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'19/1 VISIT OF SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PUPILS TO BAHRAIN'

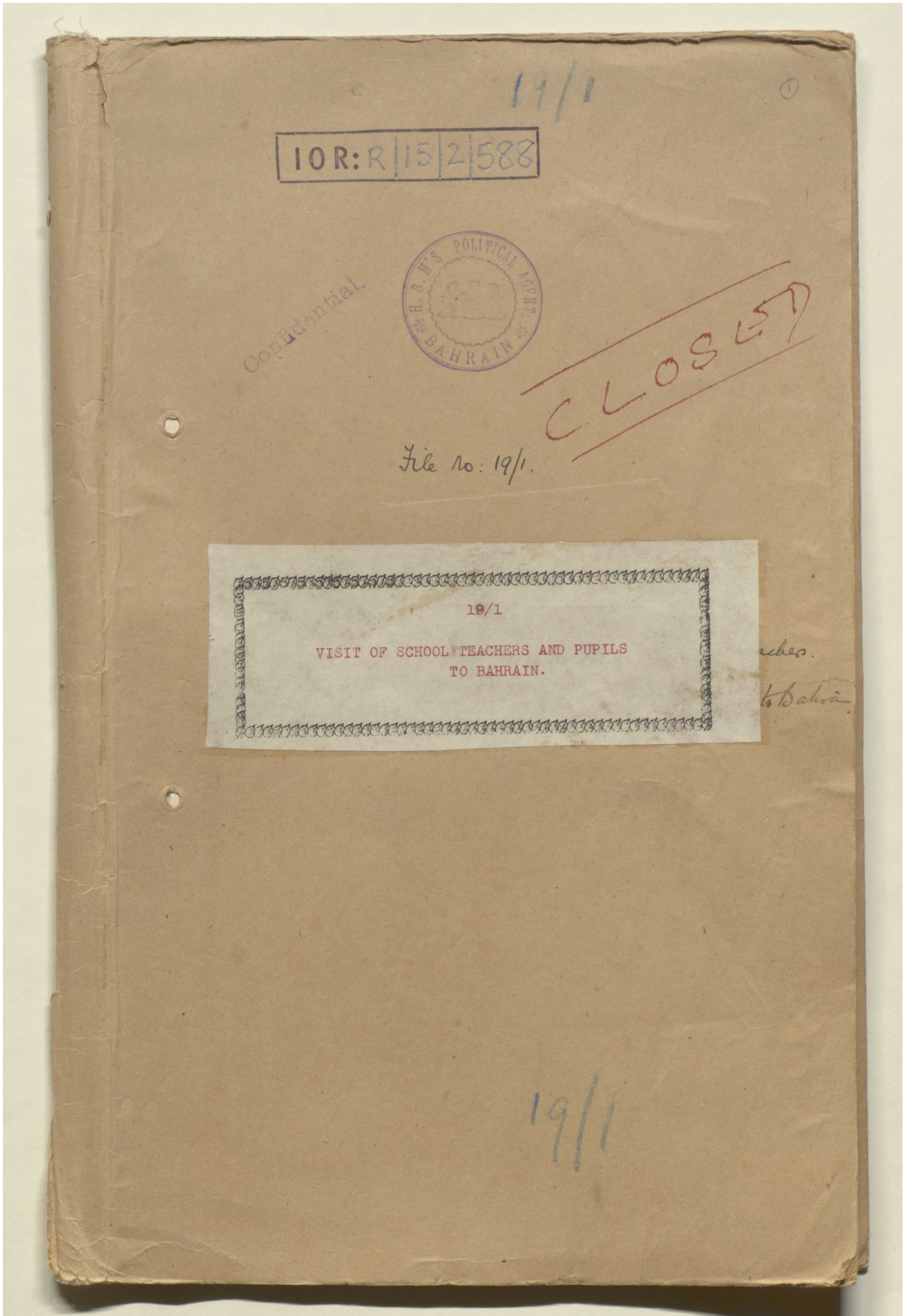
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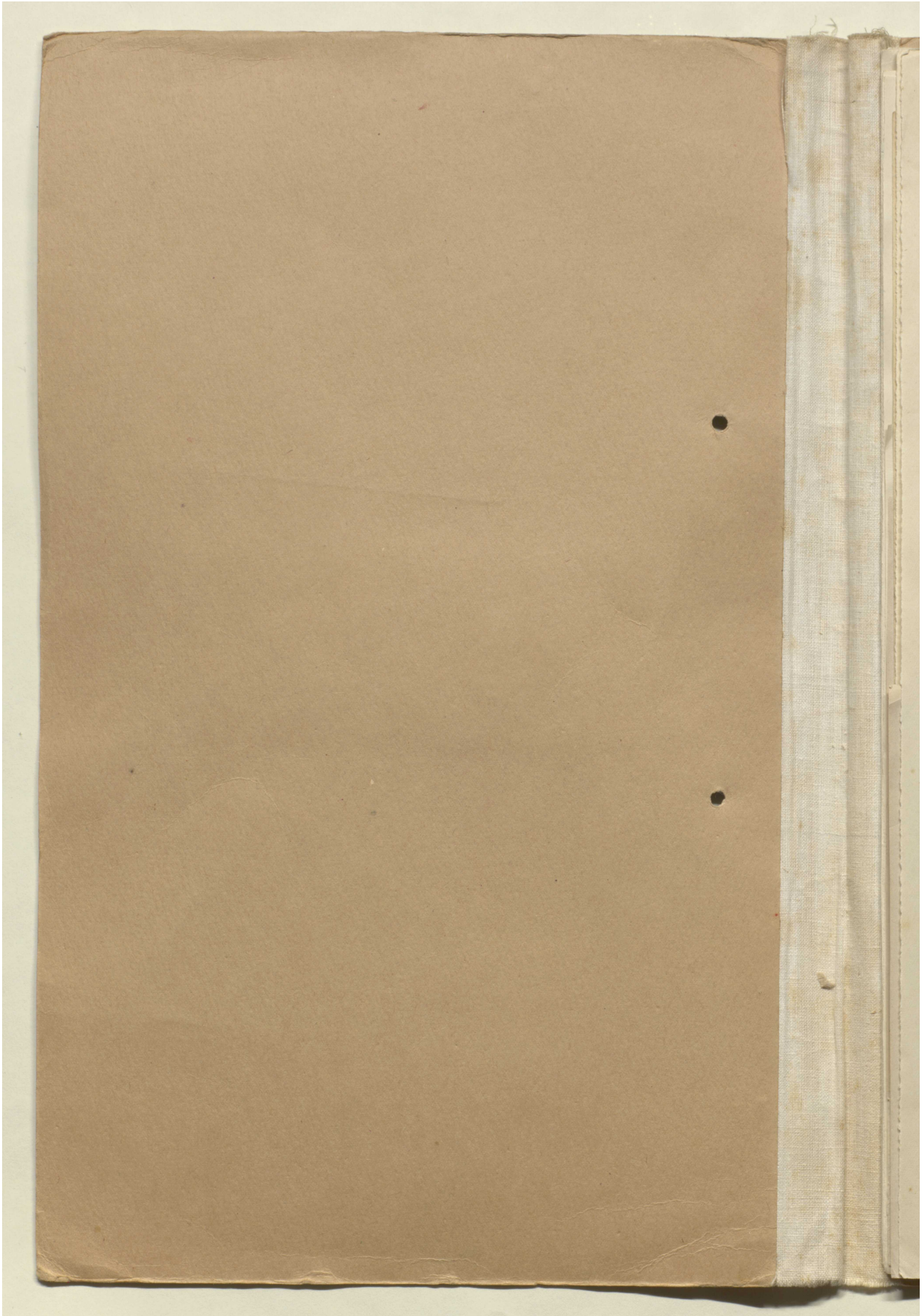


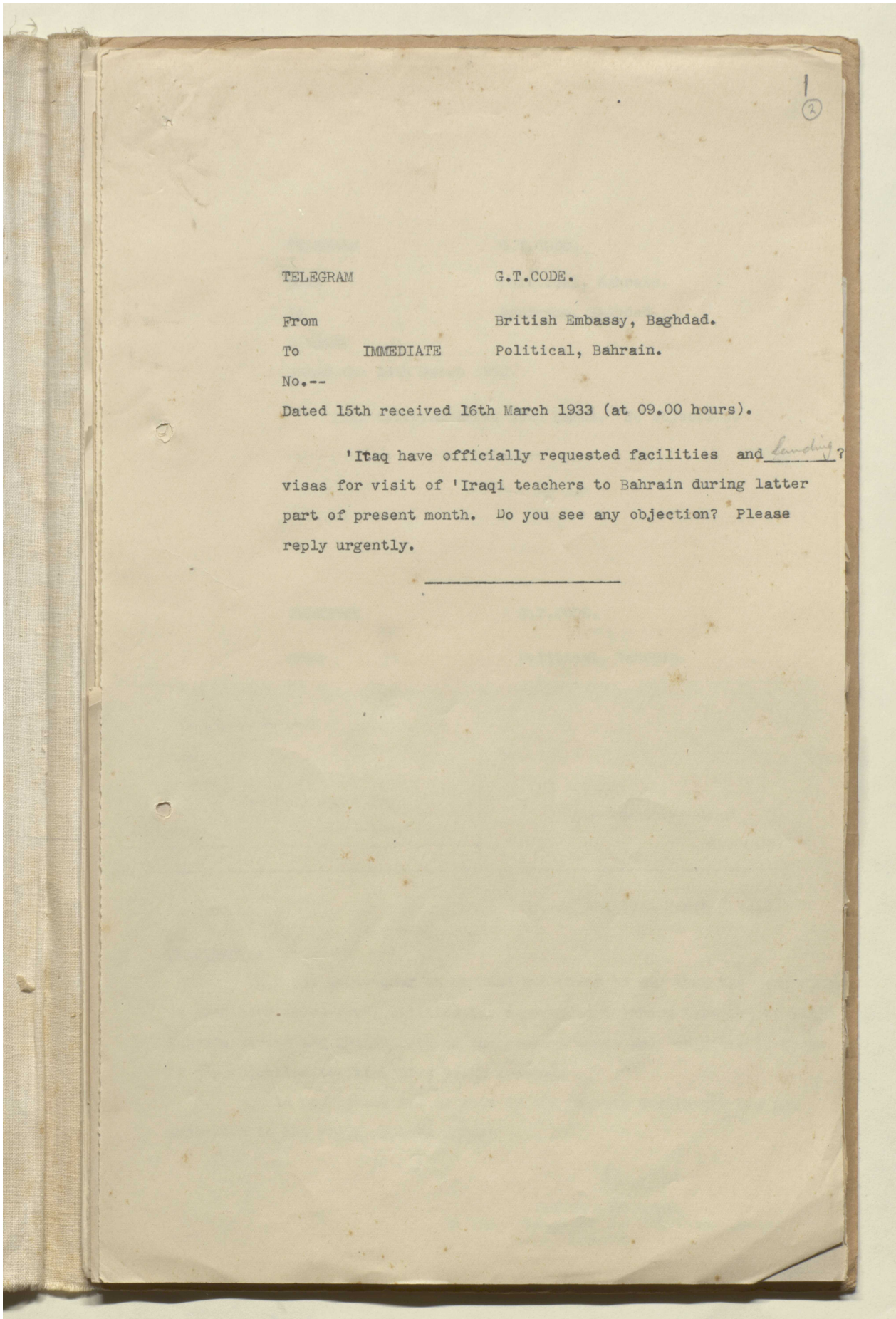
About this record

This file concerns educational visits to Bahrain, including a visit of six Iraqi teachers to Bahrain in 1933 (ff 2-9); a visit of Kuwait teachers and twenty-seven schoolboys and their possible interest in visiting the California-Arabian Standard Oil (CASCO) camp at Dhahran [al-Zahrān] in February 1941 (ff 10-13); and a complaint concerning the behaviour of a party of boy scouts from Kuwait particularly concerning their singing of 'odes of an inflammatory nature' regarding Palestine (ff 14-17). Correspondence in this file is between the British Embassy at Baghdad; the Indian Assistant to the Political Agent at Bahrain; the Political Agent at Bahrain; the Political Agent at Kuwait; and F W Ohliger, Resident Manager, CASCO Camp, at Dhahran.

'19/1 VISIT OF SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PUPILS TO BAHRAIN' [front] (1/44)







TELEGRAM

G.T.CODE.

From

British Embassy, Baghdad.

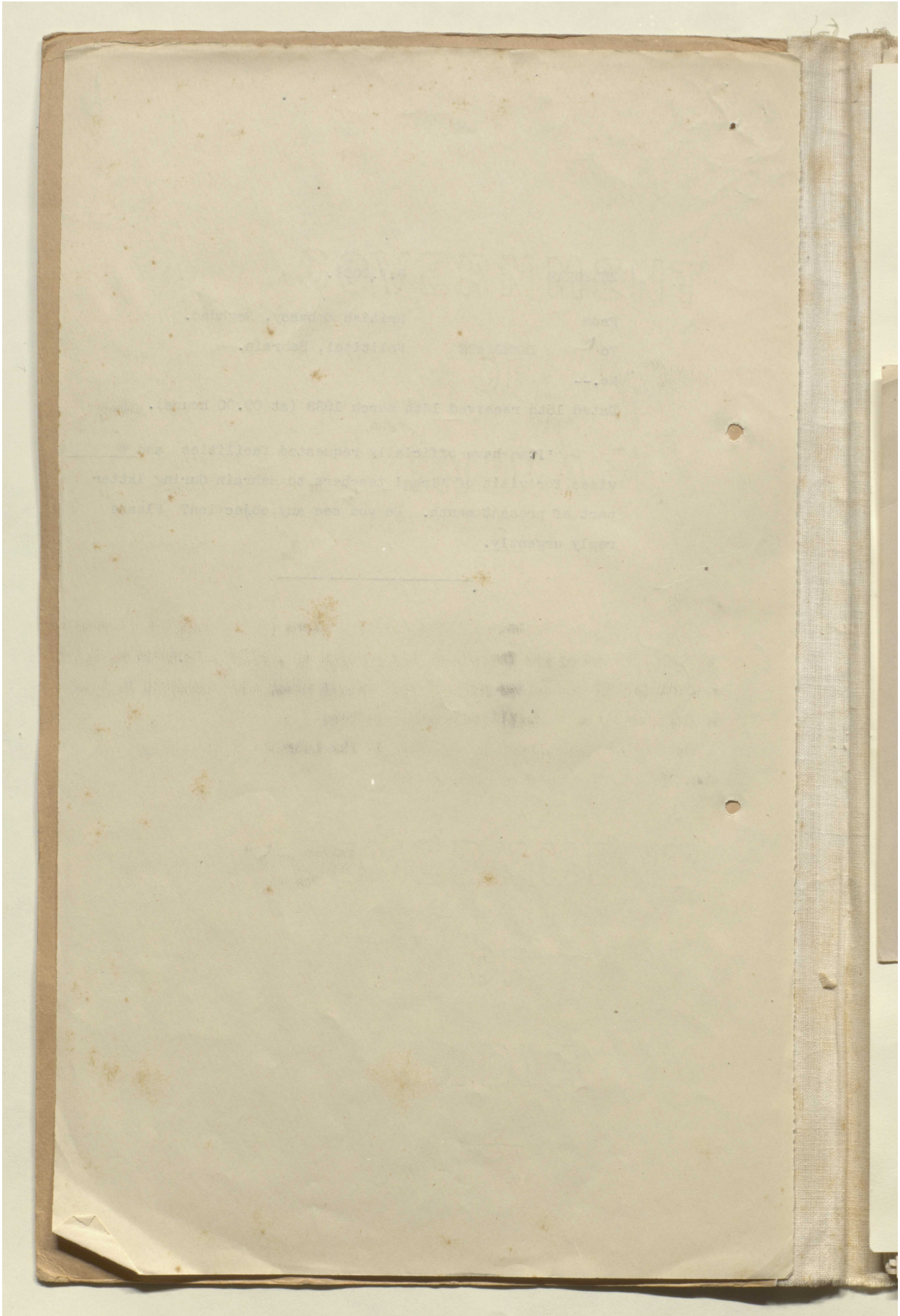
To IMMEDIATE

Political, Bahrain.

