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'File 28/55 Provision of machine guns for Bahrain police'

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About this record

The file comprises copies of correspondence relating to the purchase of machine guns by the Government of Bahrain, through the Political Agency, for use in Bahrain. The file's principal correspondents are: the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf (Lieutenant-Colonel Trenchard Craven William Fowle; Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Geoffrey Prior); the Political Agent at Bahrain (Hugh Weightman); officials at Royal Air Force (RAF) Headquarters in Iraq; Government of India officials; the Adviser to the Government of Bahrain (Charles Dalrymple Belgrave).

The file includes:

• correspondence concerning an order for machine guns, initiated by the Ruler of Bahrain, Shaikh Salmān bin Ḥamad Āl Khalīfah's request through the Adviser to the Government of Bahrain in March 1939,

that he would like to purchase twelve Bren guns (f 5), including: discussion amongst British Government officials over the long delays involved in obtaining Bren guns (f 9); Government proposals for Vickers-Berthier (VB) guns as an alternative, and the relative merits and demerits of VB against Bren guns (f 14); the eventual order of VB guns, with equipment lists (ff 38-42), and their despatch to Bahrain from Karachi in September 1939 (f 70); the Government of Bahrain's order for ammunition for the guns (ff 56-57);

• arrangements for a Havaldar instructor to be sent to Bahrain to assist in the training of use of the machine gun (f 45, f 74, ff 80-81), and arrangements for training sessions at Bahrain (ff

82-86);

• correspondence dated September and October 1939 between RAF and Air Ministry officials, concerning the need for a Defence Officer in the Persian Gulf (f 65, f 88);

• further correspondence dated from June 1940 onwards, relating to the supply of machine guns and ammunition for the Bahrain Defence Force, and the loan of VB guns by the Government of Bahrain to the

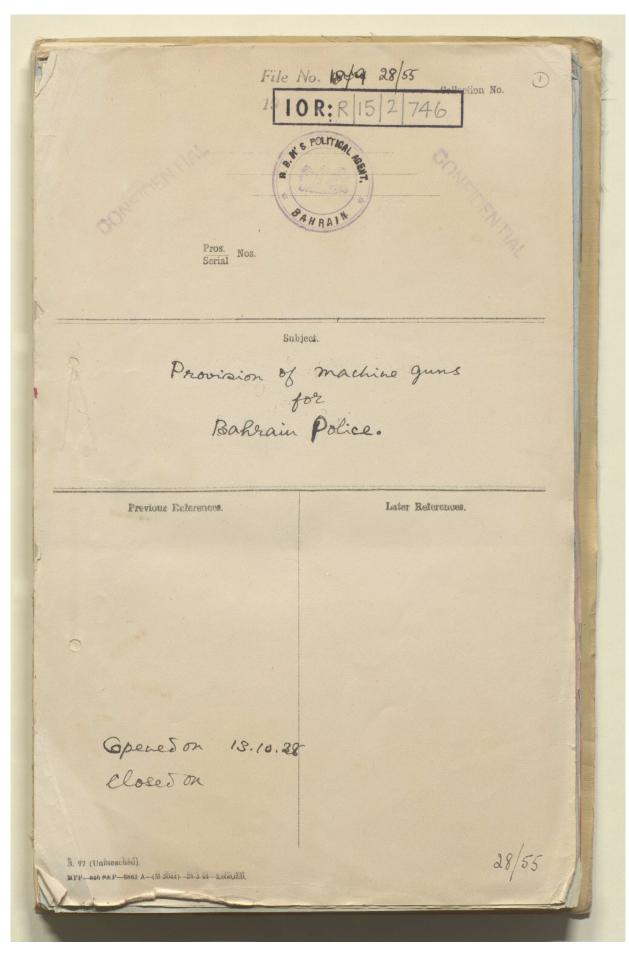
Bahrain Defence Force (ff 103-120);

• acknowledgements of receipt dated September and October 1939 respectively, from the Chief Local Representative of the Bahrain Petroleum Company, Milton H Lipp, for sixteen Verey light pistols and ammunition (f 78), and one revolver with ammunition (f 92).



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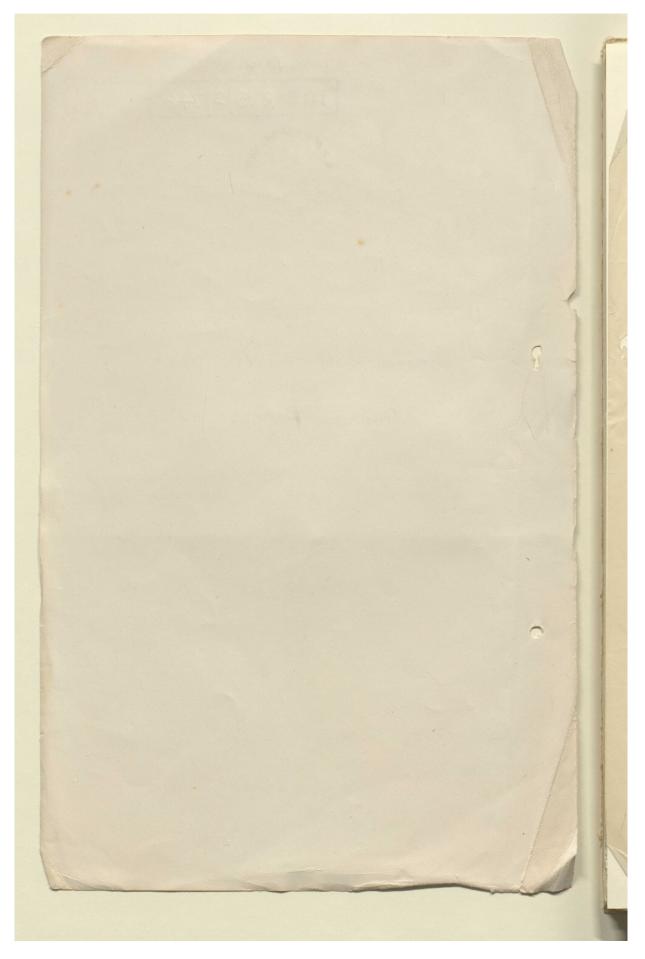


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P.Z.6827/38.

THE WAR OFFICE, WHITEHALL, S.W.1. 3rd October, 1938.

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Dear Gibson,

I enclose a copy of a letter from the Soley Armament Co., Ltd., stating that the Government of Bahrain has made enquiries about Bren Guns. We are answering to the effect that no Bren Guns are likely to be available for disposal for some considerable time.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.)

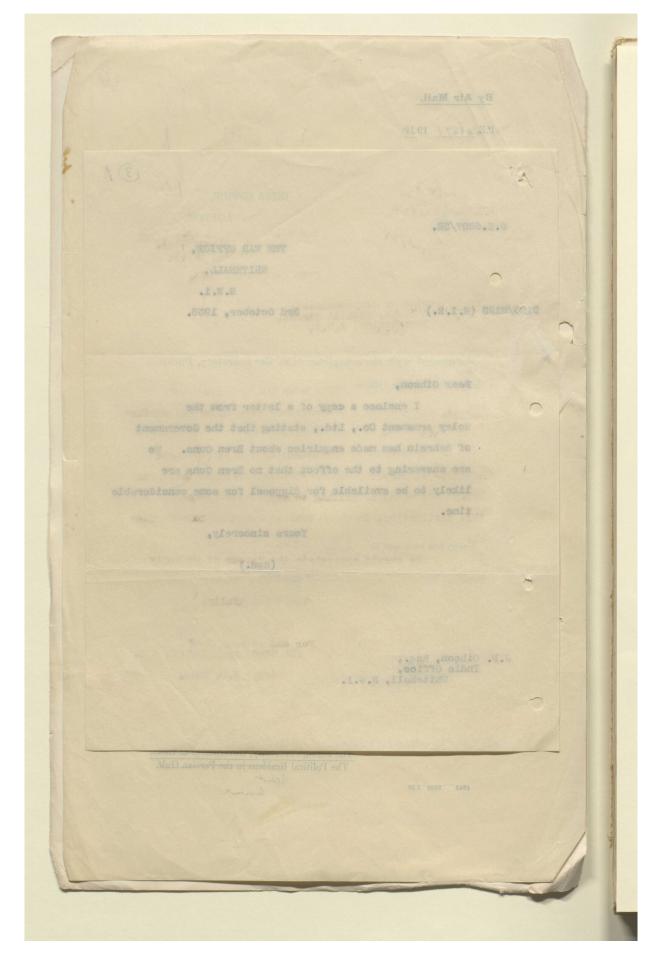
J.P. Gibson, Esq., India Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

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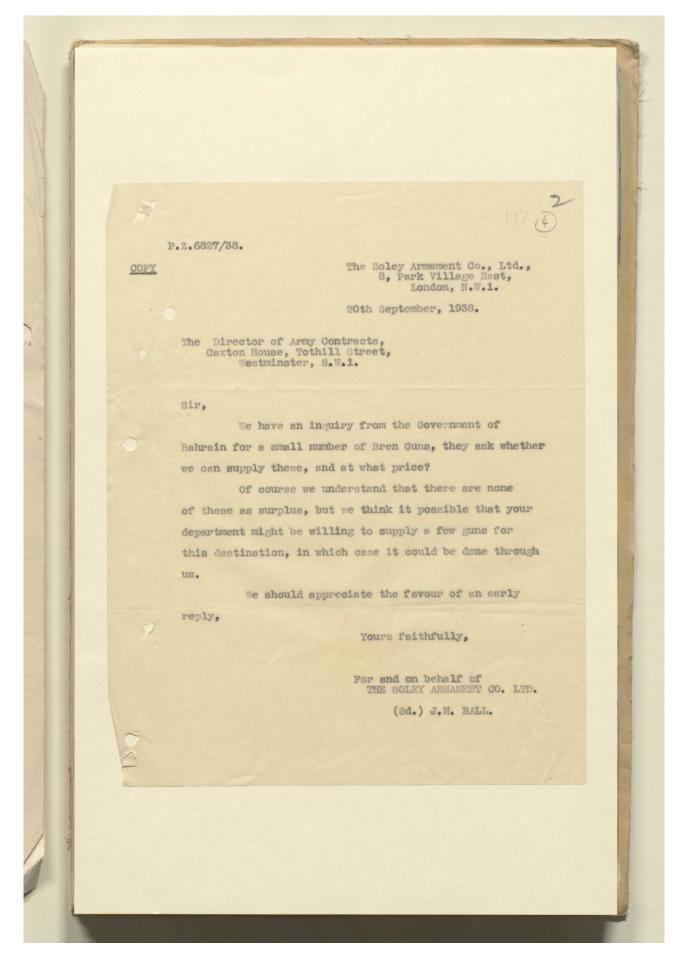




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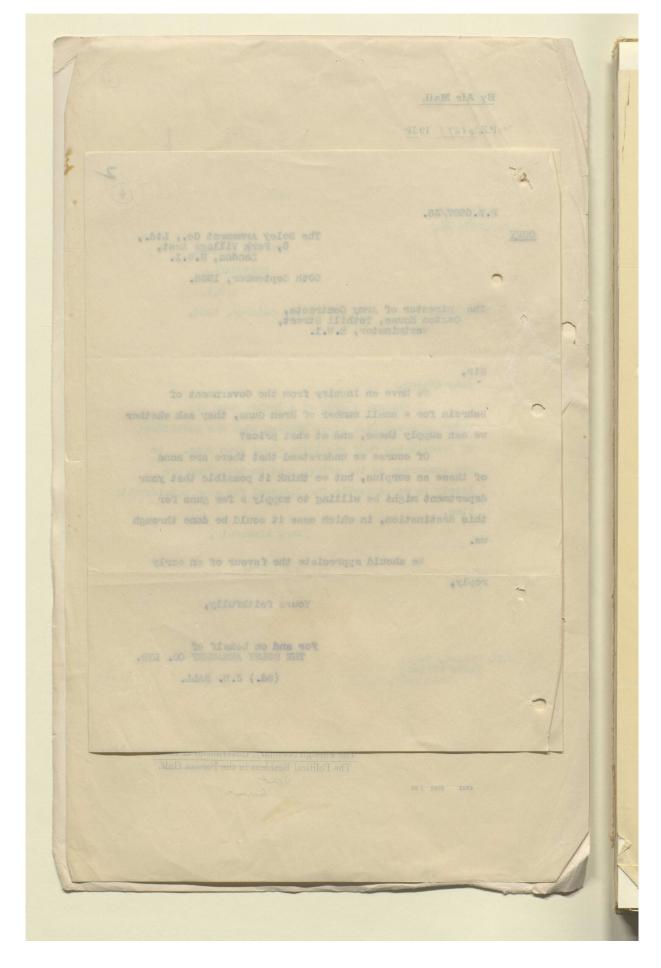


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No. 180/16. Bahrain, Dated, March 16, 1939.

> C. Dalrymple Belgrave, Esquire, C.B.E., Adviser to the Government of Bahrain, Bahrain, Persian Gulf.

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From

His Britannic Majesty's Political Agent, Bahrain.

SIR,

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I have the honour to inform you that His Highness wishes me to enquire when it is likely that Bren guns will be available for the State Police.

His Highness wishes to purchase twelve of these guns; he would like to obtain them as soon as possible and is prepared to pay for them in advance if this would expedite or ensure delivery.

I have the honour to be,

Your most obedient servant,

Dawyminie Belgrave

Sir,

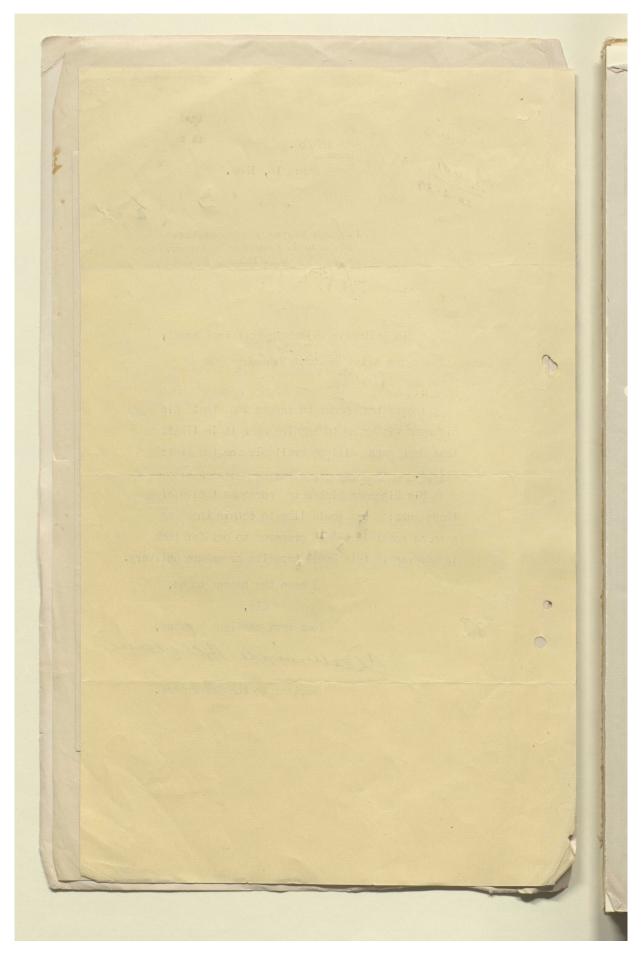
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Secret

No. C/177-1.a/43

Political Agency, Bahrain, 20th March 1939.

To

The Honourable the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Bushire.

Memorandum

Reference paragraph 3 of my secret memorandum No. C/108 dated the 17th February 1939 in regard to the Defence of Bahrain.

2. His Highness the Shaikh of Bahrain has been enquiring when it is likely that Bren guns will be available for the State Police. He states that if it would expedite or ensure delivery, he is quite prepared to pay for them in edvance.

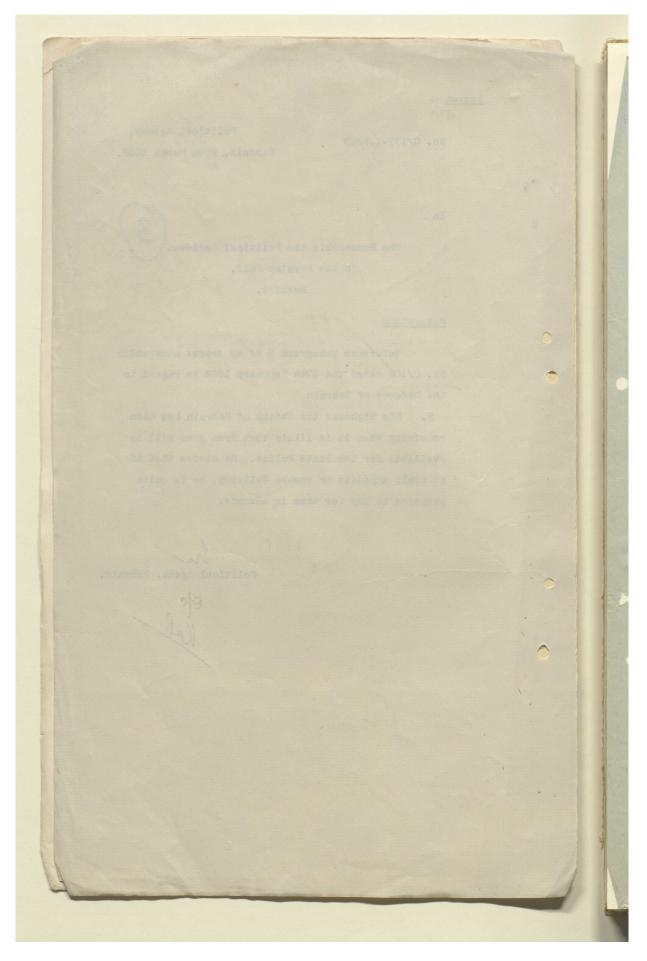
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	EXPRESS LETTER (AIR MAIL).
	[N.B.—This is an ORIGINAL message sent by AIR MAIL which provides a means of communication more expeditions than the ordinary mail and is chapter than the telegraph. It is intended to be treated, on receipt, with the same expedition as if it had been telegraphed. To surv time and to obtain formalities it is adapted in the form of a telegram. It is authenticated by the signature of a responsible officer of the Department.]
	No. 293-5 of 1939. Bushire, Dated Januar, the 1st April, 19 39.
	From - Political Resident, Bushire. GM 14 44
	To - His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, London.
•	Repeated The Secretary to the Government of India, Reference your External Affairs Department, New Delhi.
	The Air Officer Commanding, British Forces in Iraq, Habbaniya.
	The Political Agent, Bahrain.
	W.f red Subject: Bahrain Defence.
	Reference paragraph 3 of Political Agent Bahrain's Memorandum
	No. C/108-1.a/43, dated the 17th February 1939, enclosed with my lett
	No. C/129, dated the 1st March 1939, to the Air Officer Commanding
	(copy sent to India Office, Government of India and Bahrain under
×	Residency Printed letter No.C/130 of same date).
	2. I enclose herewith copy of a Memorandum No.C/177-1.a/43, dated
	the 20th March 1939, from the Political Agent, Bahrain. I have no
	doubt that the question of the provision of Bren guns for Bahrain is
	under active consideration, but I send the enclosed Memorandum since
	it shows the eagerness of the Bahrain Government to co-operate with
	His Majesty's Government.
	sd. T.C.Fowle. Attested. Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.
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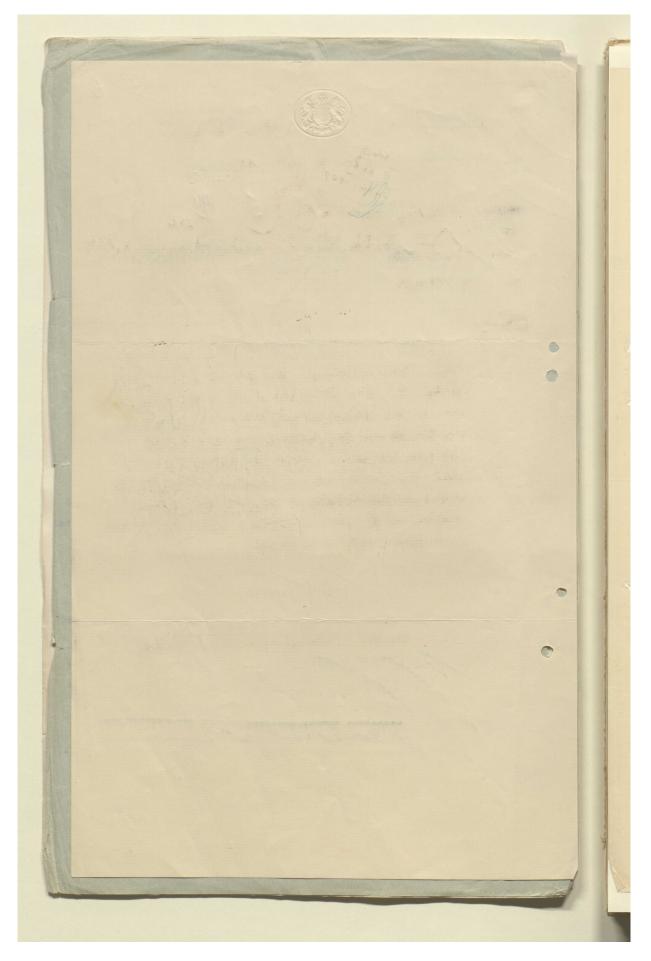
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	I have the honour to report that in connection with the Appreciation for the Defence of BANREIN, forwarded to you under my S.11251/Air O dated 3rd April, 1939, I have received a copy of a letter from the Honourable Political Resident in the Persian Gulf to His Majesty's Secretary of State for INDIA concerning the provision of the twelve "Bren" guns for the BANRSIN Police referred to in para. 16 and Appendix "B", para. 13 of the Appreciation.
•	2. The Honourable Folitical Resident states in his letter that His Highness the Shaikh of BANREIN is very anxious to obtain these guns and is prepared, if necessary, to pay in advance should this assist in expediting the delivery of the guns.
	5. It will be realised from a perusal of the Appreciation that these "Bren" guns are necessary to complete the armament of the Police Force to a satisfactory basis to compete with local defence requirements. In view of the general situation it is recommended that the provision of these June, or, at any rate 50% of them should be given some degree of priority.
	I have the honour to be,
	Sir, Your obedient Servant,
•	J.H.J. TYSSEN
	Commanding British Forces in 'Irag.
	The Under Secretary of State, Alt Ministry, Adastral House, KINOGRAY, W.C.2.
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From Secretary of State To Political Resident

To Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, repeated to Pol.Agent, Bahrein, and Govt. of India, Ext.Affairs Department. Dated 6th May 1939.

EXPRESS LETTER (AIR MAIL).

No. P.Z. 2746/39.

SECRET.

Your express letter of the lst April, No.293-8 of 1939. Bahrein Defence. War Office state that supply of Bren guns could not be made available for at least 18 months. They suggest consideration of alternative of Vickers-Berthier guns, which would be more readily available from India. This might be investigated by you in consultation with A.H.Q., India ? I understand that experience in India has shown that the Vickers-Berthier gun is highly satisfactory, and in some quarters it is thought superior to the Bren.

The issue of the above has been authorised.

(Sgd.) R. PEED

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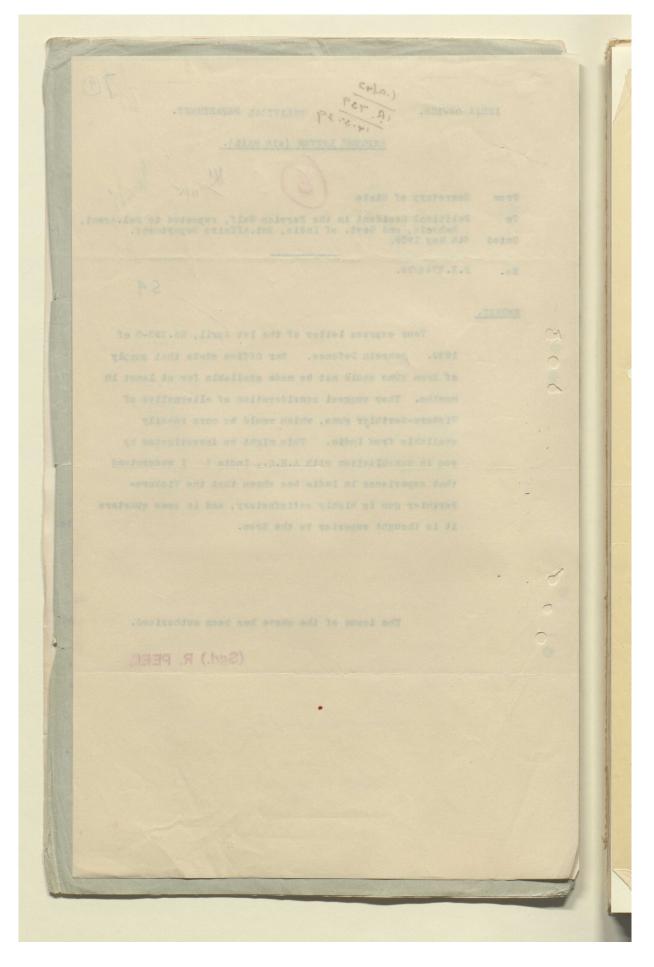
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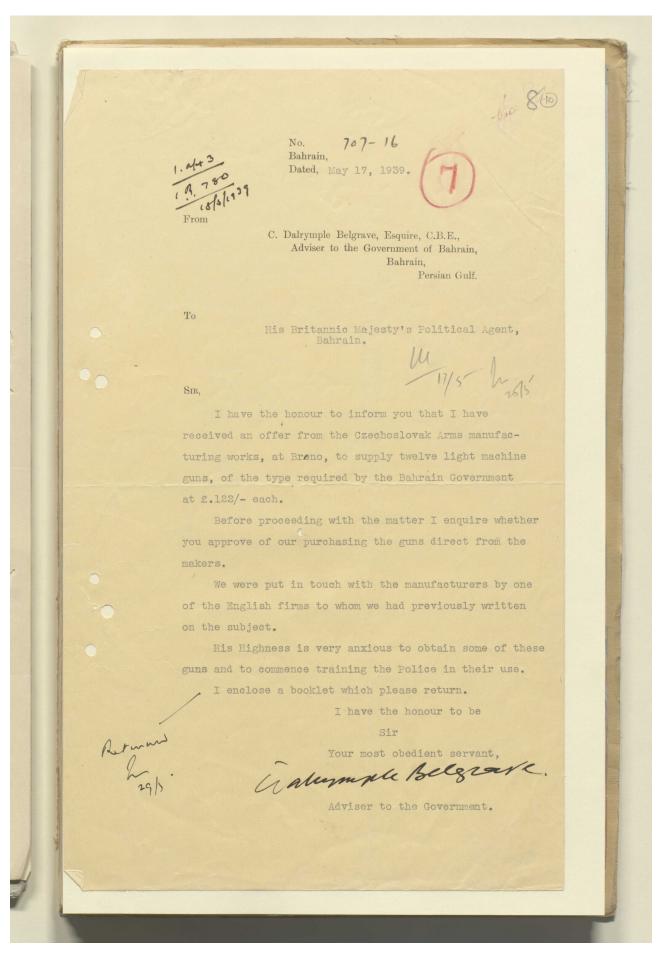
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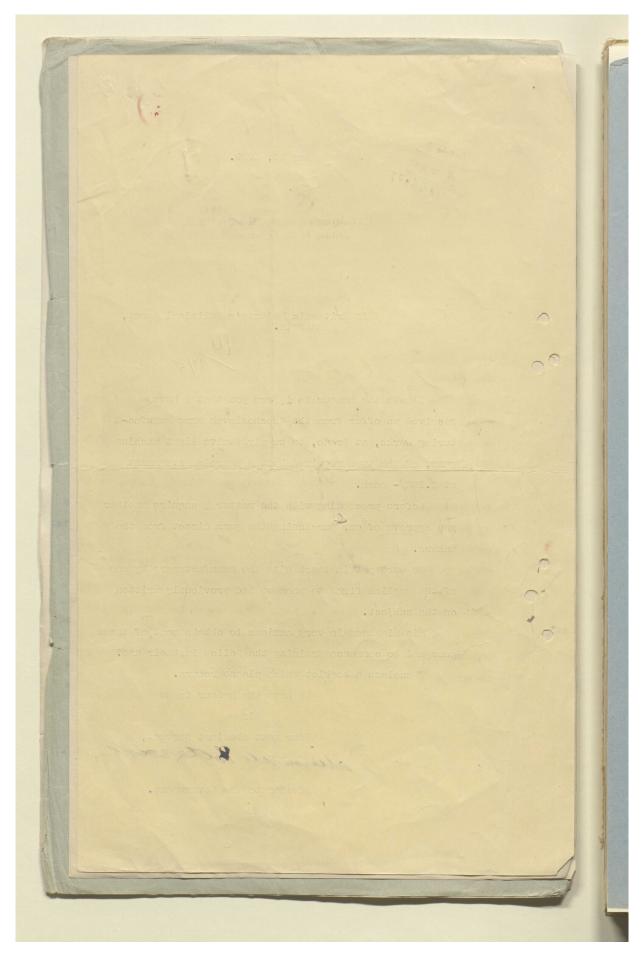


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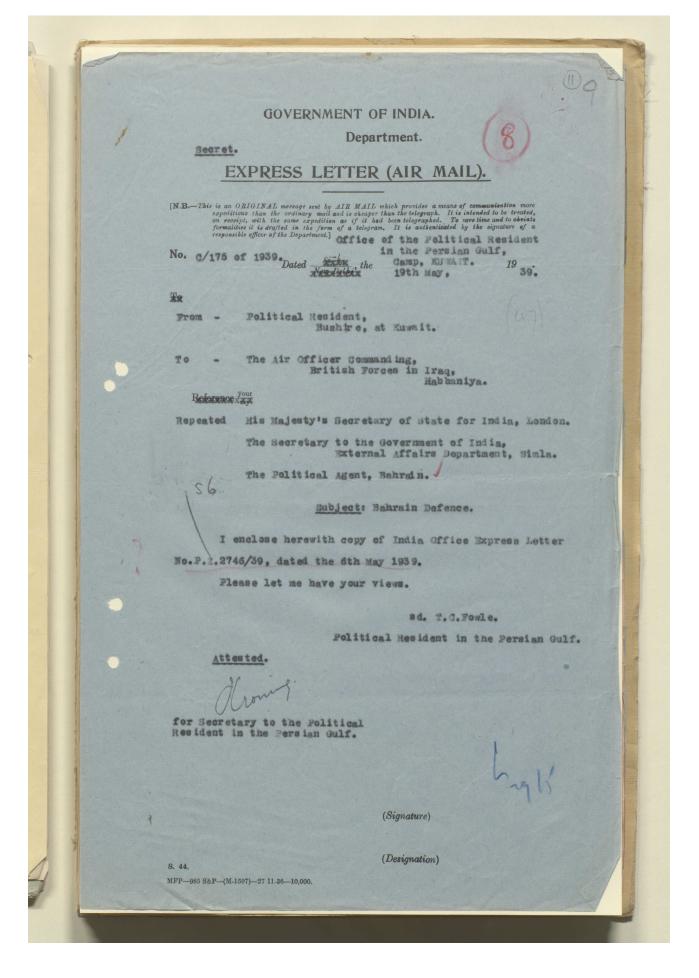


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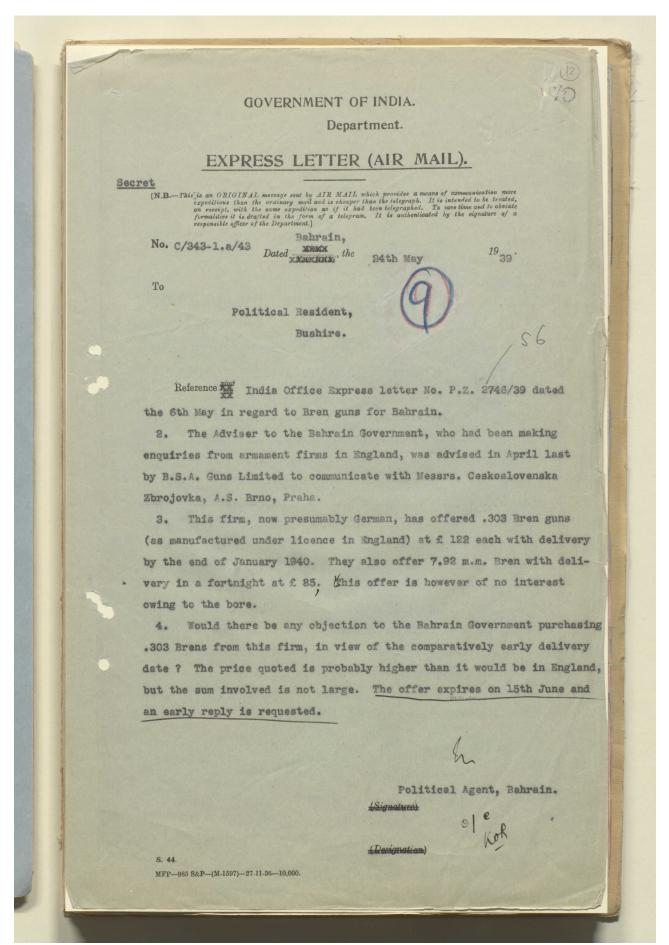




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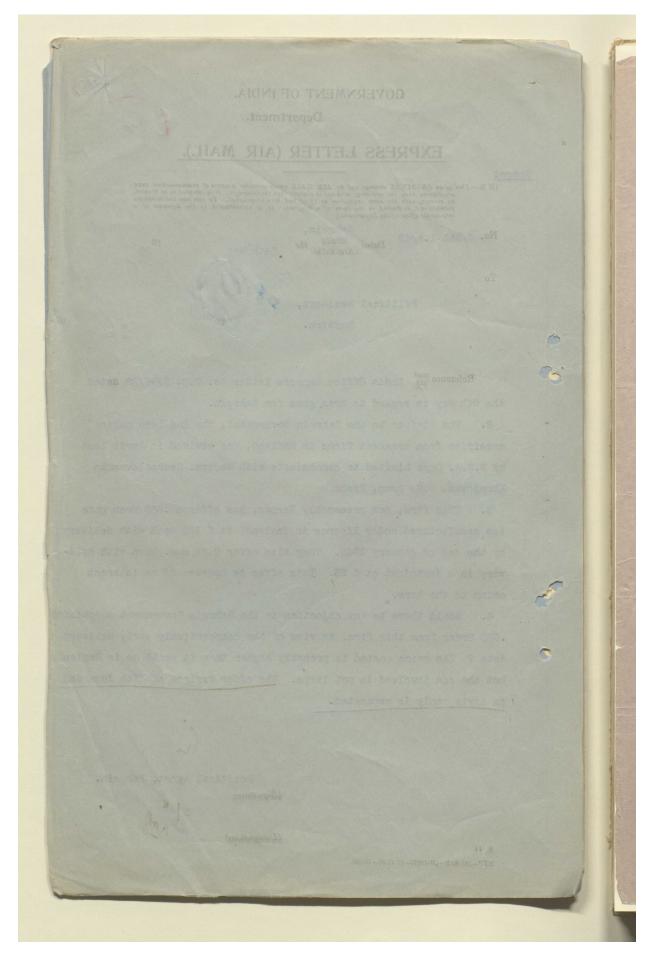


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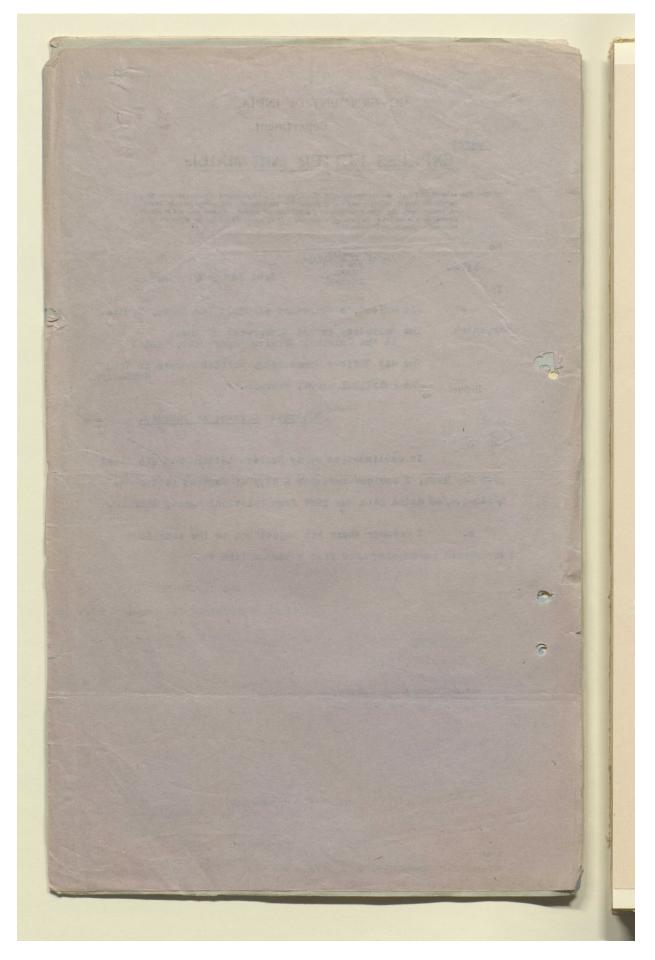
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Repeated	The Secretary to the Government of India in the External Affairs Department, Simla.
	The Air Officer Commanding, British Forces in Iraq, Habbaniya.
Referen	tee youthe Folitical Agent, Bahrain.
	Subject: Defence of Bahrain. C.K.
bag Crix	
1 1	In continuation of my Express Letter No. 175 dated
19th Hay	1939, I enclose herewith a copy of Express Letter No.
	/43 dated 24th May 1939 from Political Agent, Bahrain.
2.	I presume there are objections to the Bahrain
Governmen	t purchasing arms from a German firm ? 🦪
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	Political Resident in the Fersian Gulf.
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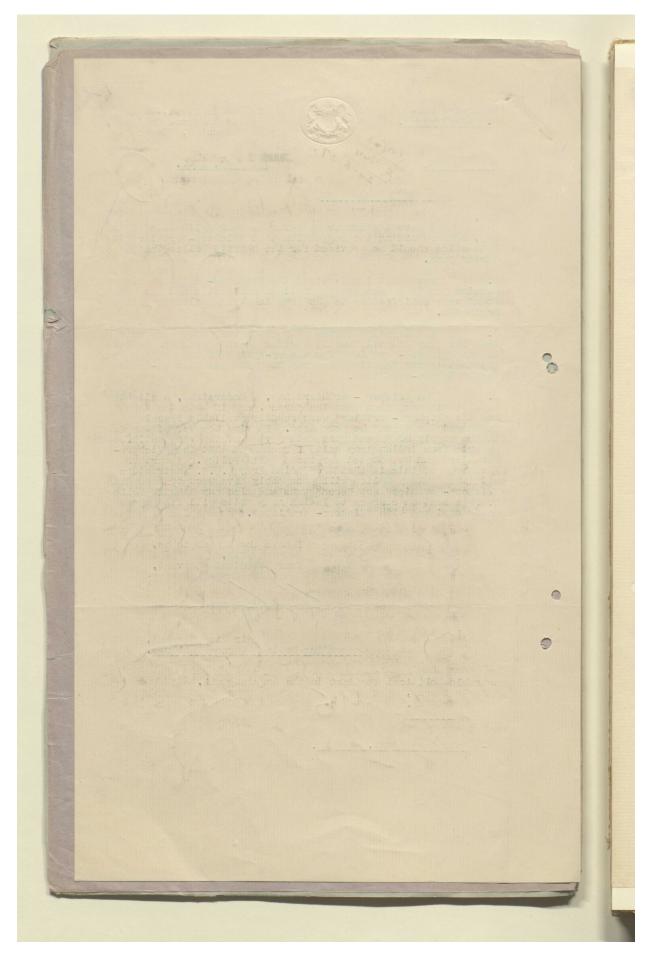
Air Headquarters, British Forces in 'Iraq, Mabbaniya, 'IRAQ. Reference No:-S.10547/1/Air 0. SECRE ok June, 1939. BAHREIN. ICE Sir, I have the honour to refer to your C/175 dated 19th May, 1939 regarding the suggestion that "Vickers-Berthier" Light Automatics should be provided for the BAHNEIN Police instead of "Bren" Guns. 2. From what I understand the "Vickers-Berthier" Light Machine Gun is a most excellent light autRomatic and has been found very satisfactory in the Army in INDIA including Native Regiments. 5. I understand it was only after very extensive trials that the Army Council finally decided on the "Bren" in preference to the "Vickers-Berthier" for the re-arming of the British Army and that in the meantime the Army in INDIA had been re-armed with "Vickers-Berthier". 4. The "Vickers-Berthier" has, I understand, a slightly less simple mechanism than the "Bren", and if both the "Bren" and the "Vickers-Berthier" were readily available I would recommend the "Bren" be purchased. In view however of the delay in the supply of "Bren" guns and in view of the very satisfactory reports from Indian Army units I recommend that the "Vickers-Berthier" gun be adopted for the BAHREIN Police. A further advantage of this is that the Indian Army N.C.O. Instructors with the BAHREIN Police will presumably have been trained with "Vickers-Berthier" not "Bren" guns and also any BARREIN Police H.C.O's sent on courses to Indian Army units will find these units equipped with "Vickers-Berthiers". I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient Servant, J:148884 Air Vice Marshal, Commanding British Forces in Iraq. The Honourable Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, The Residency, BUSHING. Copy to:- Political Agent, BAHRETH.

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Secret.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. External Affairs Department. 130

Express letter Sby air mail). (To I.O.only).

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)_N/39. Dated Simla, the 9th June 1939.

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To The Secretary of State for India, London.

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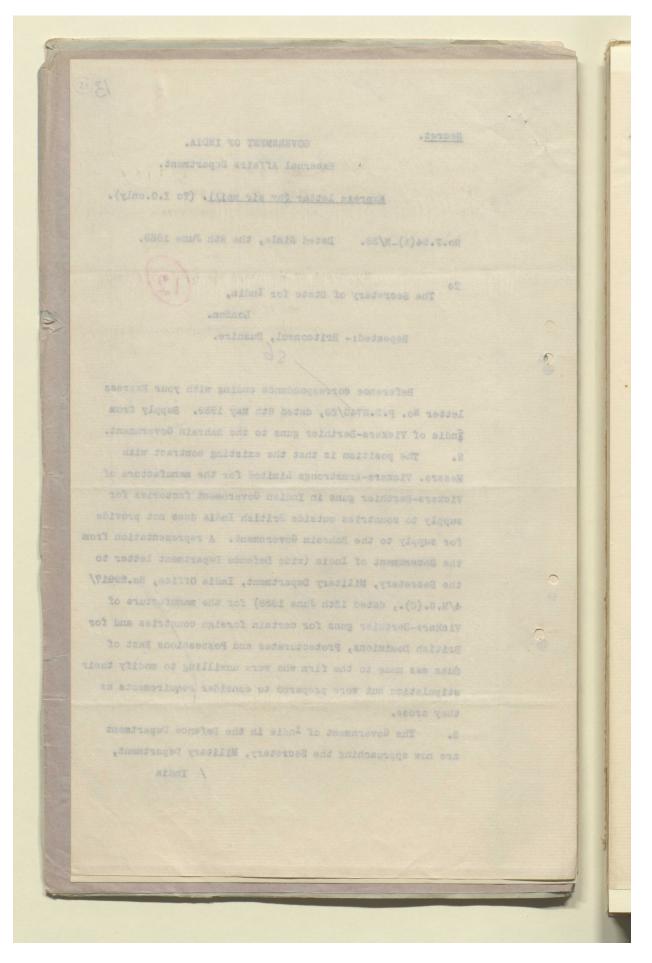
Reference correspondence ending with your Express letter No. P.Z.2746/29, dated 6th May 1939. Supply from India of Vickers-Berthier guns to the Bahrain Government. The position is that the existing contract with 2. Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs Limited for the manufacture of Vickers-Berthier guns in Indian Government factories for supply to countries outside British India does not provide for supply to the Bahrain Government. A representation from the Government of India (vide Defence Department letter to the Secretary, Military Department, India Office, No.29917/ 4/M.G.(C)., dated 13th June 1938) for the manufacture of Vickers-Berthier guns for certain foreign countries and for British Dominions, Protectorates and Possessions East of Suez was made to the firm who were unwilling to modify their stipulation but were prepared to consider requirements as they arose.

3. The Government of India in the Defence Department are now approaching the Secretary, Military Department, / India

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India Office, to obtain permission from the firm for the manufacture of the twelve Vickers-Berthier guns in India for supply to the Bahrain Government and the result will be reported in due course.

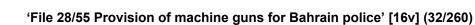
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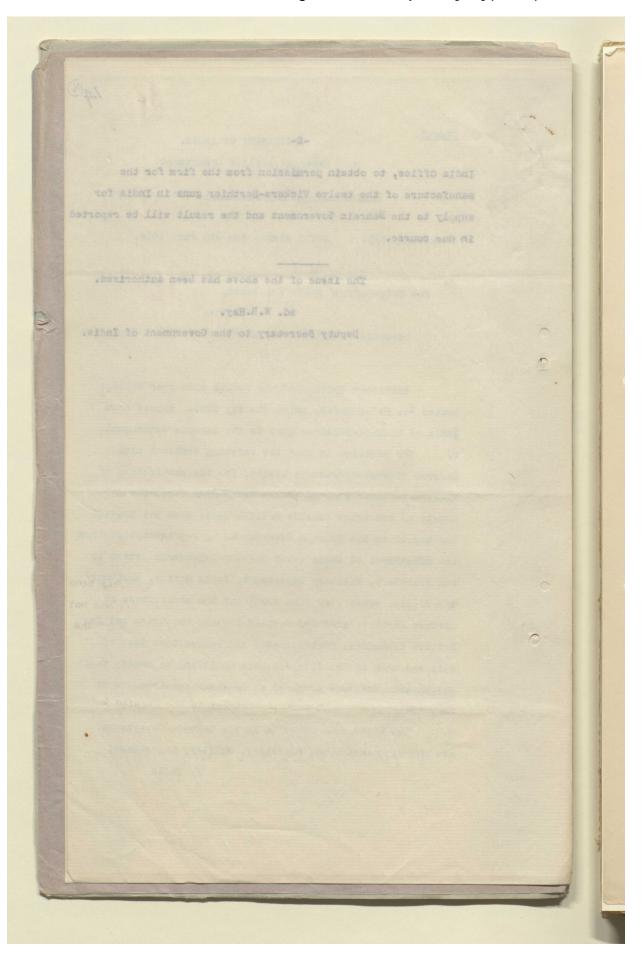
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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Telegram	"S"
From	India Office, London.
То	Political Agent, Bahrain.
No. 1036	
Dated 14th	received 15th June 1939

IMPORTANT.

Addressed Political Resident repeated Bahrain copy by post to Government of India.

2. Your Express Letter of May 31st, No. 517-S. (Received June 12th).

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There is no objection in the present circumstances to Bahrain Government ordering twelve Bren guns from German firm in question who can apparently give delivery many months earlier than United Kingdom. War Office however point out that this might lead to difficulty in regard to supply of spare parts. It appears that when Bren guns purporting to be according to British specification were manufactured by this firm on a previous occasion it was found that spare parts manufactured in this country were unsuitable. If firm are asked to guarantee that guns will conform to British specification and that spare parts will be interchangeable War Office think no difficulty should arise though they cannot without examination of actual guns guarantee that British spare parts will be suitable.

