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‘Transport requirements; Truck for office’

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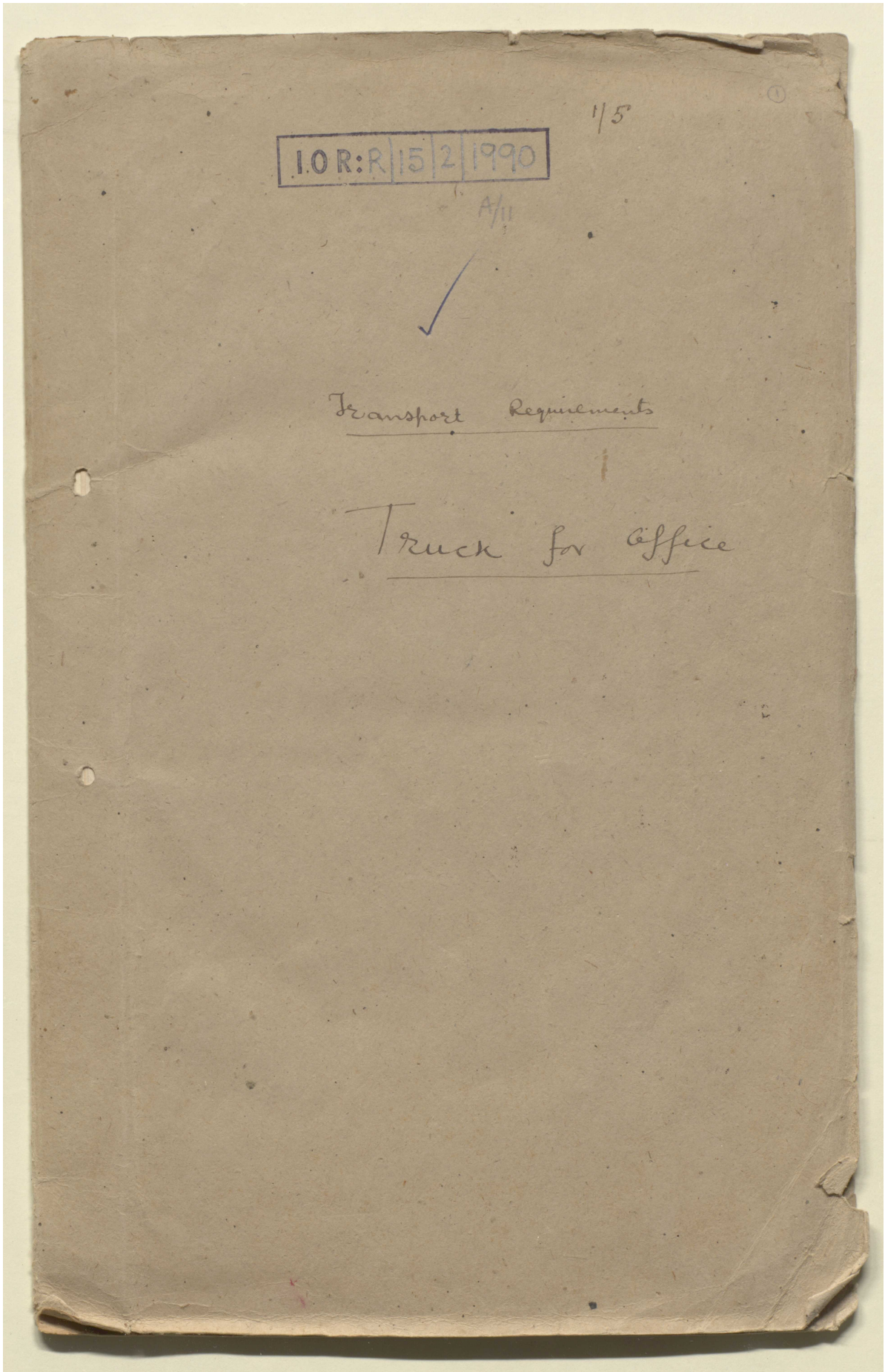
The file contains correspondence relating to the shipment from Basra to Bahrain of a Dodge truck for use by the Public Relations Office in Bahrain, and the shipment in the opposite direction of a Hudson saloon car. The file's principal correspondents are: the Public Relations Officer in Basra (Major E C Becher; D A Denbigh); the Public Relations Officer in Bahrain (Cornelius James Pelly).

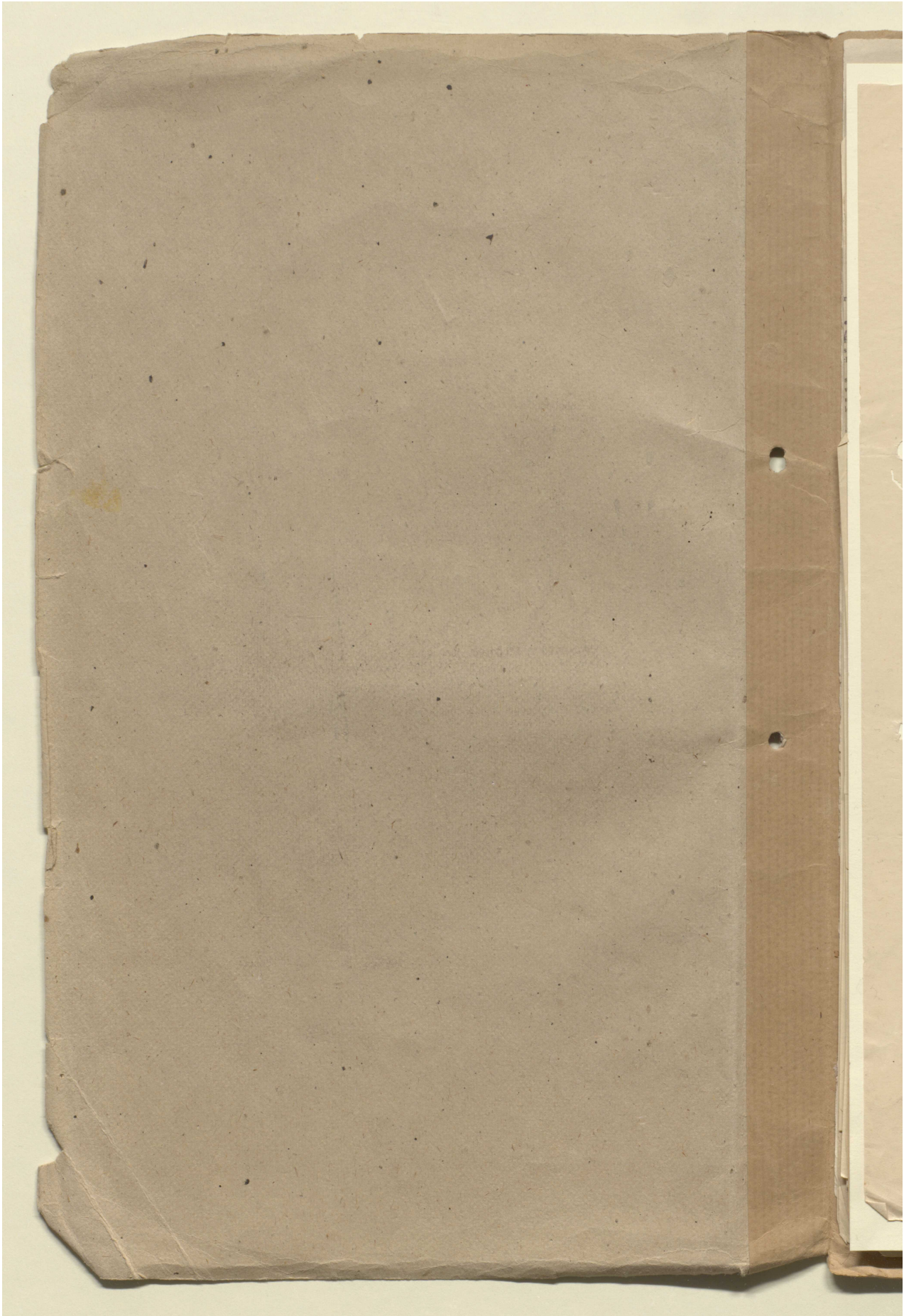
The file contains:

- correspondence relating to arrangements to ship the truck, with associated equipment, from Bahrain to Basra. The truck was intended for use by the Public Relations office to transport a generator and film projector, and be used for radio broadcasts;
- correspondence relating to arrangements to ship the Hudson saloon, with associated equipment, from Bahrain to Basra. The correspondence documents the difficulties encountered in finding passage for the car, the appointment of a farrash to accompany the car to discourage pilfering of its components and equipment while en route, and the failure of the farrash to protect the car, leading it to arrive in Basra, in the words of the Public Relations Officer at Basra, 'in a very bad condition' (f 29);
- correspondence relating to equipment requirements for the truck in Bahrain;

- correspondence relating to an incident in which the driver of the truck was stopped by the police authorities in Bahrain, who had assumed that the truck was stolen property.

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'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [2r] (3/106)

MEMORANDUM

From :—British Embassy Public Relations Section, Baghdad.
To :—**M.I.M.E. Cairo (Transport & Communications Section)** Tel:—5081-2-3
or ask for
"Embassy P.R."
on Paiforce Exchange
Ref :—1073 Date :—6th March, 1945.
Ref Your:—V/1/5 dated 15th February, 1945.
Subject :—TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

Your above letter was forwarded through M.E.S.C. to QAE, GHQ Paiforce, who have now informed us that one truck 15 cwt Dodge (Canadian) Class, repaired will be issued to this section.

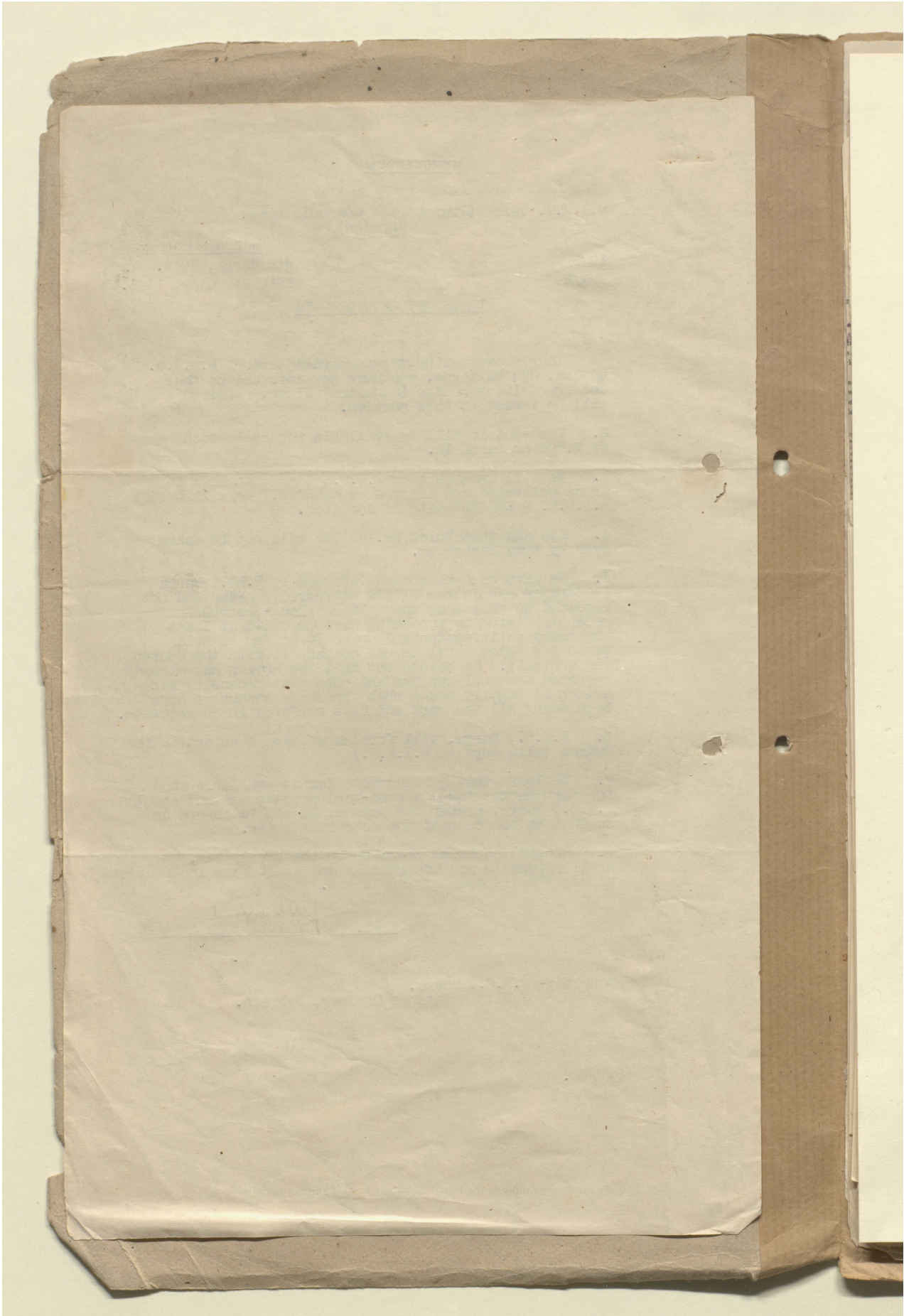
2. The vehicle will be available for collection at 7 BOD on March 12.
3. We will arrange with P.R.O., Basra, to have this truck collected and shipped to BAHREIN. We will notify M.I.M.E. & BAHREIN date of despatch.
4. QAE add that Buick No. BS 385 will not be taken over by Army Workshops.
5. We have meanwhile been informed by P.R.O., Basra (reference his letter T/7074 addressed Baghdad and not repeated to you) that the Bedford shock-absorbers recently fitted to the Buick have provided at least temporary satisfaction and he would prefer to hold on to the Buick until he can compare it with the Hudson (on arrival). He points out that the Hudson has already required new coil springs and once that necessity has arisen it usually means that the shock absorbers have been doing all the work and have suffered in consequence.
6. P.R.O., Basra, will furnish us with a report on the Hudson (with copy to M.I.M.E.)
7. We learn that a handsome offer is available in the open market for a second-hand private car and should P.R.O., Basra, prefer the Hudson, he should inform us so that we can contact the potential buyer.
8. Should the Buick prove to be the better car, we shall report to you accordingly and await your instructions as regards disposal of the Hudson.

J. M. Hughes
ASST. PUBLIC RELATIONS ATTACHE

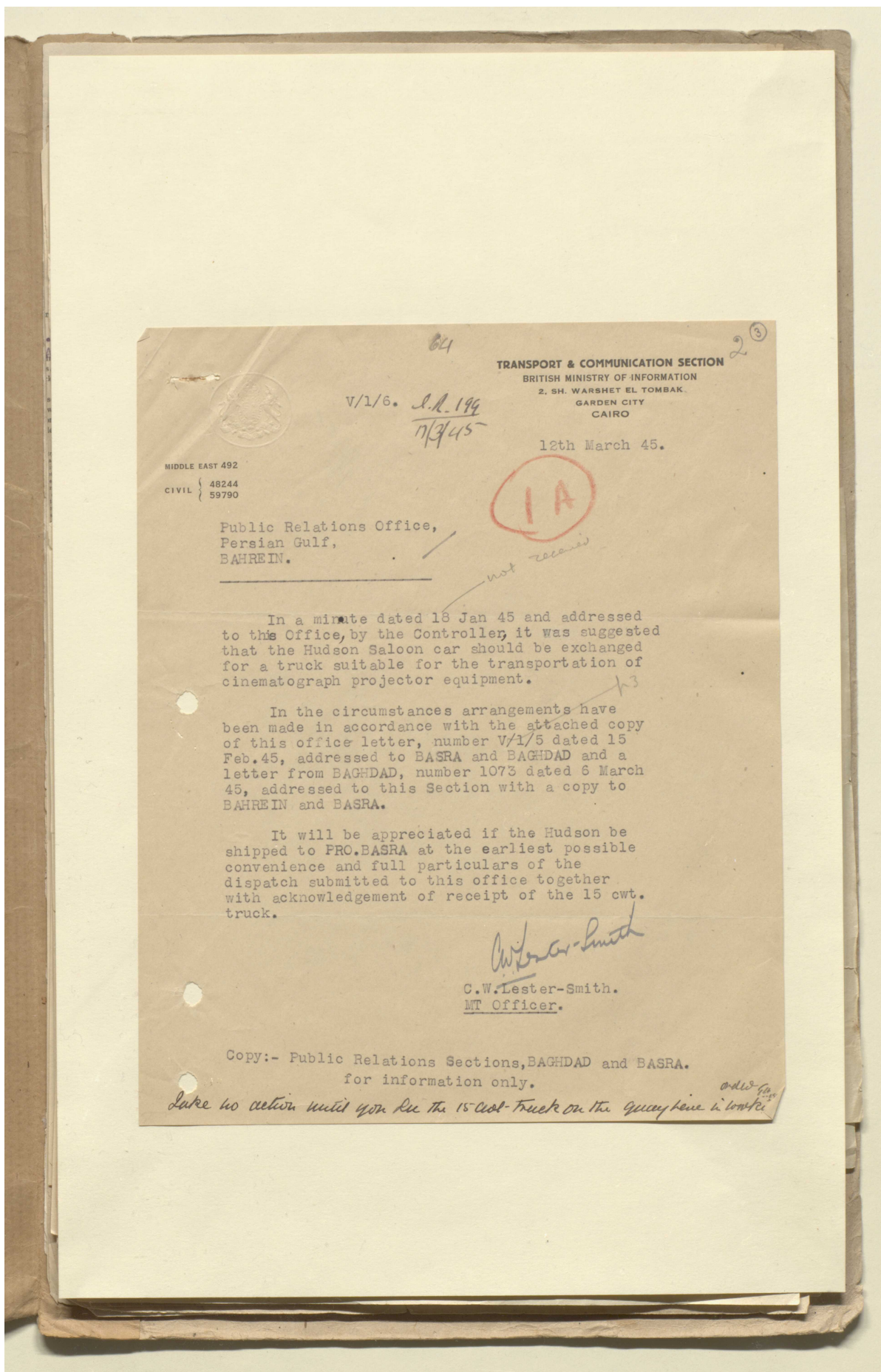
Copy to:- P.R.O., Basra.
Public Relations Officer, Bahrein. ✓

FJB/NE.

Please address your reply to the Public Relations Section and not to individuals.



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TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION SECTION
BRITISH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION
2, SH. WARSHET EL TOMBAK,
GARDEN CITY
CAIRO

V/1/6. S.A. 194
7/9/45

12th March 45.

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Public Relations Office,
Persian Gulf,
BAHREIN.

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In a minute dated 18 Jan 45 and addressed to this Office, by the Controller, it was suggested that the Hudson Saloon car should be exchanged for a truck suitable for the transportation of cinematograph projector equipment.

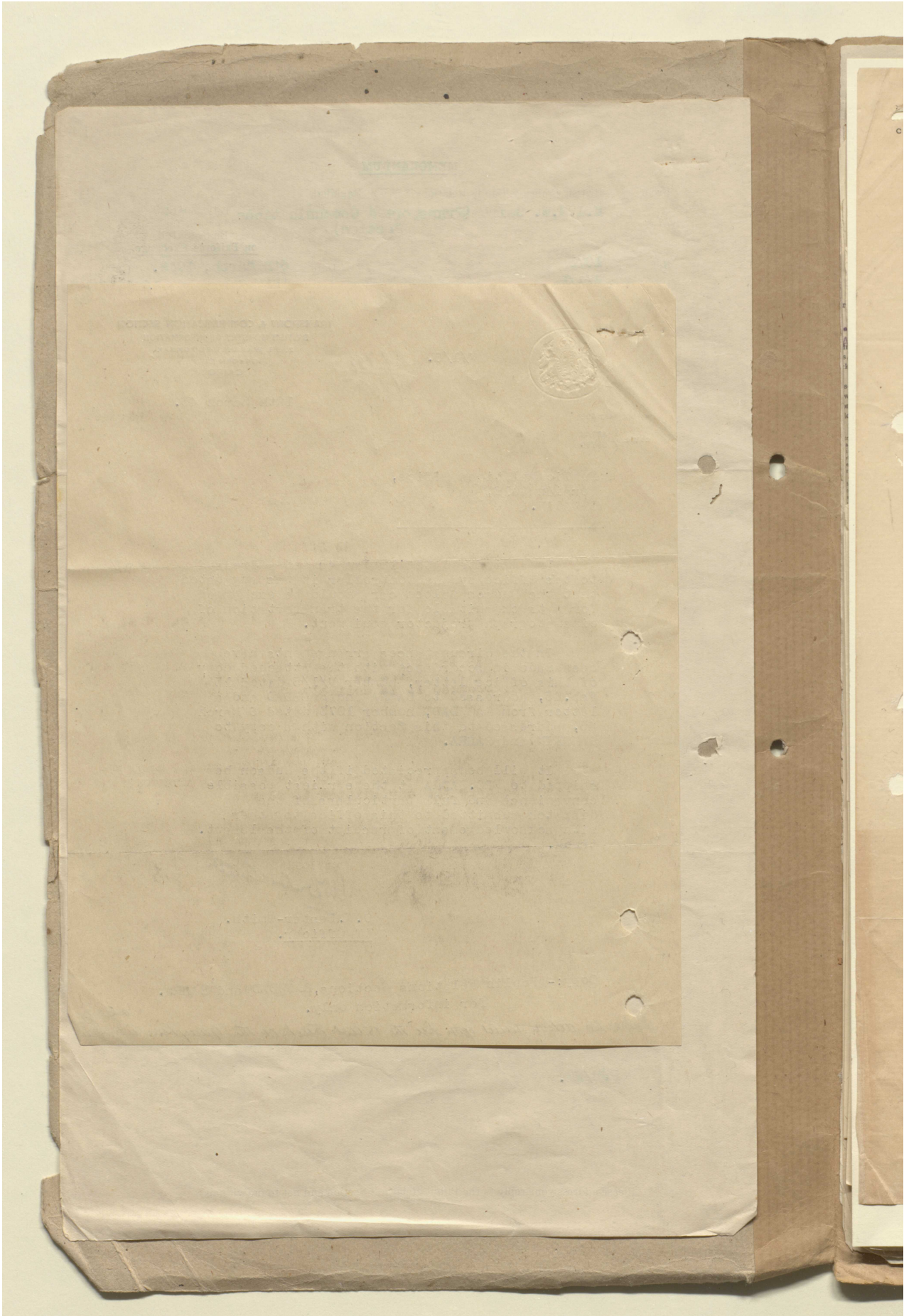
In the circumstances arrangements have been made in accordance with the attached copy of this office letter, number V/1/5 dated 15 Feb. 45, addressed to BASRA and BAGHDAD and a letter from BAGHDAD, number 1073 dated 6 March 45, addressed to this Section with a copy to BAHREIN and BASRA.

It will be appreciated if the Hudson be shipped to FRC.BASRA at the earliest possible convenience and full particulars of the dispatch submitted to this office together with acknowledgement of receipt of the 15 cwt. truck.

C.W. Lester-Smith
C.W. Lester-Smith.
MT Officer.

Copy:- Public Relations Sections, BAGHDAD and BASRA.
for information only.

Take no action until you see the 15 cwt. Truck on the quay here in London



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TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION SECTION
BRITISH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION
2, SH. WARSHET EL TOMBAK
GARDEN CITY
CAIRO

15th February, 1945.

V/1/5

Public Relations Section, BASRA.
Public Relations Section, BAGHDAD.

Copy to : Public Relations Office, BAHREIN ✓

Reference Basra letter, DO/6701/A dated 25 Jan 45
addressed to Mr. E.J. Howes.

It is proposed to transfer a Hudson Saloon car
from Bahrein to Basra as a replacement for Buick Saloon,
BS 385, because it is unlikely that spare parts can be
obtained to repair the Buick.

Upon completion of the replacement of front coil
springs, which are being despatched from this office to
Bahrein by air on 16 Feb 45, it is understood that the
Hudson will be in good condition and arrangements will be
made to have the car shipped to Basra.

However, Bahrein is in need of a 15 cwt GS truck,
to replace the Hudson, for the purpose of transporting a
generator and film projector and it will be appreciated if
Baghdad office will apply to GHQ PAIFORCE for authority to
draw this truck from WD stocks and dispose of the Buick,
for the best possible price, in the local market.

Should GHQ PAIFORCE be unable to authorise the
issue of a truck it is suggested that the Buick be submitted
to Army Workshops; a BLR (beyond local repair) certificate
obtained; the vehicle evacuated to a Returned Vehicle Store
and application made for a 15 cwt truck as replacement.

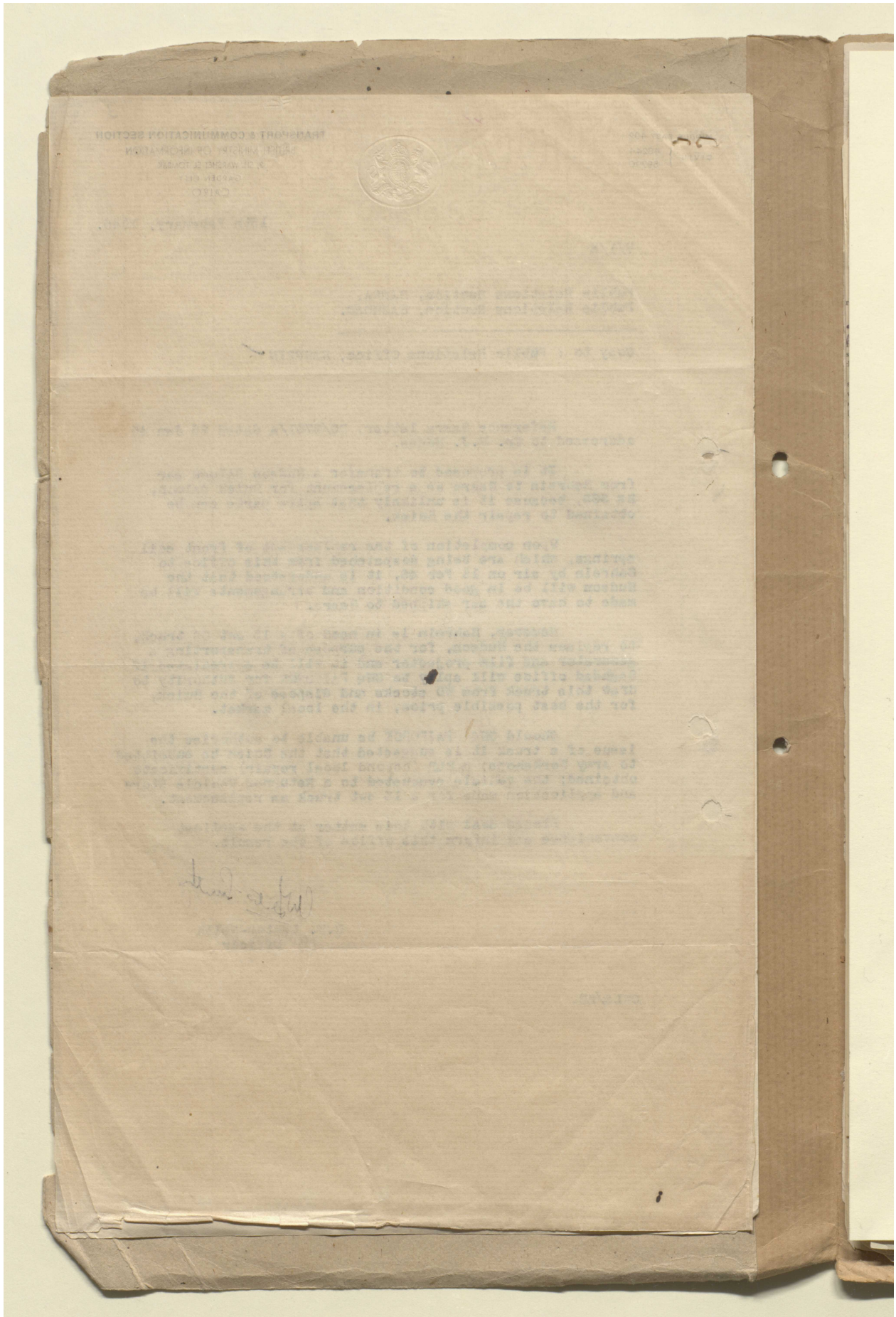
Please deal with this matter at the earliest
convenience and inform this office of the result.

C.W. Lester-Smith

C.W. Lester-Smith
MT Officer

CWLS/EB.

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CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED.
(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND.)

The first line of this Telegram contains the following particulars in the order named:—
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OFFICE OF ISSUE

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PUBLICITY BAHREIN (2)

432/N5 15/4 AM FORWARDING KEY OF TOOL LOCKERS
DODGE TRUCK AIRMAIL

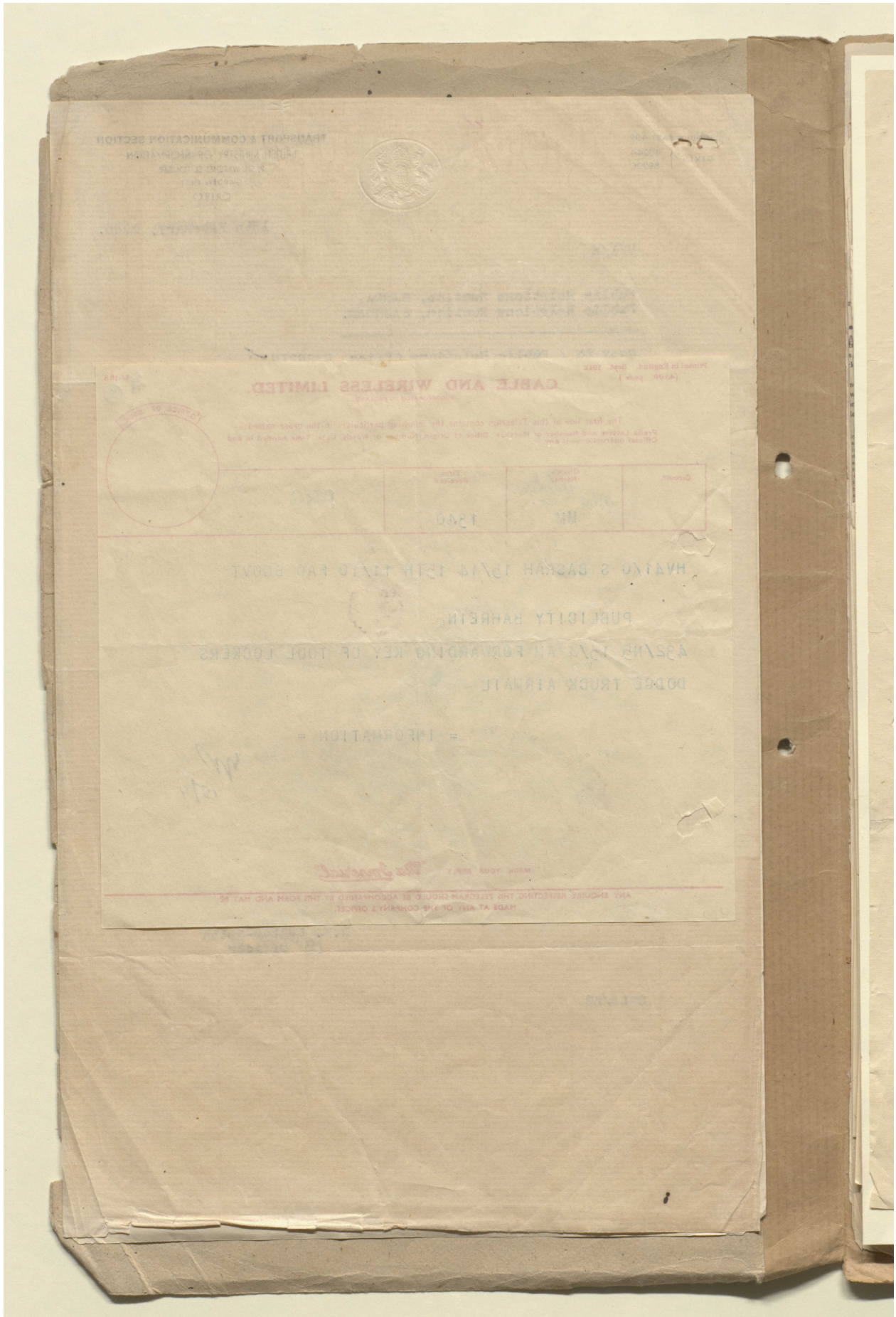
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MARK YOUR REPLY *"Via Imperial"*

ANY ENQUIRY RESPECTING THIS TELEGRAM SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THIS FORM AND MAY BE
MADE AT ANY OF THE COMPANY'S OFFICES.

'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [5v] (10/106)



'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [6r] (11/106)

J.R. 303
17.4.45

Secret

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From:- Public Relations Section, Basra
To:- Public Relations Officer, Bahrein
No:- T/7235
Date:- 16th. April, 1945.

③

Subject:- TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS.

1. Ref. P.R.S., Baghdad Memo No. 1073 dated 6.3.45 addressed to M.I.M.E. copies to you and to me subject "Transport Requirements".
2. Your truck was shipped this morning. You will be notified on its arrival at Bahrein and you will receive a copy of the Waybill.
3. It is a Truck 15 cwt 4 X 2 DODGE (Canadian) Class I. W.D. No. 4795748.
It is equipped with a spare wheel skid chains and two tow ropes. The spare wheel was bolted in the holder and the tow ropes and skid chains were in the back.

I drew a vehicle outfit as per the enclosed original list.

You will notice only one tow rope is listed. The second happened to be spare.

Some items have been added and some are crossed off not being available and I am told these are no longer issued.

There was also a spare fan belt in one of the lockers.

I stowed the entire kit in the two lockers which are padlocked but there is only one key for the two locks and I enclose it herewith.

The two cans petrol (2 gall.) and 1 can oil (1 gall.) are wired into their lockers for which no locks are issued.

When I drew the truck the single headlight was slit masked which I knew would be a disadvantage to you. Glasses for these lamps are unobtainable both here and in Bahrein but I was able to have one removed from another vehicle and fitted to yours.

The AB 112, instructional handbook and spare parts list are in one of the lockers.

4. I arranged for the vehicle to be accompanied by two Indian other ranks, L/Naik Yea Rankow and Spr. Gardalal of the 511 A.W. Coy. Bahrein as escort.

5. I am informed by D.A.D.M.E. South Iraq Area that all trucks for Bahrein should be issued by B.O.D. in Bahrein and that the issue order should have been made out for issue to you in Bahrein and not to me.

The issue, preparation for shipment, shipment, escort etc. would then all have been arranged by B.O.D. in the normal manner.

Unfortunately, I learnt this too late but I trust you will receive the truck and the equipment safely.

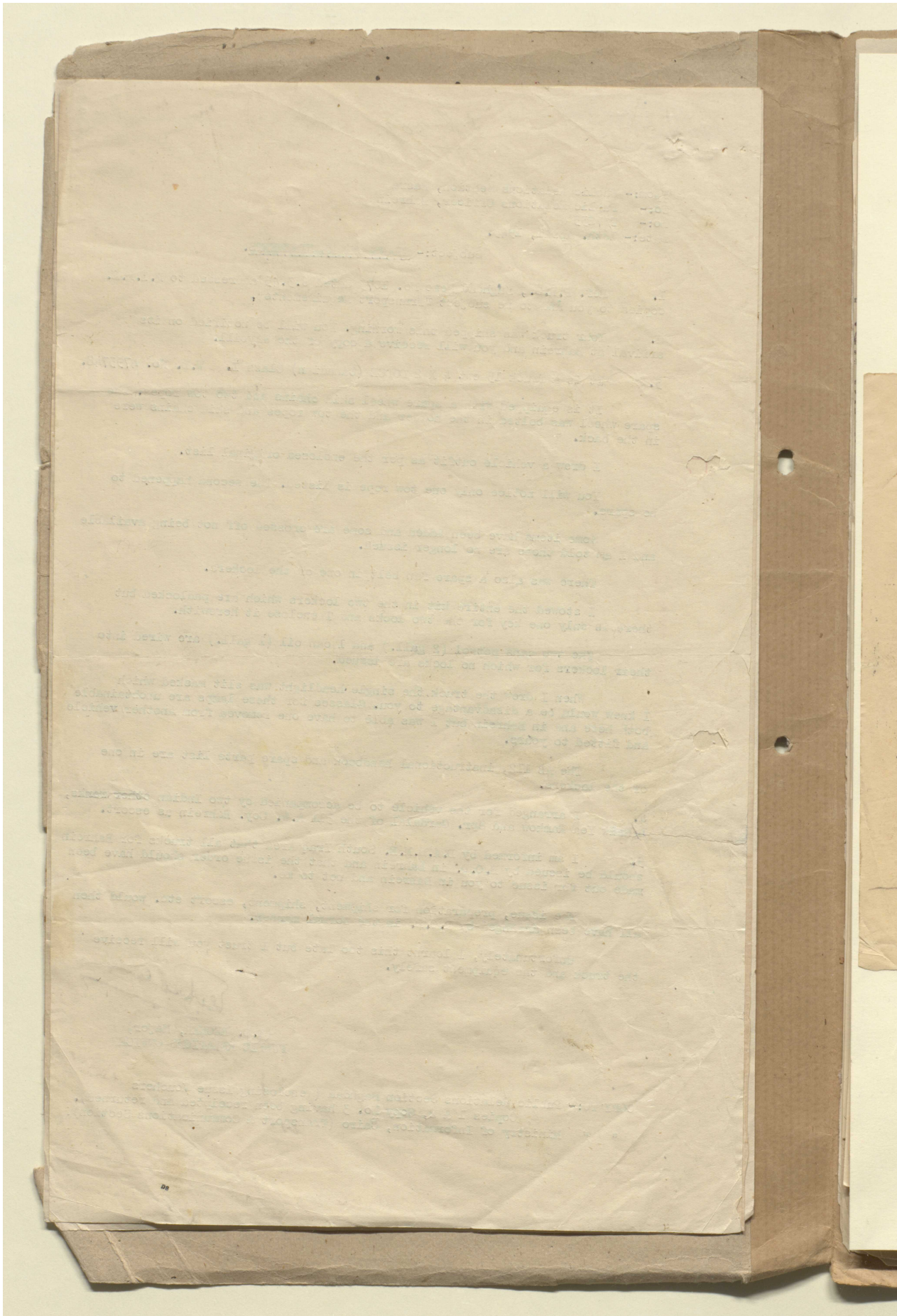
E.C. Becher

(E.C. BECHER, Major)
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

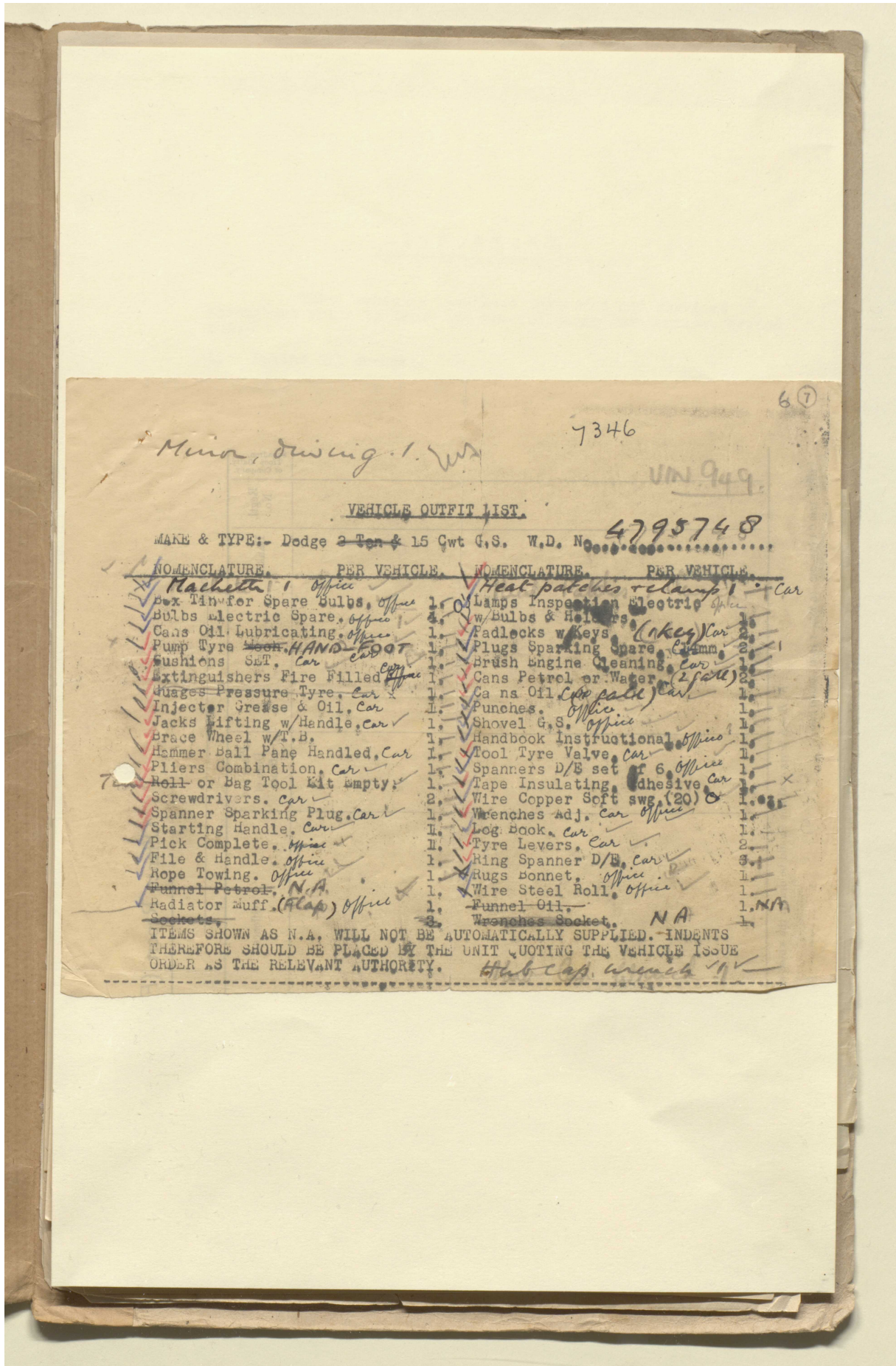
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Copies 1 & 2, Copy No. 3 having been receipted and returned).
" " Ministry of Information, Cairo (Transport & Communications Section).

