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'File No. 1/8 CENTRE OF ARAB STUDIES - JERUSALEM'

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About this record

The file discusses the Centre for Arabic Studies at Jerusalem which was set up by Colonel Bertram Thomas to give students (primarily those from the Army and RAF) a years grounding in the Arabic language and in Arab culture.

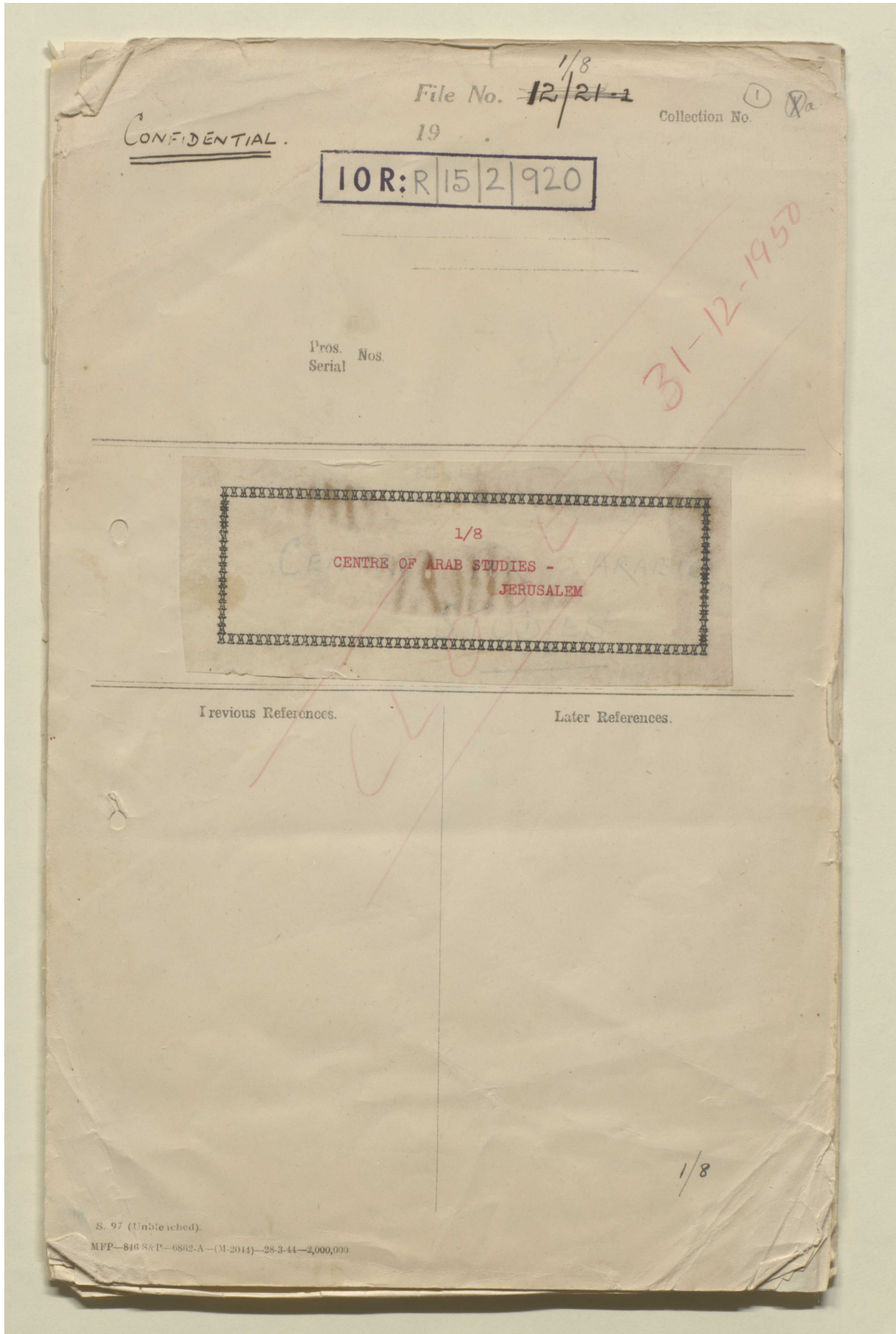
Included in the file are a report from Tom Hickinbotham, Political Agent at Bahrain, of his visit to the centre, and a discussion between the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf and the Secretary to the Government of India's External Affairs Department regarding the possible recruitment of students from the course to work in the Indian Civil Service.

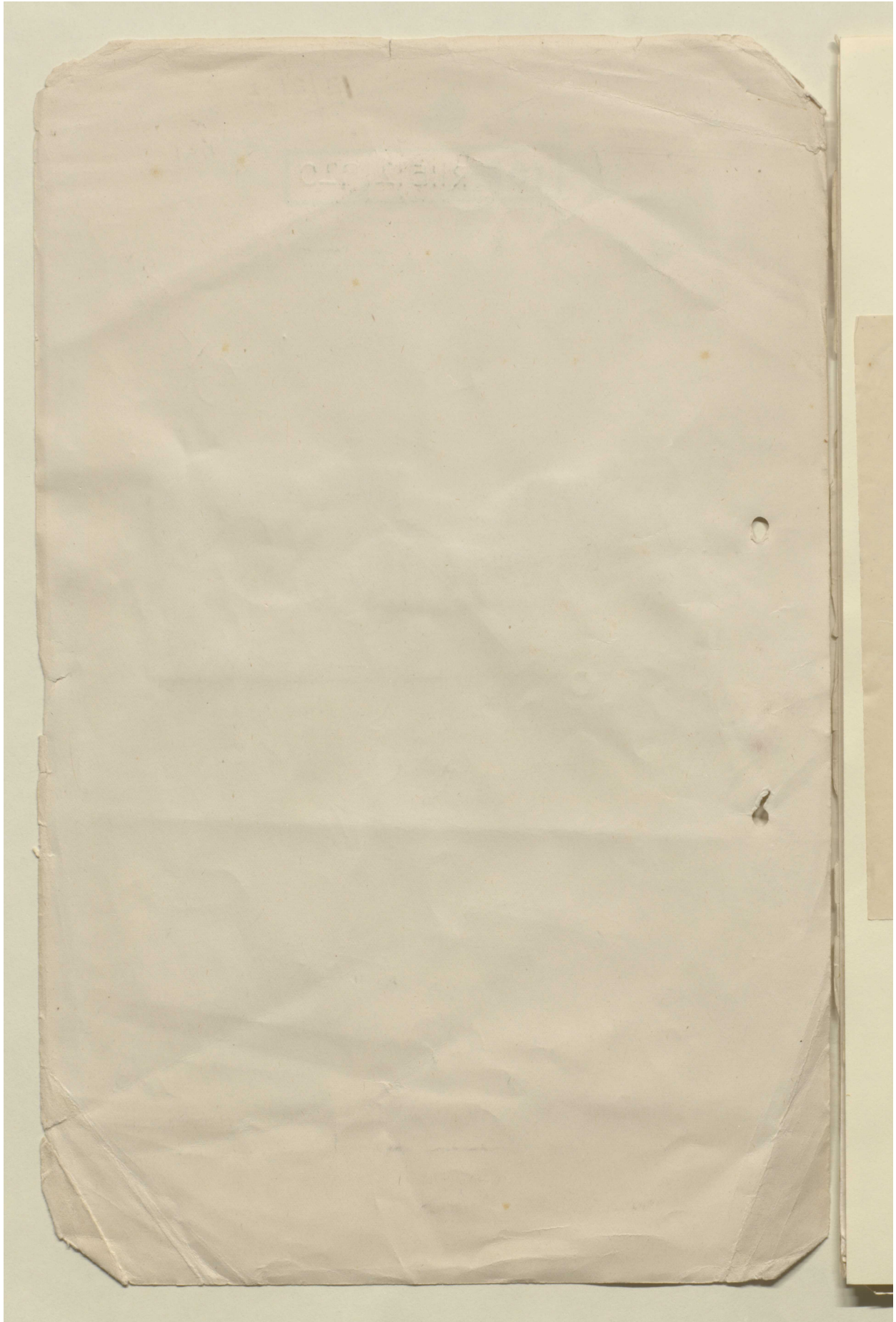
Also discussed is the possibility of officers from the Persian Gulf being sent to the centre to improve and enhance their Arabic skills.

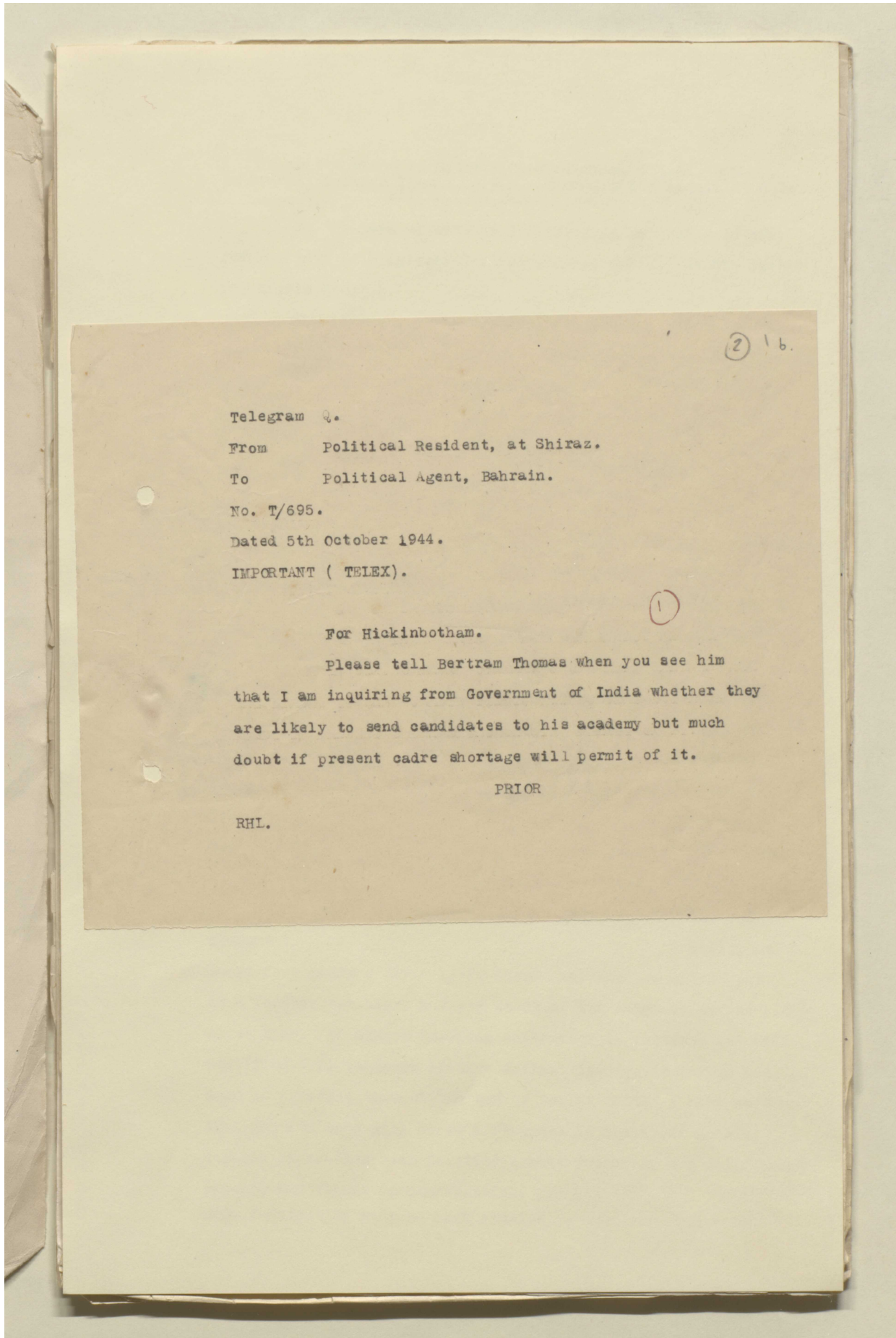
A report written by Raymond Clive Murphy, Political Agent on the Trucial Coast, about a short course in Arabic which he attended at the Newman School of Missions in Jerusalem, is also included in the file.

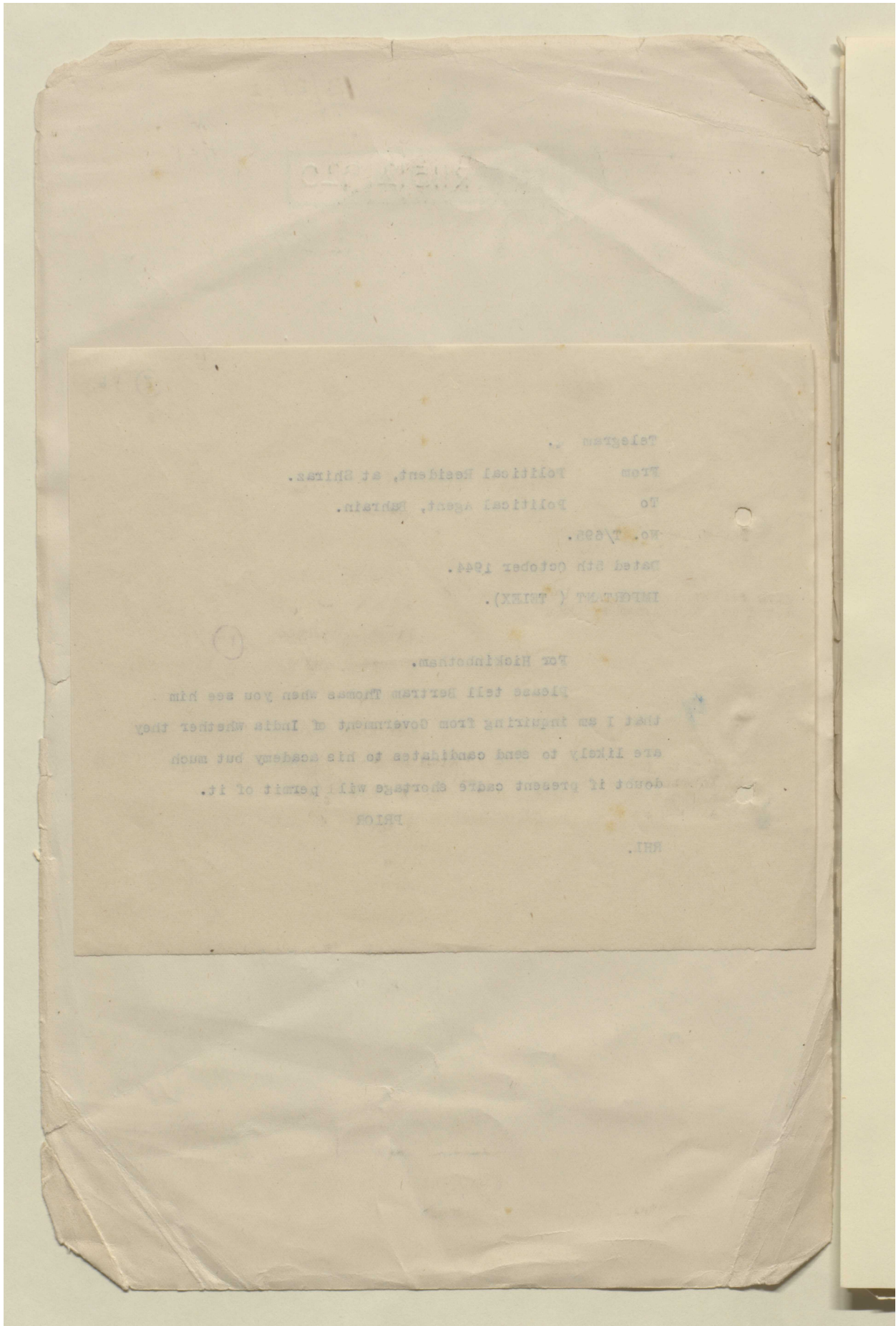
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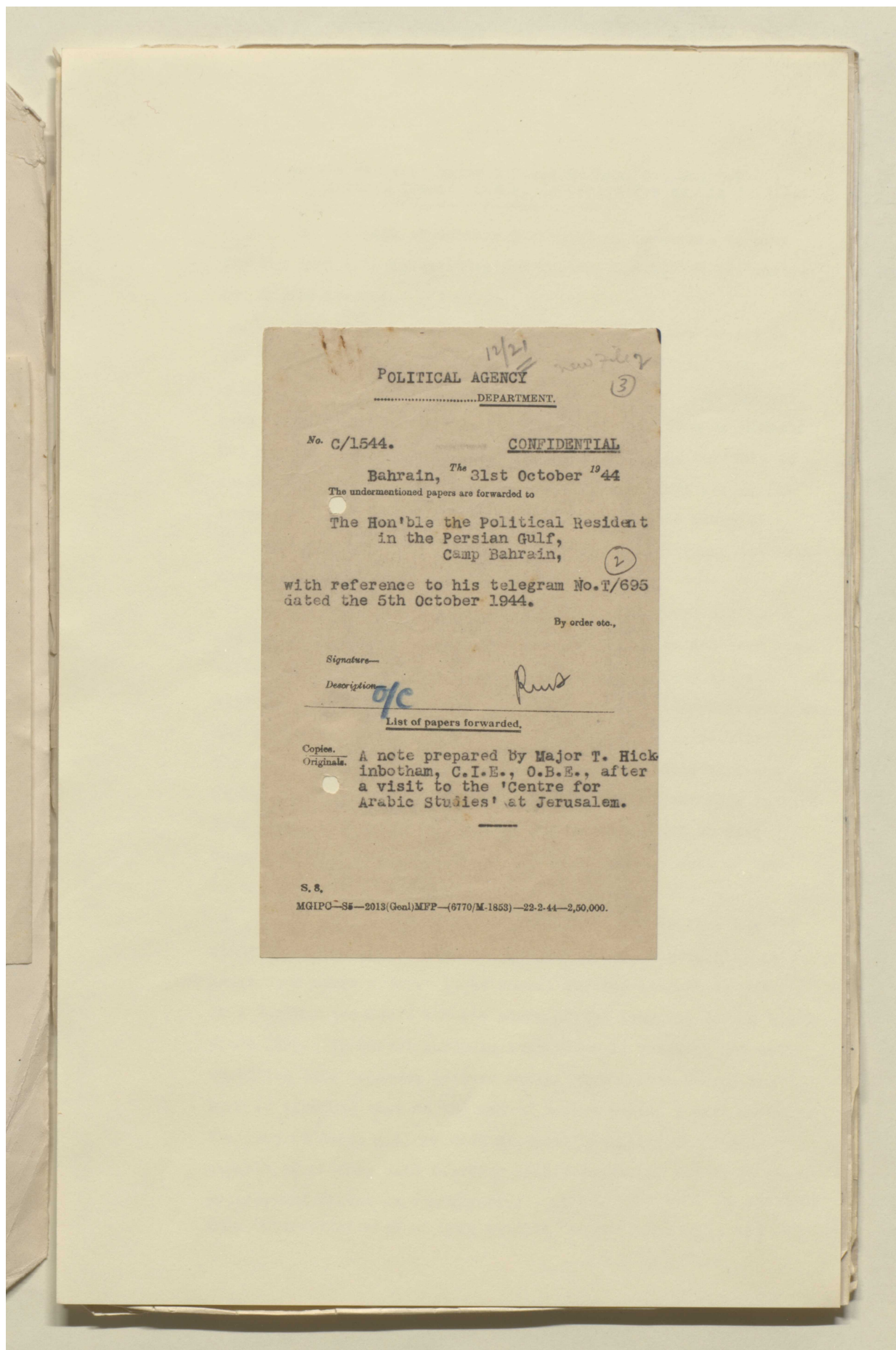
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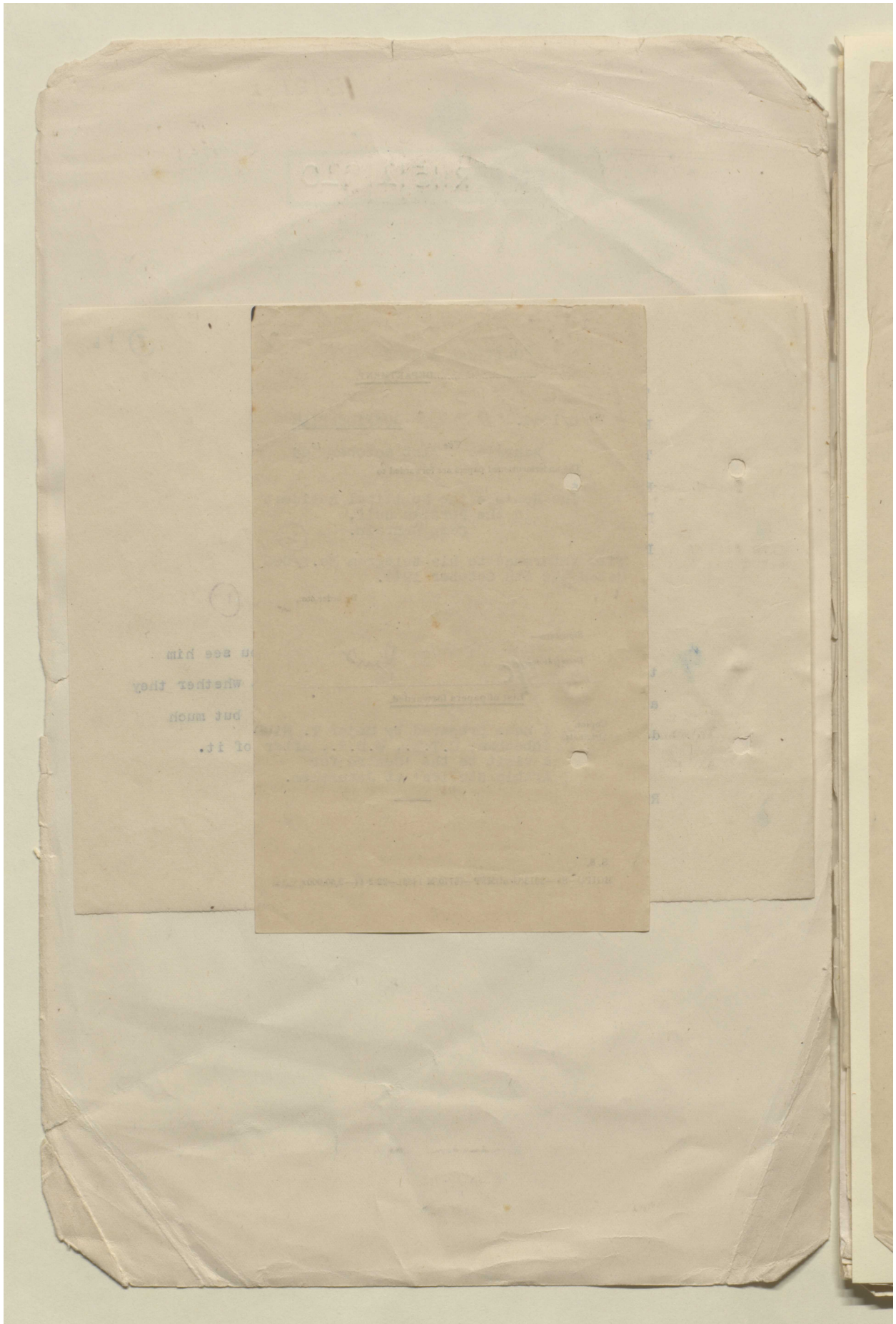












