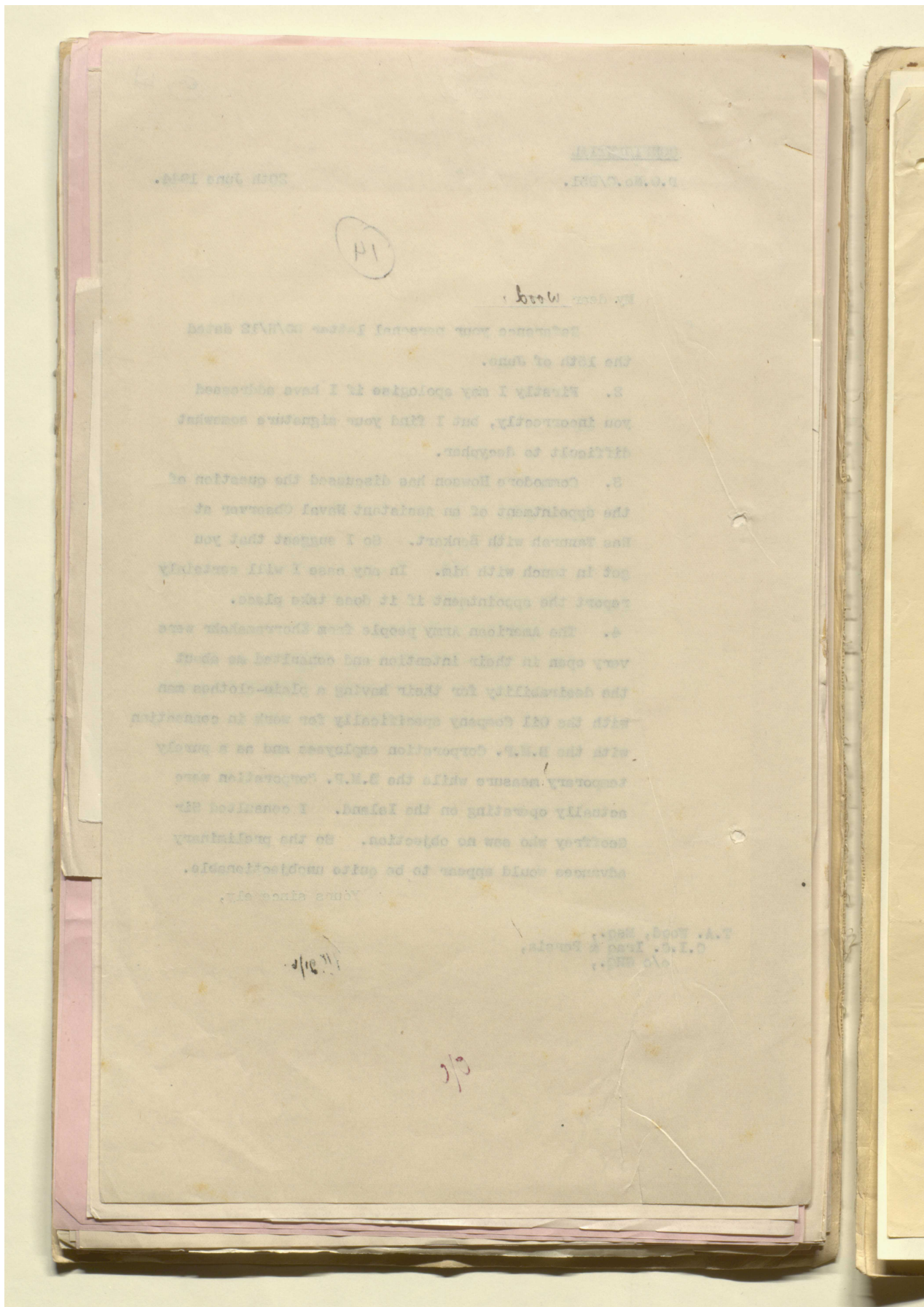
Yours *T. Hickinbotham*

Col T. Hickinbotham
P.A. BAHREIN.

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TOP SECRET.

To The DSO CIGI Baghdad.
Copy to The Political Agent.
Bahrain.

Security Office
Bahrain.
5/55/4.
3 Aug 1944.

SUBJECT: AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

1. The following American officers are concerned directly or indirectly with Intelligence in Bahrain.

The Inspector of Material's Office (INMAT)

Commander HIGHT.

Lieut JOHNSTON
SHOETACK
GOODIN.

The above are accommodated in two air conditioned houses at AWALI. Their duty is to inspect all oil taken by tankers for the US Govt to ensure it is up to specification. They take and analyze five samples from each tanker. Taking the samples takes 2 hour, and taking in to account travelling time and laboratory work one man might have six hours work to do on days when a tanker is loaded. However Commander HIGHT covers a big area the exact extent of which I do not know, and one of the officers is always away on tour. They interest themselves also in Security intelligence with regard to American shipping and are most cooperative, though some of their spy scares are a little far fetched. Correspondence on shipping intelligence matters reaches them from the US Naval Observer Basra who asks them to investigate so presumably they have some official standing. GOODIN has just been promoted and has orders to proceed to WASHINGTON immediately. He has done two years out here. I do not know if he is being relieved.

Liaison Officer PERSIAN GULF COMMAND.

Lieut DOYLE, US Army.

Lieut Doyle has an air conditioned house at AWALI. He relieved Maj MACADAMS. His duty consists of liaising between PGC and the USATC, who are not under Persian Gulf Command. PGC are however responsible for building the USATC station, though the RAF are doing most of the work.

Maj MACADAMS employed an agent, and I suppose that Lieut Doyle has taken him over, otherwise I have no indications that Lieut Doyle is interested in intelligence work.

Petroleum Board Representative.

Maj BERRISH.

Pays flying visits to Bahrain, staying with Mr HARD ANDERSON. He is interested only in the morale of employees and used to give pep talks to disheartened workers, but this policy has now been discontinued and they prefer to fire them.

I have an unconfirmed report today Aug 3, that two Petroleum Board representatives are now in SAUDI ARABIA. The name of one is given as Colonel FREYER. The name of the other is not known.

Maj BERRISH's name was incorrectly given by DSO TEHRAN as JERRISH.

In addition to the above Mr RODSTROM, Bahrain agent of ARAMCO, has been reported as collecting information. Both RAPCO and ARAMCO are associates of the Standard Oil Company of California, and it is natural that they should want some news intelligence. RODSTROM has been in Bahrain on and off for ten years. He has a house and office in Manama. The second of the native agents below is reported as working for him.

2. The following native agents are reported to be working for the Americans.

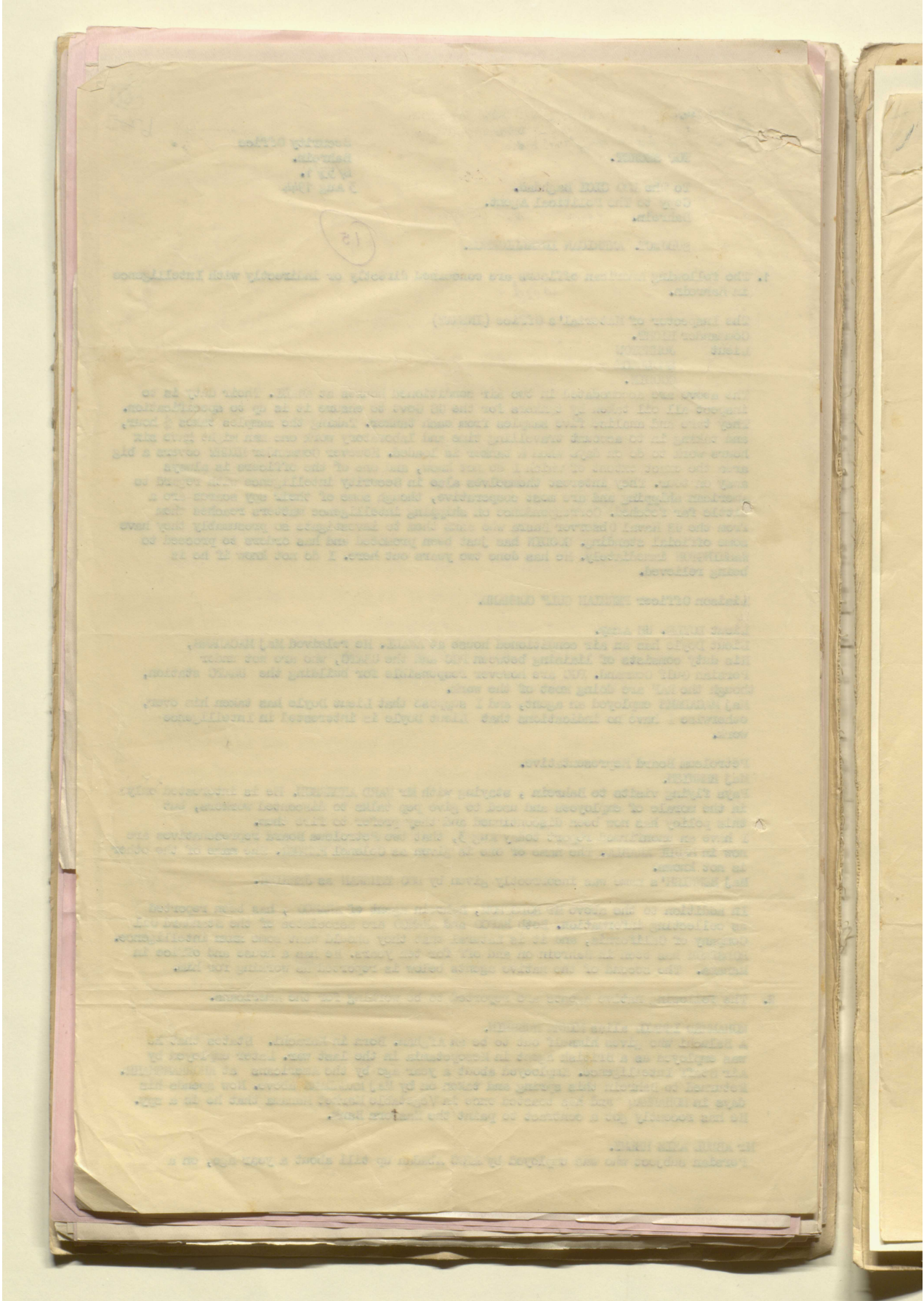
MOHAMMED ISMAIL alias MIRZA HUSSEIN.