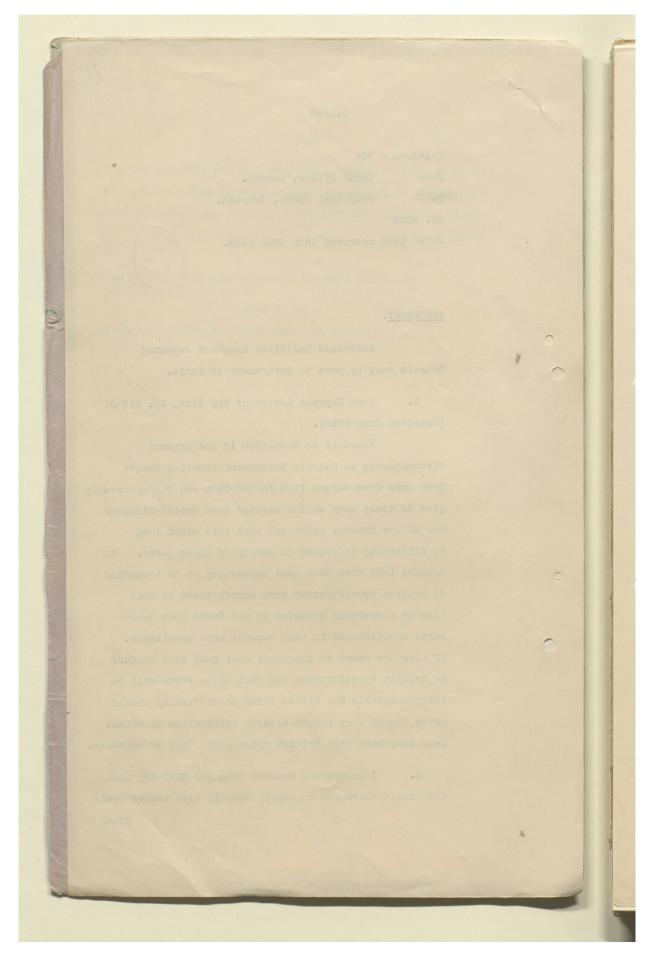
3. I understand however from Air Ministry that they could guarantee to supply Bahrain with twelve Lewis guns/

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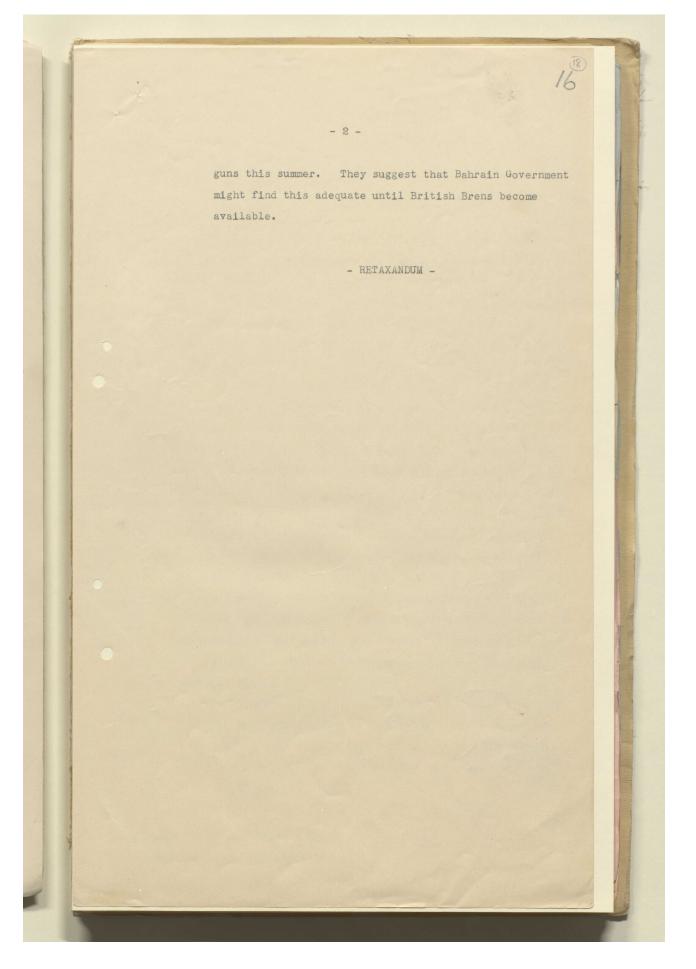


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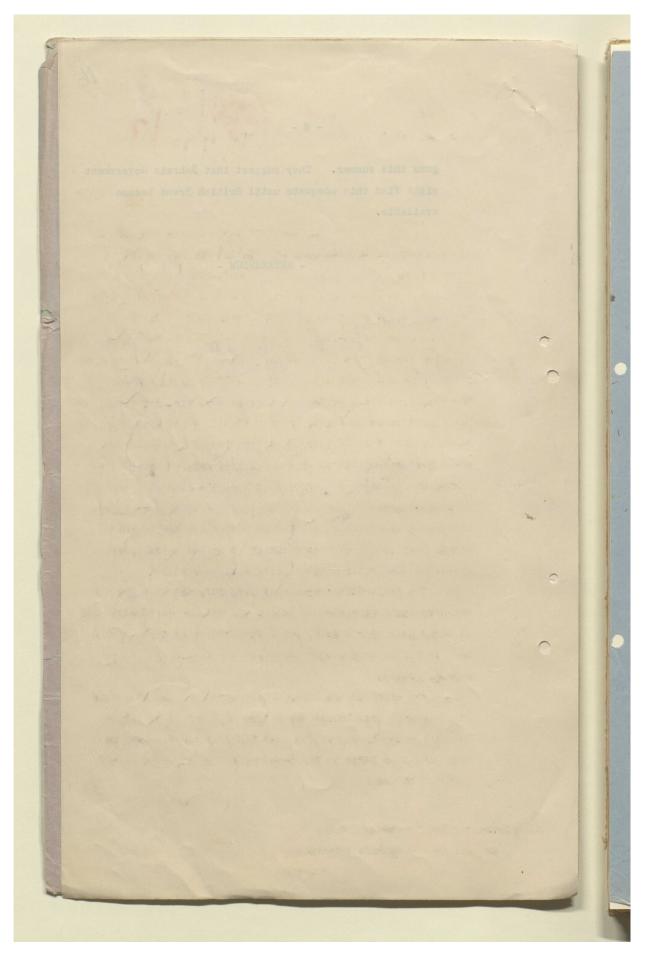
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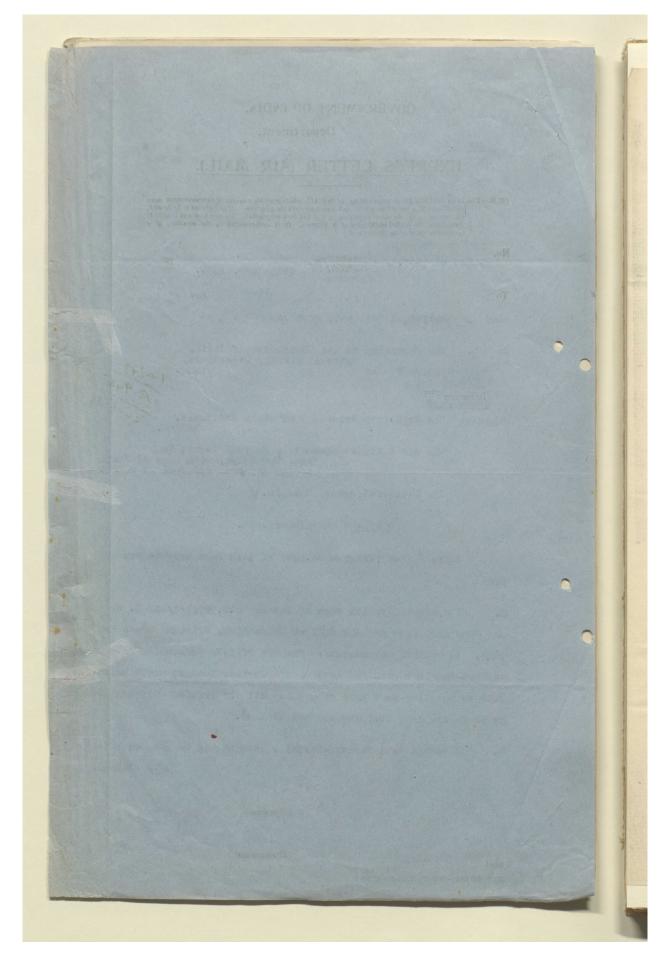
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	XXXXXXXX 16th June, 1939. XX
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	From - Political Resident, Bushire-
	To . The Secretary to the Covernment of India, External Affairs Department,
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1	Repeated His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, Luna
	The Air Officer Commanding, British Forces in
	Iraq, Habbaniya, with copy of India Office telegram referred to below.
	The Political Agent, Bahrain.
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!	<u>Subject</u> : Bahrain Defence.
	India Office telegram No.1036 of 14th June copy to you by
	post 5.11
	a second a second a second second second second
	2. I enclose herewith copy of letter No.S.10547/1/Air 0. of the
	1st June 1939 from the Air Officer Commanding, British Forces in
	Iraq. In another communication the Air Officer Commanding recommenda
	Vickers-Berthier guns for Kuwait, and further that it would be advis-
	able to have the same type of gun for all the Fersian Gulf Arab States
	so as to simplify training and maintenance.
	3. I concur that Vickers-Berthier guns should be adopted for the
	/ Bahrain
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Hahrain Folice as well as for other Defence Forces in the Arab States, and I attach a statement showing the number of guns and rounds of assaunition required. I would be grateful if I could be informed as soon as possible whether these guns can be supplied from India.

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sd. T. G. Fowle. Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

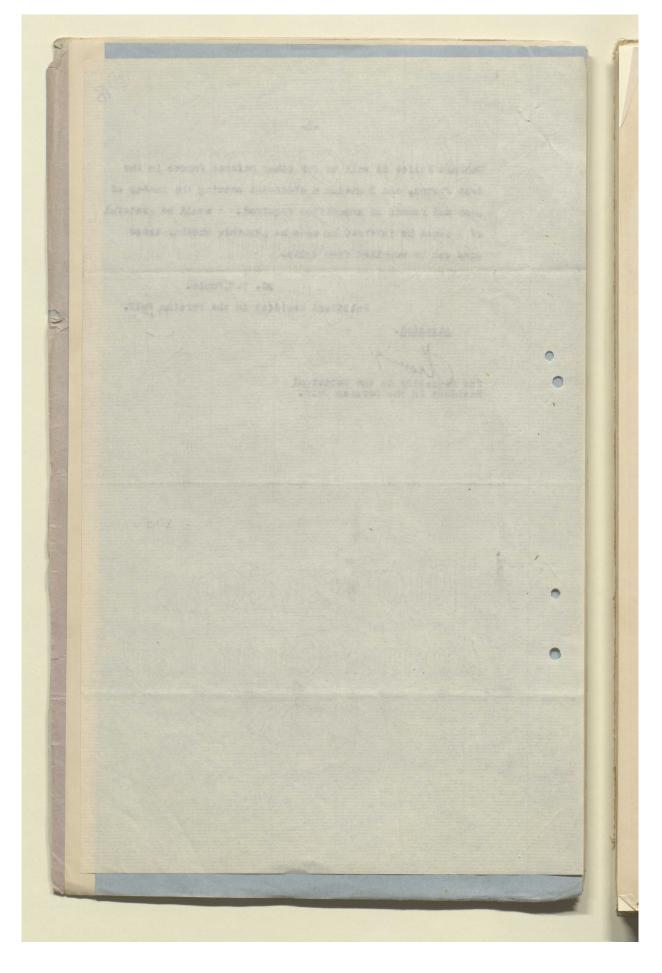
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for Secretary to the Political Resident in the Permian Gulf.



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D.O. No. C/378-1.a/43

Dated the 17th June 1939.

Please refer to the correspondence on the subject of the purchase of 12 Bren guns for the Bahrain Police from a German firm.

2. I have received a communication from the India Office to the effect that there is no objection in the present circumstances to the Bahrain Government ordering 12 Bren guns from the German firm in question. The War Office have however pointed out that this might lead to difficulty in regard to the supply of spare parts. It appears that when Bren guns purporting to be according to British specification were manufactured by this firm on a previous occasion it was found that spare parts manufactured in England were unsuitable. If the German firm are asked to guarantee that the guns will conform to British specification and that spare parts will be interchangeable the War Office think no difficulty should arise, though they cannot without examination of the actual guns guarantee that British spare parts will be suitable.

3. The India Office have also been informed that the Air Ministry could guarantee to supply the Bahrain Government with 12 Lewis guns this summer, but I should imagine that weapons less liable to complicated stoppages are essential for the Bahrain Police.

4. The offer of the German firm expired on the 15th June and I suggest that before any action is taken these points together with the suggestion that Vicker's Berthie guns be purchased from India be discussed with Mr. Weightman on his return from tour.

Yours sincerely,

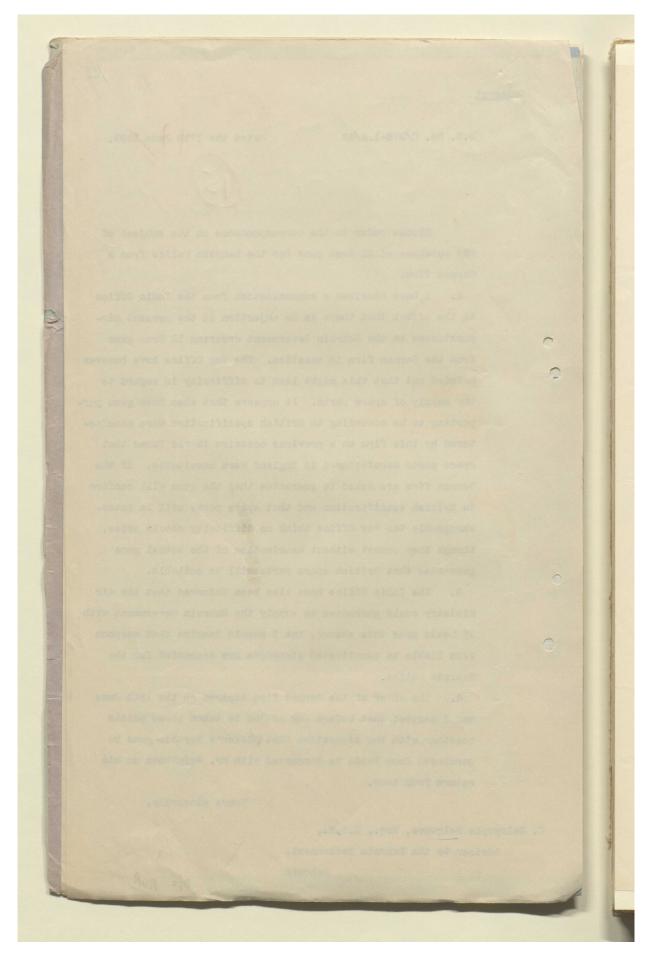
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C. Dalrymple Belgrave, Esq., C.B.E., Adviser to the Bahrain Government,

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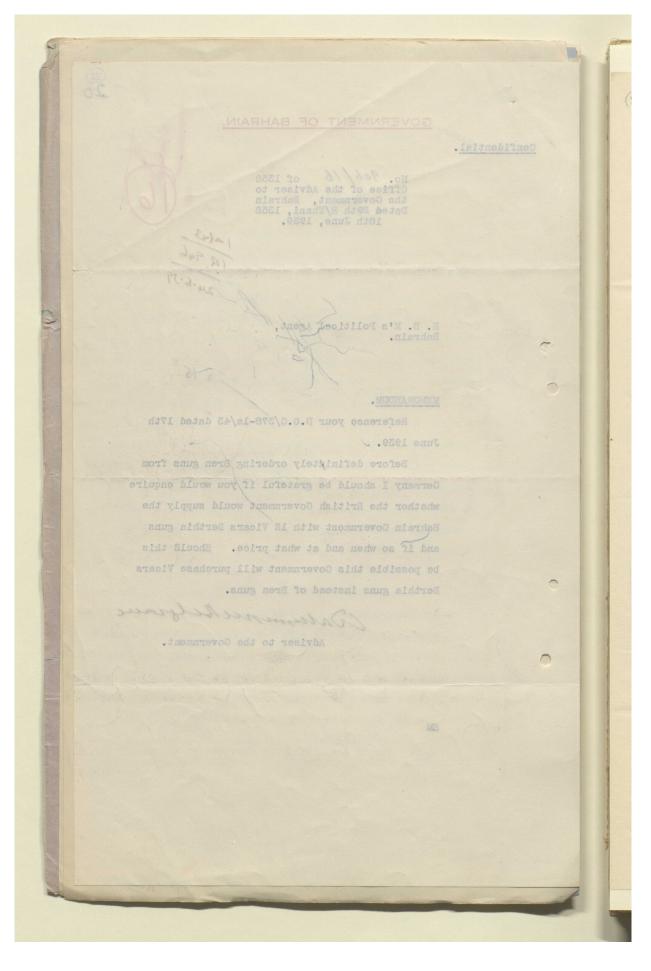
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22 GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN. Confidential. No. 906/16 of 1358 Office of the Adviser to the Government, Bahrain Dated 29th R/Thani, 1358 18th June, 1939. 1.al+3 H. B. M's Political Agent, Bahrain. \$ 15 MEMORANDUM. Reference your D.O.C/378-la/43 dated 17th June 1939. Before definintely ordering Bren guns from Germany I should be grateful if you would enquire whether the British Government would supply the Bahrain Government with 12 Vicars Berthia guns and if so when and at what price. Should this be possible this Government will purchase Vicars Berthia guns instead of Bren guns. Walummu Kelgraue Adviser to the Government. SM

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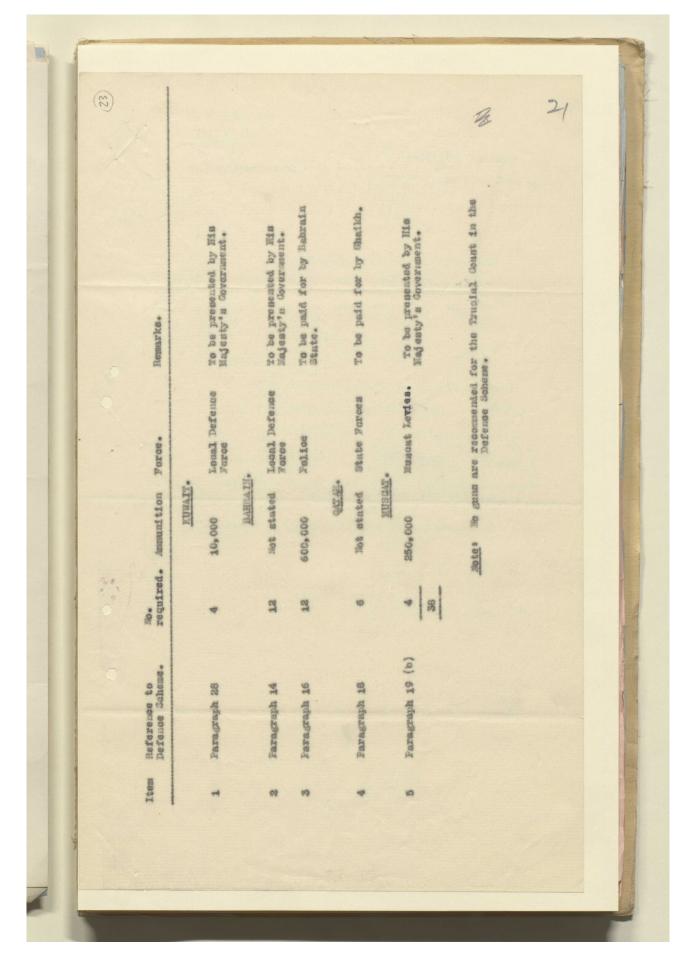


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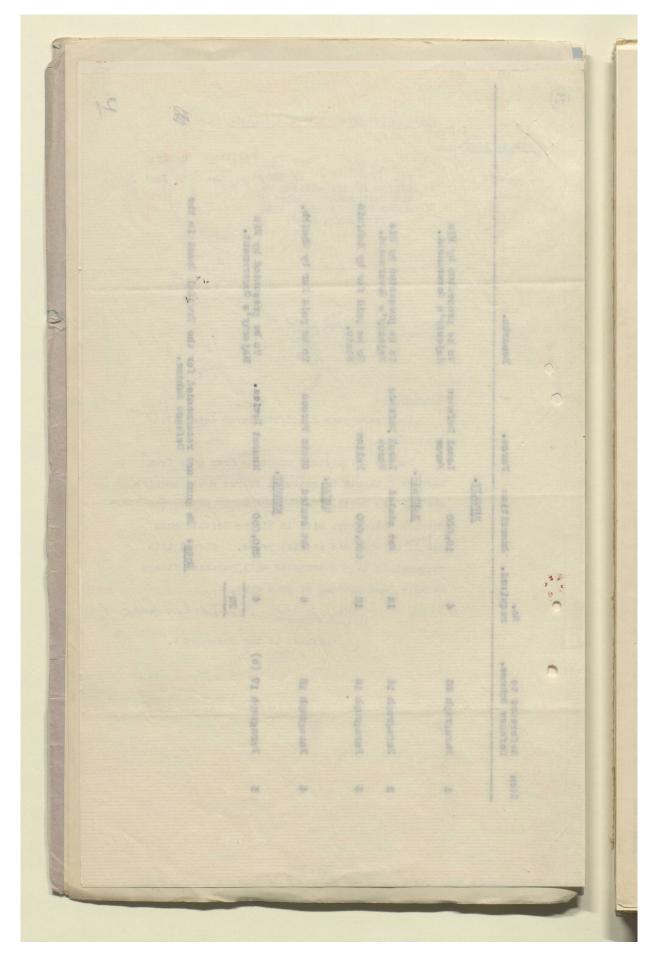


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Political Agency, Bahrain, the 20th June 1939

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To

The Adviser to the Bahrain Government, Bahrain.

MEMORANDUM.

Please refer to your confidential memorandum No.906/16, dated the 18th June 1939, on the subject of the purchase of twelve Bren guns.

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2. The Political Resident has made an urgent enquiry from the Government of India whether they can supply twelve Vickers Berthiæ guns and 600000 rounds of ammunition for the Bahrain Government.

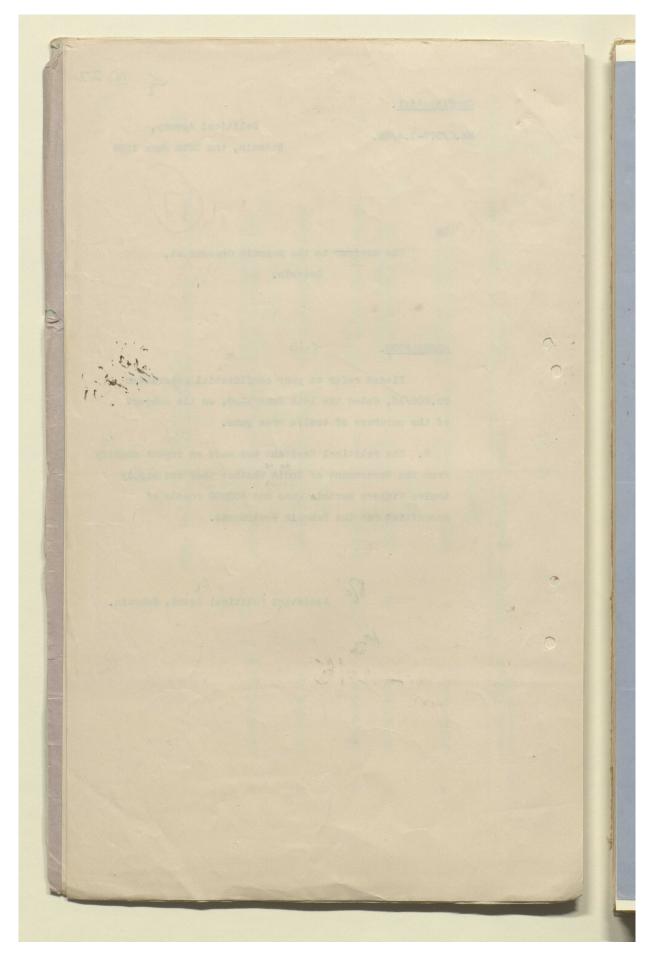
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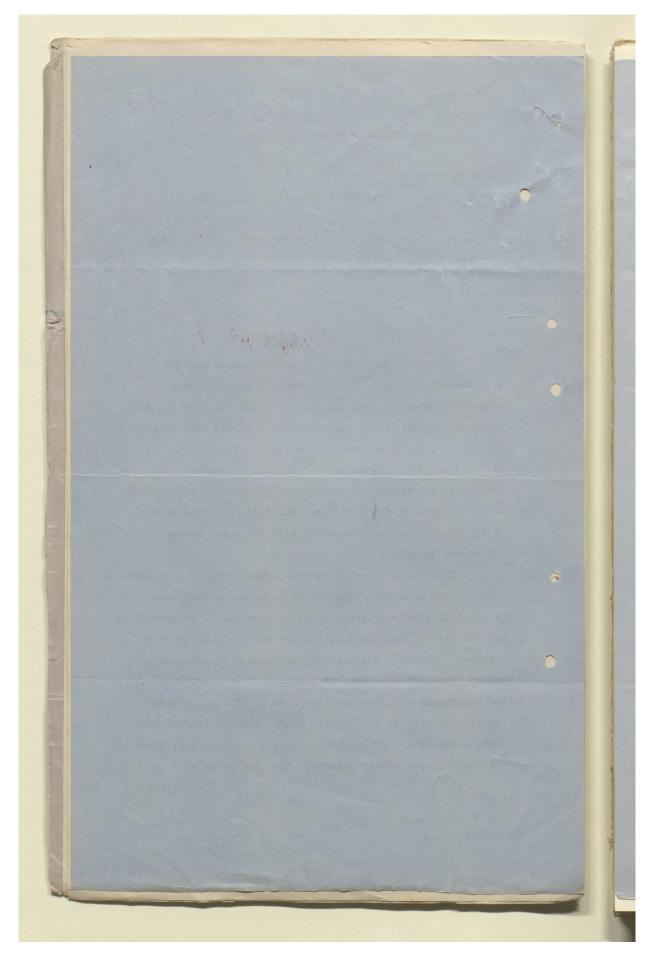
23 7471 Wt 23481/P 215 2000 8.38 INDIA OFFICE, DEPARTMENT. EXPRESS LETTER (AIR MAIL). (N.B.-This is an original message, sent by air mail to save telegraphic expense, but intended to be treated on receipt with the same expedition as if it had been telegraphed. It has been drafted as if it were so despatched.) Secretary of State F'rom Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, repeated to Political Agent, Bahrein and Government of India, External Affairs Department. 22nd June, 1939. No. P.Z. 3767/39. 12-1 below Reference paragraph 2 of Government of India's h express letter of the 9th June, No.F. 54(1)-N/39 (copy 2). 6 Sent to Political Agent, Bahrein, with copy of this letter). Before suggested action is taken here I should wish to know whether Bahrein Government are in fact interested in possible supply of Vickers-Berthier gun, or whether they have decided in favour of one or other of the courses referred to in my telegram of the 14th June, No. 1036. Please inform me of present position, together with any observations which 513 you desire to offer. The suggestion of Vickers-Berthier guns as an alternative 2. to Brens was made from here in the expectation that more expeditious supply of these might be possible. Government of India's letter does not indicate how guickly they could be supplied from India but assuming permission to manufacture were obtained in pursuance of paragraph 2 of their letter, the Government of India might perhaps be willing to give Bahrein, in view of its special needs, some precedence over existing orders. If however it does not appear that there will be any appreciable advantage from the point of view/

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view of early delivery in ordering Vickers-Berthier guns, it may be thought preferable, even if some extra expense is involved, to pursue Air Ministry offer of Lewis Guns until Brens become available from United Kingdom.

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The issue of the above has been authorised.

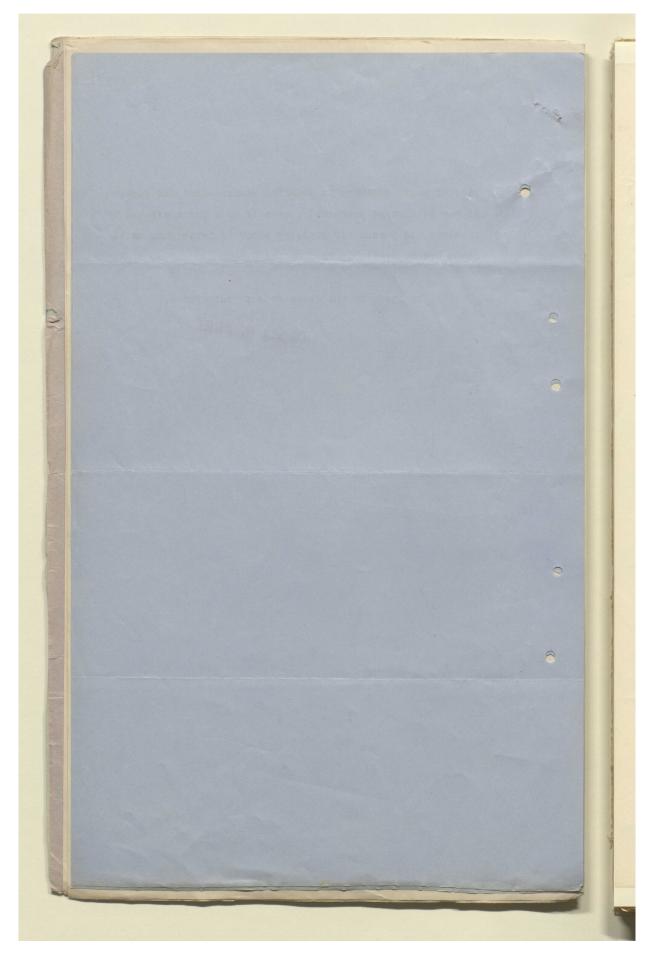
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<u>GOVERNMENT OF INDIA</u>. External Affairs Department. EXPRESS LETTER (AIR MAIL).

No.F.54(1)-N/39.

Dated Simla, the 9th June, 1939.

To The Secretary of State for India, LONDON. REPEATED: - BRITCONSUL, BUSHIRE.

Reference/correspondence ending with your Express letter No.P.Z. 2746/39, dated 6th May 1939. Supply from India of Vickers-Berthier guns to the Bahrain Government. The position is that the existing contract with 2. Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs Limited for the manufacture of Vickers Berthier guns in Indian Government factories for supply to countries outside British India does not provide for supply to the Bahrain Government. A representation from the Government of India (vide Defence Department letter to the Secretary, Military Department, India Office, No. 29917/4/M.G.(C)., dated 13th June 1938) for the manufacture of Vickers-Berthier guns for certain foreign countries and for British Dominions, Protect orates and Possessions East of Suez was made to the firm who were unwilling to modify their stipulation but were prepared to consider requirements as they arose. 3. The Government of India in the Defence Department are now approaching the Secretary, Military Department, India Office, to obtain permission from the firm for the manufacture of the twelve Vickers-Berthier guns in India for supply to the Bahrain Government and the result will be reported in due course.

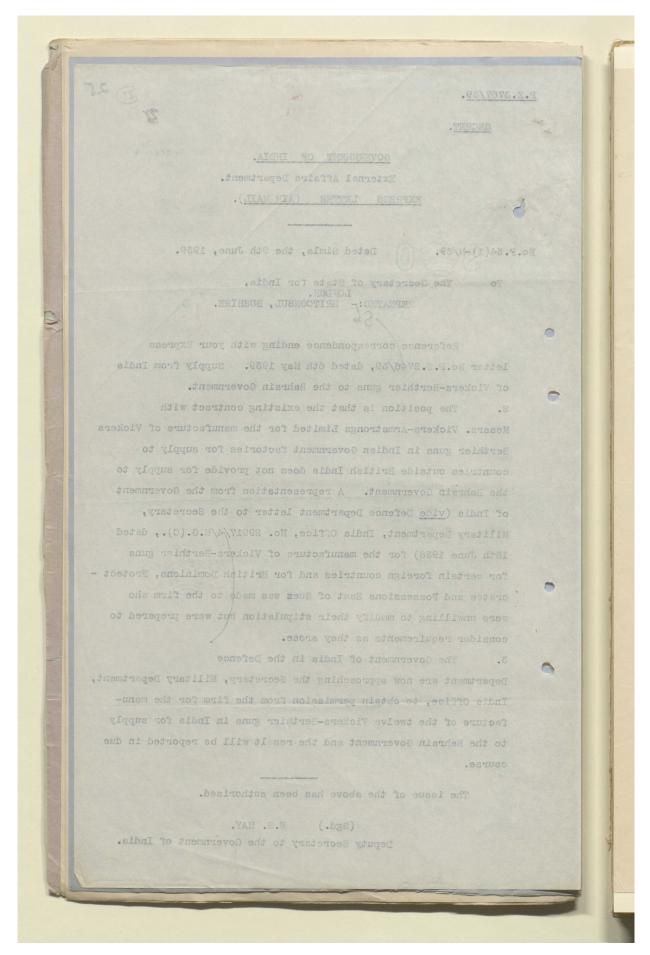
The issue of the above has been authorised.

(Sgd.) W.R. HAY. Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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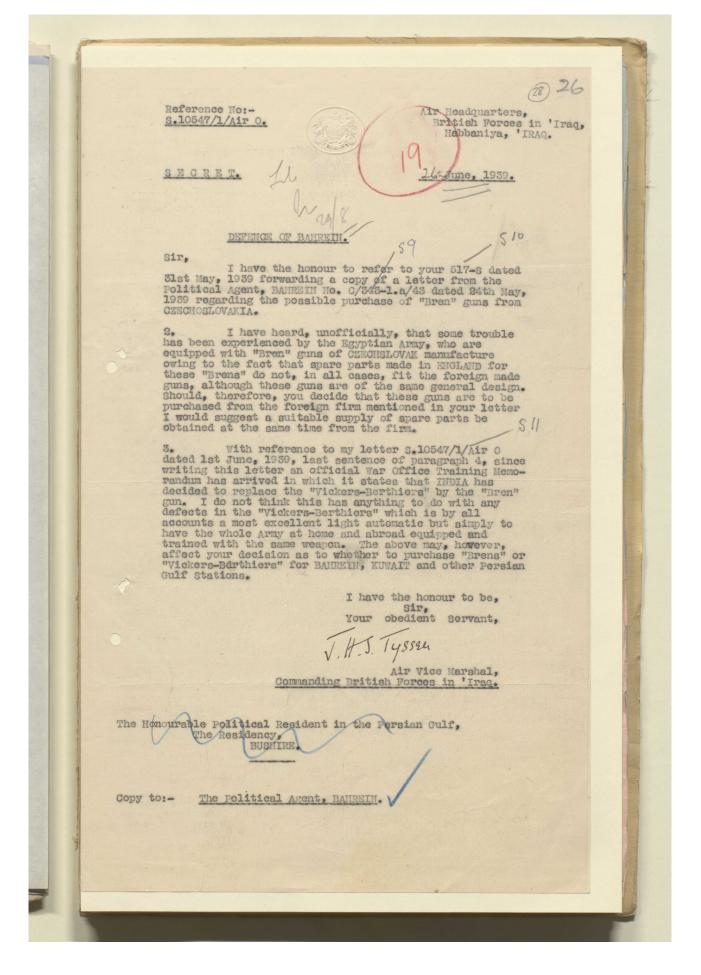


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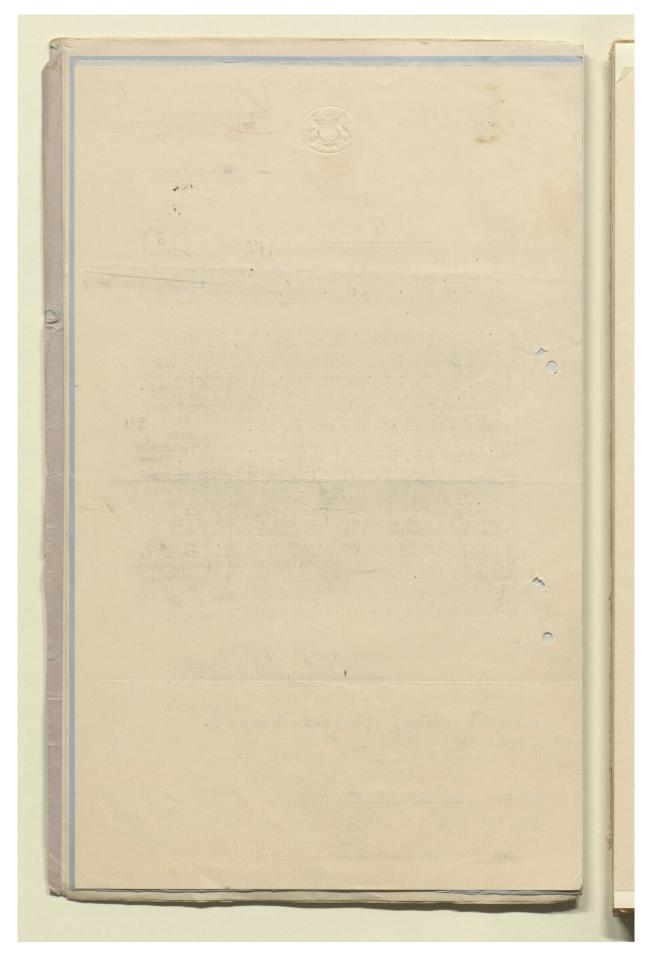


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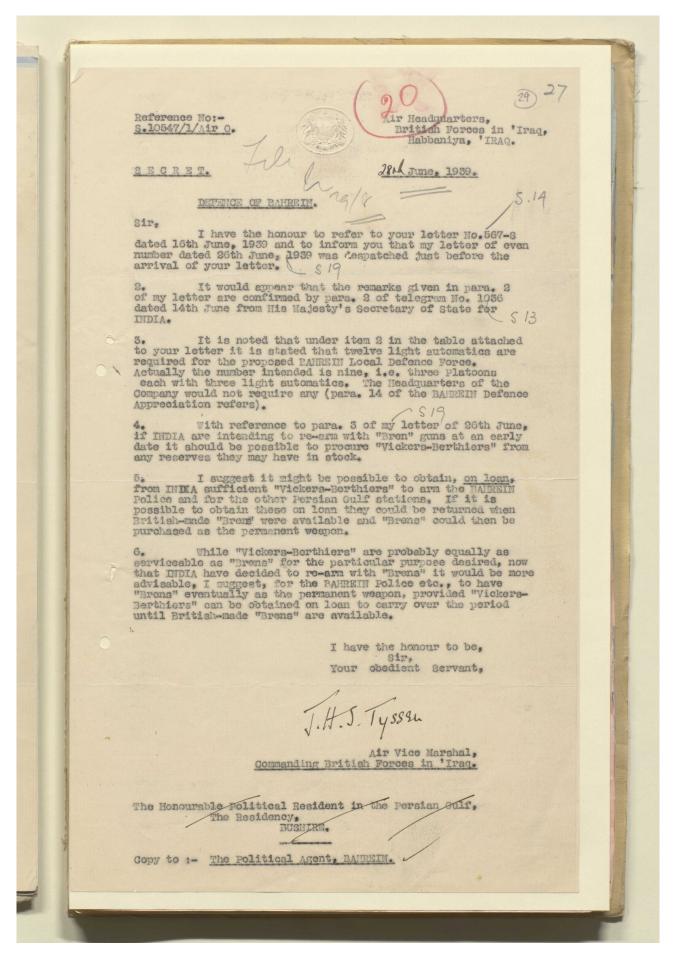


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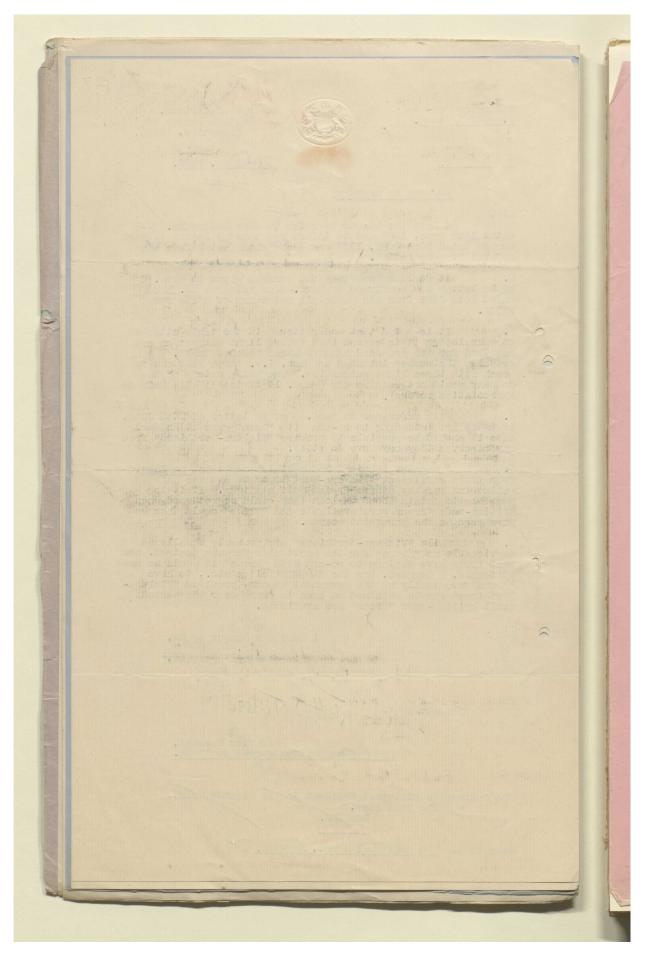


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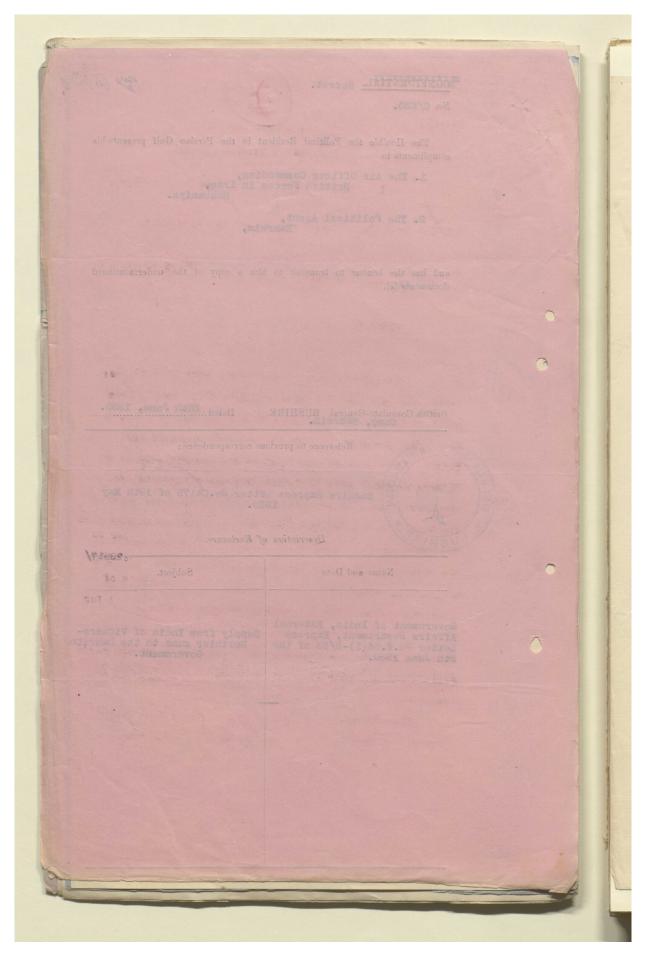
30 30 28 ZCONFIDENTIAL. Secret. No. C/230. The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to liments to 1. The Air Officer Commanding, British Forces in Iraq, Habbaniya. 2. The Political Agent, Bahrain, and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned documents (s). Dated 28th June, 1939. British Consulate-General, BUSHIRE. Camp, Bahrain. Reference to previous correspondence : 58 Bushire Express Letter No.Ch175 of 19th May 1939. Description of Enclosure. Name and Date Subject. Government of India, External Affairs Department, Express Letter No.F.54(1)-N/39 of the 9th June 1939. Supply from India of Vickers-Berthier guns to the Bahrain Government. þ.25

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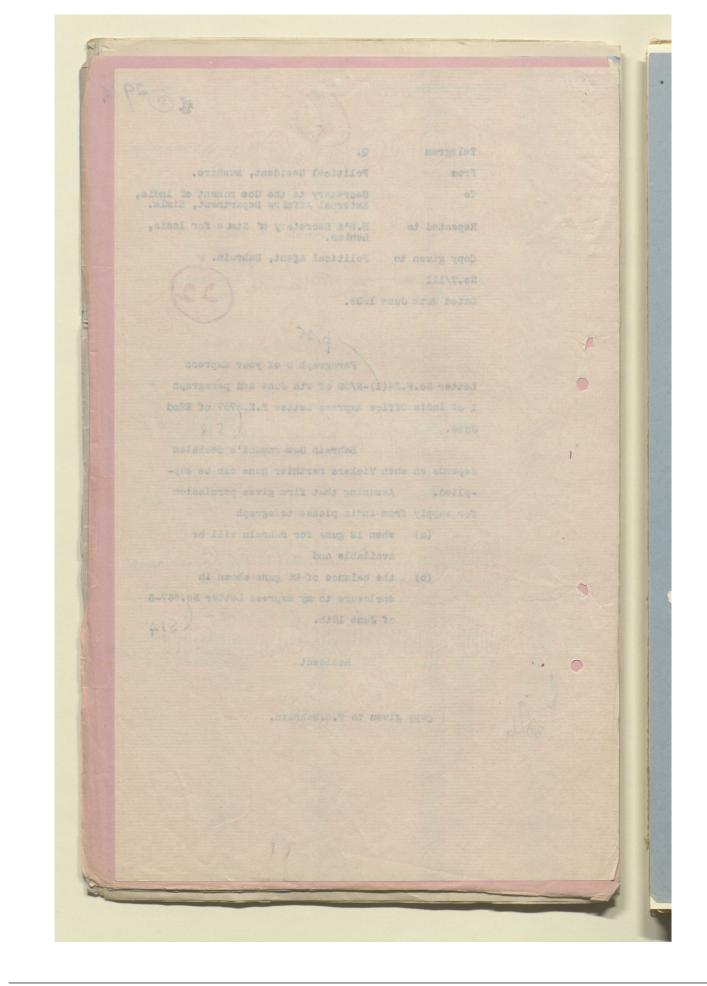
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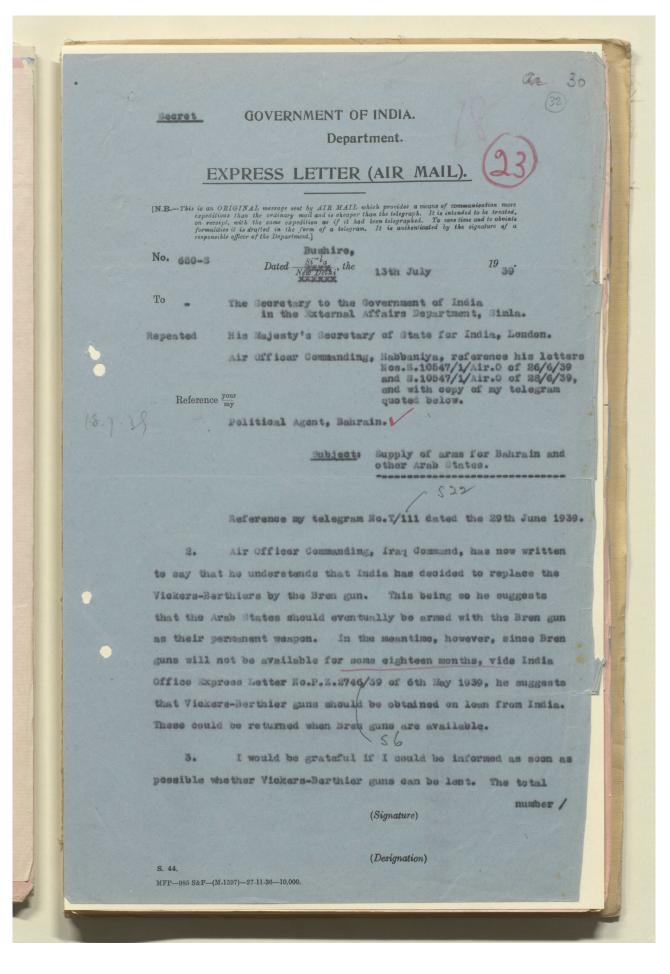