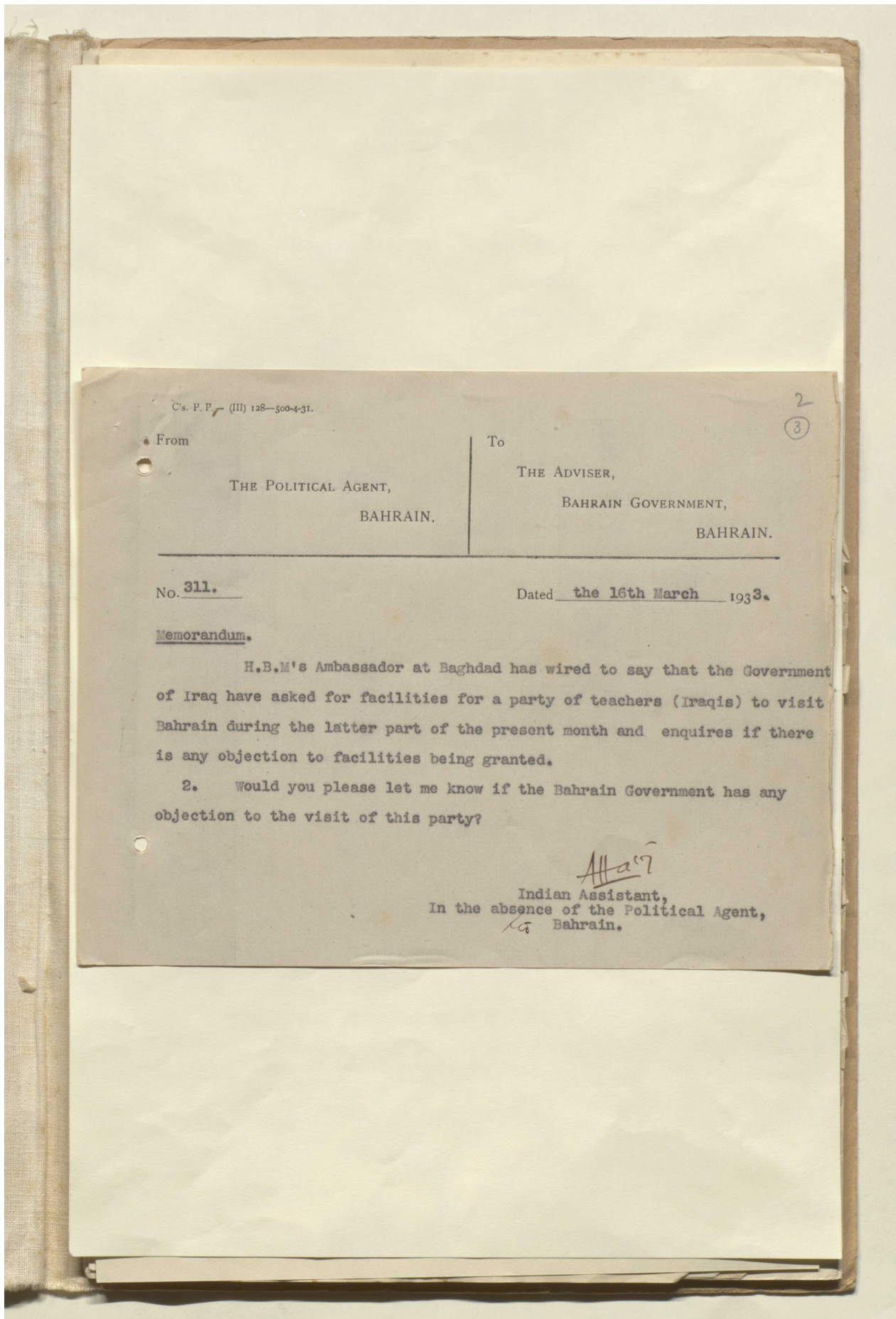
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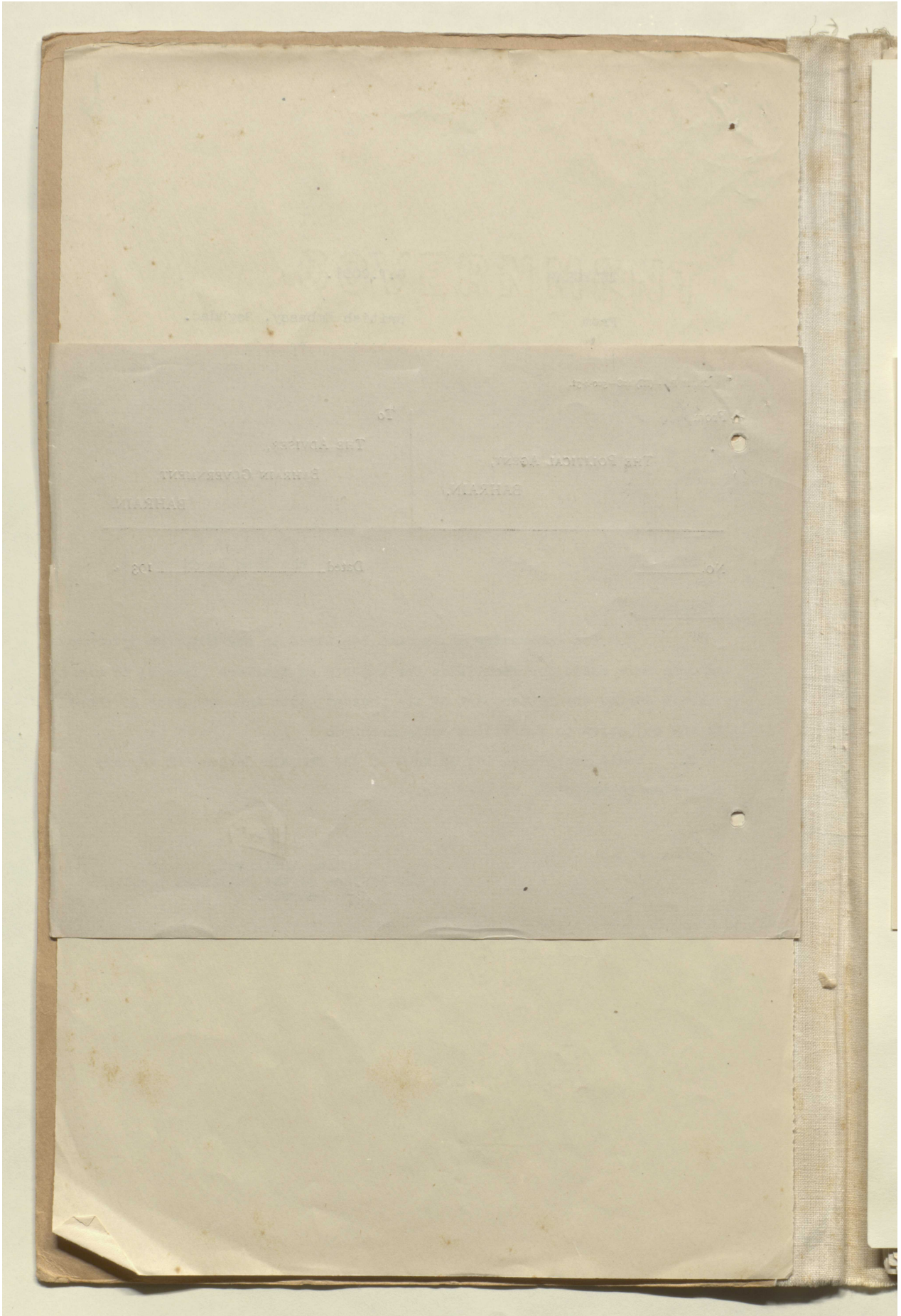
Dated 15th received 16th March 1933 (at 09.00 hours).

'Itaq have officially requested facilities and landing?
visas for visit of 'Iraqi teachers to Bahrain during latter
part of present month. Do you see any objection? Please
reply urgently.

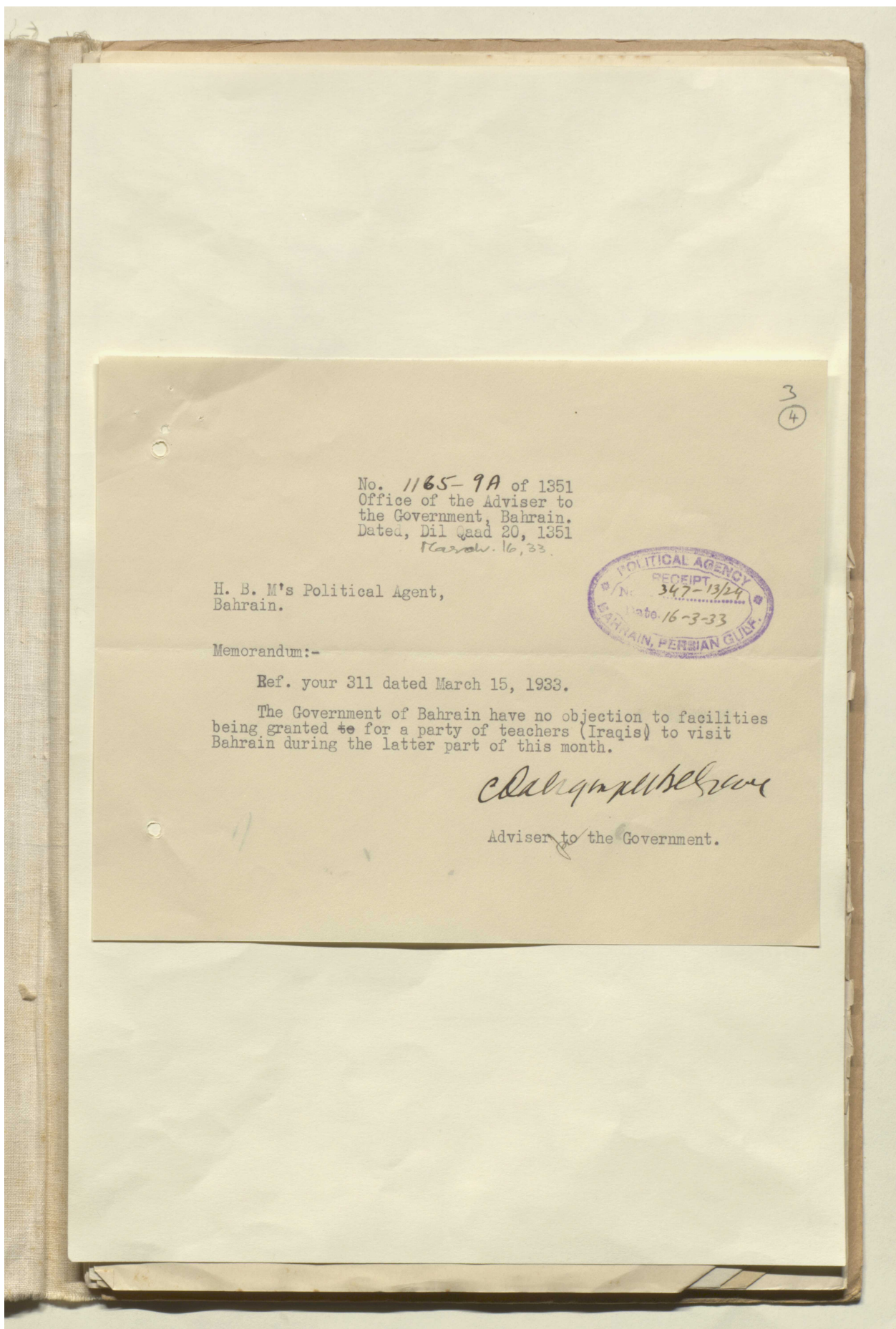


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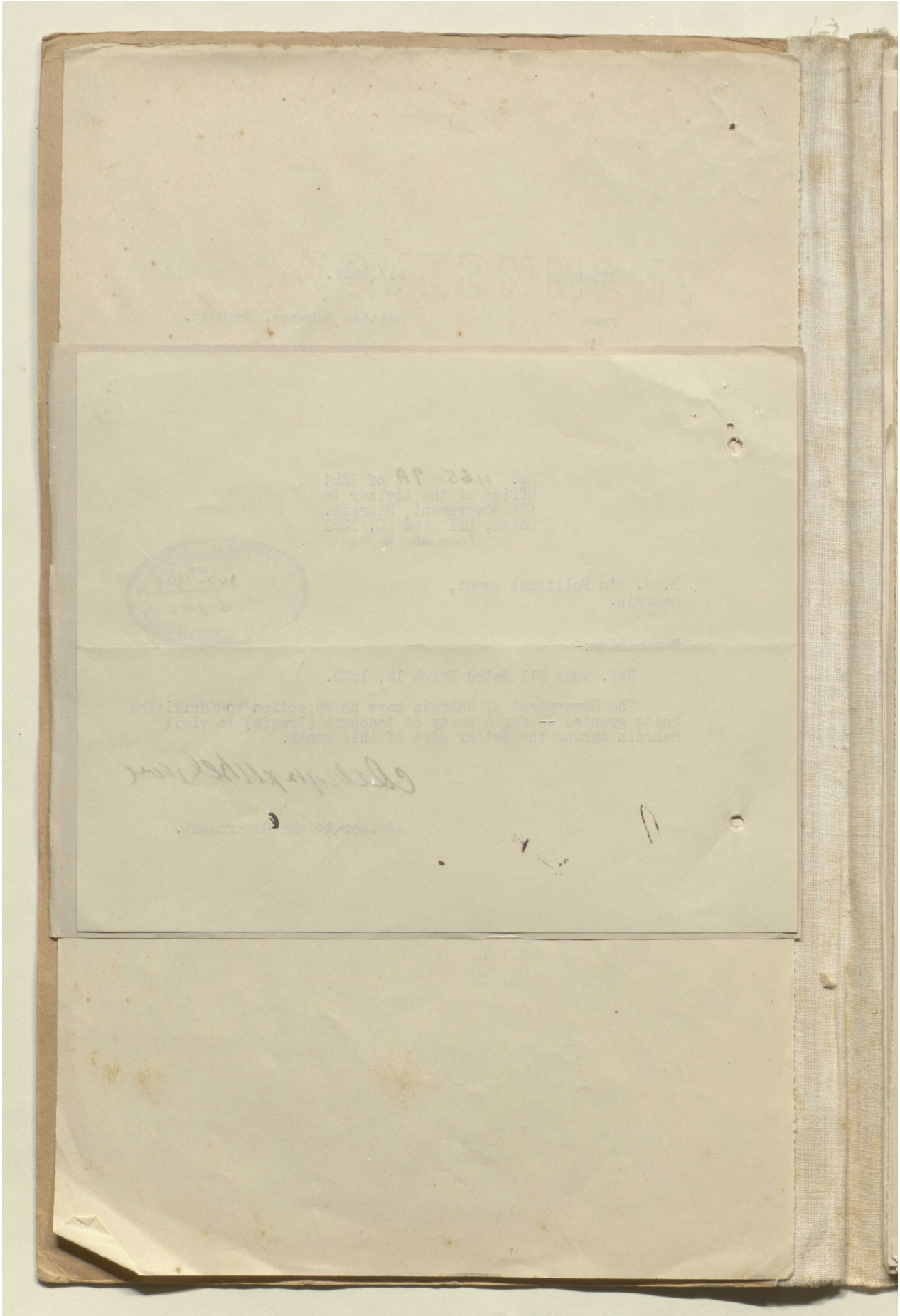




