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The file contains correspondence and telegrams between the Political Agent in Bahrain, the Political Resident in Bushire and representatives of the Bahrain Petroleum Company Limited on the use of a cypher code for their cable communications with New York and on the agreement of the code.

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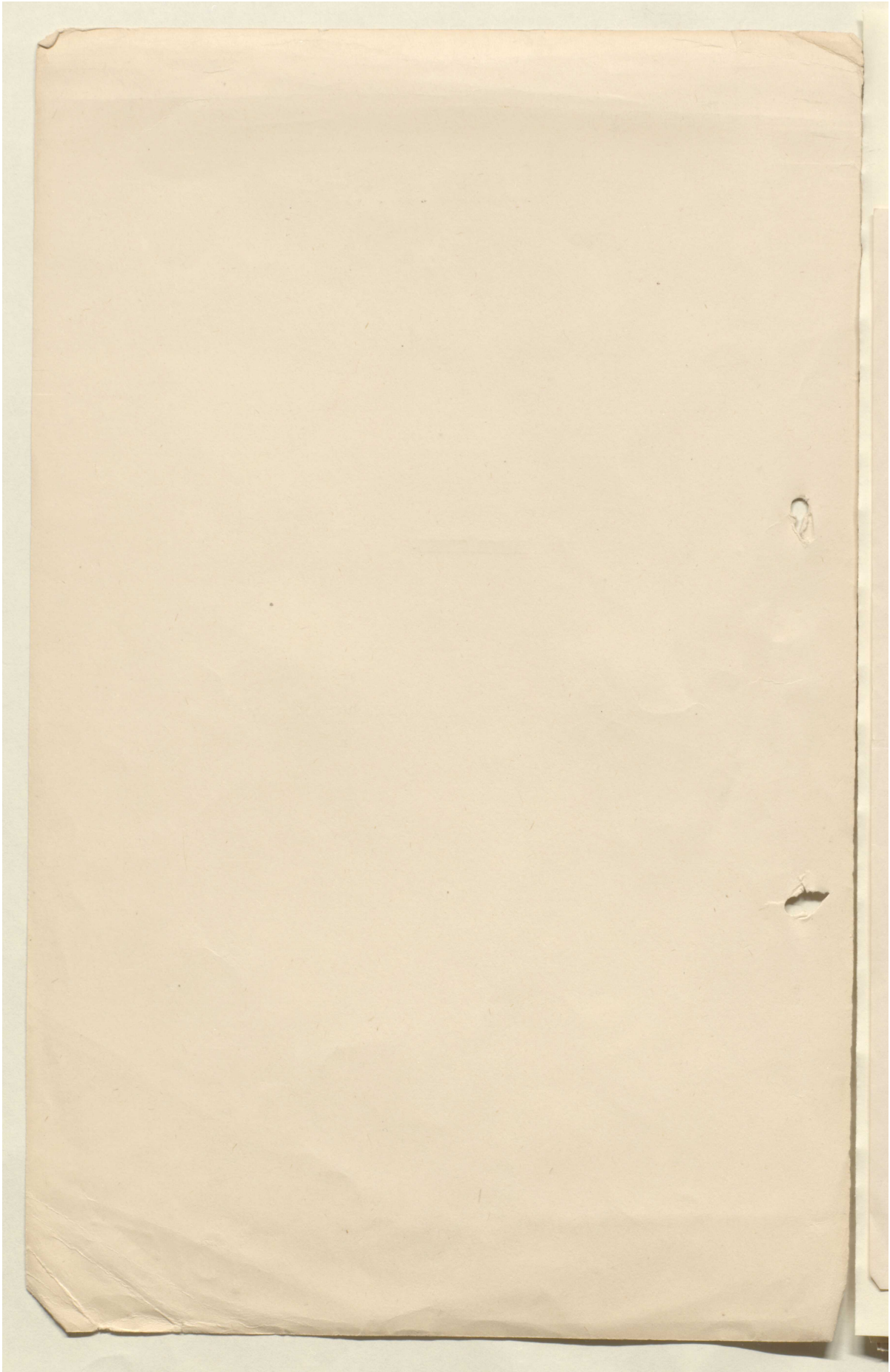
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Cable Address
"BAPCO"

THE BAHREIN PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED

Awali,

BAHREIN ISLAND, PERSIAN GULF.

PA-822

4th April 1943.

E. B. Wakefield, Esq.,
His Britannic Majesty's
Political Agent,
The Agency, Bahrein.

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Dear Sir,

Reference our recent discussions, the Company would very much appreciate the privilege of being allowed to send and receive telegrams to and from its New York Office in code and/or cypher. This privilege would greatly facilitate the Company's operations.

It is tentatively proposed to use the Company's code with a superimposed cypher.

An early reply would be much appreciated.

Yours truly,

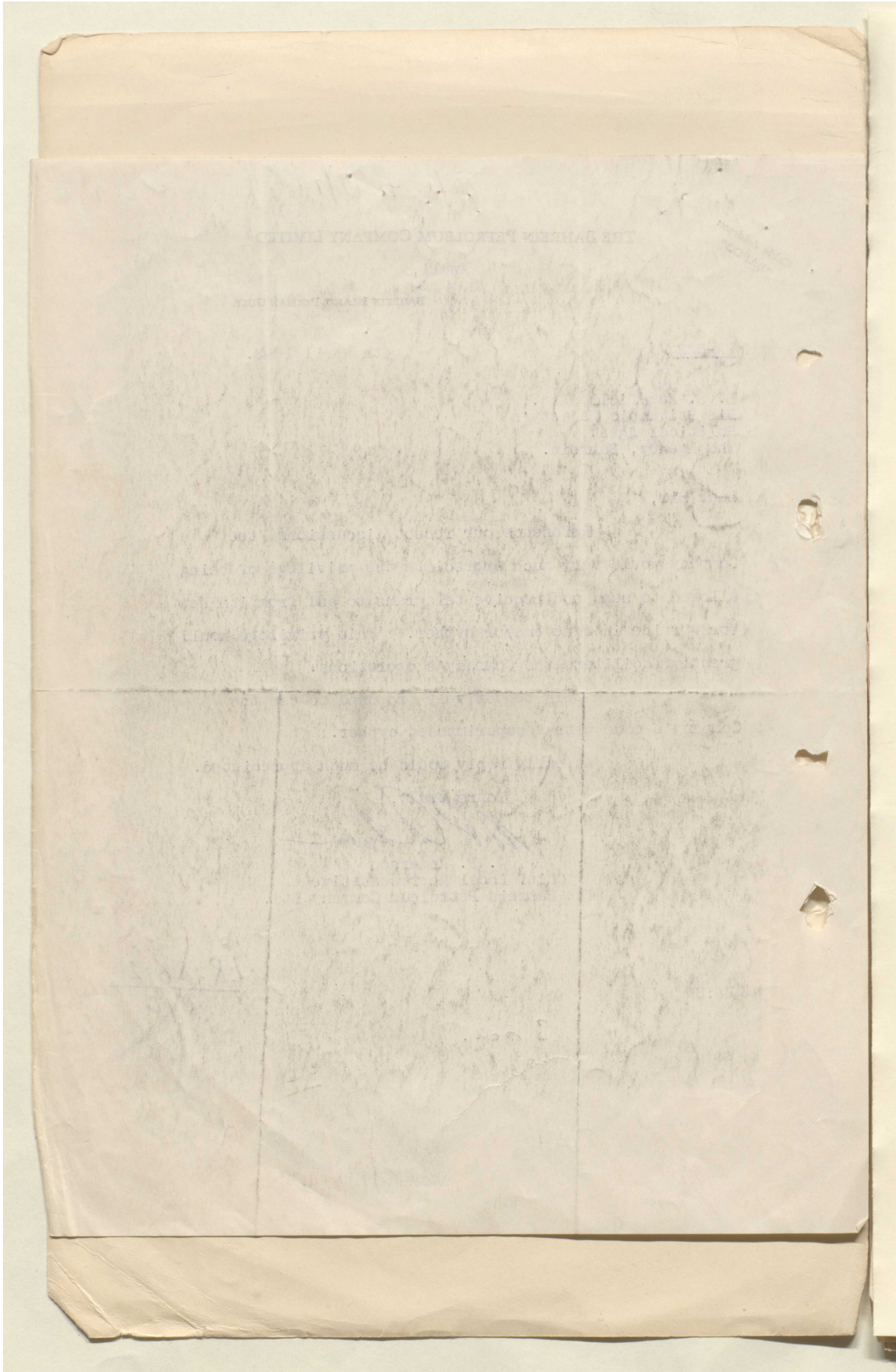
W. P. Anderson
Chief Local Representative
The Bahrein Petroleum Company Ltd.

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Confidential

No. C/478

Political Agency,
Bahrain, the 7th April 1943.

To

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

Memorandum

I enclose a copy of a letter No. PA-822 dated the 4th April 1943 which I have received from the Bahrain Petroleum Company Limited.

2. The great majority of the Company's cables to New York involve references, direct or indirect, to questions of personnel, food supply, oil production, shipping, tools and machinery, etc. Censorship in Bahrain ensures that information of potential use to the enemy is not sent by Cable and Wireless but this restricts to a degree which the Company find most embarrassing the scope of the references which they can make to New York.

3. Cables from the Company to New York, other than those which can without objection be sent en clair, may be divided into two categories :- (1) security cables, i.e. cables containing information which is not secret and could not by itself be of direct use to the enemy, but which, taken in conjunction with other information available to the enemy, might prove useful to him; and (2) secret cables i.e. cables containing information which would be of direct use to the enemy.

4. If the Company's present proposal is approved they would continue to send secret cables through the Navy or, occasionally, if political matters were being discussed, through the Political Agent. They wish, however, to send security cables by means of a secret Company code which would have, for purposes of further security, a transposition cypher superimposed. Such cables, I should add, which deal mainly with technical oil matters, cannot conveniently be transmitted in Service codes.

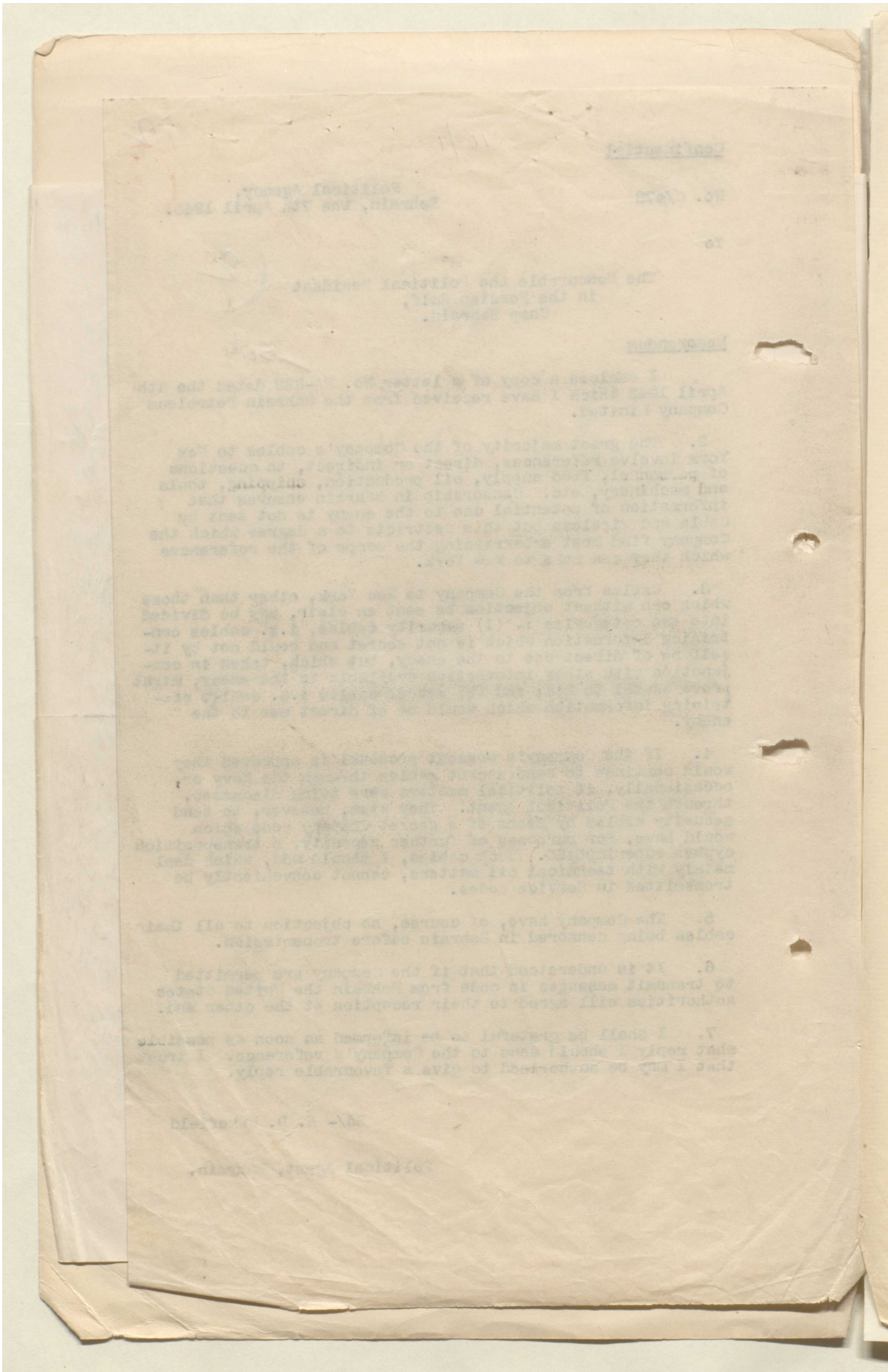
5. The Company have, of course, no objection to all their cables being censored in Bahrain before transmission.

6. It is understood that if the Company are permitted to transmit messages in code from Bahrain the United States authorities will agree to their reception at the other end.

7. I shall be grateful to be informed as soon as possible what reply I should send to the Company's reference. I trust that I may be authorised to give a favourable reply.

Sd/- E. B. Wakefield

Political Agent, Bahrain.



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Telegram 3.
From Political Resident, at Bahrain.
To Secretary of State for India, London.
Copies to Government of India, New Delhi.
Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf.
Paiforce.
Political Agent, Bahrain.
No. T/303.
Dated 9th April 1943.

Bahrain Oil Company's cables to New York fall into three classes

(a) En Clair transmitted through Cable and Wireless. Censorship at Bahrain ensures that information of potential use to the enemy is not included in this class.

(b) Security cables, containing information which is not in itself secret but which in conjunction with other information might be useful to the enemy

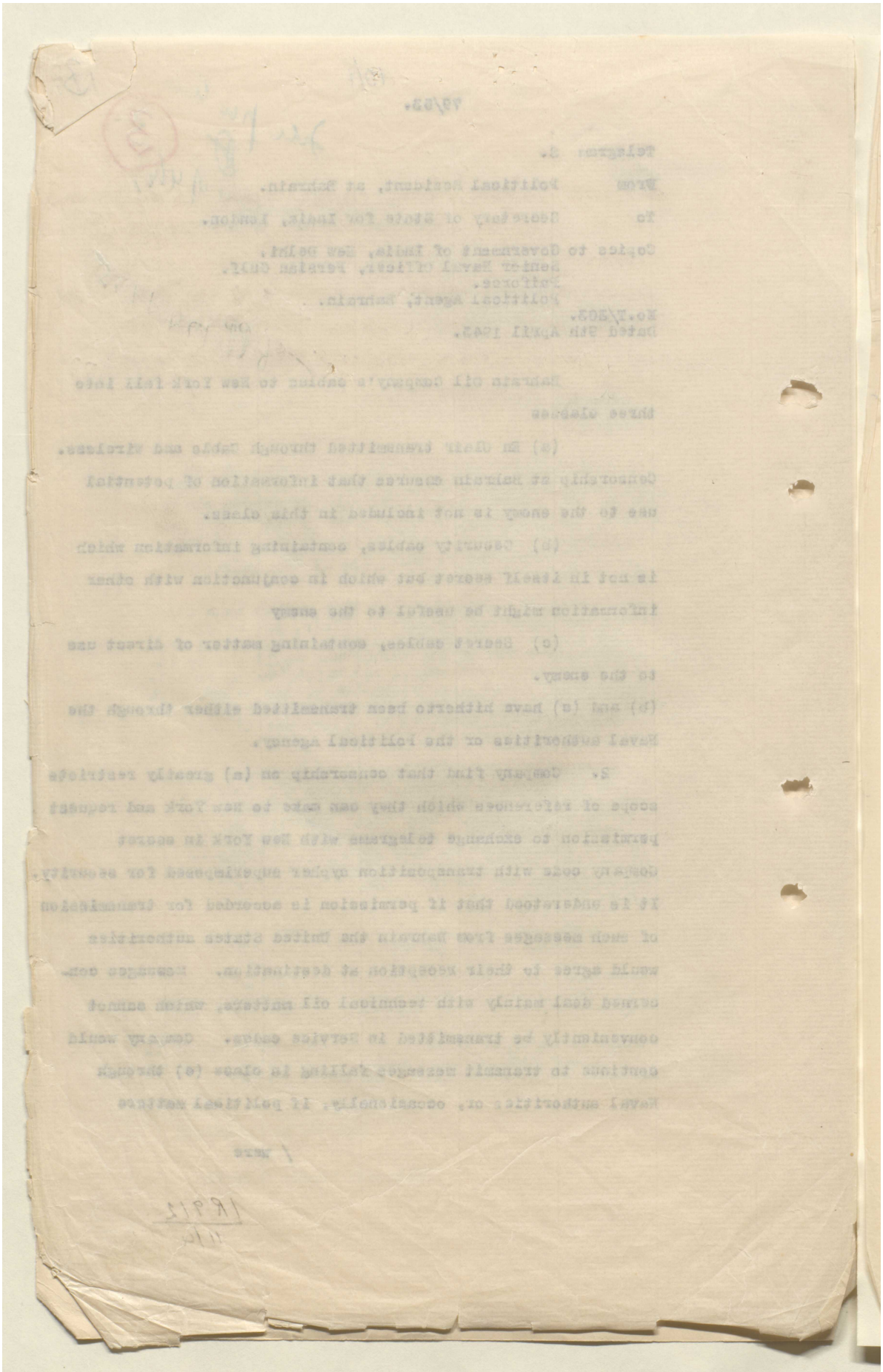
(c) Secret cables, containing matter of direct use to the enemy.

(b) and (c) have hitherto been transmitted either through the Naval authorities or the Political Agency.

2. Company find that censorship on (a) greatly restricts scope of references which they can make to New York and request permission to exchange telegrams with New York in secret Company code with transposition cypher superimposed for security. It is understood that if permission is accorded for transmission of such messages from Bahrain the United States authorities would agree to their reception at destination. Messages concerned deal mainly with technical oil matters, which cannot conveniently be transmitted in Service codes. Company would continue to transmit messages falling in class (c) through Naval authorities or, occasionally, if political matters

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were being discussed, through Political Agent. Company has no objection to all their cables being censored in Bahrain before transmission.

3. Company would be grateful for early decision. I see no objection to proposals which have been discussed with me. Provided Political Agent sees copies of cables before transmission position should be secure.

- RESIDENT -

SECRET.
No.C/143.

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

Dated the 9th April 1943.

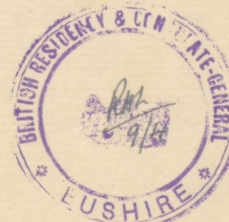
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The Secretary to the Government of India
in the External Affairs Department,
New Delhi.

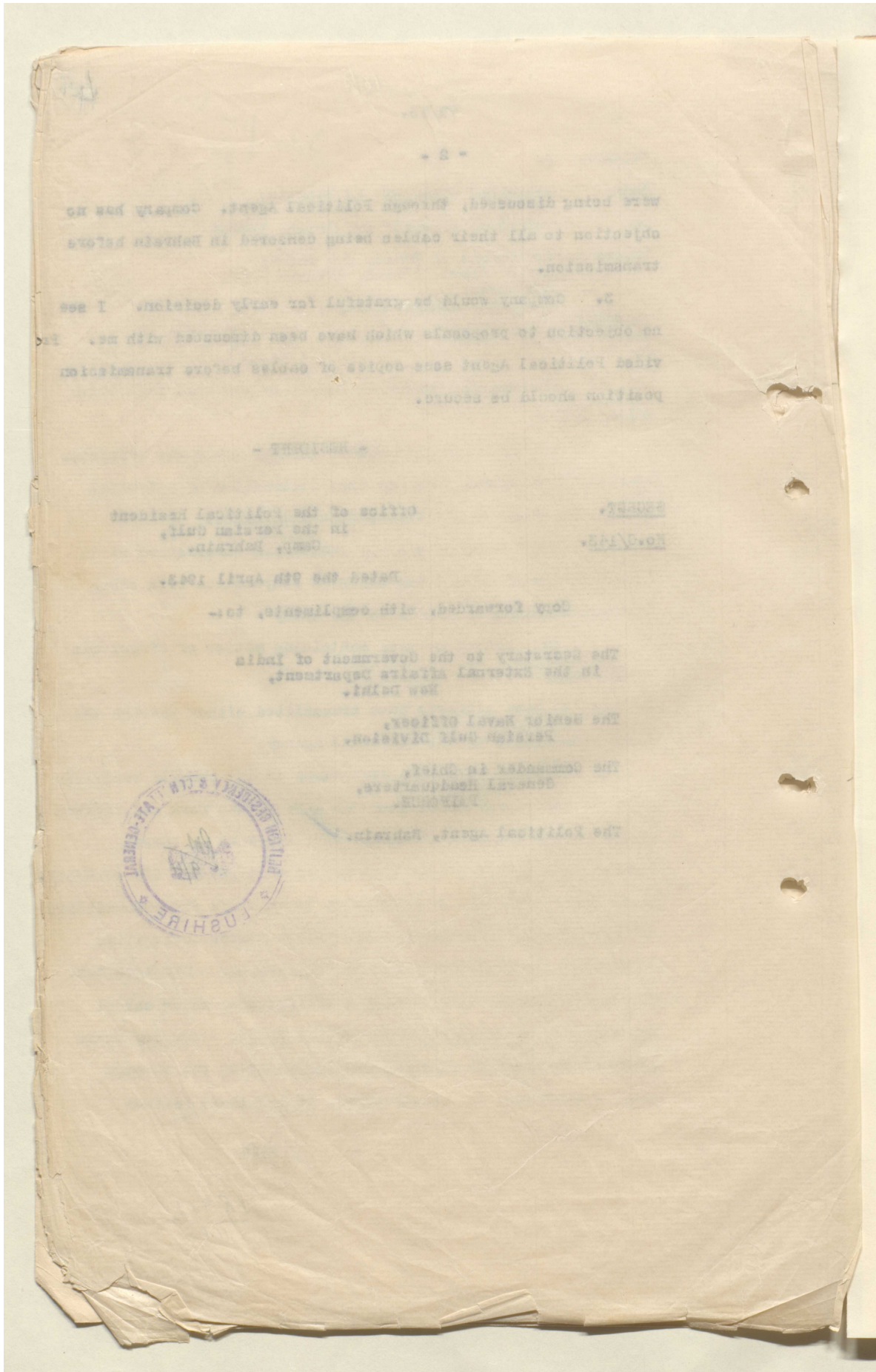
The Senior Naval Officer,
Persian Gulf Division.

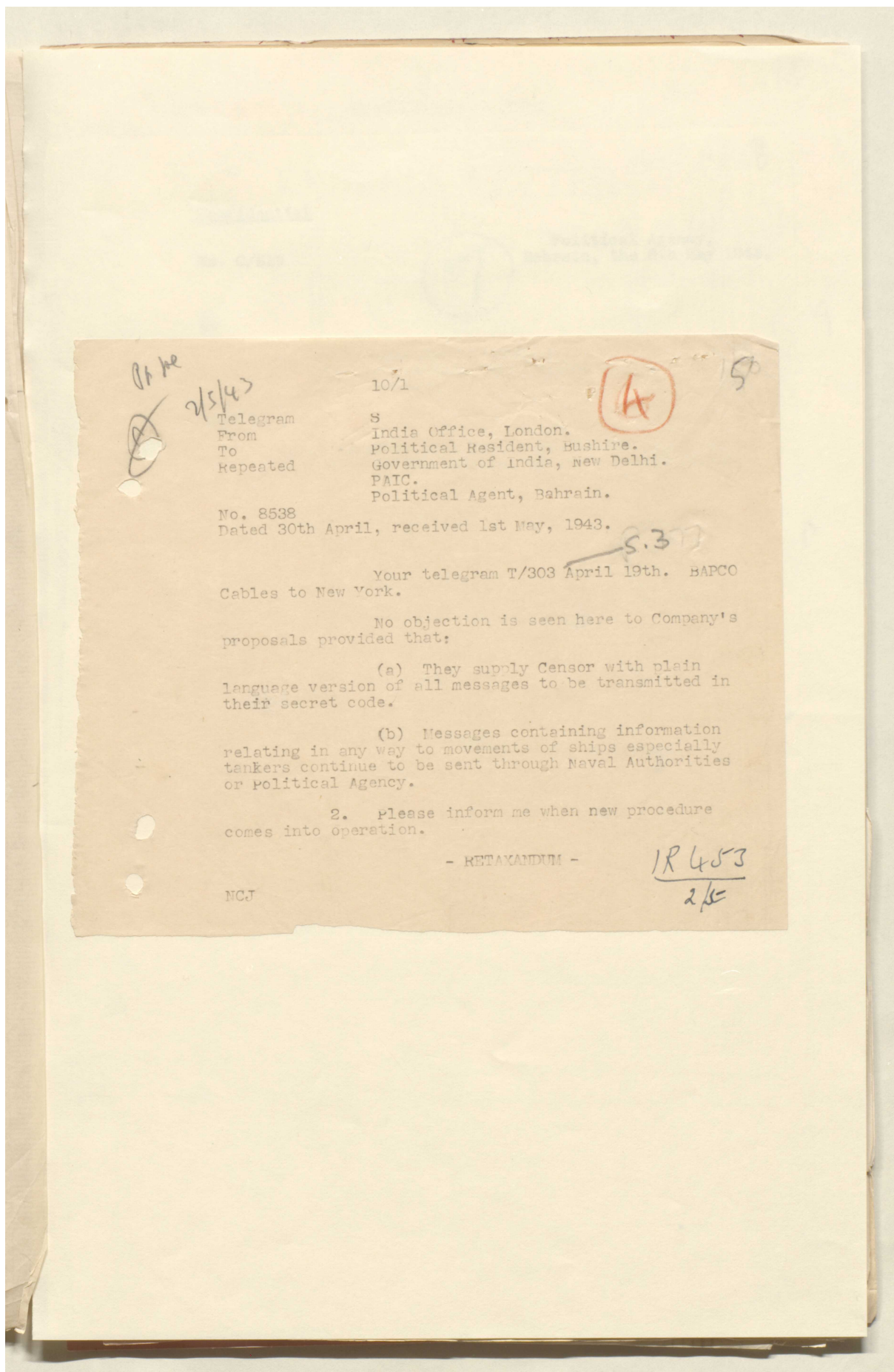
The Commander in Chief,
General Headquarters,
PAIFORCE.

The Political Agent, Bahrain. ✓



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Telegram
From S
To India Office, London.
Repeated Political Resident, MUSHIRE.
Government of India, New Delhi.
PAIC.
Political Agent, Bahrain.

No. 8538
Dated 30th April, received 1st May, 1943.

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Your telegram T/303 April 19th. BAPCO
Cables to New York.

No objection is seen here to Company's
proposals provided that:

(a) They supply Censor with plain
language version of all messages to be transmitted in
their secret code.

(b) Messages containing information
relating in any way to movements of ships especially
tankers continue to be sent through Naval Authorities
or Political Agency.

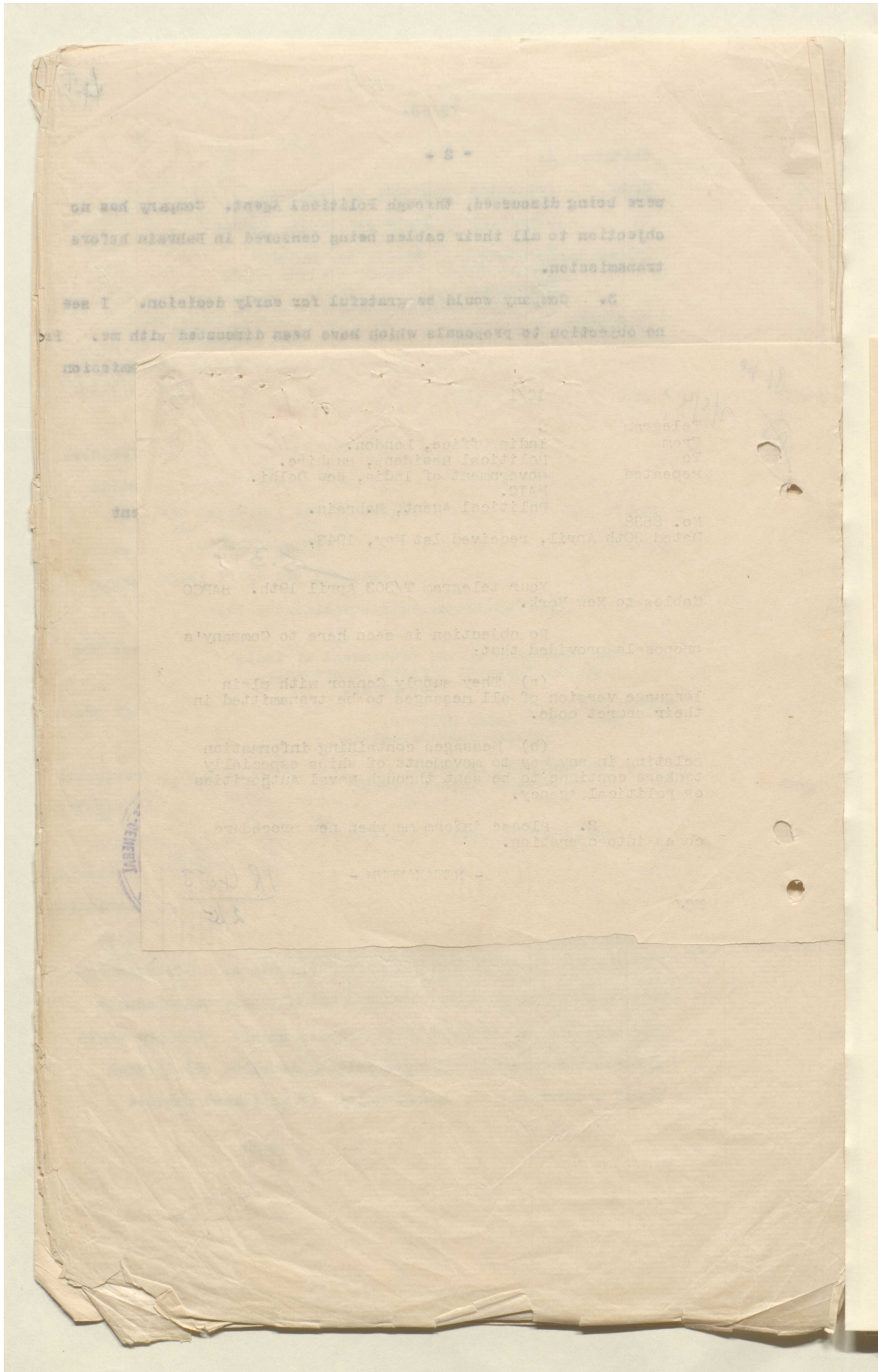
2. Please inform me when new procedure
comes into operation.

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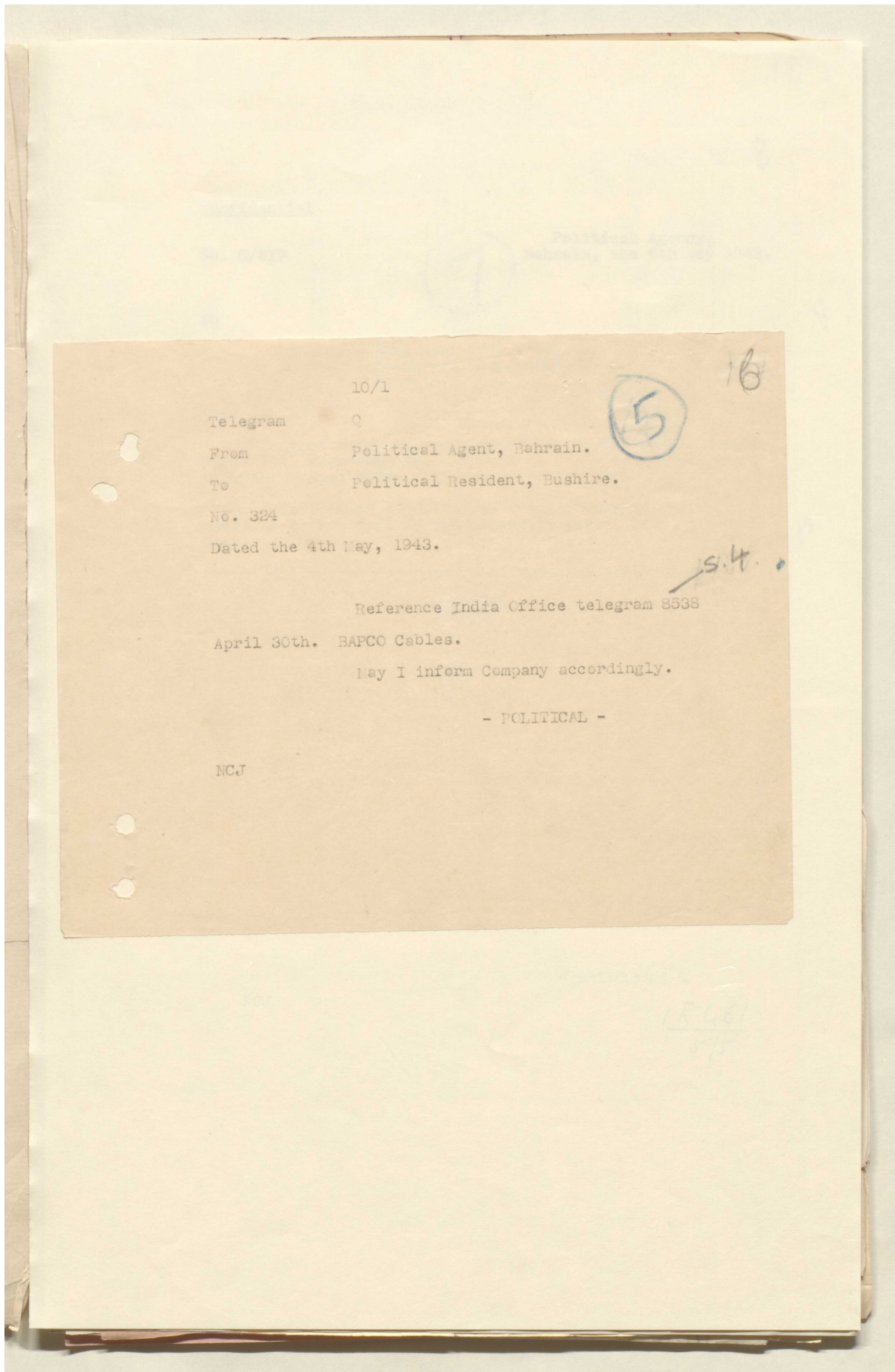
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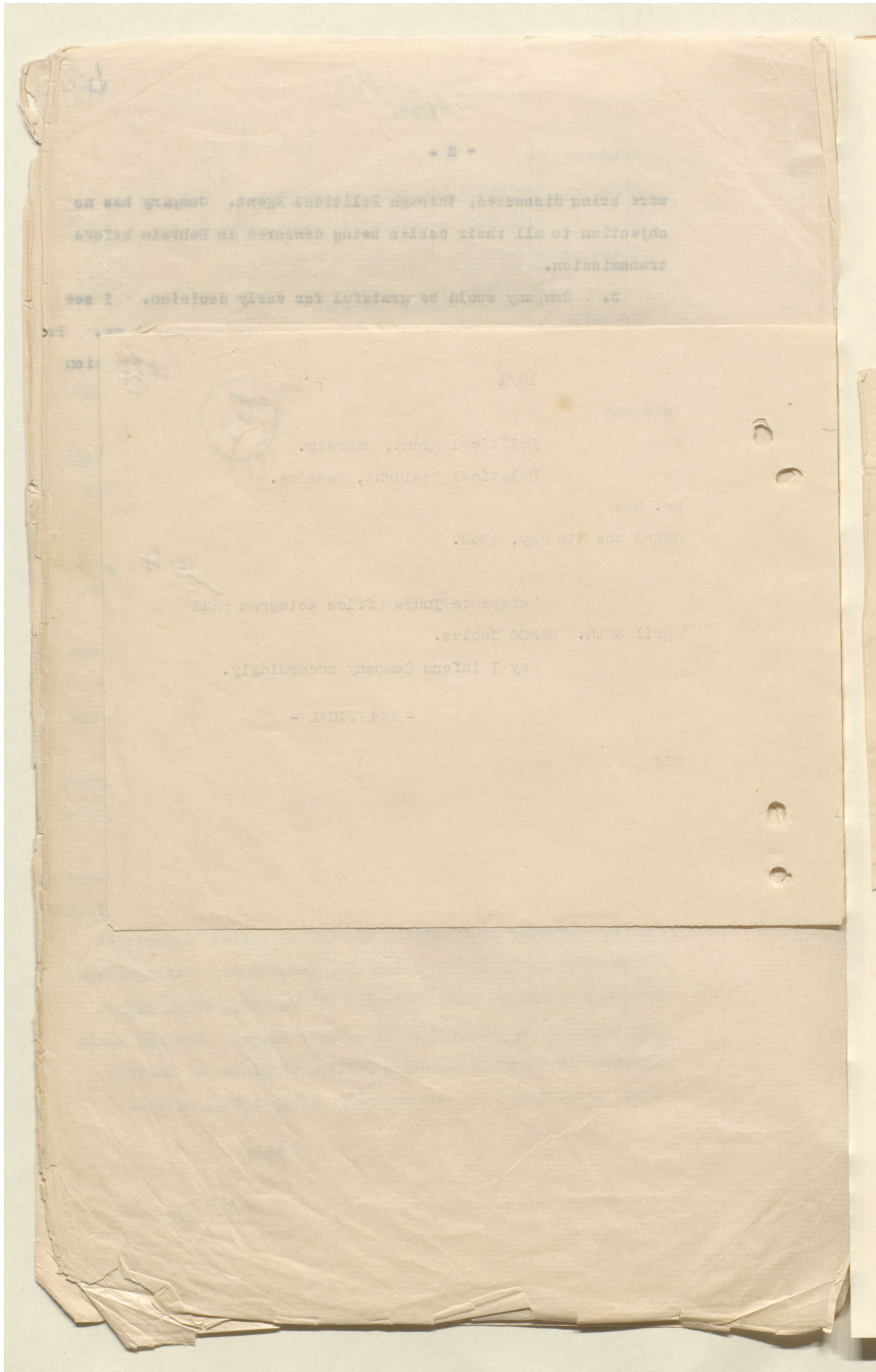
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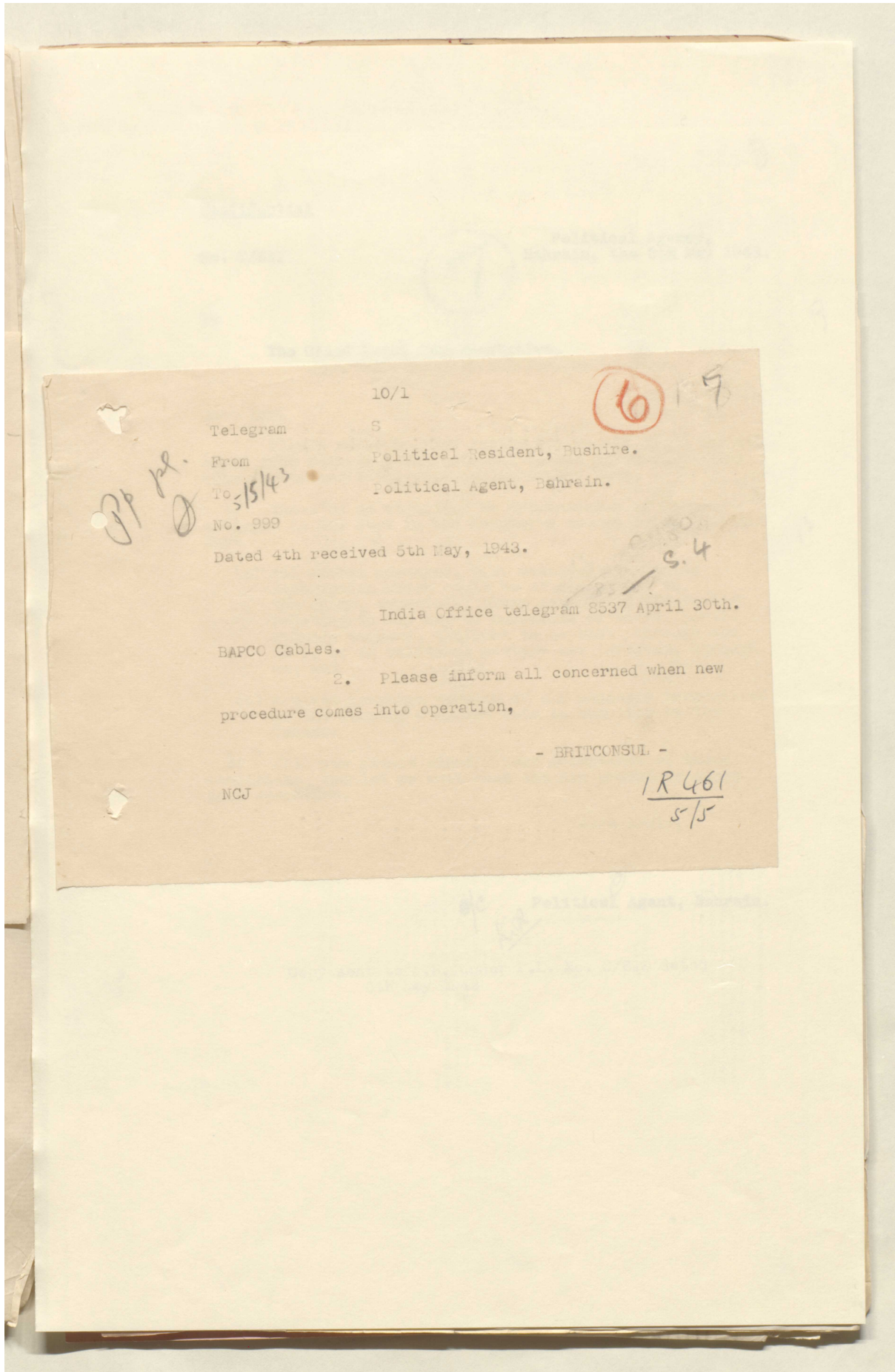
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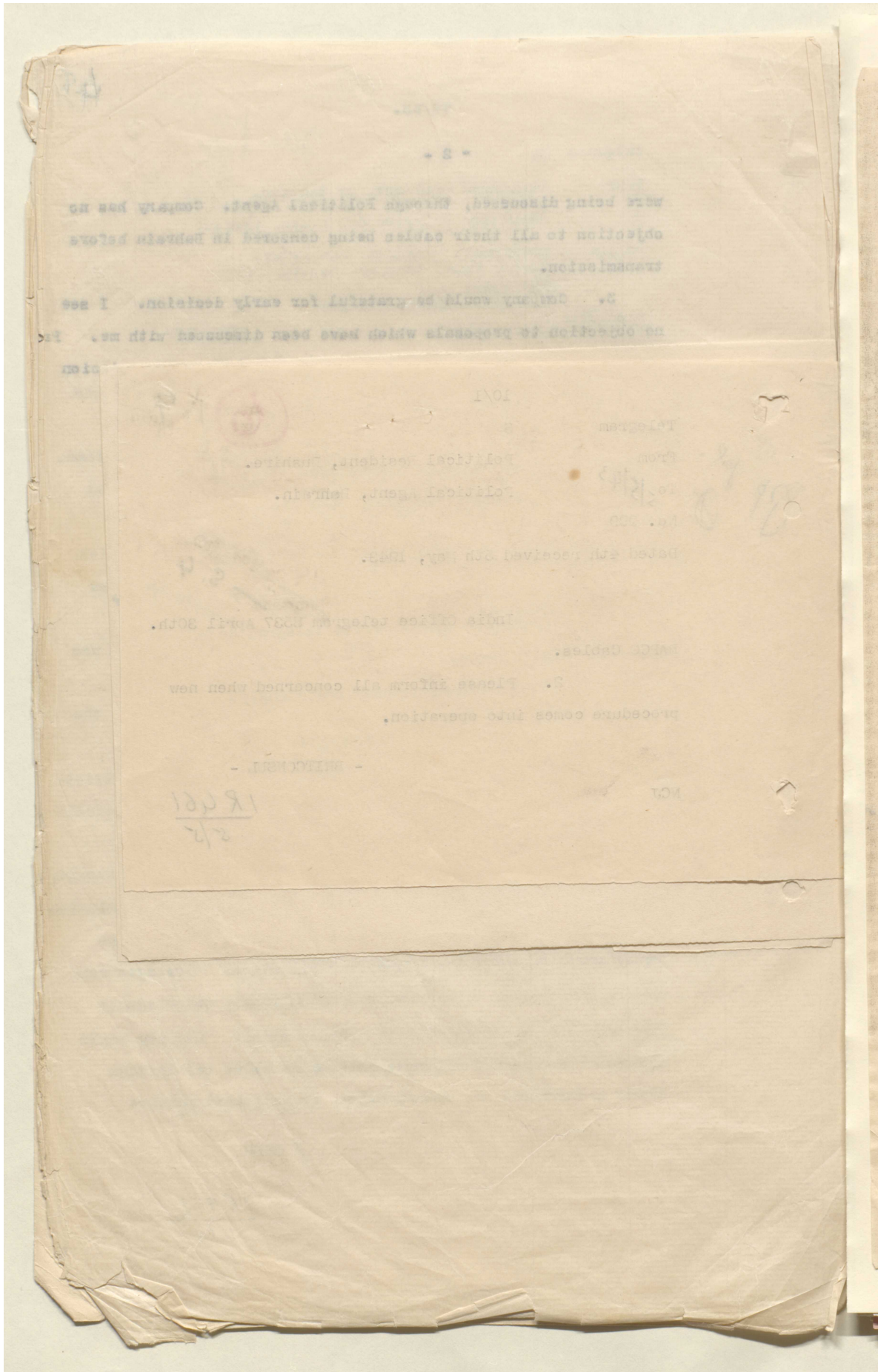
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'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [8r] (17/108)

Confidential

No. C/617

Political Agency,
Bahrain, the 6th May 1943.

