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'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain'

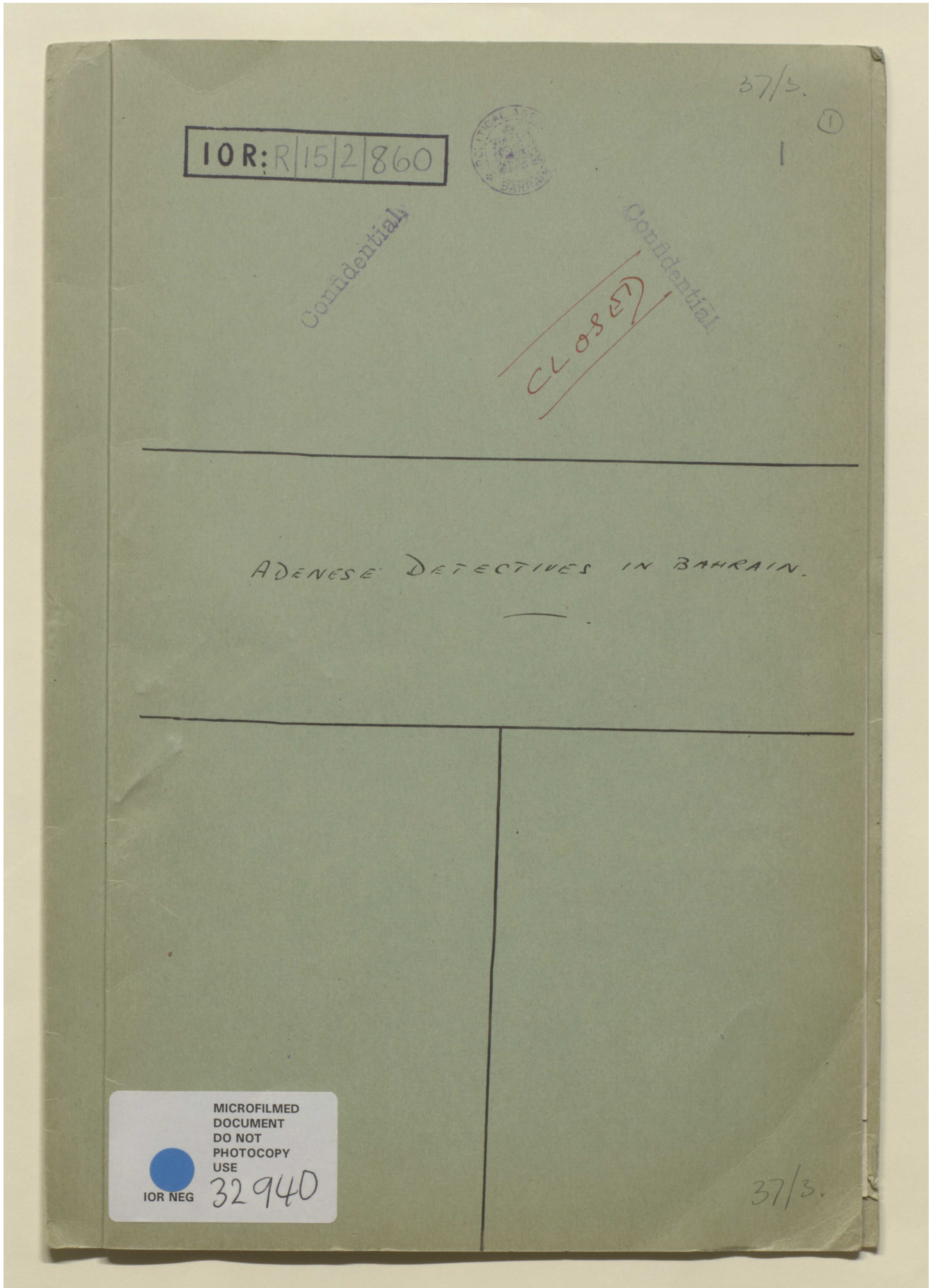
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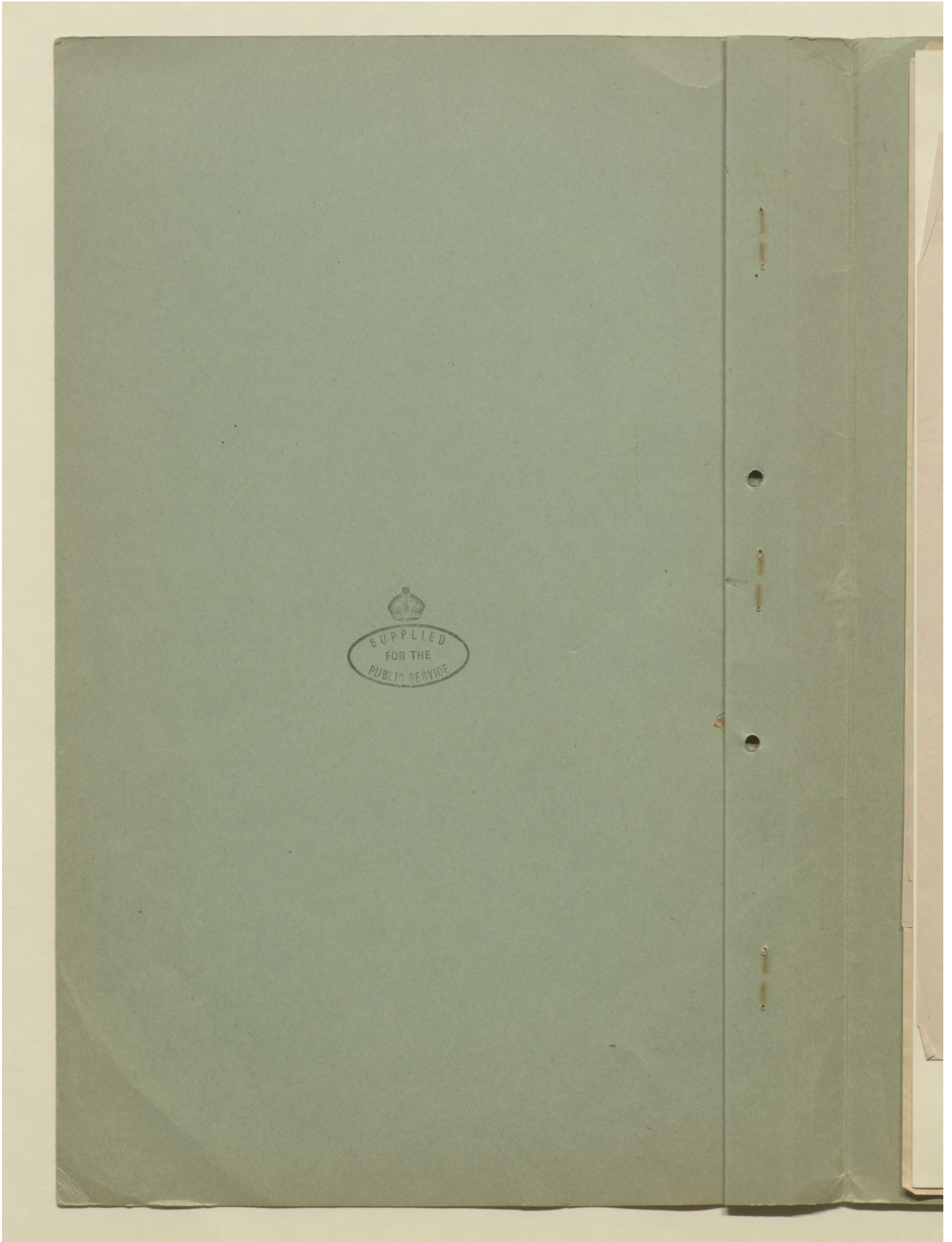


About this record

The file contains correspondence and telegrams between the Political Agent at Bahrain, the Political Residency in the Persian Gulf, the Governor of Aden and Bahrain Petroleum Company Limited (BAPCO) representatives; regarding a visit of two Adenese policemen to Bahrain to investigate on a crime, and arrangements for their repatriation.

'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [front] (1/40)





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Cable Address :
"BAPCO"

THE BAHREIN PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED

BAHREIN ISLAND, PERSIAN GULF.

PA-364.

August 18, 1948.

His Britannic Majesty's Political Agent,
The Agency, Manama,
Bahrein Island.

"HOOD RIVER"
File 630.3

Dear Sir:

I am desired by the local Representative of The Overseas Tankship Corporation to advise you of the substance of a cable received August 15, 1948, from Mr. H. B. Stoval, Manager, Caltex Oil (Aden) Ltd., as follows:-

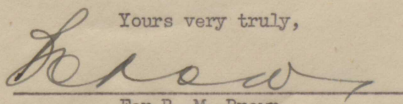
"S/S "HOOD RIVER" WILL SAIL TO-DAY HAVE TWO NATIVE PASSENGERS FOR POLITICAL AGENT AT BAHREIN CONTACT POLITICAL AGENT AT BAHREIN MAKE SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS TO LAND EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING BAHREIN LIGHT VESSEL OR RAS TANURA S/S "HOOD RIVER" WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED DATE OF ARRIVAL BOTH PLACES PLEASE ADVISE AUTHORITIES RAS TANURA FOR SPECIAL PERMISSION TO LAND IN CASE YOU PREFER LANDING RAS TANURA."

In this connection, the following radiogram has just been received from the Captain of the S/S "Hood River", which is scheduled to arrive at the Bahrein light vessel on or about August 19, 1948:-

"CONTACT SIR RUPERT HAY POLITICAL RESIDENT BAHREIN TO ARRANGE LAUNCH MEET VESSEL AT BAHREIN LIGHT VESSEL THURSDAY TO TAKE TWO ADEN DETECTIVES TO BAHREIN (STOP) WIRING EXACT ARRIVAL LIGHT VESSEL LATER (STOP) ADVISE WHETHER LAUNCH WILL MEET OR NOT."

I assume that you will advise the Captain of the S/S "Hood River" direct of arrangements for the disembarkation of the two Adenese passengers.