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7346
VIN 949
4795748
VEHICLE OUTFIT LIST
MAKE & TYPE:- Dodge 2 Ton & 15 Cwt G.S. W.D. No. 4795748

NOMENCLATURE	PER VEHICLE	NOMENCLATURE	PER VEHICLE
Ratchet, Office	1	Heat patches relamp	1 Car
Box Tin for Spare Bulbs, Office	1	Lamps Inspection Electric	1
Bulbs electric Spare, Office	2	w/Bulbs & Holders	1
Cans Oil Lubricating, Office	1	Fadlocks w/Keys (keys)	1 Car
Pump Tyre, H.A.N.D. FOOT	1	Plugs Sparking Spare	2
Cushions SET, Car	1	Brush Engine Cleaning	1
Extinguishers Fire Filled	1	Cans Petrol or Water (2 pale)	2
Gauges Pressure Tyre, Car	1	Cans Oil (Car pale)	1
Injector Grease & Oil, Car	1	Punches, Office	1
Jacks Lifting w/Handle, Car	1	Shovel G.S., Office	1
Brace Wheel w/T.B.	1	Handbook Instructional, Office	1
Hammer ball Pane Handled, Car	1	Tool Tyre Valve, Car	1
Pliers Combination, Car	1	Spanners D/B set of 6, Office	1
Roll or Bag Tool Kit empty	1	Tape Insulating, adhesive	1
Screwdrivers, Car	2	Wire Copper Soft swg. (20)	1
Spanner Sparking Plug, Car	1	Wrenches adj., Car	1
Starting Handle, Car	1	Log book, Car	1
Pick Complete, Office	1	Tyre Levers, Car	2
File & Handle, Office	1	Ring Spanner D/B, Car	3
Rope Towing, Office	1	Rugs bonnet, Office	1
Funnel Petrol, N.A.	1	Wire Steel Roll, Office	1
Radiator muff. (Flap), Office	1	Funnel Oil, N.A.	1
Sockets, N.A.	3	Wrenches Socket, N.A.	1

ITEMS SHOWN AS N.A. WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY SUPPLIED. INDENTS THEREFORE SHOULD BE PLACED BY THE UNIT QUOTING THE VEHICLE ISSUE ORDER AS THE RELEVANT AUTHORITY.
Hub cap wrench

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Offence Report (F)

Corps _____

Regtl. No.	Rank.	Name.	Place and Date of offence.	Offence.
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These vehicles have been inspected and serviced throughout prior to Issue and the following maintenance carried out:-

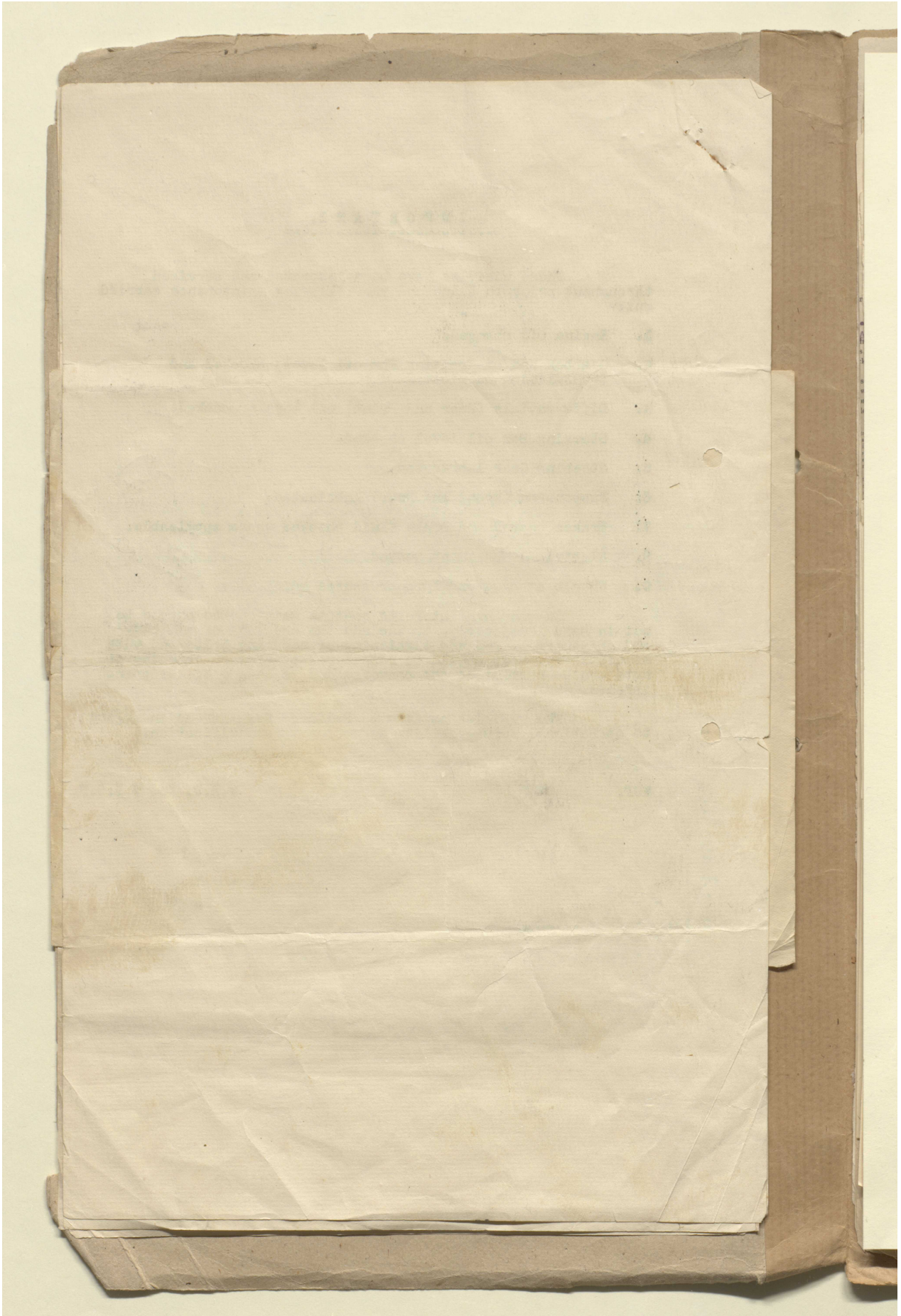
1. Engine Oil changed.
2. Gearbox and/or Transfer Box oil levels checked and transmission lubricated.
3. Differentials (Rear and Front) oil levels checked.
4. Steering Box oil level checked.
5. Steering Gear lubricated.
6. Suspension (Front and Rear) lubricated.
7. Brakes tested and brake fluid checked where applicable.
8. Electrical Equipment tested.
9. Wheels checked and tyre pressures maintained.

In your own interests routine maintenance should be put in hand immediately, to include the checking of all body and chassis fixtures and tightening of securing bolts and nuts as necessary. It should be remembered that overtightening of nuts can be harmful as the converse due to danger of stripping threads.

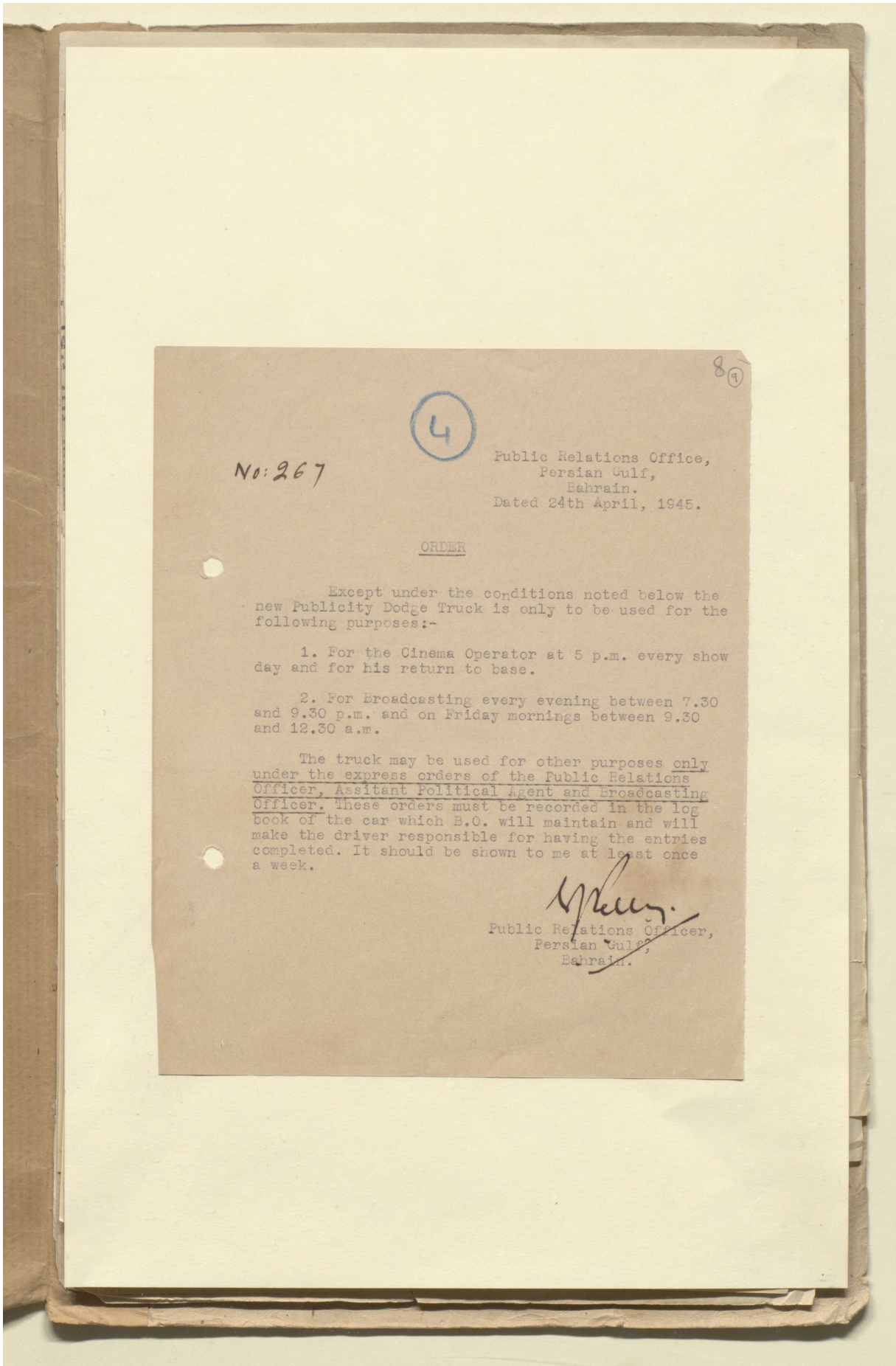
The vehicles conform to Palforce Regulations in regard to operational serviceability according to classification.

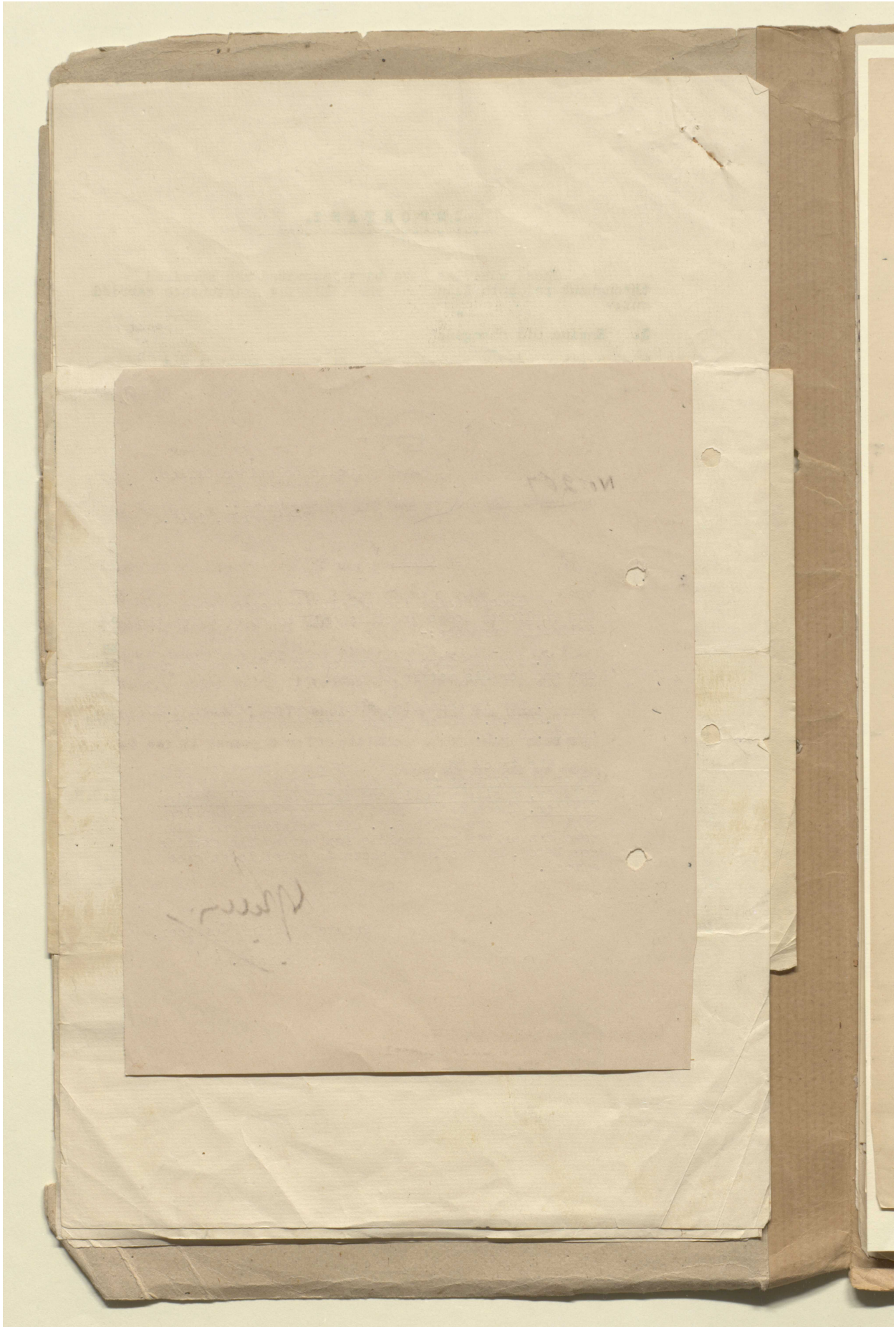
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V.R.D. No. 7 B.O.D.



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D.O. No. 385

Dated 29th April, 1945.

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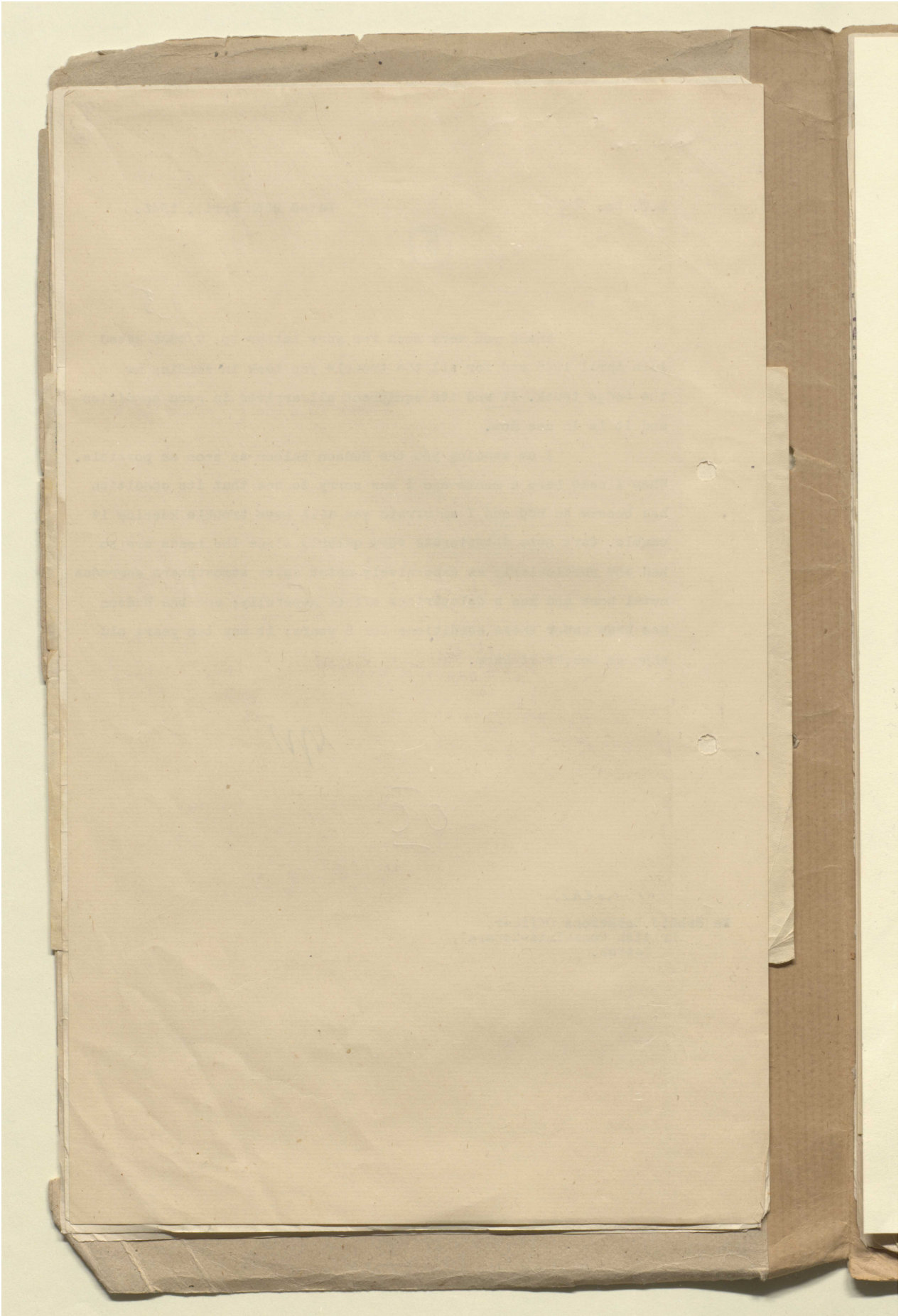
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Thank you very much for your letter No. T/7235 dated 16th April 1945 and for all the trouble you took in sending me the Dodge truck. It and its equipment all arrived in good condition and it is in use now.

I am sending you the Hudson saloon as soon as possible. When I came here a month ago I was sorry to see that its condition has become so bad and I am afraid you will have trouble keeping it usable. Cars here deteriorate very quickly since the roads are so bad and particularly as excessively moist salty atmosphere corrodes metal work and has a deleterious effect generally; and the Hudson has been under these conditions for 5 years; it was two years old when we bought it here.

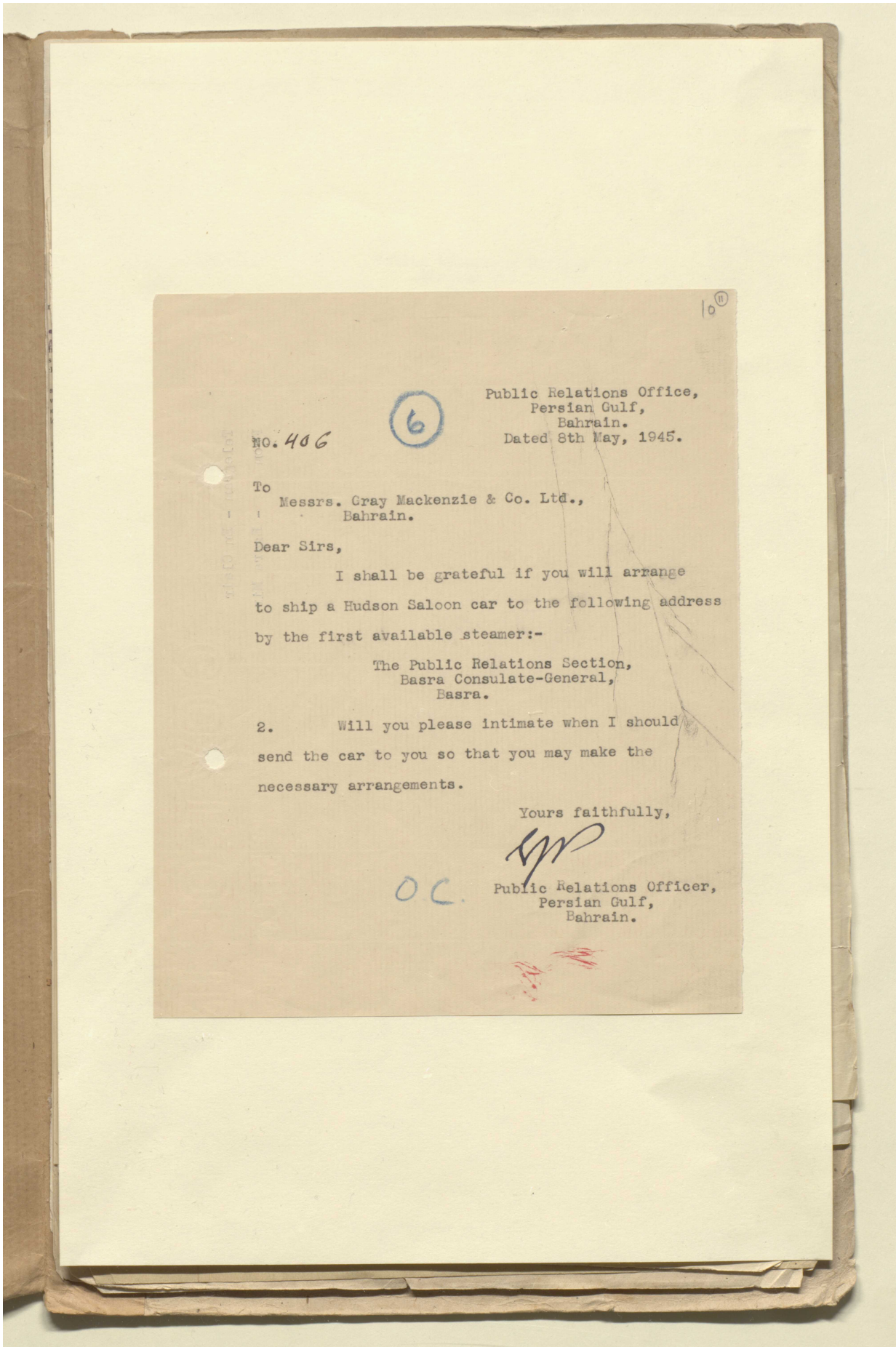
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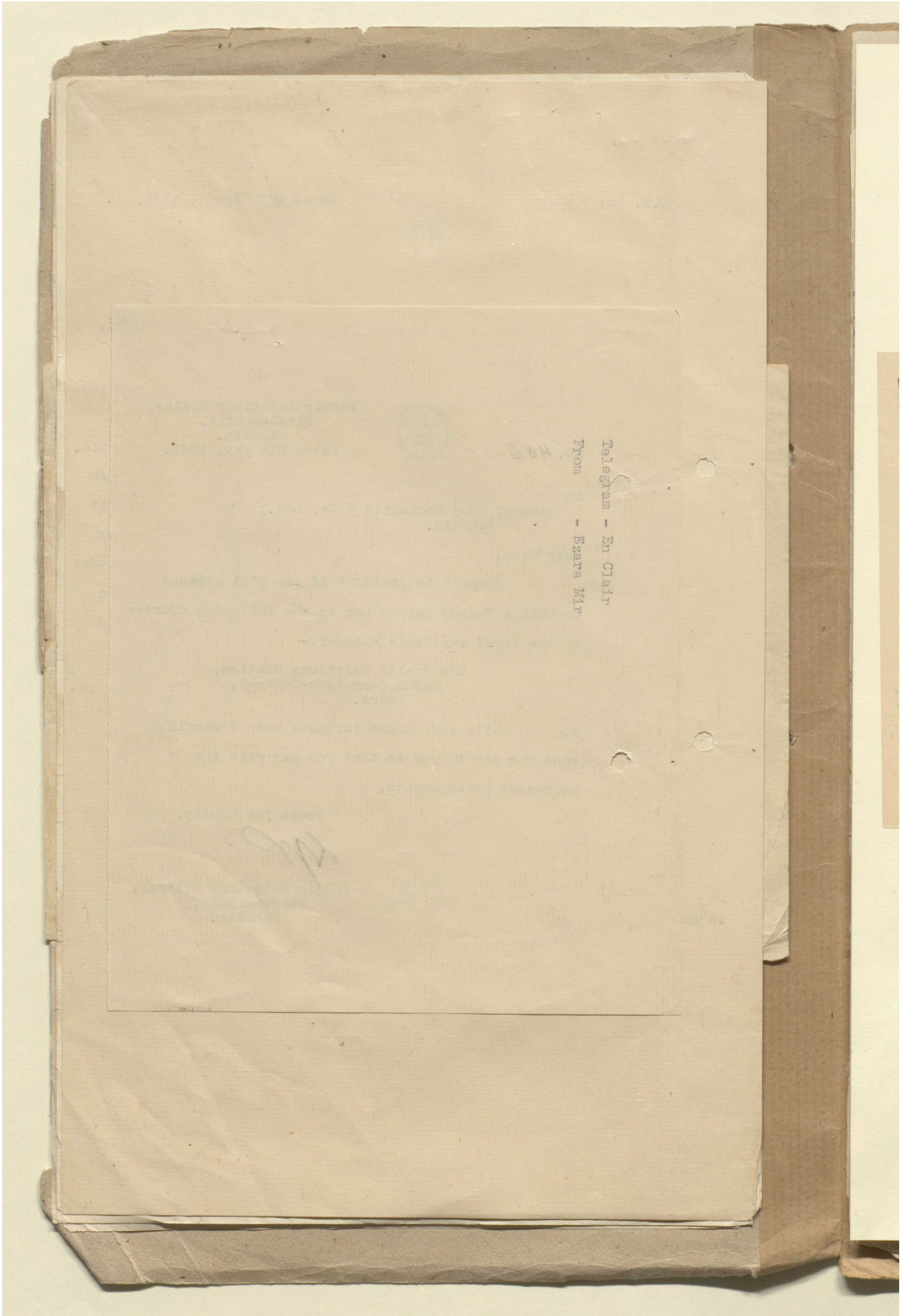
G. C. Walker
Major, 16. Reconnaissance Officer,
British Consulate-General,
Basrah.



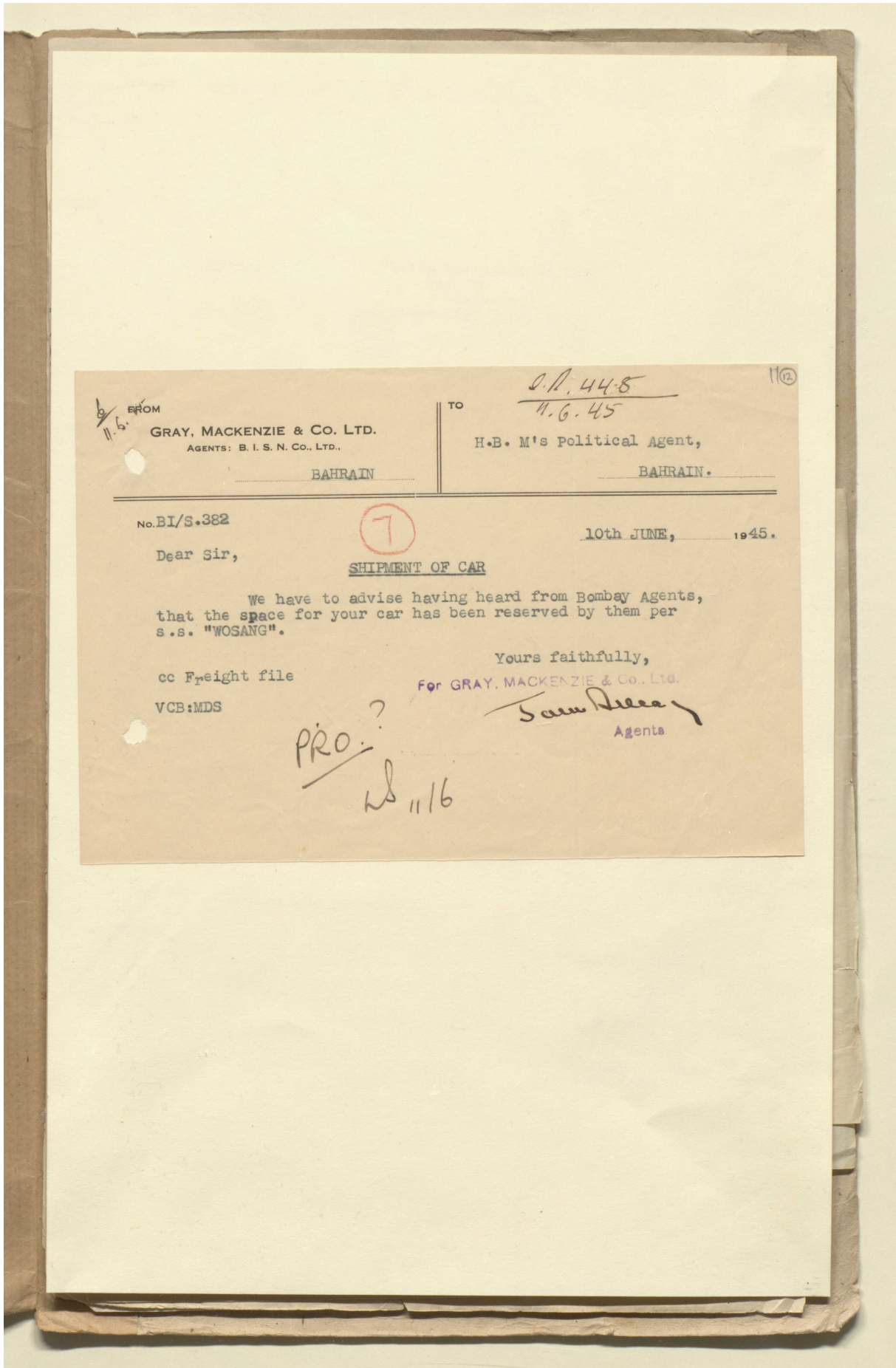
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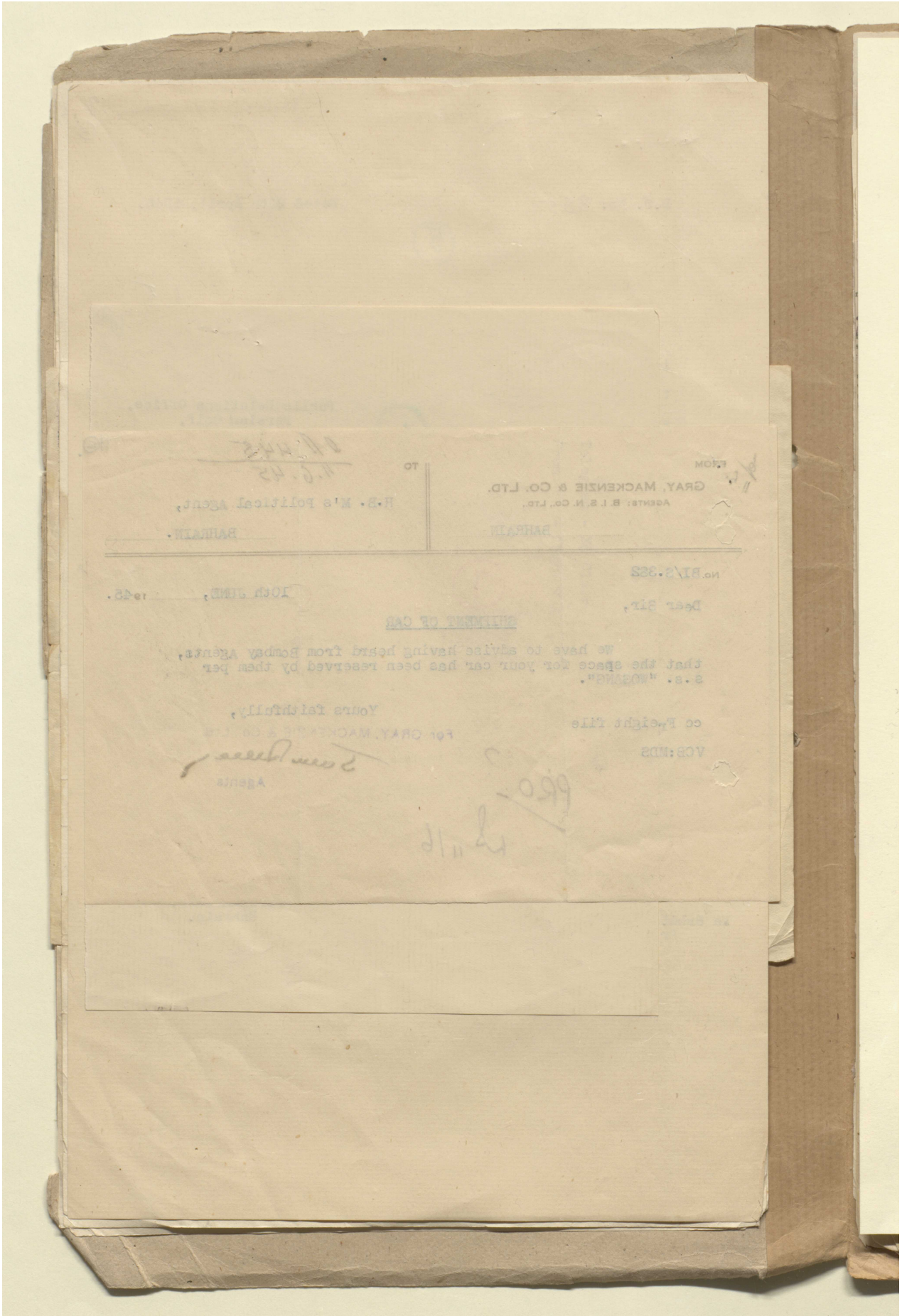
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URGENT.

No. 497.

To
The Movement Control,
Bahrain.

