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About this record

The file comprises copies of correspondence received from or relating to the Combined Intelligence Centre Iraq (CICI), including: a letter from the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf (Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Geoffrey Prior) to his Political Agents, dated 1941, concerning the establishment of the CICI (f 2); cessation of the issue of press and propaganda summaries by the CICI (f 3); a letter from the CICI to the Political Agent at Bahrain (Edward Birkbeck Wakefield), dated 4 December 1942, introducing Hussain Taymore, on pilgrimage and doing some 'special work' for the CICI (f 5); a request from the CICI to the Political Agent at Bahrain, dated 25 November 1944, asking for any information on Anglo-American relations in Bahrain (f 7); a letter from Air Headquarters in Iraq, dated 18 October 1946, concerning the closure of the CICI, and the transfer of functions formerly carried out by the Tribal and Political Section of the CICI to Air Staff Intelligence (f 11).

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H. B. M. S. POLITICAL AGENCY
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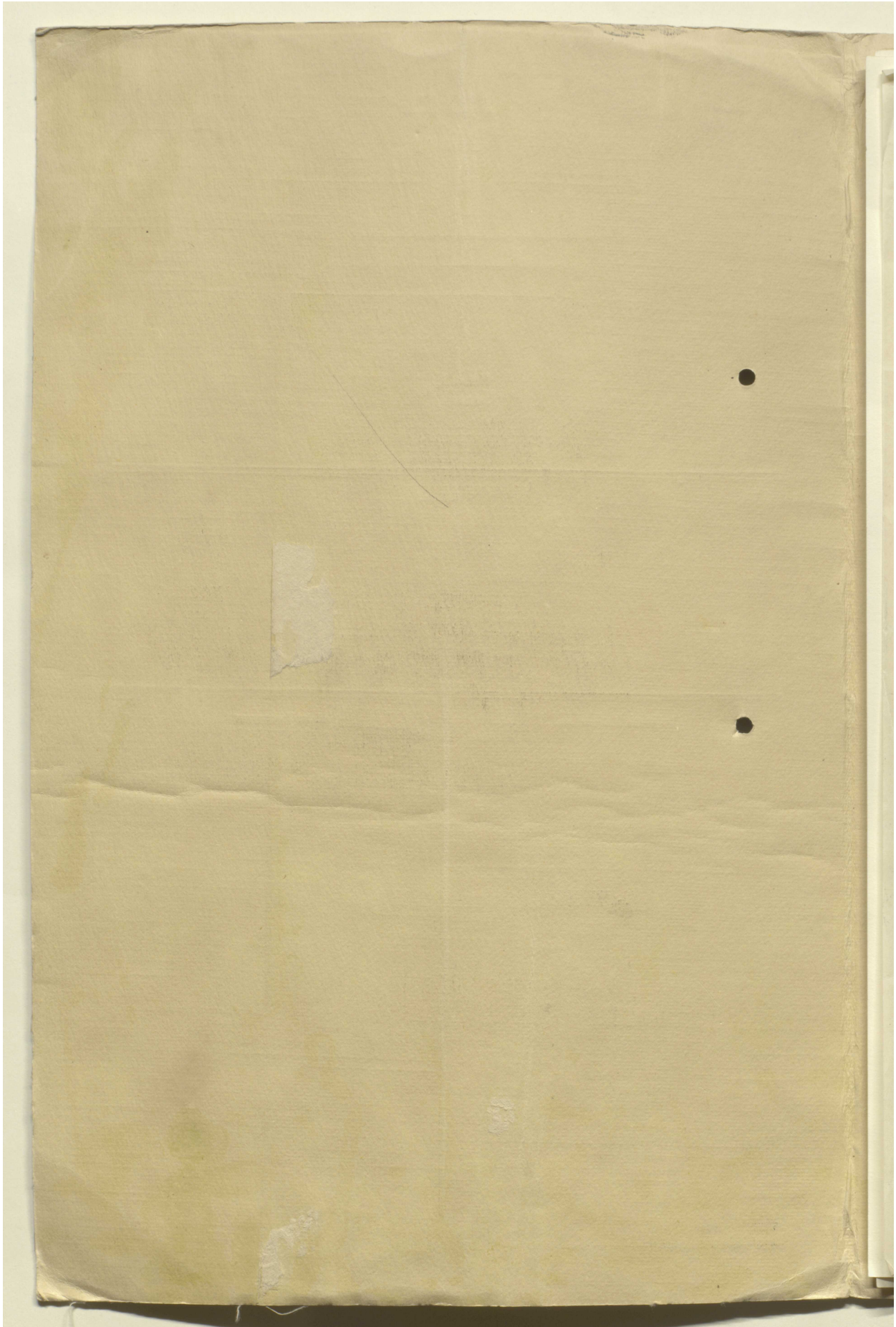
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I.R. 1041

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C/238 of 1941.

Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,

Camp Bahrain.

Dated the 30th June 1941.

To

The Political Agent, Kuwait.
The Political Agent, Bahrain. ✓
The Political Agent, Muscat.
H.M.'s Vice Consul, Khorramshahr.

MEMORANDUM

1

A combined Intelligence Centre, Iraq, has
been established under Colonel W. G. Elphinstone, M.C.,
Its address is C/o Air Headquarters British Forces
in Iraq, Habbaniya.

(Signed) C. G. Prior,

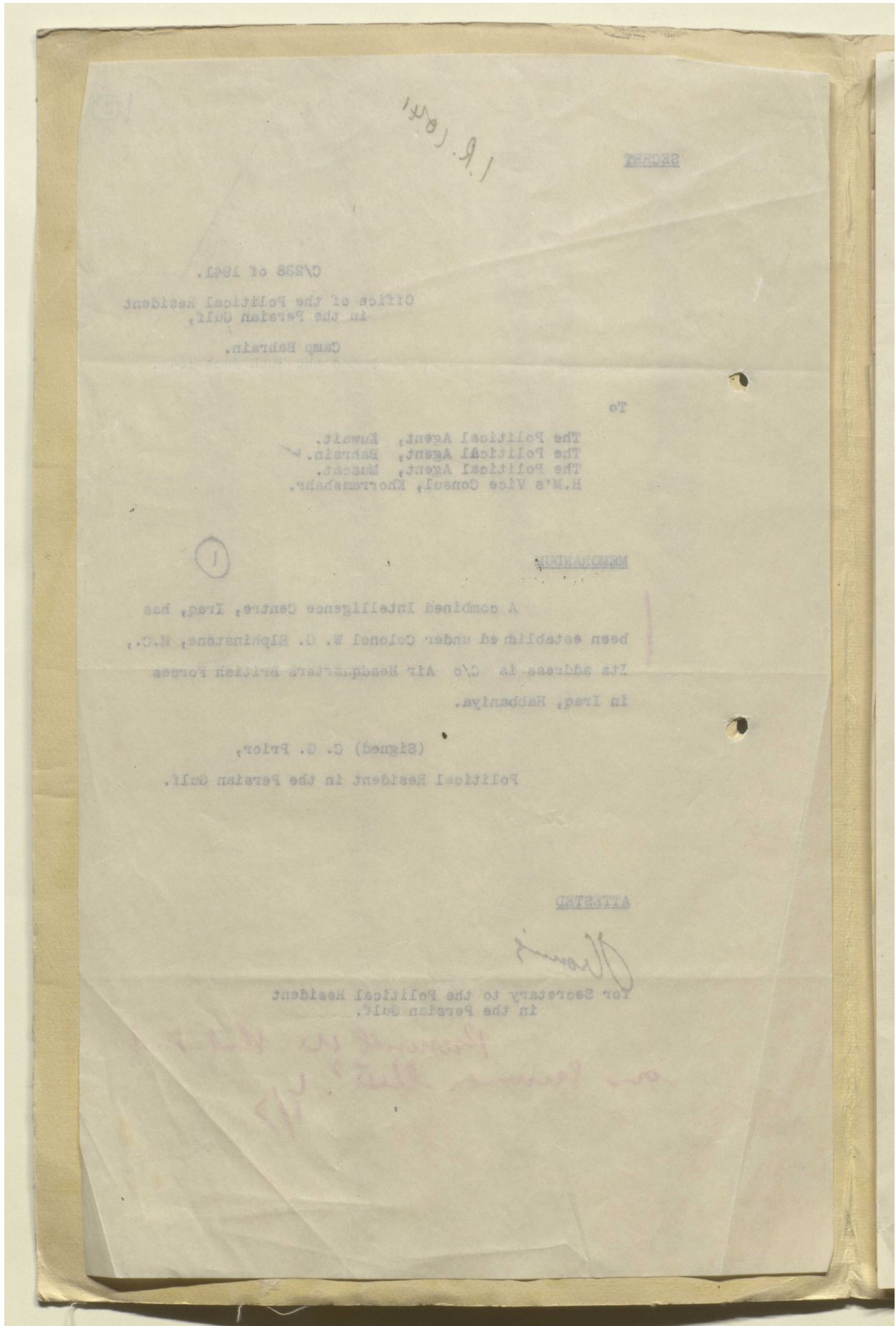
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

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For Secretary to the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf.

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on previous letter? 6/1/41*



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From: - Combined Intelligence Centre Iraq,
Baghdad.

Date: - 25th May, 1942.

Ref: - BD/275/1.

Subj: - PUBLICITY AND PROPAGANDA SUMMARIES ISSUED BY C. I. C. I.

On instructions received from the Middle East Intelligence Centre, the Press and Propaganda (I(c)) Section of C. I. C. I. is to be abolished. The issue of all Summaries and Reports previously prepared by this Centre will therefore cease with immediate effect.