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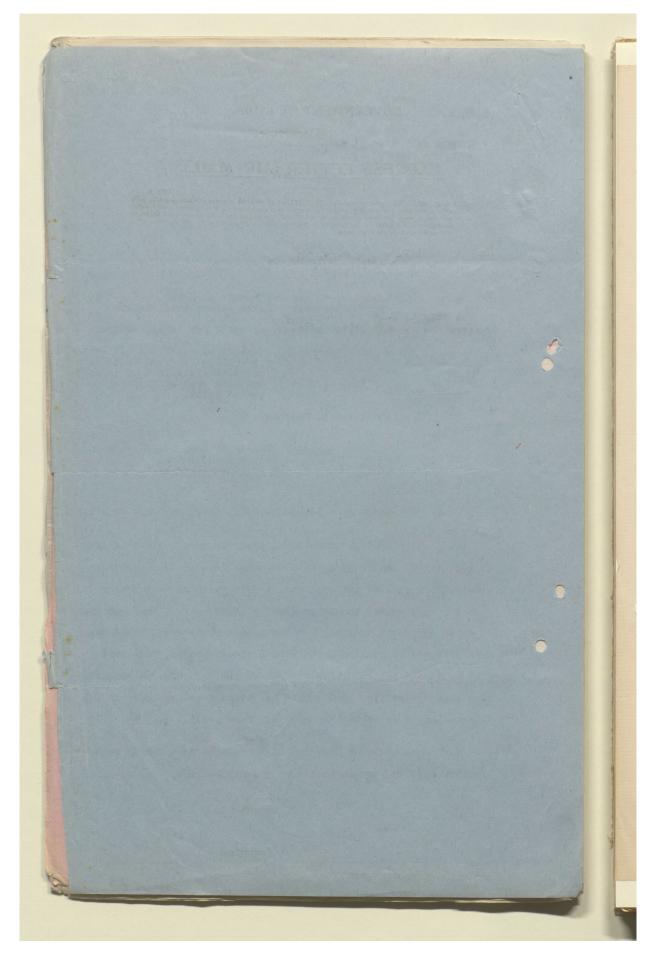




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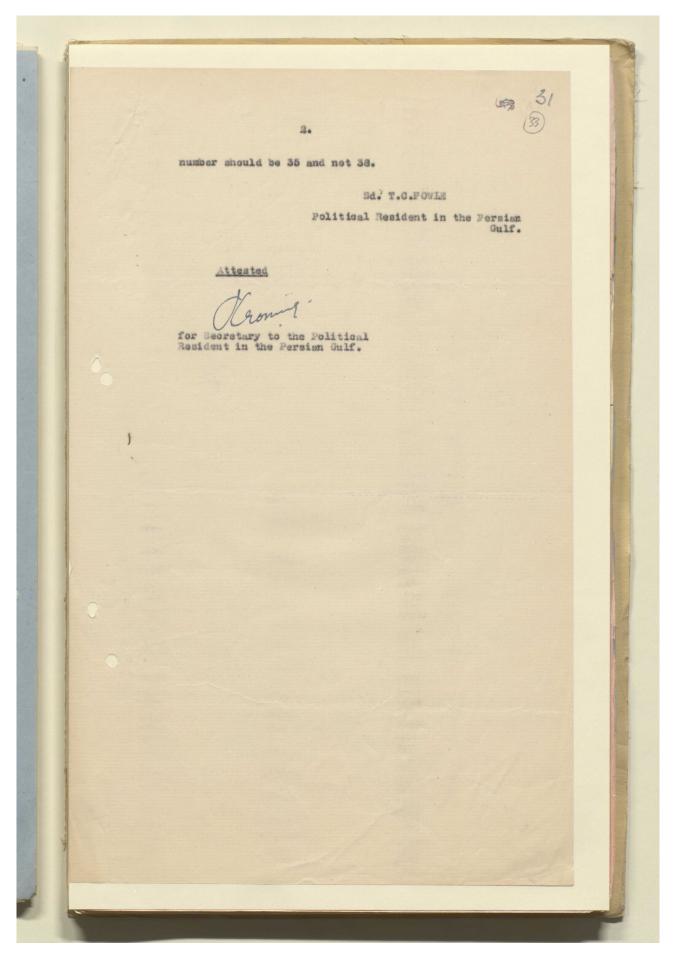




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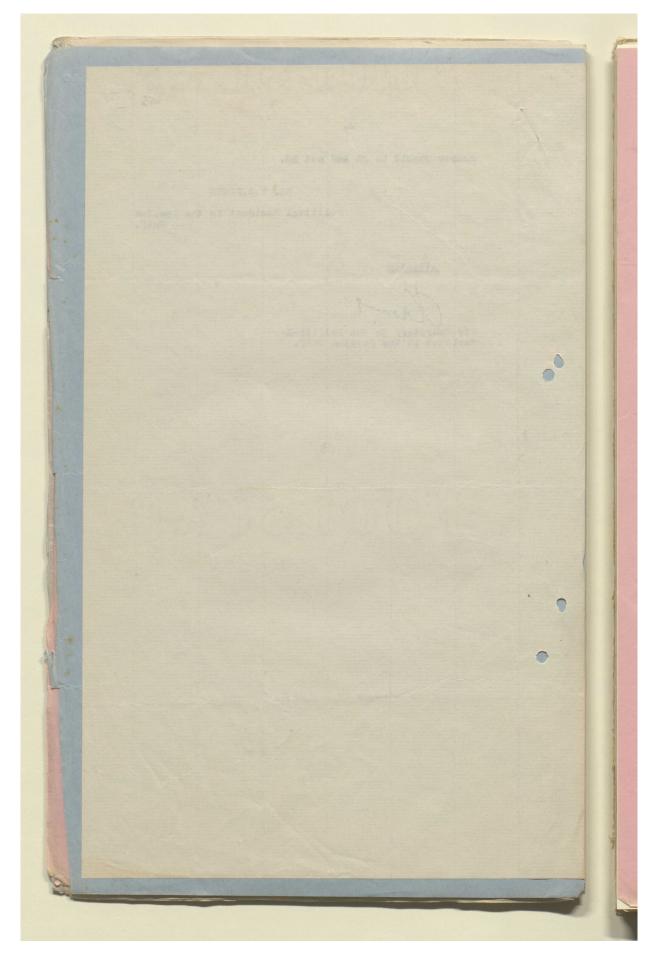


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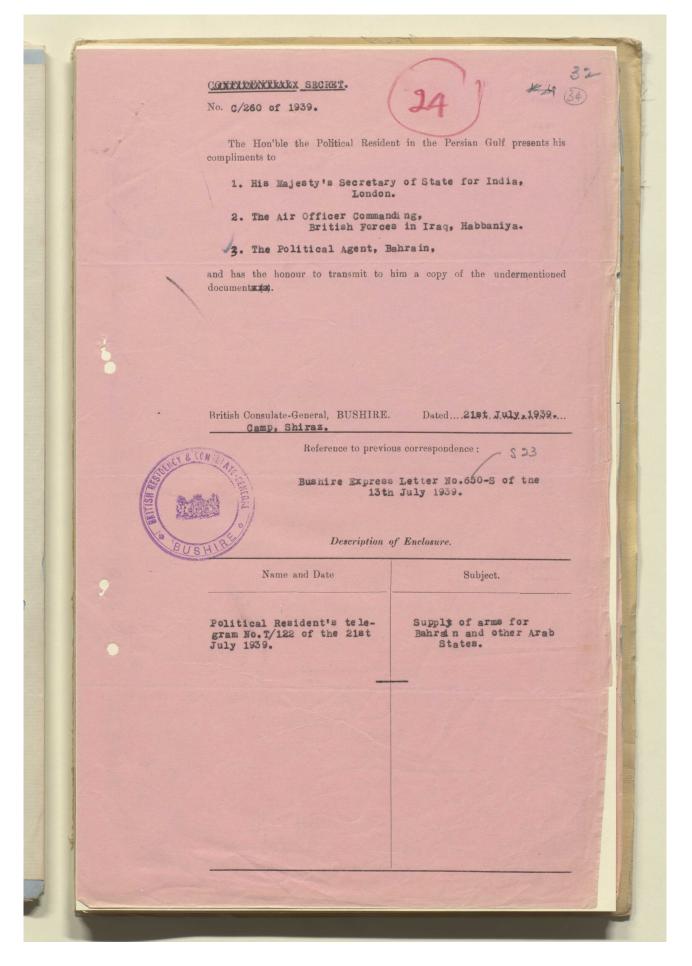


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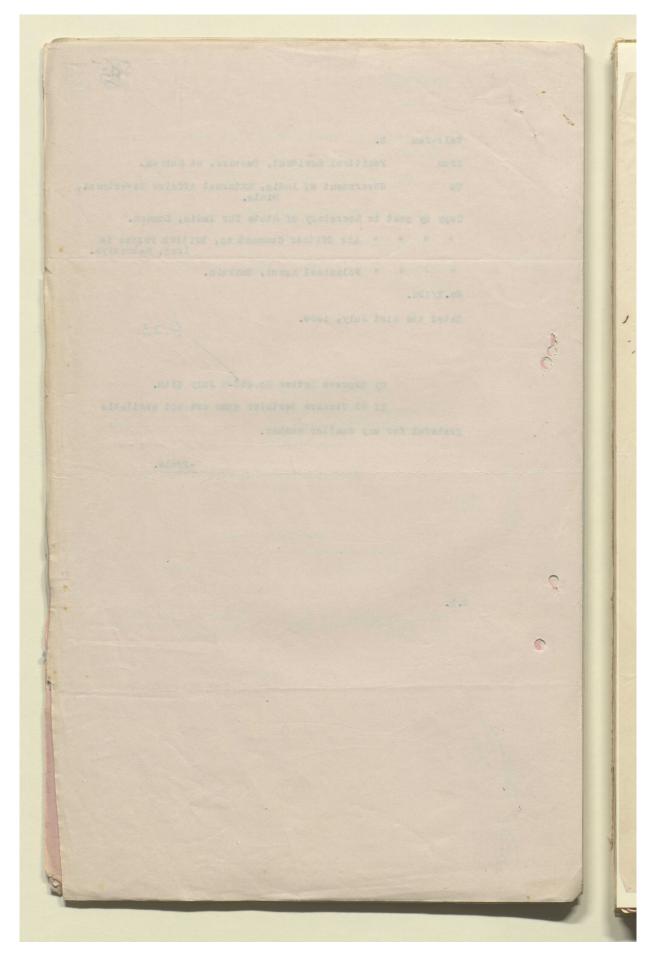
33 35 Telegram s. Political Resident, Bushire, at Shiraz. Fr om Government of India, External Affairs Department, Simla. TO Copy by post to Secretary of State for India, London. " Air Officer Commanding, British Forces in Iraq, Habbaniya. = . .,11 " Political Agent, Bahrain. No. T/122. Dated the 21st July, 1939. 5.23 My Express Letter No.650-S July 13th. If 35 Vickers Berthier guns are not available grateful for my smaller number. -Fowle. W. L.

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1.0/43 No. F. 54(1)-N/39. From The Under Secretary to the Government of India in the External Affairs Department, To The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf. Dated Simla, the 10 August 1939. SUBJECT:- Supply of arms to the Bahrain Government. 5.23 Sir, With reference to the correspondence ending with your express letter No. 650-5, dated the 13th July 1939, I am directed to forward a copy of a memorandum from Army Headquarters, India (Master General of Ordnance Branch) Simla, No. 6140/1/P-2, dated the 7th August 1939, with enclosure, and to convey the sanction of the Government of India to the issue, on payment, to the Political Agent, Bahrain, on behalf of the Bahrain Government of Twelve Guns, Machine Vickers - Bertheir .303" Mark One, with connected equipment. 636 I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant. Sd/- C.A.G. Savidge, Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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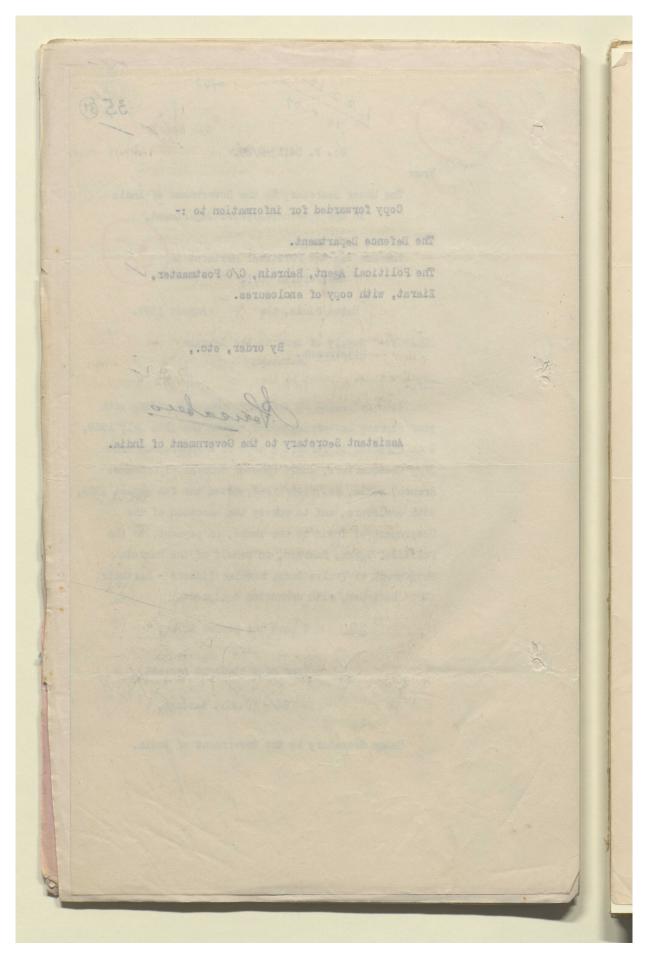
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ARMY HEADQUARTERS, INDIA, Master General of the Ordinance Branch, A.D.O.S. PROVISION, Simla, the 7th August 1939.

No. 6140/19-2.

To

PRIORITY:

The Chief Ordnance Officer, Ferozepore.

SUBJECT: Issue of V. Bs. on payment to the Political Agent, Erak Bahrain.

Instructions have been received from the External Affairs Department of the Government of India to issue TWELVE serviceable part worn V.B. Mk.I with connected equipment on payment to the :-

> The Political Agent, Bahrain C/O Headquarters, Sind Brigade Area, Karachi

> > (To await arrival).

2. The Political Agent will take delivery of these guns within the next six weeks.

3. Necessary government sanction will be obtained in due course.

4. TWELVE GUNS, Machine Vickers Berthier .303" Mk.I (Mark One) will be issued complete with the connected stores detailed in the attached ANNEXURE "A". Kindly ensure that all Barrels, both in Guns and spare, are fitted with Mk.II (Mark Two) plugs gas. The best available part worn but fully serviceable Mk.I guns should be issued and as far as possible all spares should be new. 5. Inabilities should be reported to this office by Express Letter immediately and copies of the Issue Vouchers should be endorsed to A.D.O.S.P.

> Sd/- R. S. Lewis, Lieut-Colonel, A.D.O.S. PROVISION.

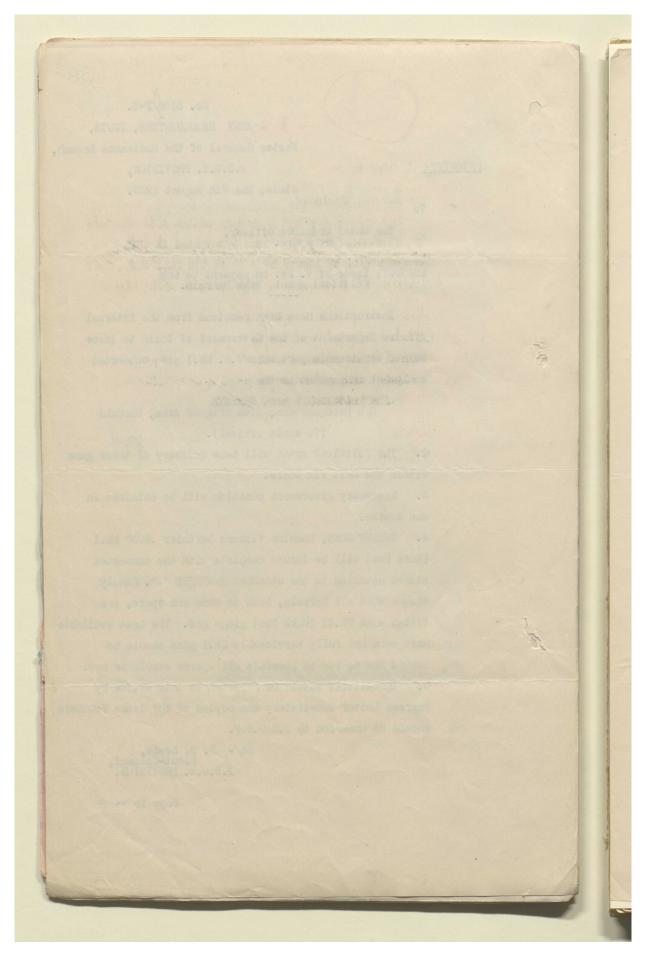
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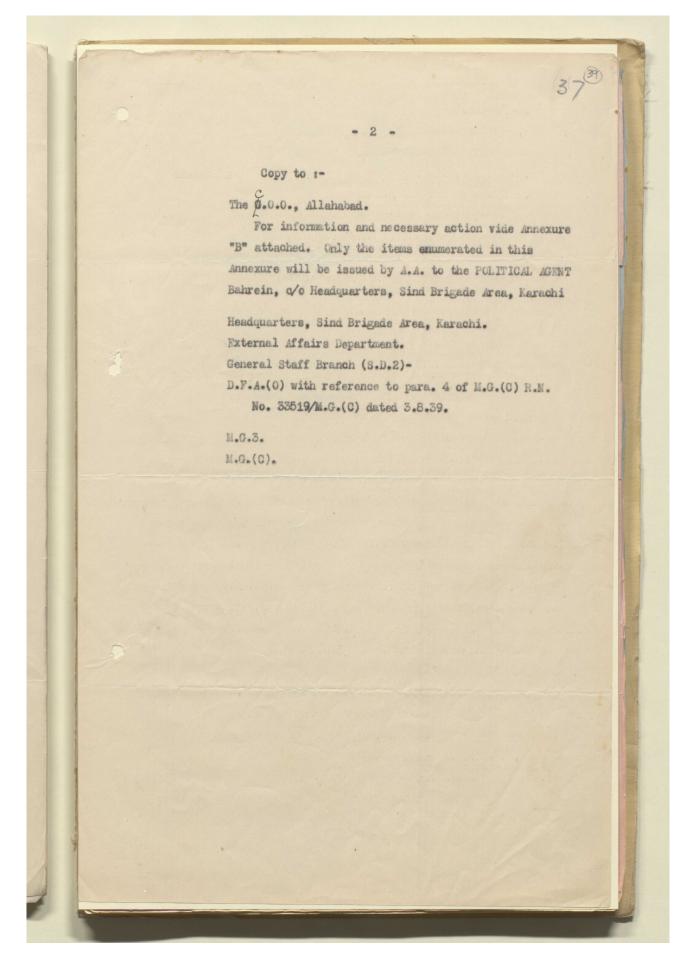




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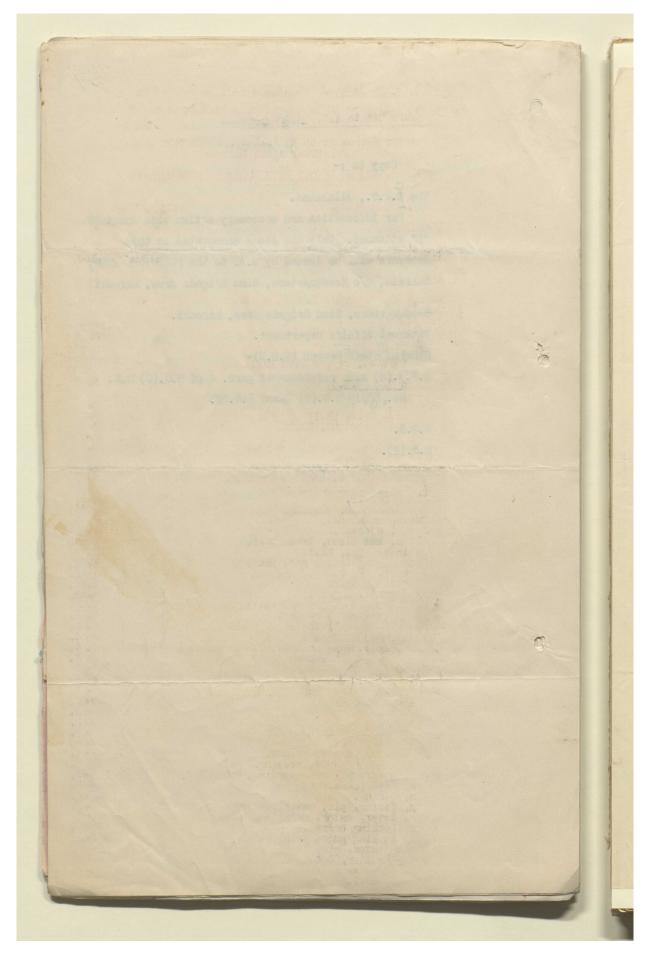


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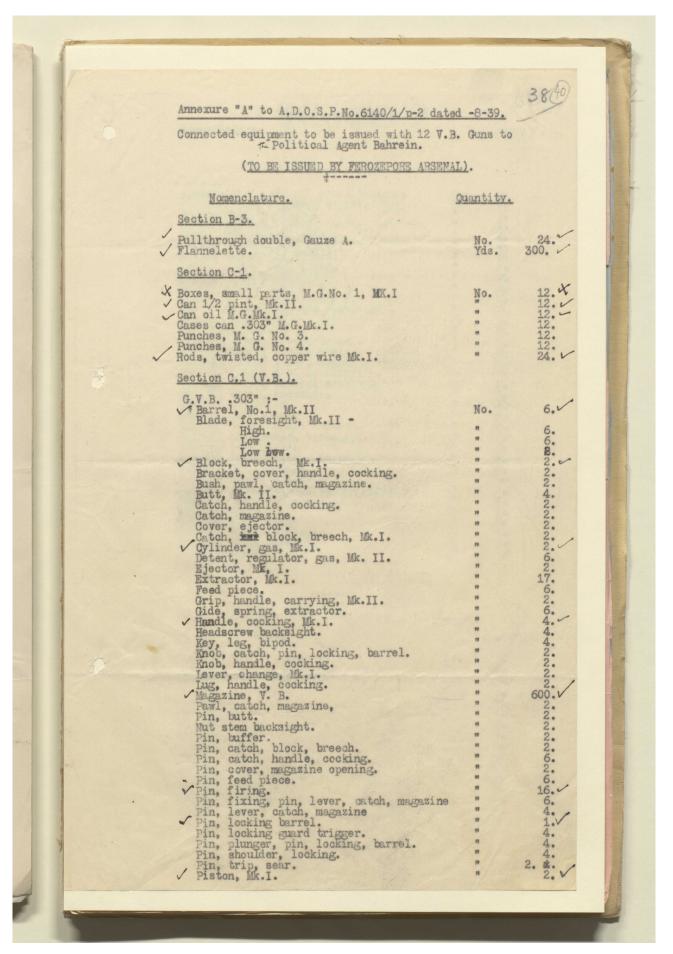




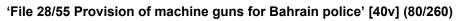
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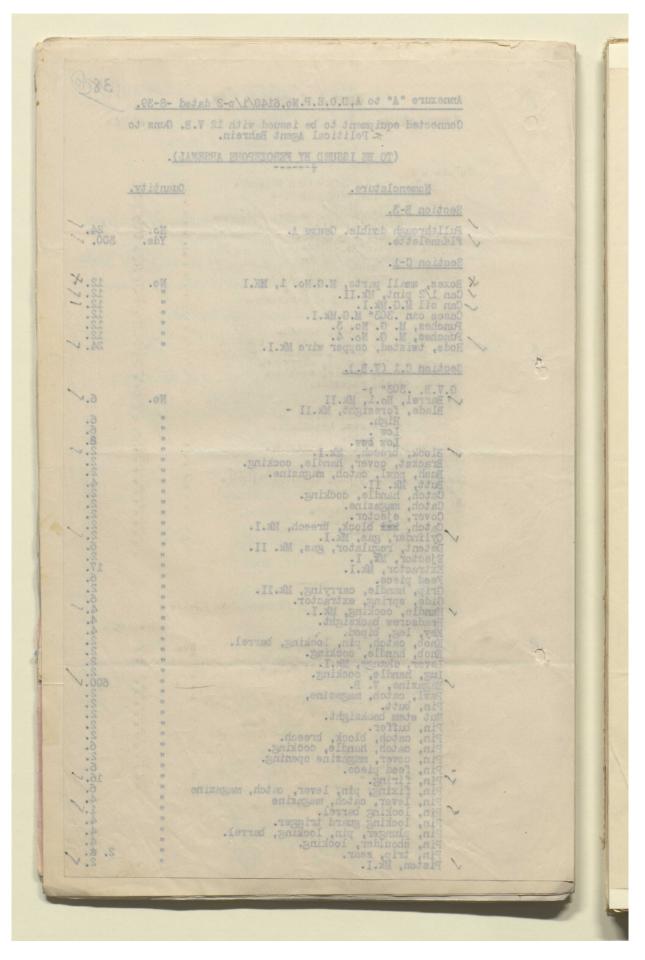
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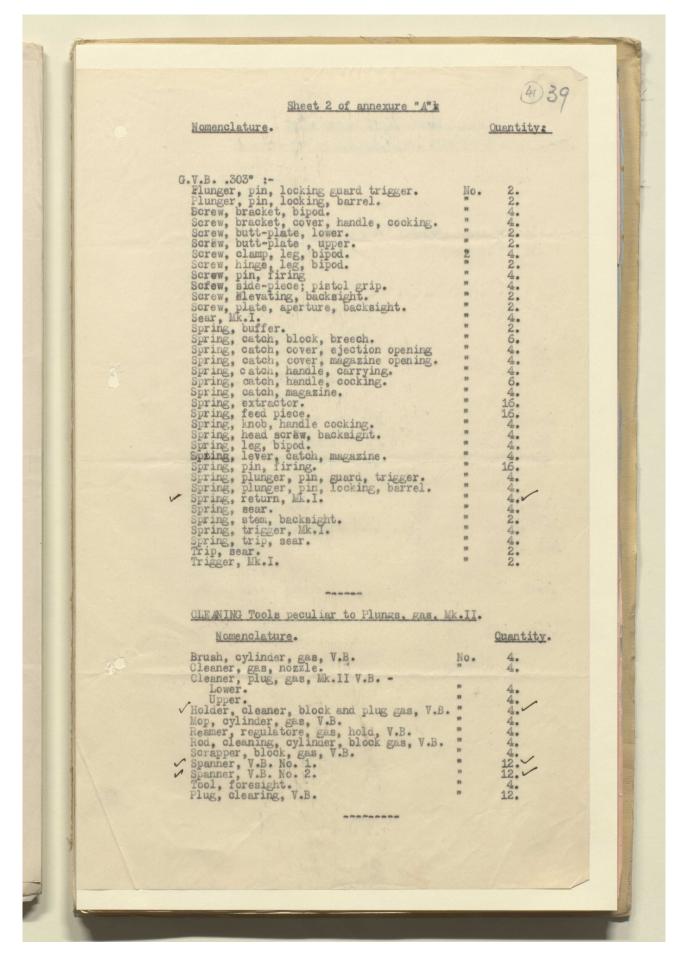


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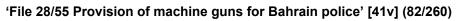


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Sheet 2 of annexure "A"h Nomenclature. Quantity: V.B. .303":Flunger, pin, locking guard trigger.
Flunger, pin, locking barrel.
Screw, bracket, cover, handle, cocking.
Screw, butt-plate, lupper.
Screw, clamp, leg, bipod.
Screw, bite-place, lupper.
Screw, bite-place, bipod.
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(To be issued by Allahah	ad Arsenal)
Annexure "B" to A.D.O.S.P. No.	6140/2/P-2 dated -8-39.
Nomenclature.	Quantity.
	<u>ANSTITUY</u> .
<u>Sec. C-1.</u>	
Cases, spare, parts, Mk.I, .303" V.B.g	gun, Mk.I. No. 12
Cases, " " " "	" -Covers. " 12.
Section D-1.	
Box, Pack, transport, Mk.I, .303" V.B.	Gun Infy
12 Magazines in pouches.	No. 12.
24 Magazines in pouches - Near, Mk.I. Off , Mk.I.	" 12. " 12.
Pouches, magazines, V.B.	" 60.
Section Mbb G-1.	
Pin, keep, split 1/8" x 1 1/4".	Doz. 2-0.
Pin, " " 1/16"x 3/4".	* 2-0
Pin, " " 1/16 x 1/2"	" 2-0
Section H-1.	
Mineral Jelly, Red.	lbs.30-0.
0il, Lubricating, mineral G.S.	Galls. 20-0.
Turpentine.	Galls. 2-0.
Section H-2.	
Cotton, waste, coloured.	Lbs. 80-0.
P. & S. Group.	
Dosootie Old.	Lbs. 60-0.

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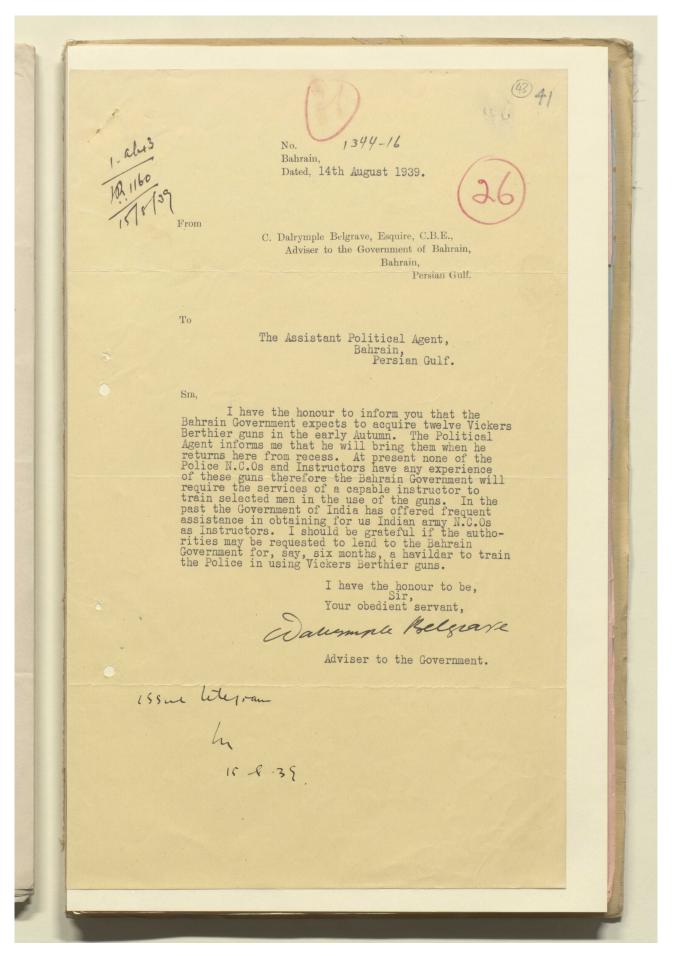


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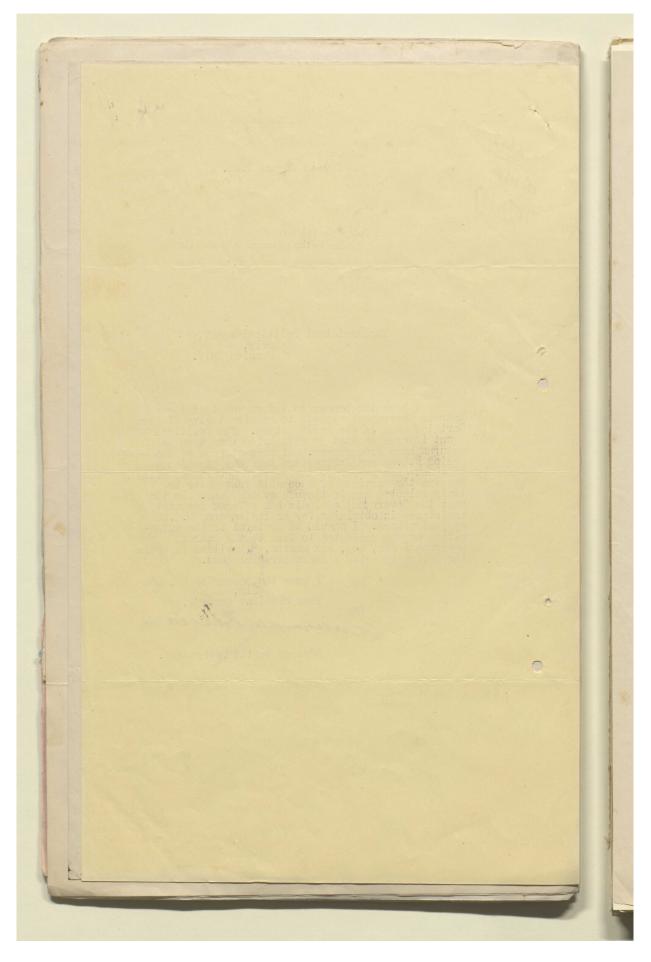


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Telegram

From Assistant Political Agent, Bahrain. To Political Agent, Bahrain at Ziarat. No. 110 Dated 15th August 1939.

Bahrain Government request arrangements for loan of Indian Army N.C.O. for six months to instruct Police in use of V.B. guns which they expect to receive shortly. Λ

- ASSISTANT POLITICAL AGENT -

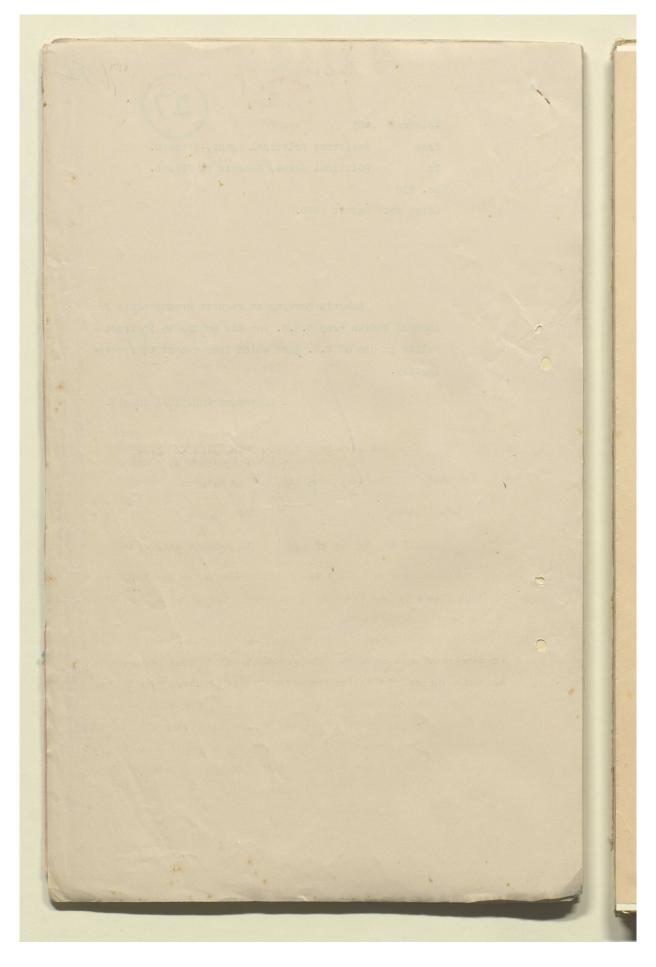
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FROM

Political Agent, Bahrain,

Camp Ziarat.

Te			Government of irs Department		
Repeated	Political	Resident,	Camp Shiraz.		
Na Z/26-1.a/43	3	Dated	16th August	1339	00
Subject :	- Supply	of arms to	the Bahrain G	lovernment.	

Reference your letter No. F.54(1)-N/39 dated the 10th August 1939 in regard to the issue of 12 Vickers - Berthier light machine guns to the Bahrain Government.

2. Will it be possible to arrange for the loan to the Bahrain Government of an Indian Army Non-Commissioned Officer (Moslem) to instruct the Bahrain Police Force in the use of these guns ? The Bahrain Government would of course meet all charges on account of pay, allowances and travelling. The N.C.O. instructor will probably be required for a period of three months and it would be convenient if he could arrive at Bahrain at the beginning of October 1939.

Political Agent, Bahrain.

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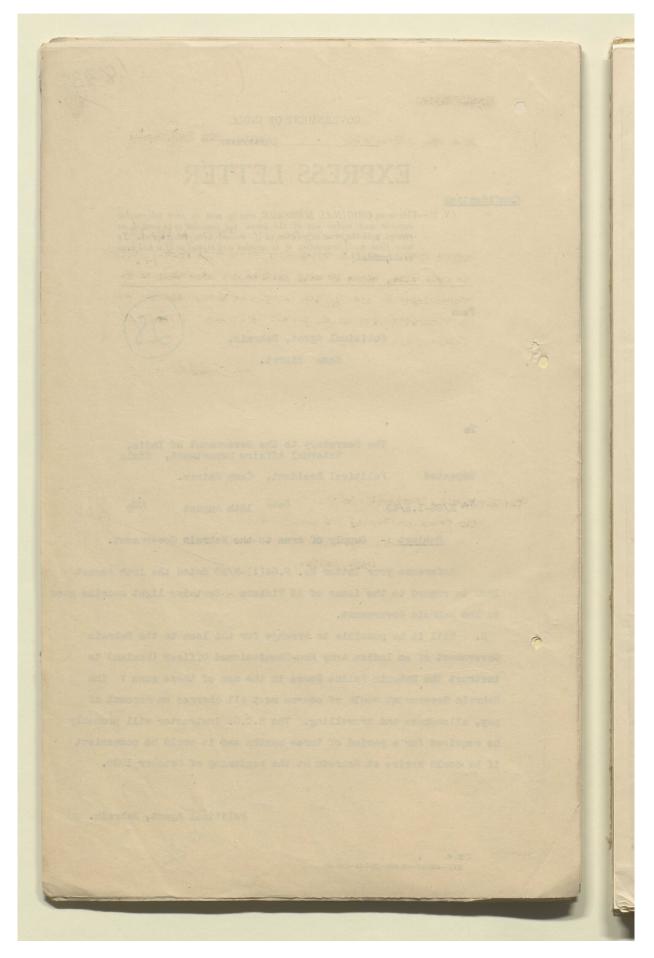
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D.O. No. Z/27-1.a/43 Zierat, the 16th August 1939.

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I sent my Express letter No. 2/26 dated the 16th August 1939 direct to External Affairs Department in order to save time, since it will involve not less than three weeks' delay to have written to you in Shirez and for you to have addressed the Government of India. I trust you will approve of this.

Yours sincerely,

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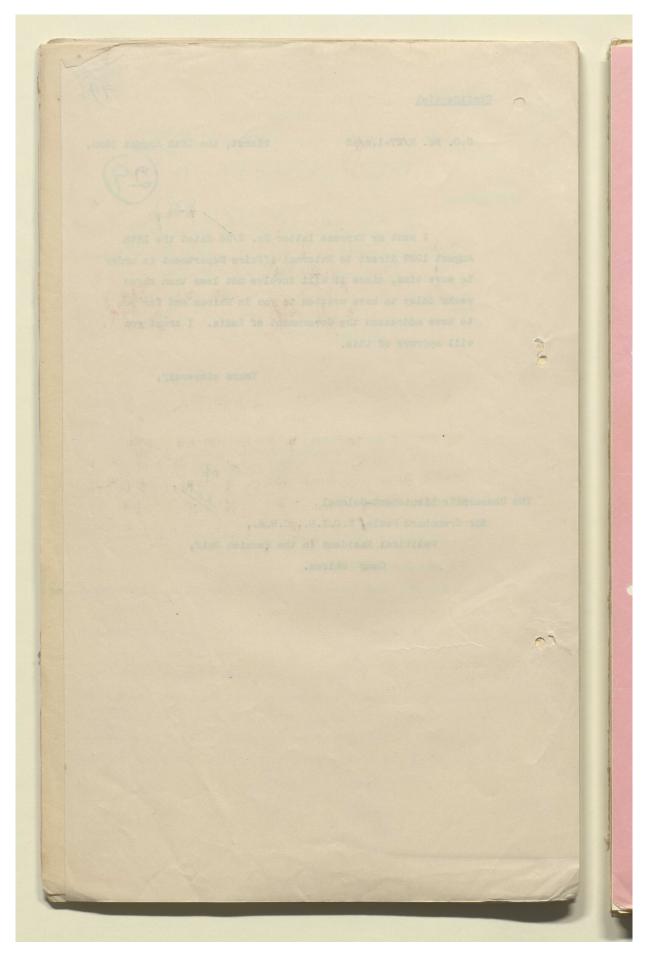
Kor The Honourable Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Trenchard Fowle, K.C.I.E., C.B.E., Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Camp Shiraz.

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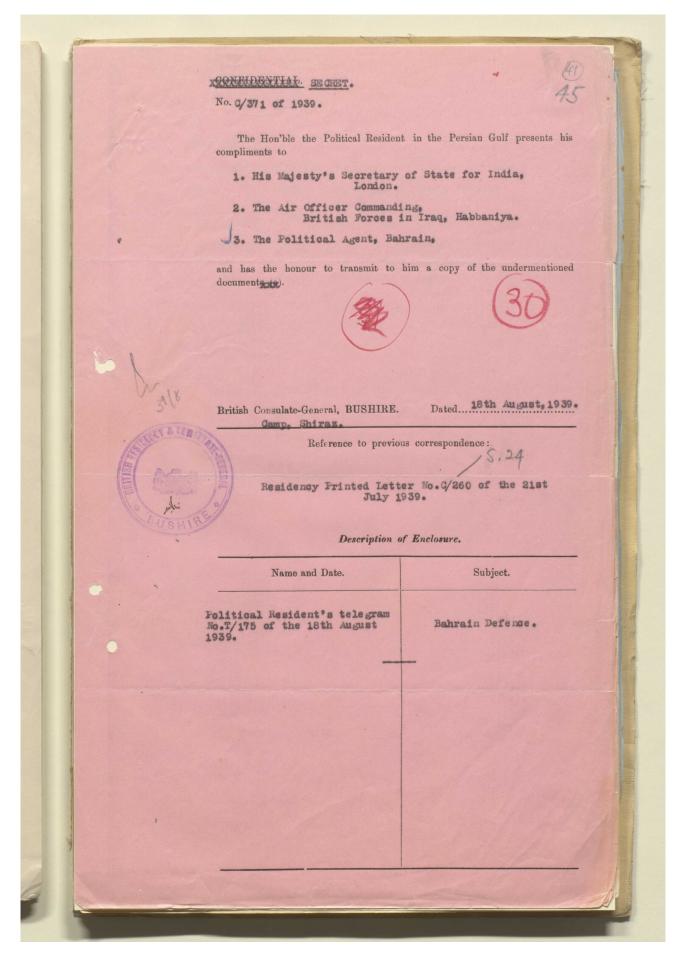


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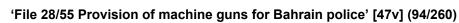


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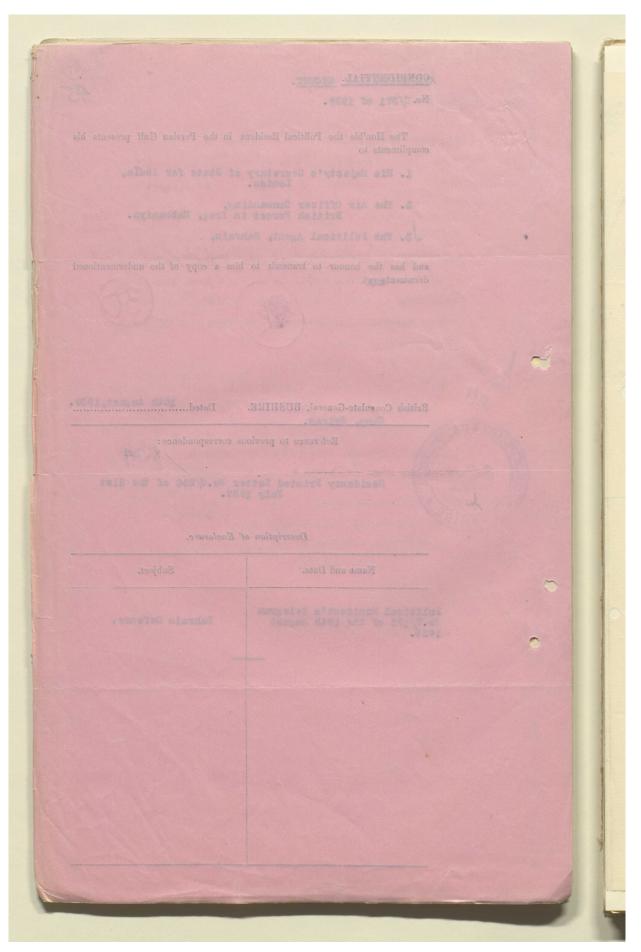




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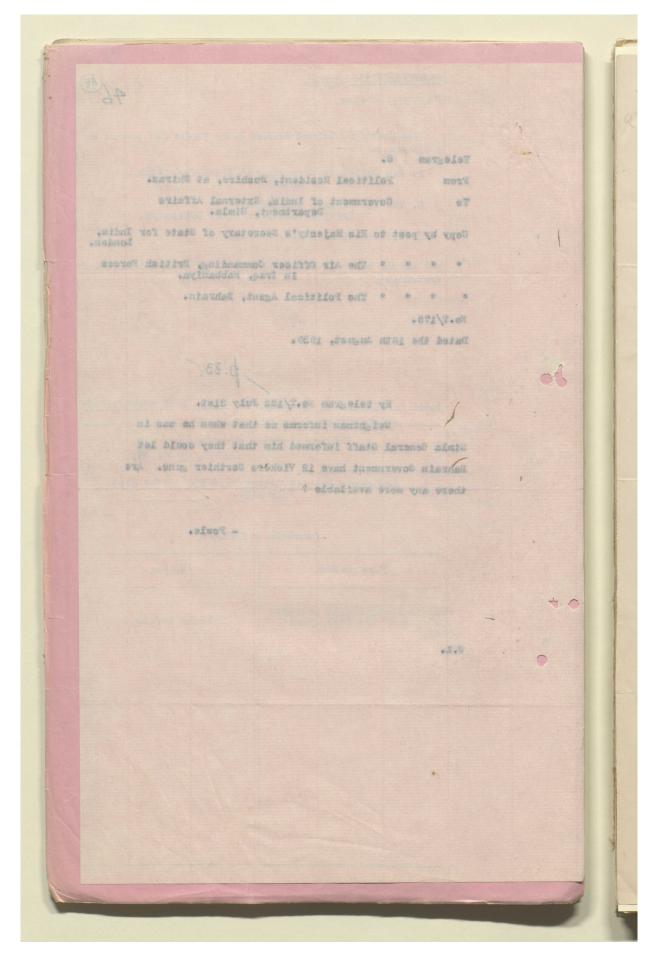
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1	in Iraq, Habbaniya.
1	* * * " The Folitical Agent, Bahrain.
	No.T/175.
	Dated the 18th August, 1939.
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	My telegram So.T/122 July 21st.
	Weightman informs me that when he was in
	Simla General Staff informed him that they could let
	Bahrain Government have 12 Vickers Berthier guns. Are
	there any more available ?
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Your telegram No. 1149 of 21st August. (Copy to Air Officer Commanding by post). In view of present international situation the sooner the twelve Bren guns can be sent to Bahrain the better. By what date can guns reach Bahrain ? Pending formation of Force detailed in paragraphs 14 and 15 of Bahrain Defence Scheme, I suggest directly guns reach Bahrain Air Officer Commanding should send instructions there for training of Bahrain Police and British and American volunteers from Oil Company.