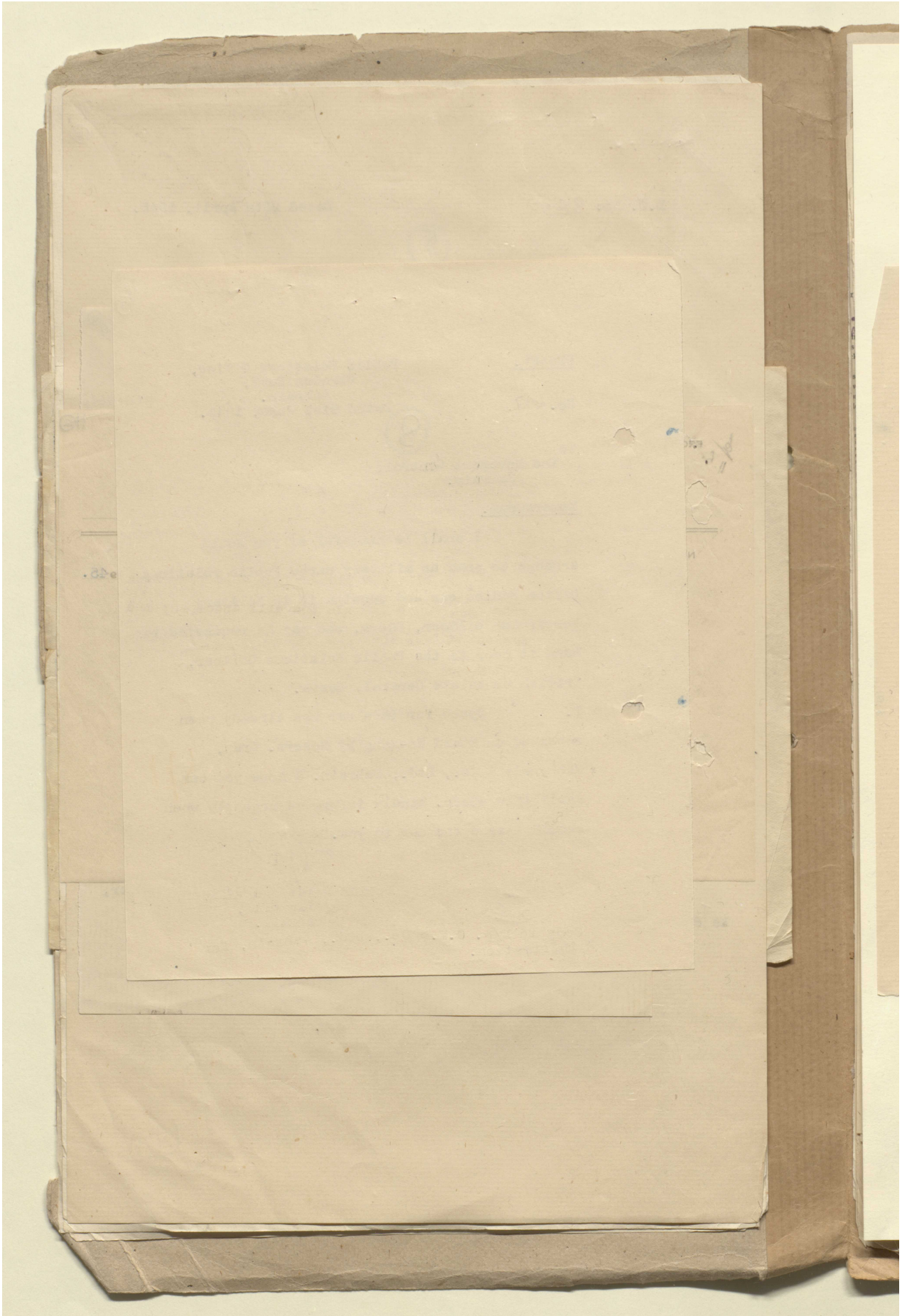
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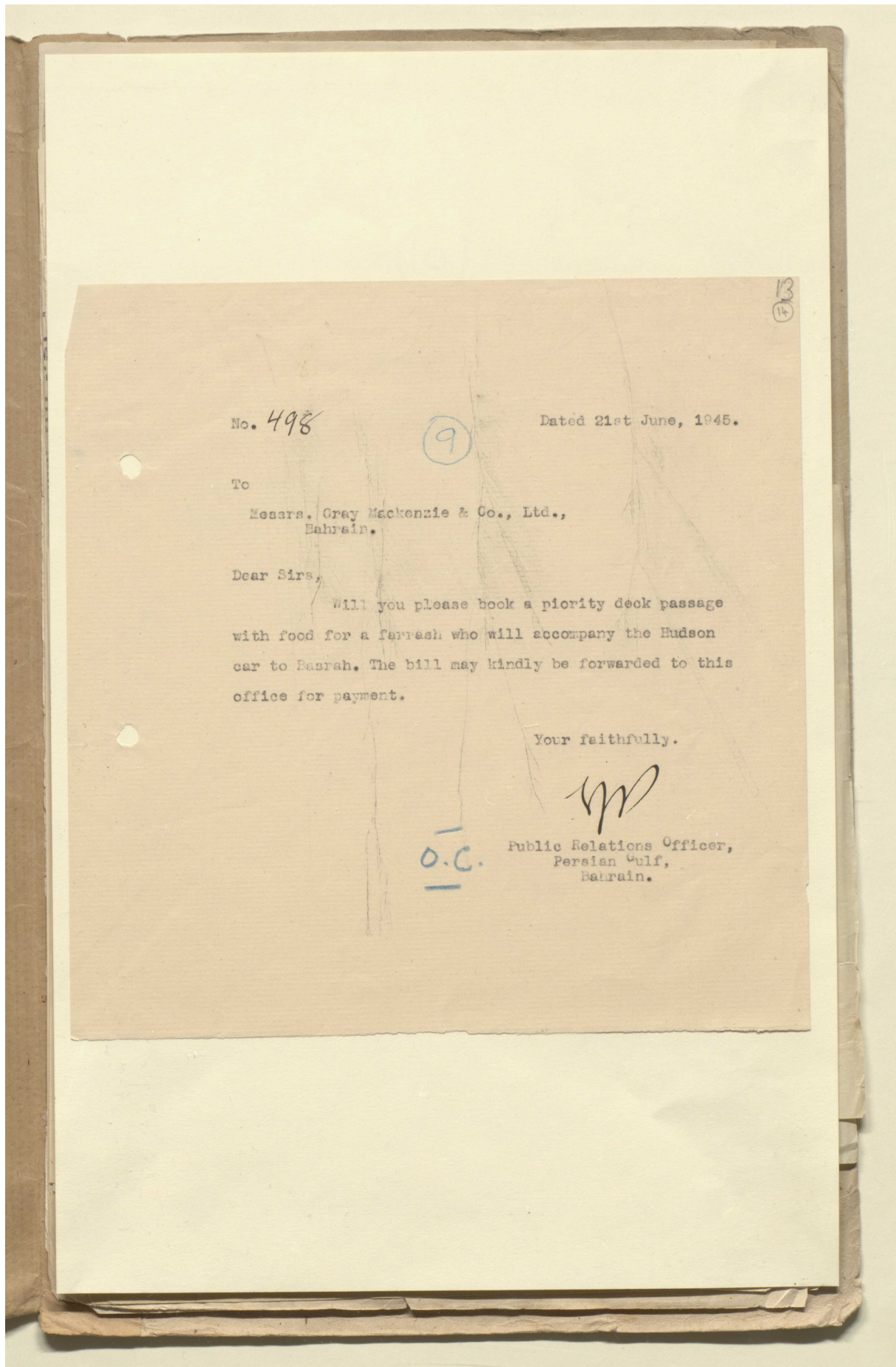
I shall be grateful if you would arrange to send as military cargo Public relations Office Hudson car and consign it to Military Forwarding Officer, Basra, who may be requested to hand it over to the Public Relations Officer, British Consulate General, Basra.

2. Space for this car has already been reserved on board Wo-Sang by Messrs. Gray, Mackenzie & Co., Ltd., Bahrain. I hope you can avail this space. Kindly inform me urgently when should I send the car to you.

W
Public Relations Officer,
Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.

O.C.
Copy to M/s. G.M. & Co., Ltd., Bahrain, for information.





No. 498

Dated 21st June, 1945.

To

Messrs. Gray Mackenzie & Co., Ltd.,
Bahrain.

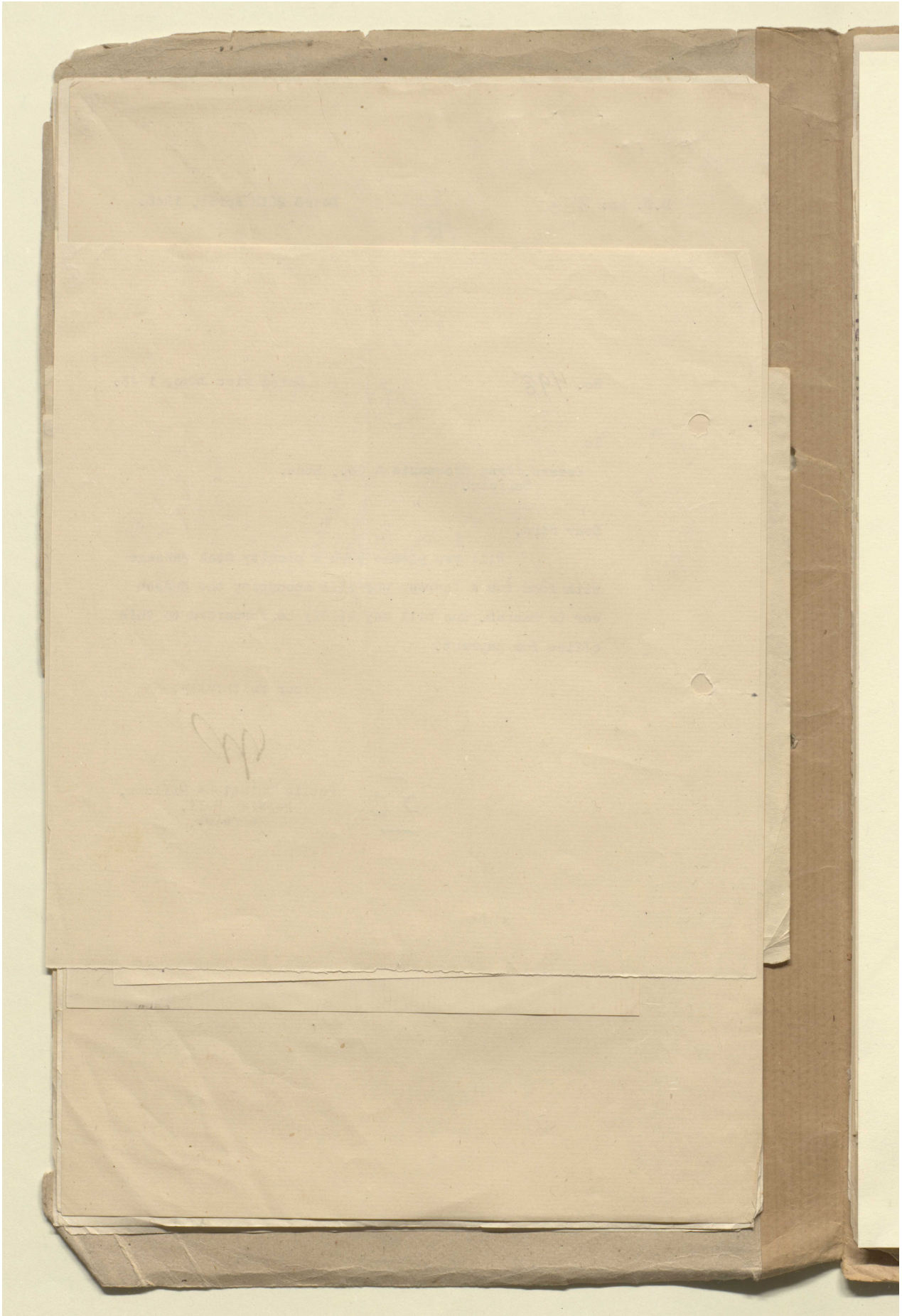
Dear Sirs,

Will you please book a priority deck passage
with food for a Farrash who will accompany the Hudson
car to Basrah. The bill may kindly be forwarded to this
office for payment.

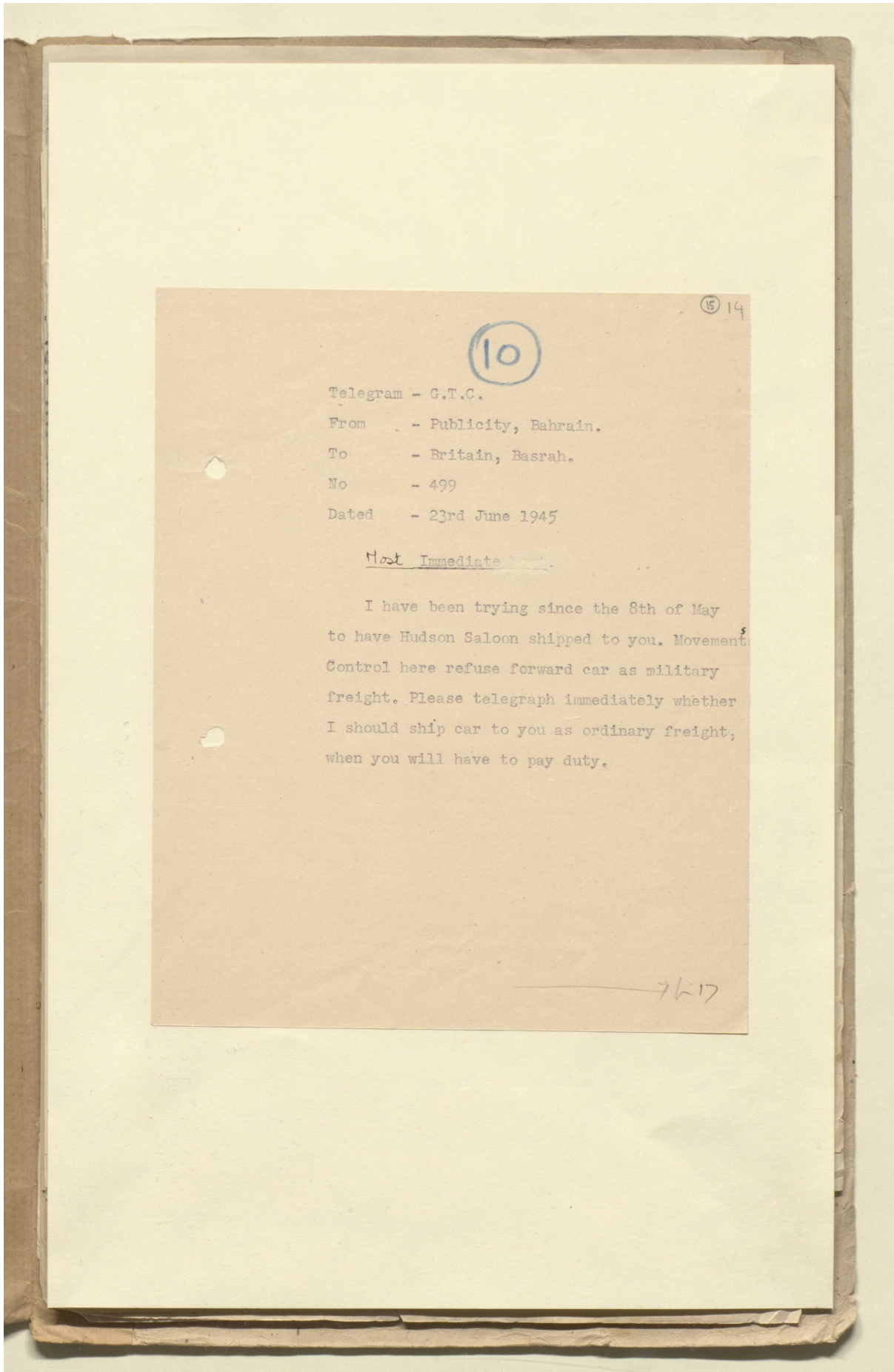
Your faithfully.

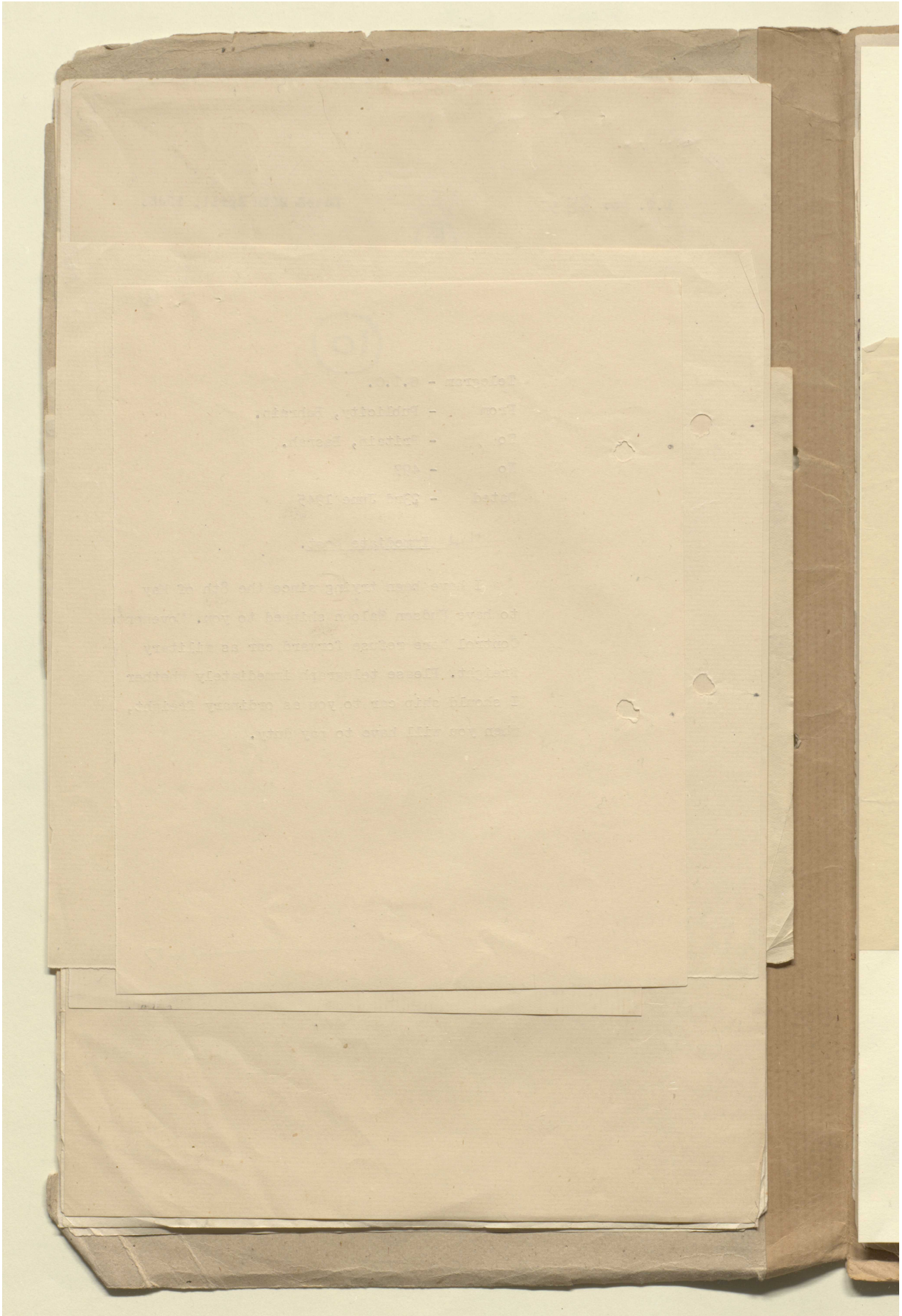
[Handwritten Signature]
Public Relations Officer,
Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.

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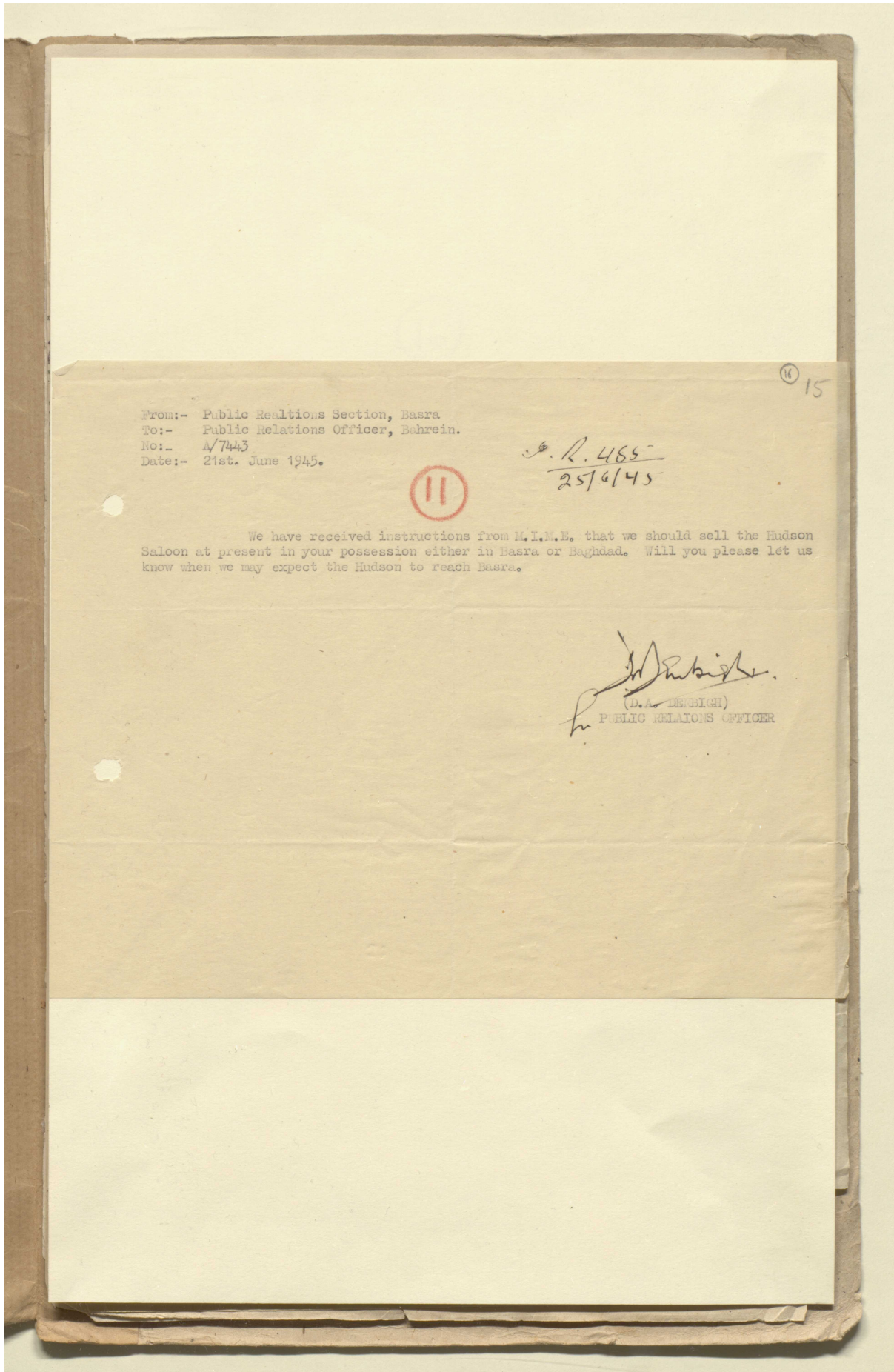


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From:- Public Realties Section, Basra
To:- Public Relations Officer, Bahrain.
No:- 4/7443
Date:- 21st. June 1945.

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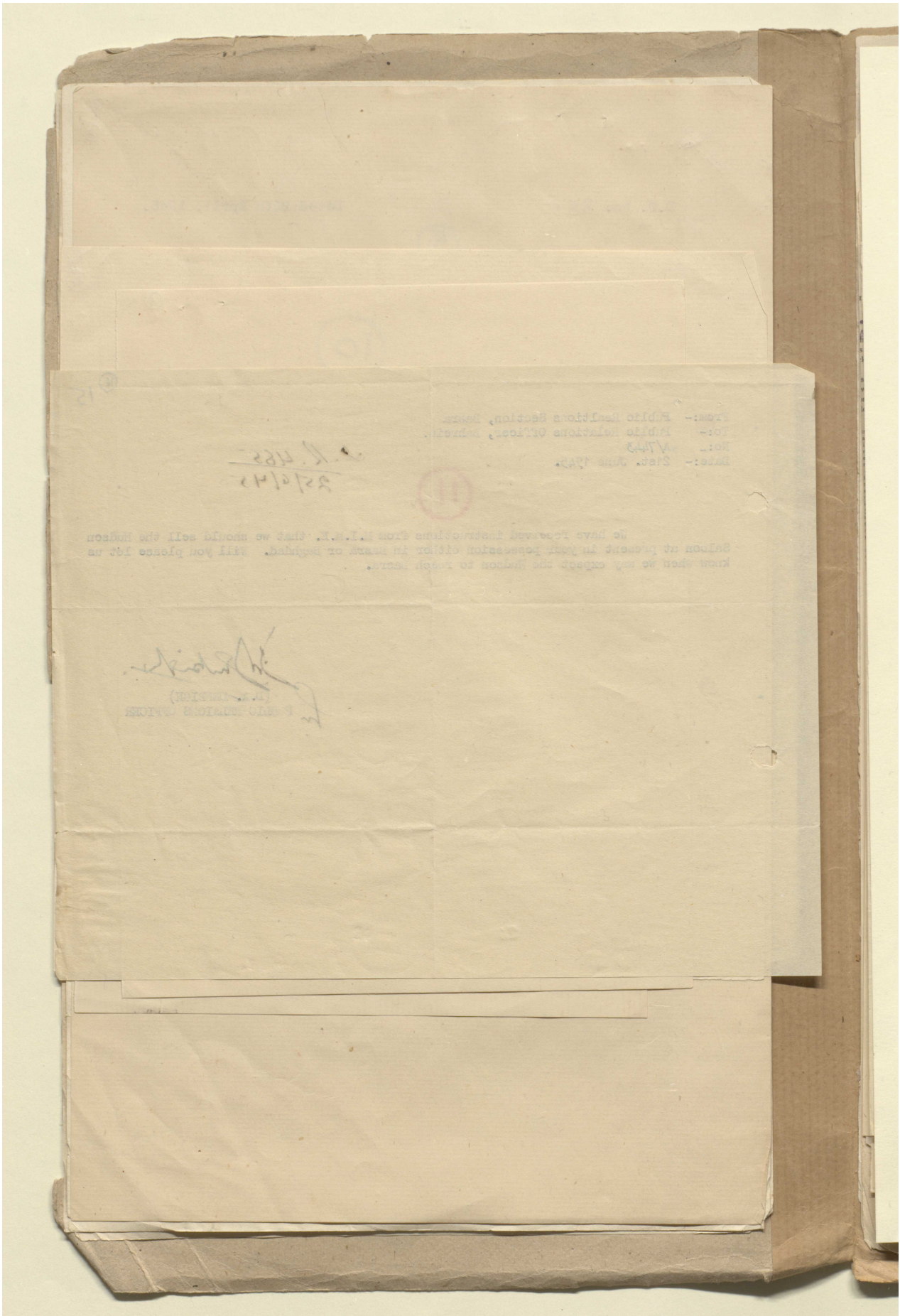
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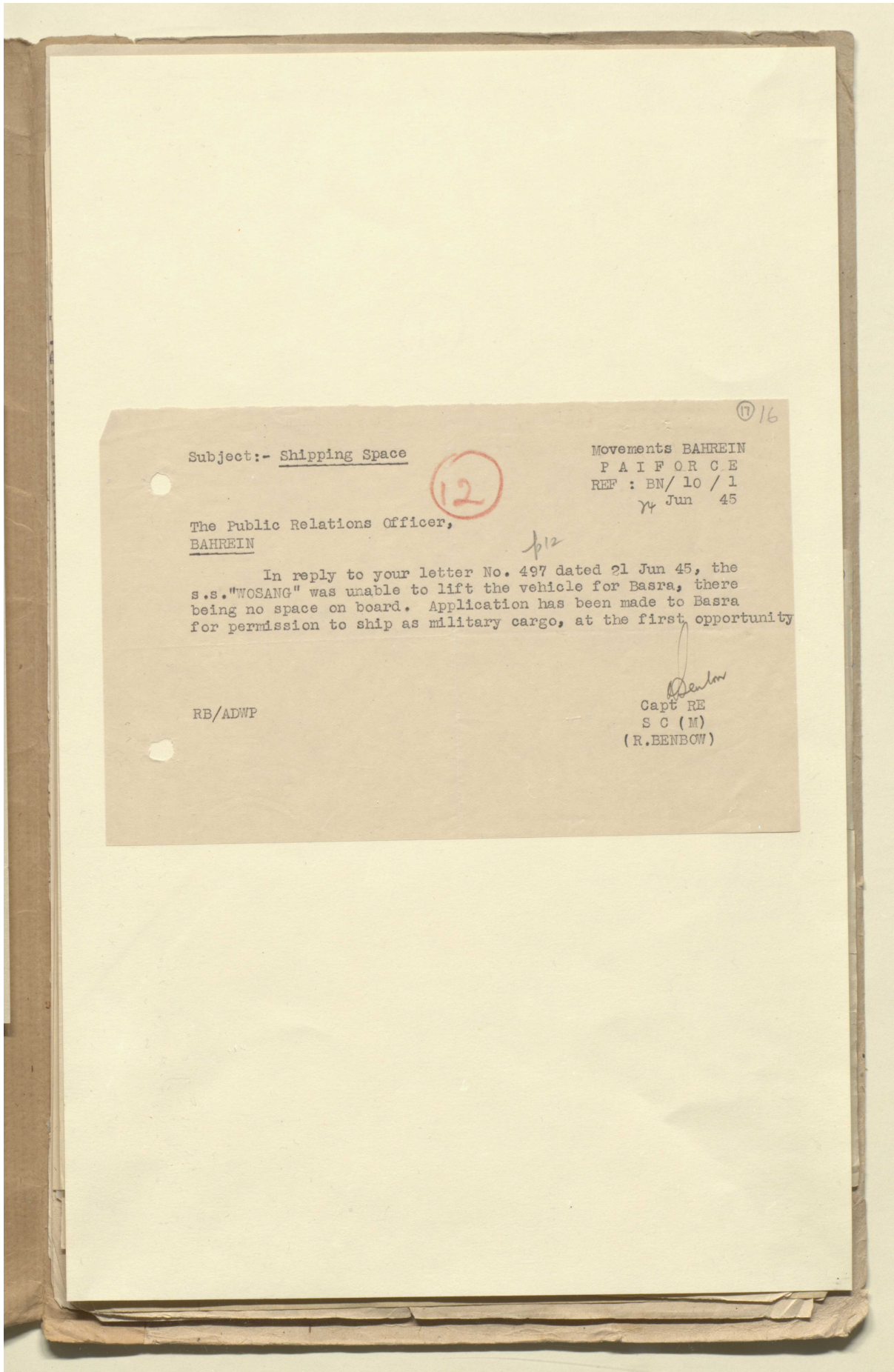
We have received instructions from M.I.M.B. that we should sell the Hudson Saloon at present in your possession either in Basra or Baghdad. Will you please let us know when we may expect the Hudson to reach Basra.

D. A. Debigh
(D. A. DEBIGH)
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

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Subject:- Shipping Space

The Public Relations Officer,
BAHREIN

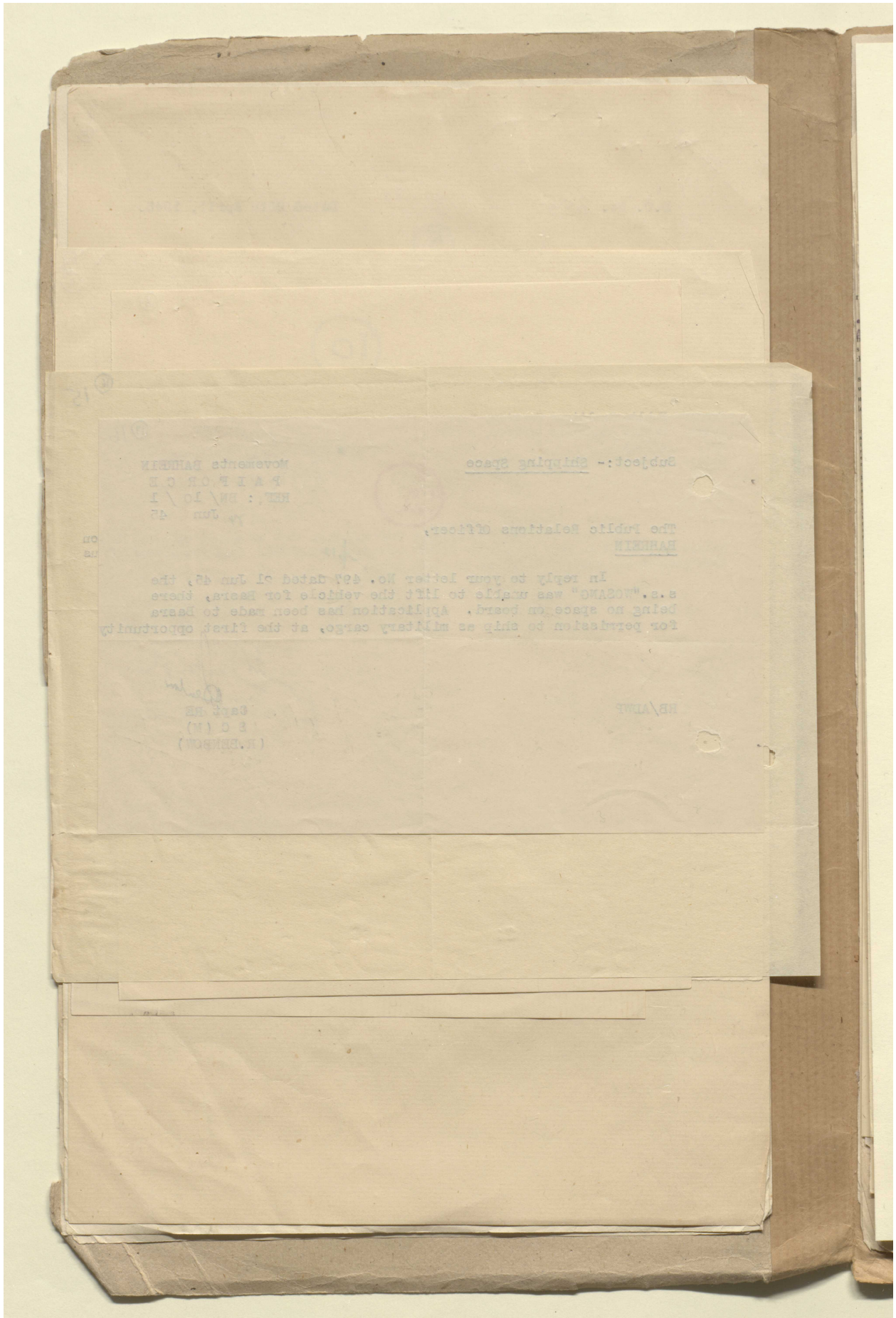
In reply to your letter No. 497 dated 21 Jun 45, the
s.s. "WOSANG" was unable to lift the vehicle for Basra, there
being no space on board. Application has been made to Basra
for permission to ship as military cargo, at the first opportunity

RB/ADWP

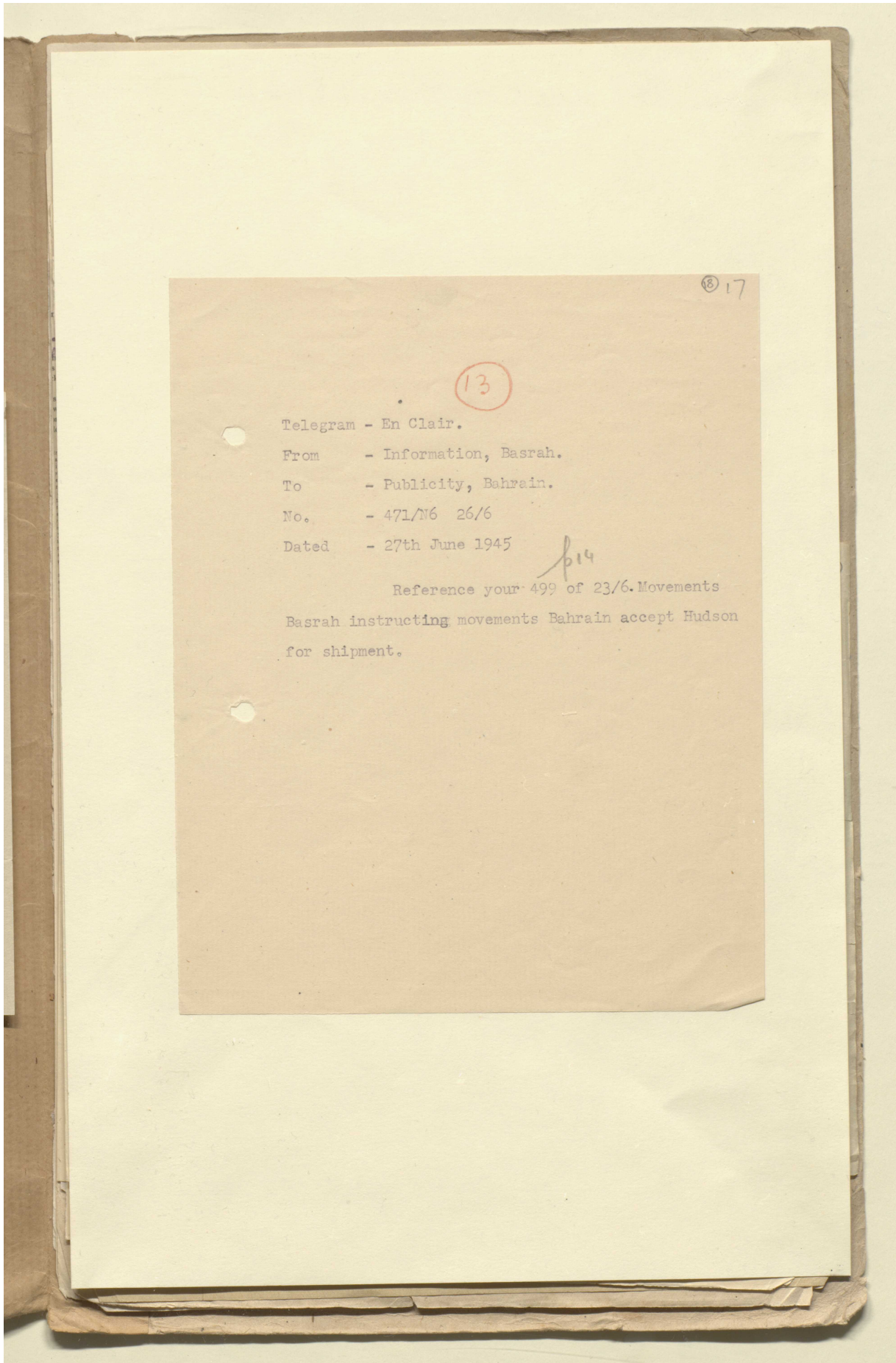
Movements BAHREIN
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REF : BN/ 10 / 1
24 Jun 45