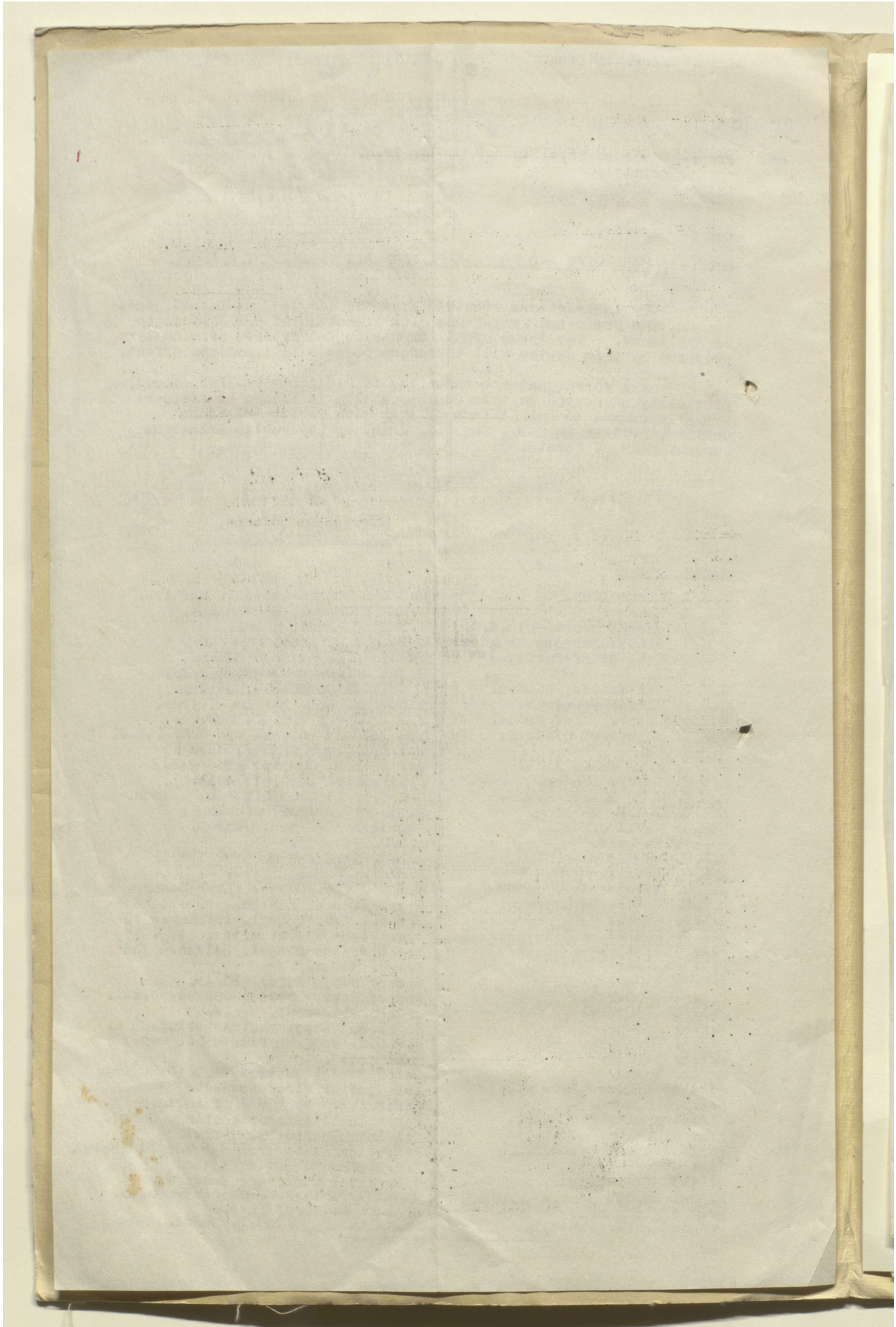
All correspondence referring to Publicity and Propaganda, previously addressed to this Centre, should in future be respectively addressed to (a) Liaison Officer with Public Relations Section, British Embassy, Baghdad, Iraq, or (b) Public Relations Bureau, Tehran, Persia.

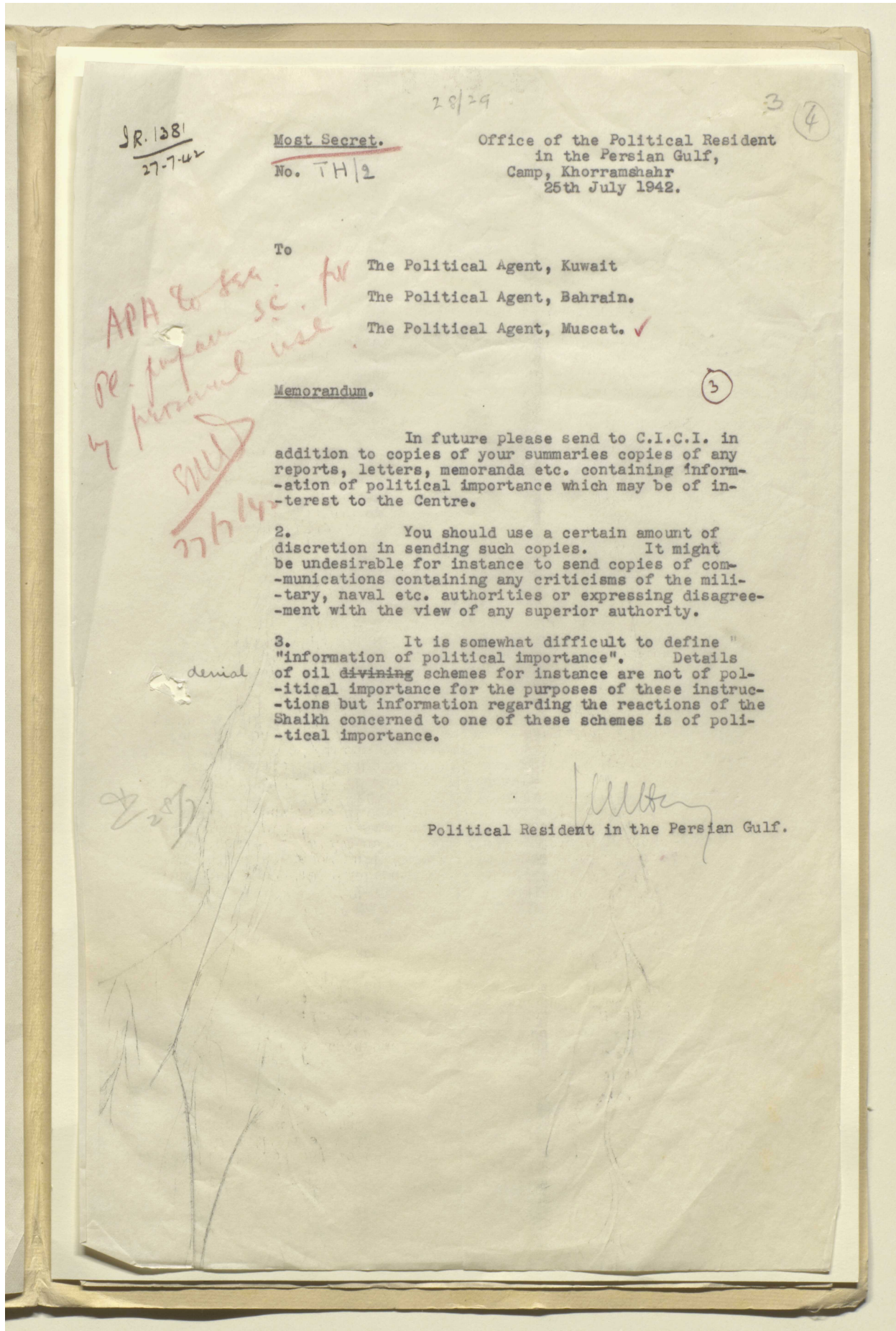
E. H. Lamb
Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding C. I. C. I.

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A. P. A. Diwaniya.
A. P. A. Kirkuk.
A. P. A. Mosul.
Political Agent, Kuwait.
C. I. C. I. Basra.
Ministry of Information,
London.
Monitoring Dept., B. B. C.,
London.
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Mr. Watson, Counter Propaganda
Directorate, G. of India.
C. I. C. I. Liaison Officer, Tehran.
Resident Advisor, Mukullah.
American Legation, Tehran.
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A. L. O. Kermanshah.
H. B. M's Consul, Ahwaz.
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Most Secret.
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Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,
Camp, Khorramshahr
25th July 1942.

To
The Political Agent, Kuwait
The Political Agent, Bahrain.
The Political Agent, Muscat. ✓

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pe. paper sc. for
personal use
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Memorandum.

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In future please send to C.I.C.I. in addition to copies of your summaries copies of any reports, letters, memoranda etc. containing information of political importance which may be of interest to the Centre.