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A note on the visit of Major T. Hickinbotham, C.I.E., O.B.E.,
to Colonel Bertram Thomas, O.B.E., 's Centre for Arabic Studies.
at Jerusalem. -----

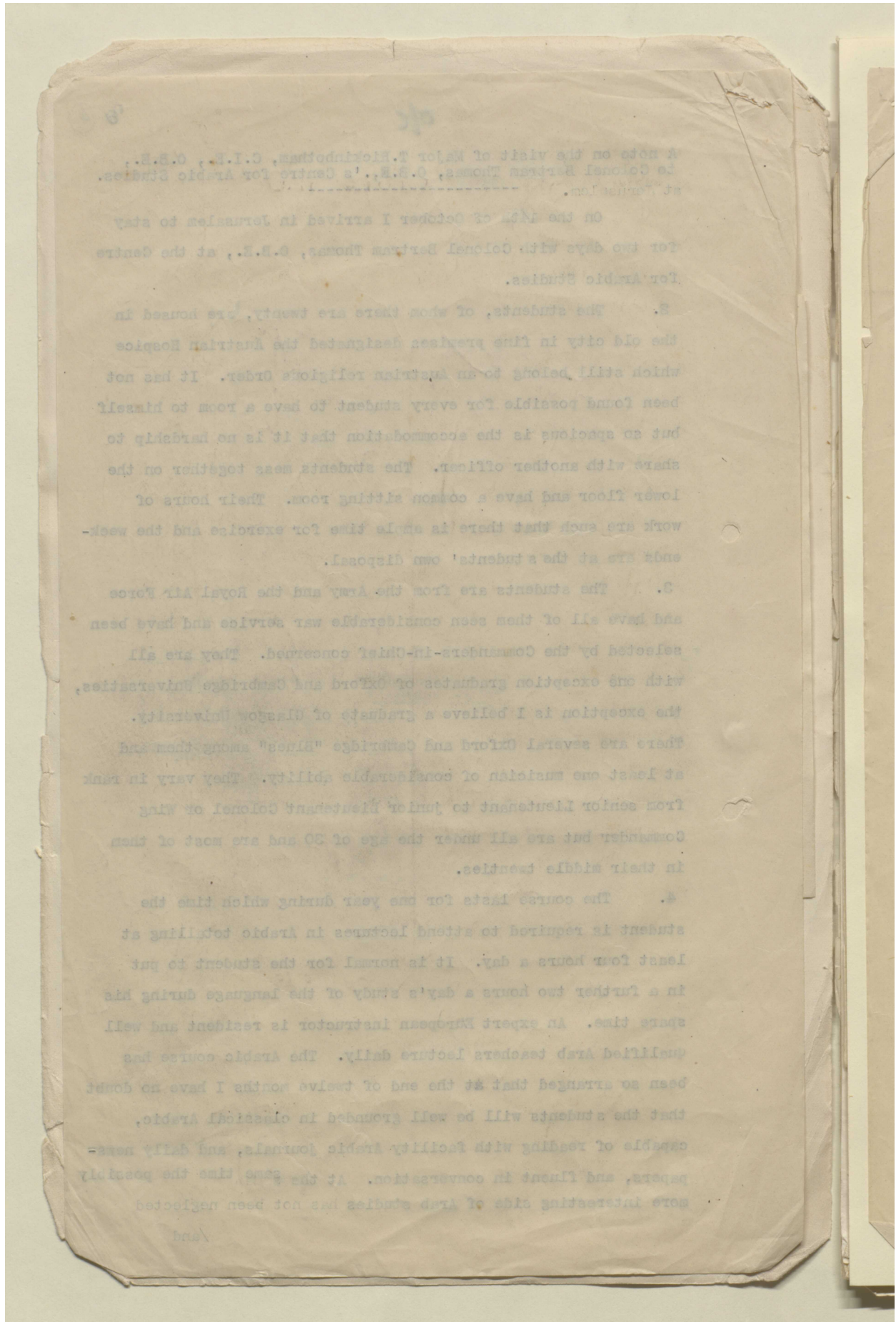
On the 14th of October I arrived in Jerusalem to stay
for two days with Colonel Bertram Thomas, O.B.E., at the Centre
for Arabic Studies.

2. The students, of whom there are twenty, are housed in
the old city in fine premises designated the Austrian Hospice
which still belong to an Austrian religious Order. It has not
been found possible for every student to have a room to himself
but so spacious is the accommodation that it is no hardship to
share with another officer. The students mess together on the
lower floor and have a common sitting room. Their hours of
work are such that there is ample time for exercise and the week-
ends are at the students' own disposal.

3. The students are from the Army and the Royal Air Force
and have all of them seen considerable war service and have been
selected by the Commanders-in-Chief concerned. They are all
with one exception graduates of Oxford and Cambridge Universities,
the exception is I believe a graduate of Glasgow University.
There are several Oxford and Cambridge "Blues" among them and
at least one musician of considerable ability. They vary in rank
from senior Lieutenant to junior Lieutenant Colonel or Wing
Commander but are all under the age of 30 and are most of them
in their middle twenties.

4. The course lasts for one year during which time the
student is required to attend lectures in Arabic totalling at
least four hours a day. It is normal for the student to put
in a further two hours a day's study of the language during his
spare time. An expert European instructor is resident and well
qualified Arab teachers lecture daily. The Arabic course has
been so arranged that at the end of twelve months I have no doubt
that the students will be well grounded in classical Arabic,
capable of reading with facility Arabic journals, and daily news-
papers, and fluent in conversation. At the same time the possibly
more interesting side of Arab studies has not been neglected

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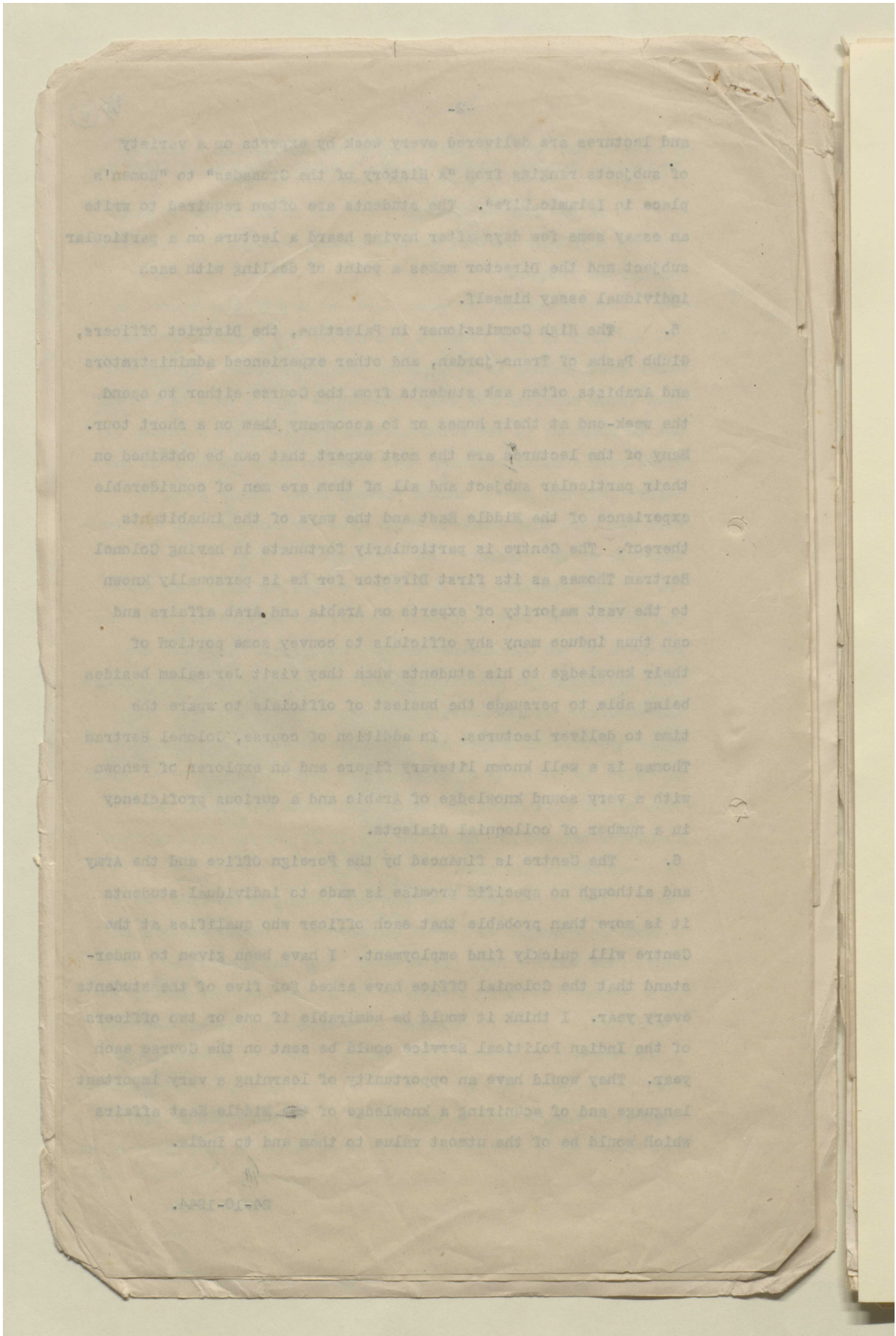
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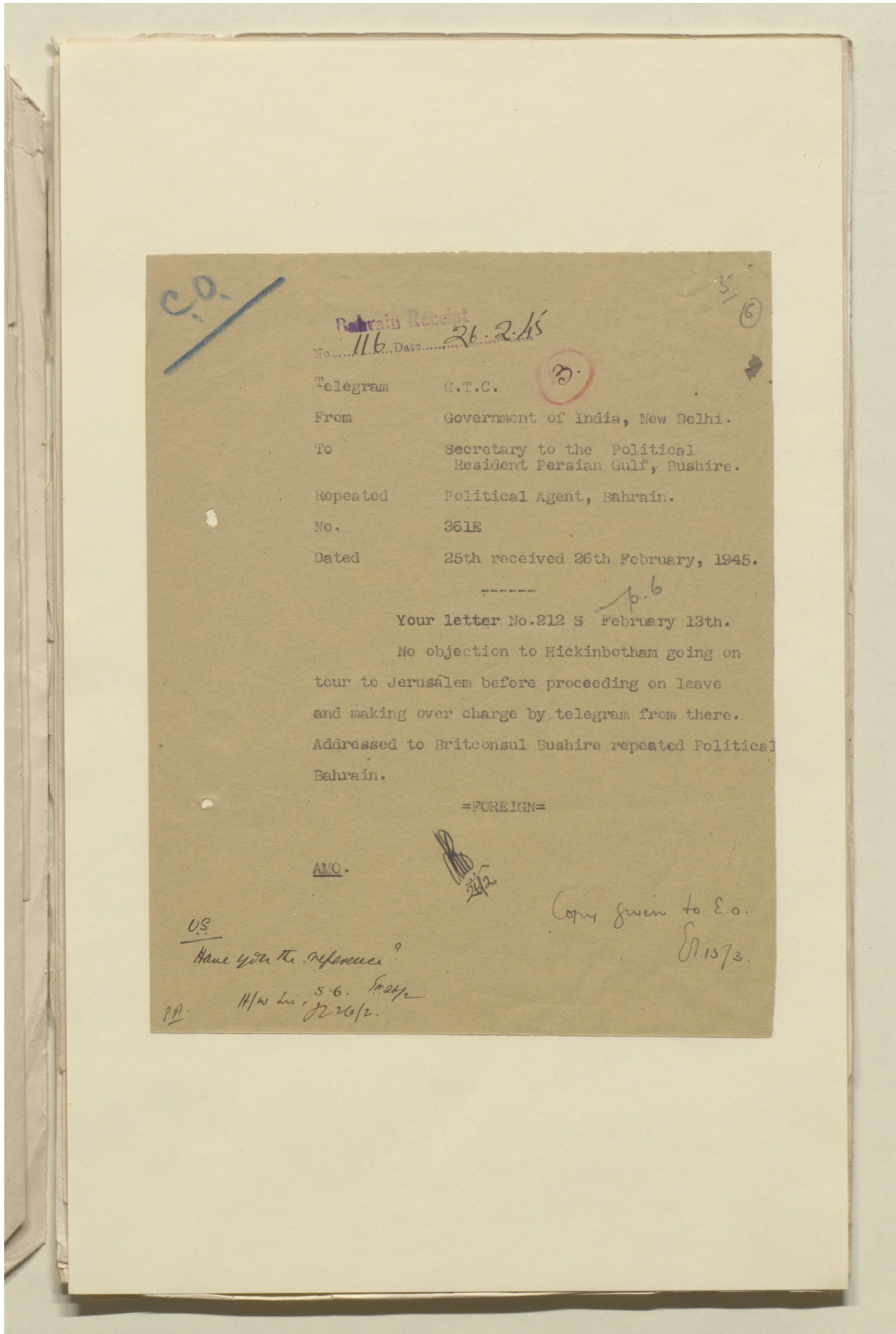
and lectures are delivered every week by experts on a variety of subjects ranging from "A History of the Crusades" to "Women's place in Islamic Life". The students are often required to write an essay some few days after having heard a lecture on a particular subject and the Director makes a point of dealing with each individual essay himself.

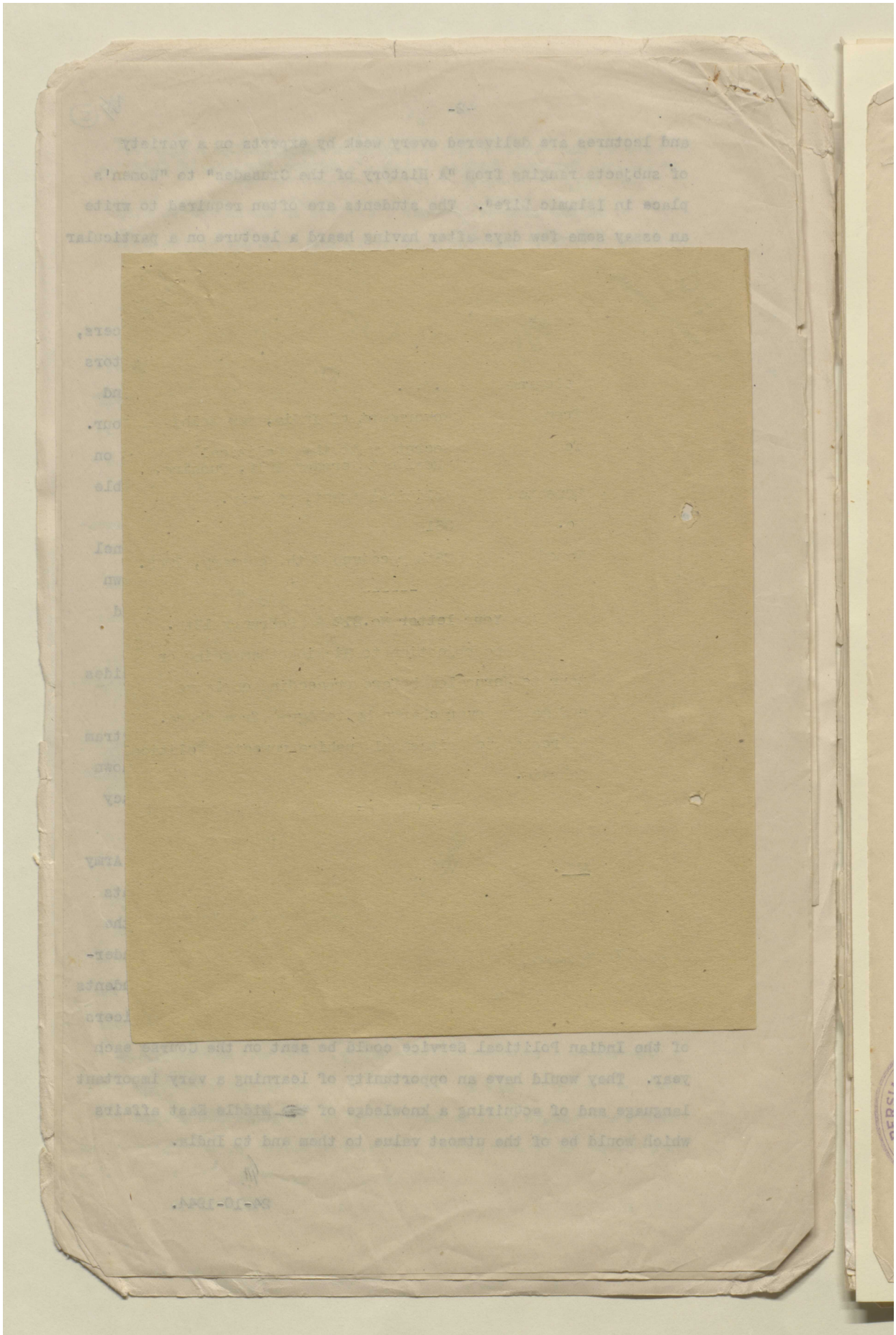
5. The High Commissioner in Palestine, the District Officers, Glubb Pasha of Trans-jordan, and other experienced administrators and Arabists often ask students from the Course either to spend the week-end at their homes or to accompany them on a short tour. Many of the lectures are the most expert that can be obtained on their particular subject and all of them are men of considerable experience of the Middle East and the ways of the inhabitants thereof. The Centre is particularly fortunate in having Colonel Bertram Thomas as its first Director for he is personally known to the vast majority of experts on Arabia and Arab affairs and can thus induce many shy officials to convey some portion of their knowledge to his students when they visit Jerusalem besides being able to persuade the busiest of officials to spare the time to deliver lectures. In addition of course, Colonel Bertram Thomas is a well known literary figure and an explorer of renown with a very sound knowledge of Arabic and a curious proficiency in a number of colloquial dialects.

6. The Centre is financed by the Foreign Office and the Army and although no specific promise is made to individual students it is more than probable that each officer who qualifies at the Centre will quickly find employment. I have been given to understand that the Colonial Office have asked for five of the students every year. I think it would be admirable if one or two officers of the Indian Political Service could be sent on the Course each year. They would have an opportunity of learning a very important language and of acquiring a knowledge of the Middle East affairs which would be of the utmost value to them and to India.

24-10-1944.







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No. 212-S

Persian Gulf Residency
Bushire,
13th February, 1945.

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From

The Hon'ble Sir Geoffrey Prior, K.C.I.E.,
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
Bushire.

I.R. 489
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To

The Secretary to the Government of India
in the External Affairs Department,
New Delhi.

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Sir,

I have the honour to enclose for the information of the Government of India a copy of a note on the Centre of Arab Studies in the Middle East, together with its Syllabus. It will be seen that this is of a very comprehensive nature, and gives some idea of the immense diversity of interests which make up what we know as the Arab world. I was a little doubtful at the outset lest the Centre might not be organised on a very practical basis, and that the Services would be unwilling to spare suitable men as candidates. In this connection I enclose a note by Major Hickinbotham, who like myself was somewhat critical of the scheme at its outset, in which he makes it clear that the scheme has proved a great success, and is filling a very real need.

2. At the present moment our cadre is practically bankrupt of officers of Arab experience and we have had to make do with a very limited number who acquire such knowledge as they can while doing a full day's work at their political duties. It is clear that in the future we shall be completely outclassed unless we are prepared to give Gulf officers better training, and I therefore recommend that the Government of India should permit Major Hickinbotham to proceed to Jerusalem before the commencement of his leave and see whether he can induce one or two of these young men to throw in their lot with us on the completion of their course. Mr. Bertram Thomas has been a good friend of the Government of India and I am sure he would be prepared to help us in this matter if his assistance were sought. It is clear that unless very early action is taken our cadre in the Gulf will collapse.

I am sending a copy of this letter with its enclosures to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd/- Geoffrey Prior
Political Resident, Persian Gulf.