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Capt RE
S C (M)
(R. BENBOW)

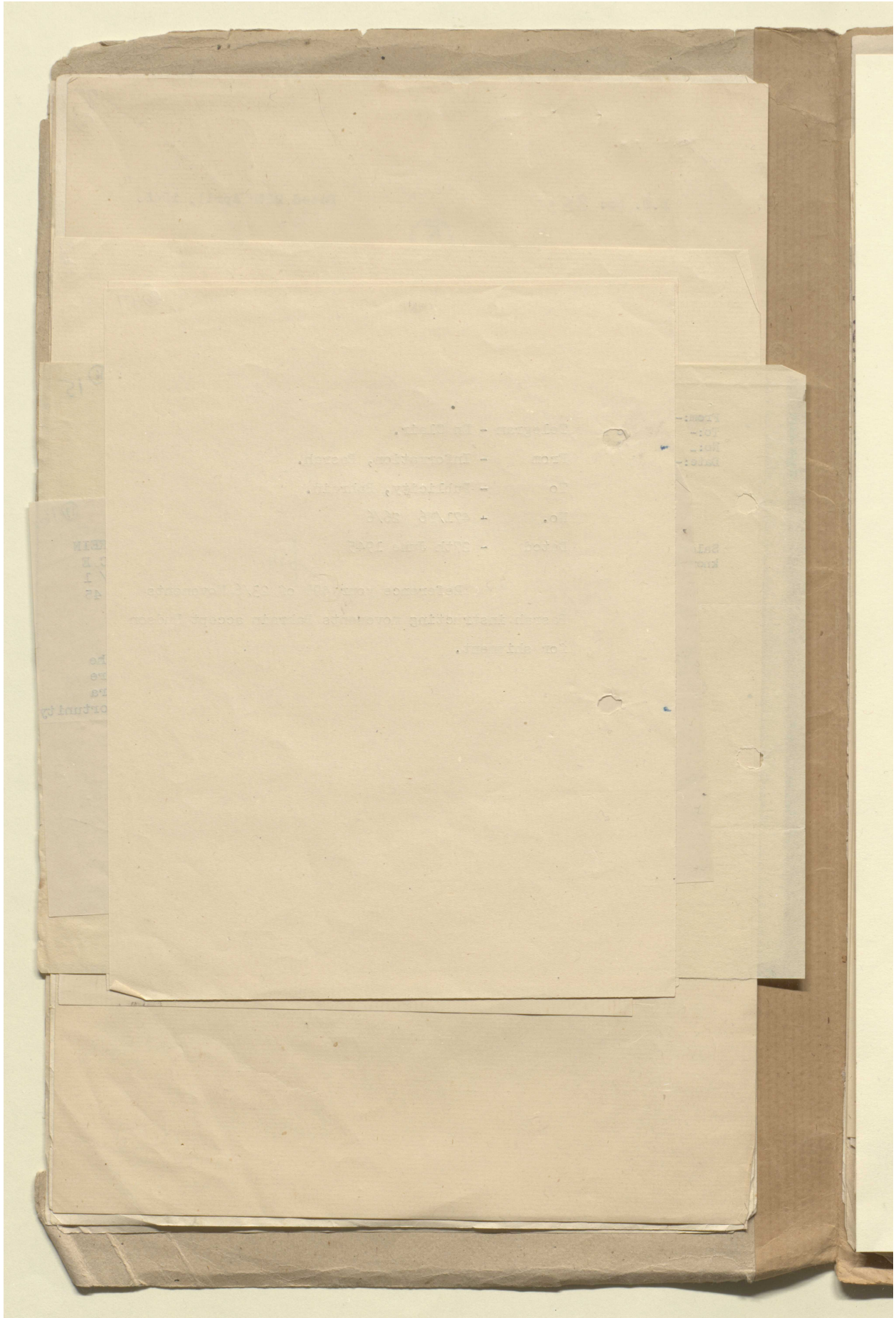
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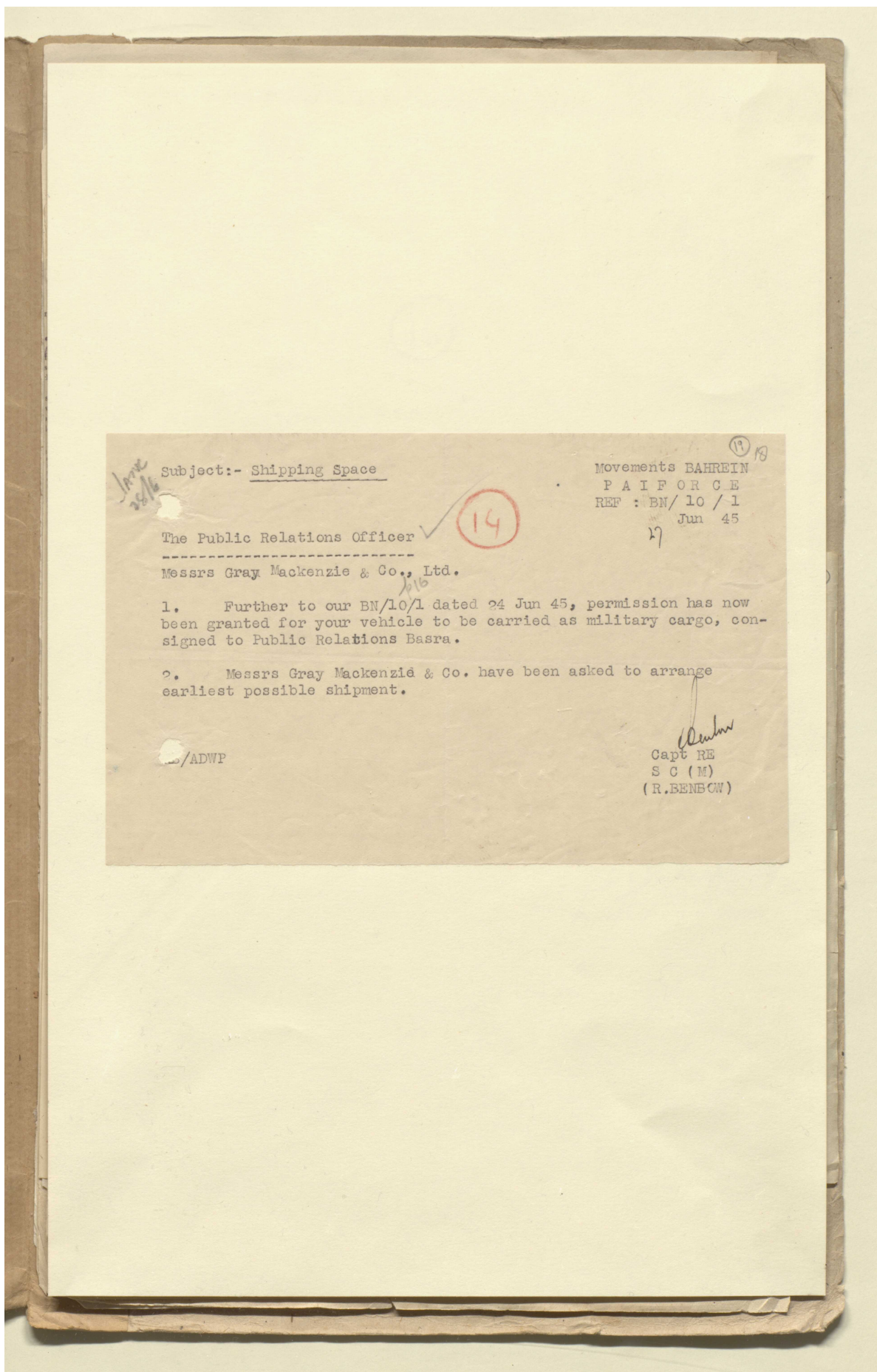
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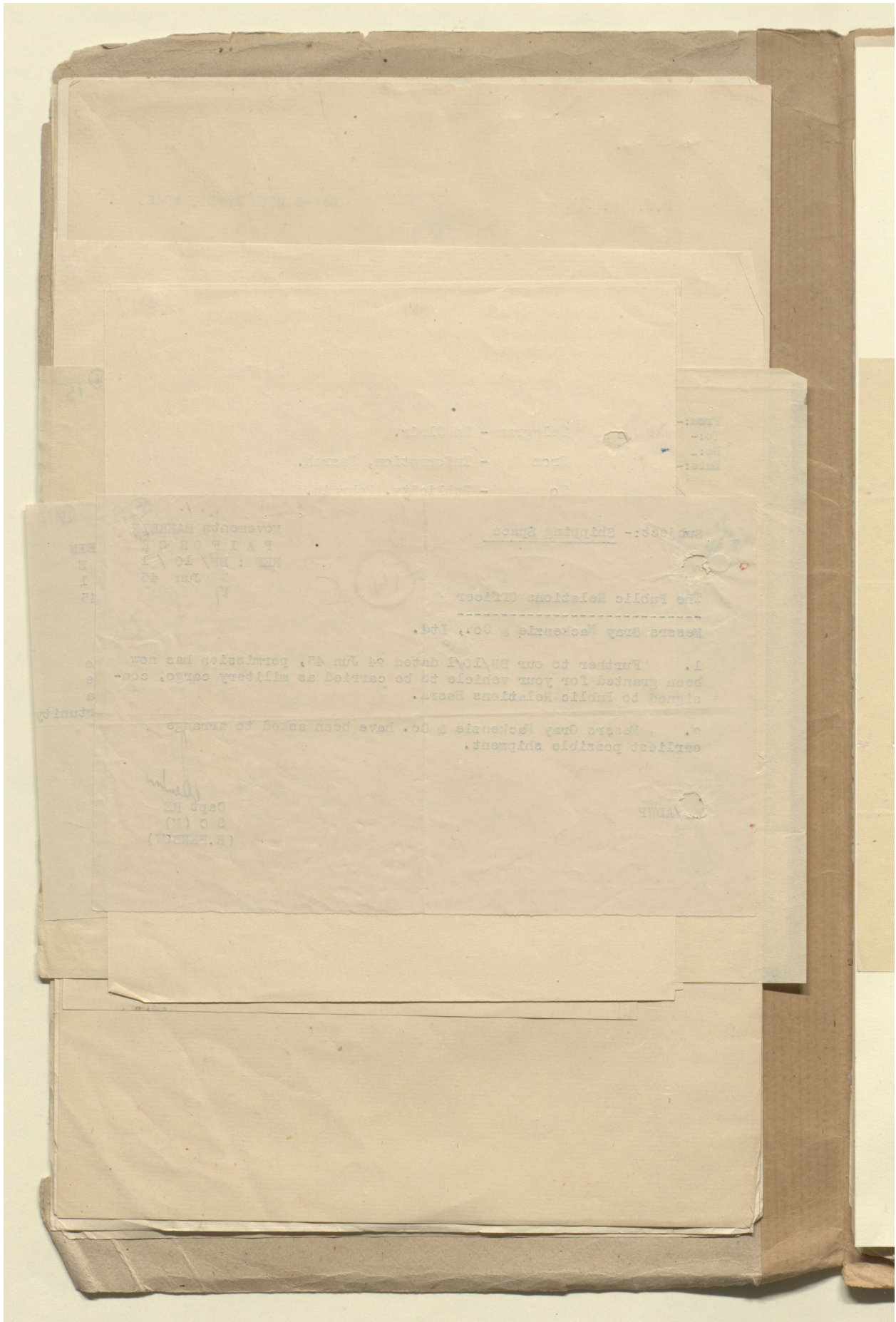
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From:- Public Relations Section, Basra
To:- Public Relations Office, Bahrein.
No:- 4/7457
Date:- 28th. June 1945

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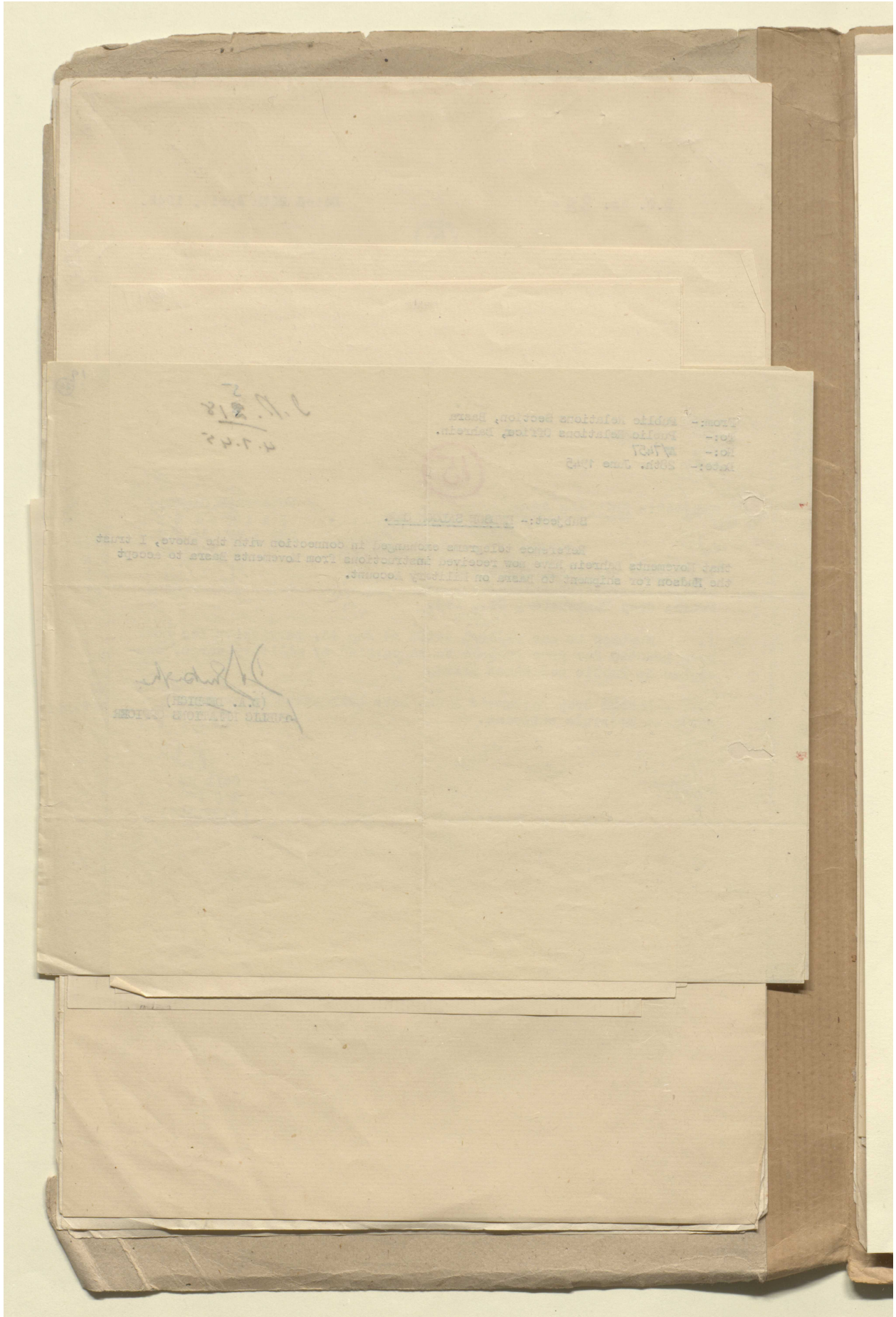
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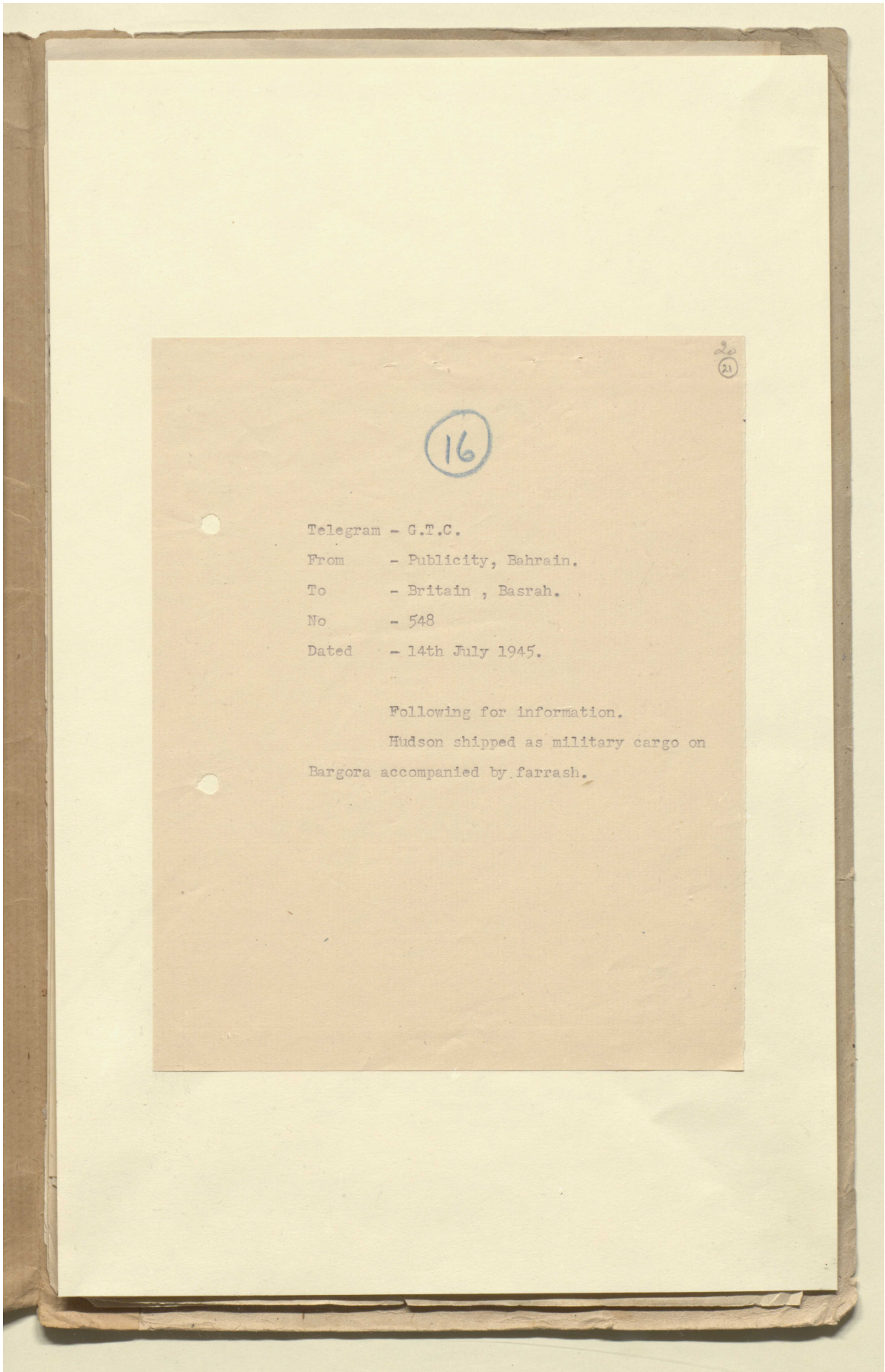
Reference telegrams exchanged in connection with the above, I trust that Movements Bahrein have now received instructions from Movements Basra to accept the Hudson for shipment to Basra on Military Account.

D. A. Derbichi
(D.A. DERBICHI)
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

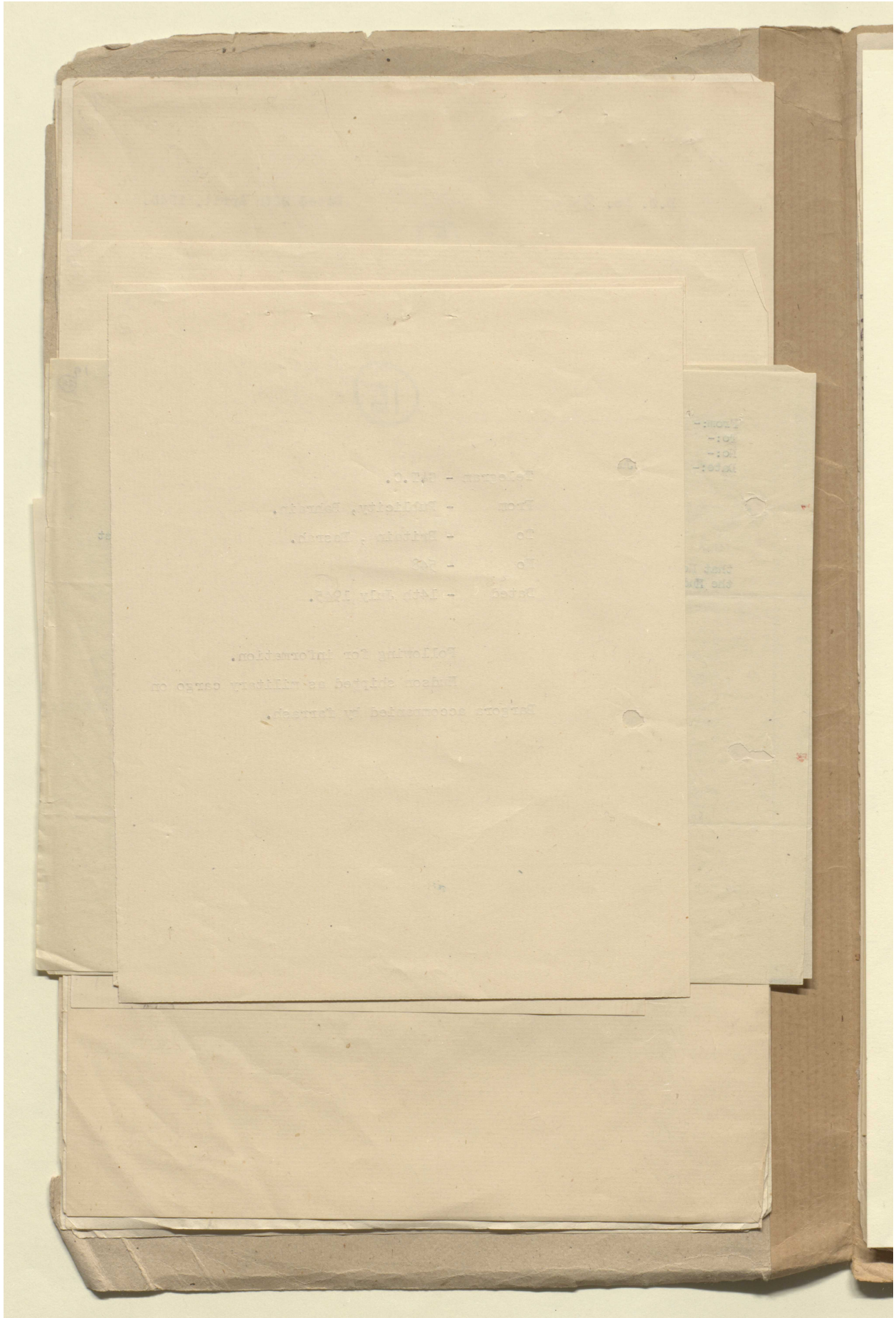
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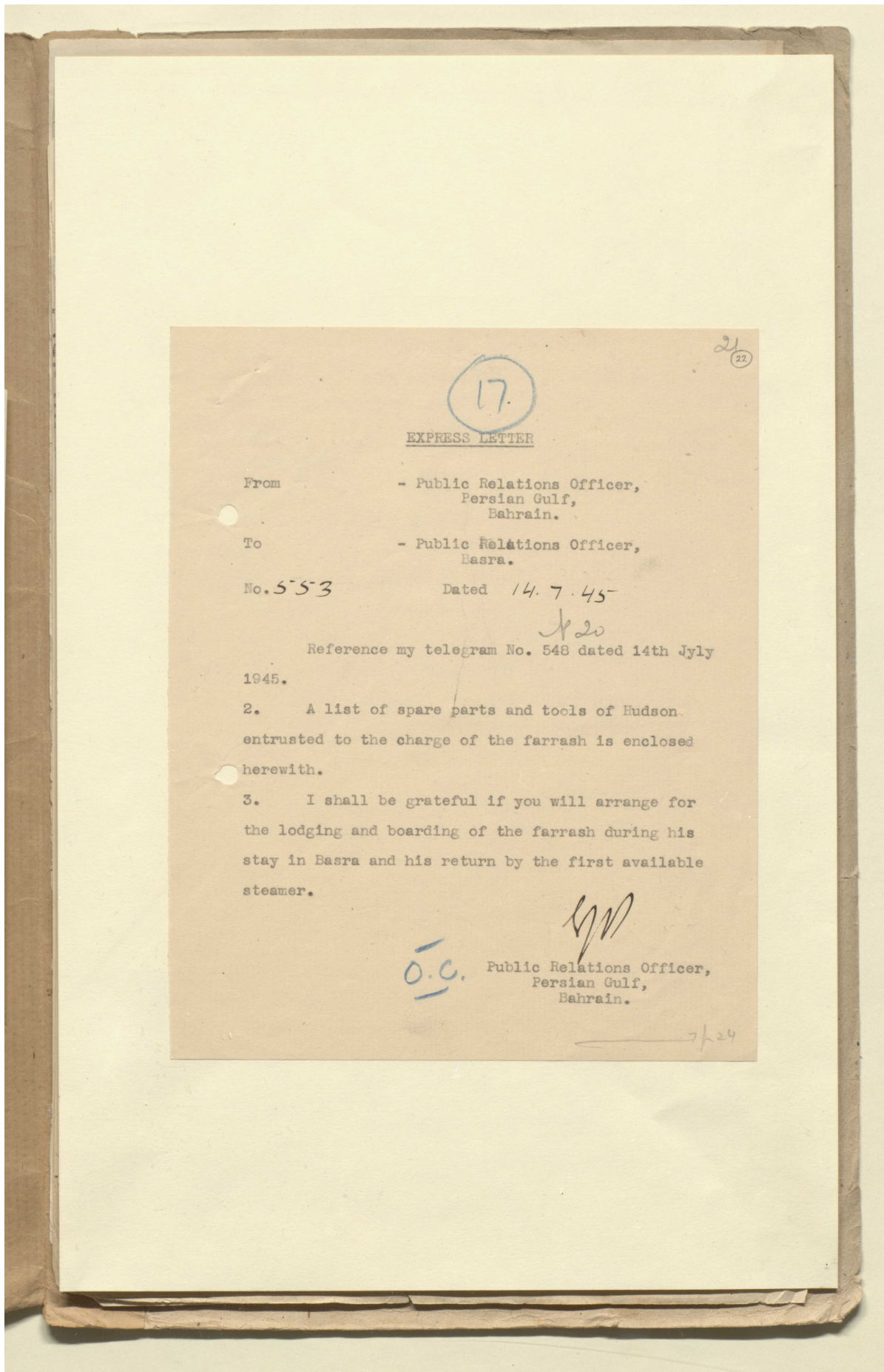
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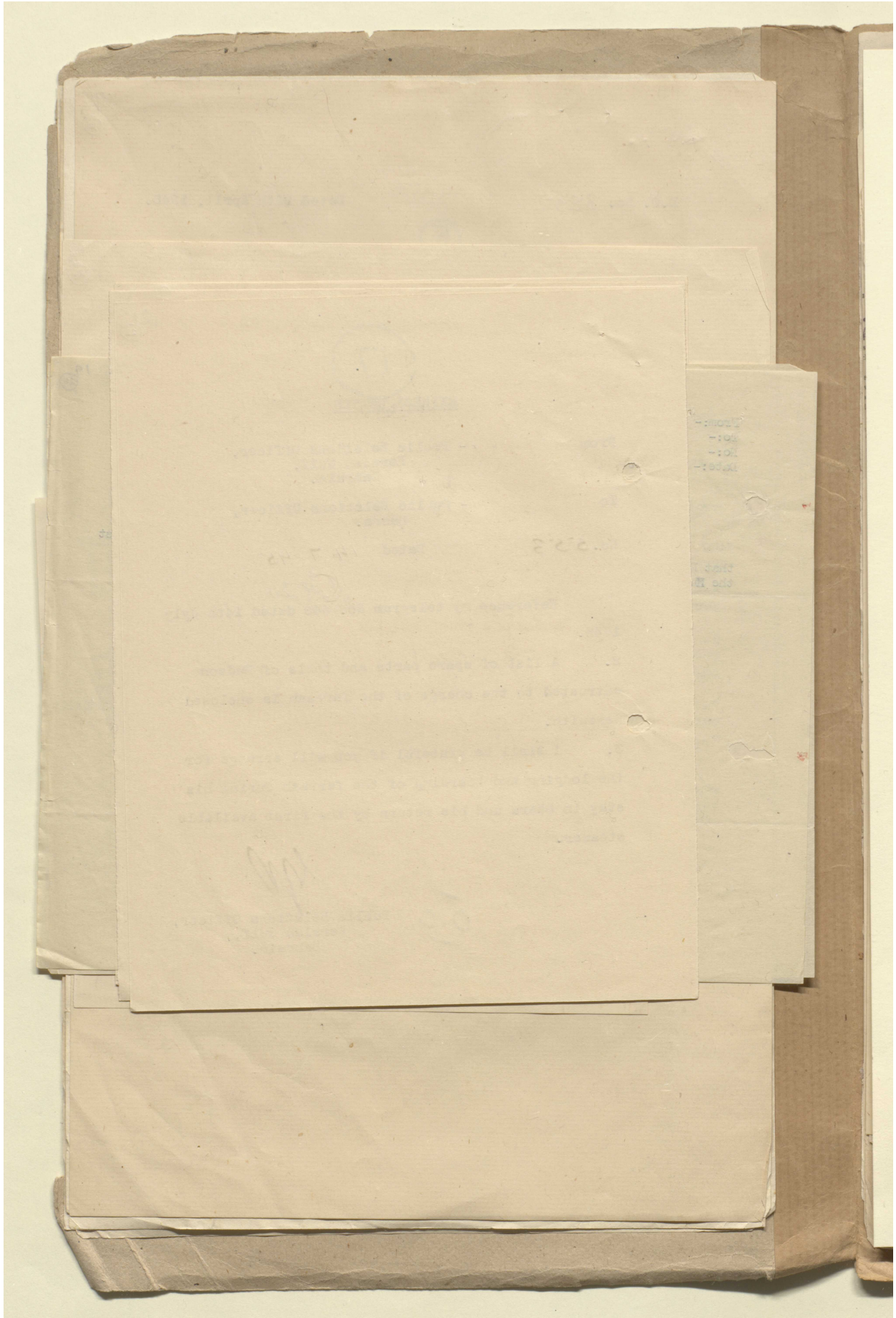


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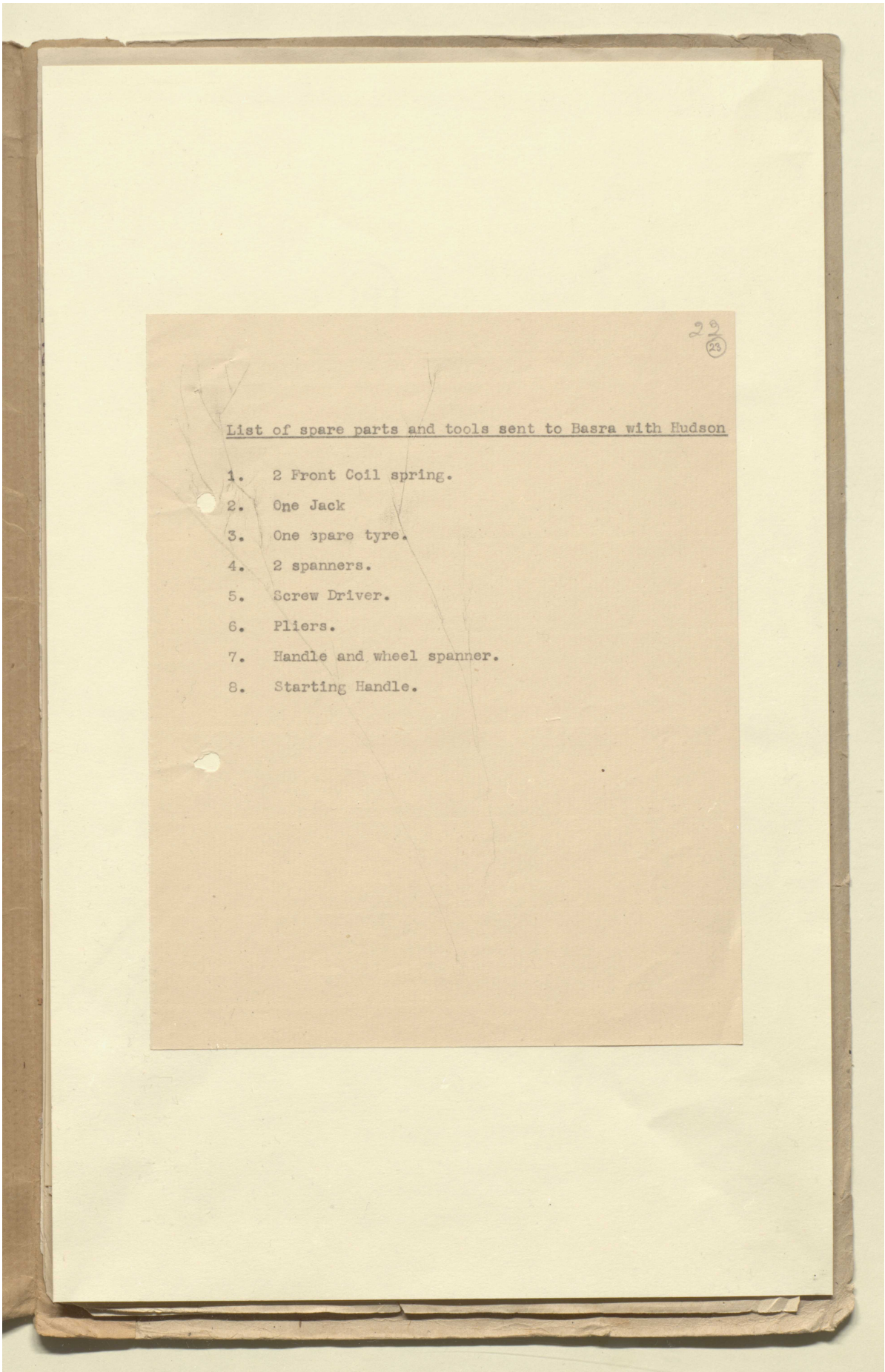


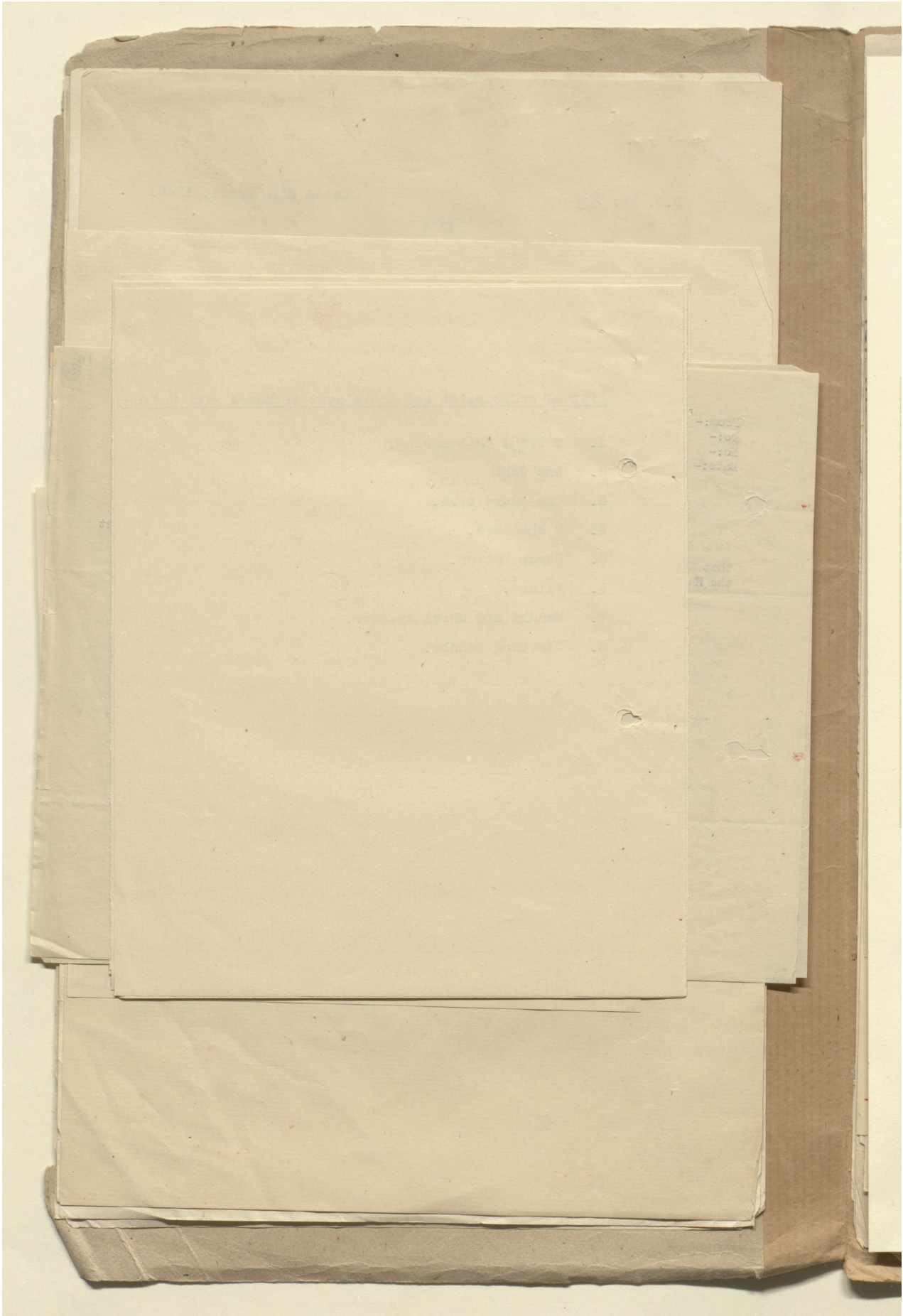
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'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [23r] (45/106)





'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [24r] (47/106)

FROM GRAY, MACKENZIE & CO., LTD.
Bahrein.

TO The Public Relation Officer,
Bahrein.

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No. C&F/Gen/44
I. R. 260
21.7.45
Bahrein, 21st July, 1945.