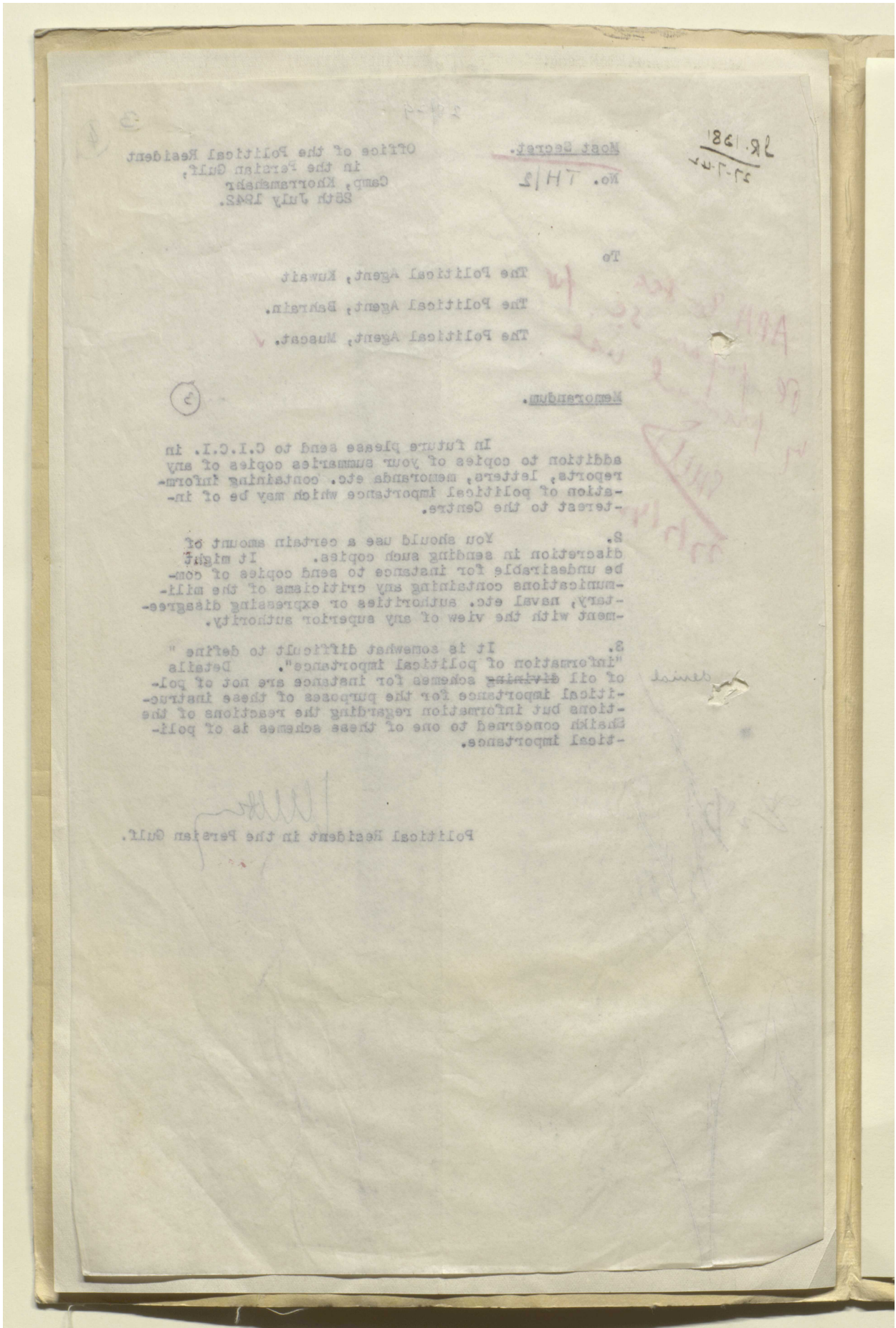
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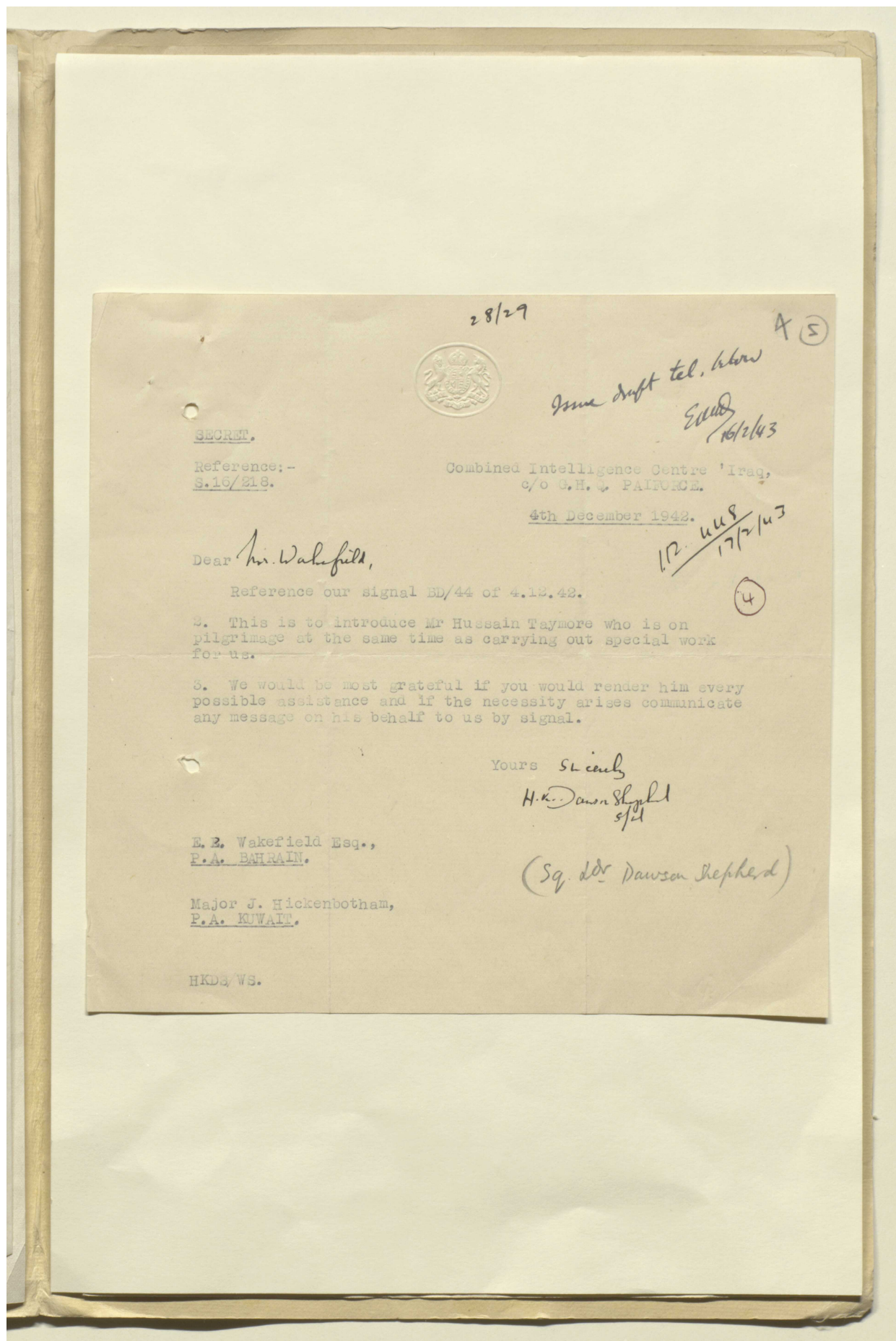
denial

3. It is somewhat difficult to define "information of political importance". Details of oil divining schemes for instance are not of political importance for the purposes of these instructions but information regarding the reactions of the Shaikh concerned to one of these schemes is of political importance.

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Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.





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Some draft tel. below 4 (5)
E. Wakefield
16/2/43

SECRET.

Reference:--
S.16/218.

Combined Intelligence Centre 'Iraq,
c/o G.H. & PALFURGE.

4th December 1942.

112. 448
17/2/43

Dear *Mr. Wakefield,*

Reference our signal BD/44 of 4.12.42.

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3. This is to introduce Mr Hussain Taymore who is on pilgrimage at the same time as carrying out special work for us.

3. We would be most grateful if you would render him every possible assistance and if the necessity arises communicate any message on his behalf to us by signal.

Yours *Sincerely*

H.K. Dawson Shepherd
s/j

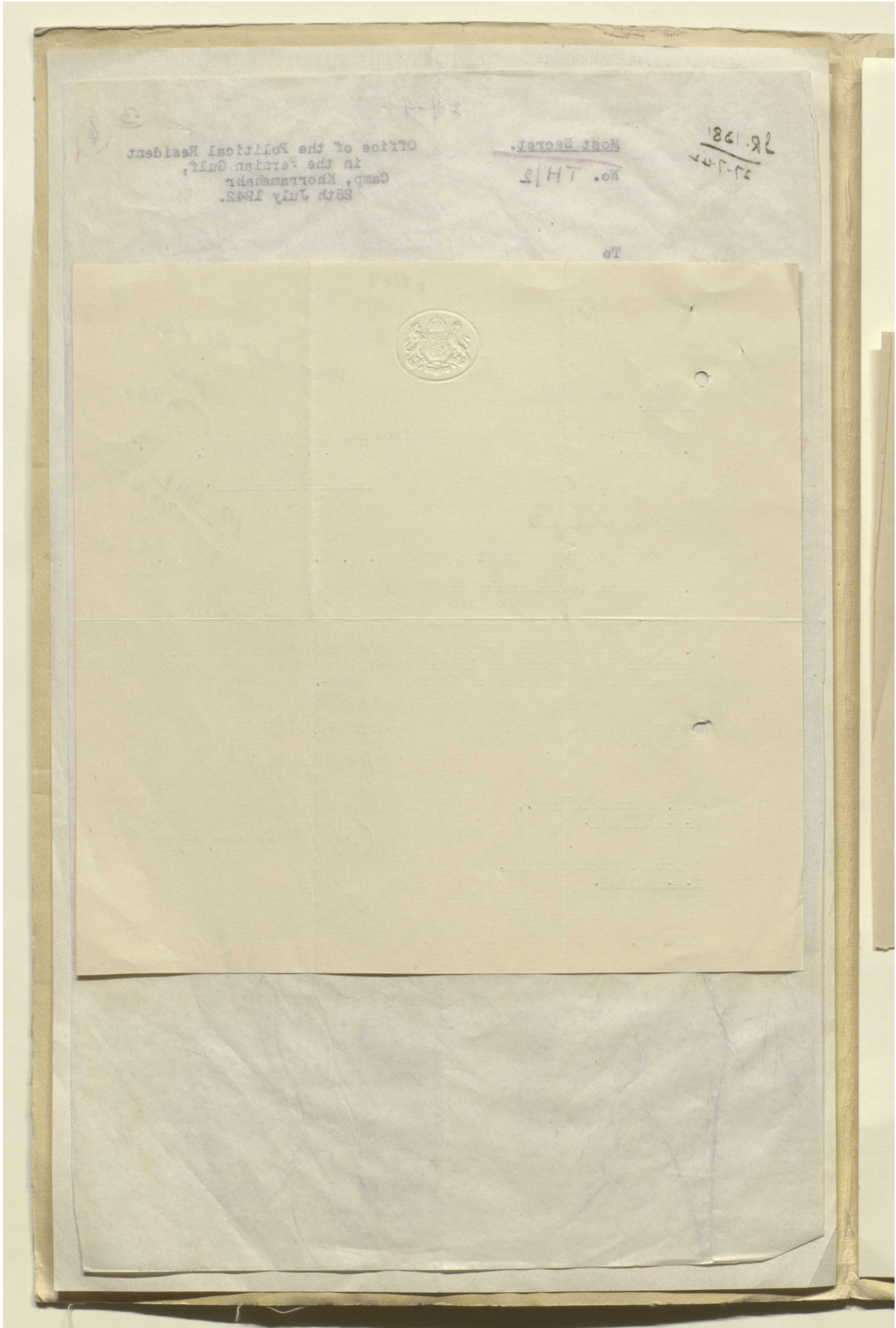
E. E. Wakefield Esq.,
P.A. BAHRAIN.