Yours very truly,

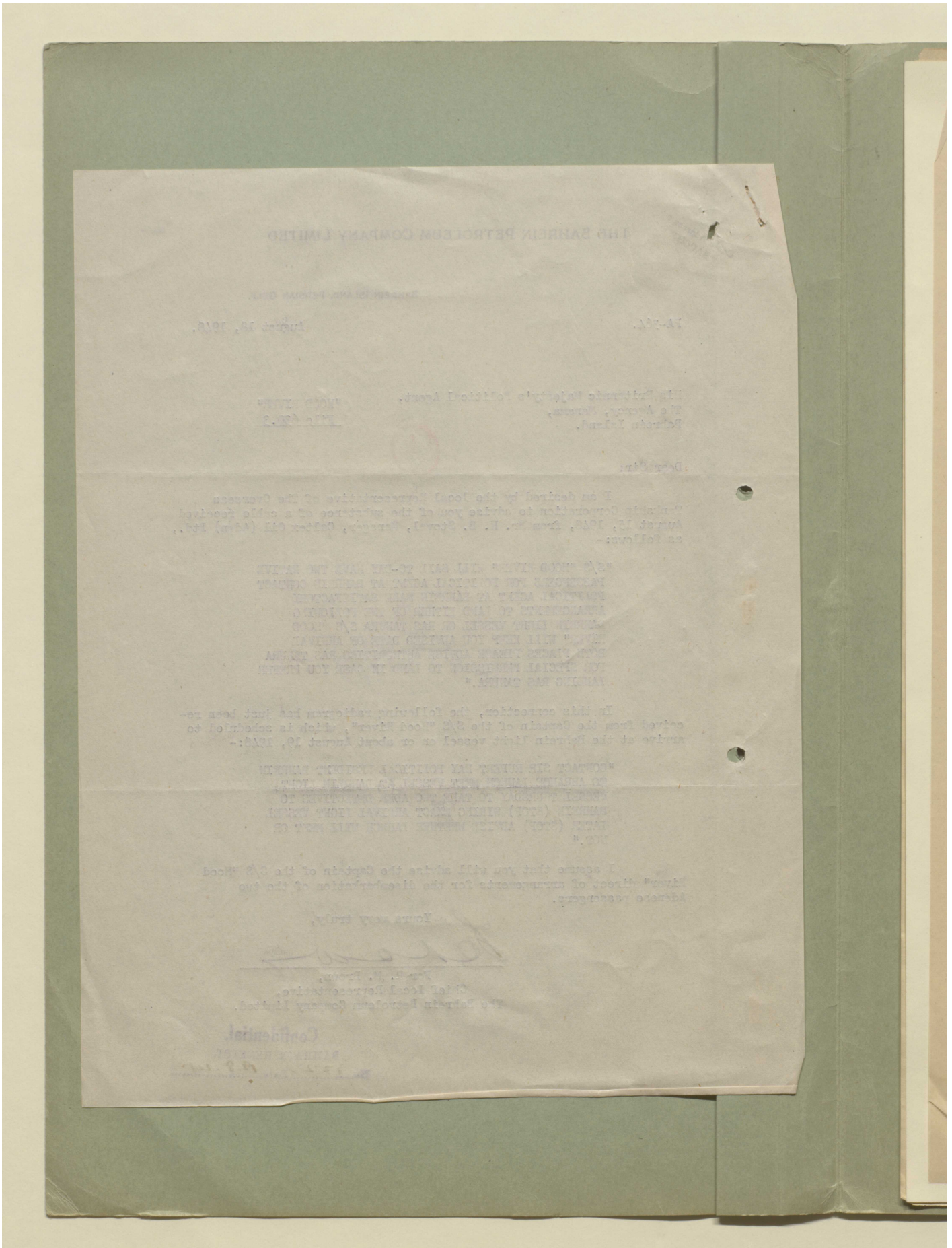

For R. M. Brown,
Chief Local Representative,
The Bahrein Petroleum Company Limited.

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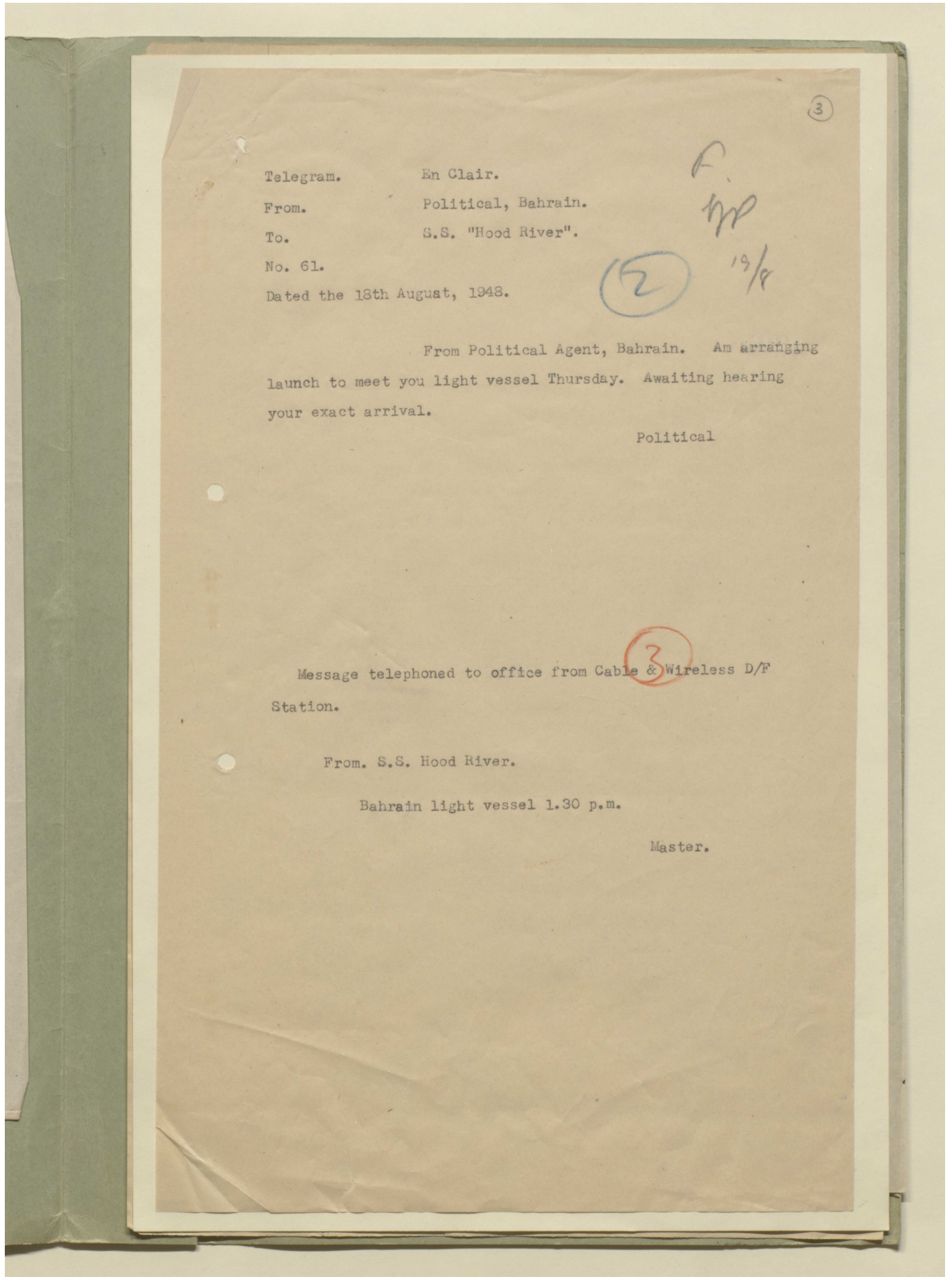
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22 Date 19.8.48