Dear Sir,
Military Forwarding Officer, Basra.
For Public Relations Officer:
1-Hudson Car: per s.s. "Banjora" V. 340 to Basra.

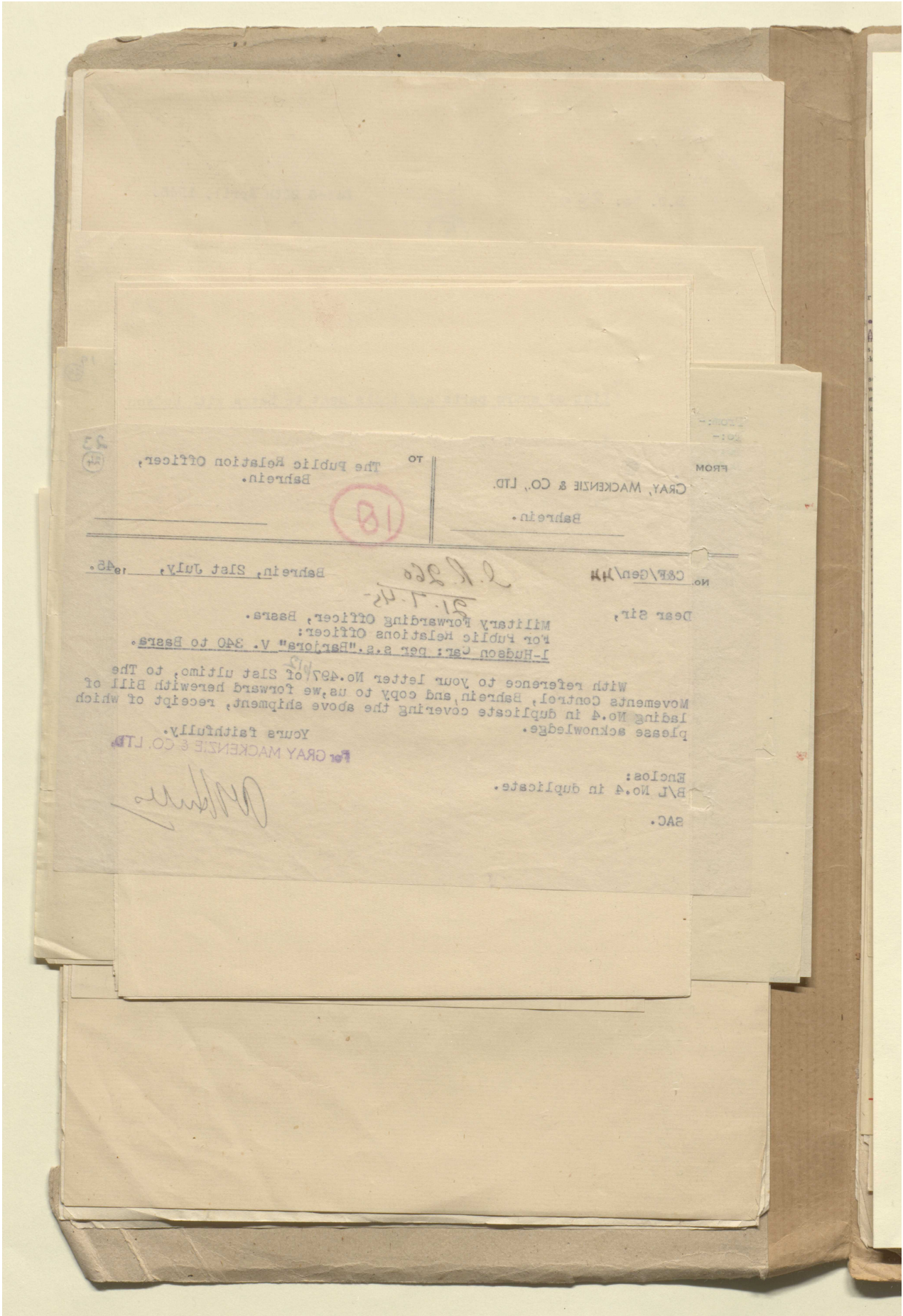
With reference to your letter No.497⁶¹² of 21st ultimo, to The Movements Control, Bahrein, and copy to us, we forward herewith Bill of lading No.4 in duplicate covering the above shipment, receipt of which please acknowledge.

Yours faithfully.
For GRAY MACKENZIE & CO. LTD.

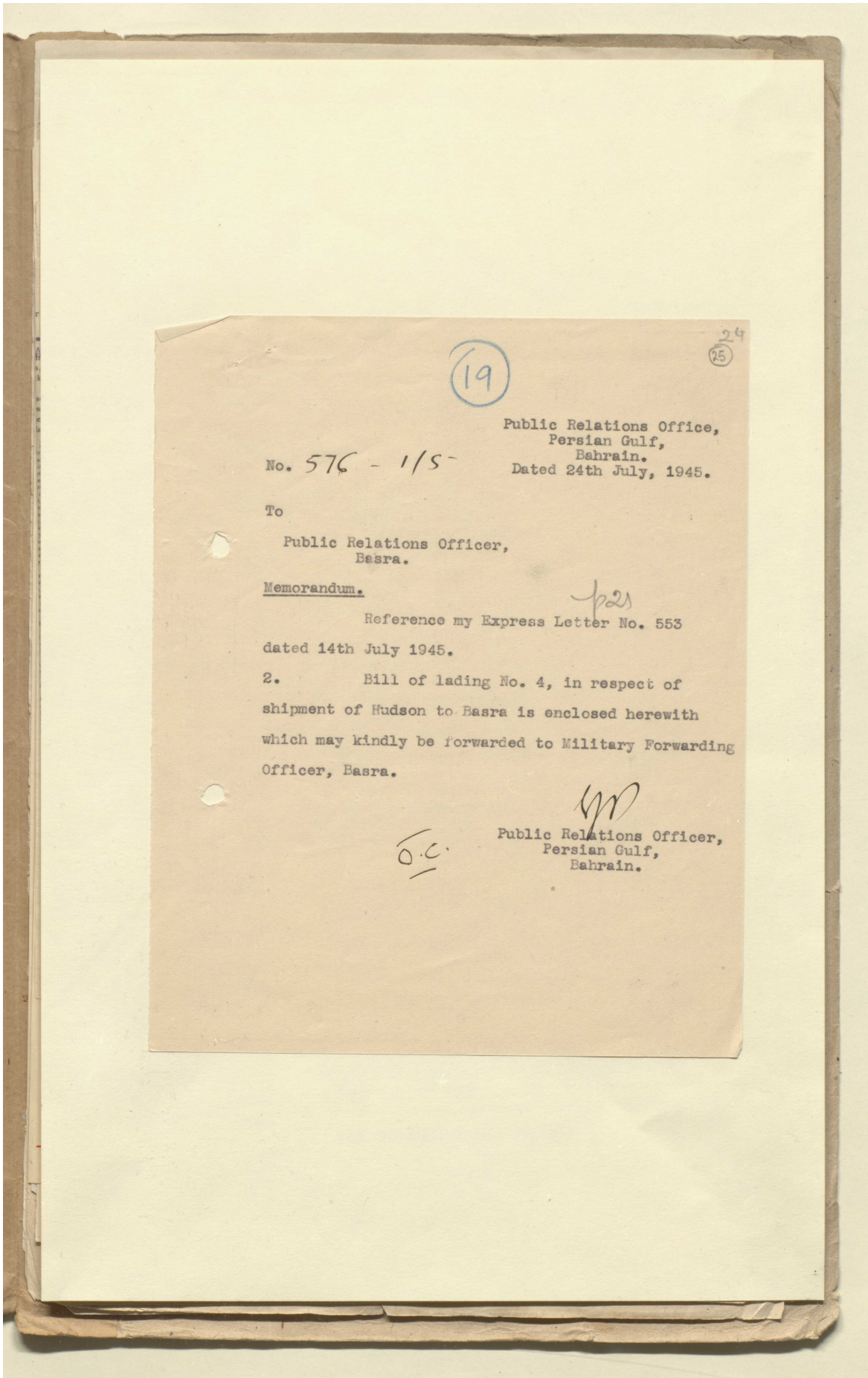
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B/L No.4 in duplicate.
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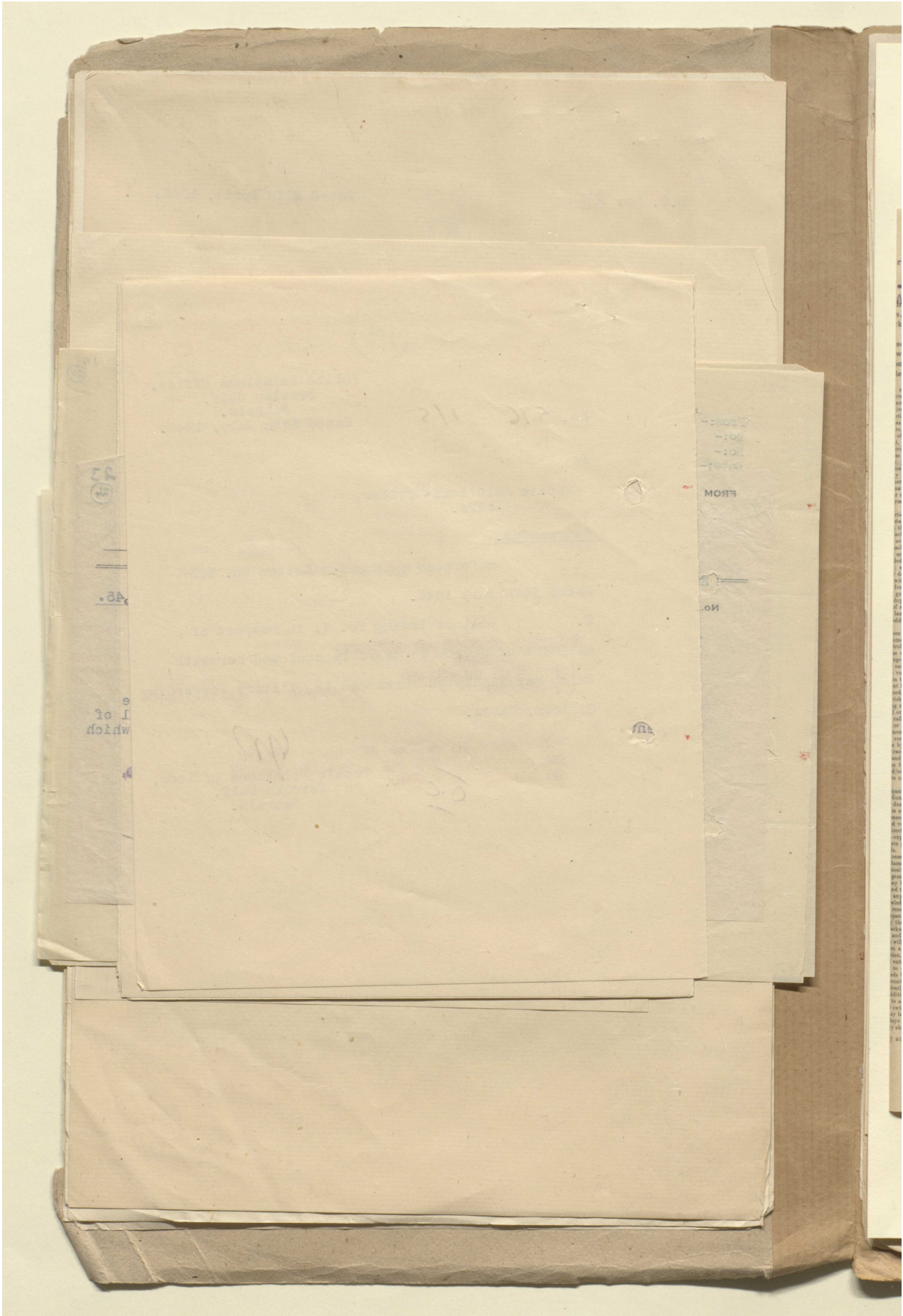
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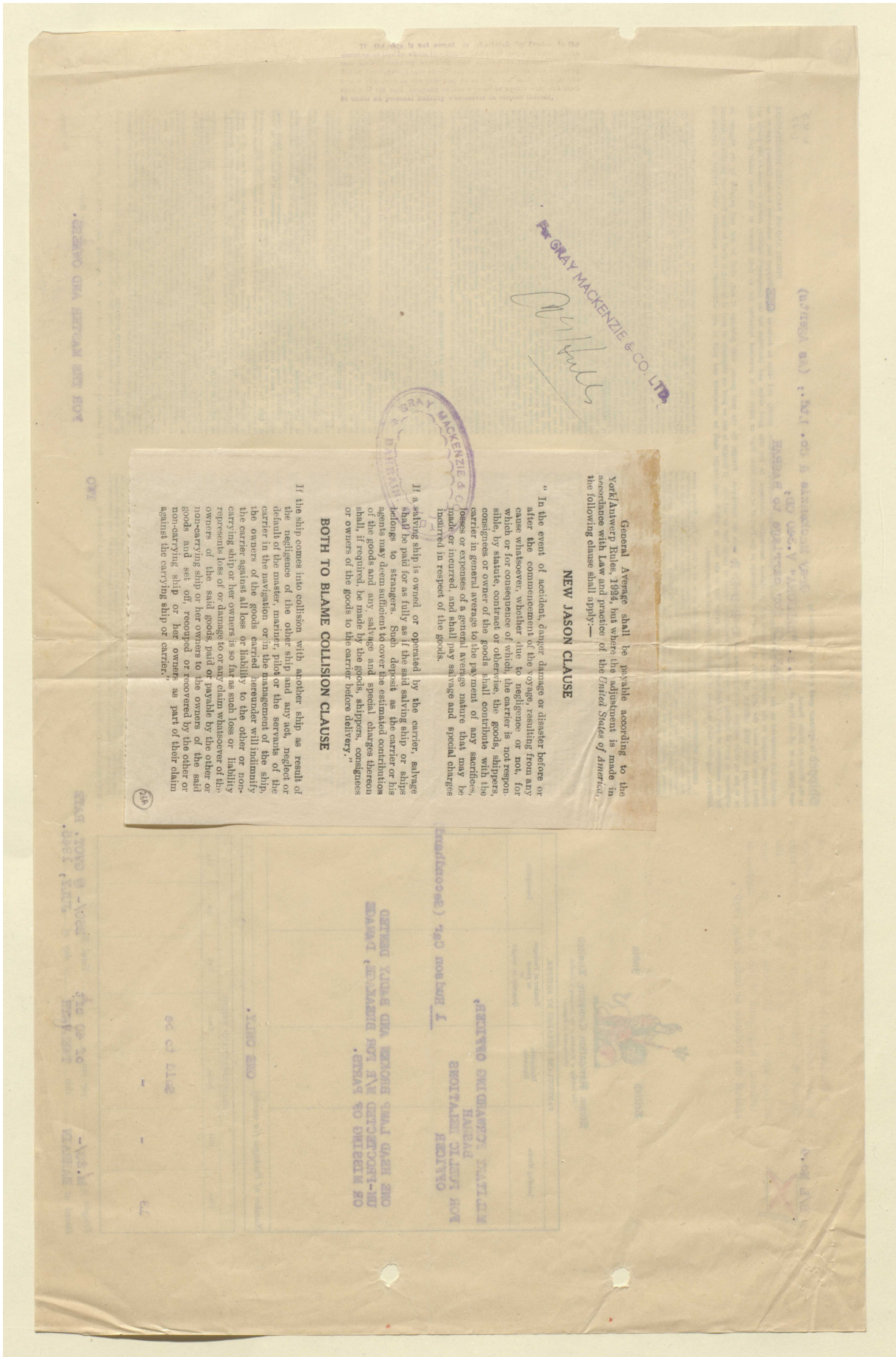
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'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [25r] (49/106)







'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [27r] (53/106)

From:- Public Relations Section, Basra
To:- Public Relations Officer, Bahrein.
No:- A/7534
Date:- 28th. July, 1945.

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Subject:- HUDSON CAR FOR BASRA.

Mohammed bin Khalifa arrived here on 19th instant having left the ship at Abadan, and is due to leave tomorrow. During his stay here we have allowed him 350 fils per day for his living expenses - this is the sum allowed to our cinema teams when they are away from Basra. We shall cover this allowance and the cost of his return passage from the sale of the car.

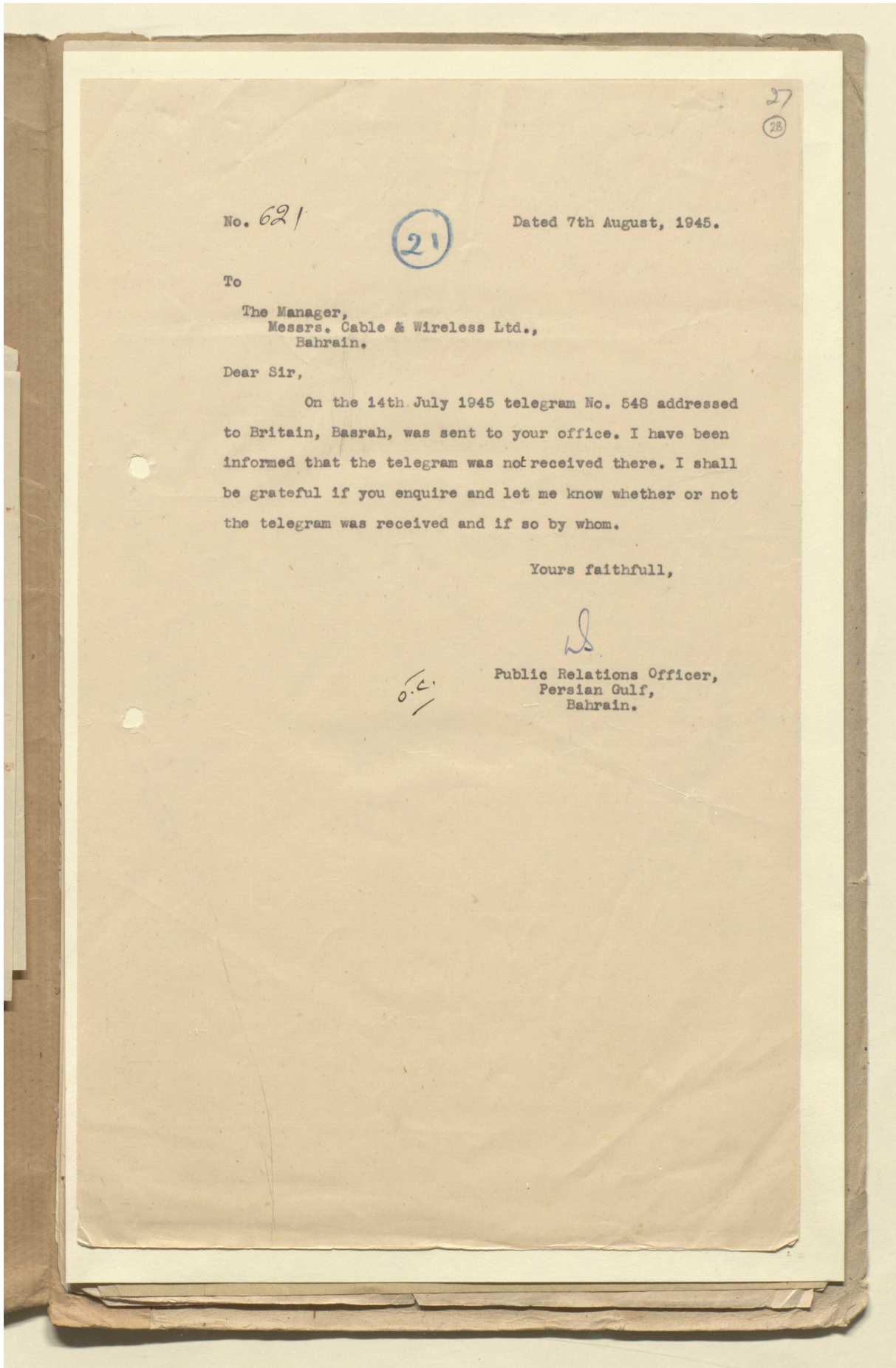
We have also made him an advance of ID. 2/- which he asks to be deducted from his salary. We shall debit your office with this sum in our next account.

Bill of lading was only received yesterday and we have not yet taken delivery of the car though we hope to do so today. We trust that it will be in good condition and that the spares will be complete as per list.

Incidentally your telegram No. 548 of 14.7.45 was never received here.

D. A. F. BISH
(D. A. F. BISH)
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [28r] (55/106)



No. 621

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Dated 7th August, 1945.

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To

The Manager,
Messrs. Cable & Wireless Ltd.,
Bahrain.

Dear Sir,

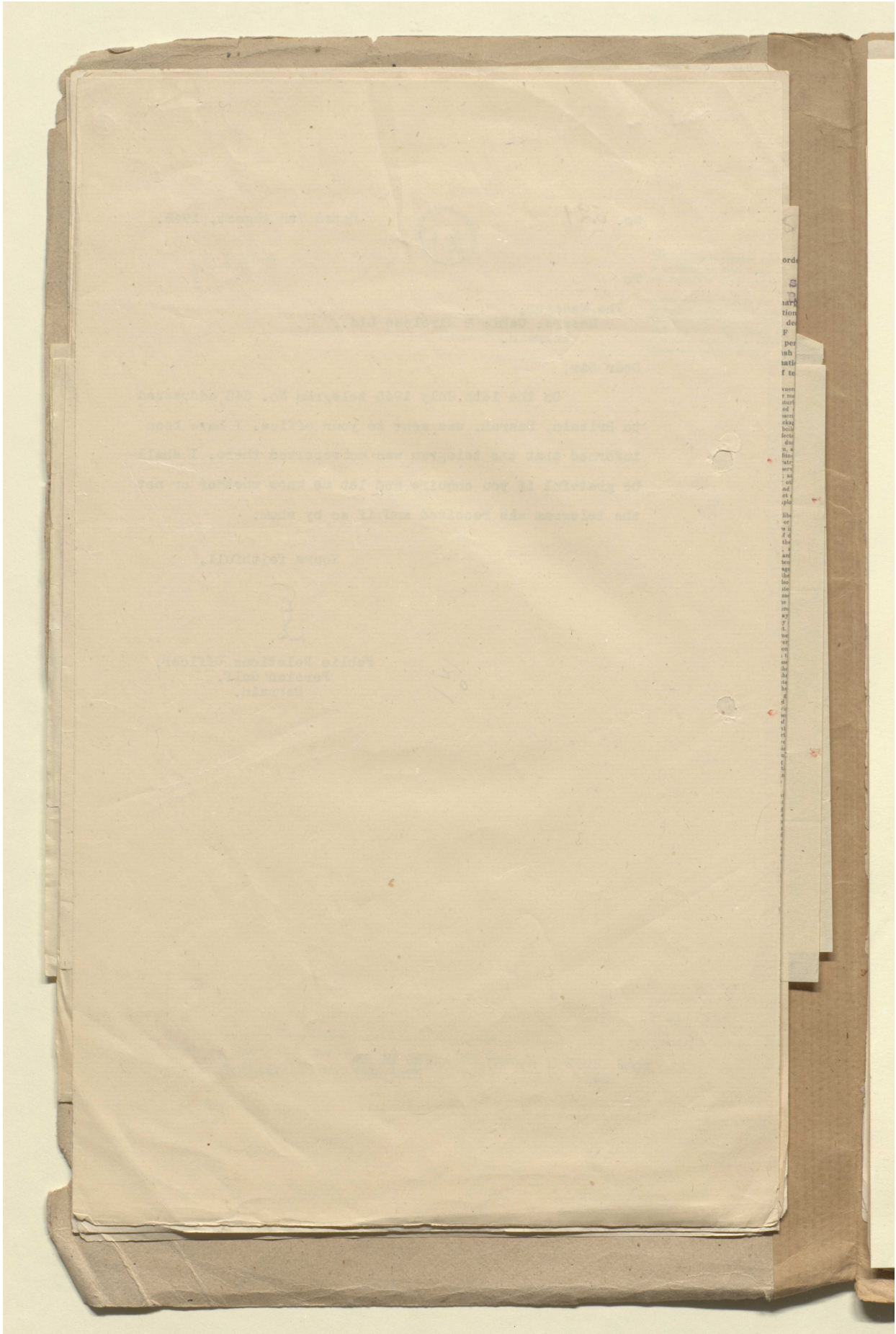
On the 14th July 1945 telegram No. 548 addressed to Britain, Basrah, was sent to your office. I have been informed that the telegram was not received there. I shall be grateful if you enquire and let me know whether or not the telegram was received and if so by whom.

Yours faithfull,

Public Relations Officer,
Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.

o.c./

'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [28v] (56/106)



'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [29r] (57/106)

From:- Public Relations Section, Basra
To:- Public Relations Officer, Bahrain
No:- A/7548
Date:- 4th. August '45.

J.R. 365
8.8.45

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Subject:- HUDSON CAR.

When this vehicle was taken delivery of at the docks it was found to be in very bad condition. The Bill of Lading stated "one head lamp broken and badly dented, unprotected" so that considerable damage must have been sustained during the voyage across from Bahrain. Main points are:-

The entire roof has been badly crushed
There was no battery
Rear and inside lights smashed
No cap for petrol tank
Engine leaking in two places
Radiator leaking
Entire engine very rusty and salt-encrusted
Wiring rusted through - no lights or horn working (using our own battery)
One handle for window missing
No light switch
Upholstery of roof badly torn - probably as a result of the crushed roof
/ One screw spanner missing from tool kit
/ One spanner broken
Paint badly stained and scratched

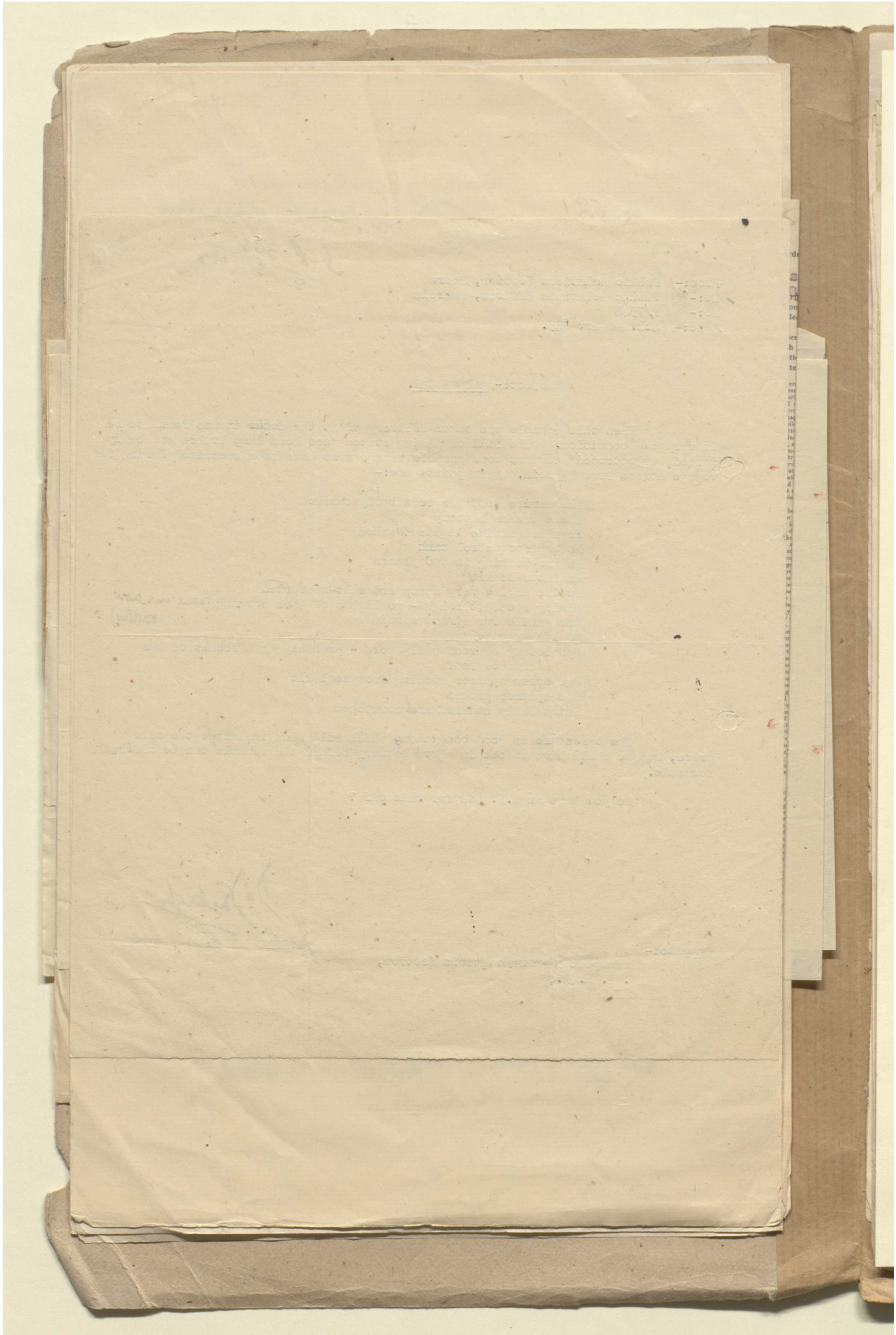
The tyres are in good condition, which will much influence the sale price, but we shall have to obtain a new battery before the vehicle can be offered for sale.

Do you have an A.B. 412 for this car ?

Copy to:- Transport & Communications Section,
M. I. M. E.,
CAIRO

D.A. Design
(D.A. DESIGN)
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

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(4,100 pads.)

CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED.
(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND.)

The first line of this Telegram contains the following particulars in the order named:—
Prefix Letters and Number of Message, Office of Origin, Number of Words, Date, Time handed in and
Official Instructions—if any.

Clerk's Name. <i>zadli</i> M.R.D.	Time Received. 0745	969
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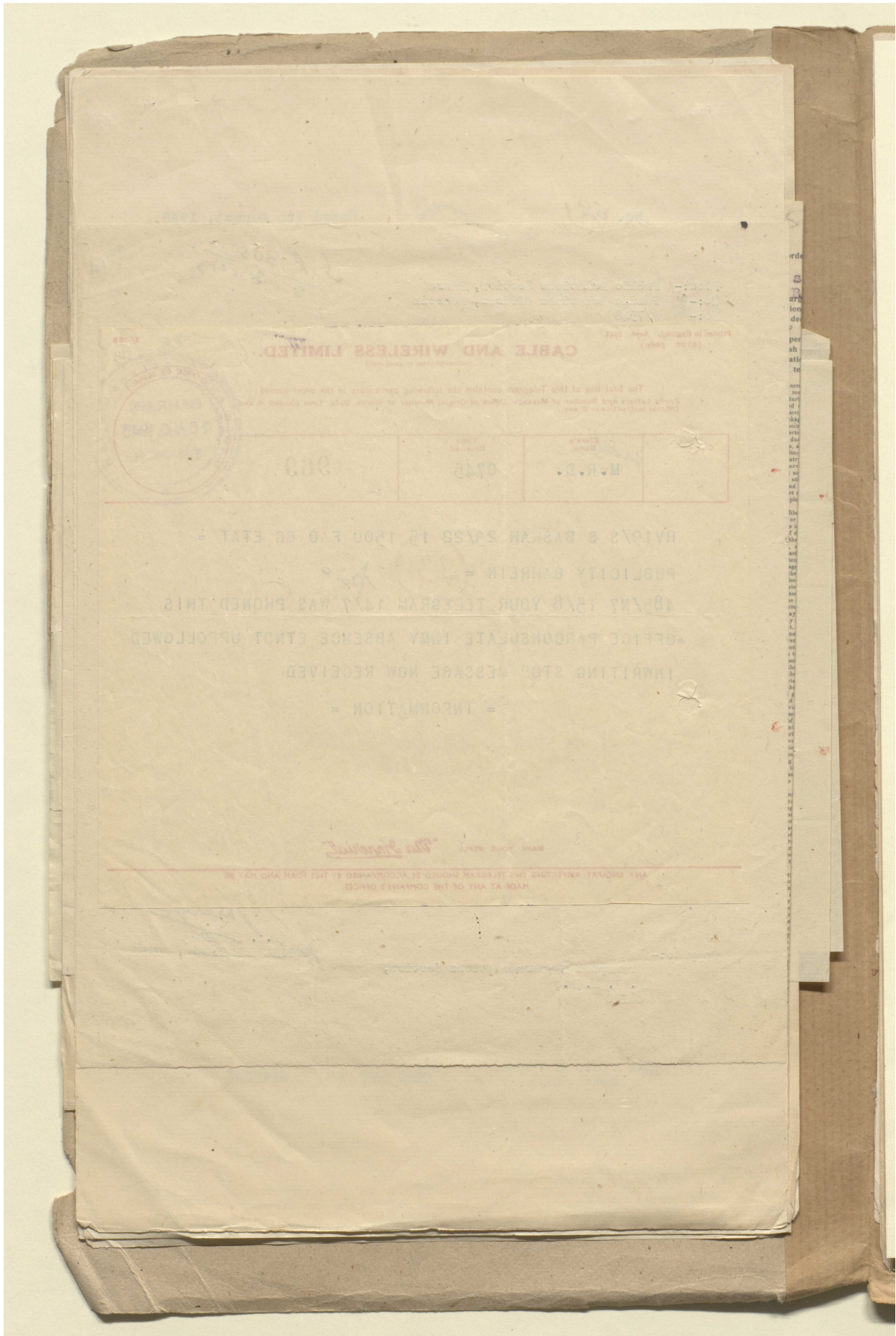
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OFFICE OF ISSUE
BAHRAIN.
16 AUG. 1945
BRANCH.

HV19/S S BASRAH 23/22 15 1500 FAO BG ETAT =
PUBLICITY BAHREIN = 23 p20
485/N7 15/8 YOUR TELEGRAM 14/7 WAS PHONED THIS
OFFICE PARCONSULATE INMY ABSENCE ETNOT UPFOLLOWED
INWRITING STOP MESSAGE NOW RECEIVED
= INFORMATION =

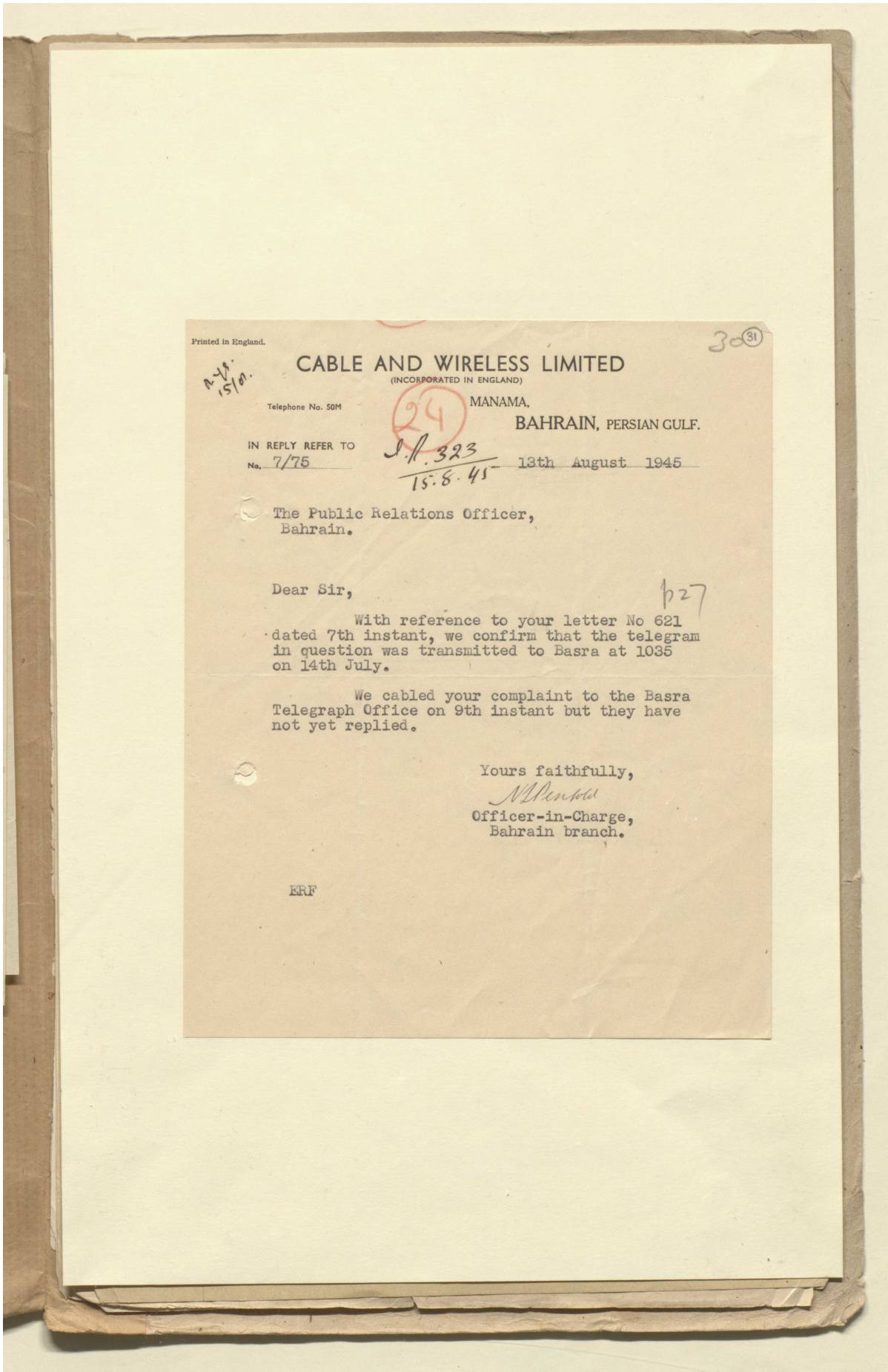
MARK YOUR REPLY *"Via Imperial"*

ANY ENQUIRY RESPECTING THIS TELEGRAM SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THIS FORM AND MAY BE
MADE AT ANY OF THE COMPANY'S OFFICES.

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'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [31r] (61/106)



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A.Y. 1510.

CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED
(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND)

Telephone No. 50M MANAMA,
BAHRAIN, PERSIAN GULF.

IN REPLY REFER TO *J.A. 323*
No. 7/75 *15.8.45* 13th August 1945

The Public Relations Officer,
Bahrain.