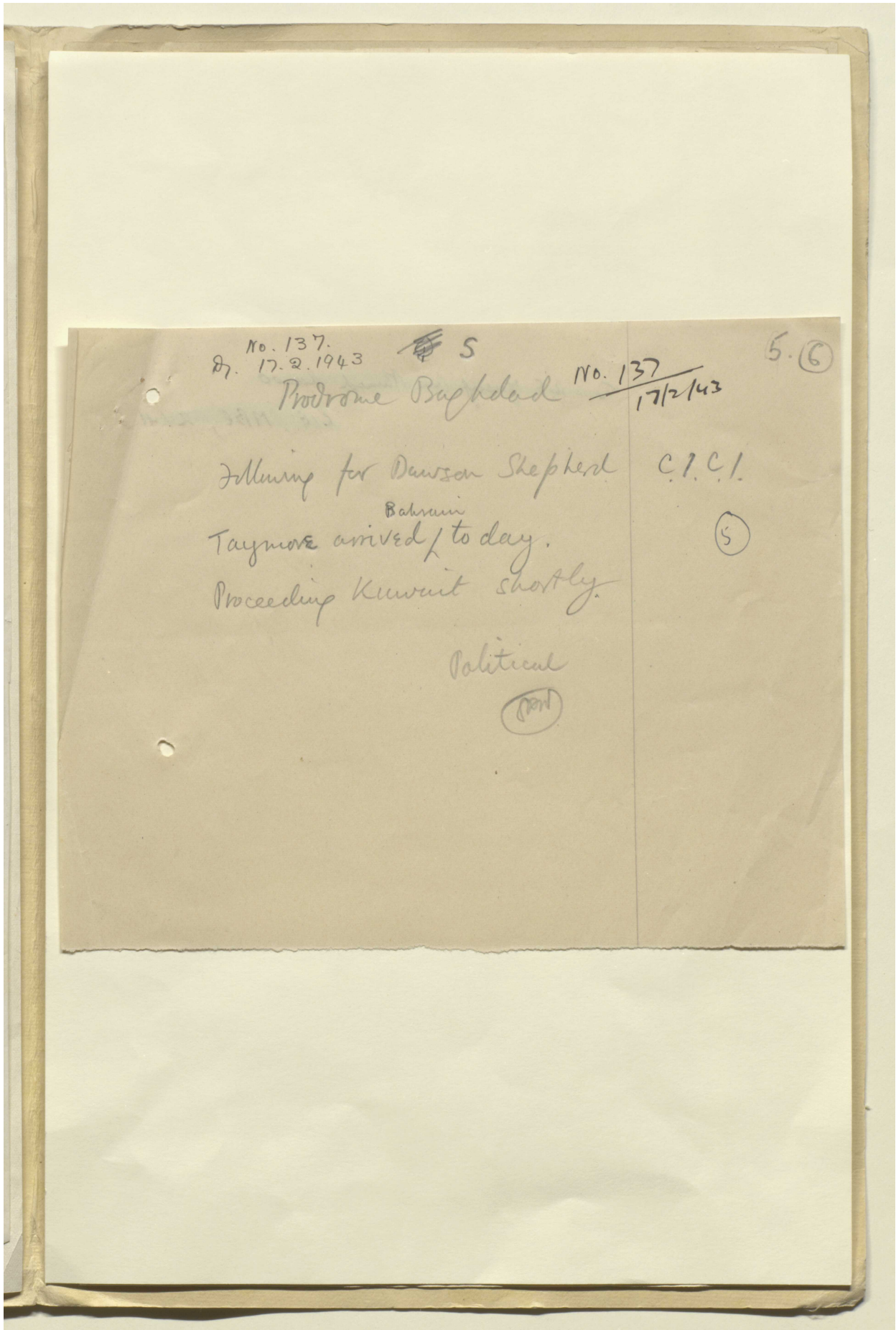
(*Sq. Ldr Dawson Shepherd*)

Major J. Hickenbotham,
P.A. KUWAIT.

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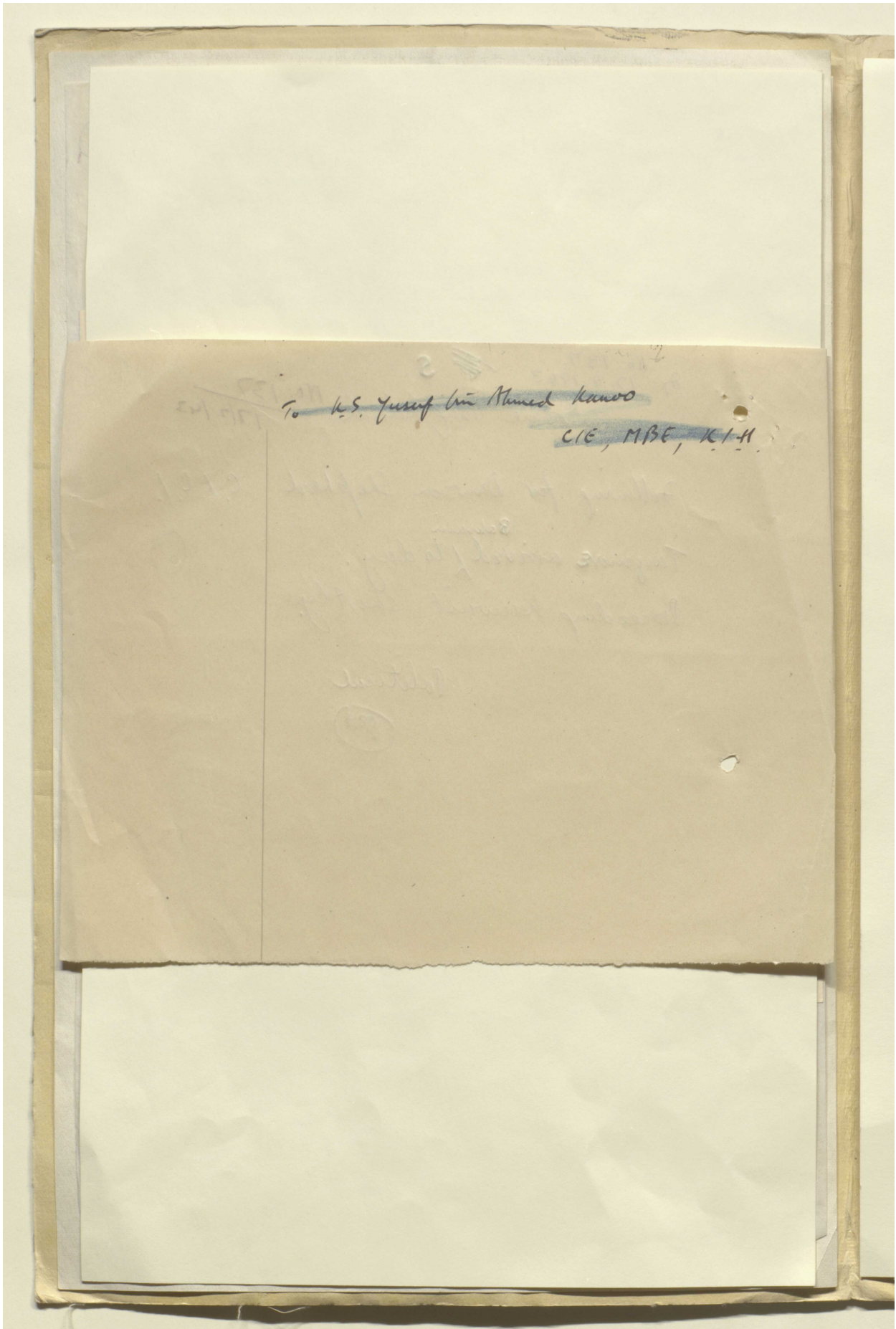
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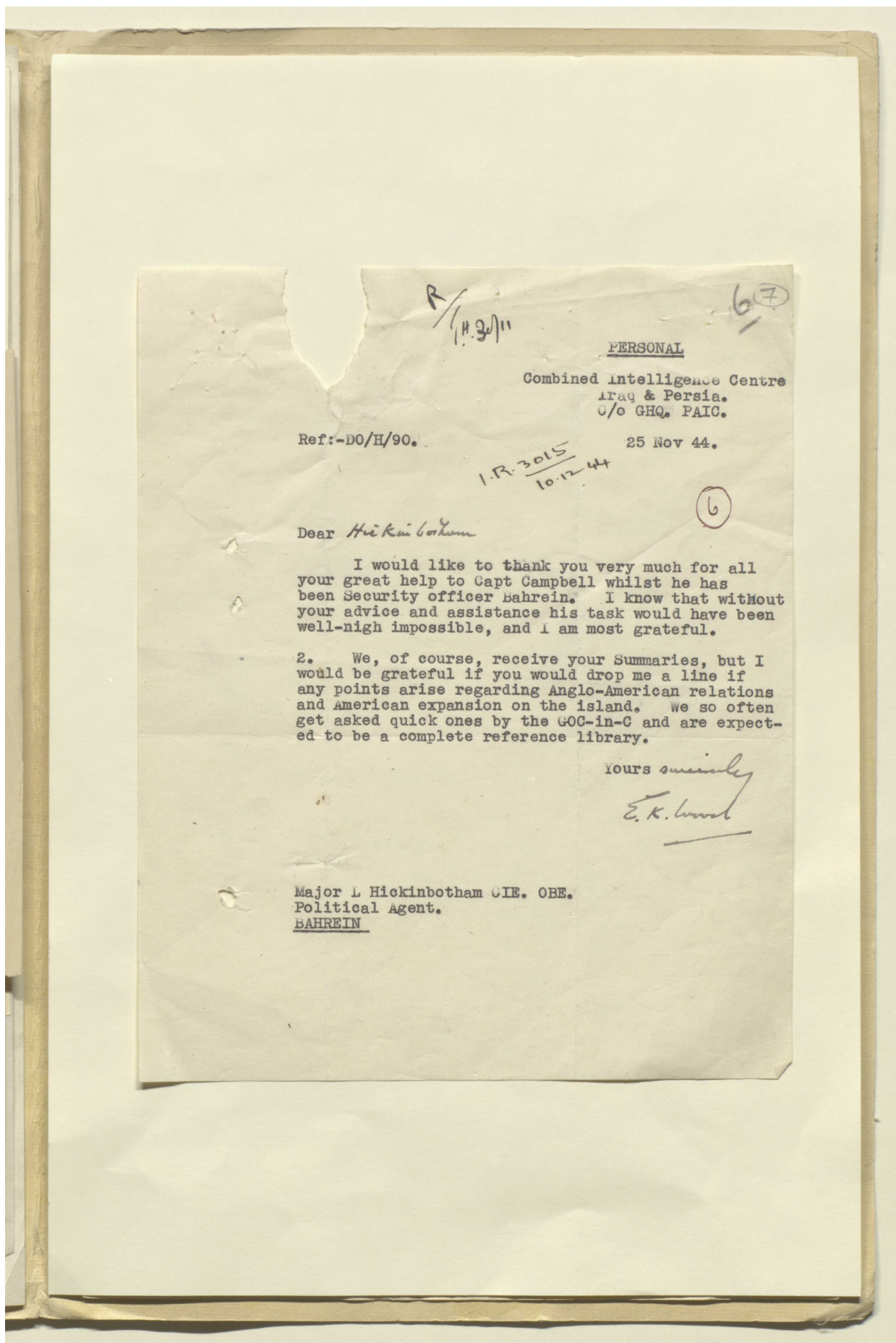
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Combined Intelligence Centre
Iraq & Persia.
c/o GHQ. PAIC.