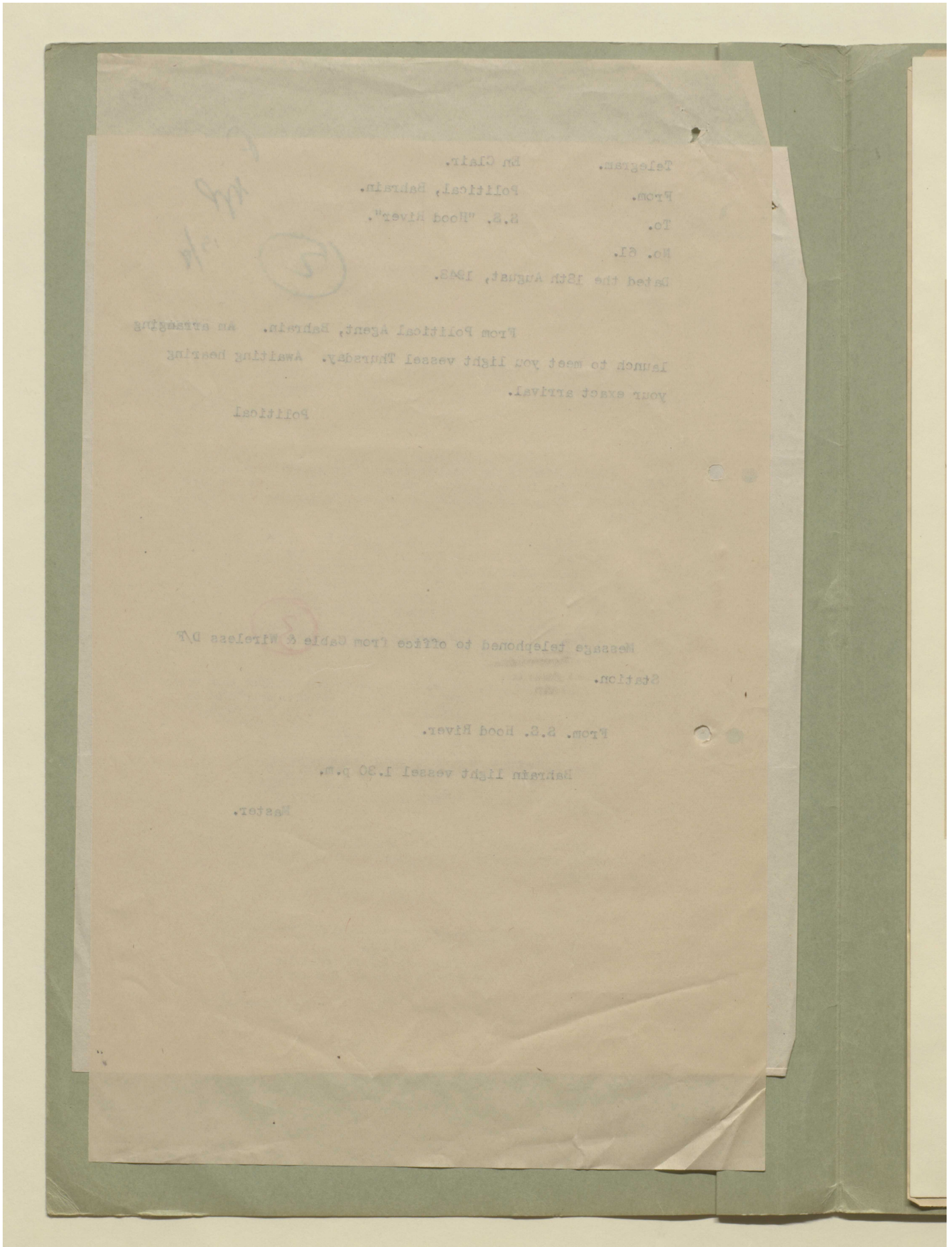
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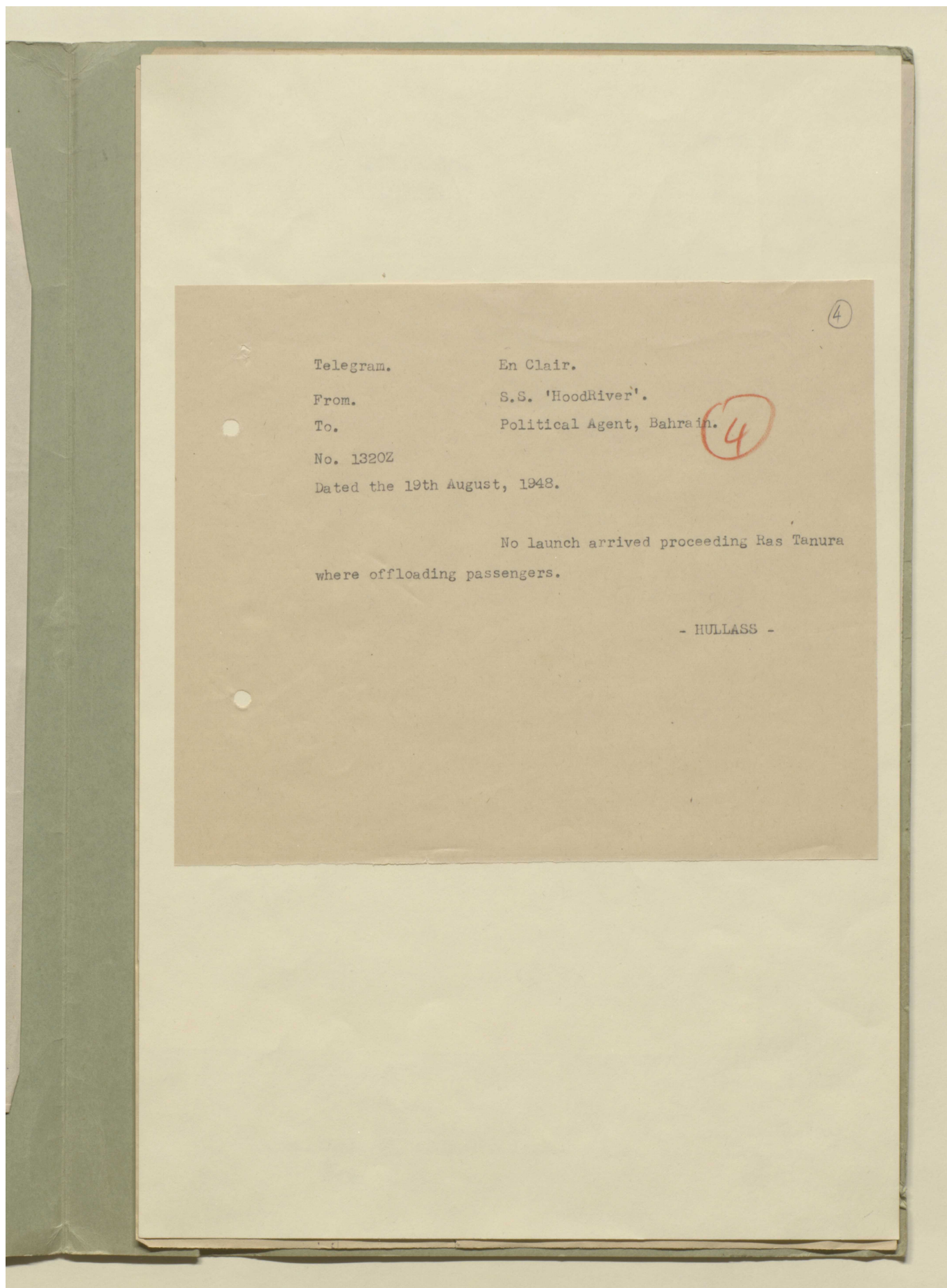
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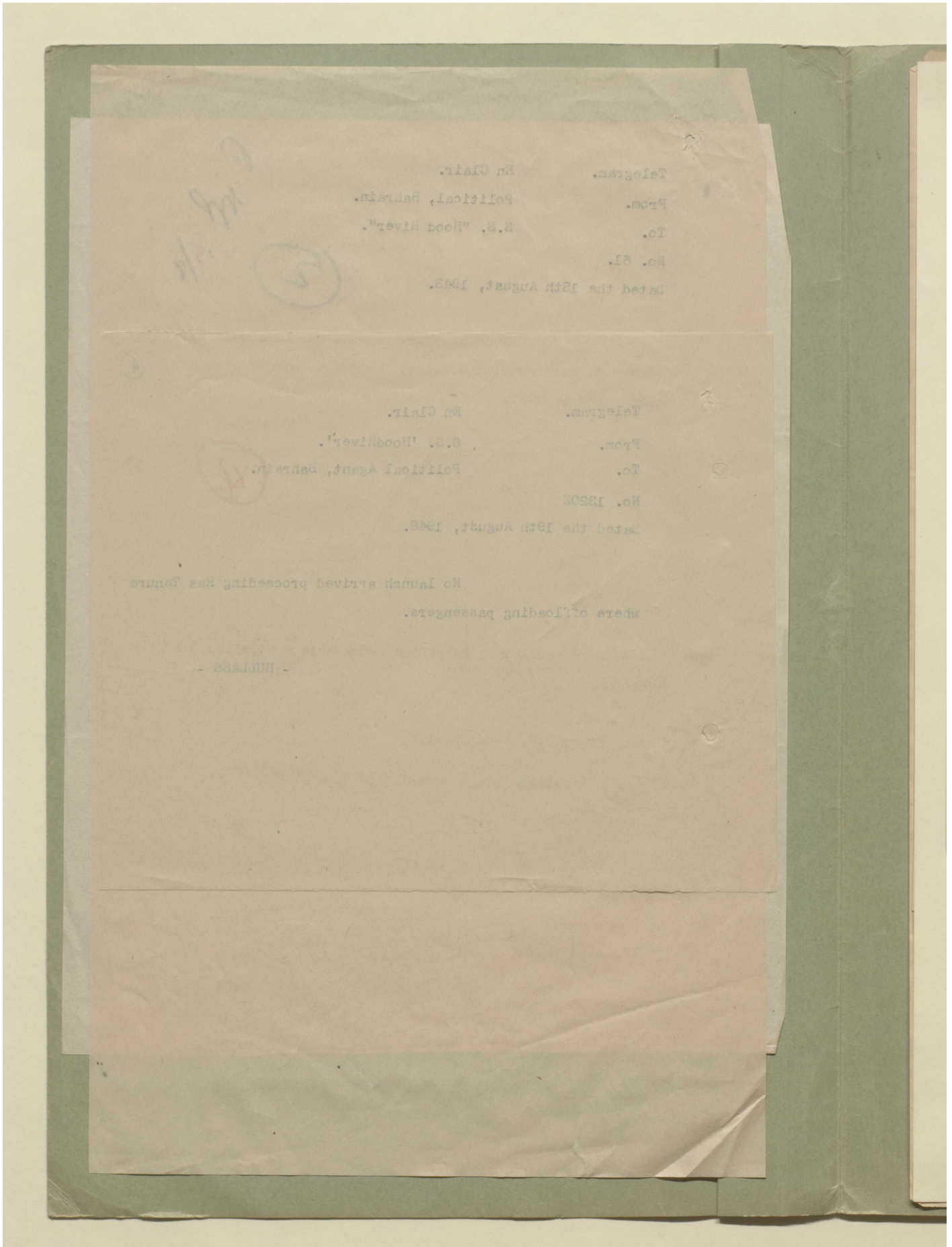
'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [3v] (6/40)



'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [4r] (7/40)



'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [4v] (8/40)



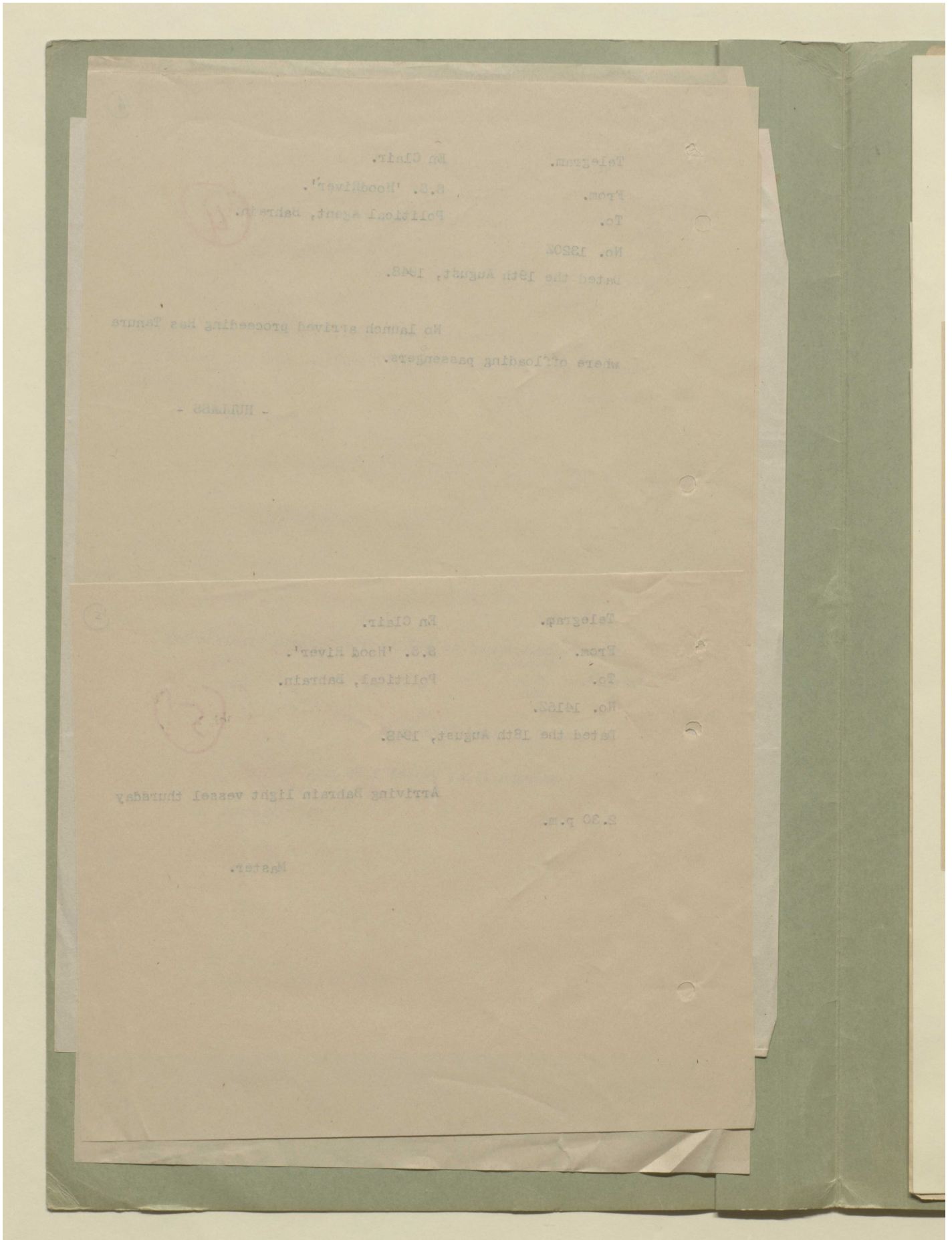
'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [5r] (9/40)

Telegram. En Clair. (5)
From. S.S. 'Hood River'.
To. Political, Bahrain. (5)
No. 1415Z.
Dated the 18th August, 1948.

Arriving Bahrain light vessel thursday
2.30 p.m.

Master.