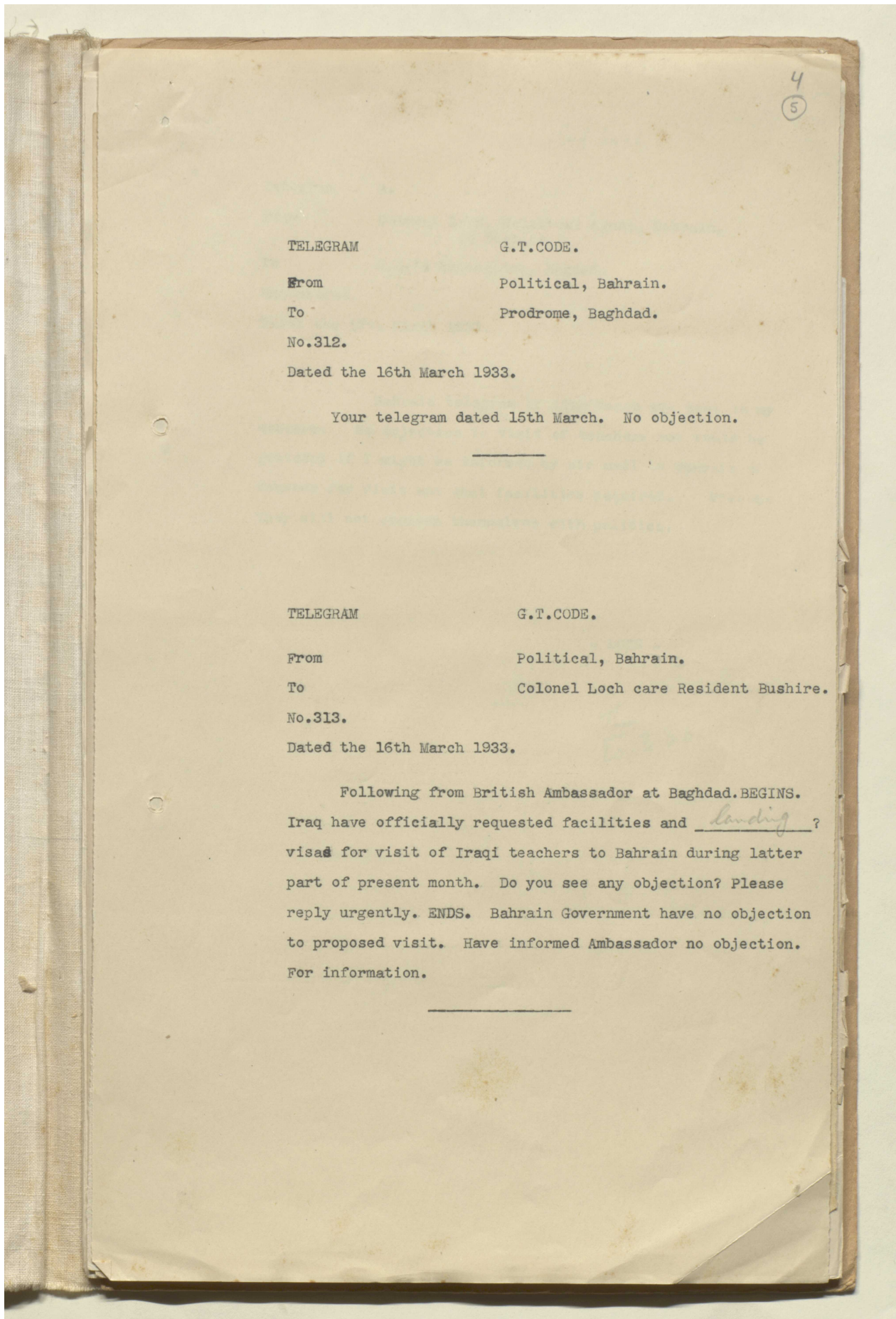
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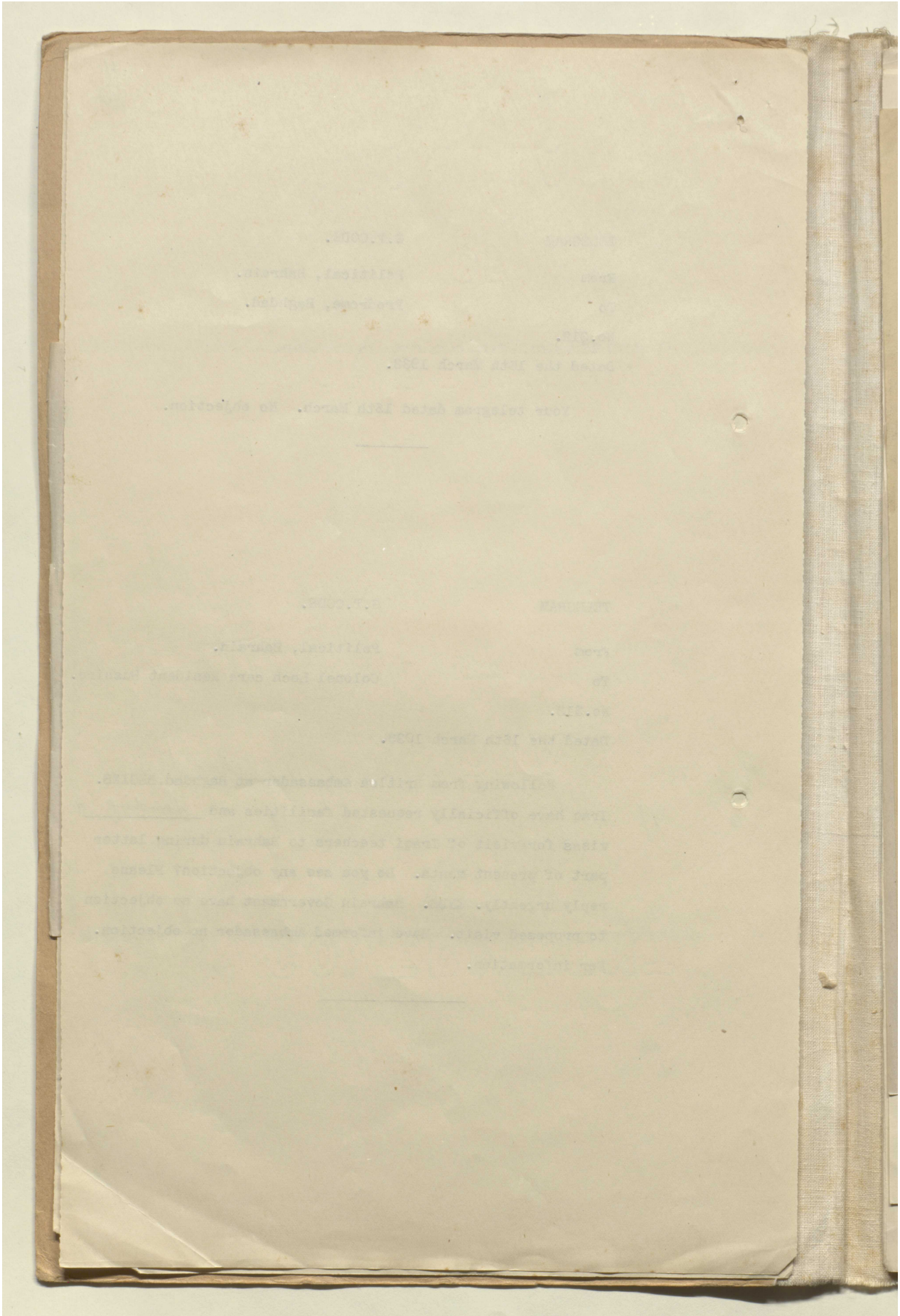


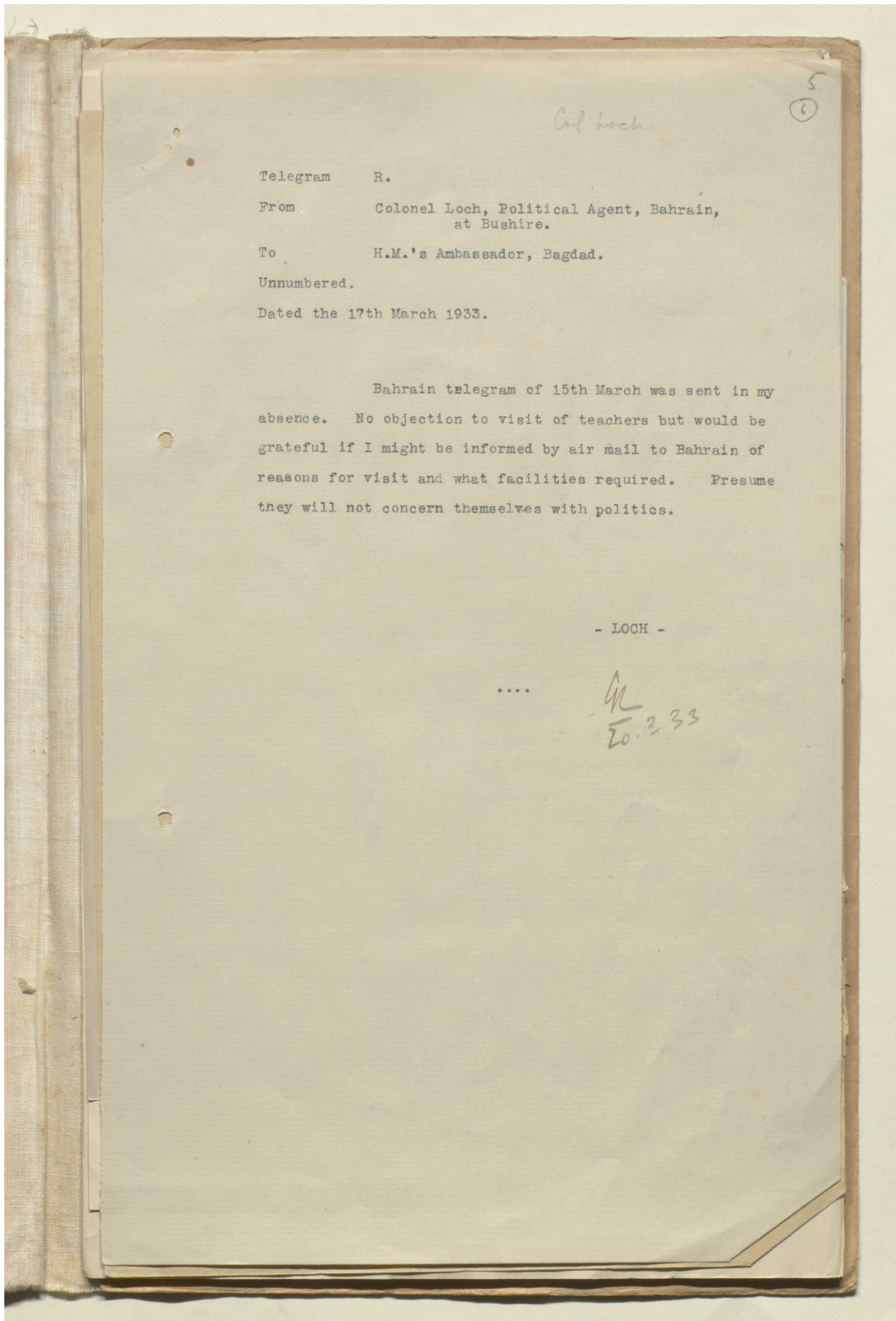
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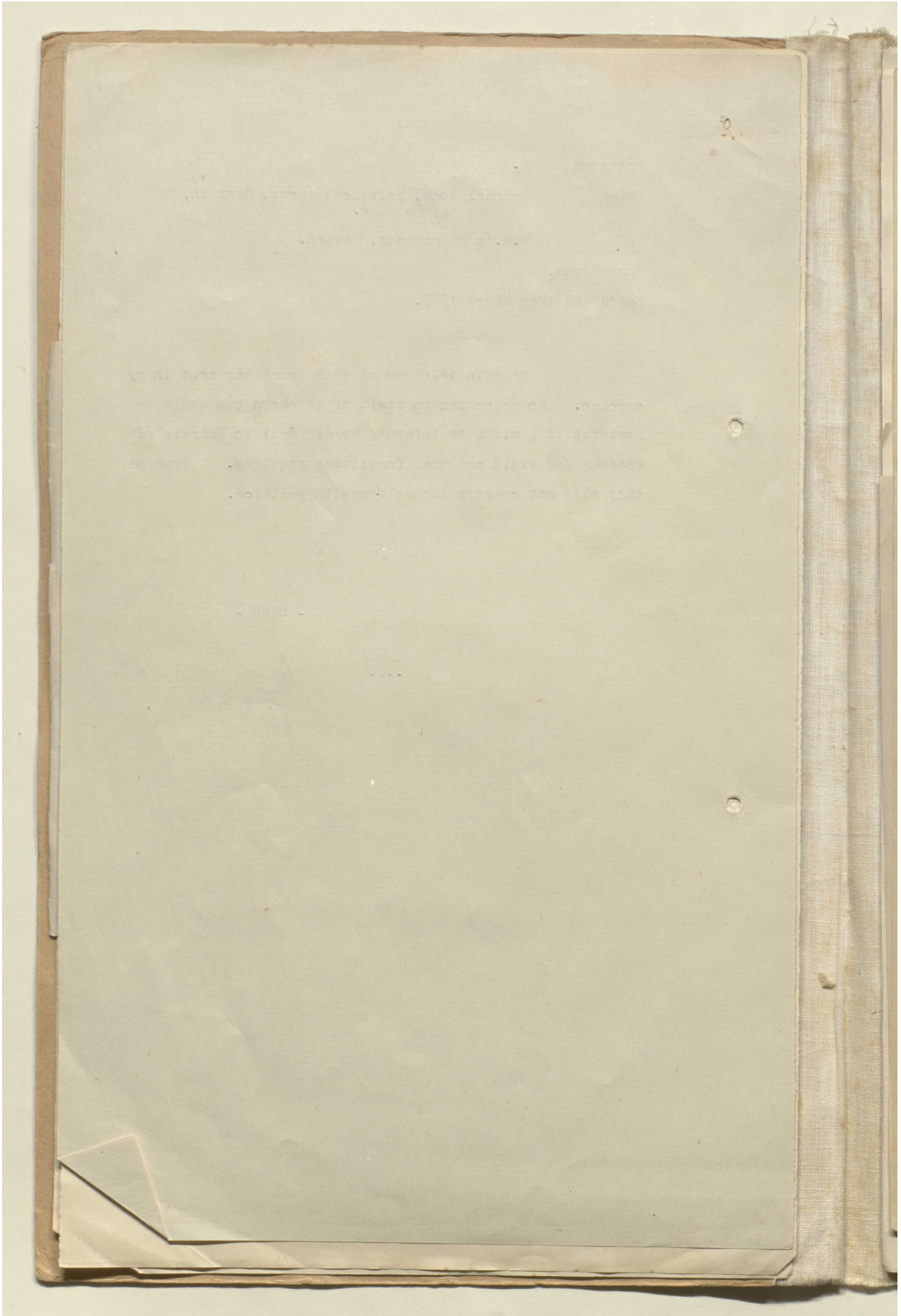


'19/1 VISIT OF SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PUPILS TO BAHRAIN' [5r] (9/44)









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DEPARTMENT. File No.
BRANCH. Serial No.

Draft Letter
Memorandum
Telegram R

No. 4 Dated 29 - 3 - 1933. (17:00)

Class for telegrams

<p>Ordinary</p> <p>Express</p> <p>Urgent*</p> <p>Priority</p> <p>Class Line†</p>	<p>*Only for Foreign Telegrams.</p> <p>†Not for Foreign Telegrams.</p>
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To: Political Bahrain.

From: Prodrone Baghdad.

Addressed to Bahrain reference your telegram of the 17th instant repeated Kuwait reference your telegram of the 16th instant.

Party consist of six persons and Ministry of Foreign Affairs assures me that they are pledged not to engage in questionable activities. Visit is not.

Visit is nothing more than a holiday tour and as party have necessary visa no further facilities are required.