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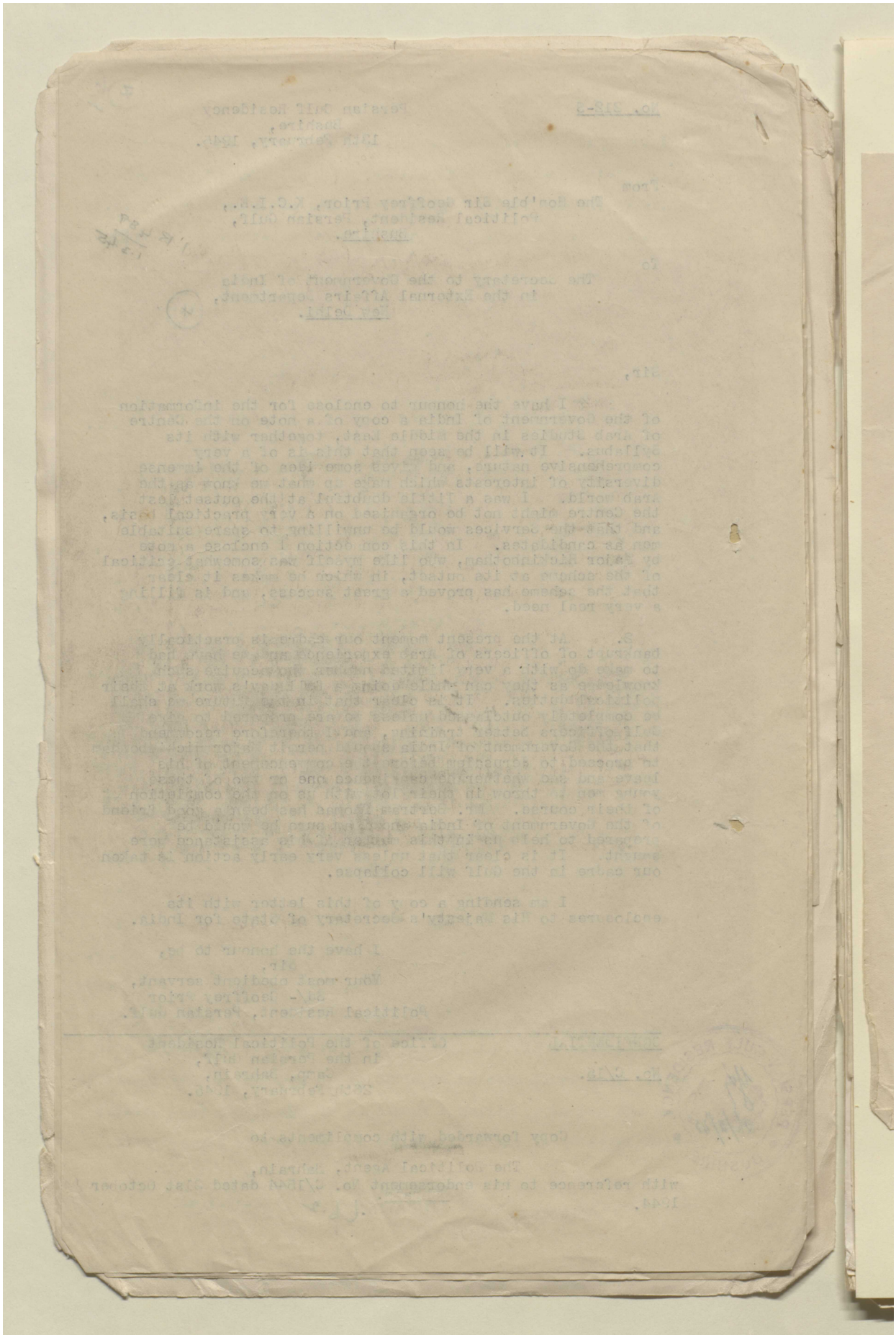
No. C/15.

Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,
Camp, Bahrain,
26th February, 1945.

Copy forwarded with compliments to

The Political Agent, Bahrain,
with reference to his endorsement No. C/1544 dated 31st October 1944.

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Government of India.
External Affairs Department.

BY FAST AIR MAIL. (8)

EXPRESS LETTER.

From : Foreign, New Delhi.

To : Britconsul, Bushire.
(Reptd: Political Agent, Bahrain). ✓

No.D.556-E(D)/45.

Dated the 1st March 1945.

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Continuation Foreign telegram No.361-E, dated February 25th. We note that officers at present under training at the Centre of Arab Studies are members of Defence Services and most of them under 30 years of age. While no definite scheme for post-war recruitment to the Indian Political Service has as yet been published, it is expected that the next few months will see the publication of a general scheme governing recruitment to the Indian Civil Services from among officers with war service in which will also be included the procedure which will apply to candidates wishing to enter the Indian Political Service.

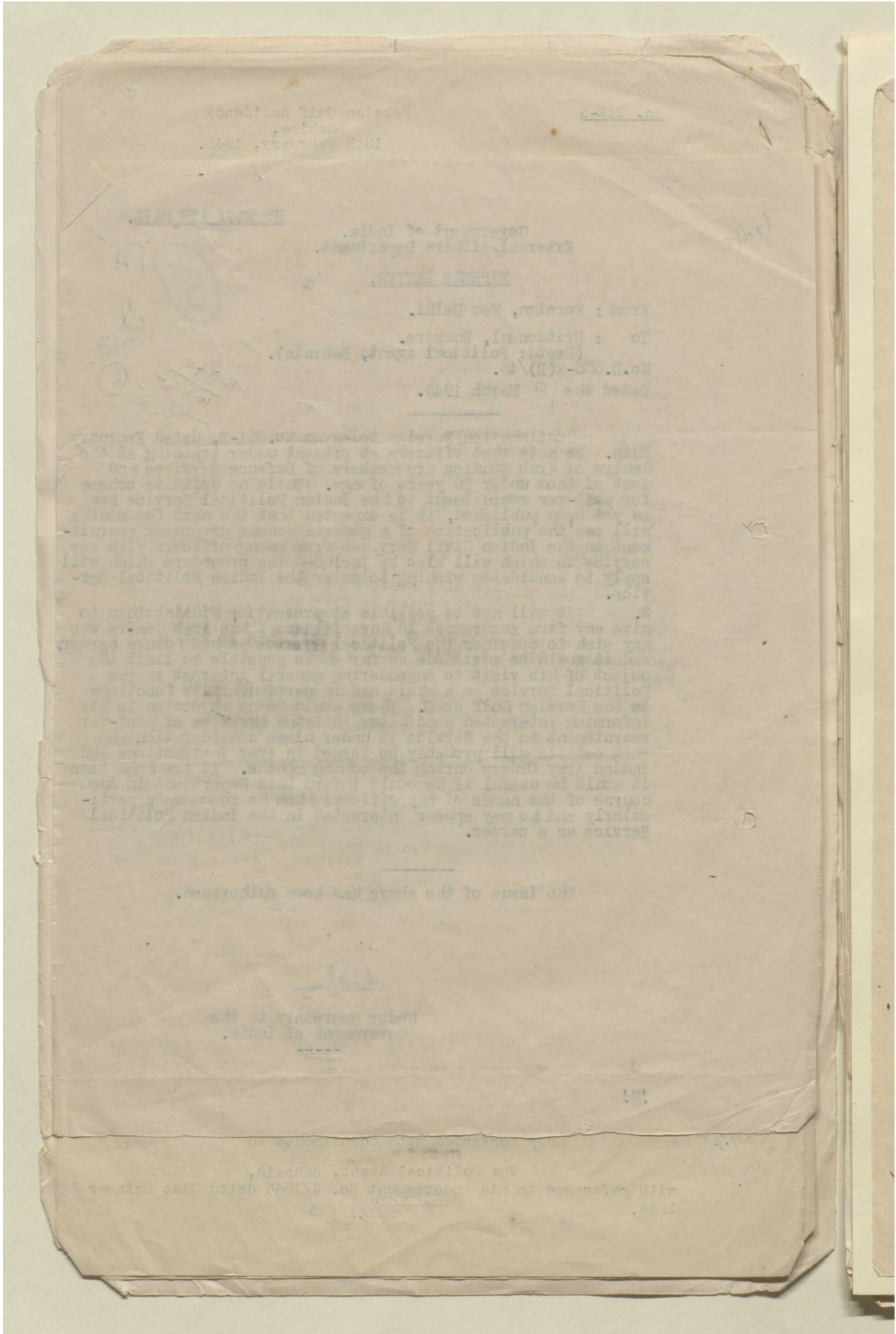
2. It will not be possible at present for Hickinbotham to give any firm assurances to any officer at the Arab Centre who may wish to consider the Political Service as his future career, and it would be advisable so far as is possible to limit the object of his visit to engendering general interest in the Political Service as a whole and in particular its functions in the Persian Gulf area. There would be no objection to his informing interested candidates that the question of post-war recruitment to the Service is under close consideration and that details will probably be issued in Army Instructions and Indian Army Orders during the coming months. At the same time it would be useful if he could inform this Department in due course of the names of any officers whom he recommends particularly and who may appear interested in the Indian Political Service as a career.

The issue of the above has been authorised.

[Signature]

Under Secretary to the
Government of India.

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D.O.No.C/42.

Camp, Bahrain,

the 5th March 1945.

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I.R. 552
10.3.45

Dear Bertram Thomas,

This is to thank you for your Christmas card and the kind message. I am afraid I have not yet found it possible to get to Jerusalem -- much as I should like to see your Centre -- but I will bear it in mind and fit it in if I possibly can. (6)

2. You will be interested to hear that I recommended to the Government of India that we should endeavour to secure one or two of your pupils for the Indian Political Service, and I have just heard that they have agreed and sanctioned a visit by Hickinbotham to you on his way home, so that he can talk it over with any likely candidates.

3. At the present moment the exact terms are not very clear, but I understand that the various Services, both British and Indian, are taking in 500 candidates from the Army, and India is a party to the scheme and that a large number of vacancies have been reserved for the Indian Political Service. The scheme is still with H.M.G. and the final orders will not be issued till June, but the military candidates we select will be taken in on favourable terms as Finance Department have sanctioned the application to them of the normal I.C.S. terms and not those on which military Politicals are usually recruited, which have a difference in the pension rules.

4. I am ascertaining the exact number of candidates required, and will let you know through Hickinbotham, to whom I am giving a copy of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Col. Bertram Thomas ~~Require~~, O.B.E., sd. GEOFFREY PRIOR.

Office of the Political Resident,
Persian Gulf,
Camp, Bahrain.
the 5th March 1945.

D.O. No. C/43.

Copy forwarded, with compliments, to

Sir Olaf Caroe, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of India
in the External Affairs Department,
NEW DELHI,

Major T. Hickinbotham, C.I.E., O.B.E.,
Political Agent,
BAHRAIN, *London*



with reference to Government of India telegram
No. 361 IE dated 25th February 1945.

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Dear Bertine Thomas,

This is to thank you for your Christmas card and the kind message. I am afraid I have not yet found it possible to get to Jerusalem -- much as I should like to see your centre -- but I will bear it in mind and try to do it as soon as possible.

You will be interested to hear that I recommended to the Government of India that we should endeavour to secure one or two of your pupils for the Indian Political Service, and I have just heard that they have agreed and sanctioned a visit by Mr. [Name] to you on the way home, so that he can talk it over with our Indian candidates.

At the present moment the exact terms are not very clear, but I understand that the various services both Civil and Indian, are taking in 1942 candidates from the Army and India as a part of the scheme and that a large number of recommenders have been received for the Indian Political Service. The scheme is still with Mr. [Name], and the final order will not be issued till June, but the Ministry candidates we select will be taken in on favourable terms as I have mentioned. They mentioned the application to you of the normal I.C.S. terms and not those on which military candidates are normally recruited, which have a difference in the question of [Name].

I am understanding the exact nature of conditions also required, and will let you know through Mr. [Name] before I send you a copy of this letter.

Yours sincerely,
Sd. GEORGEY PRIOR

Office of the Political Resident,
Farsan Qila,
Camp, Bahrain.
The 27th March 1942.

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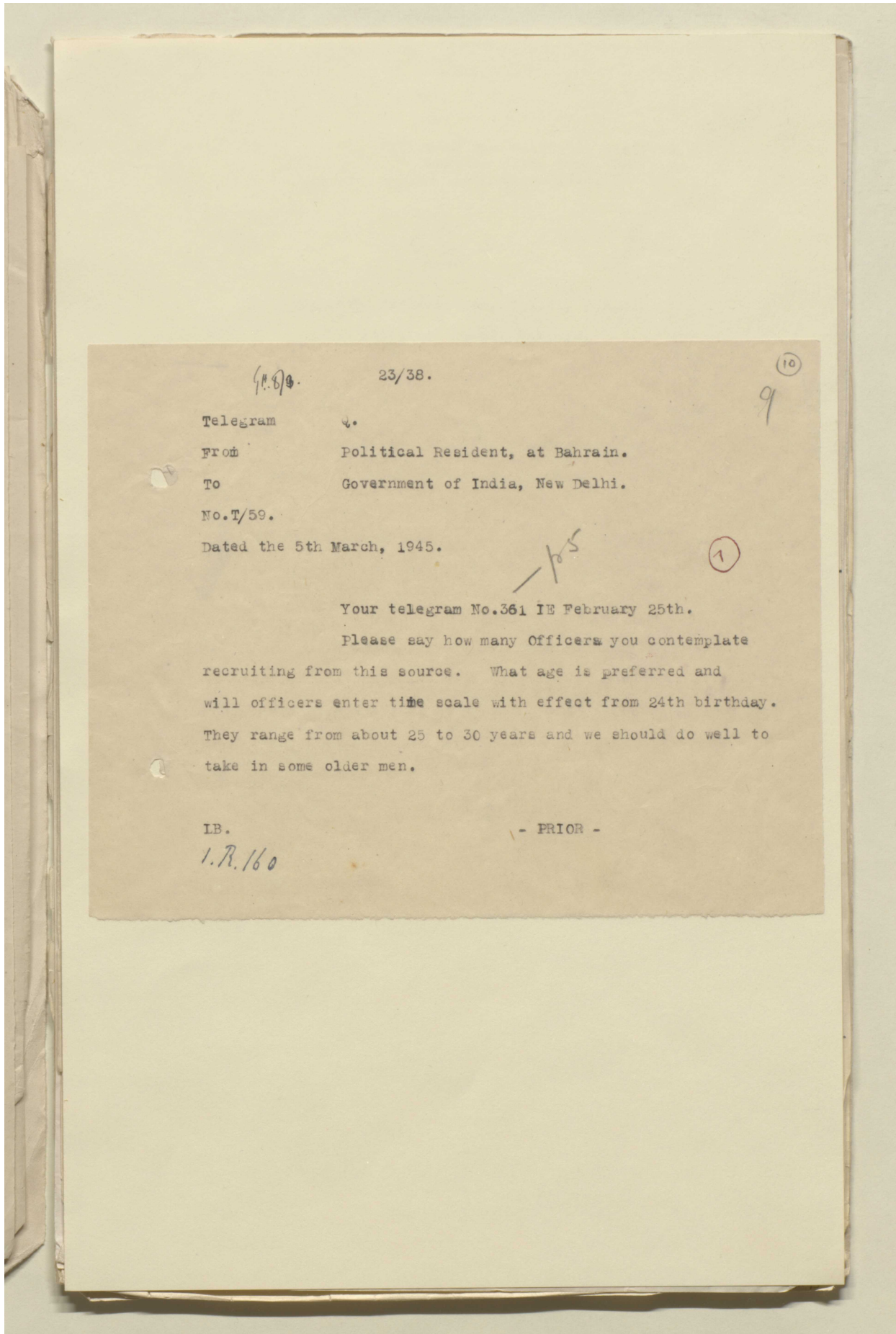
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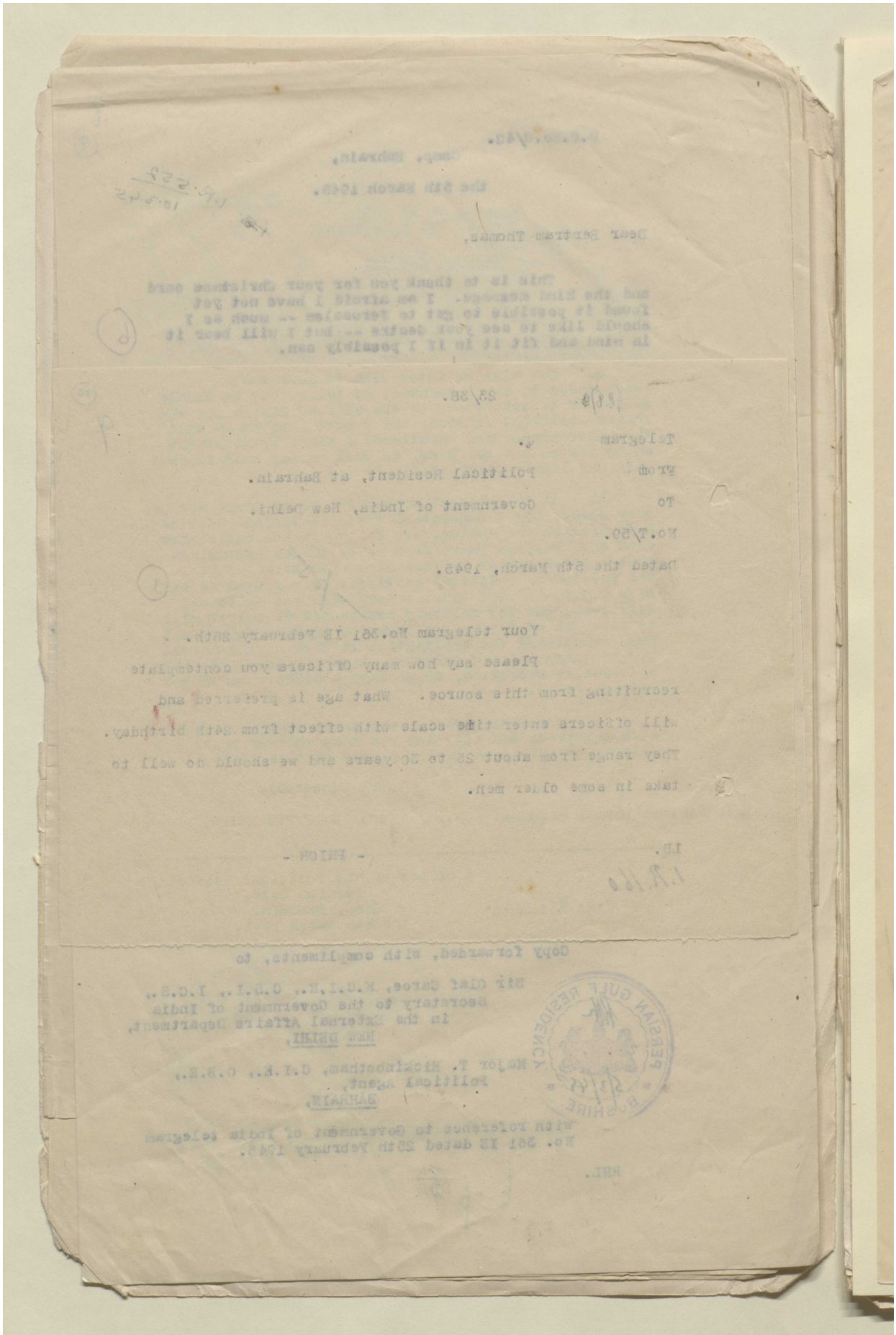
Major T. HICKINSHAW, C.I.E., C.B.E.,
Political Agent,
Bahrain.

With reference to Government of India telegram
No. 261 IS dated 25th February 1942.

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ARABIAN GULF RESIDENCY
BHARAIN





Office of the Political Resident,
Persian Gulf, Camp, Bahrain,
10th March 1945.

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I.R. 560
11.3.45

To

Major T. Hickinbotham, C.I.E., O.B.E.,
Political Agent, Bahrain.

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MEMORANDUM No. C/58

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Reference External Affairs Department Express
Letter No. D 556-E(D)45 dated 1st March 1945.

Recruitment for the Indian Political Service from
officers training at the Arab Centre, Jerusalem.

2. Please take action accordingly.

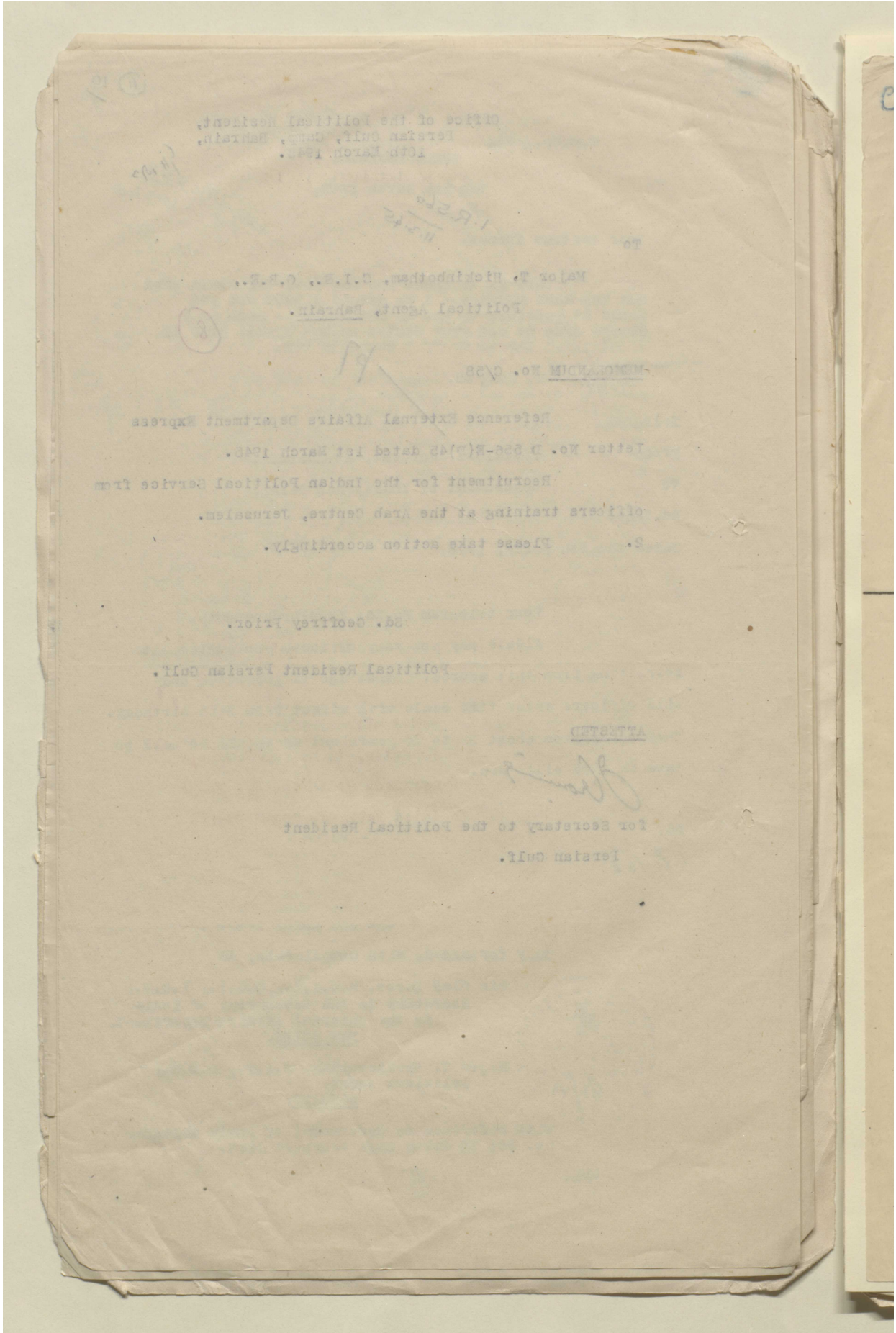
Sd. Geoffrey Prior.