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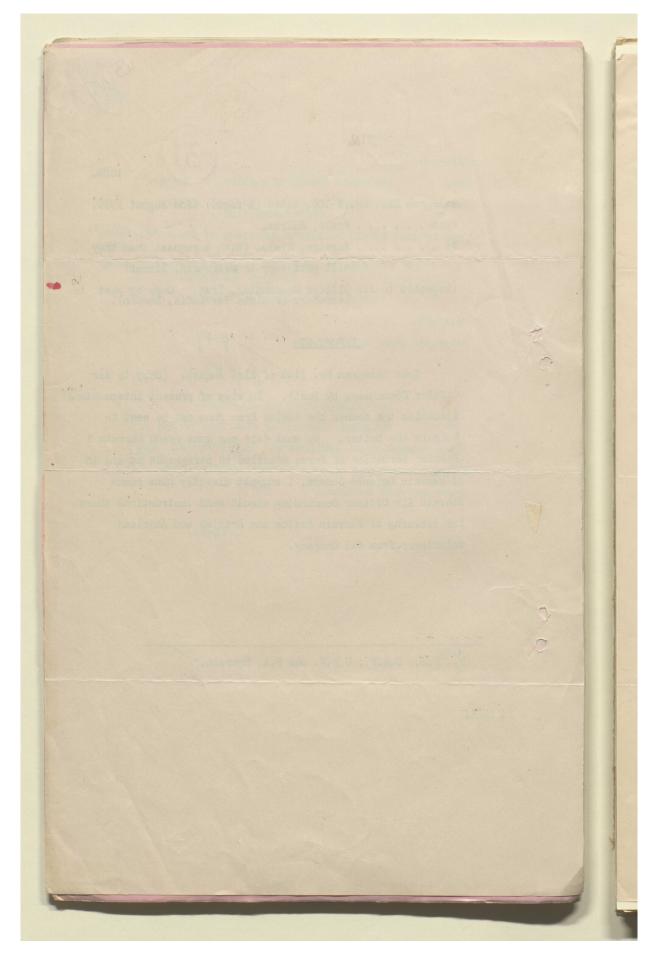
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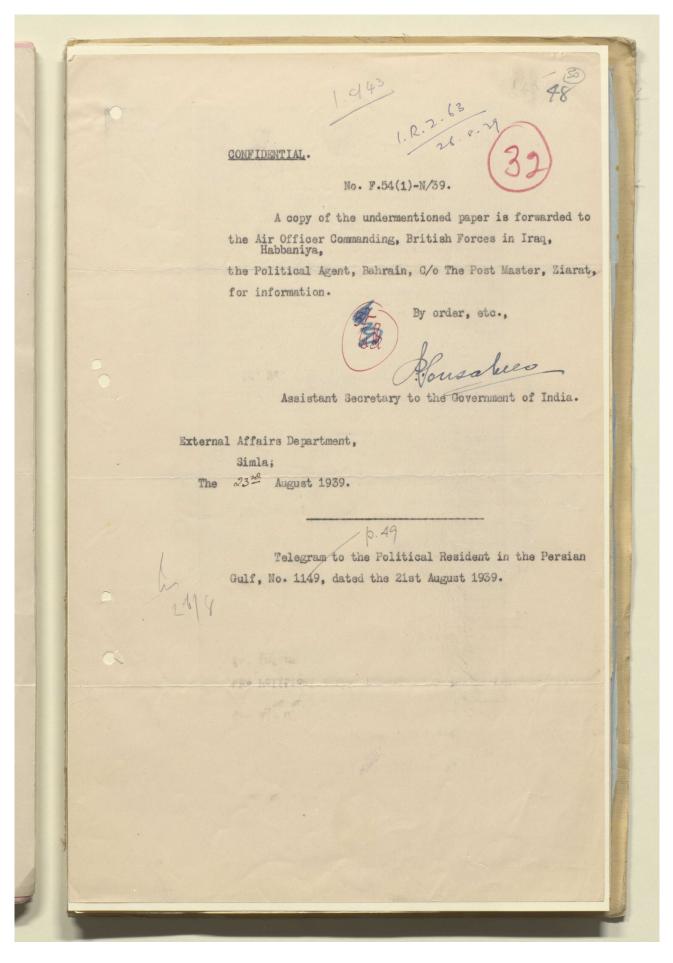


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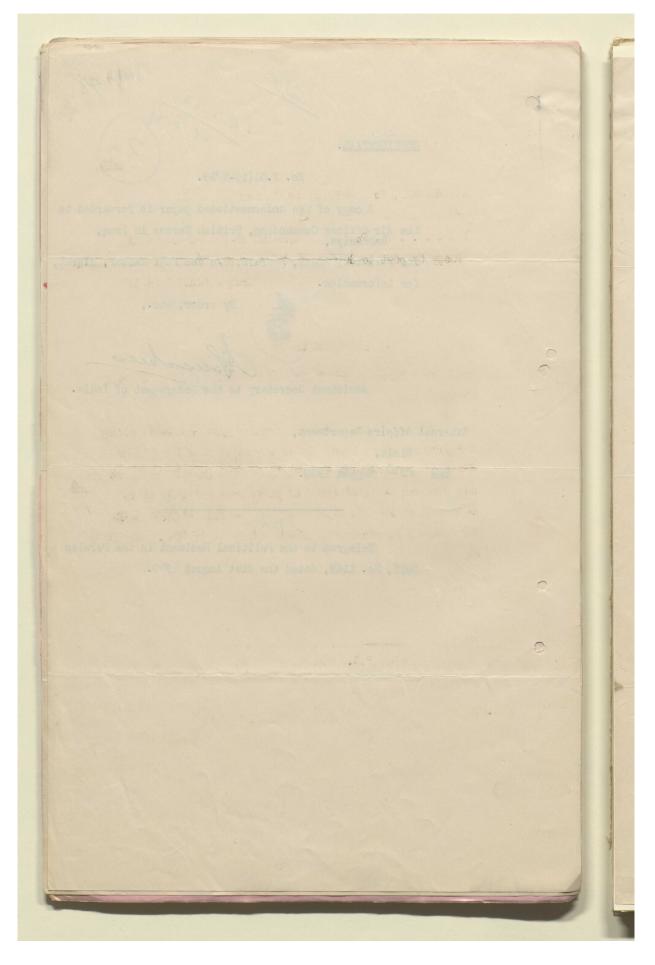




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Telegram XX., No. 1149, dated 21st August 1939.
From Foreign, Simla.
To Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.
 (Copy by post to Secretary of State for India, London, A.O.C.,

Iraq & P.A., Bahrain)

Your telegram No. T/175, 18th August. Guns for Gulf States.

IMPORTANT 6.46

2. Regret no more Vickers Berthier guns available either for purchase or on loan. It is suggested that War Office be asked to give priority for supply of Bren guns to these States and that Air Ministry offer of Lewis guns referred to in Secretary of State's Express Letter No. P.Z. 3767/39 dated 22nd June be pursued until Brens become available from United Kingdom.

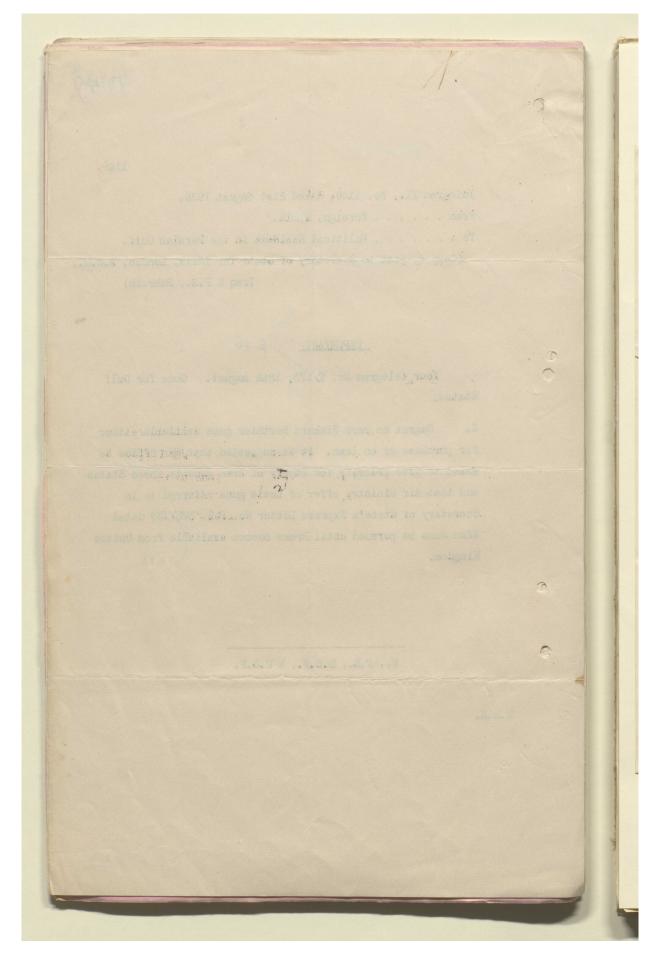
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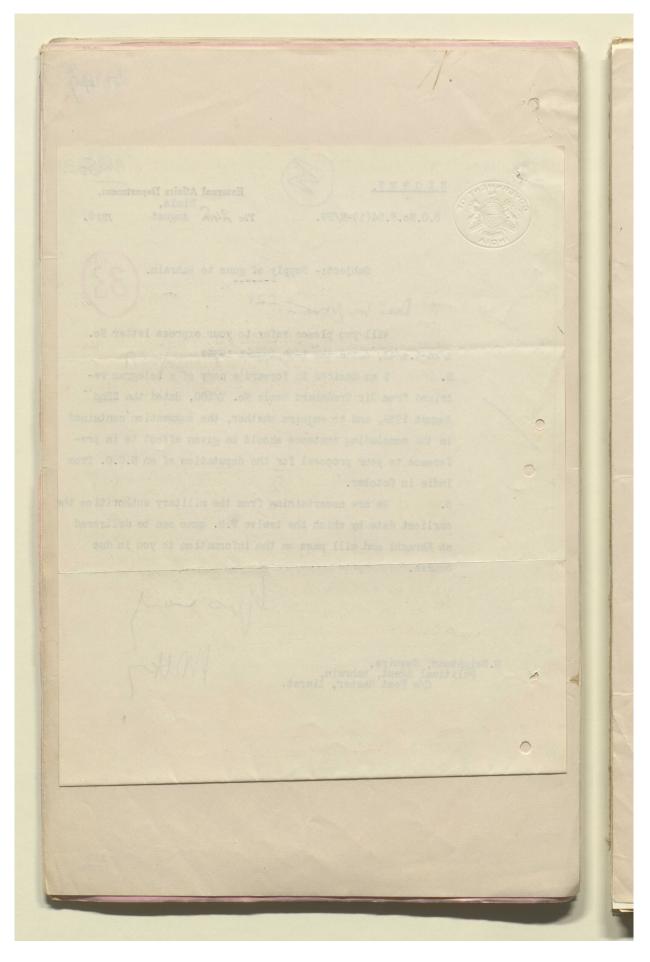
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5052 SECRET. External Affairs Department, The 24th August 193 9. D.O.No.F.54(1)-N/39. Subject :- Supply of guns to Bahrain. Dear Way htven 528 Will you please refer to your express letter No. Z/26-1.a/43, dated the 16th August 1939? 16.51 I am desired to forward a copy of a telegram re-2. ceived from Sir Trenchard Fowle No. T/180, dated the 22nd August 1939, and to enquire whether, the suggestion contained in the concluding sentence should be given effect to in preference to your proposal for the deputation of an N.C.O. from India in October. We are ascertaining from the military authorities the 3. earliest date by which the twelve W.B. guns can be delivered at Karachi and will pass on the information to you in due course. Mus int H.Weightman, Esquire, Political Agent, Bahrain, C/o Post Master, Ziarat.

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Telegram XX., No. T-180, dated (& recd.) 22nd August 1939. From Fowle, Shiraz. To Foreign, Simla. (With a request that they will post copy to Weightman, Ziarat)

(Repeated to Air Officer Commanding, Iraq. Copy by post to Secretary of State for India, London).

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Your telegram No. 1149 of 21st August. (Copy to Air Officer Commanding by post). In view of present international situation the sooner the twelve Bren guns can be sent to Bahrain the better. By what date can guns reach Bahrain ? Pending formation of Force detailed in paragraphs 14 and 15 of Bahrain Defence Scheme, I suggest directly guns reach Bahrain Air Officer Commanding should send instructions there for training of Bahrain Police and British and American volunteers from Oil Company.

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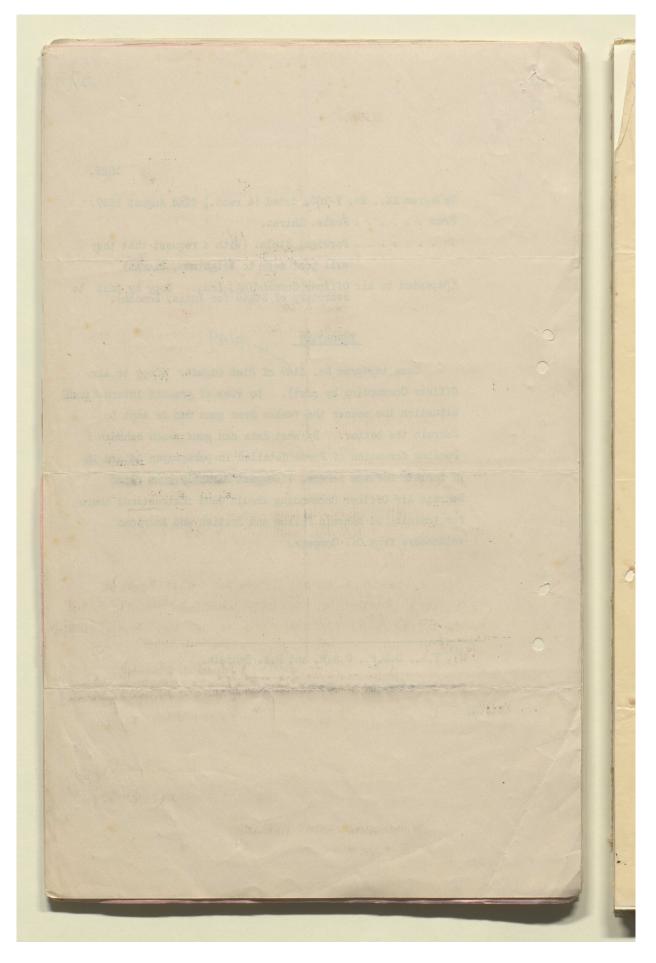
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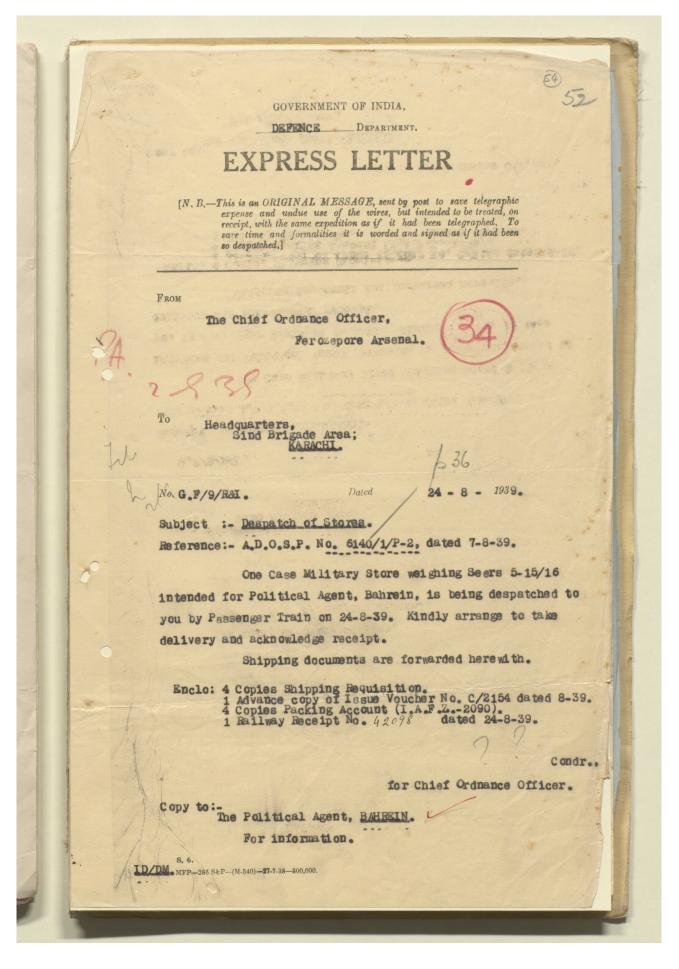


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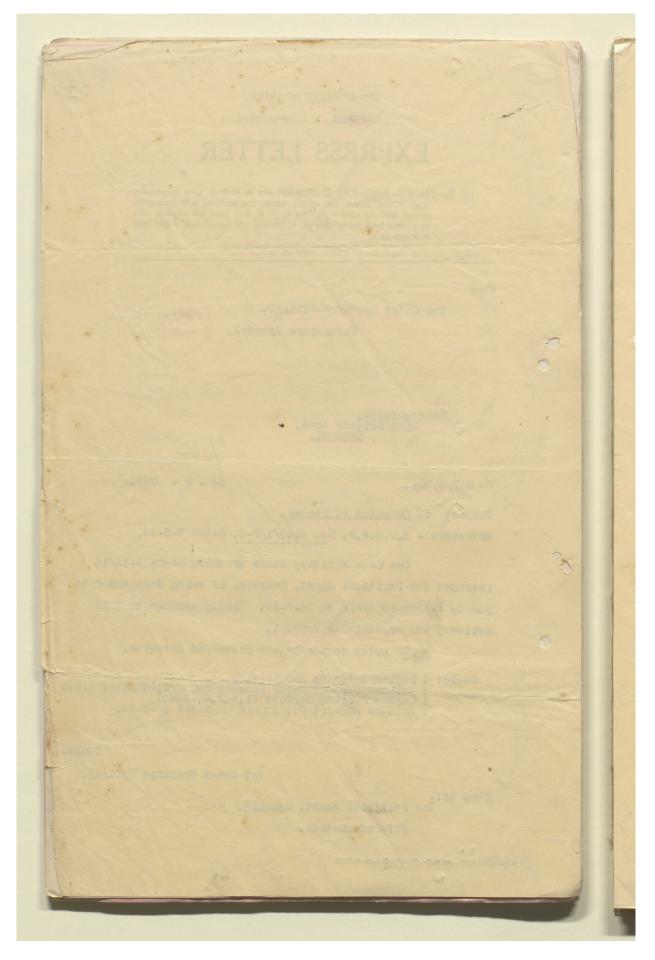
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	EXPRESS LETTER
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	The Chief Ordnance Officer,
	Ferozepore Arsenal.
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	To
	Headquarters, Sind Brigade Area; KARACHI.
	No. G.F/9/R&I. Dated 28 - 8 - 1939.
	Subject :- Despatch of Stores.
	Reference:- A.D.O.S.P. No. 6140/1/P-2, dated 7-8-1939.
	Item :- Arms components.
	Two Cases containing the above item weighing
	10-7/8 Seers intended for Political Agent, Bahrein, are being
	despatched to you by Passenger Train on 28-8-39. Kindly arrange
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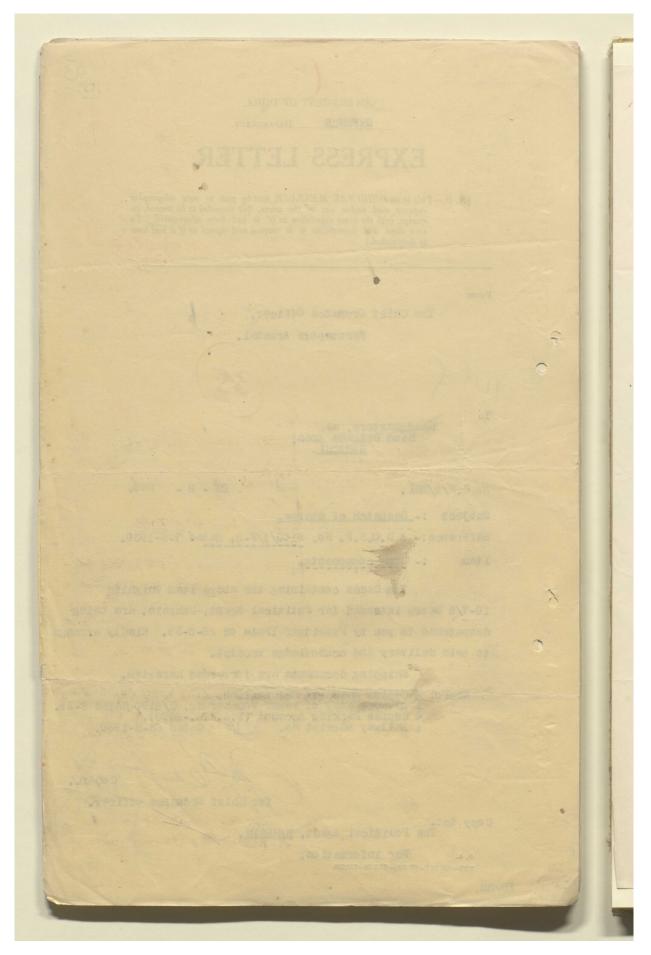
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tit GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN. URGENT. -----1405/16 of 1358 No. No. of 1358 Office of the Adviser to the Government, Bahrain Dated 8th Rajab, 1358 24th August, 1939. H. B. M's Political Agent, Bahrain. MEMORANDUM. . I should be obliged if you would enquire from the Government of India whether they could supply the Bahrain Government with one million rounds of new 303 mark Vll ammunition. Walumpa Bolgorag Adviser to the Government. SM :

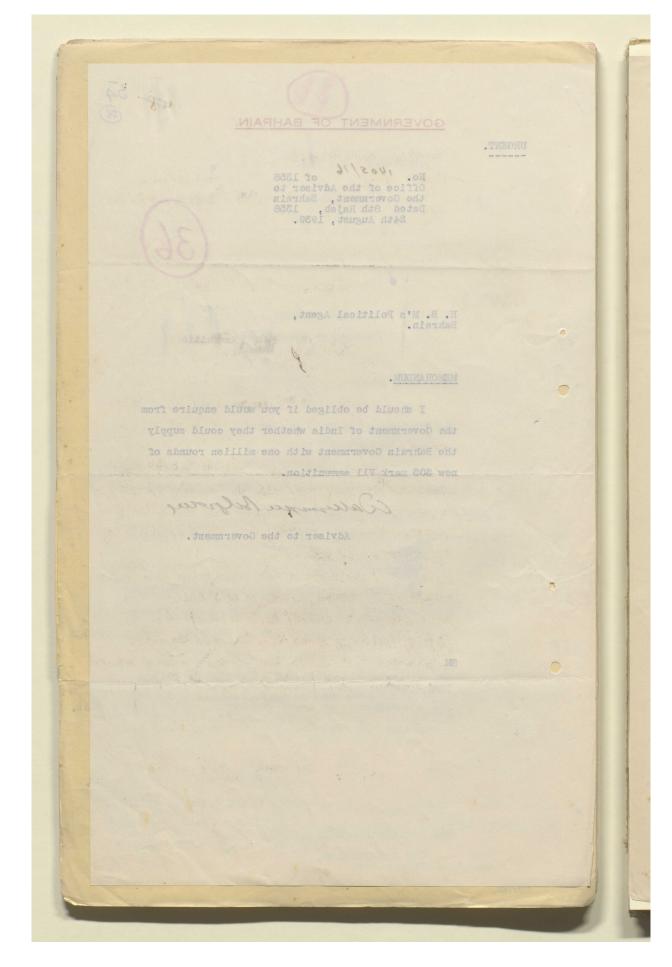
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IMPORTANT AND CONFIDENTIAL.

No:483-I.a/43.

Political Agency,

Bahrain, the 25th August 1939-

To:-

The Adviser

to the Bahrain Government,

Bahrain.

The supply of 303 mark 7 ammunition to the Bahrain Government.

Memorandum.

Reference your Memorandum No:1405-16 dated the 24th August 1939 on the above subject and our subsequent conversation.

2. In my confidential memorandum No:379-1.2443 dated the 20th June 1939 I informed you that in addition to the twelve Vickers Barthier guns the Honourable the Political Resident has already requested the supply of 600,000 rounds of ammunition.

I suggest that before asking for an increase
in this supply the present stocks of ammunition held
by the Bahrain Government should be examined to see
what proportion is serviceable and of recent issue.
I understand that the Bahrain Government already possesses
approximately 1,000,000 rounds of 303 ammunition.

Assistant Political Agent, Bahrain.

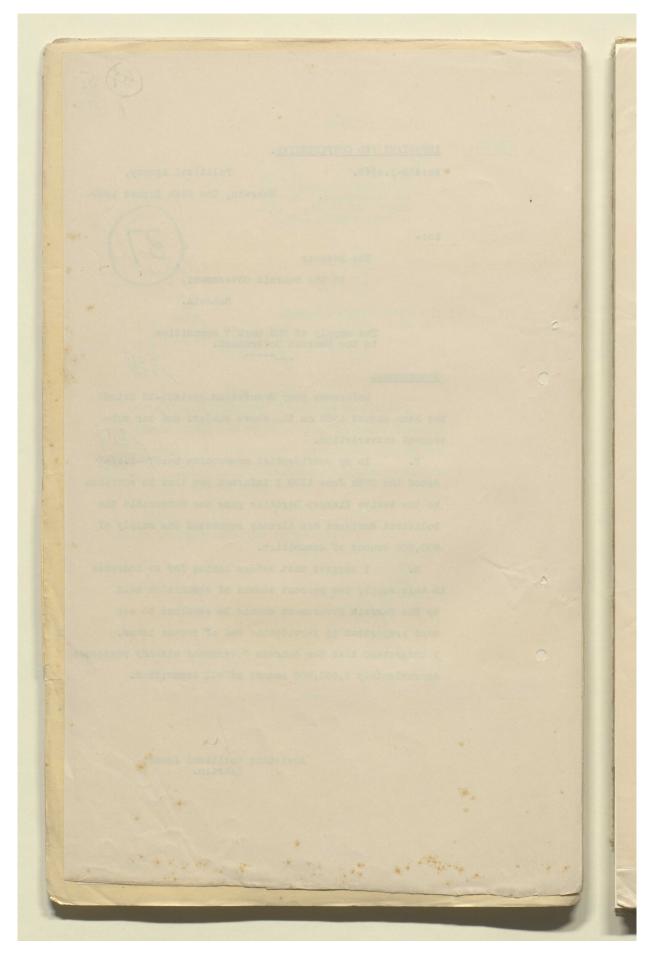
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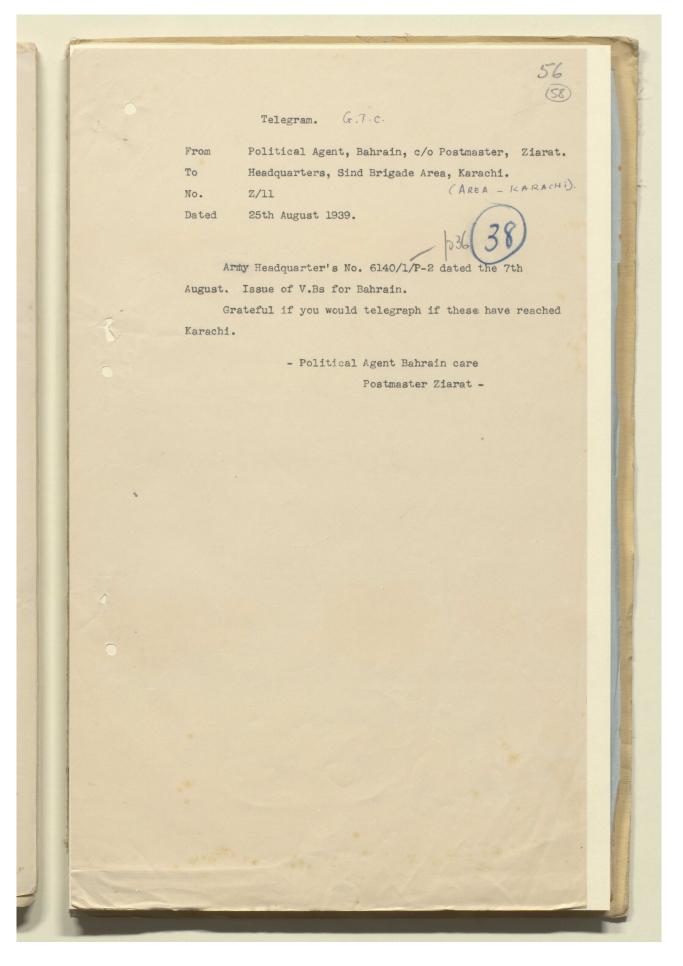




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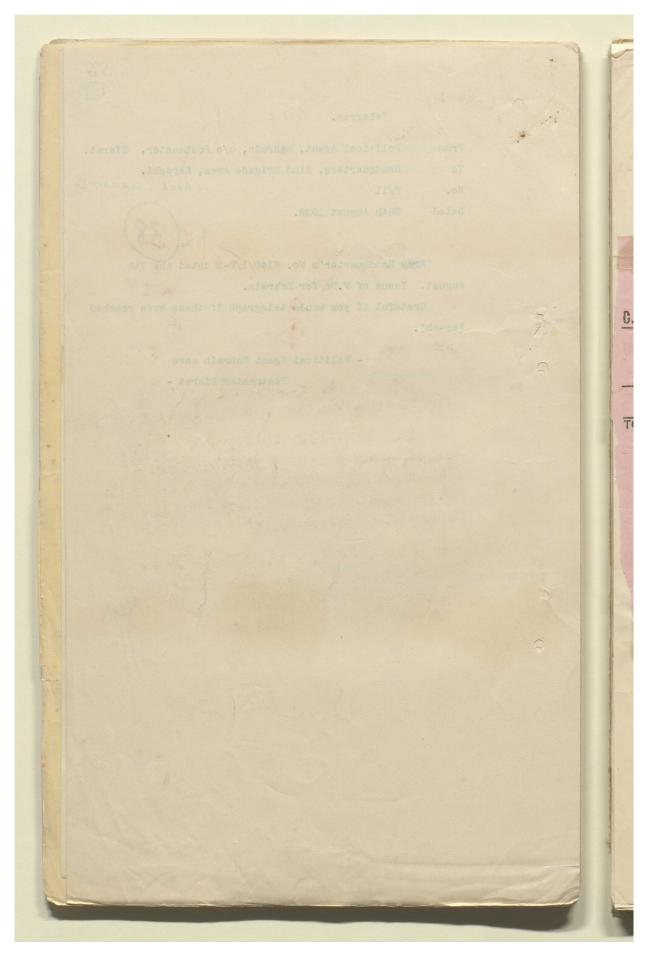


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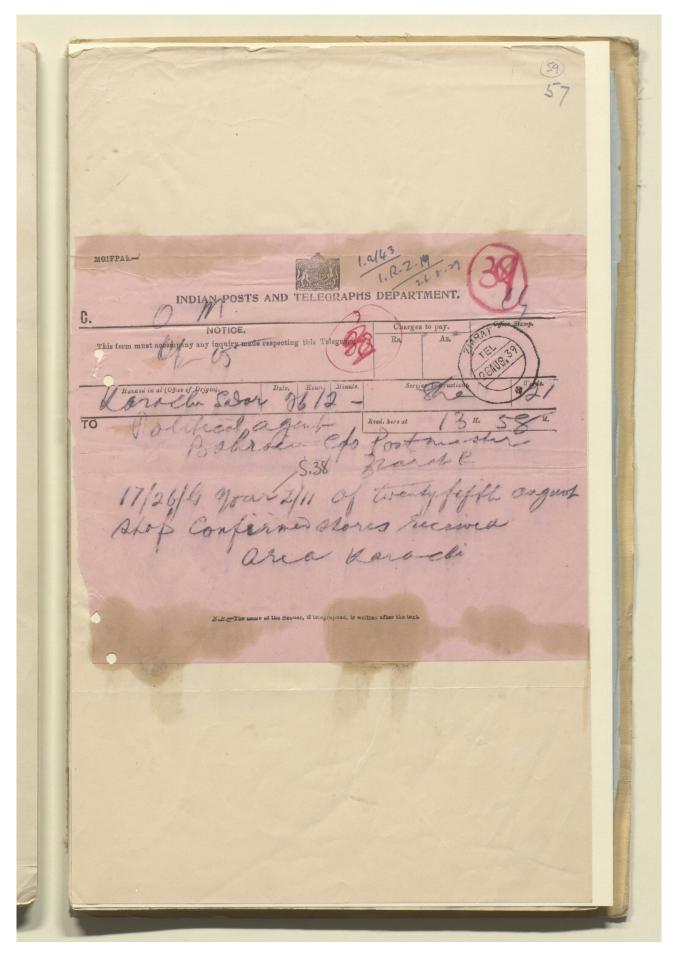




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URGENT.

To

No.C/496-1.a/43.

Political Agency, Bahrain, the 29th August 1939.

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MEMORANDUM.

Headquarters,

Sind Brigade Area, Karachi.

Reference Army Headquarter's No. 6140/1/P-2, dated the 7th August 1939. Issue of Vickers-Berthier L.M.Gs.

2. I write to confirm the request which I made by telephone to Colonel Collinson on Sunday evening, the 27th August 1939, that the guns and connected stores may be sent to Bahrain by the next Gulf mail boat ex-Karachi, addressed to the Political Agent.

3. I much regret the trouble which this entails, but I was unable to take delivery personally in Karachi as originally intended, owing to my hurried return to Bahrain as the result of the existing situation.

> 8 k. M. M. Political Agent, Bahrain.

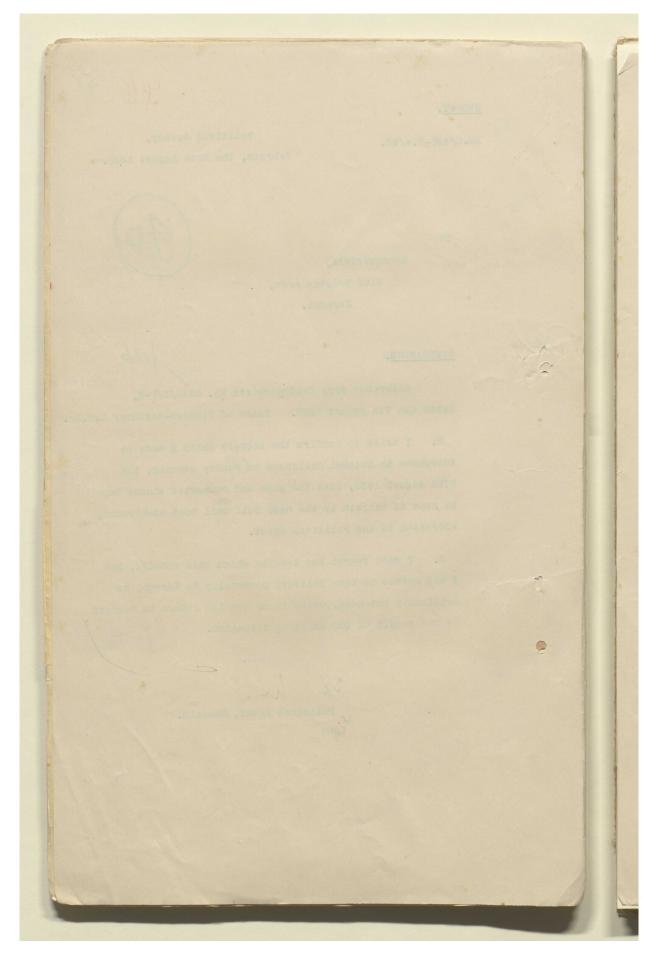
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 Telegram
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 From
 Air Officer Commanding, Habbaniya.

 To
 Political Resident, Bushire.

 Repeated
 Political Agent, Kuwait.

 Political Agent, Muscat.
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 Political Agent, Bahrain.
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 R.A.F. Station, Shaibah.
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 No. A.O. 466.
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Your 412 August 30th received after despatch of my 2.218 August 30th. ____ Not weed-

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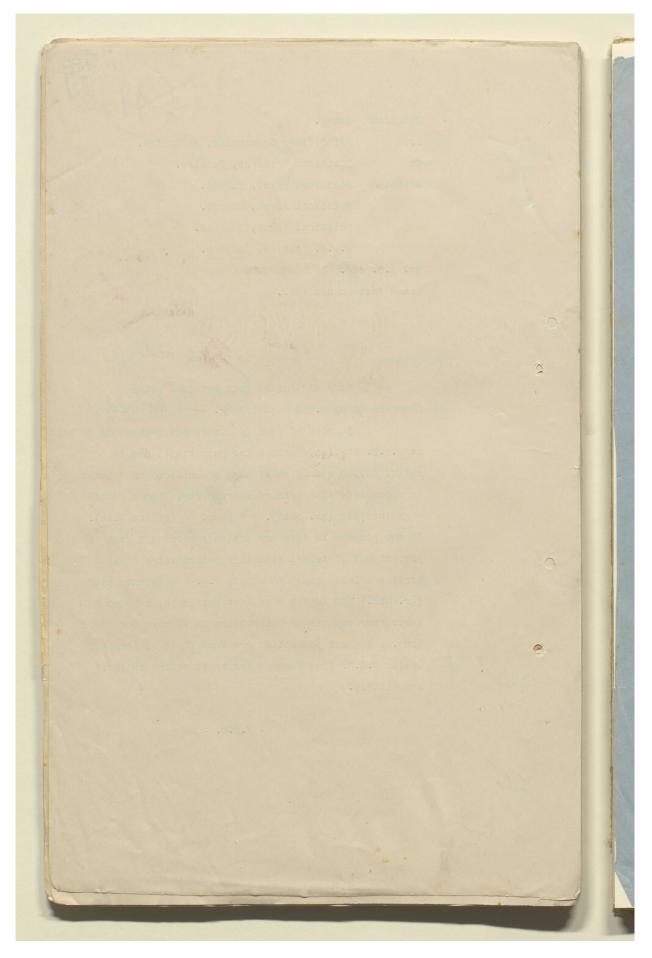
In view of your 412 emergency reserve to be he at R.A.F. Station, Shaibah for Kuwait will now be 50 rifles 10,000 rounds small arms ammunition and 4 Lewis guns complete with sets of spare parts, Bipods and 10 magazines per (gr. omtd). see para. 28 Defence Plan). Do not propose to take any action regarding Muscat at present but if tribal situation deteriorates could provide 4 Lewis guns and supply S.A. Reference your (gr.mutd.) 180 August 22nd last paragraph, have no instructor capable of instructing in Vickers Berthiers guns. Suggest you obtain one from India or despatch Police N.C.O. from Bahrain for short course in India immediately.

- A.O.C. -

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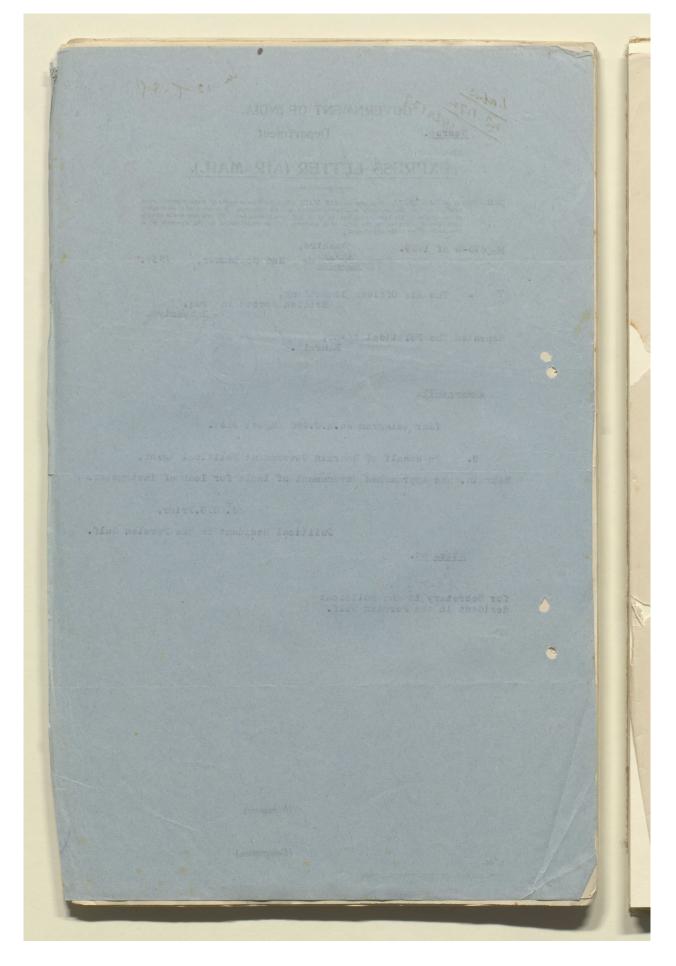
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	To Air Officer Commanding, Iraq.
	Repeated Political Agent, Kuwait.
	Political Agent, Bahrain. 43
	Political Agent, Muscat.
	No. 414
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0	Your telegram of 30th August, Z.218.
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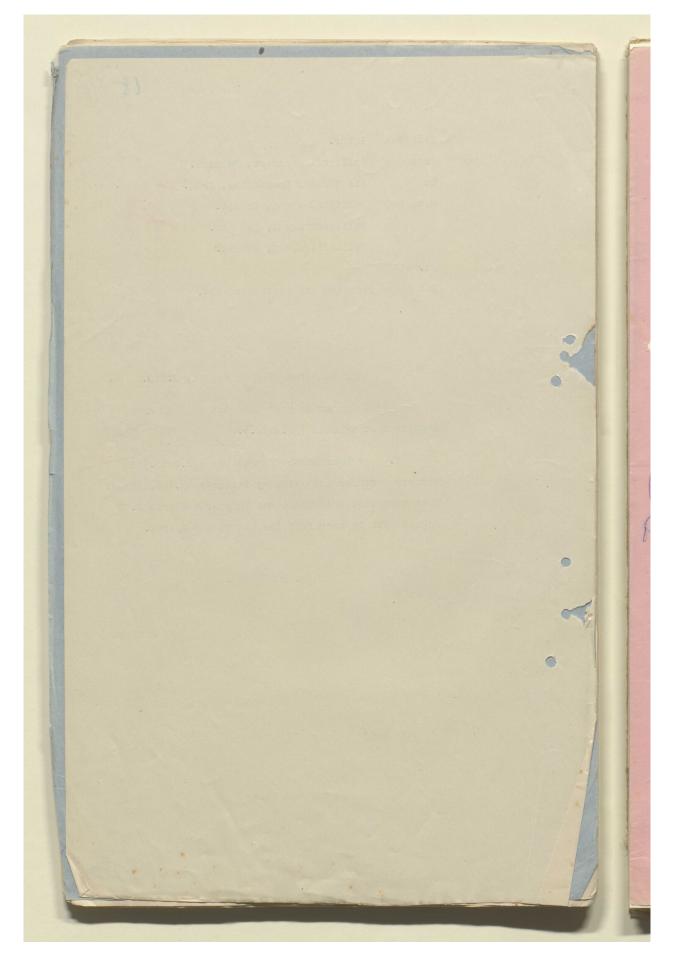
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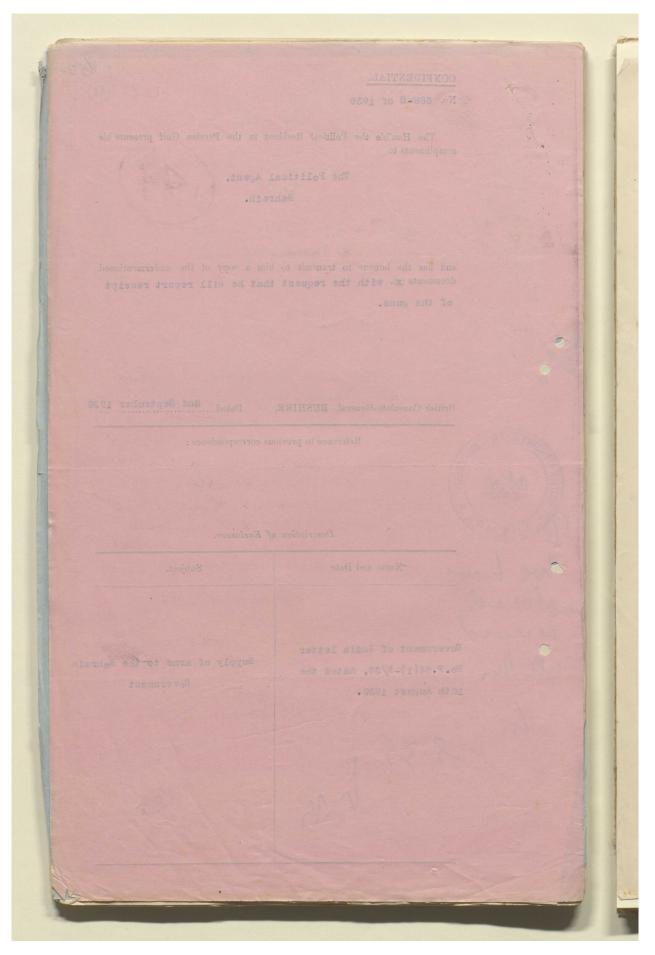
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Telegram	Inter.
From	Air Officer Commanding, Habbaniya.
То	Air Ministry, London.
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	Army Headquarters, India.
No. A.O.	501

Dated 7th September 1939.

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Your X.149 September 6th addressed to Iraq repeated Army Headquarters. When can an Army officer and N.C.O. be made available for Bahrain Defence Force, Consider essential these should be despatched at early date.