1st Reminder

2nd Reminder

3rd Reminder

Heading:

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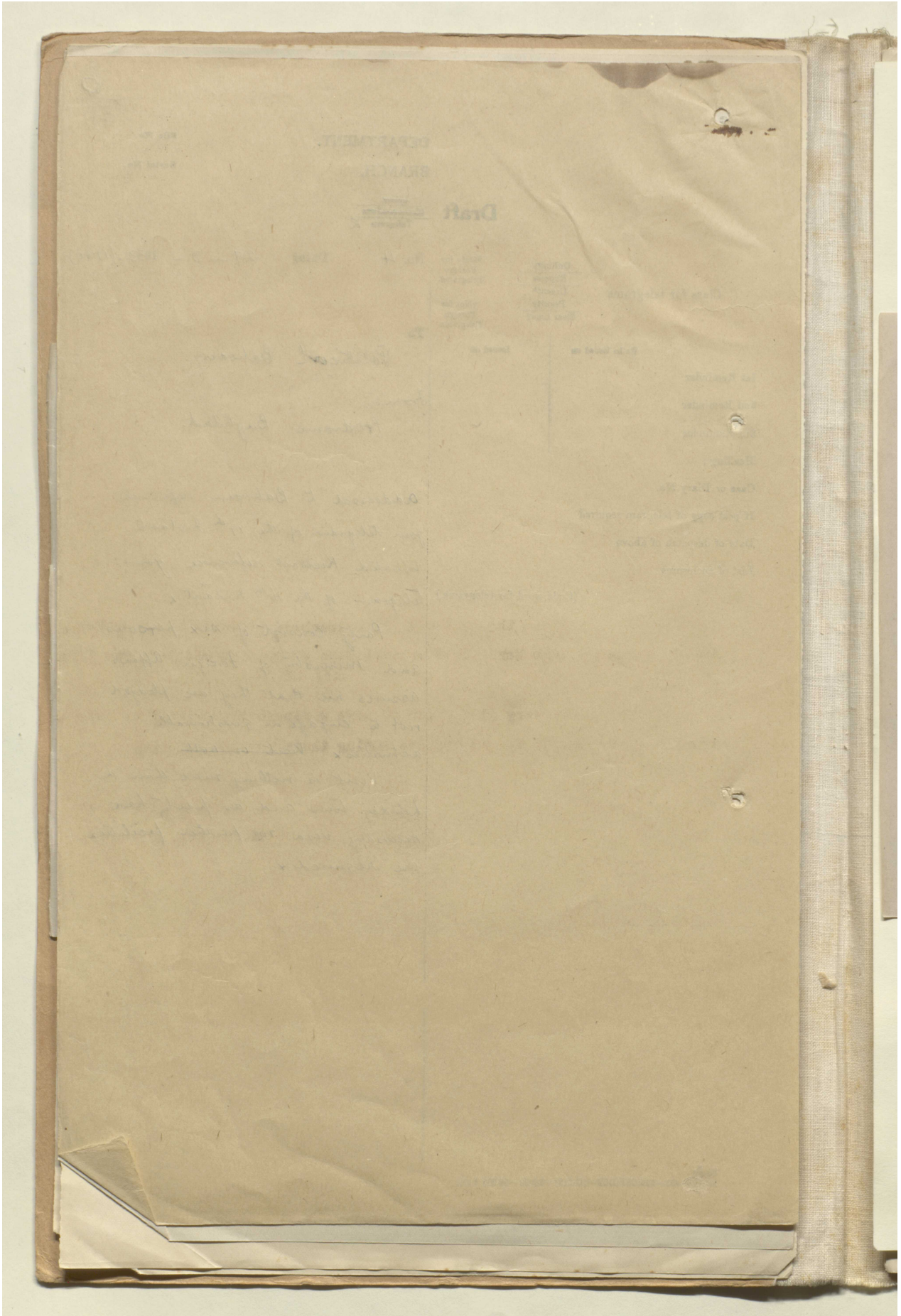
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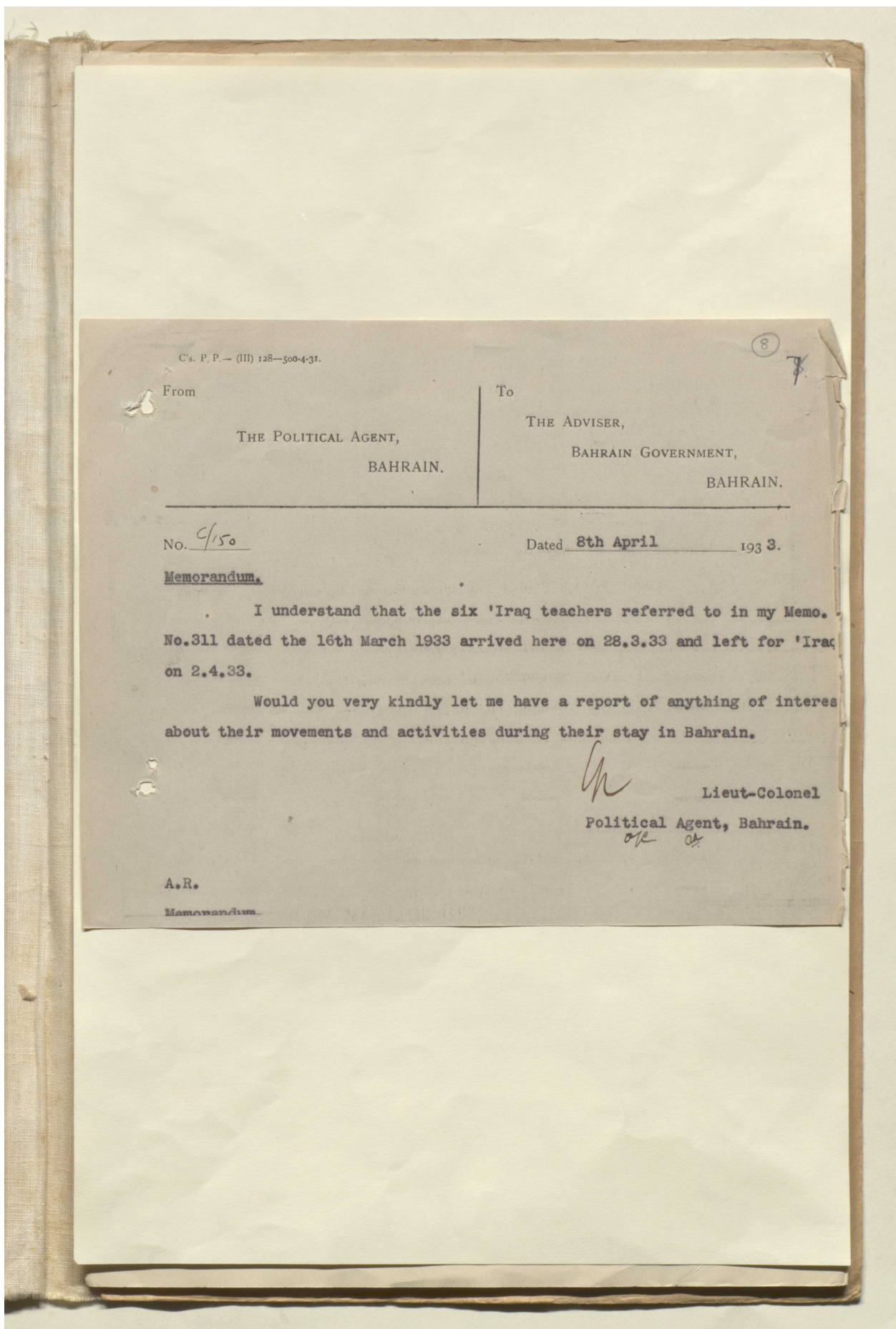
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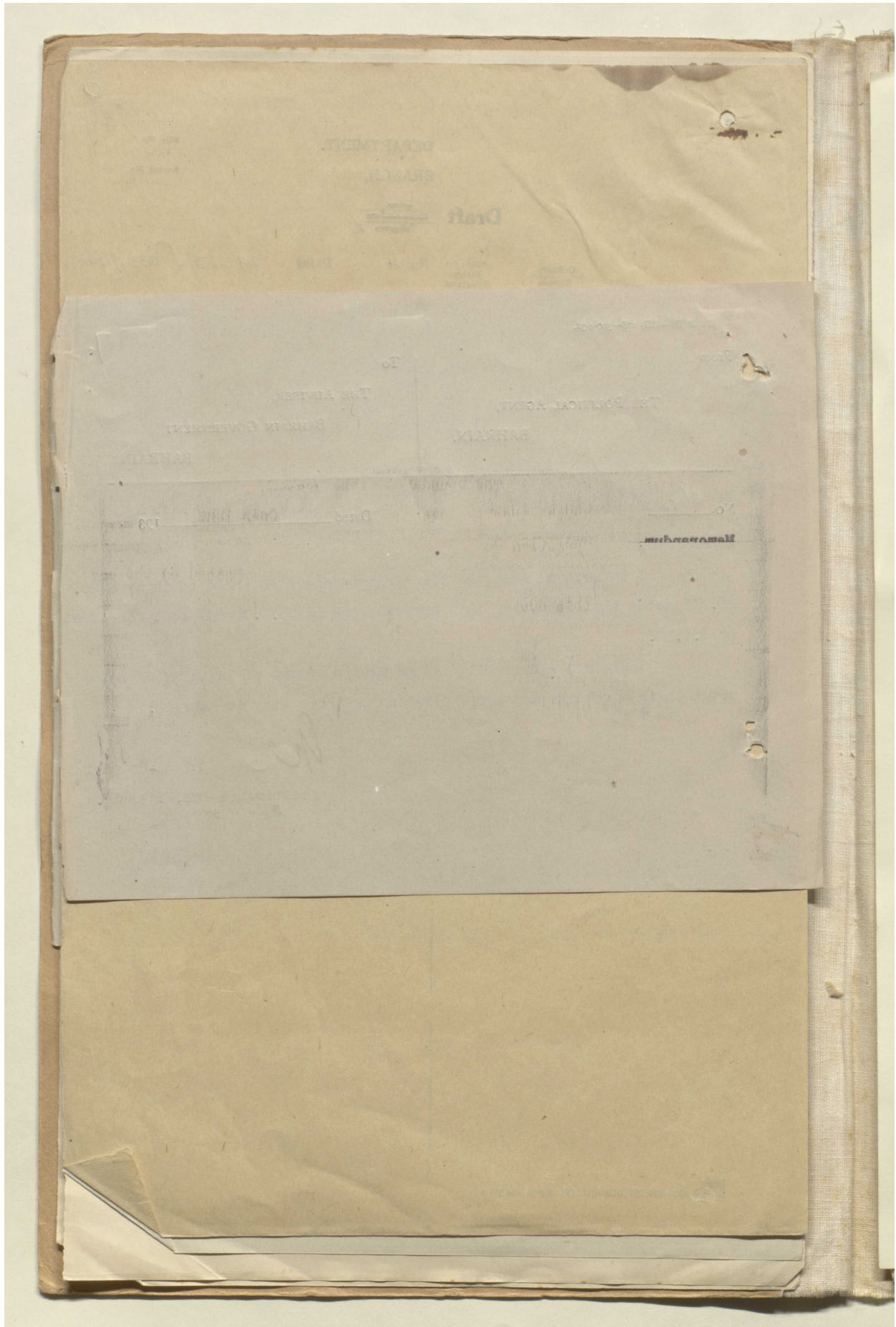
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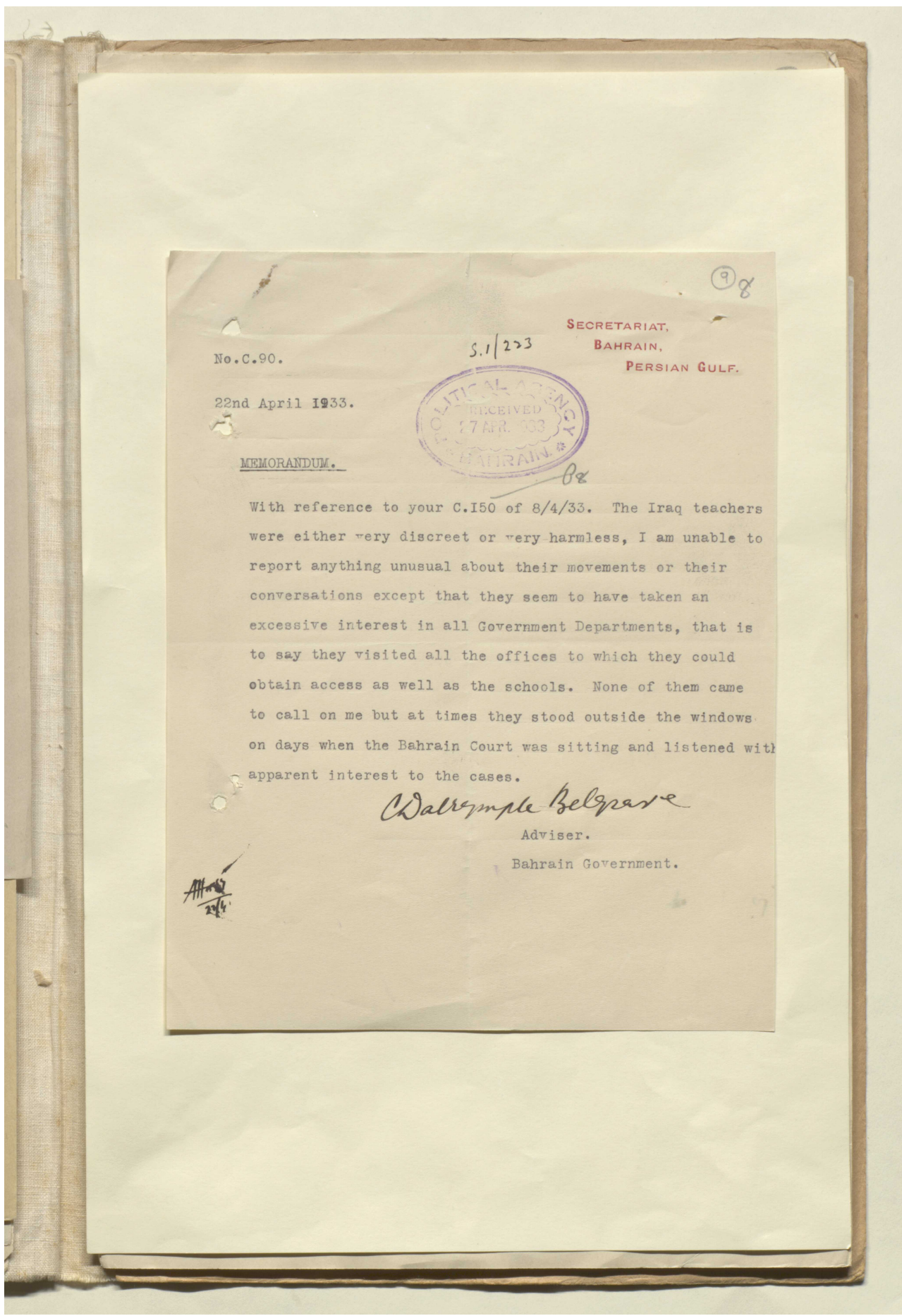
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'19/1 VISIT OF SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PUPILS TO BAHRAIN' [8r] (15/44)







No.C.90.

S.1/223

SECRETARIAT,
BAHRAIN,
PERSIAN GULF.

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22nd April 1933.



MEMORANDUM.

