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'File 12/18 Registration of sailing vessels'

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About this record

The file comprises correspondence exchanged between the Political Residency in the Persian Gulf and the Political Agency at Bahrain, relating to the registration of sailing vessels. Included in the file is a copy of a Government of India notification No. 2394-E, dated 23 August 1884, relating to the issue of certificates to sailing vessels, to which a letter from the Residency refers, enquiring whether it is still necessary to make provision for the local registration of sailing craft sailing under the British flag (ff-3-5). The Agency's response (f 6) states that almost all vessels in Bahrain are registered by Bahrain Customs, meaning there is no necessity for registration under the 1884 notification. In response, the Residency states that order No. 2394-E of 1884 may be considered as cancelled (f 7). A handwritten note in the file notes, dated 24 June 1950 (ff 8-9), provides more details of the Agency's response to the Residency's enquiry regarding registration of sailing vessels at Bahrain.

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BAHRAIN.

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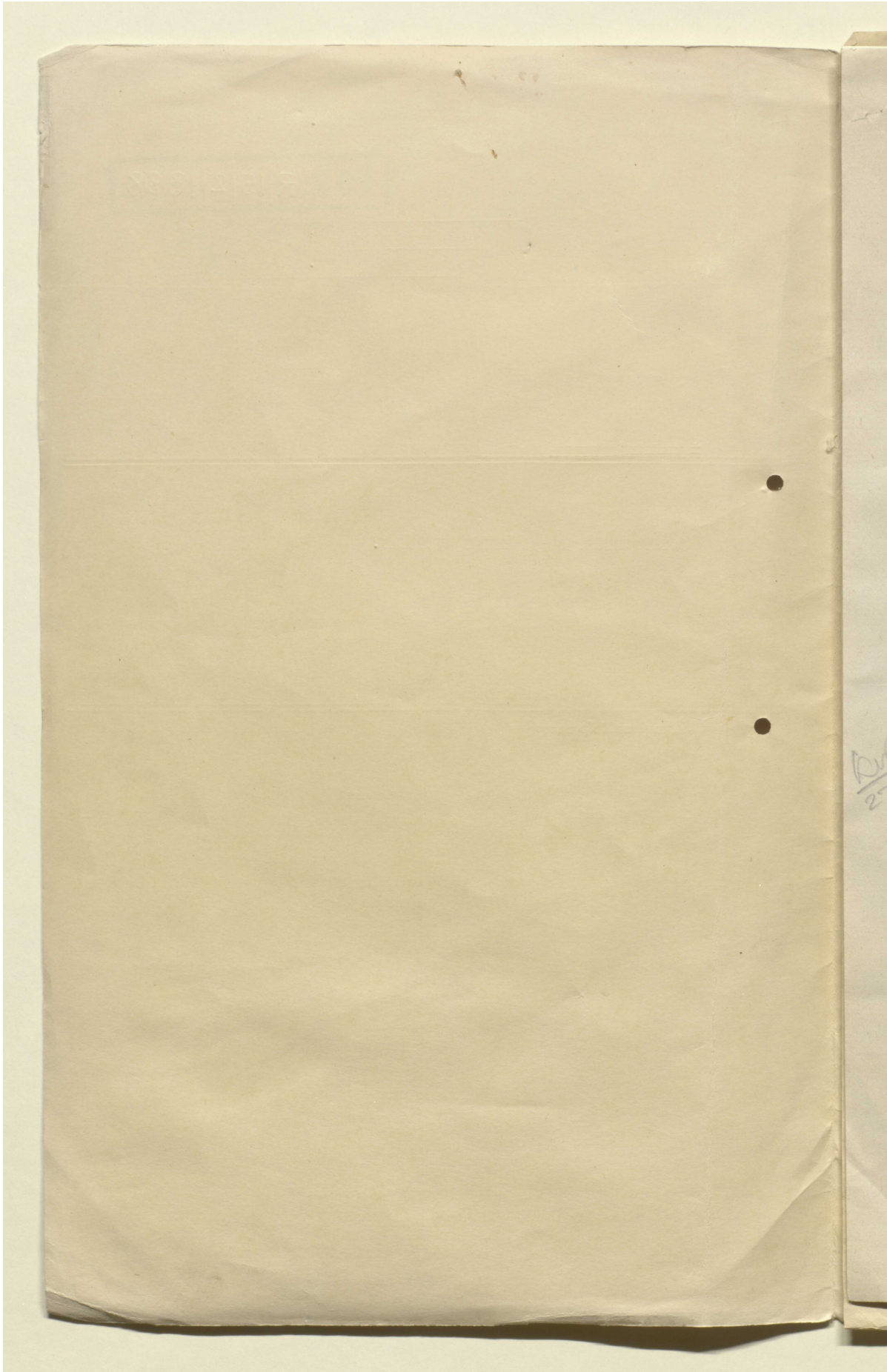
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The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

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- ✓ The Political Agent, Bahrain.
- The Political Agent, Muscat.
- The Political Agent, Kuwait.

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and is directed to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned documents with the instructions that they should continue to be guided by it until they receive orders to the contrary.

British Residency
BAHRAIN.
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Dated.....25th November, 1947.

