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يحتوي الملف على مذكرات ومراسلات وأوراق تتعلق بتوفير طائرات وموظفين من الفيلق الجوي الملكي (سلاح الجو الملكي فيما بعد) للعمليات العسكرية في بلاد الرافدين [العراق].

تغطي الأوراق بشكل رئيسي: طلبات متكررة من القائد العام في بلاد الرافدين في ١٩١٧ لطائرات وموظفين (طيارين ومراقبين ومناصب أخرى) ليشكلوا أسطولاً ثالثاً إضافياً؛ نقاشات حول نوع الطائرات وطرازها ومحركاتها؛ نقاش حول أمثل نوع وقطع غيار للطائرات بالنظر للمناخ والاستخدام المخطط وإمكانيات العدو؛ الإبلاغ عن الأعطال في الآلات وقطع الغيار المستلمة؛ التوسع العام لوجود الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين؛ وزيادة عدد رحلات الطيران للتعامل مع الاضطرابات المحلية في ١٩١٩.

يحتوي الملف أيضاً على بيانات أسبوعية مطبوعة للأسابيع التي انتهت في ١٤ مارس ١٩١٨، ٢٨ مارس ١٩١٨، و١١ أبريل ١٩١٨. أصدر هذه البيانات القائد العام للواء الشرق الأوسط بالفيلق الجوي الملكي في مصر لعناية وزارة الطيران، وأدرج فيها قوائم بالموظفين (الطيارين والمراقبين)

المتاحين وغير متاحين والآلات القابلة وغير القابلة للصيانة وتلك التي لم يجر تركيبها.

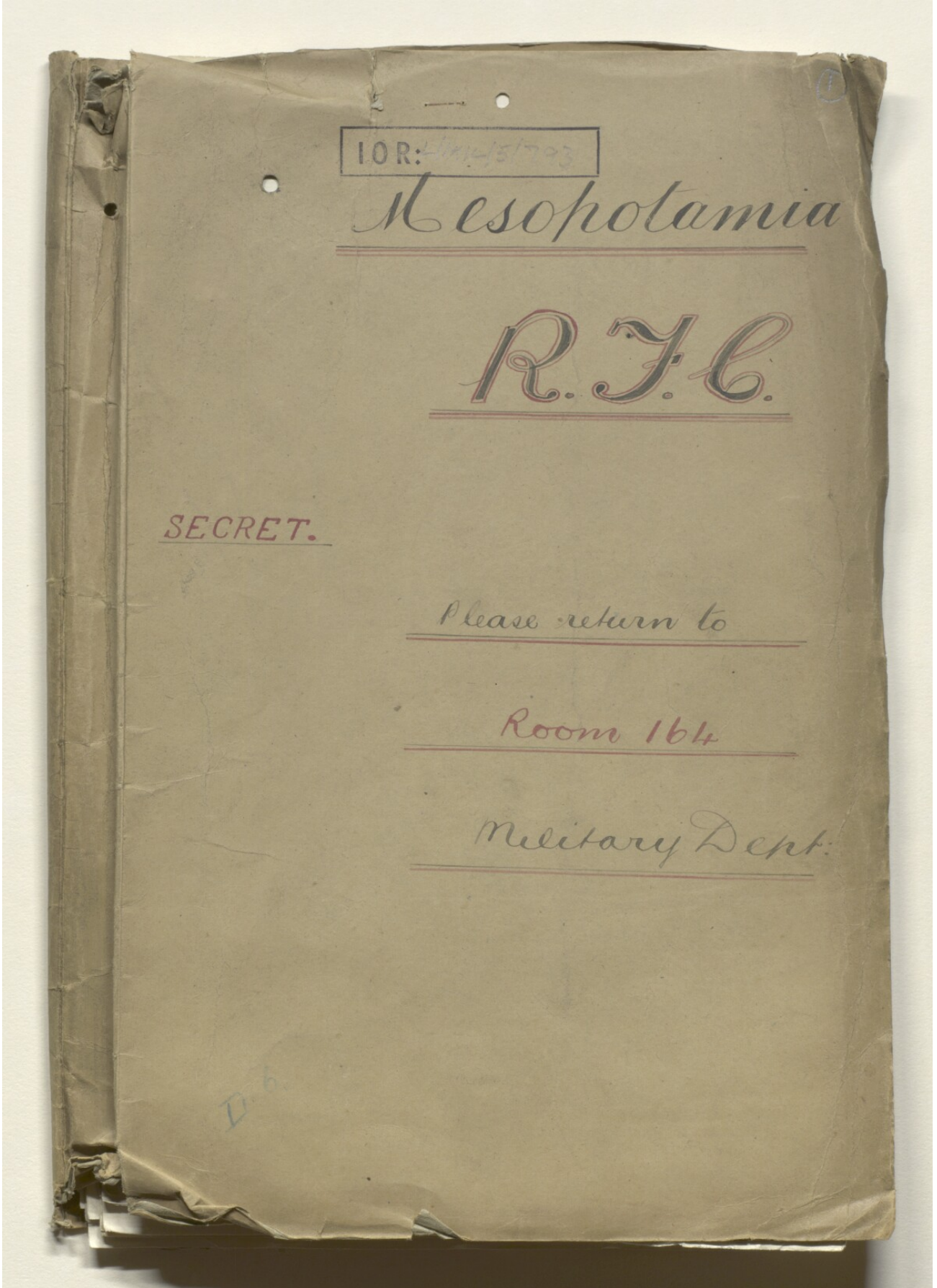
تشير الأوراق إلى أن الطائرات وُزعت لحقل العمليات التابع لبلاد الرافدين من لواء الشرق الأوسط في قاعدة الفيلق الجوي الملكي بالقاهرة، مصر. أما الموظفون فأتوا عبر مساراتٍ متعددة، فمنهم من جاء من إنجلترا مباشرةً ومنهم من أتى من قاعدة الطيران في بغداد.

استُخدمت الطائرات في بلاد الرافدين في عمليات الاستطلاع طويلة وقصيرة المدى، والطيران المنخفض، وإلقاء القنابل من مسافات بعيدة بشكلٍ مستقل، وإلقاء القنابل من مسافات قريبة بالتعاون مع القوات، ومراقبة المدفعية، والاتصالات.

المتراسلون الرئيسيون هم: مكتب الحرب البريطاني؛ القائد العام في بلاد الرافدين؛ والقائد العام، لواء الشرق الأوسط، الفيلق الجوي الملكي، القاهرة. كما يتضمن المتراسلون: الطيران في بغداد؛ القائد العام في القسطنطينية؛ القائد العام في الهند؛ ورئيس التنظيم الجوي، مكتب الحرب البريطاني.

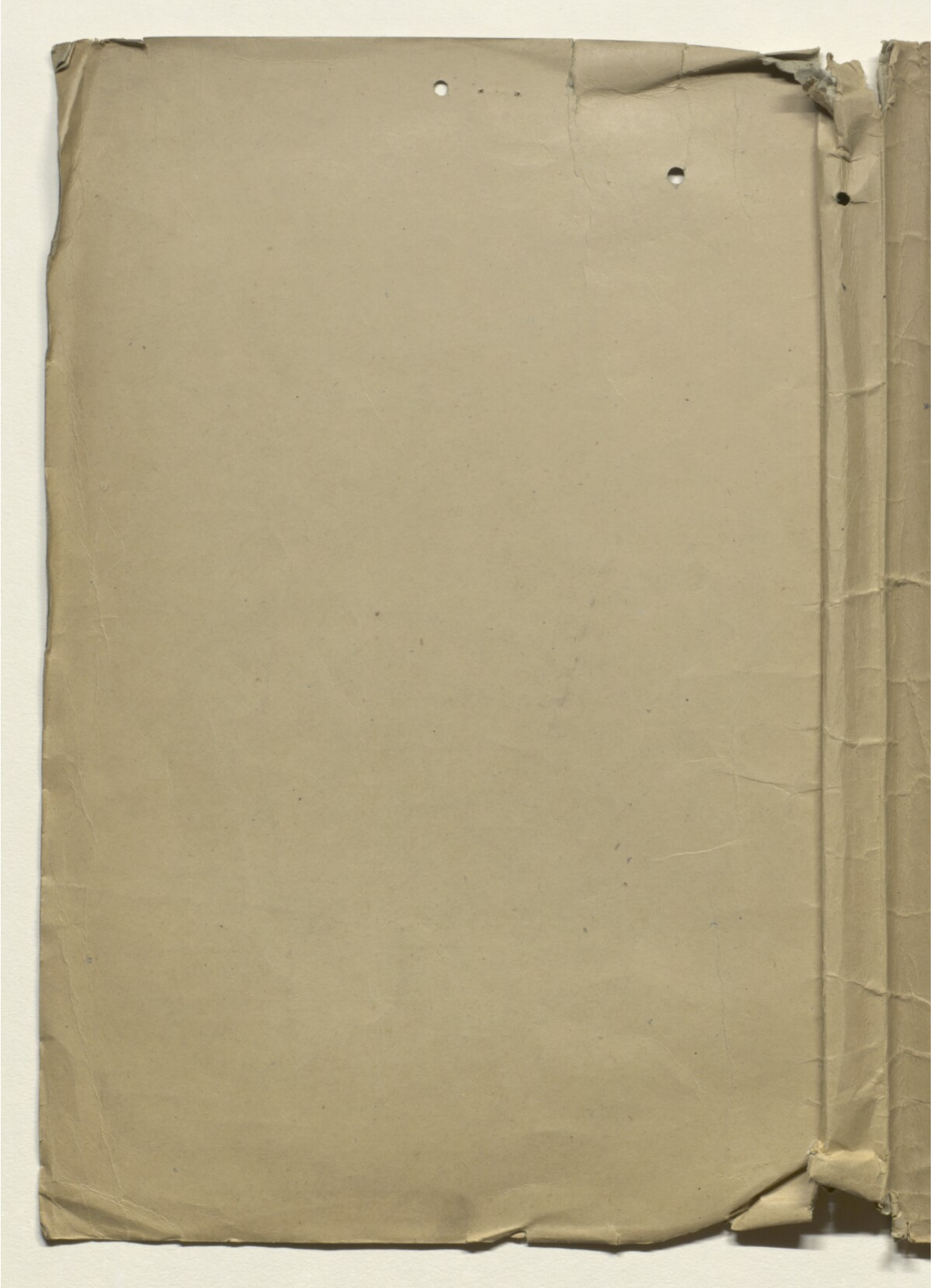


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [أمامي] (١٦٠/١)



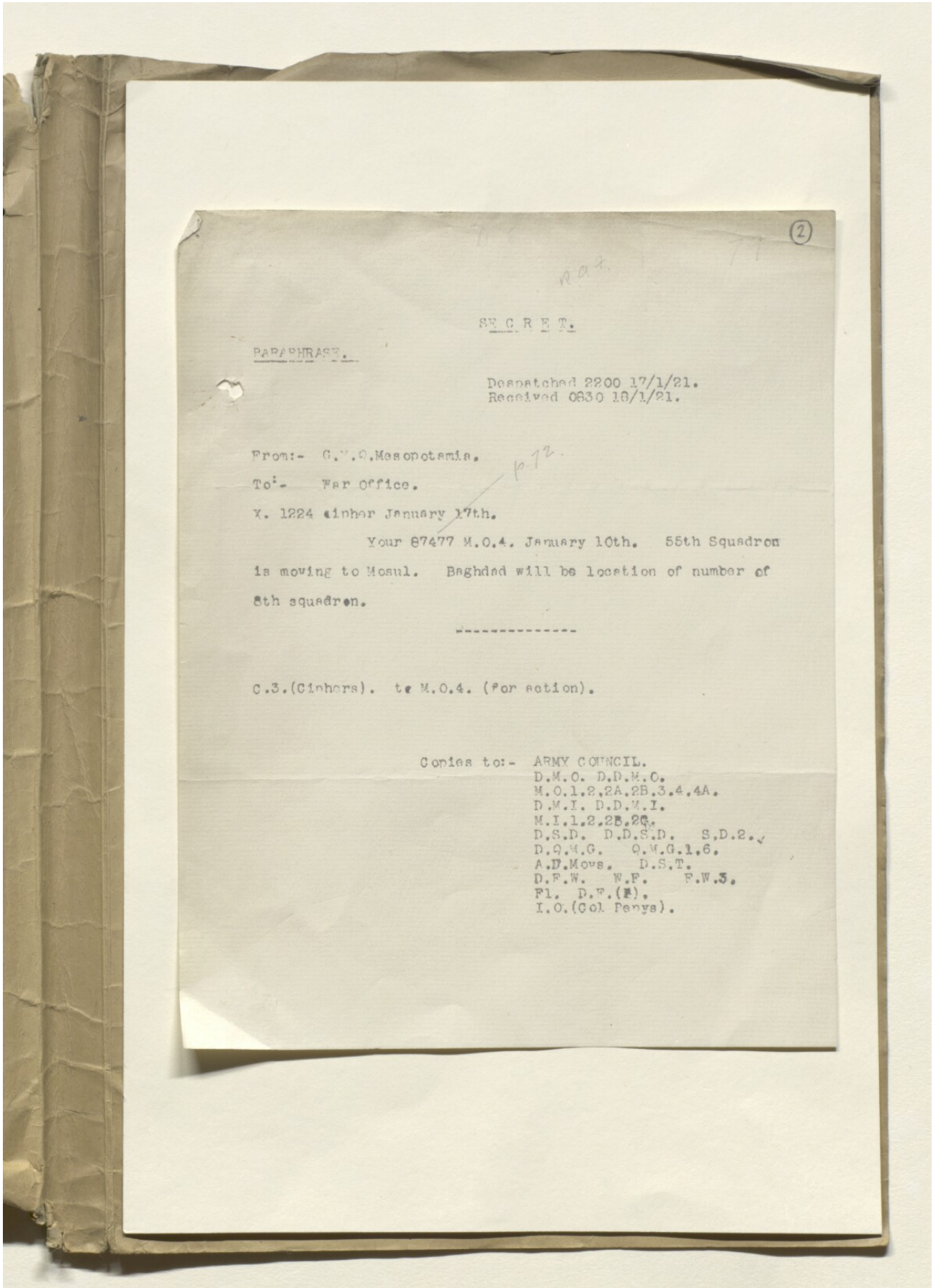


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [أمامي-داخلي] (١٦٠/٢)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٢] [١٦٠/٣]



SECRET.

PARAPHRASE.

Despatched 2200 17/1/21.
Received 0630 18/1/21.

From:- G.O. Mesopotamia.

To:- War Office.

X. 1224 cipher January 17th.

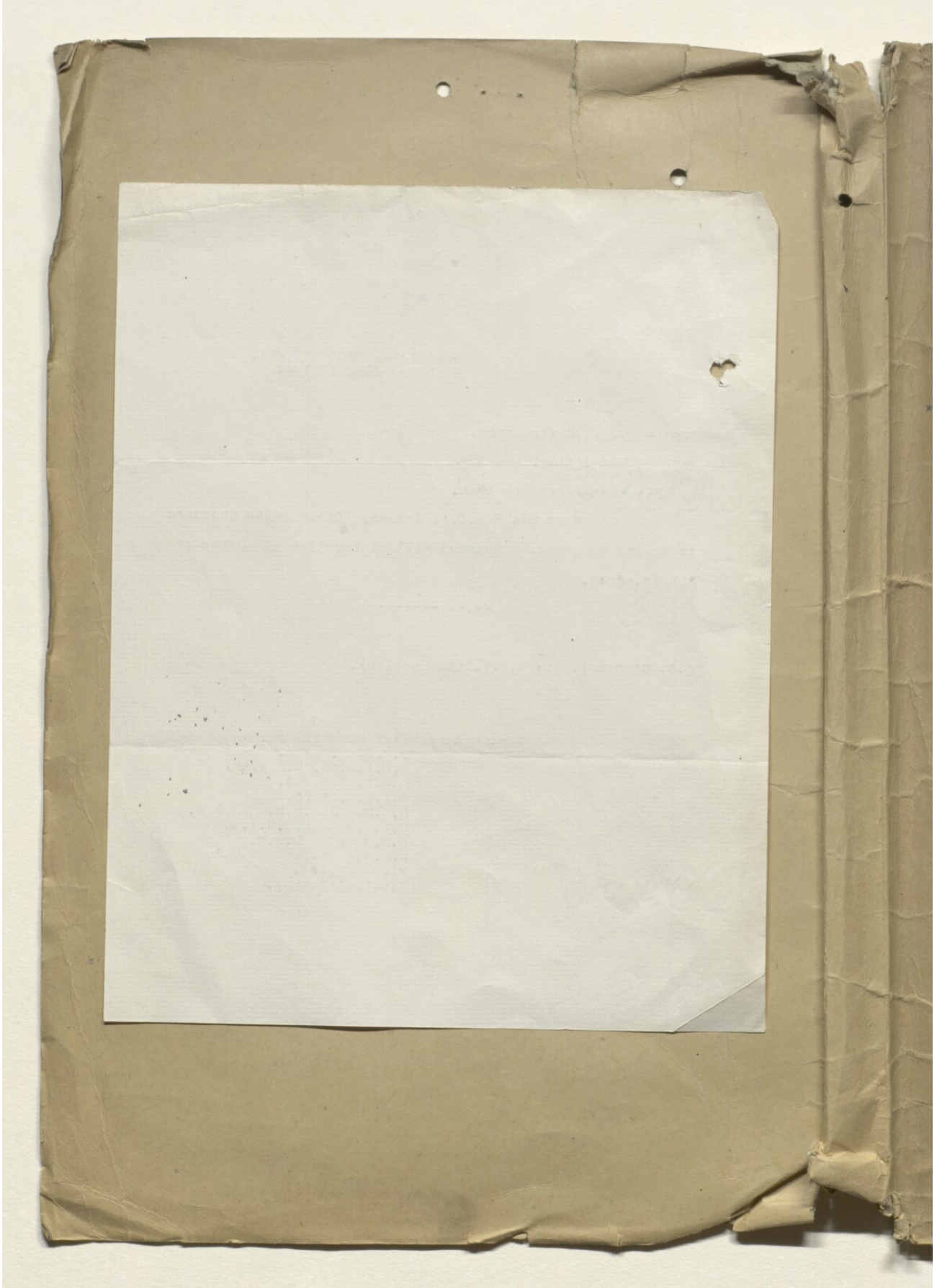
Your 87477 M.O.4. January 10th. 55th Squadron
is moving to Mosul. Baghdad will be location of number of
8th squadron.

C.S. (Ciphers). to M.O.4. (for action).

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M.O.1.2.2A.2B.3.4.4A.
D.M.I. D.D.M.I.
M.I.1.2.2B.2C.
D.S.D. D.D.S.D. S.D.2.
D.Q.M.G. Q.M.G.1.6.
A.D.Movs. D.S.T.
D.F.W. W.F. F.W.3.
Fl. D.F.(F).
I.O. (Col Penys).

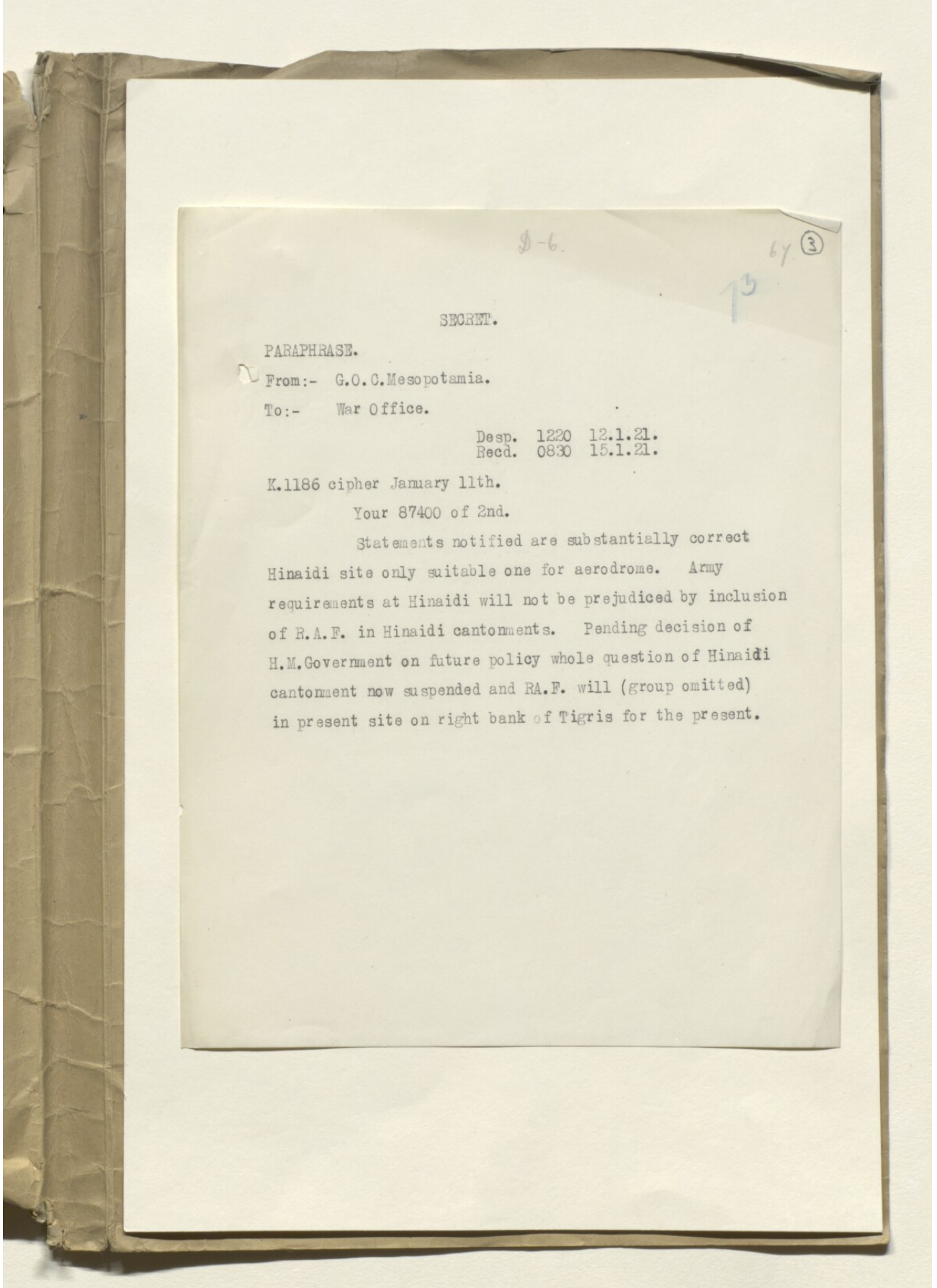


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [ظ٢] (١٦٠/٤)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٣] (١٦٠/٥)



٥-٦.

٦٧ (٣)

SECRET.

PARAPHRASE.

From:- G.O.C.Mesopotamia.

To:- War Office.

Desp. 1220 12.1.21.
Recd. 0830 15.1.21.

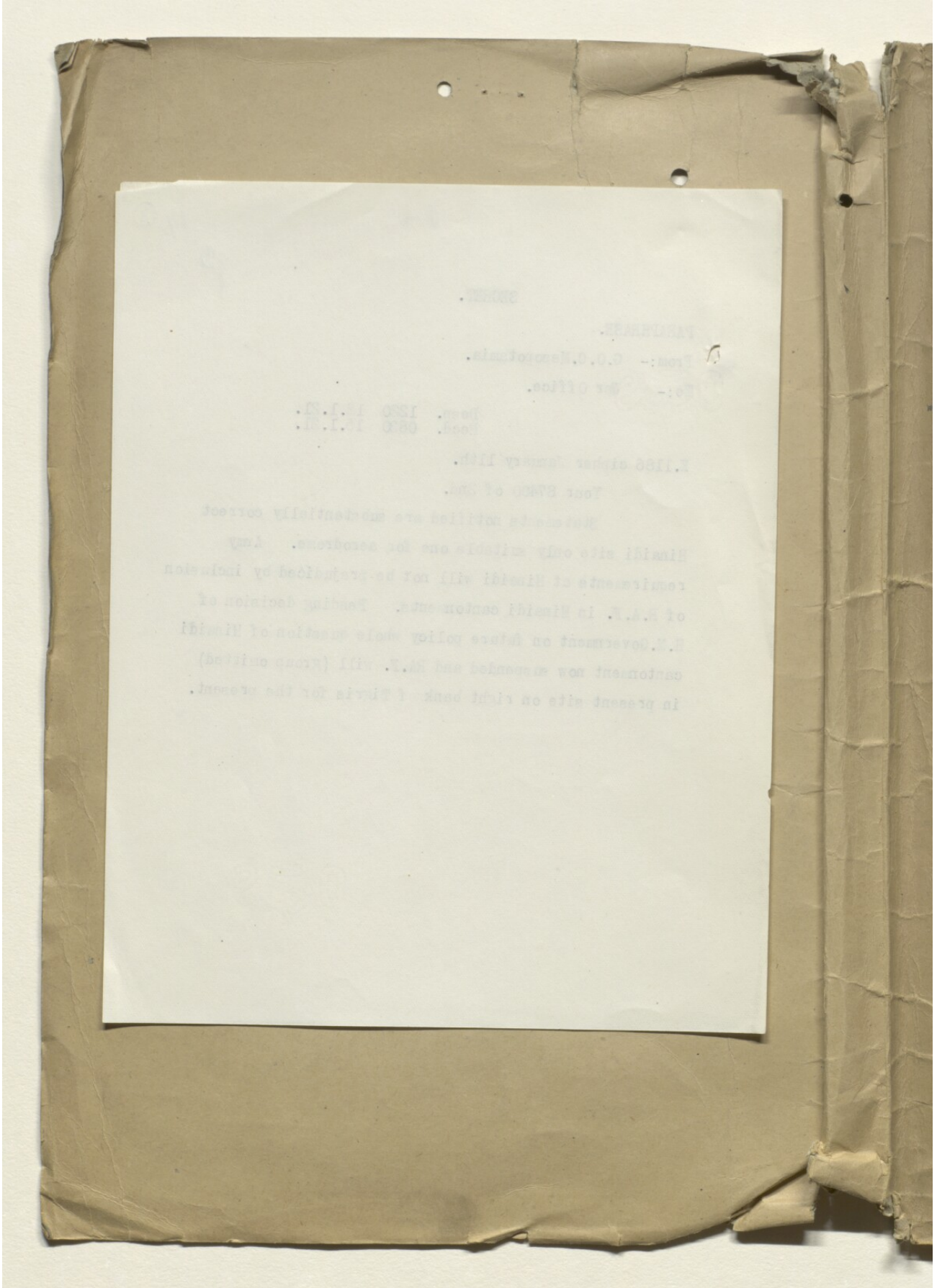
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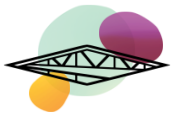
Your 87400 of 2nd.

Statements notified are substantially correct
Hinaidi site only suitable one for aerodrome. Army
requirements at Hinaidi will not be prejudiced by inclusion
of R.A.F. in Hinaidi cantonments. Pending decision of
H.M.Government on future policy whole question of Hinaidi
cantonment now suspended and R.A.F. will (group omitted)
in present site on right bank of Tigris for the present.

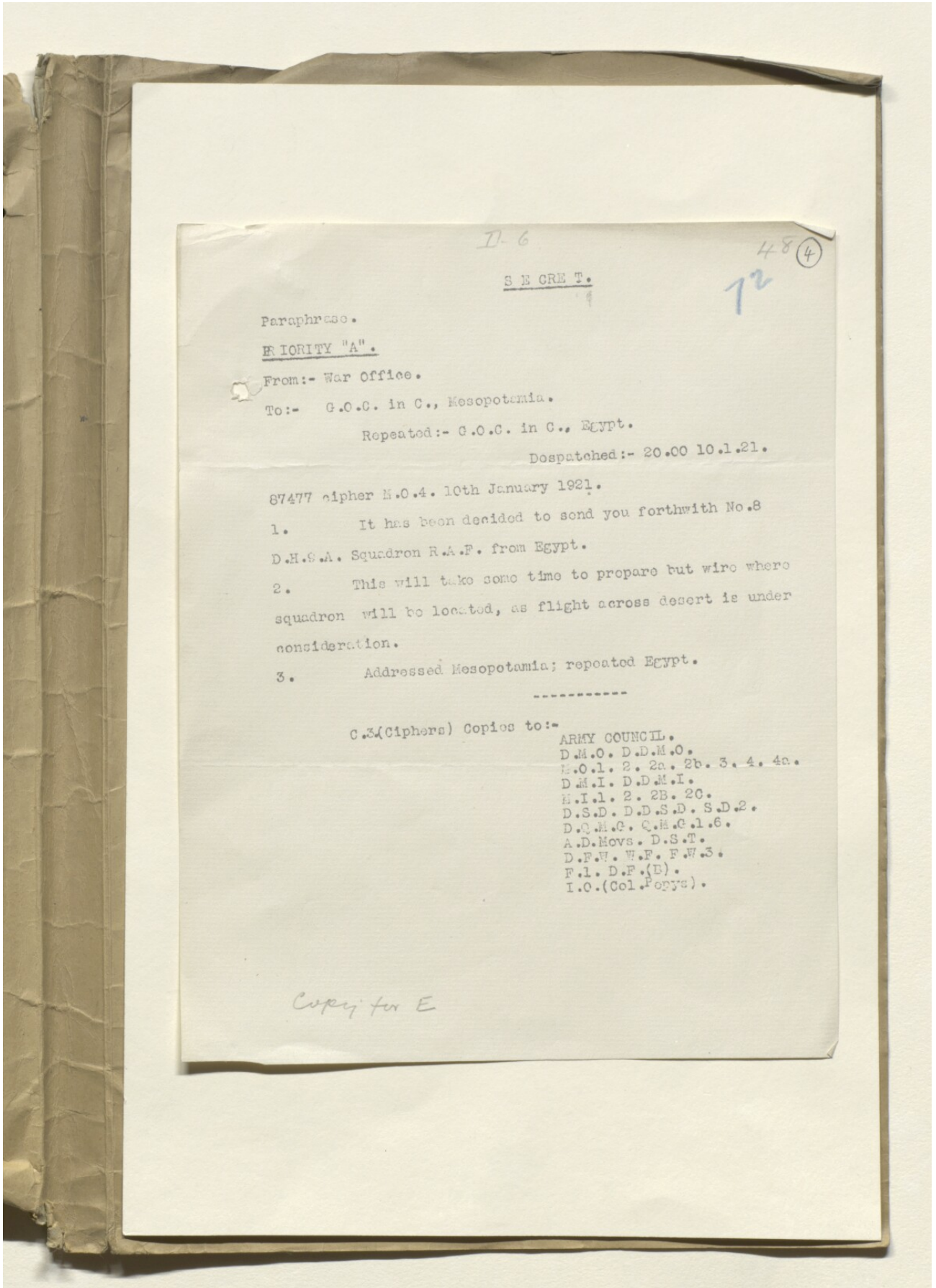


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [ظ3] (١٦٠/٦)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٤و] [١٦٠/٧]



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SECRET.

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Paraphrase.

PRIORITY "A".

From:- War Office.

To:- G.O.C. in C., Mesopotamia.

Repeated:- G.O.C. in C., EGYPT.

Despatched:- 20.00 10.1.21.

87477 cipher M.O.4. 10th January 1921.

1. It has been decided to send you forthwith No.8 D.H.9A. Squadron R.A.F. from Egypt.
2. This will take some time to prepare but wire where squadron will be located, as flight across desert is under consideration.
3. Addressed Mesopotamia; repeated EGYPT.