A Baluchi who gives himself out to be an Afghan. Born in Karachi. States that he was employed as a British agent in Mesopotamia in the last war. Later employed by Air Staff Intelligence. Employed about a year ago by the Americans at KHORRAMSHAHR. Returned to Bahrain this spring and taken on by Maj MACADAMS above. Now spends his days in MOHARRAQ and has boasted once in Vegetable Market Manama that he is a spy. He has recently got a contract to paint the Eastern Bank.

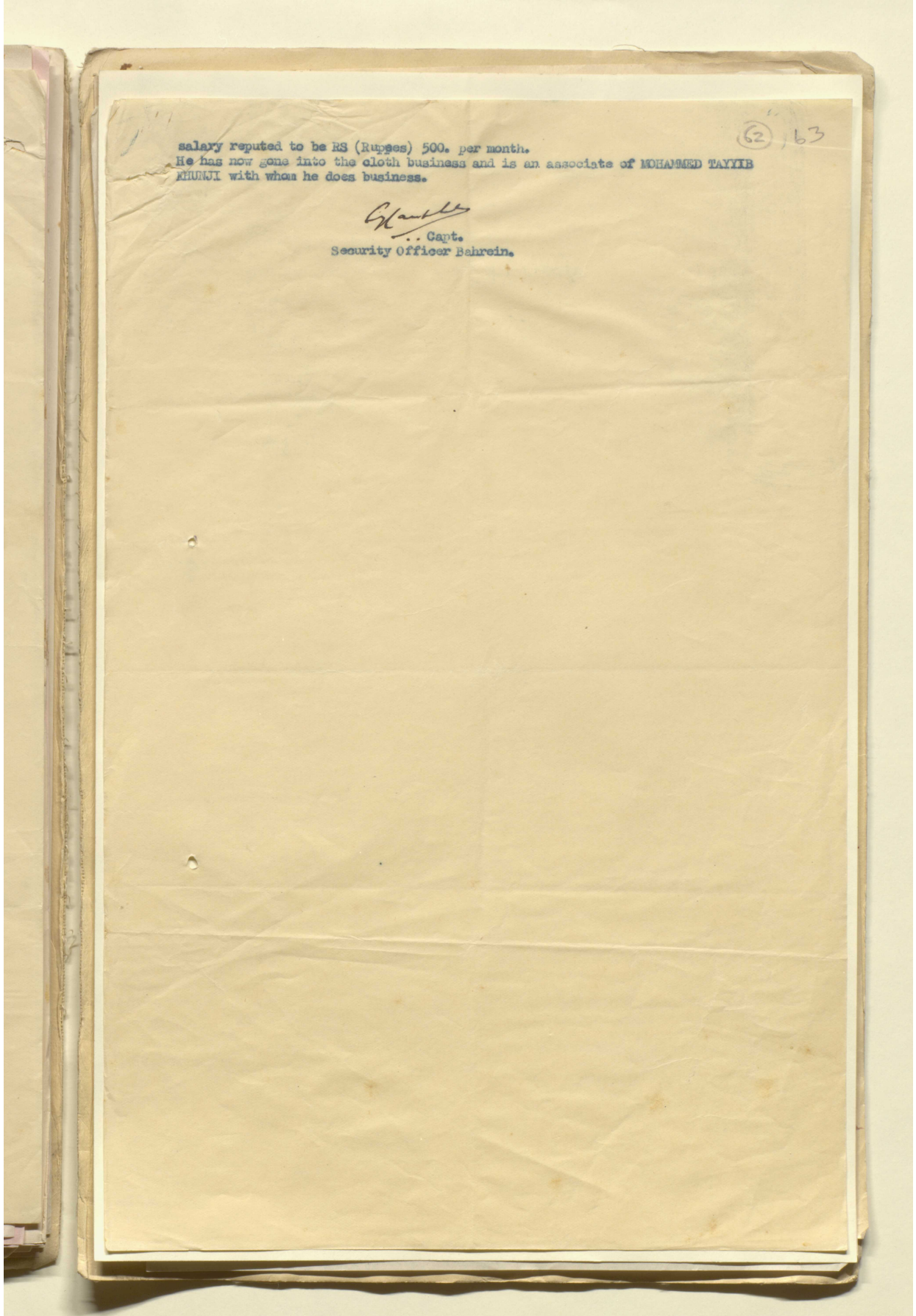
Mr ABDUL AZIZ HEMMI.

Persian subject who was employed by AICO Abadan up till about a year ago, on a

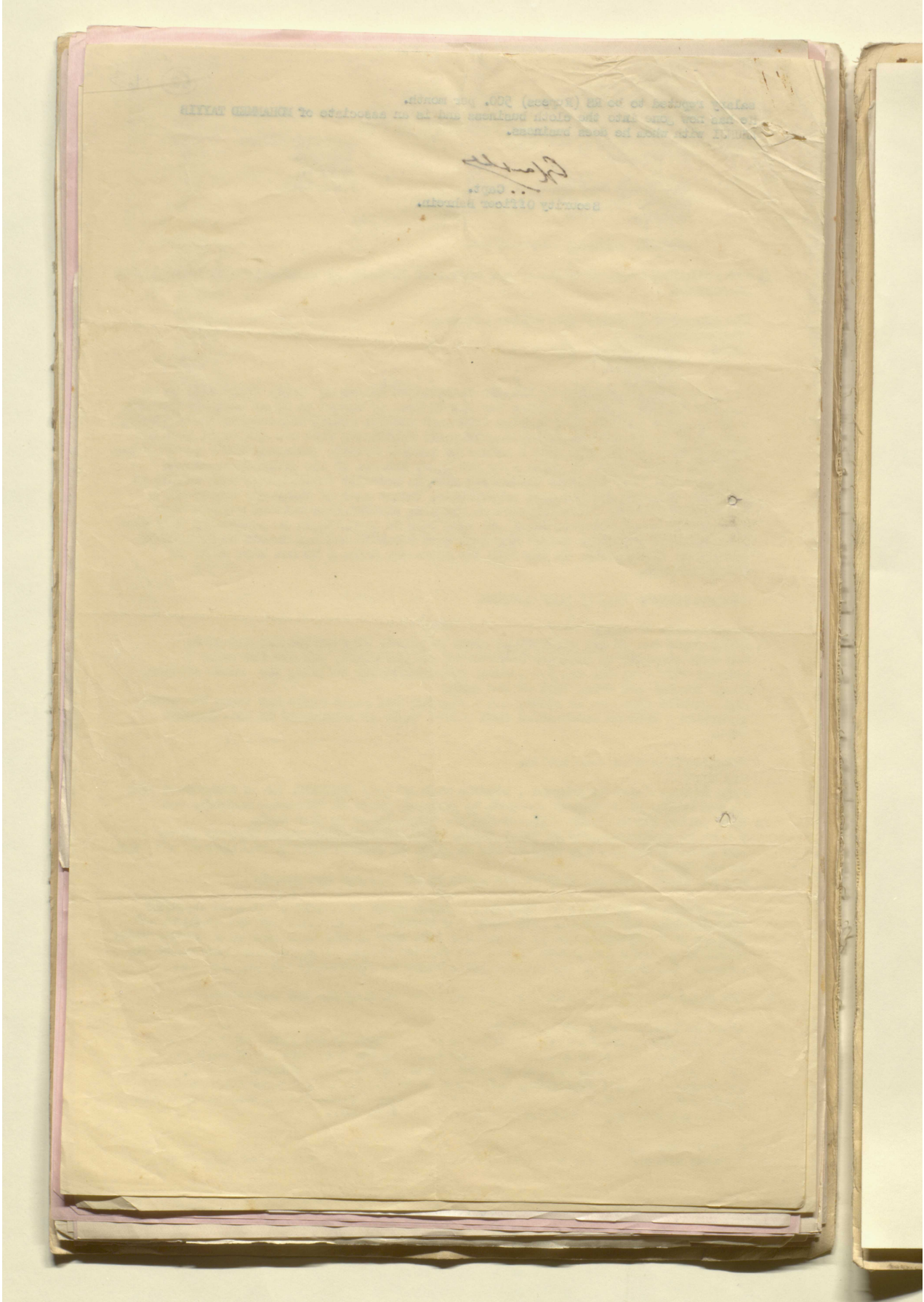
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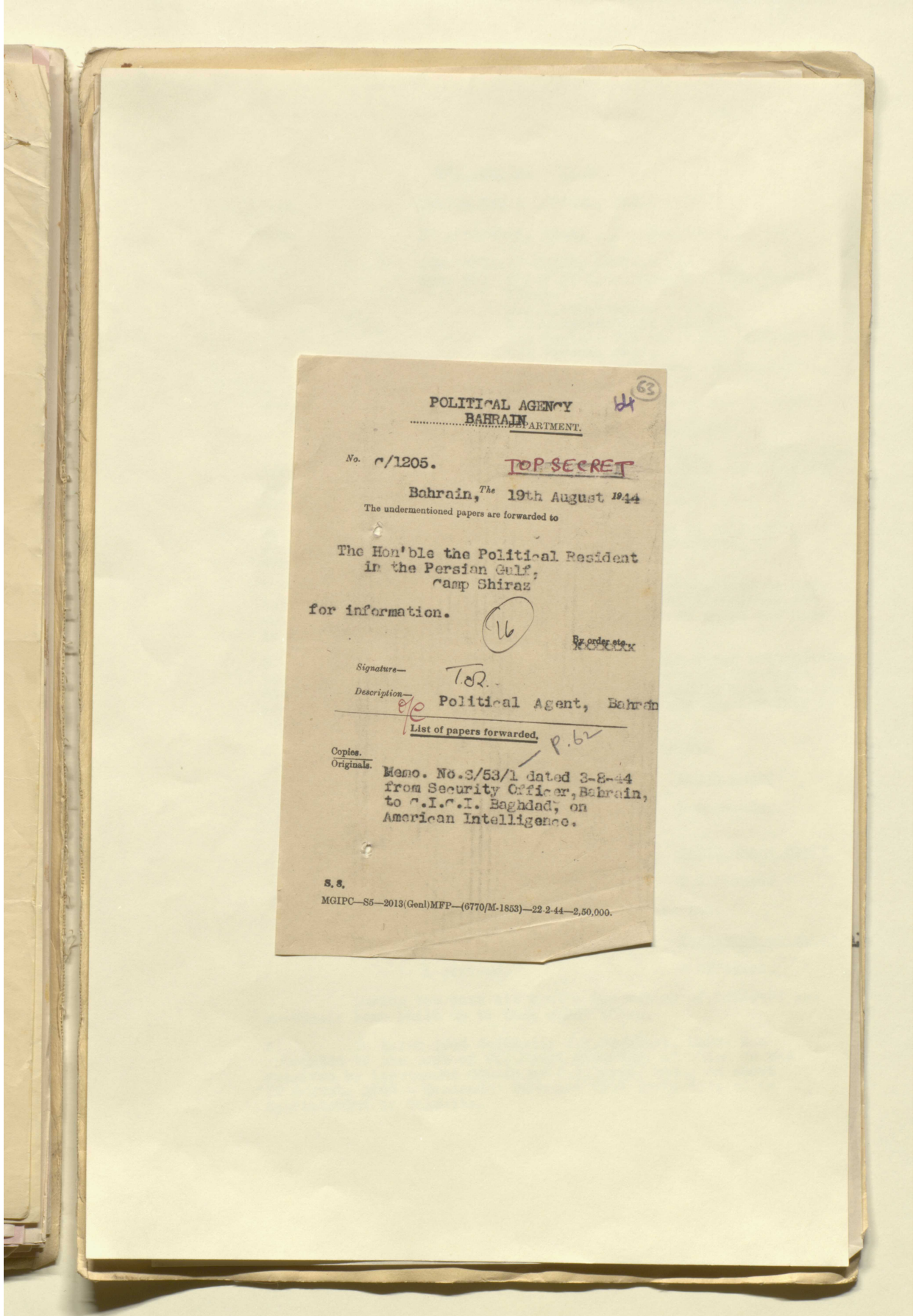
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"ملف 28/23 مراقب بحري أمريكي في البحرين" [و٦٣] (١٤٢/١٢٥)