Reference to previous correspondence :

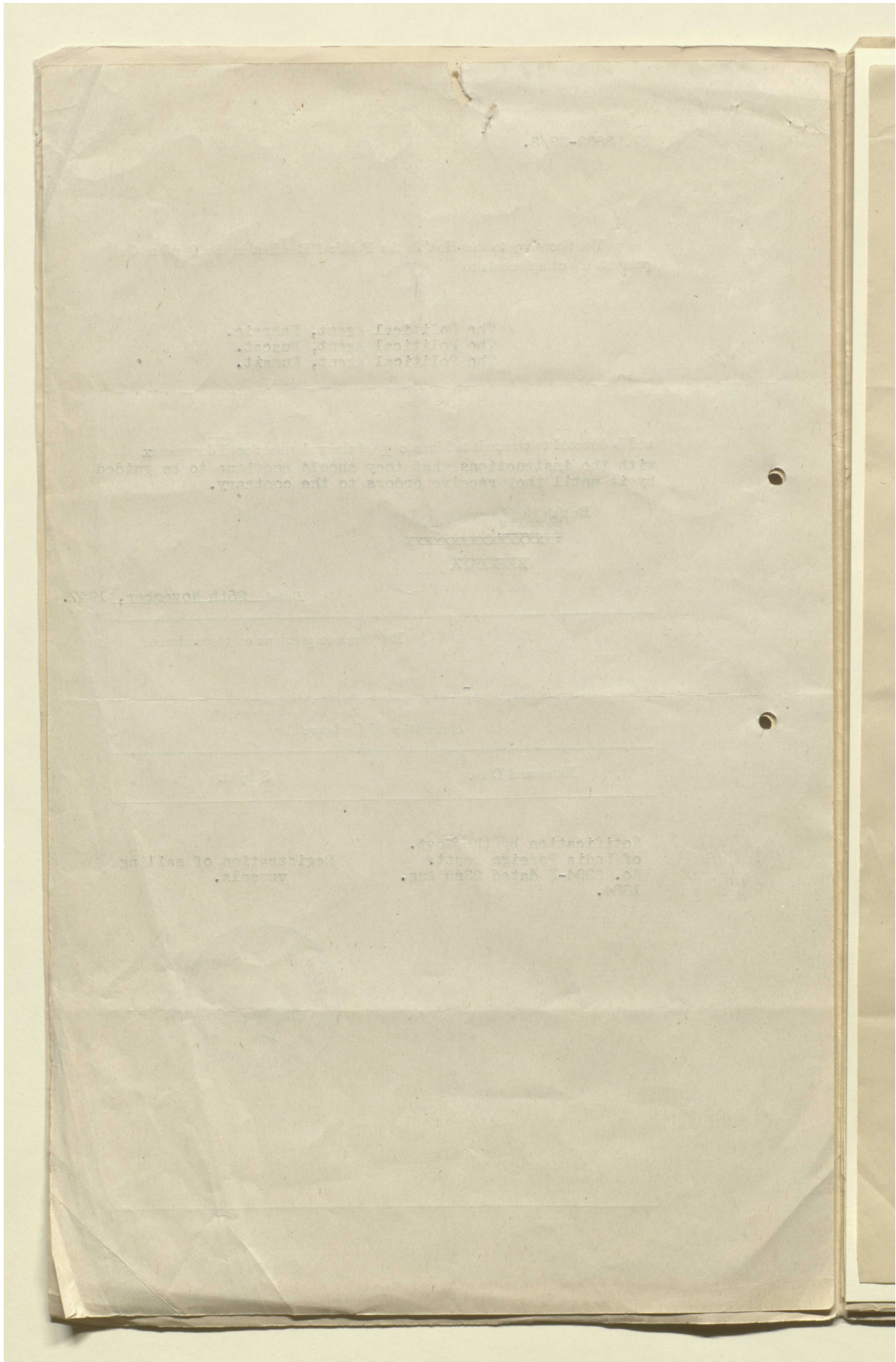
Description of Enclosure

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27.11.47
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Name and Date.	Subject.
<p>Notification by the Govt. of India Foreign Deptt. No. 2394-E dated 23rd Aug. 1884.</p>	<p>Registration of sailing vessels.</p>



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Copy of Notification No. 2394-E., dated Simla the 23rd August 1884 by the Government of India, Foreign Department, received under Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations Express Letter No. D.5077-G/47 dated 10th November, 1947.

The Governor General in Council has been pleased to approve of the following regulations, under which the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf and the Political Agent at Muscat are authorised to grant certificates on certain conditions to owners of unregistered vessels belonging to the Indian subjects of Her Majesty the Queen Empress or to the subjects of Native Chiefs of India in subordinate alliance with the Government of India, trading, within the limits of the Gulfs of Persia and Oman from the vicinity of Mohammerah on the Karun to Gwadar on the Mekran Coast on the one side and from the vicinity of Basrah on the Shat-ul-Arab to Ras Sajir or Sair on the Arabian Coast on the other. These certificates will be recognized as passes by Her Majesty's Consular and Naval officers, and by all British authorities to whom they may be exhibited.

A. The certificate or pass is to be granted only to such vessels, by reason of their owners residing outside Indian territory or of their never visiting a port of registry, cannot obtain a proper certificate of registration.

B. Before issuing any such certificate or pass the Consul is to satisfy himself, by such evidence as he may be able to procure, that the vessel is owned in the manner described in the preamble, and is lawfully employed.

This evidence should be taken down in writing and signed by the person or persons giving it.

C. A copy of the certificate or pass, with the written evidence annexed, should in each case be sent to the Foreign Department of the Government of India for transmission to Her Majesty's Board of Trade to be recorded.

D. The certificate is to be given in the following form:-

FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

Certificate for unregistered vessels plying or trading within the limits of the Gulfs of Persia and Oman from the vicinity of Mohammerah on the Karun to Gwadar on the Mekran Coast on the one side and from the vicinity of Basrah on the Shat-ul-Arab to Ras Sajir or Sair on the Arabian Coast on the other:-

Name of vessel _____ of tons
Name of owner _____
Name of Master. _____
Number of crew. _____
Place of build or purchase _____
Date of build or purchase. _____
Number of decks. _____
Number of masts. _____
Rig. _____
Stern. _____
Build _____
Galleries. _____
Head. _____
Framework. _____

After due enquiry into the ownership of the above vessel, I certify, upon the evidence adduced before me, that she is bona fide owned by British subjects duly qualified to own British ships (or as the case may be) by persons who, being the subjects of _____ a Prince (or State) in India in subordinate alliance with Her Majesty, are entitled to British protection.

Copy of Notification No. 2304-E., dated Simla the 23rd August 1884 by the Government of India, Foreign Department, received under Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations Express Letter No. D.2077-G/47 dated 10th November, 1927.