Political Resident Persian Gulf.

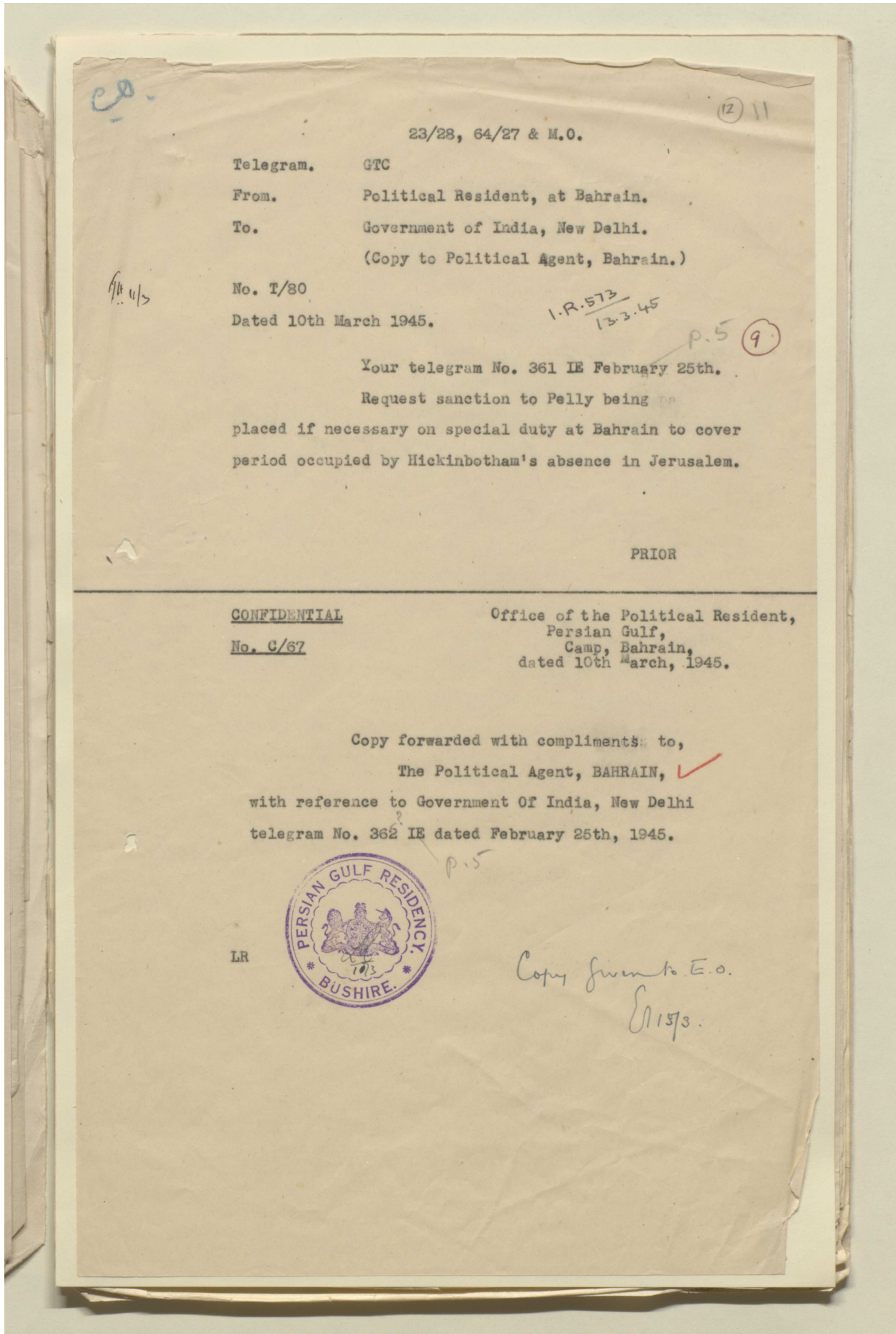
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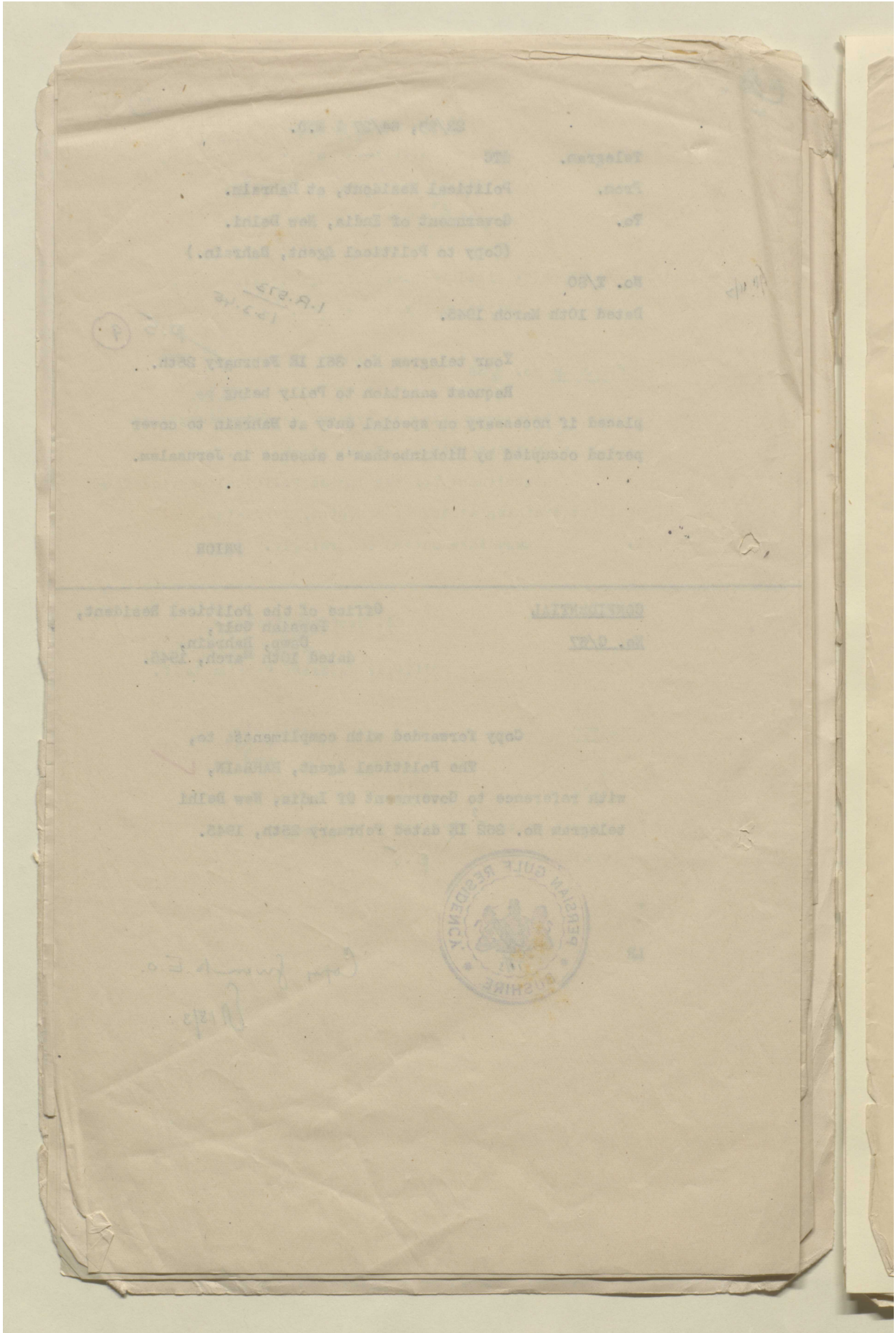
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for Secretary to the Political Resident
Persian Gulf.



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Telegram Q
From Government of India, New Delhi.
To Political Resident at Bahrain.
No. 2372.
Dated 10th, received 13th March, 1945.

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(Relayed under Bushire telegram No. 465 dated 12th March, 1945.)

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Your telegram No. T/59 dated March 5th. Foreign Express Letter No. 556 E(D)/45 dated March 1st explains position regarding post war recruitment ~~so far~~ it is known to date. Six or eight officers of age 25 to 30 could probably be absorbed but this entirely depends on number who are successful at the Indian Civil Service Selection Boards. Seniority will be fixed in accordance with age, allowance being made for war service. Such officers would of course have to compete before Selection Boards with other service candidates to the Indian Civil Service and Indian Political Service, but qualifications in Arabic and Arab studies generally would be a strong point in their favour when selection comes to be made.

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Persian Gulf, Camp, Bahrain.
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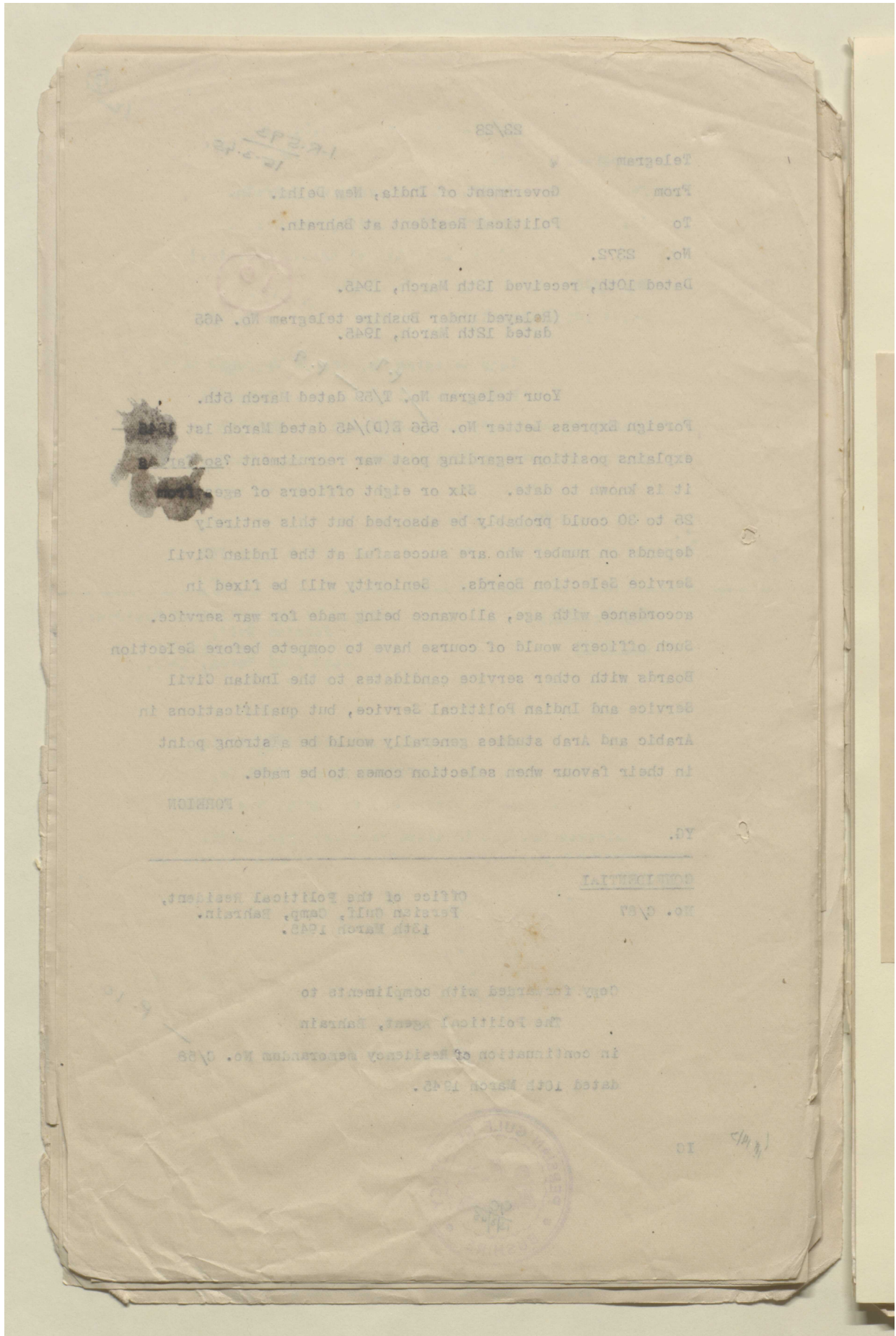
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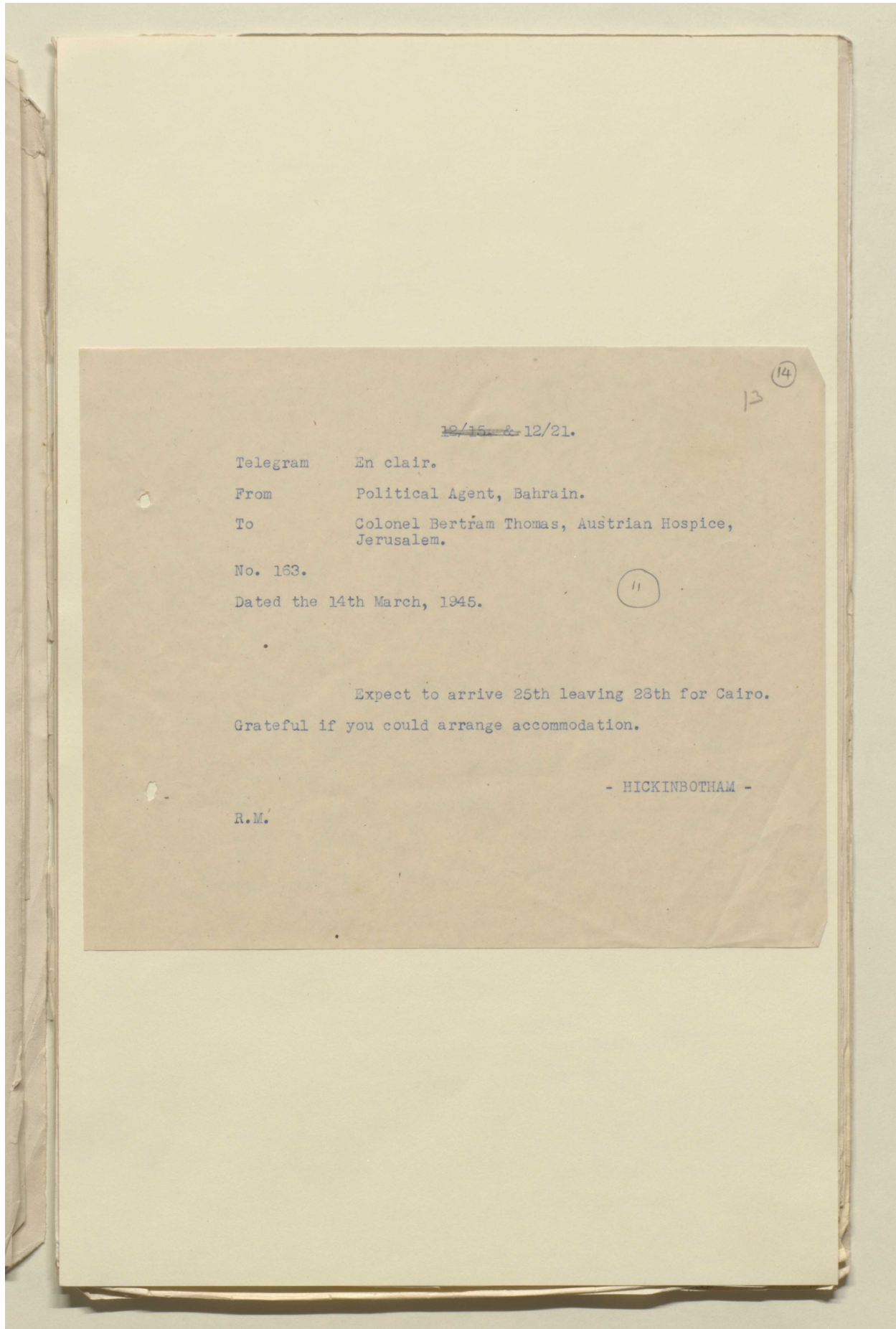
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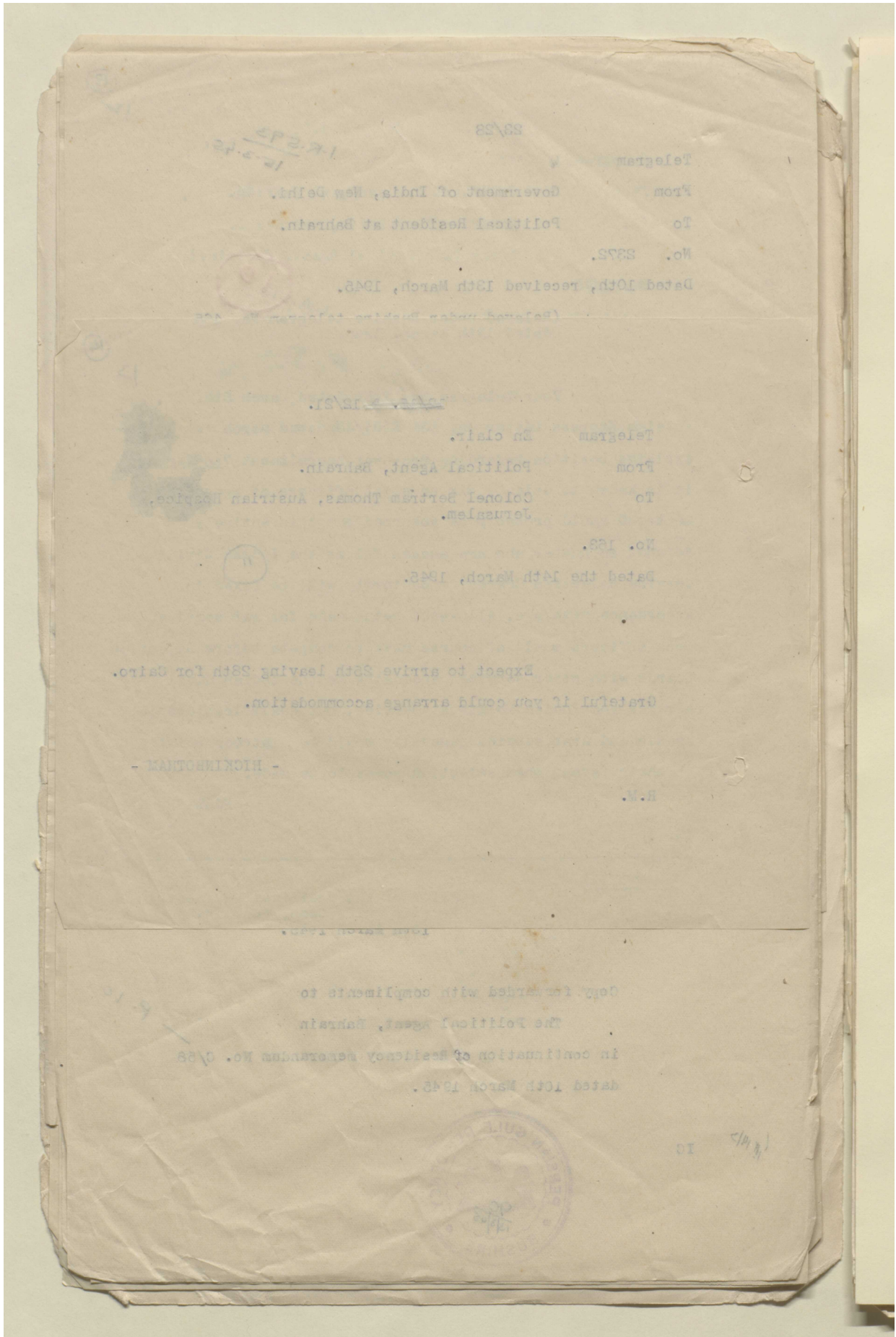
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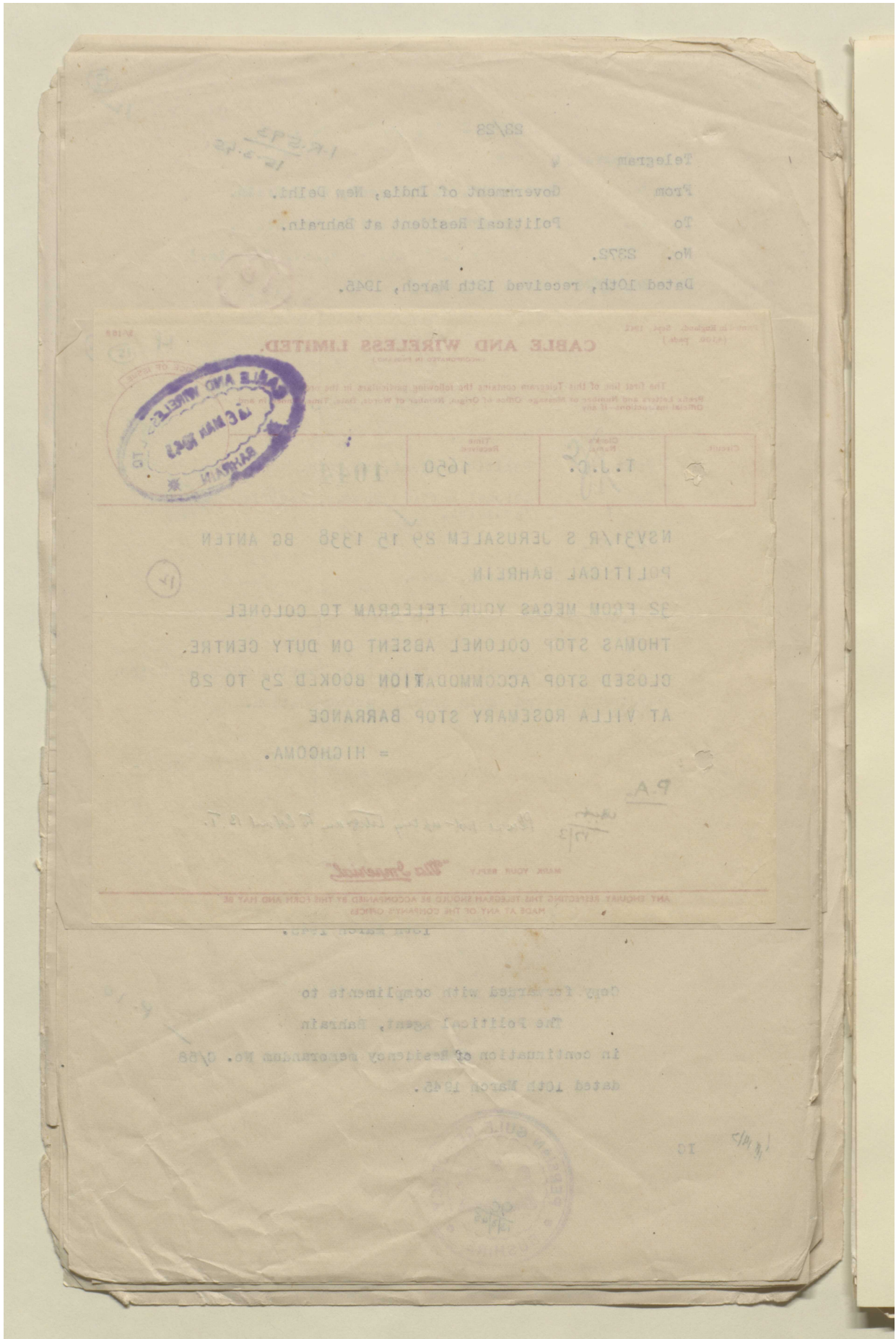
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Telegram G.T.C.
From Political Agent, Bahrain.
To Highcoma, Jerusalem.
No. 170
Dated 17th March, 1945.