POLITICAL AGENCY
BAHRAIN
DEPARTMENT.

No. C/1205. **TOP SECRET**

Bahrain, ^{The} 19th August 1944

The undermentioned papers are forwarded to

The Hon'ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,
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for information.

Signature— T.O.R.

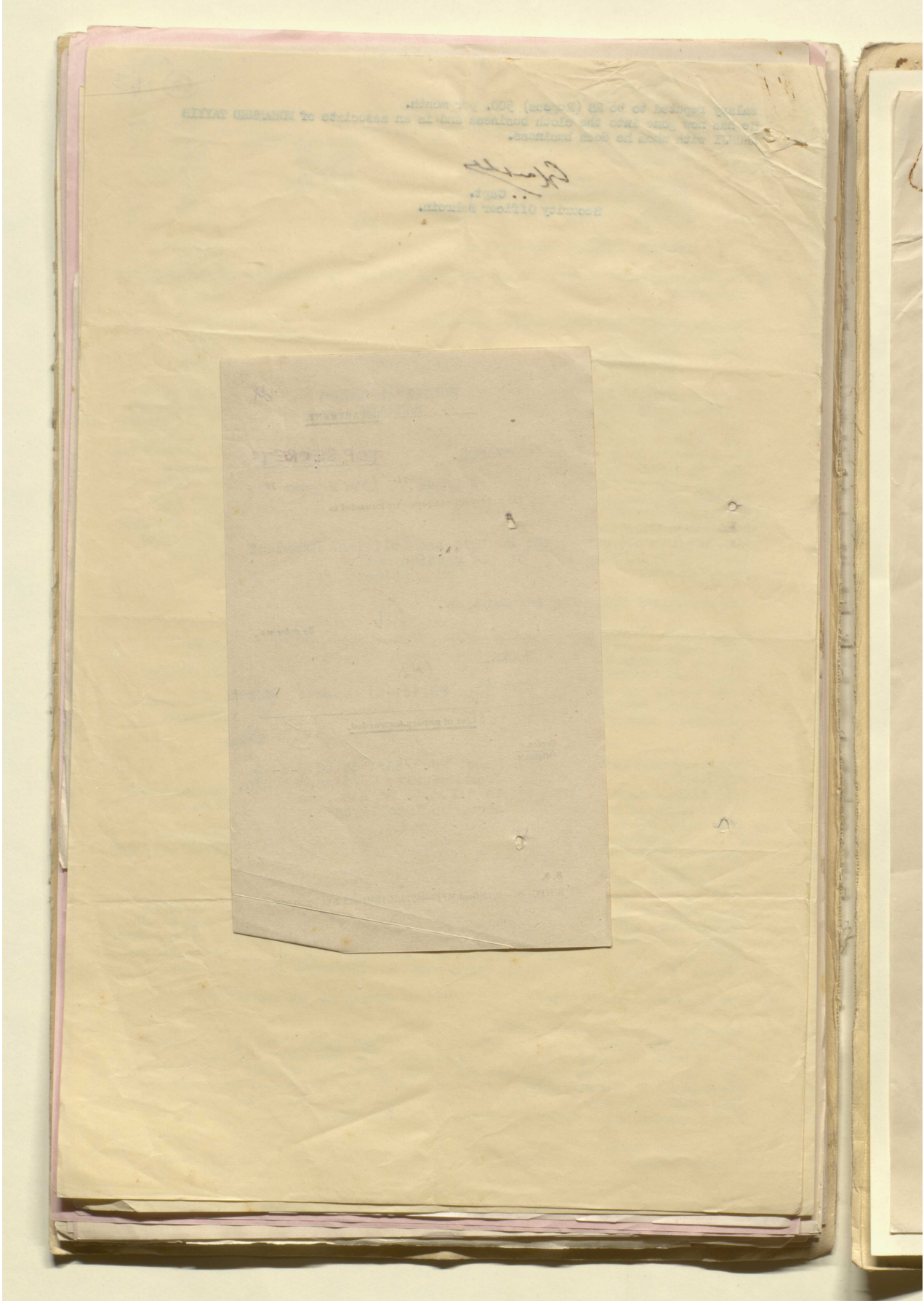
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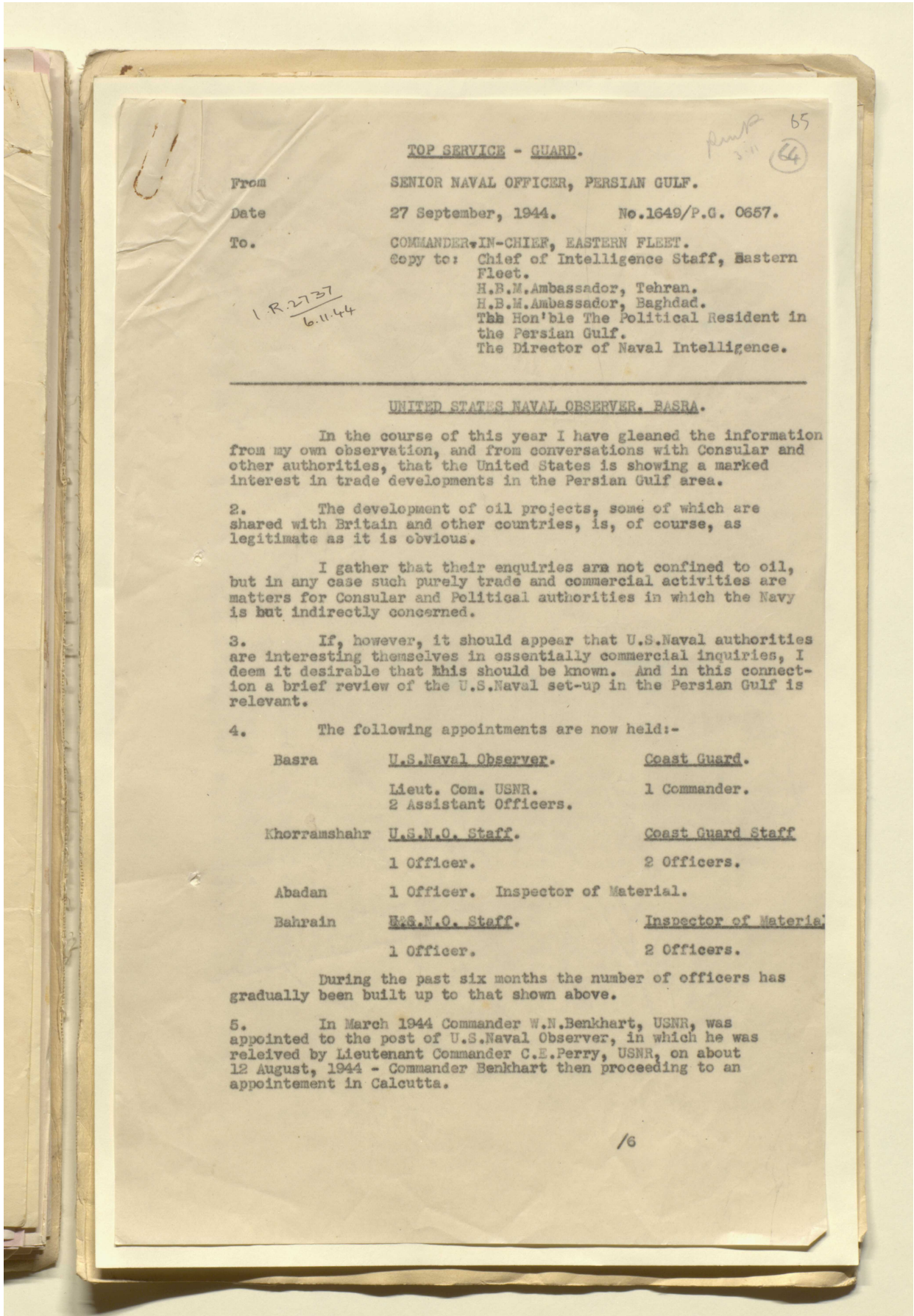
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TOP SERVICE - GUARD.

From SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, PERSIAN GULF.
Date 27 September, 1944. No.1649/P.G. 0657.
To. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, EASTERN FLEET.
Copy to: Chief of Intelligence Staff, Eastern Fleet.
H.B.M.Ambassador, Tehran.
H.B.M.Ambassador, Baghdad.
The Hon'ble The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.
The Director of Naval Intelligence.

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UNITED STATES NAVAL OBSERVER. BASRA.

In the course of this year I have gleaned the information from my own observation, and from conversations with Consular and other authorities, that the United States is showing a marked interest in trade developments in the Persian Gulf area.

2. The development of oil projects, some of which are shared with Britain and other countries, is, of course, as legitimate as it is obvious.

I gather that their enquiries are not confined to oil, but in any case such purely trade and commercial activities are matters for Consular and Political authorities in which the Navy is but indirectly concerned.

3. If, however, it should appear that U.S.Naval authorities are interesting themselves in essentially commercial inquiries, I deem it desirable that this should be known. And in this connection a brief review of the U.S.Naval set-up in the Persian Gulf is relevant.

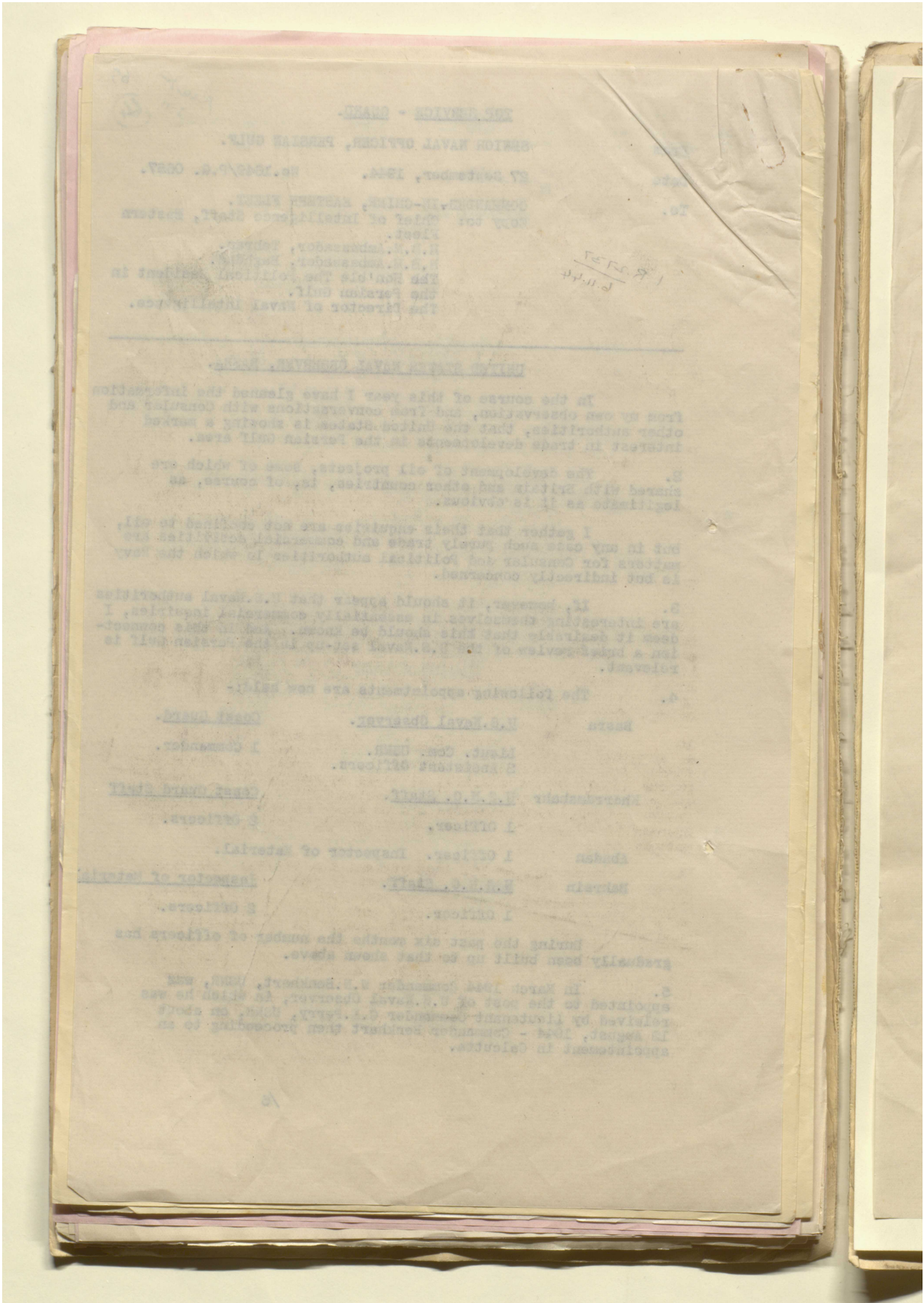
4. The following appointments are now held:-

Basra	<u>U.S.Naval Observer.</u>	<u>Coast Guard.</u>
	Lieut. Com. USNR.	1 Commander.
	2 Assistant Officers.	
Khorramshahr	<u>U.S.N.O. Staff.</u>	<u>Coast Guard Staff</u>
	1 Officer.	2 Officers.
Abadan	1 Officer. Inspector of Material.	
Bahrain	<u>U.S.N.O. Staff.</u>	<u>Inspector of Material</u>
	1 Officer.	2 Officers.

During the past six months the number of officers has gradually been built up to that shown above.

5. In March 1944 Commander W.N.Benkhardt, USNR, was appointed to the post of U.S.Naval Observer, in which he was relieved by Lieutenant Commander C.E.Perry, USNR, on about 12 August, 1944 - Commander Benkhardt then proceeding to an appointment in Calcutta.

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U.S. NAVAL OBSERVER, BASRA.
(Persian Gulf letter No.1649/P.G.0657
dated 27th September, 1944).

6. The directif of the U.S. Naval Observer is not known to me, nor have I asked for this. The work naturally involves keeping a close liaison with U.S. shipping matters, (no doubt in co-operation with the War Shipping Administration), and supervising the discipline and wellbeing of the Armed Guards in U.S. Merchant ships, as well as the technical upkeep of defensive armament. The wellbeing etc. of merchant seamen is the duty of the Coast Guard Officers who however in cases of necessity refer to the Naval Observer. The Naval Observer is also believed to supervise the work of the Inspectors of Material whose duty at Abadan seems to be closely concerned with that carried out by our Inspector of Admiralty Fuel.

7. That I have been impressed with other activities of the Naval Observer which extend to inquiries regarding trade activities at ports in, and at the entrance to, the Persian Gulf, and to port facilities.

8. It is significant that both Commander Benkhart and Lieutenant Commander Perry are members of the U.S. Naval Intelligence Service. Neither are active service officers; both are alert and intelligent, Lieutenant Commander Perry being a business man who in peacetime has served four years in India, one year in Ceylon and five in Burma. Before relieving Commander Benkhart he served for some months as Naval Observer in Durban.

9. Commander Benkhart, of Prussian descent, had a considerable part in the intelligence work leading up to the attack on Casablanca; he proved to be a most co-operative and friendly colleague at Basra, and seemed to be perfectly frank and open in his dealings with me. During his appointment at Basra he visited Bahrain, Bushire and Kuwait, and accompanied me in H.M.S. "Beacon" on a visit to Bandar Shahpur. He evinced a desire to visit Muscat which, however, he did not achieve.