- A.O.C. -

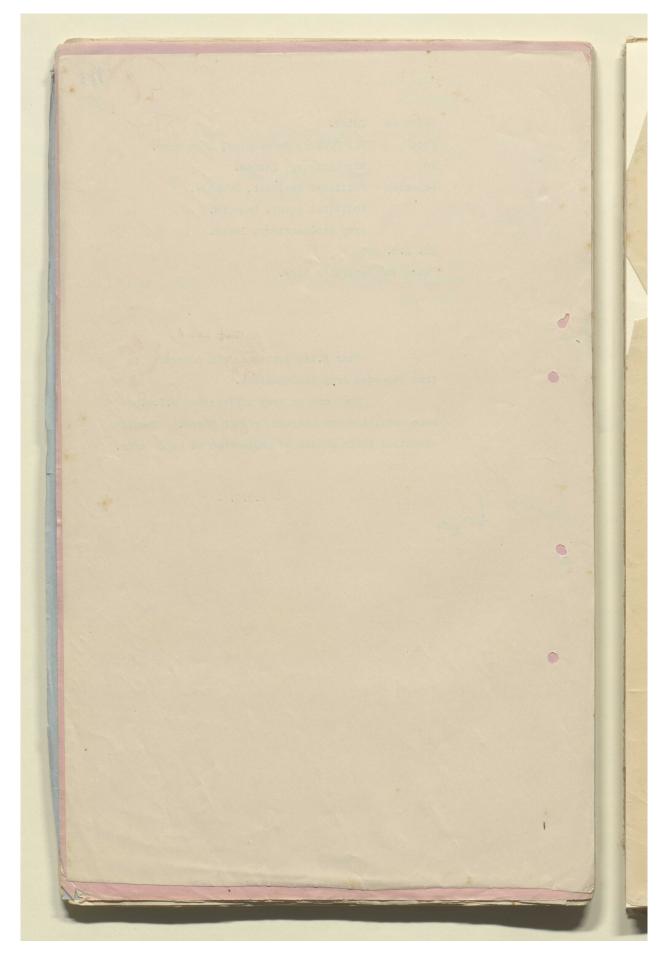
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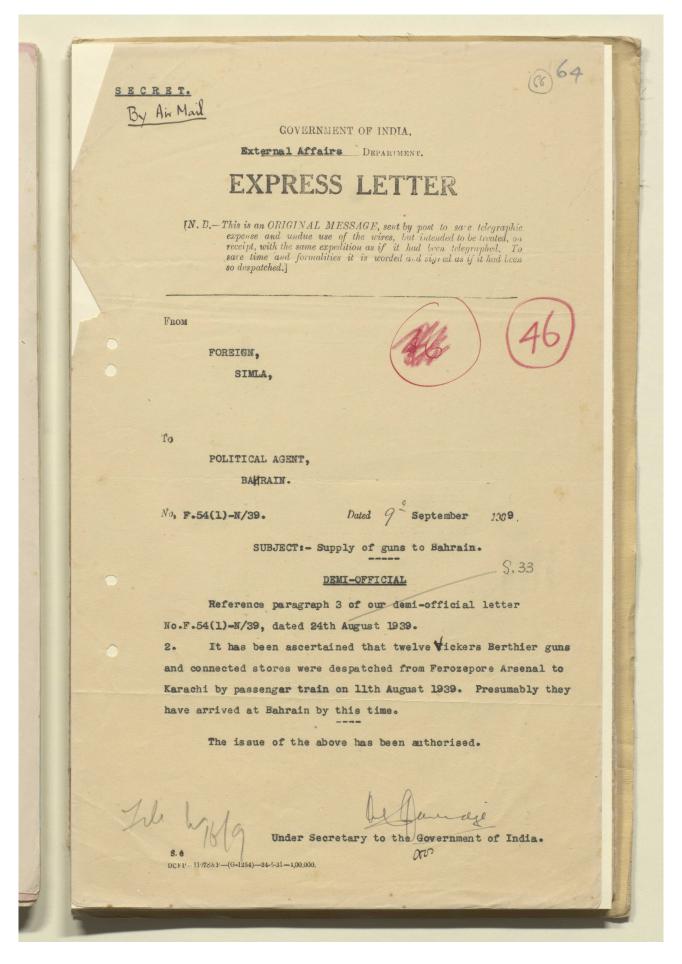


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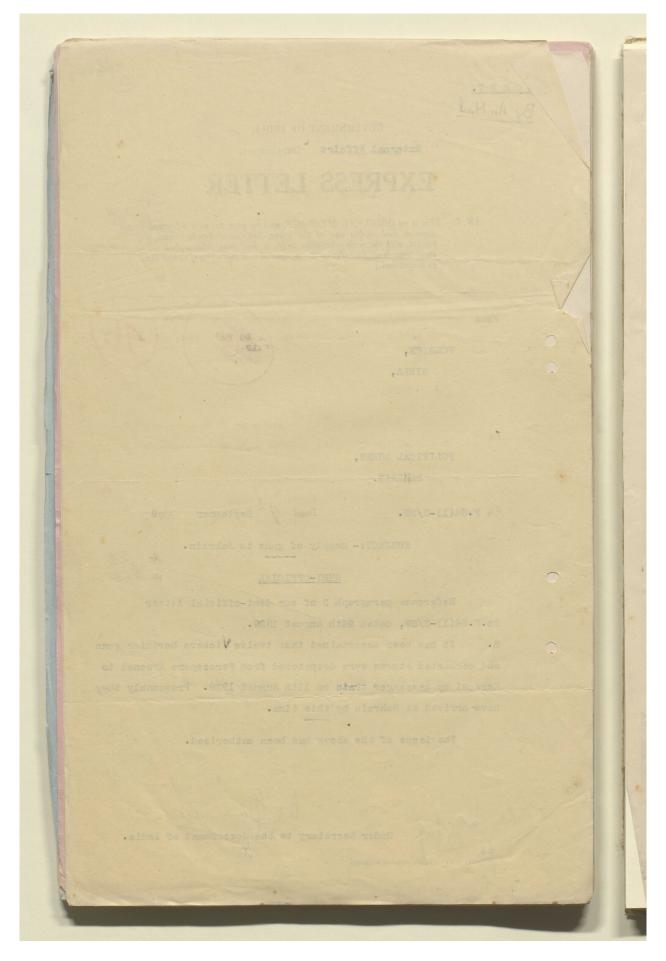
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URGENT.

Political Agency, Bahrain, the <u>11</u>th September 1939. 65

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To

Headquarters,

Sind Brigade Area,

Karachi.

Subject: Supply of V.BS. to Political Agent, Bahrain.

MEMORANDUM.

Reference Army Headquarters letter No. 6140/1/P-2, dated 7th August 1939, and my memorandum No.C/496-1.a/43, dated 29th August 1939, on the subject cited above. S. 40

2. Railway receipts for certain stores despatched from the Allahabad Arsenal have been sent to me here.

3. I return these herewith duly signed in case they are required and should be grateful if arrangements could be made to ship, both these stores and those despatched from the Ferozepore Arsenal, to Bahrain without delay.

Political Agent, Bahrain.

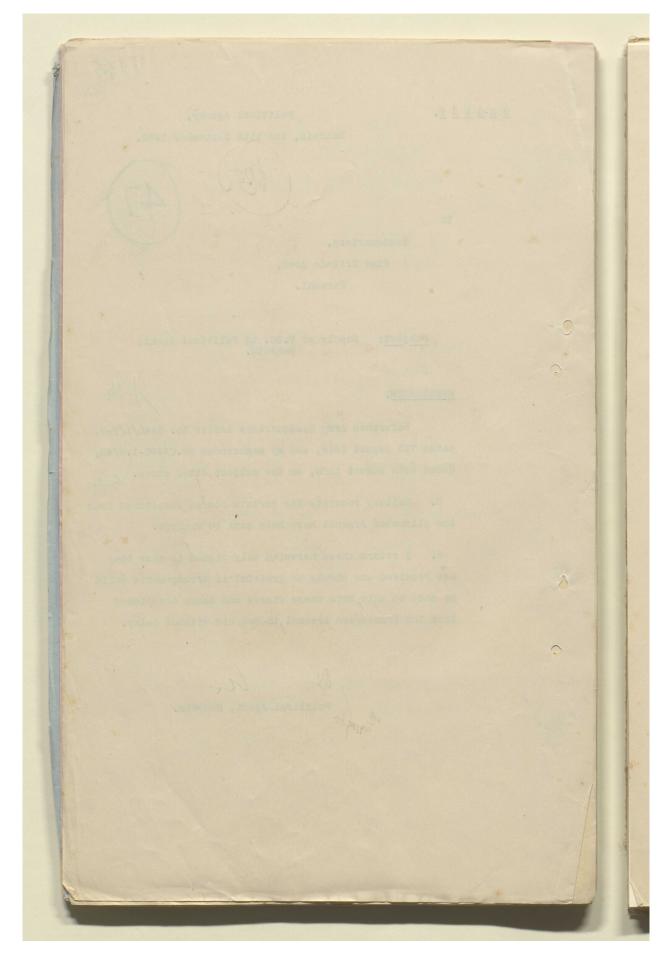
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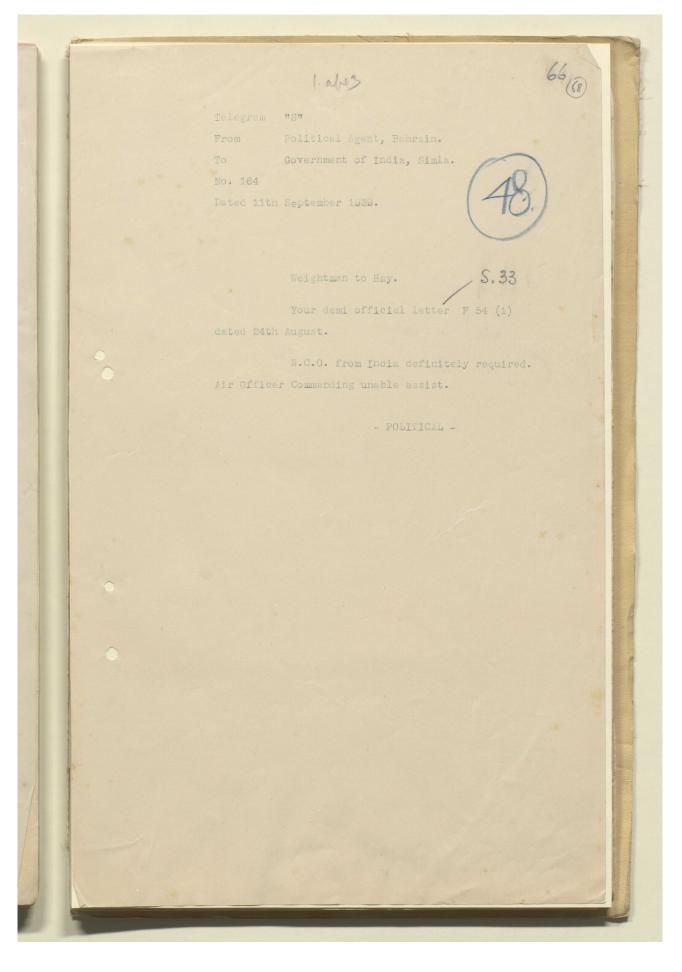


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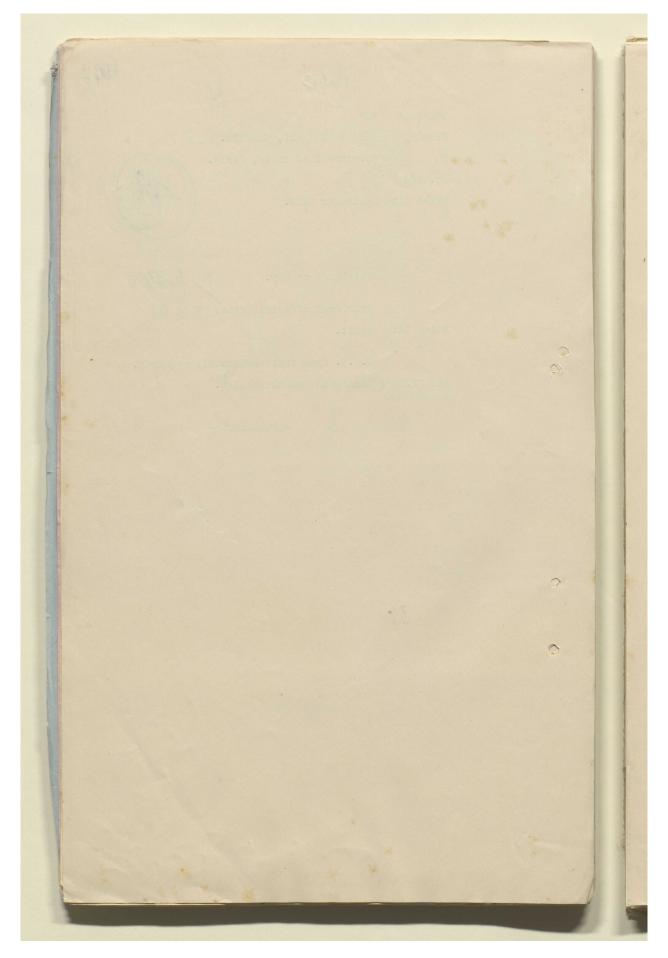


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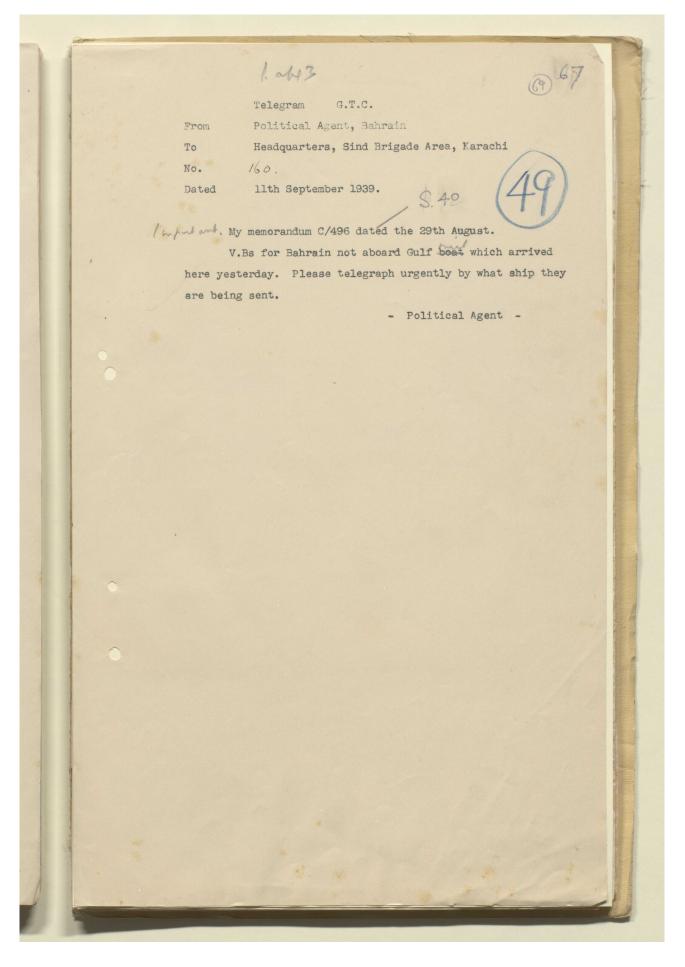


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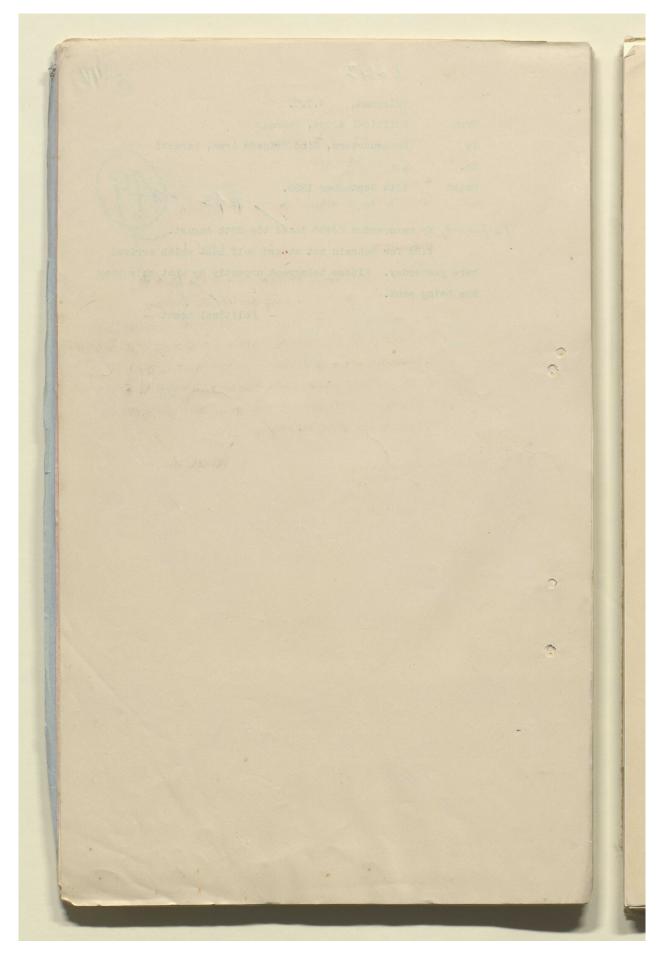


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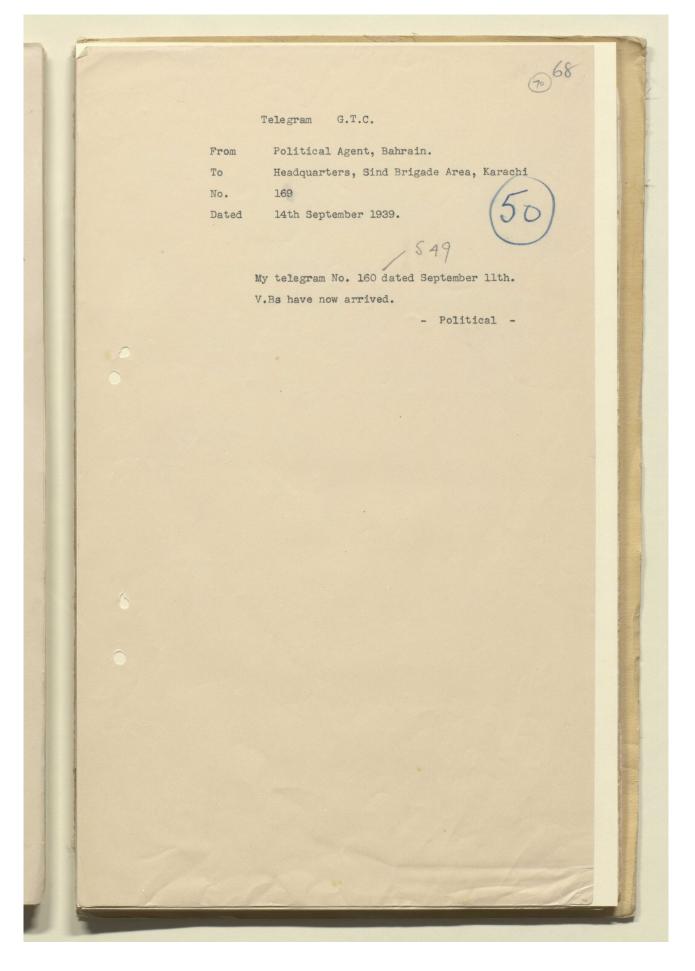


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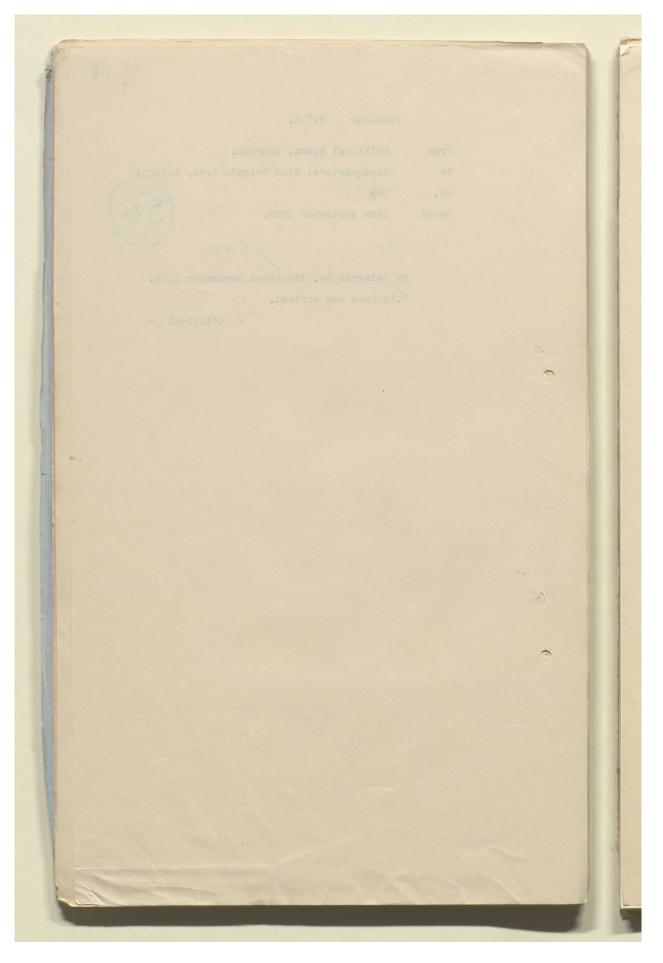




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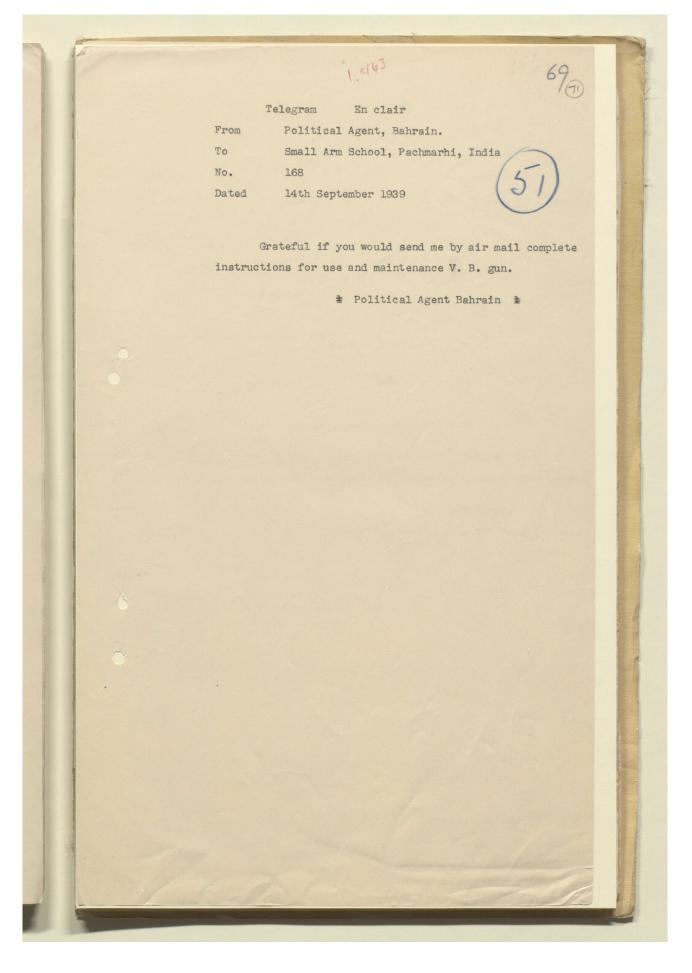


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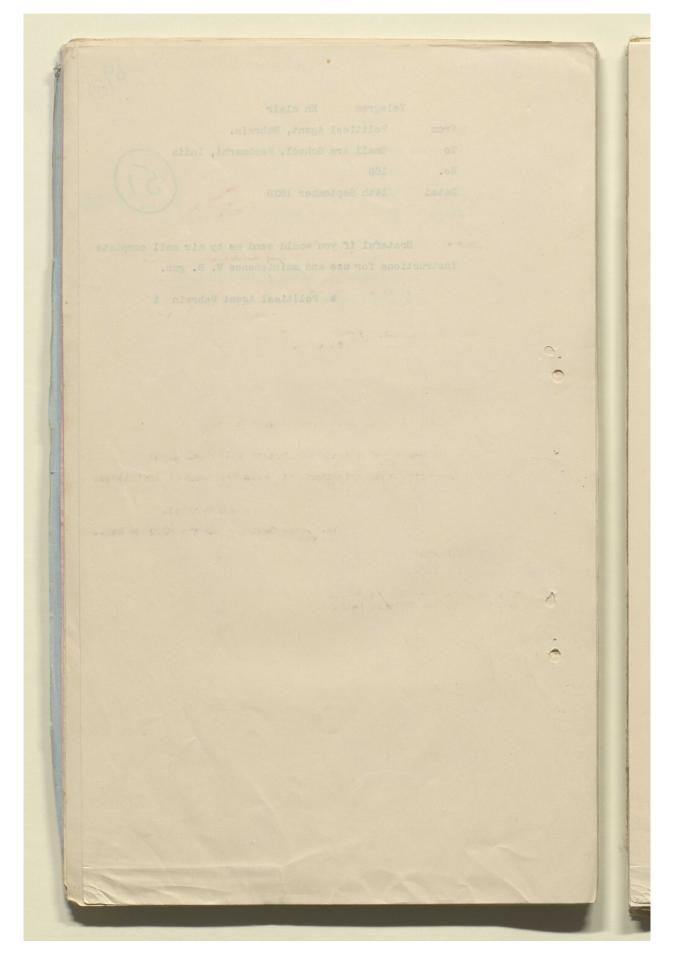


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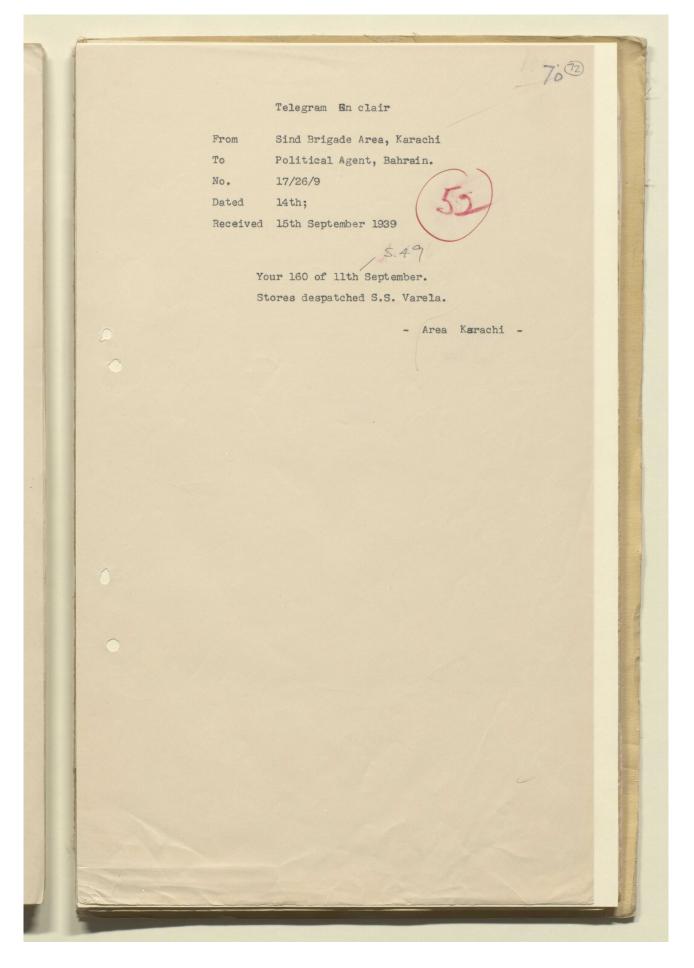


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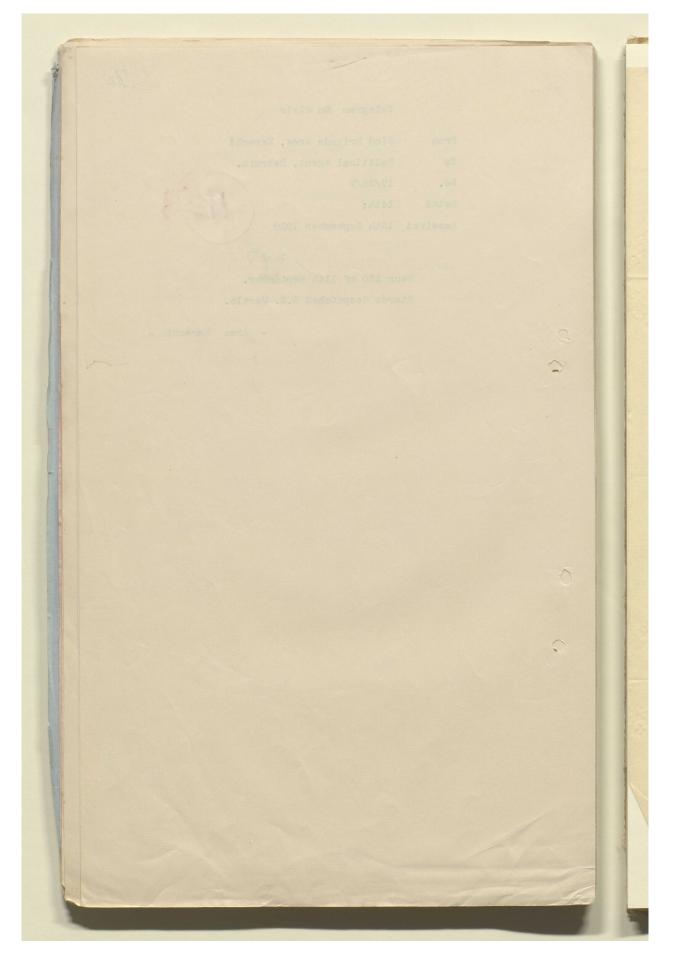




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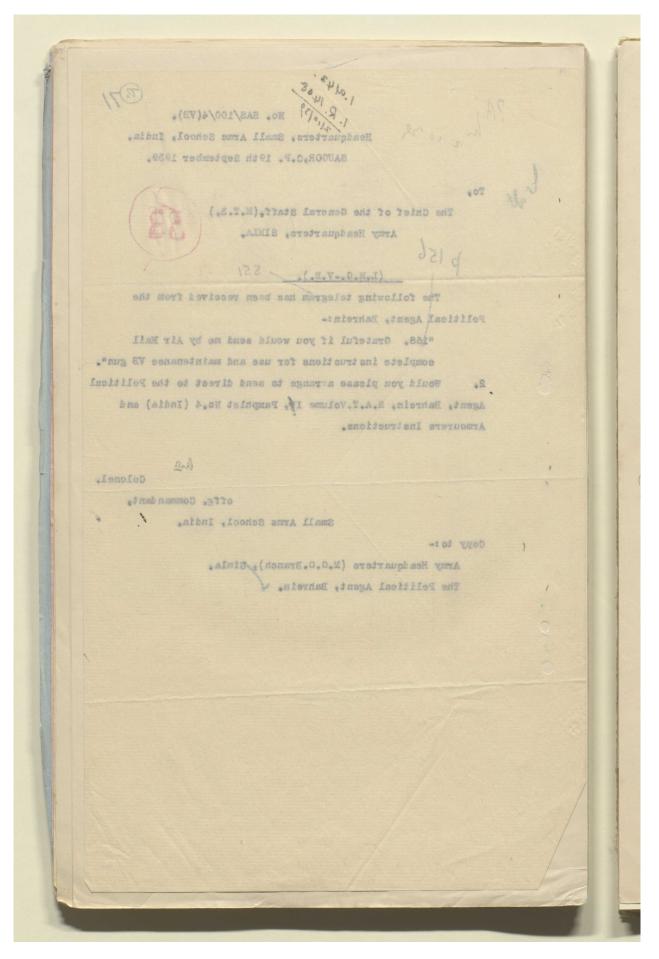
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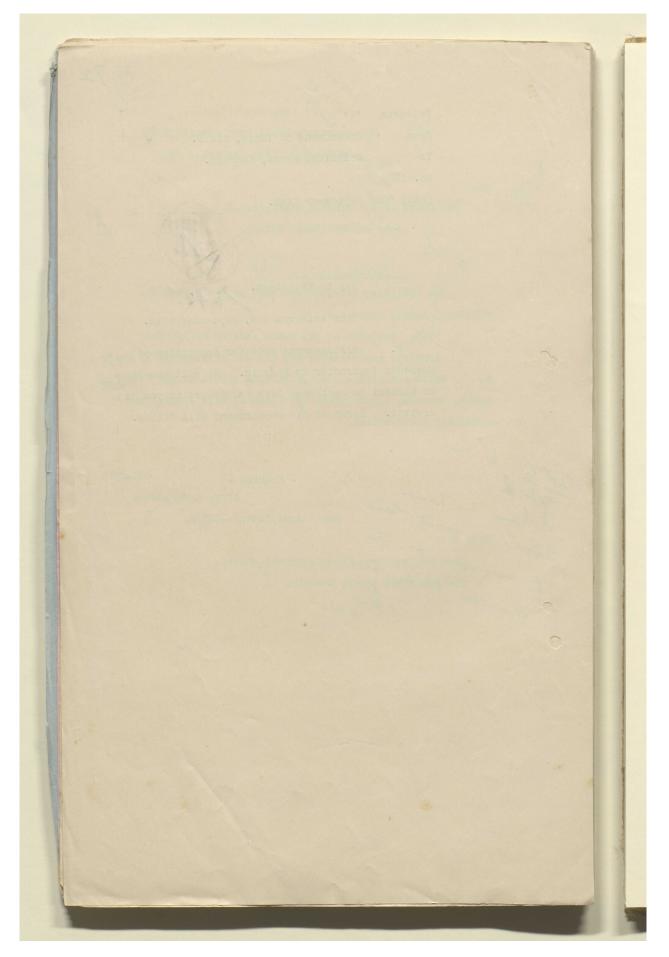
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	From Government of India, Simla.	
	To Political Agent, Bahrain.	
	No. 1595	
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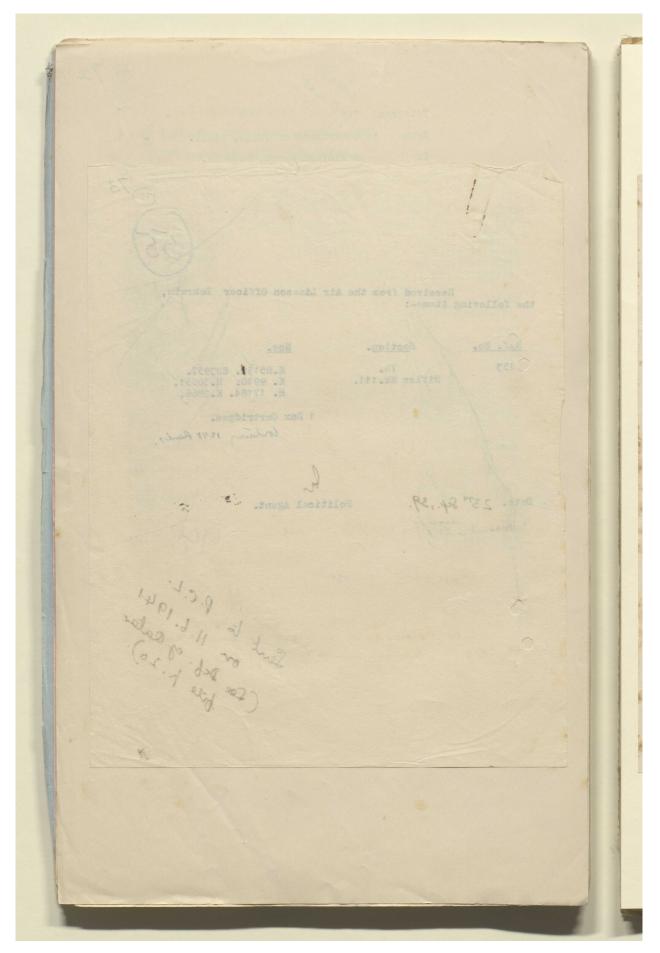
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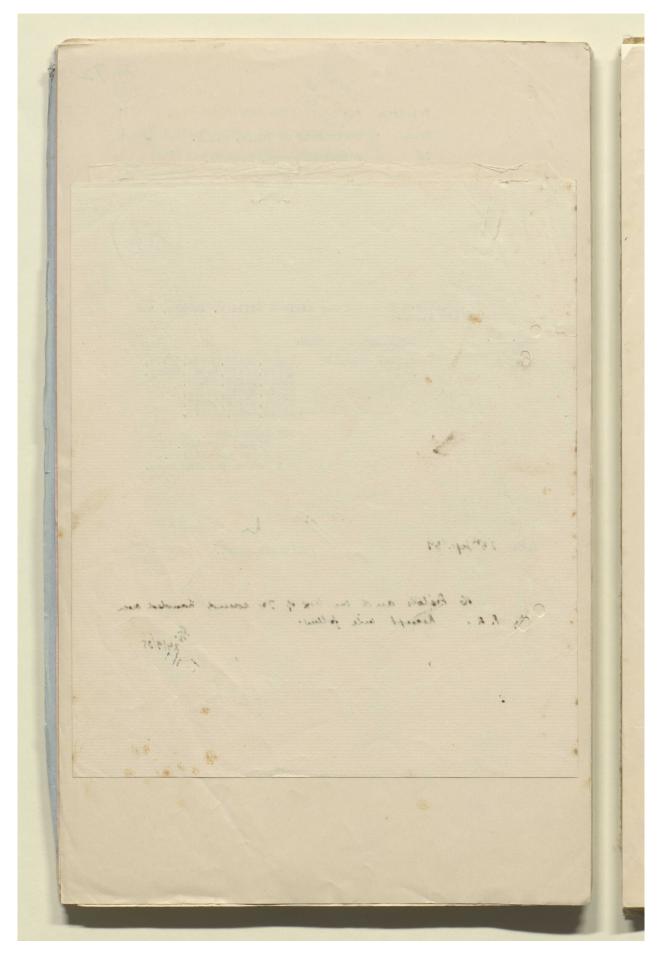
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From	Political Agent, Bahrain.
То	Chief Ordnance Officer, Ferozepur
Repeated	Army Headquarters, M.G.O. Branch, Simla
No.	177
Dated	23rd September 1939

Reference Army Headquarters letter No. 6140/1/P-2 dated 7th August Annexure A.

Please despatch urgently following articles not received:

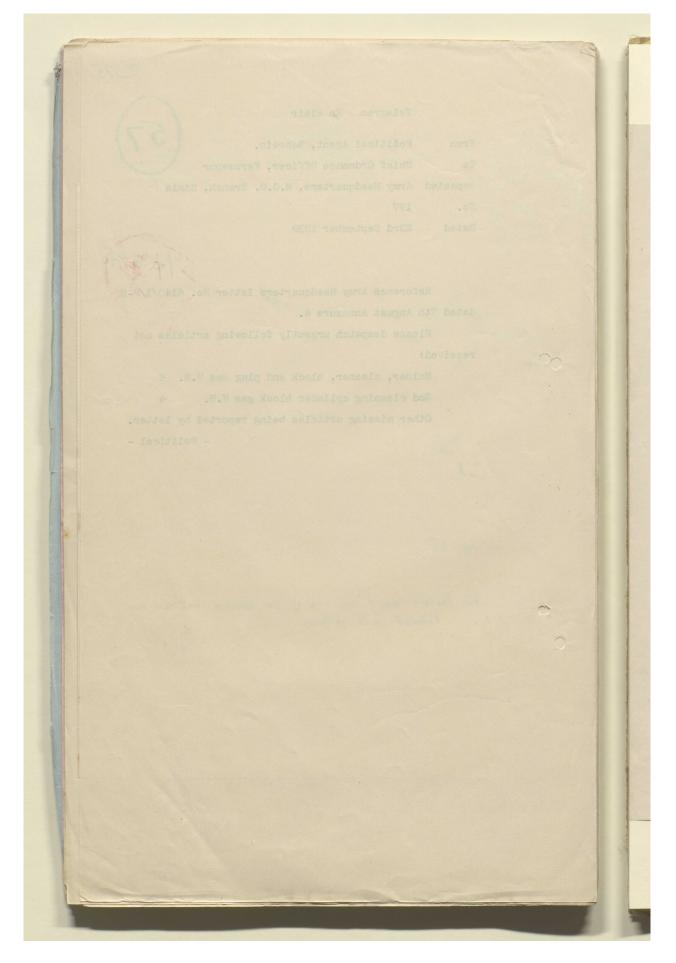
Holder, cleaner, block and plug gas V.B. 4 Rod cleaning cylinder block gas V.B. 4 Other missing articles being reported by letter. - Political -

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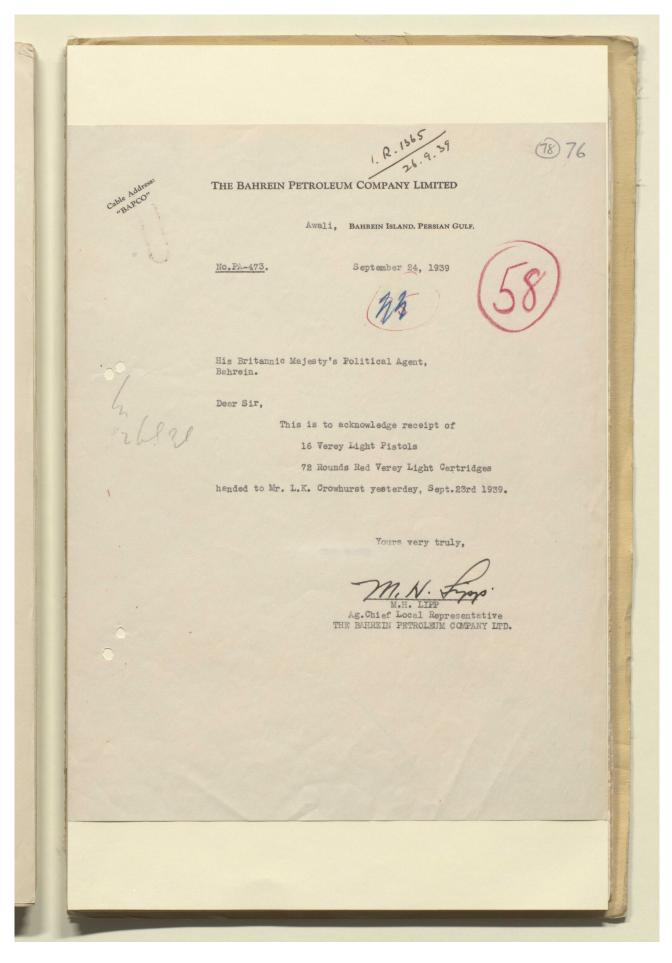




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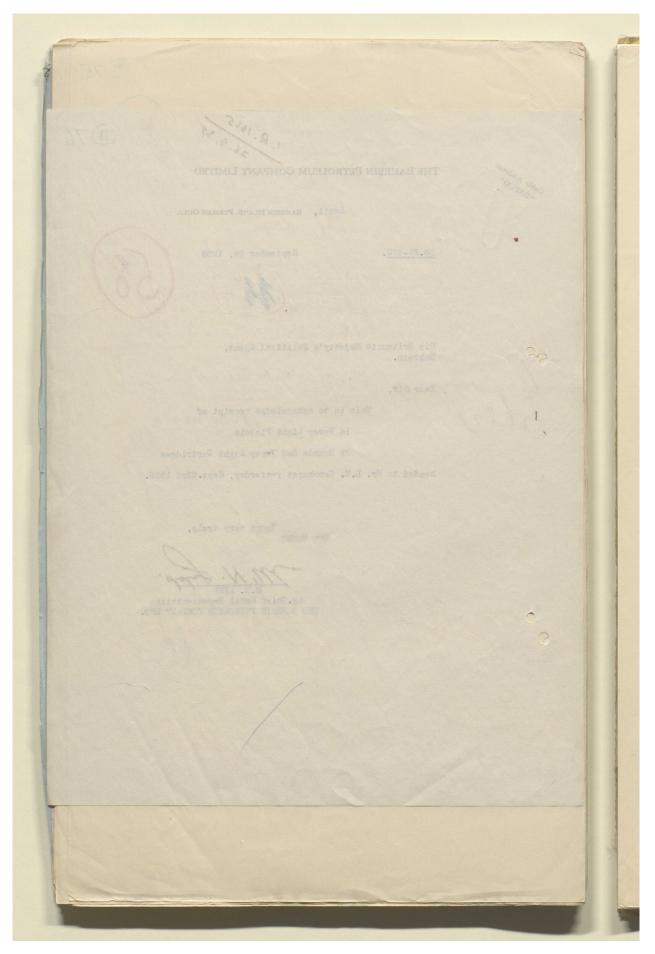


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 Telegram
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 From
 Political Agent, Bahrain.

 To
 Chief Ordnance Officer, Ferozepur

 Repeated
 Army Headquarters, M.G.O. Branch, Simla

 No.
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 Dated
 26th September 1939

My telegram 177 of 23rd September.

Rod cleaning cylinder block gas V.B. 4 now traced. Only holder cleaner block and plug gas V.B. 4 required urgently.

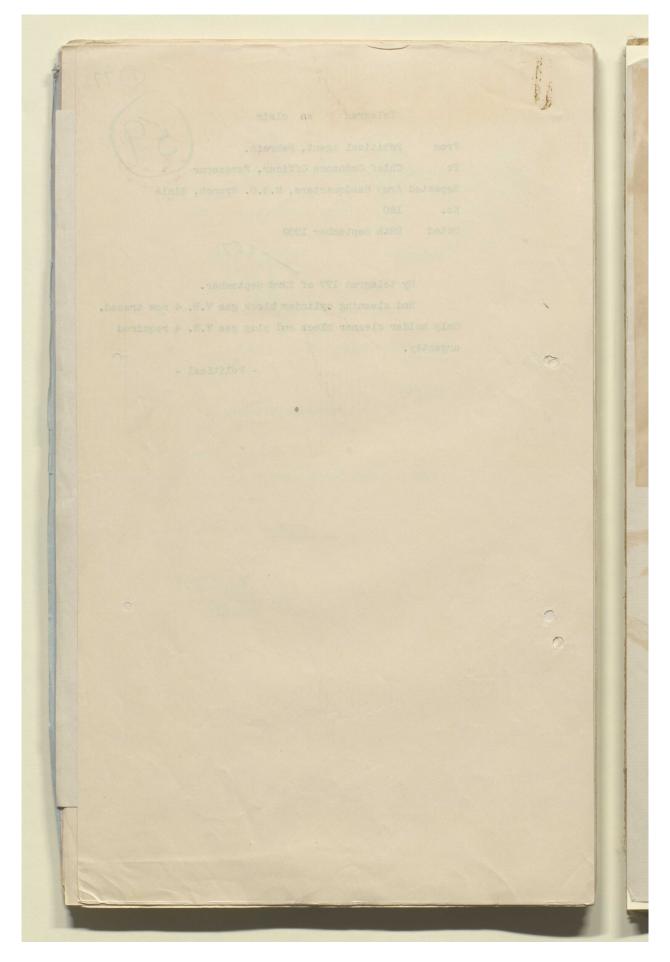
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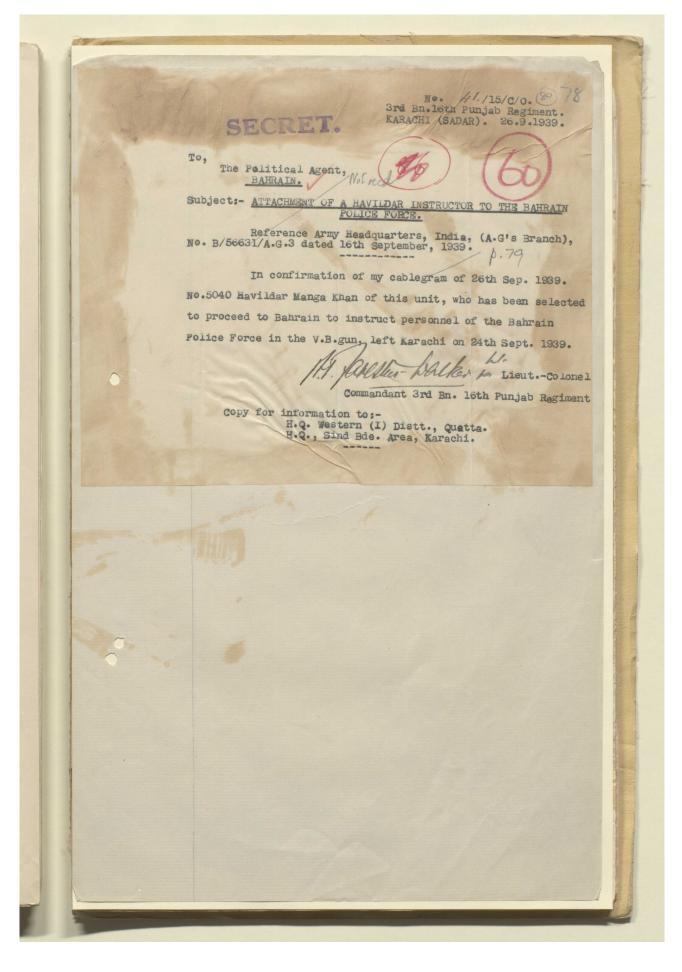


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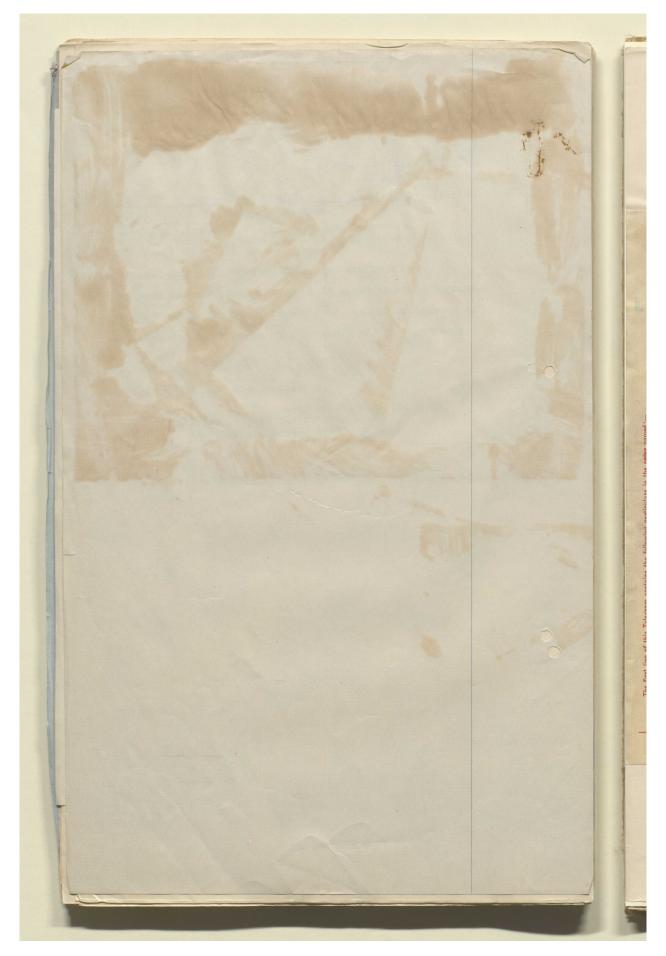


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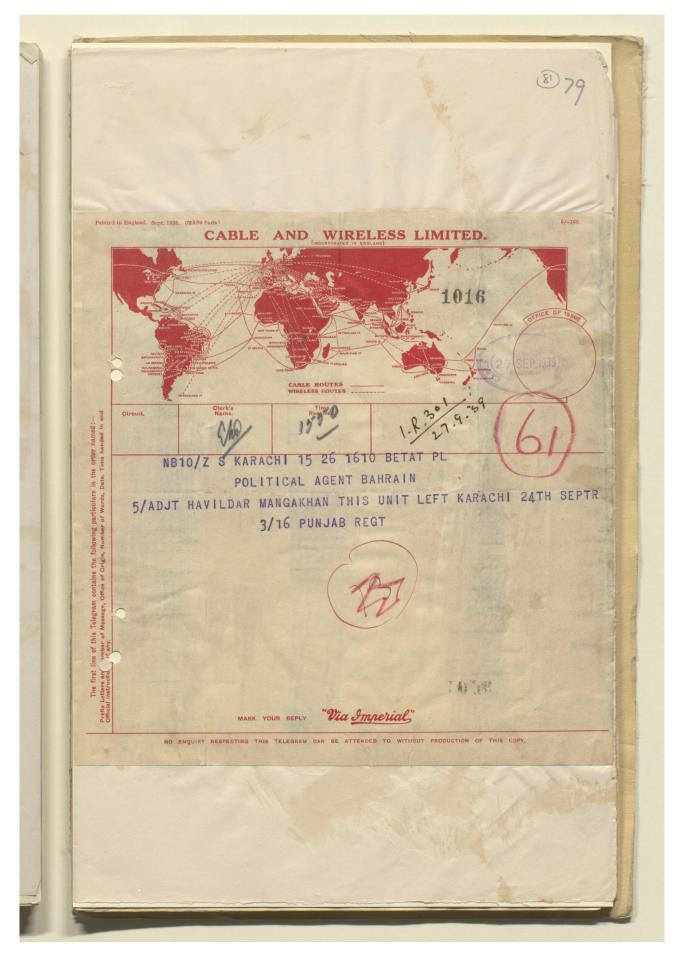


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No. C/591-1.a/43

Political Agency, Bahrain, the 29th September 1939.