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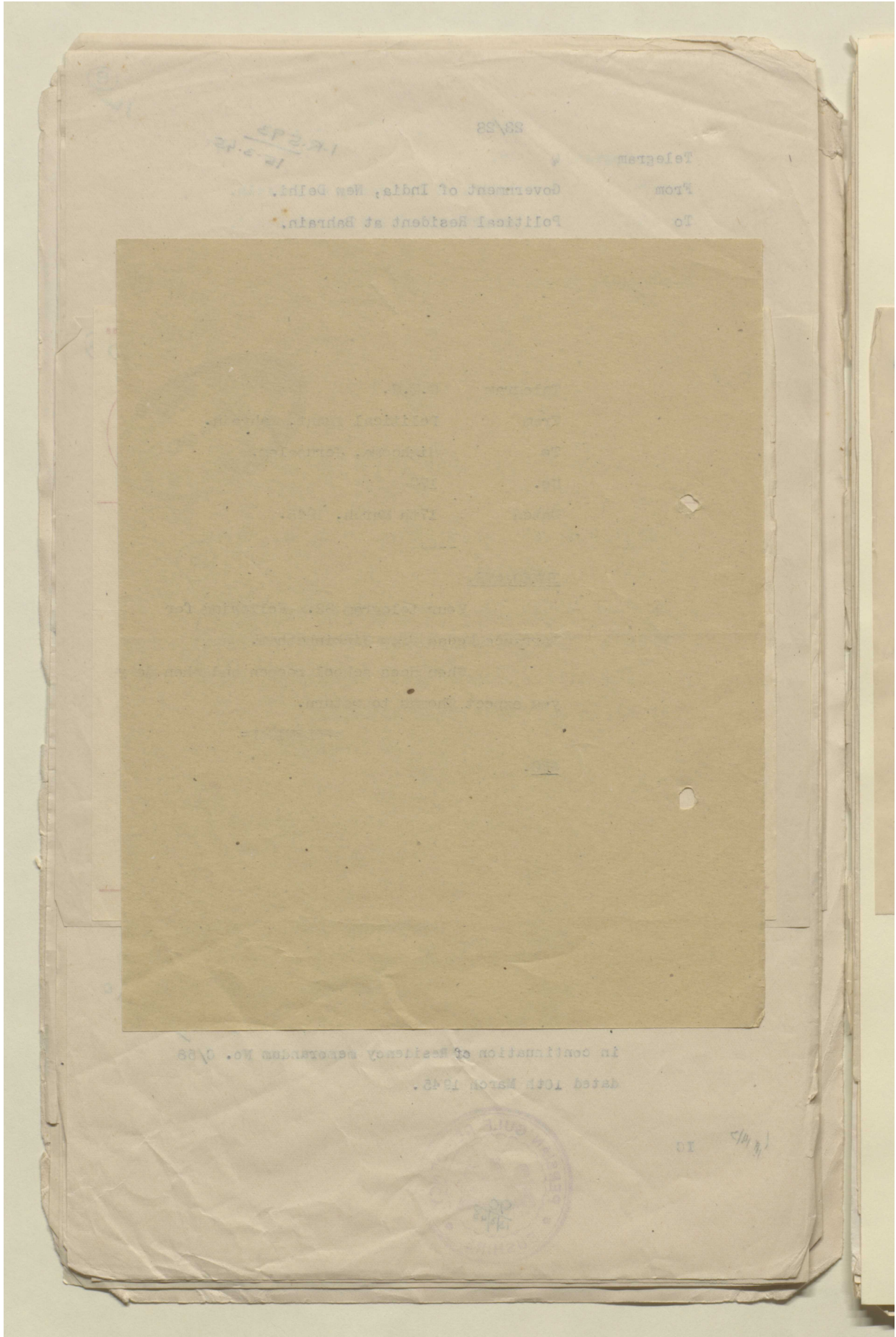
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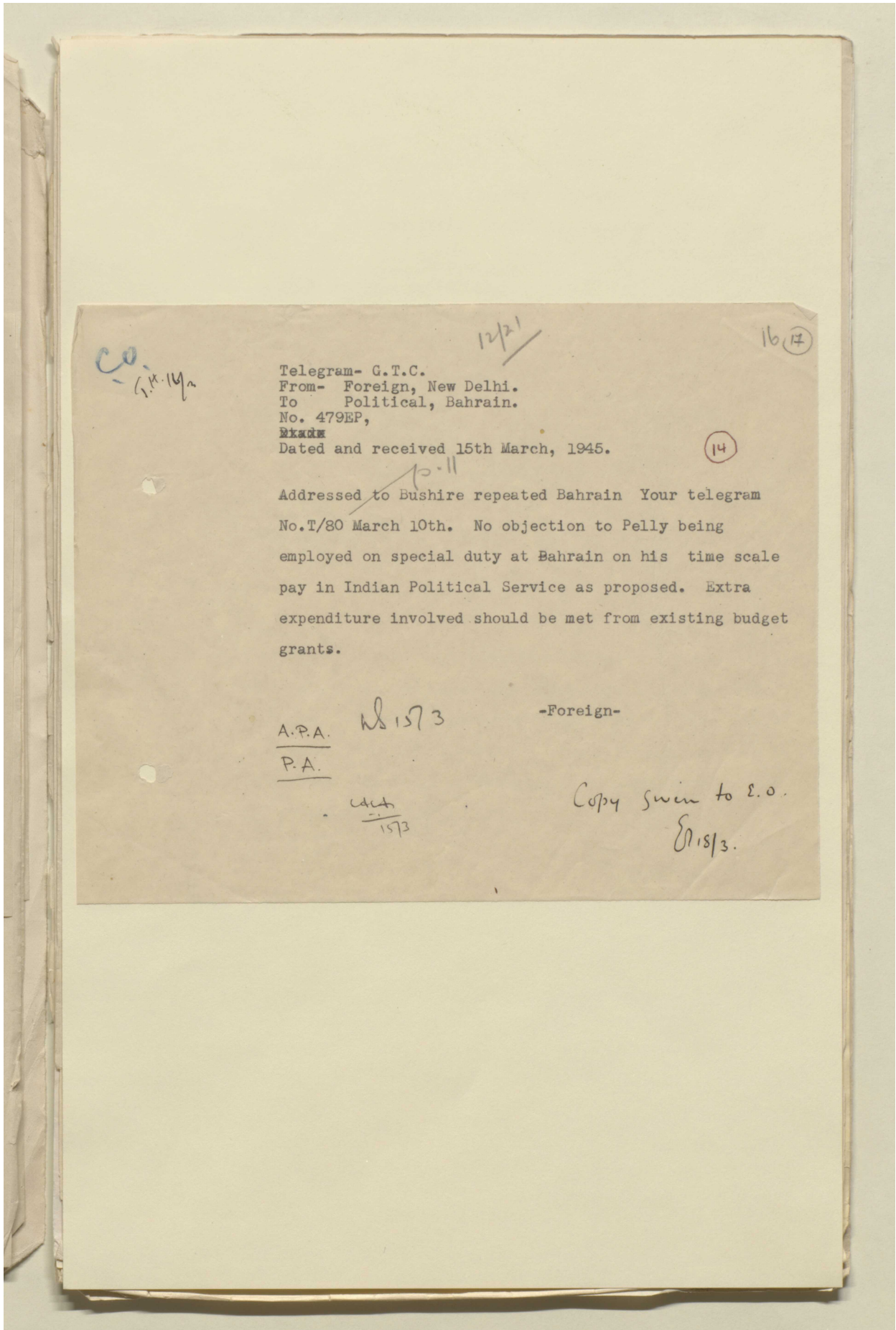
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you expect Thomas to return.

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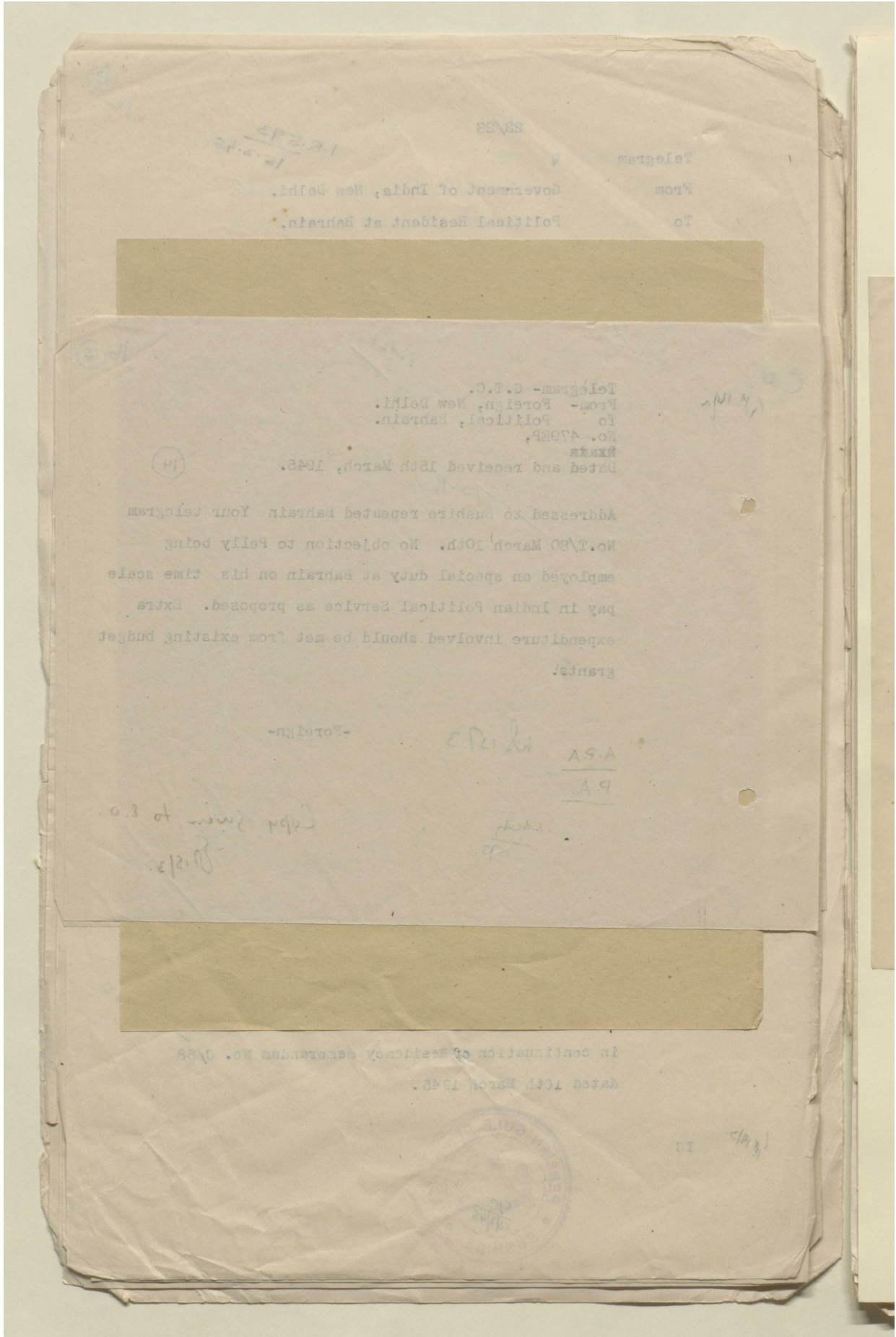
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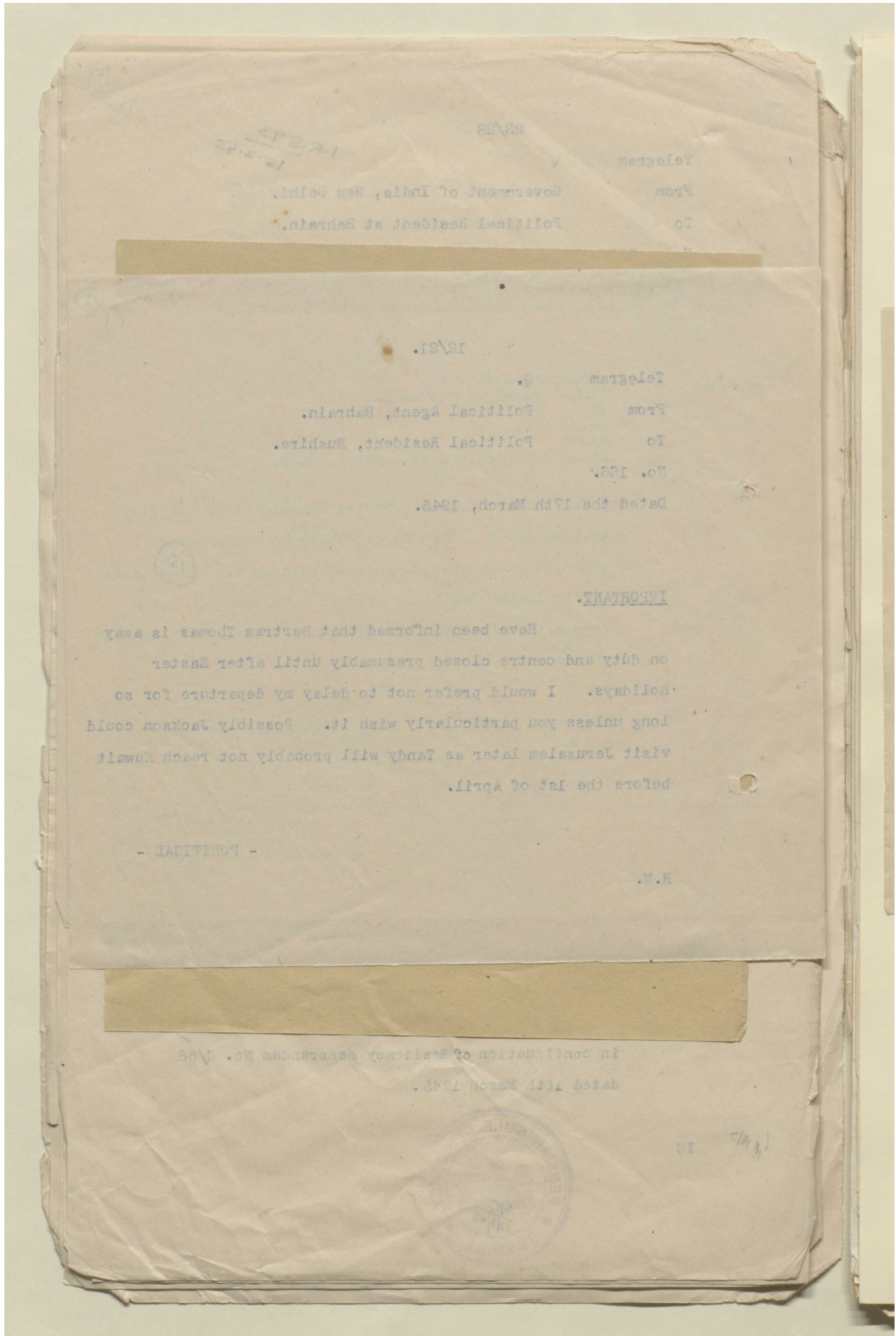
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To Political Resident, Bushire.
No. 166.
Dated the 17th March, 1945.

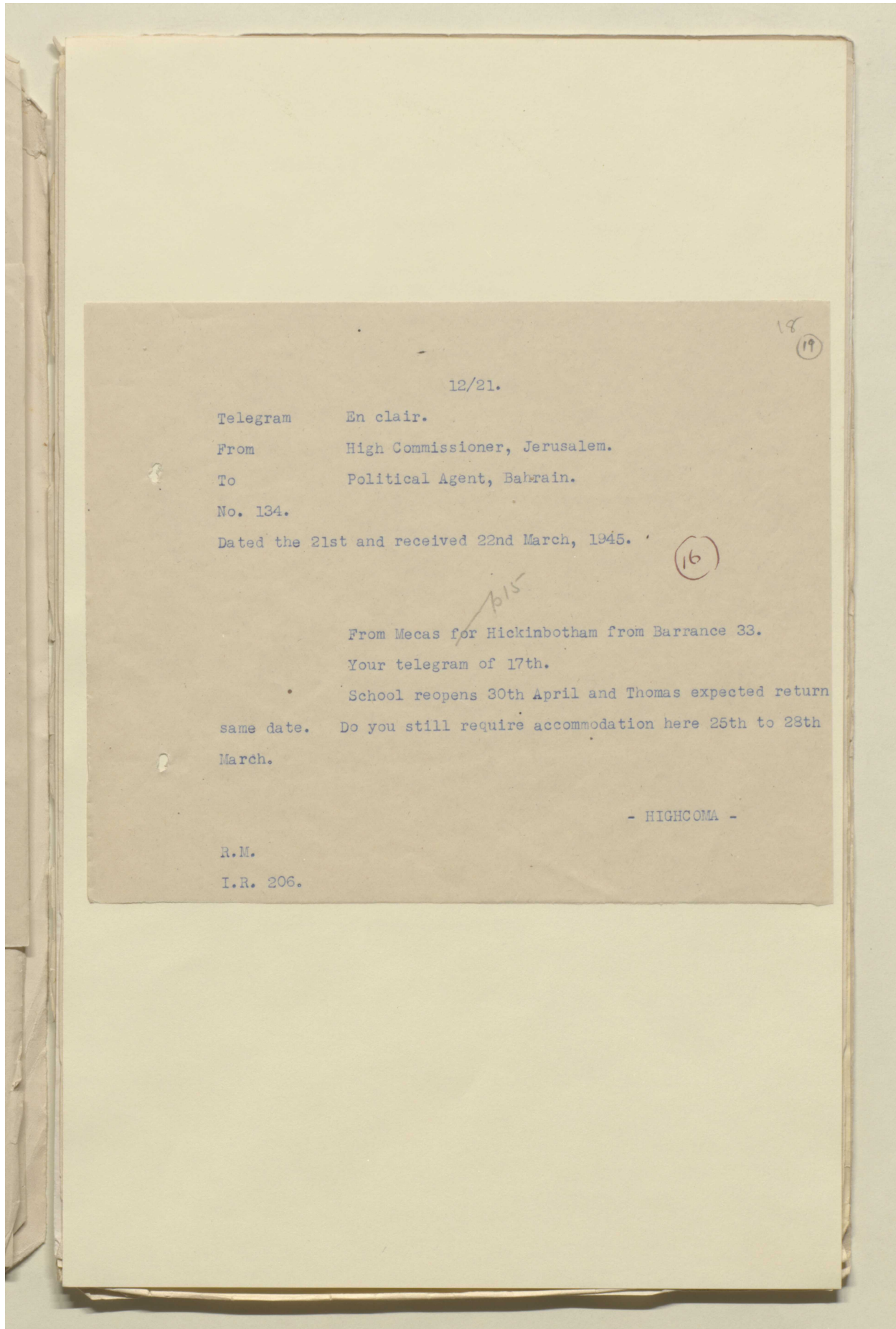
IMPORTANT.