To

The Chief Local Representative,
The Bahrain Petroleum Company Limited,
Bahrain.

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. PA-822 dated the 4th April 1943 regarding the proposal to use a secret Company code for transmitting your cables to New York.

2. There is no objection to transmission of Company messages to New York in the Company's secret code, provided that

(a) All secret messages, i.e. messages containing information which would be of direct use to the enemy, especially those containing information relating in any way to movements of ships, particularly tankers, continue to be sent through the Navy, or if political matters are involved, through me; and

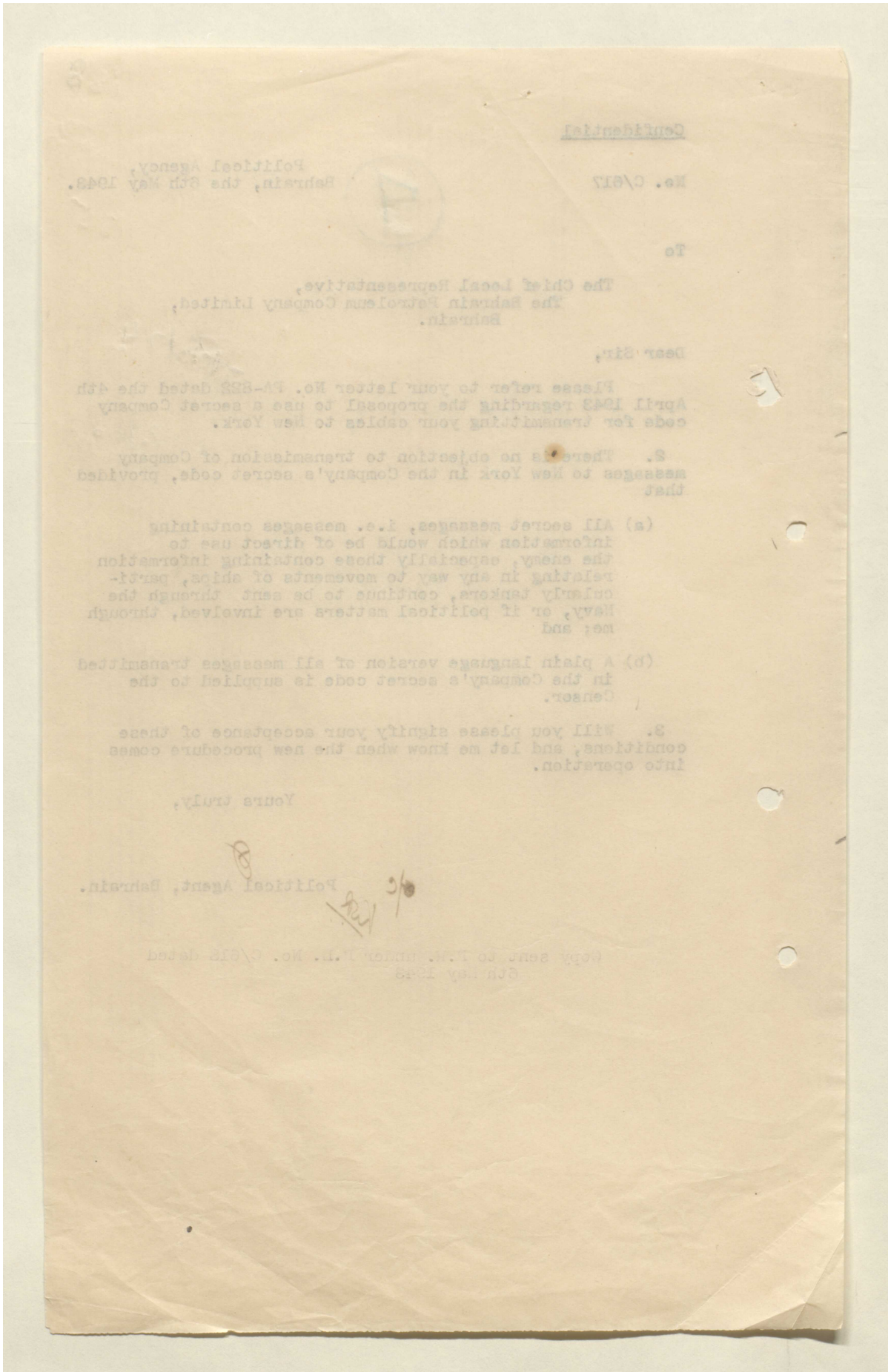
(b) A plain language version of all messages transmitted in the Company's secret code is supplied to the Censor.

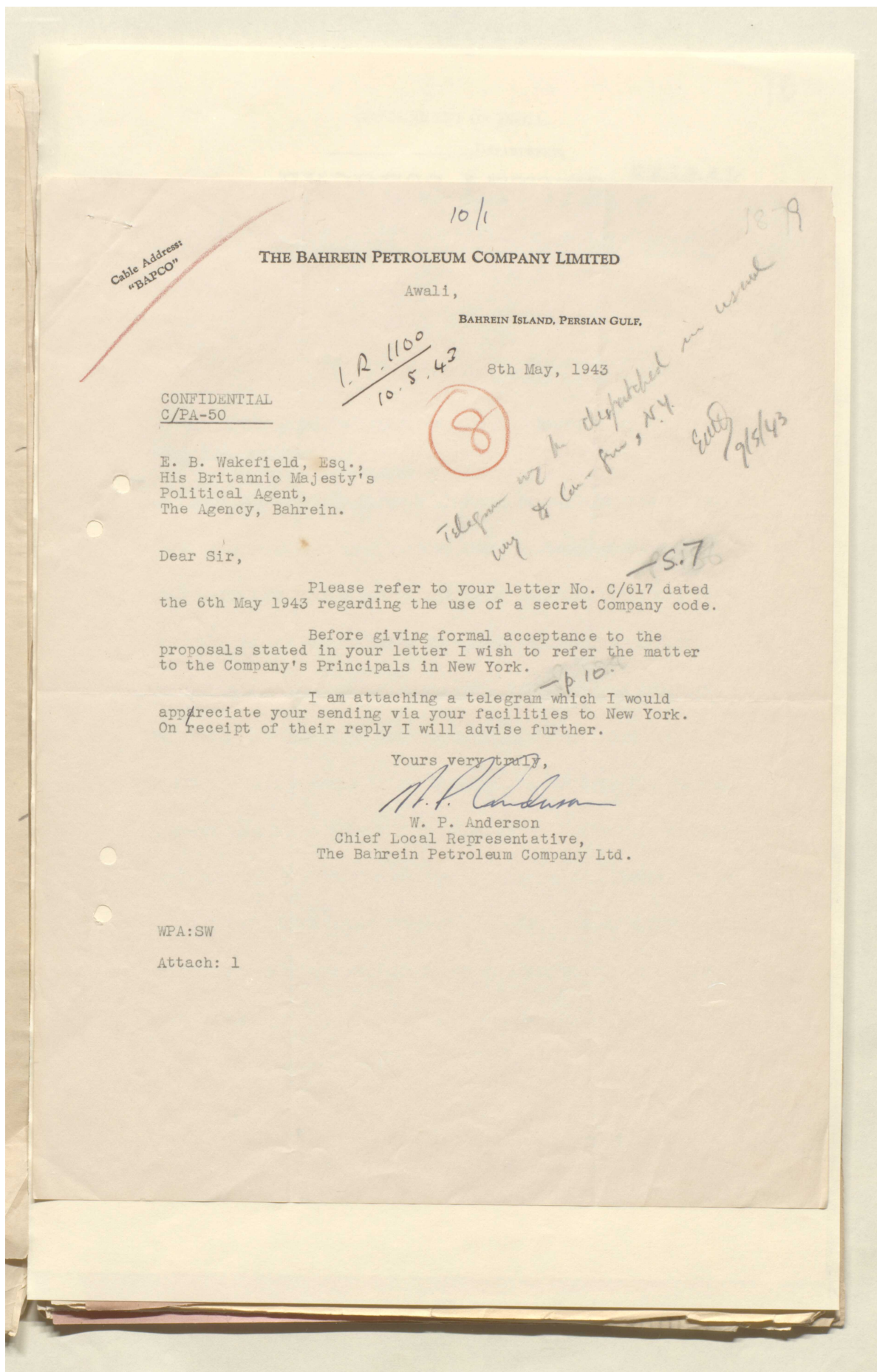
3. Will you please signify your acceptance of these conditions, and let me know when the new procedure comes into operation.

Yours truly,

Political Agent, Bahrain.

Copy sent to P.R. under P.L. No. C/618 dated
6th May 1943





Cable Address
"BAPCO"

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THE BAHREIN PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED

Awali,

BAHREIN ISLAND, PERSIAN GULF.

8th May, 1943

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E. B. Wakefield, Esq.,
His Britannic Majesty's
Political Agent,
The Agency, Bahrein.

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. C/617 dated
the 6th May 1943 regarding the use of a secret Company code.

Before giving formal acceptance to the
proposals stated in your letter I wish to refer the matter
to the Company's Principals in New York.

I am attaching a telegram which I would
appreciate your sending via your facilities to New York.
On receipt of their reply I will advise further.

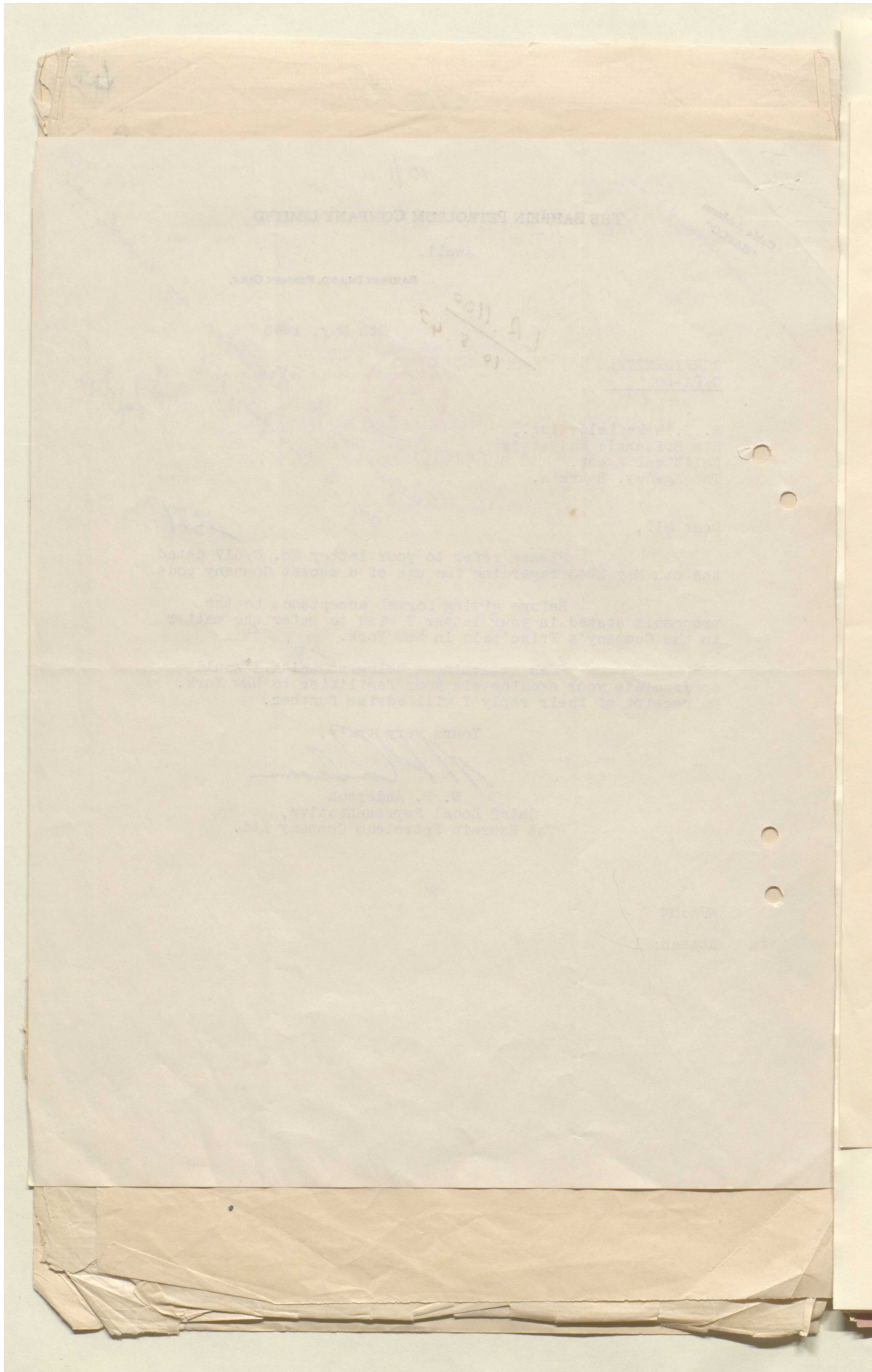
Yours very truly,

W. P. Anderson

W. P. Anderson
Chief Local Representative,
The Bahrein Petroleum Company Ltd.

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Awali,
8th May 1943.

DONALD HANNA BAHREIN PETROLEUM COMPANY NEWYORK
FROM WARD ANDERSON

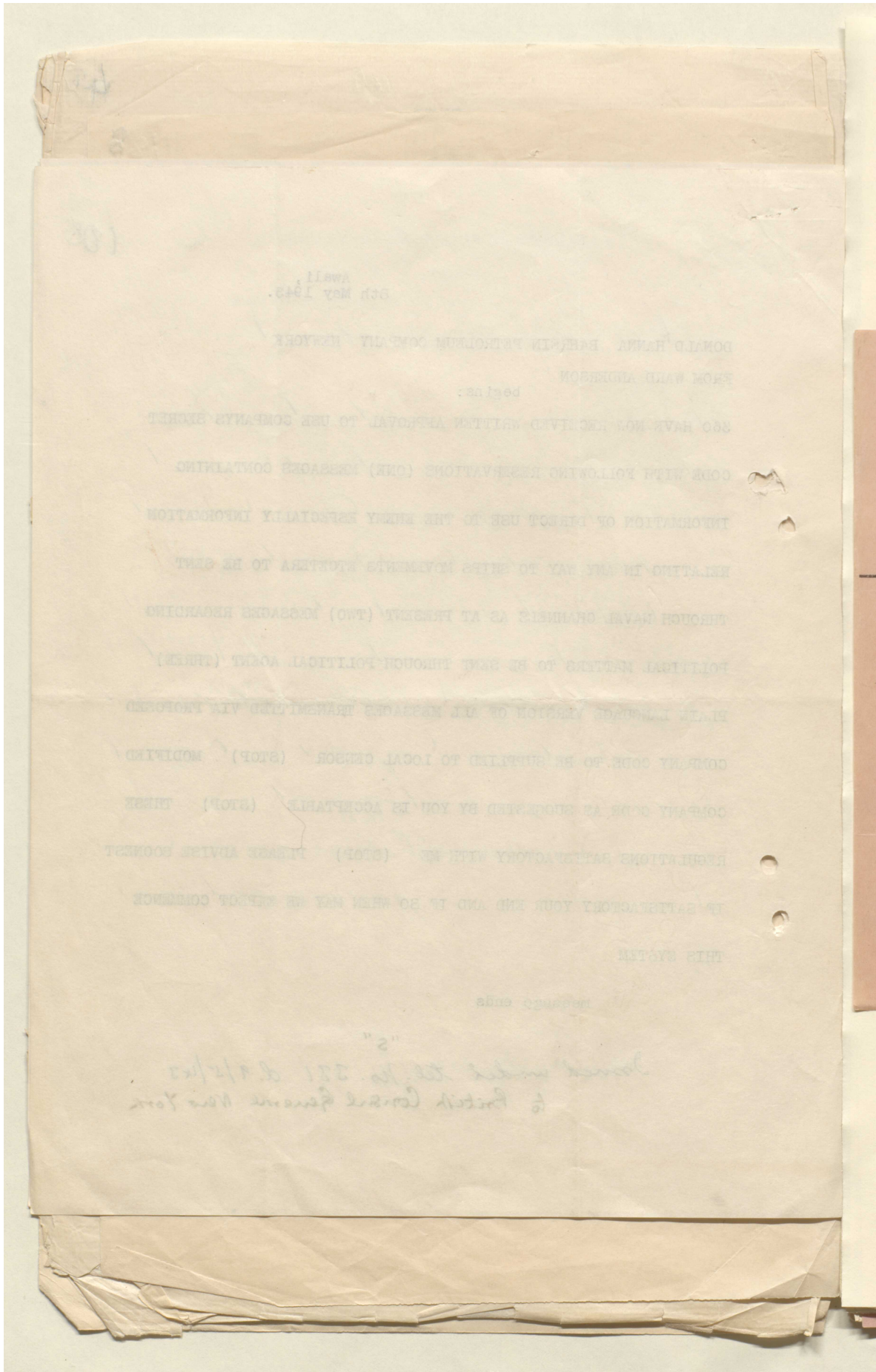
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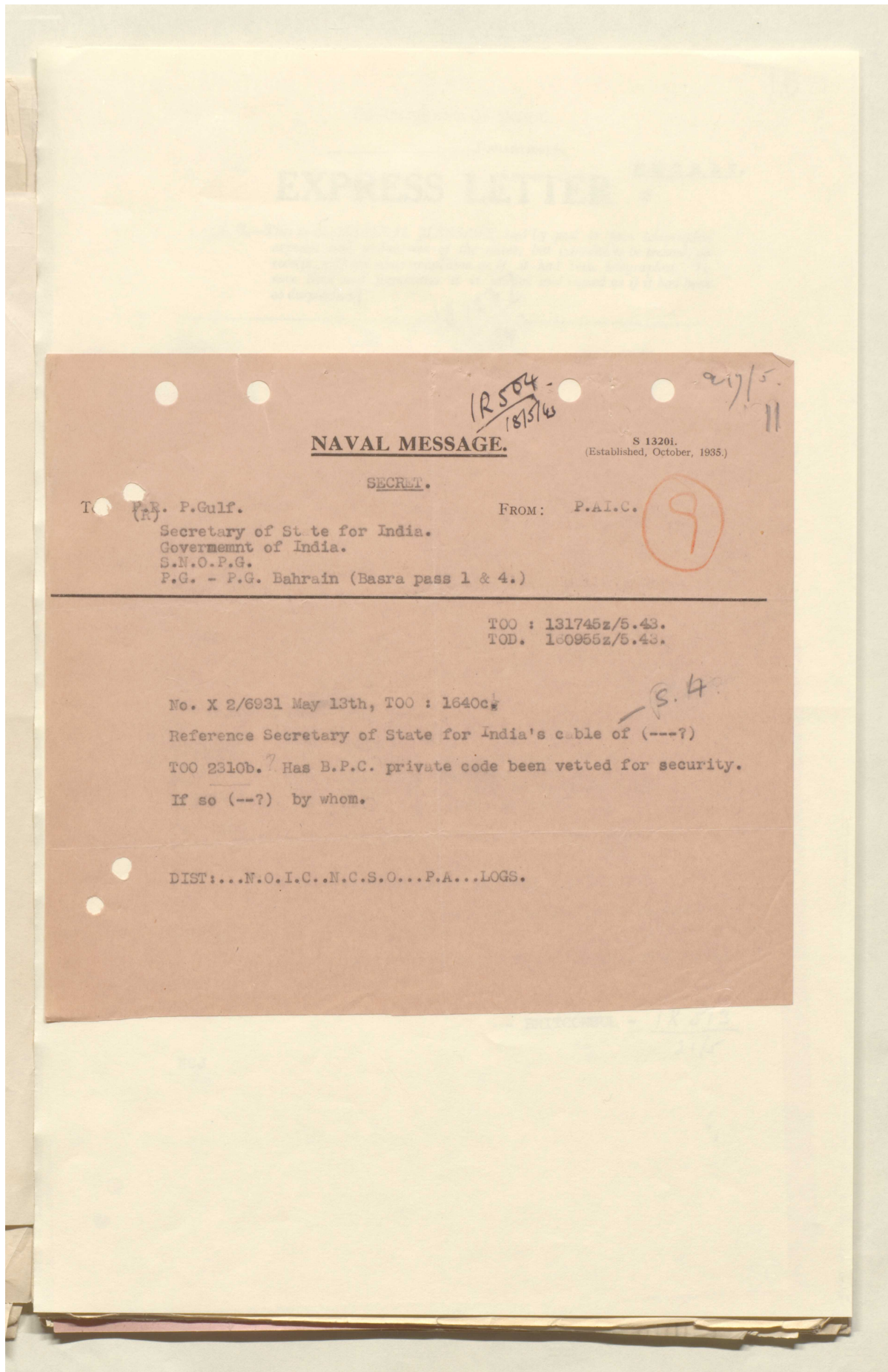
360 HAVE NOW RECEIVED WRITTEN APPROVAL TO USE COMPANYS SECRET
CODE WITH FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS (ONE) MESSAGES CONTAINING
INFORMATION OF DIRECT USE TO THE ENEMY ESPECIALLY INFORMATION
RELATING IN ANY WAY TO SHIPS MOVEMENTS ETCETERA TO BE SENT
THROUGH NAVAL CHANNELS AS AT PRESENT (TWO) MESSAGES REGARDING
POLITICAL MATTERS TO BE SENT THROUGH POLITICAL AGENT (THREE)
PLAIN LANGUAGE VERSION OF ALL MESSAGES TRANSMITTED VIA PROPOSED
COMPANY CODE TO BE SUPPLIED TO LOCAL CENSOR (STOP) MODIFIED
COMPANY CODE AS SUGGESTED BY YOU IS ACCEPTABLE (STOP) THESE
REGULATIONS SATISFACTORY WITH ME (STOP) PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST
IF SATISFACTORY YOUR END AND IF SO WHEN MAY WE EXPECT COMMENCE
THIS SYSTEM

message ends

"S"
Issued under tel. no. 331 d. 9/5/43
to British Consul General New York

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

S 13201.
(Established, October, 1935.)

SECRET.

TO: P.G. P.Gulf.
(R)

FROM: P.A.I.C. (9)

Secretary of State for India.
Government of India.
S.N.O.P.G.
P.G. - P.G. Bahrain (Basra pass 1 & 4.)

TOO : 131745z/5.43.
TOD. 160955z/5.43.

No. X 2/6931 May 13th, TOO : 1640c

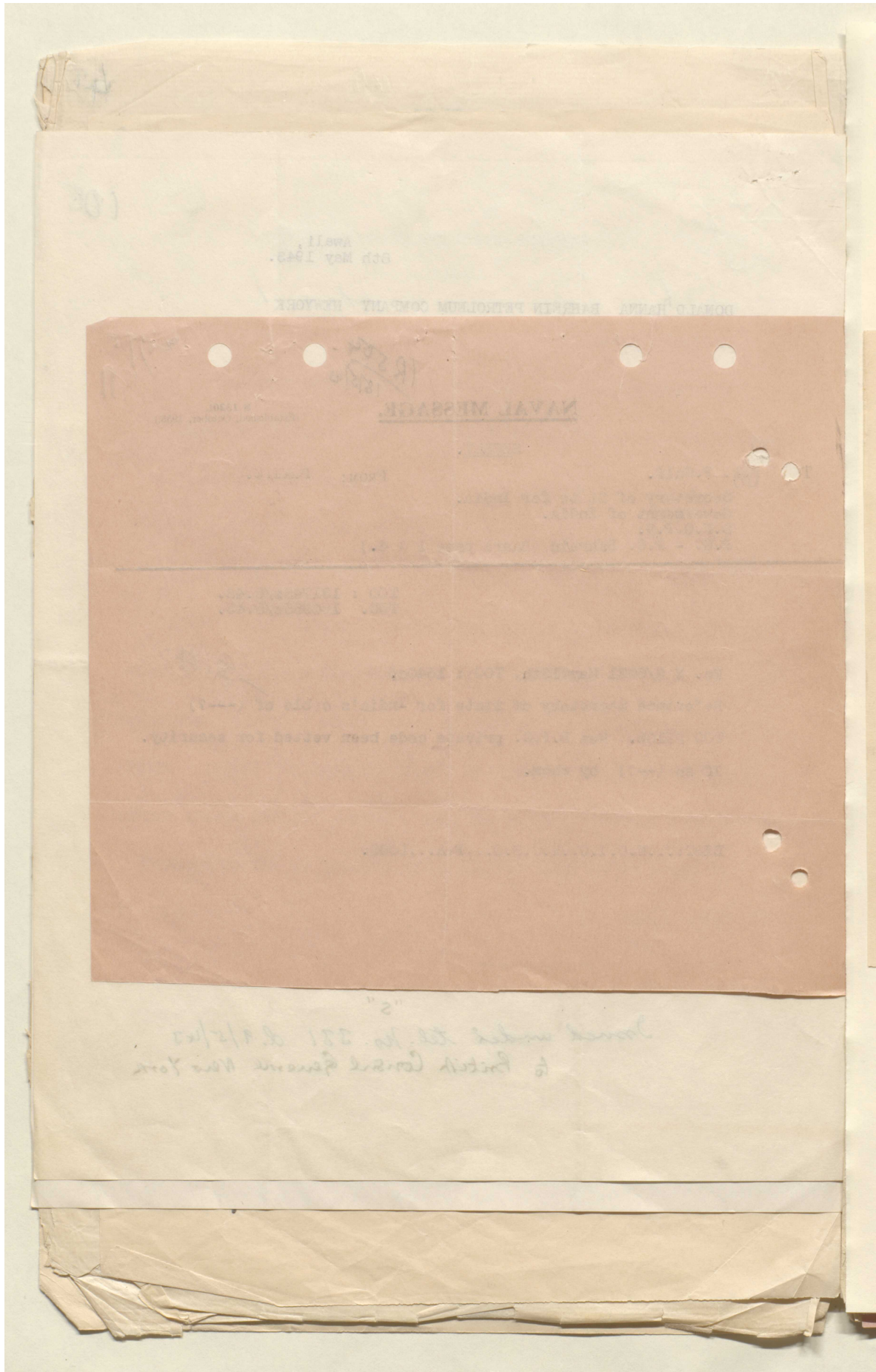
Reference Secretary of State for India's cable of (---?)

TOO 2310b. Has B.P.C. private code been vetted for security.

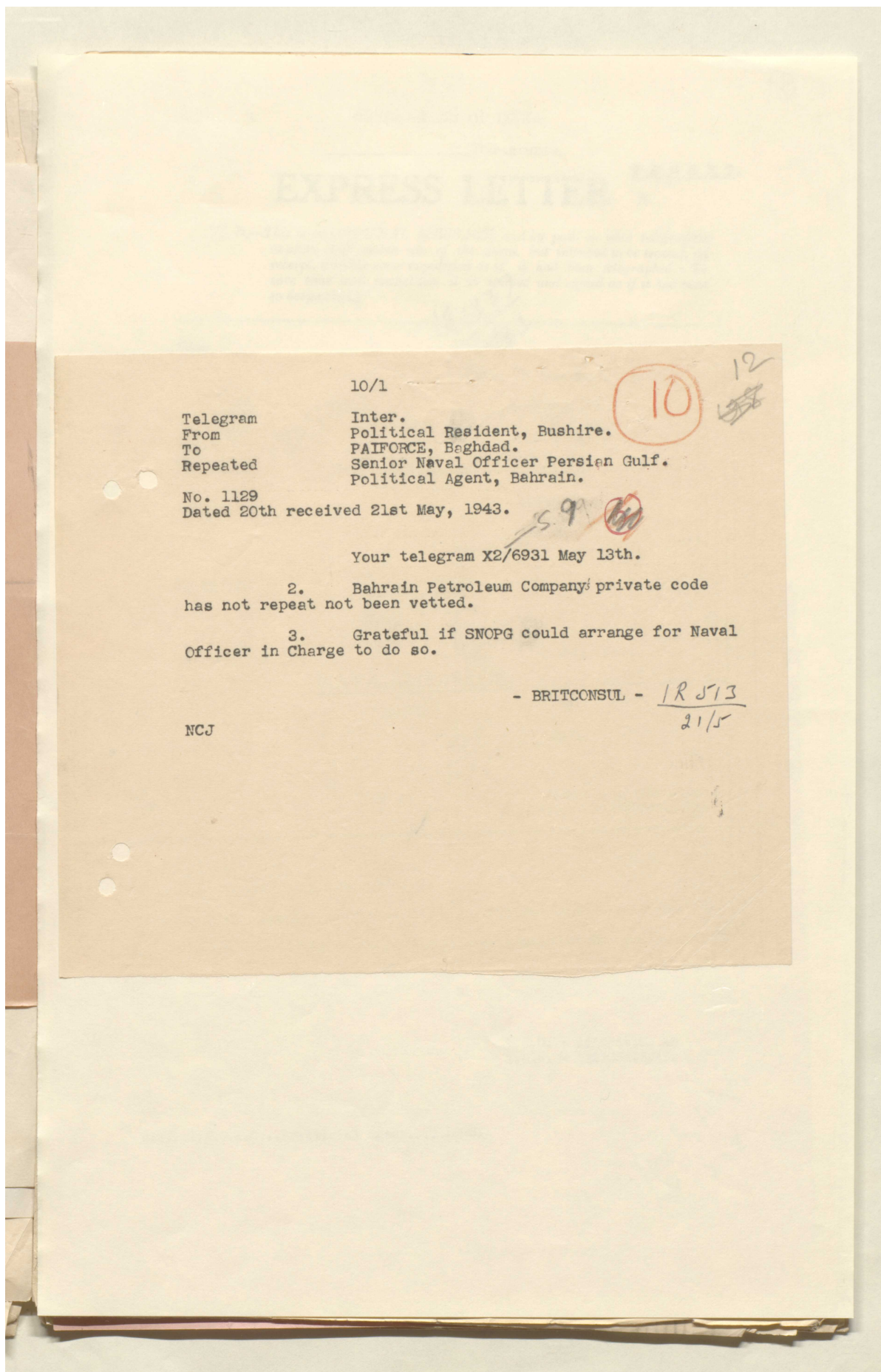
If so (---?) by whom.

DIST: ...N.O.I.C..N.C.S.O...P.A...LOGS.

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Telegram From Inter.
To Political Resident, Bushire.
Repeated PAIFORCE, Baghdad.
Senior Naval Officer Persian Gulf.
Political Agent, Bahrain.

No. 1129
Dated 20th received 21st May, 1943.

Your telegram X2/6931 May 13th.

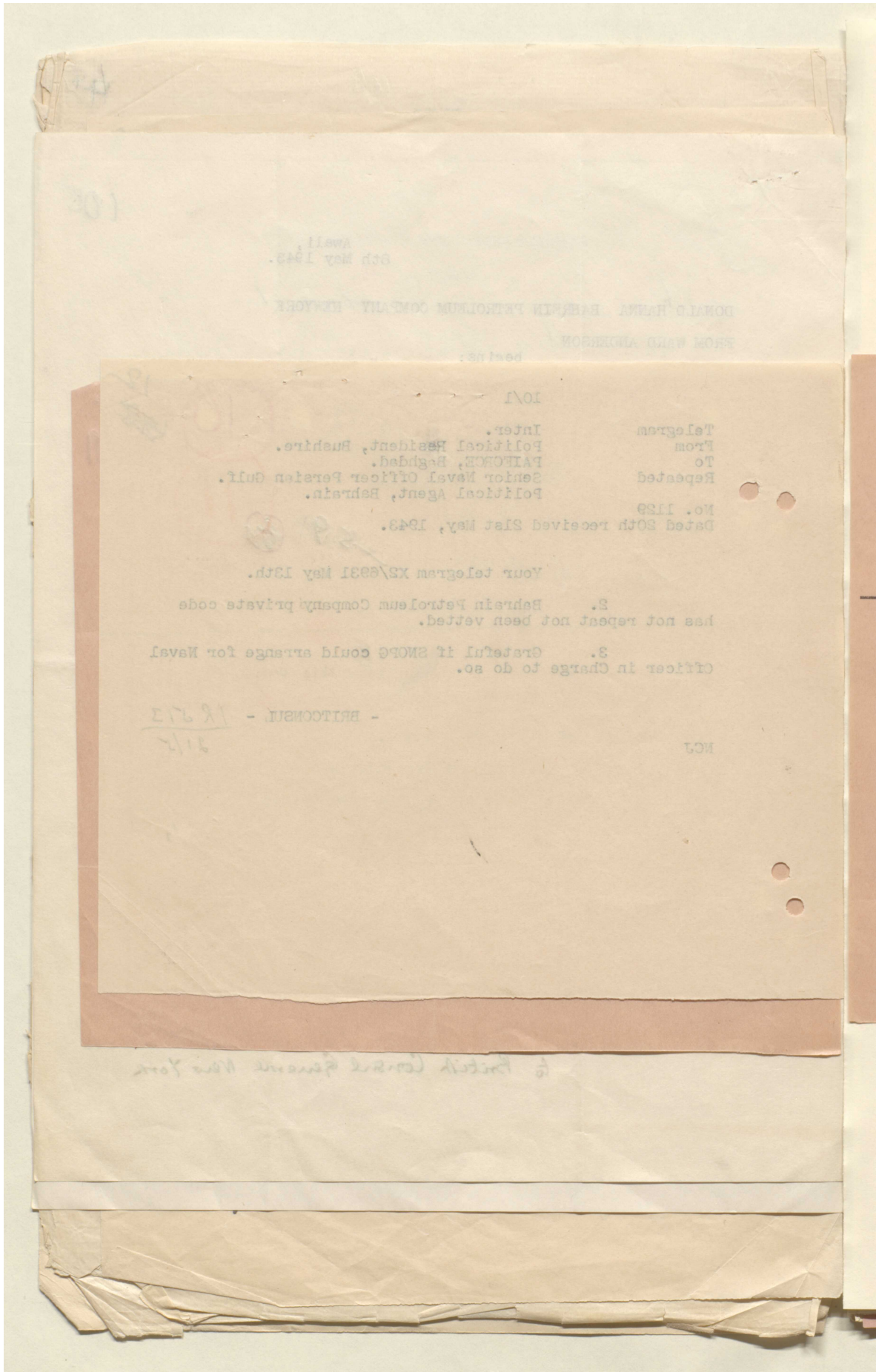
2. Bahrain Petroleum Company's private code has not repeat not been vetted.

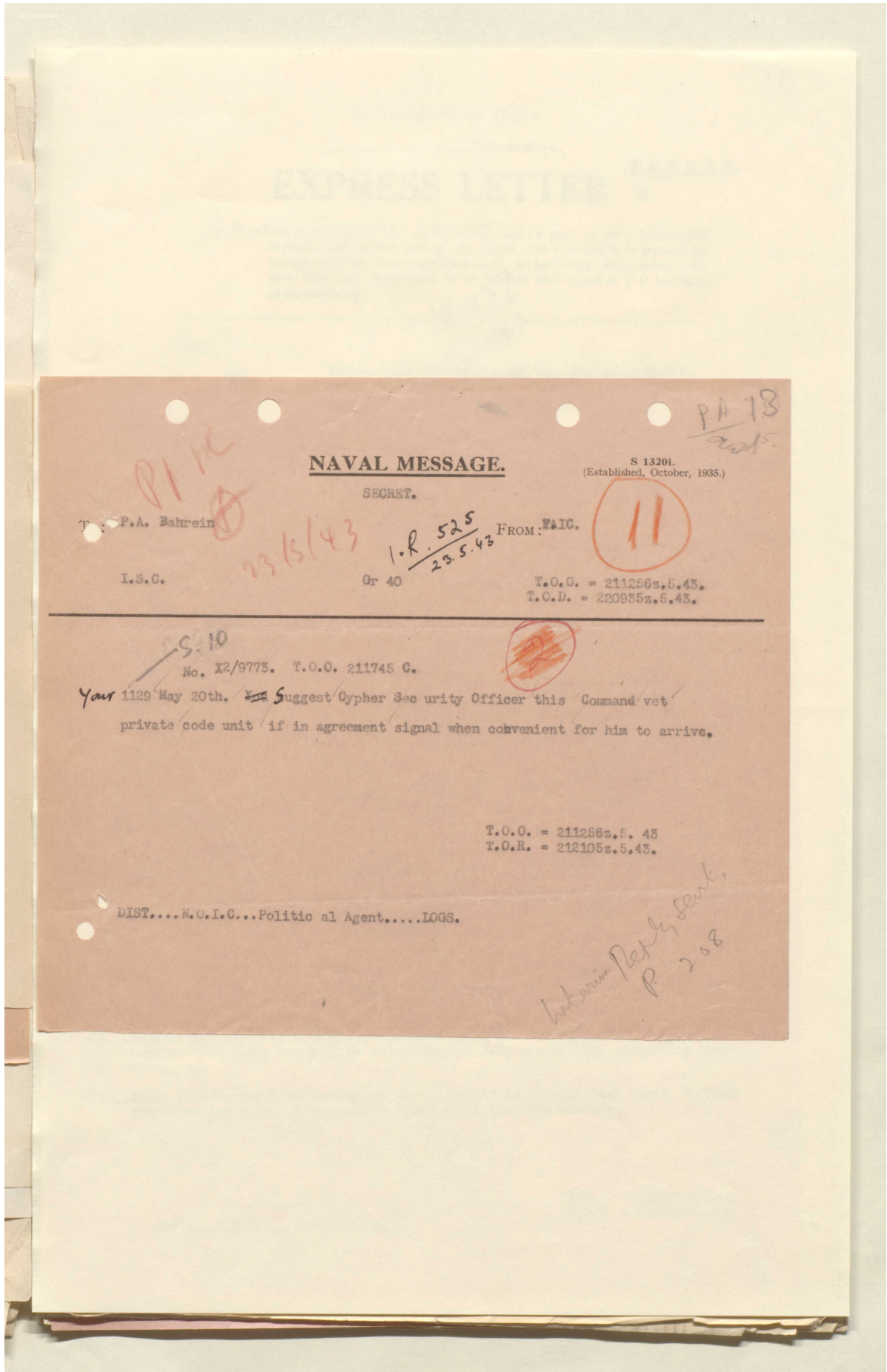
3. Grateful if SNOFG could arrange for Naval Officer in Charge to do so.