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'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [6r] (11/40)

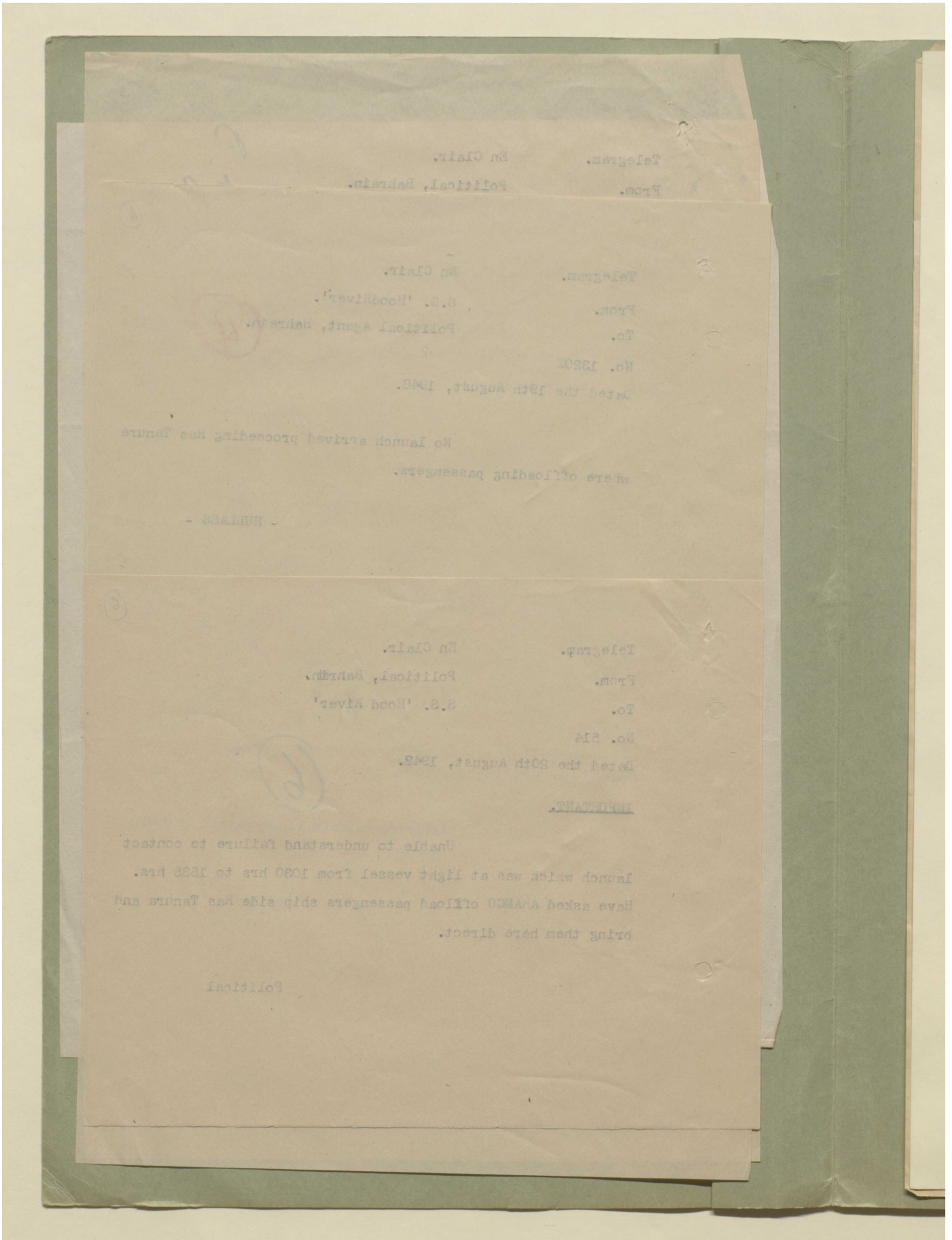
Telegram. En Clair.
From. Political, Bahrain.
To. S.S. 'Hood River'
No. 514
Dated the 20th August, 1948.

IMPORTANT.

Unable to understand failure to contact
launch which was at light vessel from 1030 hrs to 1535 hrs.
Have asked ARAMCO of load passengers ship side Ras Tanura and
bring them here direct.

Political

'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [6v] (12/40)



'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [7r] (13/40)

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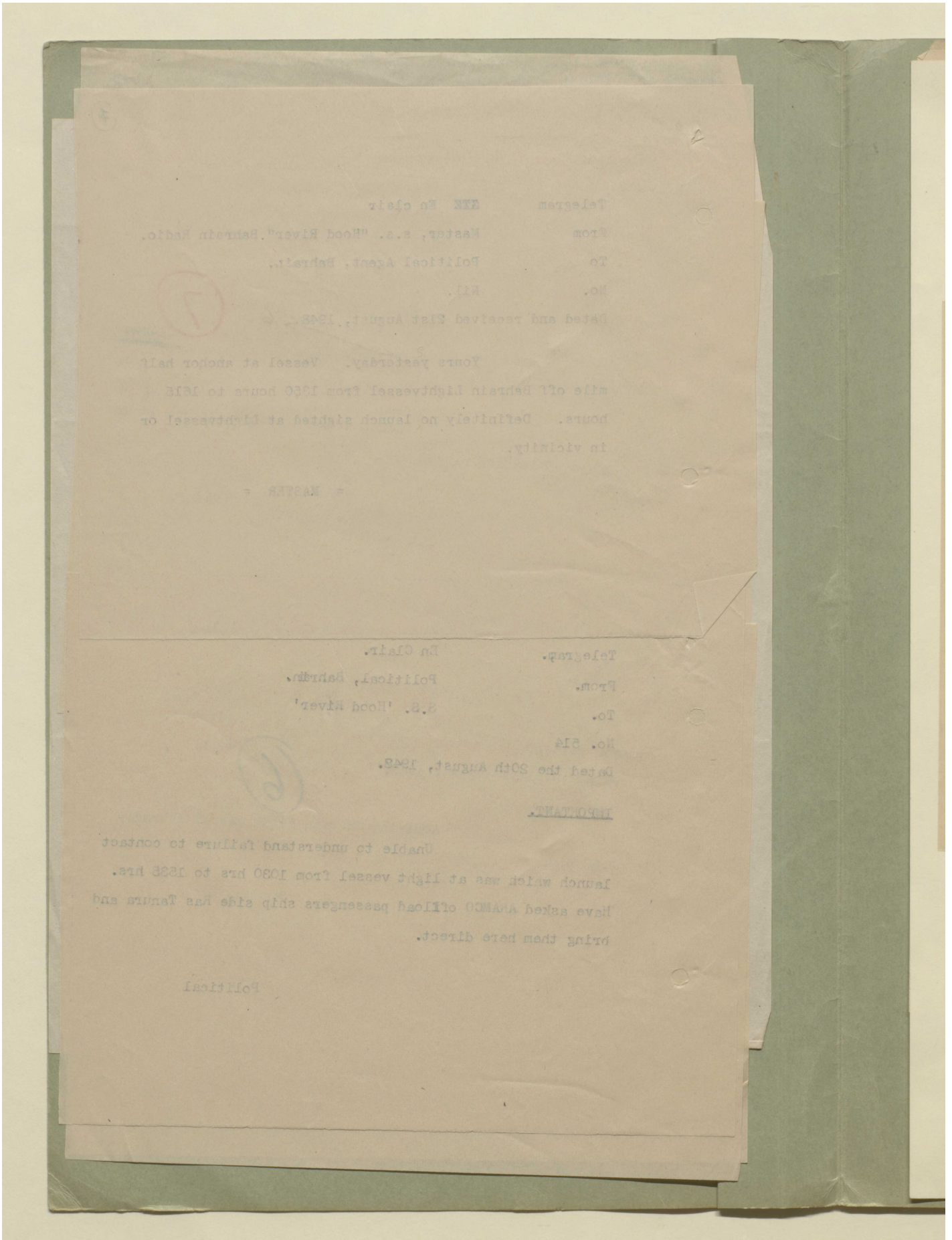
Telegram ~~ETE~~ En clair
From Master, s.s. "Hood River" Bahrain Radio.
To Political Agent, Bahrain.
No. Nil.
Dated and received 21st August, 1948 ^{5.6} .

(7)

Yours yesterday. Vessel at anchor half
mile off Bahrain Lightvessel from 1350 hours to 1615
hours. Definitely no launch sighted at Lightvessel or
in vicinity.

= MASTER =

'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [7v] (14/40)



'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [8r] (15/40)

Telegram En clair
From Political Agent, Bahrain.
To Master, "Hood River", Bahrain Radio.
No.
Dated 22nd August, 1948.

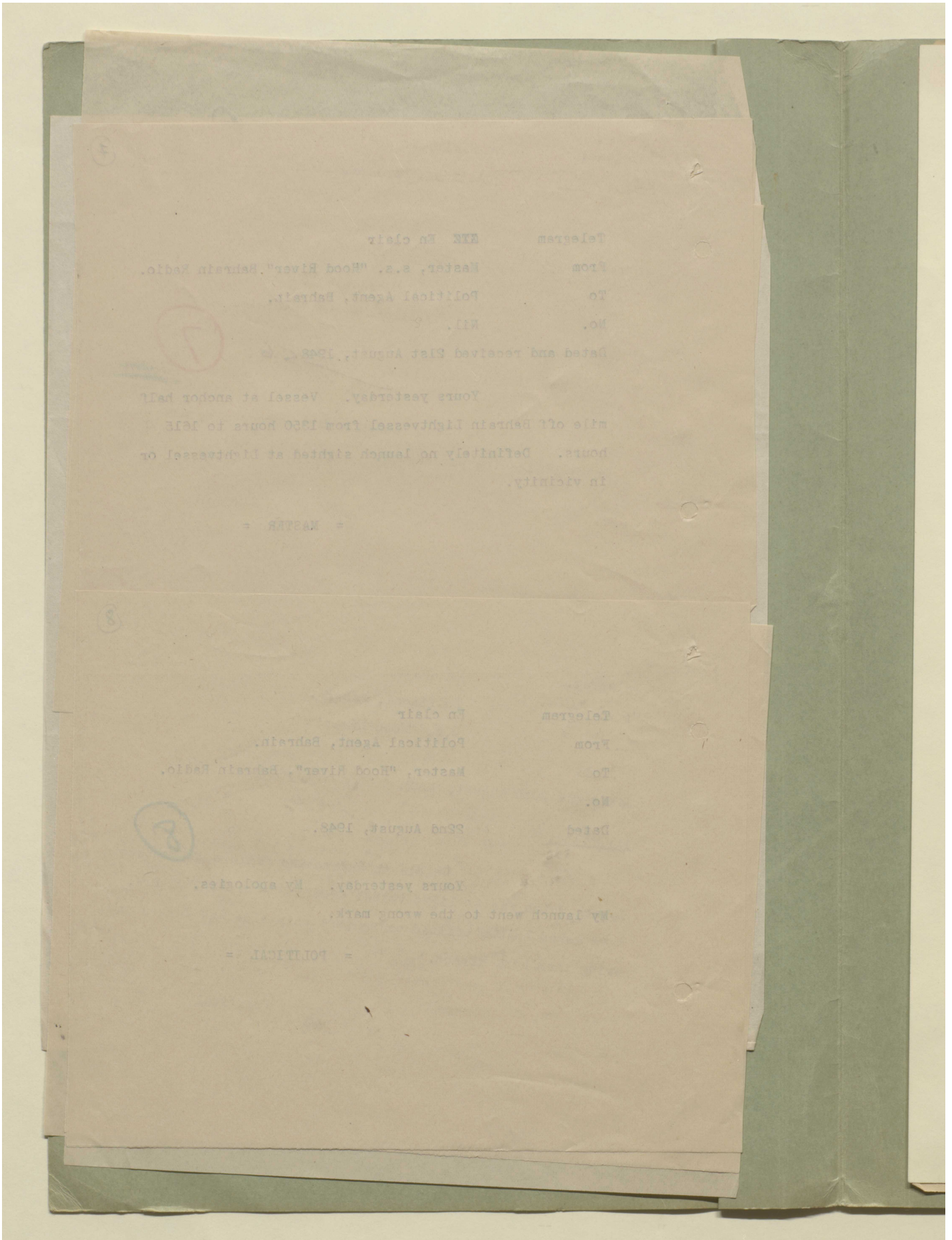
Yours yesterday. My apologies.
My launch went to the wrong mark.

= POLITICAL =

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'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [8v] (16/40)



'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [9r] (17/40)

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D.O.No. C/L-10. Dated 17th August 1948.

Dear Kearney,

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On consideration I think you are right about there being no necessity for a letter to the Master of the s.s. "Hood". I have however written a sort of certificate which whoever brings the launch to the s.s. "Hood" could show to the Master or his passengers if necessary. I send it herewith.