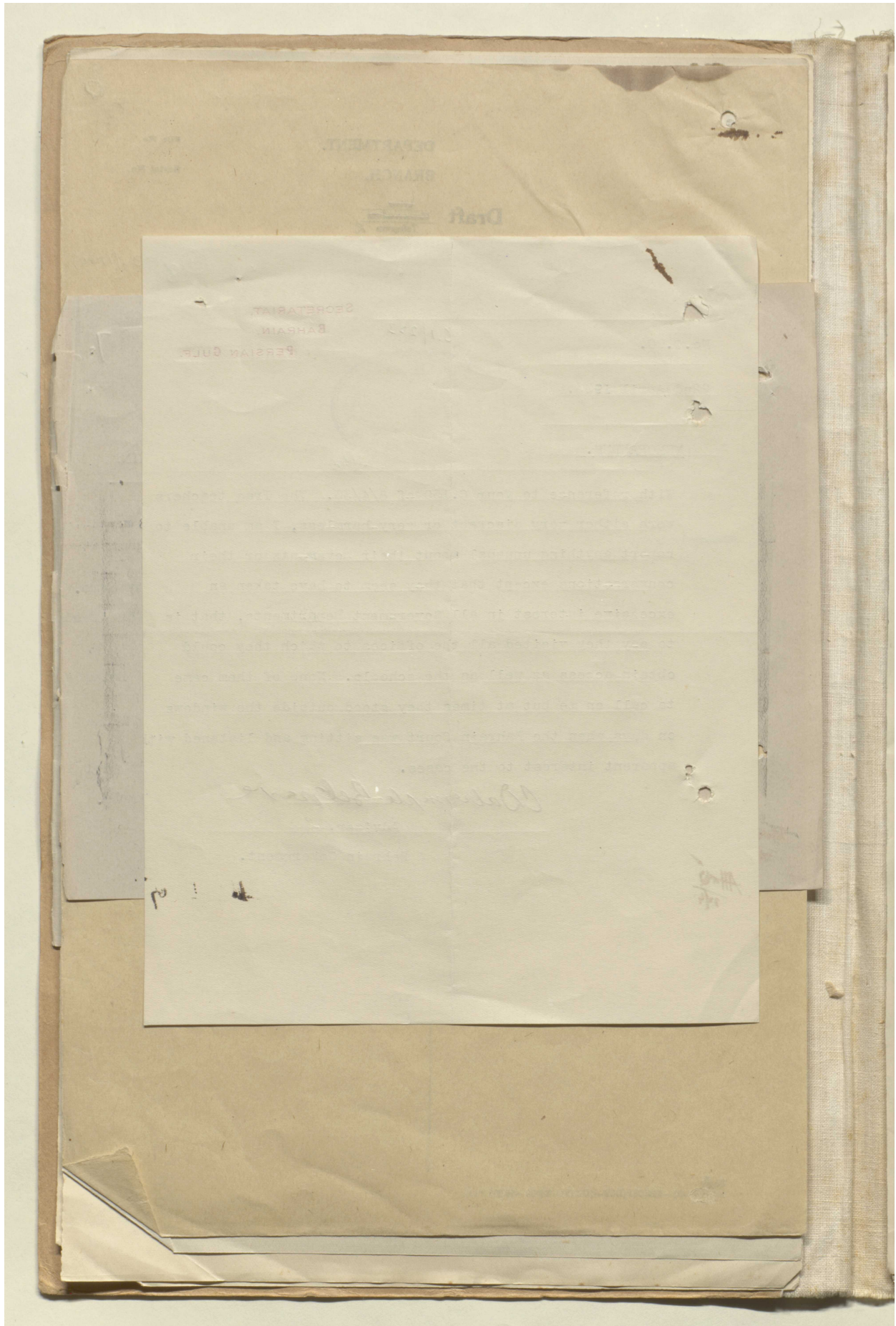
With reference to your C.150 of 8/4/33. The Iraq teachers were either very discreet or very harmless, I am unable to report anything unusual about their movements or their conversations except that they seem to have taken an excessive interest in all Government Departments, that is to say they visited all the offices to which they could obtain access as well as the schools. None of them came to call on me but at times they stood outside the windows on days when the Bahrain Court was sitting and listened with apparent interest to the cases.

W. D. W. Belgrave

Adviser.

Bahrain Government.

Handwritten initials and date: AH-22/4/33



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Telegram S.
From Political Agent, Kuwait.
To Political Agent, Bahhain
No C/105
Dated and received the 19th February 1941.

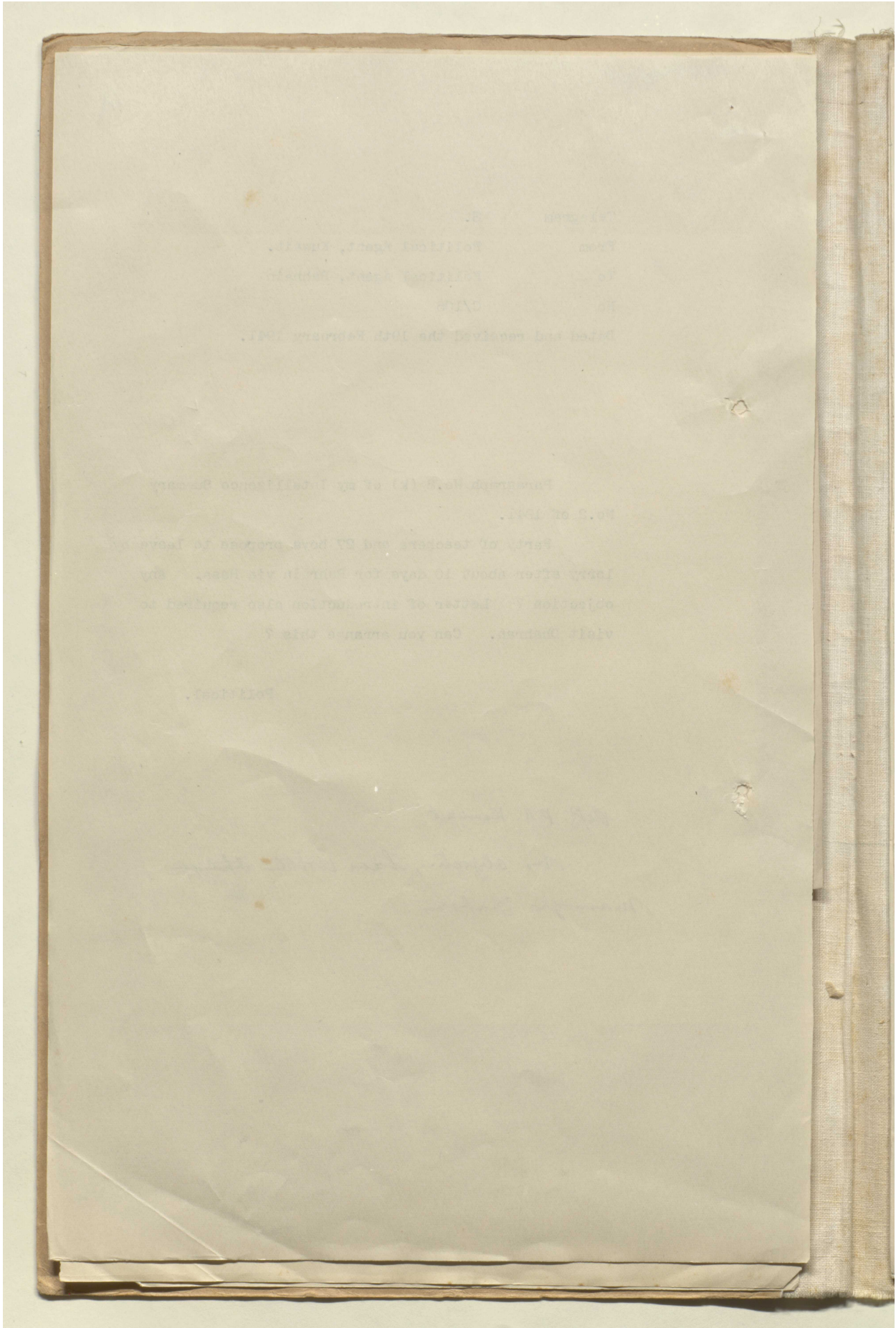
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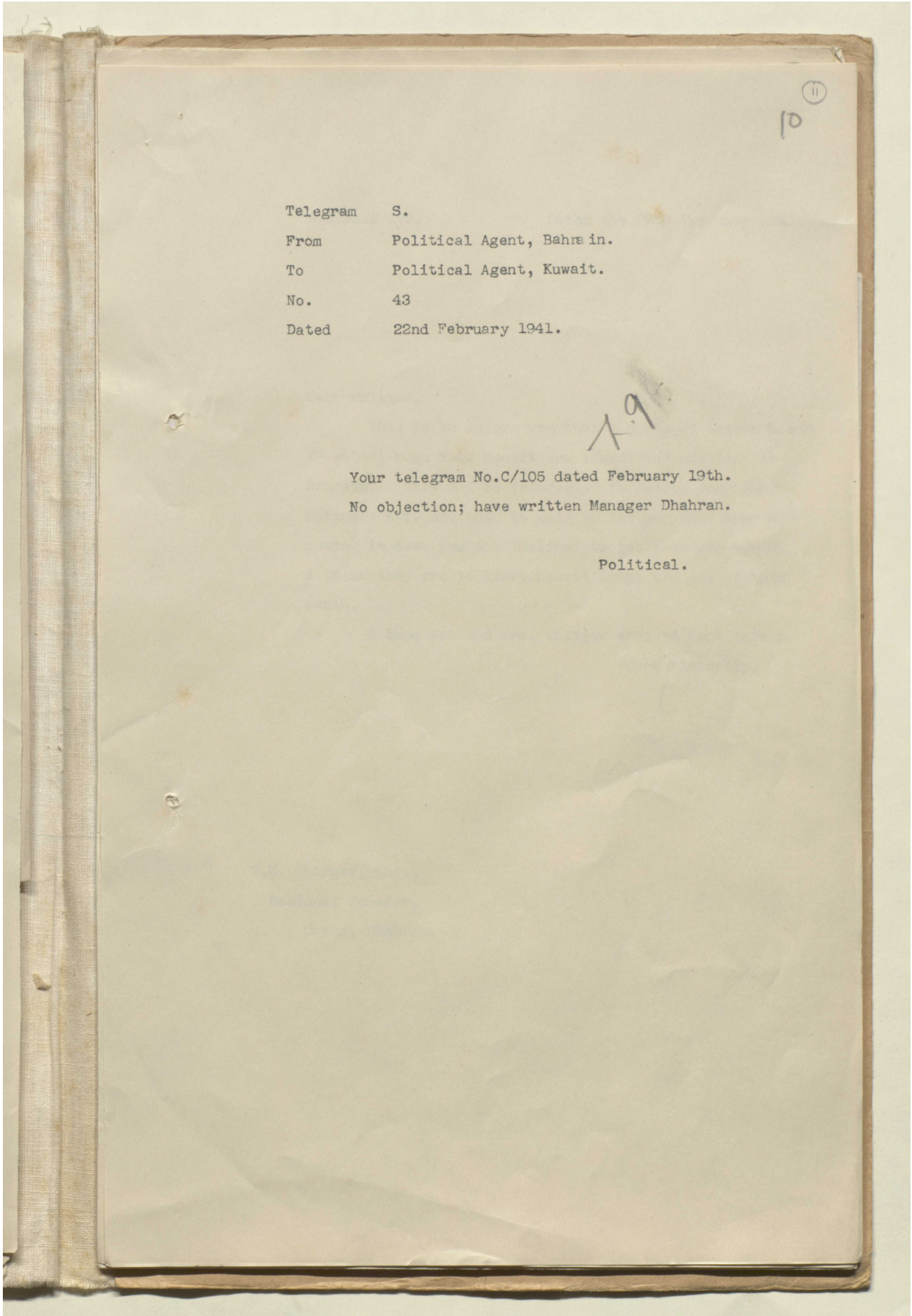
Paragraph No.8 (k) of my Intelligence Summary
No.2 of 1941.

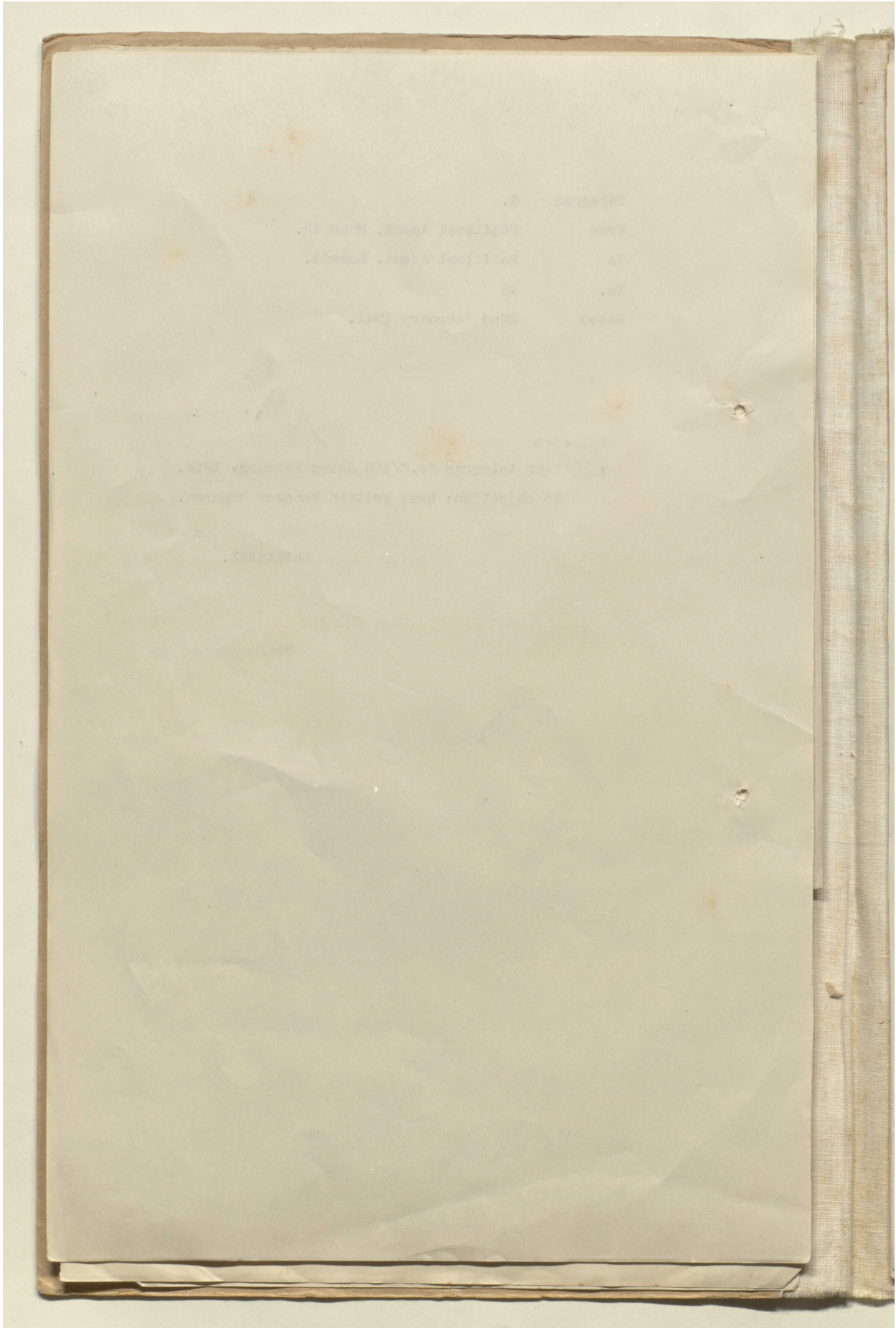
Party of teachers and 27 boys propose to leave by
lorry after about 10 days for Bahrain via Hasa. Any
objection? Letter of introduction also required to
visit Dhahran. Can you arrange this?

Political.

*Refs P.A. Kuwait.
No objection; has written letter
Manager Dhahran.*







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D.O.No.C/170.

Dated the 22nd February 1941.