Have been informed that Bertram Thomas is away on duty and centre closed presumably until after Easter holidays. I would prefer not to delay my departure for so long unless you particularly wish it. Possibly Jackson could visit Jerusalem later as Tandy will probably not reach Kuwait before the 1st of April.

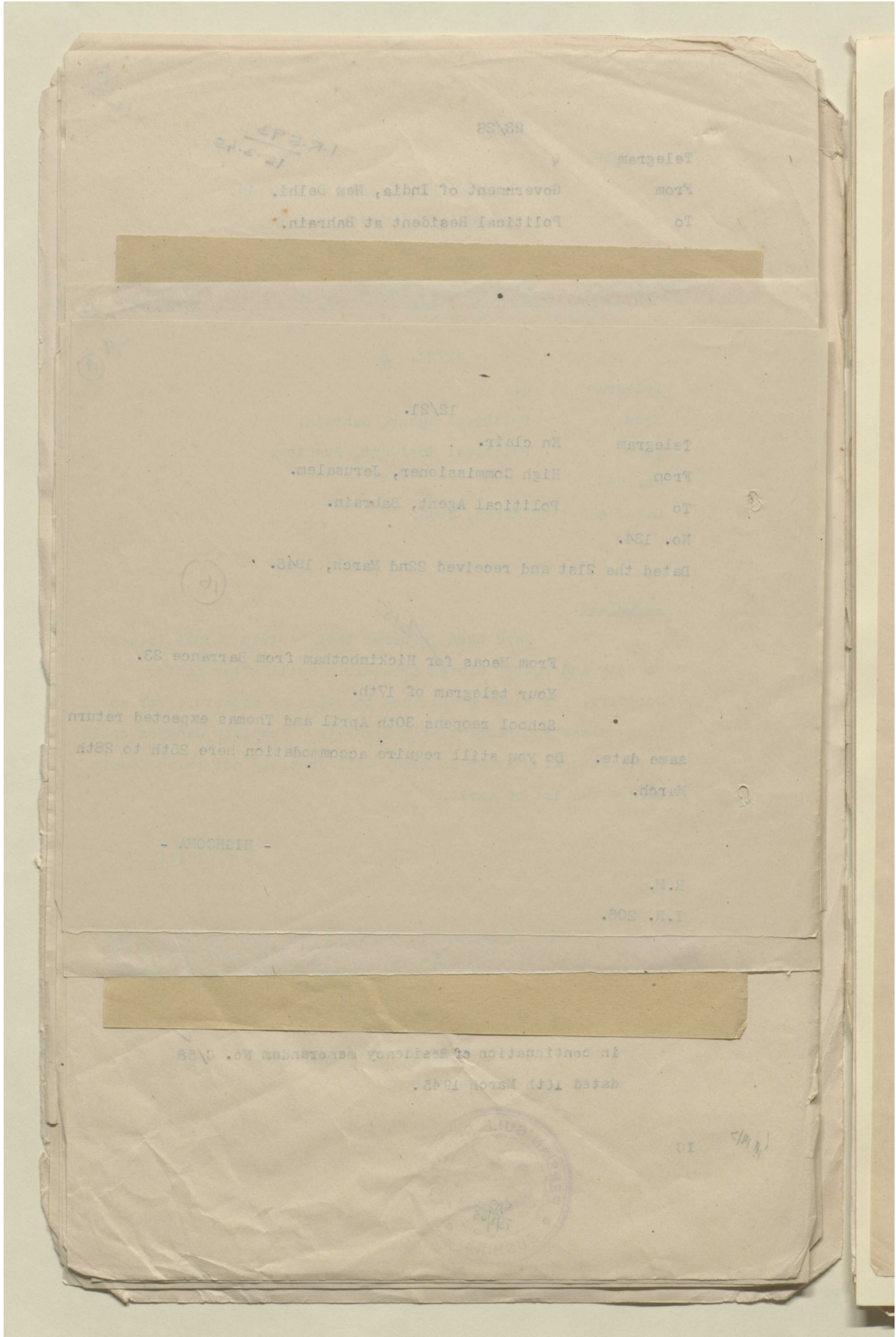
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Telegram Q.
From Political Agent, Bahrain.
To Political Resident, Bushire.
No. 135.
Dated the 22nd March, 1945.

IMPORTANT.

Reference my telegram No. 166 dated 17th March.
School re-opens on April 30th repeat 30th.

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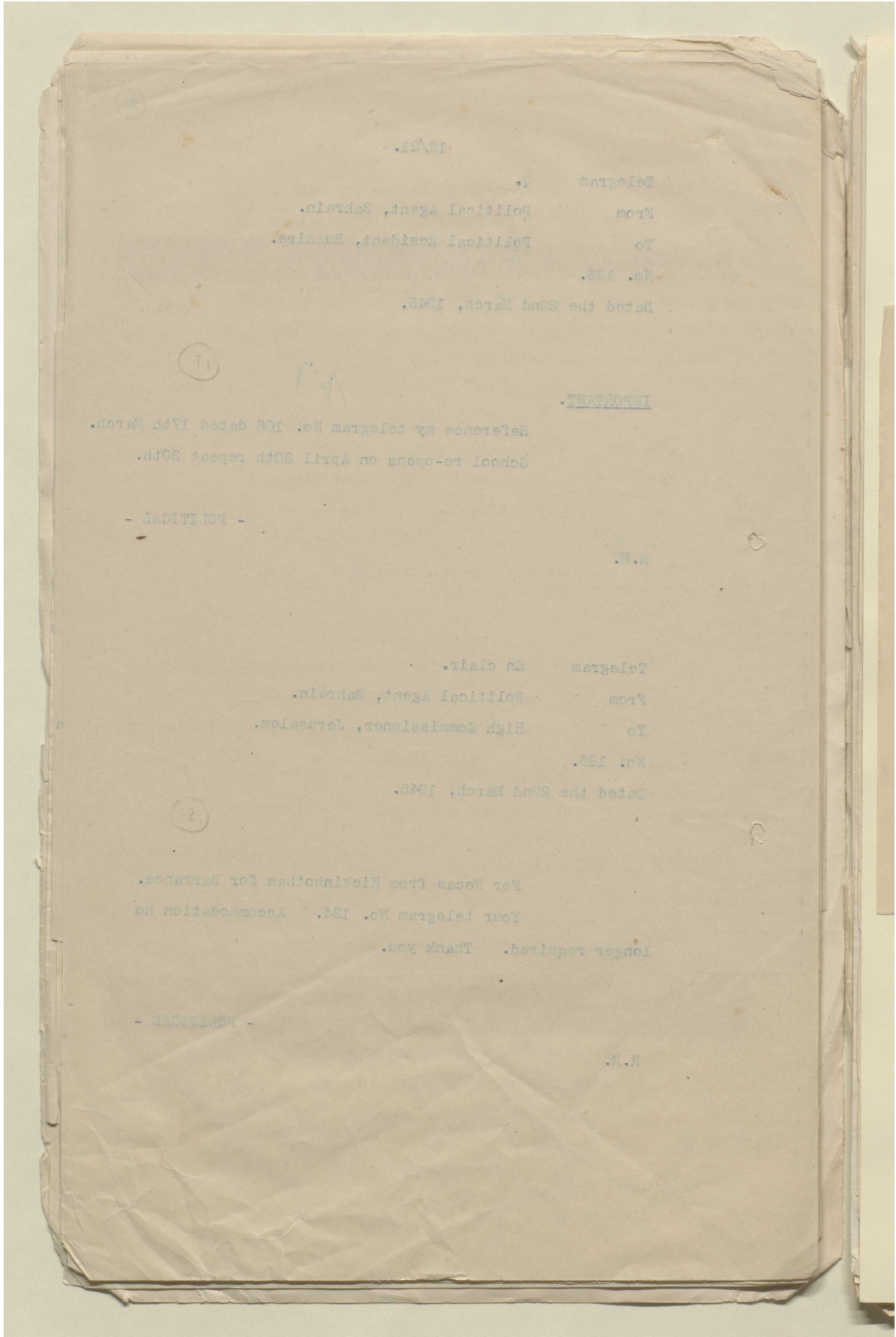
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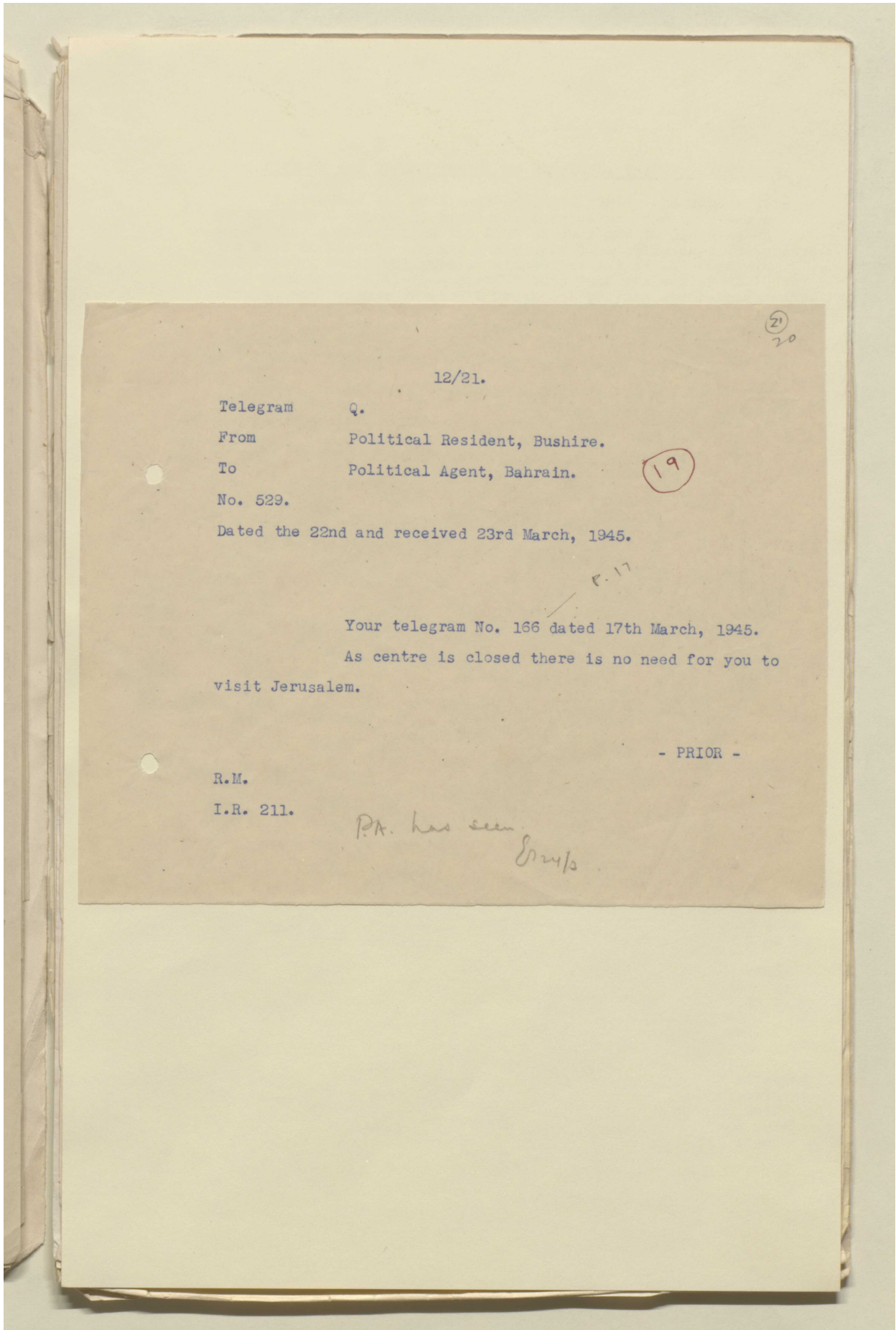
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From Political Agent, Bahrain.
To High Commissioner, Jerusalem.
No. 136.
Dated the 22nd March, 1945.

For Mecas from Hickimbotham for Barrance.
Your telegram No. 134. Accommodation no
longer required. Thank you.

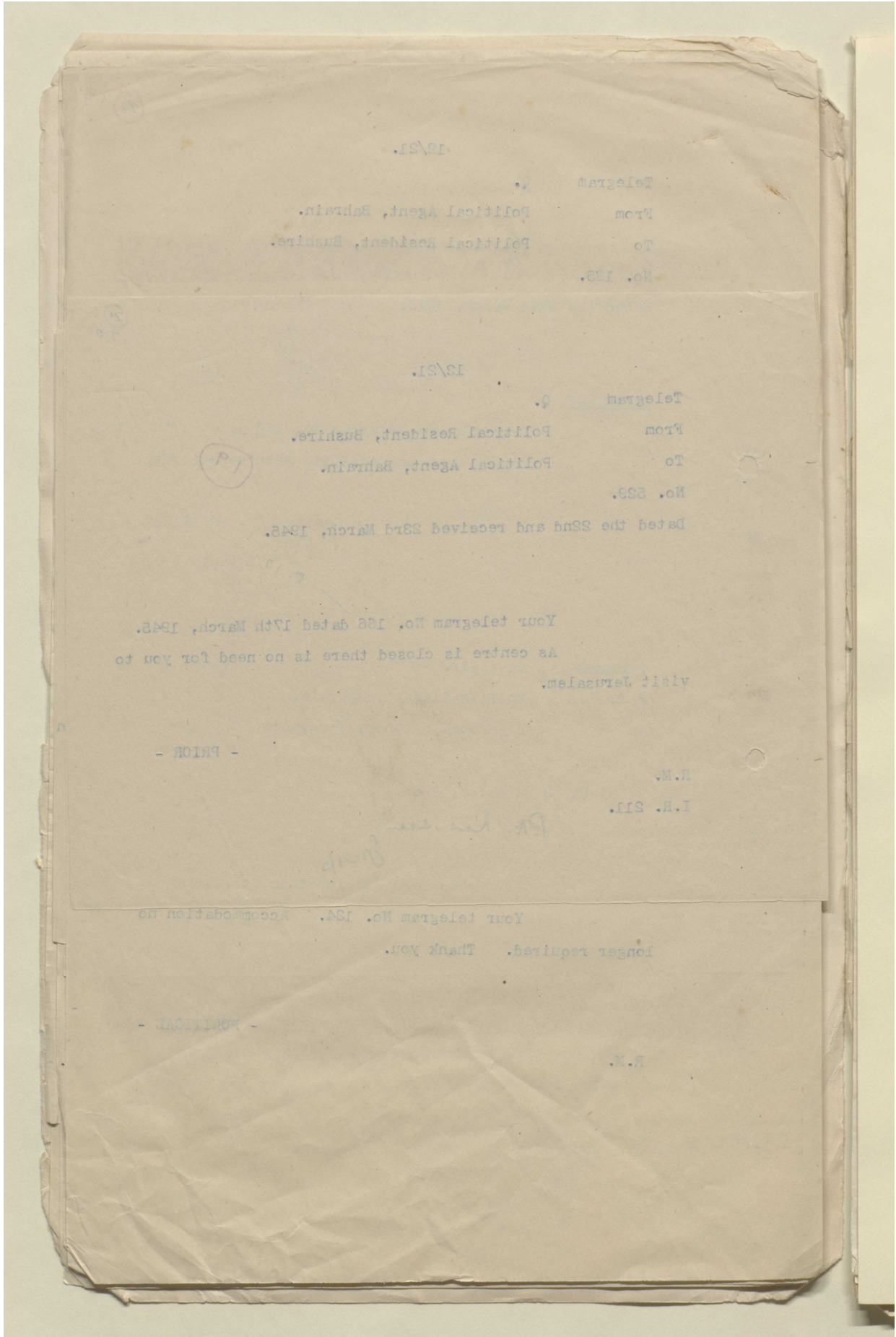
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D.O. No. C/907.

The 23rd September, 1945.

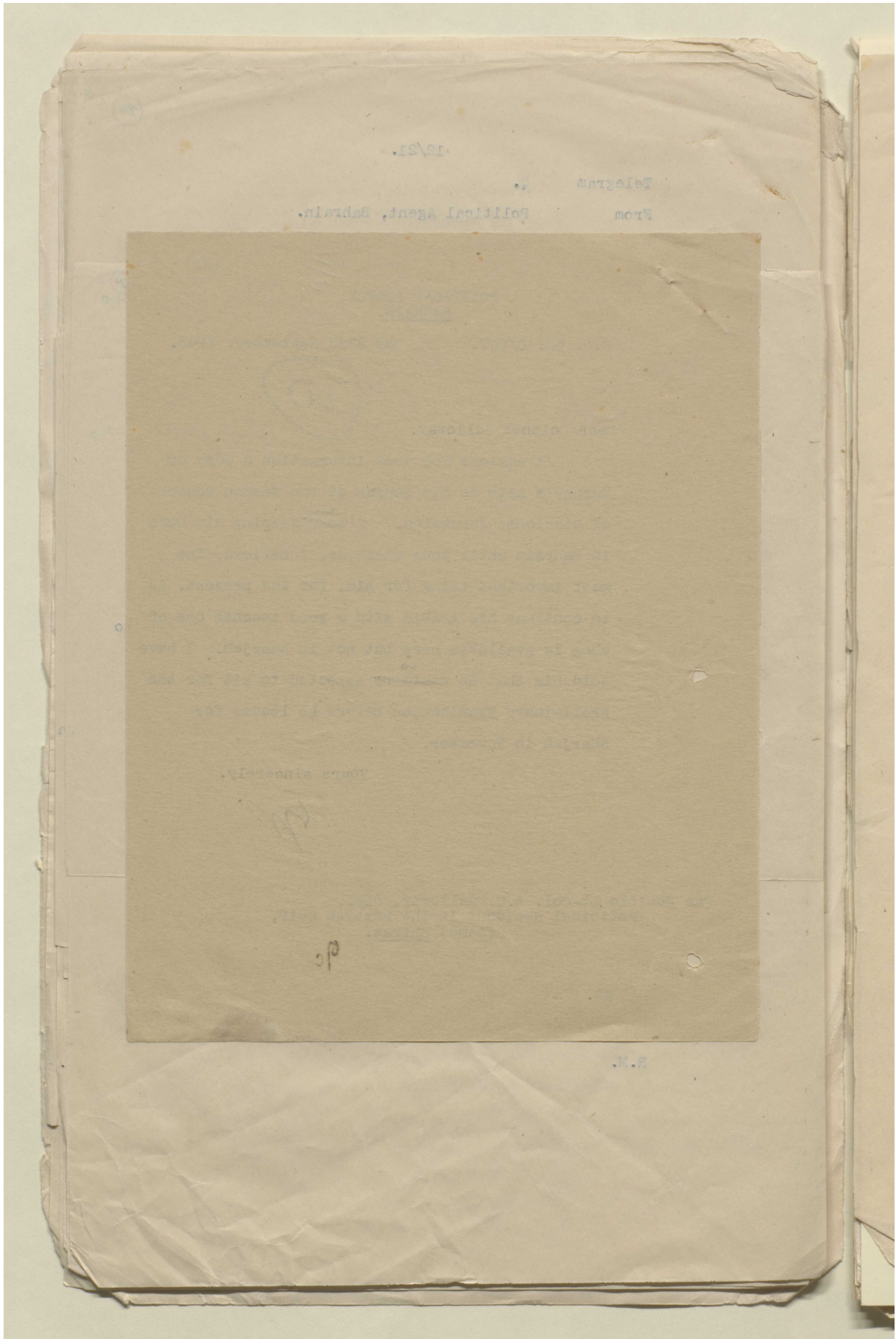
Dear Colonel Galloway,

I enclose for your information a copy of
Murphy's note on his course at the Newman School
of Missions, Jerusalem. I ^{am} ~~mean~~ keeping him here
in Bahrain until your visit as, I believe, the
most important thing for him, for the present, is
to continue his Arabic with a good teacher one of
whom is available here but not in Sharjah. I have
told him that he ^{is} ~~would be~~ expected to sit for the
Preliminary Examination before he leaves for
Sharjah in November.

Yours sincerely,

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The Hon'ble Lt-Col. A.C. Galloway, OBE.,
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,
(Camp) Shiraz.
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NOTE ON THE NEWMAN SCHOOL OF MISSIONS, THABOR, JERUSALEM.

I attended the Arabic classes held during the summer term at the Newman School of Missions, Jerusalem. The term was a short one, commencing on the 21st of July and terminating on the 31st of August. In all there were 30 working days (Saturdays and Sundays being holidays). Attendance was in the mornings only from 8-15 to 11-45 - divided into four periods of 45 minutes each with a 30 minute break for prayers and refreshments. Lectures on such subjects as "The Life of the Prophet", "Islam", "Phonetics", etc., were also included in the syllabus and on most Saturdays visits to places of religious and historical interest in and around Jerusalem were arranged by the Mission.