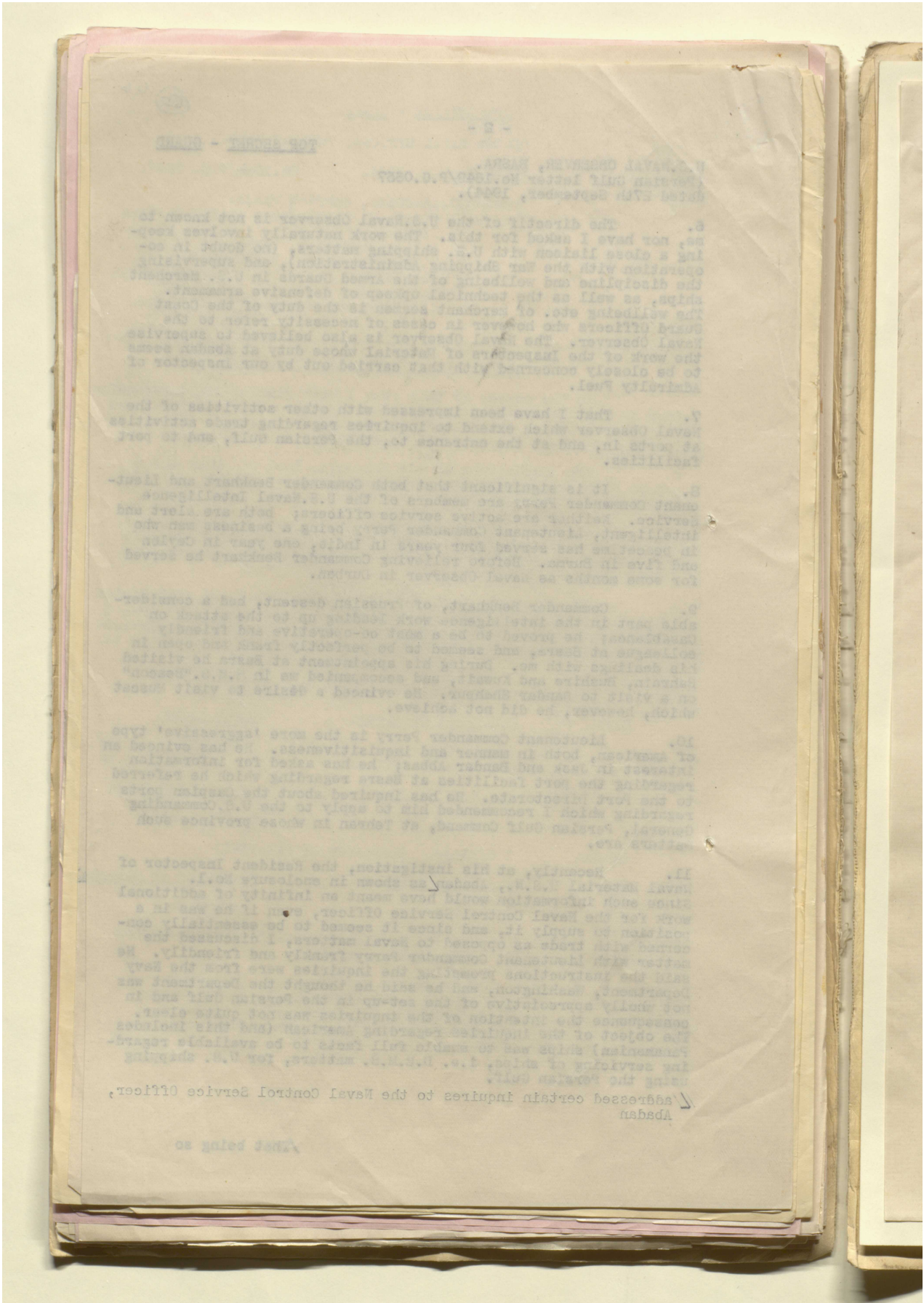
10. Lieutenant Commander Perry is the more 'aggressive' type of American, both in manner and inquisitiveness. He has evinced an interest in Jask and Bandar Abbas; he has asked for information regarding the port facilities at Basra regarding which he referred to the Port Directorate. He has inquired about the Caspian ports regarding which I recommended him to apply to the U.S. Commanding General, Persian Gulf Command, at Tehran in whose province such matters are.

11. Recently, at his instigation, the Resident Inspector of Naval Material U.S.N., Abadan/as shown in enclosure No.1. Since such information would have meant an infinity of additional work for the Naval Control Service Officer, even if he was in a position to supply it, and since it seemed to be essentially concerned with trade as opposed to Naval matters, I discussed the matter with Lieutenant Commander Perry frankly and friendly. He said the instructions prompting the inquiries were from the Navy Department, Washington, and he said he thought the Department was not wholly appreciative of the set-up in the Persian Gulf and in consequence the intention of the inquiries was not quite clear. The object of the inquiries regarding American (and this includes Panamanian) ships was to enable full facts to be available regarding servicing of ships, i.e. D.E.M.S. matters, for U.S. shipping using the Persian Gulf.

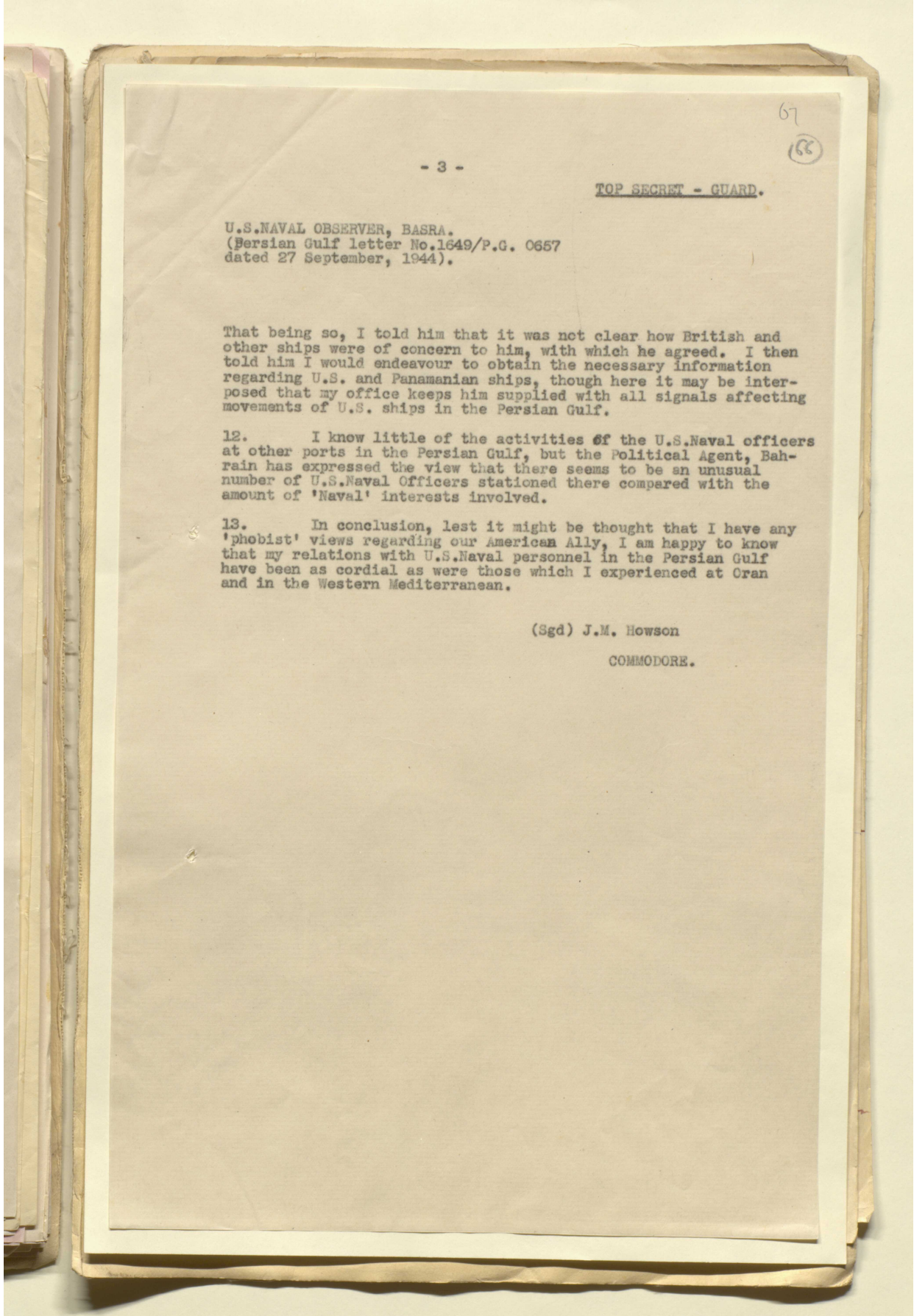
//addressed certain inquires to the Naval Control Service Officer,
Abadan

/That being so

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U.S.NAVAL OBSERVER, BASRA.
(Persian Gulf letter No.1649/P.G. 0657
dated 27 September, 1944).

That being so, I told him that it was not clear how British and other ships were of concern to him, with which he agreed. I then told him I would endeavour to obtain the necessary information regarding U.S. and Panamanian ships, though here it may be interposed that my office keeps him supplied with all signals affecting movements of U.S. ships in the Persian Gulf.

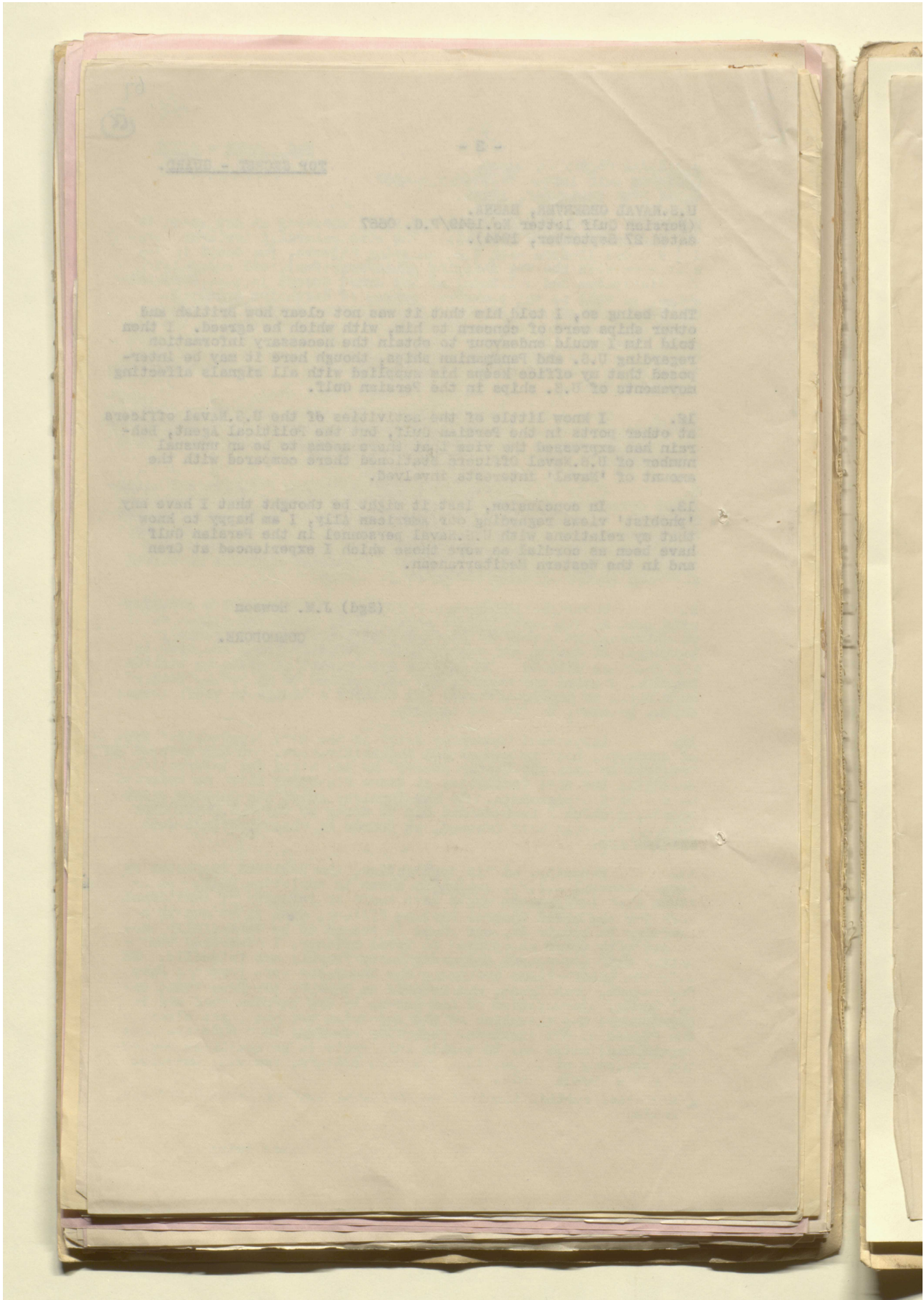
12. I know little of the activities of the U.S.Naval officers at other ports in the Persian Gulf, but the Political Agent, Bahrain has expressed the view that there seems to be an unusual number of U.S.Naval Officers stationed there compared with the amount of 'Naval' interests involved.