Dear Ohliger,

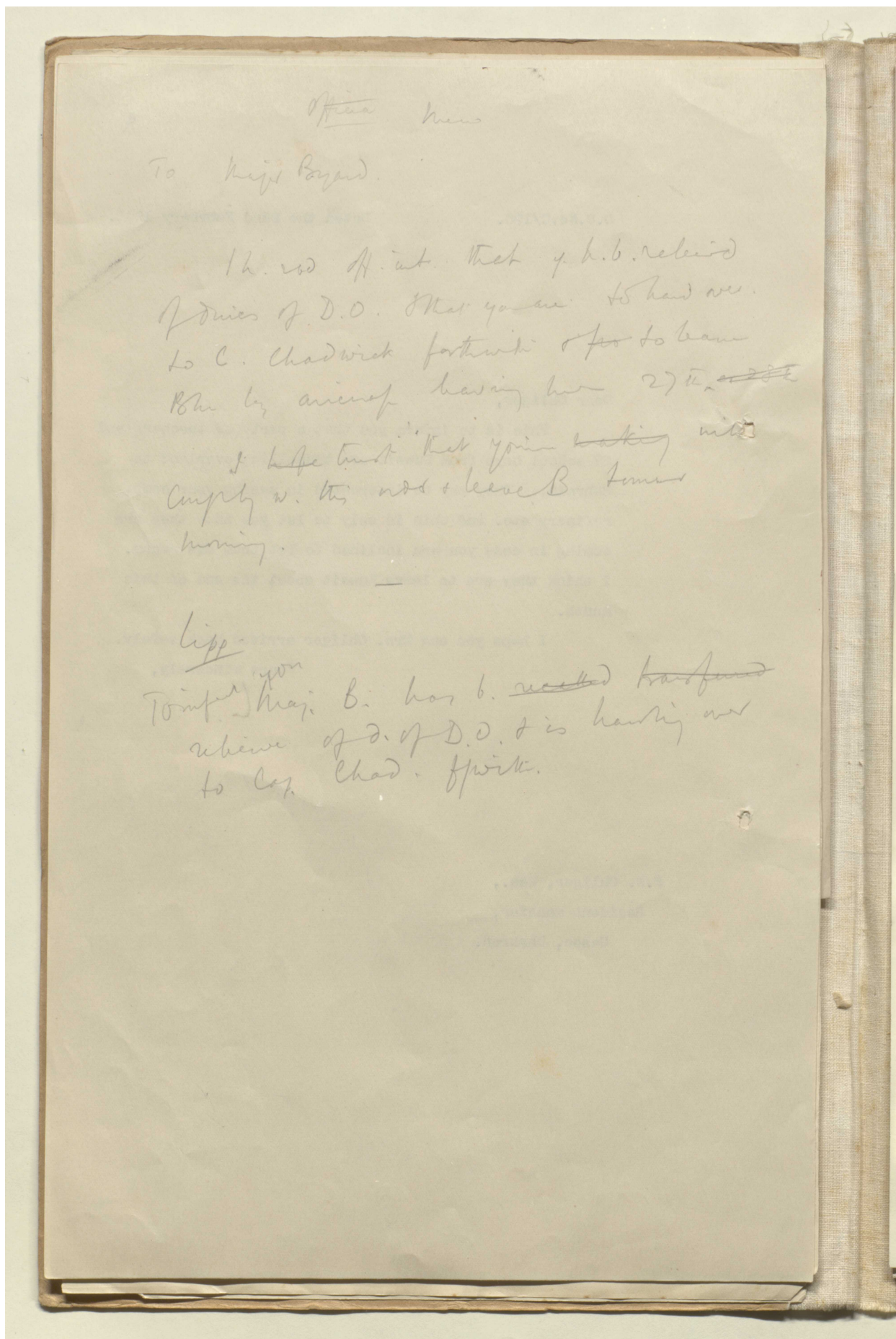
This is to inform you that a party of teachers and 27 school boys from Kuwait are travelling overland to Bahrain. They may be interested in seeing your camp, refinery etc. and this is only to let you know they are coming in case you are inclined to let them see round. I think they are to leave Kuwait about the end of this month.

I hope you and Mrs. Ohliger arrived back safely.

Yours sincerely,

L.

F.W. Ohliger, Esq.,
Resident Manafer,
Casoc, Dhahran.



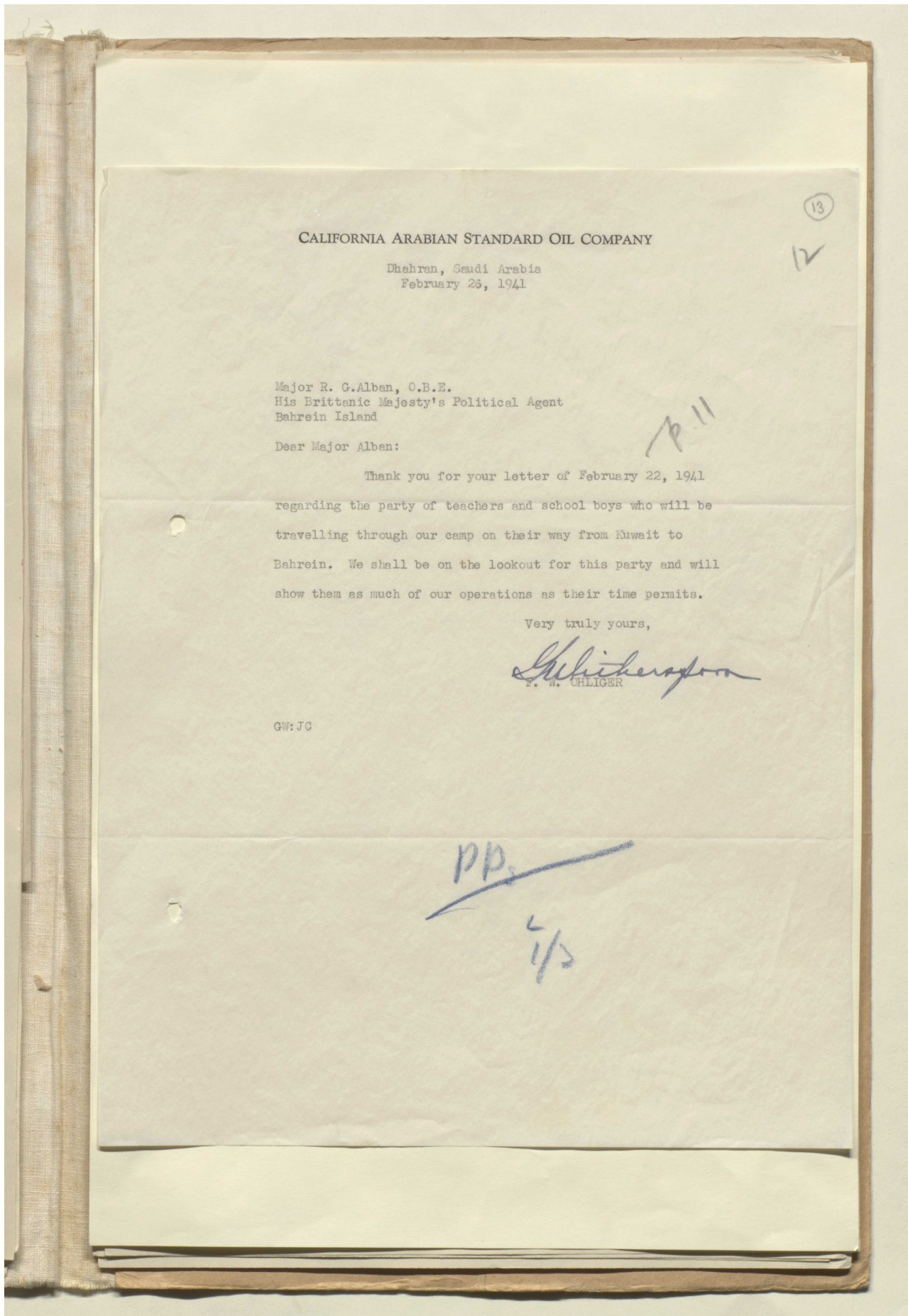
Office memo
To Maj. B.

I have recd. int. that y. h. b. received
orders of D.O. that you are to hand over
to C. Chadwick forthwith & for to be
Rtn by a/c of having her 27th ~~1944~~

I hope that your booking will
comply w. the order & leave B. home
morning.

Lipp.

Tommy you
Maj. B. has b. ~~recd~~ transferred
relieve of D.O. & is handing over
to C. Chad. fwk.



CALIFORNIA ARABIAN STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
February 26, 1941

Major R. G. Alban, O.B.E.
His Brittanic Majesty's Political Agent
Bahrein Island

Dear Major Alban:

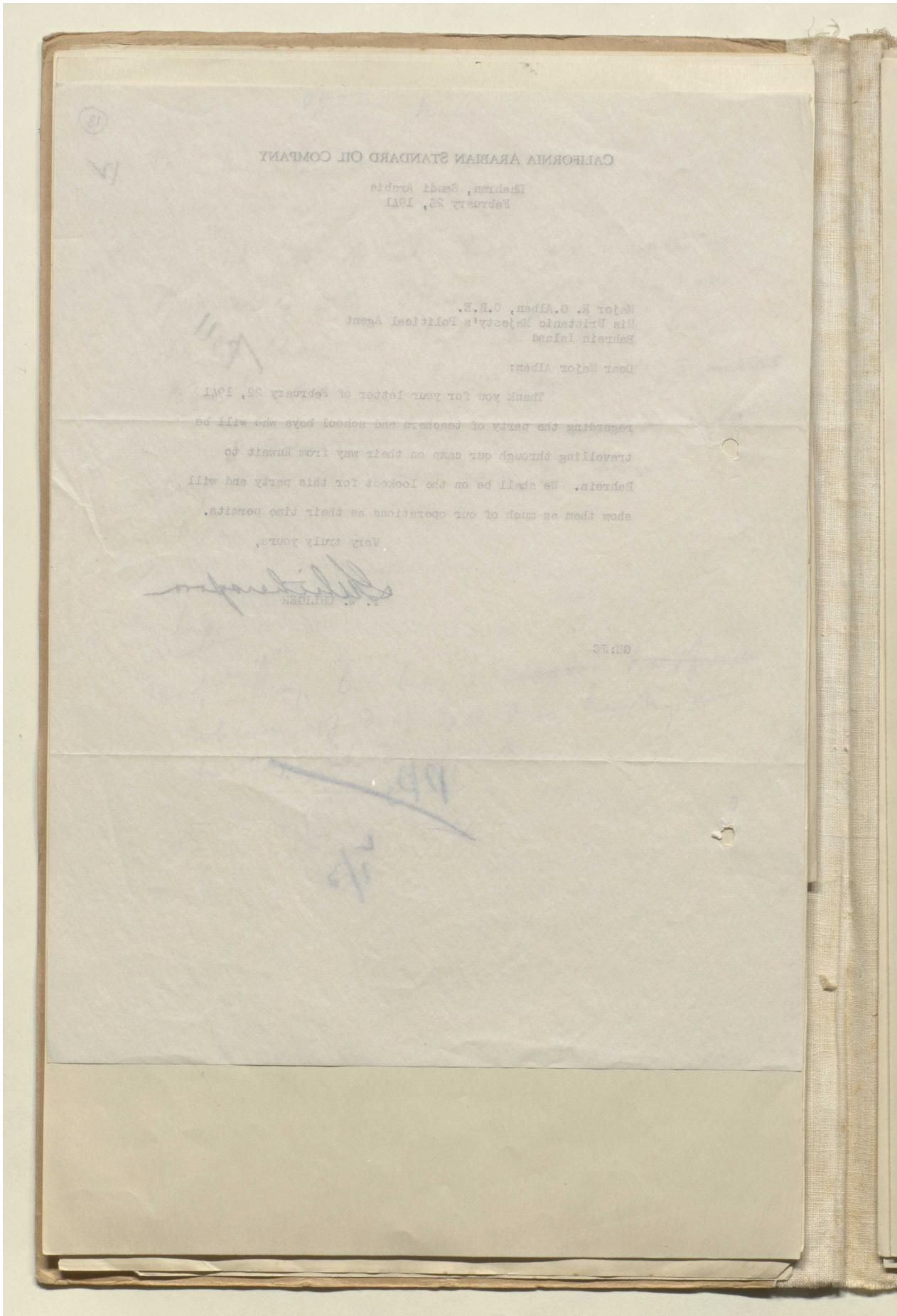
Thank you for your letter of February 22, 1941 regarding the party of teachers and school boys who will be travelling through our camp on their way from Kuwait to Bahrein. We shall be on the lookout for this party and will show them as much of our operations as their time permits.

Very truly yours,

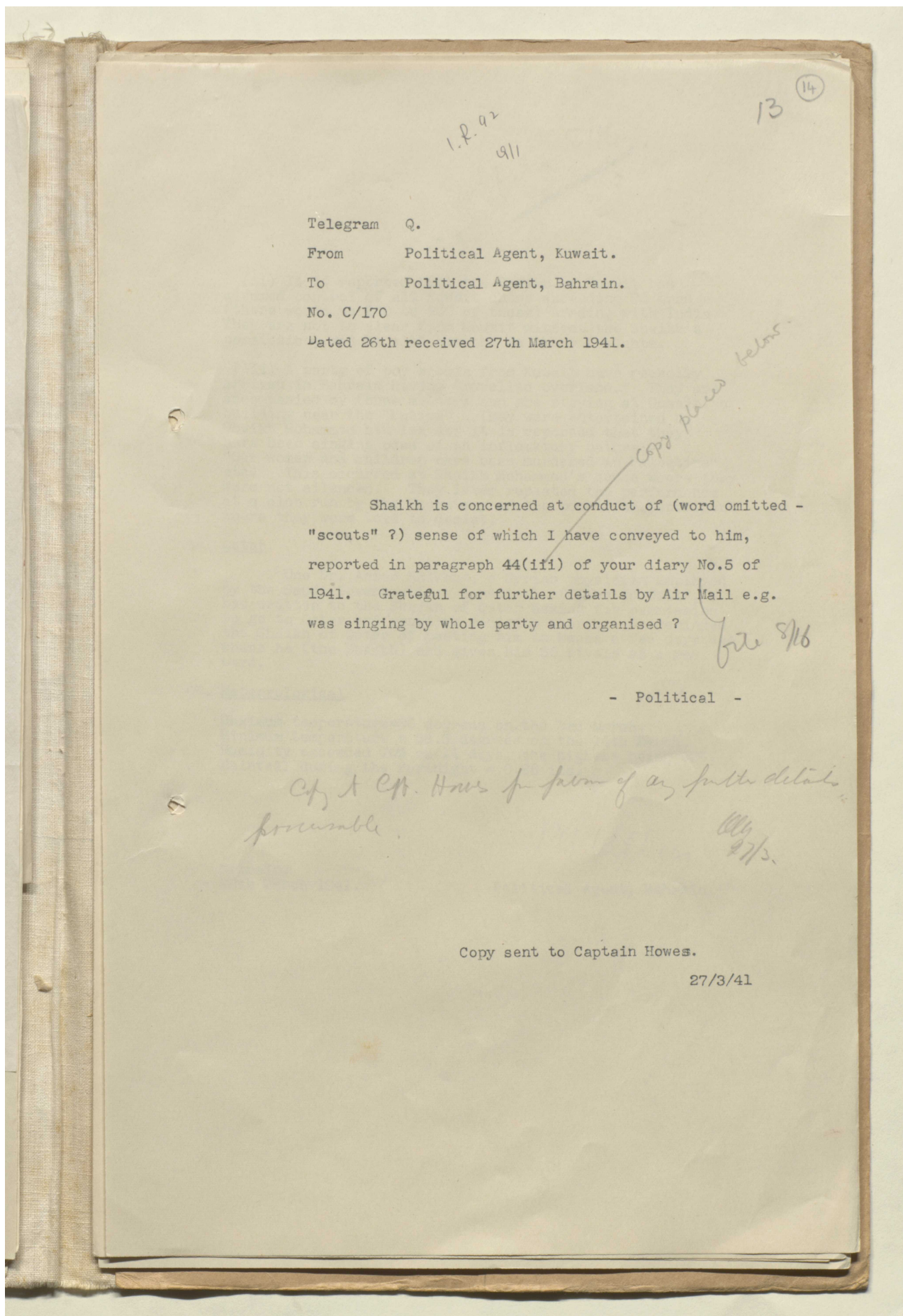
F. W. Chliger
F. W. CHLIGER

GW:JC

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'19/1 VISIT OF SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PUPILS TO BAHRAIN' [14r] (27/44)



I.R. 92
911

13 (14)

Telegram Q.
From Political Agent, Kuwait.
To Political Agent, Bahrain.
No. C/170
Dated 26th received 27th March 1941.

Copy placed below.

Shaikh is concerned at conduct of (word omitted - "scouts" ?) sense of which I have conveyed to him, reported in paragraph 44(iii) of your diary No.5 of 1941. Grateful for further details by Air Mail e.g. was singing by whole party and organised ?