The Governor General in Council has been pleased to approve of the following regulations, under which the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf and the Political Agent at Muscat are authorized to grant certificates on certain conditions to owners of unregistered vessels belonging to the Indian subjects of Her Majesty the Queen Empress or to the subjects of Native Chiefs of India in subordinate alliance with the Government of India, trading within the limits of the Gulf of Persia and Oman from the vicinity of Mohammerah on the Karun to Gwadar on the Makran Coast on the one side and from the vicinity of Basrah on the Shat-el-Arab to Bas Rajir or Sair on the Arabian Coast on the other. These certificates will be recognised as passes by Her Majesty's Consular and Naval officers, and by all British authorities whom they may be exhibited.

A. The certificate or pass is to be granted only to such vessels, by reason of their owners residing outside Indian territory or of their never visiting a port of registry, cannot obtain a proper certificate of registration.

B. Before issuing any such certificate or pass the Consul is to satisfy himself, by such evidence as he may be able to procure, that the vessel is owned in the manner described in the preamble, and is lawfully employed.

This evidence should be taken down in writing and signed by the person or persons giving it.

C. A copy of the certificate or pass, with the written evidence annexed, should in each case be sent to the Foreign Department of the Government of India for transmission to Her Majesty's Board of Trade to be recorded.

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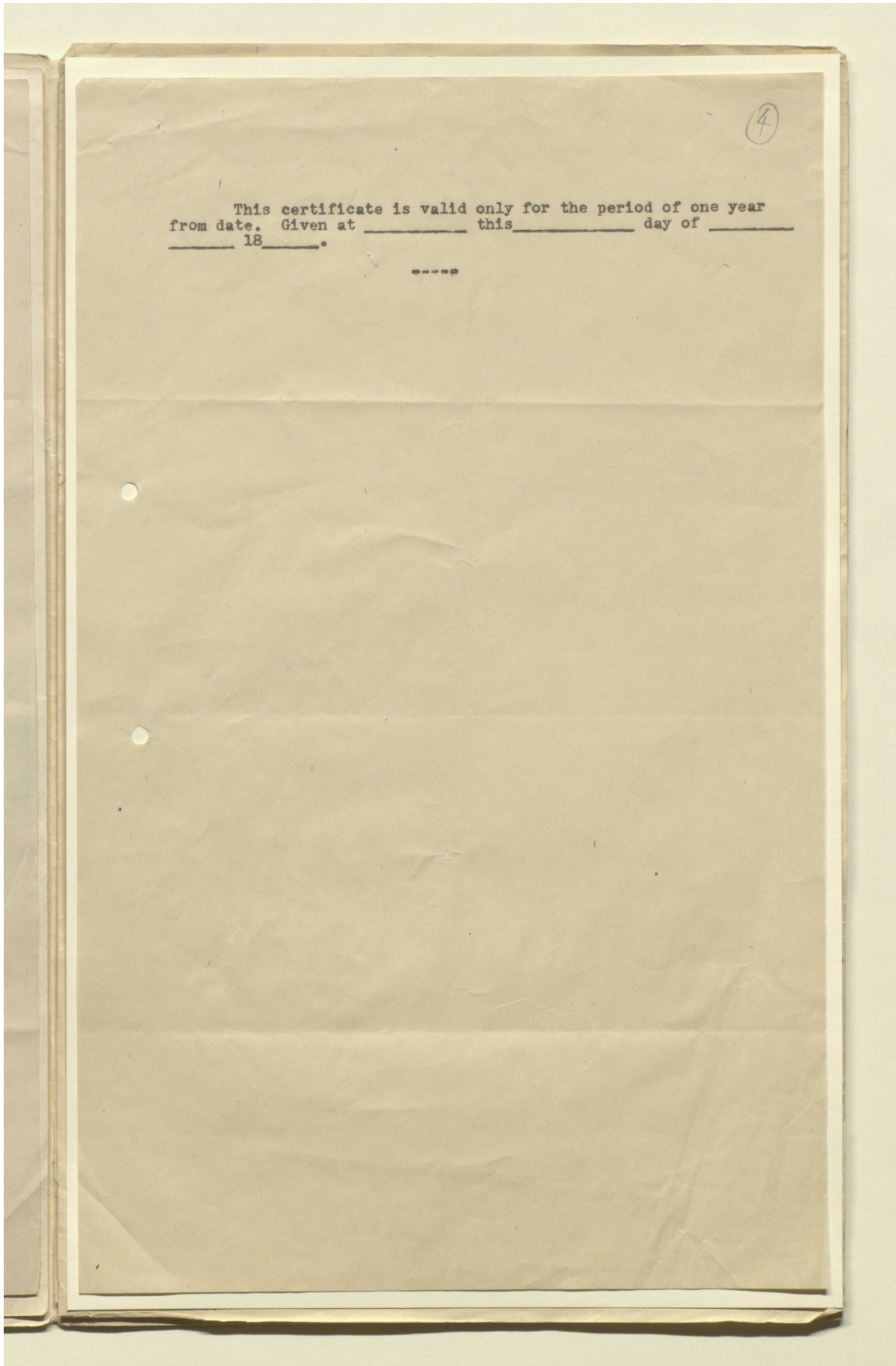
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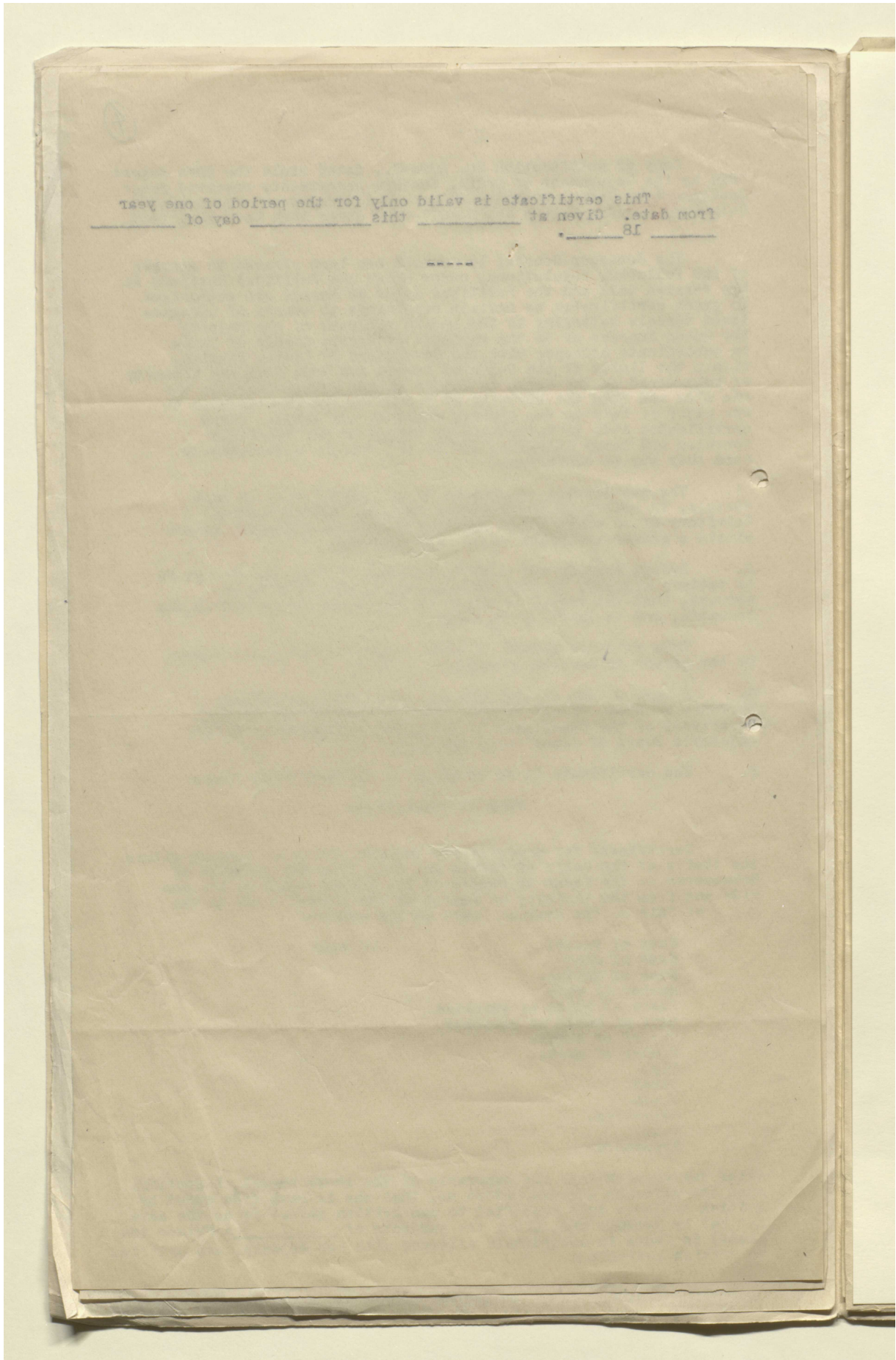
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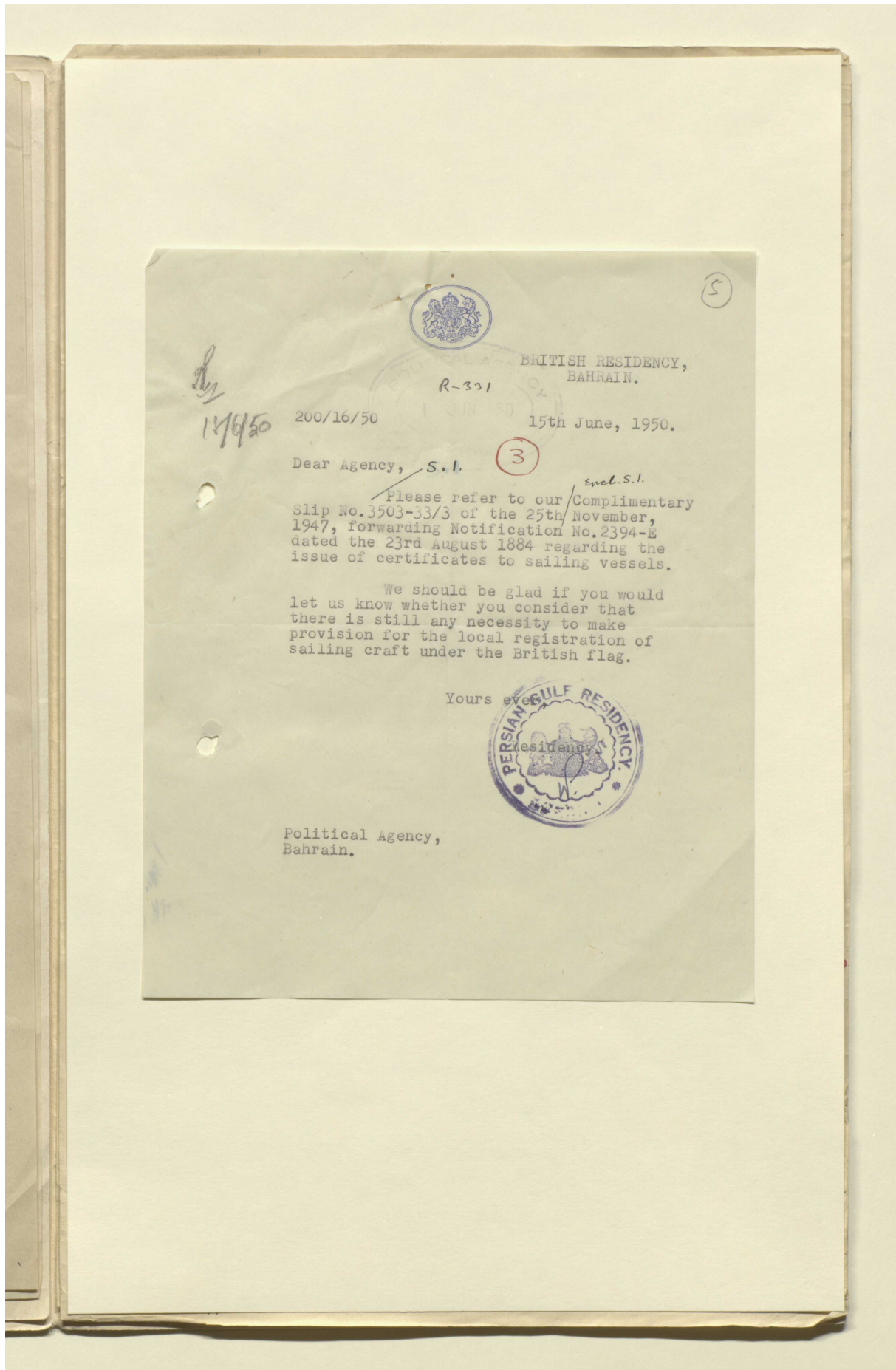
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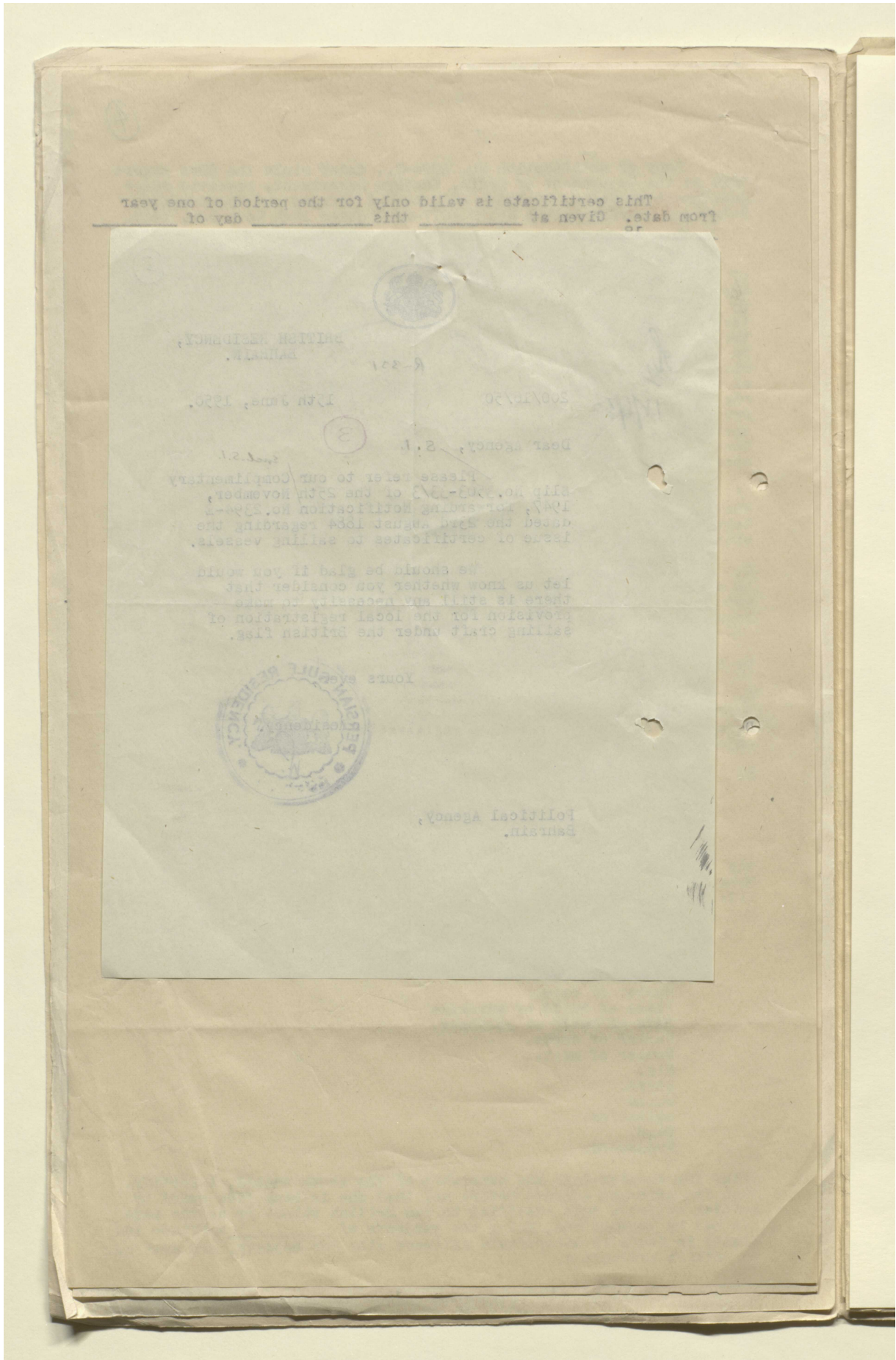