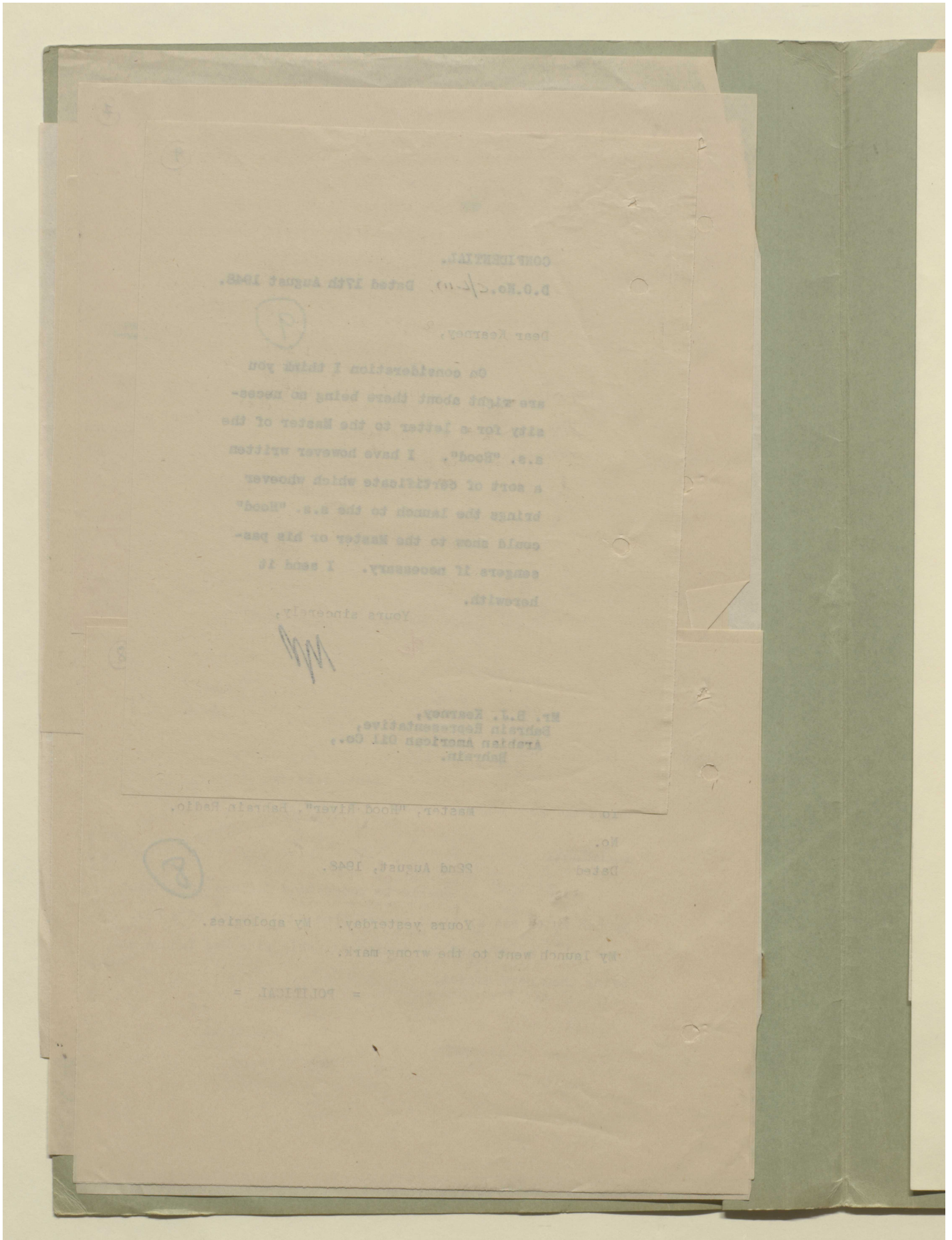
Yours sincerely,

dc



Mr. B.J. Kearney,
Bahrain Representative,
Arabian American Oil Co.,
Bahrain.

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'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [10r] (19/40)

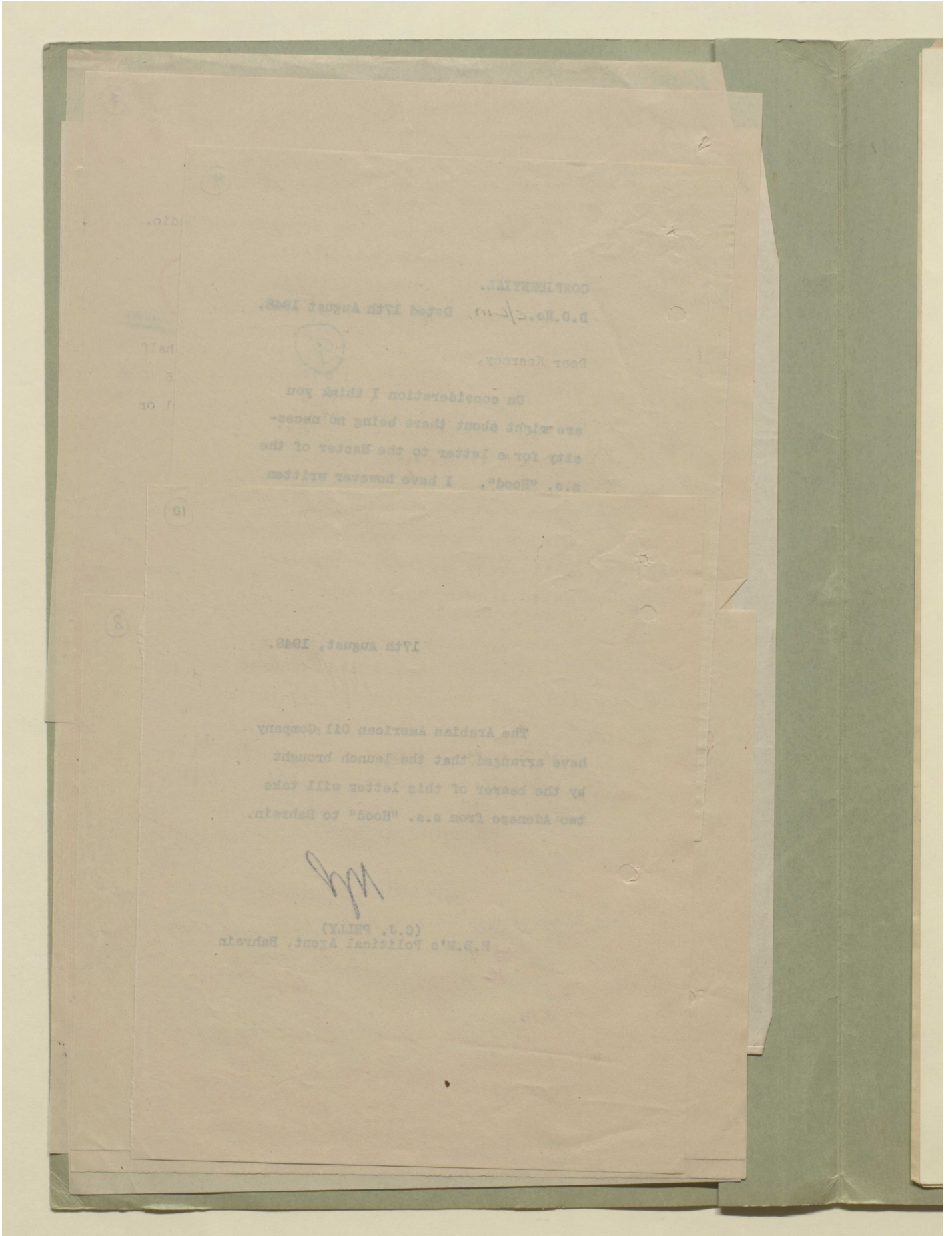
17th August, 1948.

The Arabian American Oil Company
have arranged that the launch brought
by the bearer of this letter will take
two Adenese from s.s. "Hood" to Bahrain.

[Handwritten signature]

(C.J. PELLY)
H.B.M.'s Political Agent, Bahrain

'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [10v] (20/40)



'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [11r] (21/40)

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S.O.No.C/R-187.

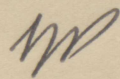
POLITICAL AGENCY,
BAHRAIN,
Dated 27th September, 1948.

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Dear Colonel Galloway,

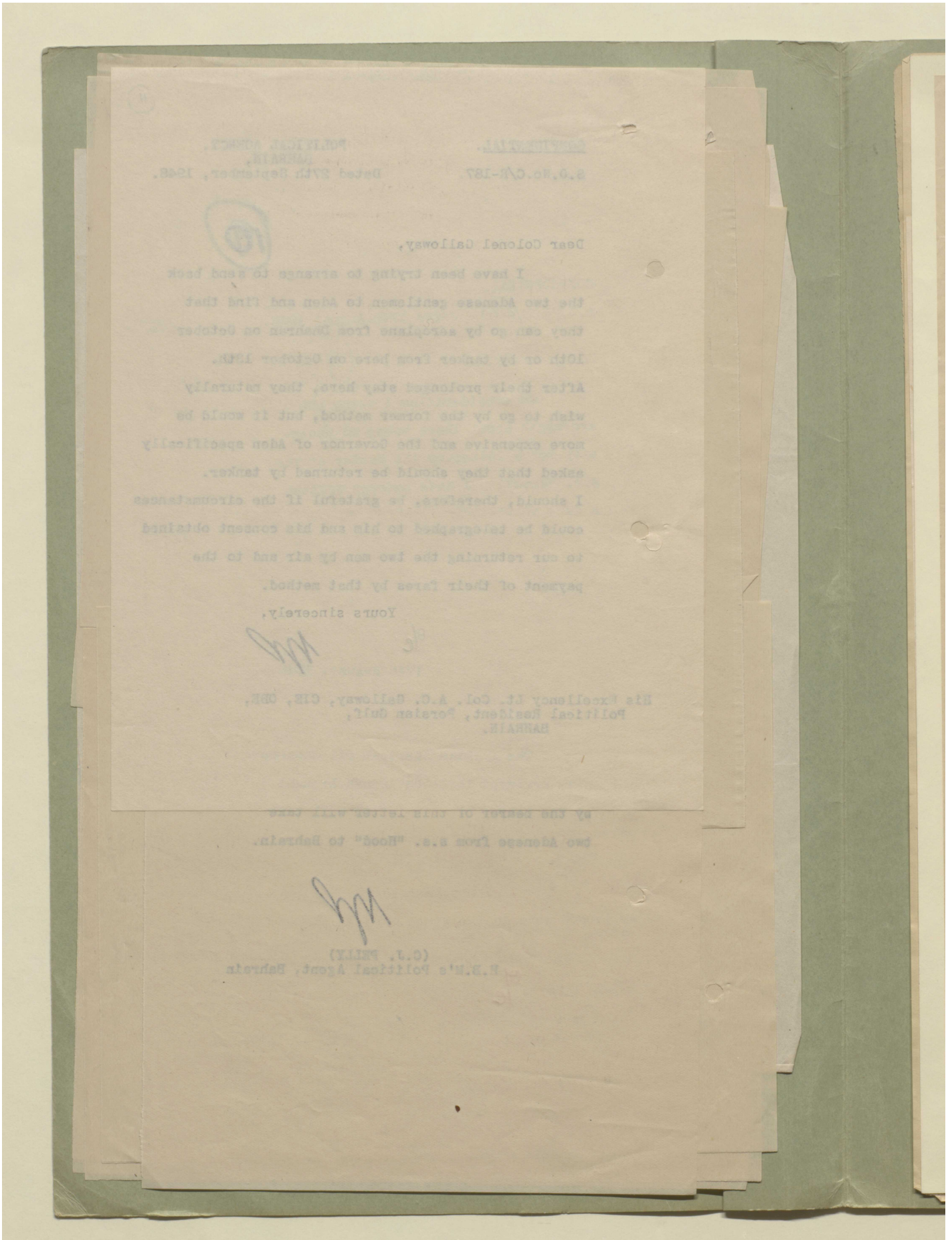
I have been trying to arrange to send back the two Adenese gentlemen to Aden and find that they can go by aeroplane from Dhahran on October 10th or by tanker from here on October 13th. After their prolonged stay here, they naturally wish to go by the former method, but it would be more expensive and the Governor of Aden specifically asked that they should be returned by tanker. I should, therefore, be grateful if the circumstances could be telegraphed to him and his consent obtained to our returning the two men by air and to the payment of their fares by that method.