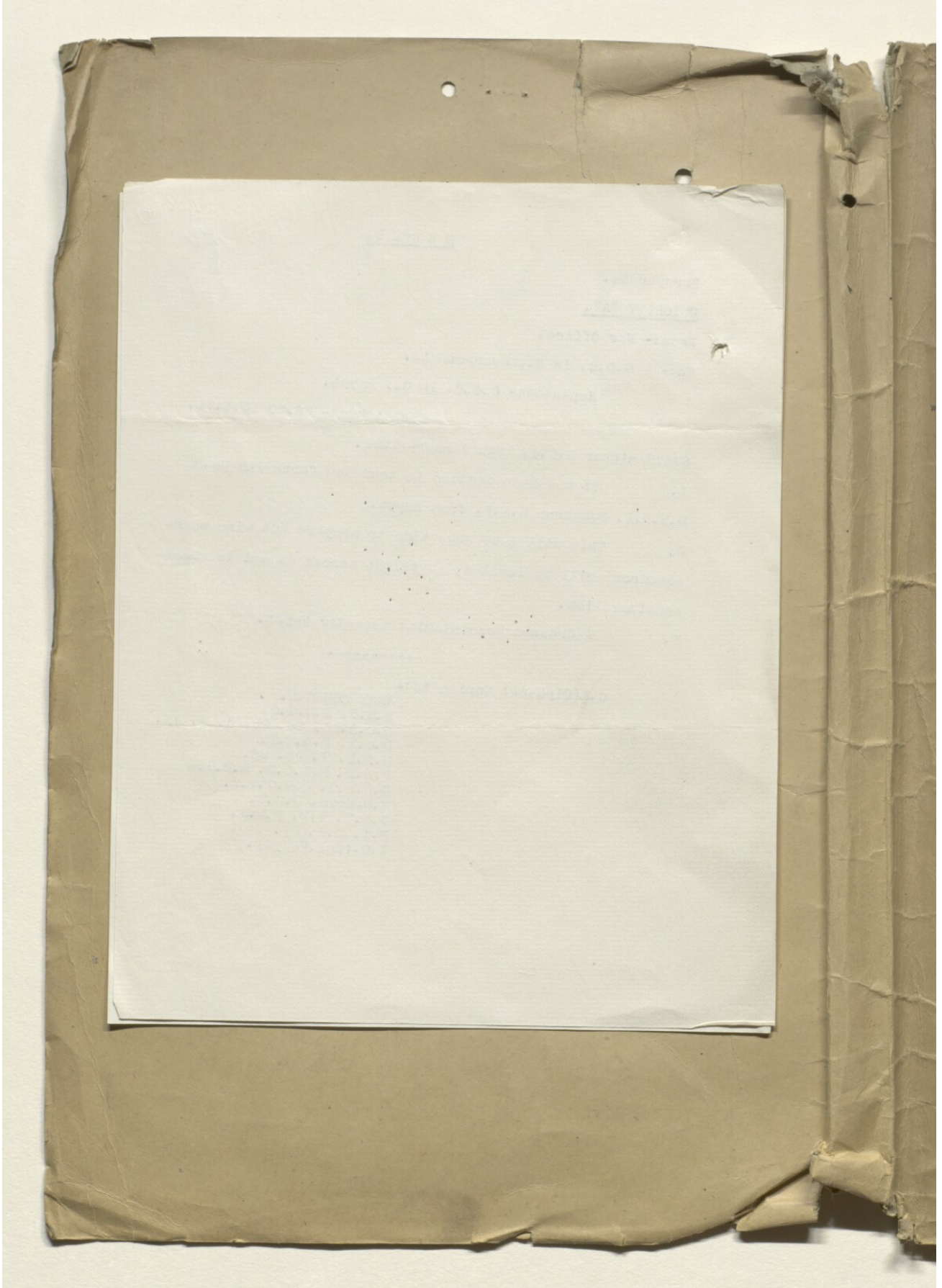
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M.O.1. 2. 2a. 2b. 3. 4. 4a.
D.M.I. D.D.M.I.
M.I.1. 2. 2B. 2C.
D.S.D. D.D.S.D. S.D.2.
D.Q.M.G. Q.M.G.1.6.
A.D. Movs. D.S.T.
D.F.W. W.F. F.W.3.
F.I. D.F.(E).
I.O.(Col. Popsy).

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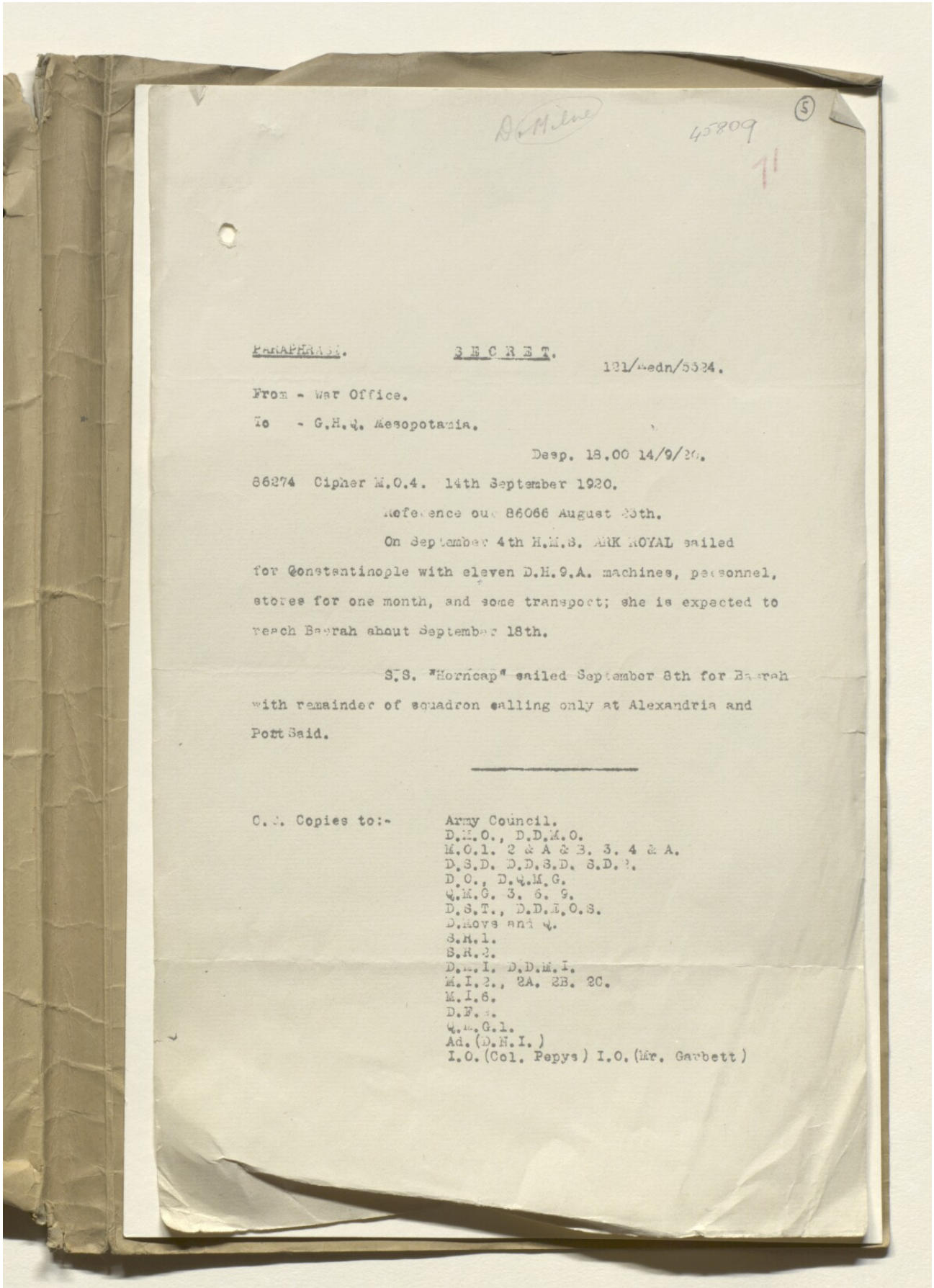


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٤ظ] (١٦٠/٨)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٥] (١٦٠/٩)



PARAPHRASE.

SECRET.

121/4edn/5524.

From - War Office.

To - G.H.Q. Mesopotamia.

Desp. 18.00 14/9/20.

86274 Cipher M.O.4. 14th September 1920.

Reference our 86066 August 23th.

On September 4th H.M.S. ARK ROYAL sailed for Constantinople with eleven D.H.9.A. machines, personnel, stores for one month, and some transport; she is expected to reach Basrah about September 18th.

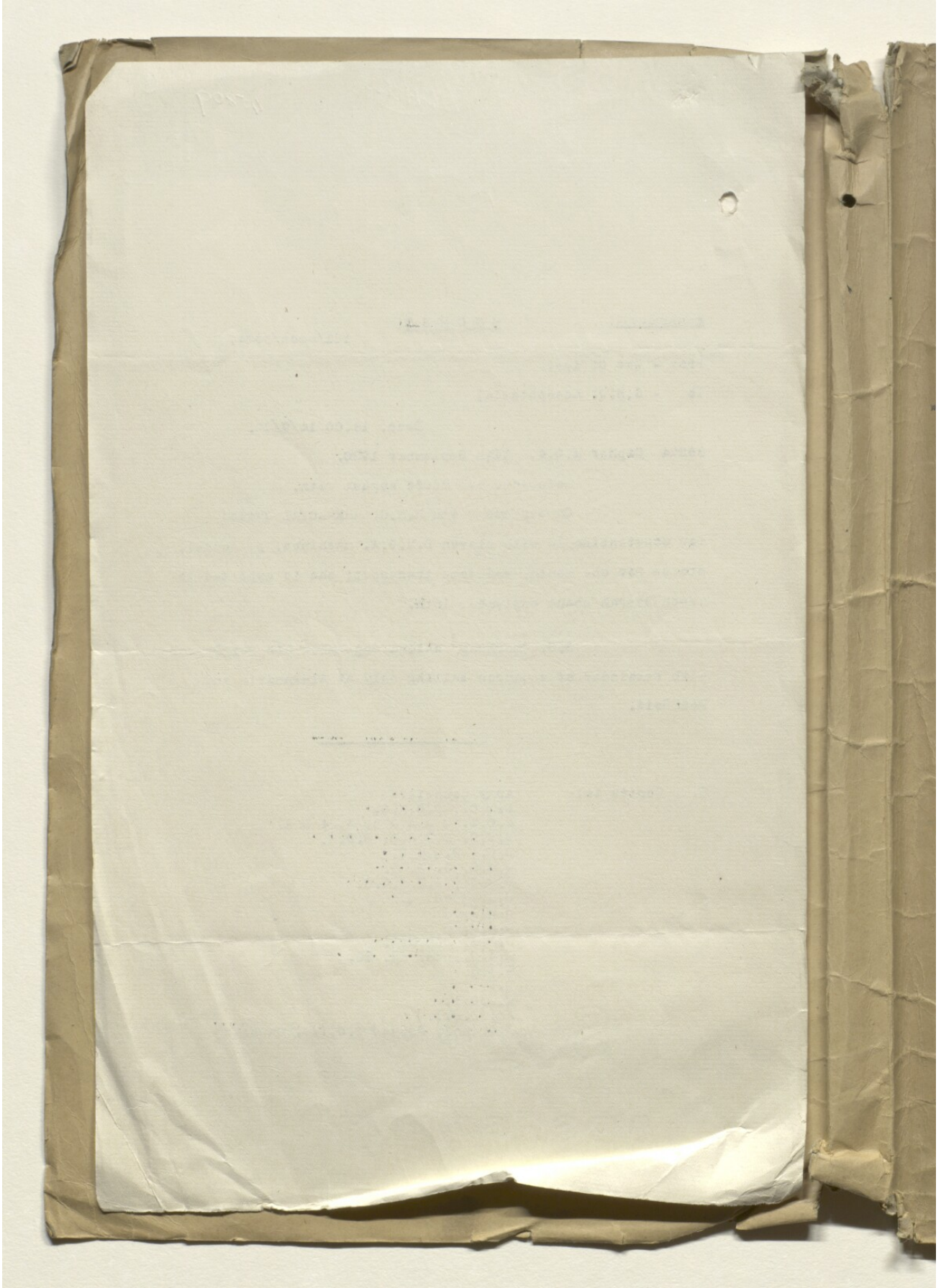
S.S. "Horncap" sailed September 8th for Basrah with remainder of squadron calling only at Alexandria and Port Said.

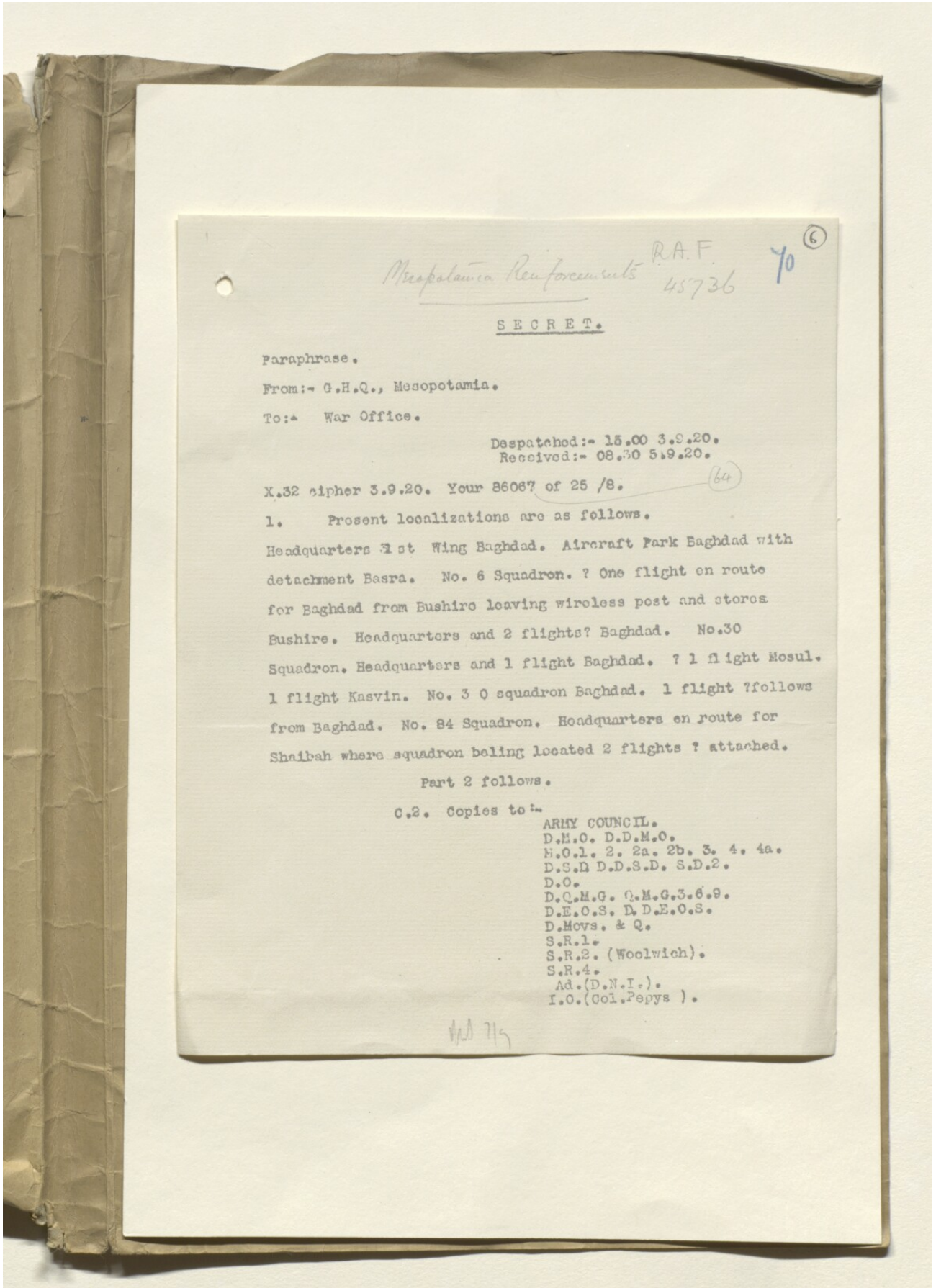
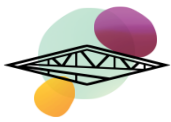
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M.O.1. 2 & A & B. 3. 4 & A.
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D.O., D.Q.M.G.
Q.M.G. 3. 6. 9.
D.S.T., D.D.L.O.S.
D.Movs and Q.
S.H.1.
S.H.2.
D.M.I. D.D.M.I.
M.I.2., 2A. 2B. 2C.
M.I.6.
D.F.?
Q.M.G.1.
Ad. (D.H.I.)
I.O. (Col. Pepys) I.O. (Mr. Garbett)



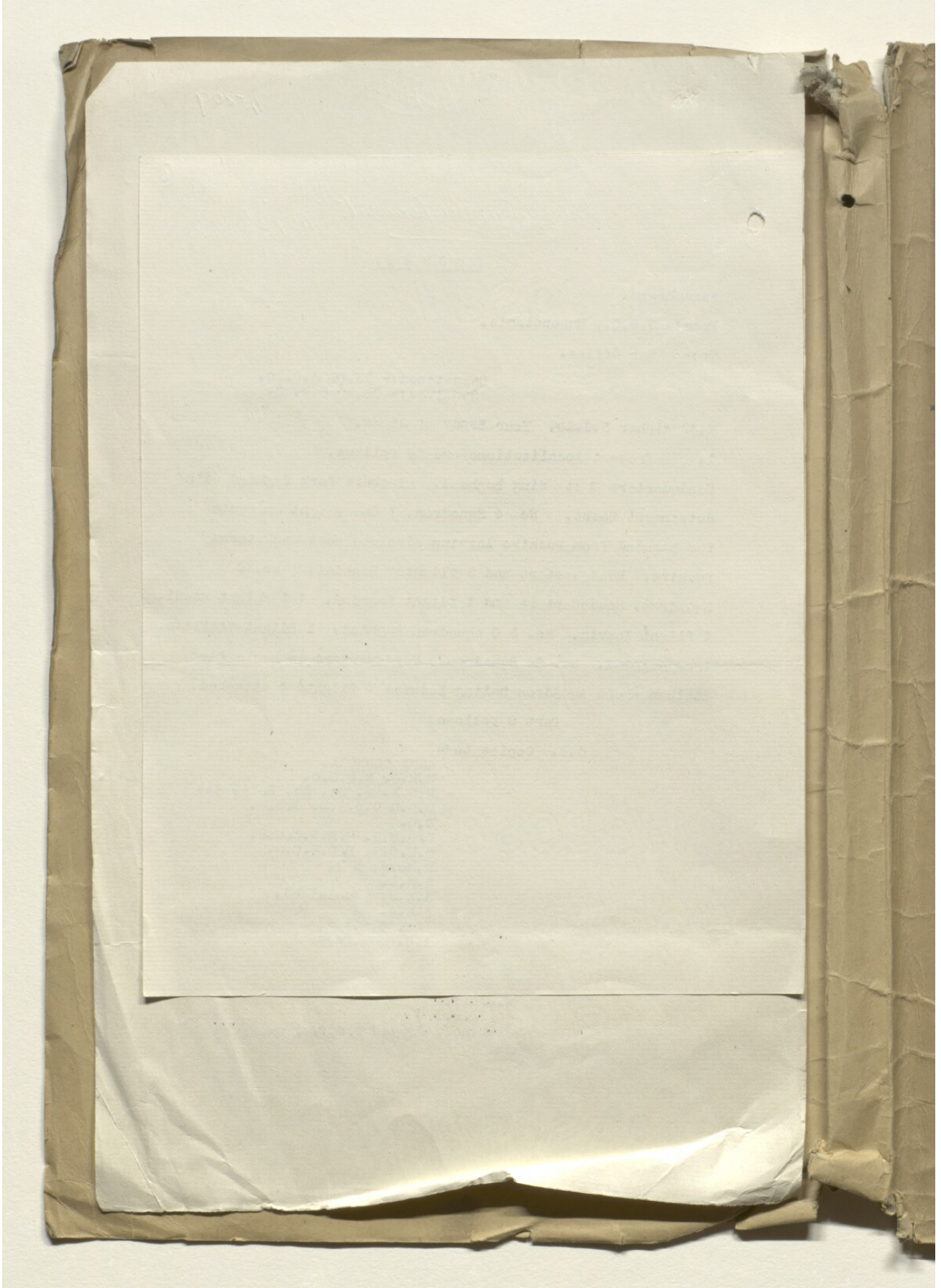
"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٥٥] (١٠/١٦٠)

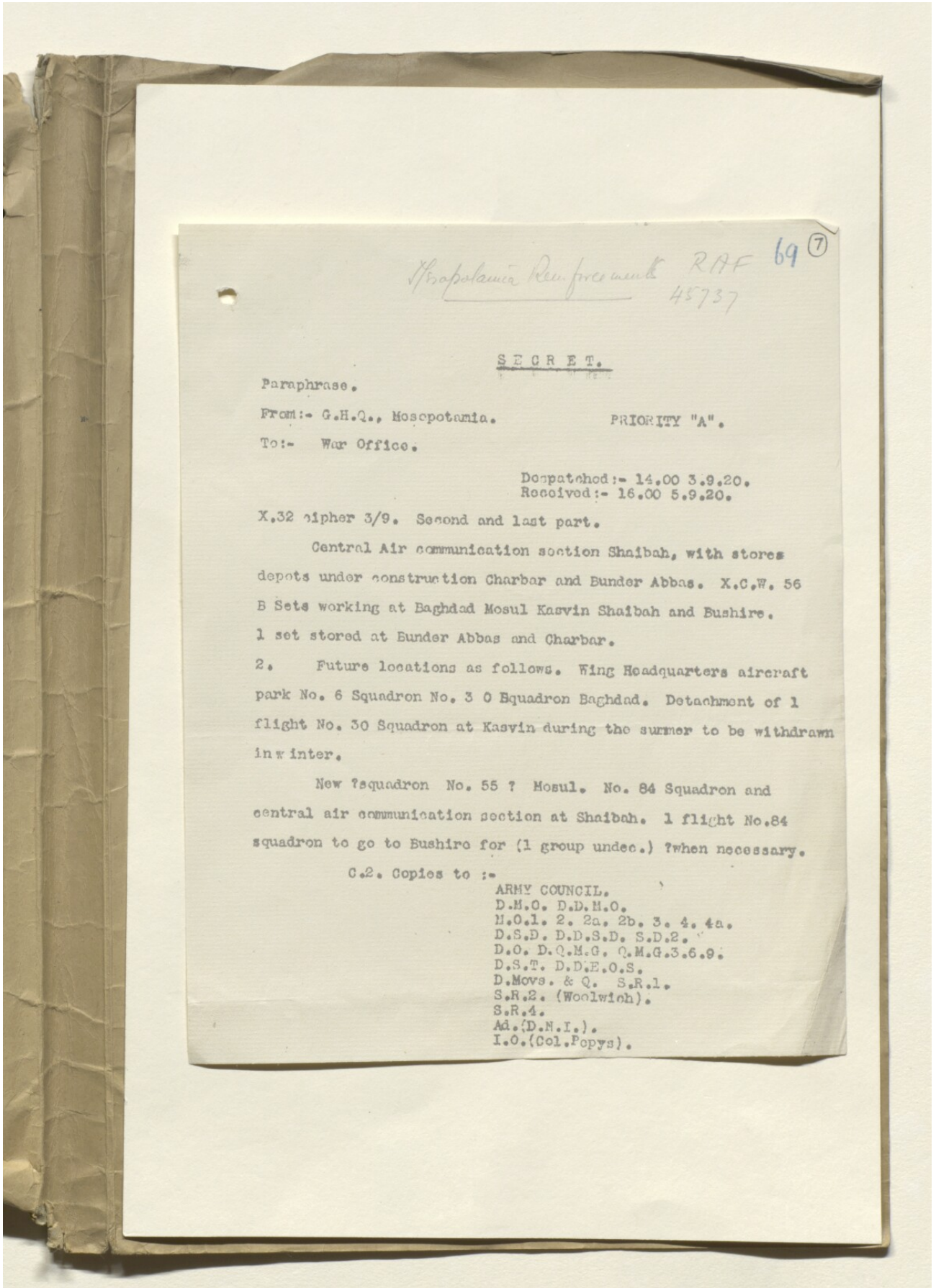






"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [ظ٦] (١٦٠/١٢)





Mesopotamia Reorganisation RAF 69 (7)
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SECRET.

Paraphrase.

From:- G.H.Q., Mesopotamia.

PRIORITY "A".

To:- War Office.

Despatched:- 14.00 3.9.20.
Received:- 16.00 5.9.20.

X.32 cipher 3/9. Second and last part.

Central Air communication section Shaibah, with stores depots under construction Charbar and Bunder Abbas. X.C.W. 56 B Sets working at Baghdad Mosul Kasvin Shaibah and Bushire. 1 set stored at Bunder Abbas and Charbar. 2. Future locations as follows. Wing Headquarters aircraft park No. 6 Squadron No. 30 Squadron Baghdad. Detachment of 1 flight No. 30 Squadron at Kasvin during the summer to be withdrawn in winter.

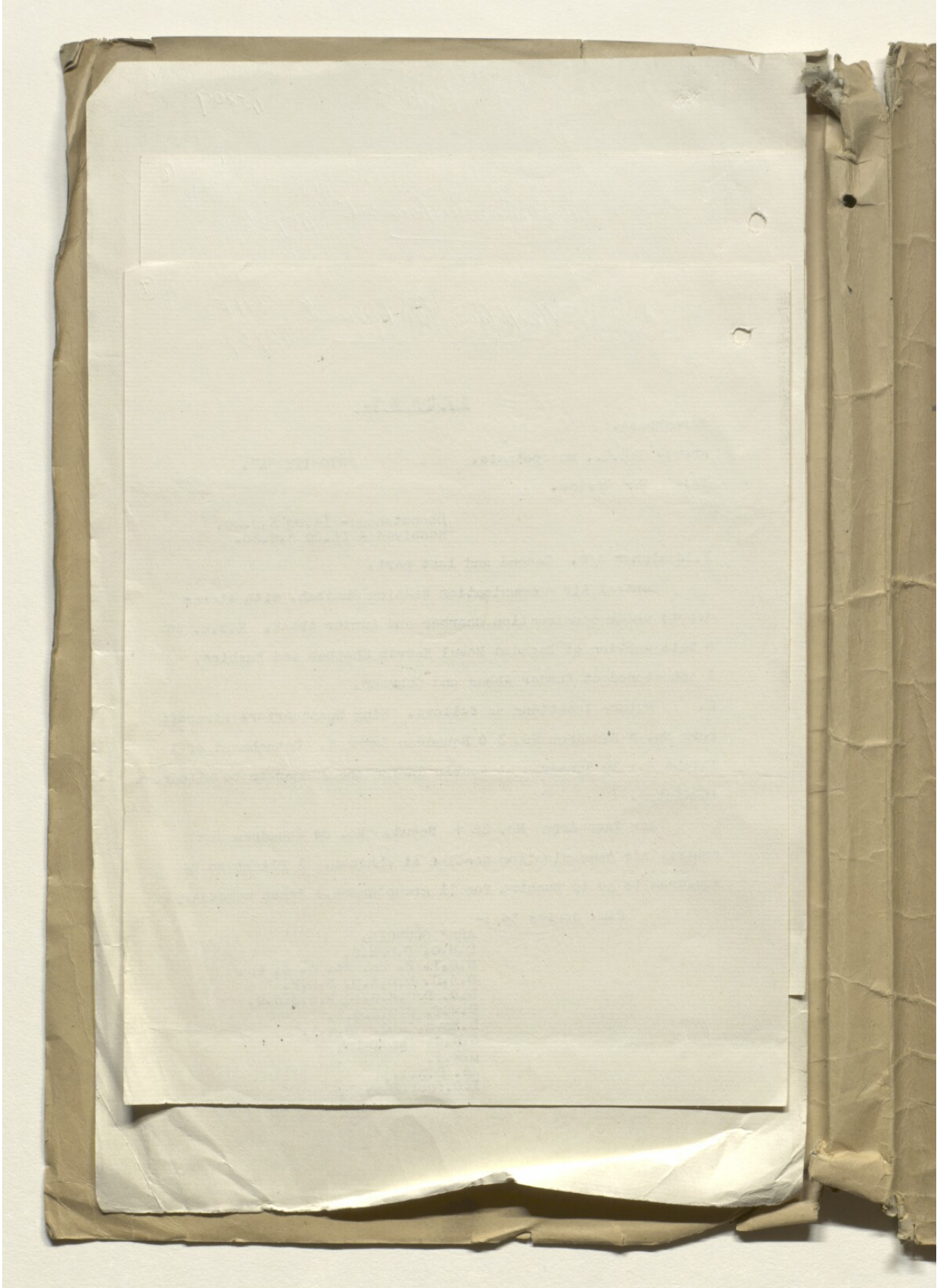
New Squadron No. 55 ? Mosul. No. 84 Squadron and central air communication section at Shaibah. 1 flight No. 84 squadron to go to Bushire for (1 group undec.) when necessary.

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D.O. D.Q.M.G. Q.M.G.3.6.9.
D.S.T. D.D.E.O.S.
D.Movs. & Q. S.R.1.
S.R.2. (Woolwich).
S.R.4.
Ad.(D.N.I.).
I.O.(Col.Popys).