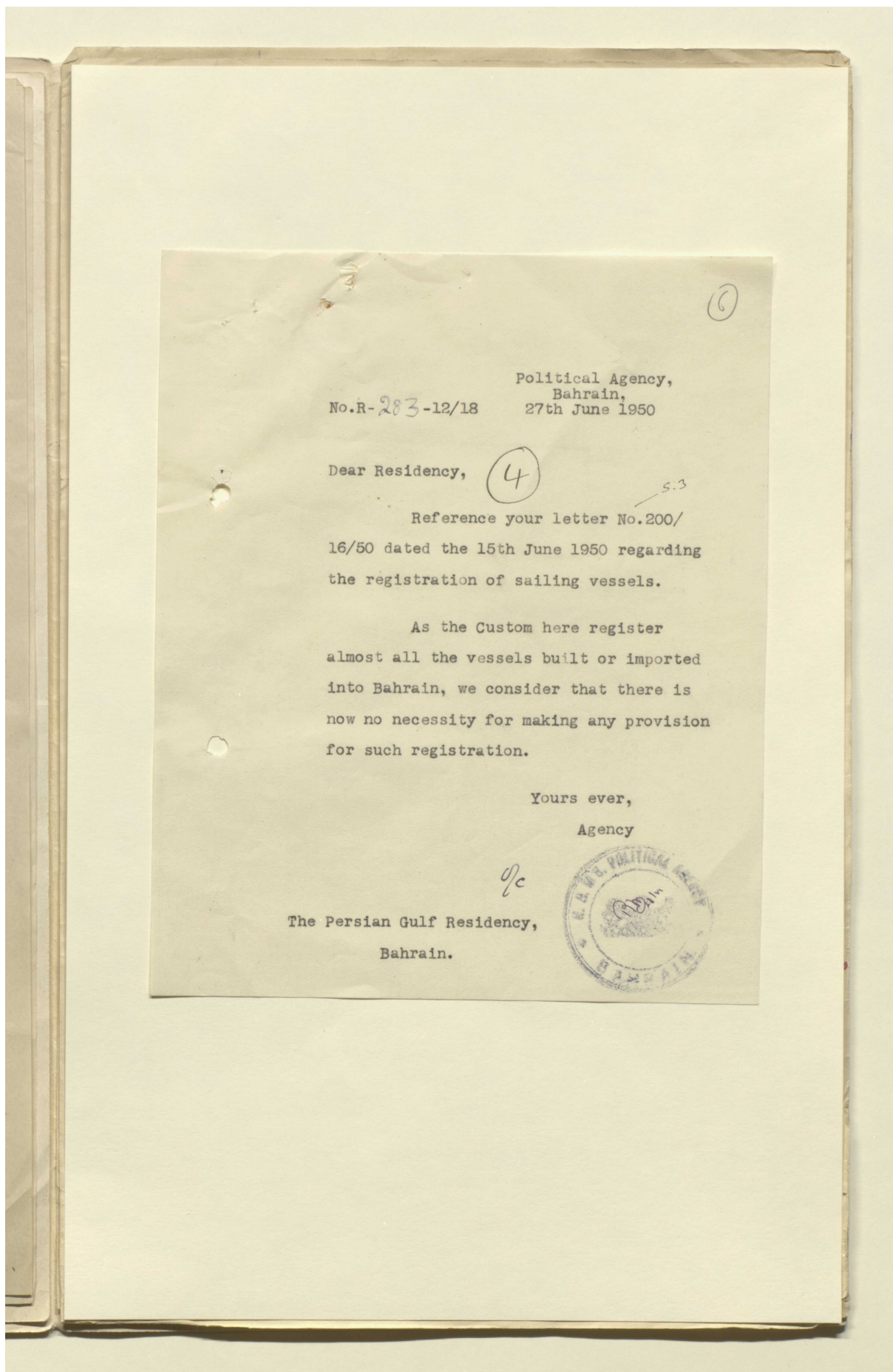
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'File 12/18 Registration of sailing vessels' [6r] (11/22)