To

The Chief Local Representative, The Bahrain Petroleum Company Limited, <u>B A H R A I N</u>

Dear Sir,

I should be much obliged if you would circulate the attached notice to those who have stated their wish to take the Machine Gun Course, a list of whom is attached herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Political Agent, Bahrain.

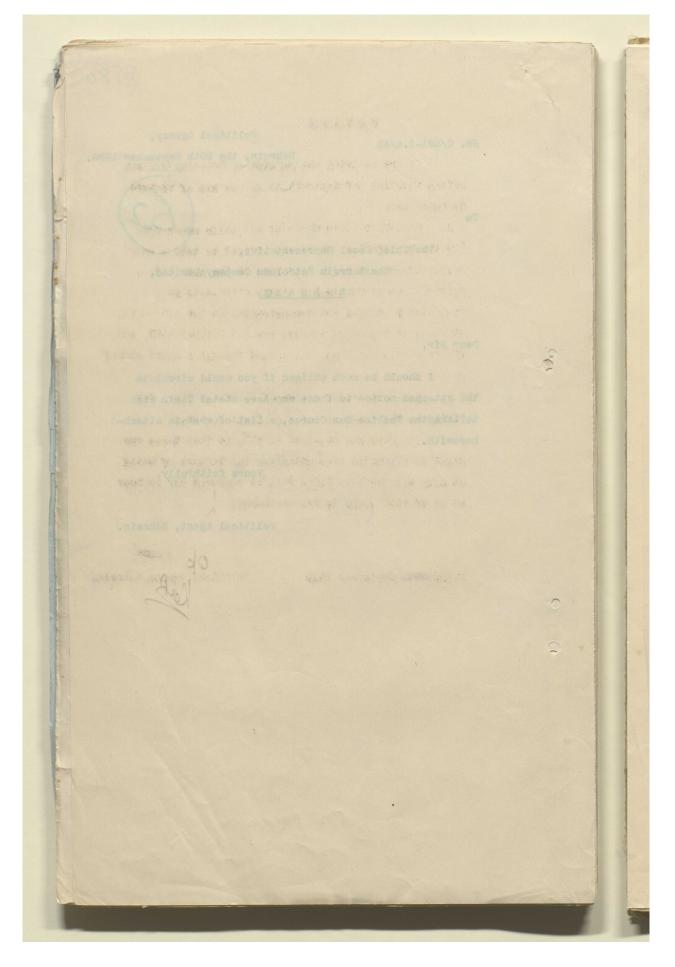


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NOTICE

We are awaiting the receipt of Training Manuals before starting off instruction in the use of Vickers Berthier guns.

2. Meanwhile those who have put their names down for the Machine Gun Course are invited to take a short course in the use and maintenance of the Army Rifle. Squadron Leader Coates has kindly offered to give a preliminary lecture and demonstration in the Auditorium at Awali at 5 p.m. on Monday, the 2nd October 1939, and afterwards to put those who attend through a short course on the Range.

3. Squadron Leader Coates will arrange times for firing on the Range at the end of his lecture.

4. Mr. Lipp has promised to arrange that those who might be prevented from attending the lecture by being on duty with Defence Units will be relieved for an hour or so if they apply to Mr. Crowhurst.

Dated 29th September 1939

Political Agent, Bahrain.

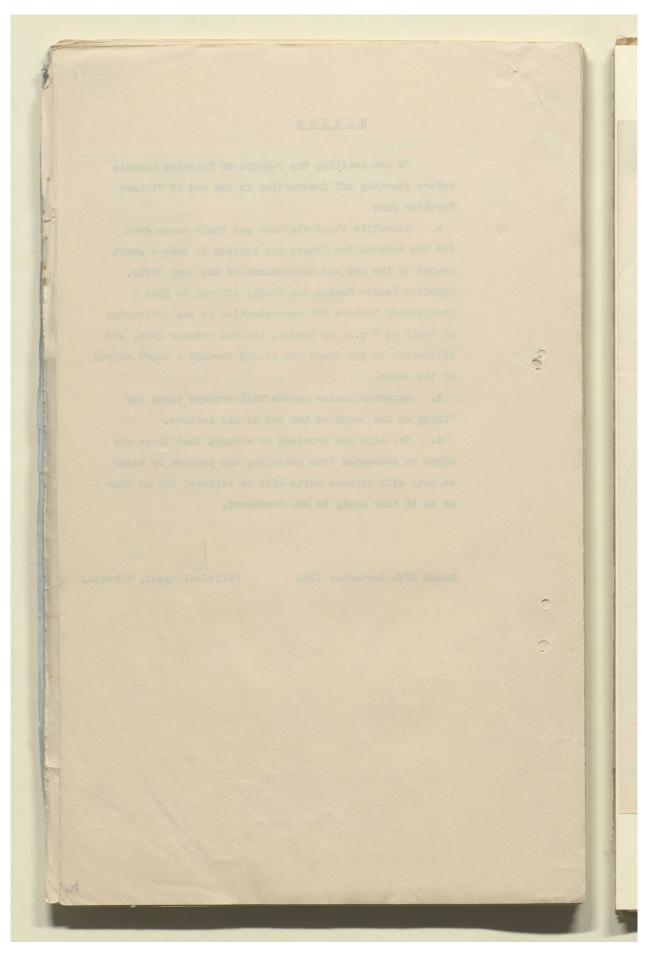
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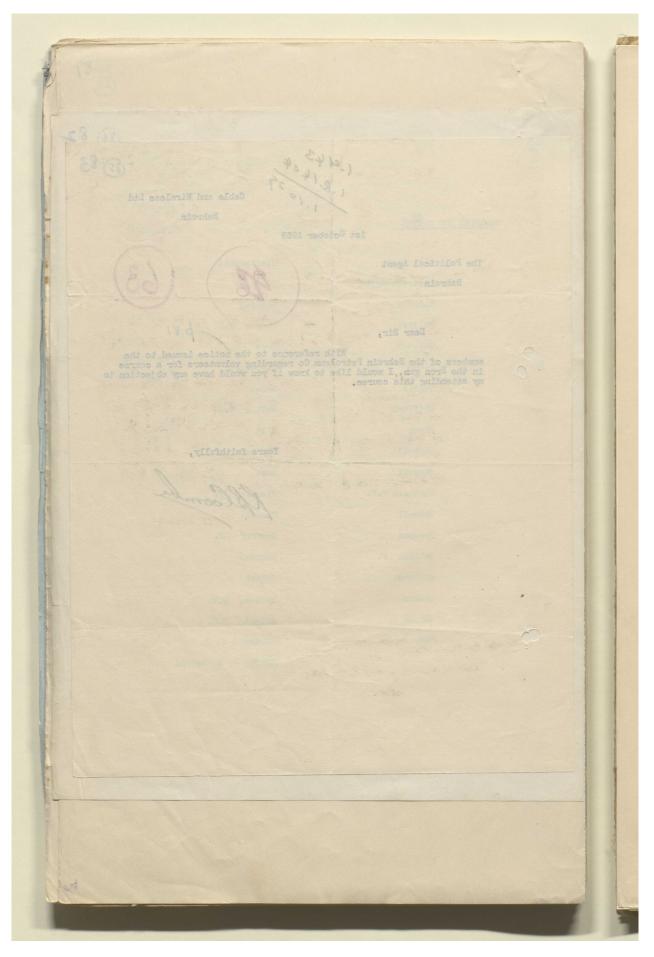
(-443 64 (-R.146 29 (-R.146 29 Cable and Wireless Ltd
l. Bahrain
Ist October 1939 The Political Agent Bahrain 46 63
Dear Sir, With reference to the hotice issued to the members of the Bahrain Petroleum Co regarding volunteers for a course in the Bren gun, I would like to know if you would have any objection to
my attending this course.
Yours faithfully,
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D.O. No. C/598-1.a/43

Political Agency, Bahrain, the 1st October 1939.

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Dear Mr. Coombe, _ S63

With reference to your letter dated the 1st October 1939 regarding the Course in Vickers Berthier gun, I write to inform you that the Political Agent has registered your name as a volunteer for the Course. A preliminary course in Rifle Musketry is being given by Squadron Leader Coates and the first lecture is to be held at the Awali Auditorium at 5 p.m. on Monday, the 2nd October. It is hoped that you will be able to attend this preliminary course also.

Yours sincerely,

In

R. B. Coombe, Esq., Cable and Wireless Limited,

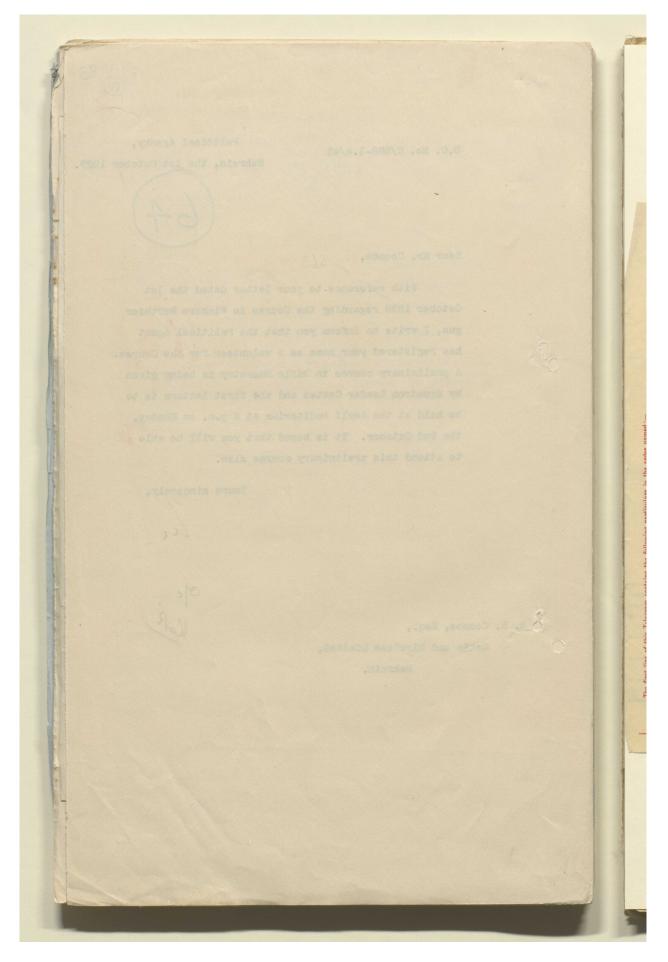
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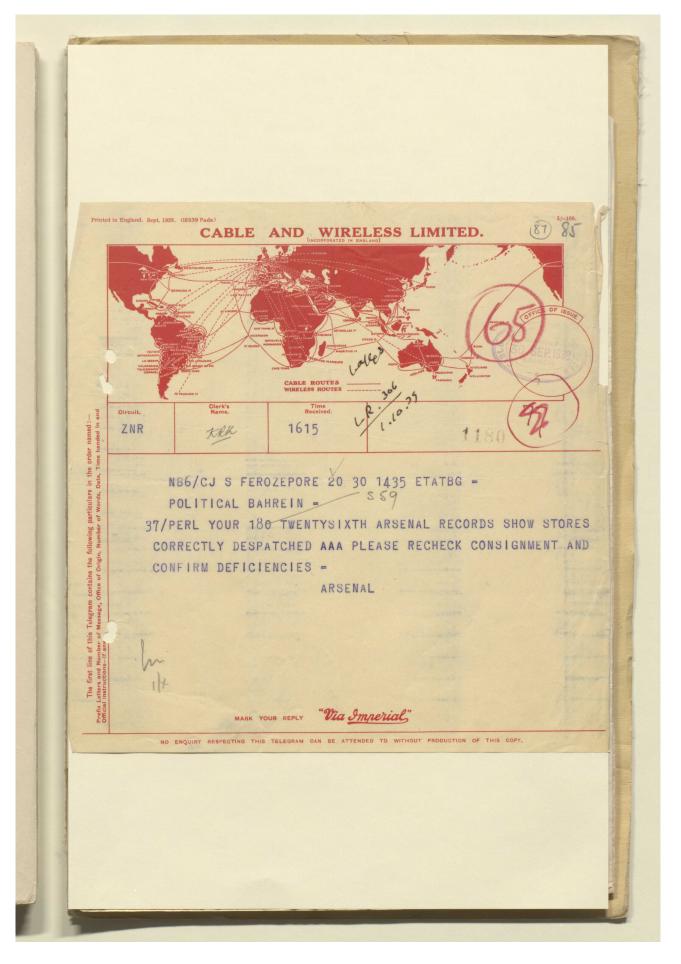
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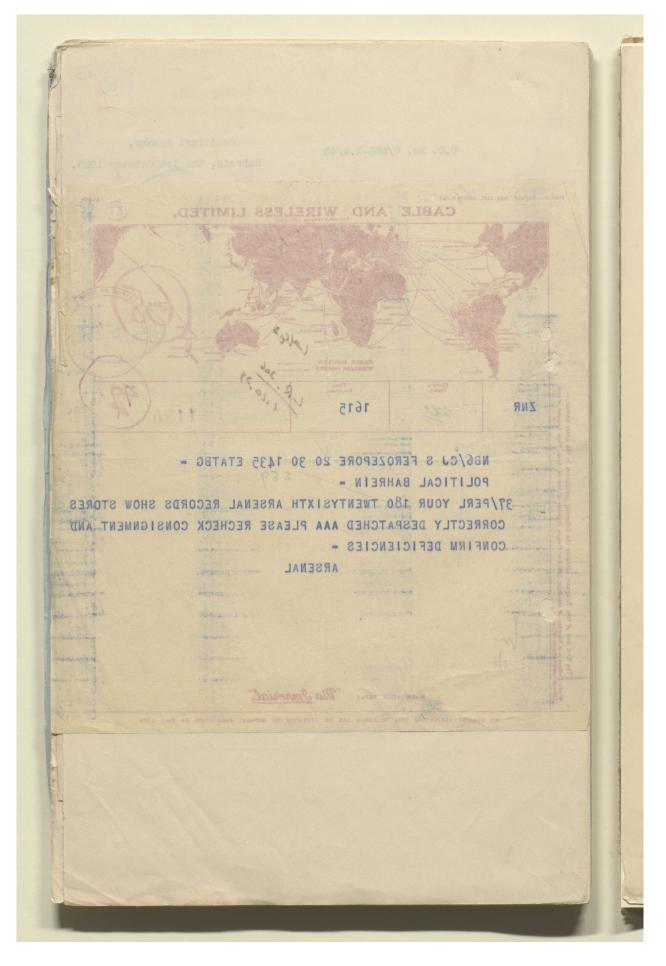


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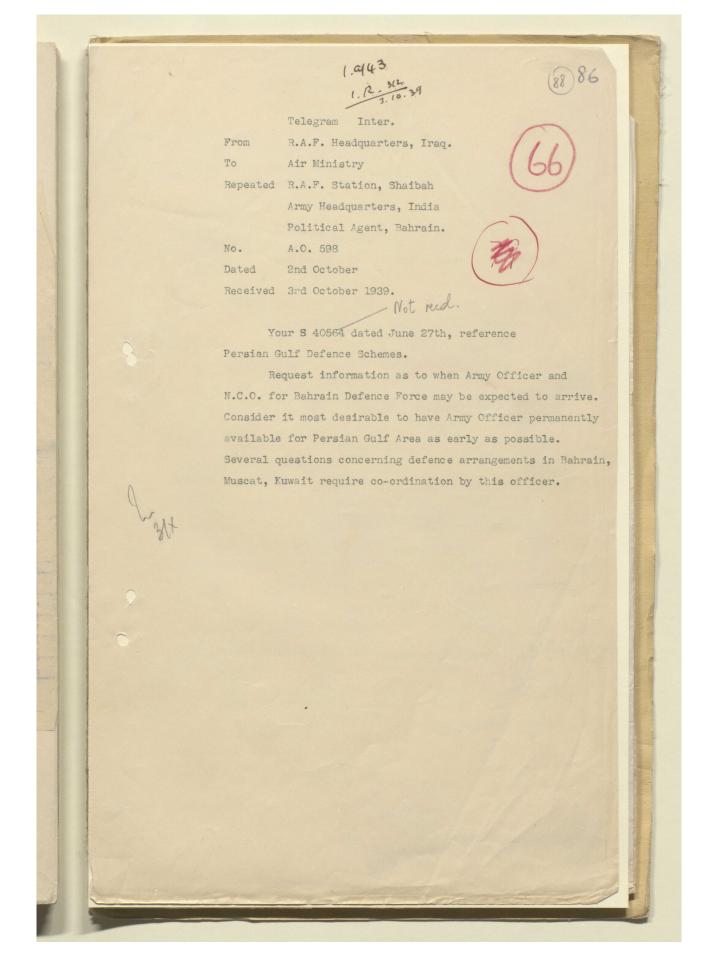


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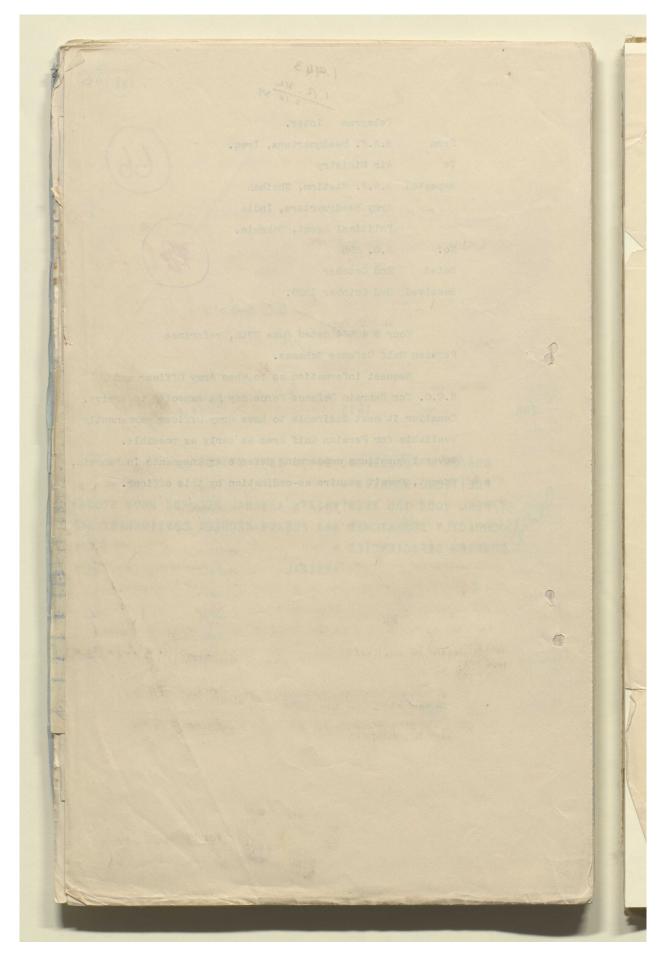


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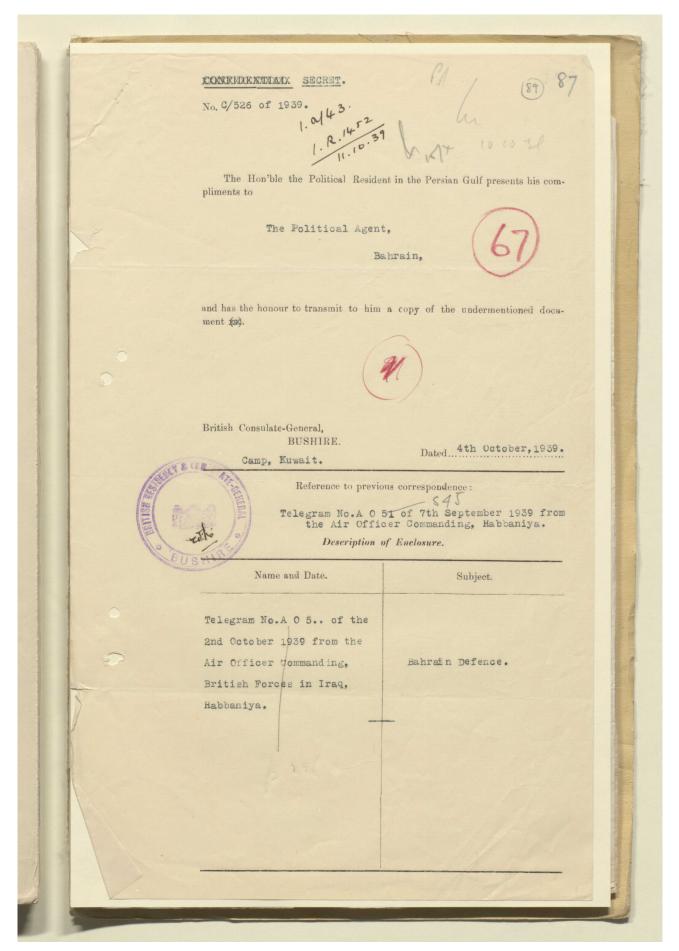


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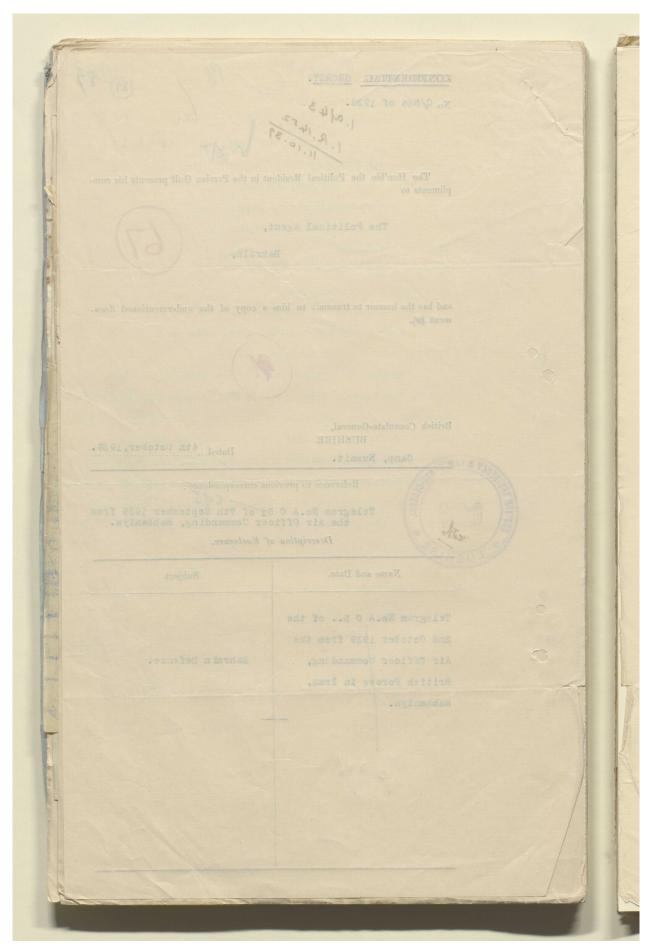


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	Telegram	Inter.		
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	То	Air Ministry, London.		
	Repeated	R.A.F. Station Shaibah.		
		Army Headquarters, India.		
	No. A.0.5			
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	Persian Gulf Defence Schemes.			
		Inform as to when Army officer and N.C.O.		
	for Bahrain	Defence Force may be expected to arrive.		
	Consider it	most desirable to have Army officer permanently		
	available :	in Persian Gulf area as early as possible. Several		
	questions	concerning defence arrangements at Bahrain, Muscat		

Kuwait require co-ordination by this officer.

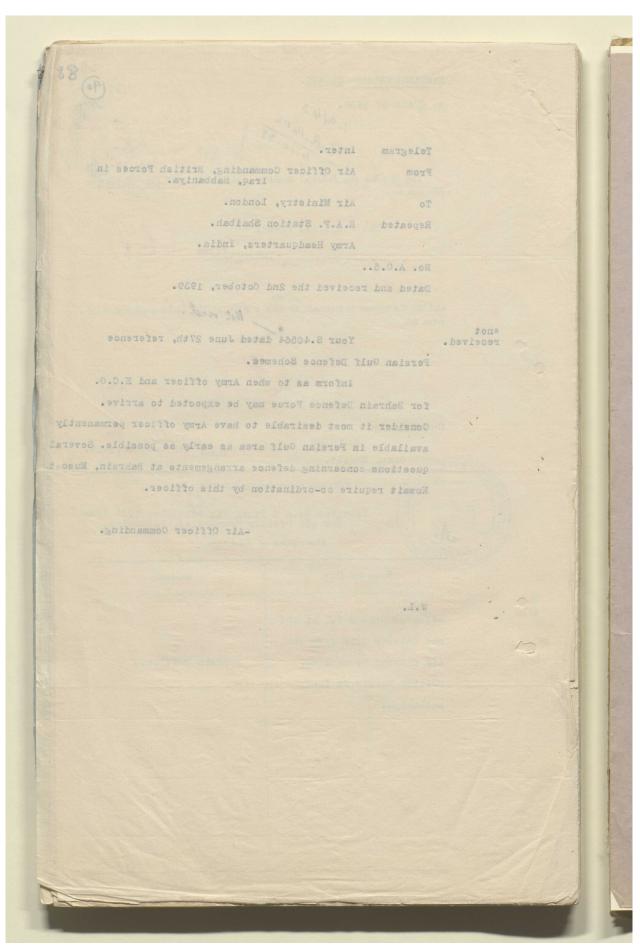
-Air Officer Commanding.

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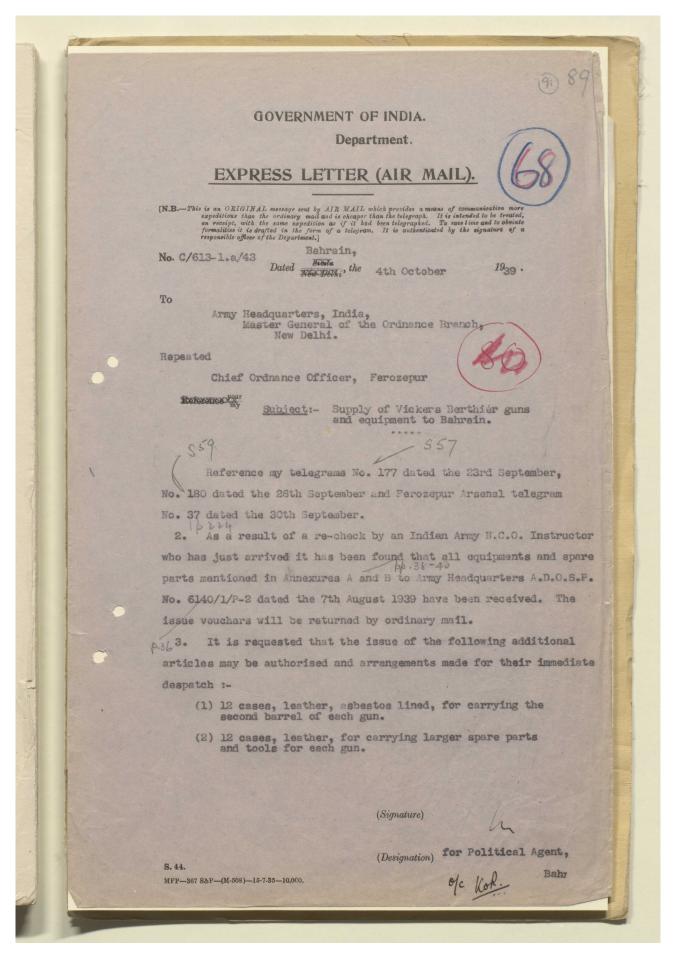


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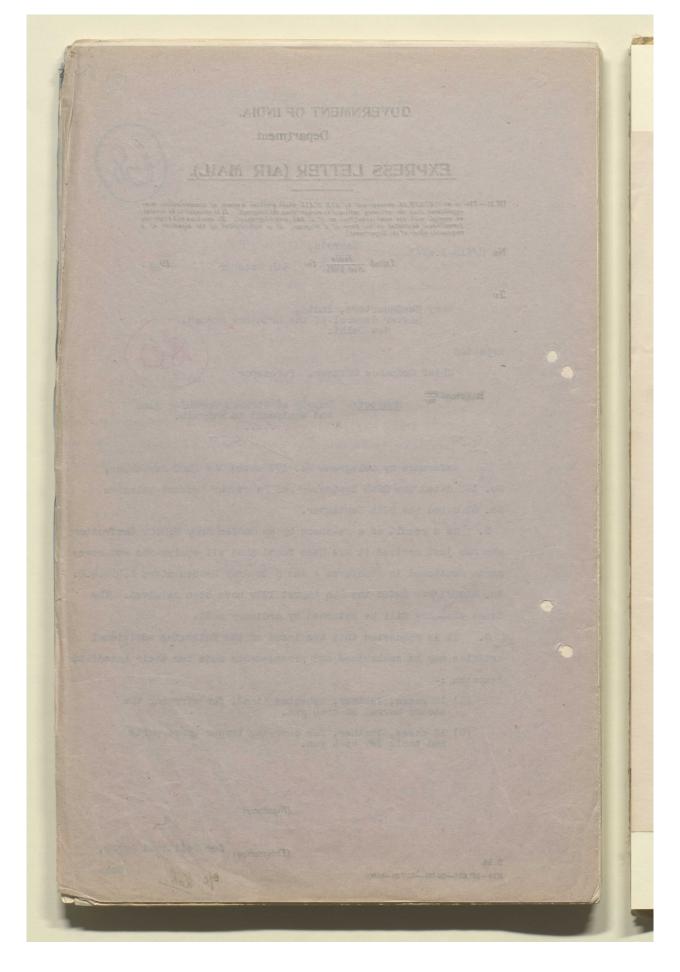


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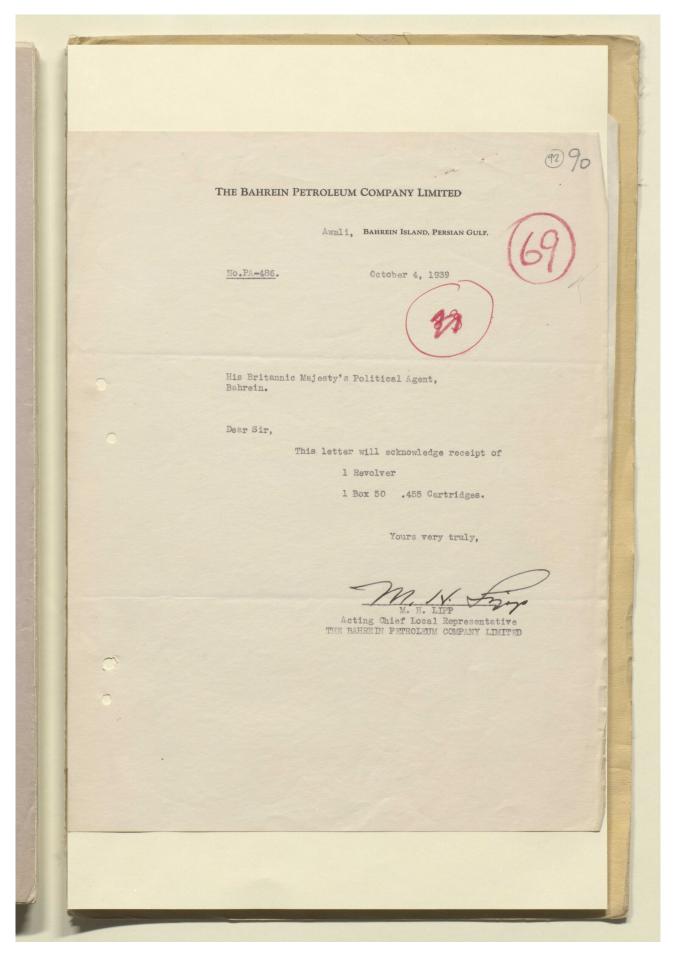




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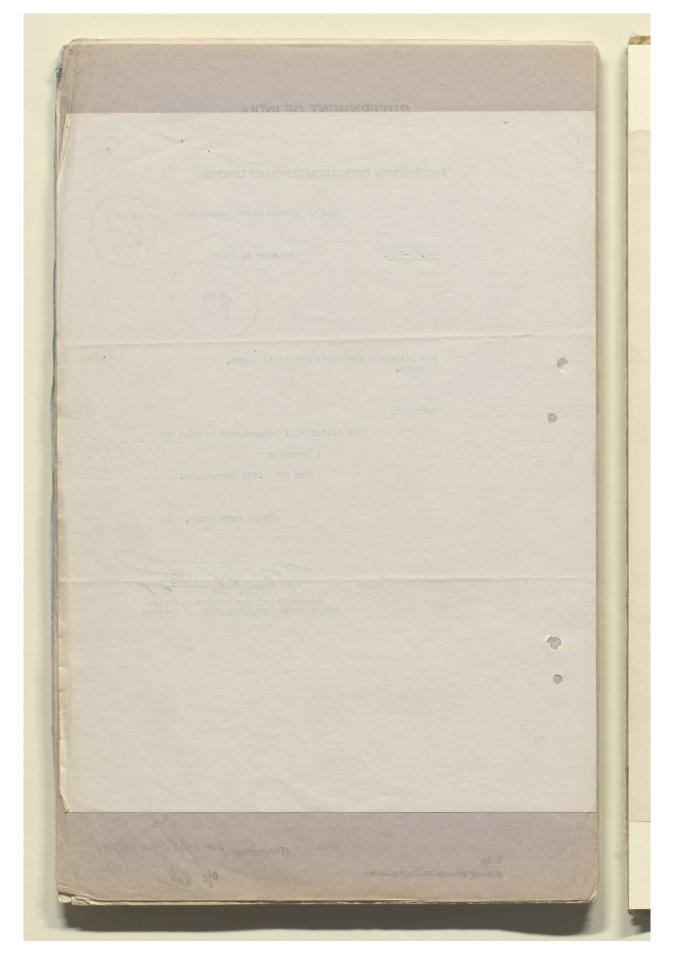


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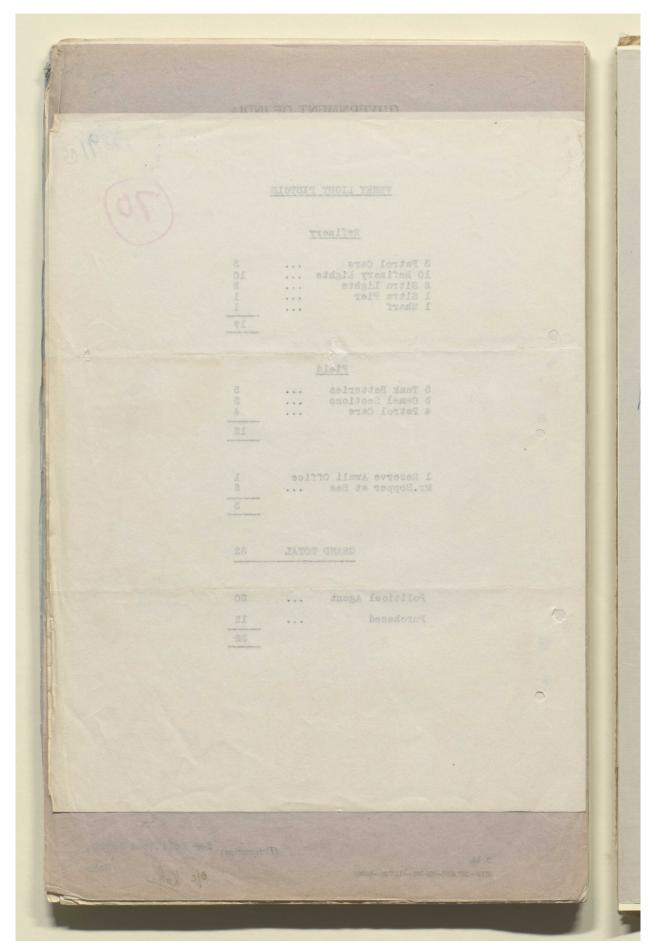
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Telegram "S"

From	Political Agent, Bahrain.
То	Prior, care Foreign New Delhi.
No.	228
Dated	25th October 1939.

Demi-official. Weightman to Prior. Could you'enlist Government of India's aid in trying to expedite sanction for Bahrain Volunteer Defence Force and provision of regular Army officer and N.C.O. required.

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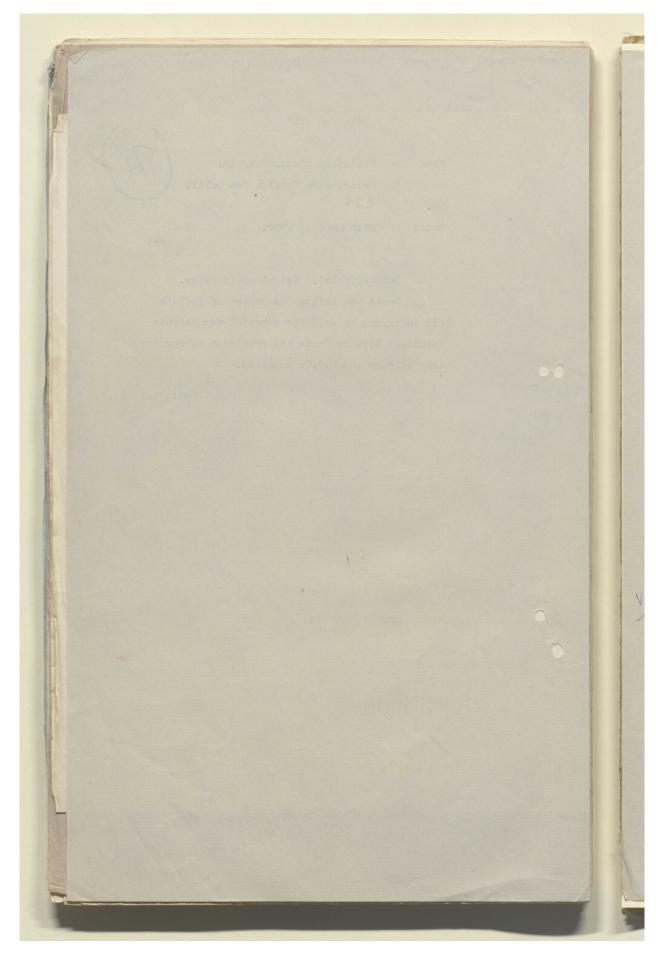
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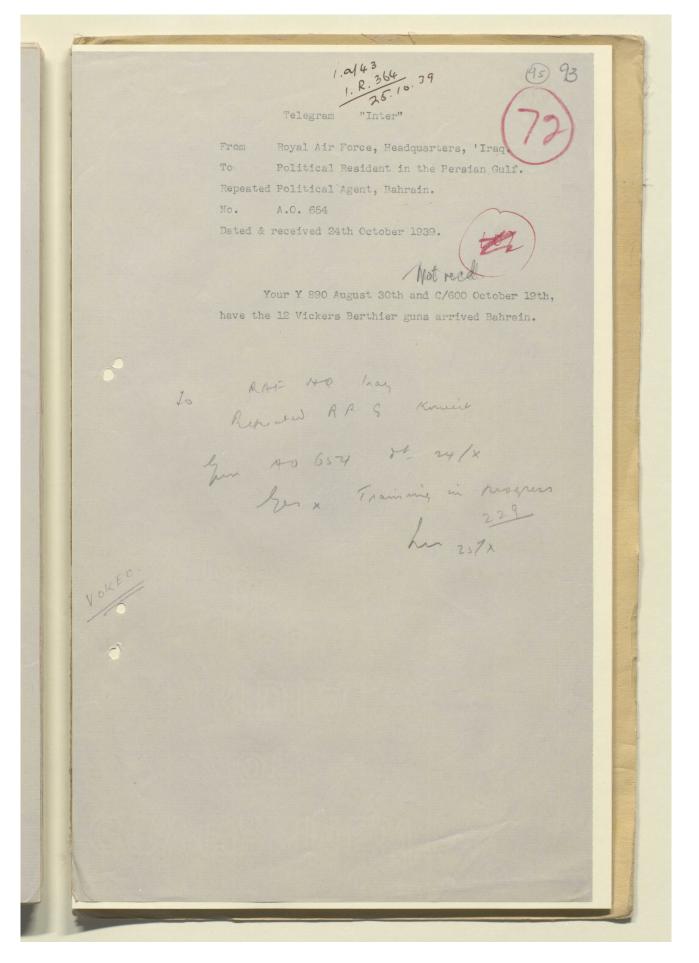


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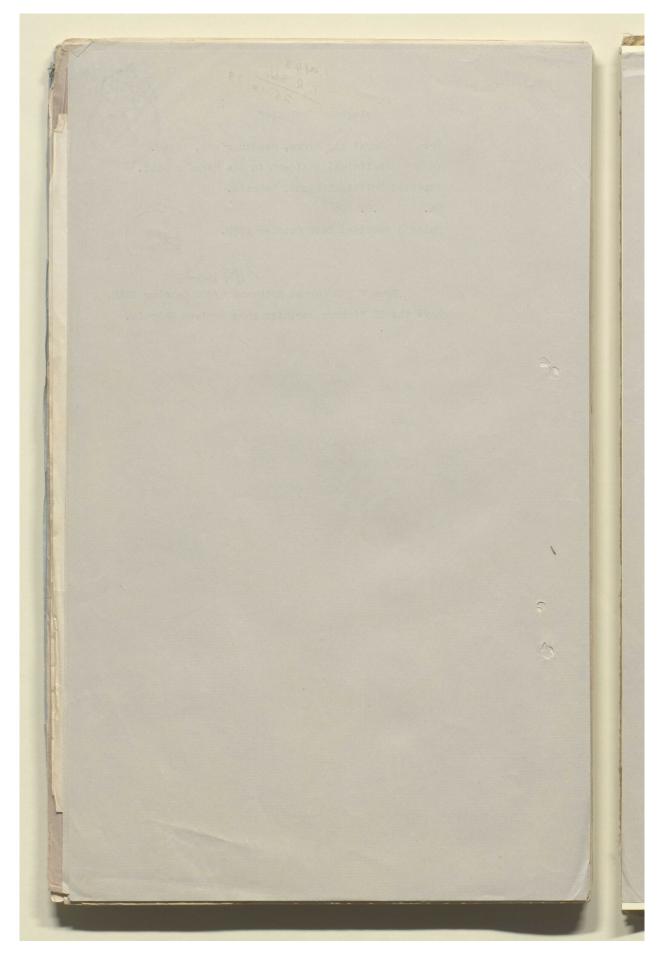


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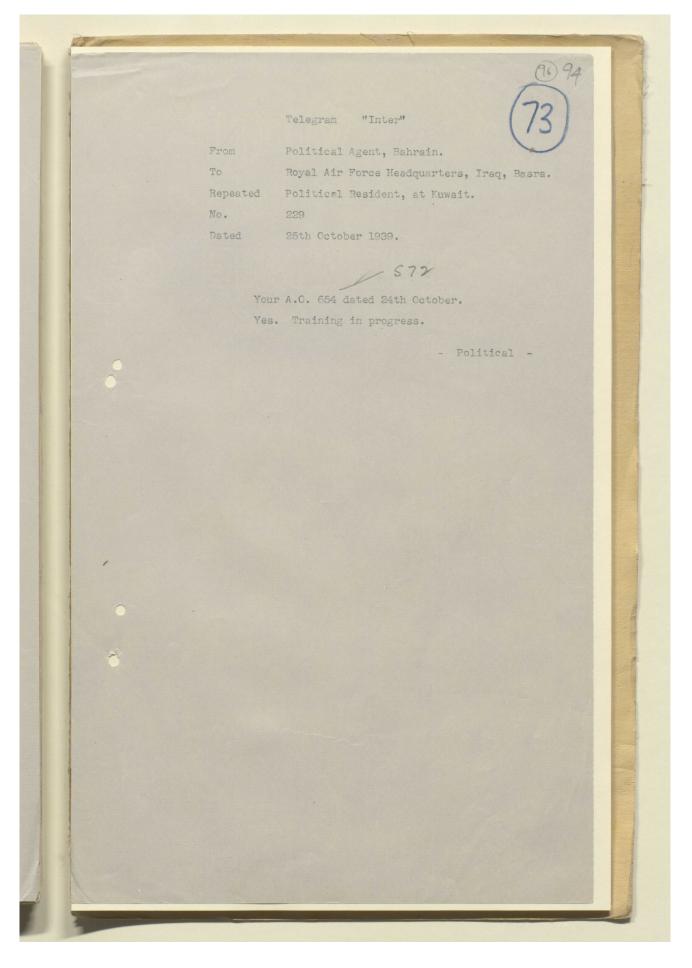