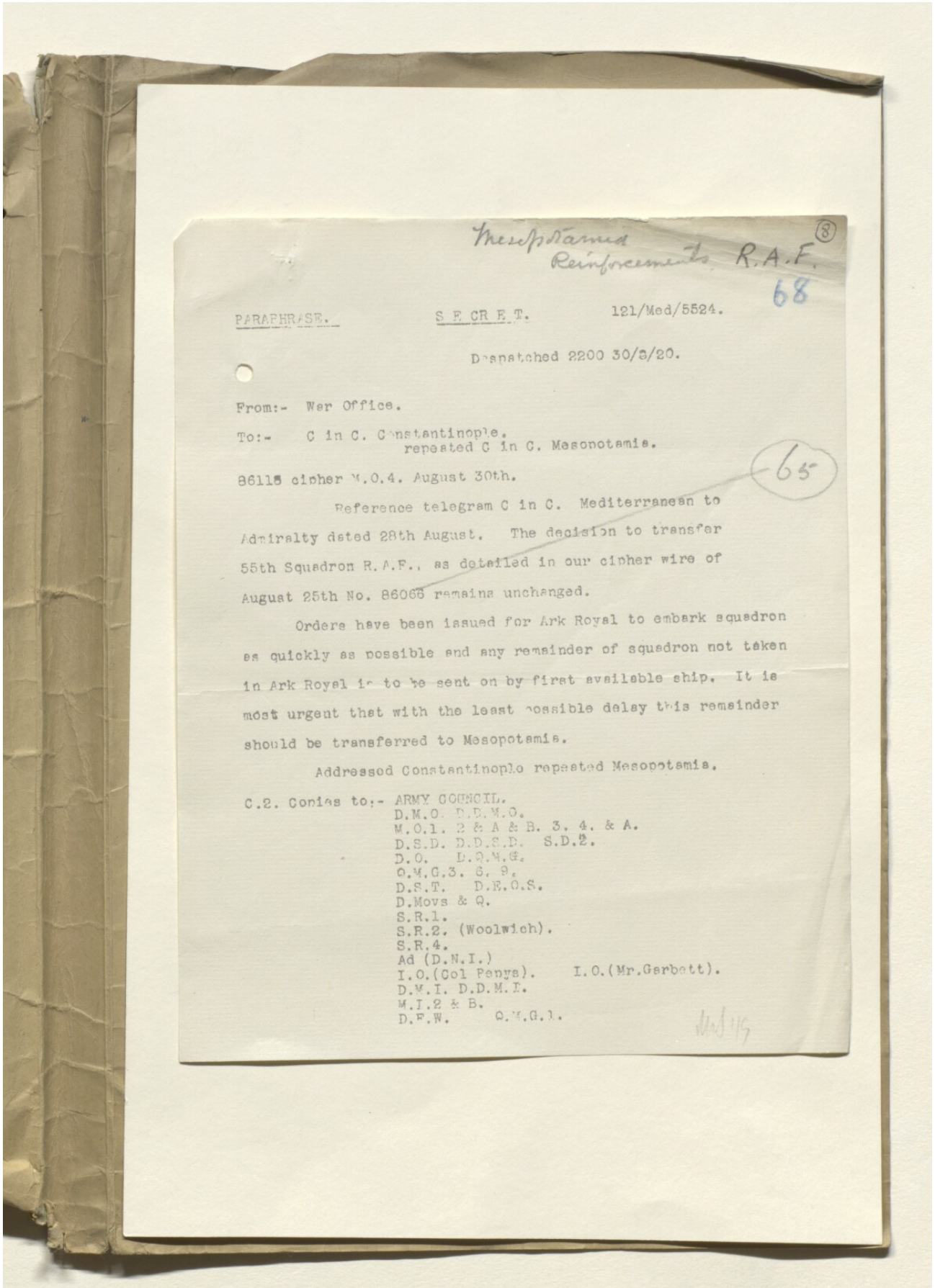


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [ظ٧] (١٤/١٦٠)



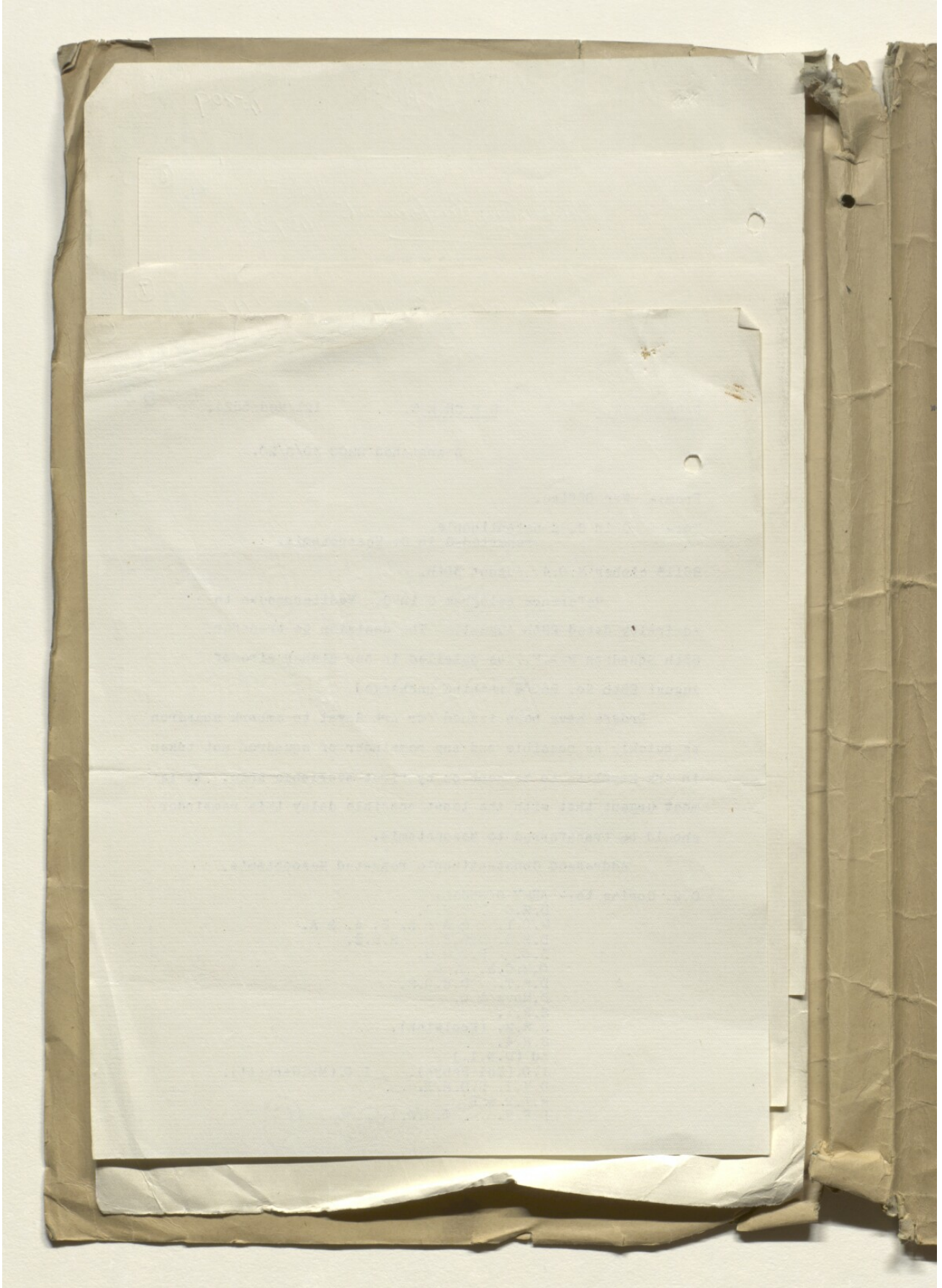


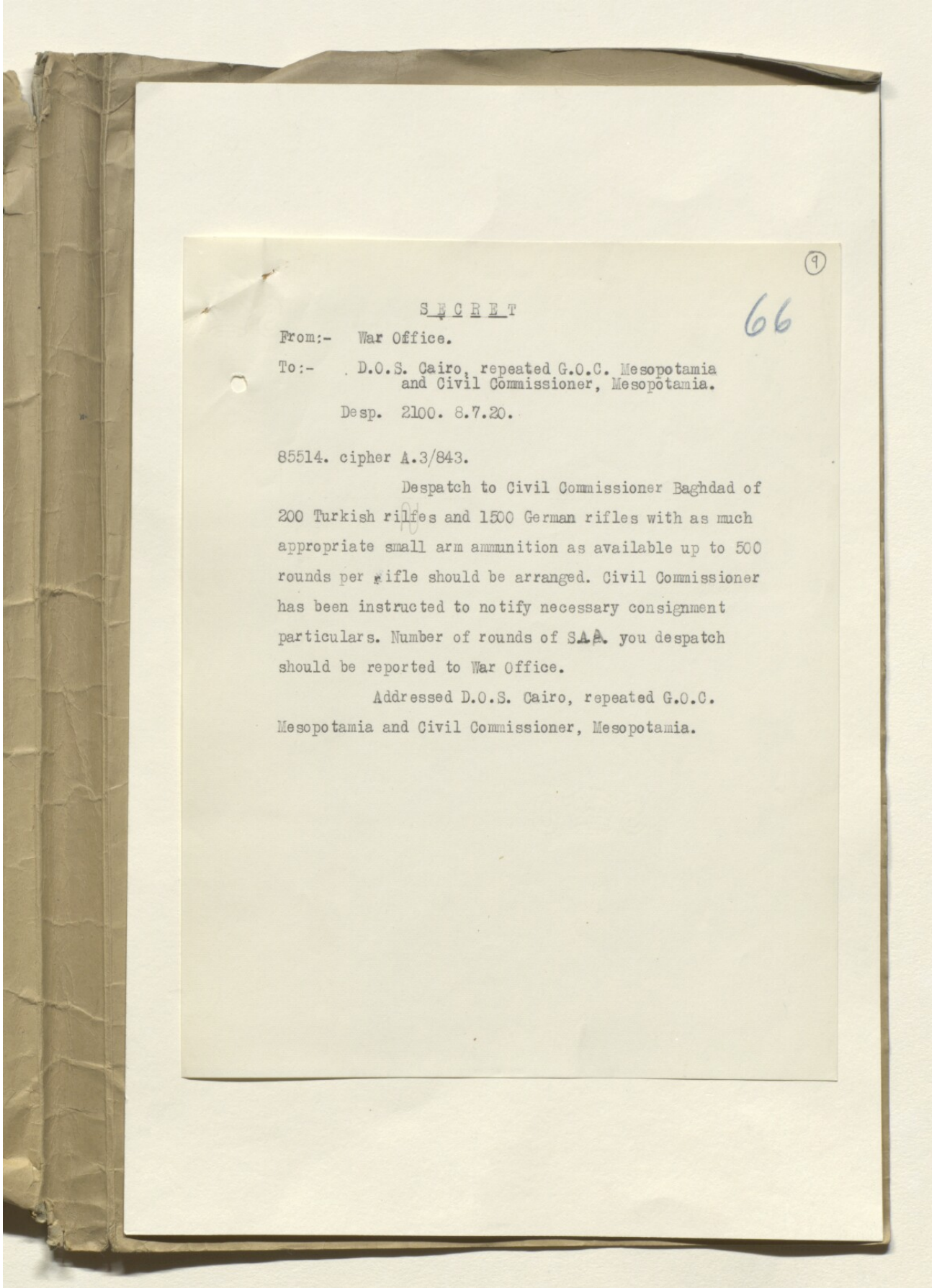
"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٨] [١٥/١٦٠]





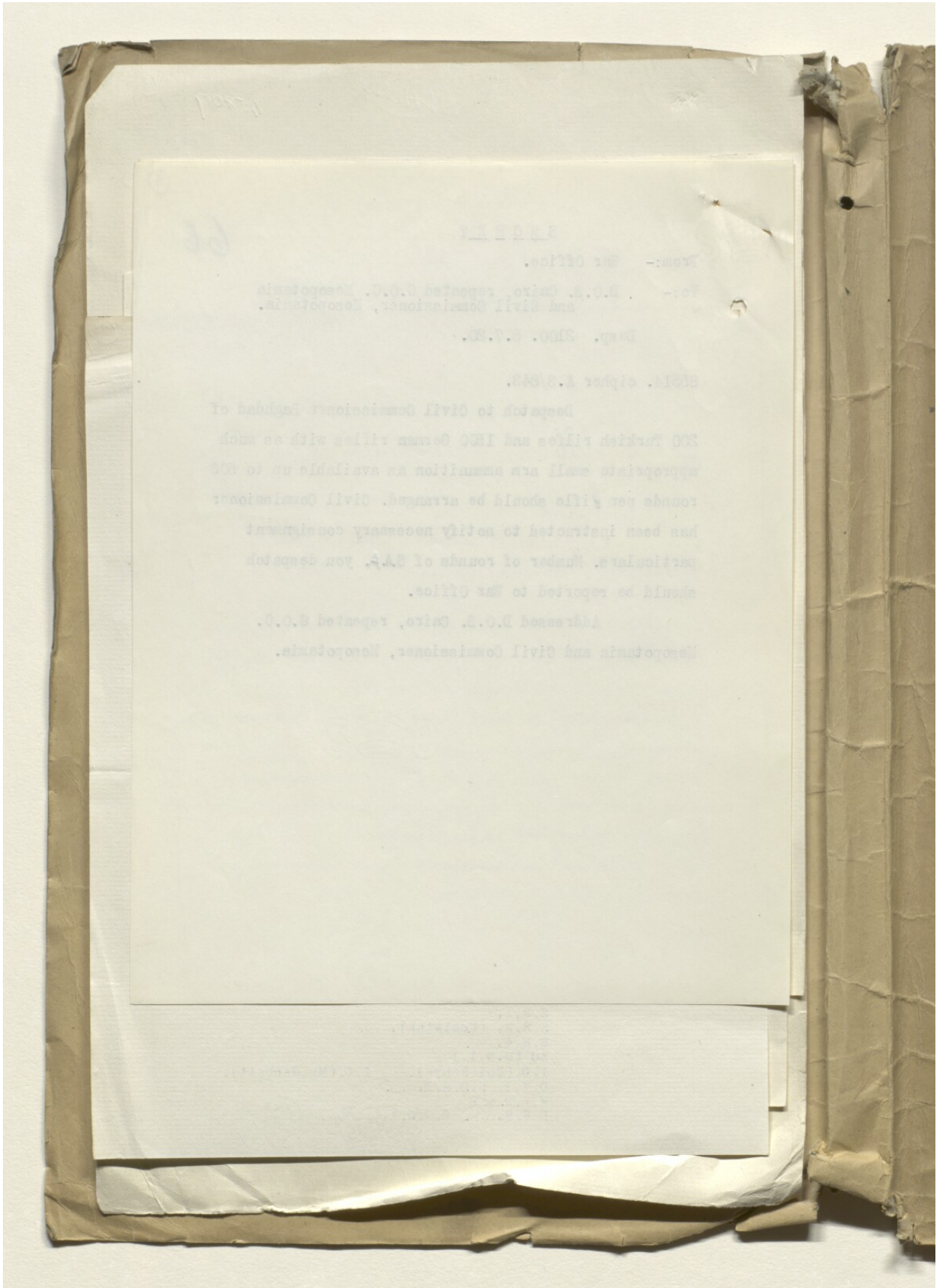
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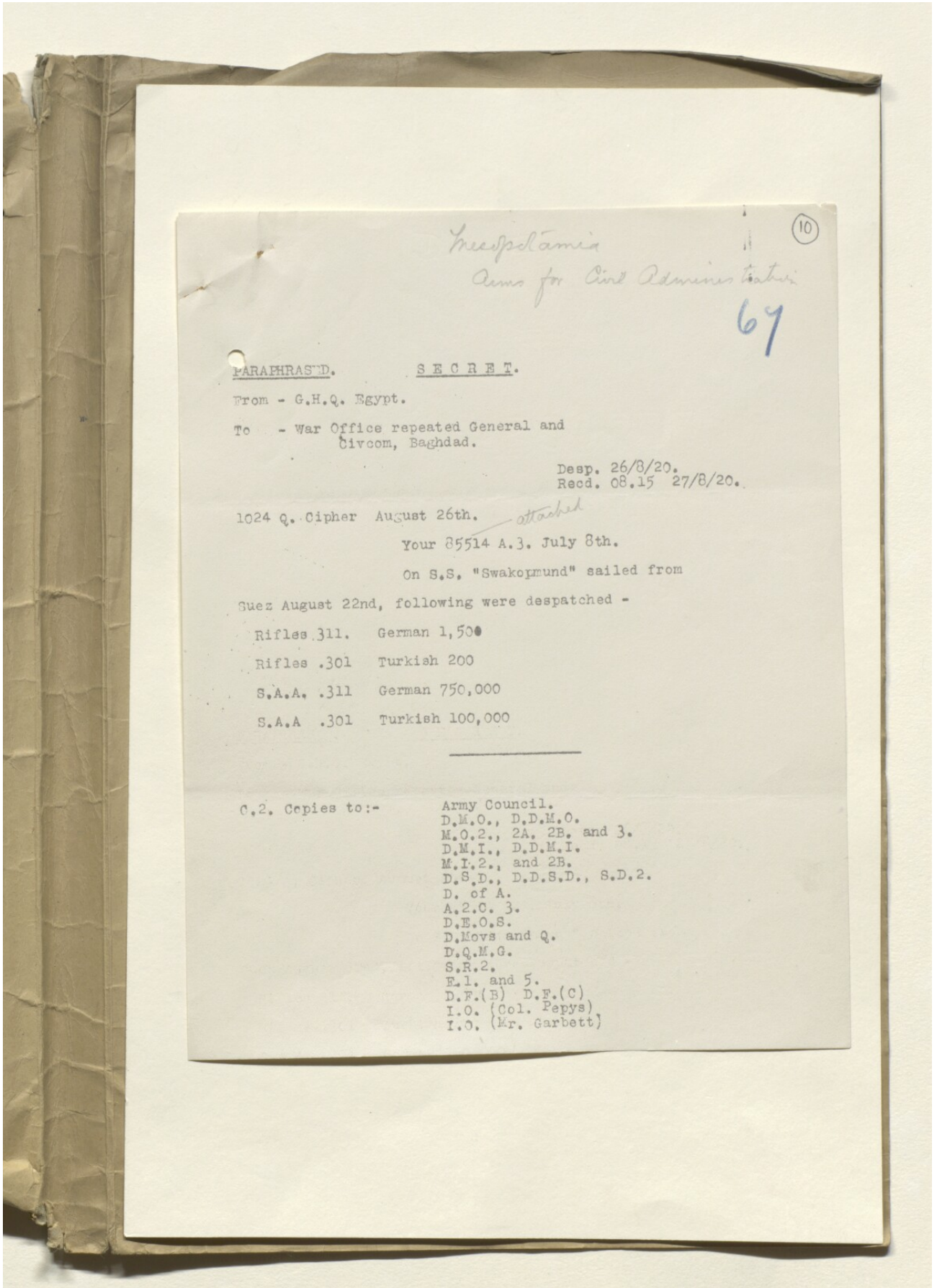


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٩ظ] (١٦٠/١٨)



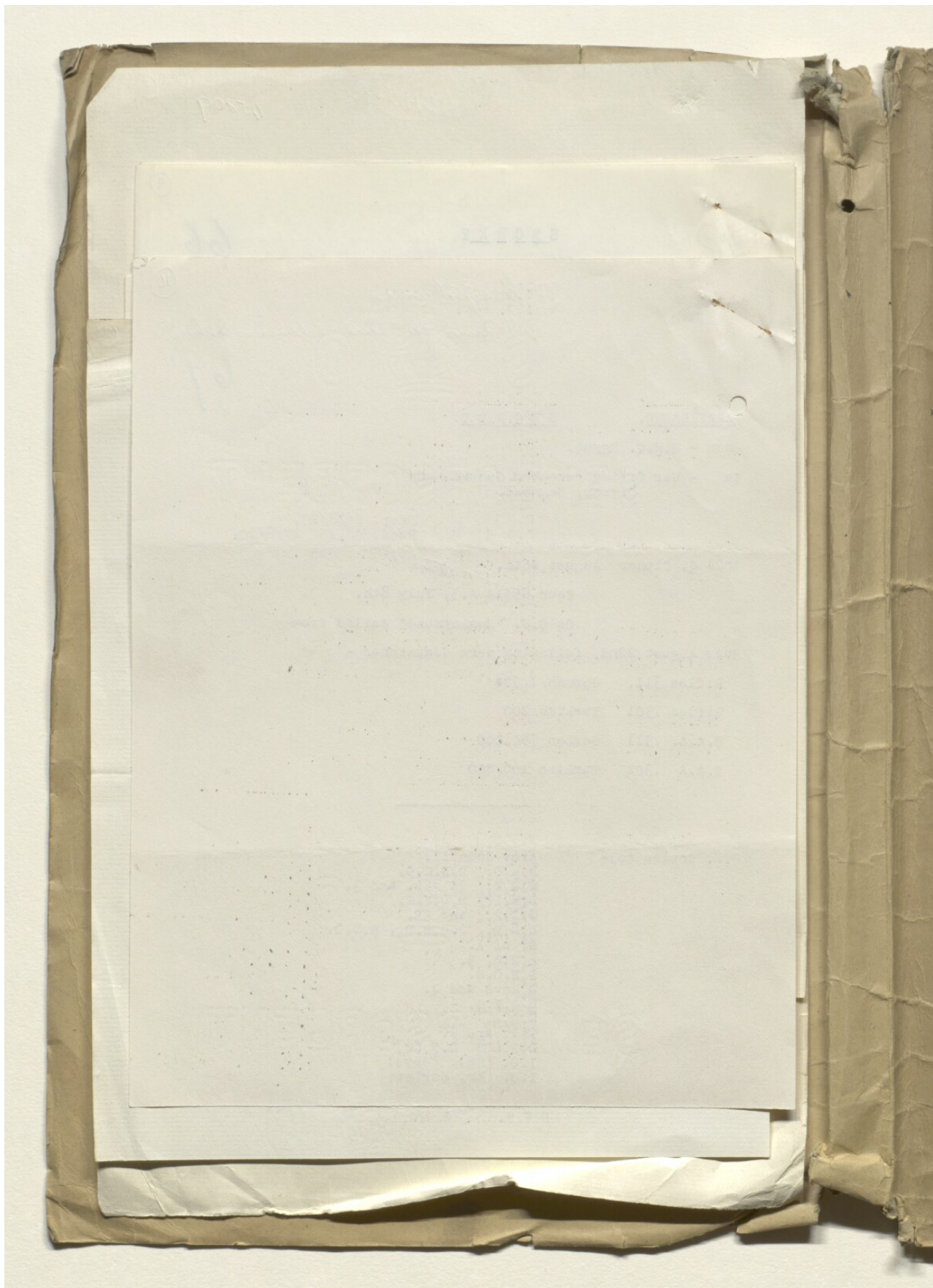


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [١٠] [١٦٠/١٩]



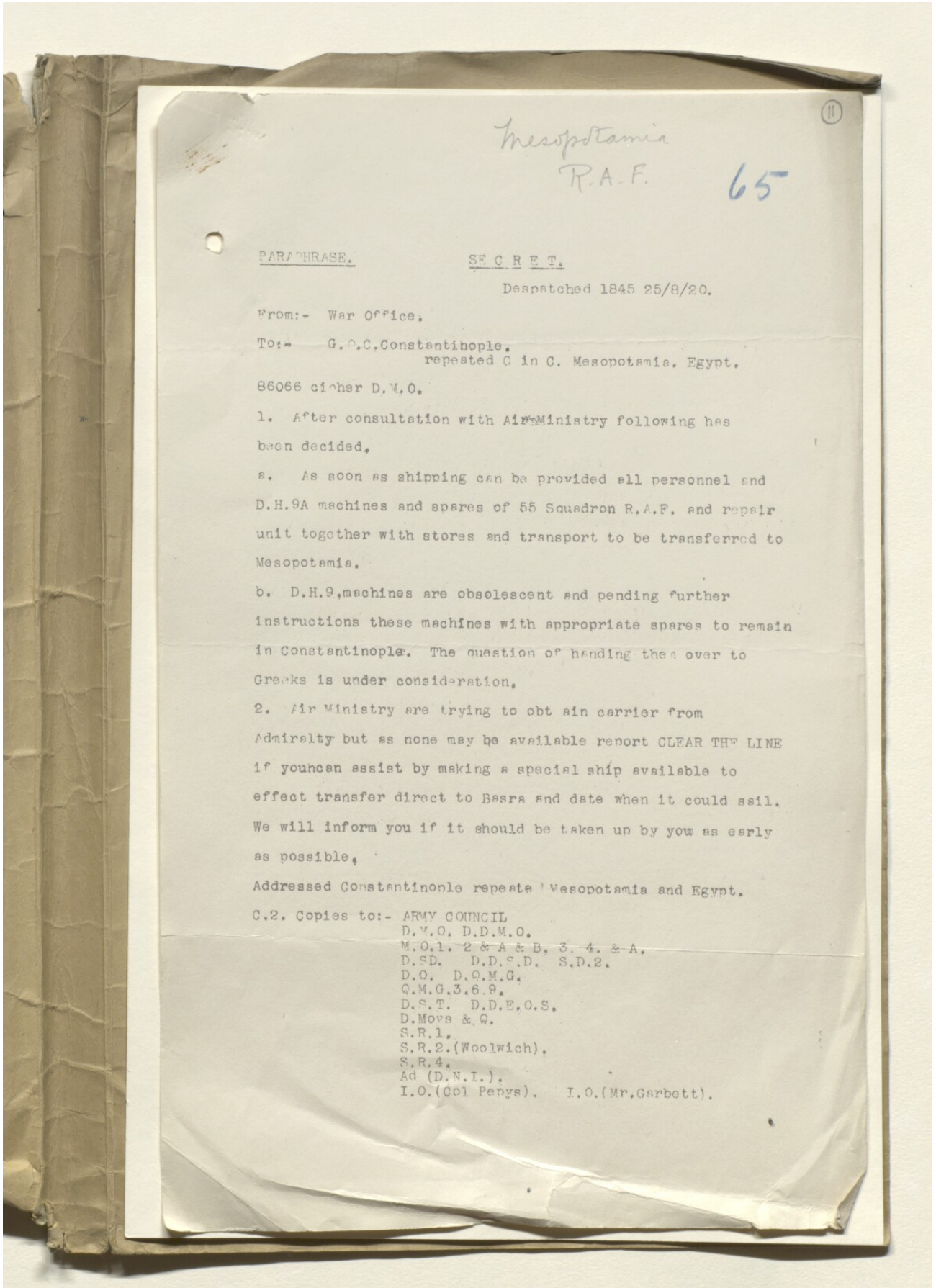


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [١٠ ظ] (١٦٠/٢٠)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [١١ او] (١٦٠/٢١)



Mesopotamia
R.A.F. 65

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PARAPHRASE.

SECRET.

Despatched 1845 25/8/20.

From:- War Office.

To:- G.O.C. Constantinople.
repeated C in C. Mesopotamia. Egypt.

86066 cipher D.M.O.

1. After consultation with Air Ministry following has been decided,

a. As soon as shipping can be provided all personnel and D.H.9A machines and spares of 55 Squadron R.A.F. and repair unit together with stores and transport to be transferred to Mesopotamia.

b. D.H.9 machines are obsolescent and pending further instructions these machines with appropriate spares to remain in Constantinople. The question of handing them over to Greeks is under consideration.

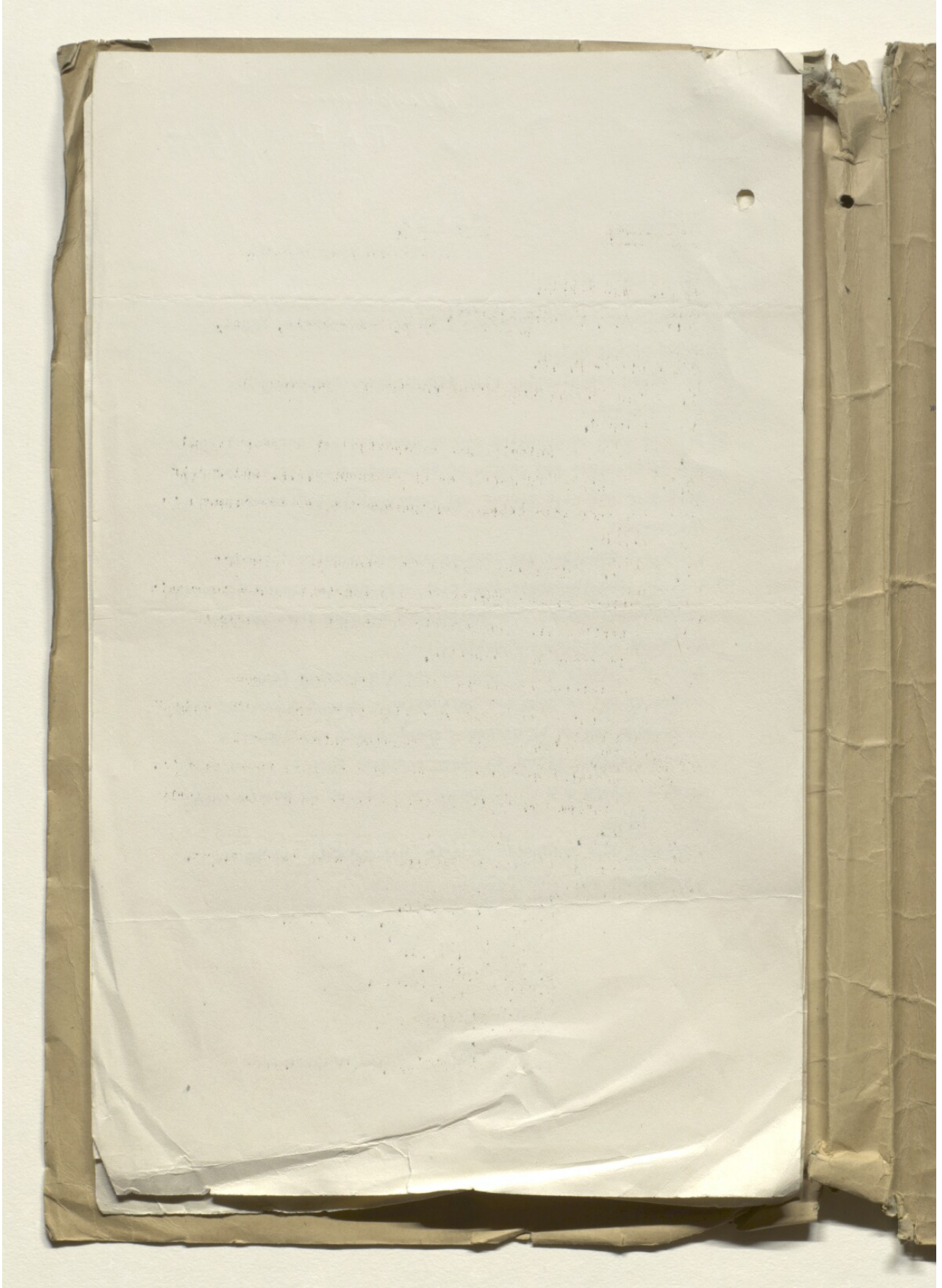
2. Air Ministry are trying to obtain carrier from Admiralty but as none may be available report CLEAR THE LINE if you can assist by making a special ship available to effect transfer direct to Basra and date when it could sail. We will inform you if it should be taken up by you as early as possible.

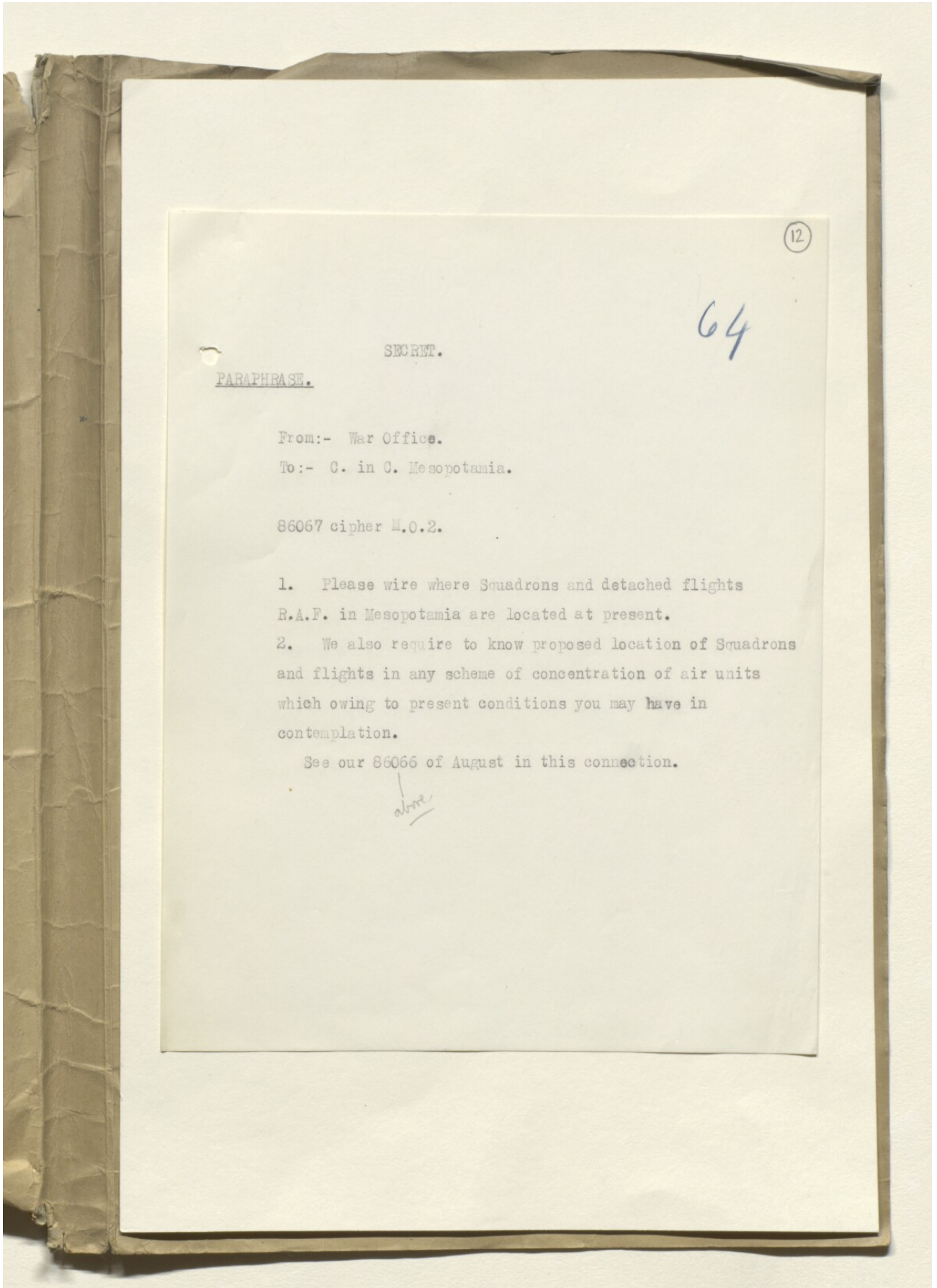
Addressed Constantinople repeated Mesopotamia and Egypt.