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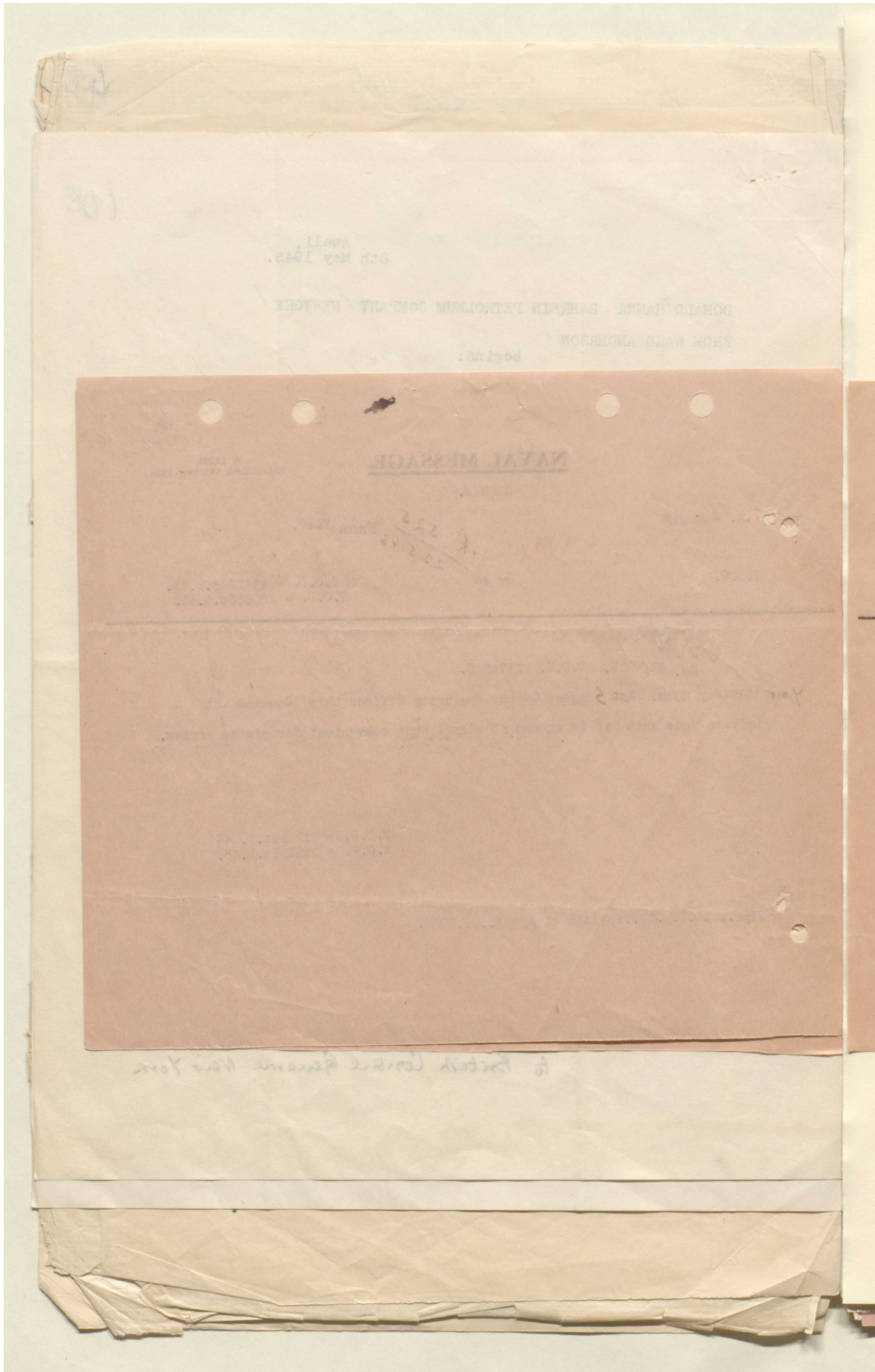
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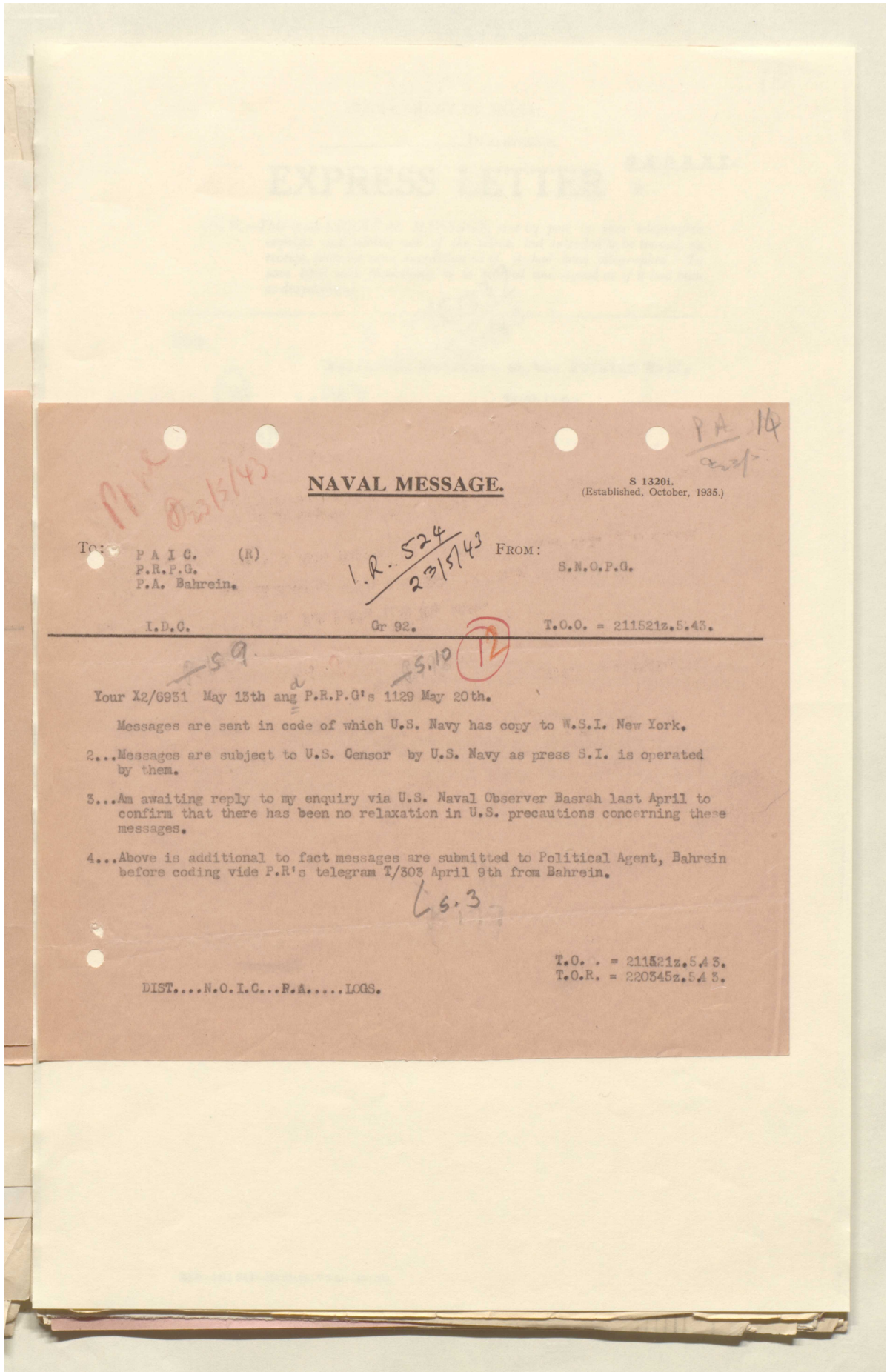
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EXPRESS LETTER

NAVAL MESSAGE.

S 13201.
(Established, October, 1935.)

To: P.A.I.G. (R)
P.R.F.G.
P.A. Bahrain.

FROM: S.N.O.P.G.

I.D.C.

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T.O.O. = 211521z.5.43.

Your X2/6951 May 15th and P.R.F.G's 1129 May 20th.

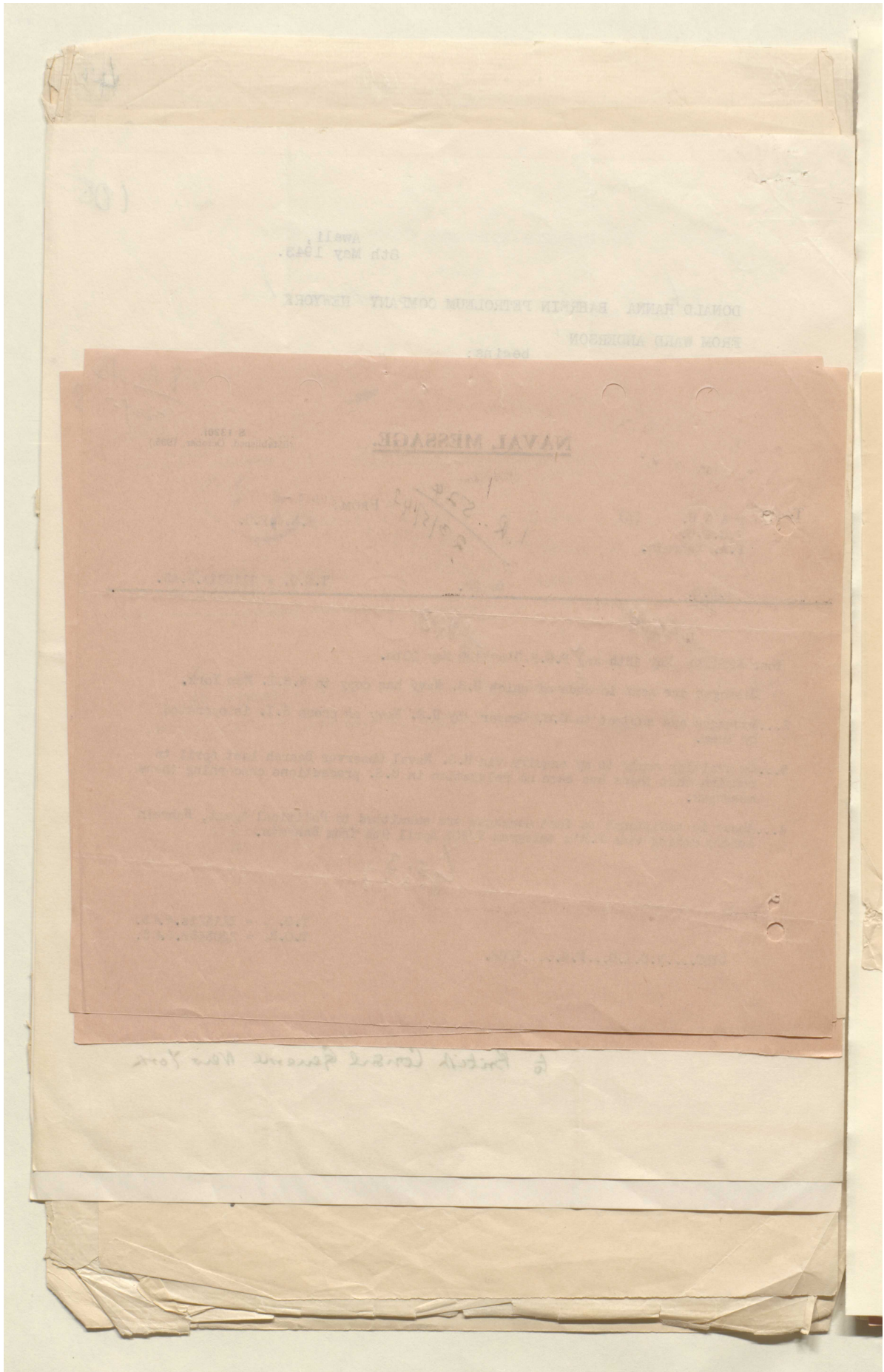
Messages are sent in code of which U.S. Navy has copy to W.S.I. New York.

- 2...Messages are subject to U.S. Censor by U.S. Navy as press S.I. is operated by them.
- 3...Am awaiting reply to my enquiry via U.S. Naval Observer Basrah last April to confirm that there has been no relaxation in U.S. precautions concerning these messages.
- 4...Above is additional to fact messages are submitted to Political Agent, Bahrain before coding vide P.R.'s telegram T/303 April 9th from Bahrain.

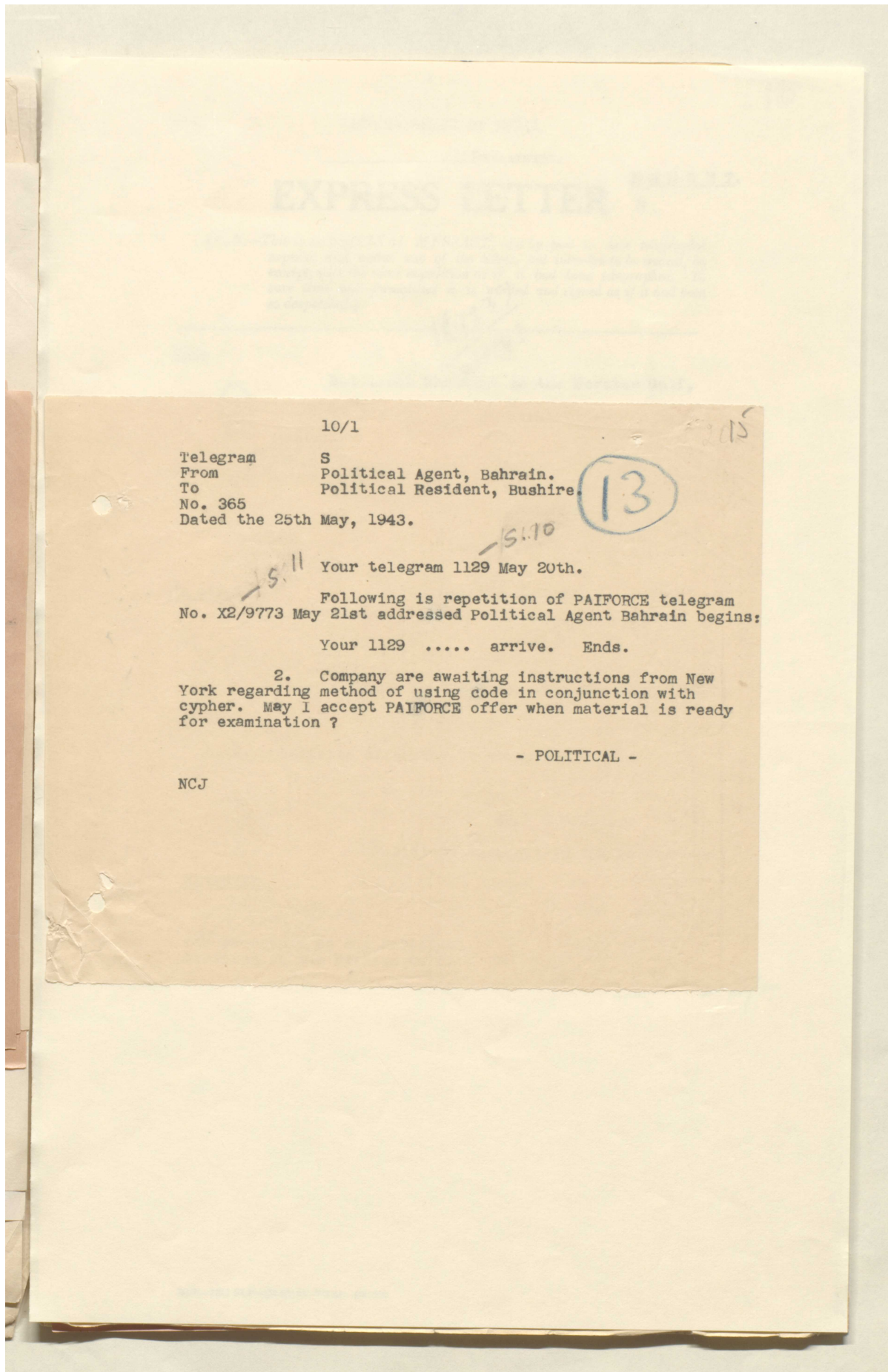
DIST...N.O.I.C...R.A...LOGS.

T.O. = 211521z.5.43.
T.O.R. = 220545z.5.43.

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Telegram S
From Political Agent, Bahrain.
To Political Resident, Bushire.
No. 365
Dated the 25th May, 1943.

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Your telegram 1129 May 20th.
Following is repetition of PAIFORCE telegram
No. X2/9773 May 21st addressed Political Agent Bahrain begins:

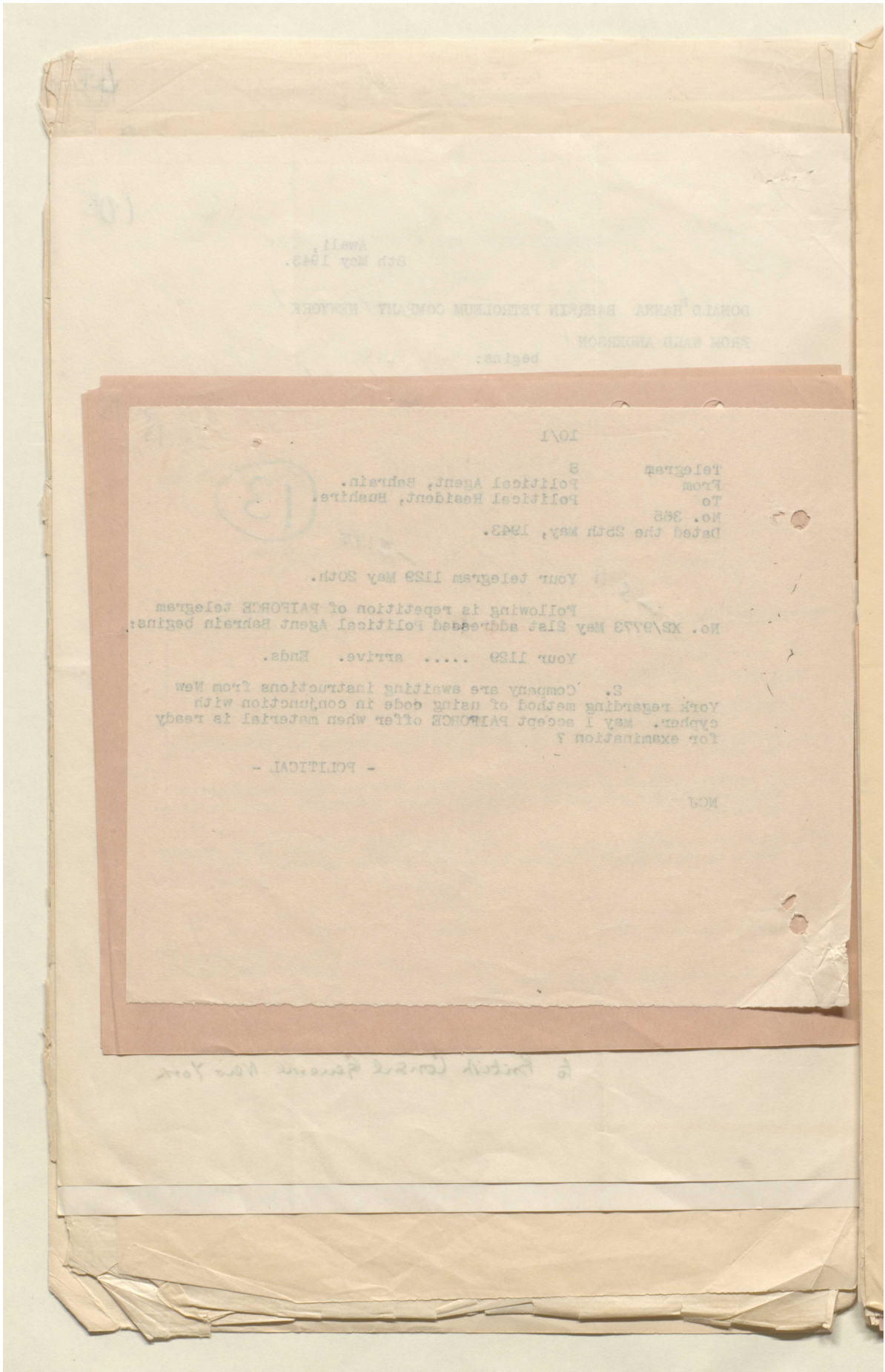
Your 1129 arrive. Ends.

2. Company are awaiting instructions from New
York regarding method of using code in conjunction with
cypher. May I accept PAIFORCE offer when material is ready
for examination ?

- POLITICAL -

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EXPRESS LETTER

[N. B.—This is an ORIGINAL MESSAGE, sent by post to save telegraphic expense and undue use of the wires, but intended to be treated, on receipt, with the same expedition as if it had been telegraphed. To save time and formalities it is worded and signed as if it had been so despatched.]

FROM Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,
Bushire.

TO Political Agent,
Bahrain.

No. 447-S. Dated the 28th May 1943.

Your telegram No. 365 dated 25th May 1943. BAPCO

Code.

2. Paiforce offer may be accepted.

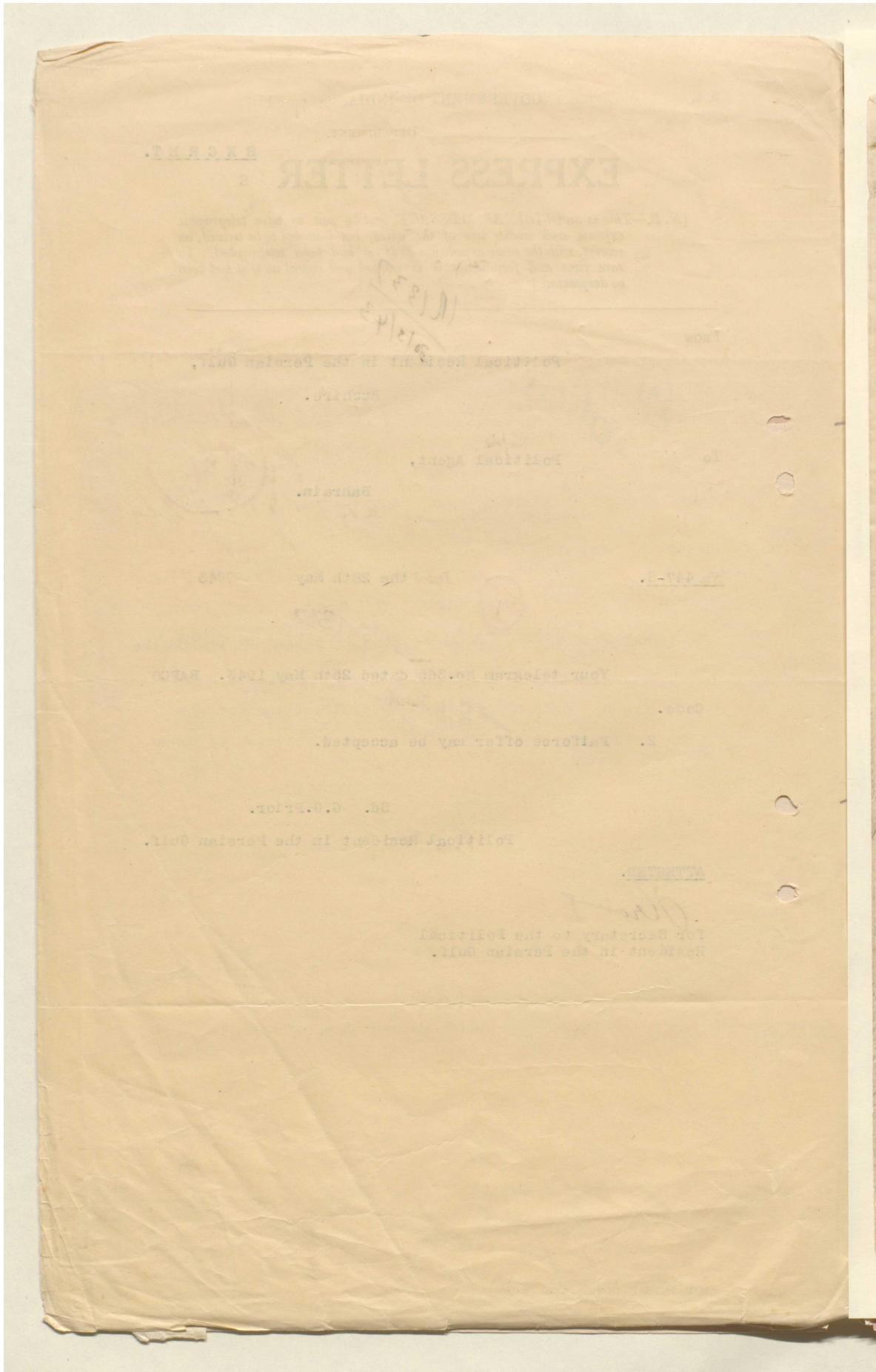
Sd. C.G.Prior.
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

ATTESTED.
[Signature]
for Secretary to the Political
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

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EXPRESS LETTER

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From Political Agent, Bahrain.

To PAIFORCE

No. C/742

Dated the 31st May 1943.

Reference your telegram No. X 2/9773 dated May 21st in which you suggested that a Cypher Security Officer of your Command should vet the private code which the Bahrain Petroleum Company propose to use for their cables to New York. (Political Resident's telegram No. 1129 dated the 20th May 1943 refers).
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2. Your suggestion is accepted with thanks. The Company have not, however, received details of the cypher which it is proposed to use in conjunction with their private code. I will inform you as soon as full details of the system to be used by the Company are available.

Political Agent, Bahrain.

e/c KOR

No. C/743

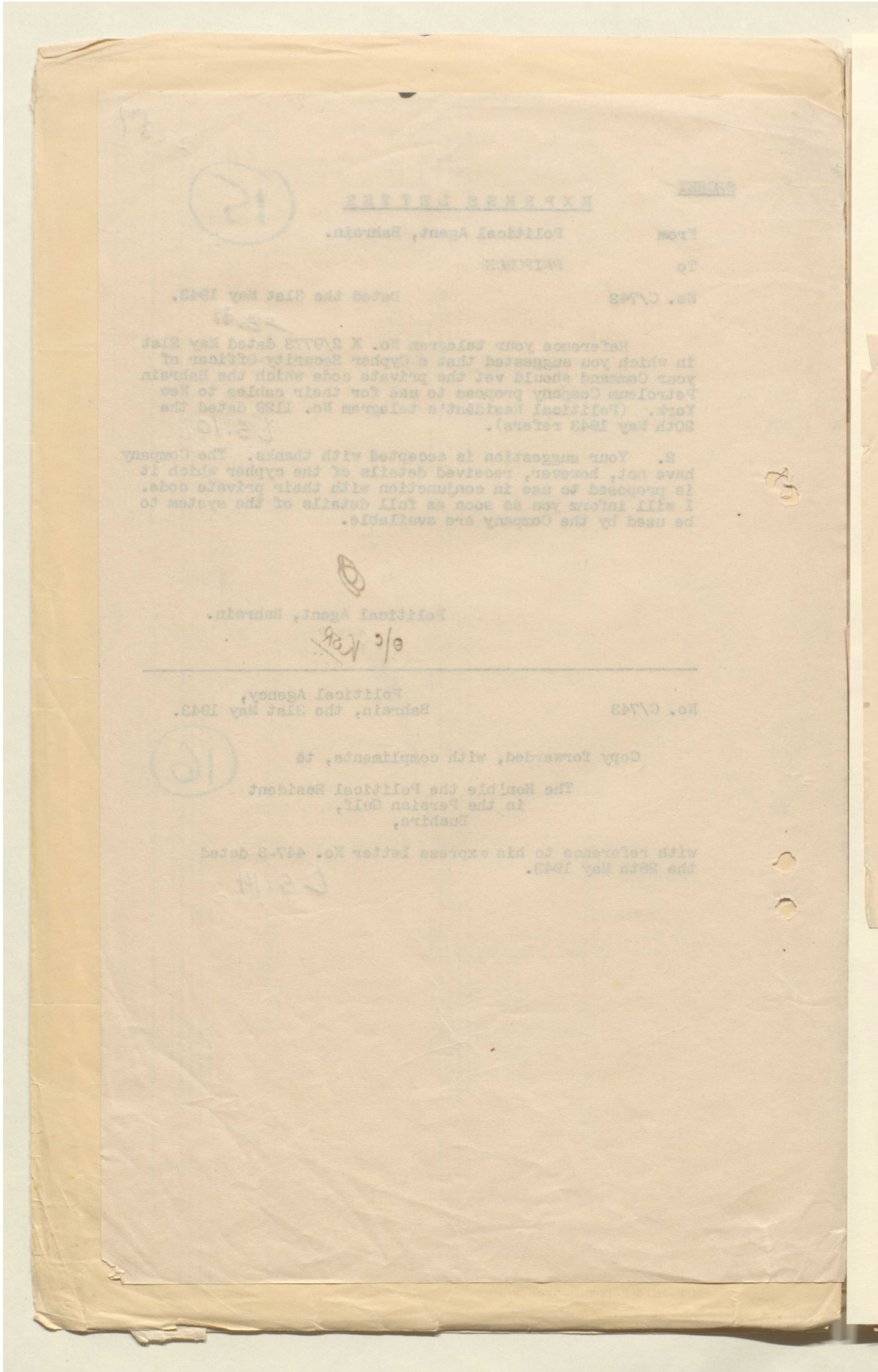
Political Agency,
Bahrain, the 31st May 1943.

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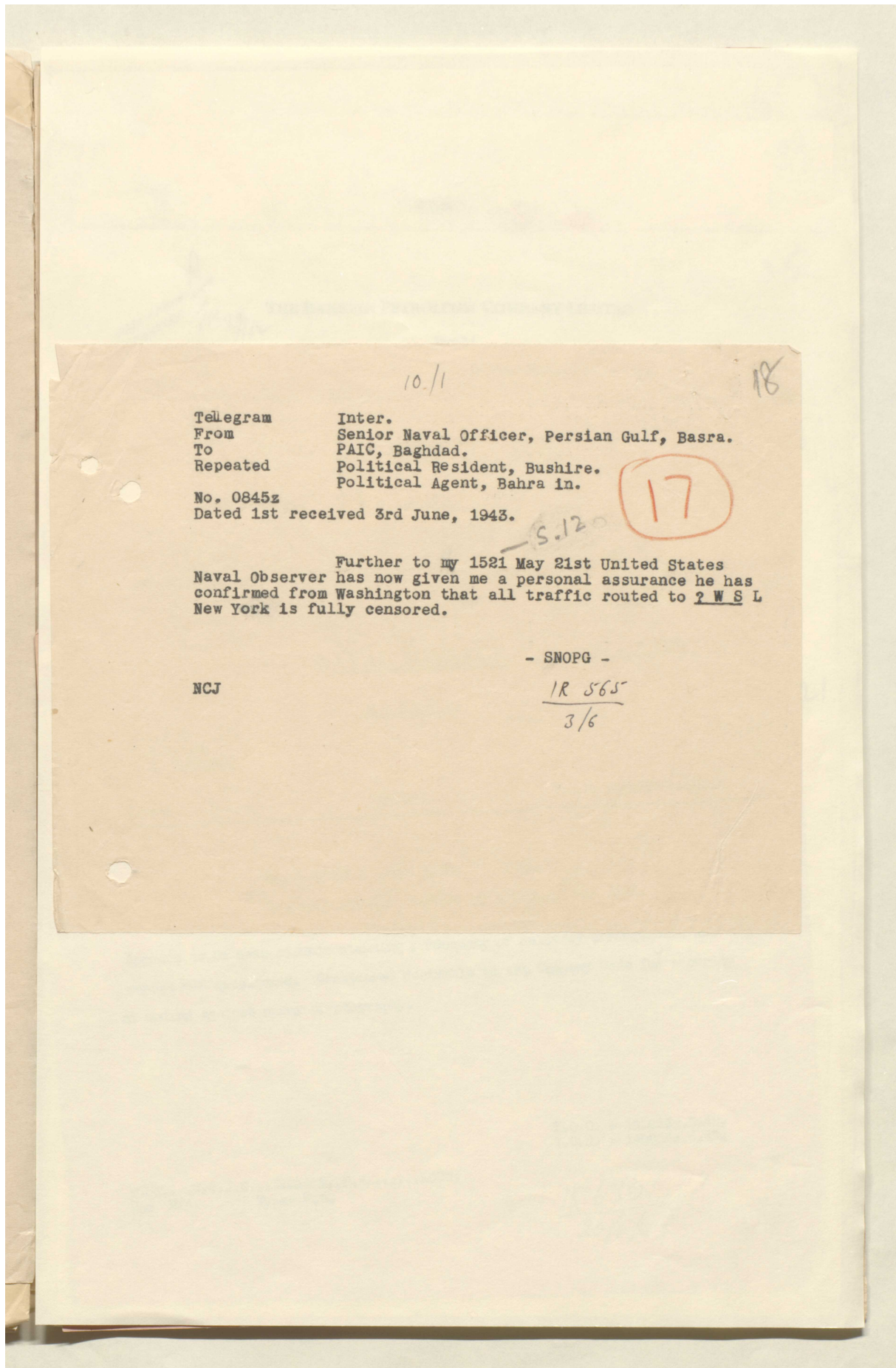
The Hon'ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,
Bushire,

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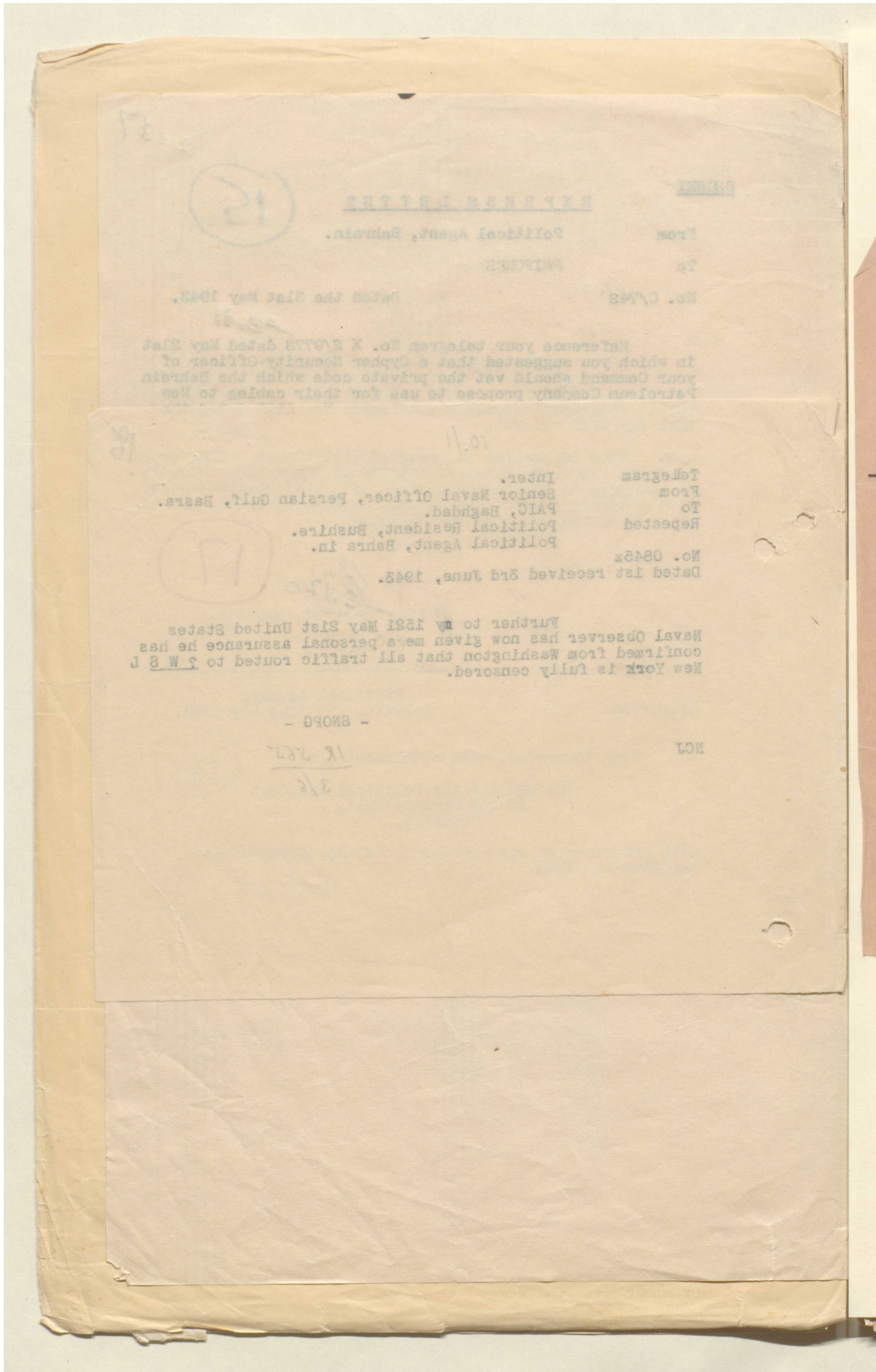
with reference to his express letter No. 447-S dated the 28th May 1943.
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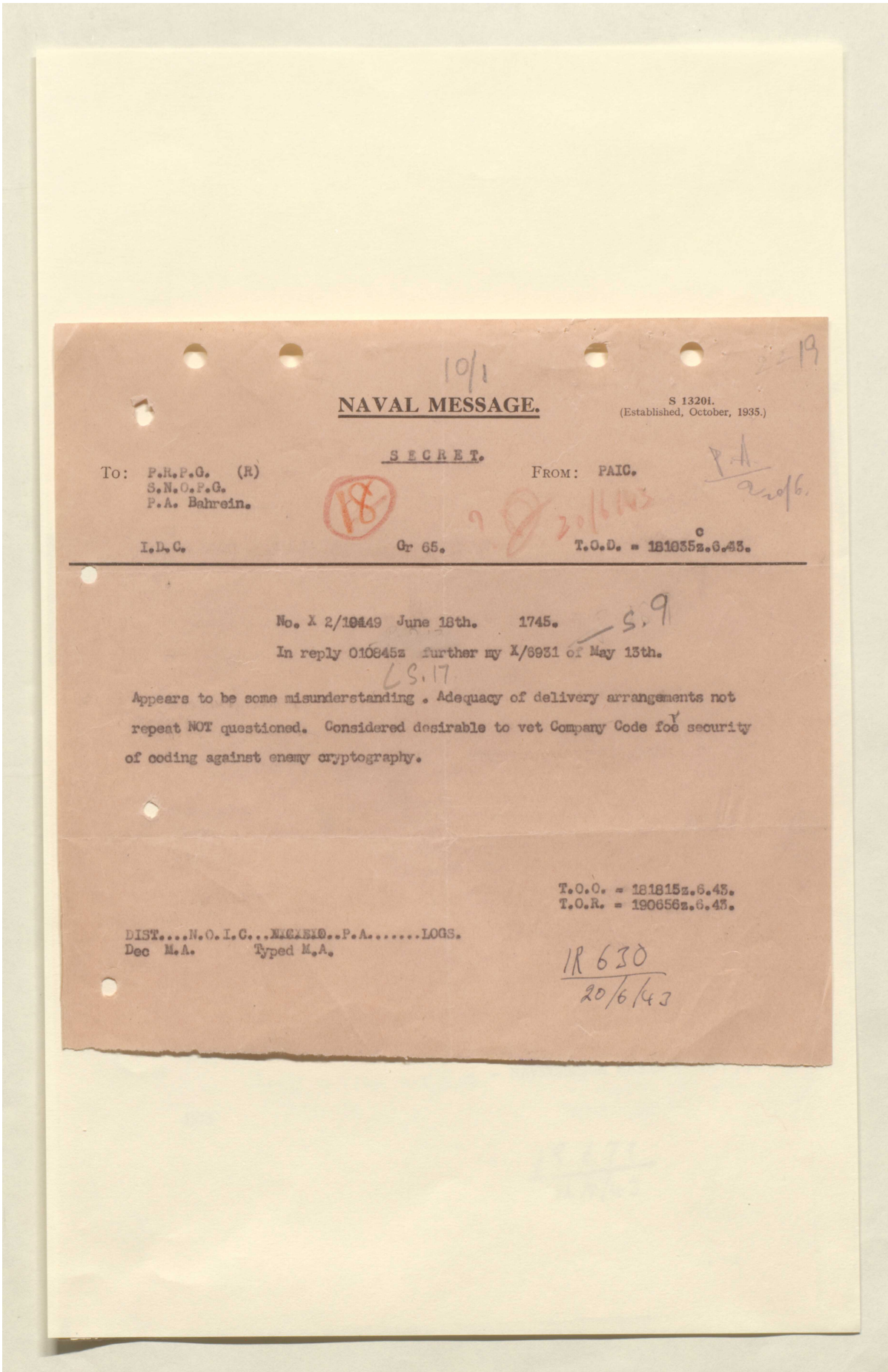