Political Agency,
Bahrain,
27th June 1950

No.R-283-12/18

Dear Residency, (4)

Reference your letter No.200/
16/50 dated the 15th June 1950 regarding
the registration of sailing vessels.

As the Custom here register
almost all the vessels built or imported
into Bahrain, we consider that there is
now no necessity for making any provision
for such registration.

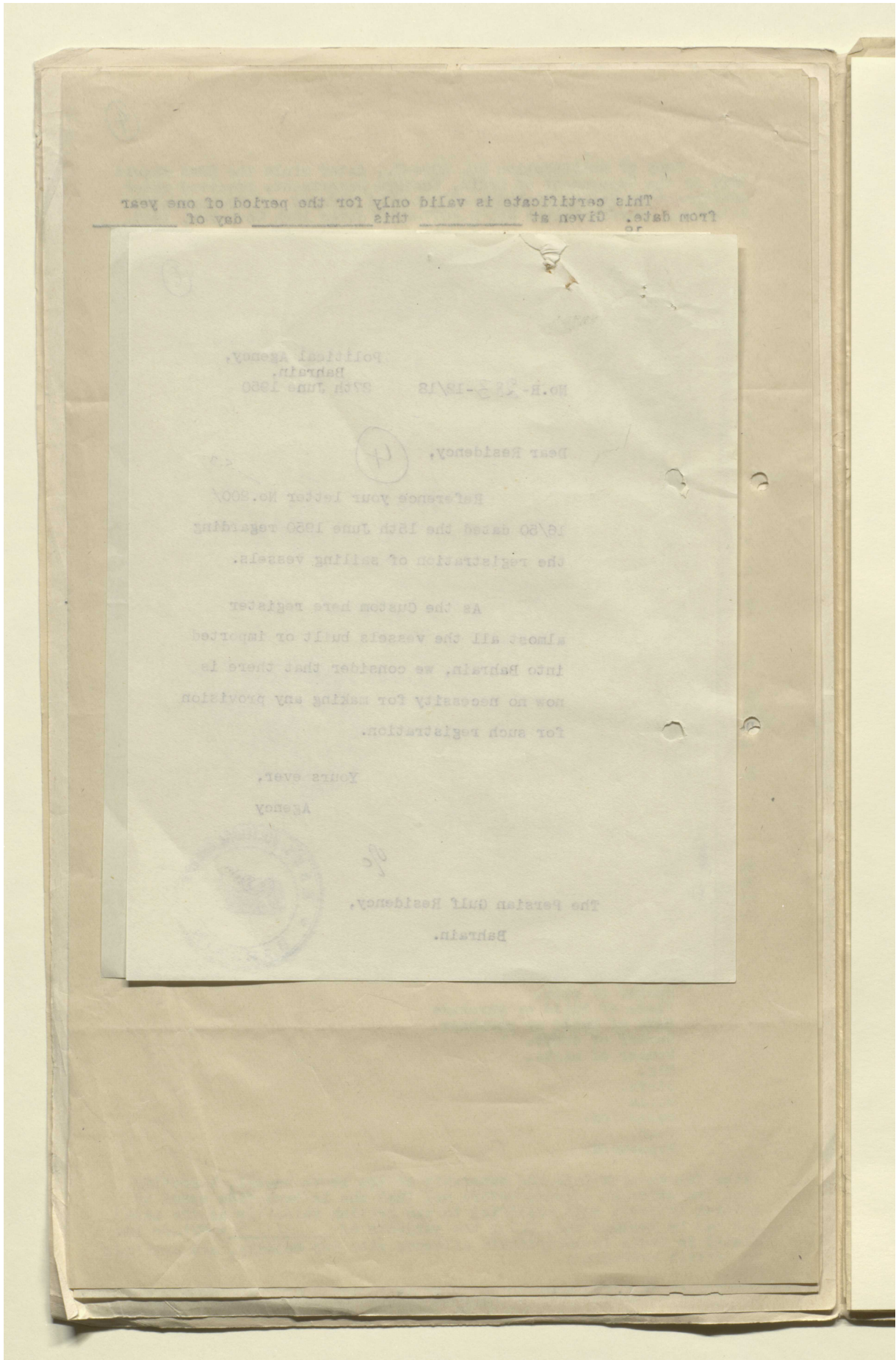
Yours ever,

Agency

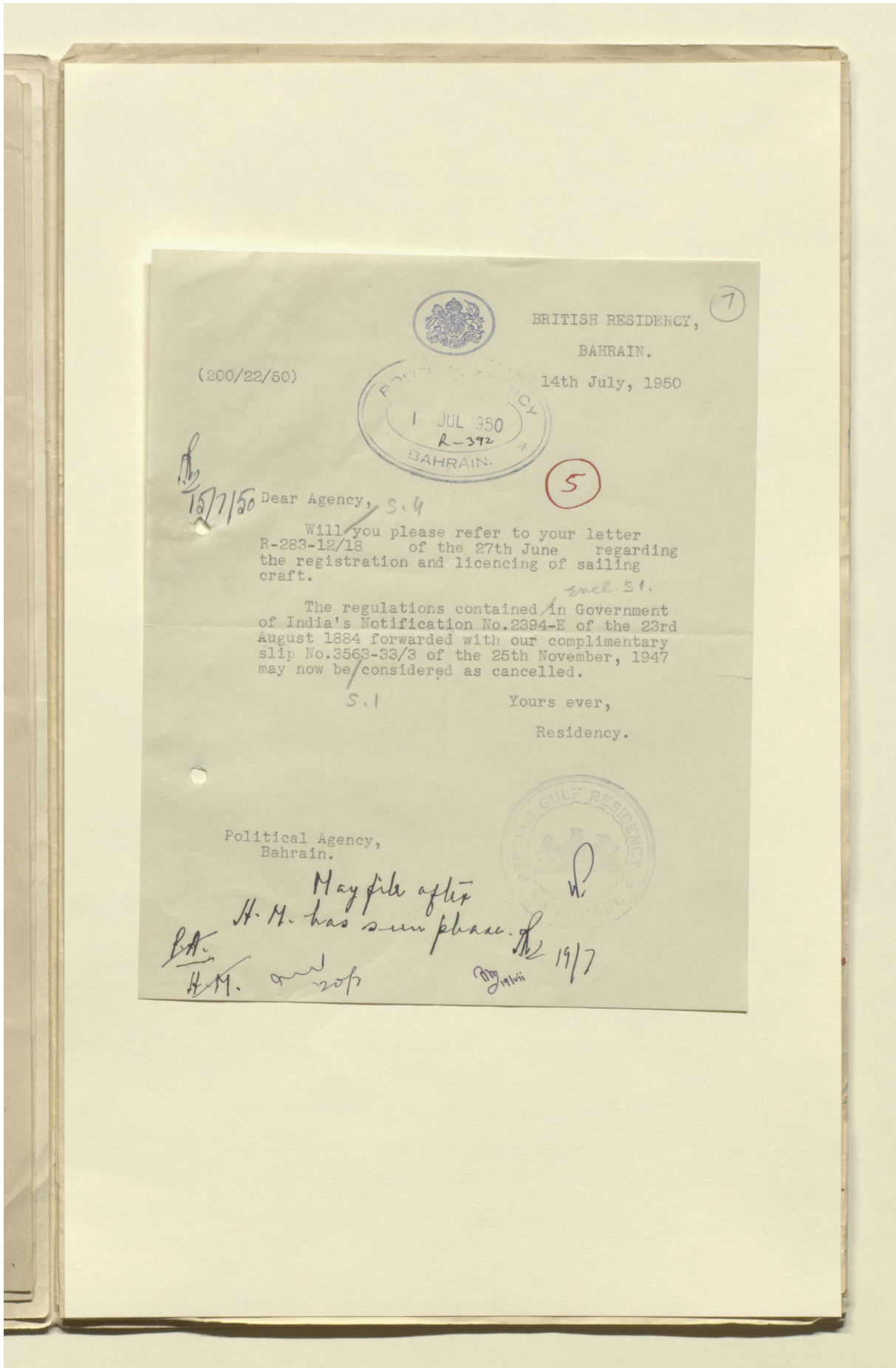
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The Persian Gulf Residency,
Bahrain.



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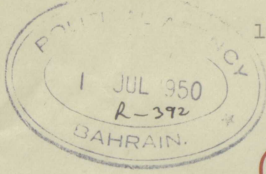
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BRITISH RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN.

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14th July, 1950



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15/7/50

Dear Agency, S.4

Will you please refer to your letter R-283-12/18 of the 27th June regarding the registration and licencing of sailing craft.

encl. S.1.