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Q.M.G.3.6.9.
D.S.T. D.D.E.O.S.
D.Movs & Q.
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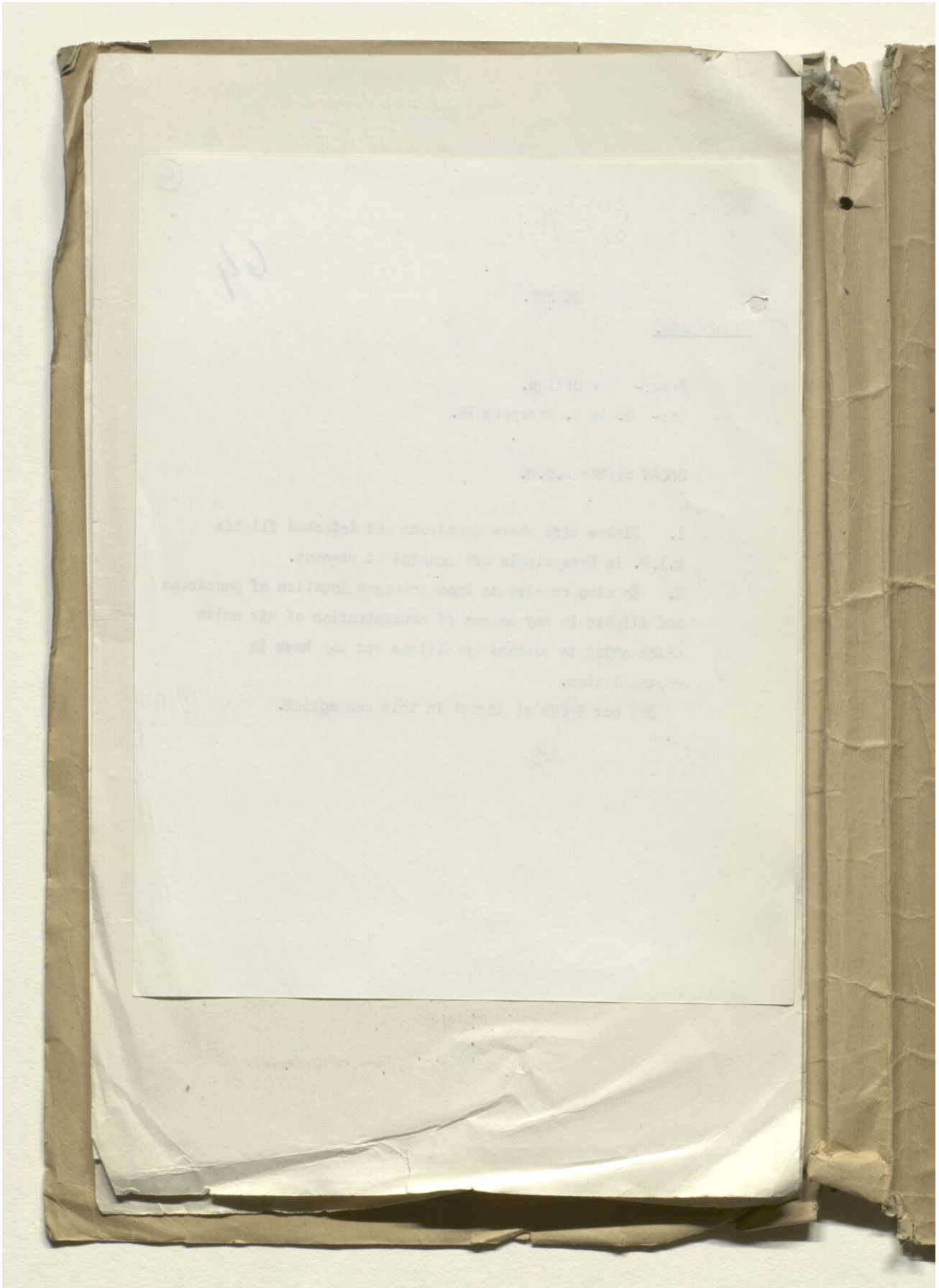
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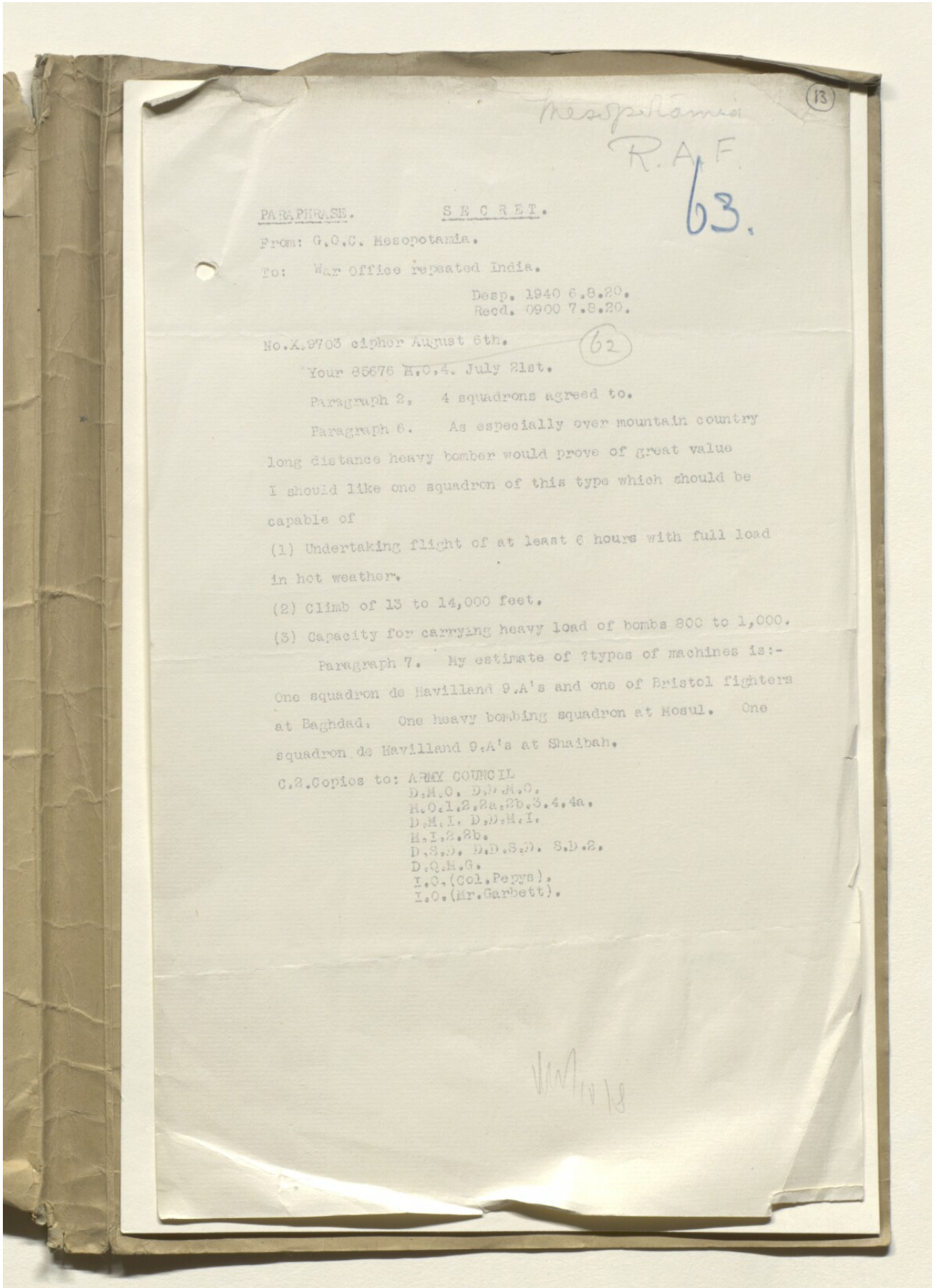


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [١٢ ظ] (١٦٠/٢٤)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [١٣] [١٦٠/٢٥]



PARAPHRASE. S E C R E T.
From: G.O.C. Mesopotamia.
To: War Office repeated India.

Desp. 1940 6.8.20.
Recd. 0900 7.8.20.

No. X.9703 cipher August 6th.

Your 25676 H.O.4. July 21st.

Paragraph 2. 4 squadrons agreed to.

Paragraph 6. As especially over mountain country long distance heavy bomber would prove of great value I should like one squadron of this type which should be capable of

(1) Undertaking flight of at least 6 hours with full load in hot weather.

(2) Climb of 13 to 14,000 feet.

(3) Capacity for carrying heavy load of bombs 800 to 1,000.

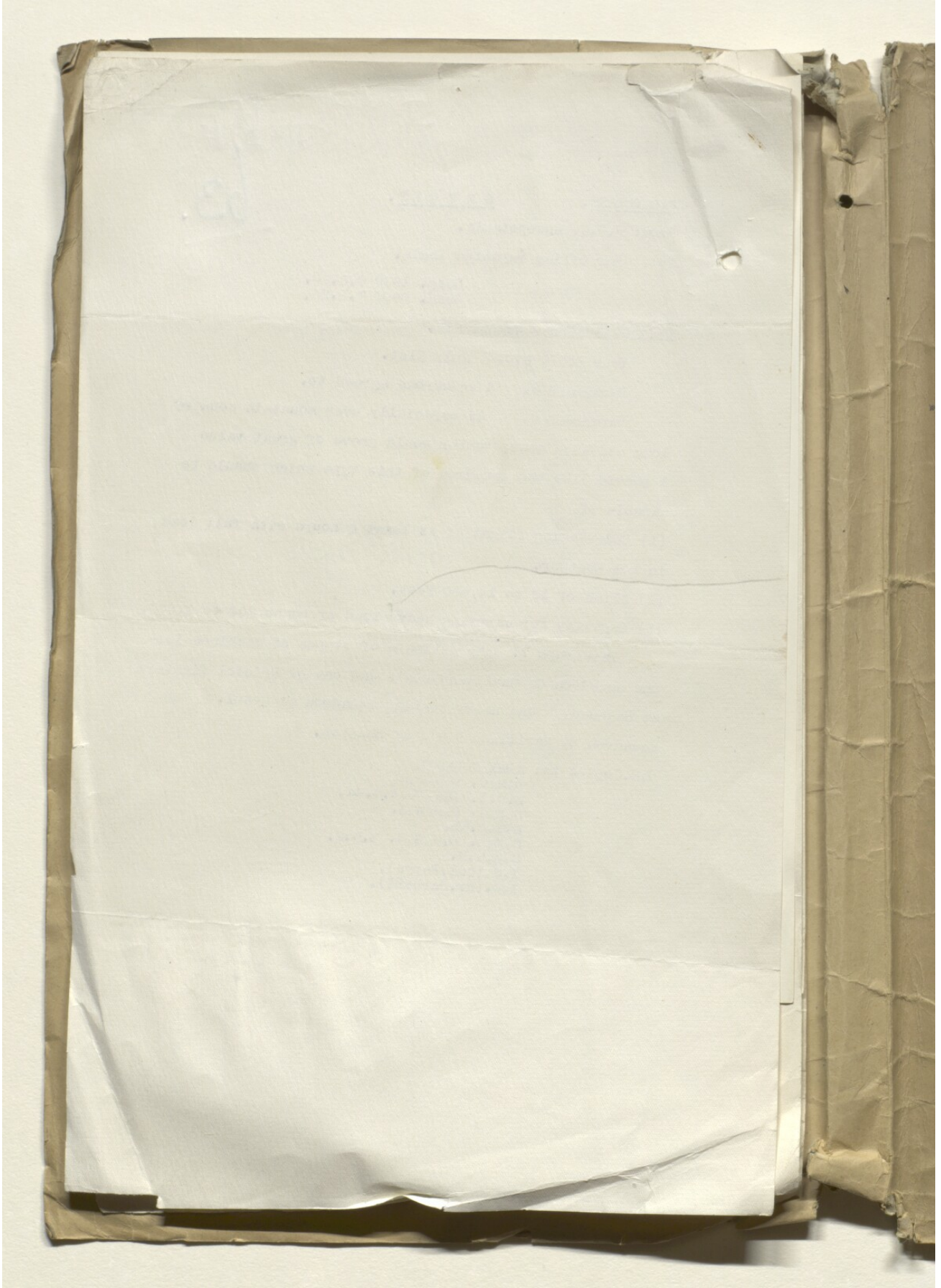
Paragraph 7. My estimate of types of machines is:-
One squadron de Havilland 9.A's and one of Bristol fighters at Baghdad. One heavy bombing squadron at Mosul. One squadron de Havilland 9.A's at Shaibah.

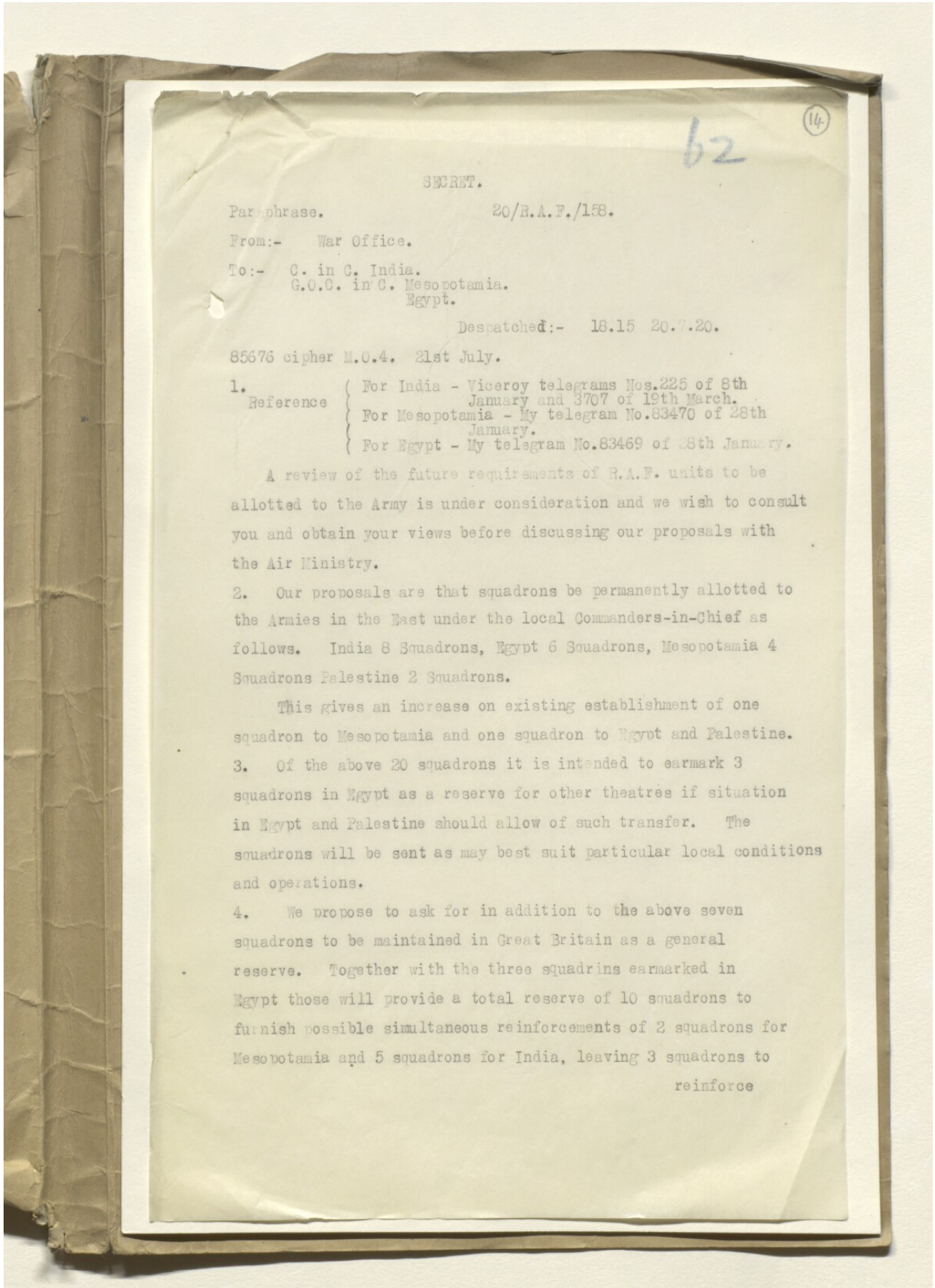
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D.S.D. D.D.S.D. S.D. 2.
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I.O. (Col. Poyys).
I.O. (Mr. Garbett).

I.M.M.



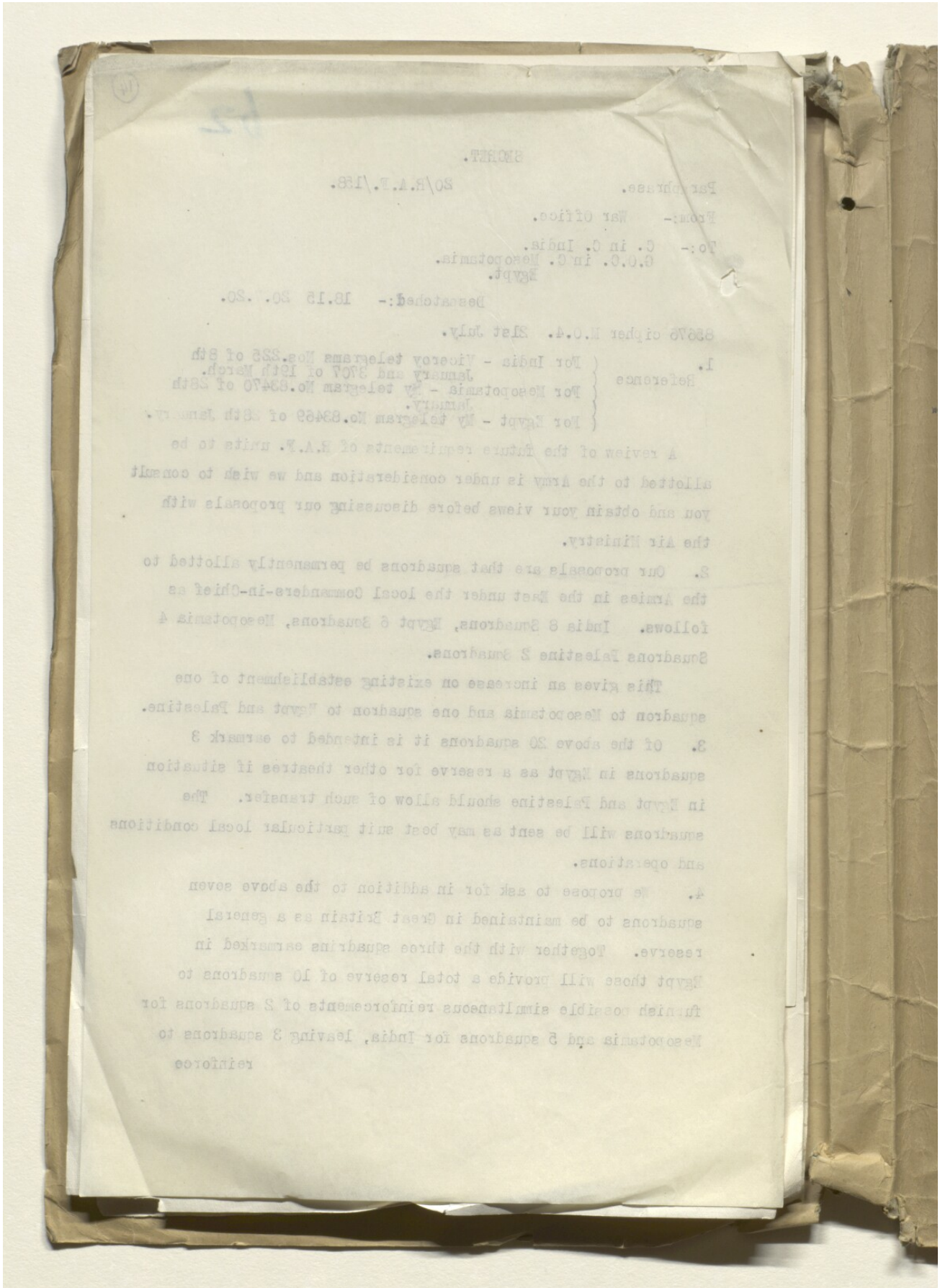
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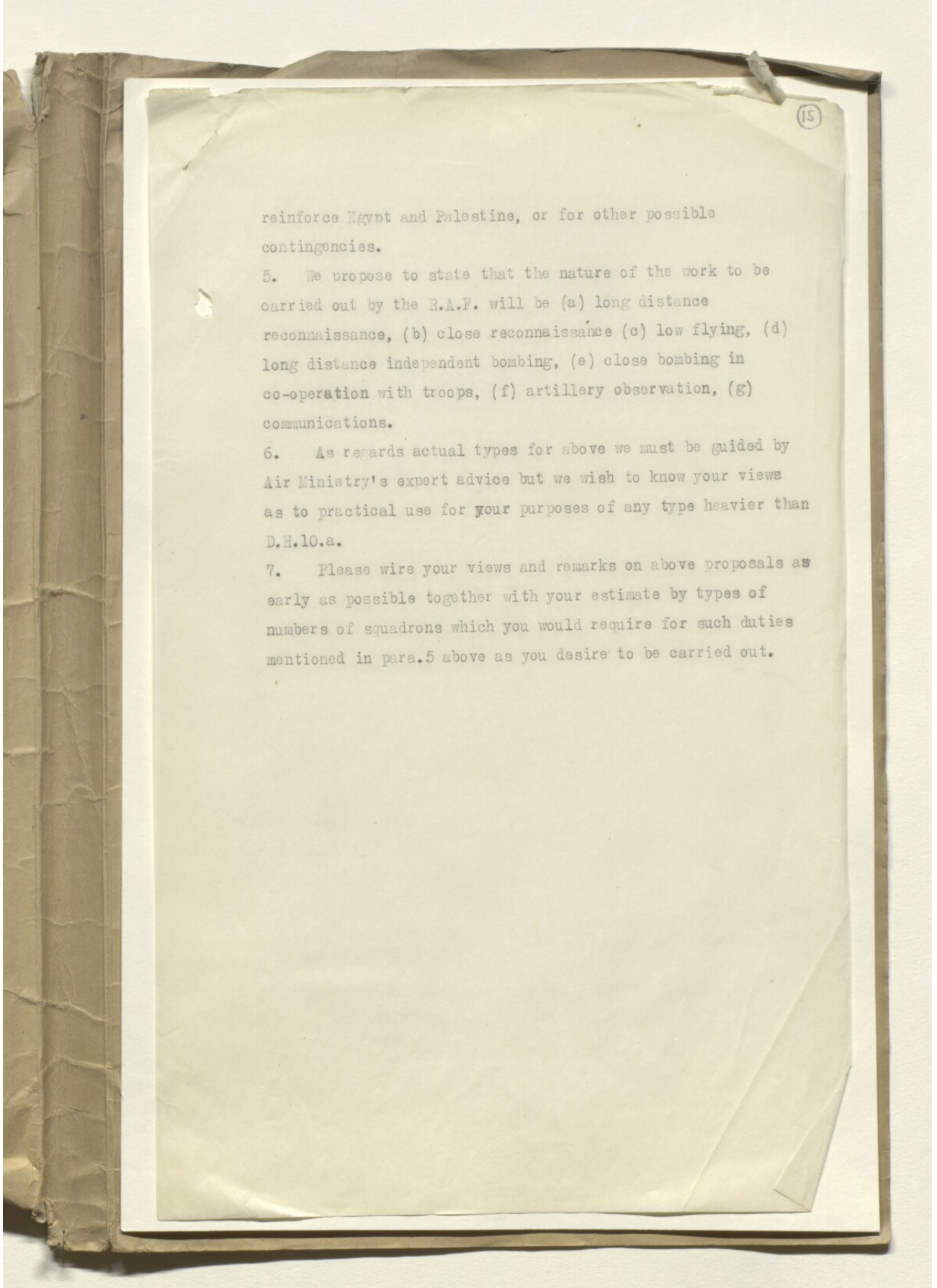






"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٤١ ظ] (١٦٠/٢٨)





reinforce Egypt and Palestine, or for other possible contingencies.

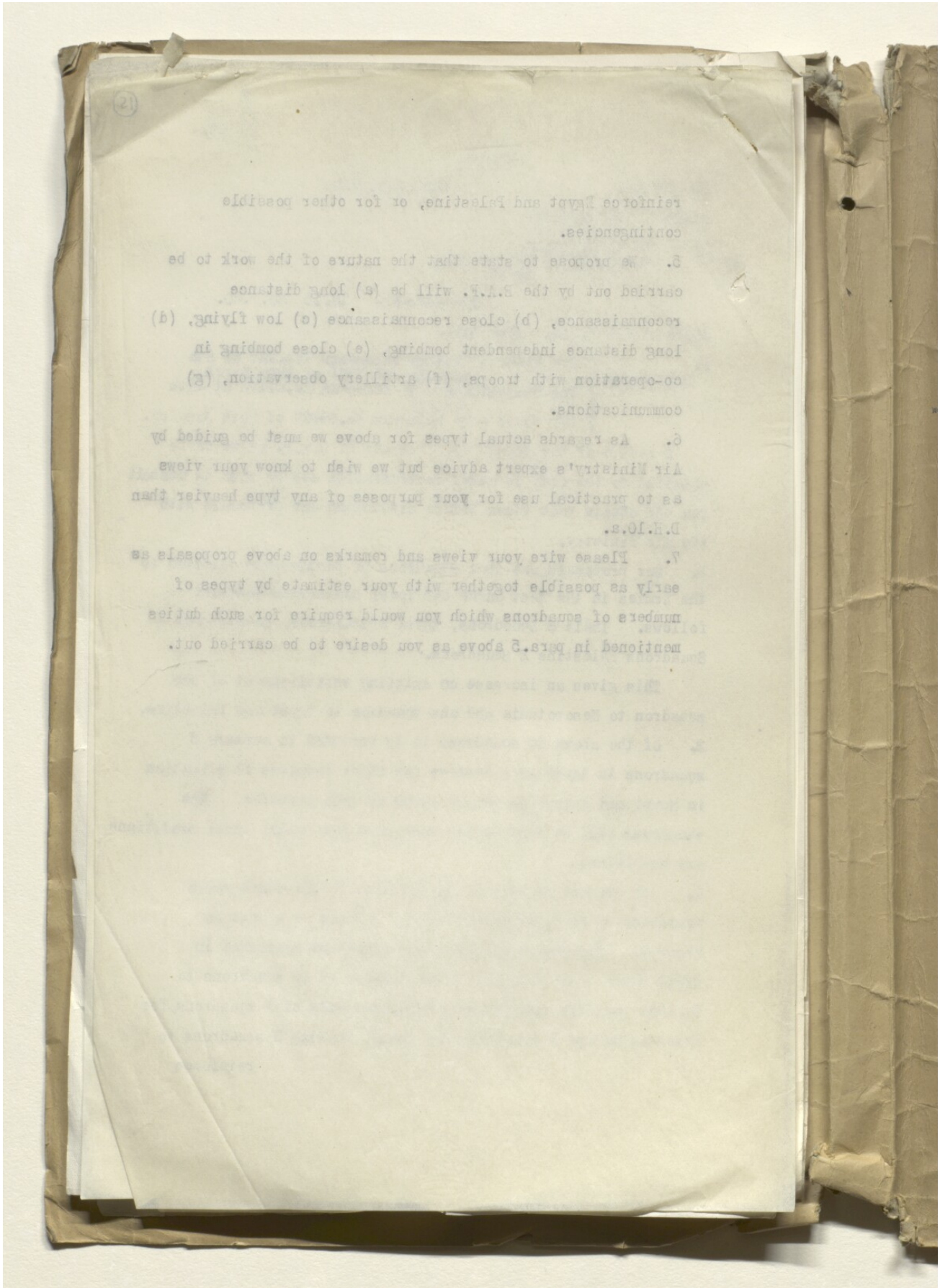
5. We propose to state that the nature of the work to be carried out by the R.A.F. will be (a) long distance reconnaissance, (b) close reconnaissance (c) low flying, (d) long distance independent bombing, (e) close bombing in co-operation with troops, (f) artillery observation, (g) communications.

6. As regards actual types for above we must be guided by Air Ministry's expert advice but we wish to know your views as to practical use for your purposes of any type heavier than D.H.10.a.

7. Please wire your views and remarks on above proposals as early as possible together with your estimate by types of numbers of squadrons which you would require for such duties mentioned in para.5 above as you desire to be carried out.

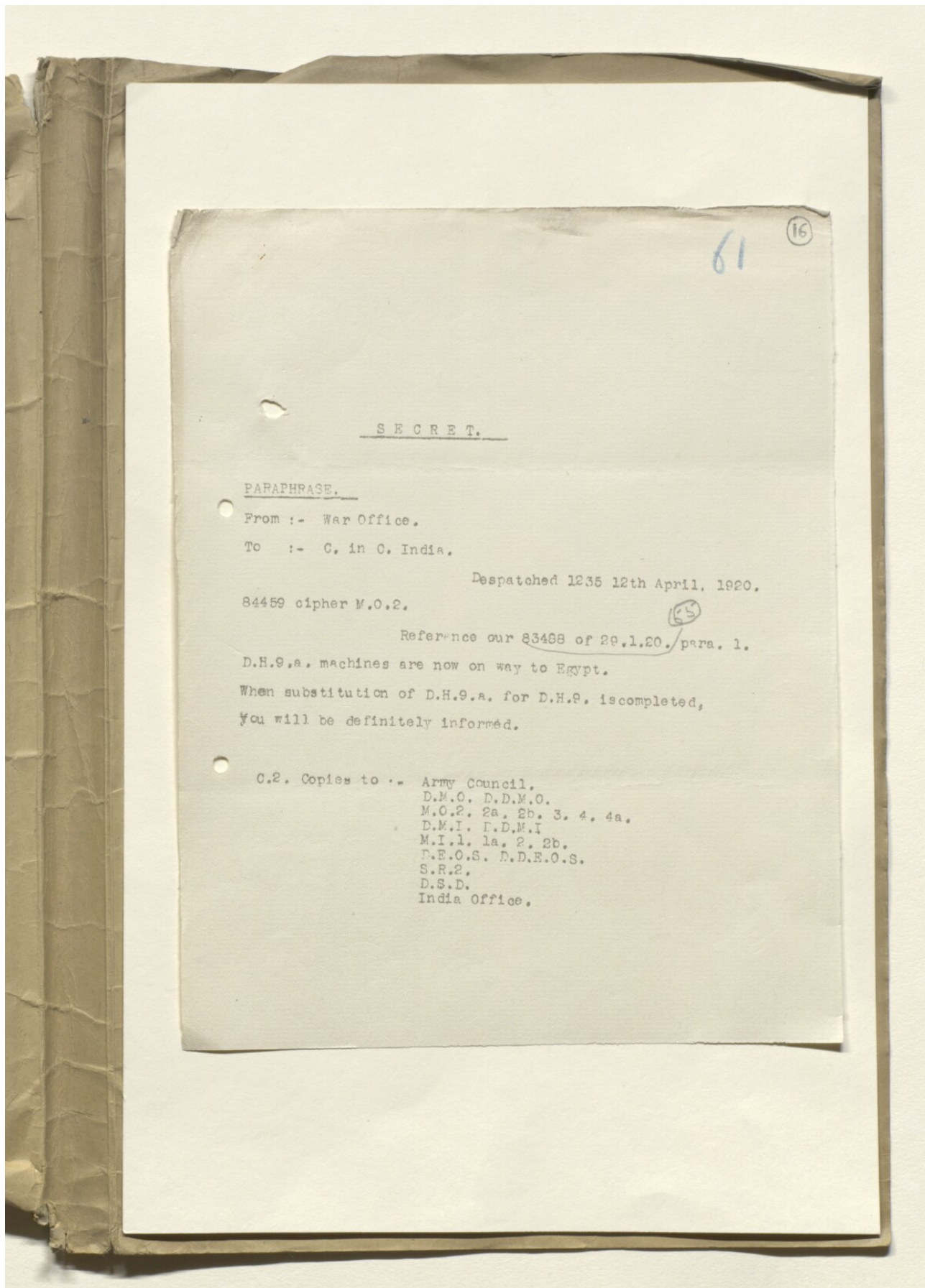


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"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [١٦] [١٦٠/٣١]



S E C R E T .

PARAPHRASE.

From :- War Office.

To :- C. in C. India.

Despatched 1235 12th April, 1920.

84459 cipher M.O.2.

Reference our 83468 of 29.1.20. para. 1.