Dear Sir, *b27*

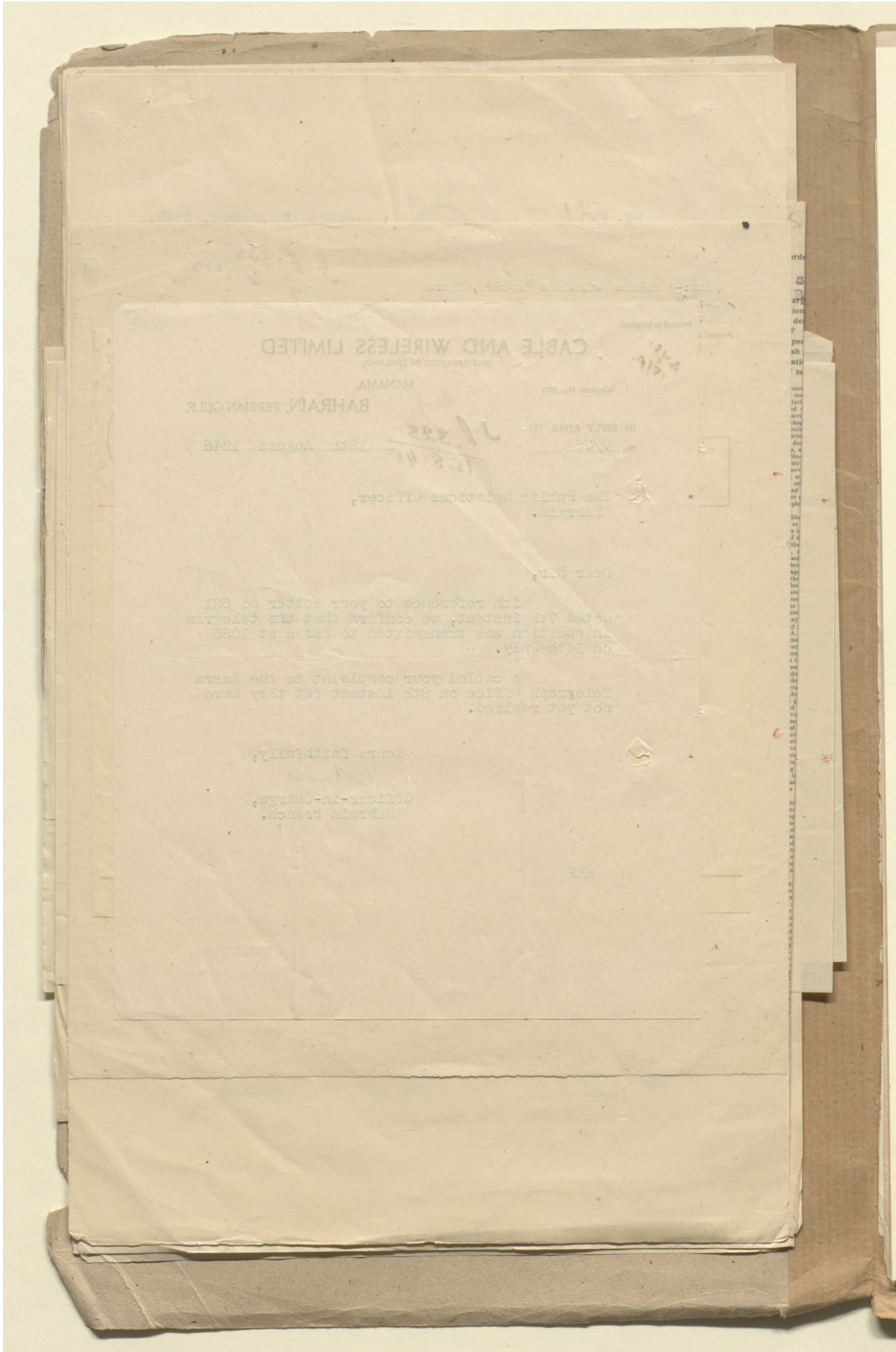
With reference to your letter No 621
dated 7th instant, we confirm that the telegram
in question was transmitted to Basra at 1035
on 14th July.

We cabled your complaint to the Basra
Telegraph Office on 9th instant but they have
not yet replied.

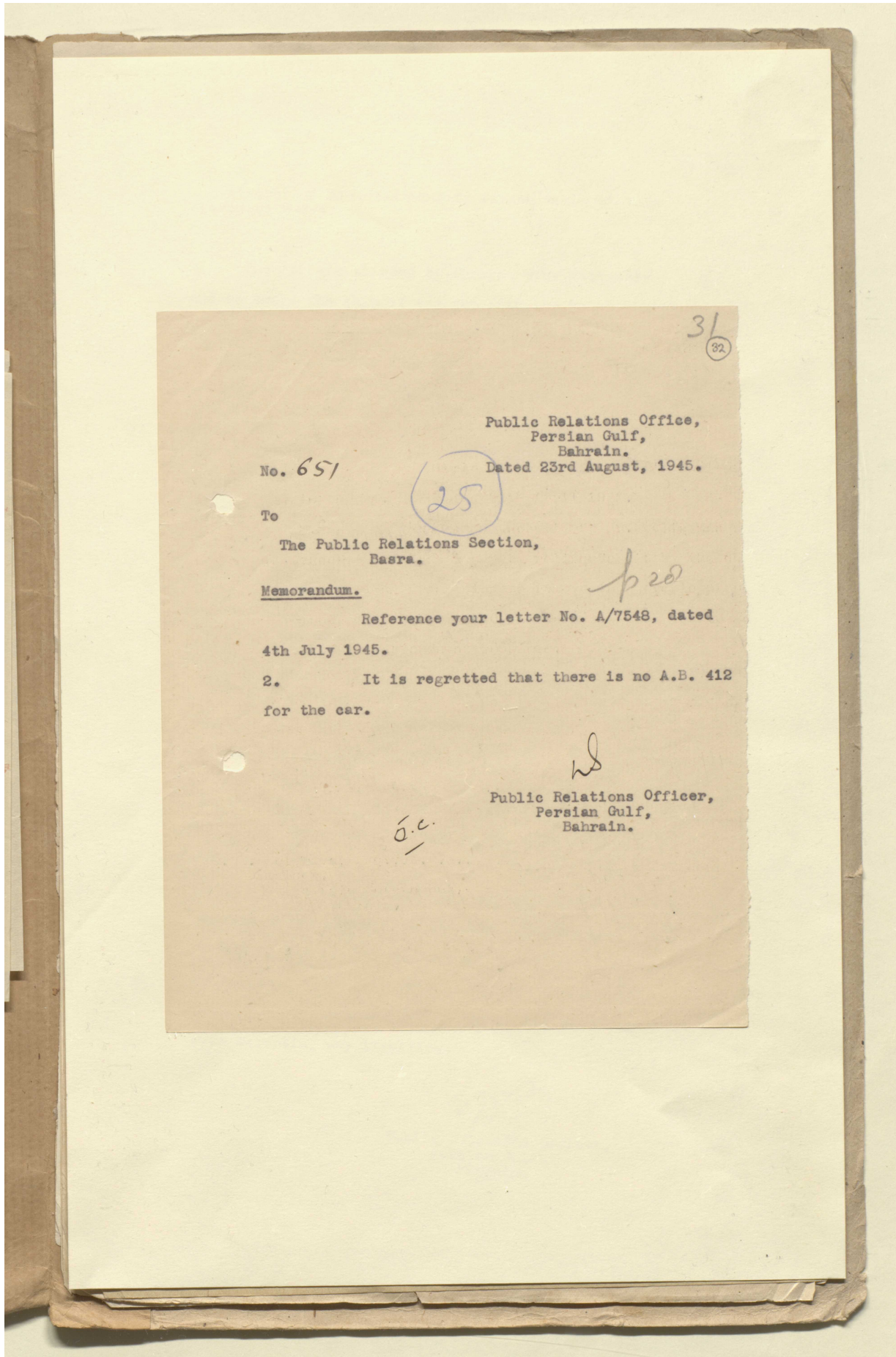
Yours faithfully,
N. Penfold
Officer-in-Charge,
Bahrain branch.

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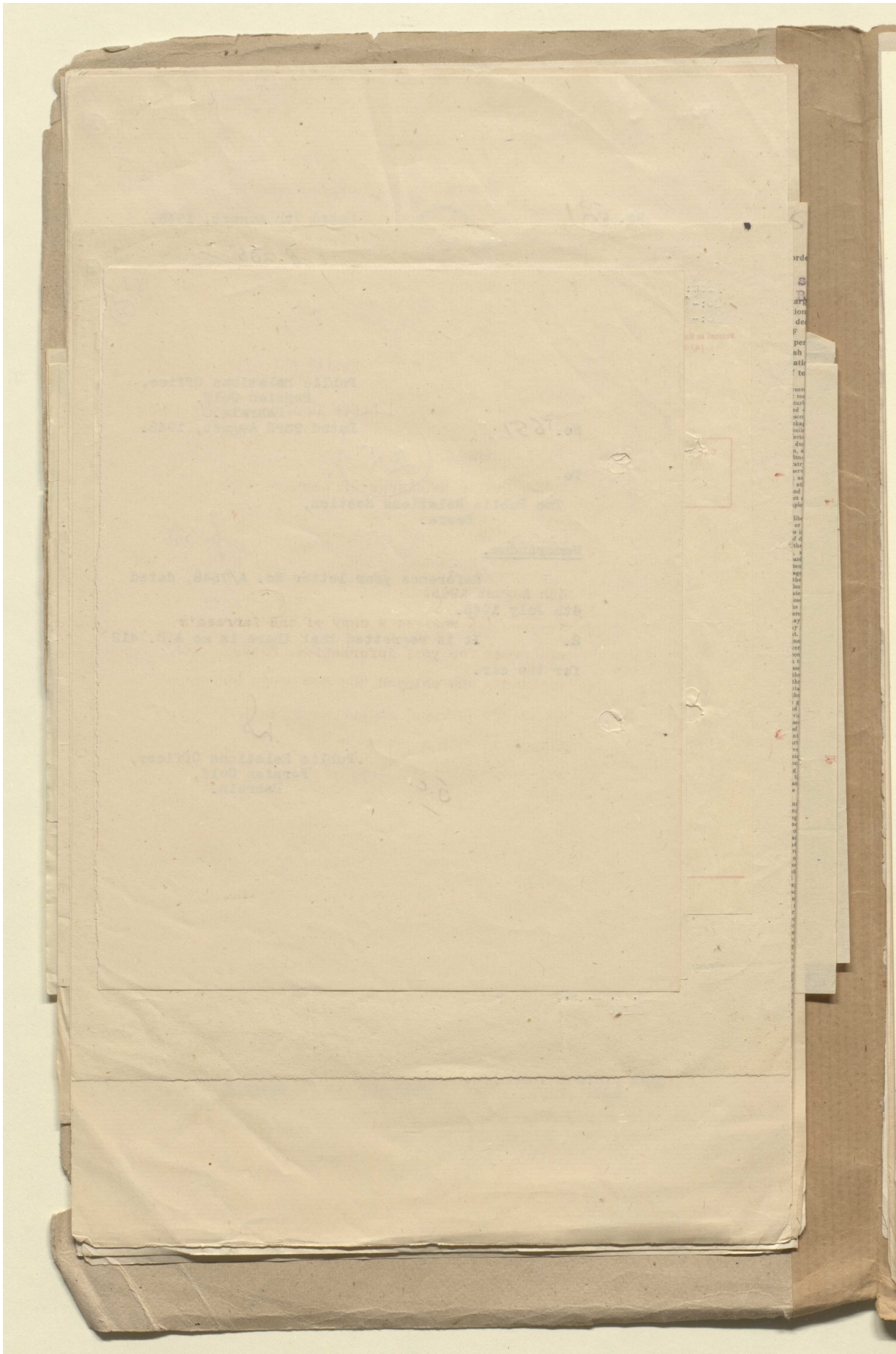
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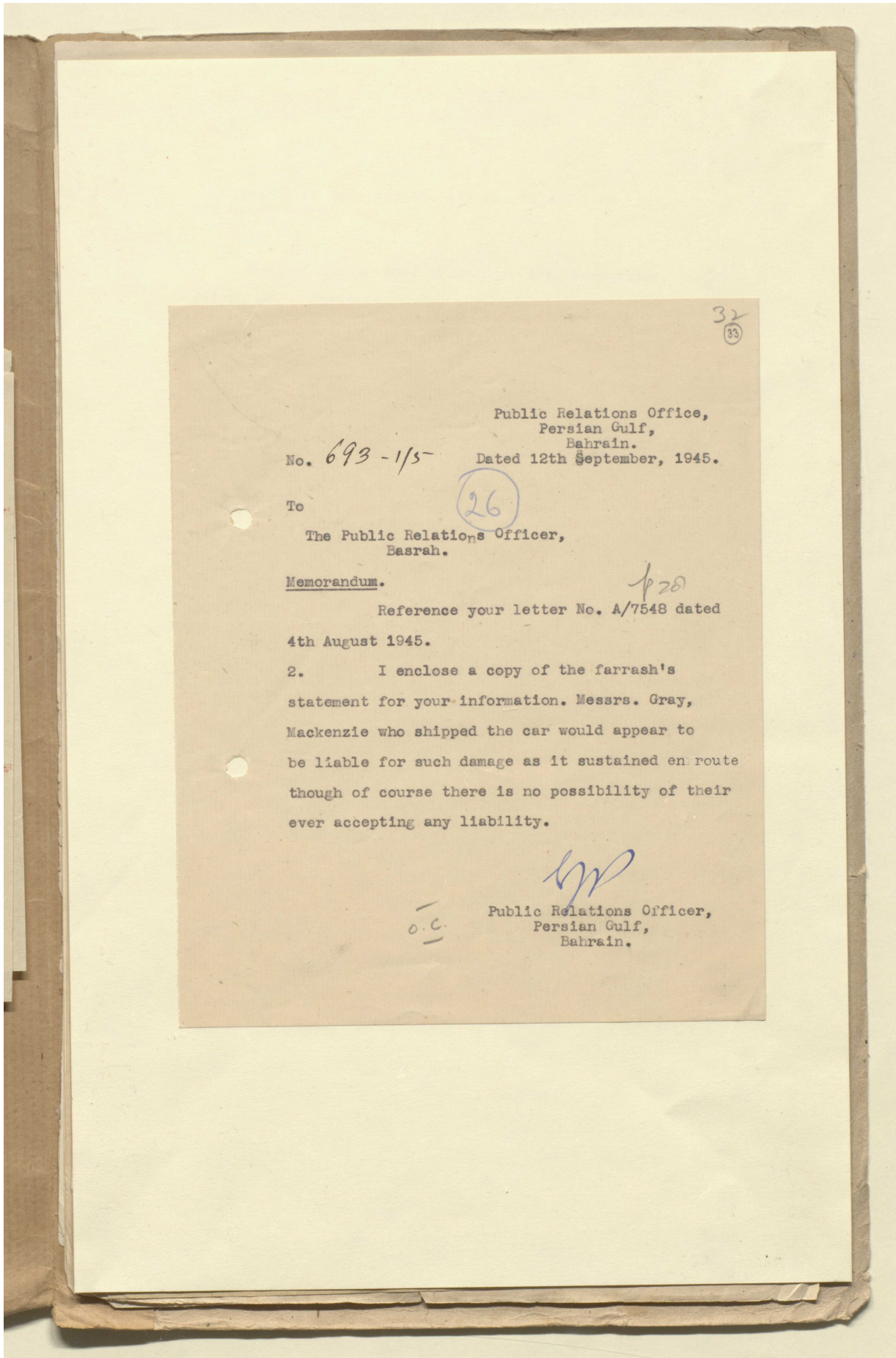
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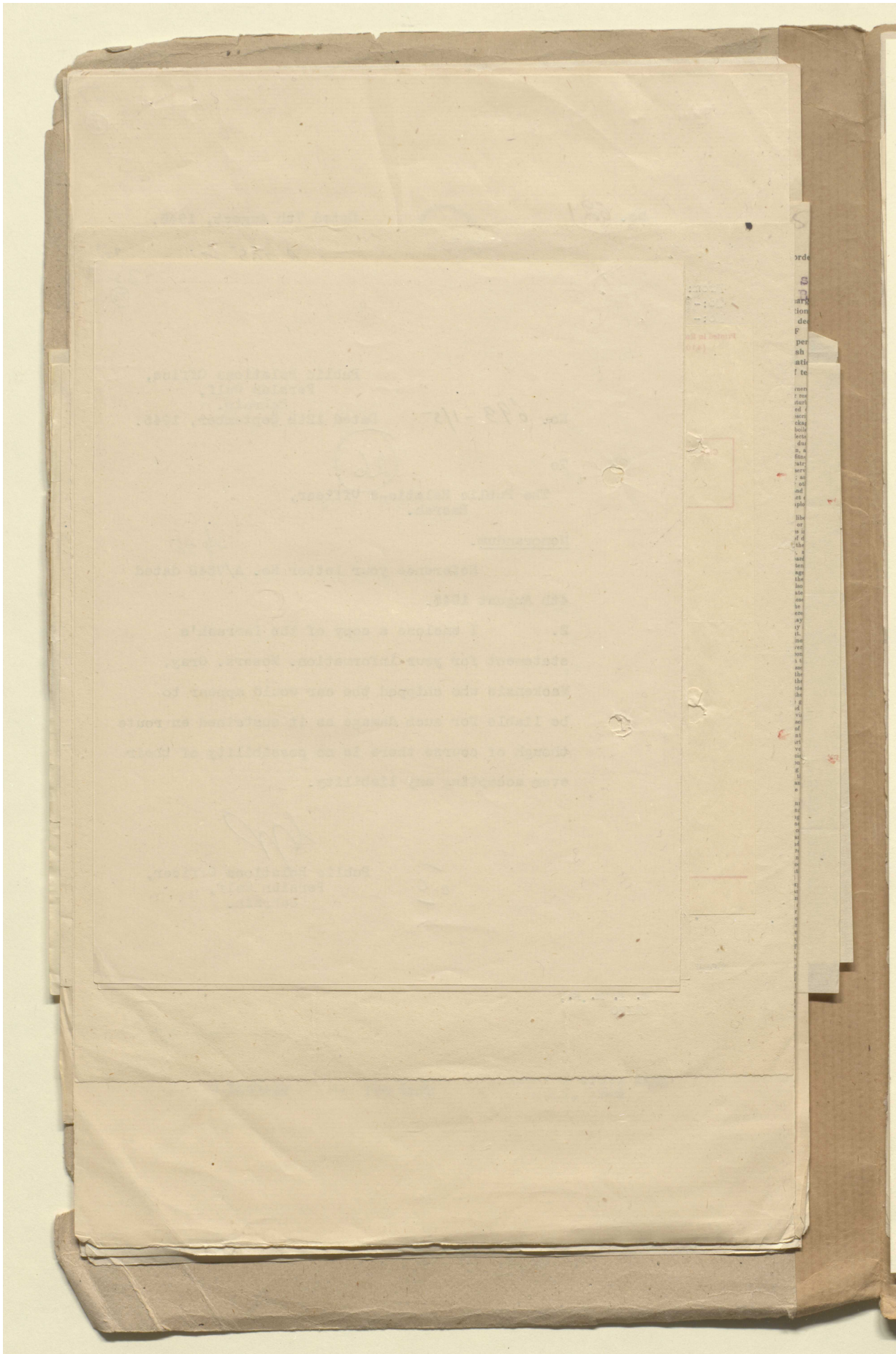


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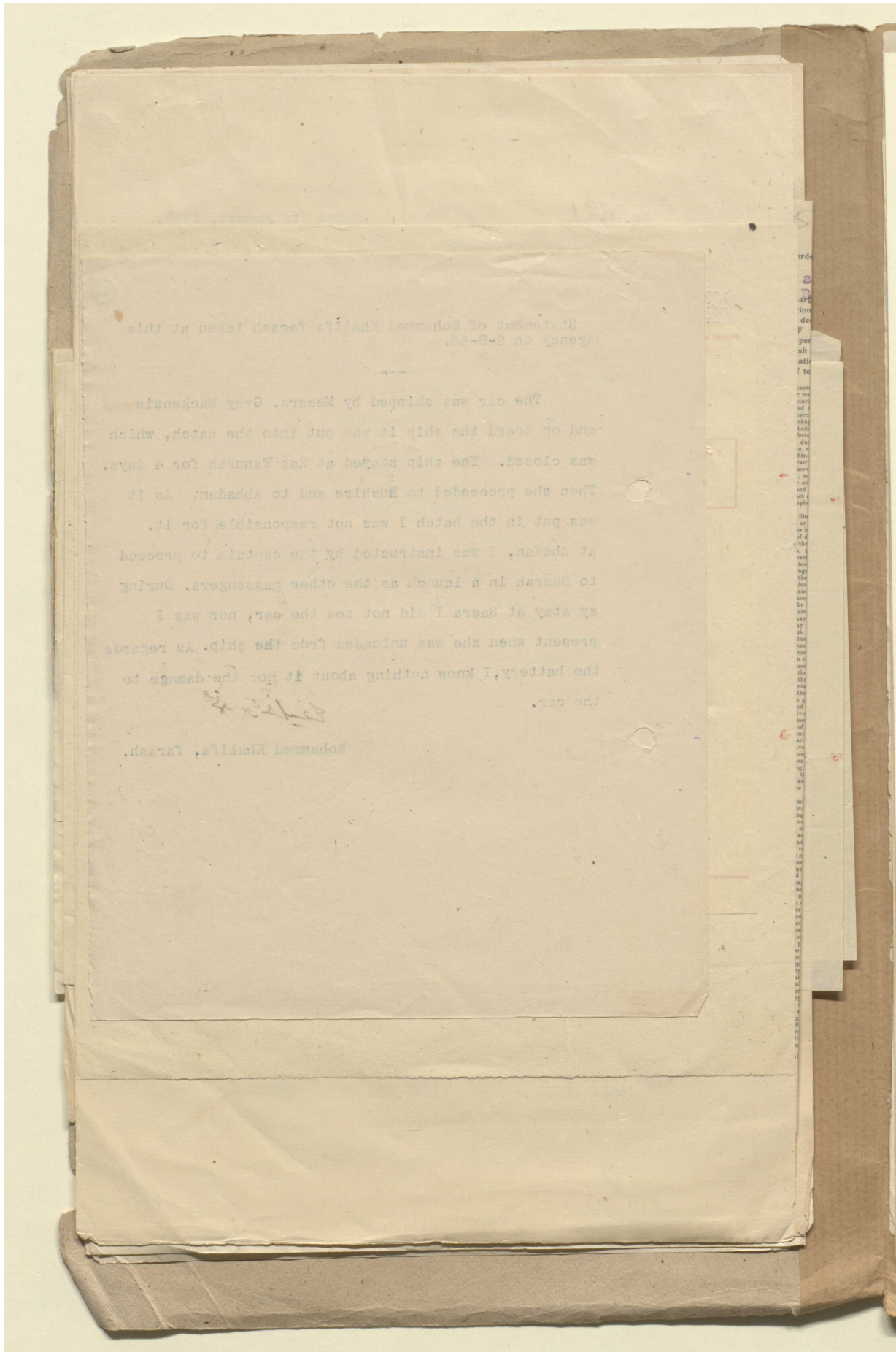
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Statement of Mohammed Khalifa farash taken at this Agency on 2-9-45.

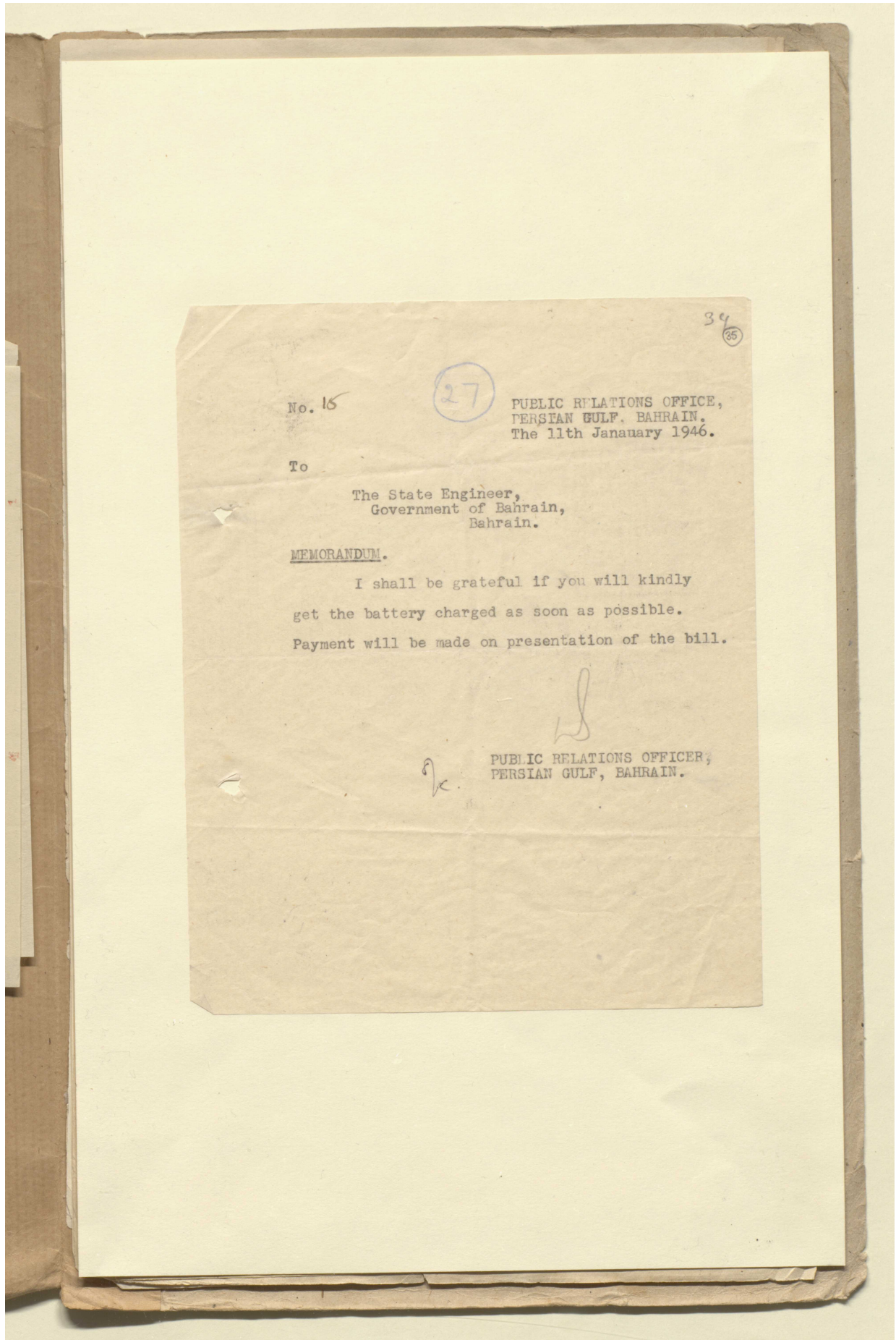
The car was shipped by Messrs. Gray Mackenzie and on board the ship it was put into the hatch, which was closed. The ship stayed at Ras Tanurah for 4 days. Then she proceeded to Bushire and to Abbadan. As it was put in the hatch I was not responsible for it. At Abadan, I was instructed by the captain to proceed to Basrah in a launch as the other passengers. During my stay at Basra I did not see the car, nor was I present when she was unloaded from the ship. As regards the battery, I know nothing about it nor the damage to the car.

Mohammed Khalifa
Mohammed Khalifa, farash.

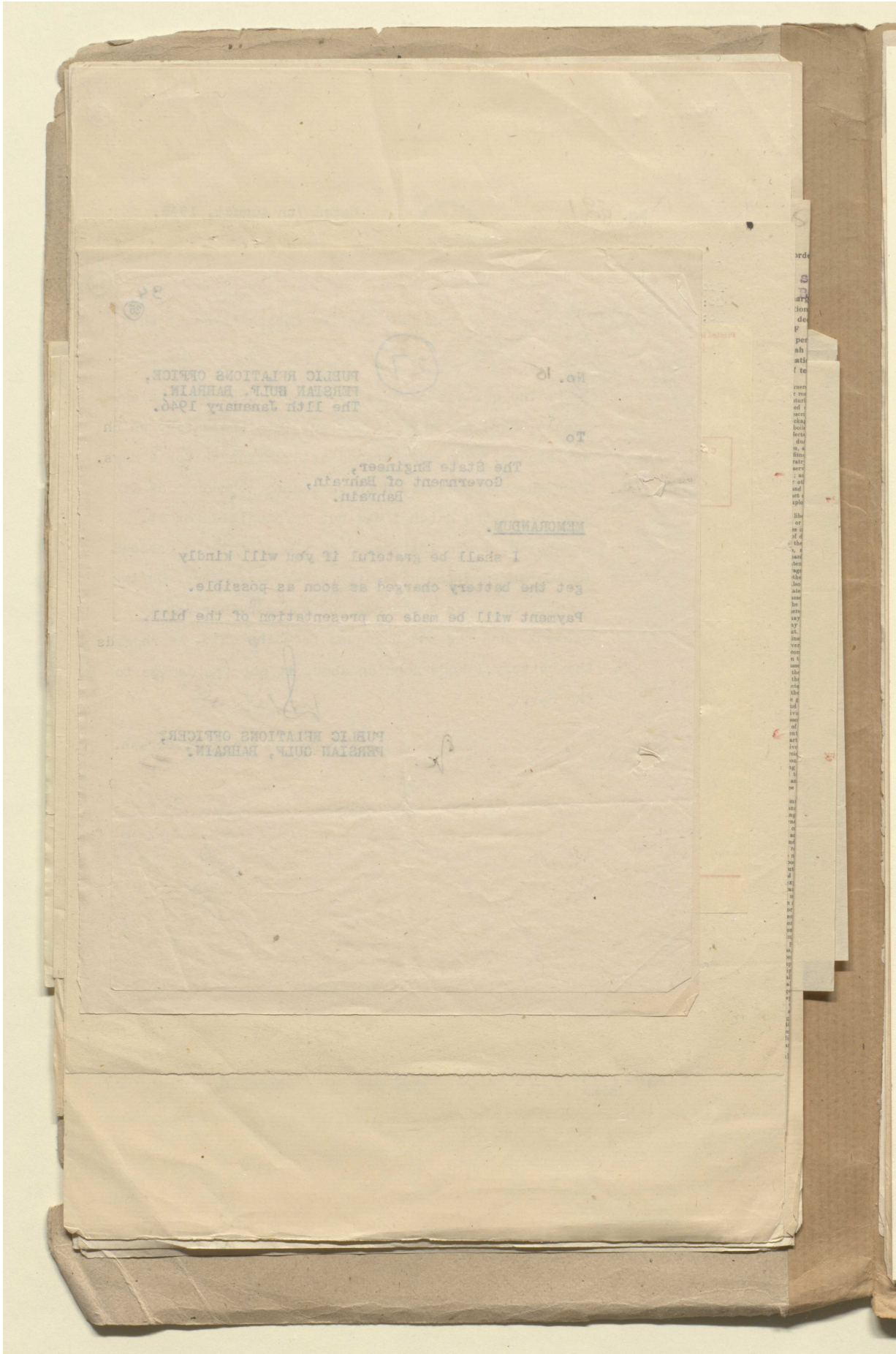
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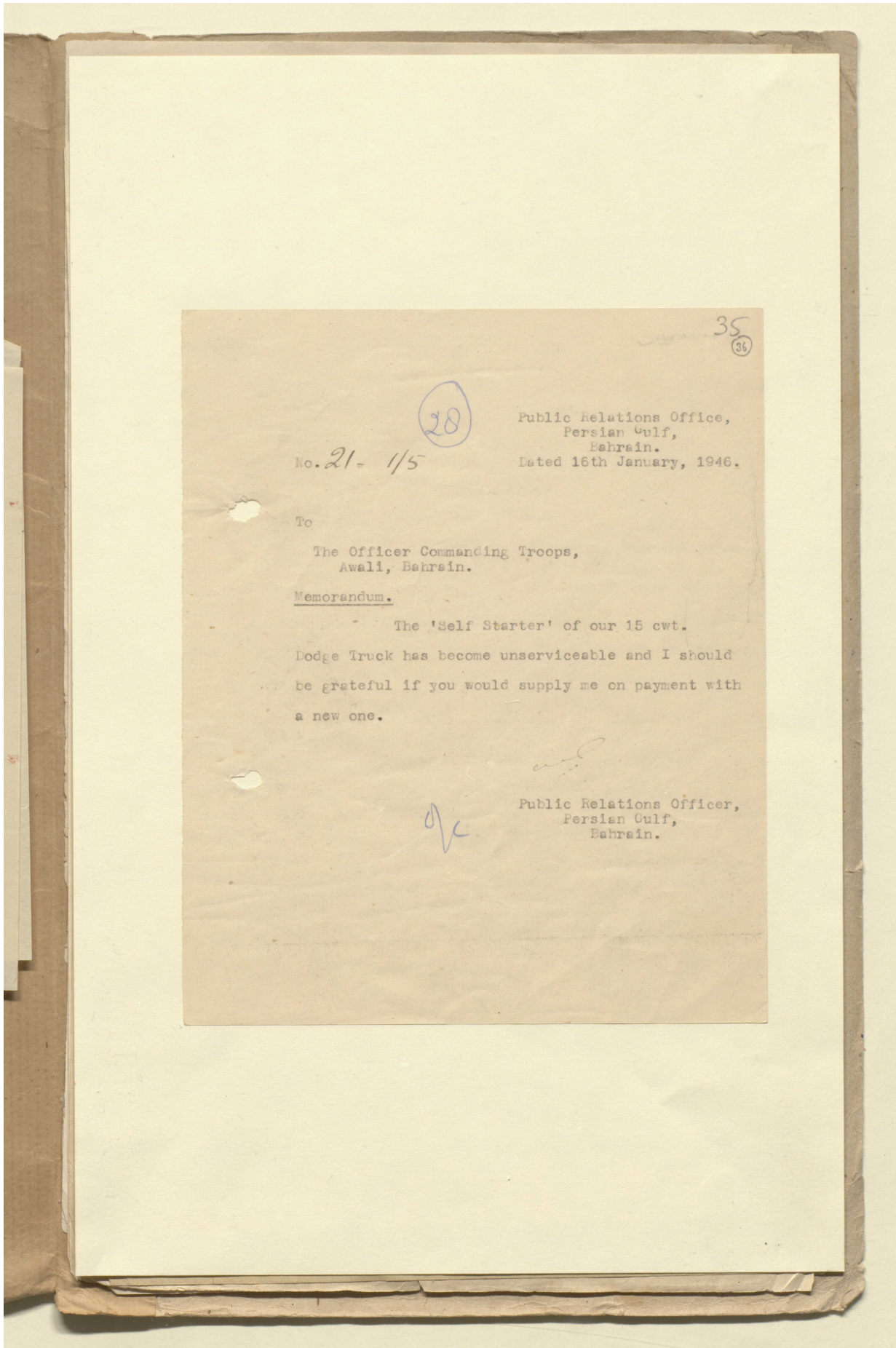
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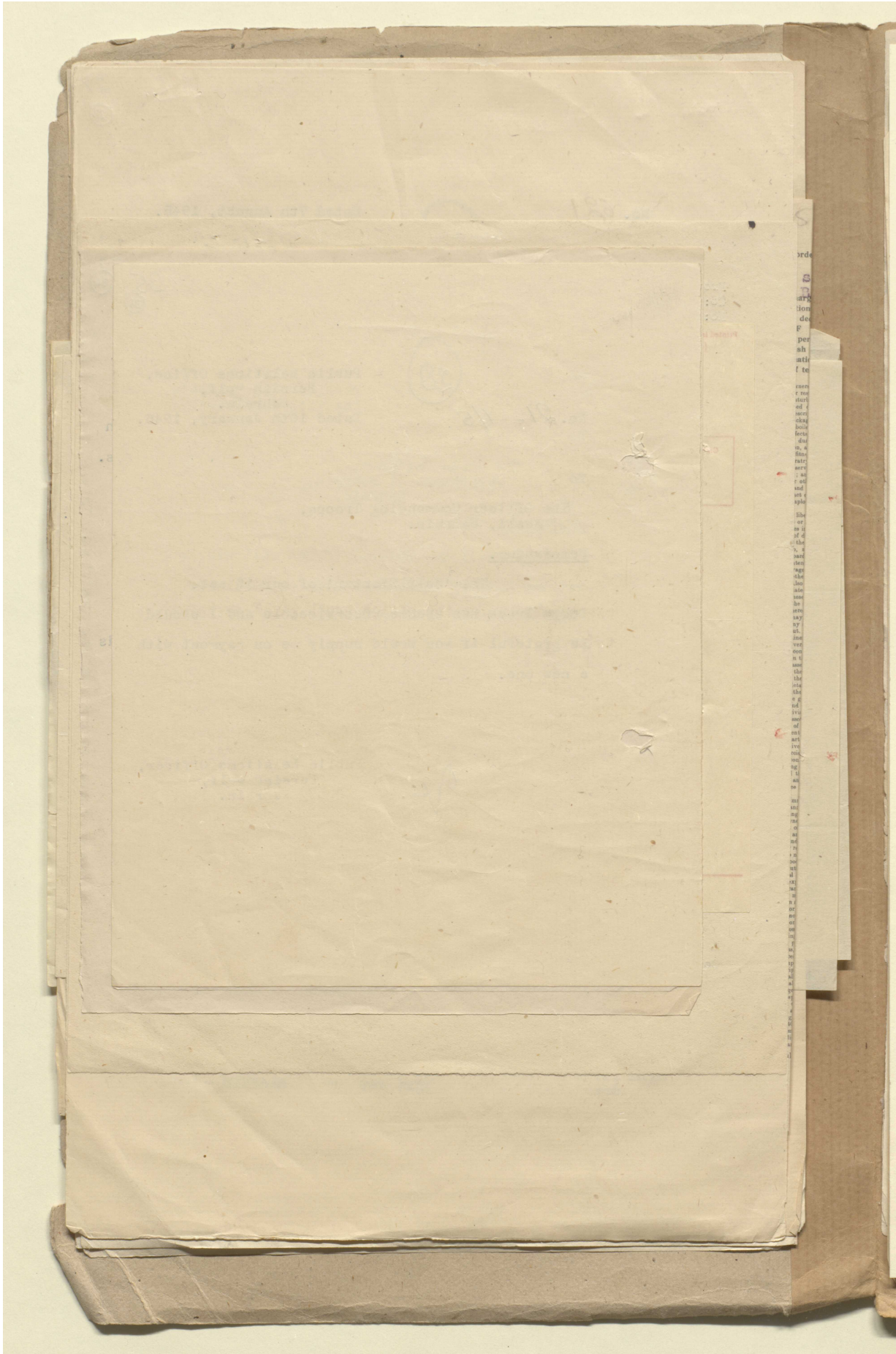


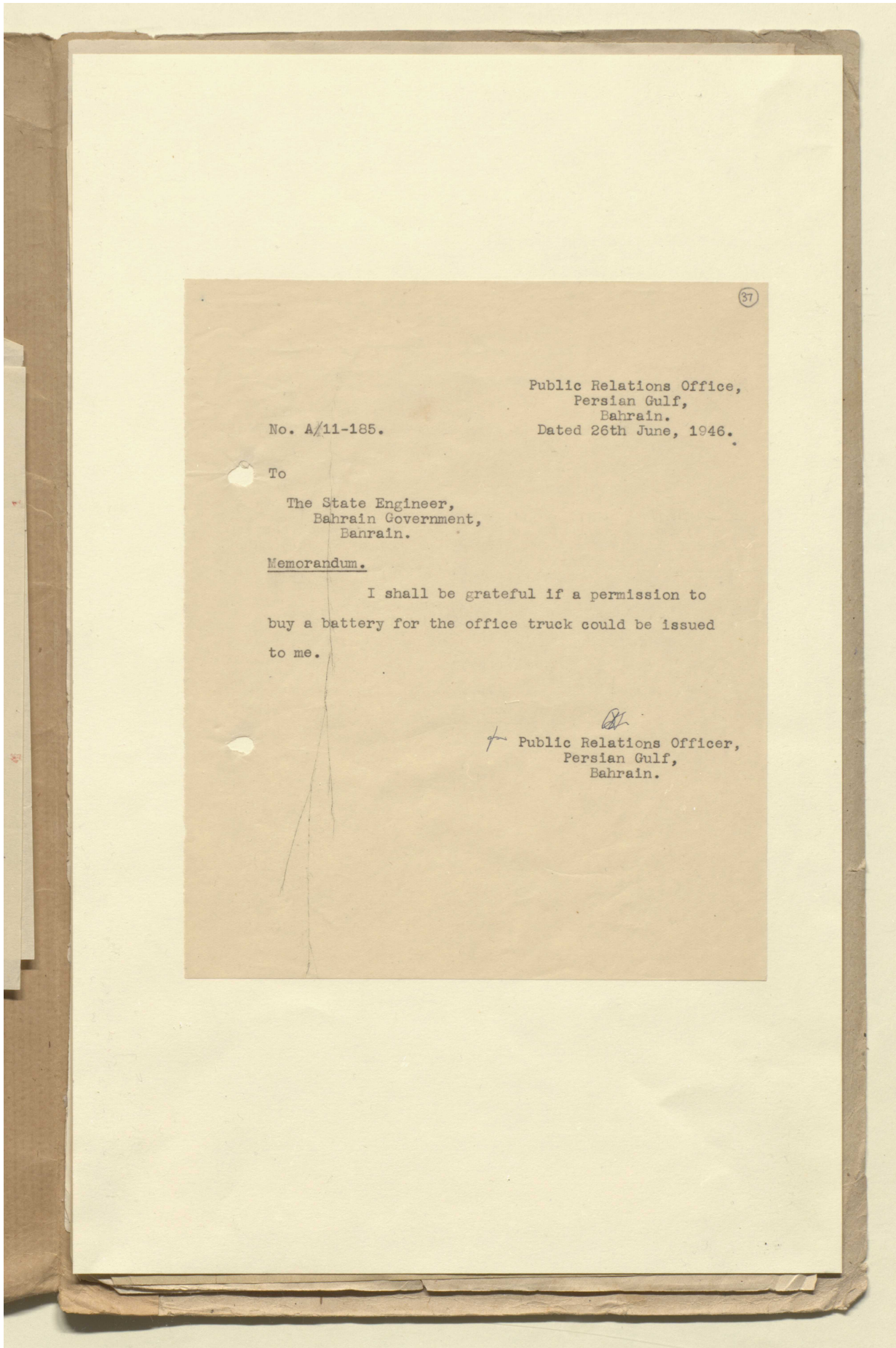
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No. A/11-185.