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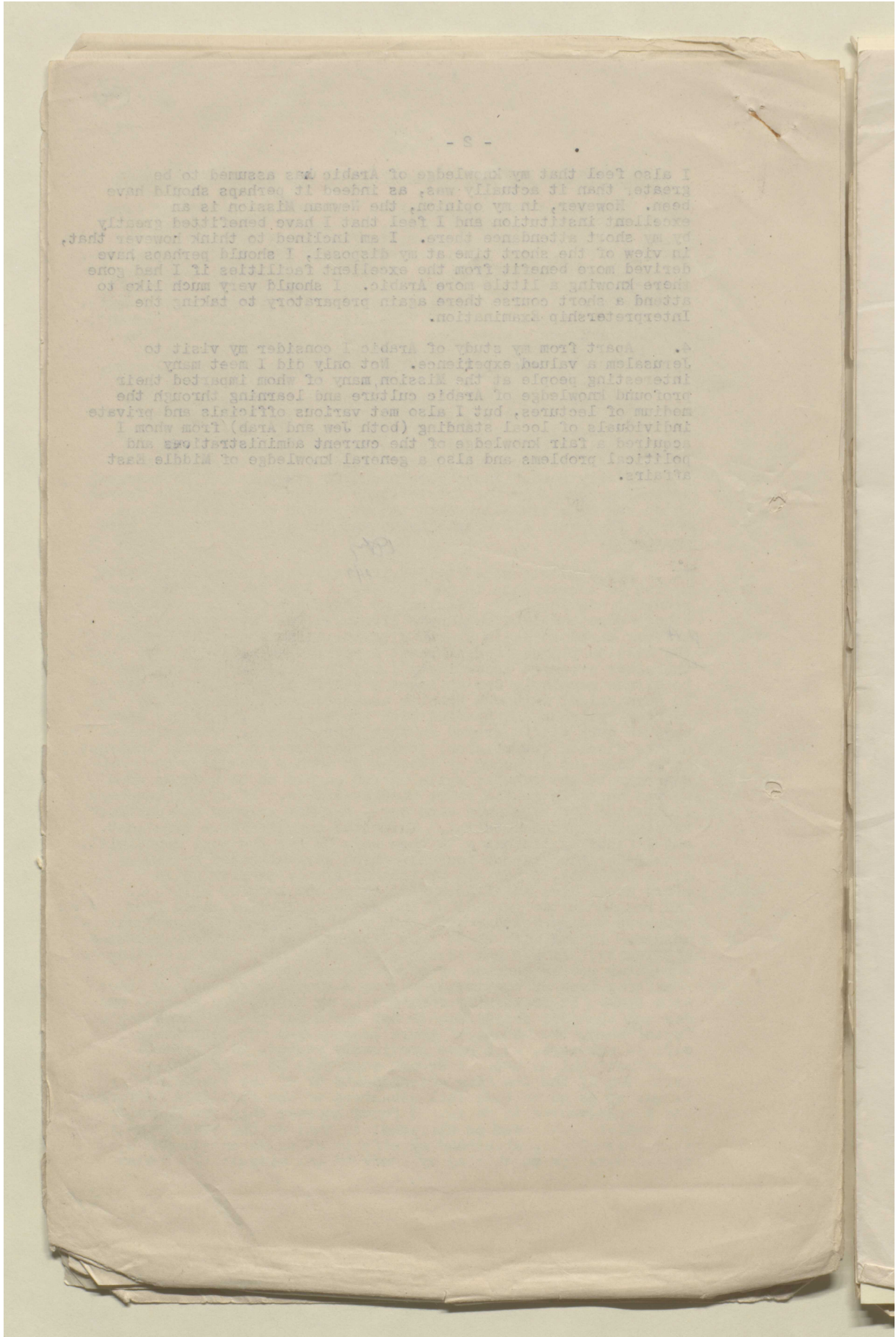
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I also feel that my knowledge of Arabic was assumed to be greater than it actually was, as indeed it perhaps should have been. However, in my opinion, the Newman Mission is an excellent institution and I feel that I have benefitted greatly by my short attendance there. I am inclined to think however that, in view of the short time at my disposal, I should perhaps have derived more benefit from the excellent facilities if I had gone there knowing a little more Arabic. I should very much like to attend a short course there again preparatory to taking the Interpretership Examination.

4. Apart from my study of Arabic I consider my visit to Jerusalem a valuable experience. Not only did I meet many interesting people at the Mission, many of whom imparted their profound knowledge of Arabic culture and learning through the medium of lectures, but I also met various officials and private individuals of local standing (both Jew and Arab) from whom I acquired a fair knowledge of the current administrative and political problems and also a general knowledge of Middle East affairs.

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

The Political Agent, Kuwait,

The Political Agent, Bahrain,

4/27/4

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

PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
~~British Consulate General,~~
BUSHIRE.

Dated... 5th April, 1946.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure.

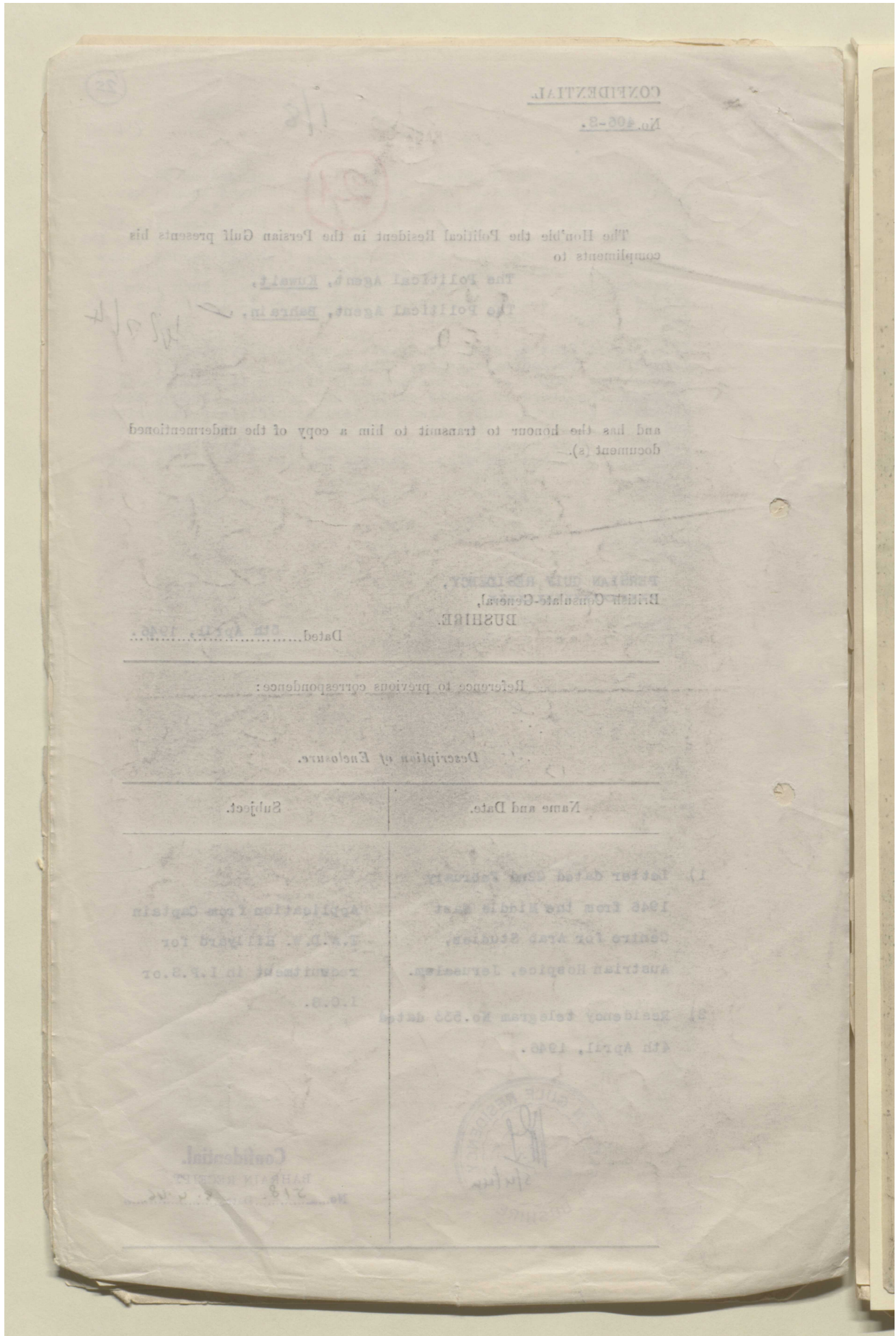
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2) Residency telegram No.533 dated 4th April, 1946.	



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No. 518. Date 8. 4. 46.



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MIDDLE EAST CENTRE FOR ARAB STUDIES.
AUSTRIAN HOSPICE.
JERUSALEM.

22nd February 1946.

My dear Sir Geoffrey,

One of my fellows here, Captain T.A.D.W. Hillyard has put in an application for entry to the
(a) Indian Political Service
(b) Indian Civil Service.

He has served with Indian troops during the War and liked them. Incidentally he got an M.B.E. (Military) while serving with them. He is a very good type. I enclose his particulars and I think it might interest you to have a look at him. An opportunity should present itself in April and May if you would be good enough to write or telegraph me indicating your approval.

It is the practice of the Centre to break our academic studies in the third term for a period of 6 weeks ('vac') for the purpose of dispersing officers to various of the Arabic speaking countries in order to devote themselves to the colloquial and to acquire a brief acquaintance with some aspect of practical affairs. For purposes of rations they are attached to a military unit in the locality (in this sense they are limited to areas under the Middle East Command where military detachments exist) but their programmes are undertaken by various political authorities. Last year our Embassy in Baghdad, our Legation in Syria and our Political Heads in the Sudan and in Cyrenacia very kindly co-operated and will I think in view of Hillyard's ambition it would be most satisfactory if he could come and spend his break, 23rd April - 30th May, in the Persian Gulf, and he would like to do so and to be seen by you.

Transport from here to Basra and return would be a military charge, and he would as I say be entitled to draw free rations at a destination where a British Army detachment is to be found. I presume in the Persian Gulf this would be Bahrain. As he is not entitled to travelling or any other allowances during the break and as my Foreign Office budget does not provide for any other expenses incurred in connection with students, would you be so good as to consider, in case you may be interested in Hillyard, whether it would be possible for you to provide transport facilities from Basra to Bushire and Bahrain and return to Basra, and offer him official hospitality for a day or two in Bushire, or alternatively at such other place in the Persian Gulf where it might be more convenient for you to see him at the time, in the event of there being no British military detachment at such place. Where a military unit exists and I arrange his attachment in good time there will be no difficulty, so if you will be good enough to mention in your reply the name of a unit under Middle East Command represented in the Persian Gulf and its location.

Hillyard has a good brain, has a serious mind and is a hard worker. Presents well enough and health sound.

Yours very sincerely,

sd. Bertram Thomas

The Hon'ble
Sir Geoffrey Prior, K.C.I.E.,
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Bahrain.

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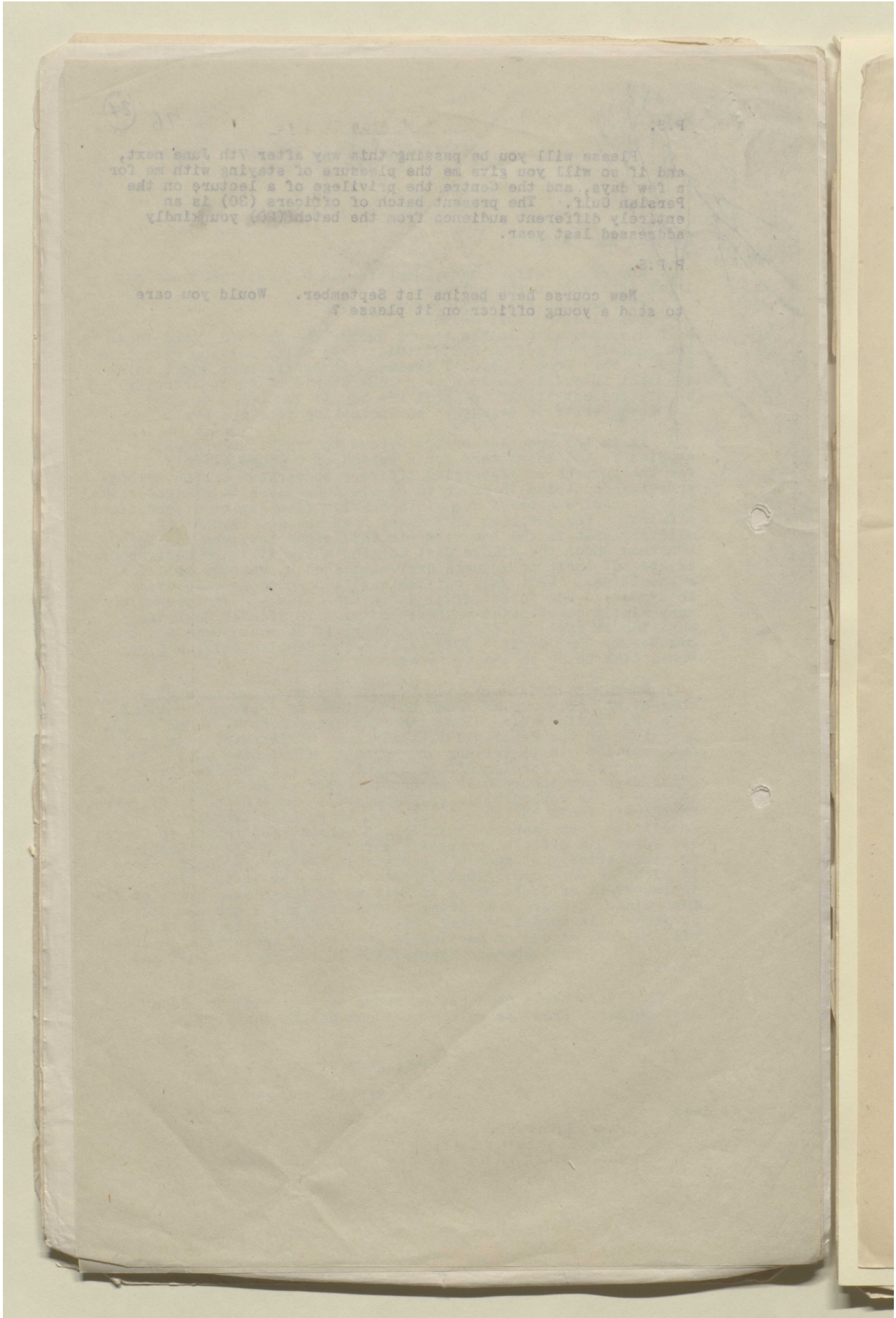
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Please will you be passing this way after 7th June next,
and if so will you give me the pleasure of staying with me for
a few days, and the Centre the privilege of a lecture on the
Persian Gulf. The present batch of officers (30) is an
entirely different audience from the batch (20) you kindly
addressed last year.

P.P.S.

New course here begins 1st September. Would you care
to send a young officer on it please ?

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Subject:- Middle East Centre of Arab Studies - GRO.586/45.

APPLICATION FORM.

1. Rank and name: T/Captain HILLIARD, Temple Arthur Daniel
Wickham, M.B.E.,
Field Regiment.

2. Civil Occupation: Up at Oxford when War broke out.

3. Date of Birth: 22nd June, 1920.

4. Married or Single: Single.

5. Full details of Education: Marlborough College. Scholar
Exeter College,
Oxford.

6. Military Career and distinctions : Enlisted 18th Dept '39
or work in connection with the war: in R.Signals. 8 Ind.
: Div.Sigs. May '42-Feb
: '45. OC Sigs. 43
: Gurkha Bde. Feb '45.

7. Any Foreign Language with which : Italian - Urdu - **
candidate is conversant with, any : French.
certificates of proficiency in :
the same. : Conversant all three.

8. Medical Category: A.1.

9. Whether Candidate has previously :
lived in a Tropical Climate and : No. No.
suffered from Malaria or any other :
disease peculiar to Tropical :
Climates. :

Recommendation of Officer Commanding Unit:

Strongly recommended. In every respect an admirable candidate.

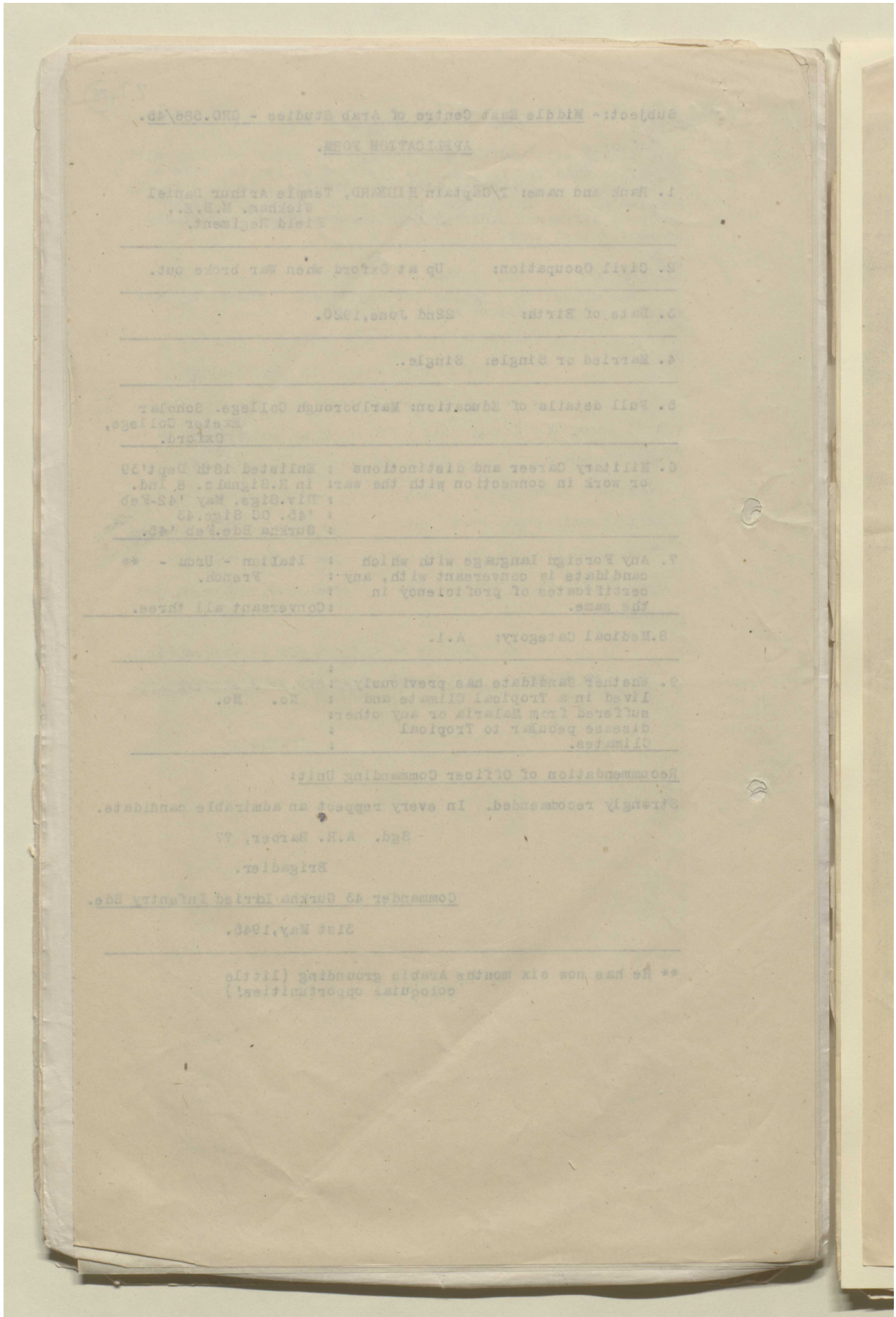
Sgd. A.R. Barber, ??

Brigadier.

Commander 43 Gurkha Ldried Infantry Bde.

31st May, 1945.

** He has now six months Arabic grounding (little
coloquial opportunities!)



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Telegram G.T.C.
From Political Resident, Bushire.
To High Commissioner, Jerusalem.
No. 533.

Dated the 4th April, 1946.

Following for Bertram Thomas. Begins.

Your letter 22nd February. Hillyard.

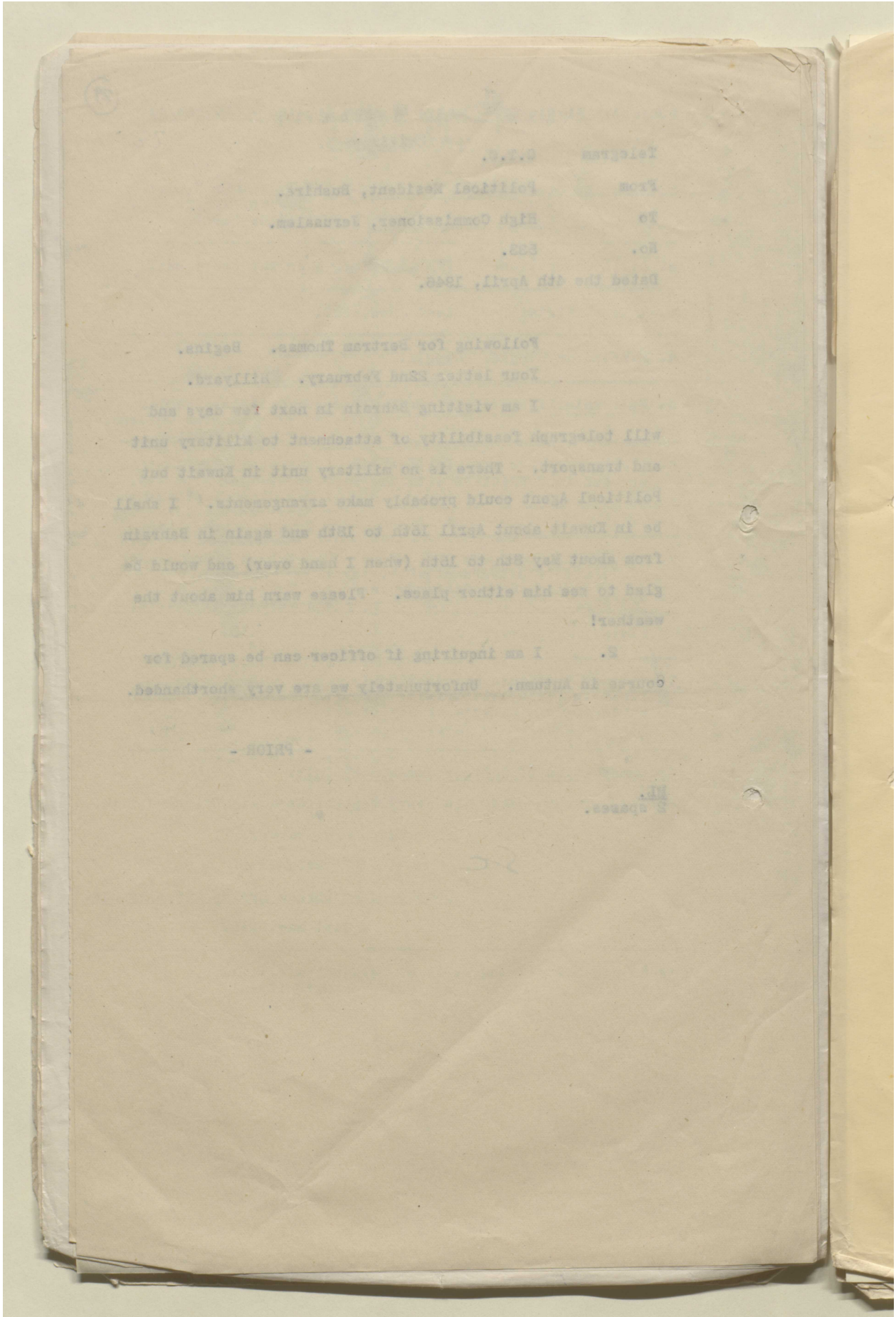
I am visiting Bahrain in next few days and will telegraph feasibility of attachment to Military unit and transport. There is no military unit in Kuwait but Political Agent could probably make arrangements. I shall be in Kuwait about April 15th to 18th and again in Bahrain from about May 8th to 15th (when I hand over) and would be glad to see him either place. Please warn him about the weather!