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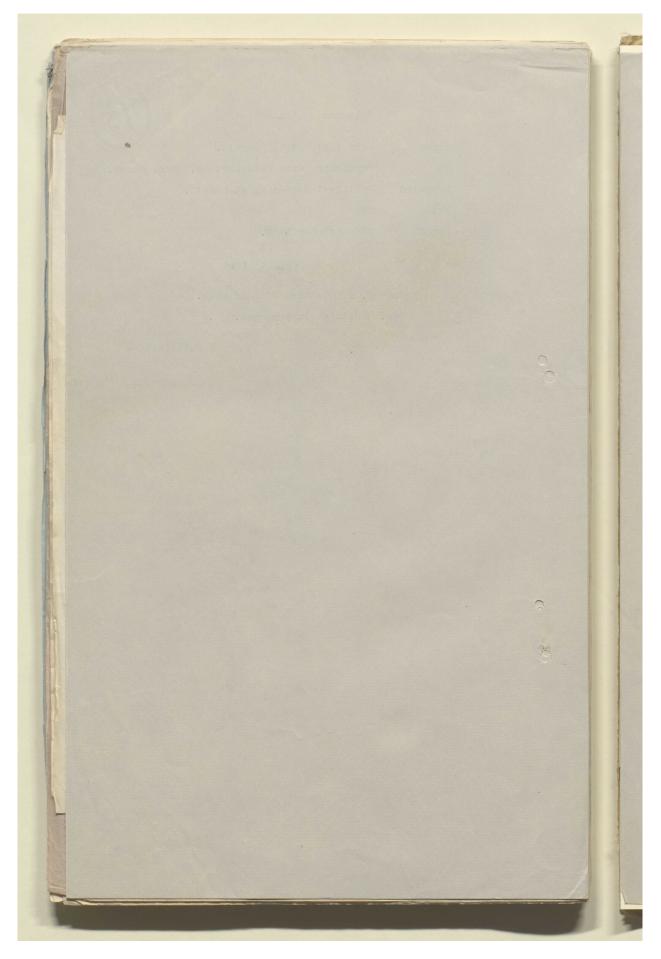




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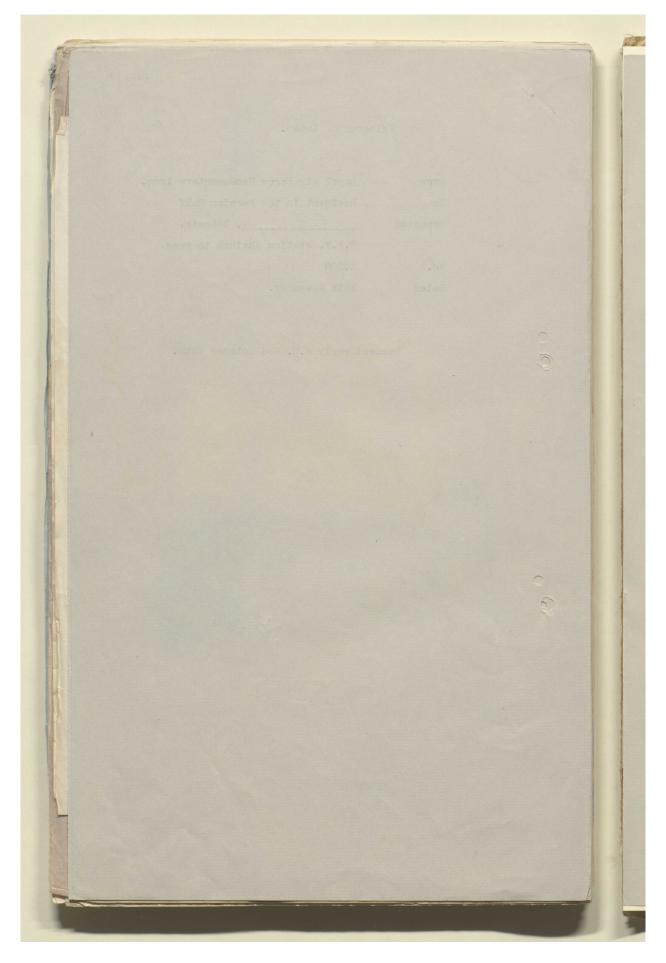


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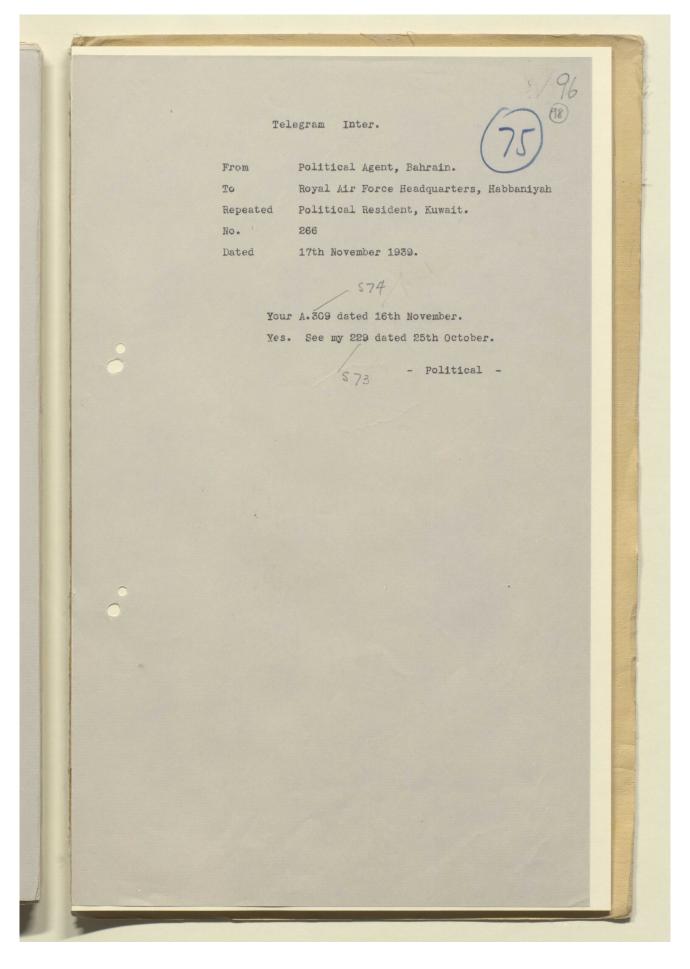


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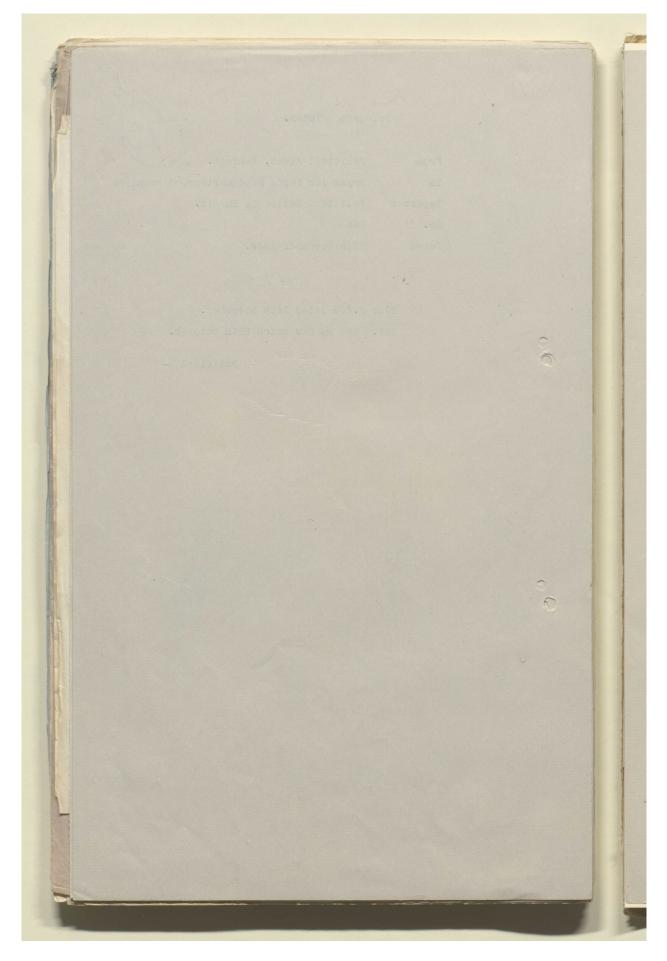


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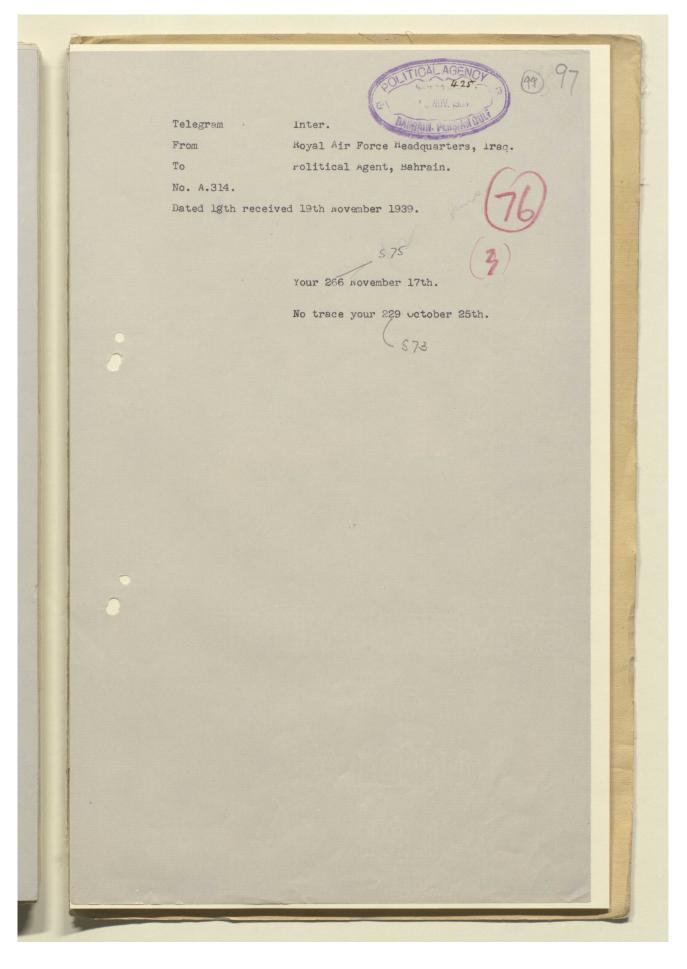


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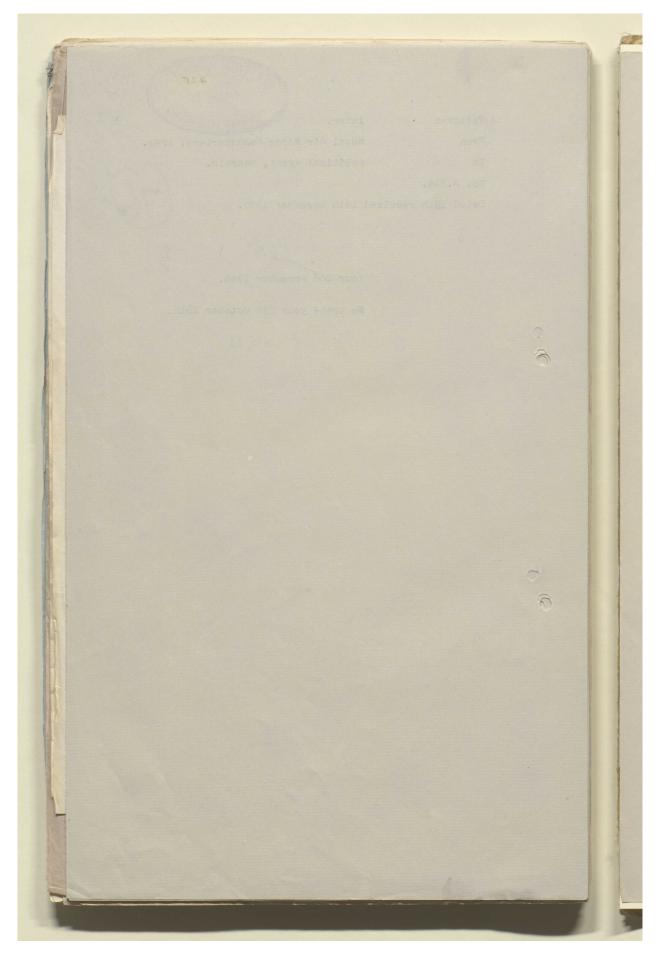


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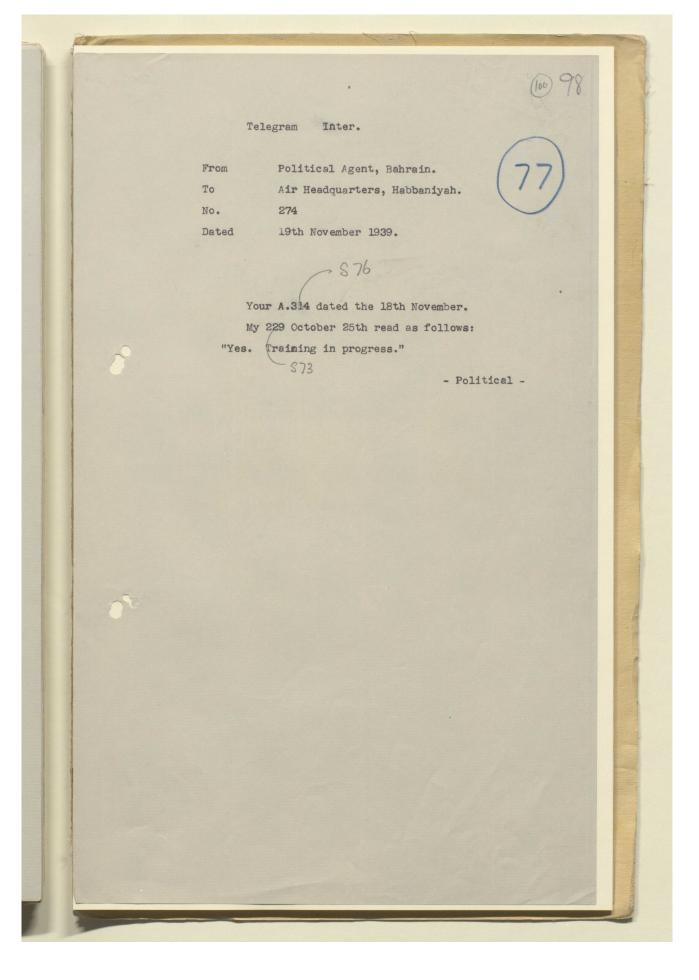


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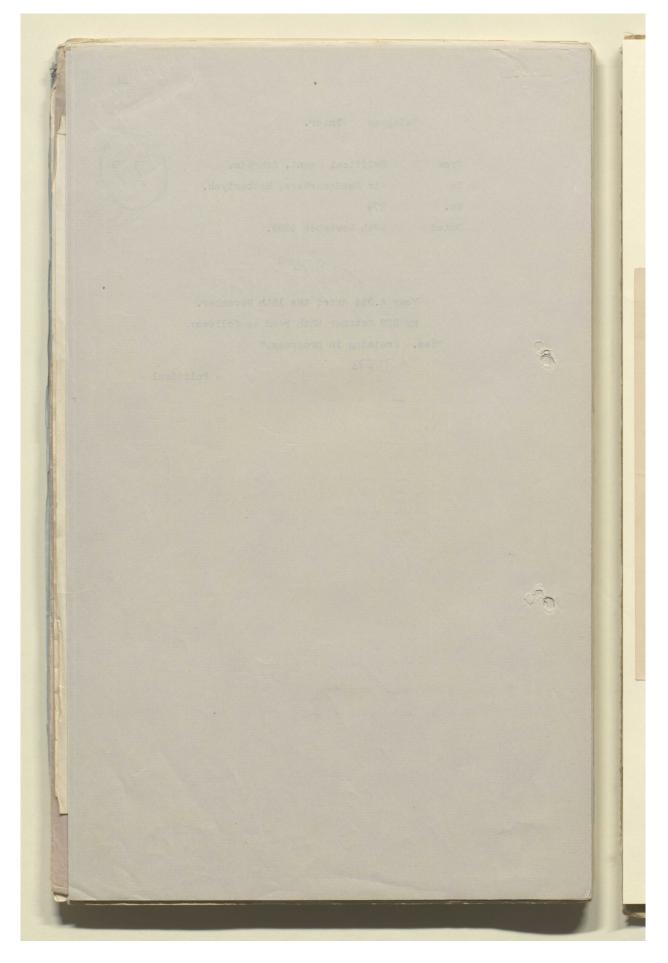




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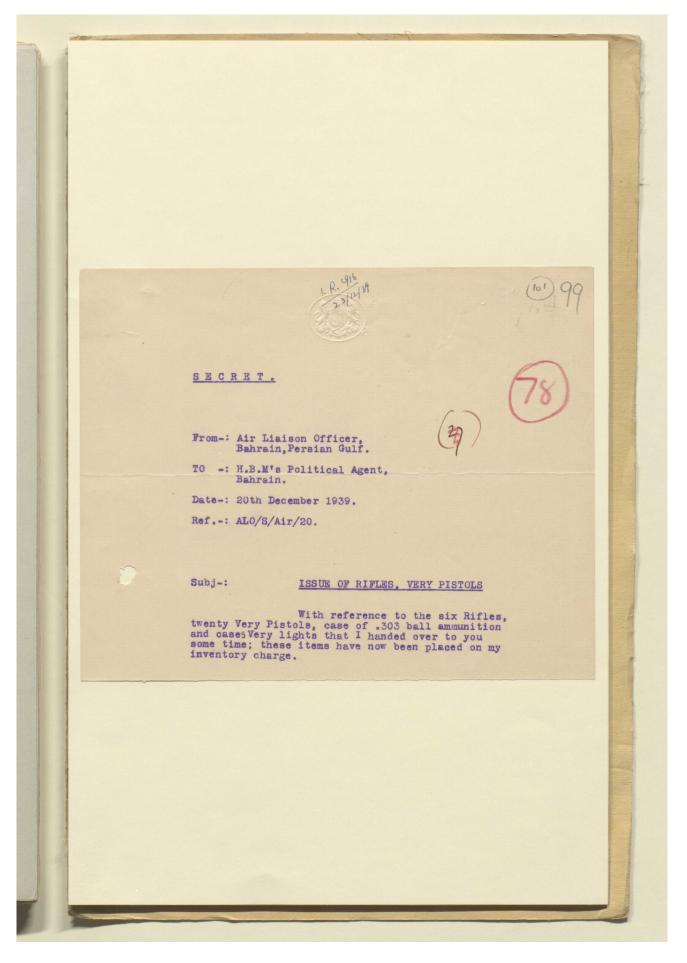
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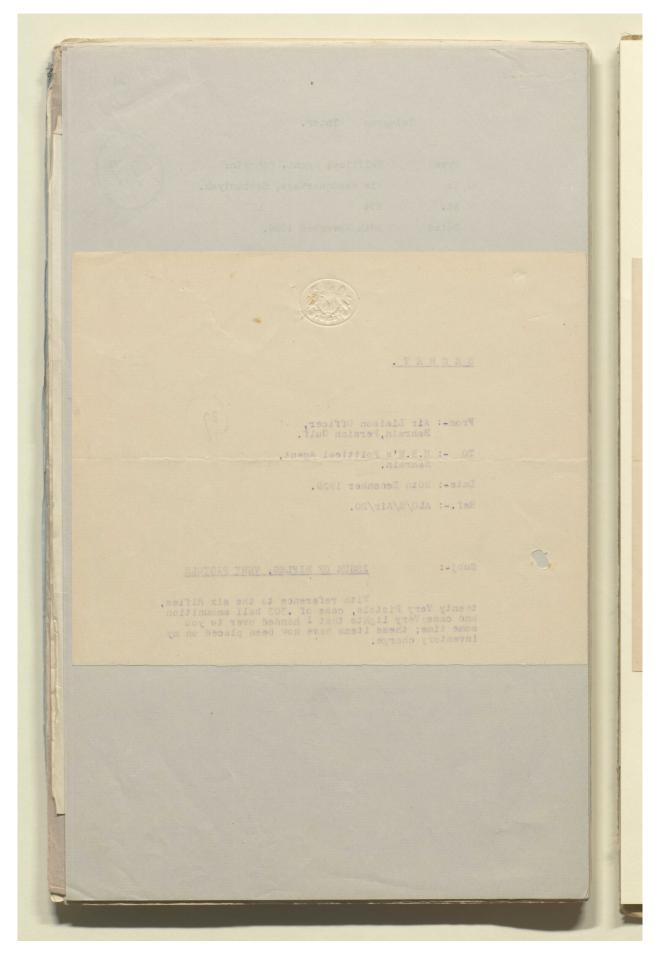


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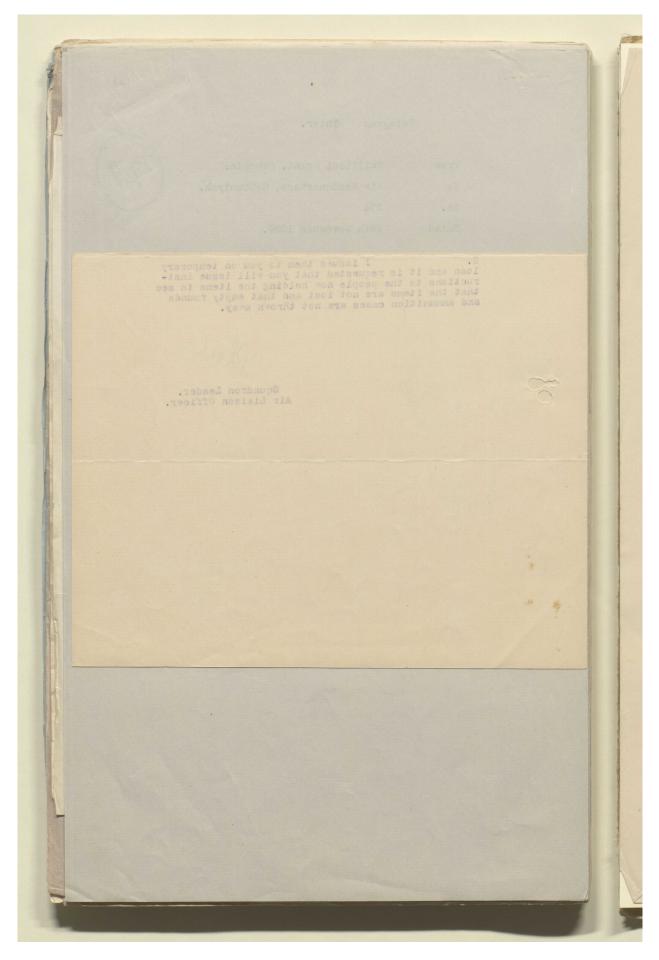
2. I issued them to you on temporary loan and it is requested that you will issue inst- ructions to the people now holding the items to see that the items are not lost and that empty rounds and ammunition cases are not thrown away.	(102)
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Reference most secret letter 3 40,564 June 27th 39. Request authority to demand and issue arms, accoutrements, equipment and ammunition required for Bahrain local defence force. Suggest procedure be similar to that for Iraq Levies.

Please repeat to Defence Officer, Persian Gulf.

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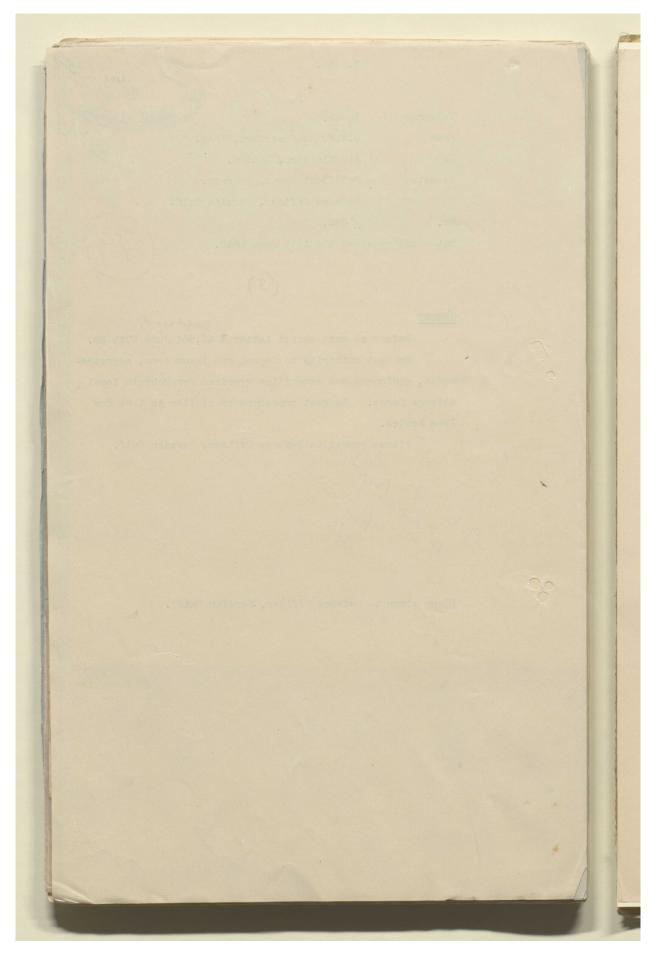
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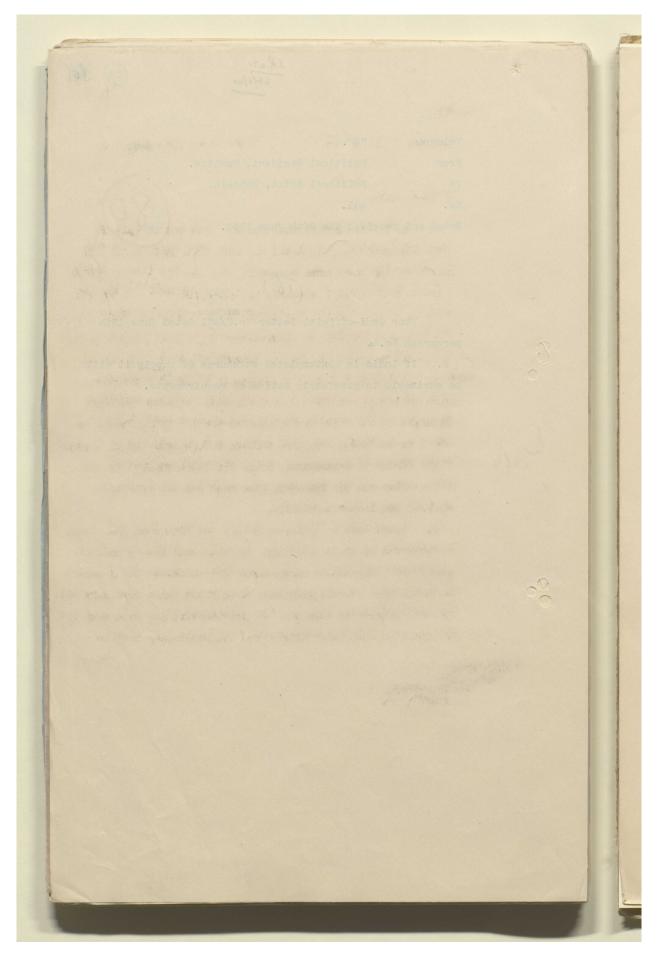
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SECRET

Major Rose,

G.S.O. II, Air Headquarters

Habbaniyah

D.O.No. C/531-1.a/43

Dated the 26th June 1940.

(105) 102

My dear Rose,

I do not imagine that you have yet had a reply to your telegram No. ?490 dated the 12th June 1940 to the Air Ministry regarding arms equipment etc. for the Bahrain Local Defence Force; but I remember that you said that you thought that we should have to get rifles machine guns and ammunition for Bahrain from India. I mentioned this in my report to the Political Resident and he has pointed out that if India is contemplated as a source of supply it would be advisable to give them early notice of requirements. Perhaps therefore it might be worth while considering whether India should be asked to ear-mark, say, 150 rifles, 6 V.B. guns and an appropriate amount of ammunition, ready for issue as soon as possible after the Air Ministry have sent you the necessary "Demand and Issue" authority.

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2. Byard went to India on Monday the 24th June and I hope he will not be there too long. Already well over a hundred people have registered their names for enrolment and I expect we shall have a great many more when Byard comes back with all the information we require. We are starting off with some unofficial parades under Coates who has undertaken to keep

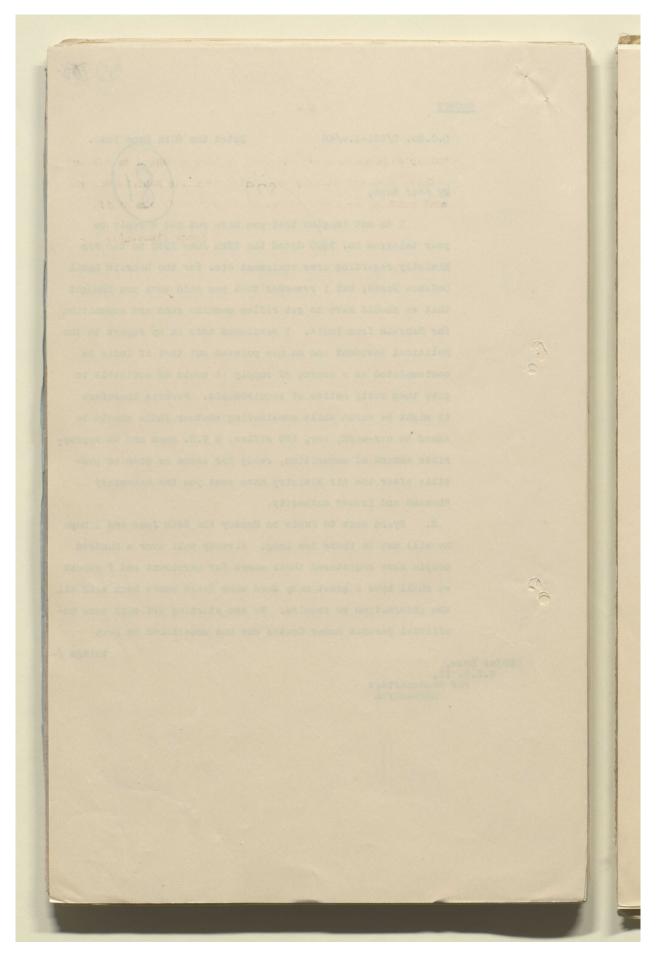
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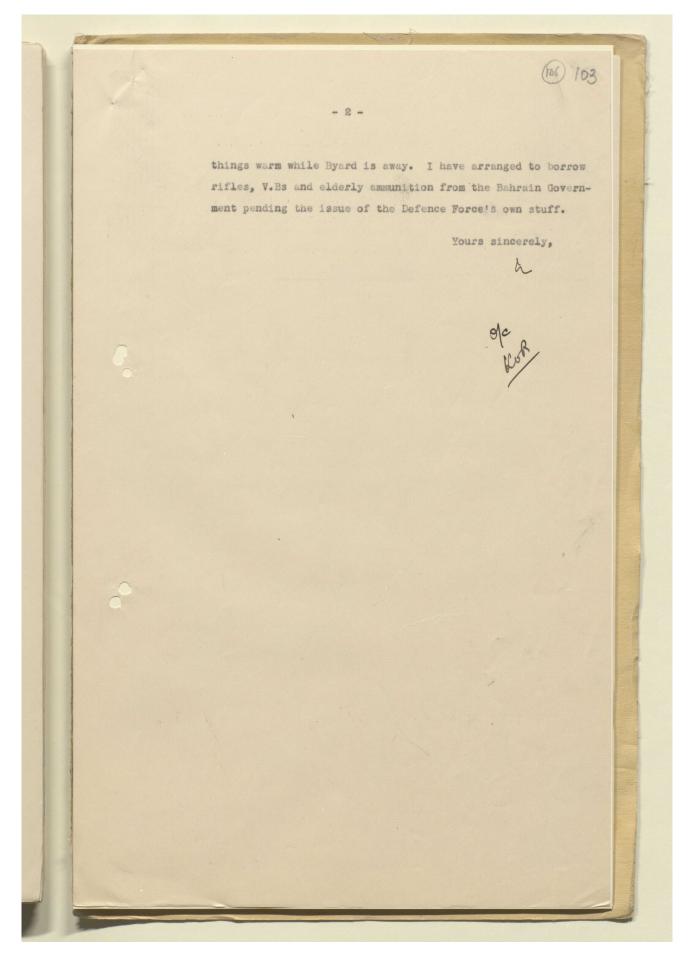




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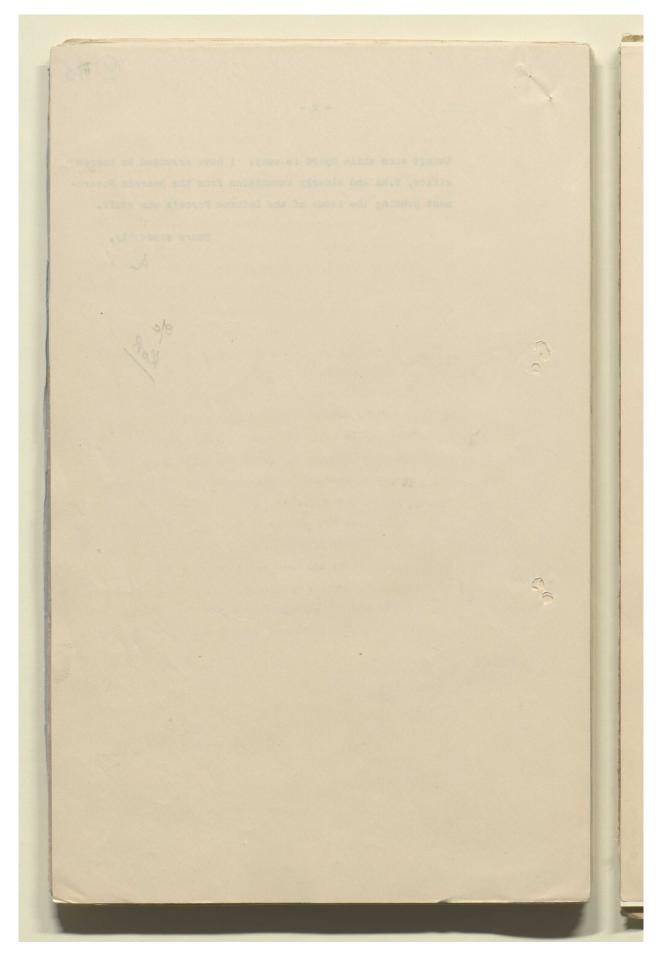


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Wing Commander Bray Equipment Branch will be in operation in Basrah 9th to 12th July. Suggest if possible Byard should meet him to discuss equipment requirements. Accommodation available at Royal Air Force margill. Intend sending Rose to Kuwait about July 6th but will postpone few days if Byard can accompany him from Besrah.

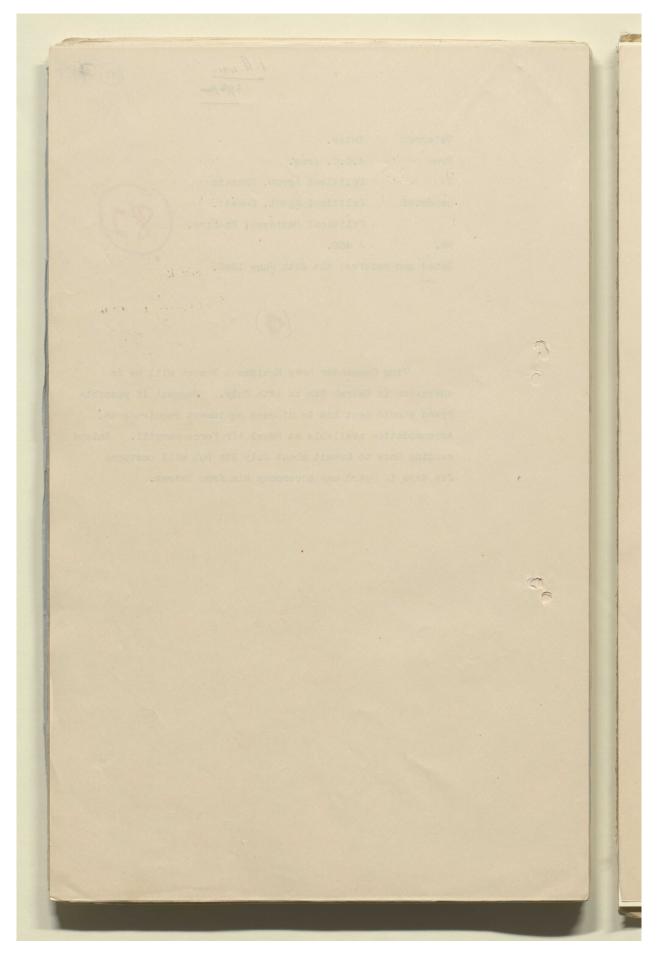
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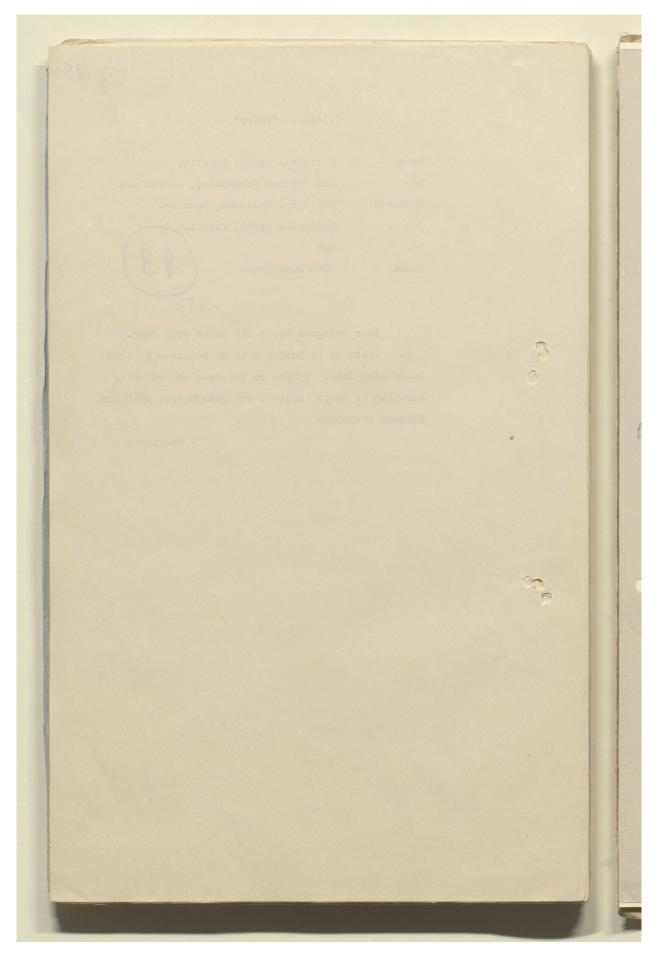
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	No. 208 Dated 29th June 1940. (83)	
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0	Your telegram No. A 452 dated 28th June.	
	2. Byard is in Bombay vide my telegram No. 193 dated 23rd June. I have no information regarding	
	duration of stay. Suggest you communicate with him	
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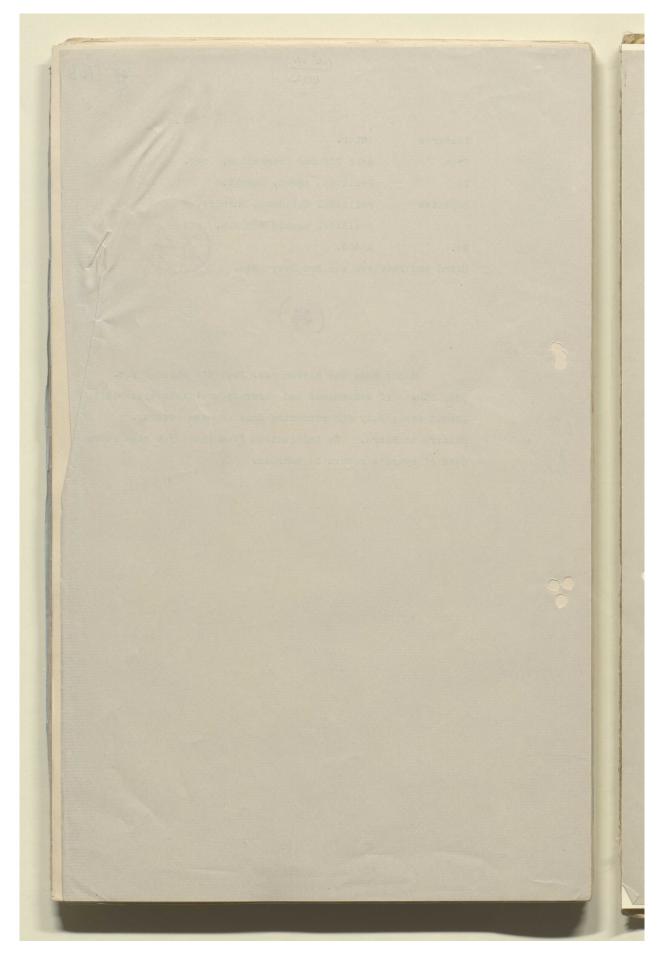
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	Major Rose due Basrah a.m. July 6th Shaibah p.m.	
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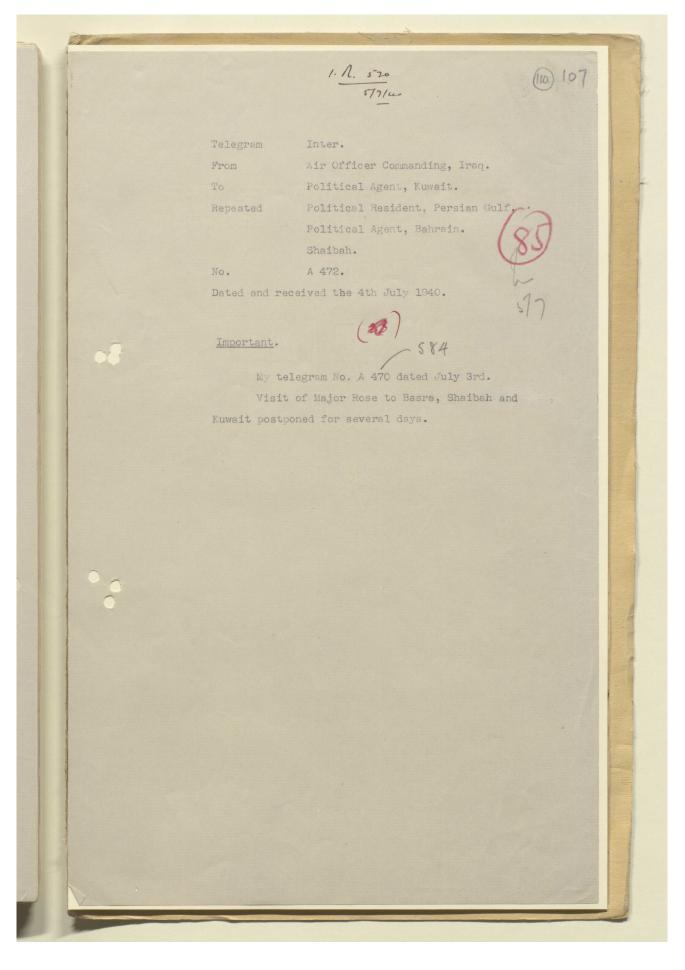


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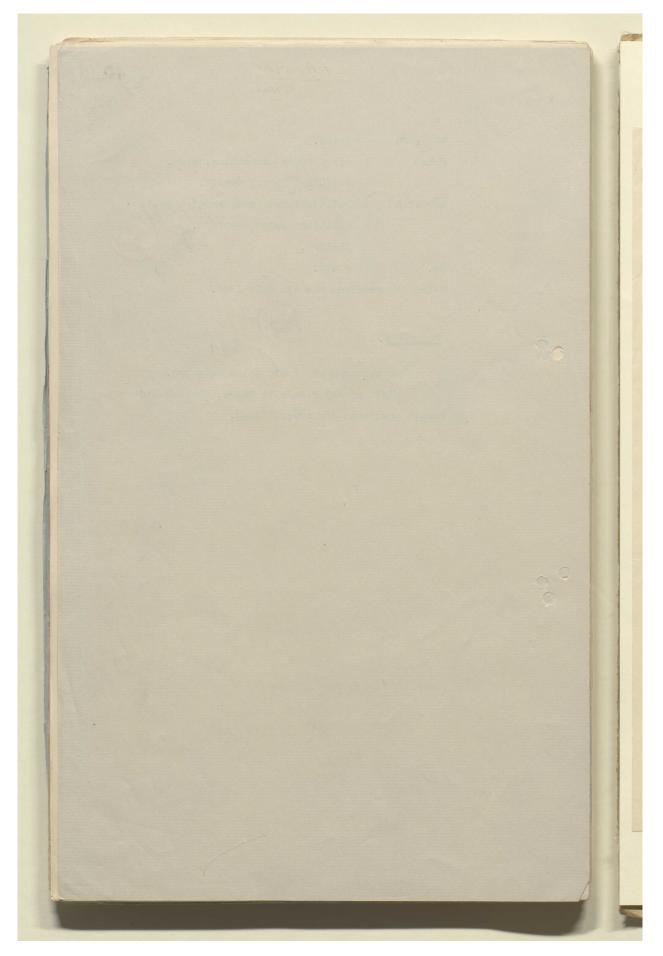




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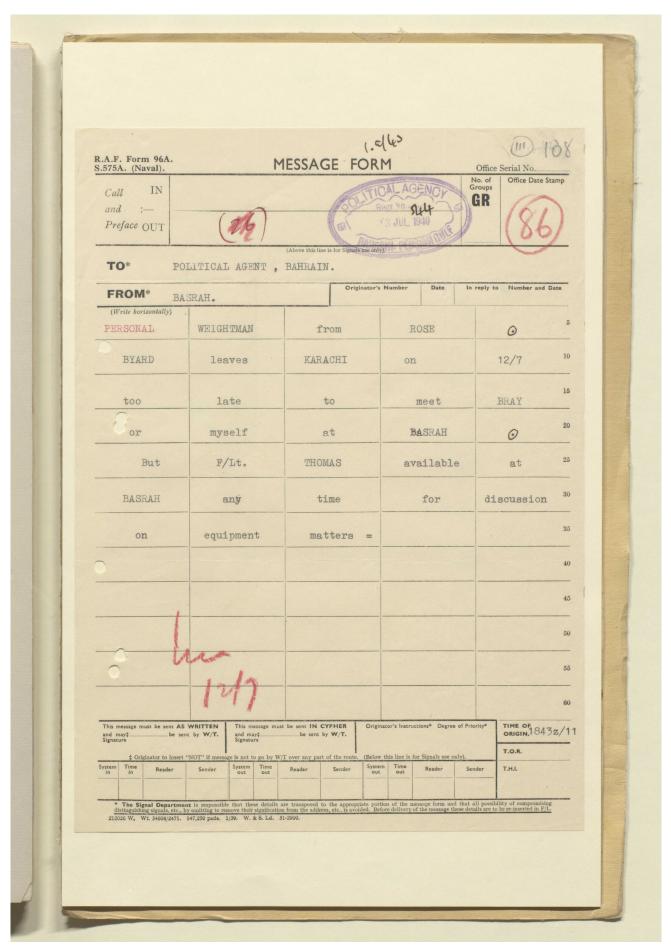






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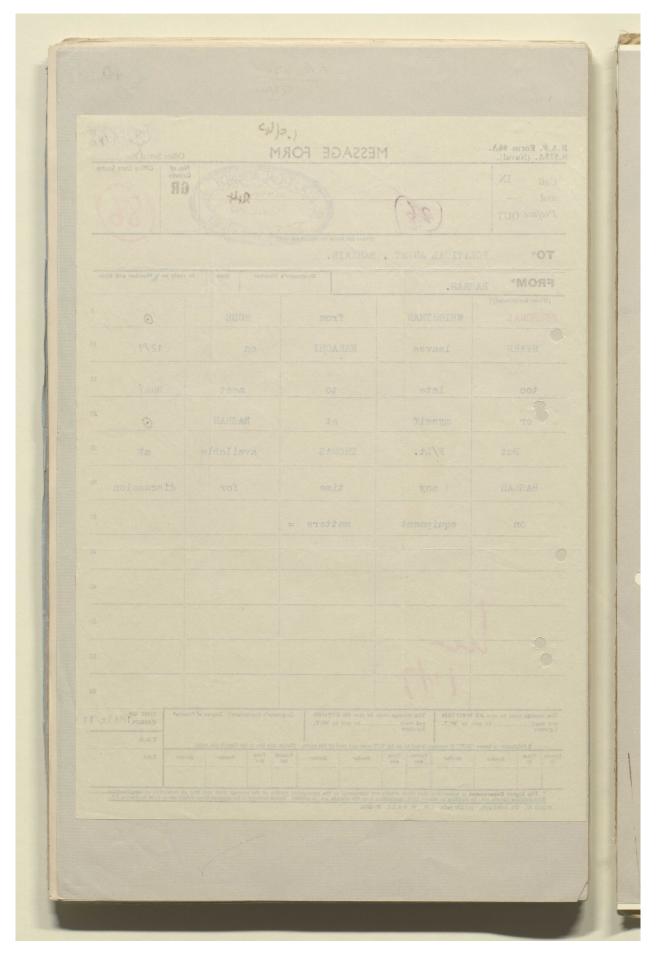


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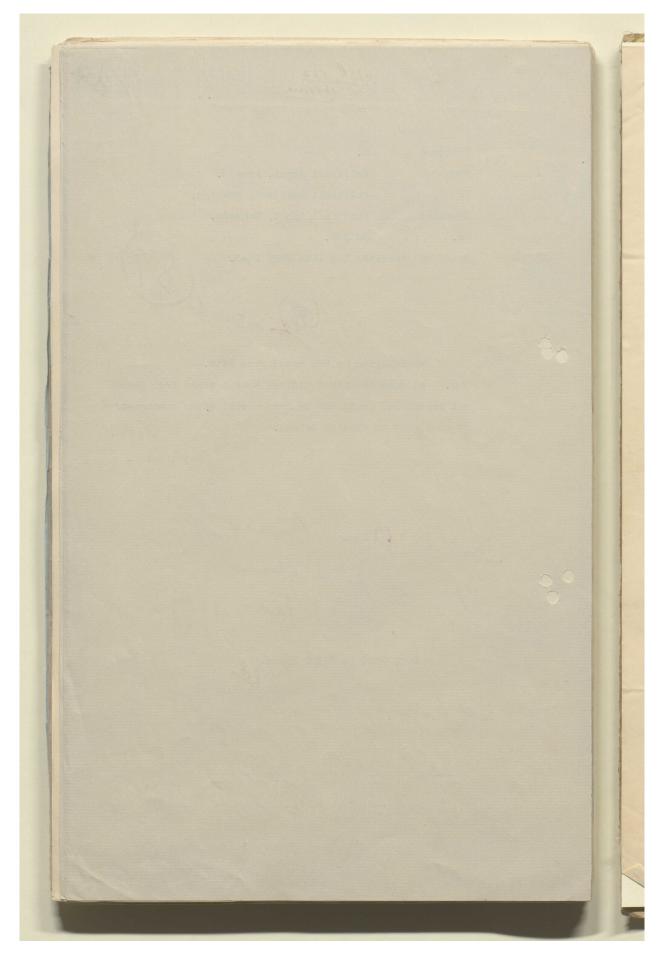
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	The Adviser to the Bahrain Government presents his compliments to :	
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1	and has the honour to send him a copy of the	
	undermentioned documents. for information.	
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No. 1/3 2/SF of 1359 Office of the Adviser to the Government, Bahrain Dated, 16th Rajab, 1359 August 19, 1940 11

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Major A.C. Eyard, M.B.E., Defence Officer, Bahrain.