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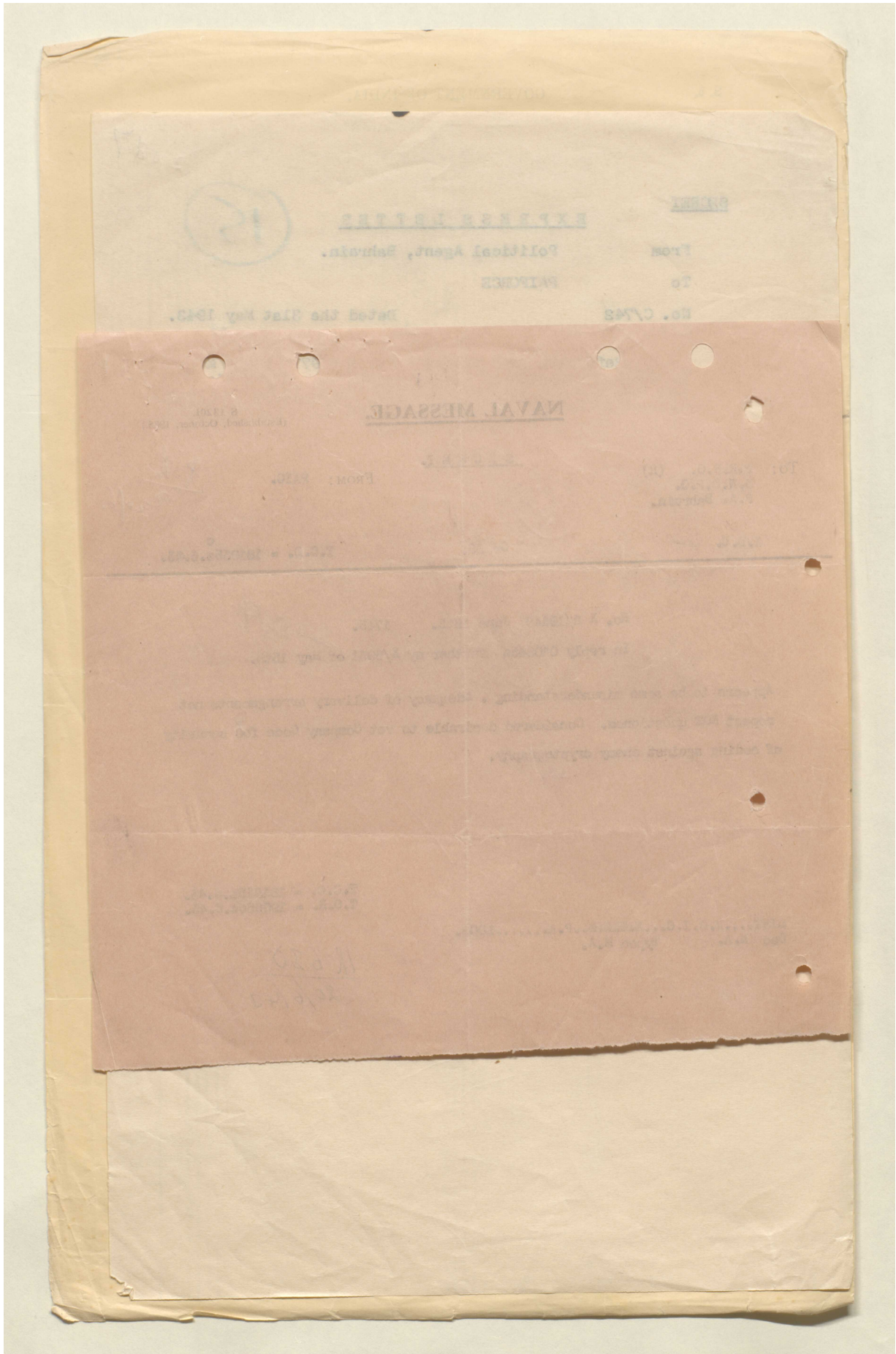


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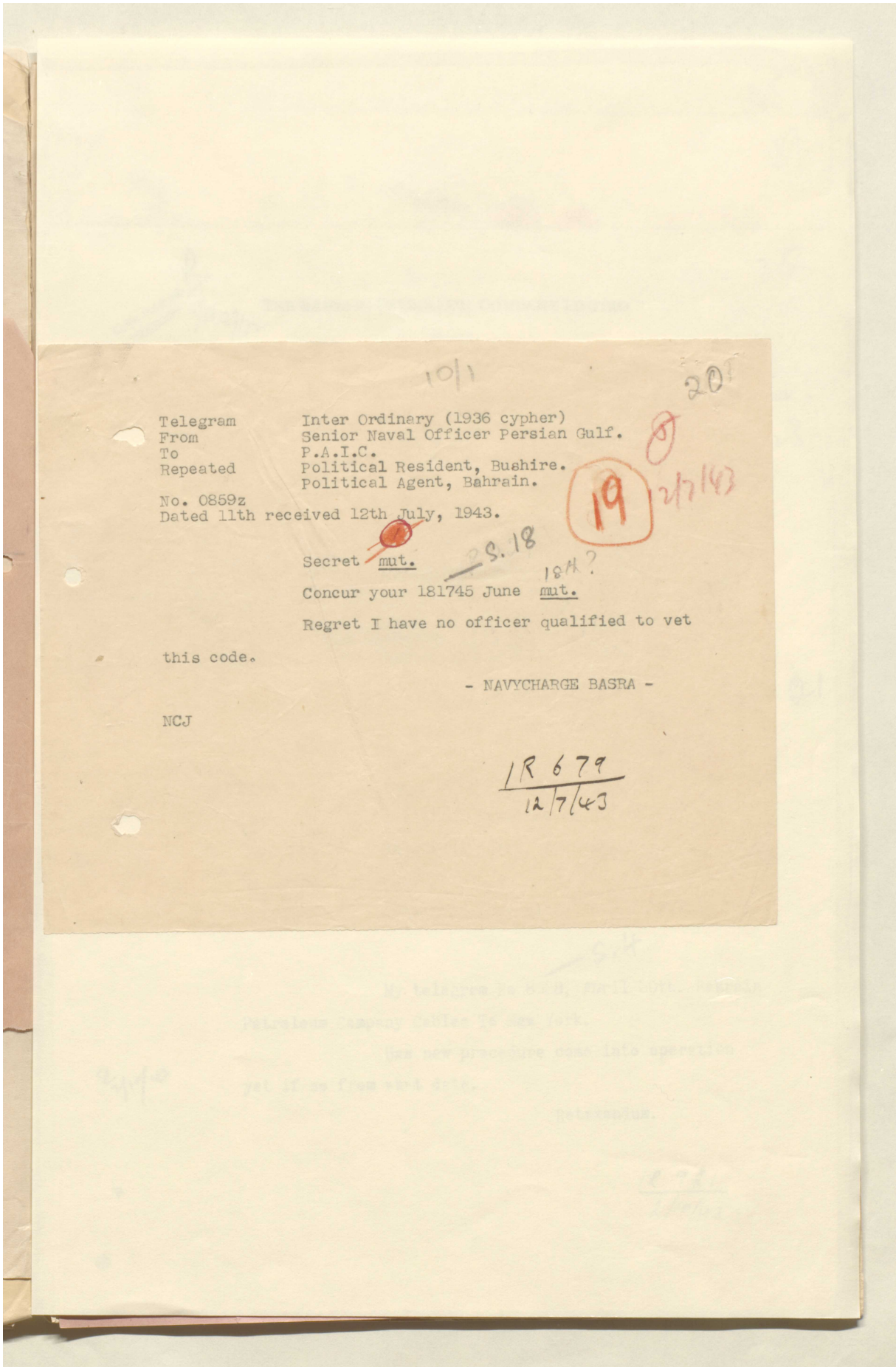




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Telegram Inter Ordinary (1936 cypher)
From Senior Naval Officer Persian Gulf.
To P.A.I.C.
Repeated Political Resident, Bushire.
Political Agent, Bahrain.
No. 0859z
Dated 11th received 12th July, 1943.

Secret ~~mut.~~

Concur your 181745 June ~~mut.~~

Regret I have no officer qualified to vet

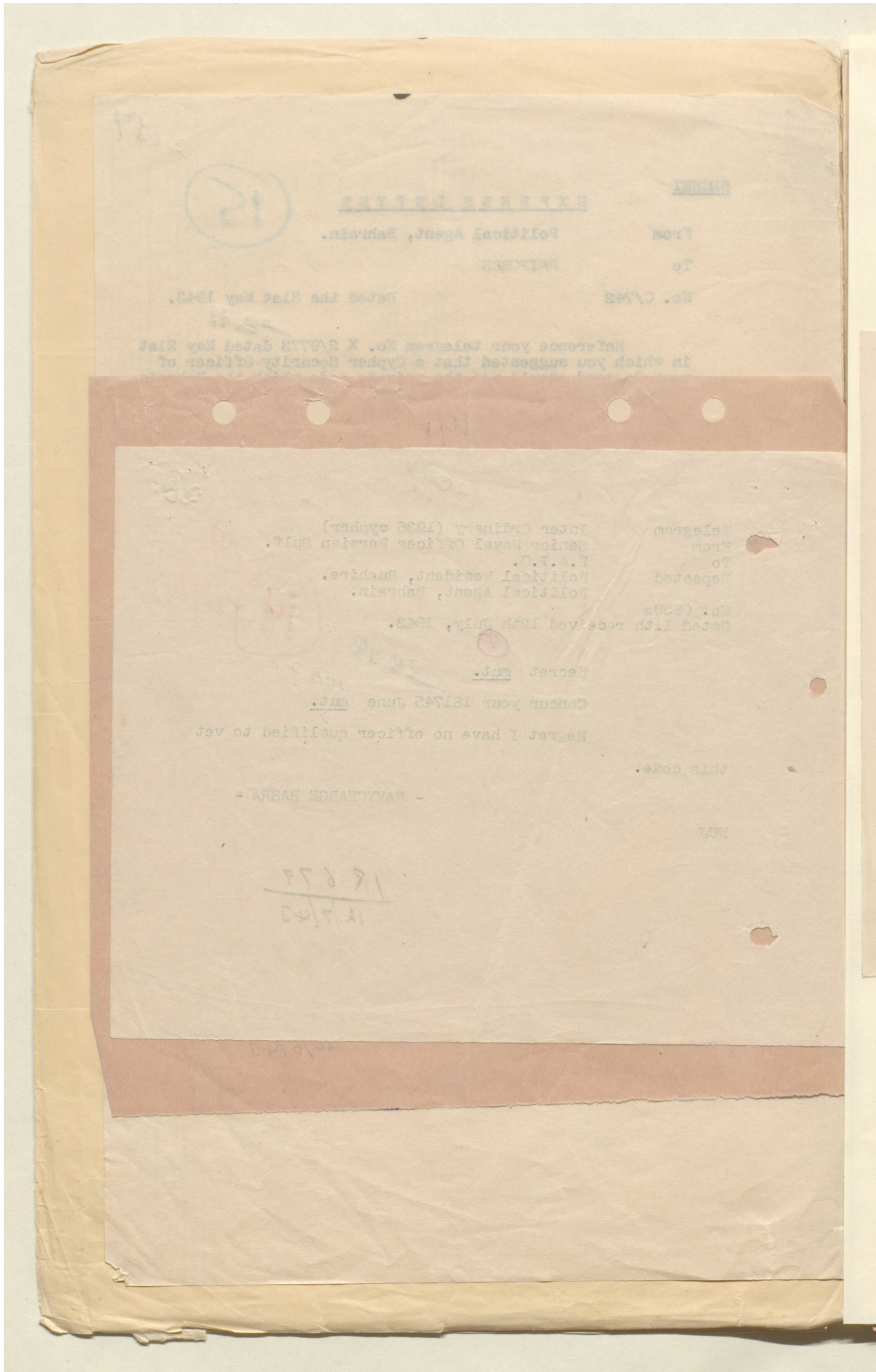
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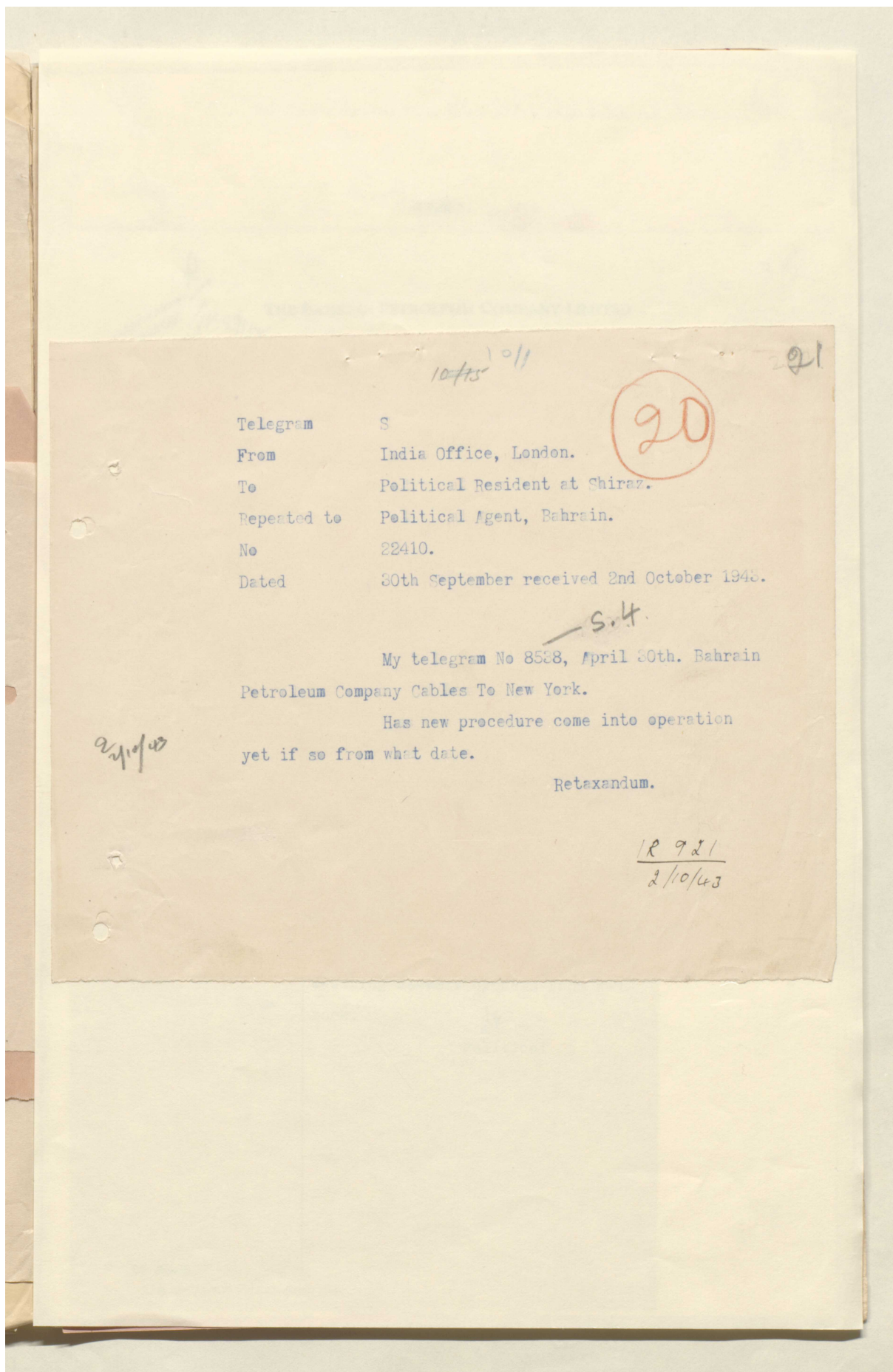
- NAVYCHARGE BASRA -

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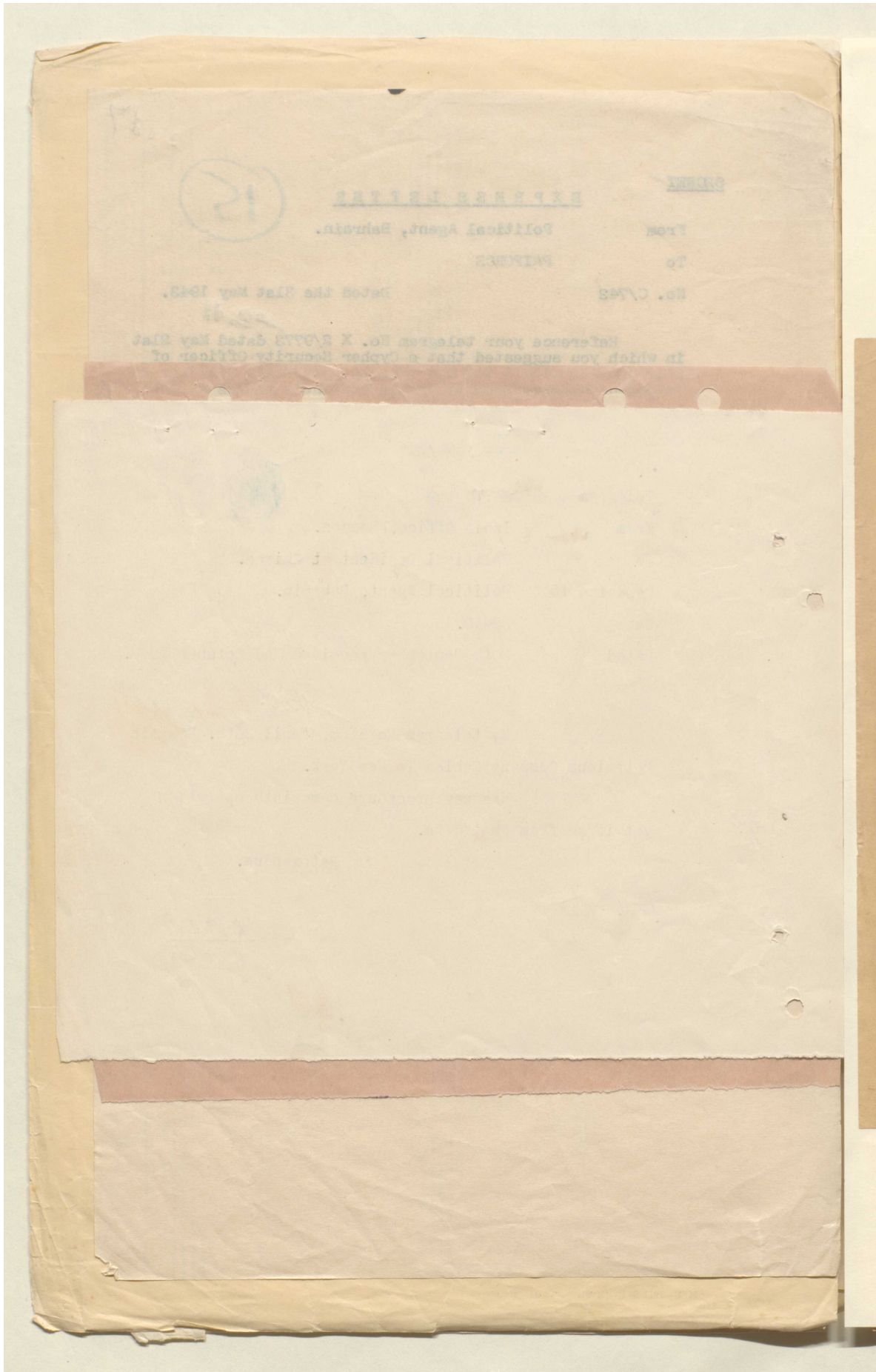
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DEPARTMENT/OFFICE: 22

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Serial No.

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No. ~~672~~ 672, Dated 8-10-43

1. Date of despatch
2. List of enclosures.

To
Retaxandum, London

Repeated to
Prior care Britconsul, Shiraz. S. 20

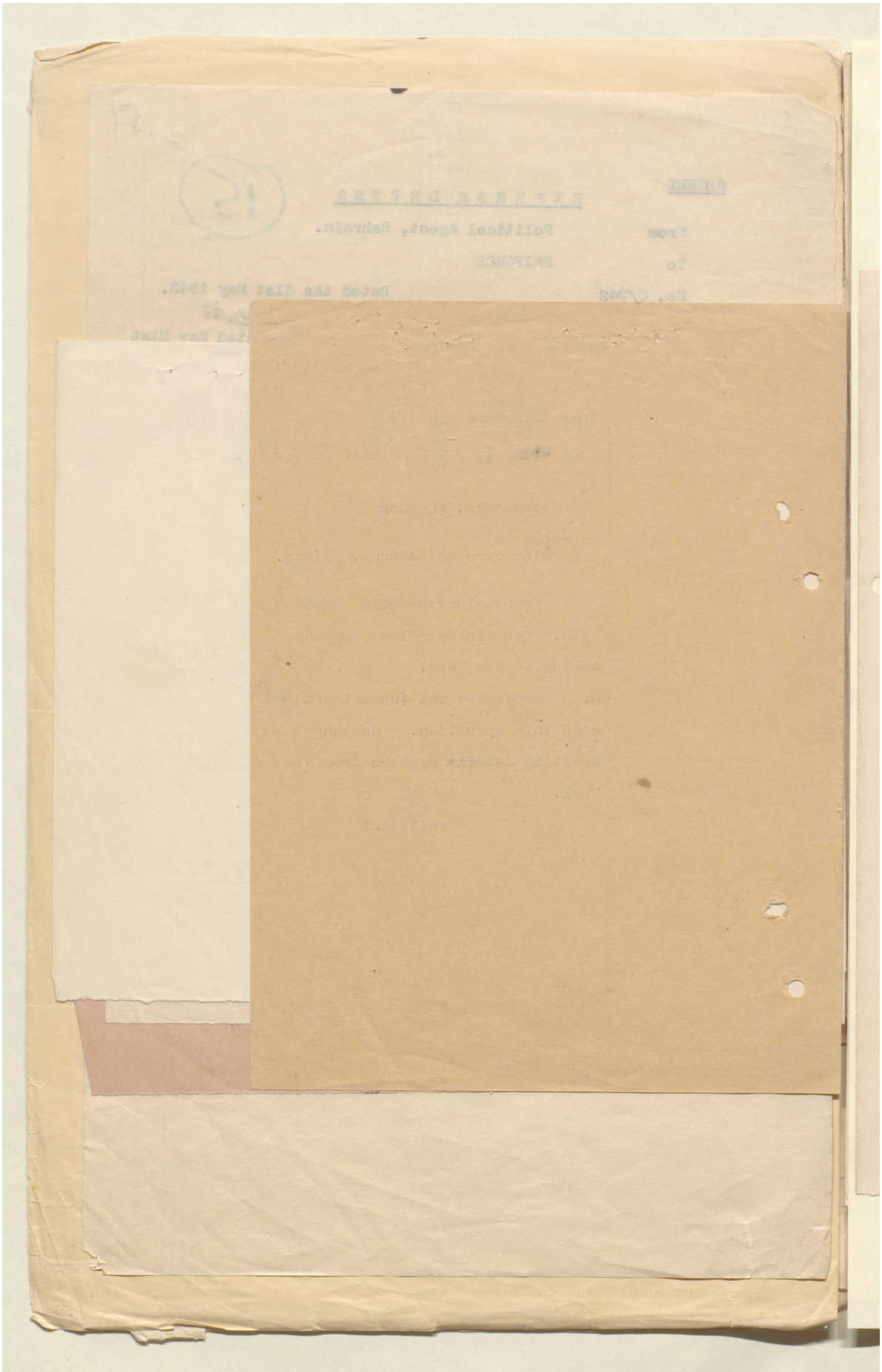
Your telegram 22410 September
30th. Bahrain Petroleum Company
cables to New York.

2. Procedure not (repeat not) yet
come into operation. Company
awaiting details cyphers from New
York.

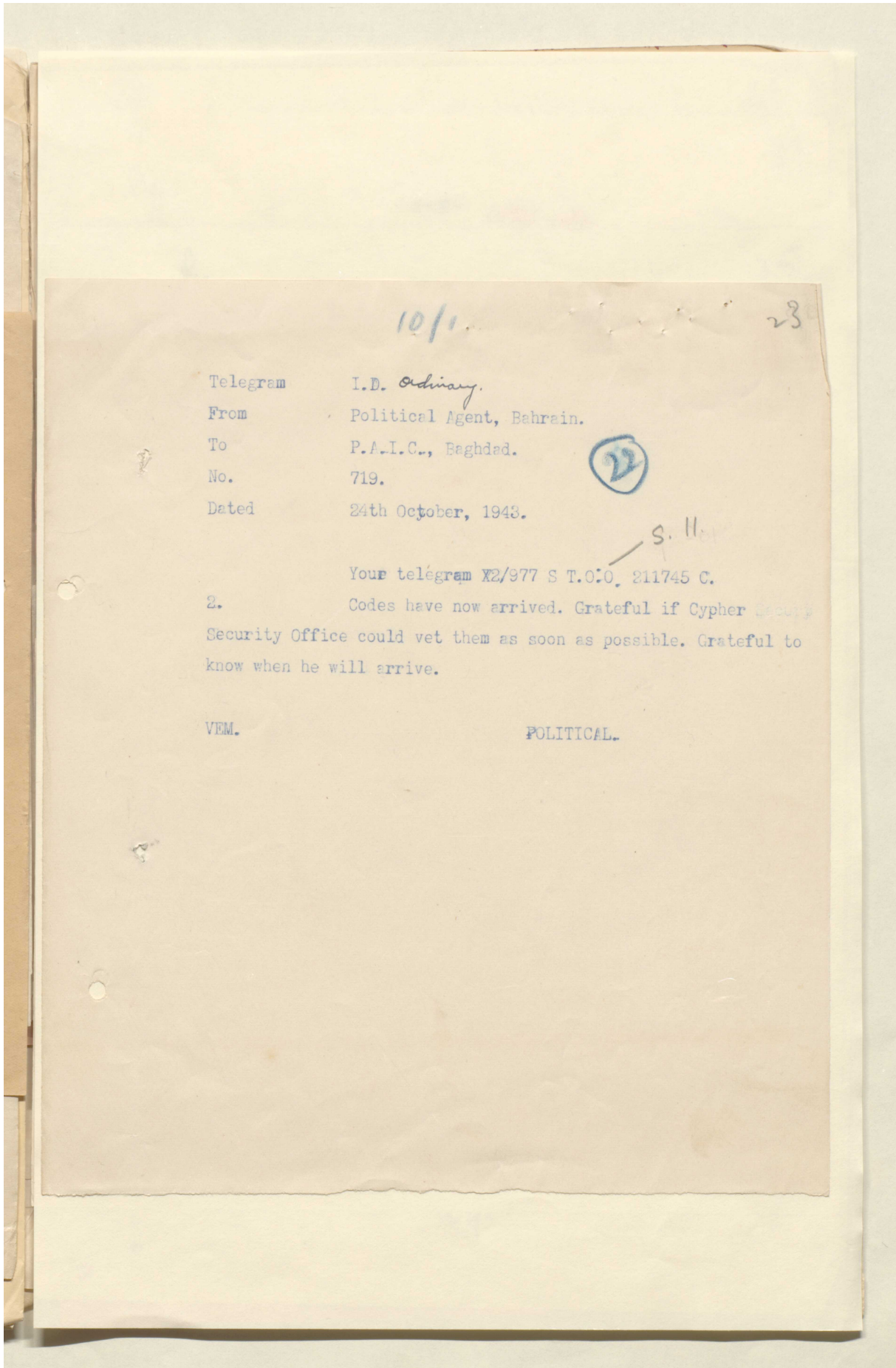
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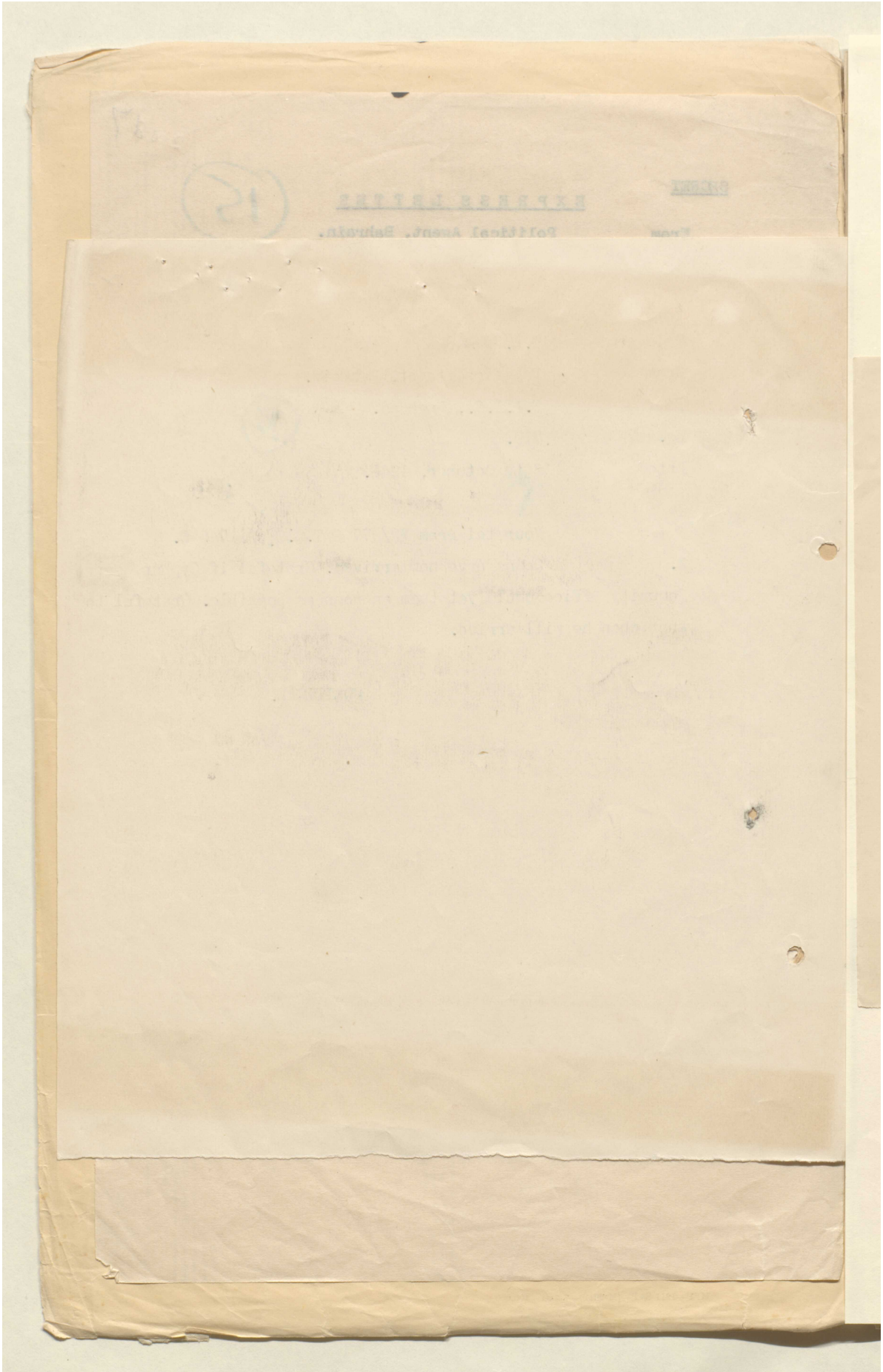
'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [22v] (46/108)



'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [23r] (47/108)



'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [23v] (48/108)



No.C/1498.



Political Agency,
Bahrain, 3rd November 1943.

To
The Chief Local Representative,
The Bahrain Petroleum Co., Ltd.,
Bahrain.

MEMORANDUM

General Headquarters, PAI FORCE have now intimated that it would be difficult to release the Cypher Security Officer to visit Bahrain at present. They suggest that a copy of the Code should be sent by safe hand to Baghdad for their examination.

2. If you see no objection, I propose to send my copy of your Code by safe-hand by the first opportunity.

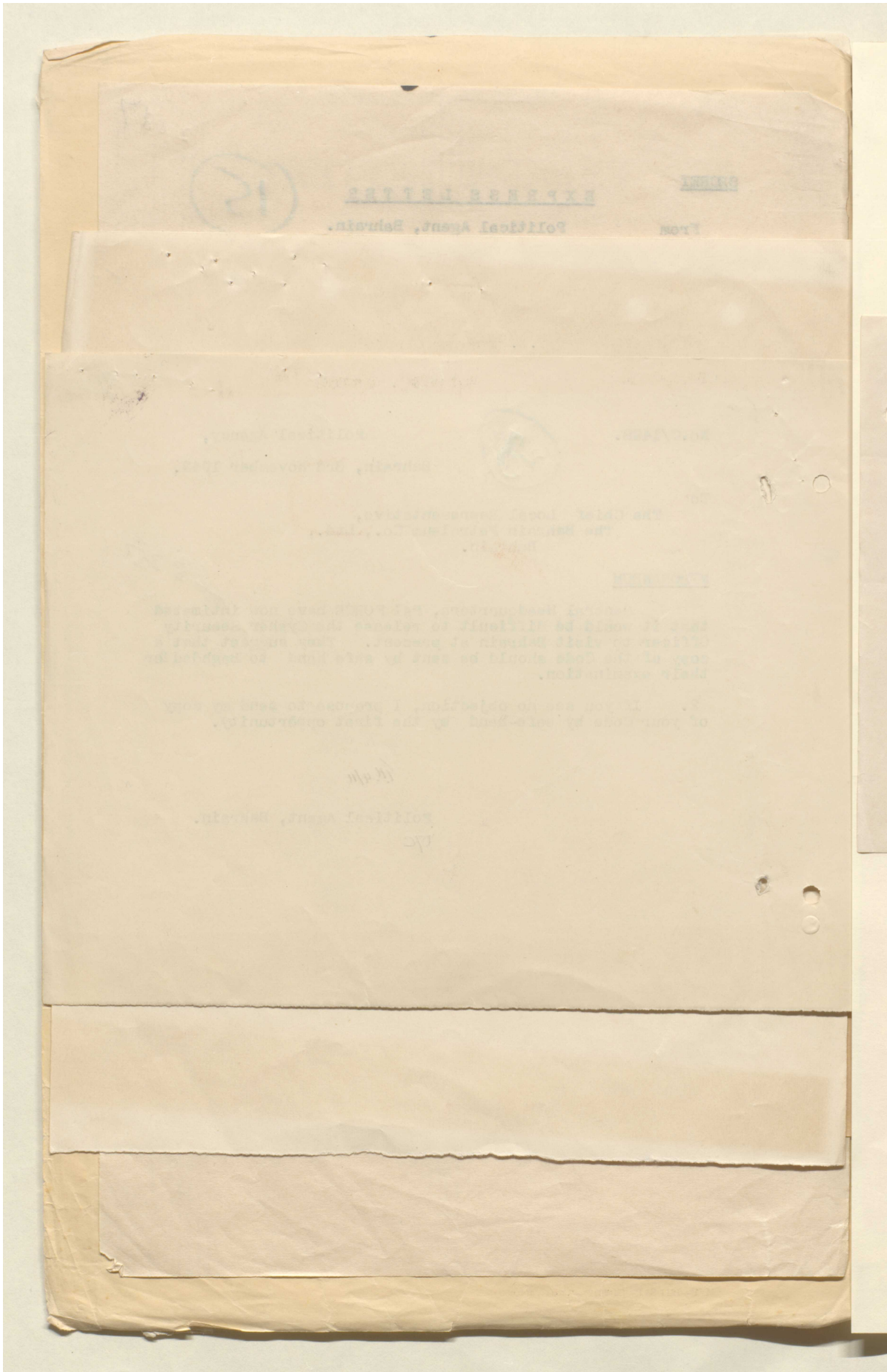
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Political Agent, Bahrain.

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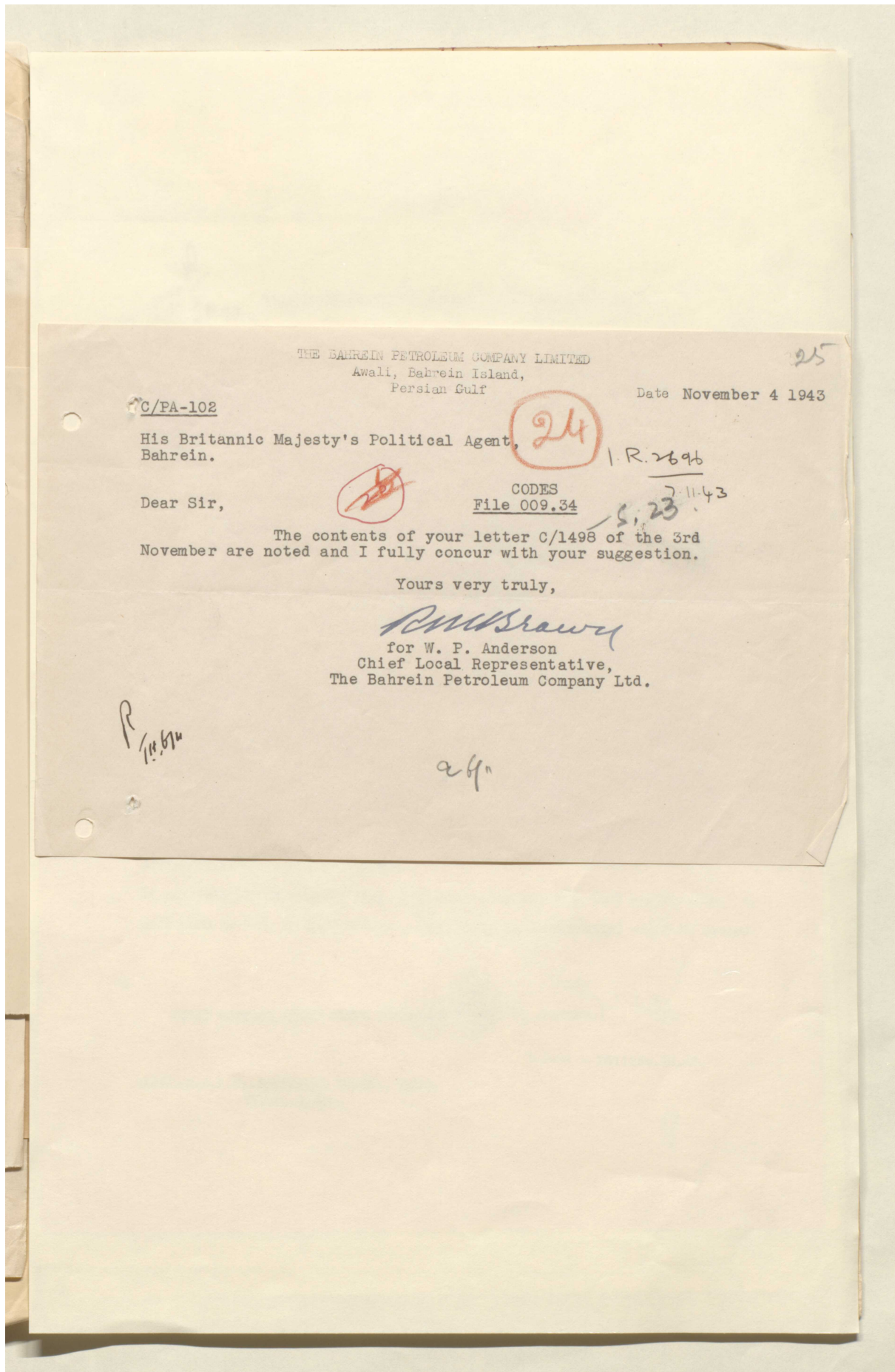
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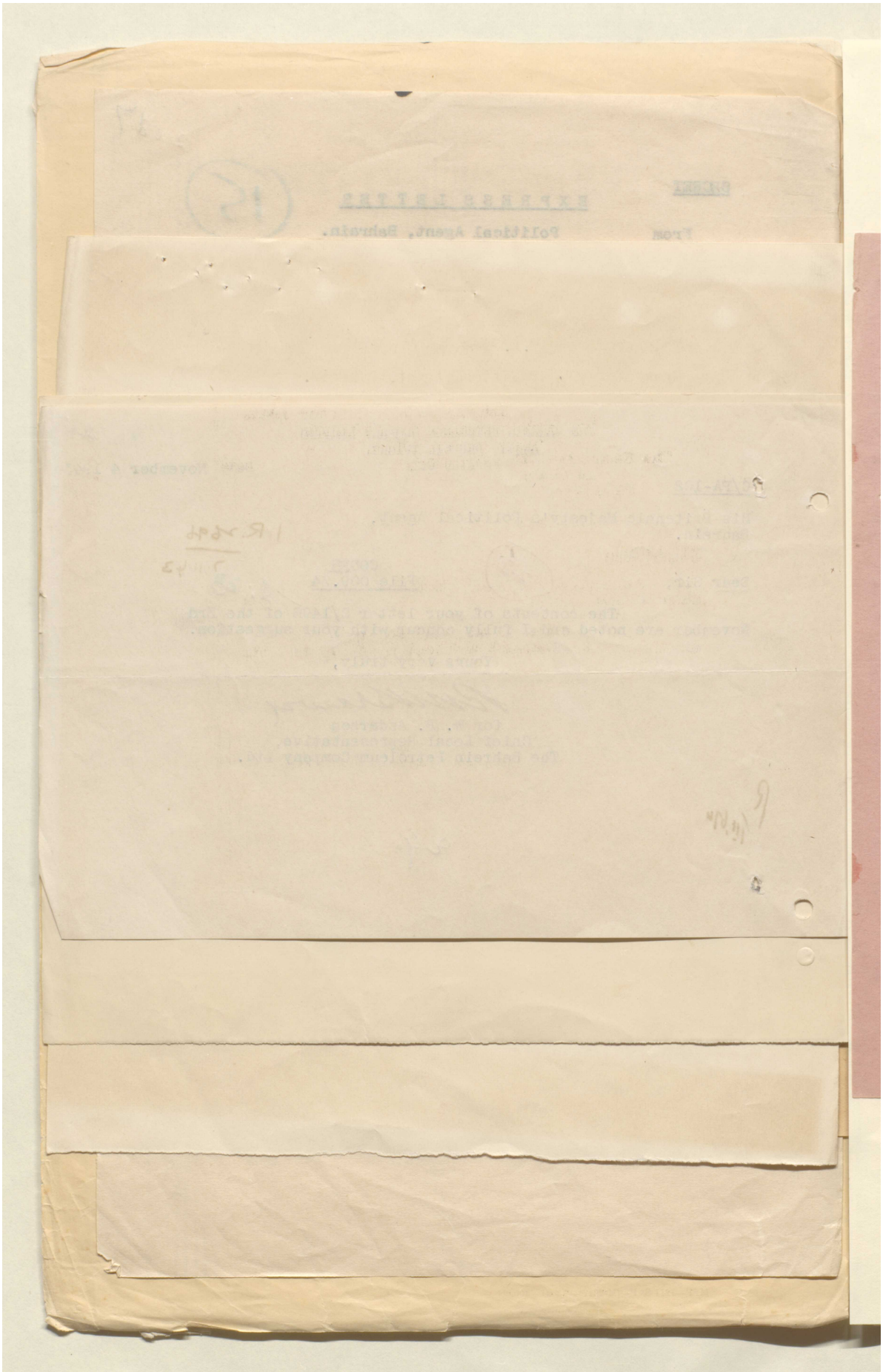
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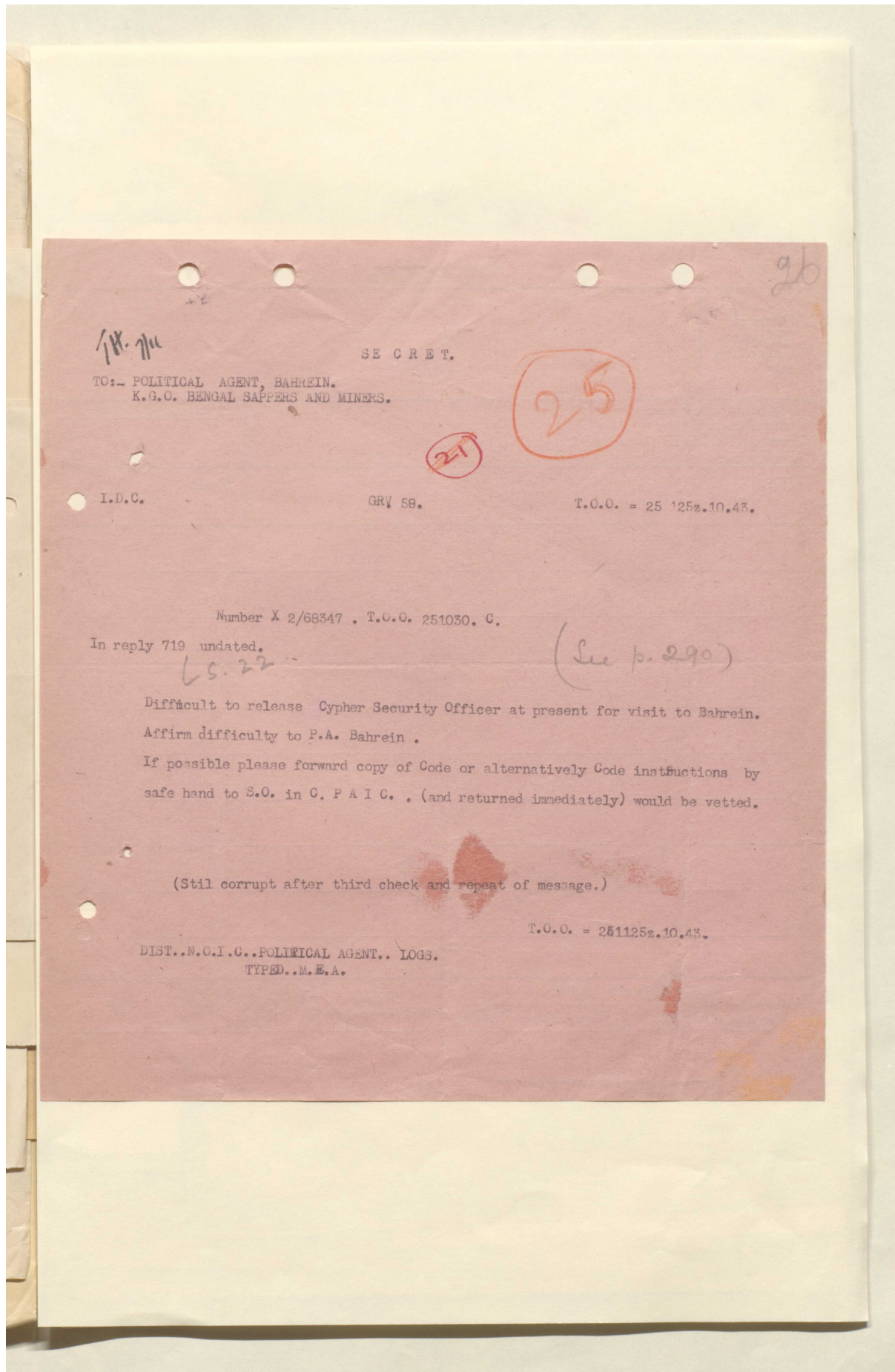


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'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [25v] (52/108)





'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [26v] (54/108)

EXPERIMENTAL
Political Agent, Bahrain.