2. I am inquiring if officer can be spared for course in Autumn. Unfortunately we are very shorthanded.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT.

EXPRESS LETTER

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FROM Political Resident, Bushire. *HL 23/4*

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

No. 480-S. Dated 21st April 1946 ~~1945~~. *—5.21*

Reference my Printed Letter No. 406-S dated the 5th April 1946.

2. Captain Hillyard will not now visit, the Gulf.

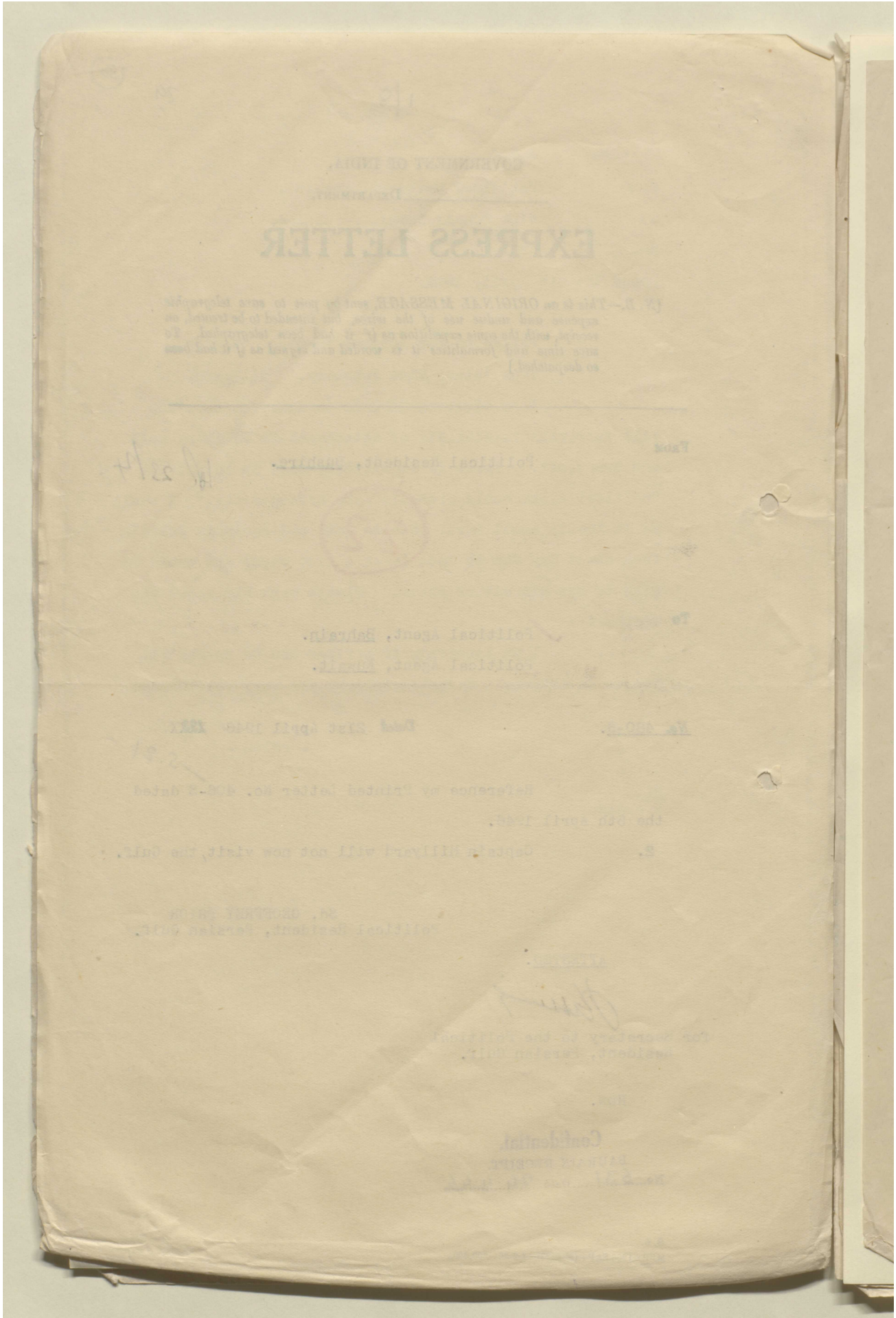
Sd. GEOFFREY PRIOR
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ATTESTED.
H. H. H.
for Secretary to the Political Resident, Persian Gulf.

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No. 631 Date 24.4.46

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D.O. No. C/65

Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,
Camp Bahrain.
Dated the 13th May, 1946.

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Yours sincerely,

Sd. Geoffrey Prior.

Telegram
From Political Resident, at Bahrain.
To Government of India, New Delhi.
No. T/192
Dated the 23rd May, 1946.

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BAHRAIN RECEIPT.

No. 807. Date 26/5/46.

Weightman from Hay.

Please telegraph whether sanction for Murphy's deputation to autumn course at Arab Centre Jerusalem is cancelled in view of Prior's demi official letter to you No. C/65 May 13th.

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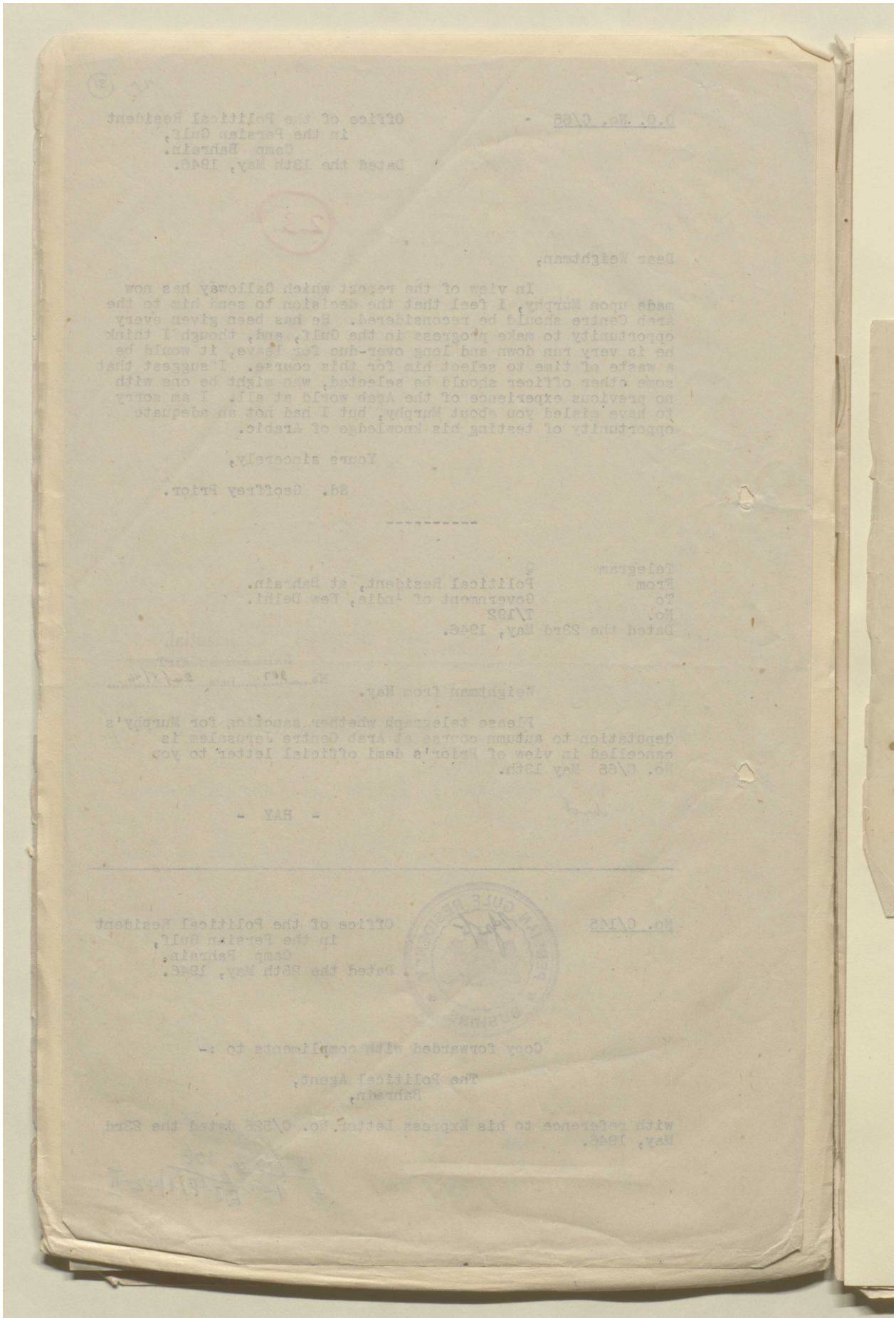
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Dated the 25th May, 1946.

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The Political Agent,
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with reference to his Express Letter No. C/526 dated the 23rd May, 1946.

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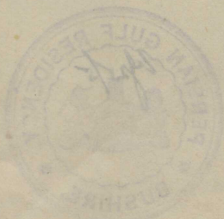
Ed. Geoffrey Prior.

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No.
T/192
Dated the 23rd May, 1946.

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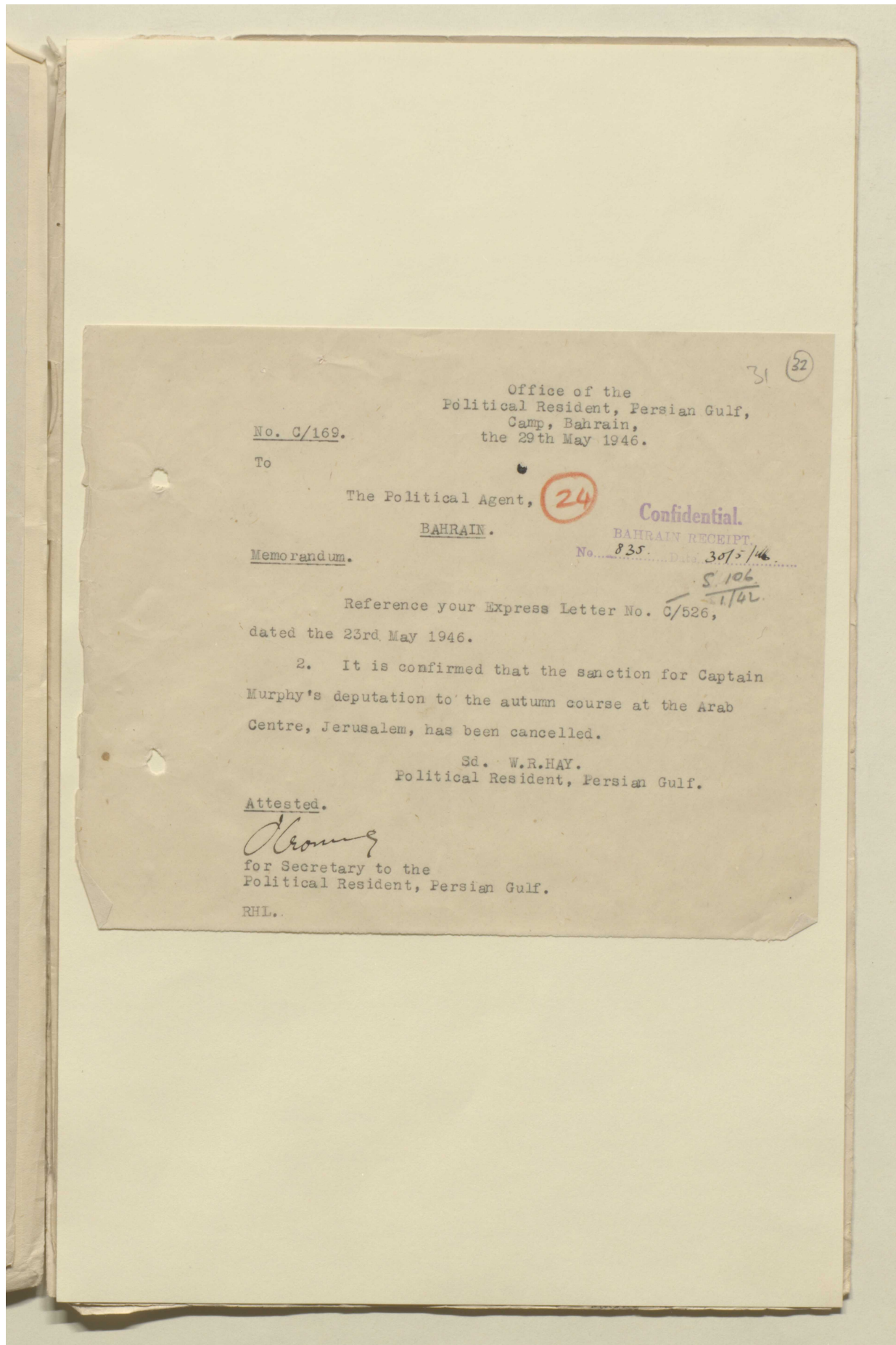


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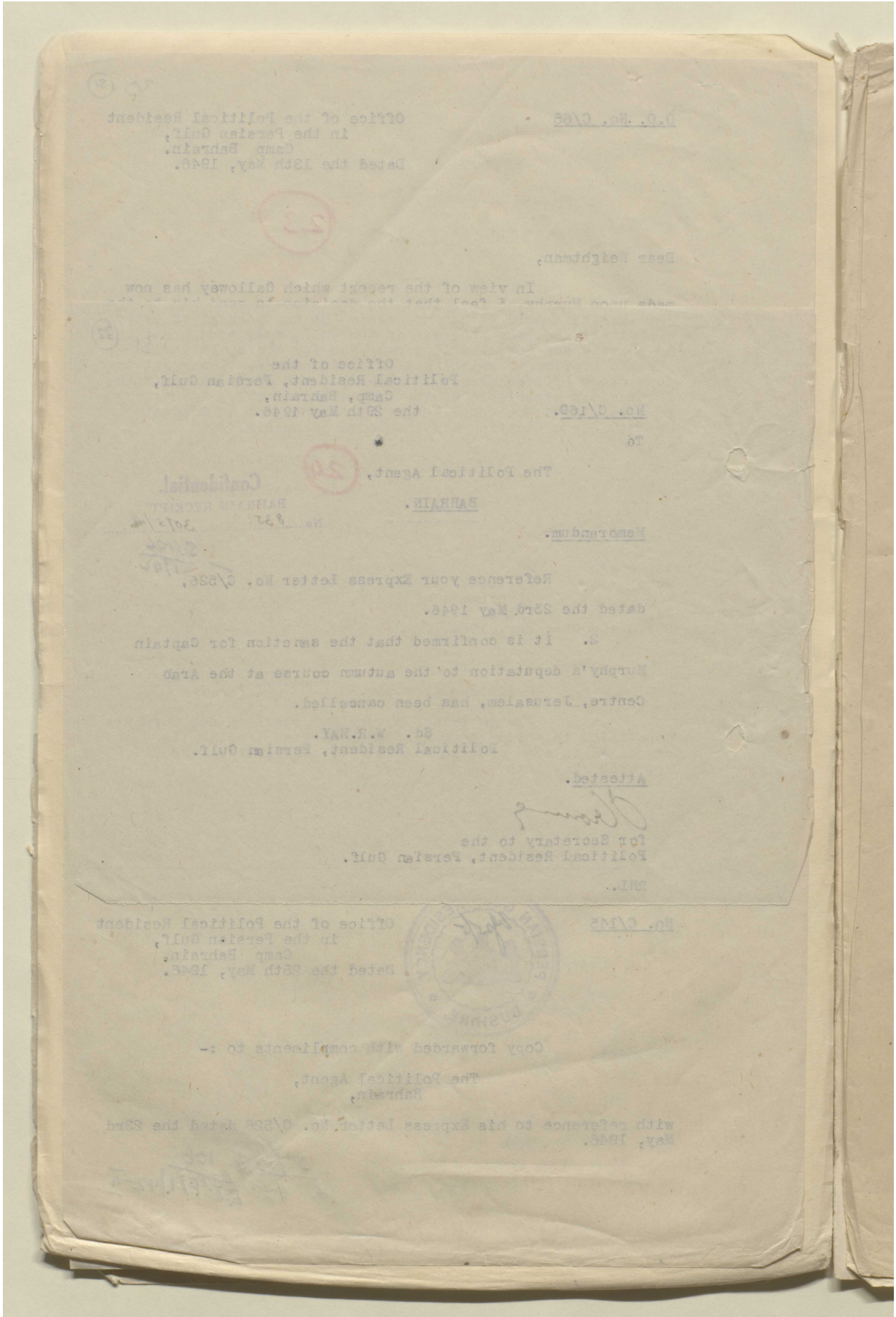
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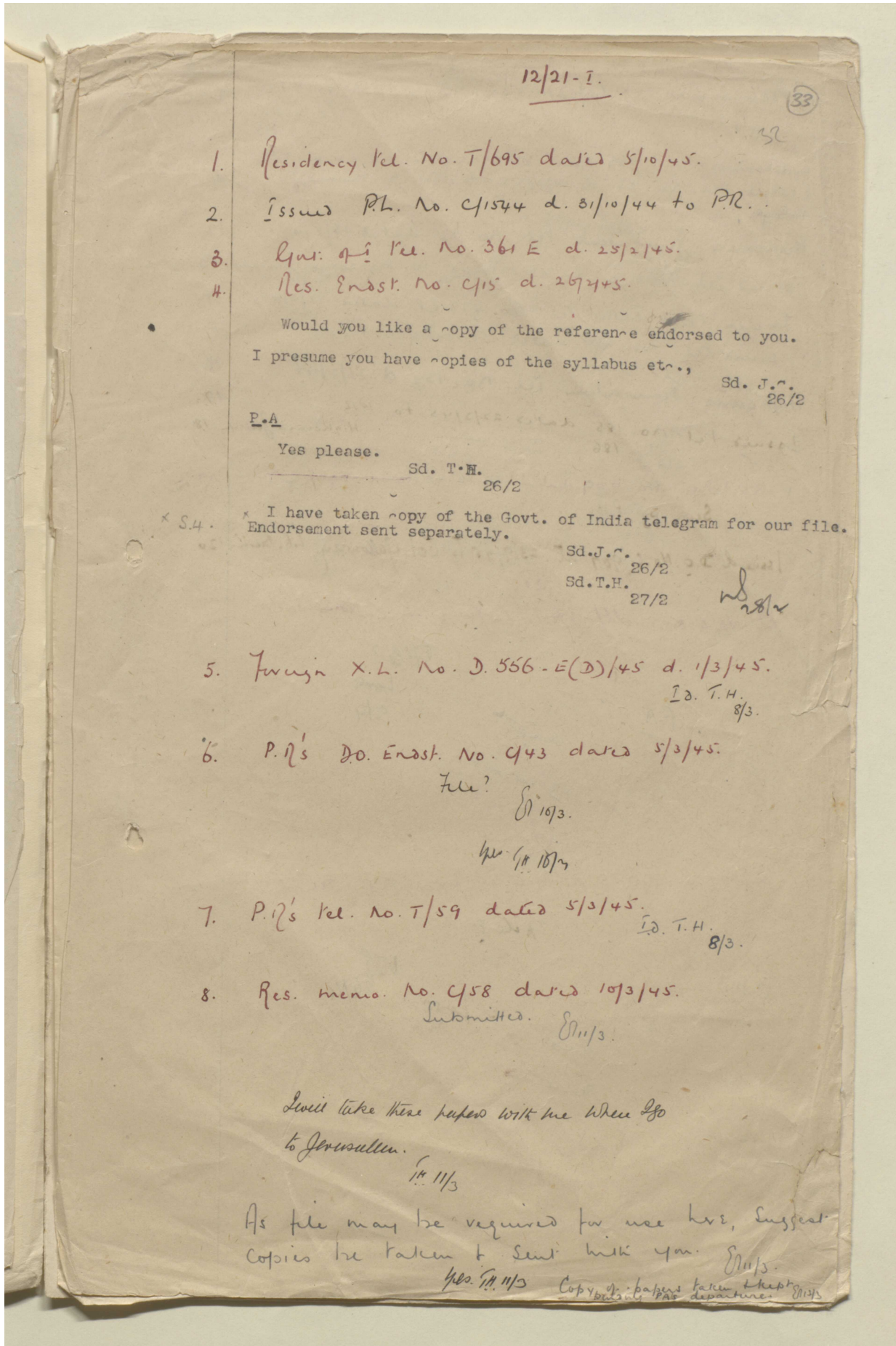
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