Ref:-DC/H/90.

25 Nov 44.

I.R. 3015
10.12.44

Dear *Hickinbotham*

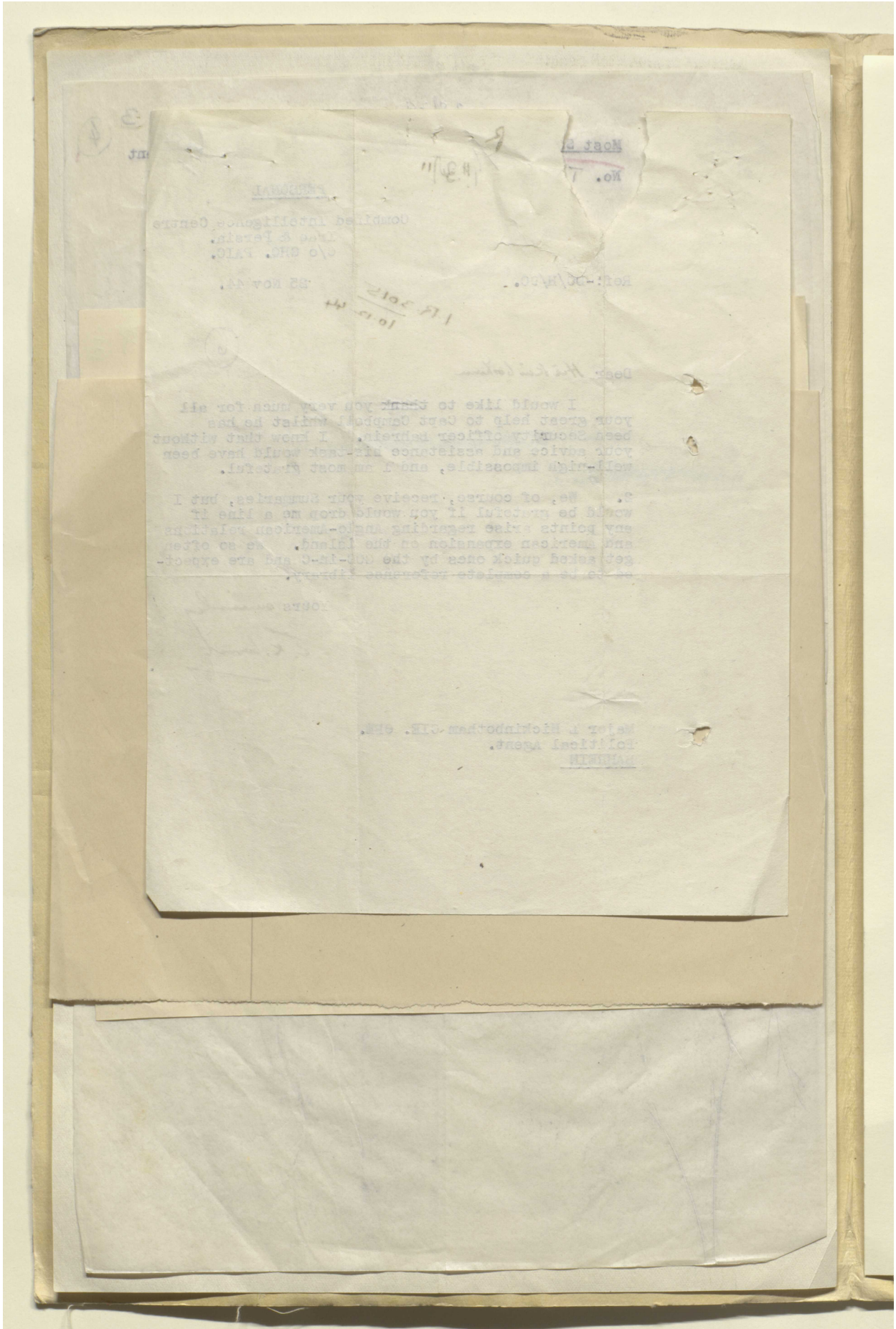
I would like to thank you very much for all your great help to Capt Campbell whilst he has been Security officer Bahrein. I know that without your advice and assistance his task would have been well-nigh impossible, and I am most grateful.

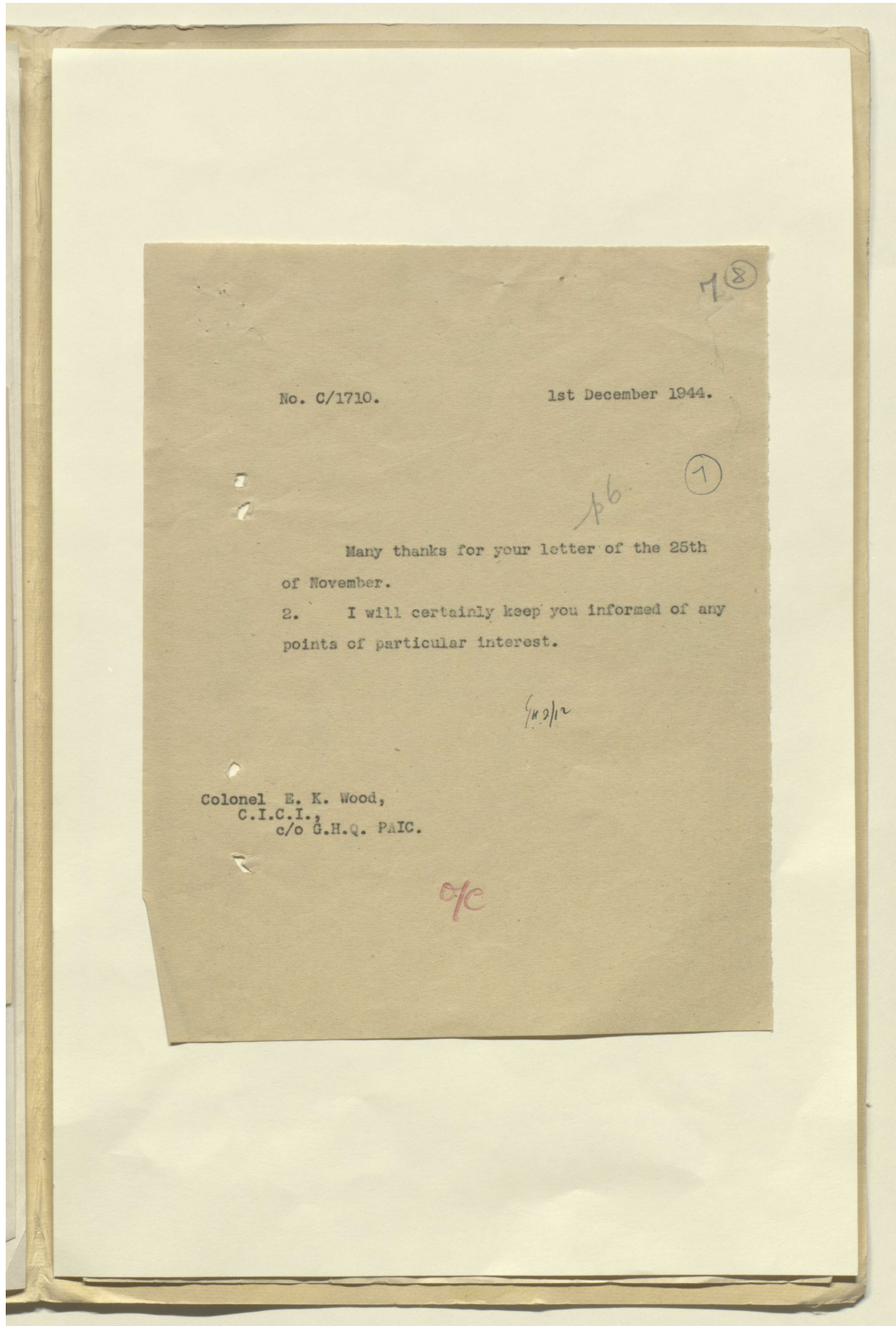
2. We, of course, receive your Summaries, but I would be grateful if you would drop me a line if any points arise regarding Anglo-American relations and American expansion on the island. We so often get asked quick ones by the GOC-in-C and are expected to be a complete reference library.