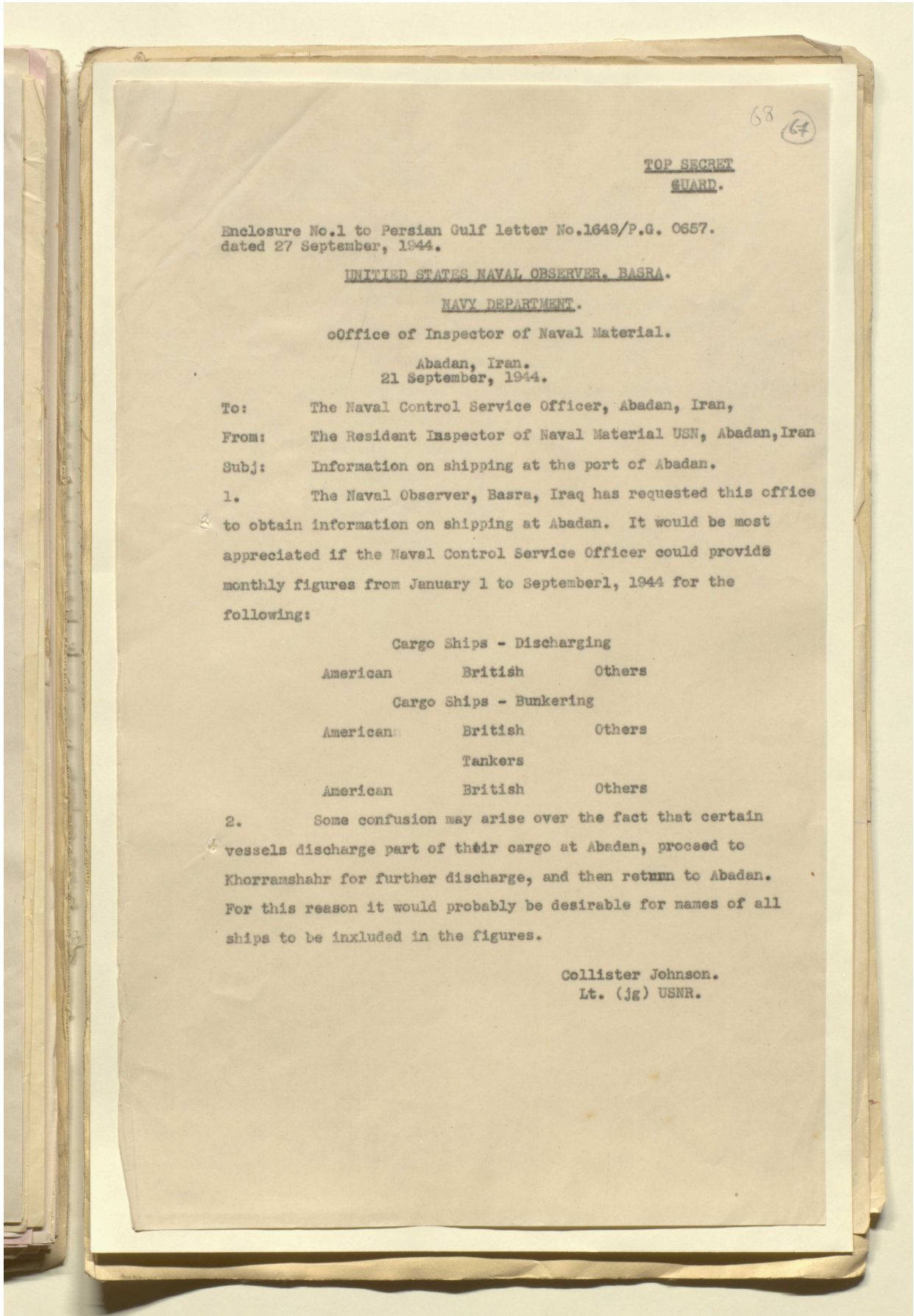
13. In conclusion, lest it might be thought that I have any 'phobist' views regarding our American Ally, I am happy to know that my relations with U.S.Naval personnel in the Persian Gulf have been as cordial as were those which I experienced at Cran and in the Western Mediterranean.

(Sgd) J.M. Howson

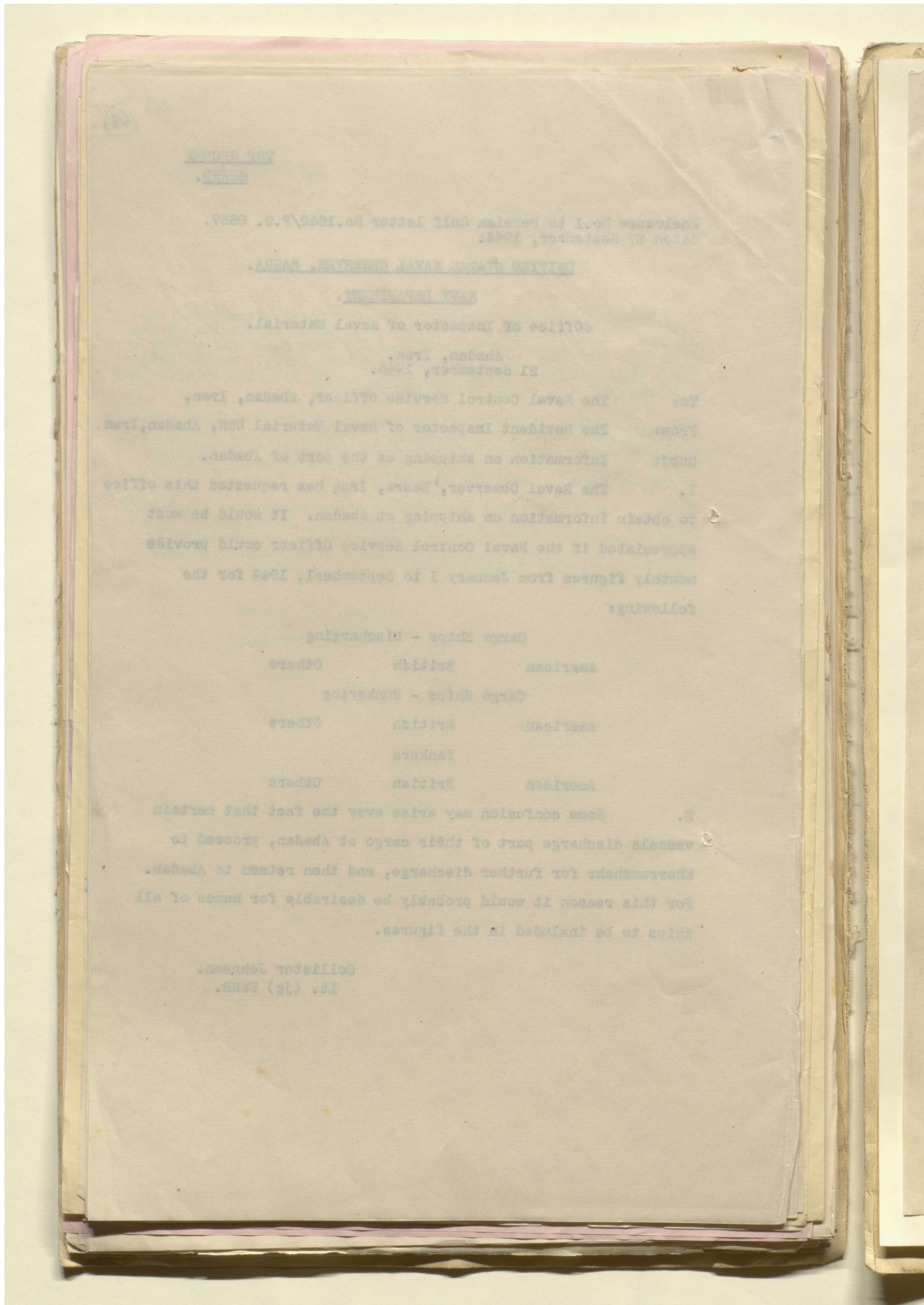
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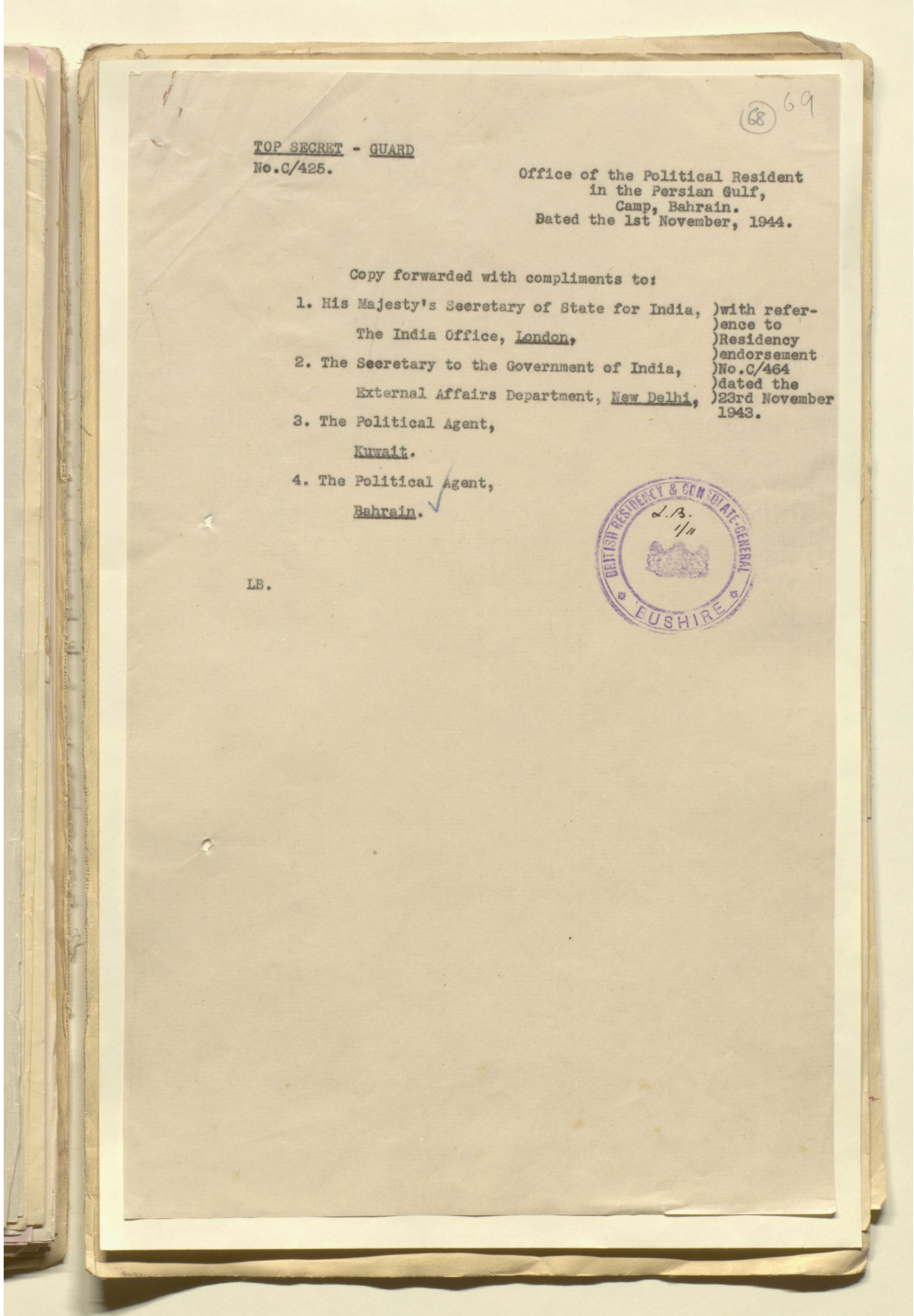