Yours sincerely,

W/C 

His Excellency Lt. Col. A.C. Galloway, CIE, OBE,
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
BAHRAIN.

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PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY.

CONFIDENTIAL.

BAHRAIN.

(91/13/48).

5th. October 1948.

My dear Pelly.

(11)

S.15

Will you please refer to your S.O letter No. C/R-187 of 27th September regarding the repatriation of two Adenese ?

2. I have suggested to the Governor of Aden that the men should return by Air, but he prefers them to travel by sea.

3. Would you, therefore, please arrange their passage on the tanker which is due to sail on 13th October and let me know the name of the ship and its expected date of arrival in Aden, in order that I may inform the Governor ?

'A'

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

C.J.Pelly, Esqr,
Political Agent,
Bahrain.

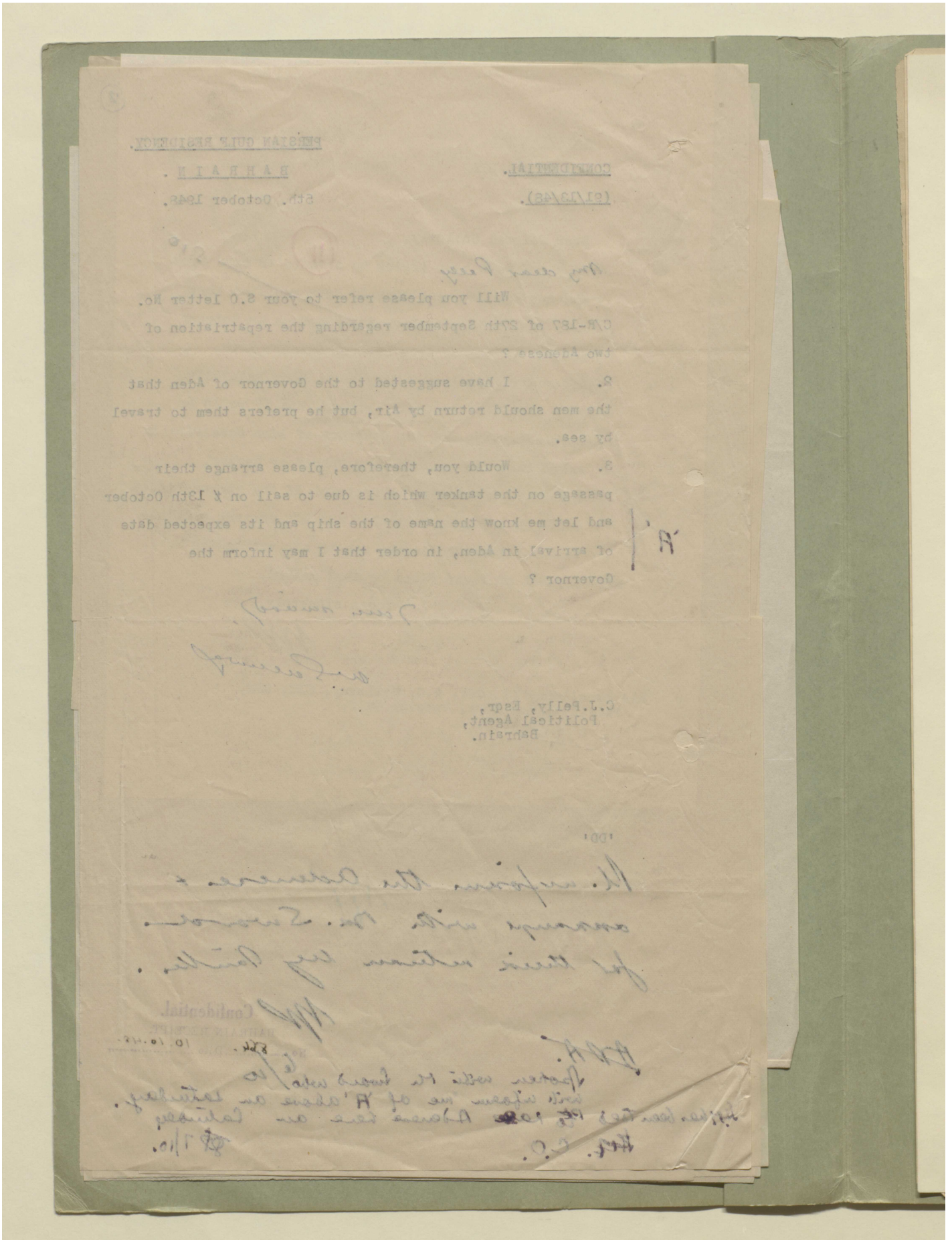
'DD'

Pl. inform the Adenese & arrange with Mr. Sward for their return by tanker.

[Signature] Confidential.
BAHRAIN RECEIPT.
No. *546* Date *10.10.48*

AAA.

Spoken with Mr Sward who will inform me of 'A' above on Saturday. It has been told to ~~the~~ Adenese here on Saturday.
Att. C.O. *6/10* *7/10.*



'File 37/3 Adenese detectives in Bahrain' [13r] (25/40)

URGENT

CONFIDENTIAL.

POLITICAL AGENCY,
BAHRAIN,
Dated 17th October, 1948.

No.C/R-202.

Dear Dredge,

Please refer to S.O.No.(91/13/48), dated the 5th October, 1948, from Col. Galloway to Pelly, regarding the repatriation of the two Adenese.

2. It was not possible to repatriate the Adenese by tanker on 13th October as Bapco informed me that the tanker had been diverted from Bahrain.

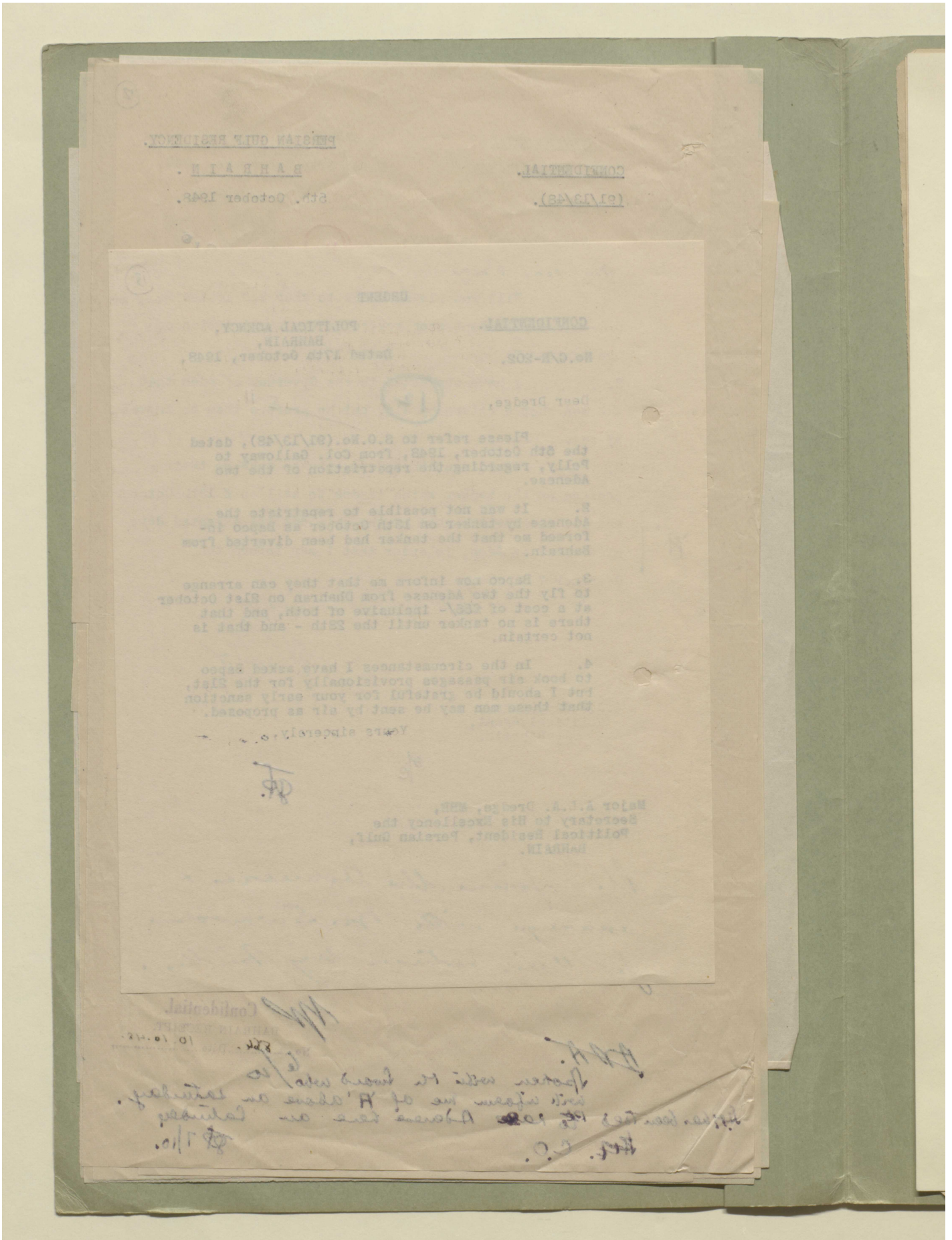
3. Bapco now inform me that they can arrange to fly the two Adenese from Dhahran on 21st October at a cost of £56/- inclusive of both, and that there is no tanker until the 28th - and that is not certain.

4. In the circumstances I have asked Bapco to book air passages provisionally for the 21st, but I should be grateful for your early sanction that these men may be sent by air as proposed.

Yours sincerely,

Major A.L.A. Dredge, MBE,
Secretary to His Excellency the
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
BAHRAIN.

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PERGIAN GULF RESIDENCY

B A H R A I N
5th October 1948

CONFIDENTIAL
(91/13/48)

URGENT
POLITICAL AGENCY
BAHRAIN
Dated 17th October, 1948
No. G.N.F. 202

Dear Sir,

Please refer to G.O. No. (91/13/48), dated
the 8th October, 1948, from Col. Galloway to
P.O., regarding the transportation of the two
Adenese.

It was not possible to re-arrange the
Adenese by tanker on 15th October as cargo is
loaded so that the tanker had been diverted from
Bahrain.

It is hoped now inform us that they can arrange
to fly the two Adenese from Dhahran on 21st October
at a cost of £25/- inclusive of both, and that
there is no tanker with the 23th - and that is
not certain.

In the circumstances I have asked Sir
to book air passages provisionally for the 21st,
but I should be grateful for your early sanction
that these can be sent by air as proposed.


Yours sincerely,

Major A. A. Greig, MB, MC
Secretary to His Excellency the
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
BAHRAIN.

Handwritten notes in Arabic script, including a signature and the date 17/10.

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PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN,
29th October, 1948.

(91/16/48)

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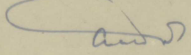
S. 12

Dear Pelly,

Will you please refer to Hudson's letter No. C/R 202 of 17th October regarding the two Adenese policemen?

2. The proprietor of the Taj Manal Hotel, an Indian named Mulchand, trading under the name of Kumar, has submitted a bill for Rs.3,250 for their accommodation from 23rd August to 25th October. This works out at a rate of Rs.25 per head per day inclusive of meals and would appear to be quite exorbitant and more than we should reasonably ask Aden Government to pay.