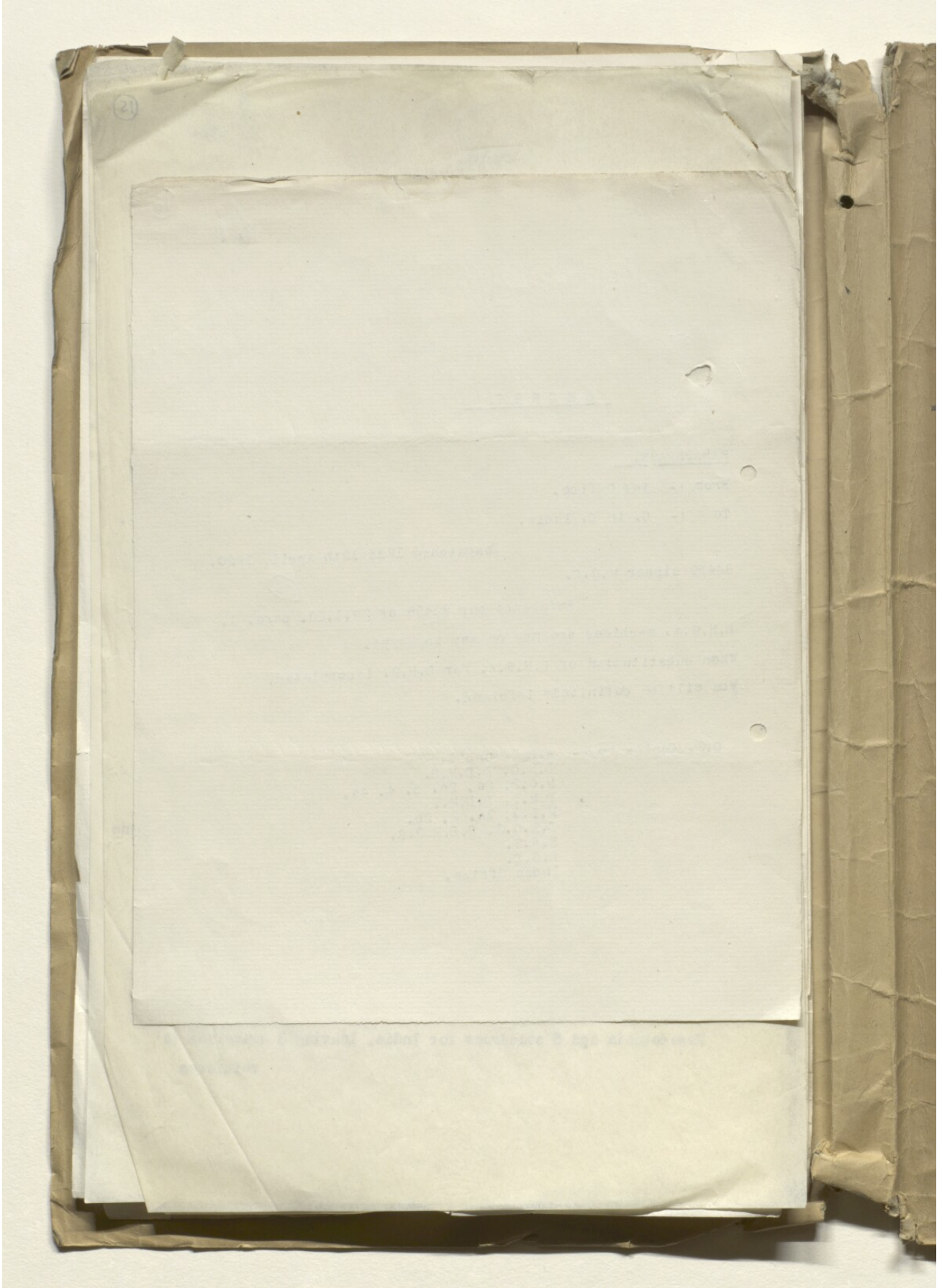
D.H.9.a. machines are now on way to Egypt.

When substitution of D.H.9.a. for D.H.9. is completed,
you will be definitely informed.

C.2. Copies to :- Army Council.
D.M.O. D.D.M.O.
M.O.2. 2a. 2b. 3. 4. 4a.
D.M.I. I.D.M.I.
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S.R.2.
D.S.D.
India Office.

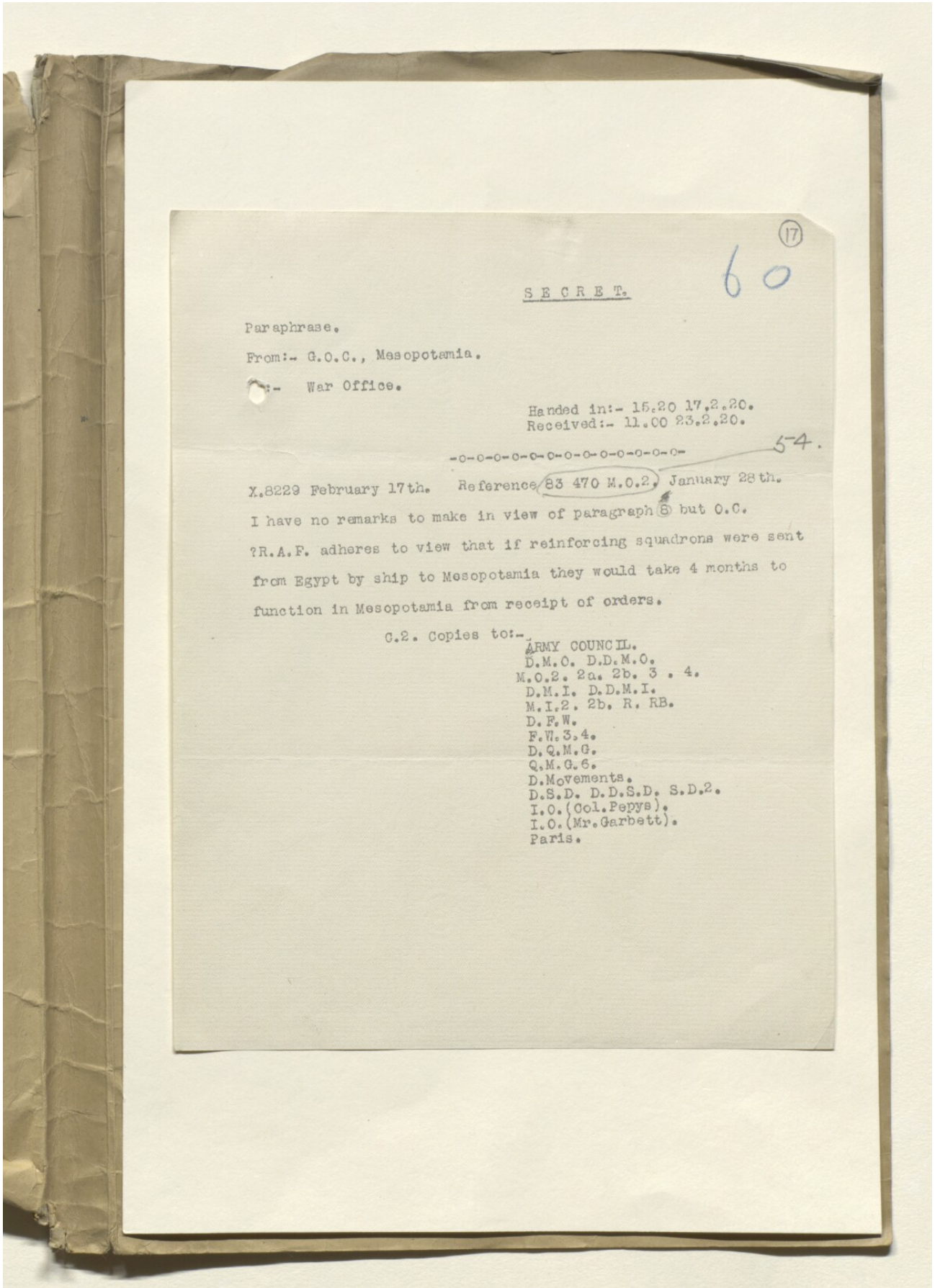


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [١٦ ظ] (١٦٠/٣٢)



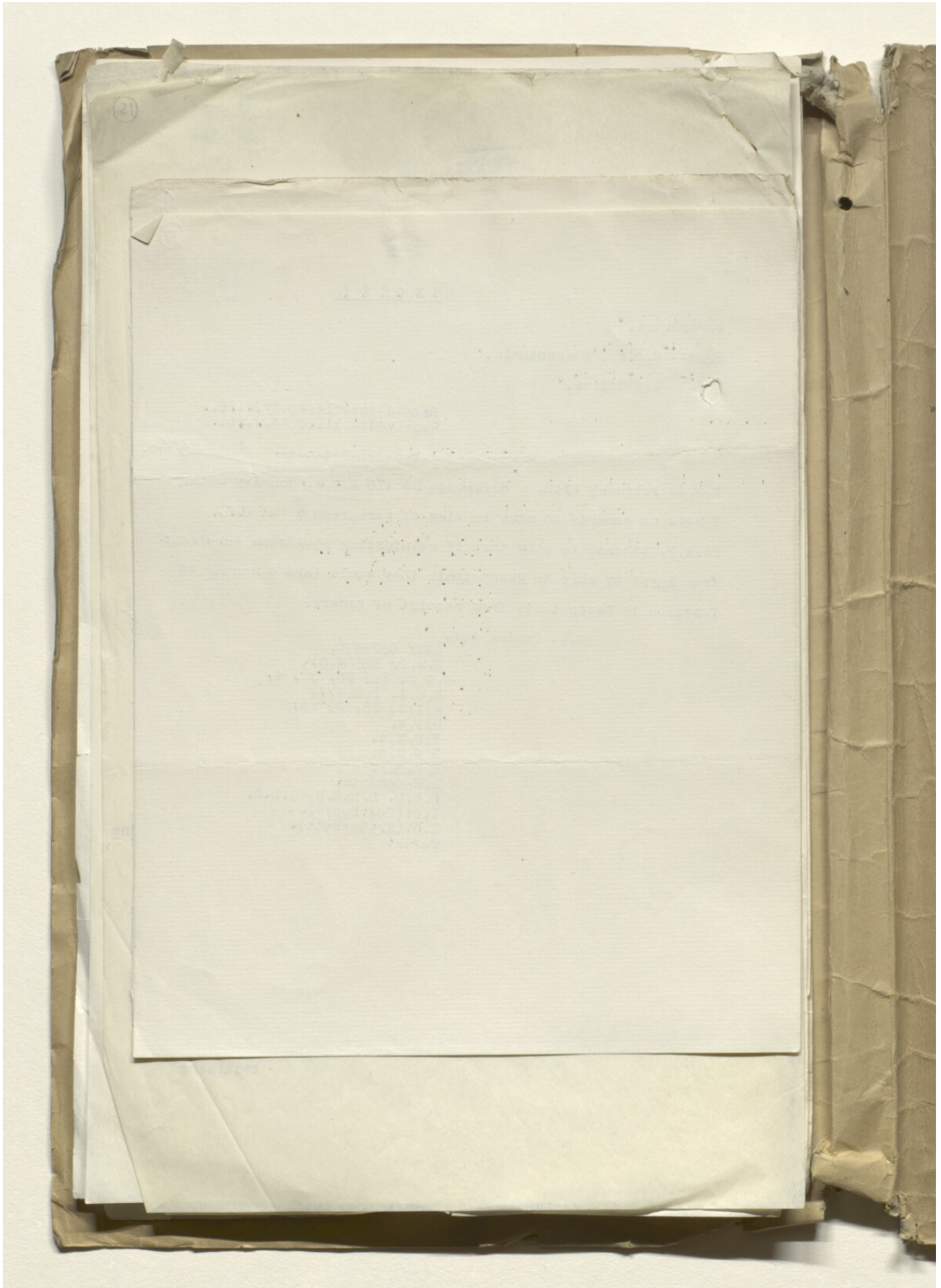


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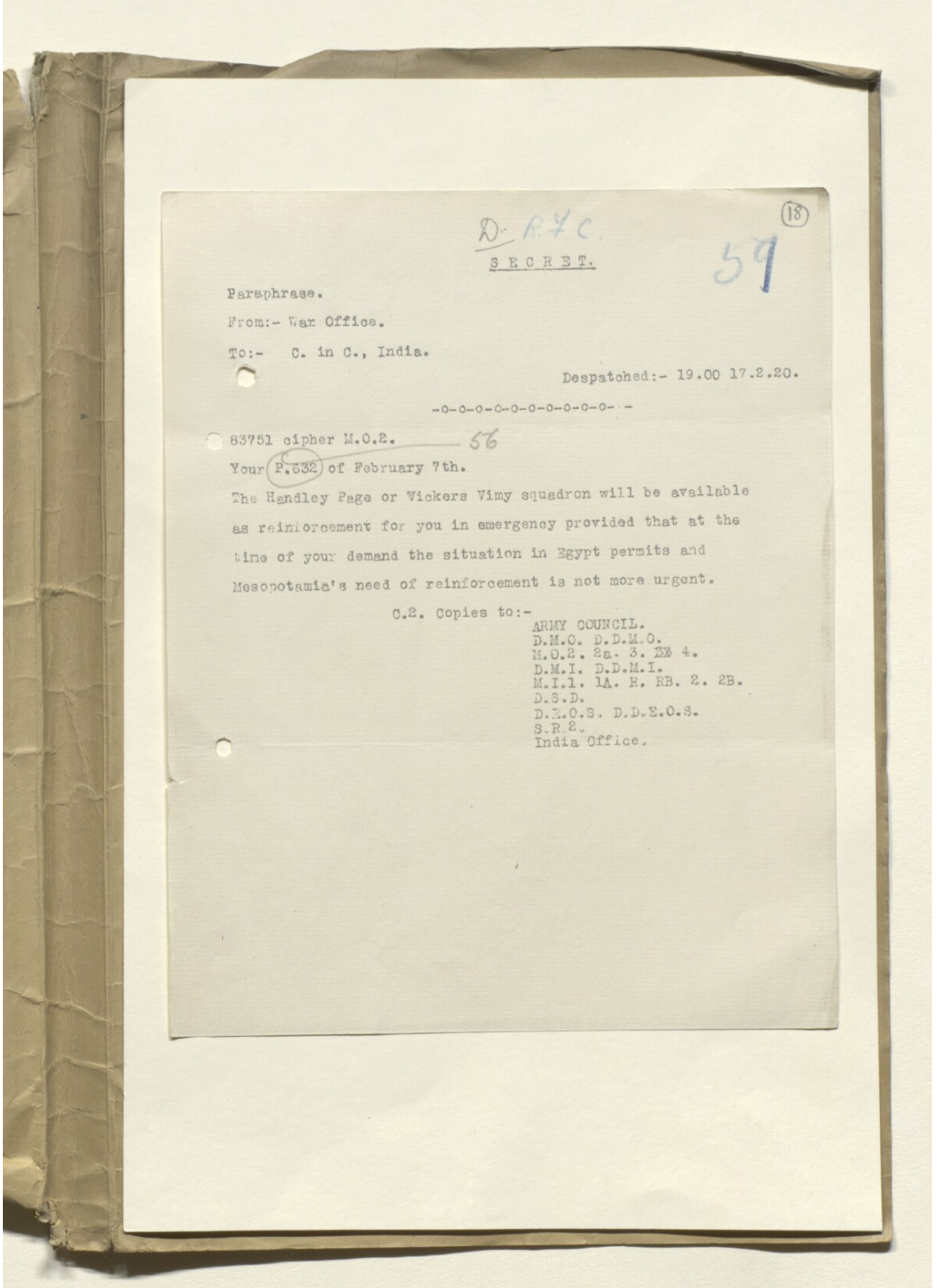


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [١٧ظ] (١٦٠/٣٤)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [١٨ و] (١٦٠/٣٥)



D. R. C.
SECRET.

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Paraphrase.

From:- War Office.

To:- C. in C., India.

Despatched:- 19.00 17.2.20.

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83751 cipher M.O.2. 56

Your P.532 of February 7th.

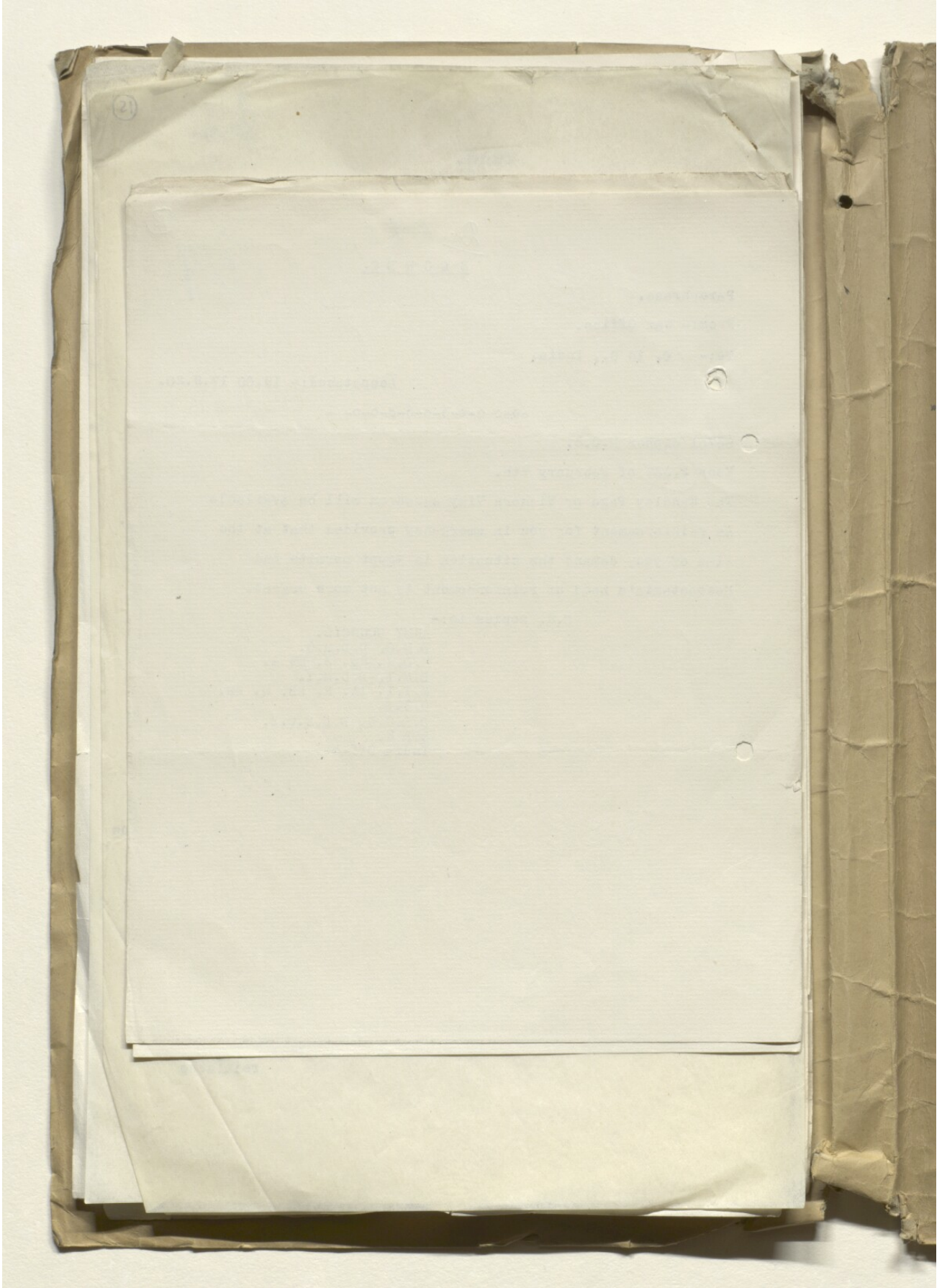
The Handley Page or Vickers Vimy squadron will be available as reinforcement for you in emergency provided that at the time of your demand the situation in Egypt permits and Mesopotamia's need of reinforcement is not more urgent.

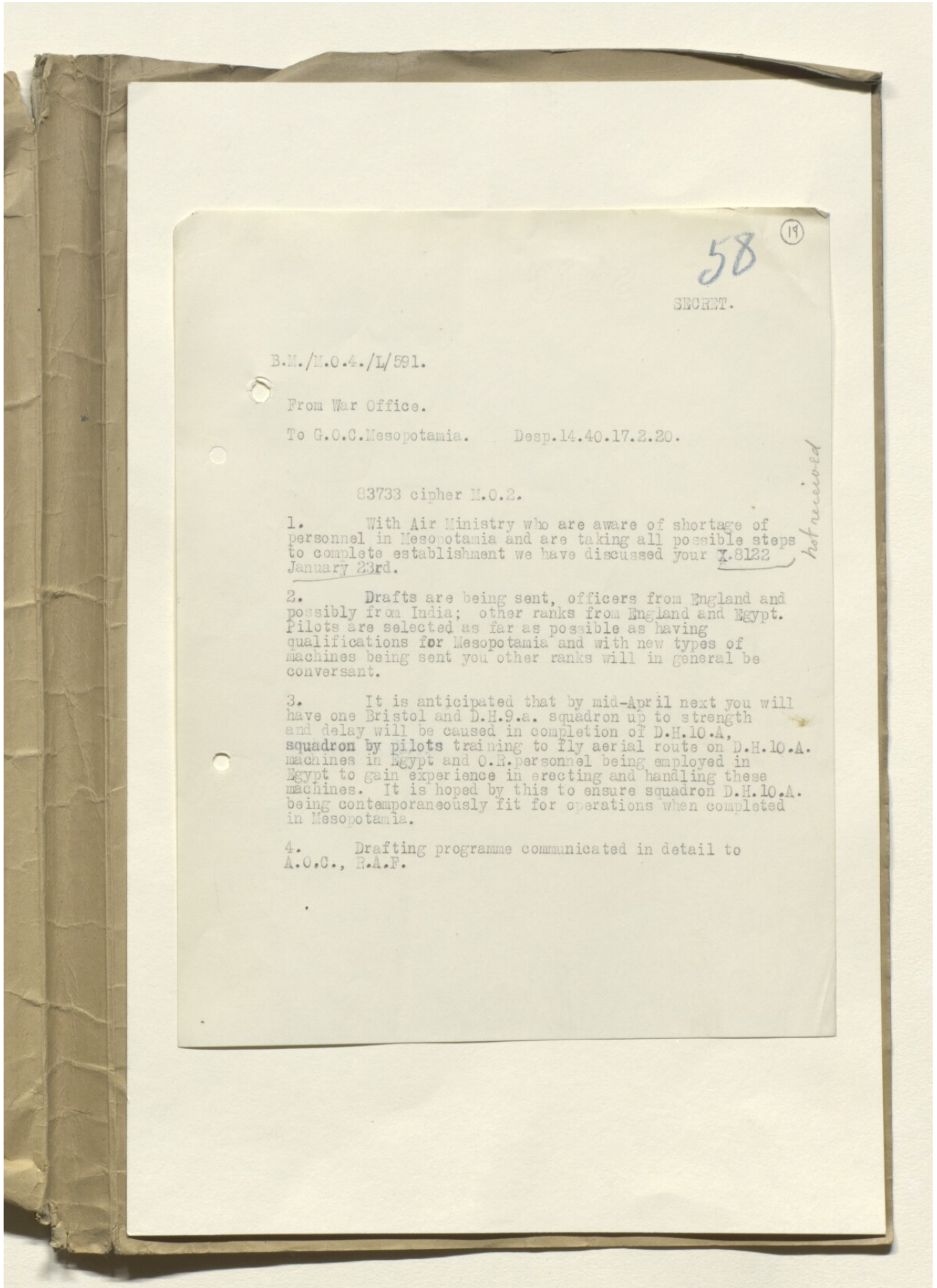
C.2. Copies to:-

ARMY COUNCIL.
D.M.O. D.D.M.O.
M.O.2. 2B. 3. 2B 4.
D.M.I. D.D.M.I.
M.I.1. 1A. R. RB. 2. 2B.
D.S.D.
D.E.O.S. D.D.E.O.S.
S.R.E.
India Office.



"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [١٨ ظ] (١٦٠/٣٦)





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SECRET.

B.M./M.O.4./L/591.

From War Office.

To G.O.C.Mesopotamia. Desp.14.40.17.2.20.

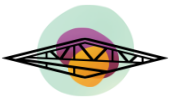
83733 cipher M.O.2.

1. With Air Ministry who are aware of shortage of personnel in Mesopotamia and are taking all possible steps to complete establishment we have discussed your X.8122 January 23rd. *not received*

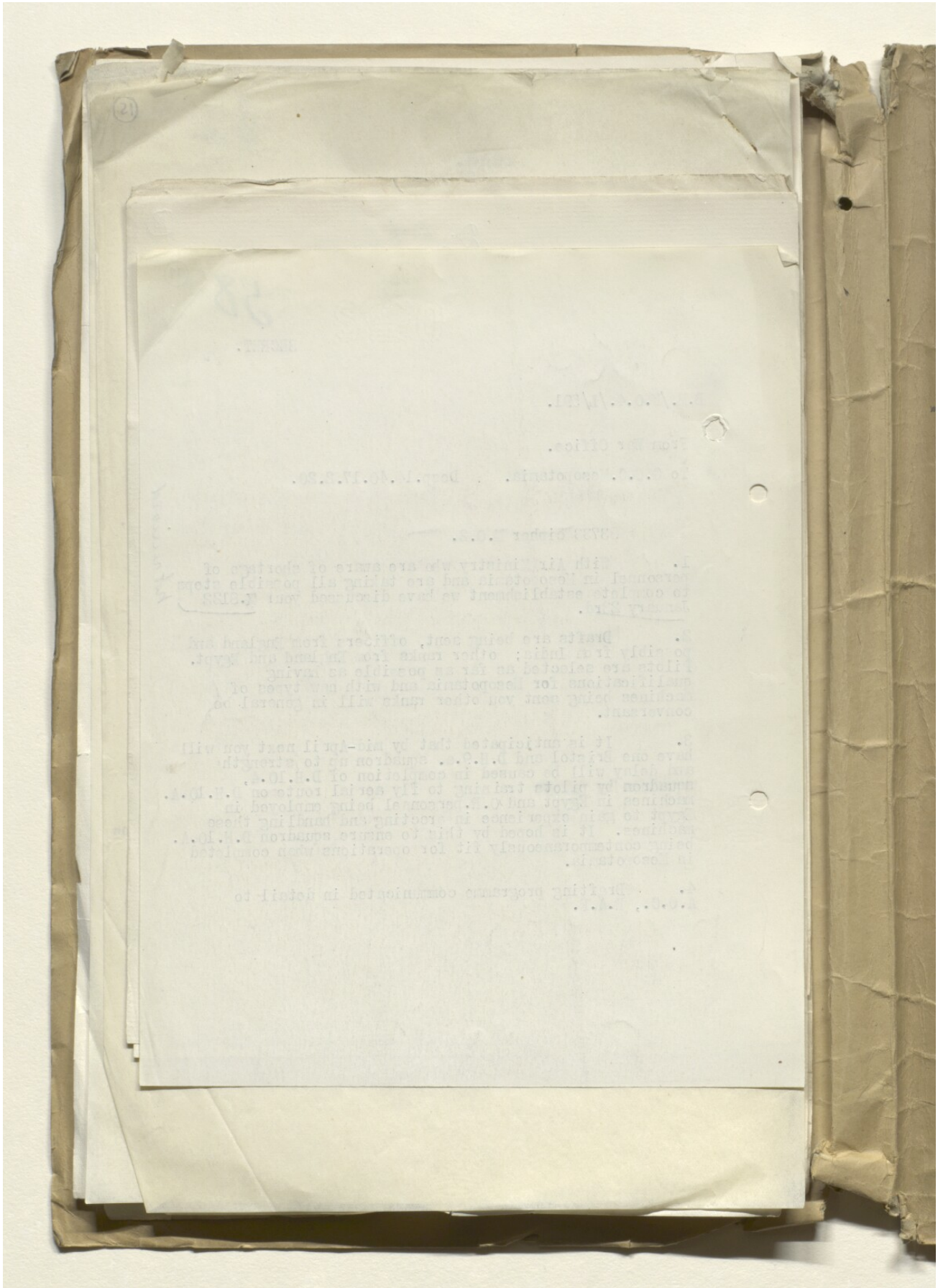
2. Drafts are being sent, officers from England and possibly from India; other ranks from England and Egypt. Pilots are selected as far as possible as having qualifications for Mesopotamia and with new types of machines being sent you other ranks will in general be conversant.

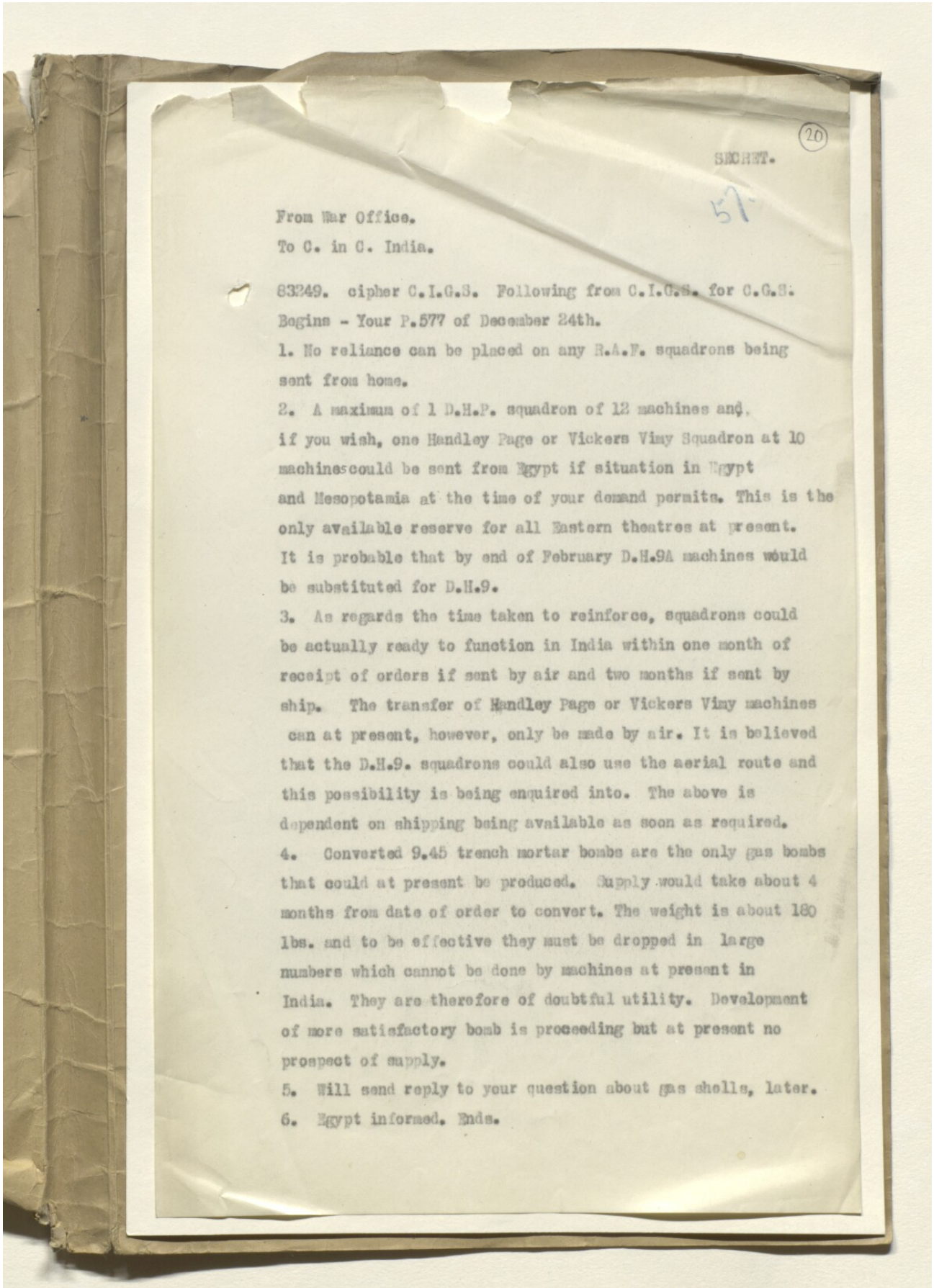
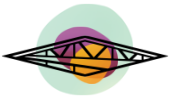
3. It is anticipated that by mid-April next you will have one Bristol and D.H.9.a. squadron up to strength and delay will be caused in completion of D.H.10.A. squadron by pilots training to fly aerial route on D.H.10.A. machines in Egypt and O.R. personnel being employed in Egypt to gain experience in erecting and handling these machines. It is hoped by this to ensure squadron D.H.10.A. being contemporaneously fit for operations when completed in Mesopotamia.