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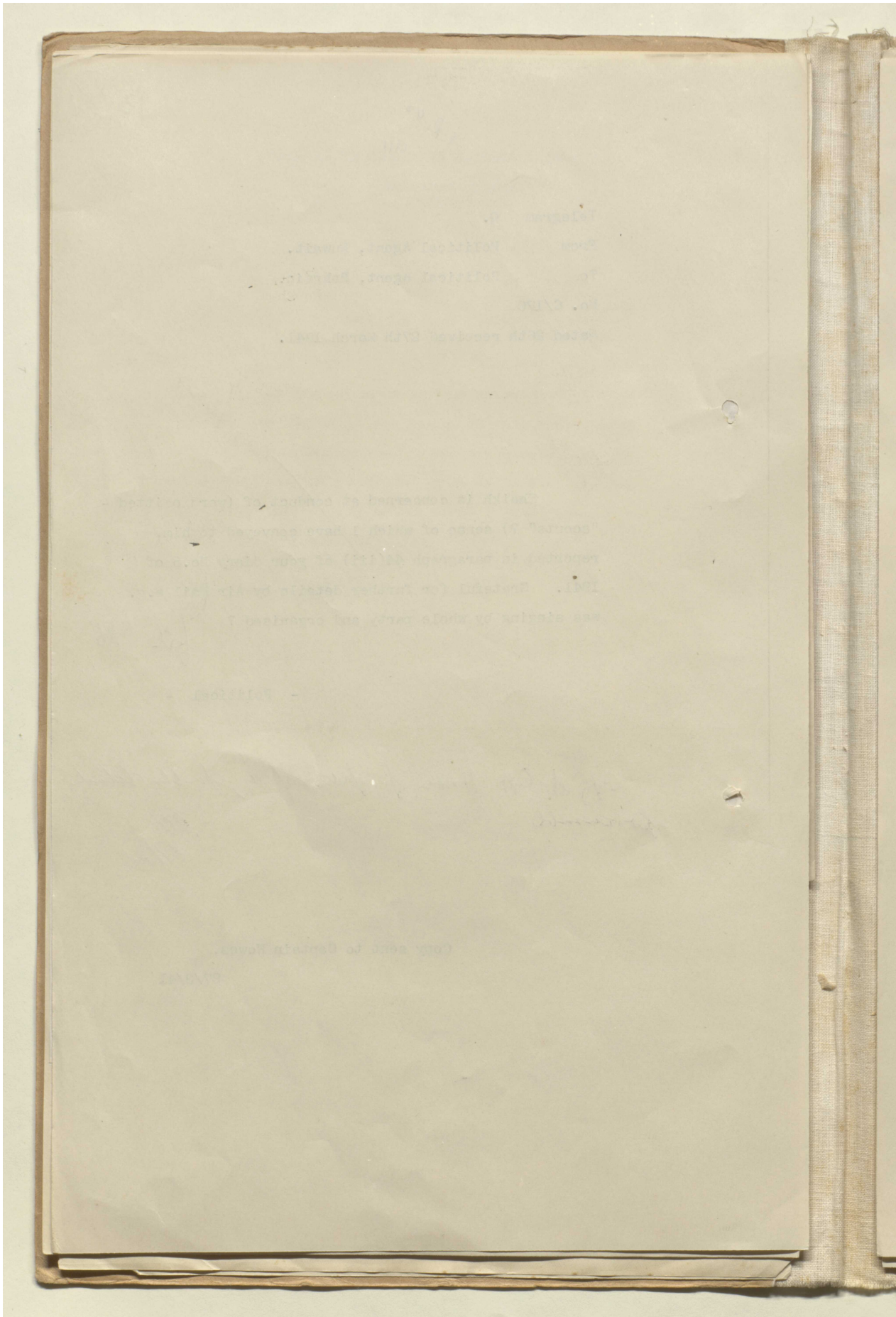
- Political -

Copy to Capt. Howes for form of any further details procurable.

27/3

Copy sent to Captain Howes.

27/3/41



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(ii) It is reported that the Shaikh of Kuwait has assumed control of all Kuwait dhows exceeding 80 tons (there would be 200 to 300 of these) trading with India. They are not to clear from Kuwait without the Shaikh's permission, and he will arrange for their freights.

(iii) A party of boy scouts from Kuwait have recently arrived in Bahrain having travelled overland. They are accompanied by three masters and are staying at Qosaibi's building near the "Kuliya". They were entertained by Shaikh Mohammad bin Isa and it is reported that they have been singing odes of an inflammatory nature; - "Our women and children have been murdered in Palestine" etc. This occurred at Shaikh Mohammad's house where they were not silenced. They later repeated the performance at a club run by the Secretary of the Education Department where they were told to desist.

45. Qatar

One Dr. Anwar Shikho, a Syrian physician employed by the Saudi Government as a medical officer in Qatif, has written to the Shaikh of Qatar asking for permission to go to Qatar and practice medicine there. He reminded the Shaikh of Qatar of meeting him in Mecca a few days ago where he (the Shaikh) had given him 50 riyals as a reward.

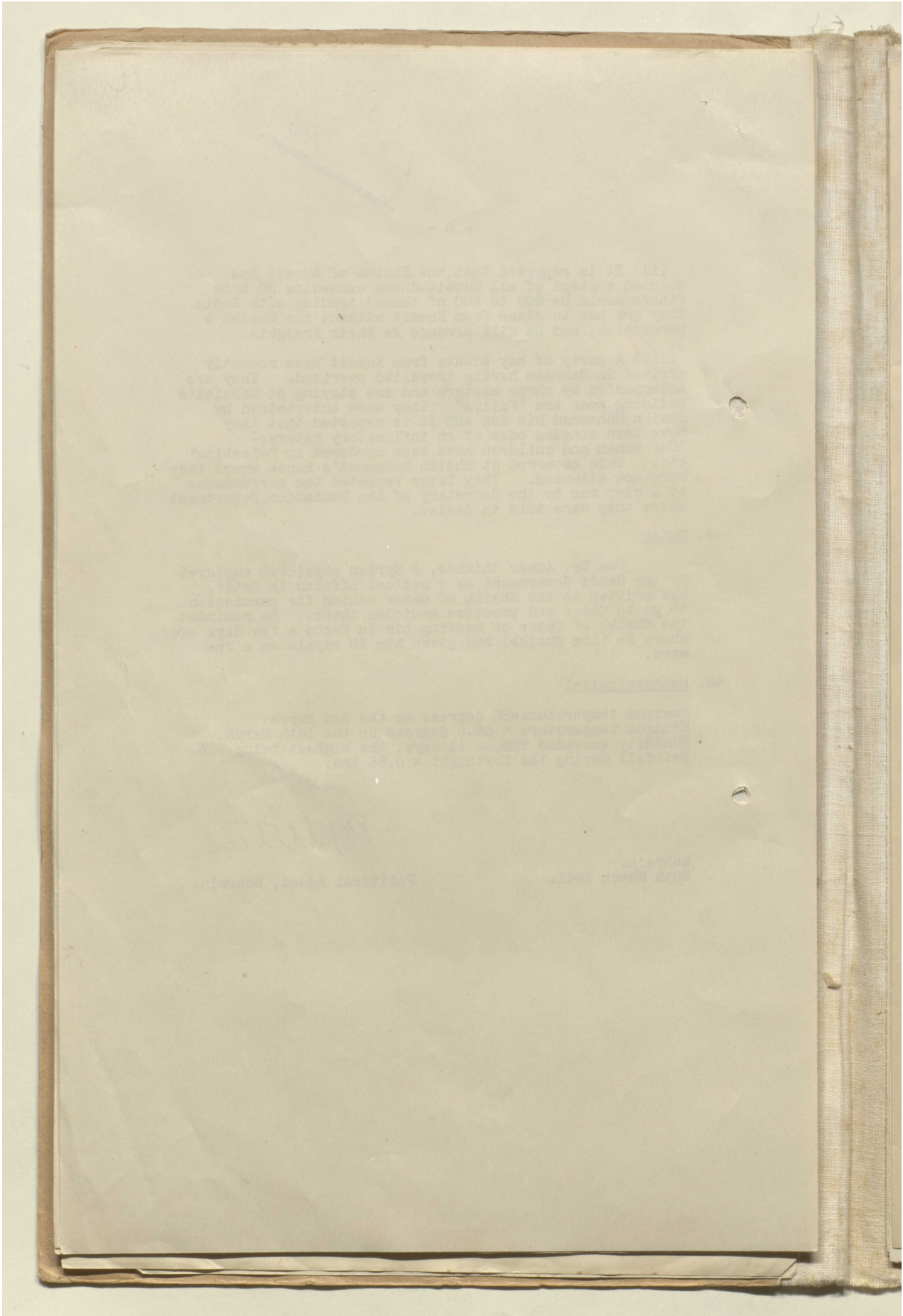
46. Meteorological

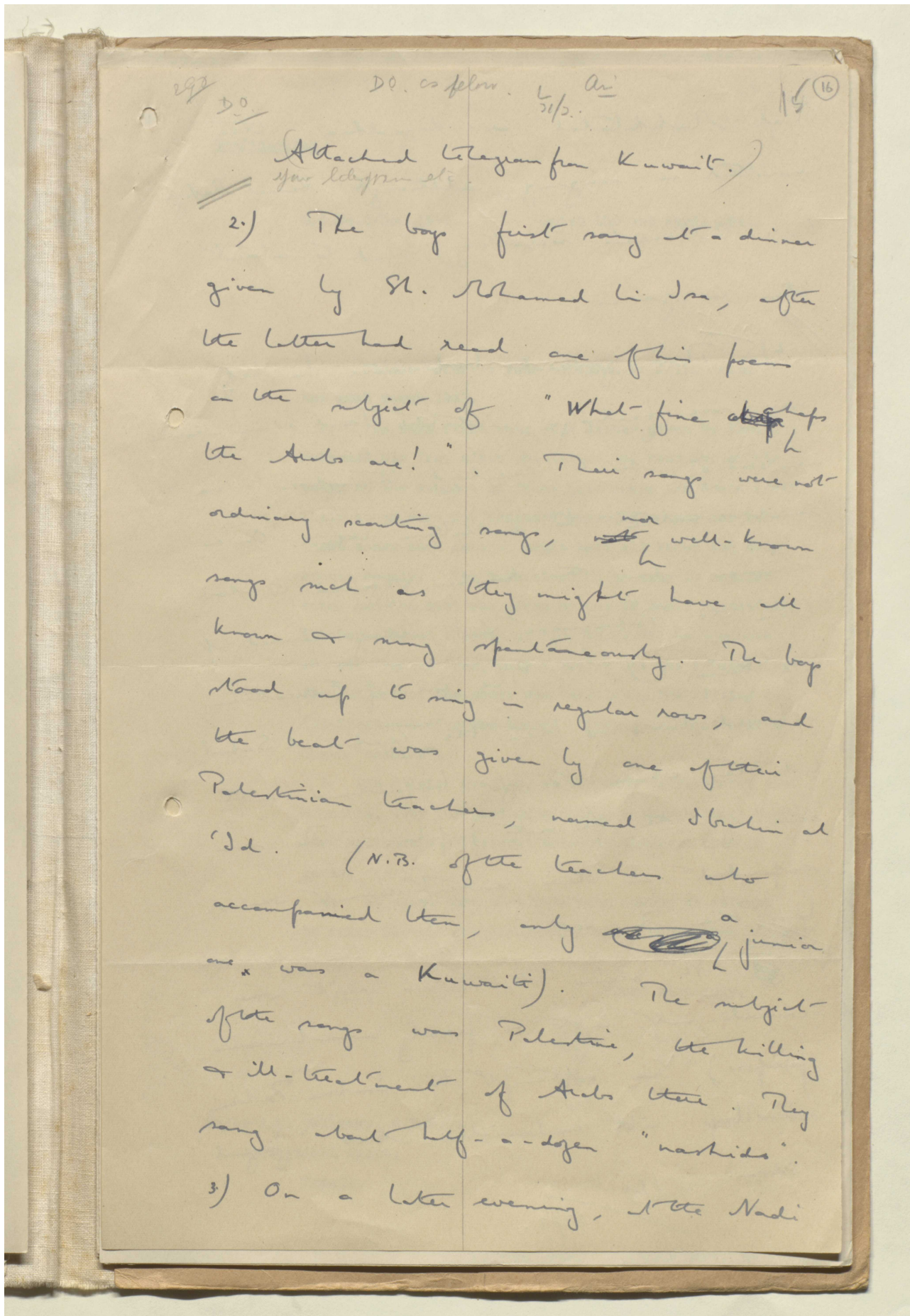
Maximum temperature=86 degrees on the 3rd March.
Minimum temperature = 58.5 degrees on the 14th March.
Humidity exceeded 70% on 11 days, the highest being 92%.
Rainfall during the fortnight = 0.86 ins.

W. J. Allan

Bahrain.
20th March 1941.

Political Agent, Bahrain.





292 D.O. DO. as follow. L. An. 15 (16)

Attached telegram from Kuwait.
your telegram etc.

2.) The boys first sang at a dinner given by Mr. Mohamed al-Jar, after the latter had read one of his poems on the subject of "What fine ~~deeds~~ the Arabs are!". Their songs were not ordinary scolding songs, ~~not~~ well-known songs such as they might have all known or sung spontaneously. The boys stood up to sing in regular rows, and the beat was given by one of the Palestinian teachers, named Ibrahim al-'Id. (N.B. of the teachers who accompanied them, only ~~one~~ a junior one was a Kuwaiti). The subject of the songs was Palestine, the killing & ill-treatment of Arabs there. They sang about half-a-dozen "nashids".

3.) On a later evening, at the Nadi

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at Rukhtalat or - Riyadhia, they
insisted on singing, although Kemal Rekya
(Mr. Vallance's secretary) tried to interest
them in games.

4) ^{omit} Their general behaviour has left
very sore feelings with the local administration,
members of which exerted themselves to no
small extent to entertain them. On an
occasion when the Advisor offered to show
them the Portuguese Fort, they turned up
1 1/2 hours late. The Dir. of Education
offered to show them the Technical School,
but they chose to go beforehand with
some of the Kuwaiti pupils. The sum
expended on their entertainment was not
less than Rs. 400/-

Note. include It has been making an
It seems that (their visit was
carried out with a purely mischievous
purpose) an attempt to imbue Bahrain
schoolboys with undesirable Arab "yugend"
ideas.

U.S.

29/3.

Confidential

D.O.No.C/290-19/1.

Dated the 1st April 1941.

Please refer to your telegram No C/170 dated
the 26th March 1941.