3. I should be grateful for your views on this rate, particularly in comparison with those of other similar lodging houses in Bahrain.

Yours sincerely


C.J. Pelly, Esq., O.B.E.,
Political Agent,
Bahrain.

H. N. to report

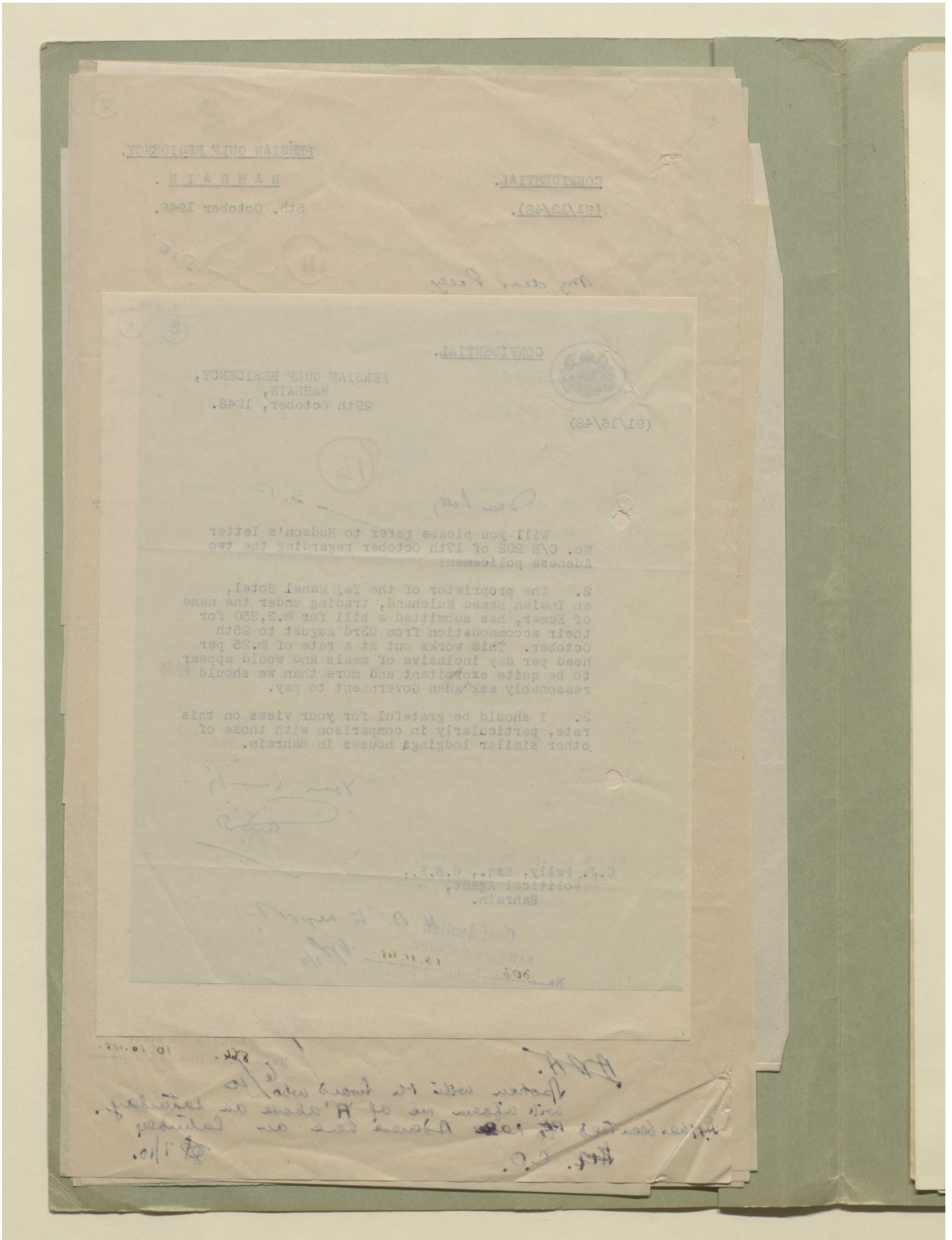
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No. 202 Date 13.10.48

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POLITICAL AGENCY,
BAHRAIN,

S.O.No.C/R-223.

Dated 8th November, 1948.

Dear Dredge,

(14)

S.13

The rates mentioned in your semi-official letter No.(91/16/48), dated the 29th October, 1948, for the board of the two Adenese Policemen, are far too high and are twice those charged by the other hotel keeper whose rates I have obtained. — They are as follows:

- (a) Lodging & boarding for Arabs Rs.12/8 per capita per day
- (b) -do- for Indians Rs.15/-
- (c) -do- for Europeans Rs.20/-

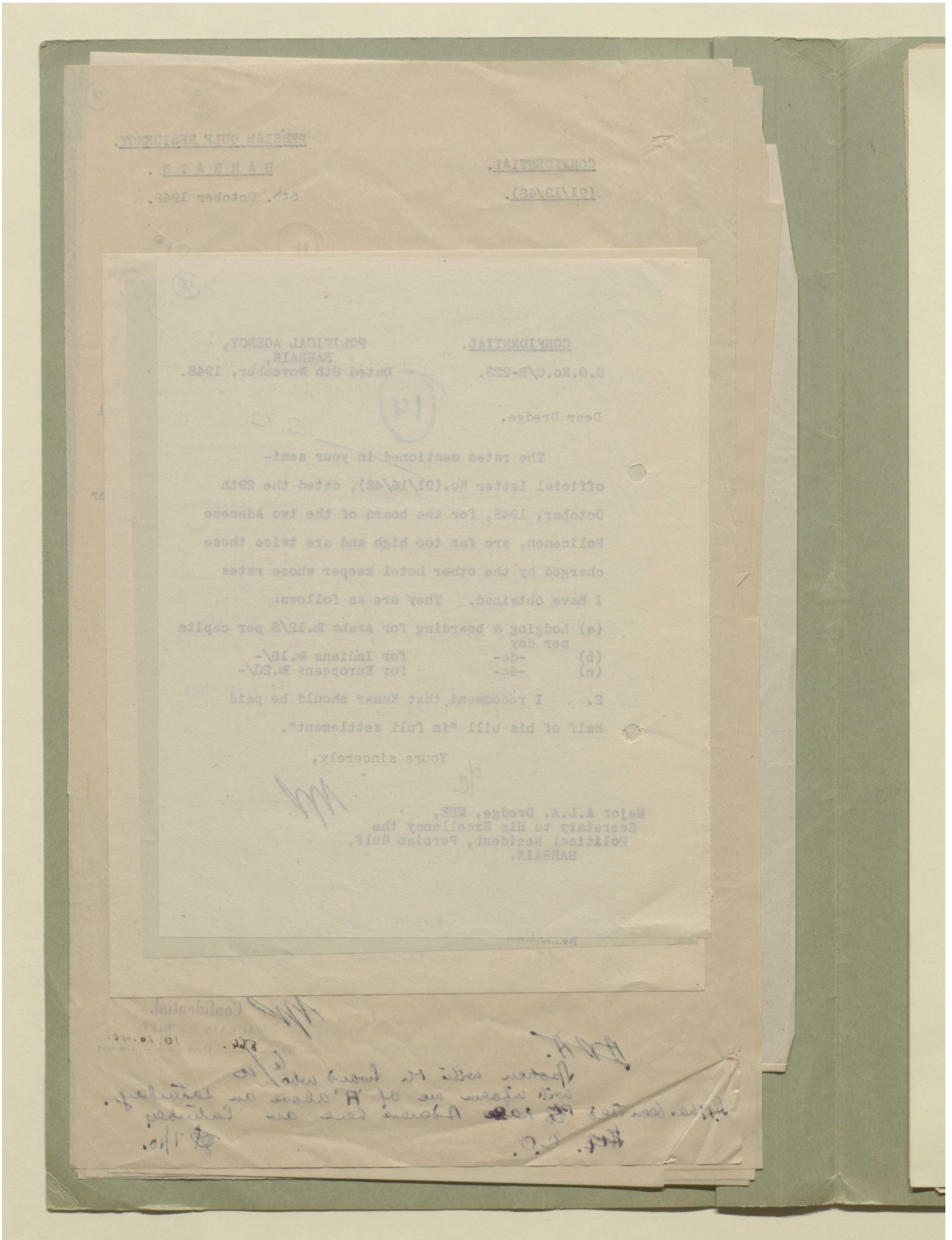
2. I recommend that Kumar should be paid half of his bill "in full settlement".

Yours sincerely,

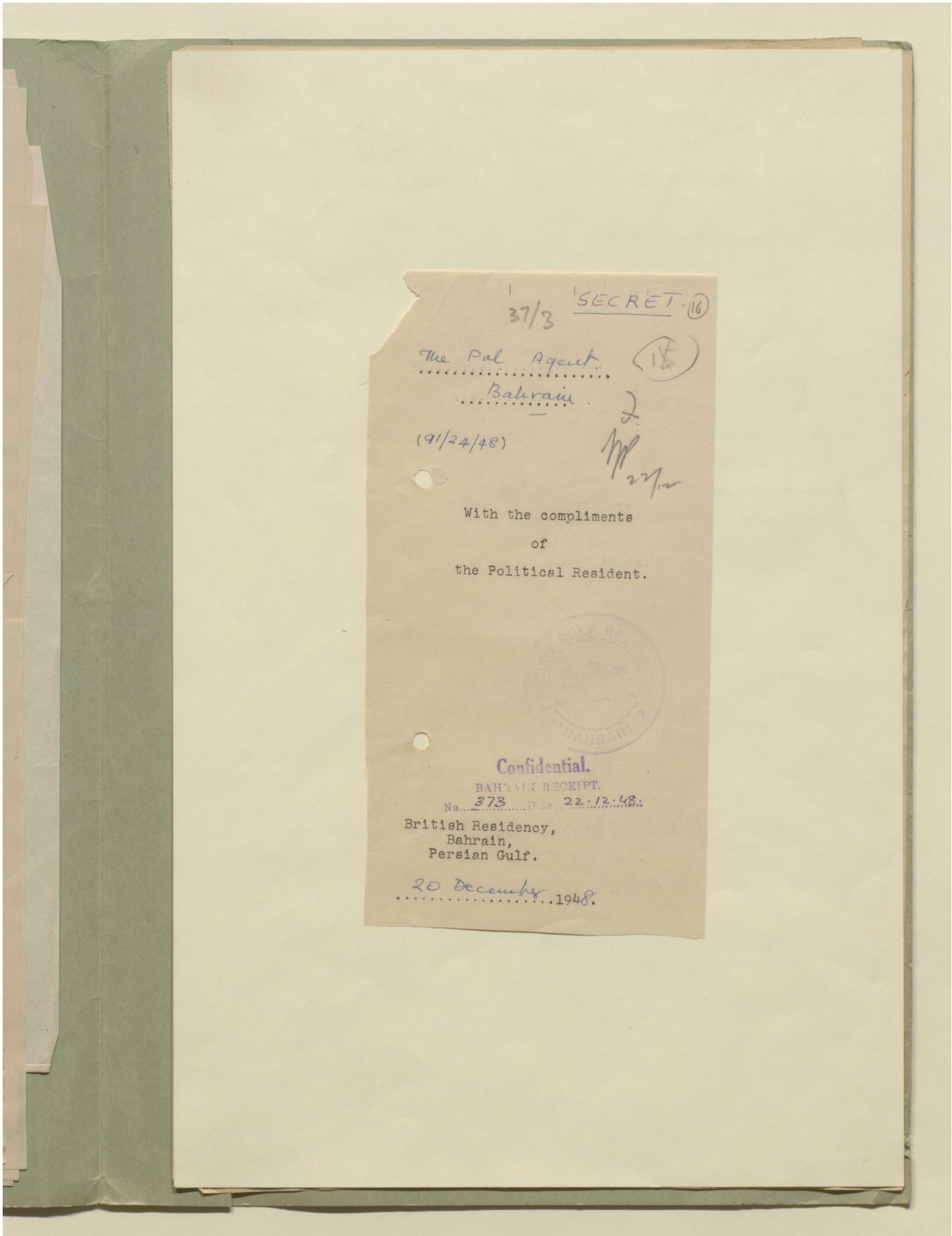
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Major A.L.A. Dredge, MBE,
Secretary to His Excellency the
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
BAHRAIN.