The regulations contained in Government of India's Notification No. 2394-E of the 23rd August 1884 forwarded with our complimentary slip No. 3563-33/3 of the 25th November, 1947 may now be considered as cancelled.

S.1

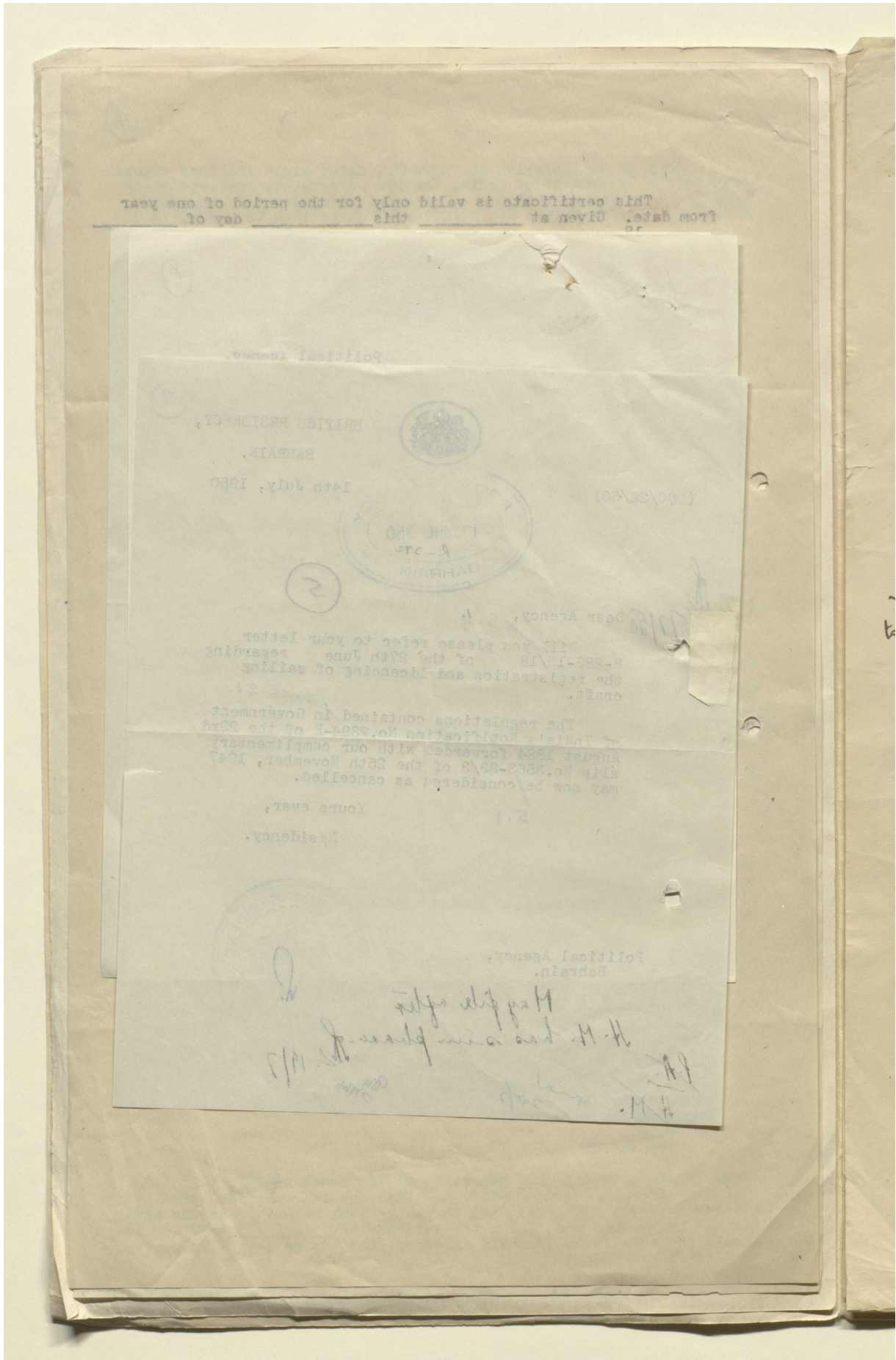
Yours ever,
Residency.

Political Agency,
Bahrain.



May file after
H.M. has seen plan.
B.A.
H.M. and 20/7
19/7

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'File 12/18 Registration of sailing vessels' [8r] (15/22)

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PL No. 3503 dt 25.11.47 from P.R., Bahrain. ⑧

No Certs. have been given $\frac{6}{8/12/47}$
in Bahrain so far. These
instructions are only for our information.
File?
RWB
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Letter NO. Registry 39,340 dt 13.10.48
from Registrar of Shipping
Hongkong
11/11/48
3/11

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to File No. 3/31
11/11/48
15/11/48. May await the arrival
of the Master of the vessel?
7.11.48
11/11

③

Letter dt 26.11.48 from Registry of
British Ships, London.
15/11

③

Letter NO. 200/16/50, DT 15.6.50 from the Residency.
20.6.50

The local customs acting as Port Directorate
register local vessels only. The Certificates mentioned
in S. 1 of the file are to be issued to owners of un-
registered vessels belonging to Indian or Pakistani
subjects residing outside India or Pakistan. I don't
think there is still any necessity for making provision
for their registration but before a reply is sent H.M.
may be asked to comment. 20/6/50

H.M.
RWB

On inquiring from the Customs here,
I came to know that they register
all the vessels built-up in Bahrain
or imported here, but plying between
this port & any other, provided
such vessels are not for export
and that the owner, no matter
about his nationality, should
have an immovable property in
Bahrain. I agree with the
Supdt's view that there is no
necessity for making a provision
for the registration of vessels
belonging to Indians & Pakistanis
in Bahrain.

[Signature]
24.6.50

[Signature] Please draft accordingly.

[Signature]

Draft submitted for approval.

[Signature]
26.6.50

(4)

Issued letter No. R-283,57/27.6.50
to the Residency.

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