Yours sincerely
E. K. Wood

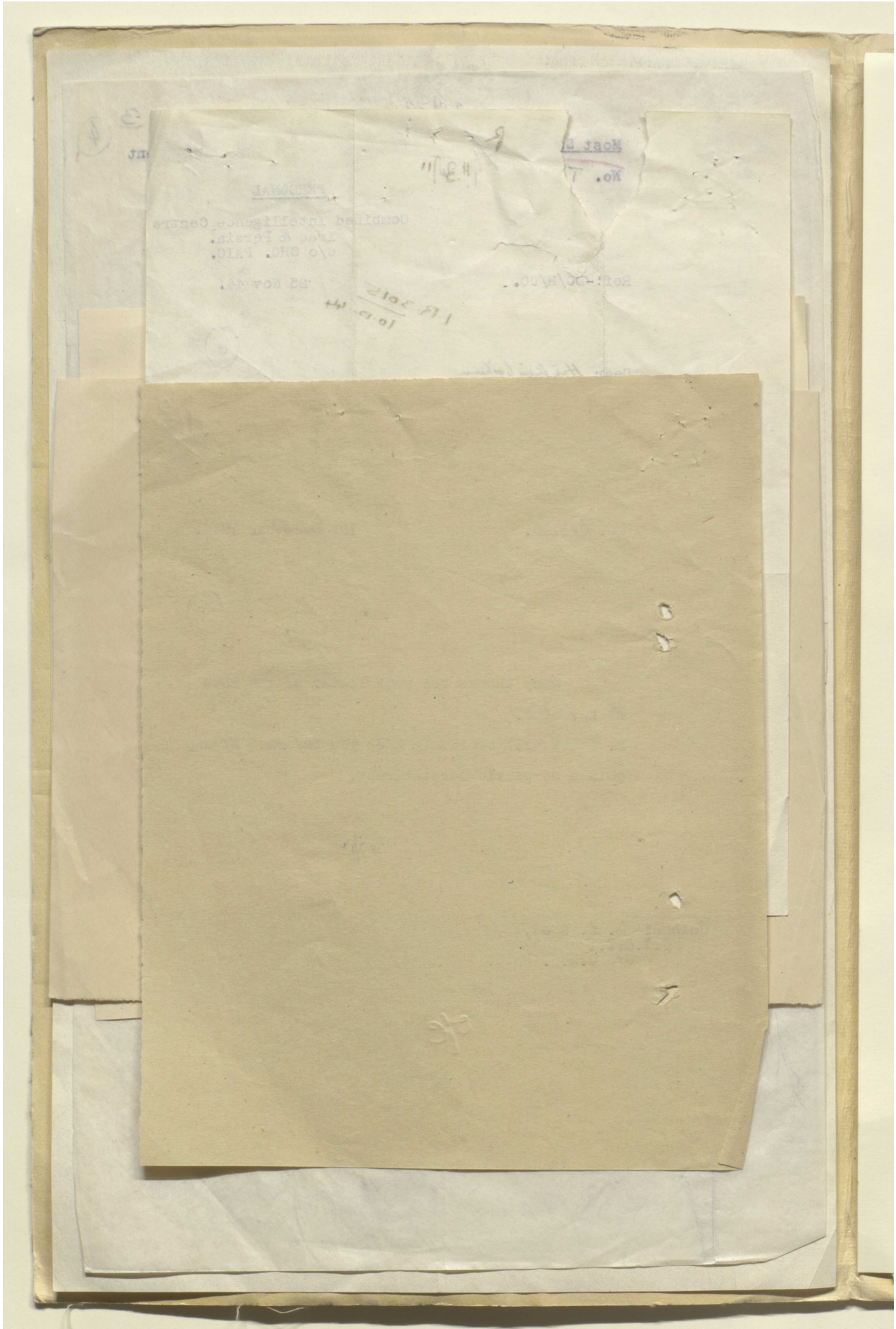
Major L. Hickinbotham CIE. OBE.
Political Agent.
BAHREIN

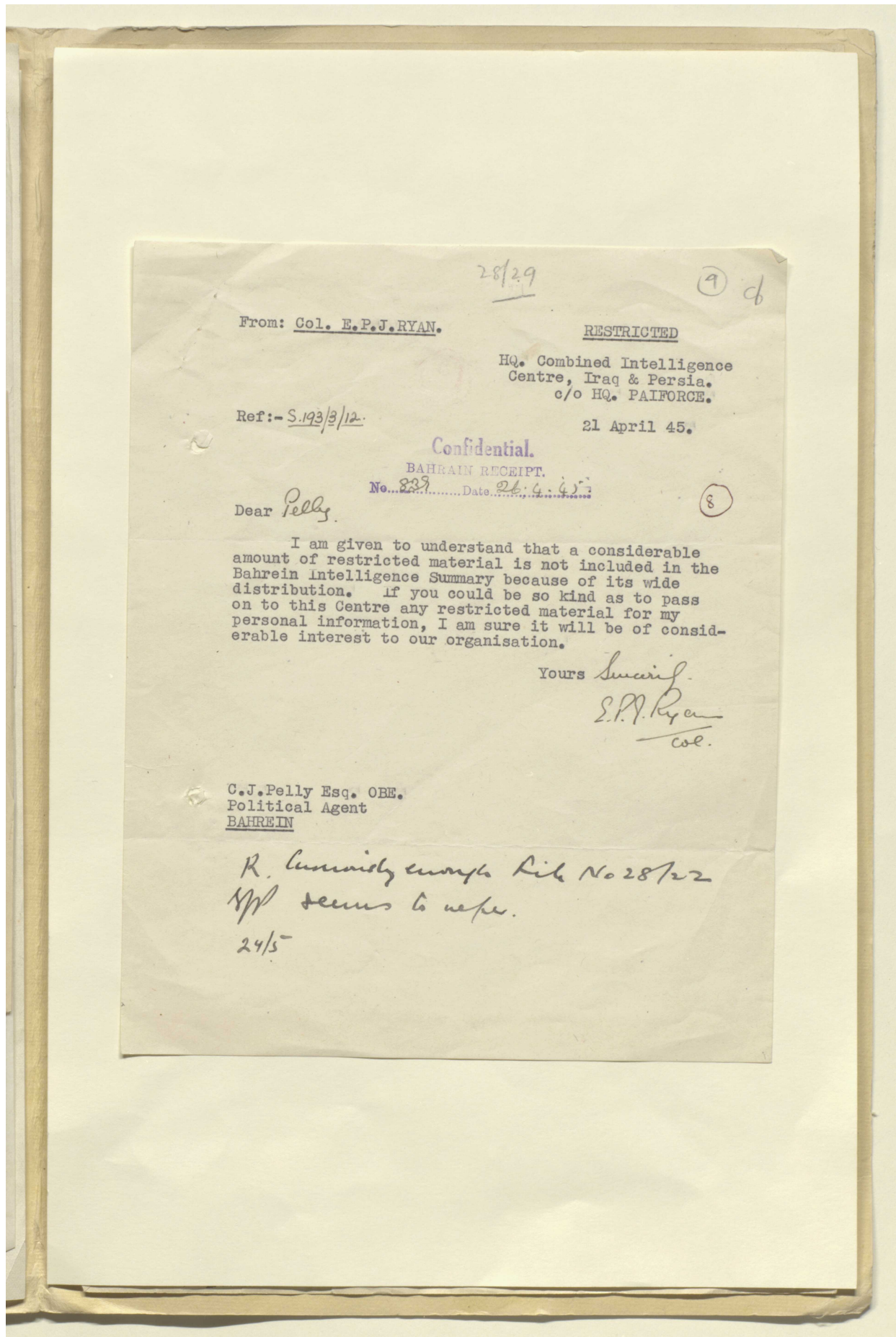
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From: Col. E.P.J. RYAN.

RESTRICTED

HQ. Combined Intelligence
Centre, Iraq & Persia.
c/o HQ. PAIFORCE.

Ref:- S.193/3/12.

21 April 45.

Confidential.

BAHRAIN RECEIPT.

No. 229 Date 26.4.45

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Dear Pelly.

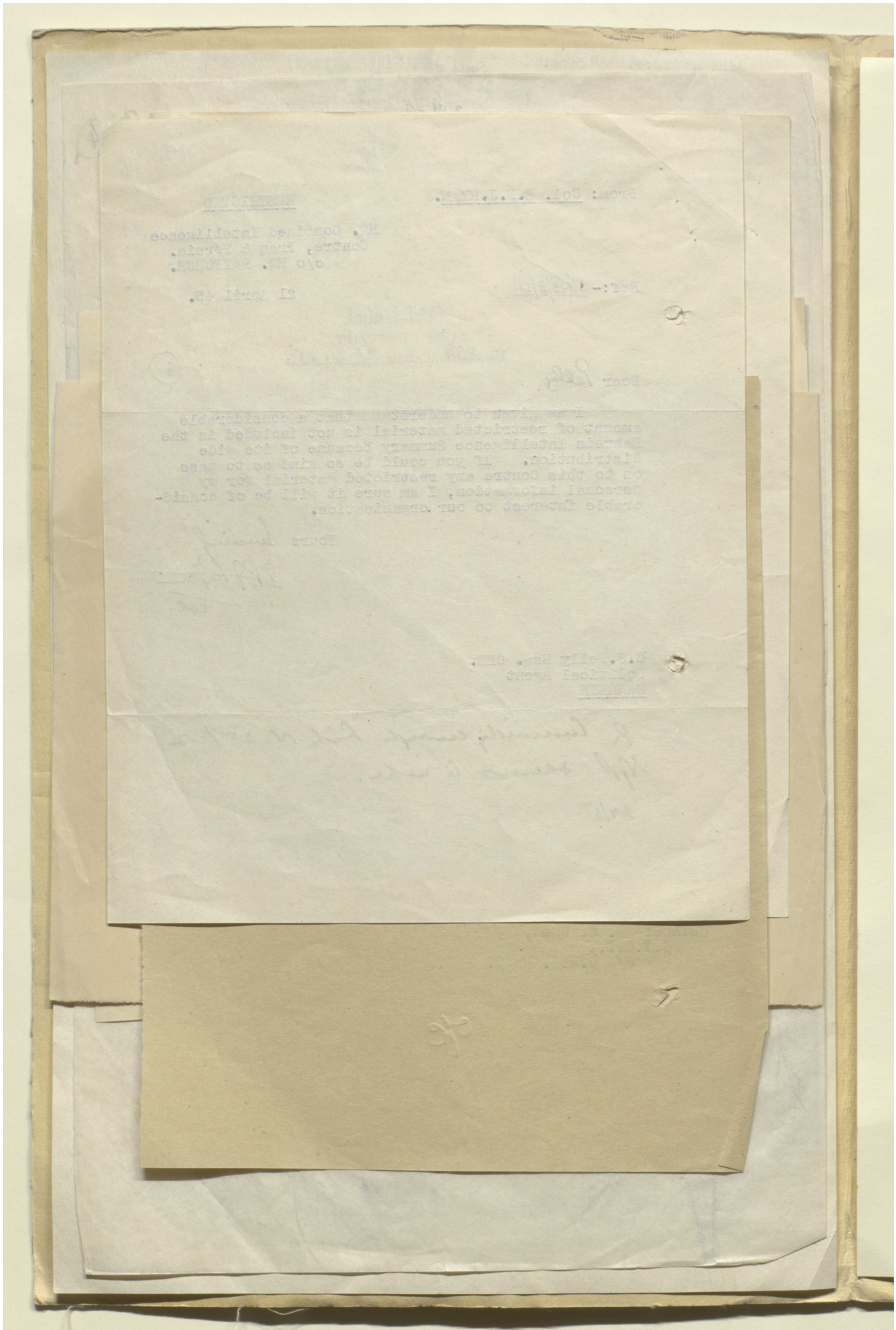
I am given to understand that a considerable amount of restricted material is not included in the Bahrain Intelligence Summary because of its wide distribution. If you could be so kind as to pass on to this Centre any restricted material for my personal information, I am sure it will be of considerable interest to our organisation.