S. 1320f. NAVAL MESSAGE.

For use in Cypher or Coding Office only									
Originators Instructions: (Indication of Priority, Personal, NOTWT For Exercise).			INTERCEPT GROUP.						
TO:			From:						
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MOST SECRET

No.C/1544.

Political Agency,
Bahrain, 10th November 1943.

To
The Security Officer
in Charge,
P.A.I.C.,
Baghdad.

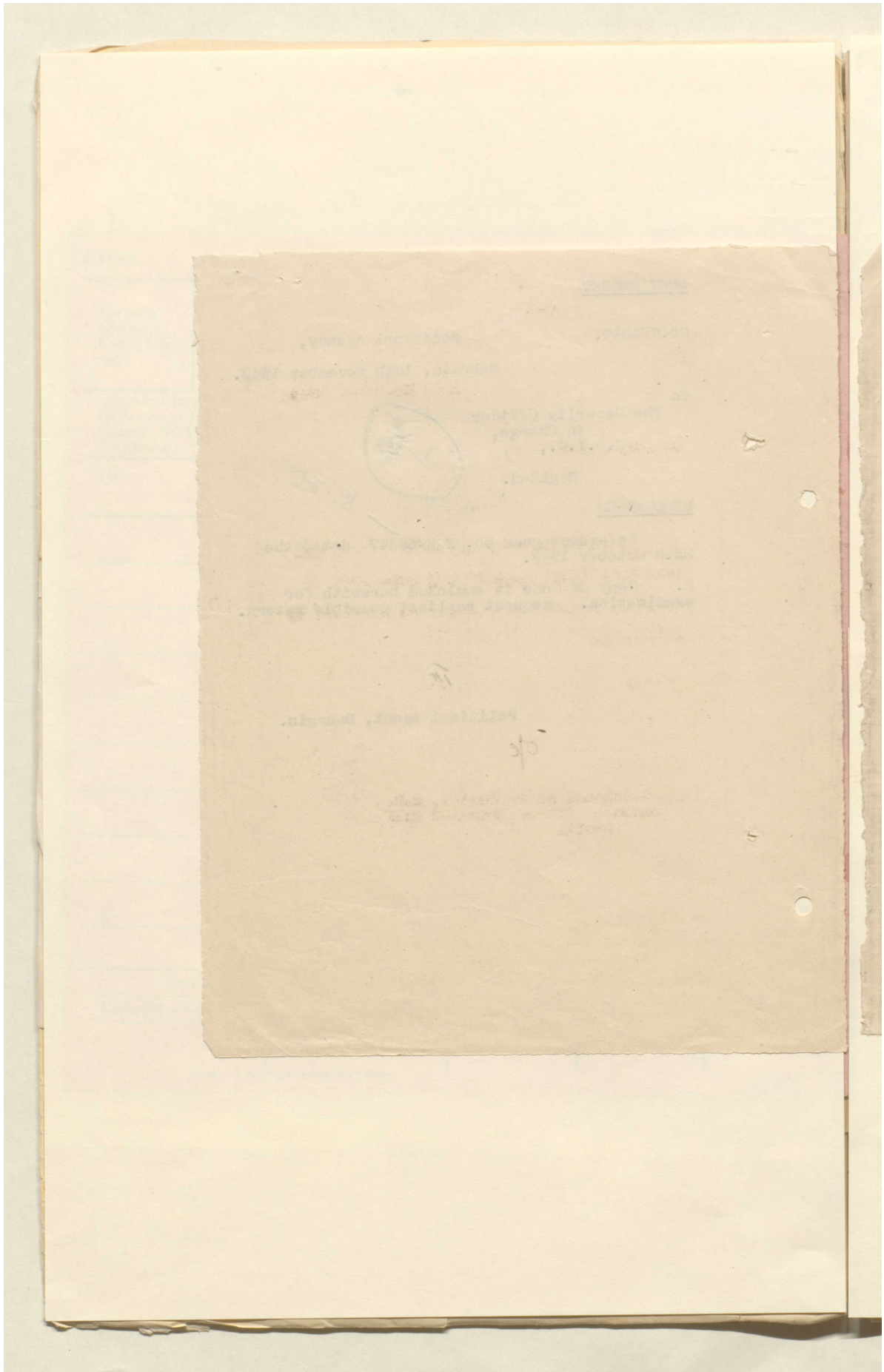
MEMORANDUM

Reference your No. X 2/68347 dated the
25th October 1943.

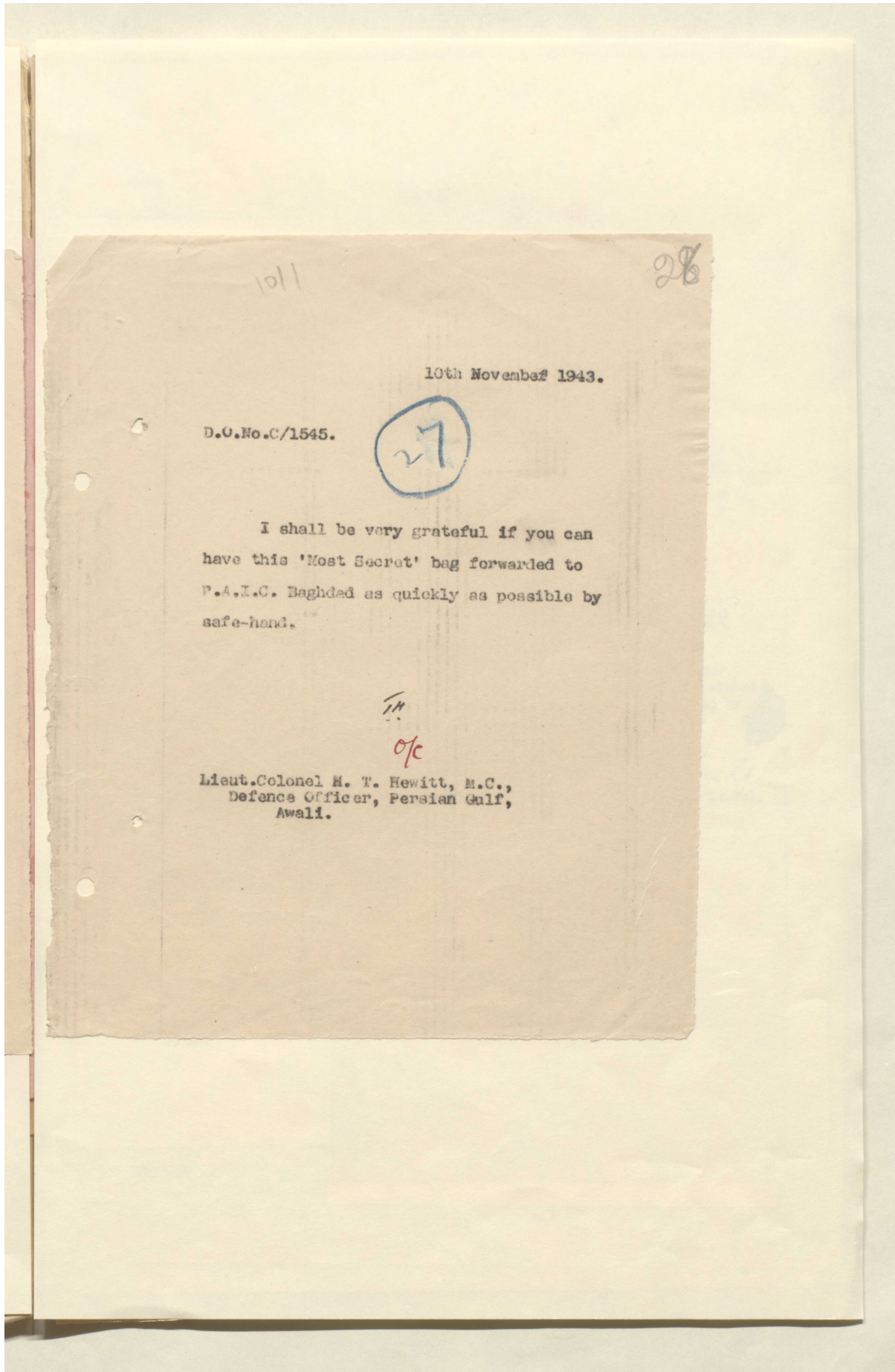
2. Copy of Code is enclosed herewith for
examination. Request earliest possible return.

Political Agent, Bahrain.

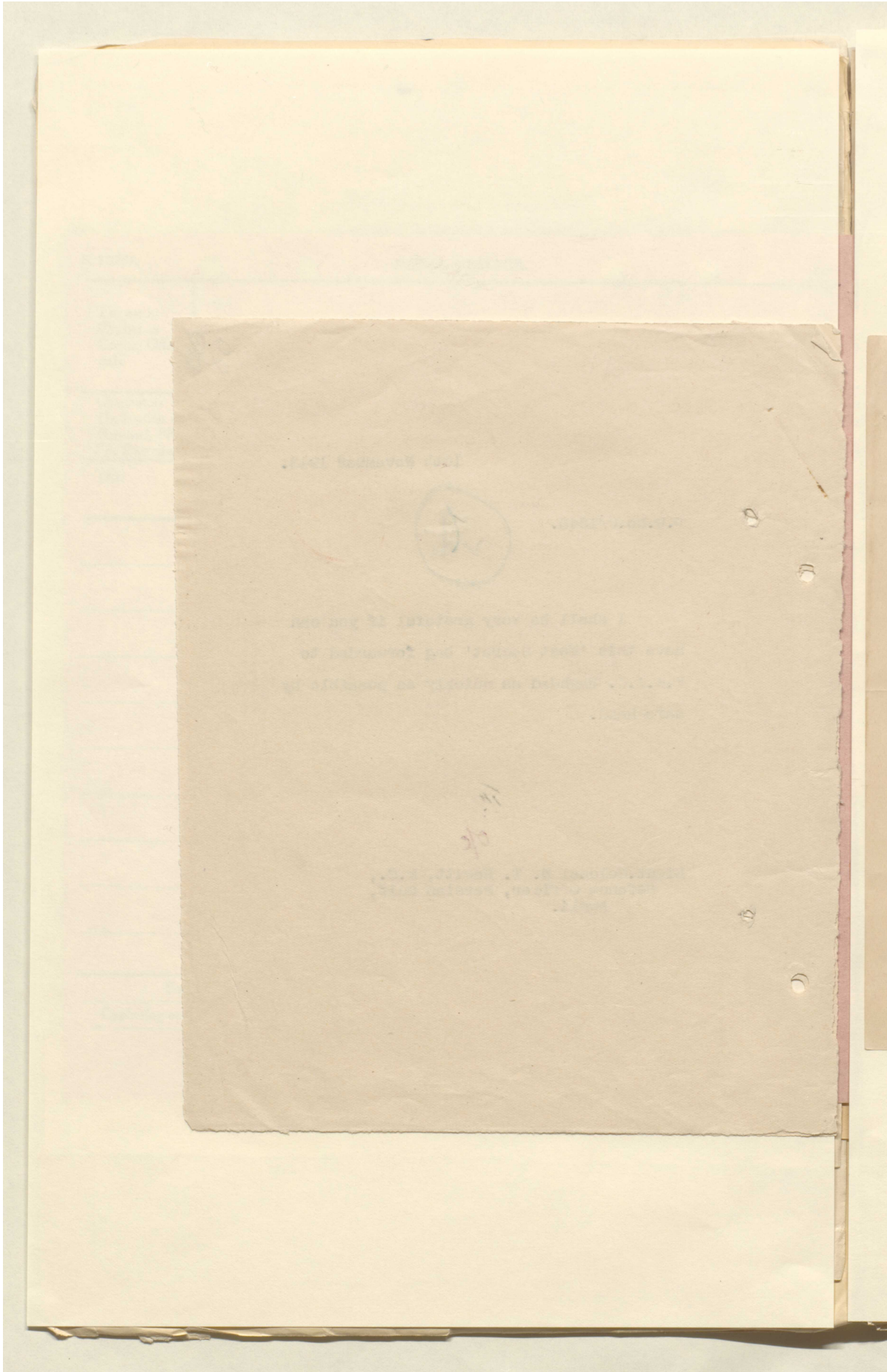
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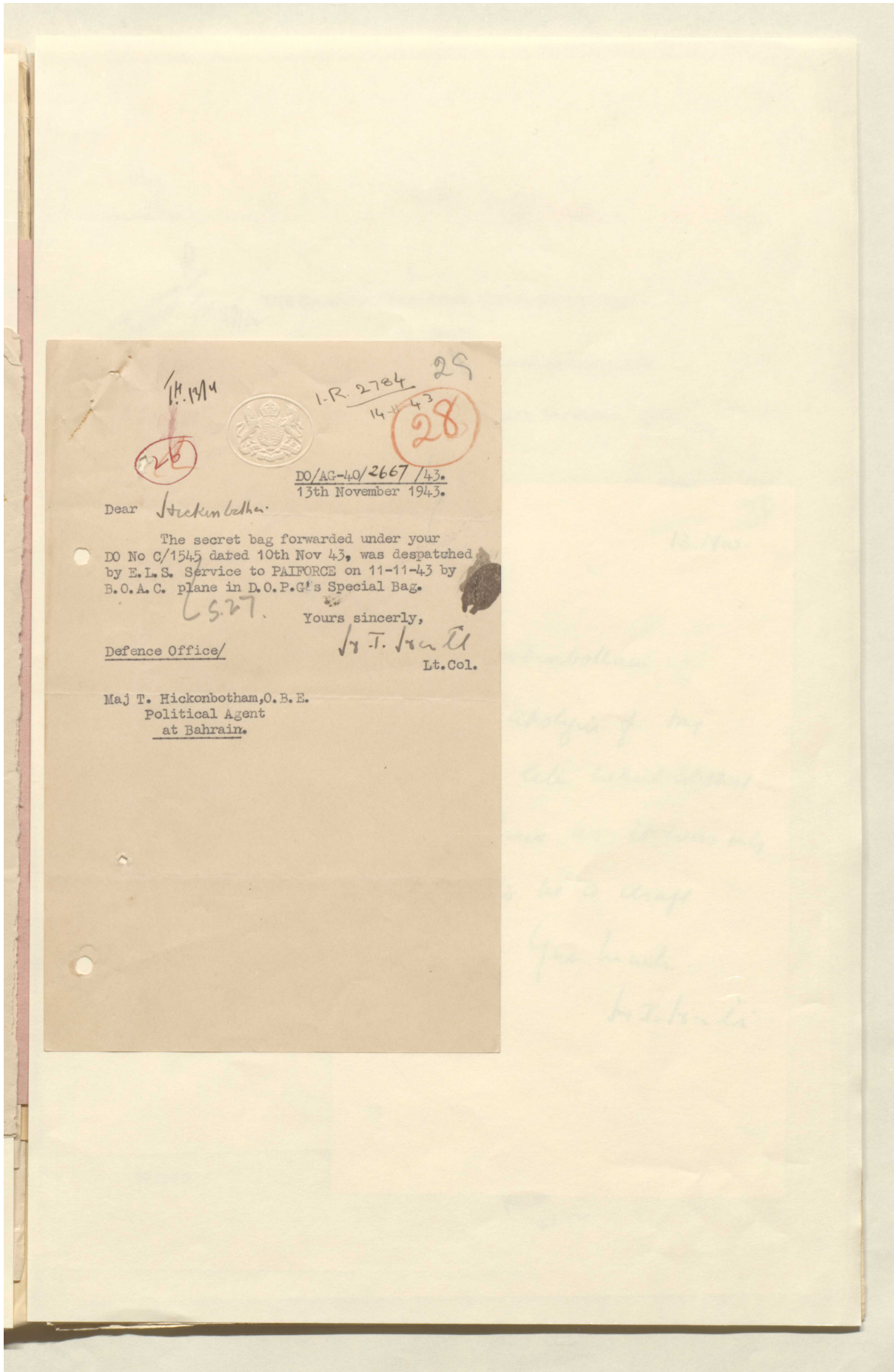


'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [28r] (57/108)



'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [28v] (58/108)





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I.R. 2784 29
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DO/AG-40/2667/43.
13th November 1943.

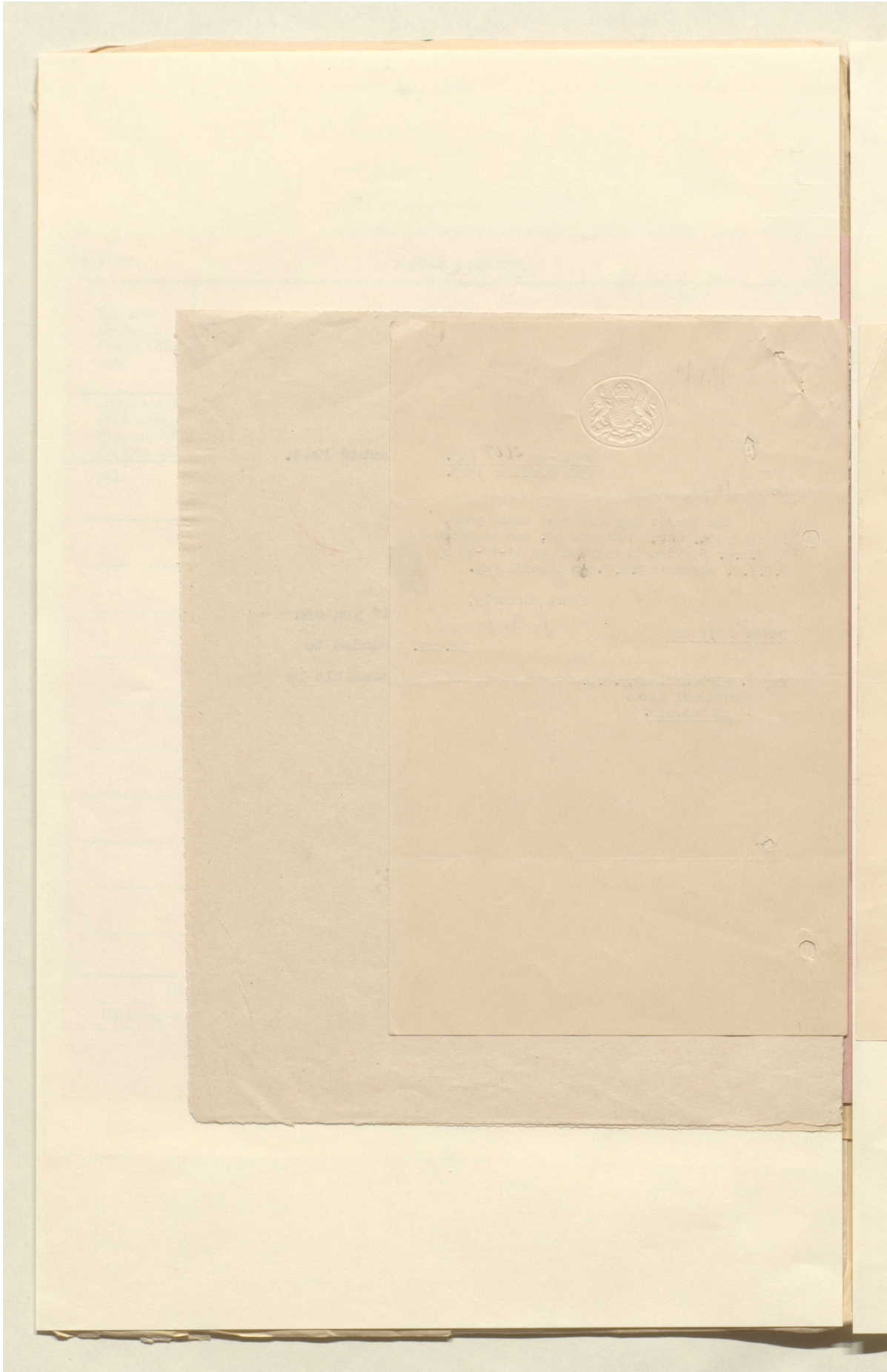
Dear Hickinbotham.

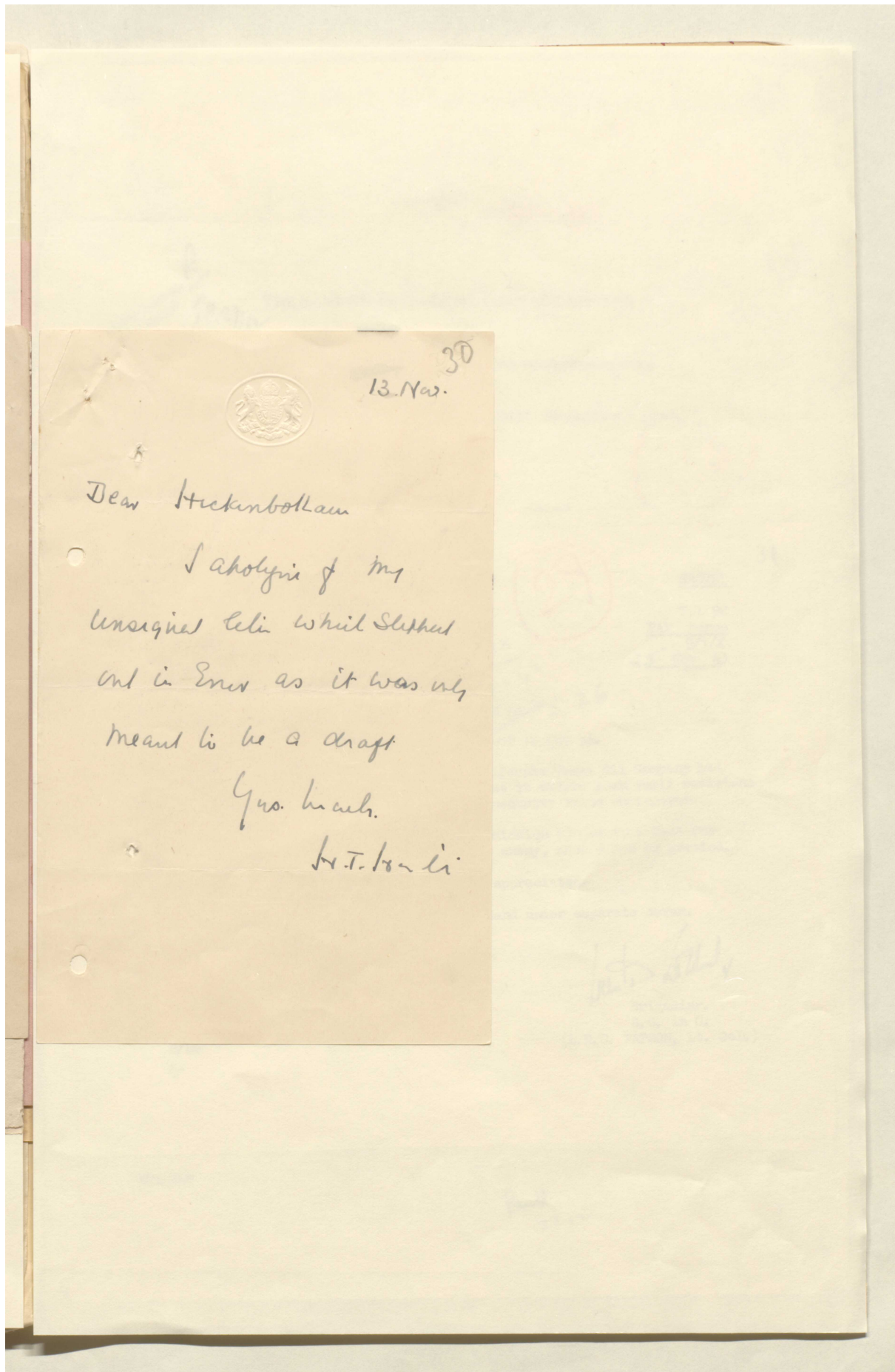
The secret bag forwarded under your DO No C/1545 dated 10th Nov 43, was despatched by E.L.S. Service to PAIRFORCE on 11-11-43 by B.O.A.C. plane in D.O.P.C.'s Special Bag.

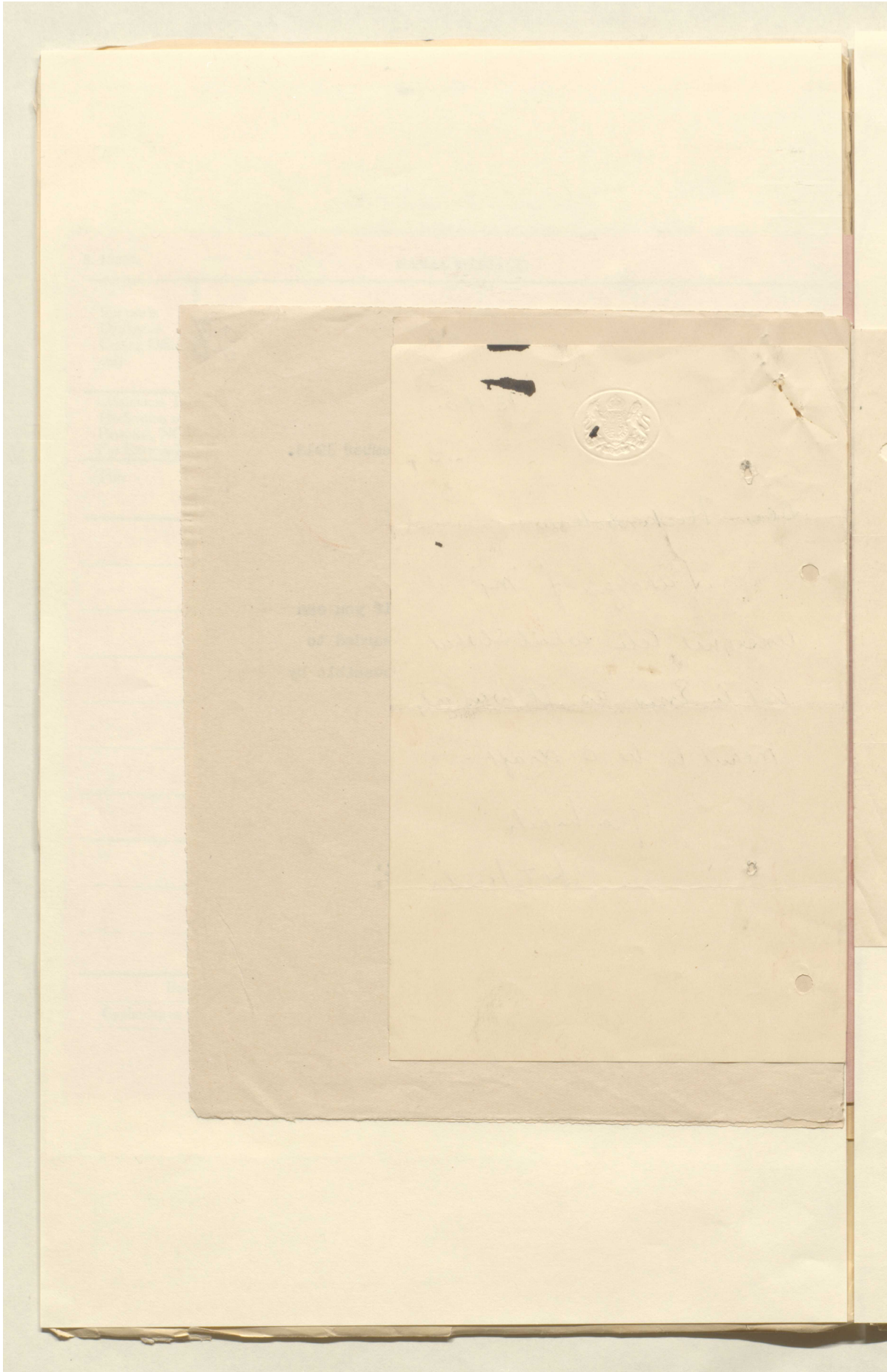
Yours sincerely,
T. Hickinbotham
Lt. Col.

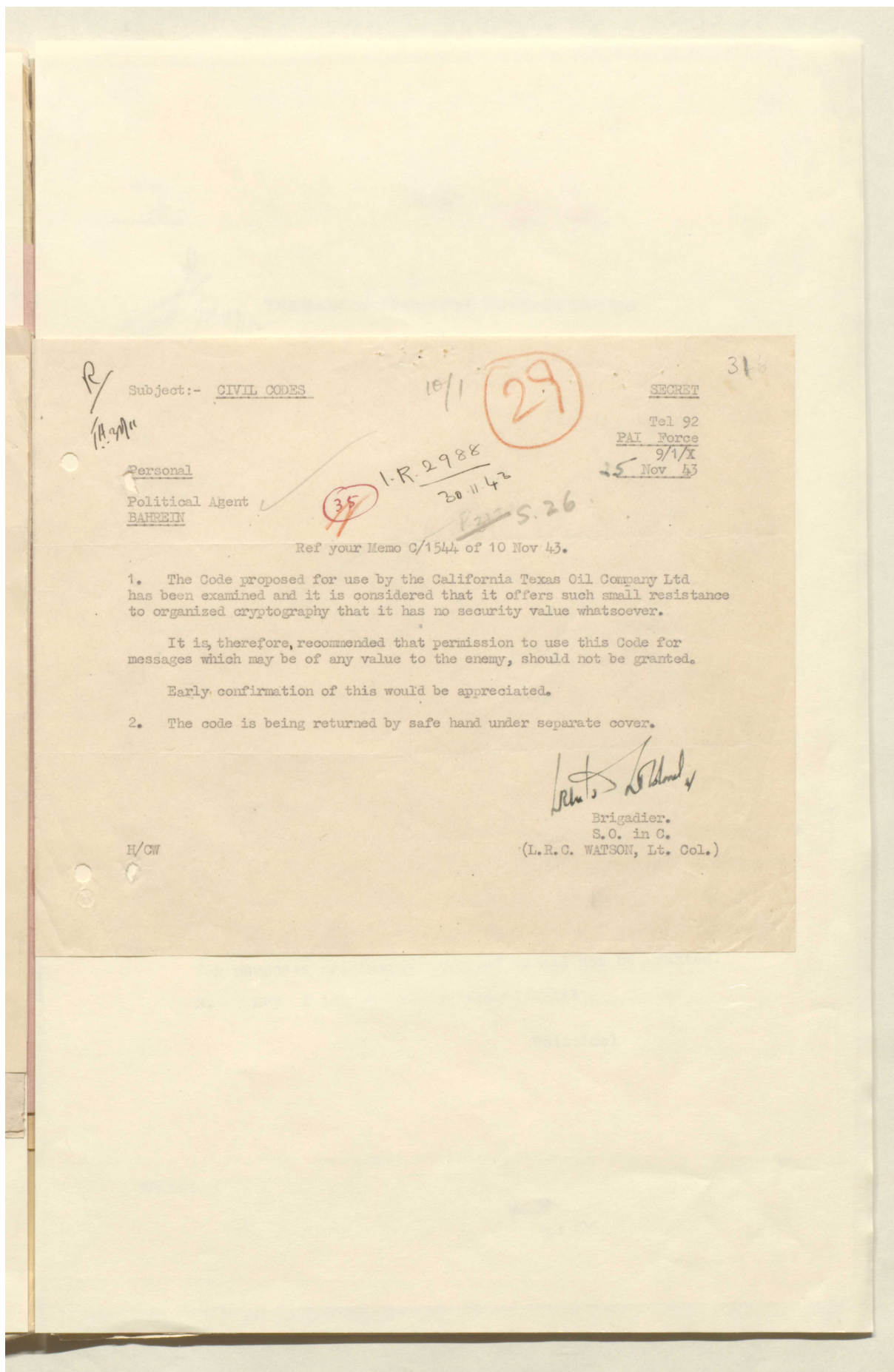
Defence Office/
Maj T. Hickinbotham, O.B.E.
Political Agent
at Bahrain.

'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [29v] (60/108)









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10/11

Subject:- CIVIL CODES

10/11 (29)

SECRET

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Personal
Political Agent
BAHREIN

(35) I.R. 2988
20.11.43
S. 26

Tel 92
PAI Force
9/1/X
15 Nov 43

Ref your Memo C/1544 of 10 Nov 43.

1. The Code proposed for use by the California Texas Oil Company Ltd has been examined and it is considered that it offers such small resistance to organized cryptography that it has no security value whatsoever.

It is, therefore, recommended that permission to use this Code for messages which may be of any value to the enemy, should not be granted.

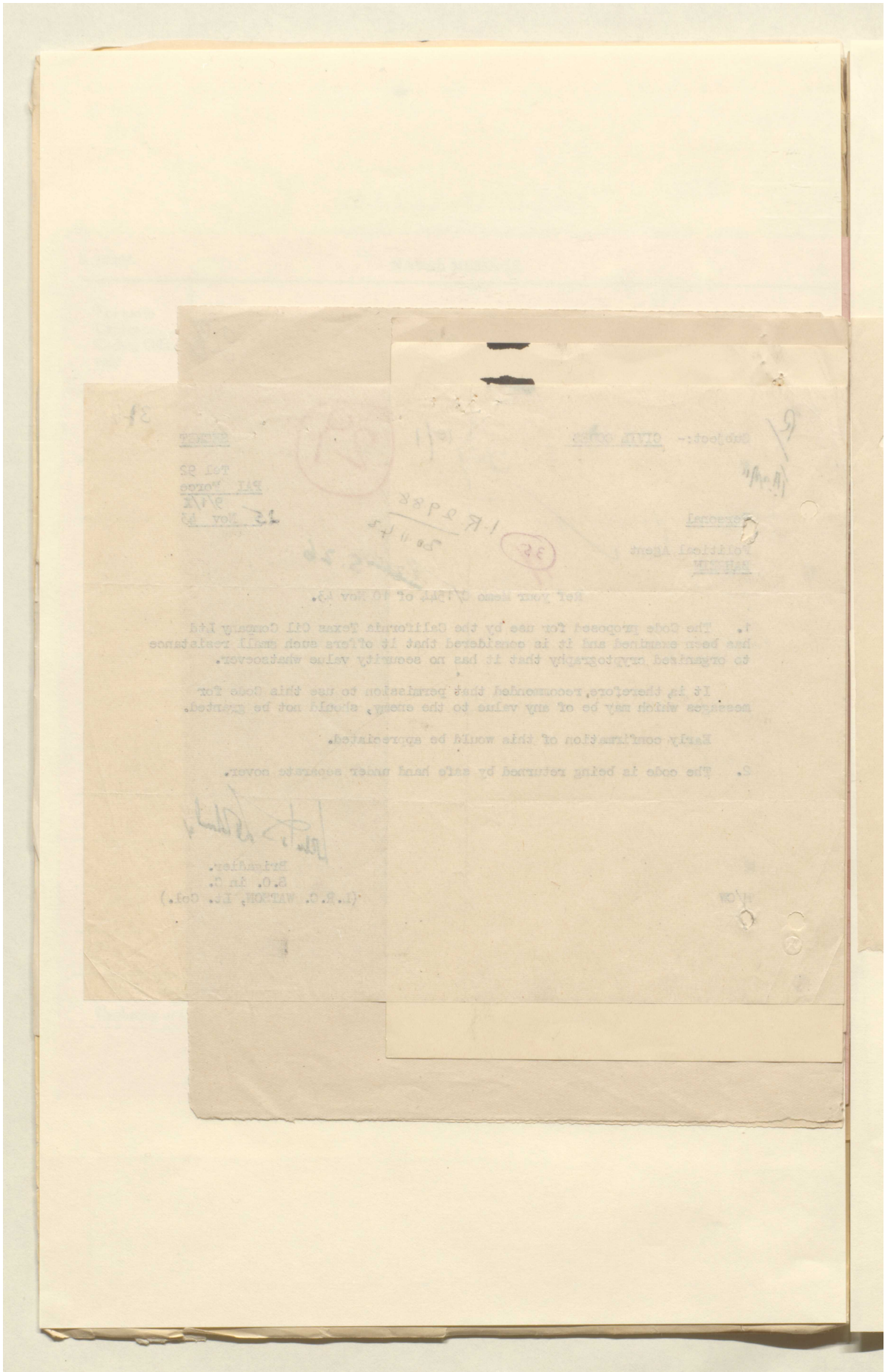
Early confirmation of this would be appreciated.

2. The code is being returned by safe hand under separate cover.

[Signature]
Brigadier.
S.O. in C.
(L.R.C. WATSON, Lt. Col.)