Memorandum: -

With reference to your request that the Eahrain Government should lend you 2 machine guns and 41 rifles; I should be obliged if you would let me know for how long these arms will be required by you and also who will be responsible for the care, cleaning and return of these arms.

The Bahrain Government has already lent 48 rifles to the Defence Force.

Adviser to the Government.

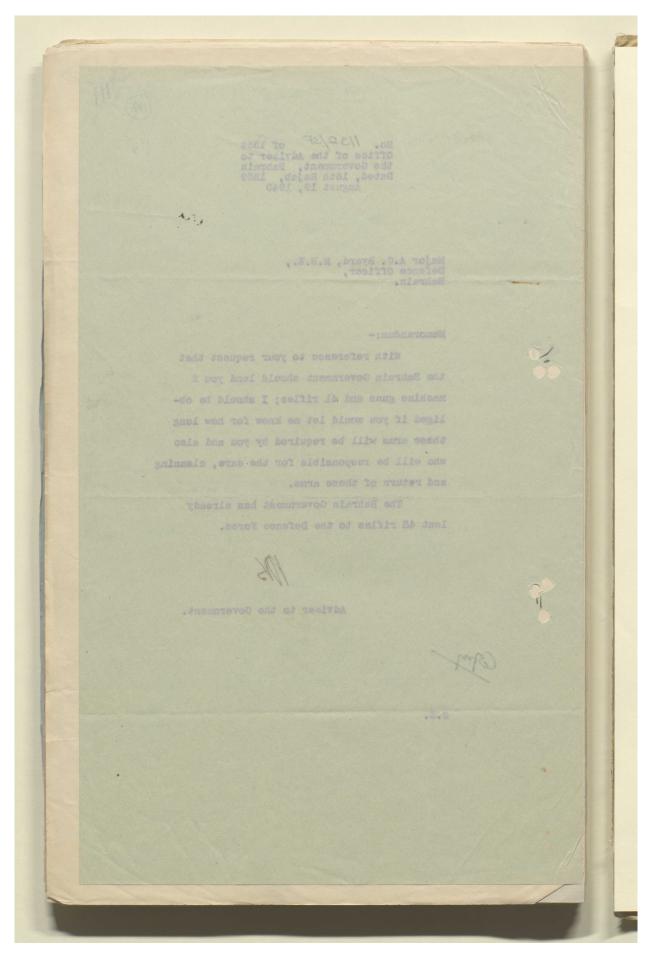
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From-: Defence Officer, Bahrain, Persian Gulf. TO -: H.B.M's Political Agent, B a h r a i n. Date-: 21st August 1940. Ref: DEr/ARM/54.
Subj-: ISSUE OF .303 L.M.Gs. FOR BAHRAIN LOCAL VOLUNTEER DEFENCE FORCE.
With reference to my attached copy of letter to Officer Commanding, R.A.F.S tation, Basrah, of even reference dated 21st August 1940. It would be much appreciated if the Pahrain Governement would grant the loan of at least two of their Vickers-Berthier Machine Guns to enable me to start straight away with the training of the gun crews.
2. Will you please take the matter up with the Adviser, Bahrain Government.
O Defence Officer, Bahrain, Persian Gulf.
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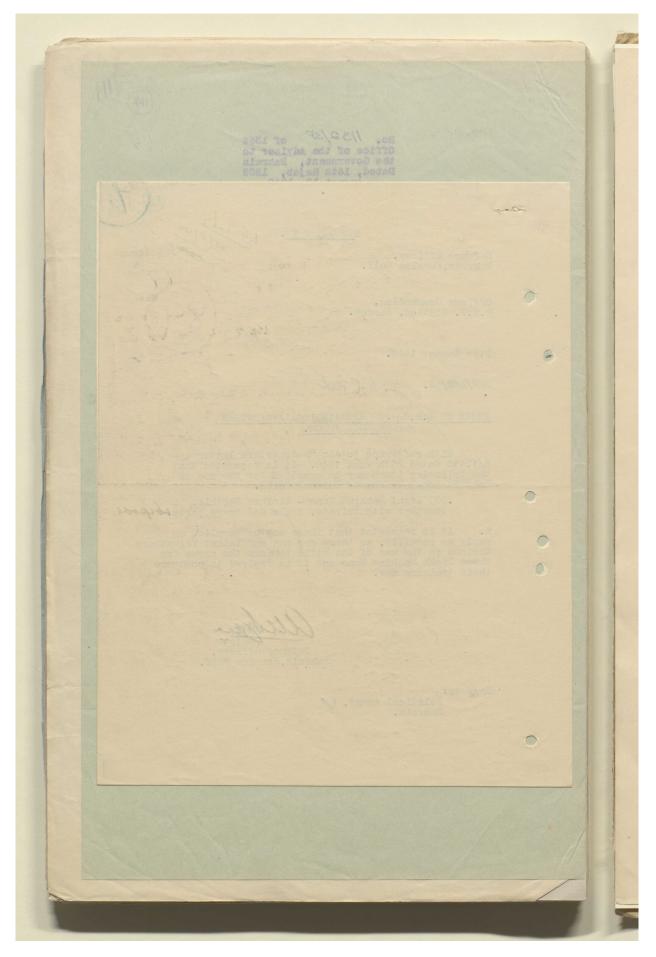
Defence Officer, Behrain, Persian Gulf.
Officer Commanding, R.A.F. Station, Basrah.
21st August 1940. DEF/ARM/54. Not rech.
ISSUE OF L.M.GS FOR BAHRAIN LOCAL VOLUNTER DEFENCE FORCE. With reference to Air ^m eadquarters letter S/12458 dated 25th June 1940, it is requested that the following items may be supplied for the ise of Bahrain Local Volunteer Defence Force.
 .303 Light Machine Guns - Vickers Berthier 6 together with tripods, tools and spare parts bipods 2. It is requested that these may be supplied as
early as possible, as there are now sufficient Volunteers trained in the use of the Rifle to form the crews for these Light Machine Guns and it is desired to commence their training now.
Defence Officer, Bahrain, Persian Gulf.
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D.O.No.C/672-1.a/43.

Dated the 21st August 1940.

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Reference our telephone conversation about Byard's desire to borrow arms from the Bahrain Government: He has now sent me a copy of a letter in which he asks the Officer Commanding, R.A.F. Station at Basrah to supply him with two Vickers-Berthier guns for the Local Volunteer Defence Force, as early as possible.

 Meanwhile he asks me if the Bahrain Government would grant him the loan of two of their V.B. guns, to enable him to lose no time in training his gun crews.
 I hope that you will be able to assist him by this loan, as it is now clear that it is only of a temporary nature.

Yours sincerely,

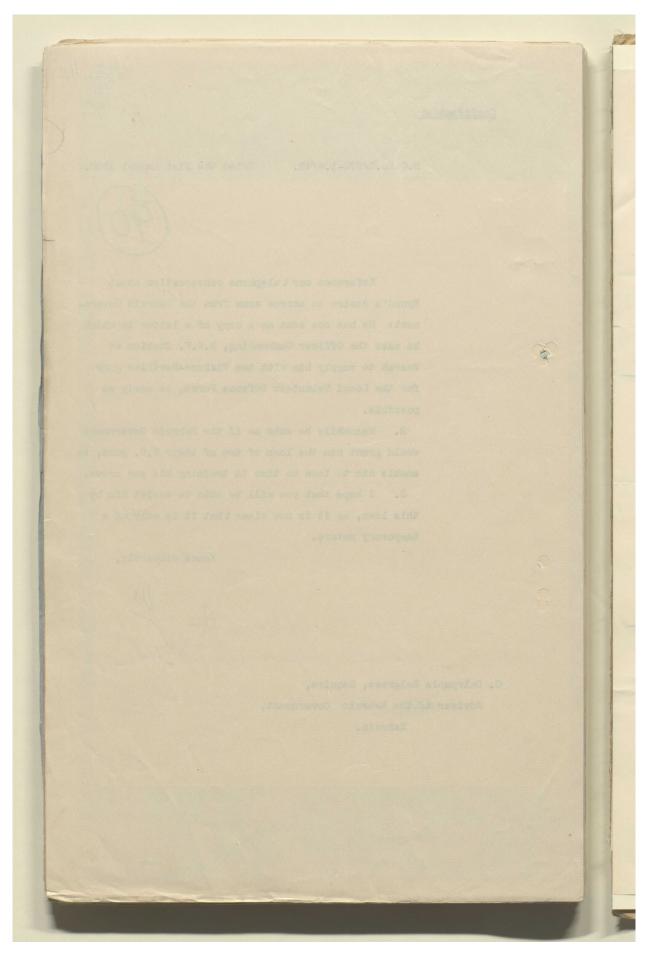
C. Dalrymple Belgrave, Esquire, Adviser to the Bahrain Government, Bahrain.

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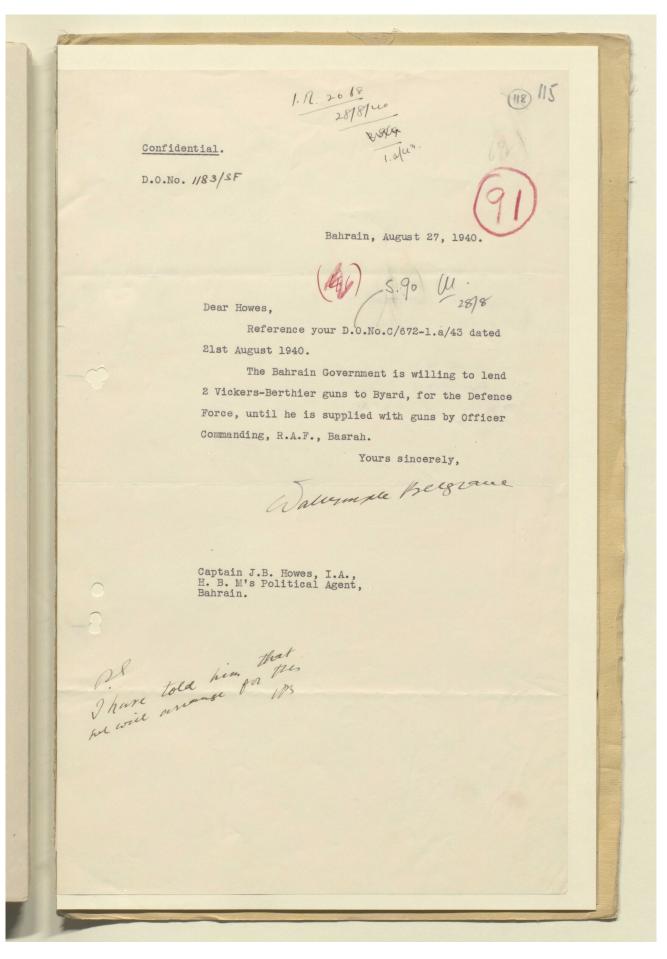
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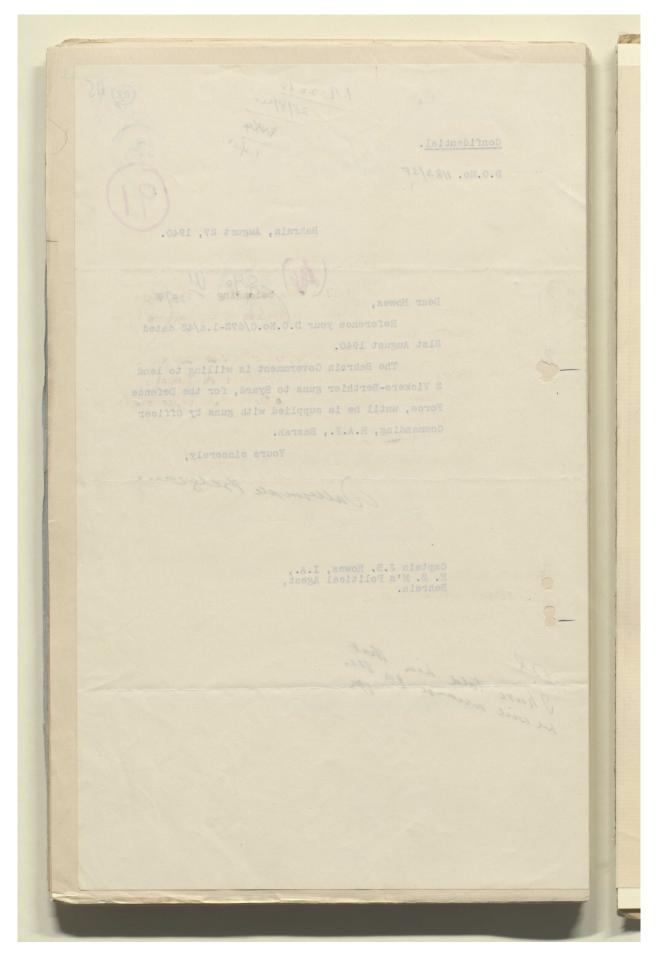
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D.C. No. C/496 Dated the 24th May 1941

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You have 8 machine guns belonging to the State Police which were loaned for the use of the Defence Force sometime ago.

2. Belgrave is enquiring as to whether they can be returned to him. I said that it was doubtful whether Army Headquarters would be able to send any replacements to you.

3. I think however you might approach them and ask whether they cannot now replace these weapons.

Yours sincerely,

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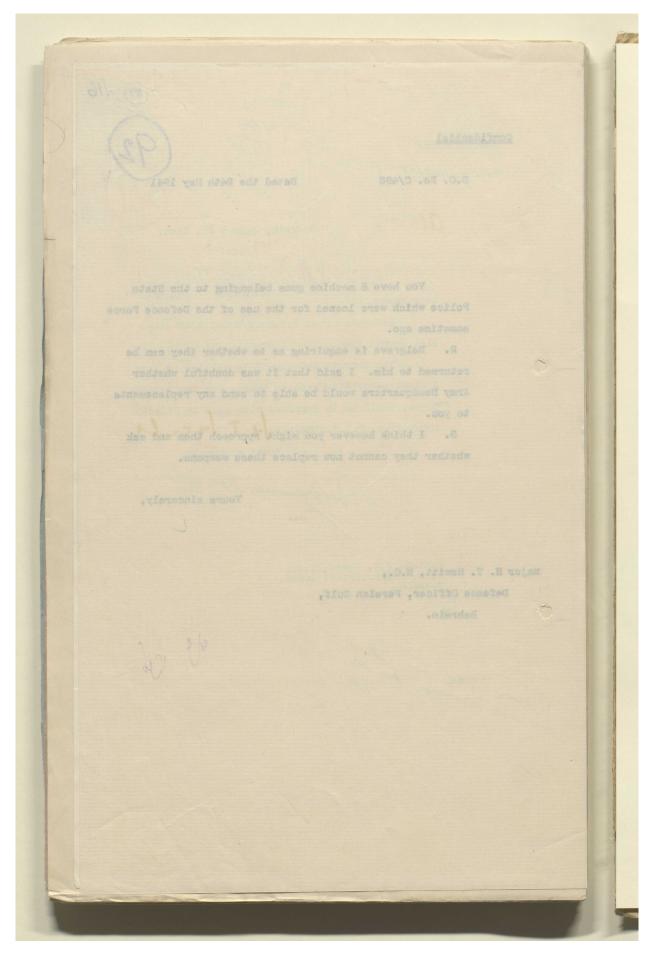
Mejor H. T. Hewitt, M.C., Defence Officer, Persian Gulf, Bahrain. .

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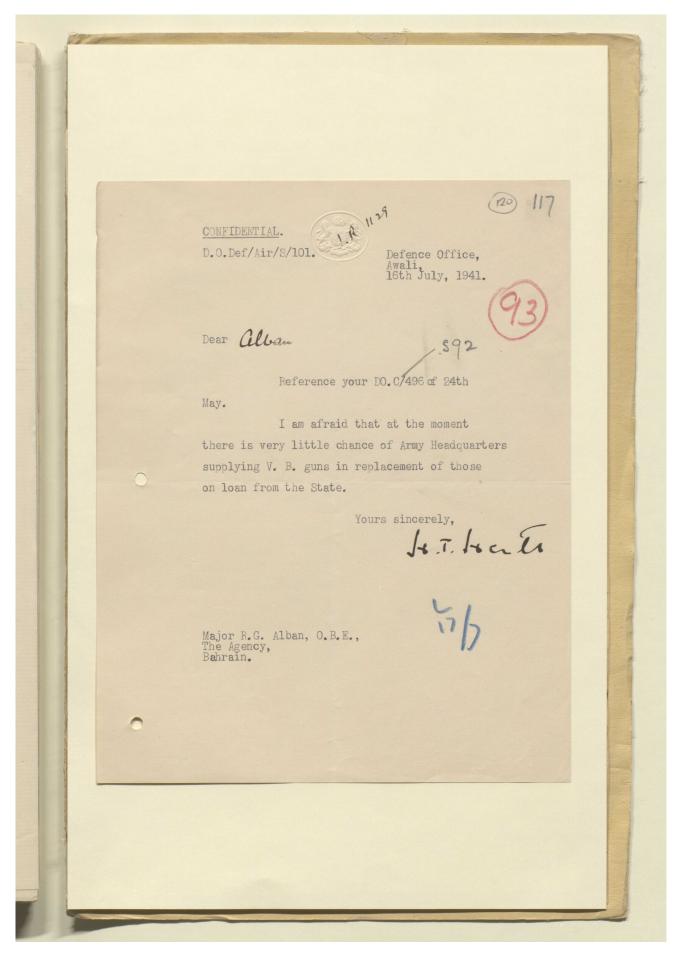
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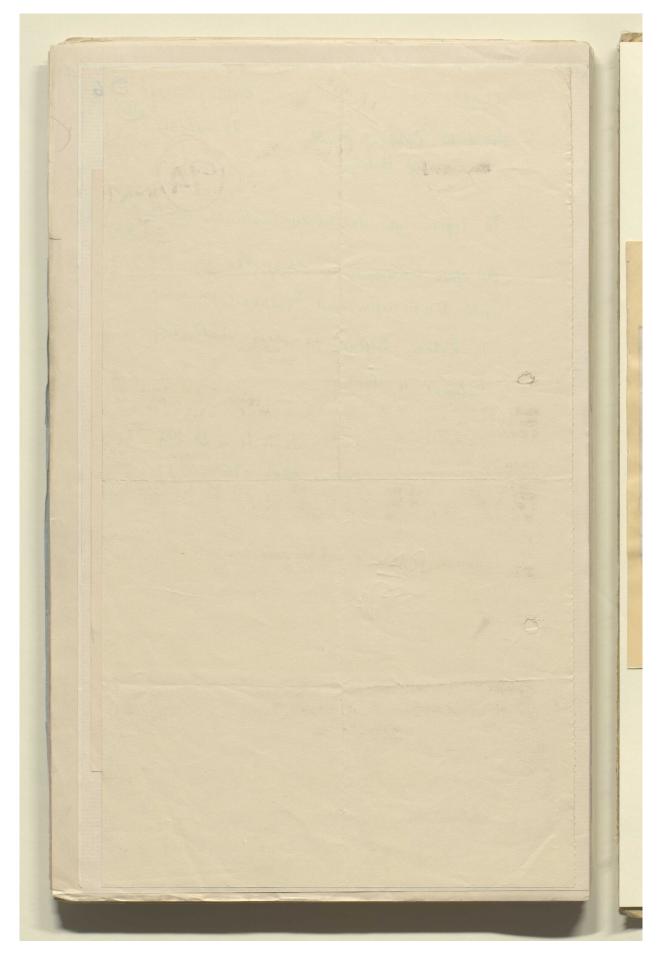
Jr. B. M. Political. Ogent al Balian Deplain | S - 13 | 1. [1] 24 Sept 1941 SECRET 94 To Inform you had under instruction ais office Commandy in Chief, its Ivag, Und ale R.A.F. refles and Equipment on using to Bahrain Defence trees is ohrite bey a retined to log. Jr. T. Frenitz Kay. Defens office Persia full RASh 7578 5

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119 (122) Defence Offic Persian Gulf, at Barain. No. DEF/S-28/42. Dated. 15th Aug '42. JR. 1566 17/8/42 The Defence Officer ERN has a loan 8 V.B. Guns from H.H. The Sheakh of BRN. These were originally loaned for A.A. Regiment defence of the Refinery. They are not now being used for this purpose, as/the A.A. defences are now better organised. The Bahr ain Government are anxious for their return. I would recommend that 4 be returned to Bahrain Government for the State Folice, and that 4 be handed over to The Special Defence Rime Folice for Anti Sabotage work in the r efinery, or oil field areas. The Special Defence Police are maintained by the Bahrain Fourther entirely. So the effect would be that the V.B. Guns were all returned to that Government. I strongly recommend however that the suggestion that this unit has 4 Guns be approved. I am having the Gun crews trained H. . 34 ISF Bde, ABN. H.T. Hall X, HS Maj., H.B.M, The P.A. for information of The Honble Resident P.G. Copy to:-BSY.

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Confidential. D.O.No.C/1267. The Agency, Bahrain, the 20th August 1942.

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Please refer to para 5 of your demi-official letter No.C/595, dated 11th August 1942.

28/1-G, 28/1-F & 1.a/5.

2. Before the War the Bahrain Government acquired 12 V.B. Light Machine Guns for their State Police, of which 3 were lent to the Defence Officer in the winter of 1940-41 for the purpose of A.A. defence. These 8 guns are no longer required for this purpose and Major Hewitt suggests that 4 are returned to the State Police and the other 4 given to the Special Police. I am writing officially to Belgrave; I gather from him that His Highness the Shaikh is likely to concur in this suggestion.

3. In view of this development, I do not think we shall want 4 Breda Machine Guns for Bahrain, as suggested in para 4 of your demi-official letter No.C/660, dated 17th August 1942. I have written to Wakefield, asking for his views on this and the other questions raised in your letter.

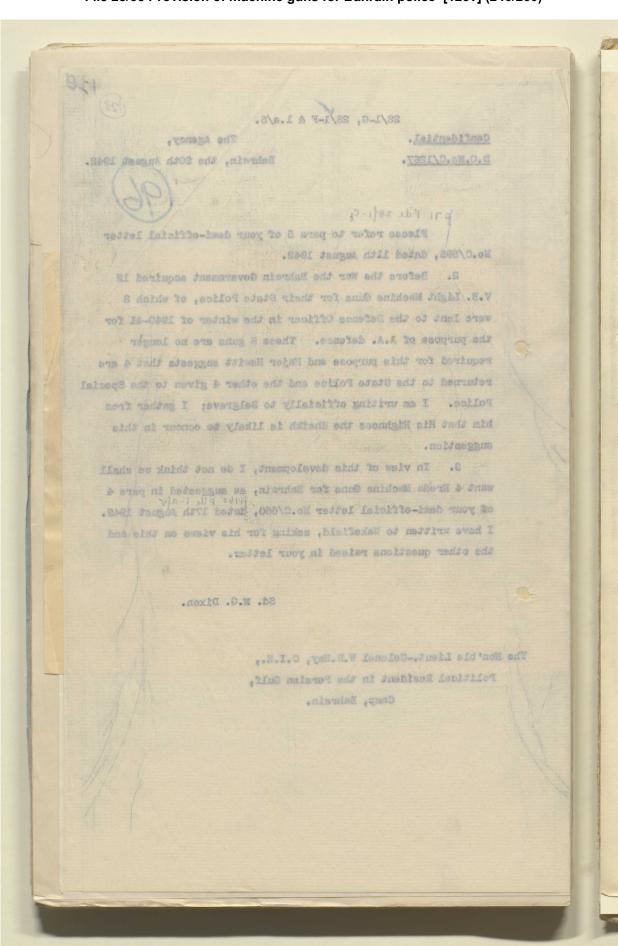
Sd. M.G. Dixon.

The Hon'ble Lieut.-Colonel W.R.Hay, C.I.E., Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Camp, Bahrain.

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28/1.F & 28/1.G.

SECRET . No.C/1268.

To

Political Agency, Bahrain, the 20th August 1942. 121

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The Adviser to the Government, Bahrain.

Memorandum.

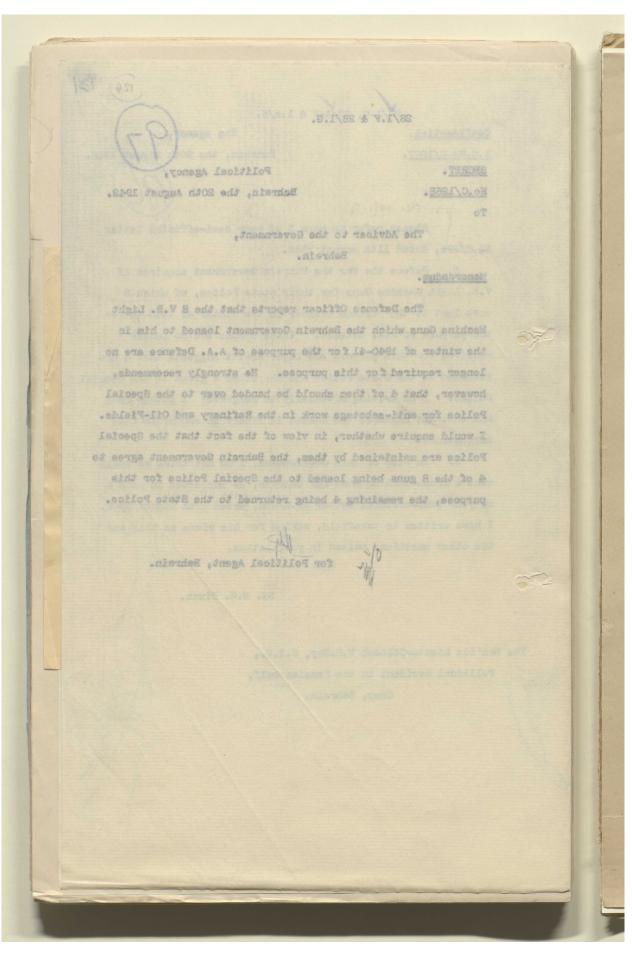
The Defence Officer reports that the 8 V.B. Light Machine Guns which the Bahrein Government loaned to him in the winter of 1940-41 for the purpose of A.A. Defence are no longer required for this purpose. He strongly recommends, however, that 4 of them should be handed over to the Special Police for anti-sabotage work in the Refinery and Oil-Fields. I would enquire whether, in view of the fact that the Special Police are maintained by them, the Bahrain Government agree to 4 of the 8 guns being loaned to the Special Police for this purpose, the remaining 4 being returned to the State Police.

for Political Agent, Bahrain.

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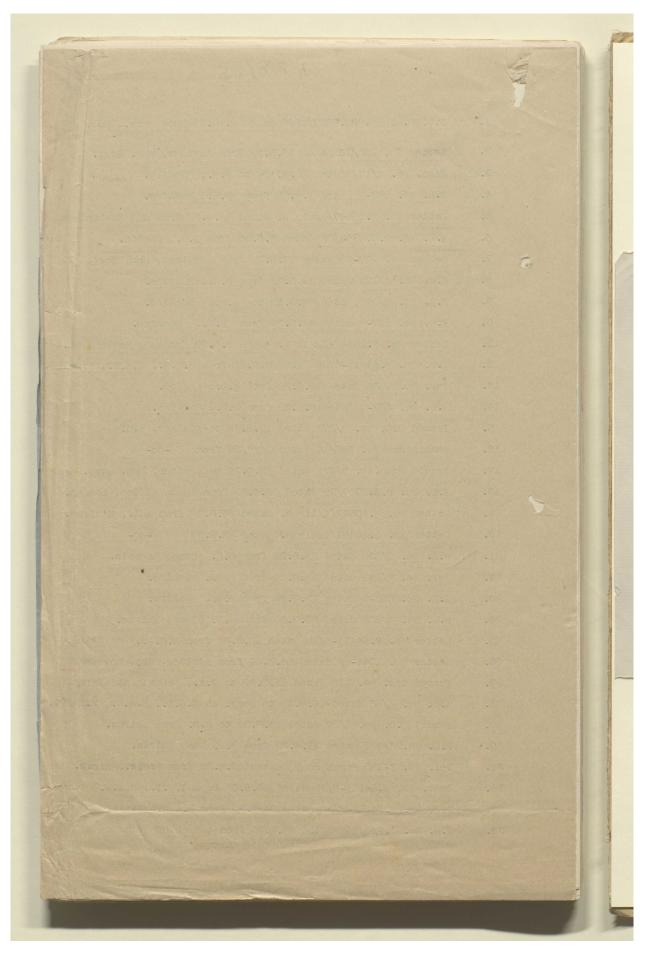
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	1. I.O. P.L. No. PZ.6827/1938 dated 6.10.38 from Secy., Pol. Dept.,
	2. Letter No. 180/16 dated 16.3.39 from Adviser, Bhn. Govt.
	3. Memo. No. C/177 dated 20.3.'39 to P.R., Bushire.
	4. X.L. No. 293-S dated 1.4.39 from P.R., Bushire.
	5. Letter No. S.10547/1/Air O. dated 15.4.39 from AHQ Habbaniyah.
	6. X.L. No. P.Z.2746/39 dated 6.5.39 from I.O., London.
	7. Letter No. 707-16 dated 17.5.39 from Adviser, Bhn. Govt.
	8. X.L. No. C/175 dated 19.5.39 from P.R., Bushire.
	9. X.L. No. C/343 dated 24.5.39 to P.R., Bushire.
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1	Letter No. S.10547/1/Air O. dated 1.6.39 from AHQ Habbaniyah.
	2. X.L. No. F.54(1)-N/39 dated 9.6.39 from G.O.I., E.A.D., N.Delhi.
]	3. Tel. No. 1036 dated 14.6.39 from 1.0., London.
]	4. X.L. No. 567-S dated16.6.39 from P.R., Bushire.
]	5. Issued D.O. No. C/378 dated 17.6.39 to Adviser, B.G.
. 1	6. Memorandum No. 906/16 dated 18/6/39 from -do-
1	7. Issued Memo.No. C/379 dated 20.6.39 to Adviser, Bhn. Govt.
1	8. X.L. No. P.Z.3767/39 dated 22.6.39 from India Office, London.
1	9. Letter No. S.10547/1/Air O. dated 26.6.39 from AHQ., H'niyah.
2	0. Letter No. S.10547/1/Air 0. dated 28.6.39 -do-
2	1. P.L. No. C/230 dated 28.6.39 from P.R. (Camp) Bahrain.
. 2	2. Tel. No. T/111 dated 29.6.39 from P.R., Bushire.
2	3. X.L. No. 650-S dated 13.7.39 from P.R., Bushire.
2	4. P.L. No. C/260 dated 21.7.39 from P.R. (Camp) Shiraz.
2	5. Letter No. F.54(i)-N/39 dated 10.8.39 from G.O.I., New Delhi.
2	6. Letter No. 1344-16 dated 14.8.39 from Adviser, Bhn. Government.
2	7. Issued tel. No. 110 dated 15.8.39 to P.A., Bahrain at Ziarat.
2	8. X.L. No. Z/26 dated 16.8.39 to Secy. to G.O.I., E.A.D., XXXXXXXX
2	9. Issued D.O. No. Z/27 dated 16.8.39 to P.R. Camp Shiraz.
3	P.L. No. C/371 dated 18.8.39 from P.R. Camp Shiraz.
3	1. Tel. No. T-180 (post copy) dated 22.8.39 from Fowle, Shiraž.
3:	2. Endt. No. F.54(1)-N/39 dated 23.8.39 from G.O.I., E.A.D.
. 3	3. D.O. No. F.54(1)-N/39 dated 24.8.39 from E.A.D., Simla.
34	4. X.L. No. G.F/9/R&I dated 24.8.39 from the Chief Ordnance Officer, Ferozepore Arsenal.
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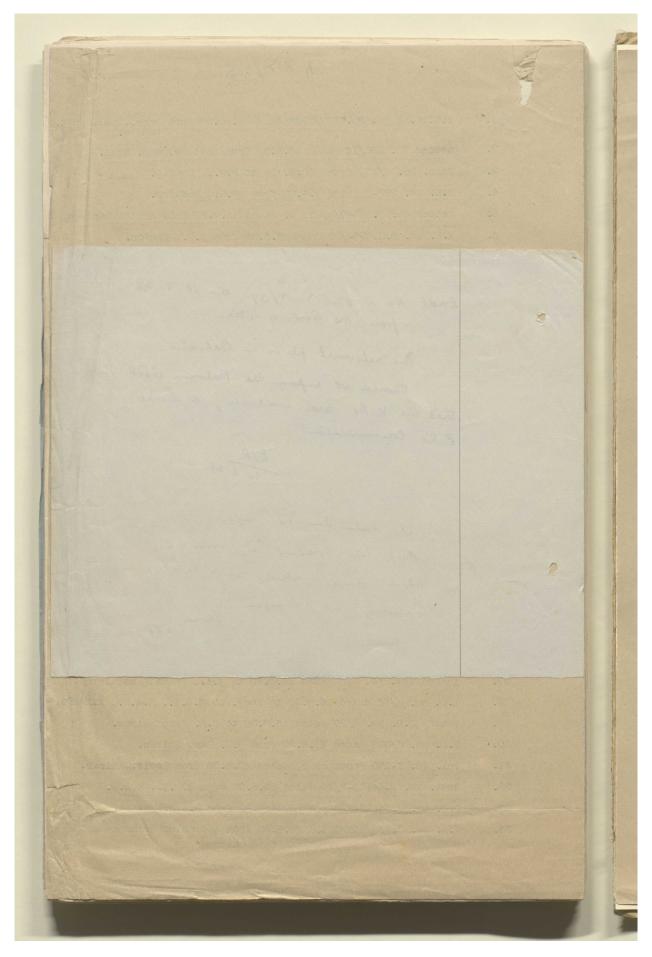
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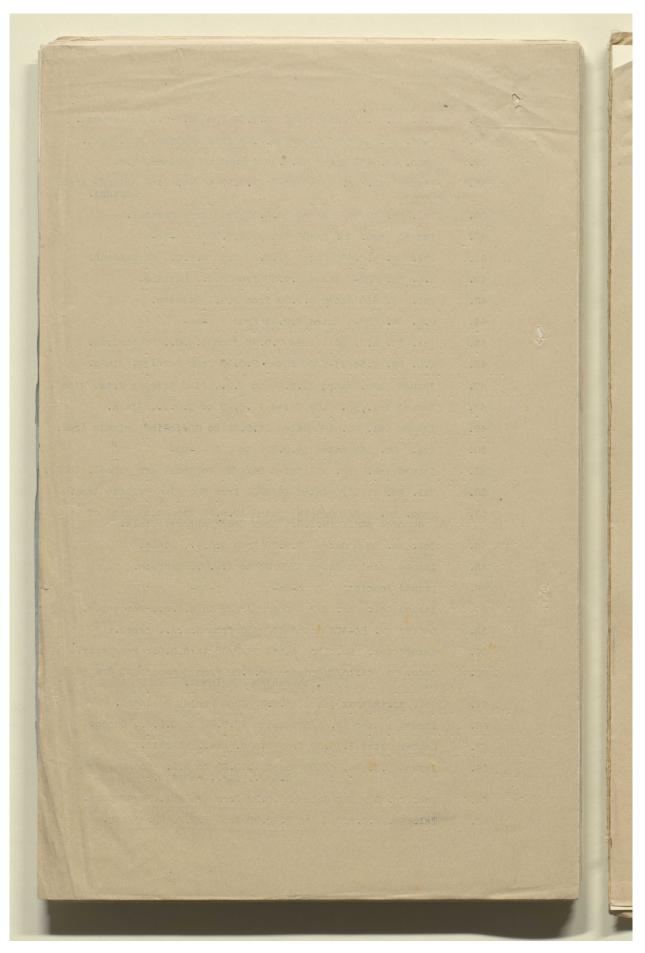
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	35.	X.L. No. G.F/9/R&I dated 28.8.39 from C.O.O., Ferozepore.
	36.	Memo. No. 1405/16 dated 24.8.39 from Adviser, Bhn. Govt.
	37.	Memo. No. 483 dated 25.8.39 issued to Adviser, B.G.
	- 38.	Issued tel. No. Z/11 dated 25.8.39 to HQ: Sind Brigade Area, Karachi.
	39.	Tel. No. 17/26/G dated 26.8.39 from Area Karachi.
	40.	Issued Memo. No. C/496 dated 29.8.39 to -do-
	41.	Tel. No. A.0.466 dated 31.8.39 from A.O.C., Habbaniyah.
	42.	X.L. No. 693-S dated 2.9.39 from P.R., Bushire.
	43.	Tel. No. 414 dated 2.9.39 from P.R., Bushire.
	44.	P.L. No. 688-S dated 2.9.39 from -do-
Ş.	45.	Tel. No. A.O. 501 dated 7.9.39 from A.O.C., Habbaniyah.
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	47,	Issued Memo. dated 11.9.39 to H.Q., Sind Brigade Area, K'chi.
	48.	Issued tel. No. 164 dated 11.9.39 to G.O.I., Simla.
	49.	Issued tel. No. 160 dated 11.9.39 to HQ., Sind Brigade Area.
	50.	Tel. No. 169 dated 14.9.39 to -do-
	51	Issued tel. No. 168 dated 14/9/39 to Small Arm School, India.
	52.	Tel. No. 17/26/9 dated 14/9/39 from HQ. Sind Brigade Area.
	53.	Memo. No. SAS/100/4(VB) dated 19.9.39 from the Chief of General Staff (M.T.3.) Army Headquarters, Simla.
	54.	Tel. No. 1595 dated 22.9.39 from G.O.I., Simla.
	55.	Issued Receipt dated 23/9/39 to A.L.O., Bahrain.
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	57.	Issued tel. No. 177 dated 23/9/39 to C.O.O., Ferozepur.
	58.	Letter No. PA-473 dated 24/9/39 from C.L.R., Bapco.
	59.	Issued tel. No. 180 dated 26/9/39 to C.O.O., Ferozepur.
	60.	Memo. No. 41.15/C/O dated 20.9.39 from Commandant, 3rd Bn. 16th Punjab Regiment.
	61.	Tel. Noxzáźibii dated 26.9.39 from Punjab Regiment.
	62.	Issued letter No. C/591 dated 29.9.39 to C.L.R., Bapco.
	63.	Letter dated 1.10.39 from C.& W. Ltd., Bahrain.
	64.	Issued D.O. No. C/598 dated 1.10.39 to R.B. Coombe, Esq., C.& W., Ltd., Bahrain.
-	65.	Tel. No. 37/PERL dated 30.9.39 from Arsenal, Ferozepore.
	66.	Tel. No. A.0.598 dated 2.10.39 from R.A.F. HQ. 'Iraq.

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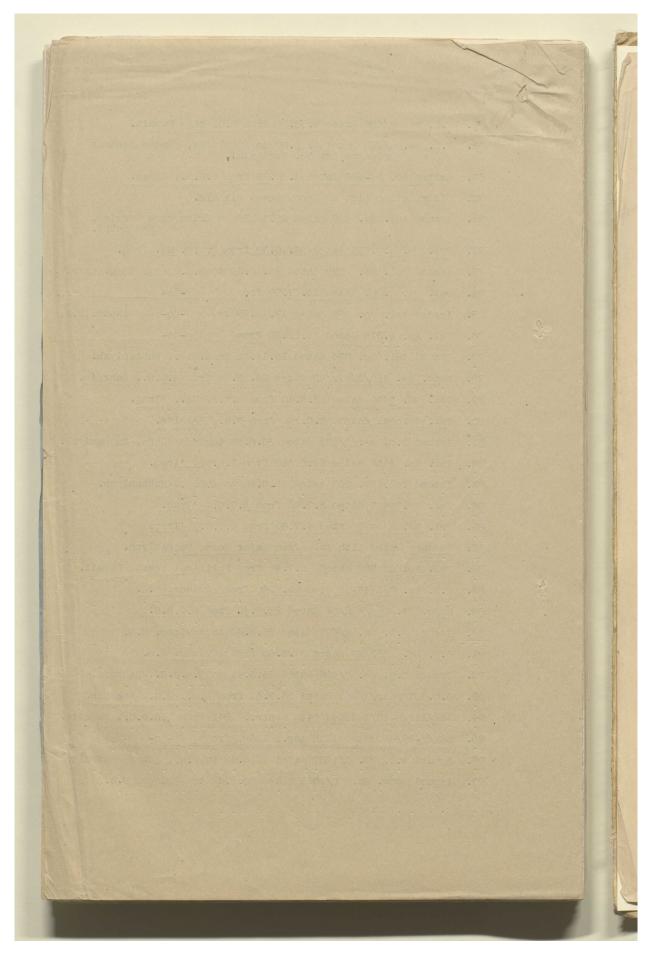
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	67. P.L. No. C/526 dated 4.10.39 from P.R. Camp Kuwait.	
	68. X.L. No. C/613 dated 4.10.39 to AHQ India, Master General of Ordnance Branch, New Delhi.	
	69. Letter No. PA-486 dated 4.10.39 from C.L.R., Bapco.	
	70. Distribution List of Verey Light Pistols.	
	71. Issued tel. No. 228 dated 25.10.39 to Prior care Foreign, New Delhi.	
	72. Tel. No. A.0.654 dated 24.10.39 from R.A.F. HQ. Iraq.	
	73. Issued tel. No. 229 dated 25.10.39 to R.A.F. HQ. IRAQ, Basra	h.
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	77. Issued tel. No. 274 dated 19.11.39 to A.H.Q., Habbaniyah.	
	78. Memo. No. ALO/S/Air/20 dated 20.12.39 from A.L.O., Bahrain.	
	79. Tel. No. 2490 dated 12.6.40 from R.A.F. Hq., 'Iraq.	
	80. Tel. No. 441 dated 26.6. 40 from P.R., Bushire.	
	81. Issued D.O. No. C/531 dated 26.6.40 to Major Rose, Habbaniyah	
	82. Tel. No. A452 dated 28.6. '40 from A.O.C., 'Irag.	
	83. Issued tel. No. 208 dated 29.6.40 to A.O.C., Habbaniyah.	
	84. Tel. No. A407 dated 3.7.40 from A.O.C., 'Iraq.	
	85. Tel. No. A 472 dated 4.7.40 from A.O.C., 'Iraq.	
	86. Message dated 11th July from Major Rose, Habbaniyah.	
	87. Tel. No. CJ 328 dated 15.7.40 from Political Agent, Kuwait.	
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	89. Memo. No. DEF/ARM/54 dated 21.8.40 from D.O.P.G.	
	90. Issued D.O. No. C/672 dated 21.8.40 to Adviser, B.G,	
	91. D.O. No. 1183/SF dated 27.8.40 from Adviser, B.G.	
	92. Issued D.O. No. C/496 dated 24.5.41 to D.O.P.G., Bahrain.	
	93. D.O. DEF/Air/S/101 dated 16.7.41 from D.O., P.G., Bahrain.	
	94. Def/Air/S-13/1 dated 24th Septr., 1941 from D.O.P.G., Bahrain	
	95. DEF/S-28/42 dated 15th Aug., 1942, from -do-	
	96. Issued D.O. No. C/1267 dated 20.8.42 to P.R., (Camp) Bahrain.	
	97. Issued Memo. No. C/1268 dated 20.8.42 to Adviser, B.G.	

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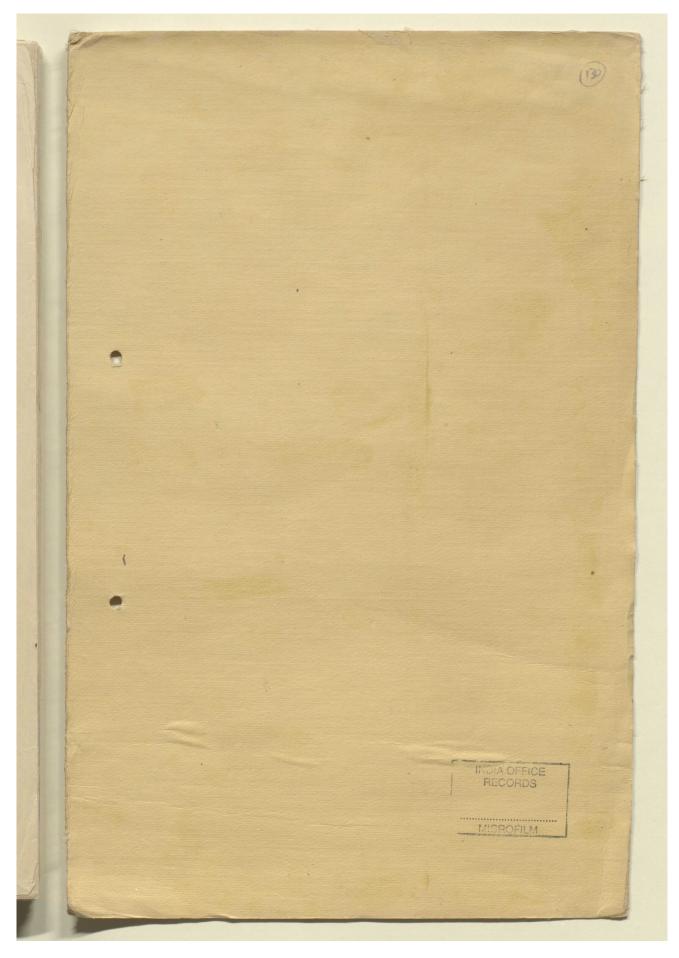
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