4. Drafting programme communicated in detail to A.O.C., R.A.F.



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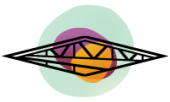
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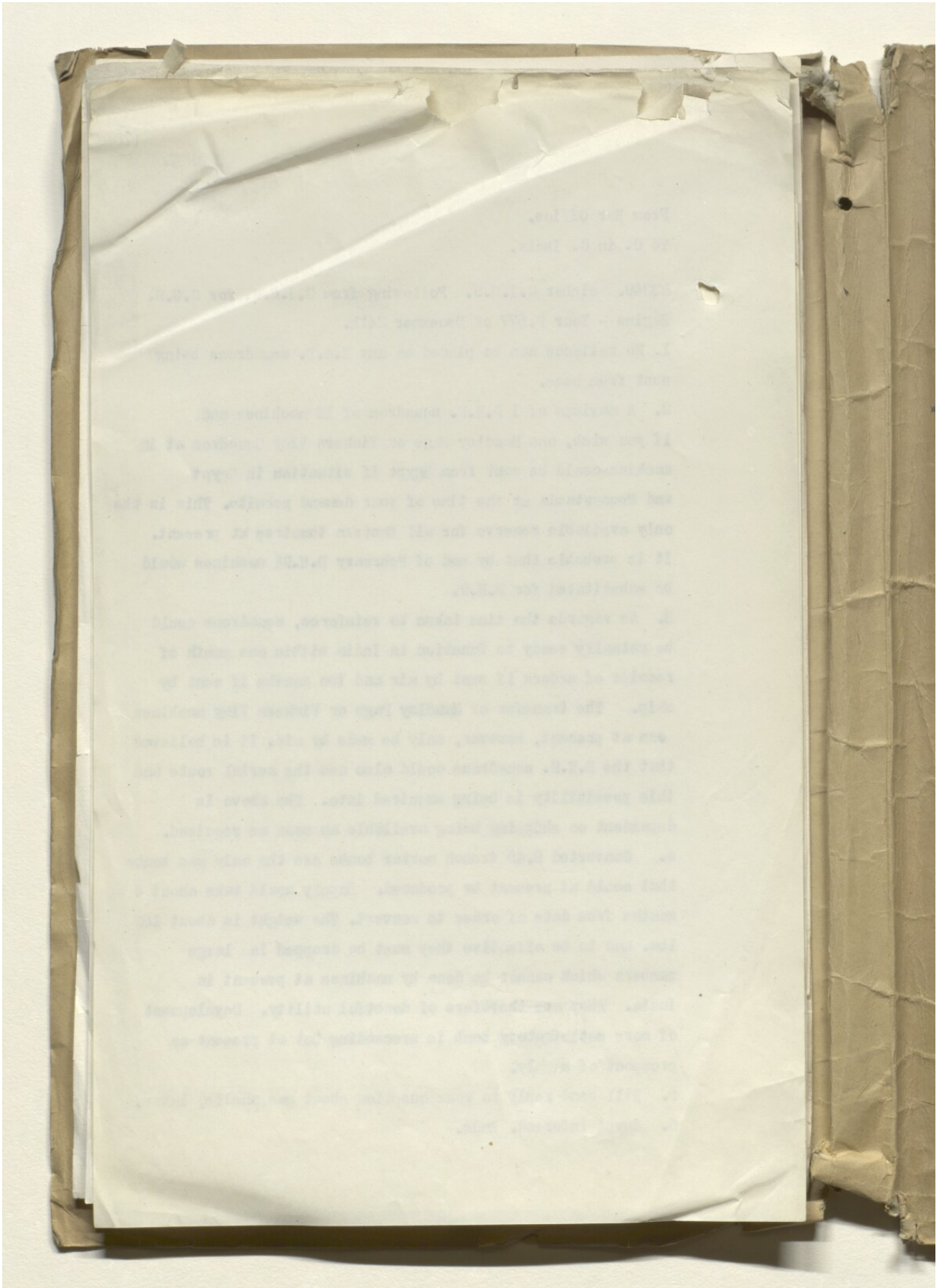
To C. in C. India.

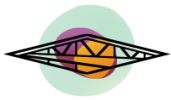
83249. cipher C.I.G.S. Following from C.I.G.S. for C.G.S.
Begins - Your P.577 of December 24th.

1. No reliance can be placed on any R.A.F. squadrons being sent from home.
2. A maximum of 1 D.H.P. squadron of 12 machines and, if you wish, one Handley Page or Vickers Vimy Squadron at 10 machines could be sent from Egypt if situation in Egypt and Mesopotamia at the time of your demand permits. This is the only available reserve for all Eastern theatres at present. It is probable that by end of February D.H.9A machines would be substituted for D.H.9.
3. As regards the time taken to reinforce, squadrons could be actually ready to function in India within one month of receipt of orders if sent by air and two months if sent by ship. The transfer of Handley Page or Vickers Vimy machines can at present, however, only be made by air. It is believed that the D.H.9. squadrons could also use the aerial route and this possibility is being enquired into. The above is dependent on shipping being available as soon as required.
4. Converted 9.45 trench mortar bombs are the only gas bombs that could at present be produced. Supply would take about 4 months from date of order to convert. The weight is about 180 lbs. and to be effective they must be dropped in large numbers which cannot be done by machines at present in India. They are therefore of doubtful utility. Development of more satisfactory bomb is proceeding but at present no prospect of supply.
5. Will send reply to your question about gas shells, later.
6. Egypt informed. Ends.

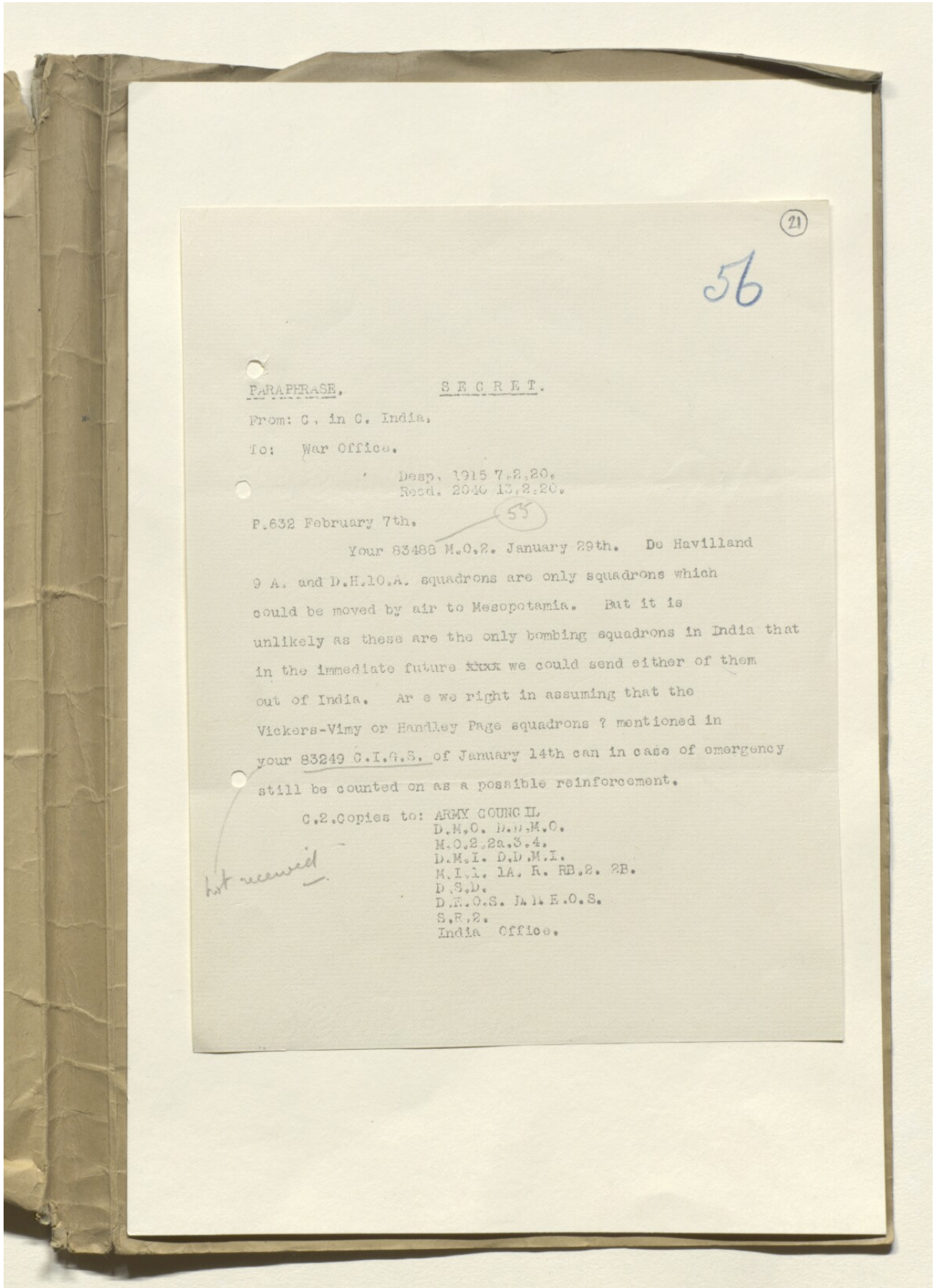


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٢٠ ظ] (١٦٠/٤٠)





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PARAPHRASE. S E C R E T.

From: C. in C. India.

To: War Office.

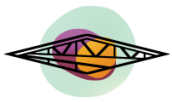
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Recd. 2040 13.2.20.

P.632 February 7th.

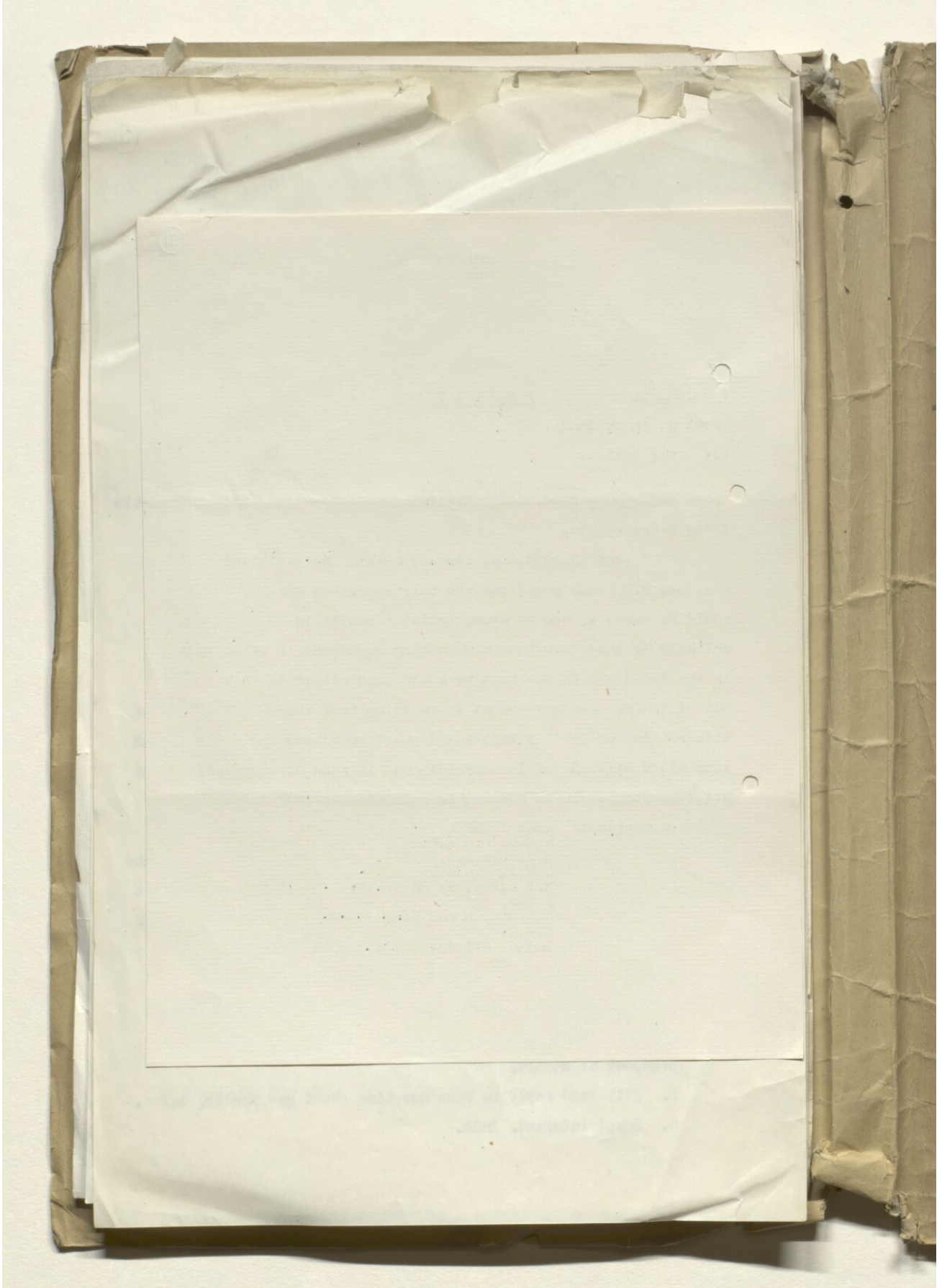
Your 83488 M.O.2. January 29th. De Havilland
9 A. and D.H.10.A. squadrons are only squadrons which
could be moved by air to Mesopotamia. But it is
unlikely as these are the only bombing squadrons in India that
in the immediate future ~~xxxx~~ we could send either of them
out of India. Are we right in assuming that the
Vickers-Vimy or Handley Page squadrons ? mentioned in
your 83249 C.I.G.S. of January 14th can in case of emergency
still be counted on as a possible reinforcement.

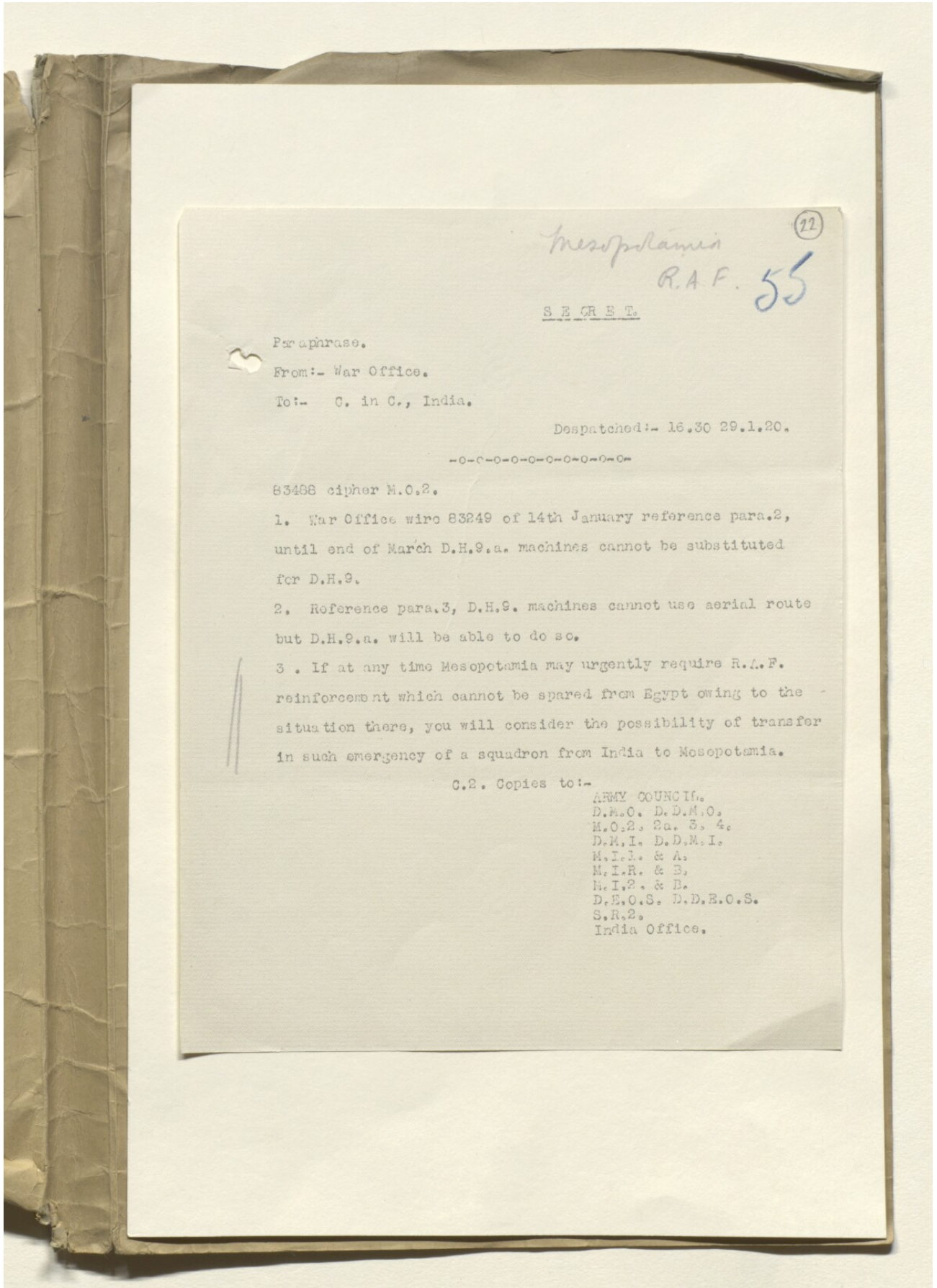
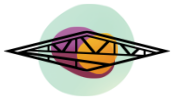
C.2. Copies to: ARMY COUNCIL
D.M.C. D.D.M.O.
M.O.2. 2a, 3, 4.
D.M.I. D.D.M.I.
M.I.1. 1A. R. RB.2. 2B.
D.S.D.
D.E.O.S. J. & E.O.S.
S.R.2.
India Office.

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"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٢١ظ] (١٦٠/٤٢)





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Paraphrase.

From:- War Office.

To:- C. in C., India.

Despatched:- 16.30 29.1.20.

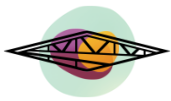
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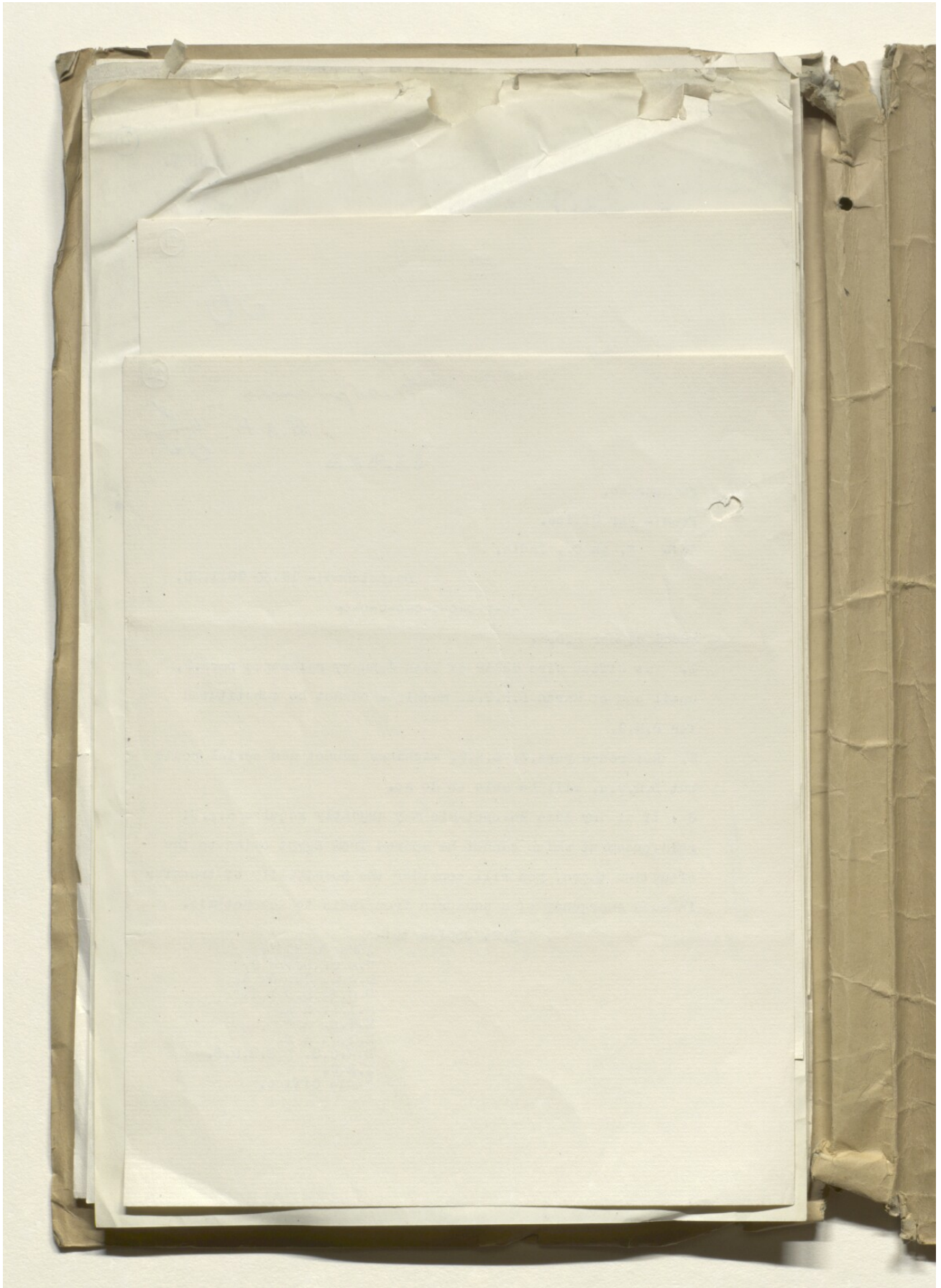
1. War Office wire 83249 of 14th January reference para.2, until end of March D.H.9.a. machines cannot be substituted for D.H.9.
2. Reference para.3, D.H.9. machines cannot use aerial route but D.H.9.a. will be able to do so.
3. If at any time Mesopotamia may urgently require R.A.F. reinforcement which cannot be spared from Egypt owing to the situation there, you will consider the possibility of transfer in such emergency of a squadron from India to Mesopotamia.

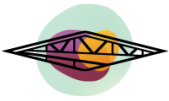
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D.M.O. D.D.M.O.
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M.I.1. & A.
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S.R.2.
India Office.

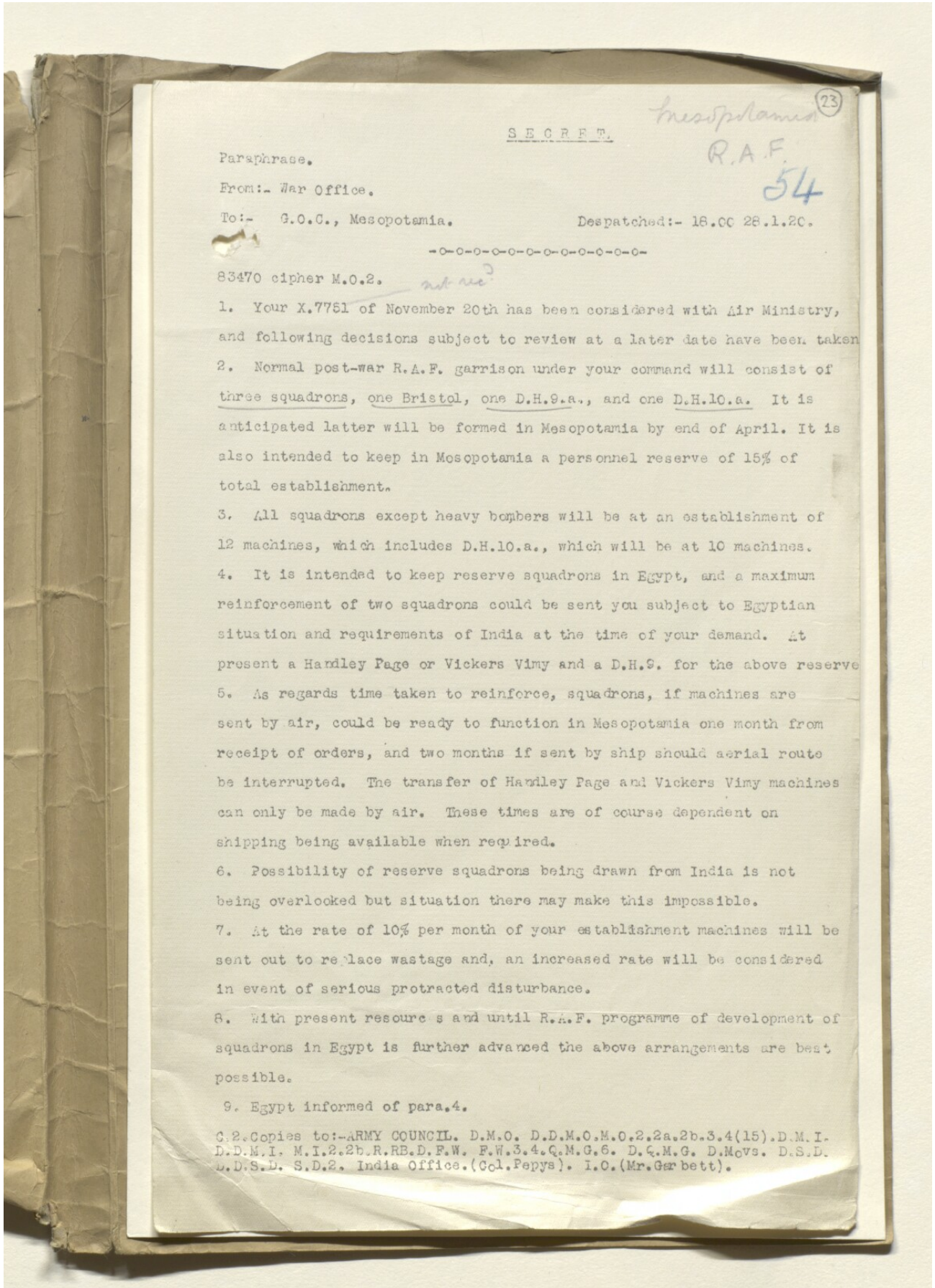


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٢٢ ظ] (١٦٠/٤٤)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٢٣ و] (١٦٠/٤٥)



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Mesopotamia (23)
R.A.F.
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Paraphrase.

From:- War Office.

To:- G.O.C., Mesopotamia.

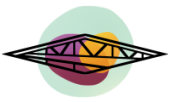
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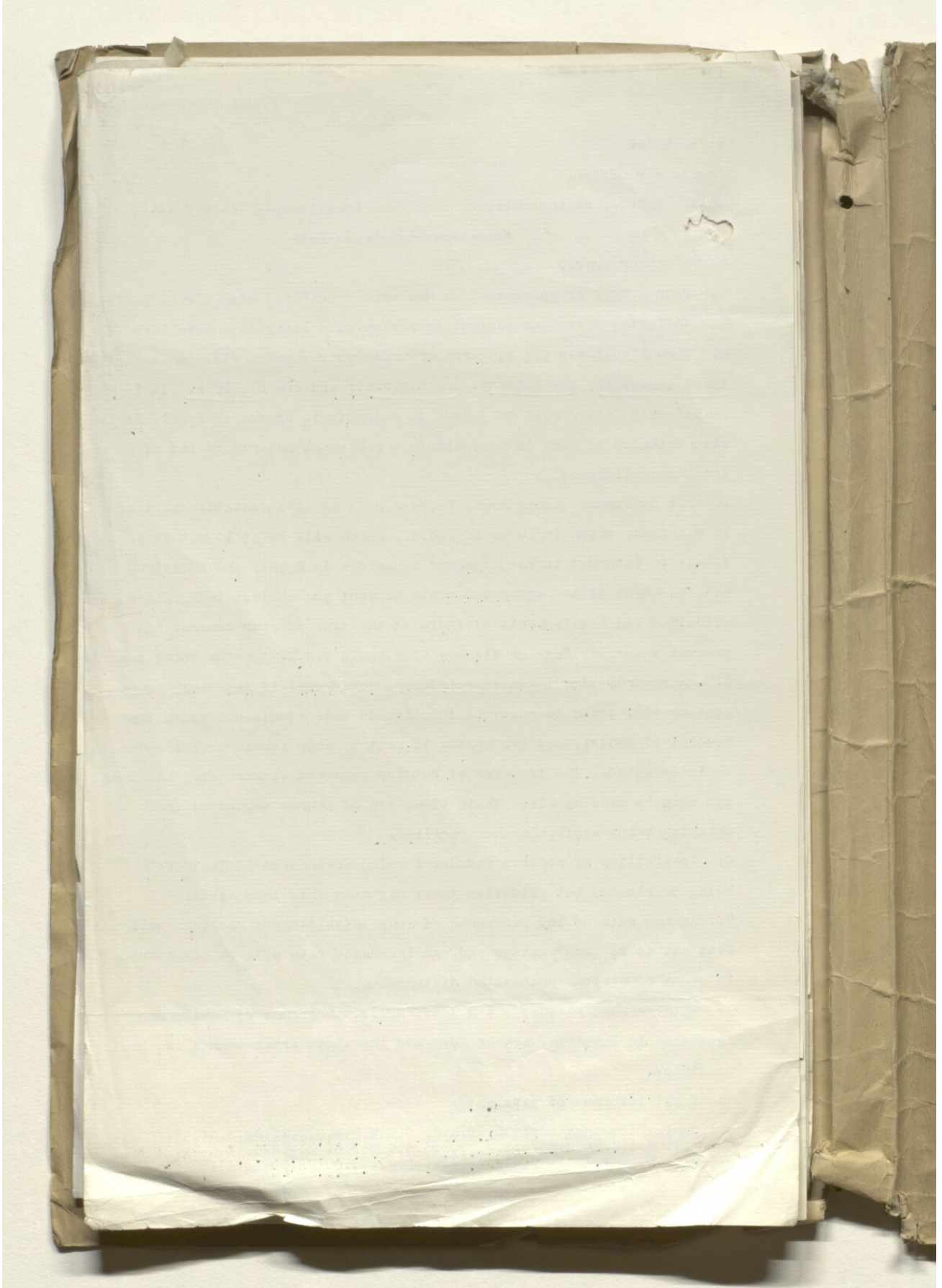
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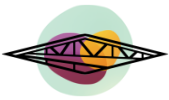
1. Your X.7751 of November 20th has been considered with Air Ministry, and following decisions subject to review at a later date have been taken
2. Normal post-war R.A.F. garrison under your command will consist of three squadrons, one Bristol, one D.H.9.a., and one D.H.10.a. It is anticipated latter will be formed in Mesopotamia by end of April. It is also intended to keep in Mesopotamia a personnel reserve of 15% of total establishment.
3. All squadrons except heavy bombers will be at an establishment of 12 machines, which includes D.H.10.a., which will be at 10 machines.
4. It is intended to keep reserve squadrons in Egypt, and a maximum reinforcement of two squadrons could be sent you subject to Egyptian situation and requirements of India at the time of your demand. At present a Handley Page or Vickers Vimy and a D.H.9. for the above reserve
5. As regards time taken to reinforce, squadrons, if machines are sent by air, could be ready to function in Mesopotamia one month from receipt of orders, and two months if sent by ship should aerial route be interrupted. The transfer of Handley Page and Vickers Vimy machines can only be made by air. These times are of course dependent on shipping being available when required.
6. Possibility of reserve squadrons being drawn from India is not being overlooked but situation there may make this impossible.
7. At the rate of 10% per month of your establishment machines will be sent out to replace wastage and, an increased rate will be considered in event of serious protracted disturbance.
8. With present resources and until R.A.F. programme of development of squadrons in Egypt is further advanced the above arrangements are best possible.
9. Egypt informed of para.4.

C.2.Copies to:-ARMY COUNCIL. D.M.O. D.D.M.O.M.O.2.2a.2b.3.4(15).D.M.I. D.D.M.I. M.I.2.2b.R.RB.D.F.W. F.W.3.4.Q.M.G.6. D.C.M.G. D.Mcvs. D.S.D. D.D.S.D. S.D.2. India Office.(Col.Papys). I.O.(Mr.Garbett).