Public Relations Office,
Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.
Dated 26th June, 1946.

To

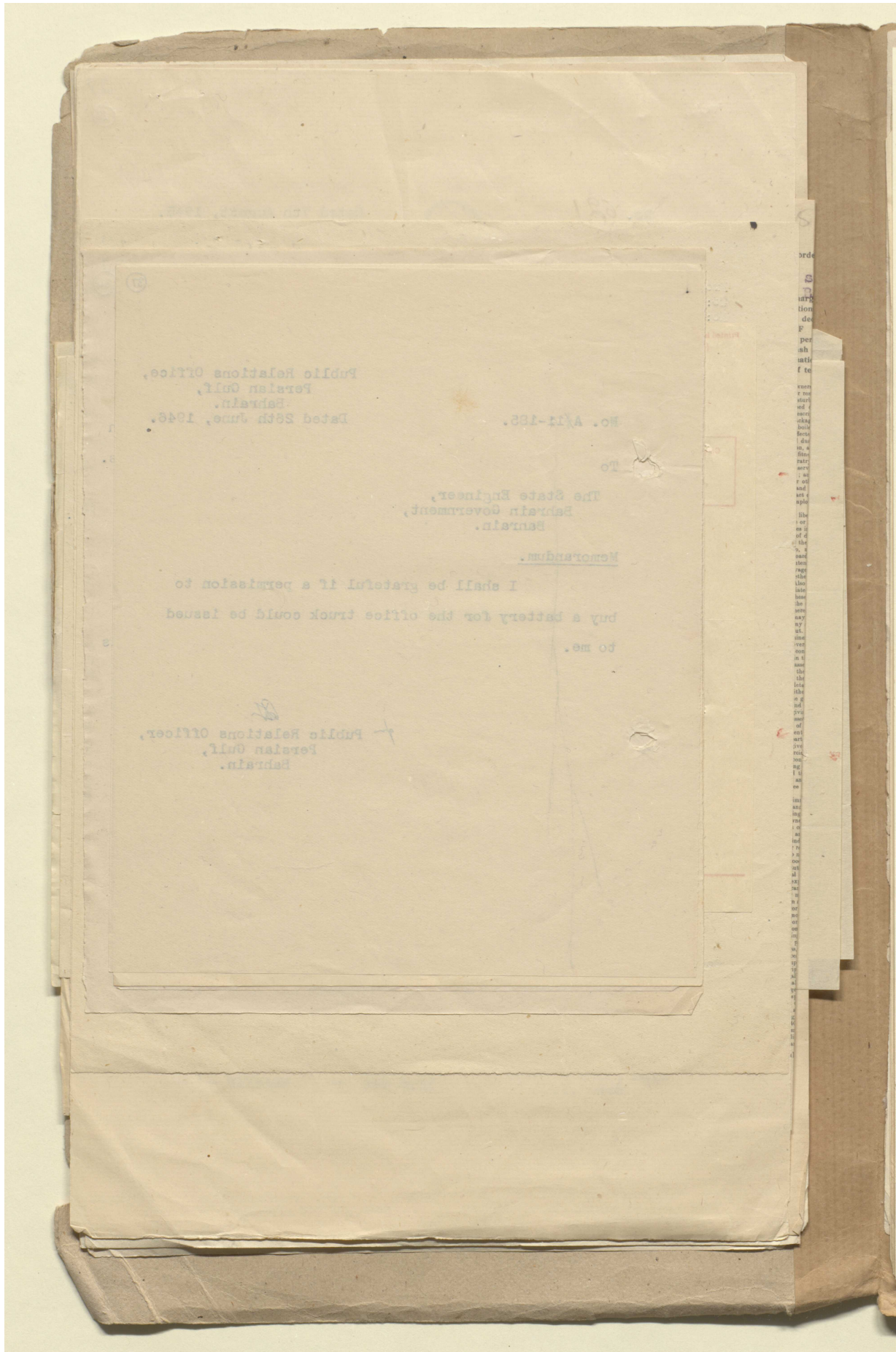
The State Engineer,
Bahrain Government,
Bahrain.

Memorandum.

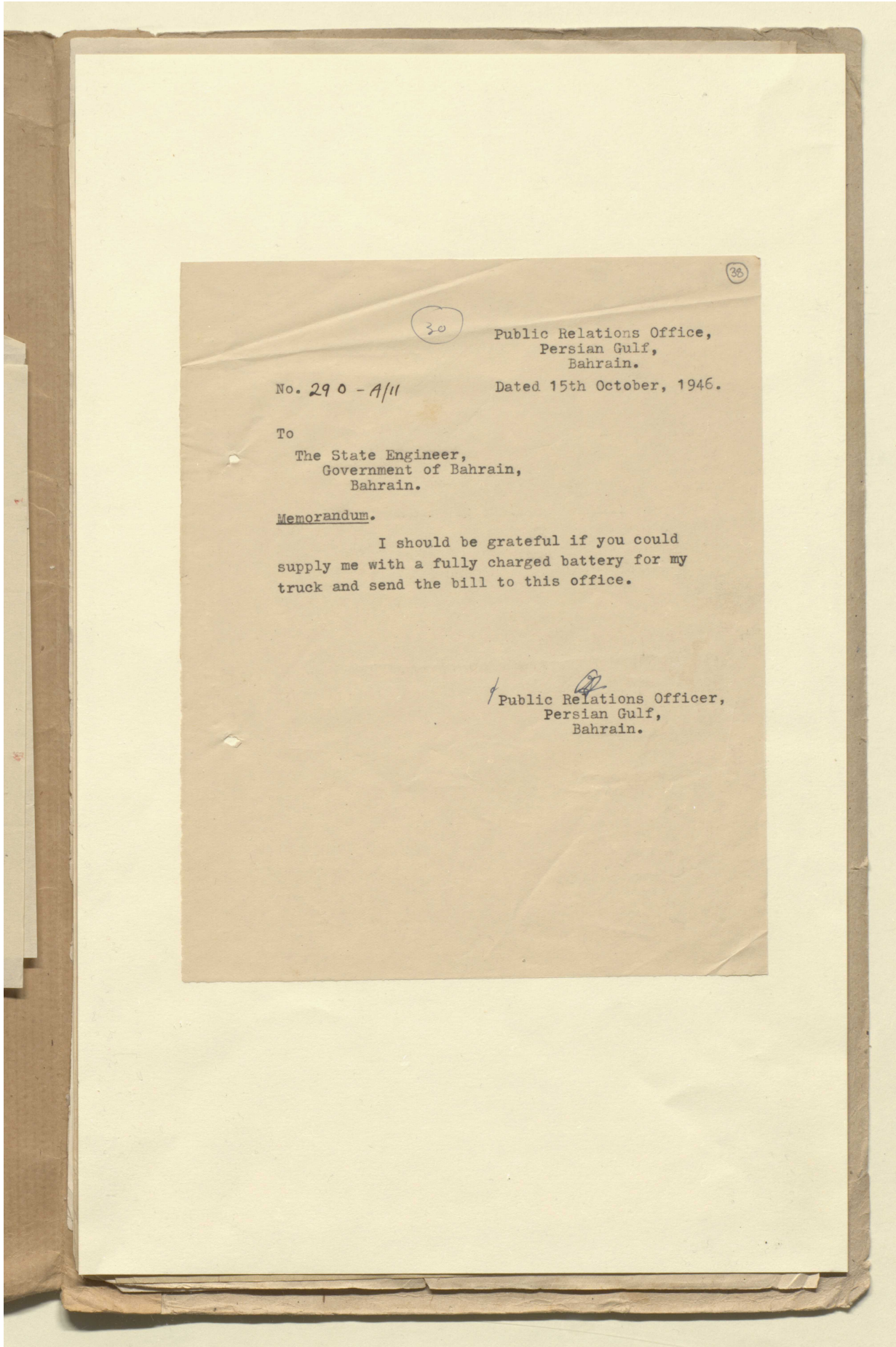
I shall be grateful if a permission to
buy a battery for the office truck could be issued
to me.

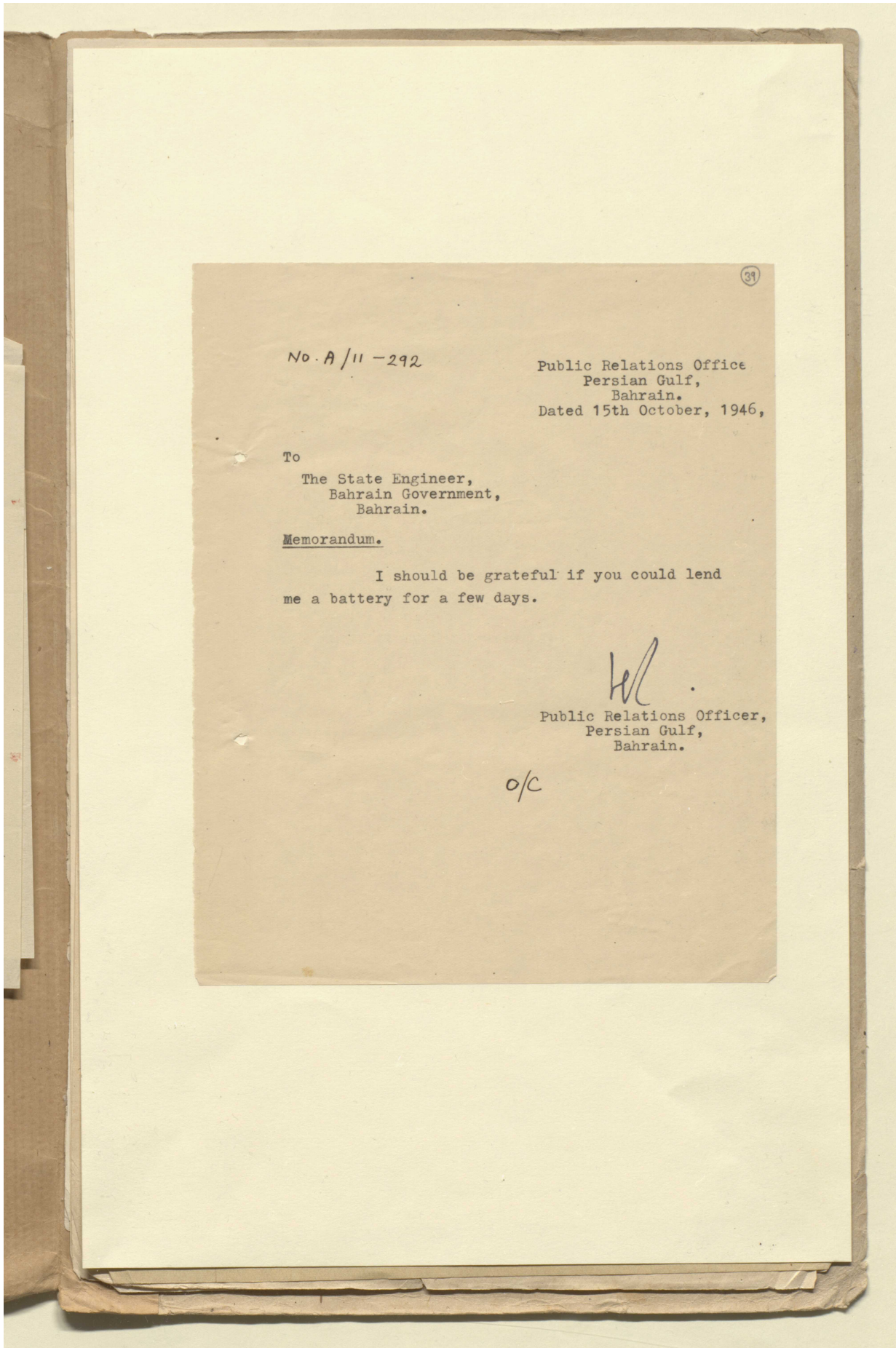
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Public Relations Officer,
Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.

'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [37v] (74/106)



'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [38r] (75/106)





No. A/11-292

Public Relations Office
Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.
Dated 15th October, 1946,

To
The State Engineer,
Bahrain Government,
Bahrain.

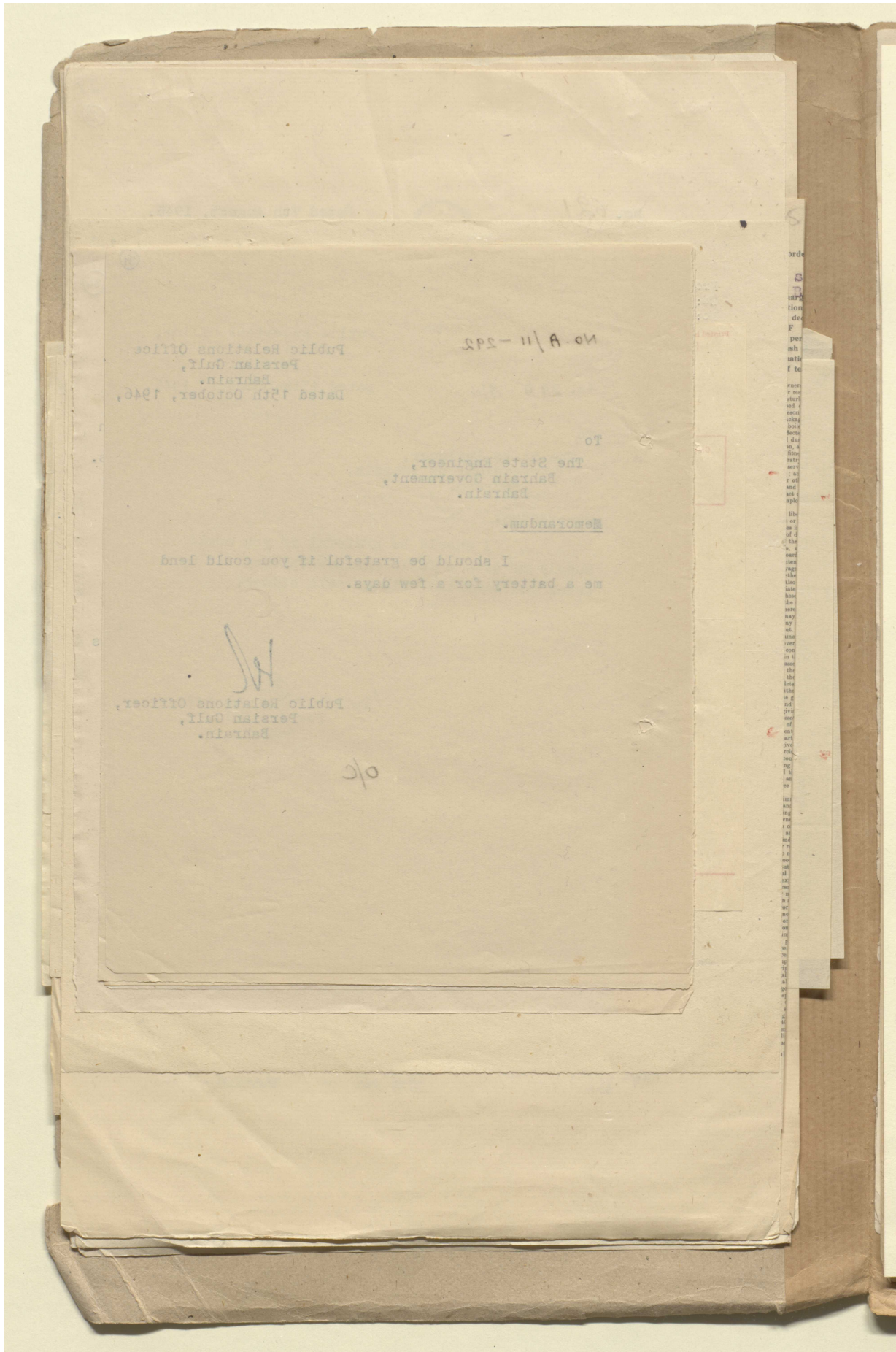
Memorandum.

I should be grateful if you could lend
me a battery for a few days.

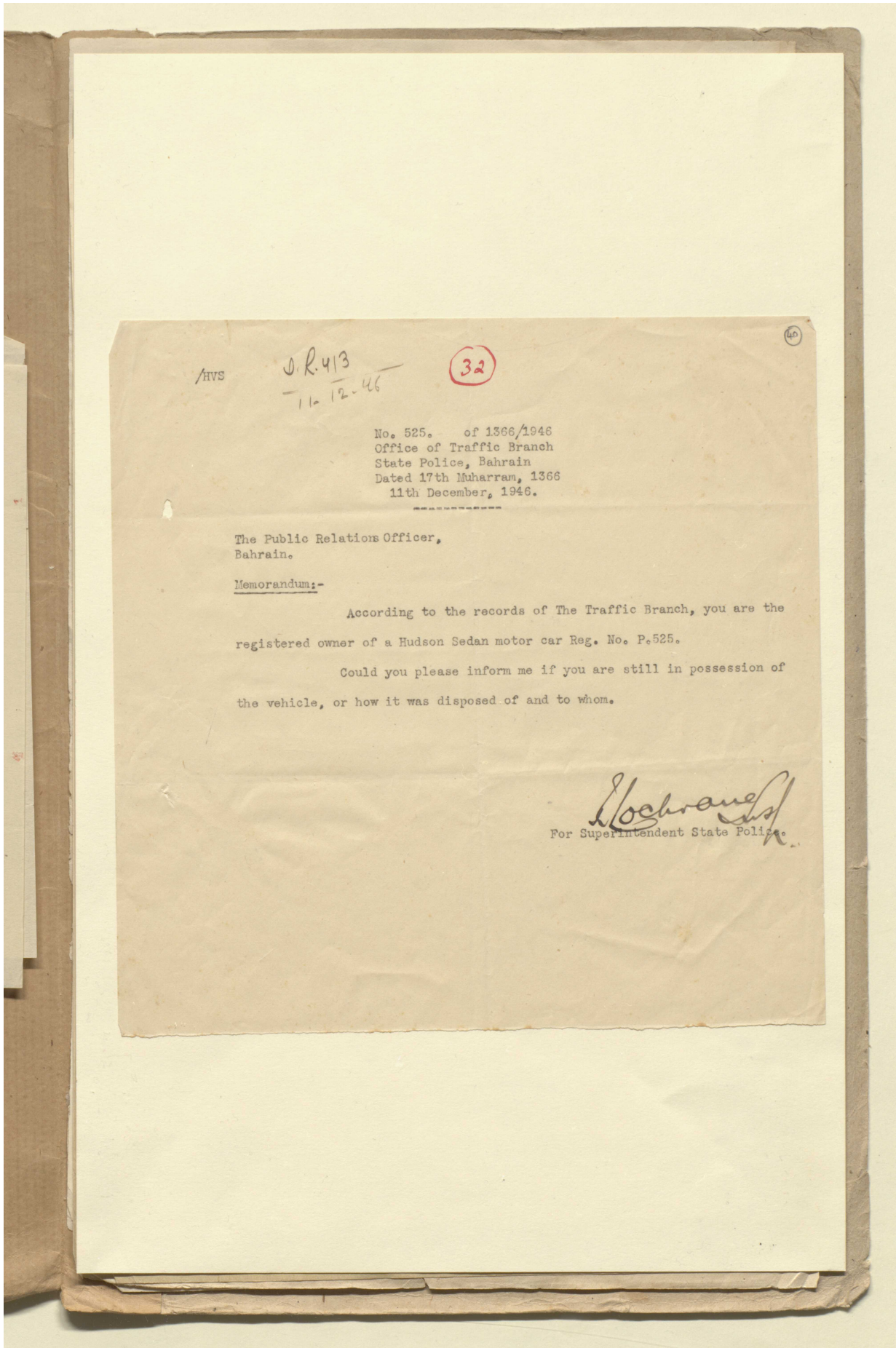
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Public Relations Officer,
Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.

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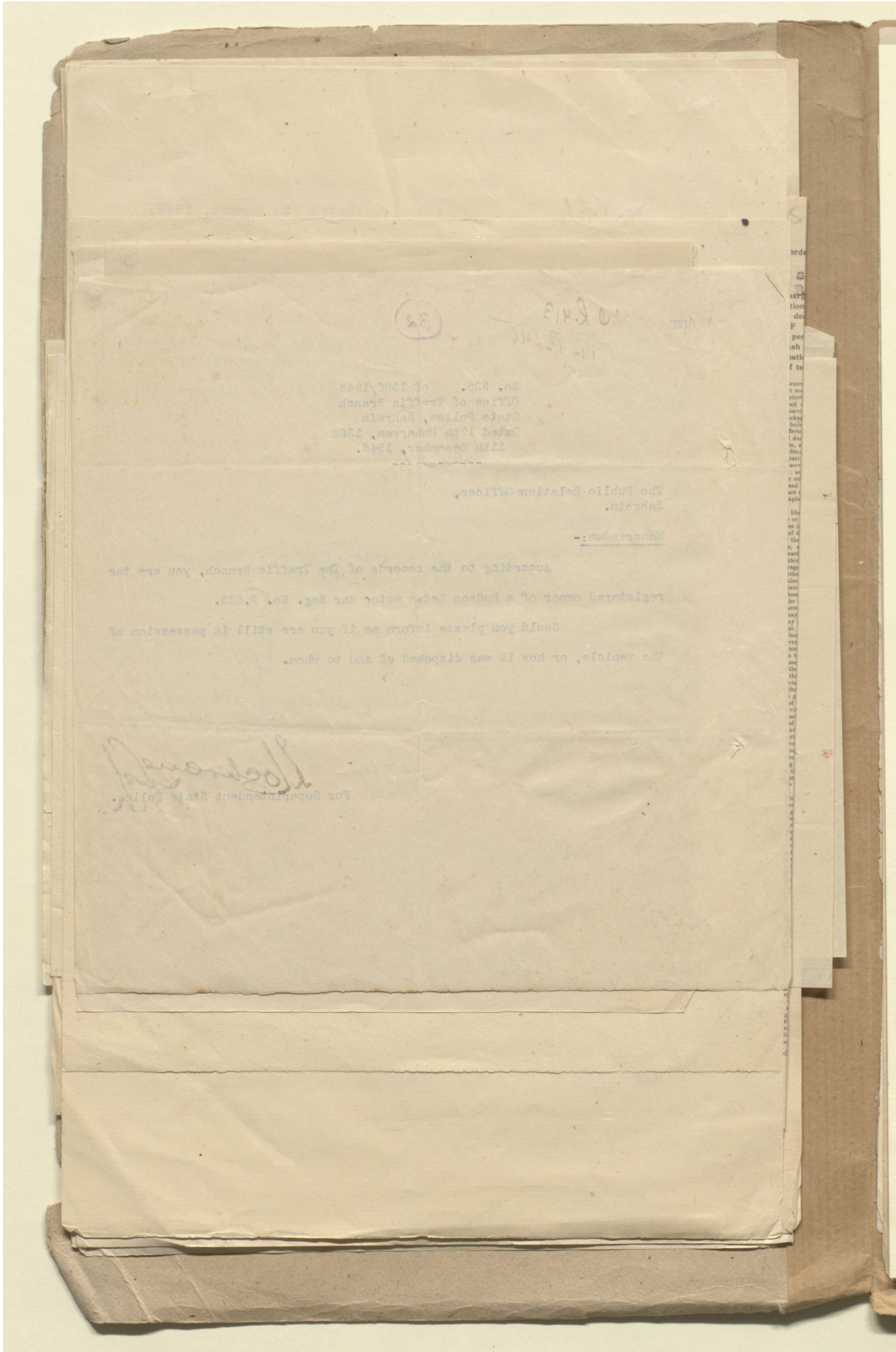
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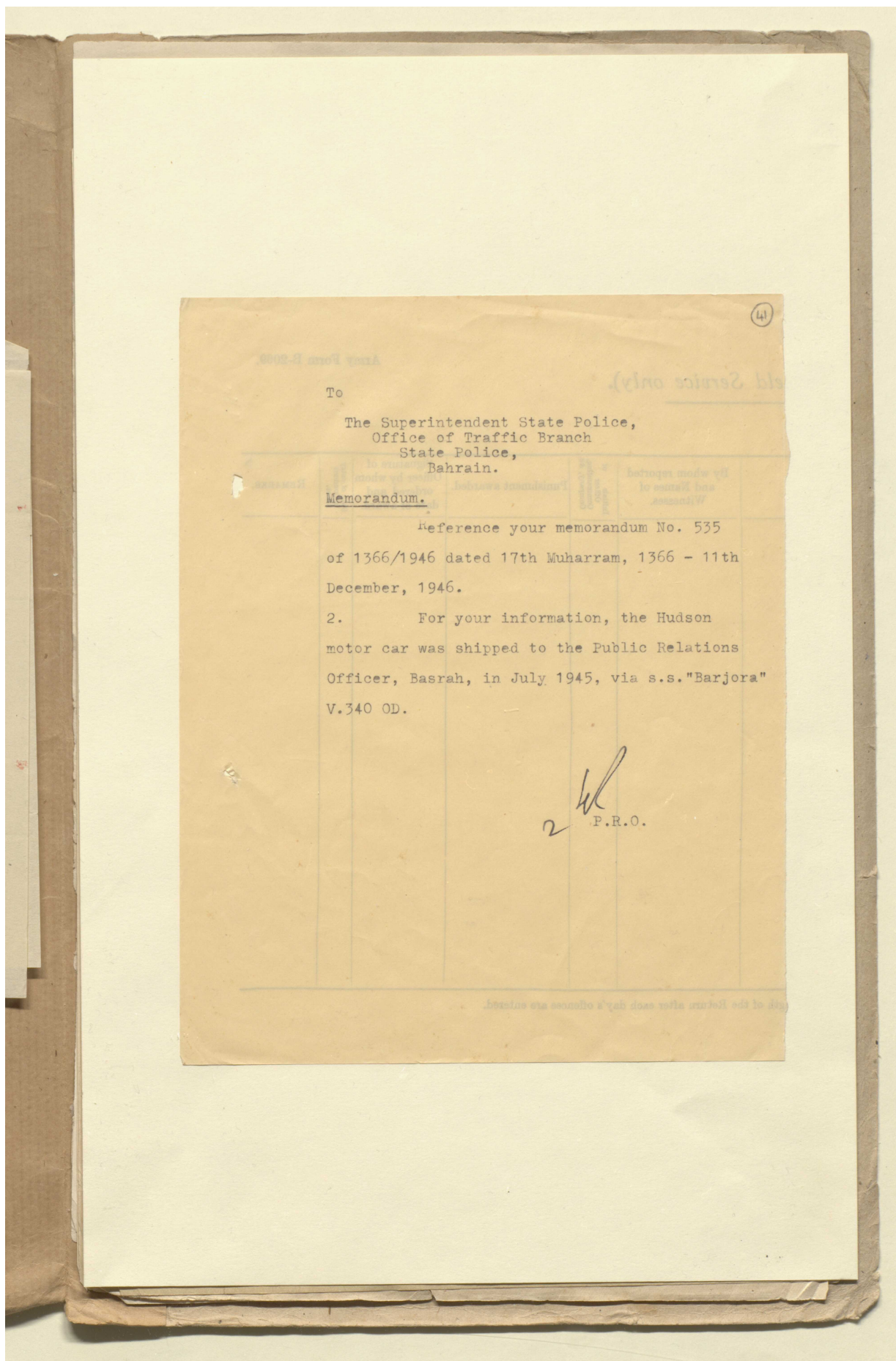
'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [40r] (79/106)



'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [40v] (80/106)



'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [41r] (81/106)



To

The Superintendent State Police,
Office of Traffic Branch
State Police,
Bahrain.

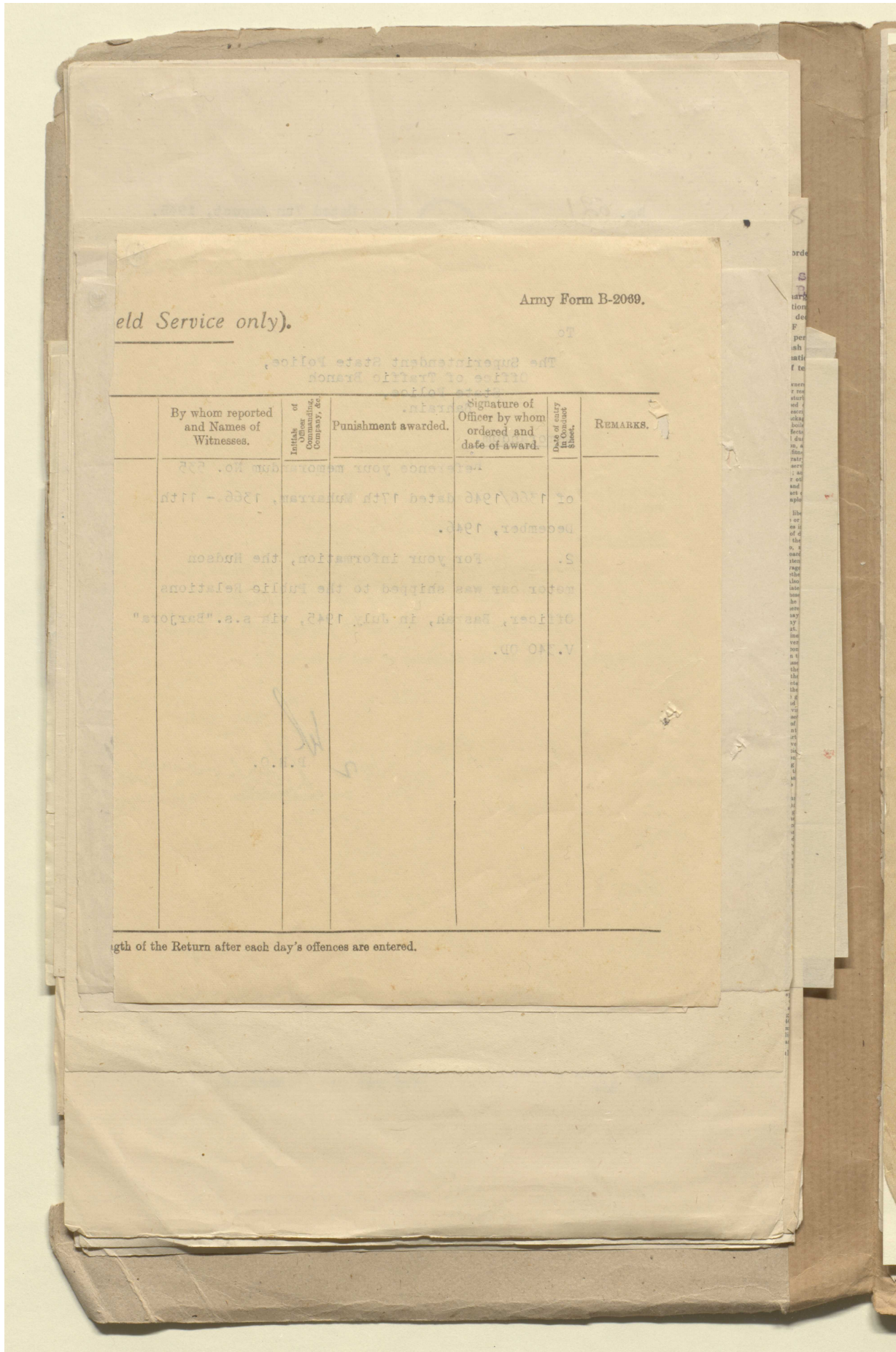
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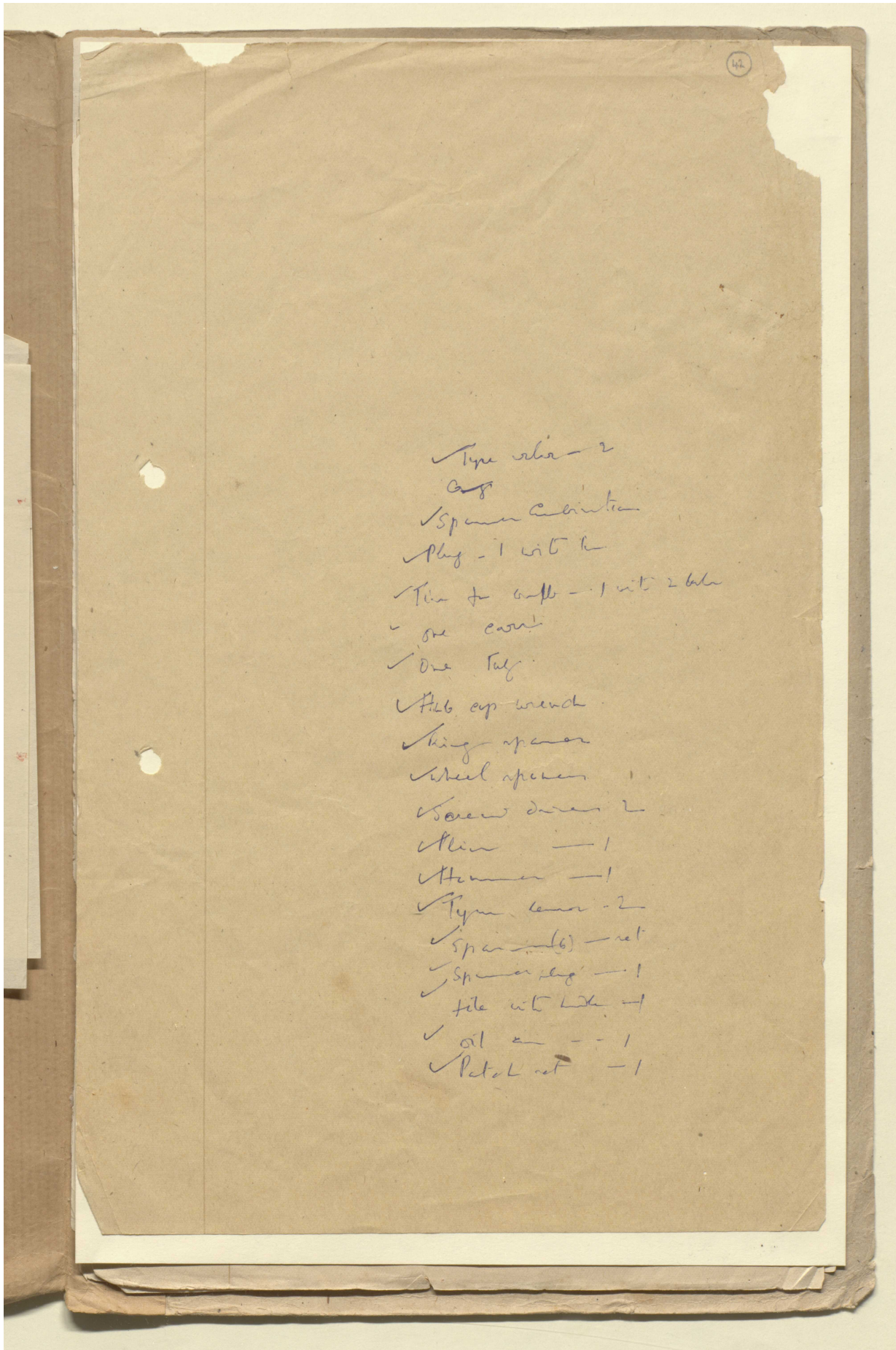
Reference your memorandum No. 535
of 1366/1946 dated 17th Muharram, 1366 - 11th
December, 1946.