H/CW

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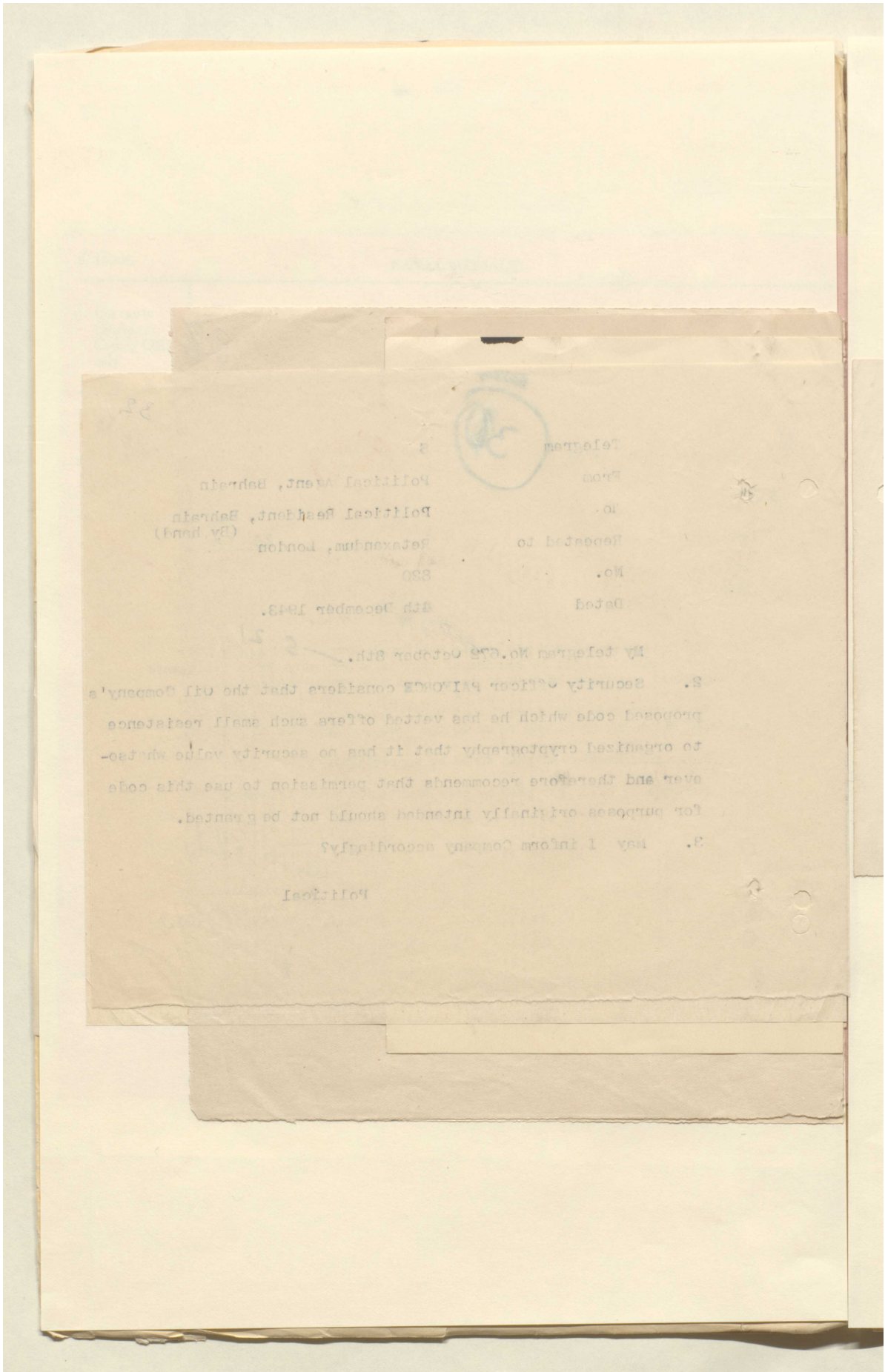
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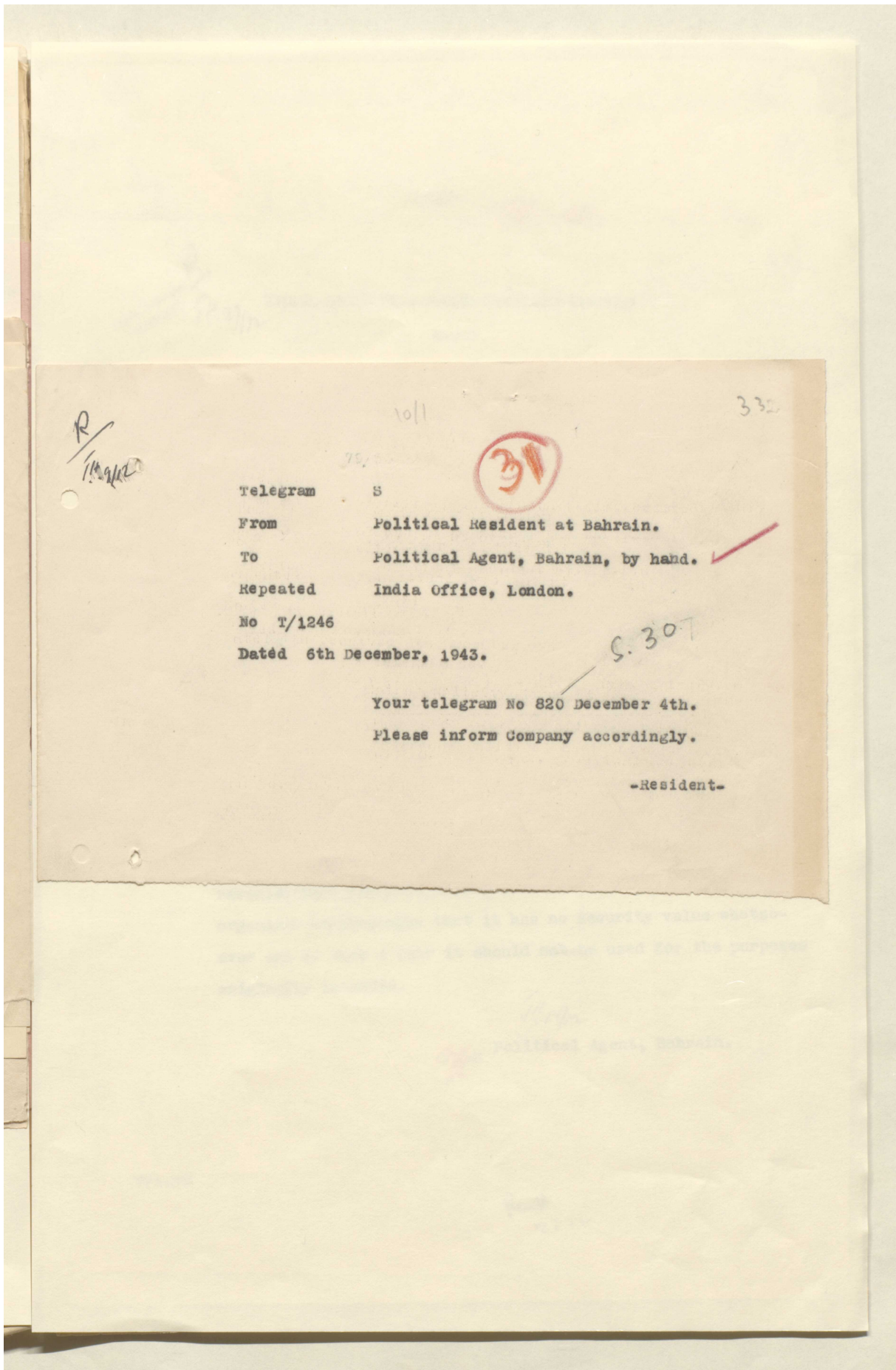
Telegram 30 S
From Political Agent, Bahrain
To Political Resident, Bahrain
Repeated to Retaxandum, London (By hand)
No. 820
Dated 4th December 1943.

My telegram No.672 October 8th. — S. 21

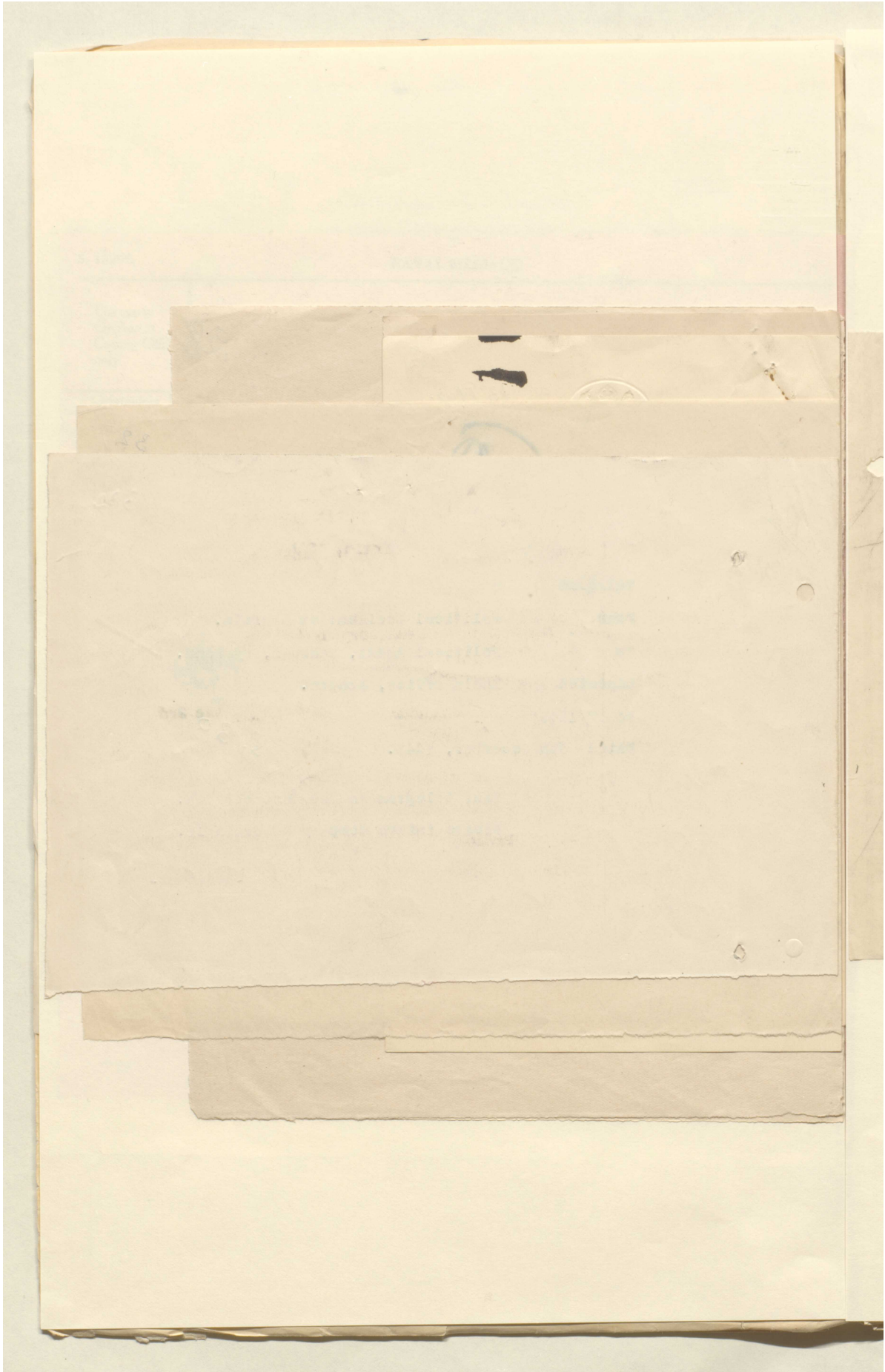
2. Security Officer PAIFORCE considers that the Oil Company's proposed code which he has vetted offers such small resistance to organized cryptography that it has no security value whatsoever and therefore recommends that permission to use this code for purposes originally intended should not be granted.
3. May I inform Company accordingly?

Political





'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [33v] (68/108)



SECRET

No.C/1'58.

Political Agency,

Bahrain, 18th December 1943.

To

The Chief Local Representative,
The Bahrain Petroleum Company Ltd.,
Bahrain.

MEMORANDUM

Reference my memorandum No.C/1498 dated the 3rd
November 1943.

2. Scrutiny by our military security authorities has
revealed that the code offers such small resistance to
organized cryptography that it has no security value whatso-
ever and as such I fear it should not be used for the purposes
originally intended.

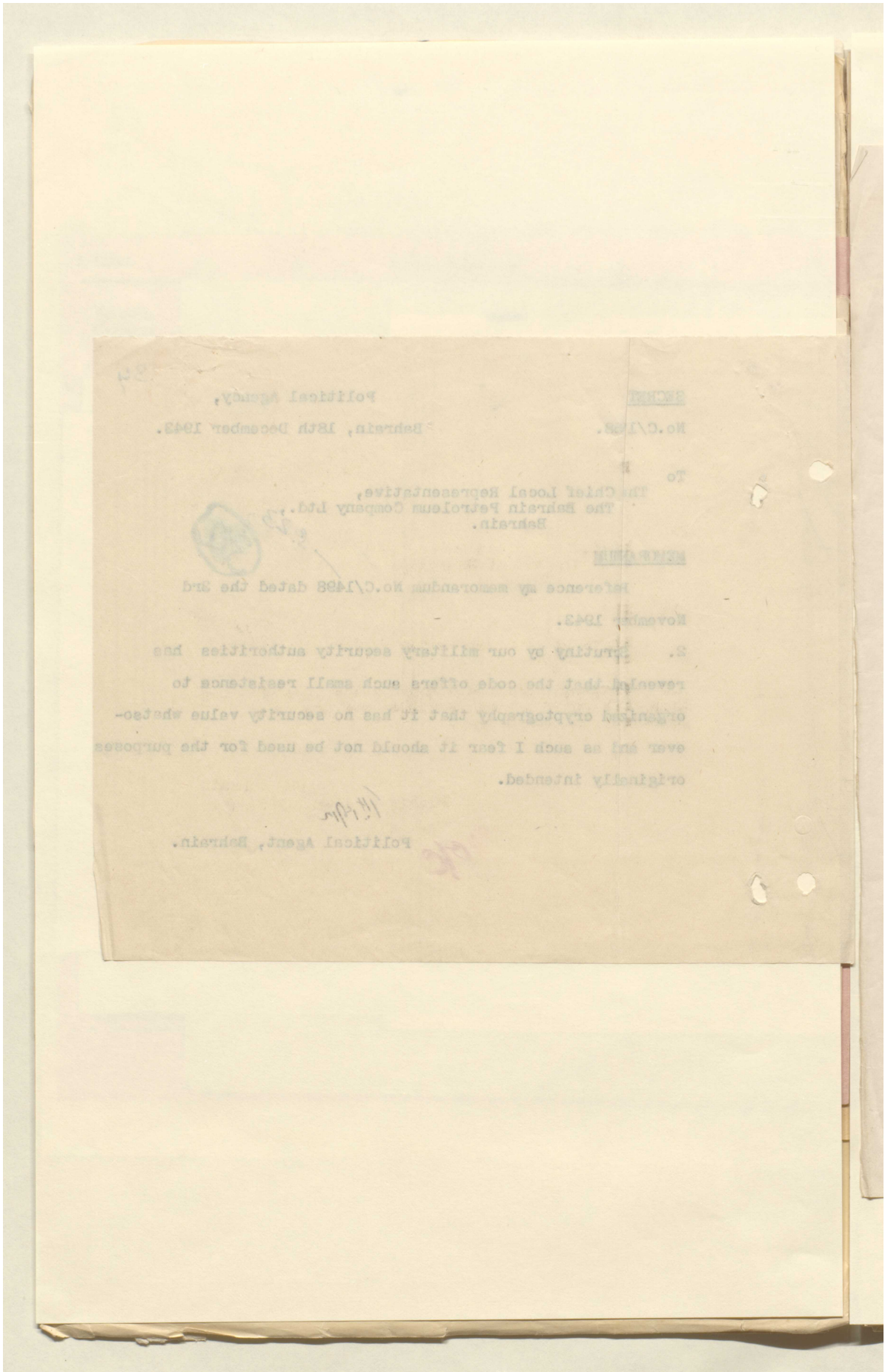
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Political Agent, Bahrain.

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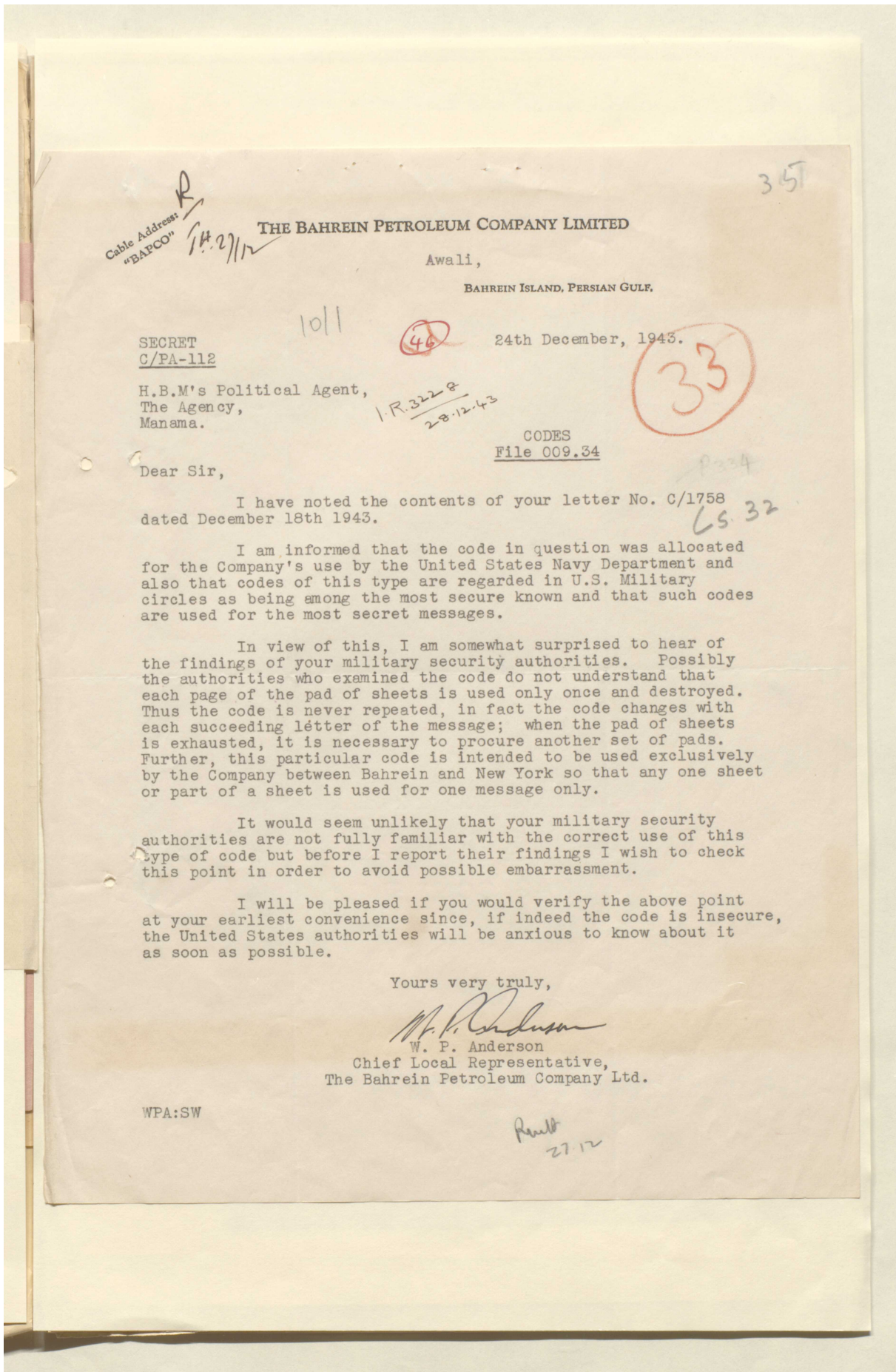
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'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [34v] (70/108)



'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [35r] (71/108)



Cable Address
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THE BAHREIN PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED

Awali,

BAHREIN ISLAND, PERSIAN GULF.

SECRET
C/PA-112

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24th December, 1943.

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H.B.M.'s Political Agent,
The Agency,
Manama.

1-R.322-2
28.12.43

CODES
File 009.34

Dear Sir,

I have noted the contents of your letter No. C/1758 dated December 18th 1943.

P-34
Ls. 32

I am informed that the code in question was allocated for the Company's use by the United States Navy Department and also that codes of this type are regarded in U.S. Military circles as being among the most secure known and that such codes are used for the most secret messages.

In view of this, I am somewhat surprised to hear of the findings of your military security authorities. Possibly the authorities who examined the code do not understand that each page of the pad of sheets is used only once and destroyed. Thus the code is never repeated, in fact the code changes with each succeeding letter of the message; when the pad of sheets is exhausted, it is necessary to procure another set of pads. Further, this particular code is intended to be used exclusively by the Company between Bahrein and New York so that any one sheet or part of a sheet is used for one message only.

It would seem unlikely that your military security authorities are not fully familiar with the correct use of this type of code but before I report their findings I wish to check this point in order to avoid possible embarrassment.

I will be pleased if you would verify the above point at your earliest convenience since, if indeed the code is insecure, the United States authorities will be anxious to know about it as soon as possible.

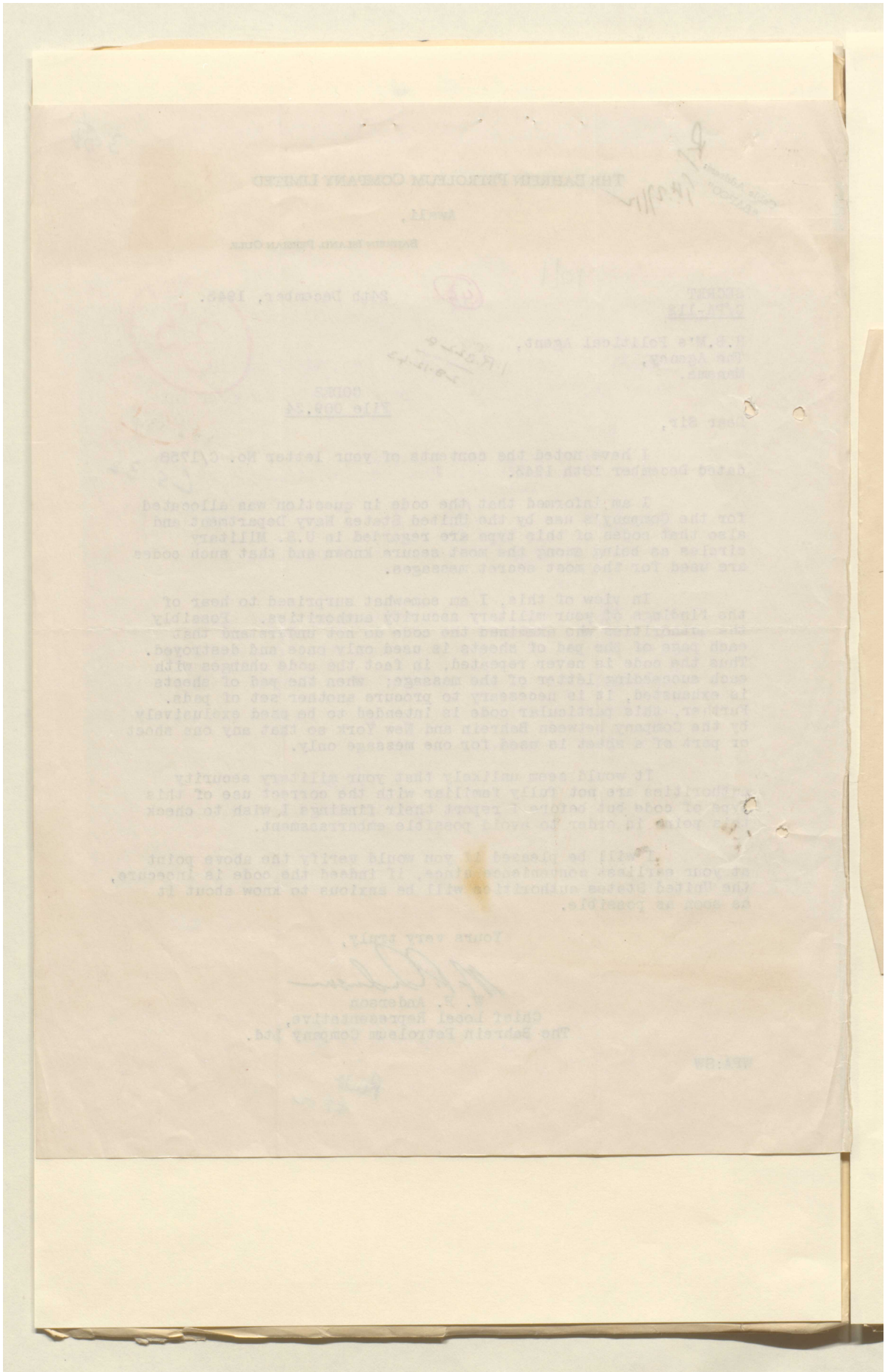
Yours very truly,

W. P. Anderson
Chief Local Representative,
The Bahrain Petroleum Company Ltd.

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'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [35v] (72/108)



'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [36r] (73/108)

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Telegram S.
From Secretary of State for India, London.
To Political Resident, Bushire,
Repeated to Political Agent, Bahrain.
Senior Naval Officer in the Persian Gulf.
H.M.'s Ambassador, Baghdad for P.A.I.C.

No. 29462.

Dated 27th received 28th December, 1943.

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Reference your telegram No. T/1246 of December 6th and Political Agent, Bahrain telegram No. 820, stating that Security Officer P.A.I.C. reported that the Bahrain Petroleum Company's code had no security value.

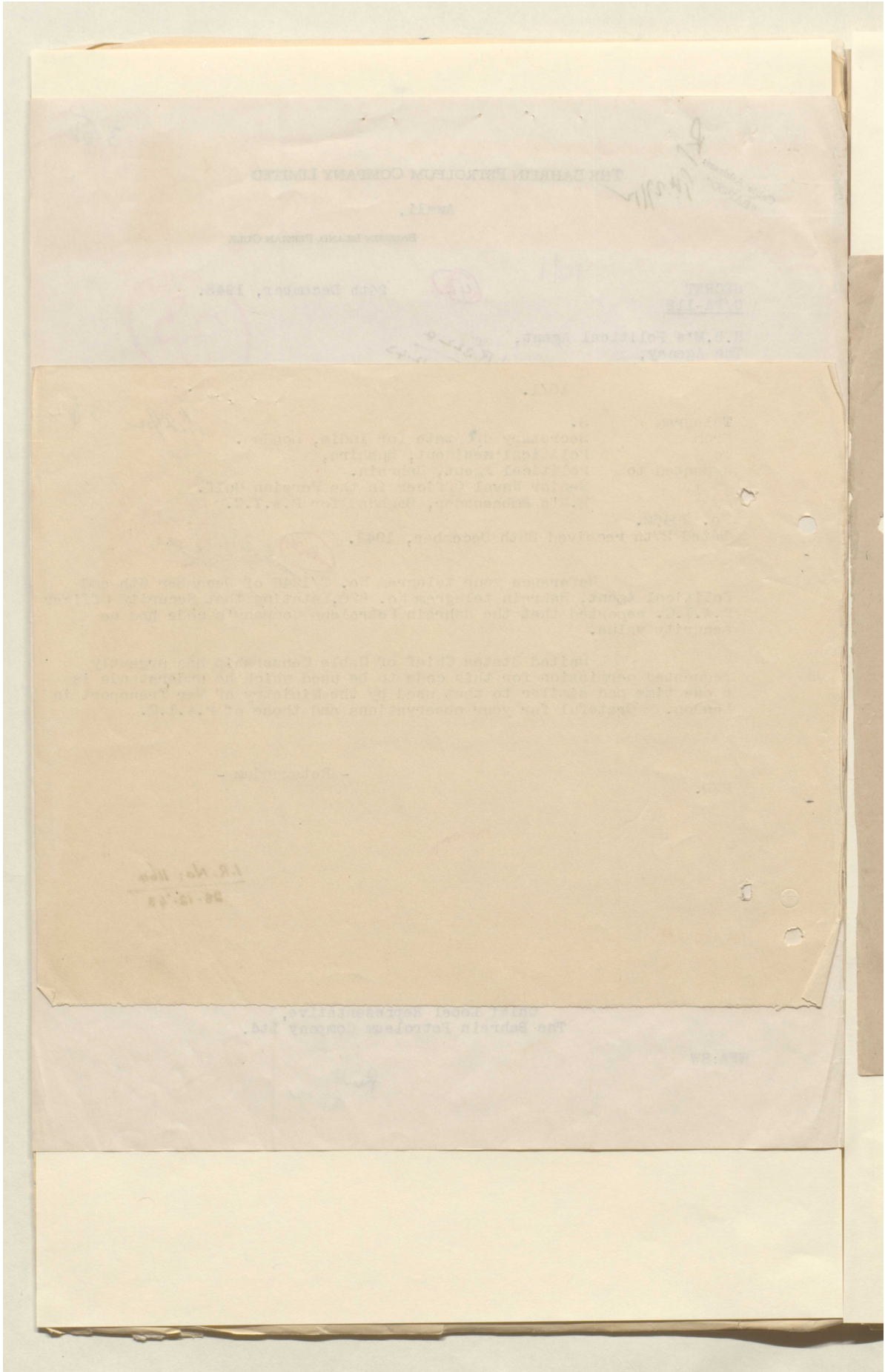
United States Chief of Cable Censorship has urgently requested permission for this code to be used which he understands is a one time pad similar to that used by the Ministry of War Transport in London. Grateful for your observations and those of P.A.I.C.

- Retaxandum -

HWD.

I.R. No: 1164
28.12.43

'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [36v] (74/108)



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DEPARTMENT/OFFICE.

File No.
Serial No. 891

Letter
Draft Memorandum Telegram

1. Date of despatch
2. List of enclosures.

No. 891 Dated 29.12.43

IMPORTANT (35)

Political Resident,
Bushire. S-34

Reference Secretary of State for
India's telegram No.29462 dated 27th
December.

2. I confirm that code is a one time
pad. The Chief Local Representative
has informed me that the code was allo-
cated to the Company by the United
States Navy Department.

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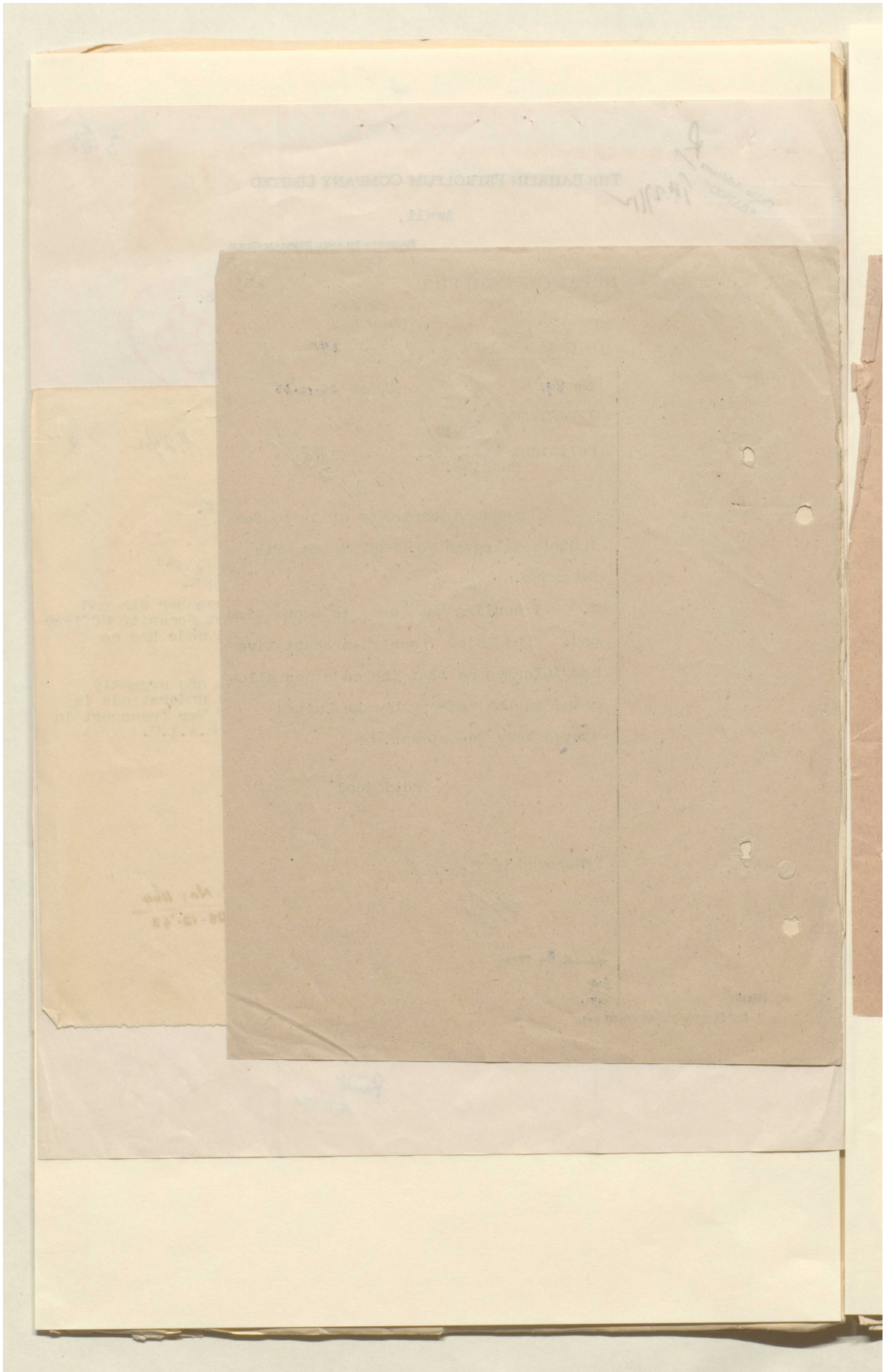
(Approved by P.A.)

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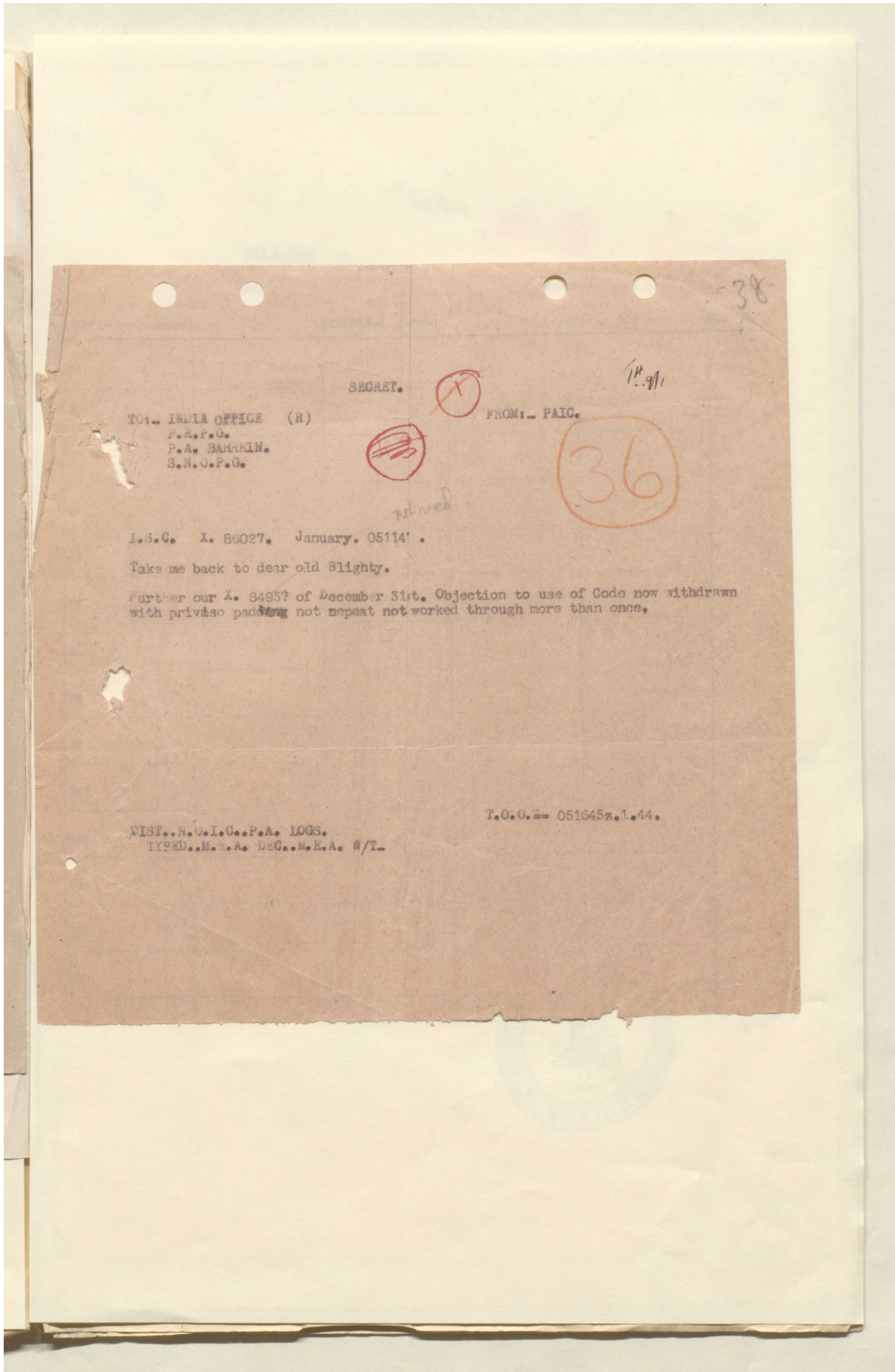
Issued the above
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B. P. 6767/A/S.73-25.6.42-50,000 pads.

'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [37v] (76/108)



'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [38r] (77/108)



TO: INDIA OFFICE (R)
P.R.P.G.
P.A. BAHRAIN.
S.N.O.P.G.

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FROM: PAIC.

I.S.C. X. 86027, January. 05114.

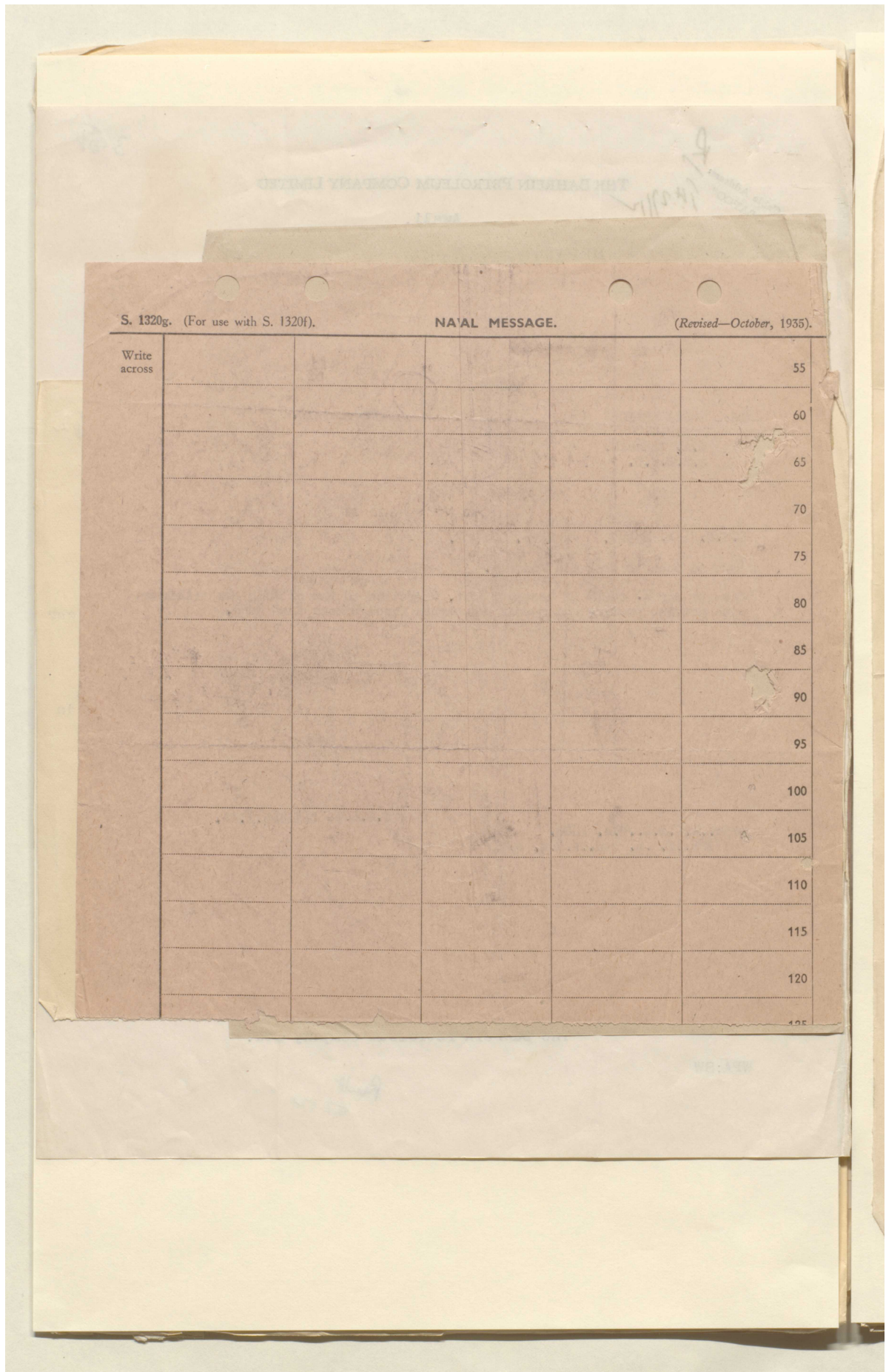
Take me back to dear old Blighty.