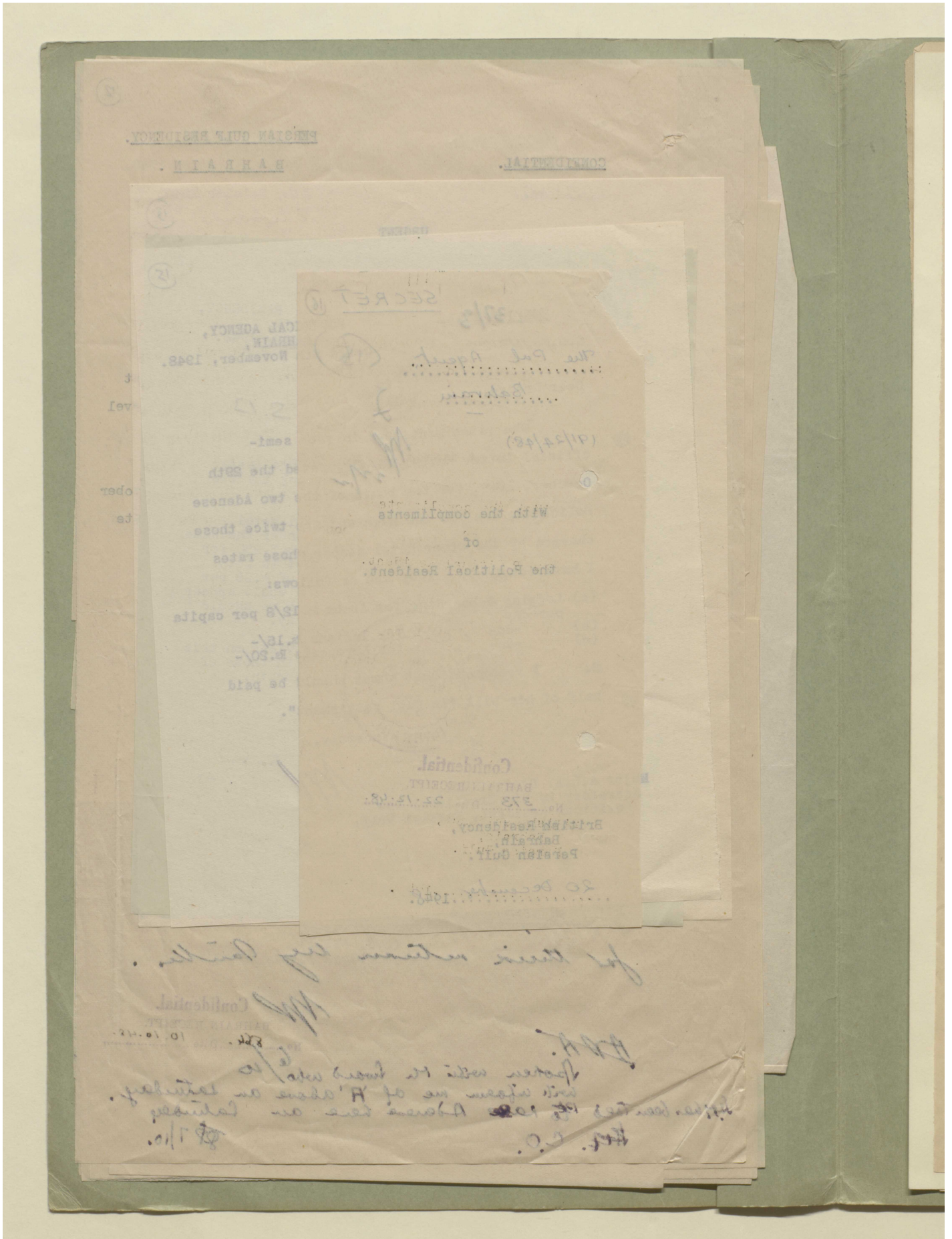
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SECRET.

NO. S.518.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
ADEN,
23rd November, 1948.

Sir,

for the
help you
gave?

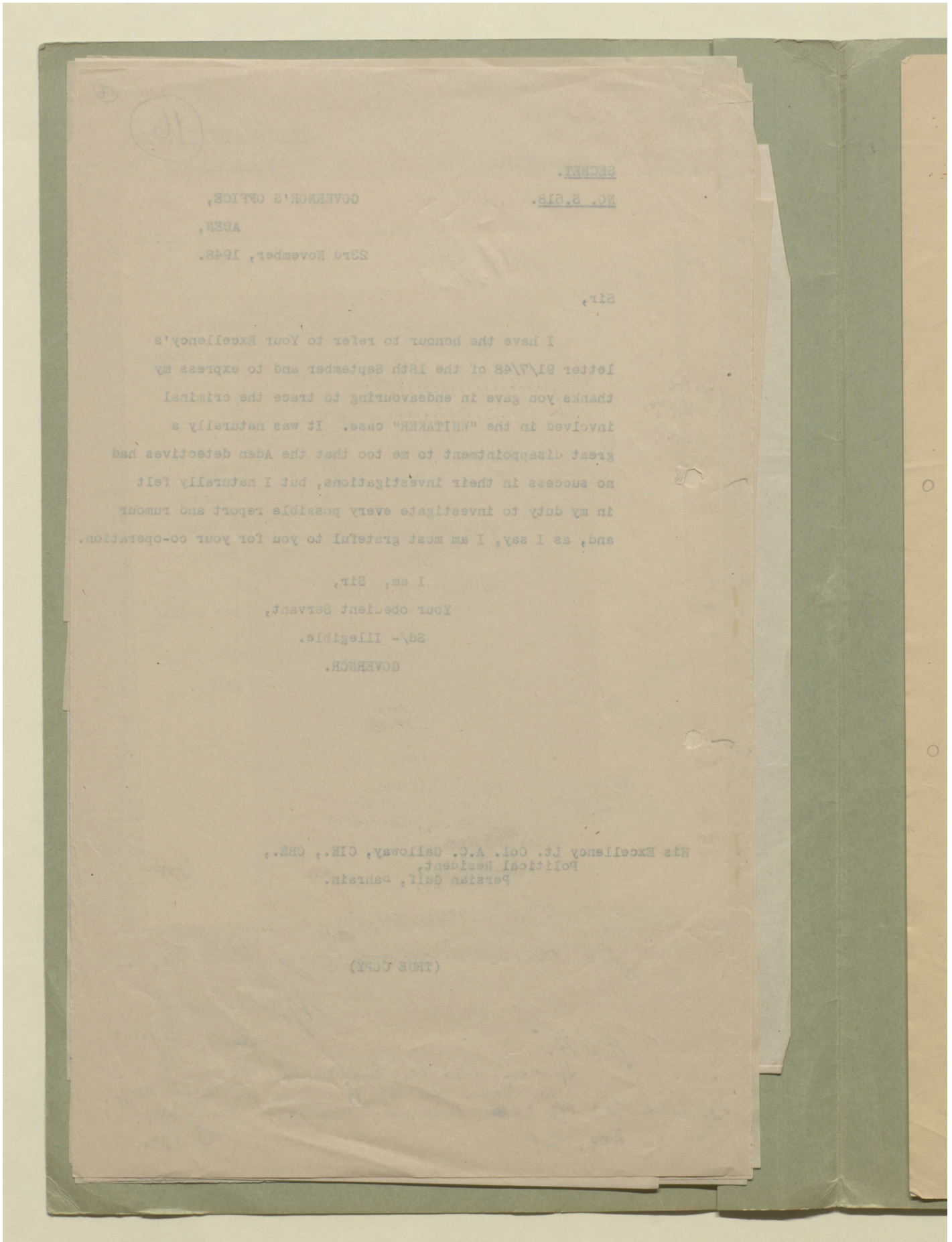
I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's letter 91/7/48 of the 18th September and to express my thanks you gave in endeavouring to trace the criminal involved in the "WHITAKER" case. It was naturally a great disappointment to me too that the Aden detectives had no success in their investigations, but I naturally felt in my duty to investigate every possible report and rumour and, as I say, I am most grateful to you for your co-operation.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Sd/- Illegible.
GOVERNOR.

His Excellency Lt. Col. A.C. Galloway, CIE., OBE.,
Political Resident,
Persian Gulf, Bahrain.

(TRUE COPY)

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17 (18)

(1)
Letter No. PA. 364. dt. 18. 8. 48 from Bapco.

(2)
Issued tel No. 61. dt. 18. 8. 48 to S.S. 'Hood River'.

(3)
Message telephoned from C.W. Ltd from S.S. 'Hood River'.

(4)
Tel No. 13202 dt. 19. 8. 48 from S.S. 'Hood River'.

(5)
Tel. NO. 14152 dt. 18. 8. 48 from S.S. 'Hood River'.

(6)
~~Tel. Nil dt. 21. 8. 48 from S.S. 'Hood River'.~~
Issued Tel. No. 514. dt. 20. 8. 48 to S.S. 'H. Rivers'.

(7)
Tel. Nil dt. 21. 8. 48 from S.S. 'Hood Rivers'.

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(8)
Issued Tel. No. 66. dt. 22. 8. 48 to S.S. 'H. Rivers'.

(9)
Issued D.O. No. C/L-117. dt. 17. 8. 48 to Bahrain Rep.
France.

(10)
Issued S.O. No. C/R. 187 dt. 27. 9. 48 to P.R. Bapco.

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(11)

D.O. No. (91/13/48) dated the 5th October, 1948, from P.R.

Please inform the Adenese and arrange with Mr. Sword
for their return by Tanker.

It'd. C.J.P.
6/10/48

Spoken with Mr. Sword who will inform me of "A"
above on Saturday. H.M. has been told to have Adenese here
on Saturday.

It'd. J.E.H.H.
7/10/48

2 Adenese - repatriation to Aden.

Bapco inform me they can arrange air passage
from Dhahran on 21st (cost £.56 inclusive of both).

I have told them to book provisionally but I presume
we must inform Residency? Papers in C.W. I believe.

It'd. J.E.H.H.
16/10/48

Submitted.

J.E.H.
17/10

~~AAA~~

Pe issue my draft urgently.

J.E.H. 17/10.

(12)

Issued CIR-202. dt. 17.10.48 to Secy B.P.R.

Secretary has confirmed that P.R. has no objection
to the two Adenese being sent by air on the 21st. He will not
be writing. Bill for the passage will be sent direct to
Residency by Bapco.

I am telling H.M. to make the necessary arrangements
as regards travel.

It'd. J.E.H.H.
18/10/48

cf. J.E.H.
18/10

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Letter No. 91/16/48 dt. 29. X. 48 from ~~Aden~~ P.R.

(14)

General D.O. No. c/r. 223 dt. 5. 11. 48 to ~~Aden~~ P.R.

(15)

P.L. No. 91/24/48 dt. 20. 12. 48 from ~~Aden~~ Residence.

File

gtr. C.S.P.
22. 12. 48.

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