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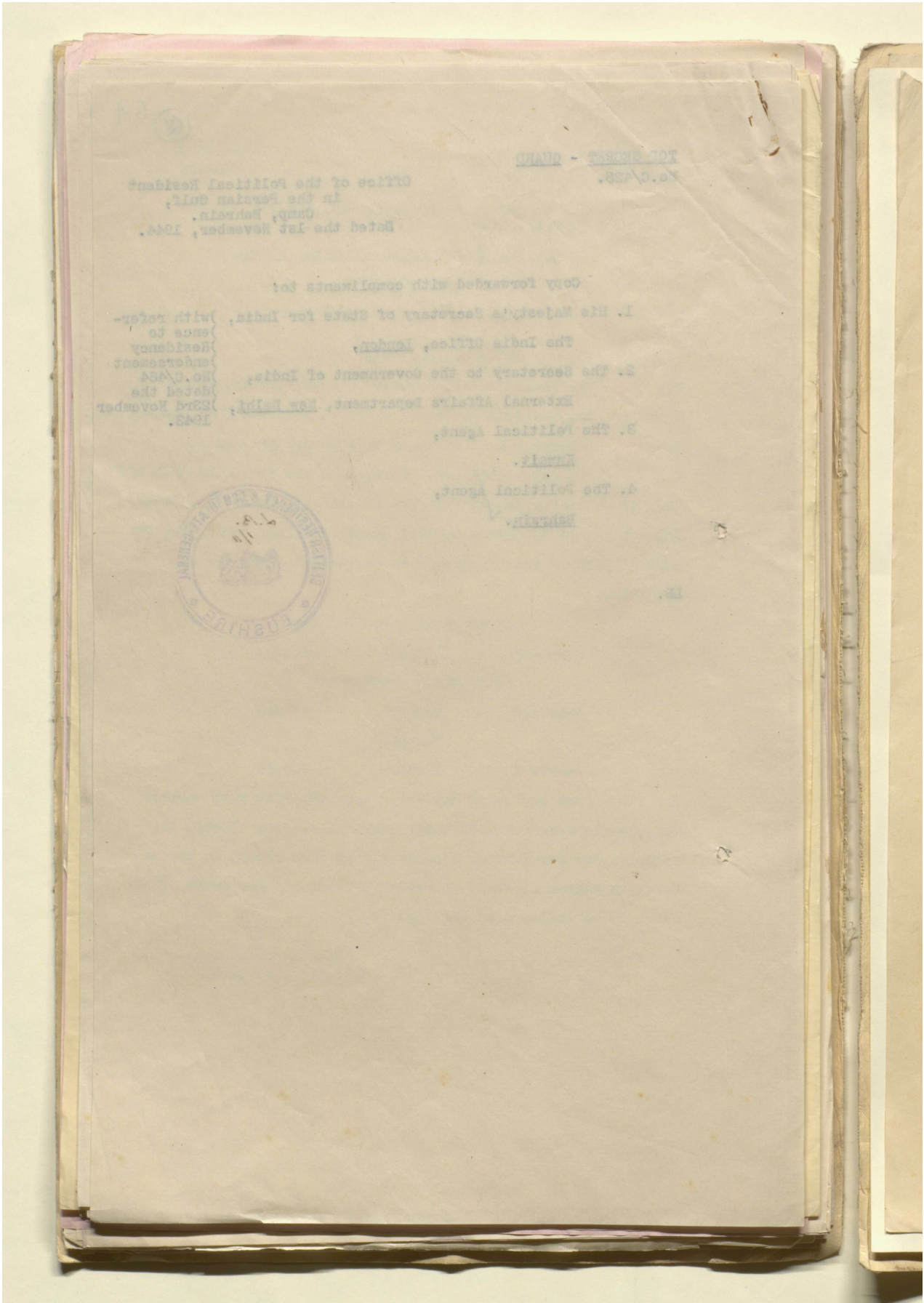
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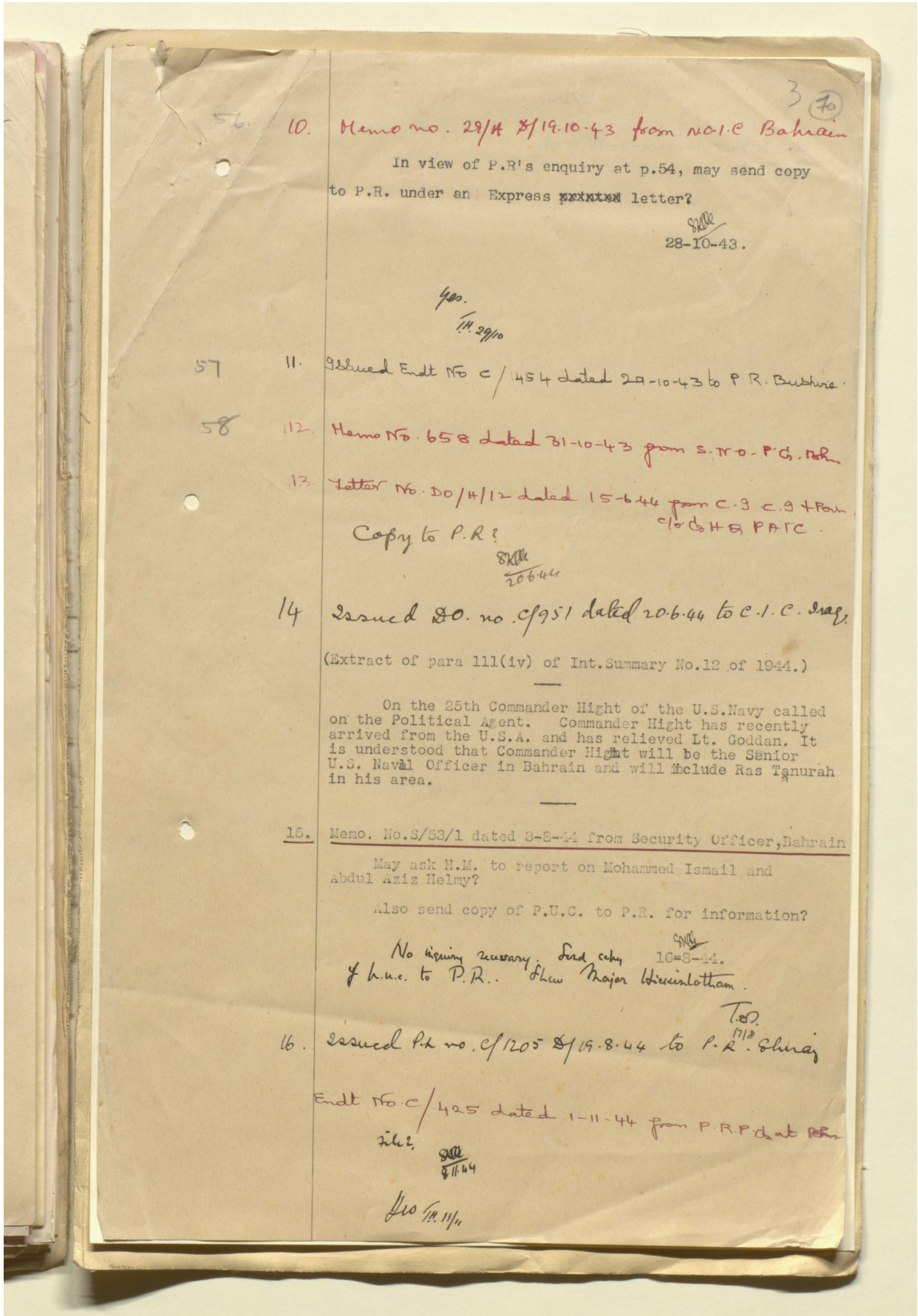
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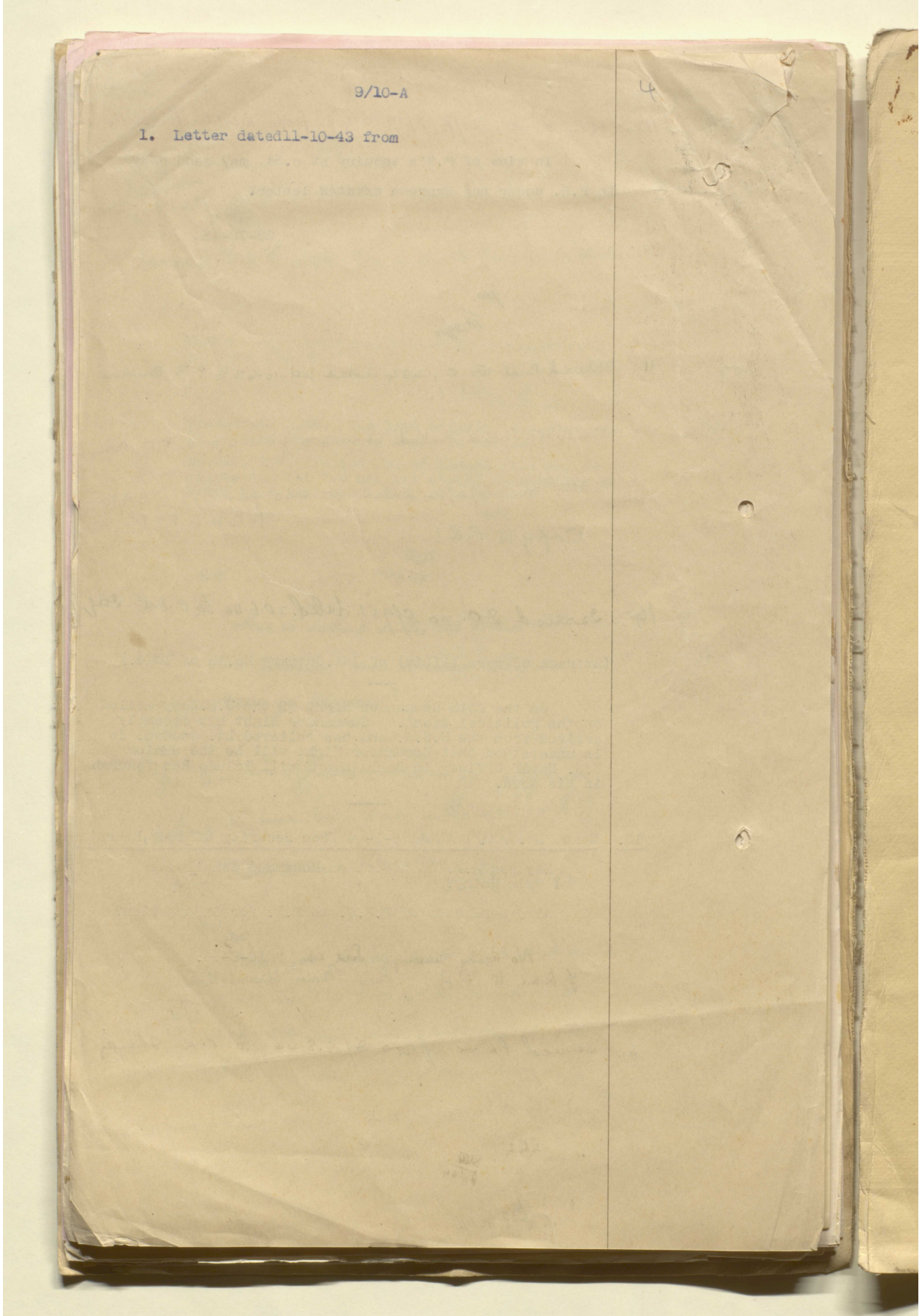
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Have we any record of what if any American Naval officers are here?
(Id) T.H.
9-10-43.
Please see p.46. The last official observer was Lt. Lockard who went to Basra in Nov. 1941.
pp. 225, 226, 229 and 230 of linked file may be relevant. The two men are styled "Inspectors of Naval material" and belong to U.S. Navy.