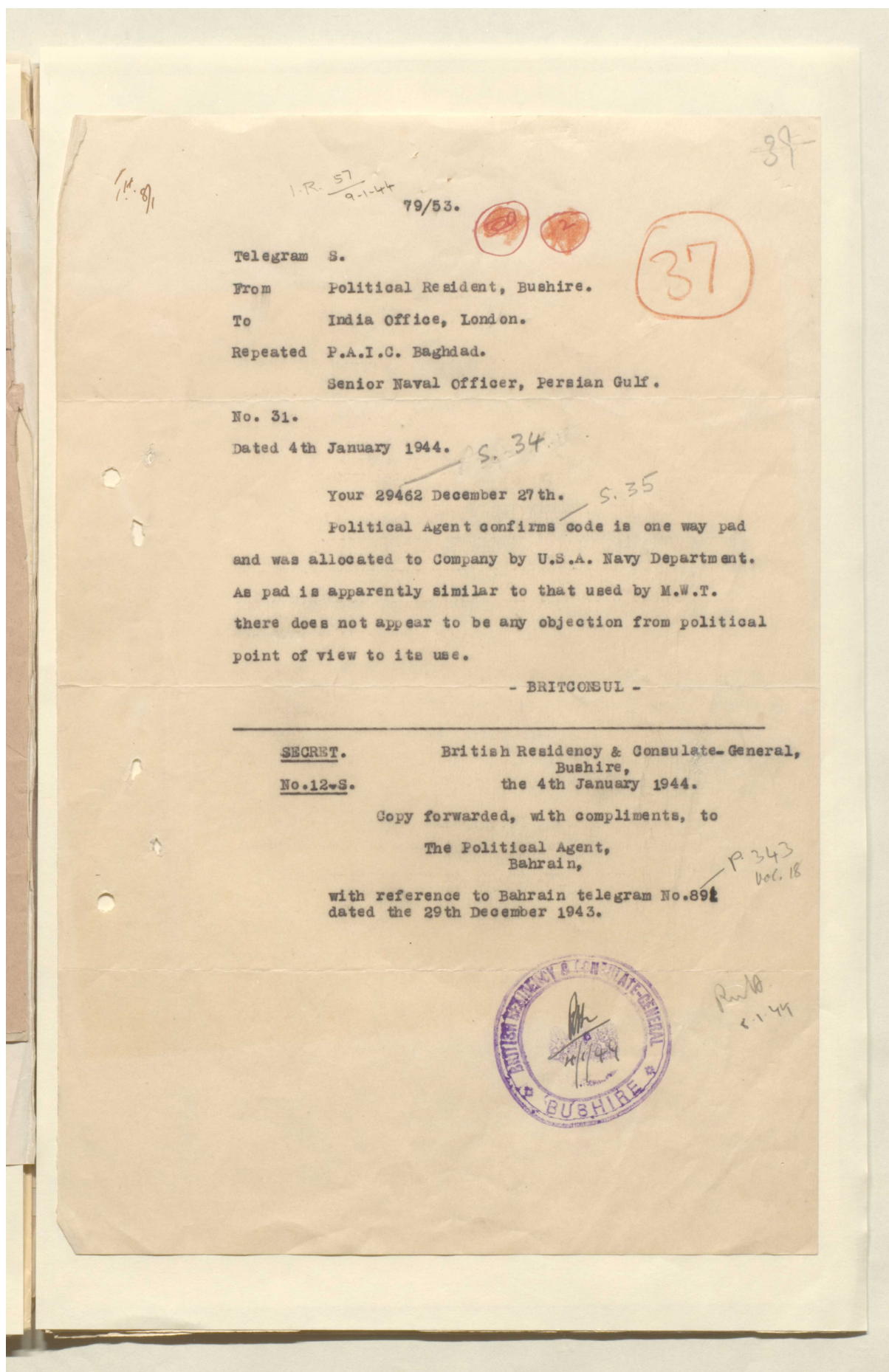
Further our X. 84957 of December 51st. Objection to use of Code now withdrawn with proviso padding not repeat not worked through more than once.

LIST..N.O.I.C..P.A. LOGS.
TYPED..M..A. DeC..M..E..A. W/T-

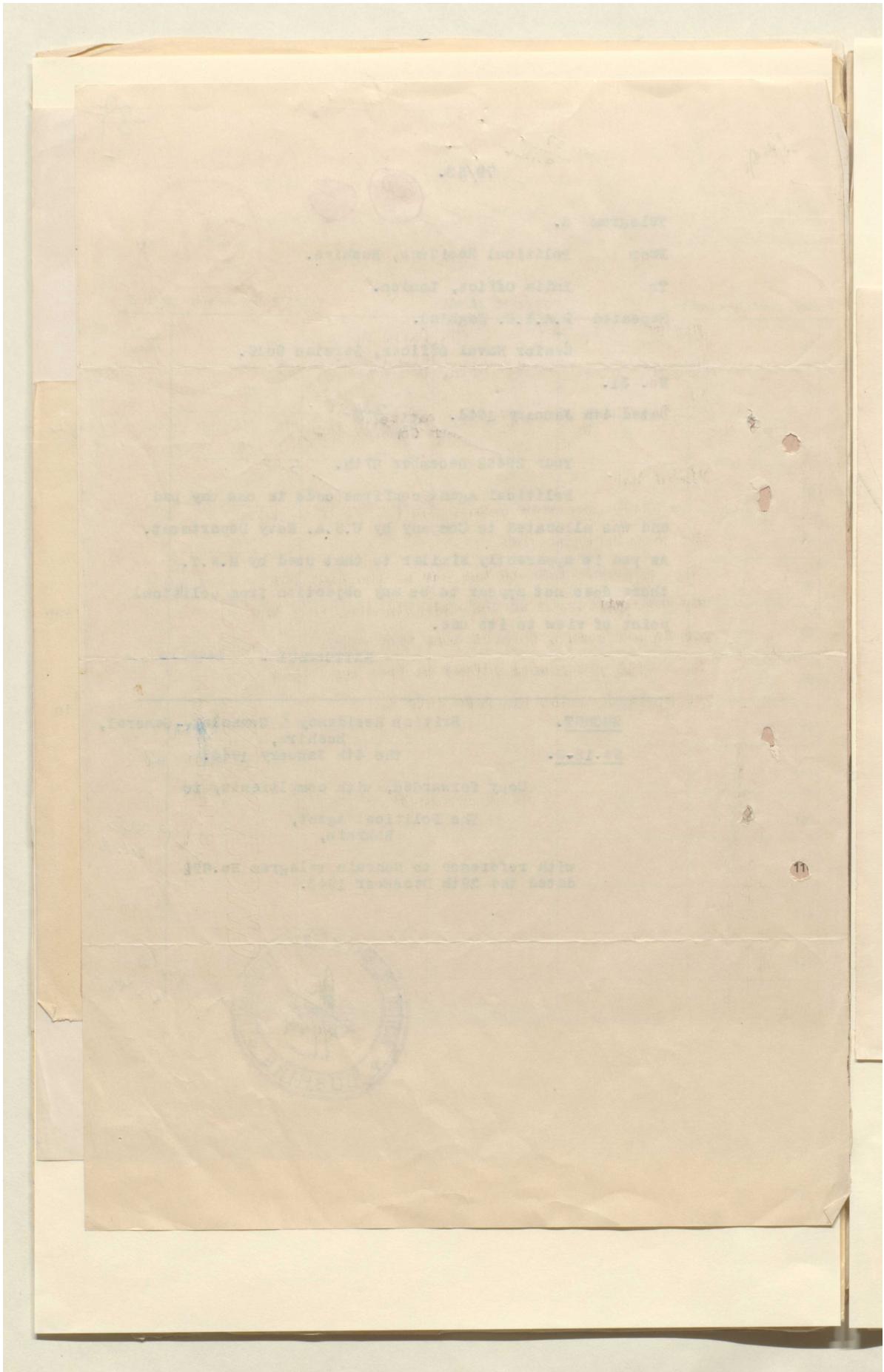
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'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [39v] (80/108)



SECRET

No.C/89.

Political Agency,
Bahrain, 12th January 1944.

To

The Chief Local Representative,
The Bahrain Petroleum Company Limited,
Bahrain.

MEMORANDUM

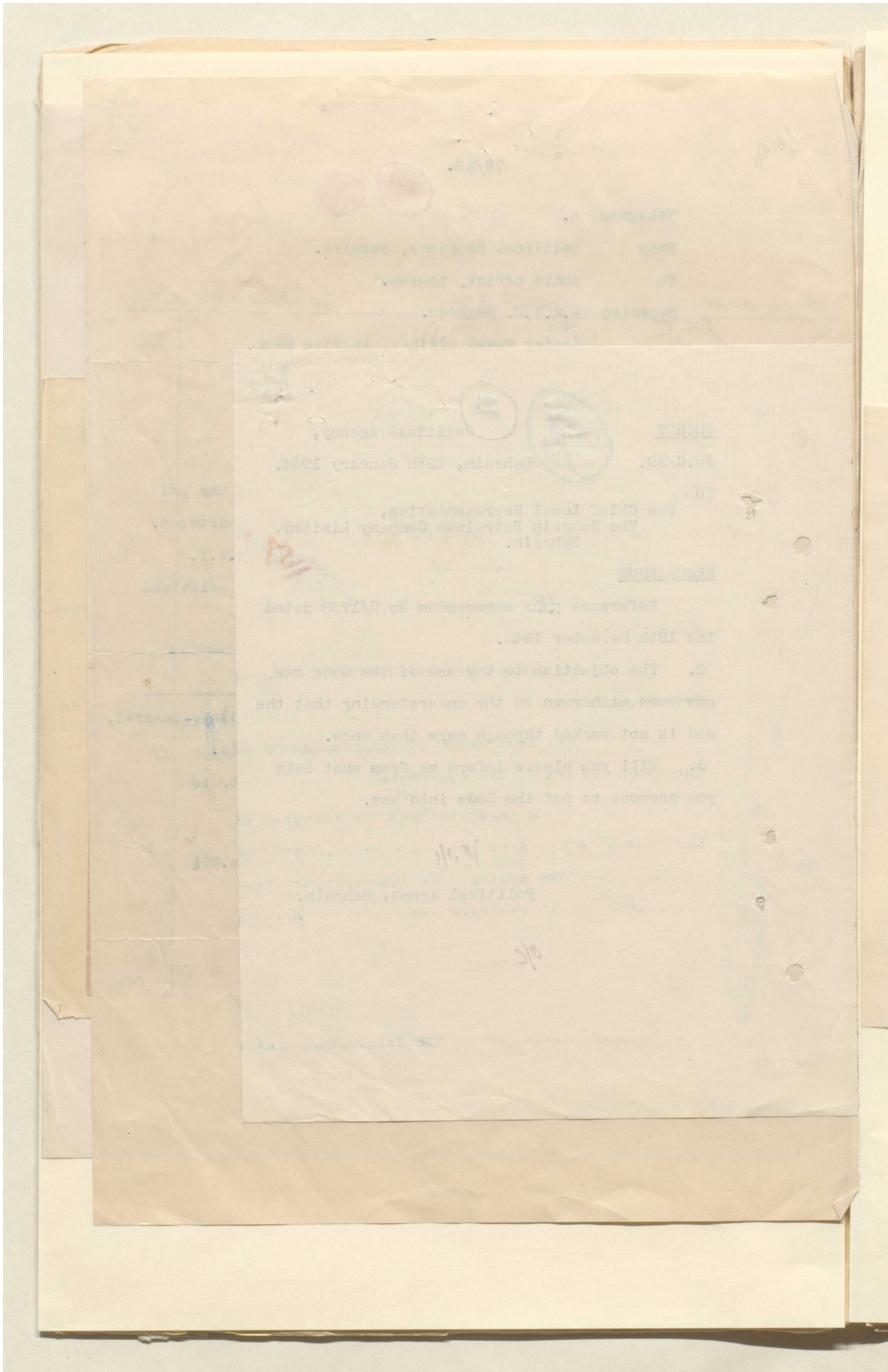
Reference ~~your~~ memorandum No.C/1758 dated
the 18th December 1943.

2. The objection to the use of the Code has
now been withdrawn on the understanding that the
pad is not worked through more than once.
3. Will you please inform me from what date
you propose to put the Code into use.

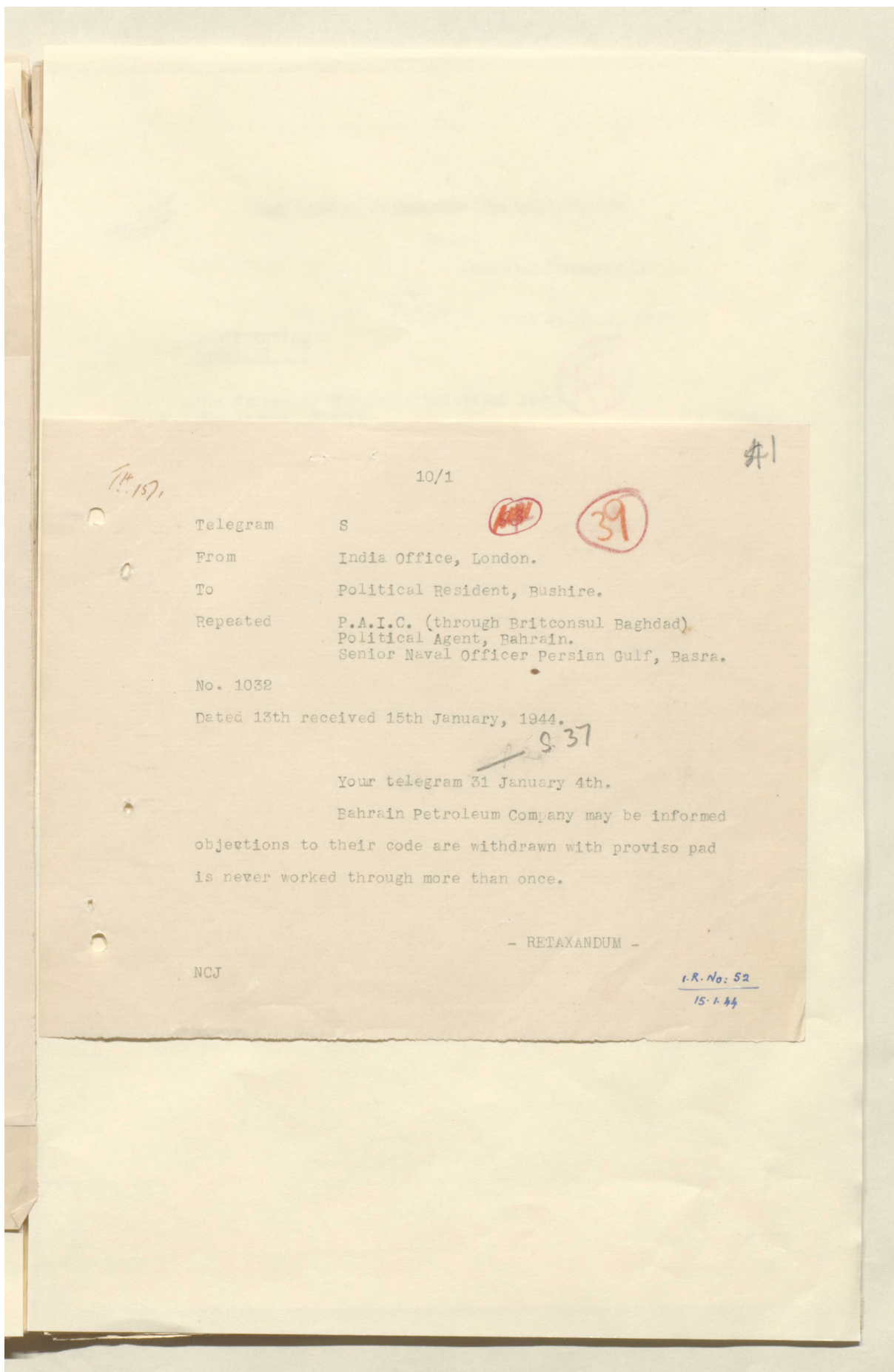
Political Agent, Bahrain.

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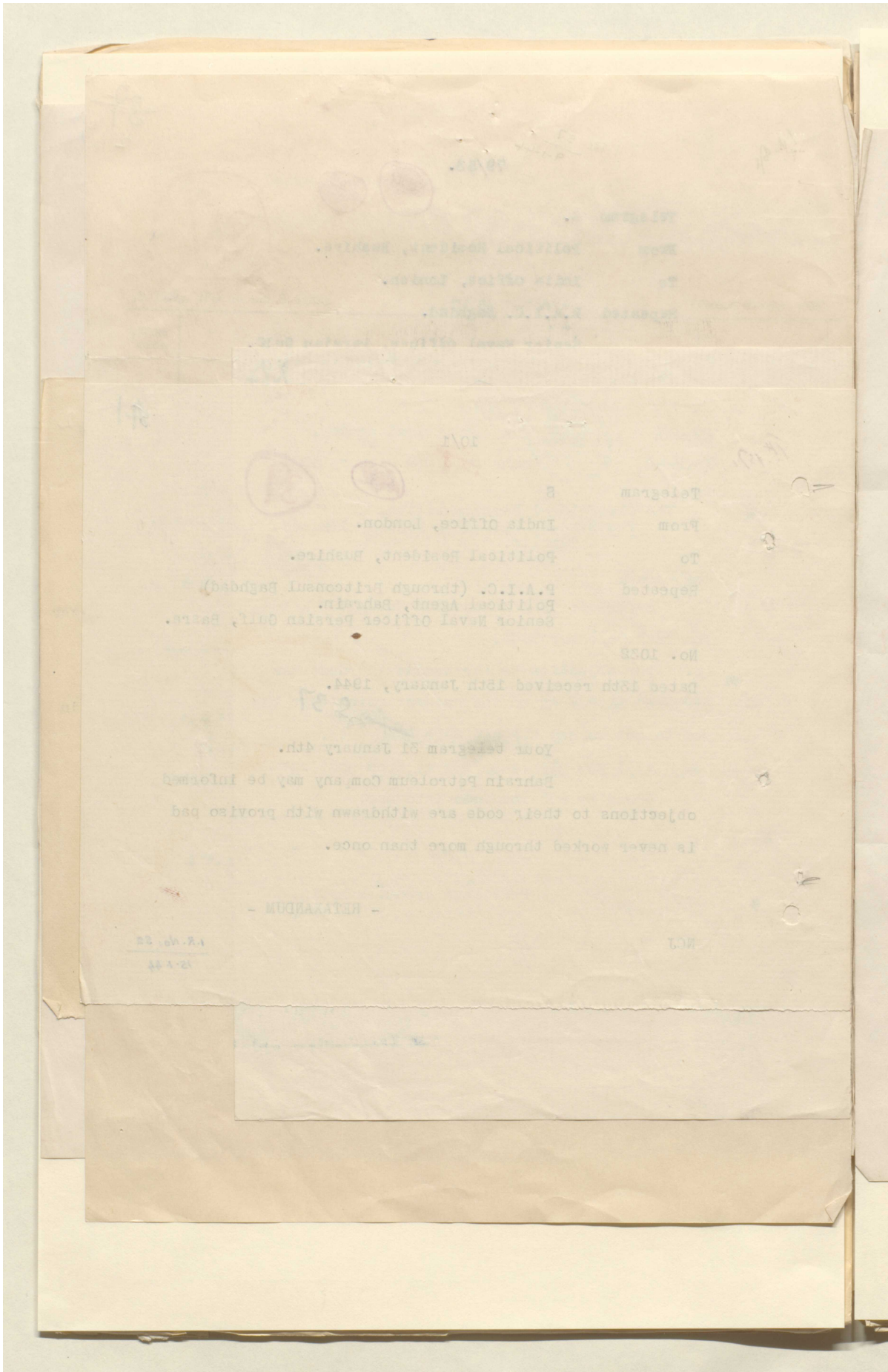
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'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [41r] (83/108)



'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [41v] (84/108)



Cable Address:
"BAPCO"

THE BAHREIN PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED

Awali,

BAHREIN ISLAND, PERSIAN GULF.

CONFIDENTIAL
C/PA)117

I.R. 153
17-1-44

15th January, 1944.

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

Dear Sir,

CODES
File 009.34.

Thank you for your memorandum No. C/89 of
the 12th January 1944 on the above subject.

The Company will commence using this system
as from today (January 15th 1944) and will conform to
the restrictions and procedure as outlined in Mr.
Wakefield's letter No. C/617 of May 6th 1943. ✓ S. 7

In connection with the stipulation that a
plain language version of all such messages shall be
supplied to the local Censor, the Company proposes to
send these to you unless it is advised to the contrary.

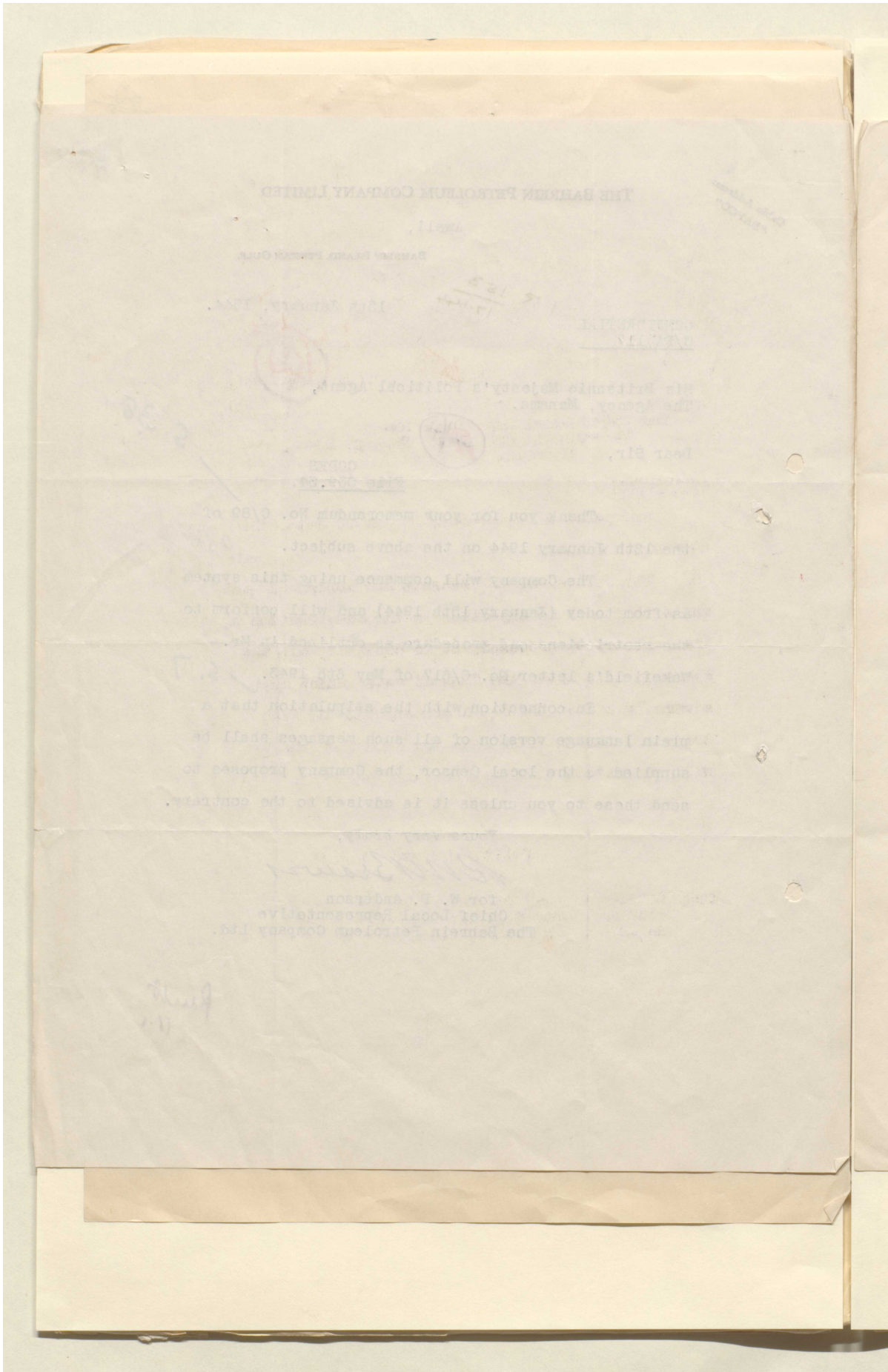
Yours very truly,

W. P. Anderson

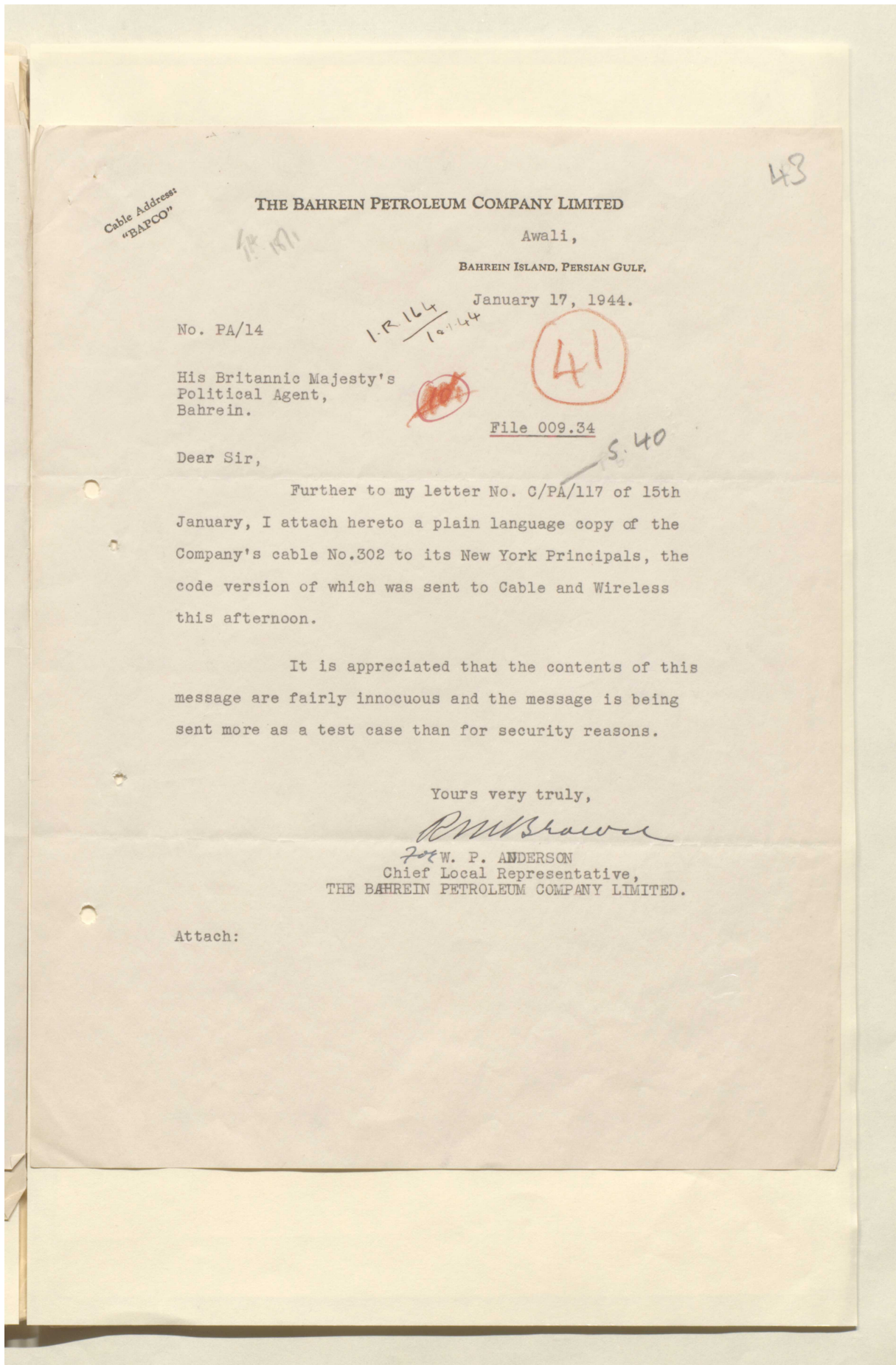
for W. P. Anderson
Chief Local Representative
The Bahrein Petroleum Company Ltd.

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'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [43r] (87/108)



Cable Address
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THE BAHREIN PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED

Awali,

BAHREIN ISLAND, PERSIAN GULF.

January 17, 1944.

No. PA/14

His Britannic Majesty's
Political Agent,
Bahrein.

File 009.34

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter No. C/PA/117 of 15th
January, I attach hereto a plain language copy of the
Company's cable No.302 to its New York Principals, the
code version of which was sent to Cable and Wireless
this afternoon.

It is appreciated that the contents of this
message are fairly innocuous and the message is being
sent more as a test case than for security reasons.

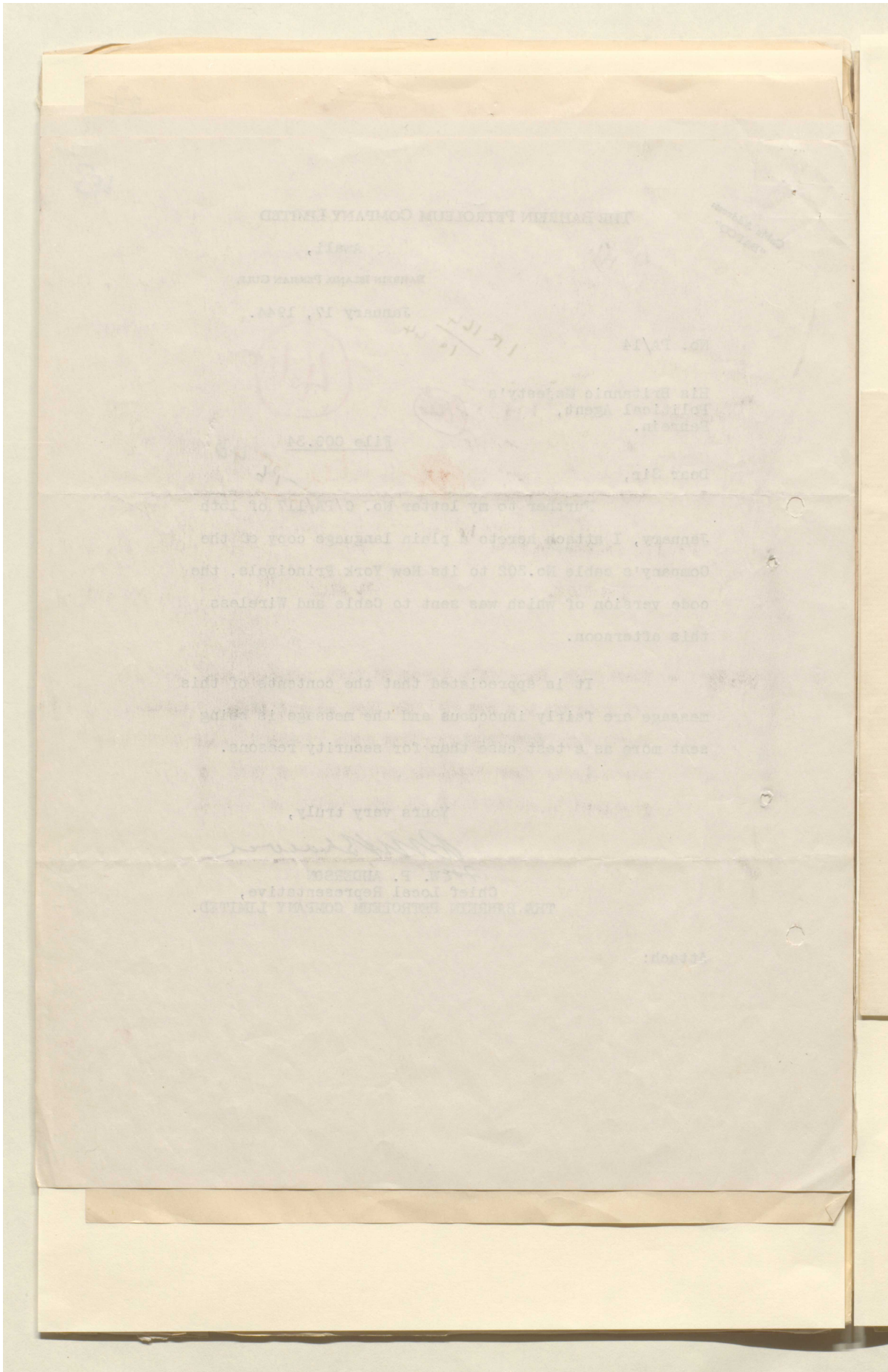
Yours very truly,

W. P. Anderson

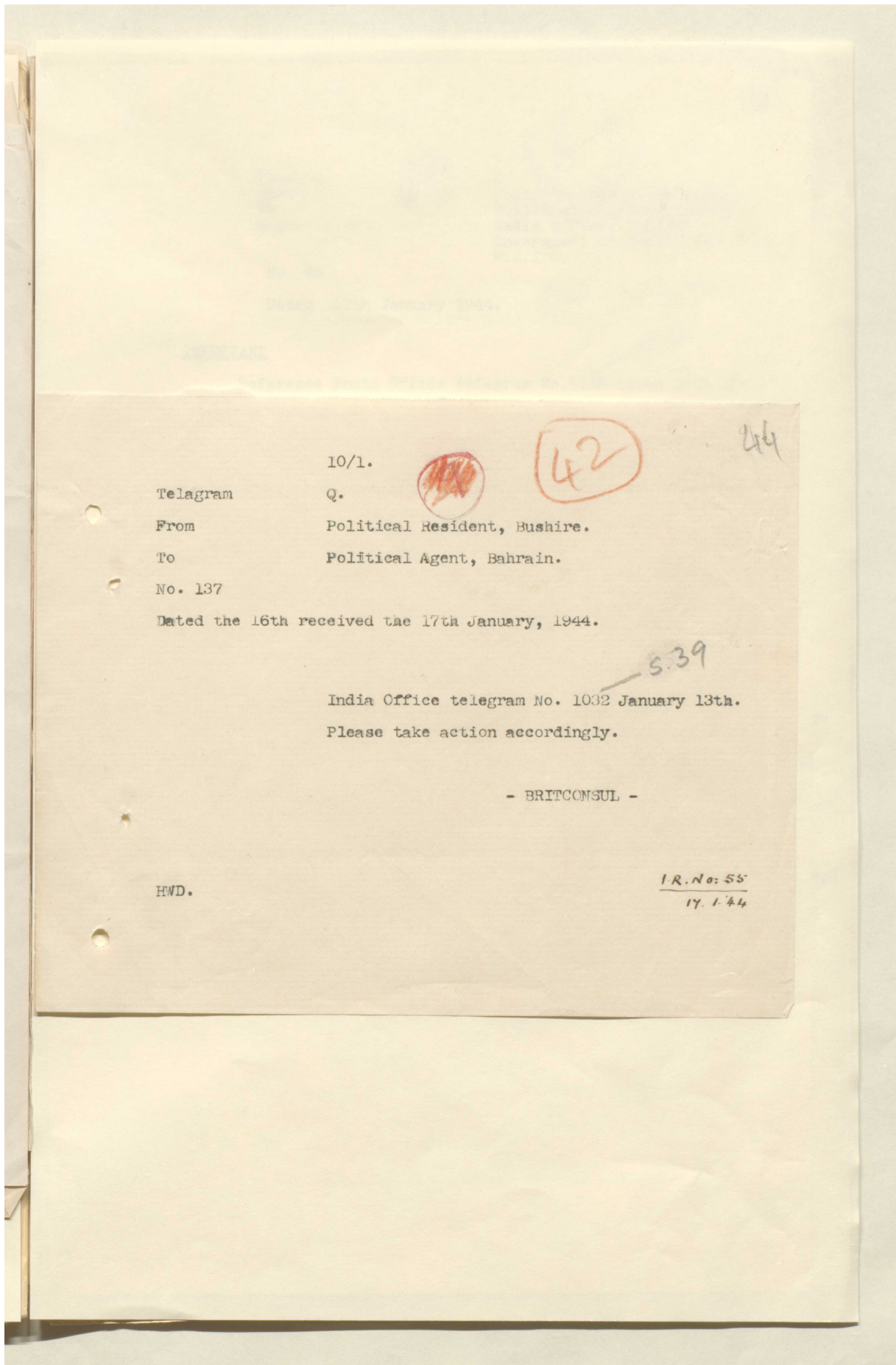
W. P. ANDERSON
Chief Local Representative,
THE BAHREIN PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED.

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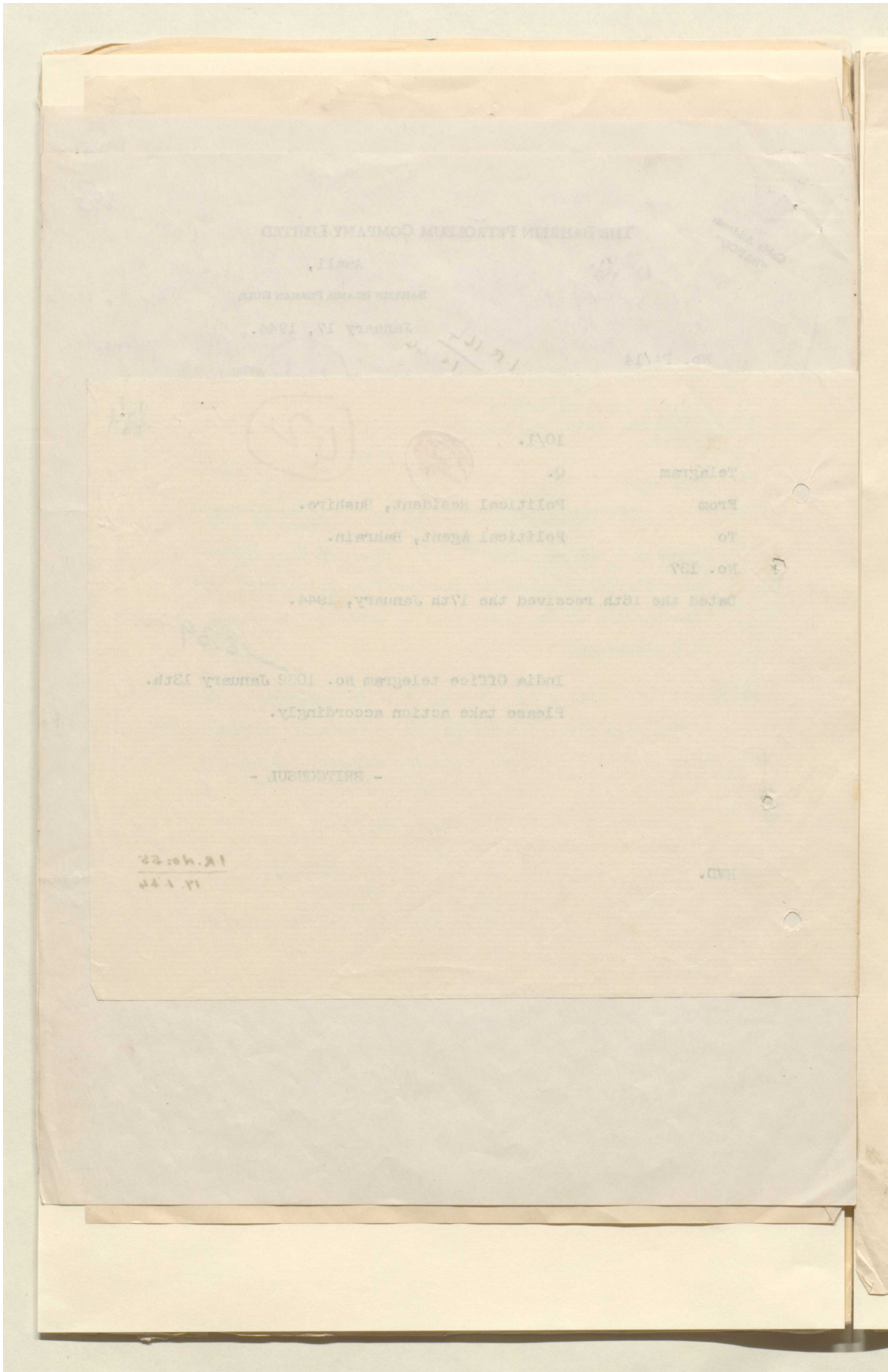
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'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [44v] (90/108)



'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [45r] (91/108)

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Telegram
From
To
Repeated to

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S
Political Agent, Bahrain
Political Resident, Bushire
India Office, London
Government of India, New Delhi
P.A.I.C.

No. 62

Dated 17th January 1944.

IMPORTANT

Reference India Office telegram No.8538 dated 30th April 1943. Bahrain Petroleum Company cables to New York.
2. Code brought into use from 15th January repeat 15th January subject to restrictions and procedure outlined in telegram under reference.

Political

THE BAHREIN PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED

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Outgoing Telegram 46

Class of Service: CODE: Awali, Bahrein

TO BAHREIN PETROLEUM COY. DATE Jan. 17, 1944.

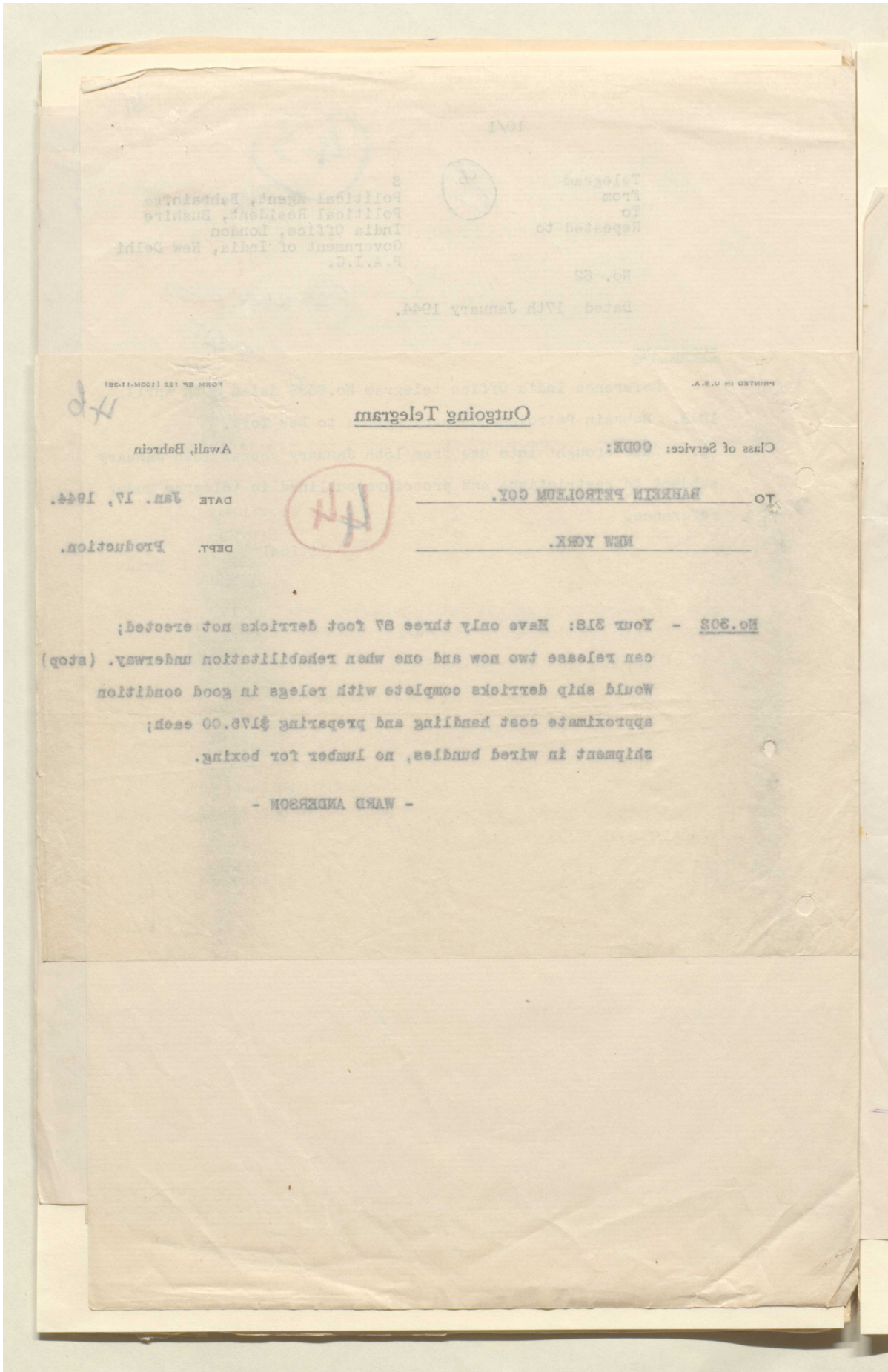
NEW YORK. DEPT. Production.