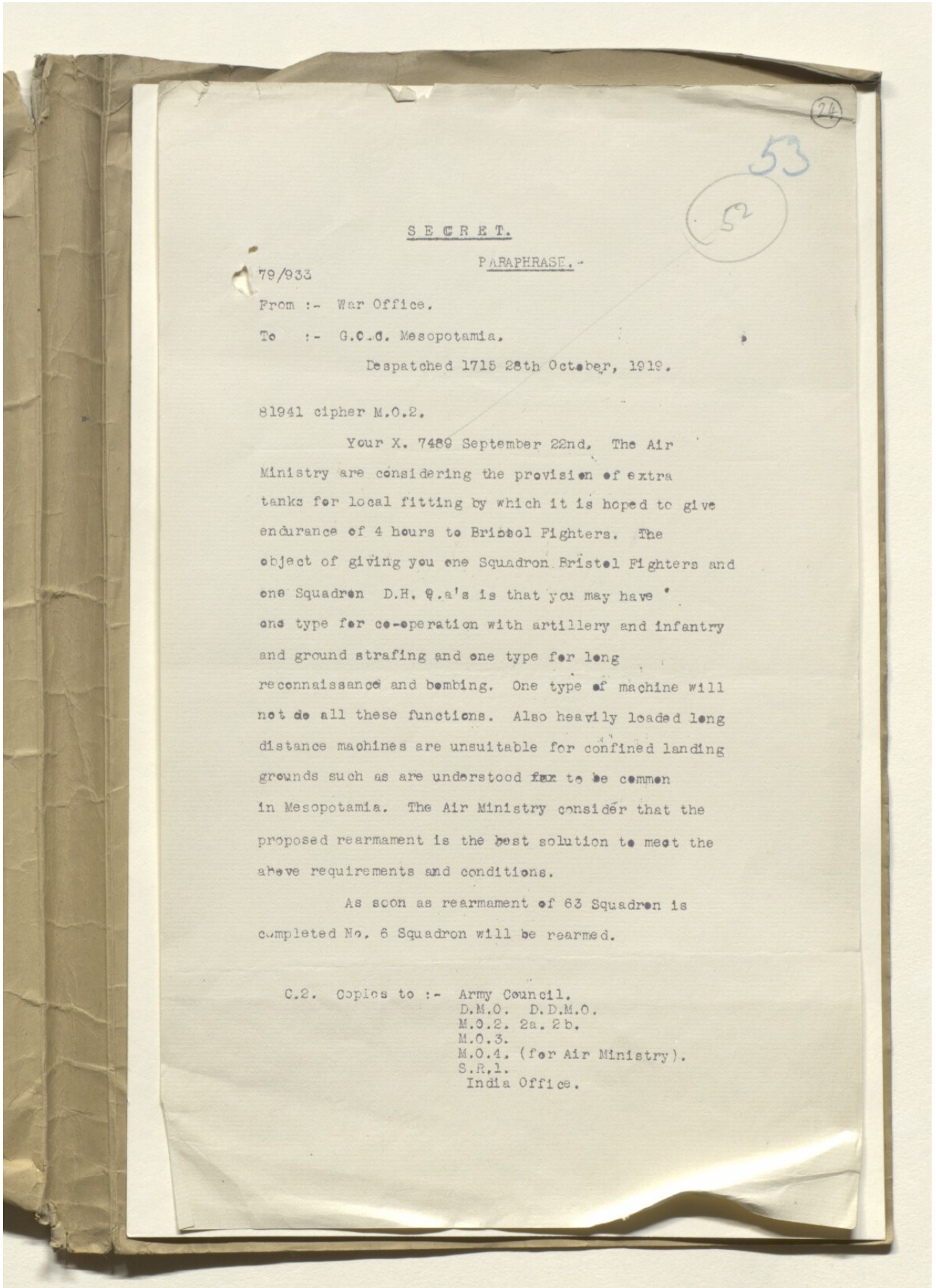


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٢٣ظ] (١٦٠/٤٦)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٢٤ و] (١٦٠/٤٧)



SECRET.

PARAPHRASE.

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From :- War Office.

To :- G.O.C. Mesopotamia.

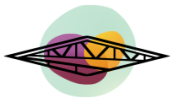
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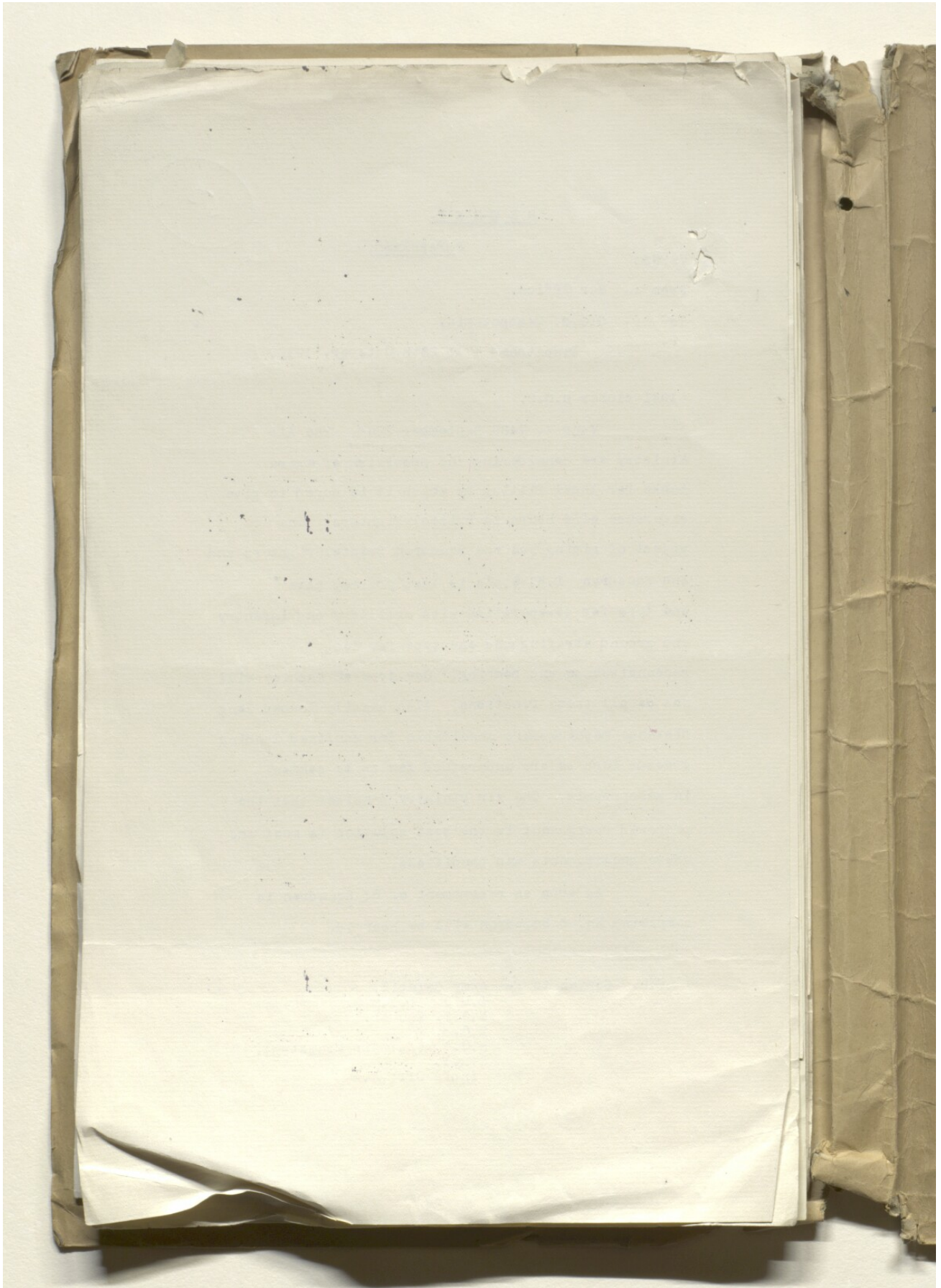
Your X. 7489 September 22nd. The Air Ministry are considering the provision of extra tanks for local fitting by which it is hoped to give endurance of 4 hours to Bristol Fighters. The object of giving you one Squadron Bristol Fighters and one Squadron D.H. 9a's is that you may have one type for co-operation with artillery and infantry and ground strafing and one type for long reconnaissance and bombing. One type of machine will not do all these functions. Also heavily loaded long distance machines are unsuitable for confined landing grounds such as are understood ~~far~~ to be common in Mesopotamia. The Air Ministry consider that the proposed rearmament is the best solution to meet the above requirements and conditions.

As soon as rearmament of 63 Squadron is completed No. 6 Squadron will be rearmed.

C.2. Copies to :- Army Council.
D.M.O. D.D.M.O.
M.O.2. 2a. 2b.
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M.O.4. (for Air Ministry).
S.R.1.
India Office.

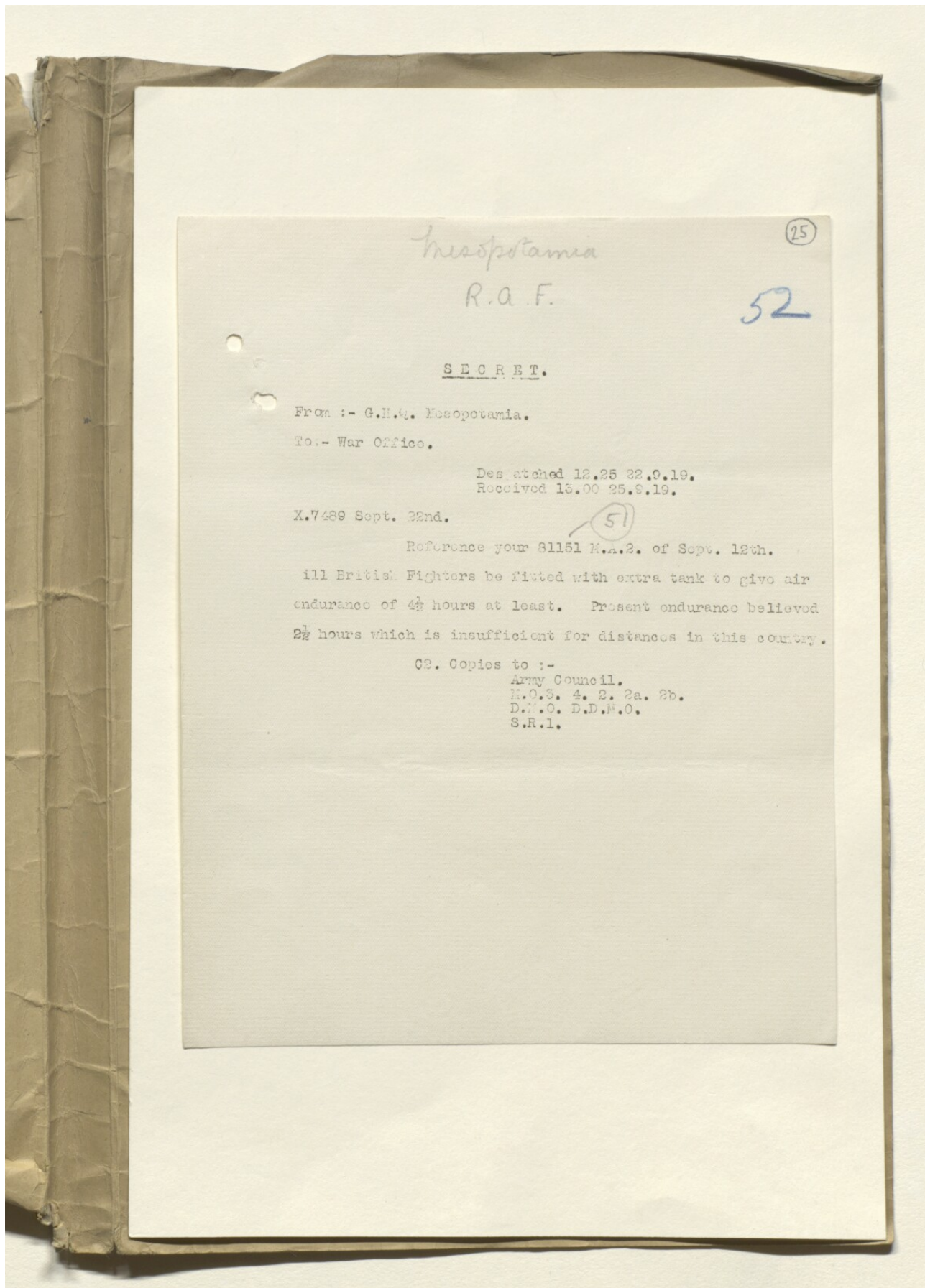


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٢٤ظ] (١٦٠/٤٨)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٢٥] [١٦٠/٤٩]



Mesopotamia
R.A.F.

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SECRET.

From :- G.H.Q. Mesopotamia.

To:- War Office.

Despatched 12.25 22.9.19.
Received 13.00 25.9.19.

X.7489 Sept. 22nd.

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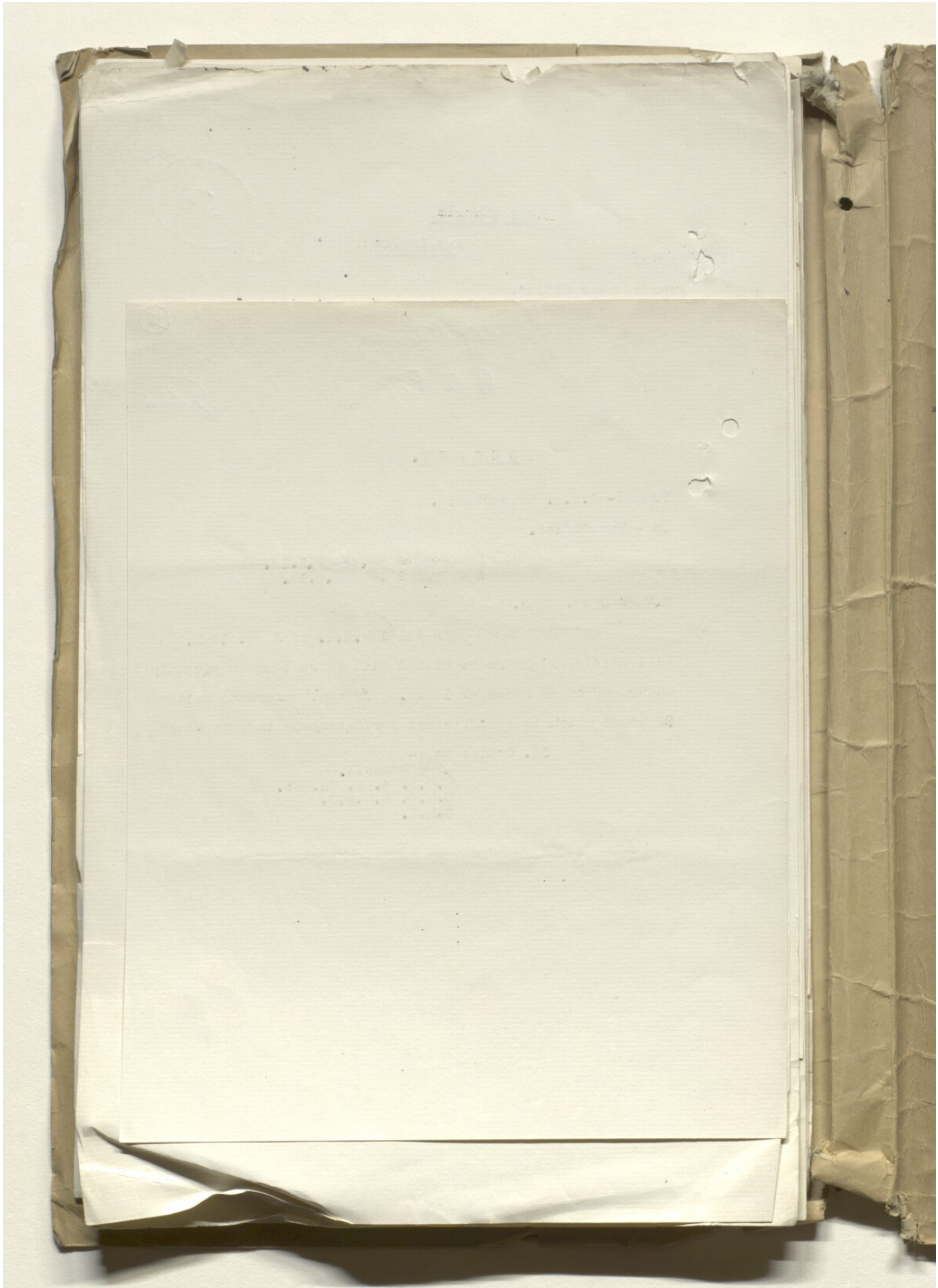
Reference your 81151 M.A.2. of Sept. 12th.

All British Fighters be fitted with extra tank to give air endurance of $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours at least. Present endurance believed $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours which is insufficient for distances in this country.

CC. Copies to :-
Army Council.
M.O.S. 4. 2. 2a. 2b.
D.M.O. D.D.M.O.
S.R.I.

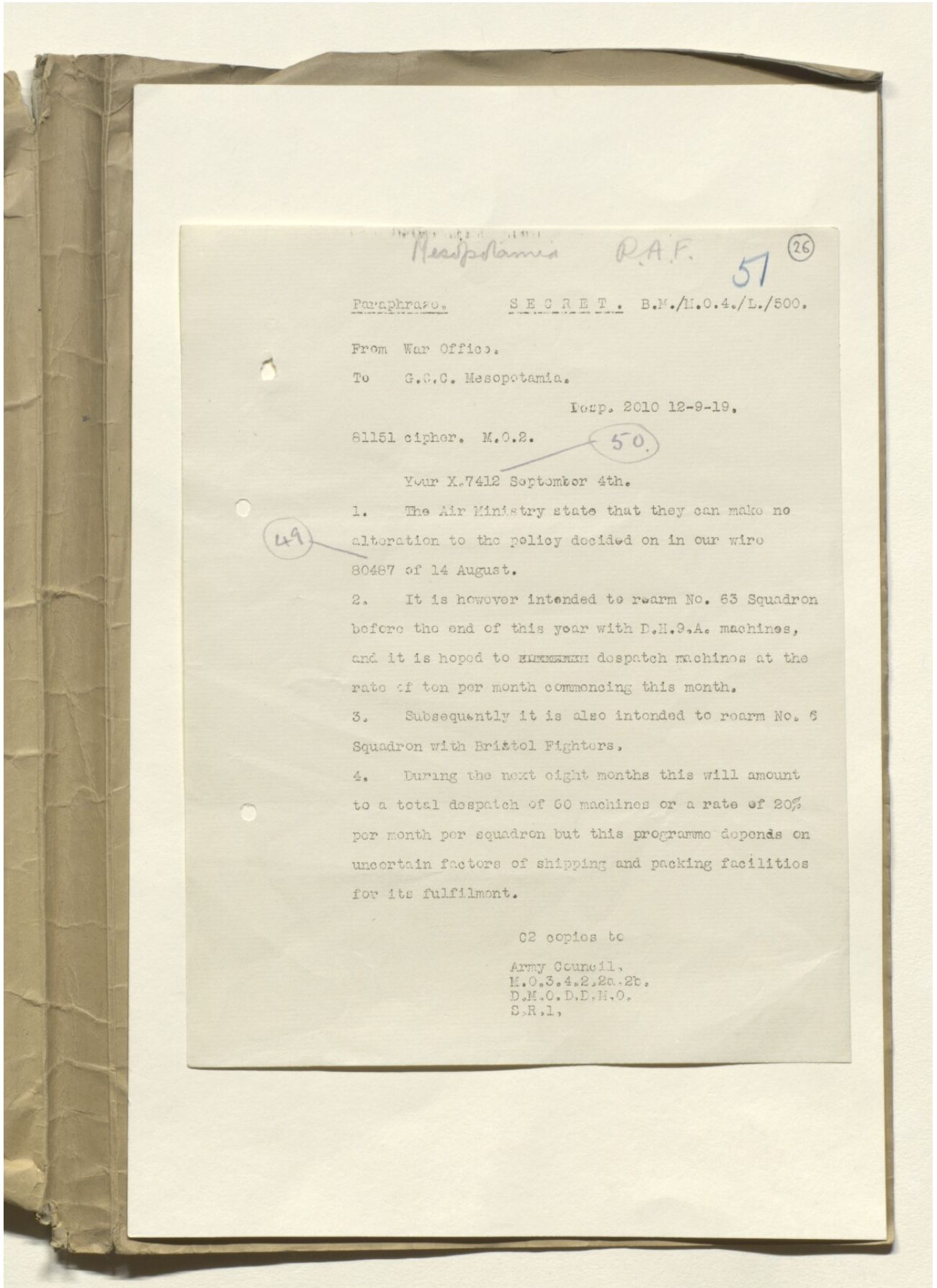


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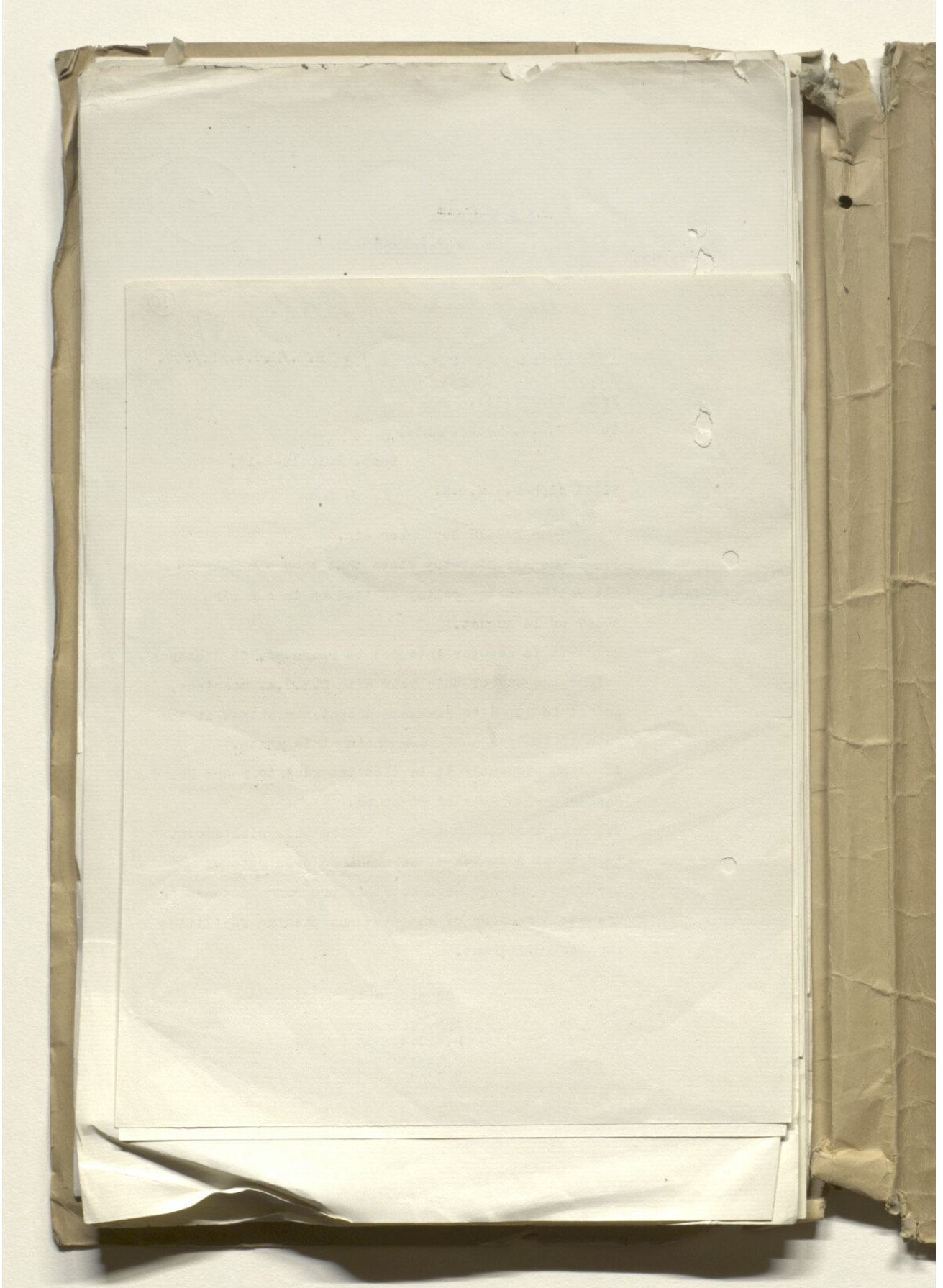


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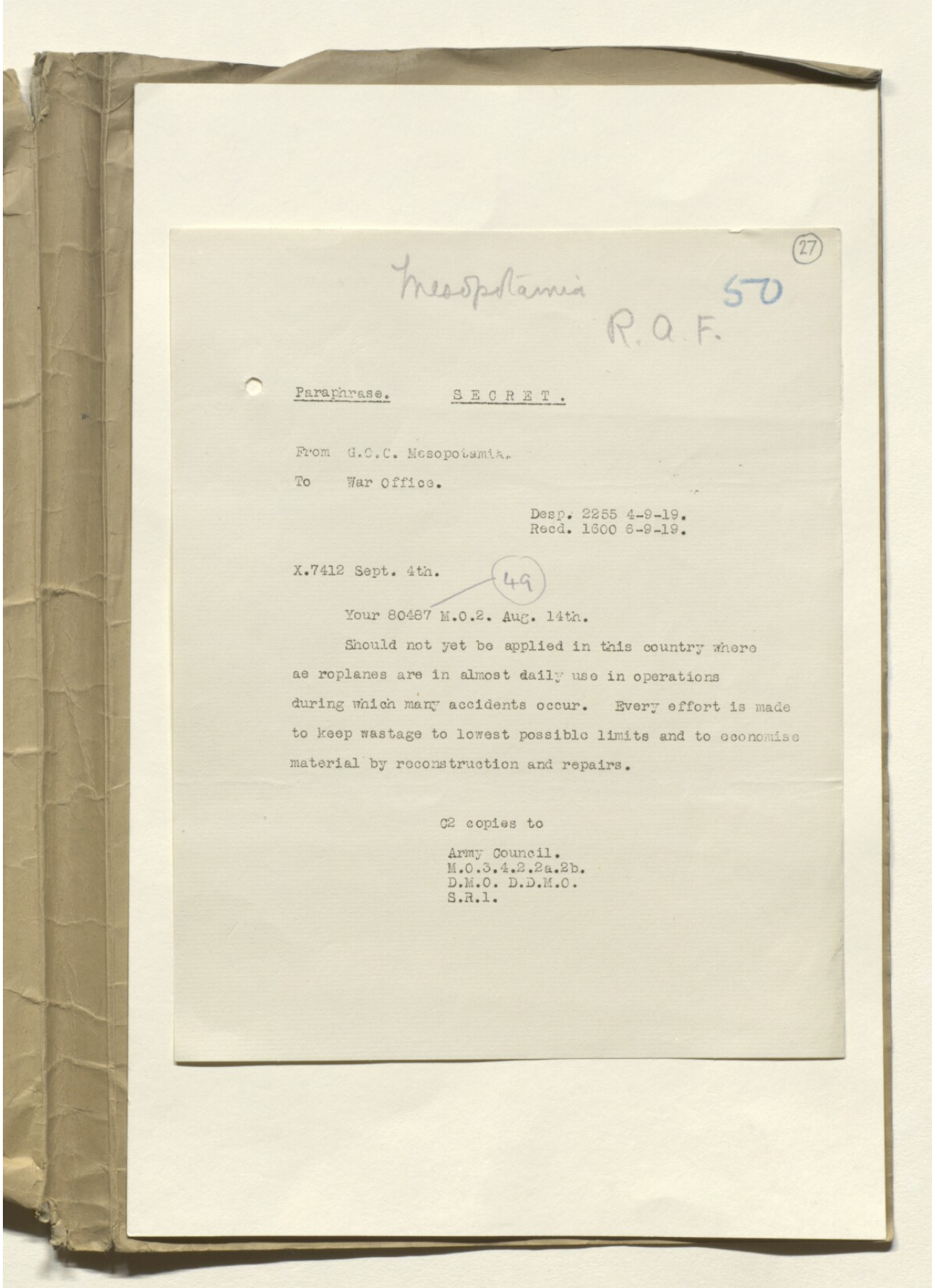


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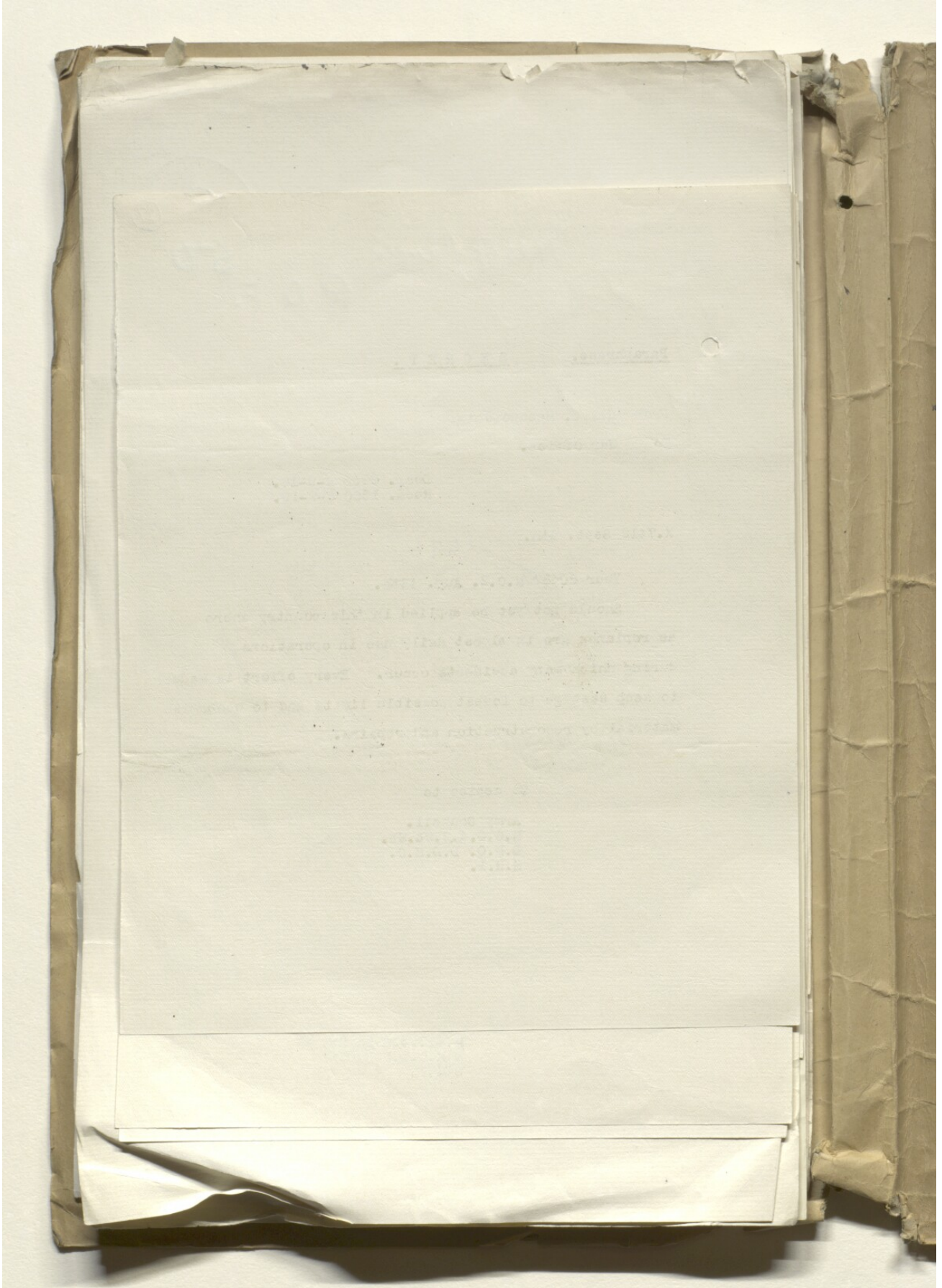


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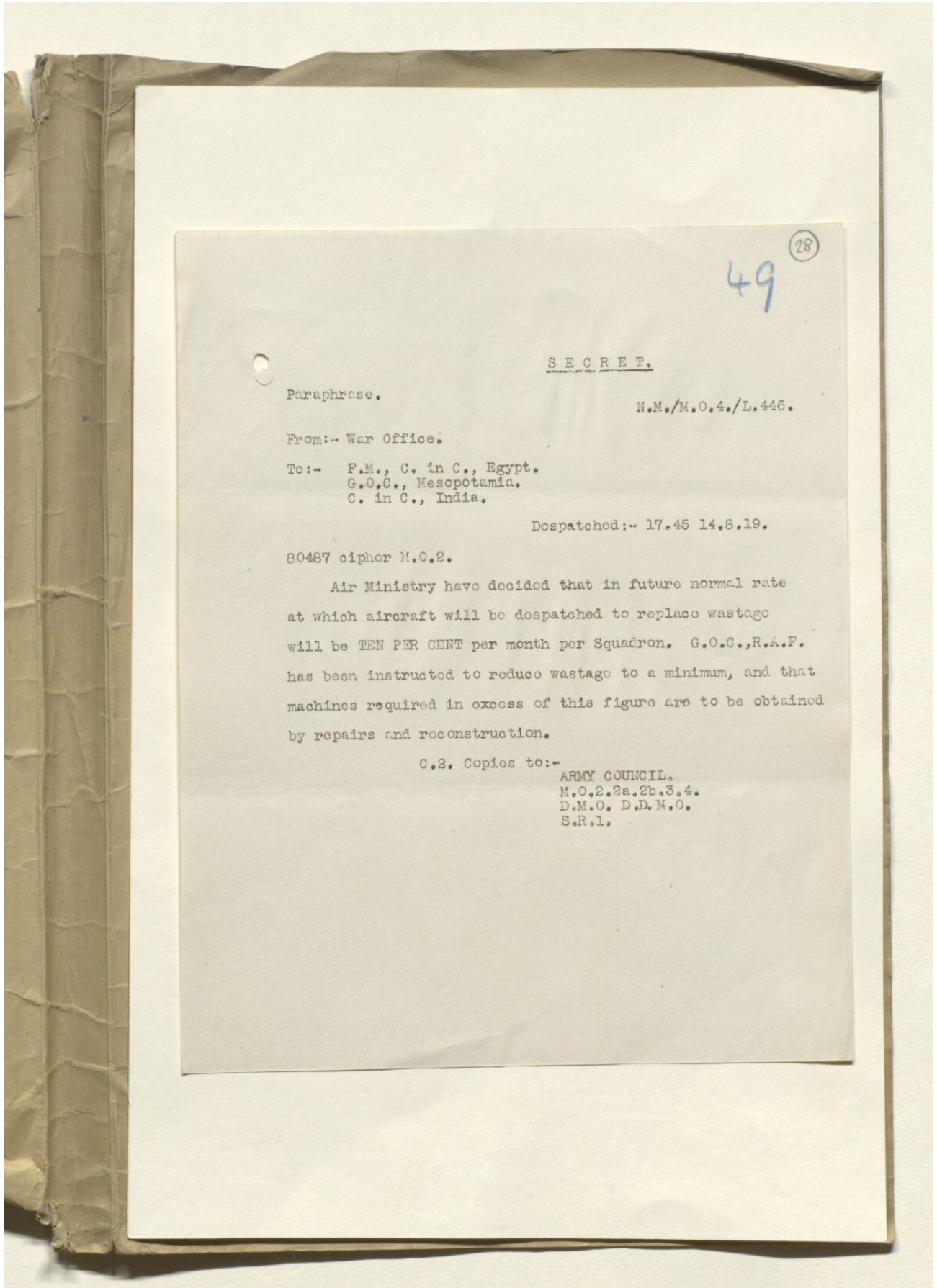


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٢٧ظ] (١٦٠/٥٤)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٢٨ و] (١٦٠/٥٥)



SECRET.