Yours Sincerely
E.P.J. Ryan
col.

C.J. Pelly Esq. OBE.
Political Agent
BAHRAIN

R. Cummins enough file No 28/22
MPP seems to refer.
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'File 28/29 Combined Intelligence Centre Iraq' [10r] (19/30)

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D.O. No. C/528.

POLITICAL AGENCY,
BAHRAIN.
Dated the 5th May, 1945.

My dear Colonel,

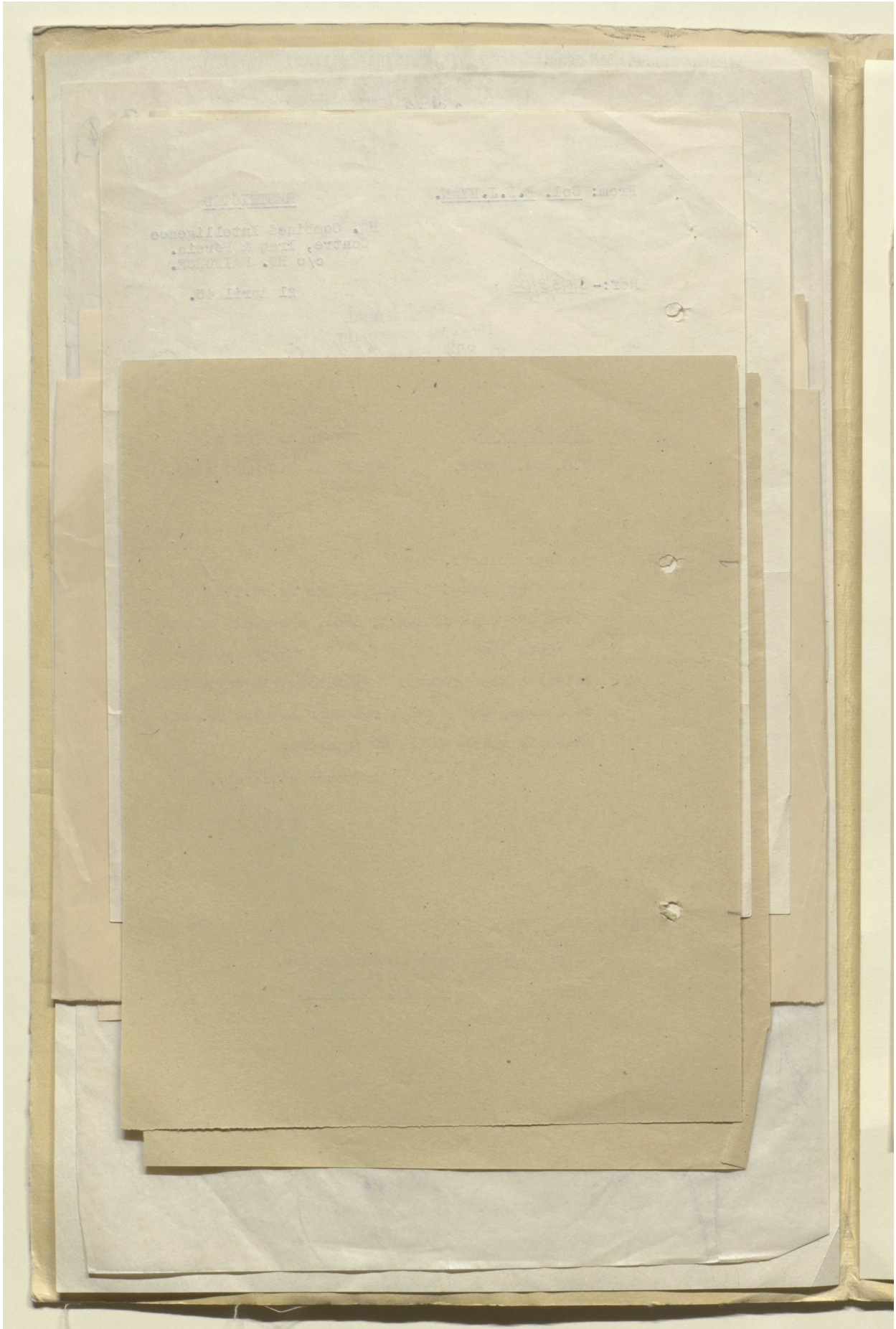
As stated in your letter No. S.193/3/12 dated the 21st of April, 1945, a certain amount of restricted material is not included in the Intelligence Summary. The amount is variable, of course, but I shall remember to pass you any which is likely to be of interest.

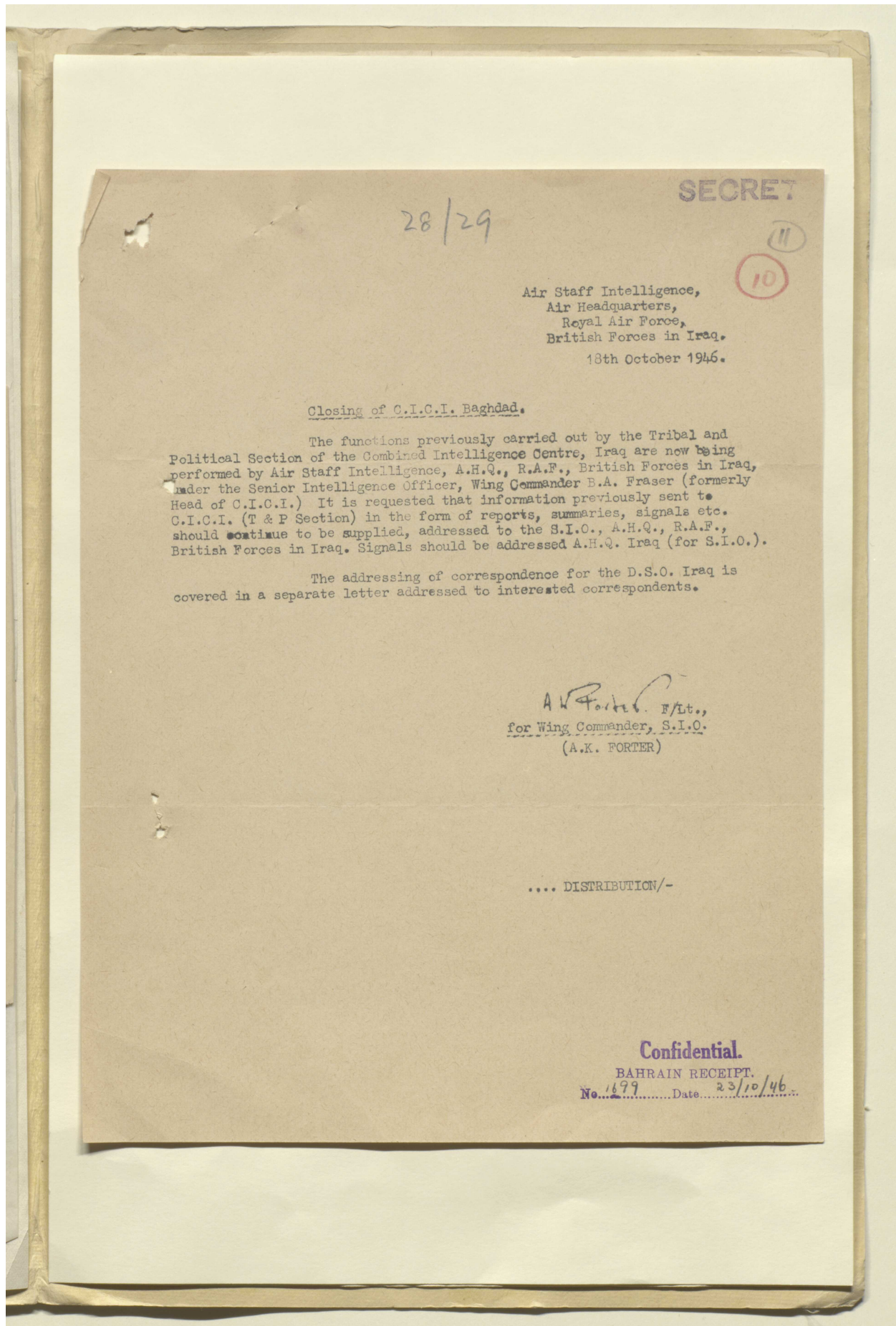
Yours sincerely,

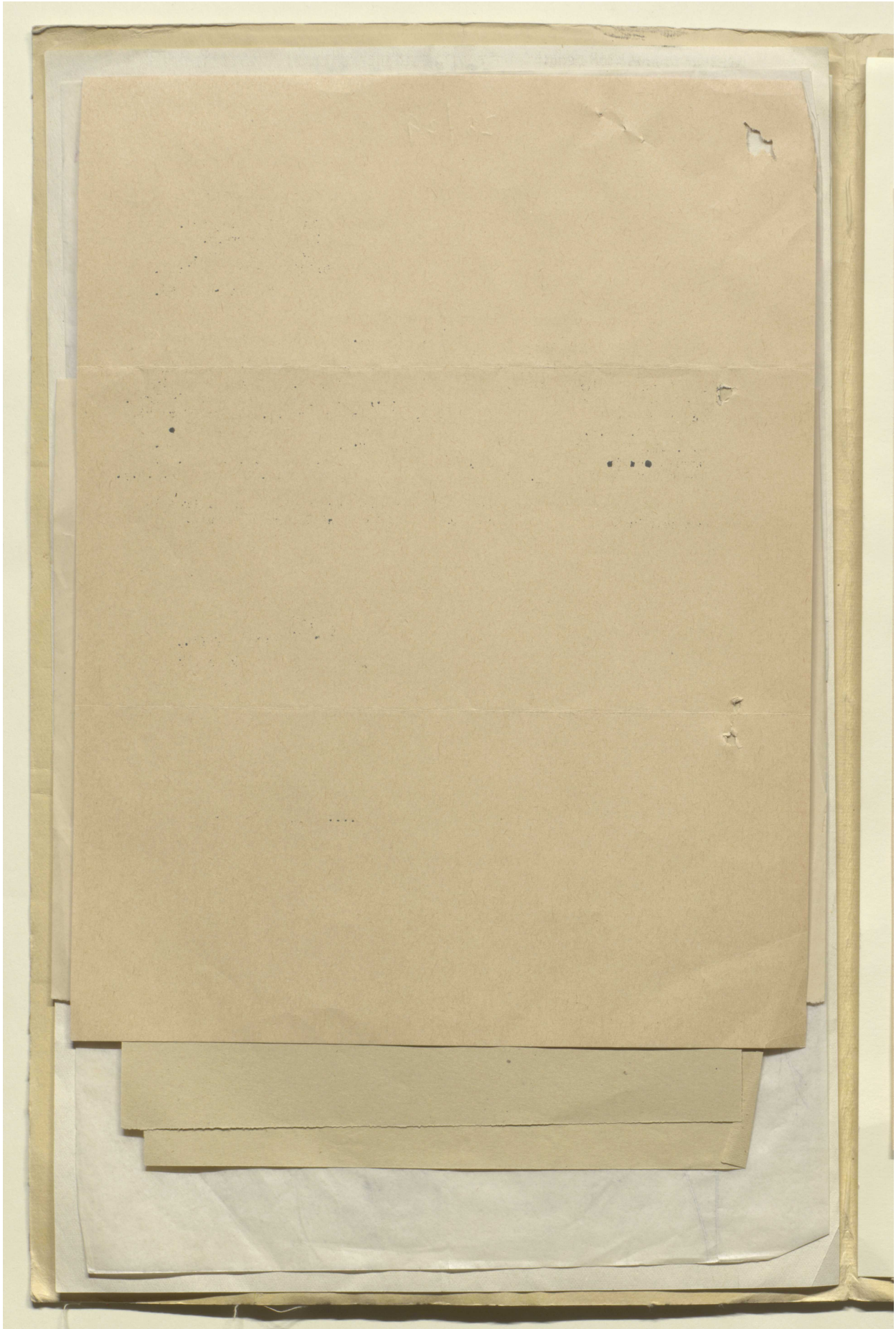
[Handwritten signature]