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No.302 - Your 318: Have only three 87 foot derricks not erected;
can release two now and one when rehabilitation underway. (stop)
Would ship derricks complete with relegs in good condition
approximate cost handling and preparing \$175.00 each;
shipment in wired bundles, no lumber for boxing.

- WARD ANDERSON -

'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [46v] (94/108)



'File 10/5 BAPCO CODES' [47r] (95/108)

6/23/6
Cable Address
"BAPCO"

THE BAHREIN PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED

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BAHREIN ISLAND, PERSIAN GULF.

22nd. August, 1945.

PA-256

His Britannic Majesty's Political Agent,
Manama,
BAHREIN.

Confidential.

BAHRAIN RECEIPT.

No. 1348 Date 25.8.45

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Dear Sir,

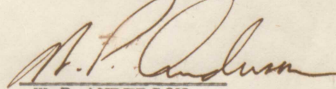
Subject: Codes and Cables.
File: 009.34

At the outbreak of hostilities in 1939 we received instructions from our New York office that for the duration of the war we would not be permitted to use the company's private cable code between this office and those of London and New York.

We have recently had advice from our New York office that they expect to commence the use of the company's code again shortly and I presume that the necessary clearance has been, or is being, obtained from the appropriate authorities.

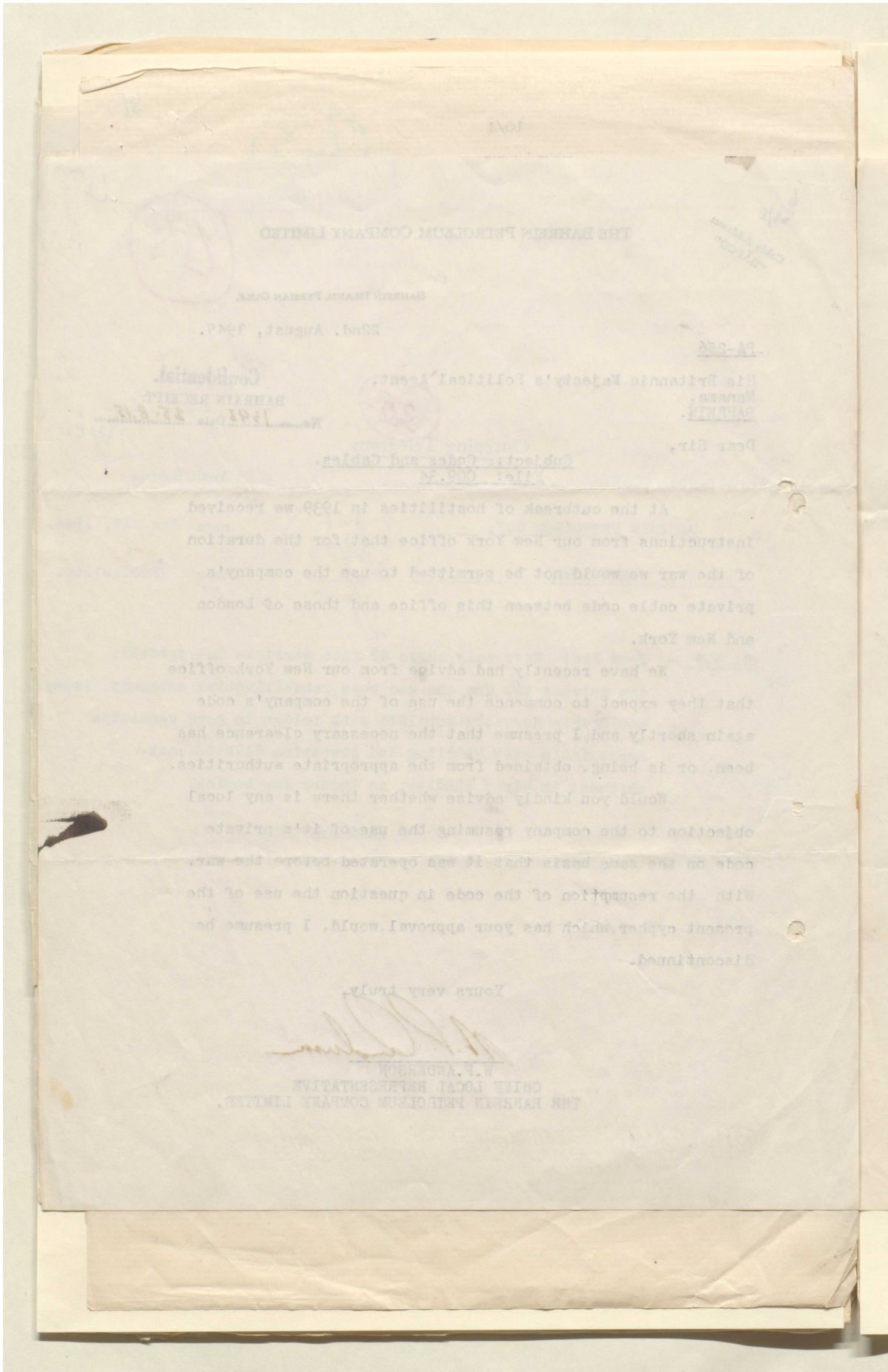
Would you kindly advise whether there is any local objection to the company resuming the use of it's private code on the same basis that it was operated before the war. With the resumption of the code in question the use of the present cypher, which has your approval, would, I presume be discontinued.

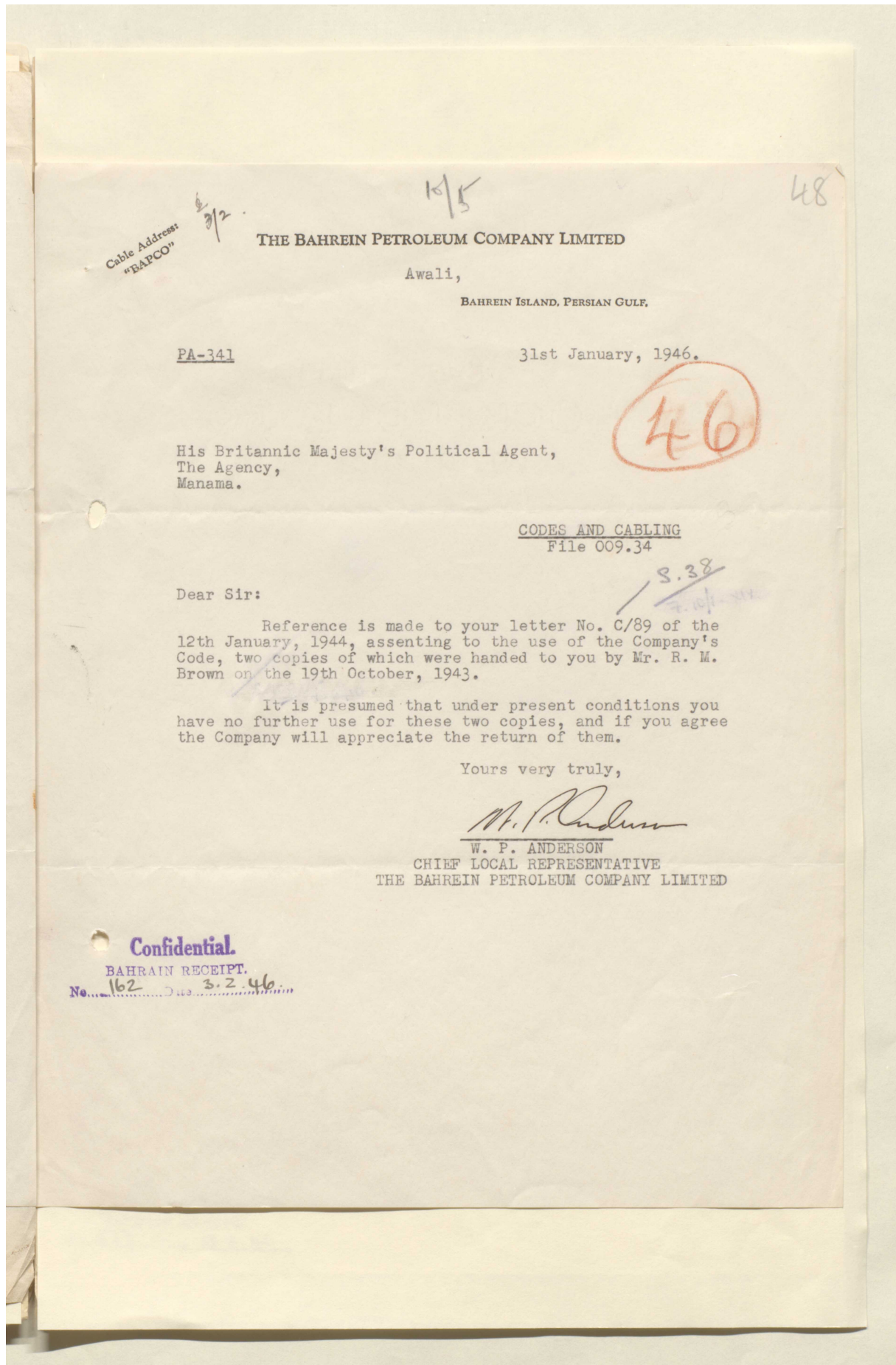
Yours very truly



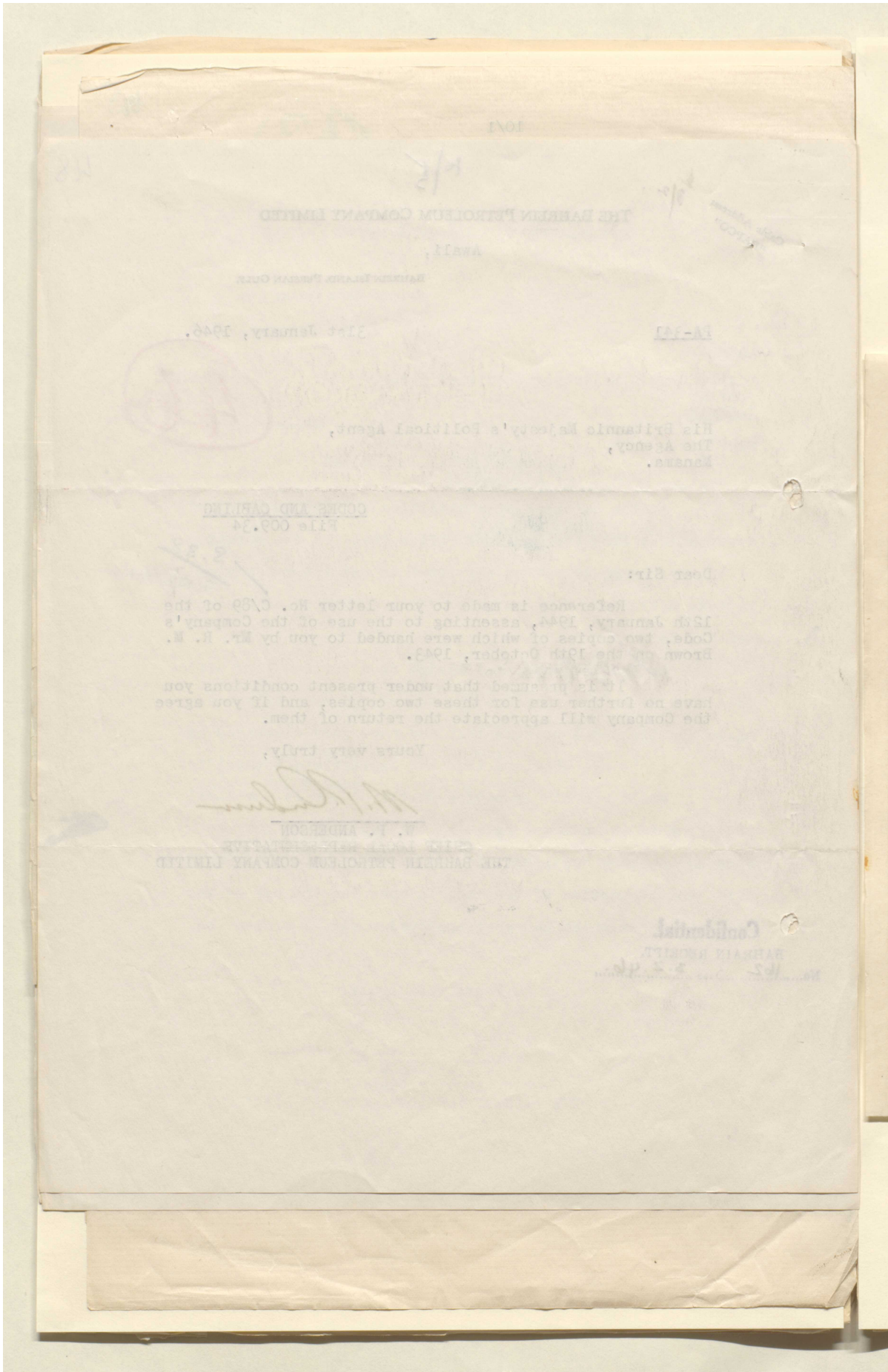
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THE BAHREIN PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED.

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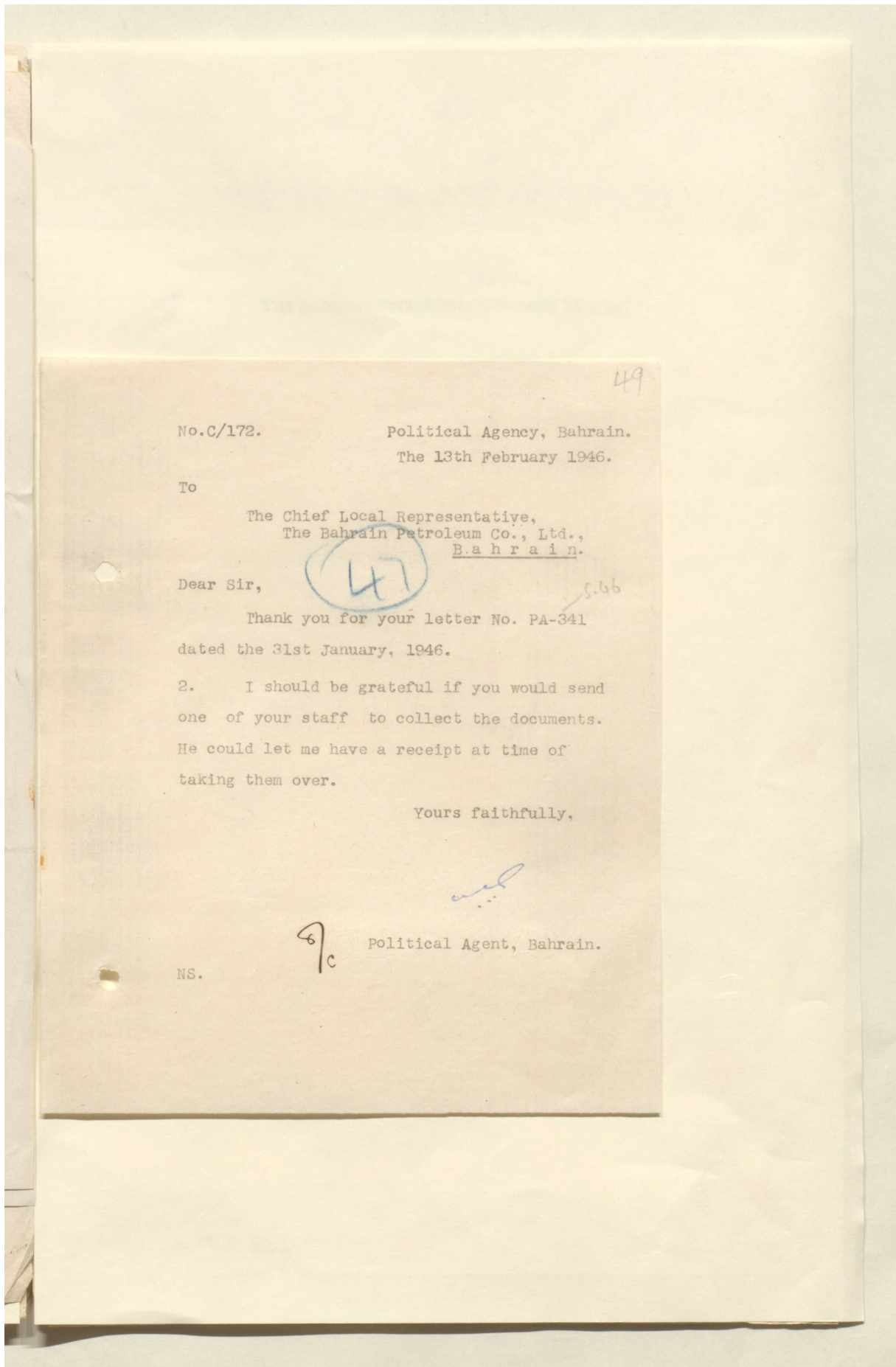




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No.C/172.

Political Agency, Bahrain.
The 13th February 1946.

To

The Chief Local Representative,
The Bahrain Petroleum Co., Ltd.,
B a h r a i n.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter No. PA-341
dated the 31st January, 1946.

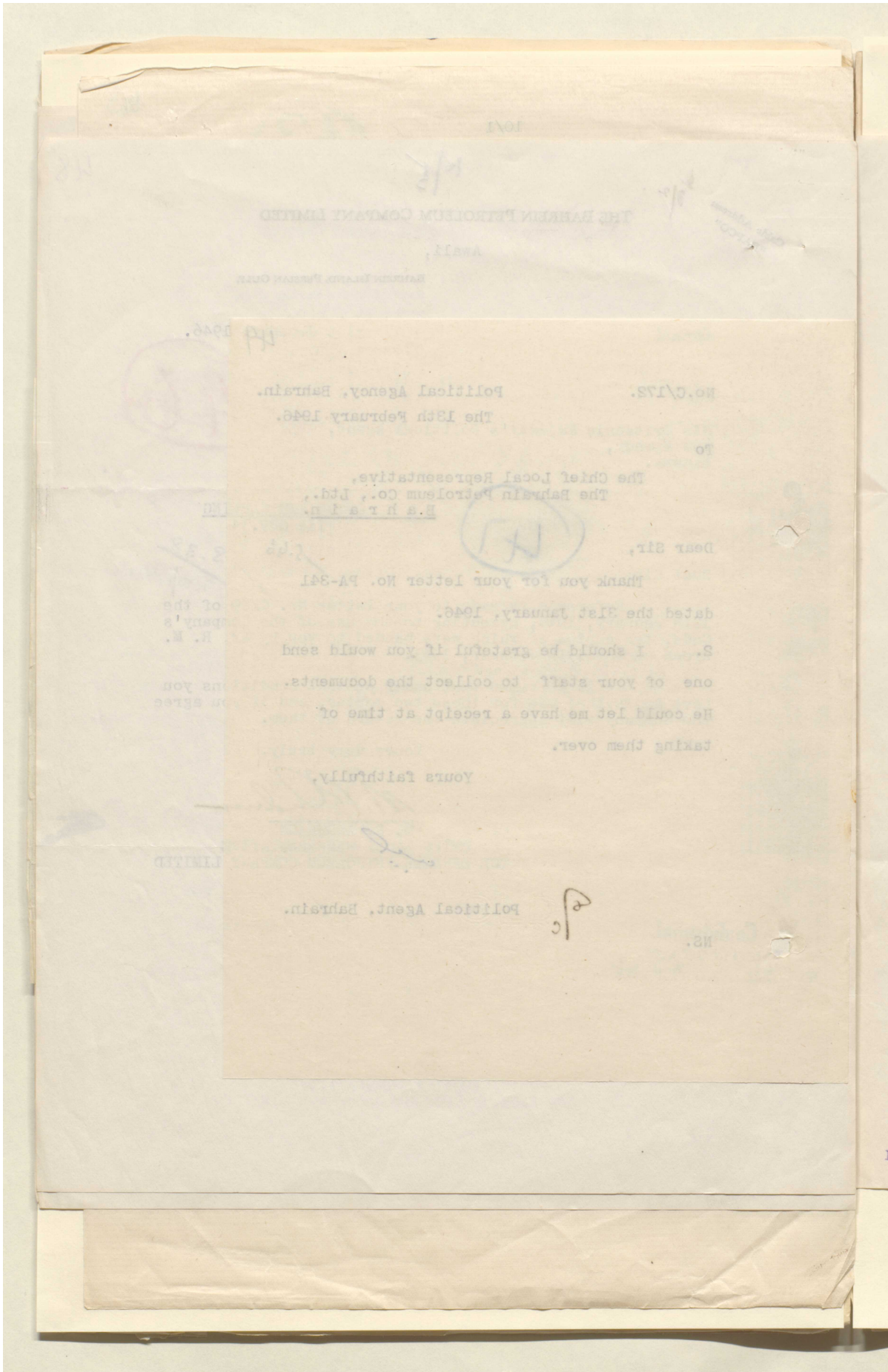
2. I should be grateful if you would send
one of your staff to collect the documents.
He could let me have a receipt at time of
taking them over.

Yours faithfully,

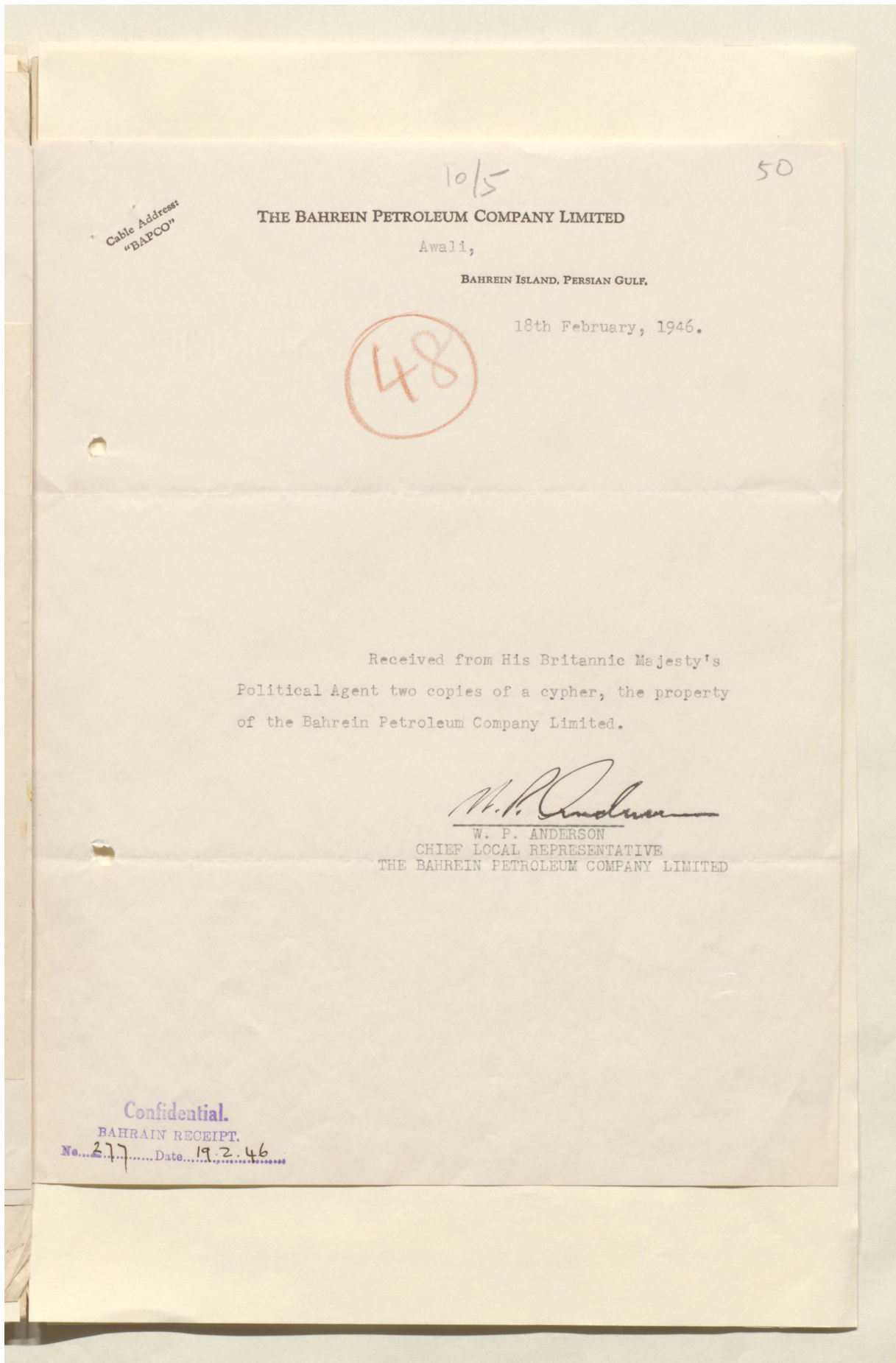
[Signature]
Political Agent, Bahrain.

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Cable Address
"BAPCO"

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THE BAHREIN PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED

Awali,

BAHREIN ISLAND, PERSIAN GULF.

18th February, 1946.

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Received from His Britannic Majesty's
Political Agent two copies of a cypher, the property
of the Bahrain Petroleum Company Limited.

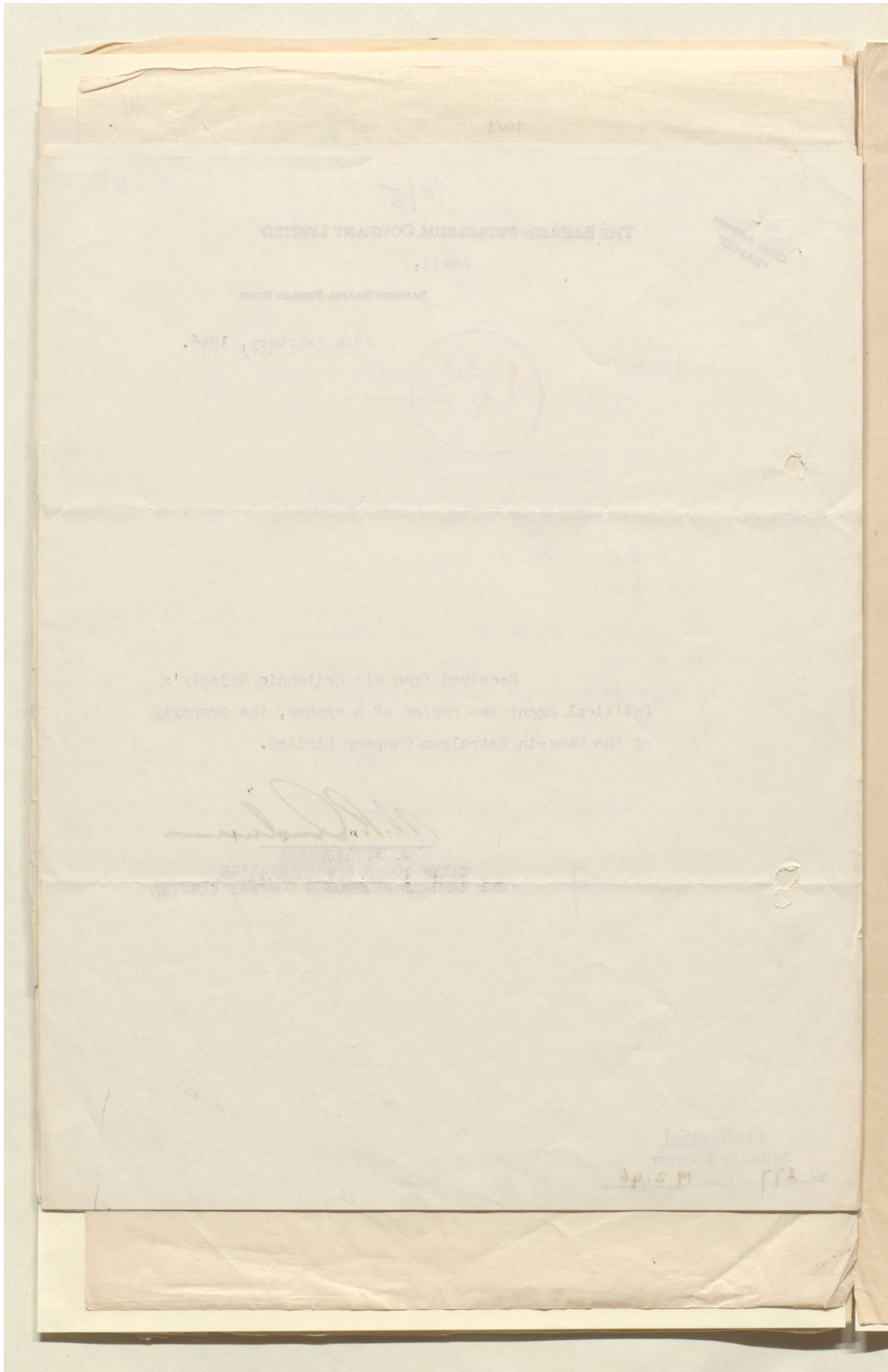
W. P. ANDERSON
CHIEF LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE
THE BAHREIN PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED

Confidential.

BAHRAIN RECEIPT.

No. 277 Date 19.2.46

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(1)

Letter No. PA-822 dated 4.4.43 from C.L.R., BAPCO.

(2)

Issued Memo. No.C/478 dated 7.4.43 to P.R., Camp Bahrain.

(3)

Telegram No.T/303 dated 9.4.43 from P.R. (Endt.No.C/143).

(4)

Tel. No.8538 dated 1.5.43 from India Office, London.

(5)

Issued tel. No.324 dated 4.5.43 to P.R., Bushire.

(6)

Tel. No.999 dated 4.5.43 from P.R., Bushire.

(7)

Issued letter No.C/617 dated 6.5.43 to C.L.R., BAPCO.

(8)

Letter No. C/PA-50 dated 8.5.43 from C.L.R., BAPCO.

(9)

P.A.I.C. Message No. X 2/6931 dated May 13th.

(10)

Tel. No. 1129 dated 20.5.43 from P.R., Bushire.

(11)

P.A.I.C. Message No.X2/9773 dated 21.5.43.

(12)

P.A.I.C. Message No. GR 92 (?) dated 21.5.43.

(13)

Issued tel. No.365 dated 25.5.43 to P.R., Bushire.

(14)

X.L. No.447-S dated 28.5.43 from P.R., Bushire.

(15)

Issued X.L. No.C/742 dated 31.5.43 to PAIFORCE.

(16)

Issued Endt. No.C/743 dated 31.5.43 to P.R., Bushire.

(17)

Tel. No.0845z dated 1.6.43 from S.N.O.P.G., Basra.

(18)

PAIC Message No.X 2/10449 dated 18.6.43.

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(19)

Tel. No.0859z dated 11.7.43 from S.N.O.P.G.

(20)

Tel. No. 22410.722 dated 30.9.43 ~~xx~~ ^{from} India Office, London.

(21)

Tel. No.67200 dated 8.10.43 to India Office, London.

(22)

Issued tel. No.719 dated 24.10.43 to PAIC Baghdad.

(23)

Issued Memo. No.C/1498 dated 3.11.43 to C.L.R., Bapco.

(24)

Letter No. C/PA-102 dated 4.11.43 from C.L.R., BAPCO.

(25)

PAIC Message No.X2/68347 dated 25.10.43 from Baghdad.

(26)

Issued Memo.No.C/1544 dated 10.11.43 to S.O., P.A.I.C., B'dad.

(27)

Issued D.O. No.C/1545 dated 10.11.43 to D.O.P.G., Awali.

(28)

DO/AG-40/2667/43 dated 13.11.43 from D.O.P.G.

(29)

Memo. No. 9/1/X dated 25.11.43 from S.O. in C., Paiforce.

(30)

Issued tel. No.820 dated 4.12.43 to P.R. (reptd. to I.O.)

(31)

Tel. No.T/1246 dated 6.12.43 from P.R.

(32)

Issued Memo.No.C/1758 dated 18.12.43 to C.L.R., BAPCO.

(33)

Letter No. C/PA-112 dated 24.12.43 from C.L.R., BAPCO.

(34)

Tel. No.29462 dated 27.12.43 from India Office, London.

(35)

Issued tel. No.891 dated 29.12.43 to PR., Bushire.

(36)

P.A.I.C. Message No. X.86027 dated 5.1.44.

(37)

Endt. No.12-S dated 4.1.44 from P.R., Bushire.

(38)

Issued Memo. No.C/89 dated 12.1.44 to C.L.R., BAPCO.

(39)

Tel. No.1032 dated 13.1.44 from India Office, London.

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Letter No.C/PA-117 dated 15.1.44 from C.L.R., BAPCO.

(41)

Letter No. PA/14 dated 17.1.44 from C.L.R., BAPCO.

(42)

Tel. No.137 dated 17.1.44 from P.R., Bushire.

(43)

Issued tel. No.62 dated 17.1.44 to P.R., Bushire.

(44)

Copy of C.L.R.'s tel. dated 17.1.44 to BAPCO, New York.

(45)

Letter No. PA-256 dated 22.8.45 from C.L.R., BAPCO.

(46)

Action taken on F.17/7-Censorship
vide S. 28.

Letter no. PA-341 d 31.1.46 from C.L.R., Bapco.

vfr 7/12

There is no record of this handing
over but documents in question are submitted
below.

We have already allowed Bapco
the use of their private code, vide S. 45 and S. 28
of F. 17/7, and they are probably recalling these
pads in order to return them to U.S. Navy, vide
S. 37.

Does P.A. wish a C.O. Clerk
to take them to Avaki or will we ask Bapco
to send some one to collect them?

P.A.

ask them to send

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same as.

P.A.

11.2.46

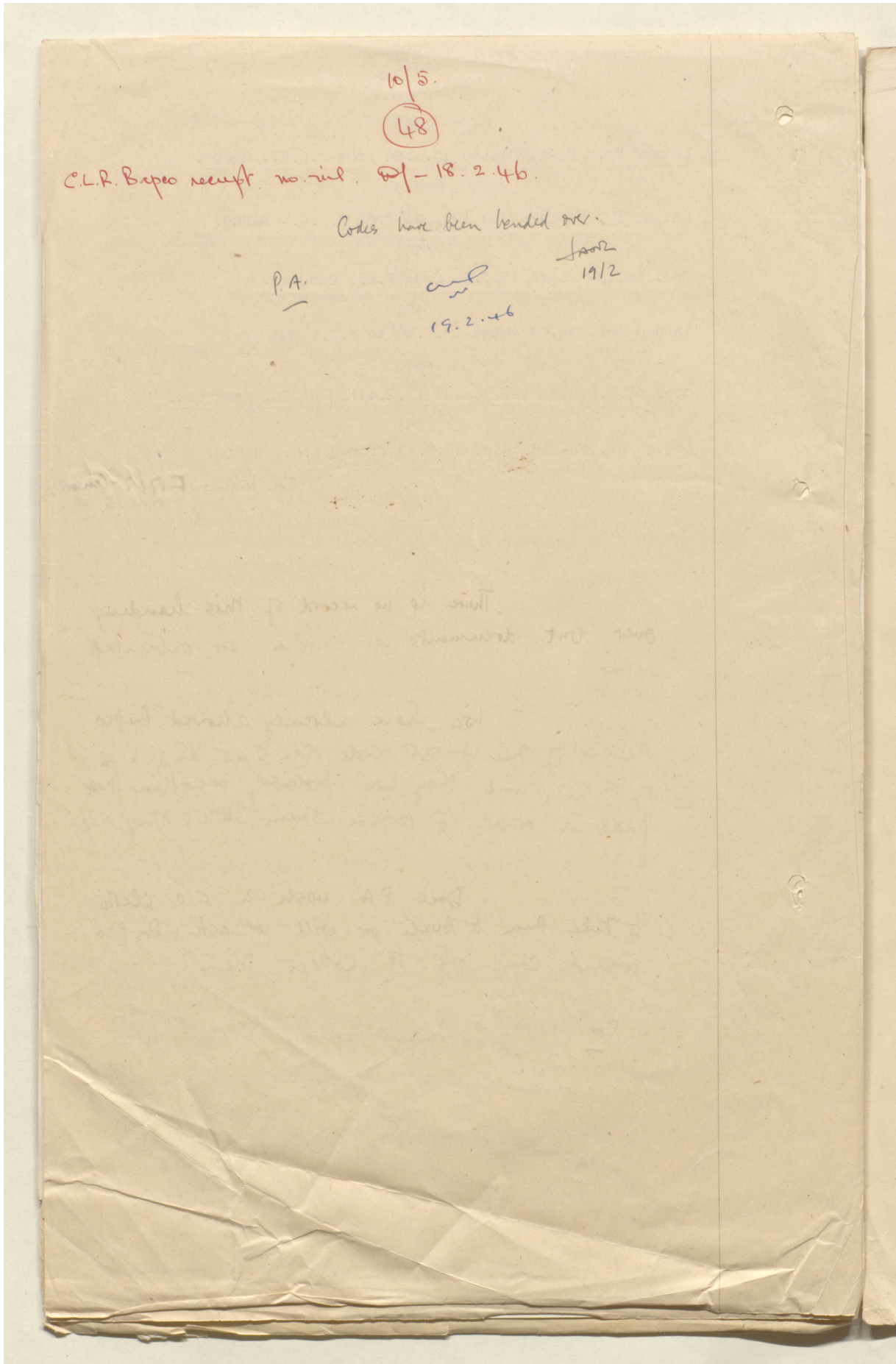
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Issued letter no. C/172 d 13.2.46 to C.L.R., Bapco.

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C.L.R. Bapco receipt no. incl. 10/5-18.2.46.

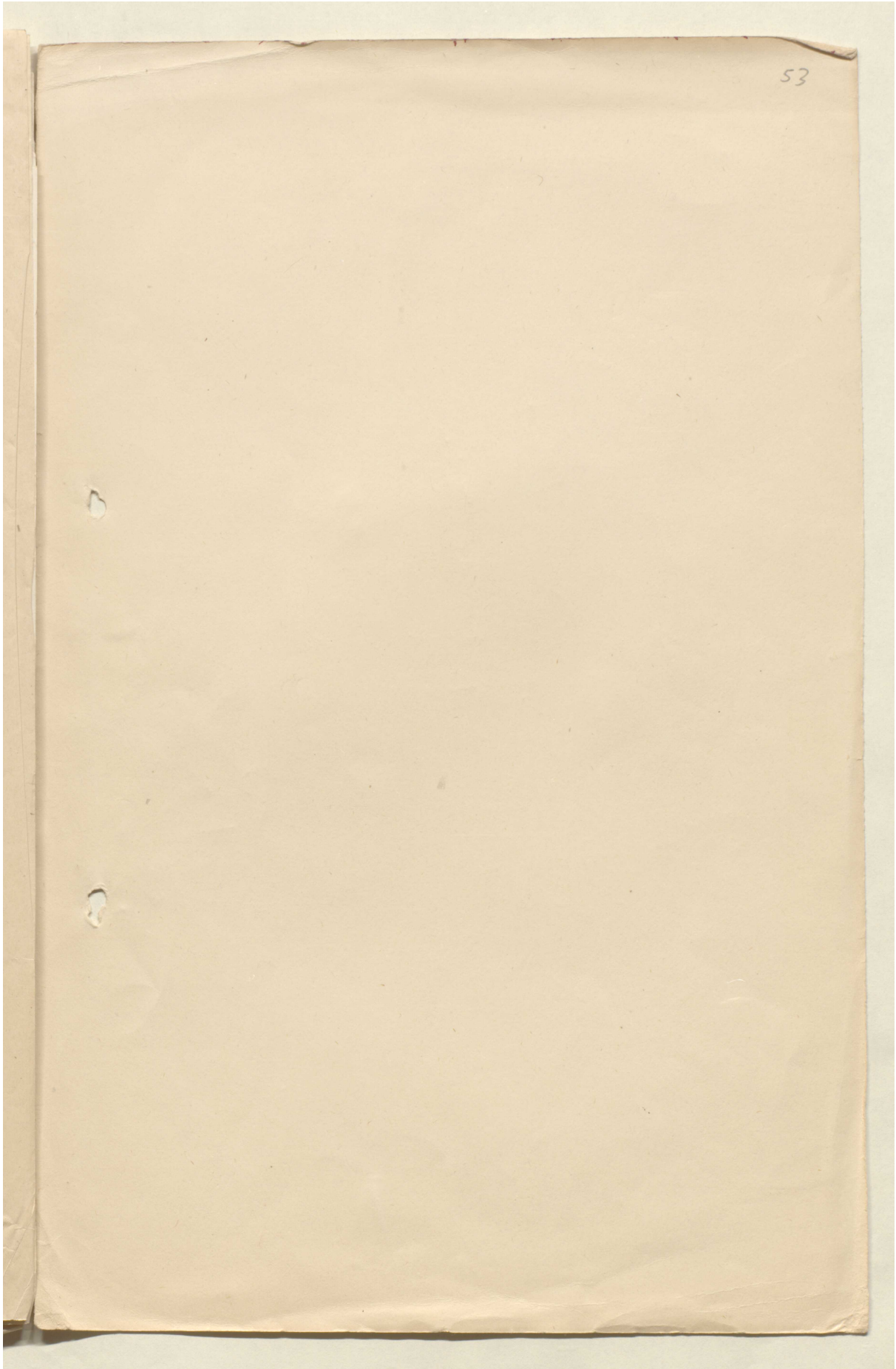
Codes have been handed over.

P.A.

19.2.46

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