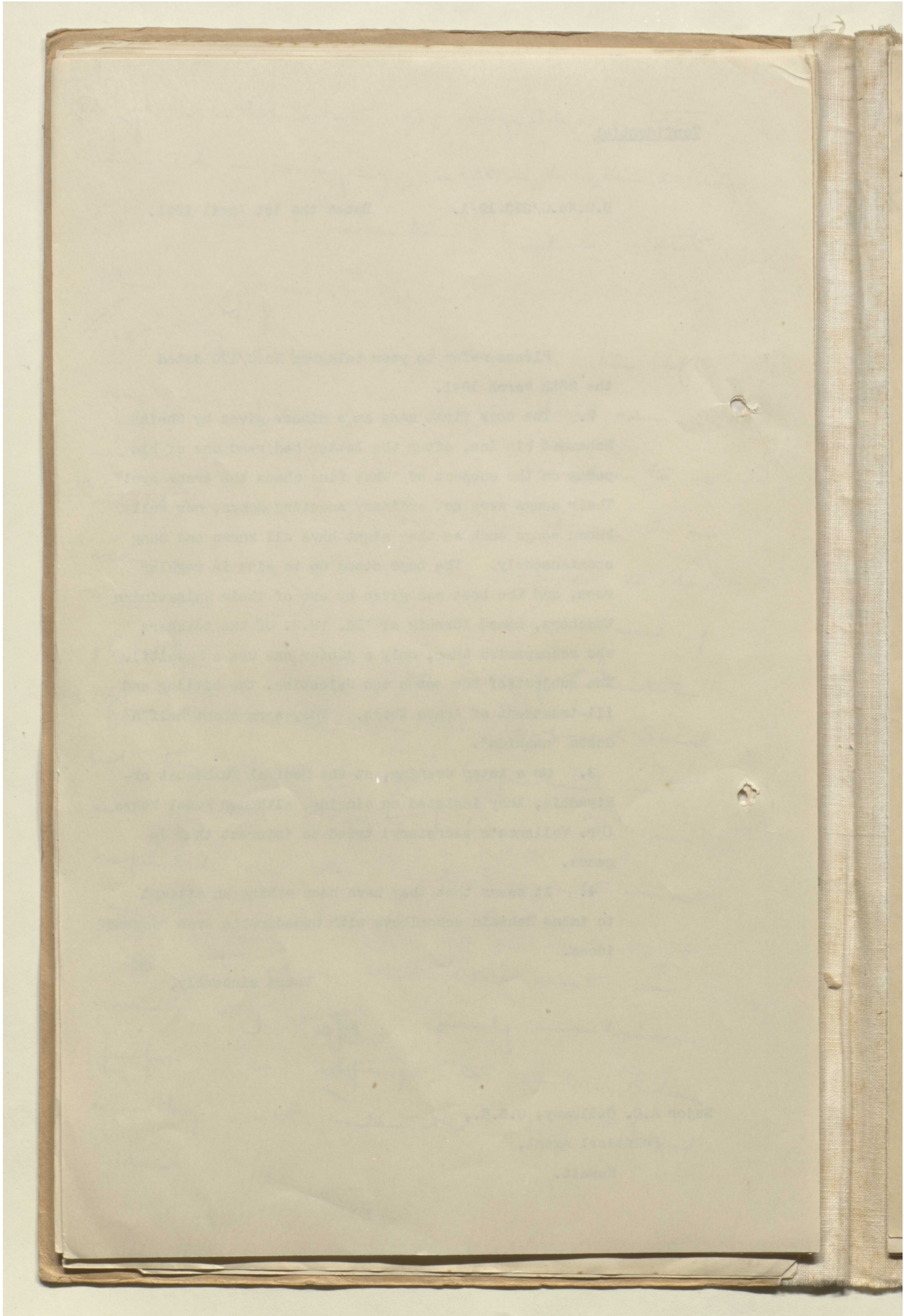
2. The boys first sang at a dinner given by Shaikh
Mohammad bin Isa, after the latter had read one of his
poems on the subject of "What fine chaps the Arabs are!"
Their songs were not ordinary scouting songs, nor well-
known songs such as they might have all known and sung
spontaneously. The boys stood up to sing in regular
rows, and the beat was given by one of their Palestinian
teachers, named Ibrahim al 'Id. (N.B. Of the teachers
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The subject of the songs was Palestine, the killing and
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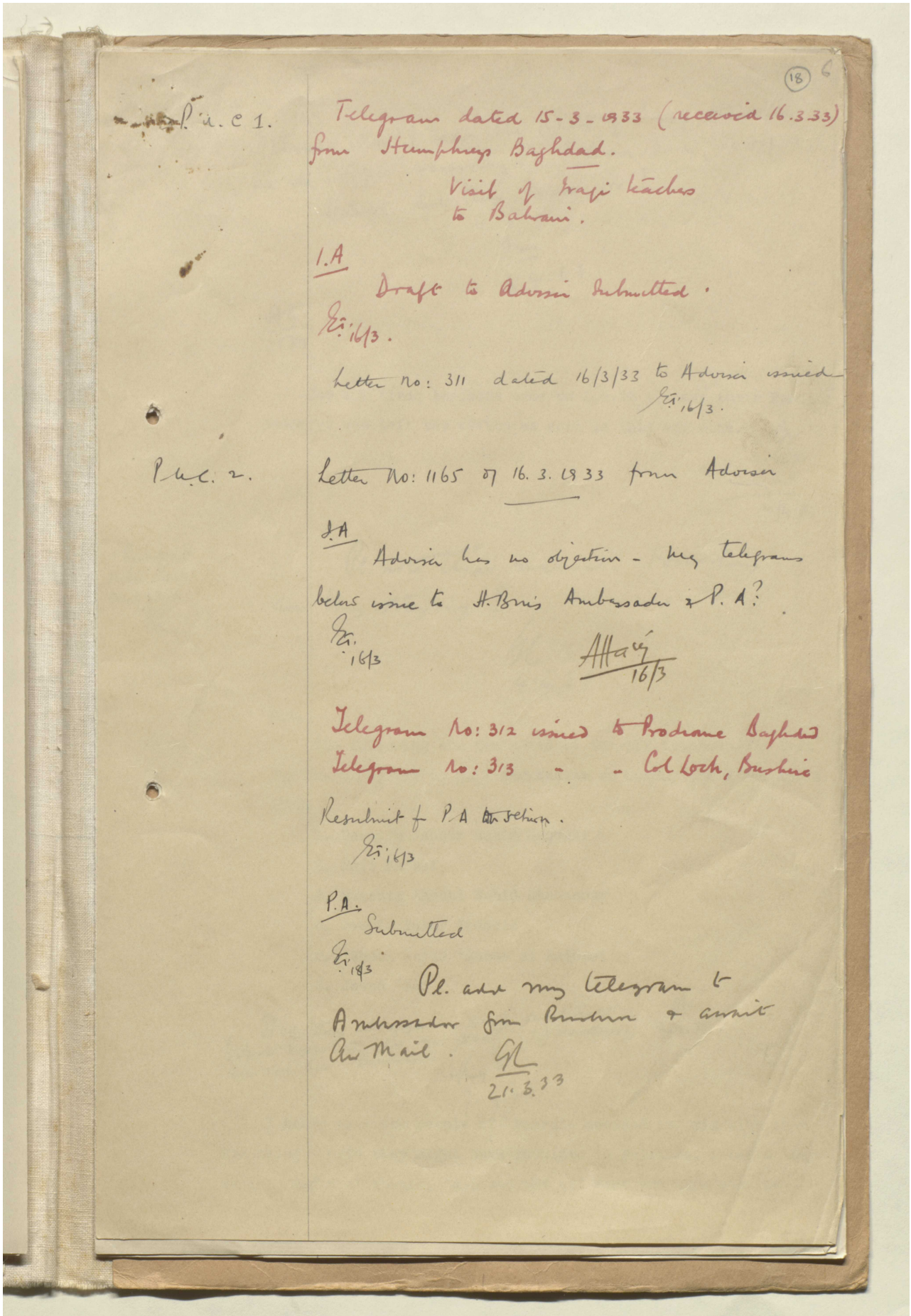
3. On a later evening, at the Nadi al Mukhtabat ar-
Riyadhia, they insisted on singing, although Kamal Mehza
(Mr. Vallance's secretary) tried to interest them in
games.

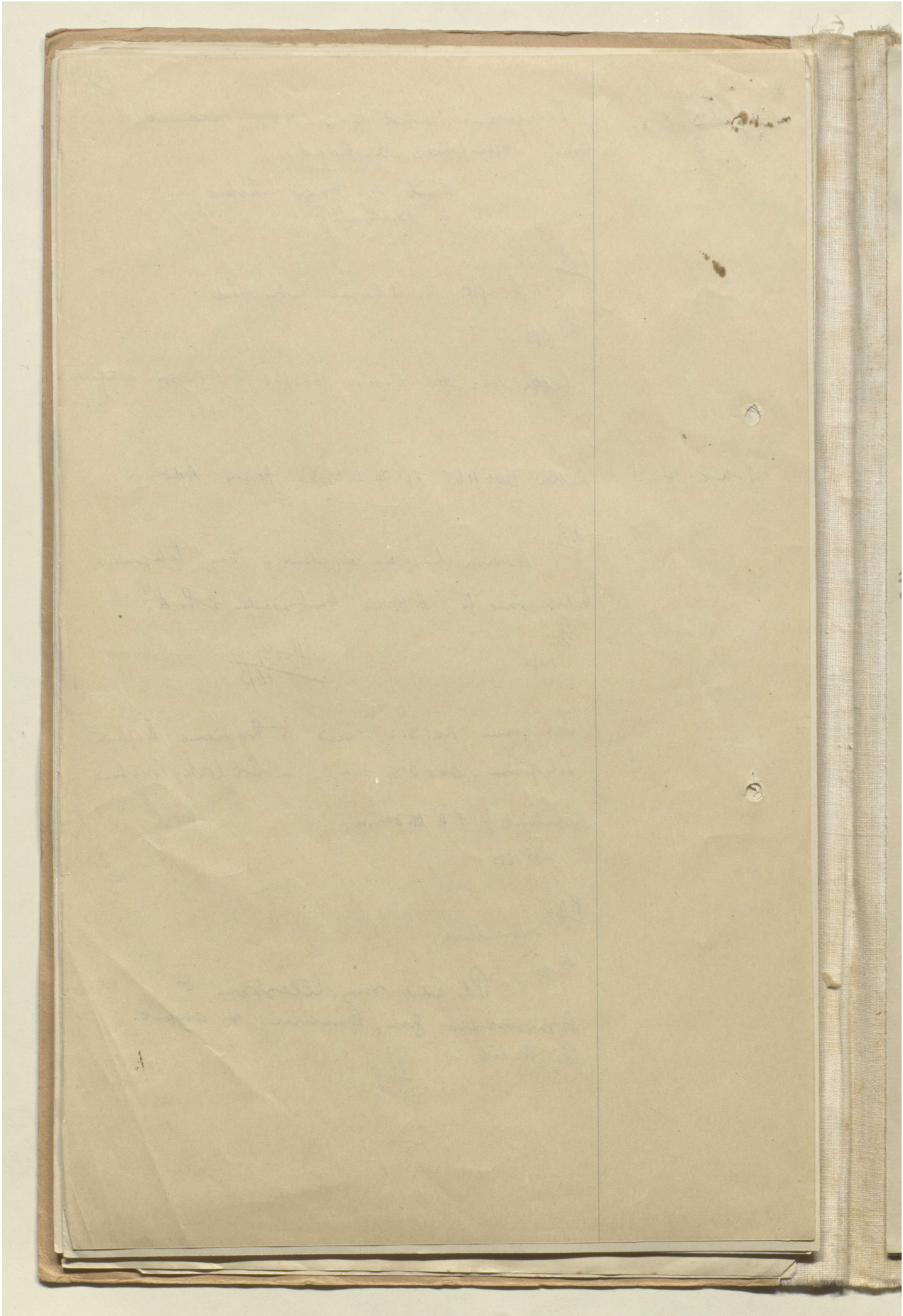
4. It seems that they have been making an attempt
to imbue Bahrain schoolboys with undesirable Arab "Jugend"
ideas.

Yours sincerely,

Major A.C. Galloway, O.B.E.,
Political Agent,
Kuwait.







(19)

I think that I saw the heads of Iraq students at the office recently. I have had no report. What did they come for?

HL
3.4.33

HL
HM

The six 'Iraq teachers came on 1.4.33 to have their Passports endorsed and left the office as soon as this was done.

4.4.33

HL
4/4/33

*But your notes do not seem to be in

Pl. note their names. How long are they staying?

HL
4.4.33

P.A.,

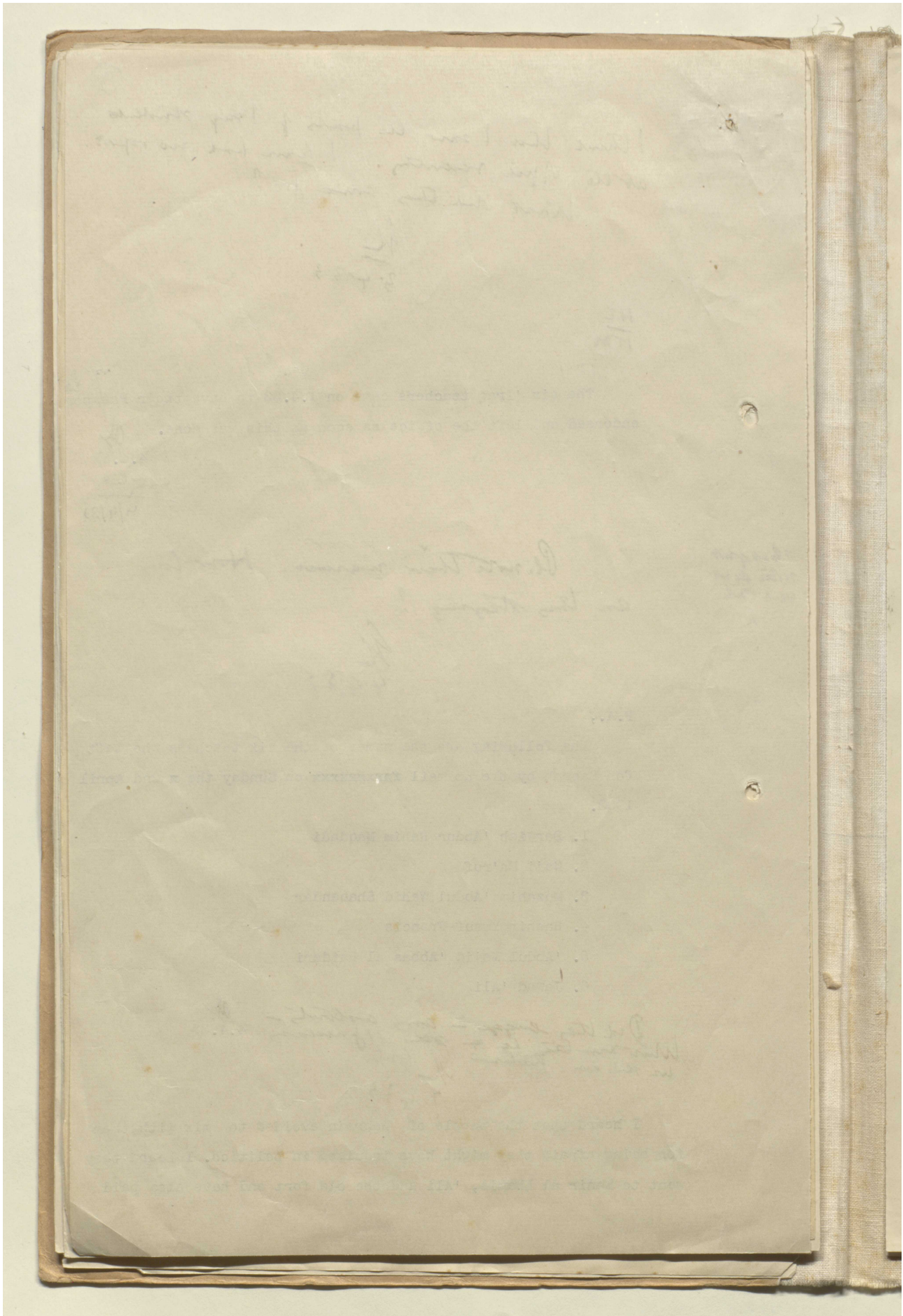
The following are the names of the six teachers who left for Basrah by the up mail ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ on Sunday the 2nd April 1933.

1. Darwish 'Abdur Rahim Maqdadi
2. Naji Ma'ruf
3. Muzahim 'Abdul Wahid Shabandar
4. Bashir Yusuf Francis
5. 'Abdul Majid 'Abbas al Haidari
6. Jawad 'Ali

Did they engage in any activities -
What did they do & see. If necessary
we shall ask Basrah Gov.
4.4.33

I heard that the people of Bahrain avoided to mix with them for being afraid they might have indulged in politics. I heard they went to Manir al Khamis, 'Ali and the old fort and have also paid

P.T.O



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a visit to H.E. Shaikh Hamad. (20)

As the Bahrain Govt. might have ^{had} a report about them during
their stay here a drafted letter is submitted for approval, please

8.4.33

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Letter No:C/150 of 8-4-1933 issued to Adviser.

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Memorandum No:C/90 dated the 22nd April 1933 from the Adviser.

P.A.

Submitted. May be filed.

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Handwritten signature and date: 23.5.33