Colonel E.P.J. Ryan,
Head of Centre,
HQ. Combined Intelligence Centre,
Iraq and Persia,
C/o HQ. PAIFORCE.

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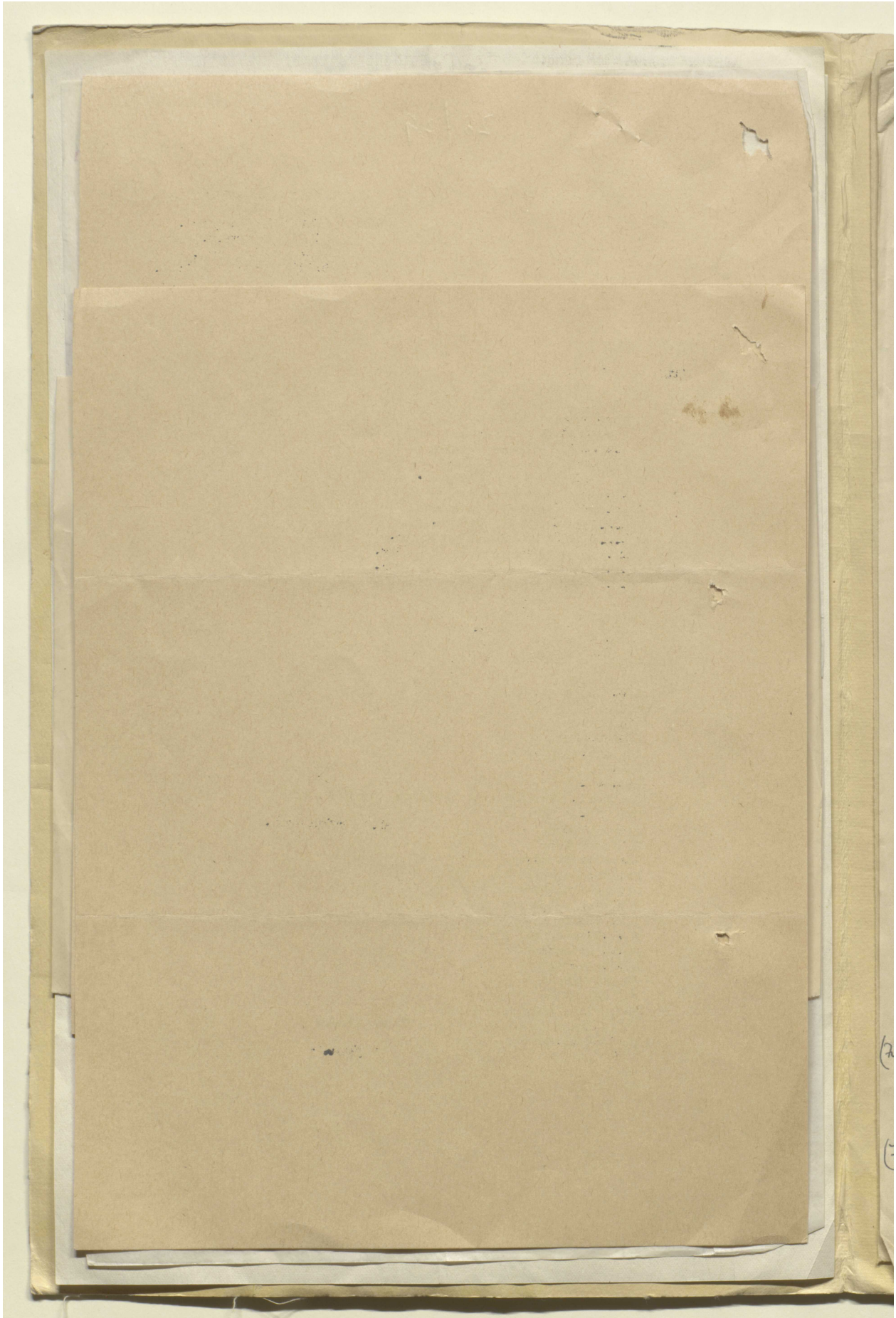


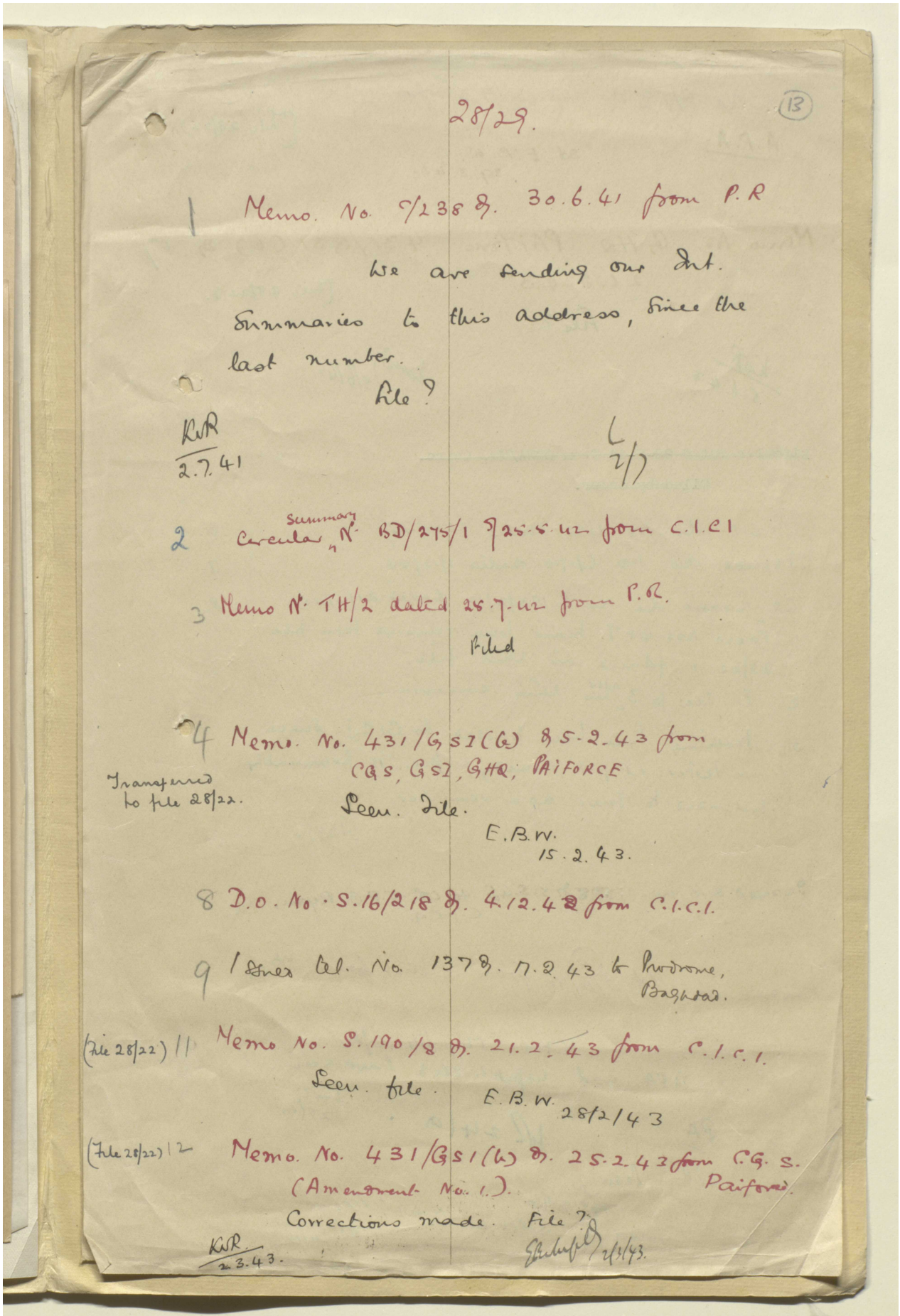


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sd. E.B.W.
29.3.43.

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E.W. 5/6/43.

~~Circular dated 29.9.42 from CEWA/ME, Cairo.~~

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C.I.C.I. do. No. H/90 dated 25/11/44. 6.

Issued do. No. C/1710 dated 1/12/44. 7.

Col. Ryan's do. No. S. 193/3/12 dated 21/4/45. 8.

1. Pages nos. 6+7 have been removed from file
28/22 & placed on this file.

2. Pl. see p. 3^{also} in this connexion.

3. Nothing has been passed to C.I.C.I. Since
my letter at p. 7 issued, & pvc. is presumably
intended to serve as a reminder.

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Despatch D.O. No. C/528 D 5.5.43 to Col. E.P.G. Ryan, C.I.C.I. 9.

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A.P.A.

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