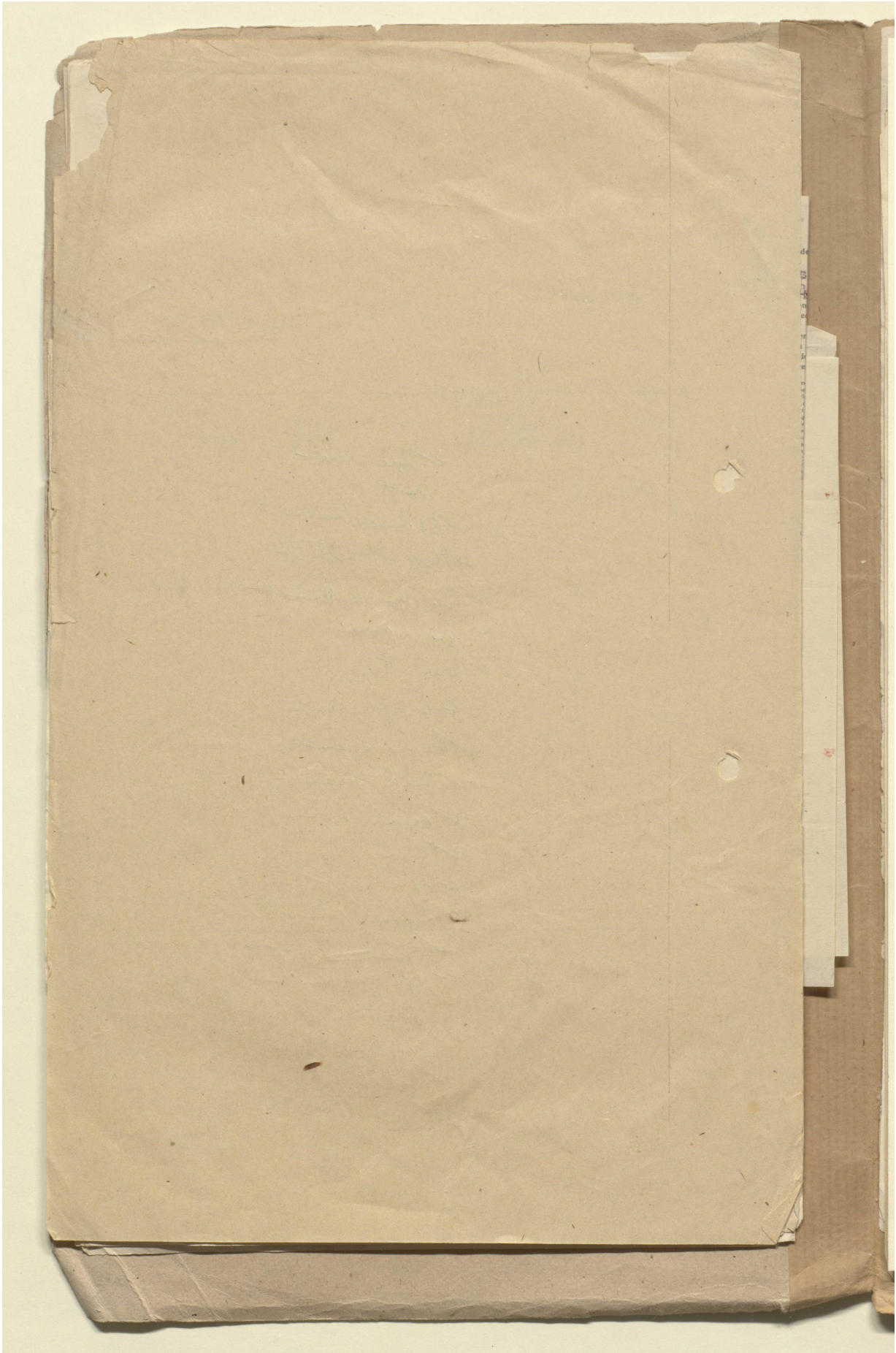
2. For your information, the Hudson
motor car was shipped to the Public Relations
Officer, Basrah, in July 1945, via s.s. "Barjora"
V.340 OD.

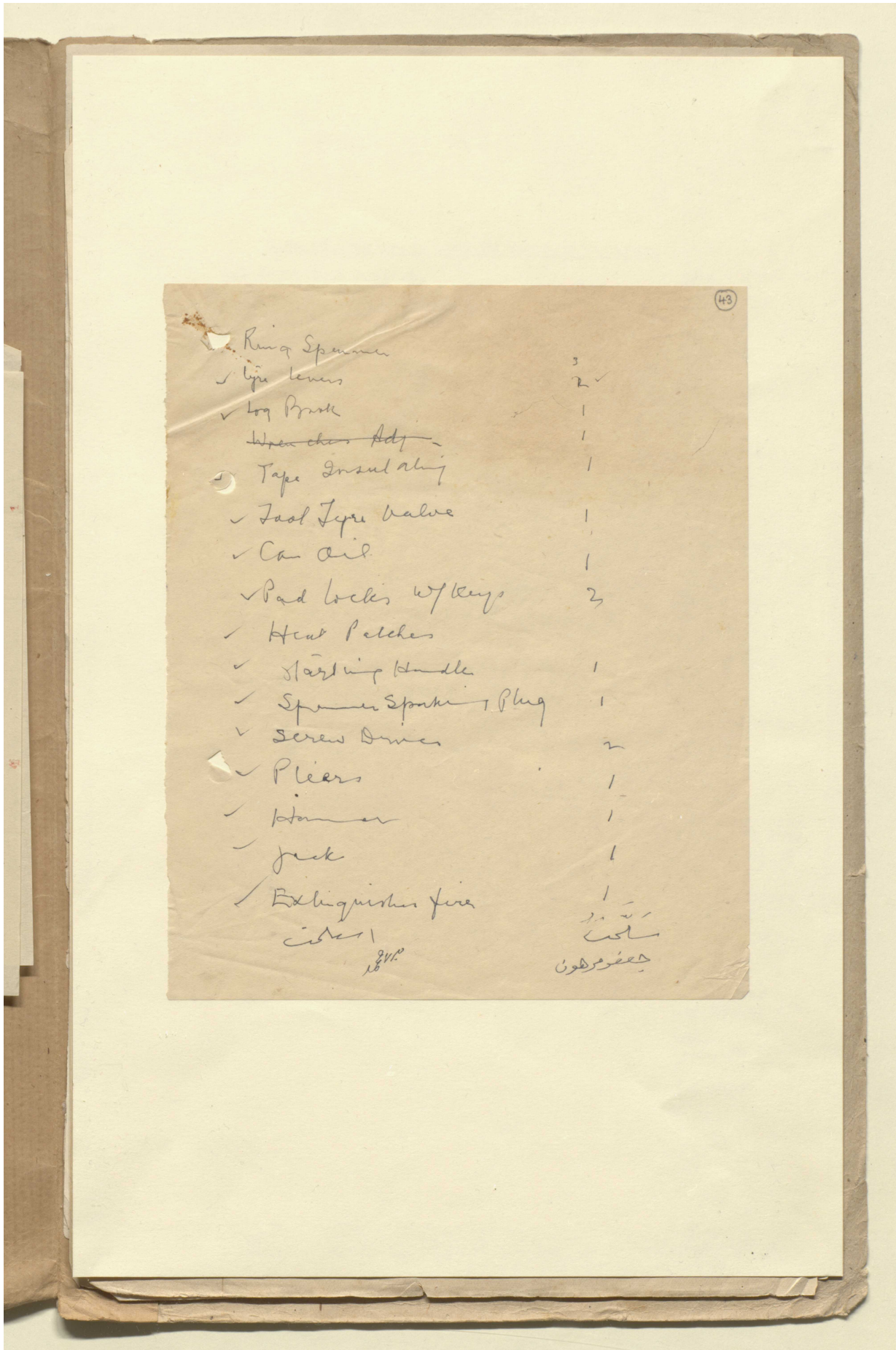
[Handwritten signature]
P.R.O.

'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [41v] (82/106)

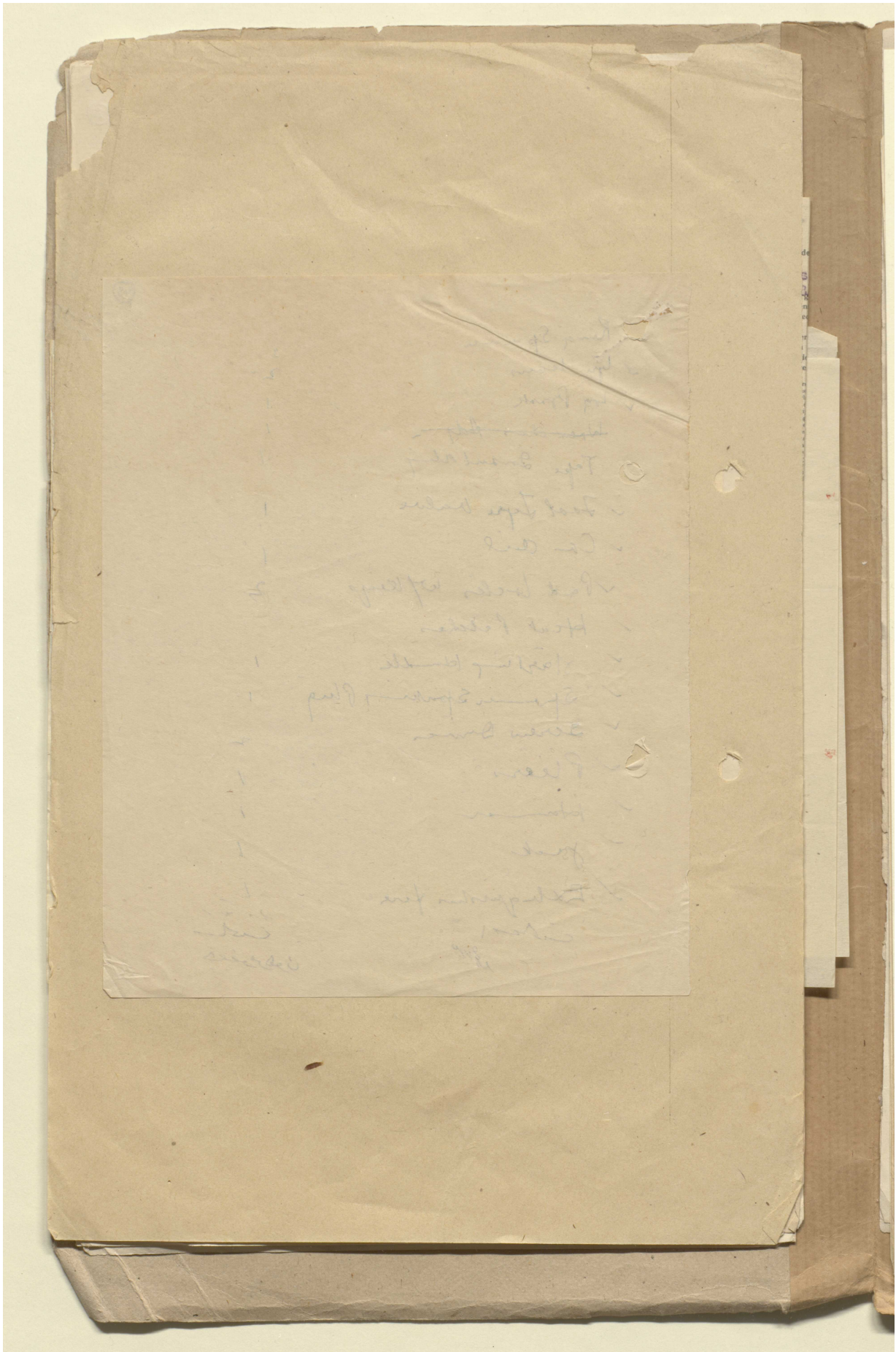








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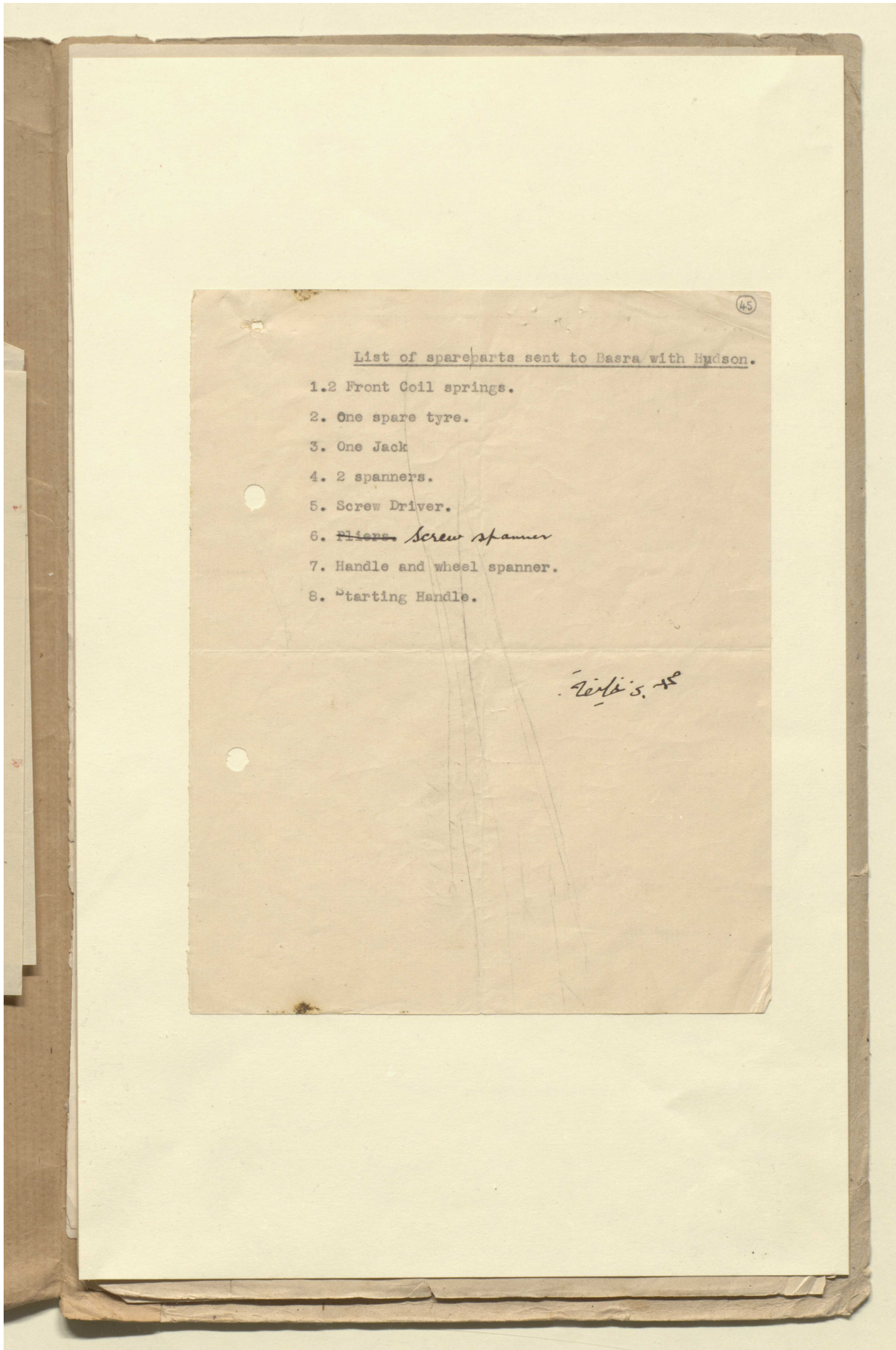
'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [44r] (87/106)

Received one motor car (Hudson) in
working order with the following spare parts:-

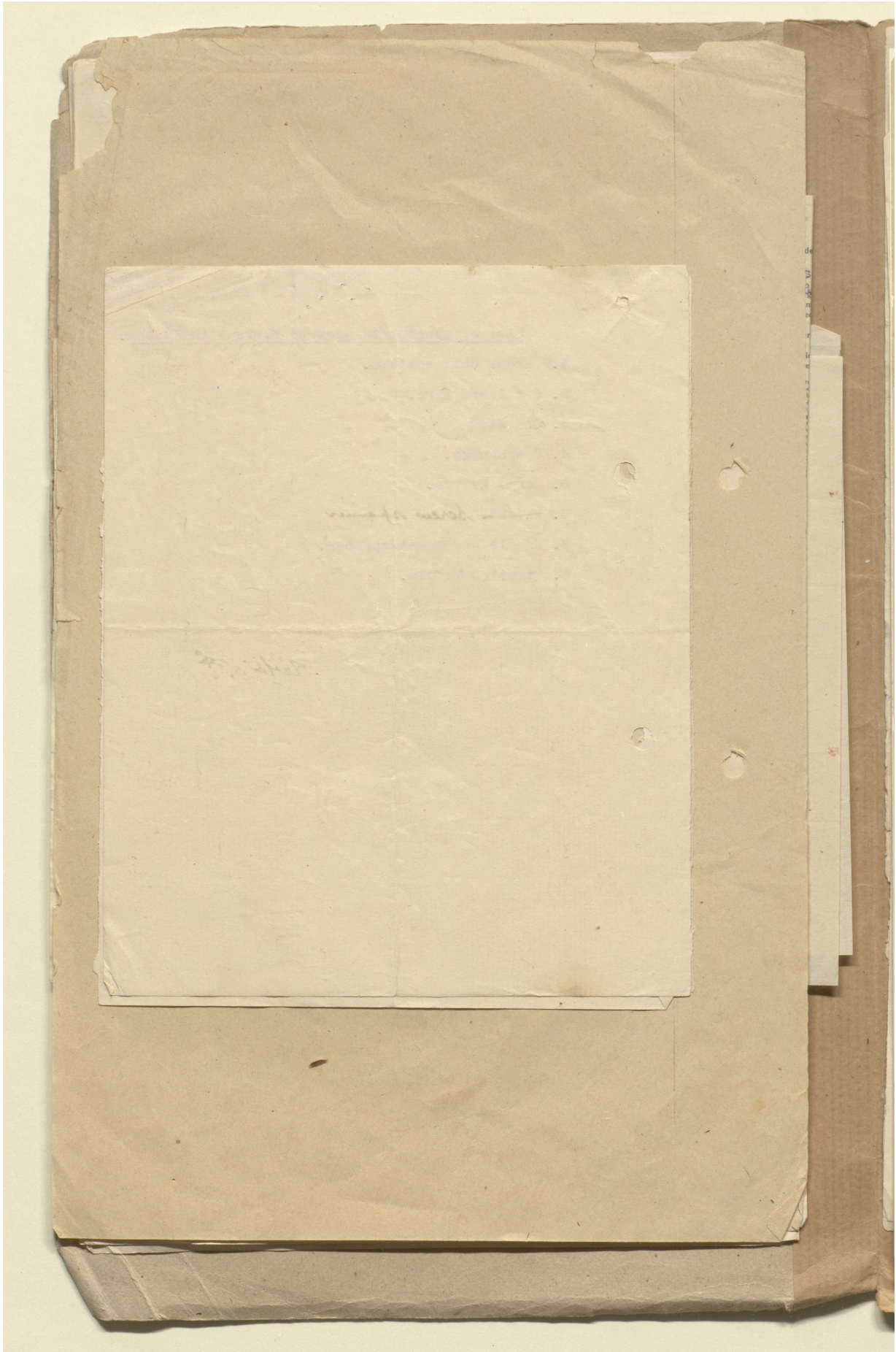
1. Two front coil springs.
2. One spare tyre with wheel.
3. Two spanners.
4. Jack.
5. Screw driver.
6. Screw spanner.
7. Handle and wheel spanner.
8. Starting handle.

*Edwards got
the car from
1925*





'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [45v] (90/106)



'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [46r] (91/106)

File:- 1/5

TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS, TRUCK.

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(1)
Xl.No.1073, dated 6th March 1945, from Embassy Public Relations Baghdad.

(2)
Telegram No.423/N5, dated the 15th April 1945, from Information Basra.

(3)
X.L.No.T/7235, dated 16th April 1945 from P.R.S.Basra.

When the car arrives the receipt of the articles mentioned in the outfit list and the letter should be checked. The articles required for daily use should be handed over to the driver and his receipt taken for them. The remainder of the articles should be stored under lock and key.

2. B.O. will be responsible for this car and should draft an order for my approval showing the occasion on which it may be used. The driver should be instructed to use it only and any one wishing to use it for any other work would have to refer to B.O. Having approved his order I shall then issue a general order for the information of the P.R.O and Agency offices. "On receipt of the car the letter below should be put up again so that we can write a letter of thanks to P.R.O.B asrah. Itd. C.J.P-18.4.45.

3. The Truck has arrived, equipment checked and everything was found in order. Part of the equipment has been handed over to Sayid Amin as per list. The second list shows equipment held in store.

4. May suggest the following permanent uses for the truck:-
i. To be used by Cinema Operator at 5 p.m. every show day and for his return to base on those days.
ii. To be used for Broadcasting every evening between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. and on Friday mornings between 9.30 and 12.30 a.m.

6. May also suggest that a log book is kept in the Car showing mileages and authority for every trip as per specimen

P.R.O.

Chalim
23/4/45.

7. 3. Sayid amin's receipt should be taken.

8. 4. S.B. laque.

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23/4/45.

Imed order no. 267/24.4.45 to P.R.O & Agency

N. Para 7 Syed Amin's receipt has been
taken for the articles handed over to him.

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N. Para 2 Letter submitted re.
P. R. O. may write a letter of
thanks to Basra.

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11.12.25/4

P.R.O.

MP

25/4

(5)

Imed D.O. no. 305 2729.4.45 to Nagr R.C. Beach, Basra.

I met the Head clerk of M.S. G. Nko. yesterday asking
him to arrange to ship the Hudson to Basra. He told me that it would be done so + wanted
us to write an official letter to them.

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D.F. A.H.

P.R.O.

MP

25/45

(6)

Imed letter no. 406 070.5.45 to G. Nko. Basra.

Knowing that there was an up boat in
harbour and after consultation with A.P.A. I
contacted Mr. Allcard, manager of S.M. + Co
and asked if the Hudson Saloon is to go by
this boat. He informed me that this boat was
carrying a lot of deck passengers and a lot
of deck freight and that the Hudson could
not be taken but deferred to the next boat
due here about the 27th May.

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P.R.O.

Alitalia

25/5/45

25/5

Ref. S/n.12

Up boat has come + gone but
our car is still here. May ask G. Nko. why they
did not arrange to saw our car.

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11.12.31/51

P.R.O.

'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [47r] (93/106)

14. spoken to T. N. They say they will
telegraph to India to reserve space.

Letter no. B1/S.382 of 10.6.45 for G. H. Ho., Bahrain.
May file pro tem pl. N.Y.S. 13/6

P. R. O.

Please see page 9. Wo-Sang is expected within a
couple of days. May write to G. H. to insure for Rs 7,500/- against
all loss in transit. D. F. A. pl.

In view of the pilferage that is practised on ships I suggest
a reliable Jawash should take the car to Bahra. Of our
Jawashes only head Jawash was competent enough to
undertake this voyage. But he refuses to go as there will be
no money to look after his family. Other Jawashes are
too young to be relied upon. May a Jawash be
spared from the Agency. I know Hasan Solad (A.P.A.'s
Jawash) who is very conscientious + trustworthy + has been
sent in the past may be allowed to go. If P.R.O.
agrees to my suggestion a request may be made to
A.P.A. to relieve him. Submitted. N.Y.S. 21/6.

P. R. O.

If the car is to be insured at all, may I suggest
Rs. 10,000/- its present day value. In view of previous experience,
in the case of films I suggest asking Basrah as to way of addressing
+ consigning the car. I believe it should go as military
cargo to avoid customs duty.

Letter to Movements Control, Bahra, submitted
D.F.A. Letter to G.H. for passage & Jawash N.Y.S. 21/6

21/6

'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [47v] (94/106)

⑧
Imed letter no. 497 of 21.6.45 to Movements Control
Bahra. Copy to G. N. Co.

⑨
Imed letter no. 498 of 21.6.45 to M.S. G. N. Co.

Mr. Hill of Gray Mackenzie told me that no space
10. for Hudson was available on No-Sang. He further
added that he would explain the position to
P.A. on telephone. N.Y.S. 23/6

~~P. R. O.~~

⑩
Imed telegram no. 499 of 23.6.45 to Portair, Bahra.

⑪
Letter no. M 7443 of 21.6.45 from P. R. O. Bahra.

⑫
Letter no. BN/1011 of 24.6.45 from Movements Bahra.

P. U. C. 11

May send till a reply to p 14 is received.

P. U. C. 12

P. U. C. Contradicts the telephone message of 22nd
19 June that it can not be shipped as military cargo. I
got it confirmed on phone this morning. now they are awaiting
a reply from Bahra. May file for tin. N.Y.S. 26/6.

~~P. R. O.~~

⑬

Tel. no. 471/206 of 26.6.45 for Information, Bahra.

20 I presume now when car can be shipped as
military cargo we may ask G. N. Co. not
to reserve space for our car. J. F. A.

May inform Movements asking them to
confirm that permission has been granted.

~~P. R. O.~~

J.F.A.
25/6

N.Y.S. 28/6

'Transport requirements; Truck for office' [48r] (95/106)

(14)

Letter no. Bnd/10/11 of 27.6.45 for Movements Bah.

21. I suggest the letters to G. Nto. + Movements Bahrain may not be issued as proposed + attached vide paragraph 2c on pre-page. 11.7.45.30.6

22 ~~P. R.O.~~ Remind SC(M) on the 7th 1/7

(15)

Letter no. A17457 (P. R.O. 14/7) of 28.6.45 for A.P.R.O. Bah.

23. Yes pl. Movements Bahrain agree to debit the car on Military account. 11.7.45.

P. R.O. added.
S/N. 22 I telephoned to Movements Control this morning who informed me that there was no news of the boat. 11.7.45

~~P. R.O.~~

24. Up boat is in the harbour. I met Sgt. Steele of Movements Control who told me that he did not know whether space was available on board + would be in a position to intimate to us by dinner time. I would request you to get it confirmed for Movements Control. 11.7.45

B.O.

25. I have confirmed from Movements Control that they will telephone us by 12.00 today if there is space on the upboat. 11/7.

P.R.O. 1/7

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May inform P.R.O. Bahra about Shwaha + Janash
are on loan Bagava. Draft telegram submitted.

26

May saw a list of spare parts that have been
sent along with the car + request P.R.O. to
arrange for the loading/shipping of the Janash
during his stay.

D. F. A. pl.

11.7.45. 12.7.45

B.S.

P.R.O.

Makin
12/7

(16)

Issued telegram no. 548 of 14.7.45 to Britain Bahra.

(17)

Issued x.l. no. 553 of 14.7.45 to P. R. O. Bahra.

(18)

Letter no. CTA/GR/44 of 21.7.45 for Mr G. A. Ho.

27

May saw a copy of Bill of Lading to P. R. O. Bahra for
onward transmission to Military Forwarding Office, Bahra.

2 D.F.A.

11.7.45. 22.7.

P.R.O.

(19)

Issued x.l. no. 576 of 24.7.45 to P. R. O. Bahra.

(20)

x.l. no. M7534 of 28.7.45 for P. R. O. Bahra.

Please see the form book (page 146). The telegram was
received by C.W. L.W. May ask them to enquire for their Bahra
office if it was delivered.

D. F. A.

The Janash was given to ~~me~~ 25/- when he left
for Bahra. He handed two Dinars ^{26/10/-} for P. R. O. = 51/10/-

He has incurred the following expenses.

Masrah — Bahra, Conveyance charges = 0.750

Custom papers, entering + clearing the Car = 0.500

Taxi hire Masrah to Margel 0.400

1.650

29.

May on 29-10 he deducted for his pay + Agency
inform of it.

P. R. O.

B/S

M

11.7.45. 22.7.

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Please see
S/n. 29 in prepage

30. A sum of Rs 29/10/- may only be deducted for one party of Nohus bi Khalifa + forwarded to this office. N.Y.S. 8/8.

A.C. 6/11/8
N.Y.S. 12/4

(22)

Letter no. A17540 of 4.8.45 for P.R.O. Bal

31. It is unfortunate that the car was received in such a miserable condition. The farrash apparently did not take care of it. He informed me that due to some quarrel on board the Captain ordered the passengers to go down at K'shaku.

There is no A.B. 412 for this car

N.Y.S. 15.8.

P.R.O.

Issue.

32. Pl ask HM to take a statement from Mohammed, in particular why he left the ship at Abadan, and how the battery was stolen & so much damage done to the roof. (will be sent to-day). N.Y.S. 15/8

(23)

Tel. no. 405/17 of 15.8.45 for information, please

(24)

Letter no. 7175 of 13.8.45 for C.W. L.N. Bal.

P.V.C. 23. Please see last para in #26. Now P.R.O. Balva informs that the message was received. May file.

P.V.C. 24. on hearing from Balva that the telegram as referred to above was not received we have enquired from C.W. L.N. May file. N.Y.S. 12.8.

P.R.O.

35

File both N.Y.S. 21/8

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SIN. 32.

H. N. to take action N.Y.S. 200 36

A. R. A.

36

§2. I have taken the statement of Mohd. Farash, which I submit herewith please.

37. PA should see P28 on return & also Mohd's statement. nd2/9

2/9/45 38

P.R.O. Moham's receipt of the spare parts + tools is flagged (x). pa. 5/29 N.Y.S. 2/2

MP
11/9

Send copy of Farash's statement to P.R.O. Jussara with the remark that Jussara pay Jackungie who shipped the car would appear to be liable for such damage as it. Sustained in write - though of course there is no possibility of their ever accepting any liability.

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MP
11/5

(26)

Issued letter no. 693 of 12.9.45 to P.R.O. Basra

(27)

Issued memo. no. 15 of 11.1.45 to S. F. Bah

(50)

4) The 'Self Starter' of ^{the} office truck is out of order. The armature has irreparably been spoiled ~~spoiled~~ + Coils have been burnt. Self starter is not available locally. There are Dodge Trucks both with Mungah Camp + R. A. F. May we explore the possibility of purchasing one if they can spare it. Draft letter to O.C. Troops + O.C. R. A. F. Submitted.

11-48.44/1

P. R. O.

42

mirza wrote to O.C. R. A. F.

(28)

Issued letter no. 21 of 16.1.46 to O.C. Troops

43 yesterday, at about 4 p.m. Mirza, driver of the P. R. O. truck was stopped by Sgt. Littlewood, Military Police, + taken to the Police Station, asking the Constable to keep the driver + the truck. Mirza + our truck are known to the State Police + they let Mirza go. Sgt. Littlewood came in + asked Corporal Atwell Mohu. why he had let the driver free. The Corporal explained that the truck belonged to the P. R. O. + there was no point in detaining him. But the Sgt. would not listen to it + said that I am not satisfied + I wanted the truck + the driver to ^{take to} Mungah Camp. Inspector Abdul Karim tried to convince the Sgt. that the truck is not a stolen property + belongs to the P. A. But the Sgt. would not be satisfied.

44 Mirza is really scared now + is afraid will be harassed by the M. P. I do not understand what made the Sgt. doubt the bonafides of the driver,

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when his coat had buttons bearing the
monogram of the British Govt & was assumed by
the State Police that he was an employee of
the P. R. O.

I suggest you may take up the ⁴⁵
matter with the O.C. Troops & to avoid a
repetition of the incident we may get the
name of our office printed on the truck. n. 48. 2312.

P. R. O.

Let me see Mirza's driving ⁴⁶

license pl.

93. 2. 26

Mirza's driving license submitted pl. ⁴⁷
n. 48. 2412

P. R. O.

I have spoken to Sgt. Littlewood. ⁴⁸

The battery of the truck has gone bad. May buy a new ⁴⁹
one please?

25/6/46.

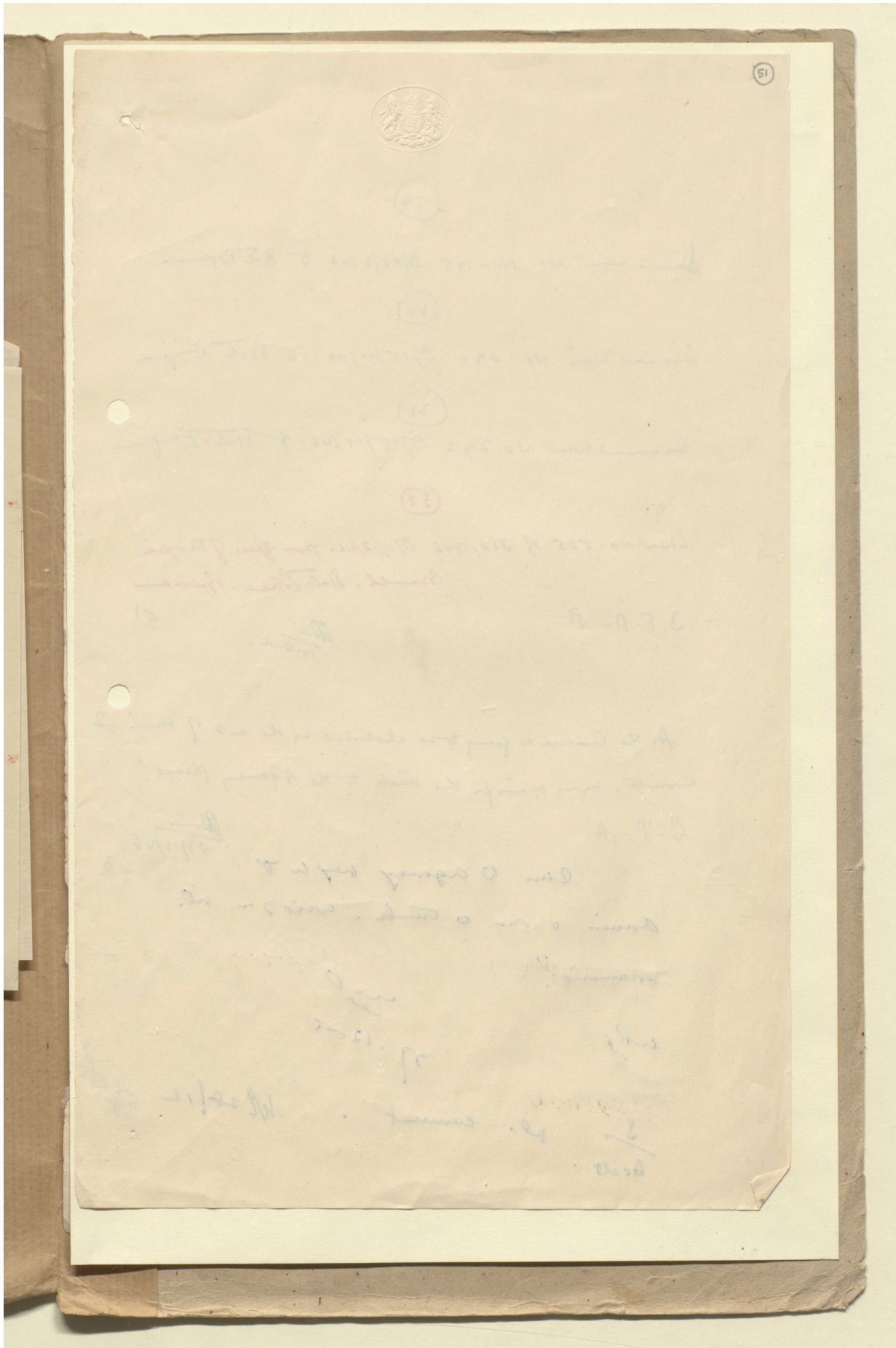
25. 6. 46

The battery of the truck again has gone bad. May buy a ⁵
new one please? If so, may we borrow a battery from the
State engineer while the one we are buying is
being charged?

15. 10. 46.

15/10

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Issued letter No. 290 D/15/10/46 to State Engineer

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Issued letter No. 292 D/15/10/46 to State Engineer

(32)

Letter No. 525 of 1366/1946 D/11/12/46 from Office of Traffic
Branch, State Police, Bahrain

J. F. A. P.

[Signature]
14.12.46.

51

As the Cinema is going to be abolished by the end of this 52
months, may transfer the truck to the Agency please?

J. F. A. P.

[Signature]
23/12/46.

53

Can the Agency buy a truck
down or own a truck, will you please
examine?

[Signature]

[Signature]
17.12.46

[Signature]
Acct.

pl. comment.

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55. The monthly pay of the driver is Rs. 85/-. Besides this there will be expenditure for petrol - about Rs. 40/- p.m. As Official funds cannot pay these charges without proper sanction of the Hon'ble the P.R. it is suggested that the above charges may be met from the Agency funds, and monthly debits for petrol charges may be raised against (1) Agency (for trips on duty by staff) (2) P.R.O. (for trips by them) (3) individuals concerned for private trips.

N.M.J.
29/12/46

56. I presume that there is no question of purchasing the truck from P.R.O., and that only the question of its maintenance is to be considered.

57. The pay of the driver, ^{cost of} his uniforms, petrol, oil, etc., can be met from Transport Fund, and a mileage rate, as in the case of the Vauxall, fixed for the use of the truck - both official and private. A rate of 6 annas per mile for office use, and 1½ as. per head per mile or a minimum of 4 as. per mile for private use is suggested. Office Allowance, P & T, P.R.O. as the case may be, will be debited if the truck is used for bringing stores, carrying mails, doing Publicity Work, etc., and the persons concerned will be charged if the truck is taken out for private use.

58. The truck cannot be maintained from official funds, as a reference will have to be made to the G. of I. through P.R.

(From N/para 55)

apa
I think we can take on the truck - I see it, as suggested by office, as a transport fund vehicle. It appears to have been used through Army Ordnance in the quiet place, I don't think P.R.O. will be called upon to return it. In any case

Red
29.12.46

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we can keep it going until,
if ever, its return is required.

W

P.A. with ref. to you 30.12.46.
going at approx 53.

an suggestion of Mine.

Vehicle may be added to

to transport fund & incurred

to the meter. I shall enter also

100 plus pl.

mine don't do it. Police.

a.p.g (to function)

W III

3.1.47

KRB
4.1.47

Please let me have a
complete list of the tools, accessories
etc. of the truck, and also instruct
the driver to report to me.

KRB
13.1.47

to Ali Tariq