SKB
10-10-43.
A.P.A.
There is nothing on this file to show that these gentlemen were awarded. Do you know if they did?
T.H. 10/10
Yes. The two officers covered exp. 229 & 230 of the L.F. have been here for the best part of a year. They live in Awali. T.H. 11/1/43.
A.P.A.
Would you kindly make discreet enquiries about these two N.O.s at the Awali with a view to finding out what they do here. In the meantime my telegrams may T.H. 11/10
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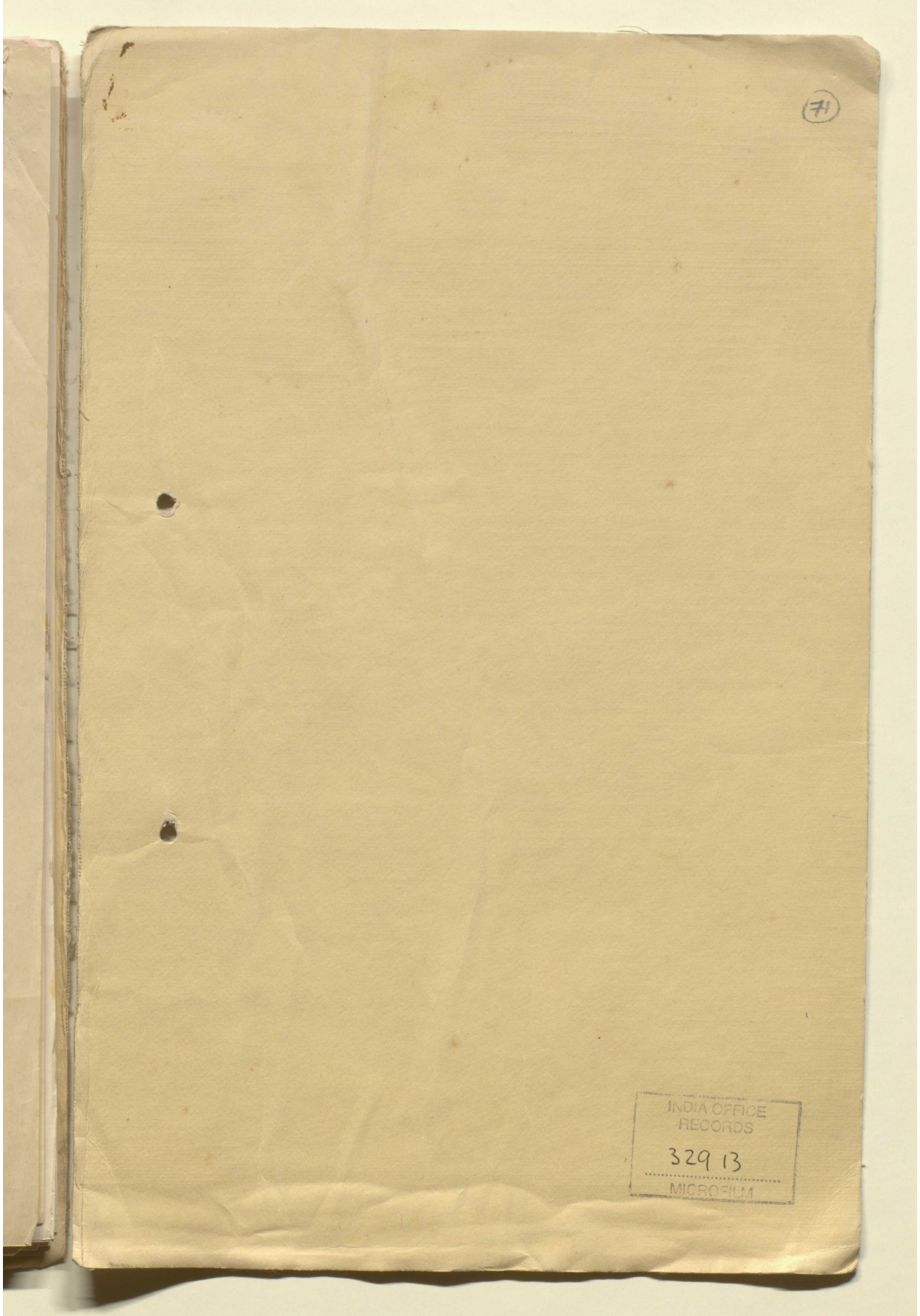
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