Paraphrase.

N.M./M.O.4./L.446.

From:- War Office.

To:- F.M., C. in C., Egypt.
G.O.C., Mesopotamia.
C. in C., India.

Despatched:- 17.45 14.8.19.

80487 cipher M.O.2.

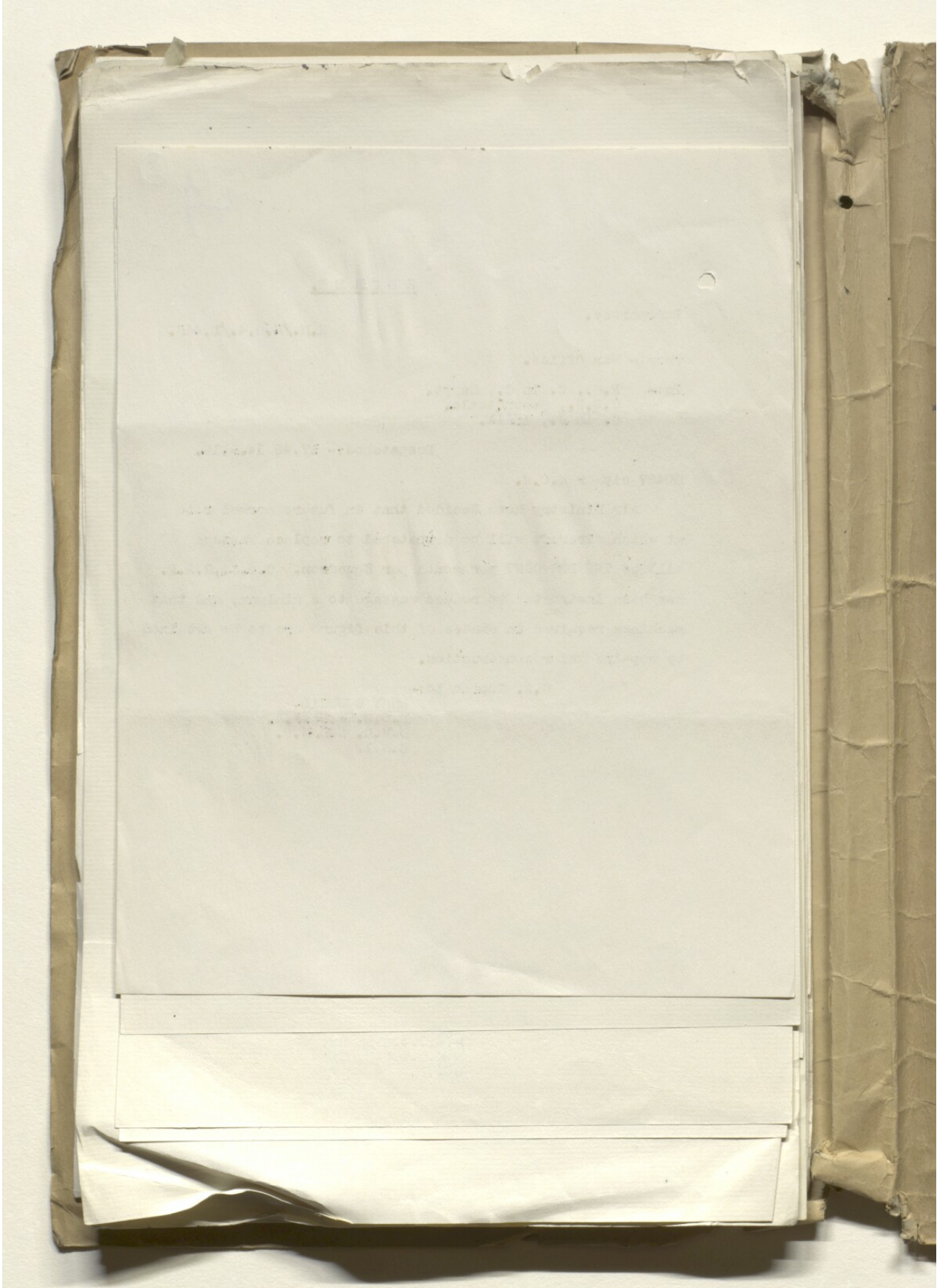
Air Ministry have decided that in future normal rate at which aircraft will be despatched to replace wastage will be TEN PER CENT per month per Squadron. G.O.C., R.A.F. has been instructed to reduce wastage to a minimum, and that machines required in excess of this figure are to be obtained by repairs and reconstruction.

G.2. Copies to:-

ARMY COUNCIL.
M.O.2.2a.2b.3.4.
D.M.O. D.D.M.O.
S.R.1.

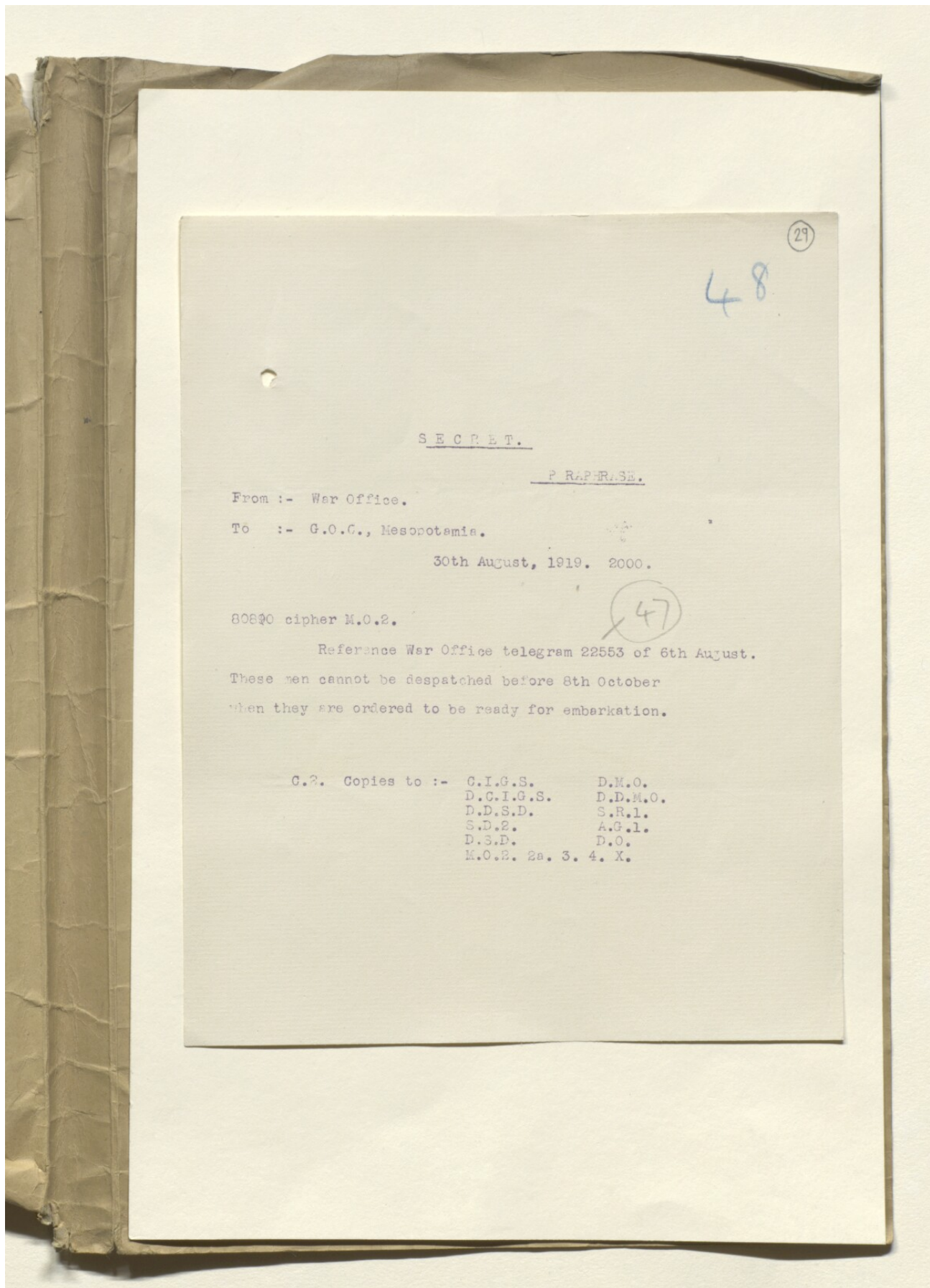


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٢٨ظ] (١٦٠/٥٦)



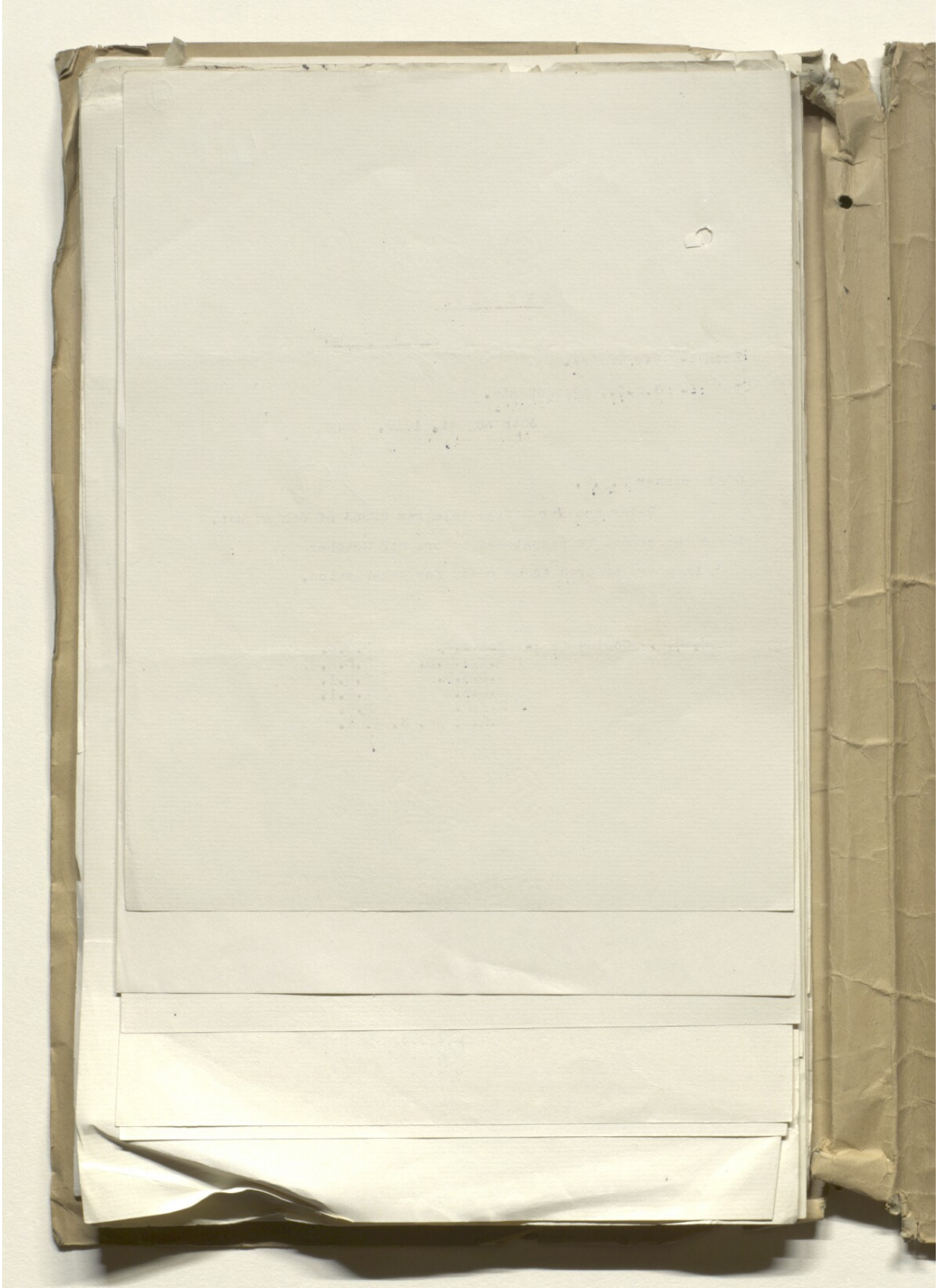


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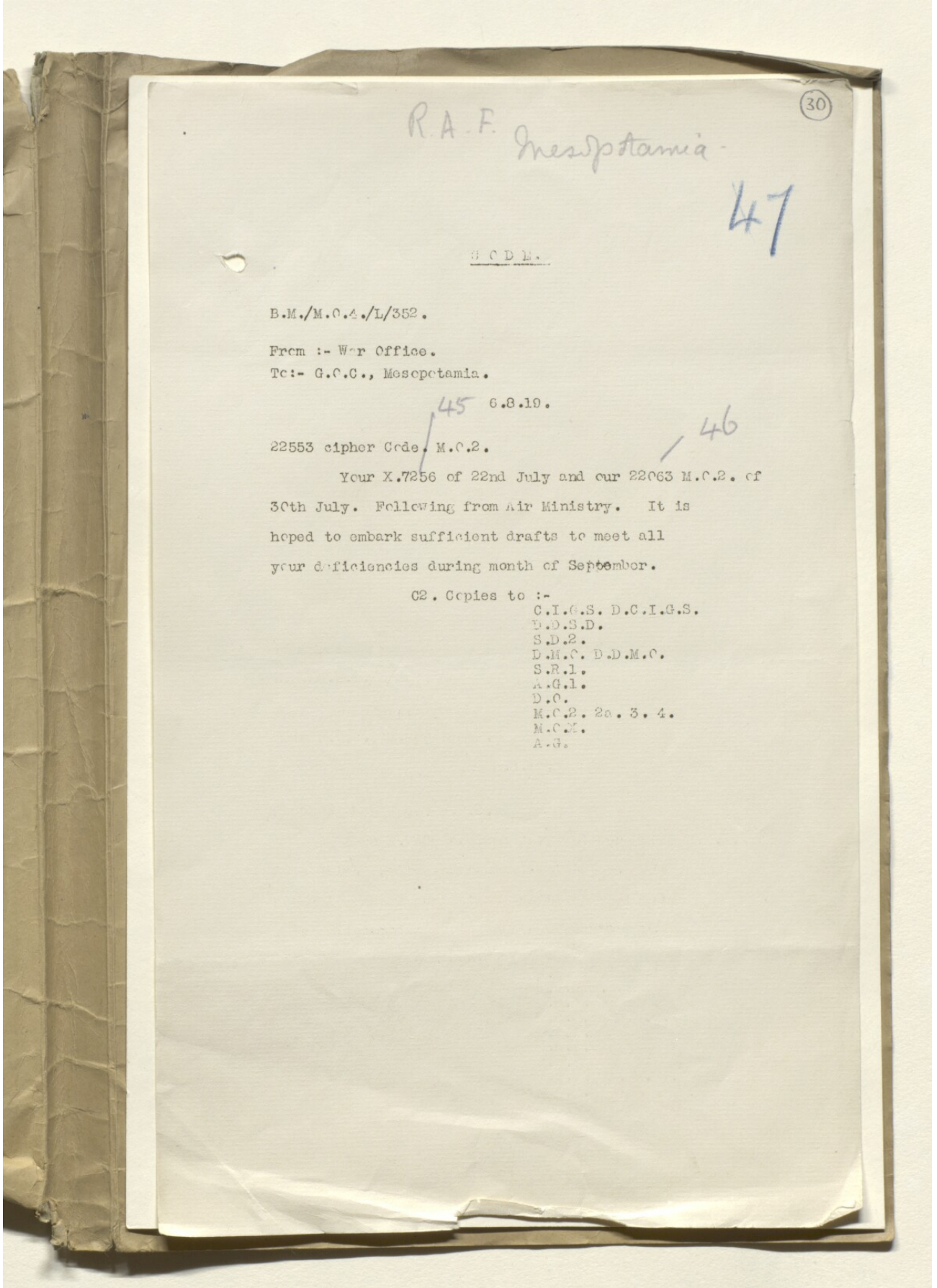


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"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [و٣٠] (١٦٠/٥٩)



R.A.F. Mesopotamia

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H.C.D.E.

B.M./M.C.A./L/352.

From :- War Office.

To :- G.C.C., Mesopotamia.

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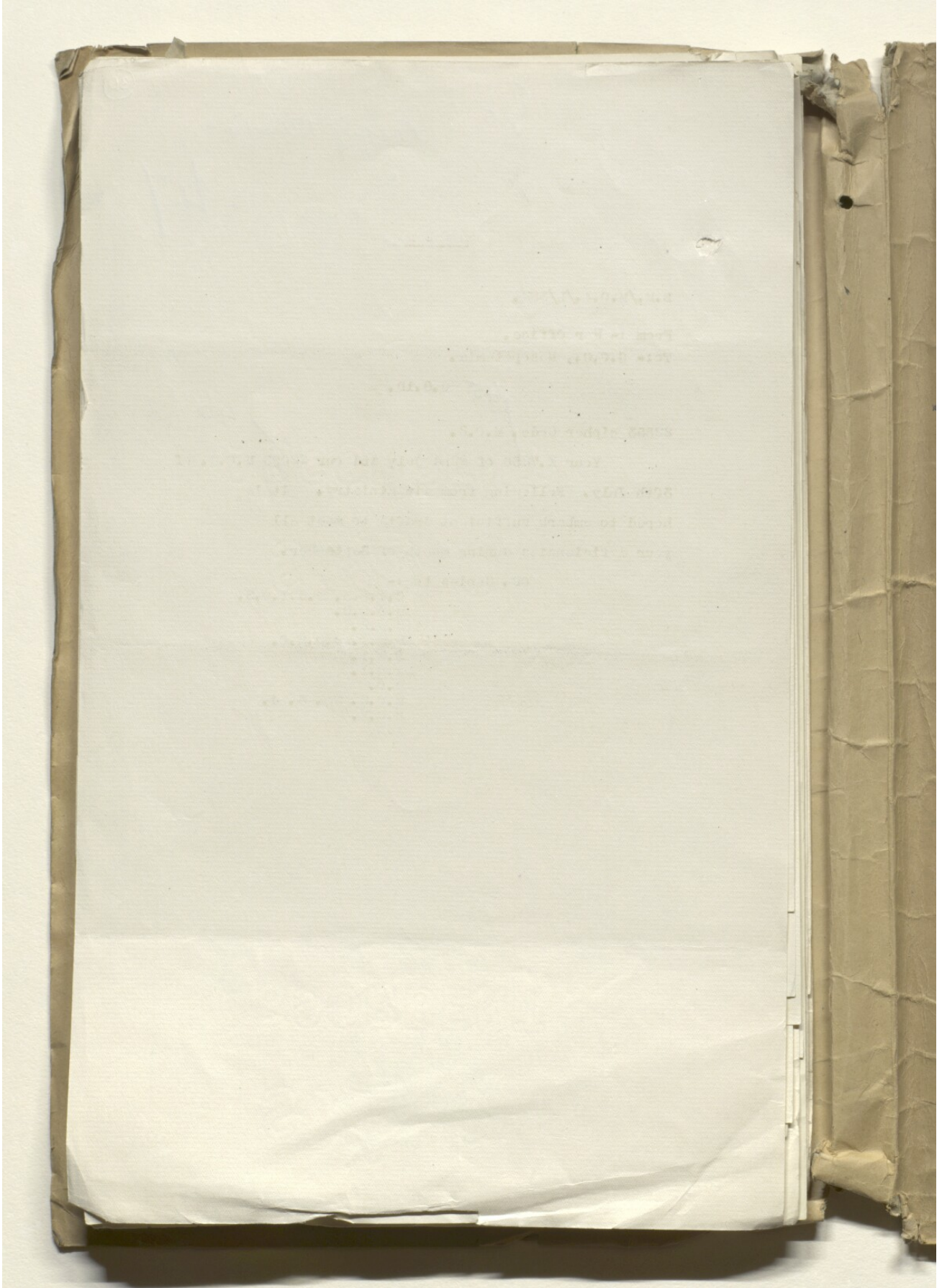
Your X.7256 of 22nd July and our 22063 M.C.2. of 30th July. Following from Air Ministry. It is hoped to embark sufficient drafts to meet all your deficiencies during month of September.

C2. Copies to :-

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D.D.S.D.
S.D.2.
D.H.C. D.D.M.C.
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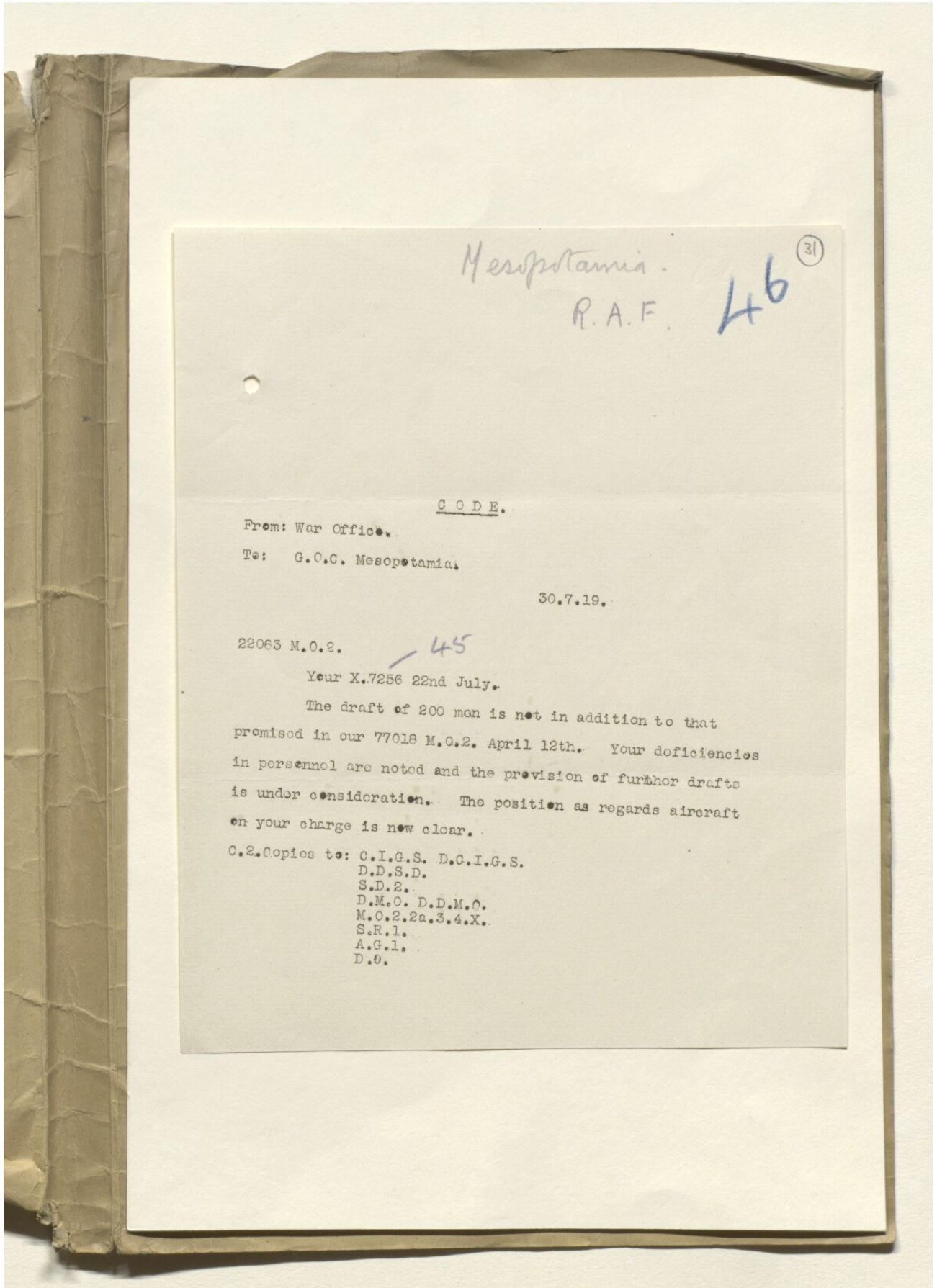


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٣٠ ظ] (١٦٠/٦٠)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٣١ و] (١٦٠/٦١)



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From: War Office.

To: G.O.C. Mesopotamia.

30.7.19.

22063 M.O.2.

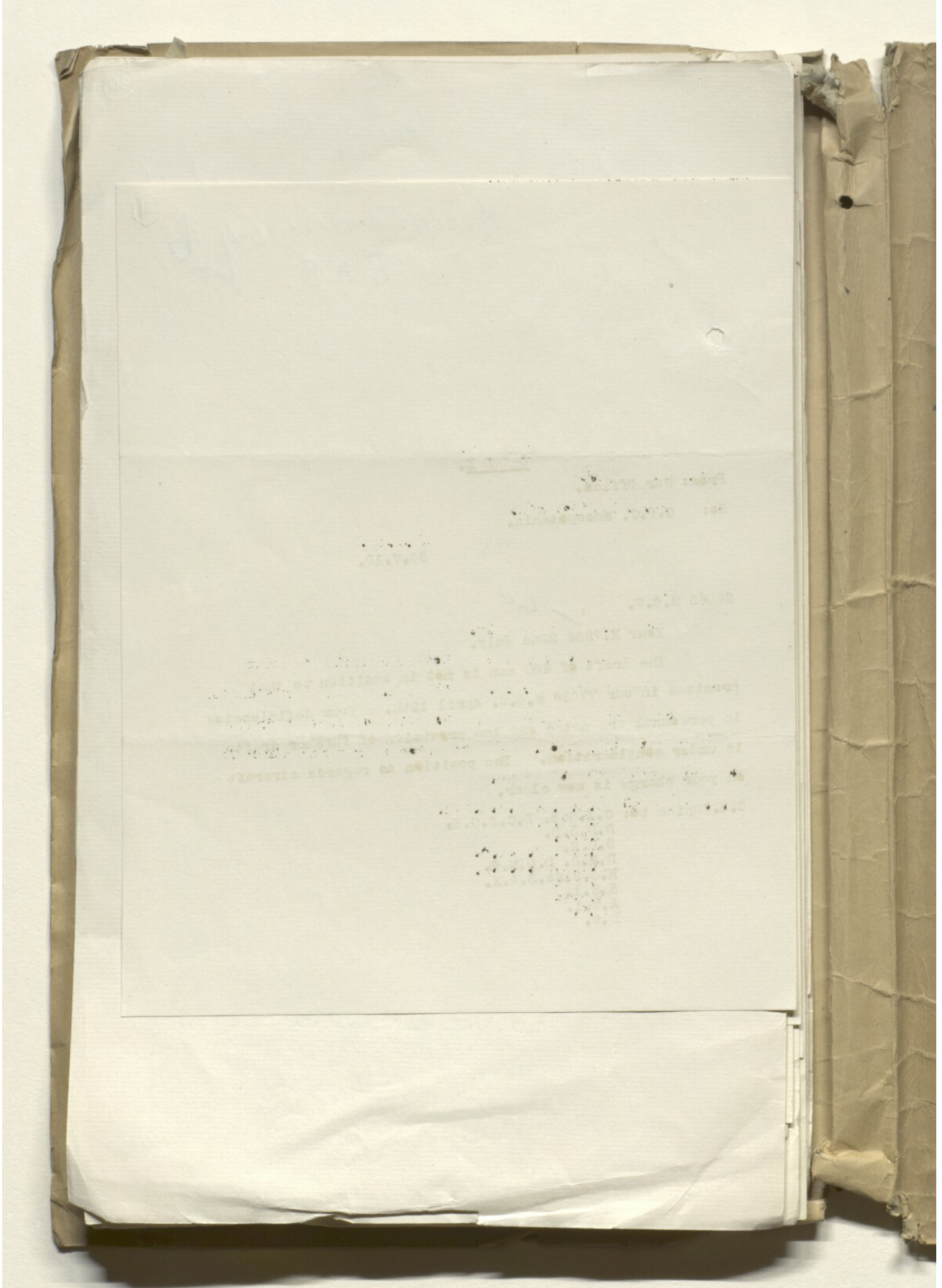
Your X.7256 22nd July.

The draft of 200 men is not in addition to that
promised in our 77018 M.O.2. April 12th. Your deficiencies
in personnel are noted and the provision of further drafts
is under consideration. The position as regards aircraft
on your charge is now clear.

C.2. Copies to: C.I.G.S. D.C.I.G.S.
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A.G.1.
D.O.

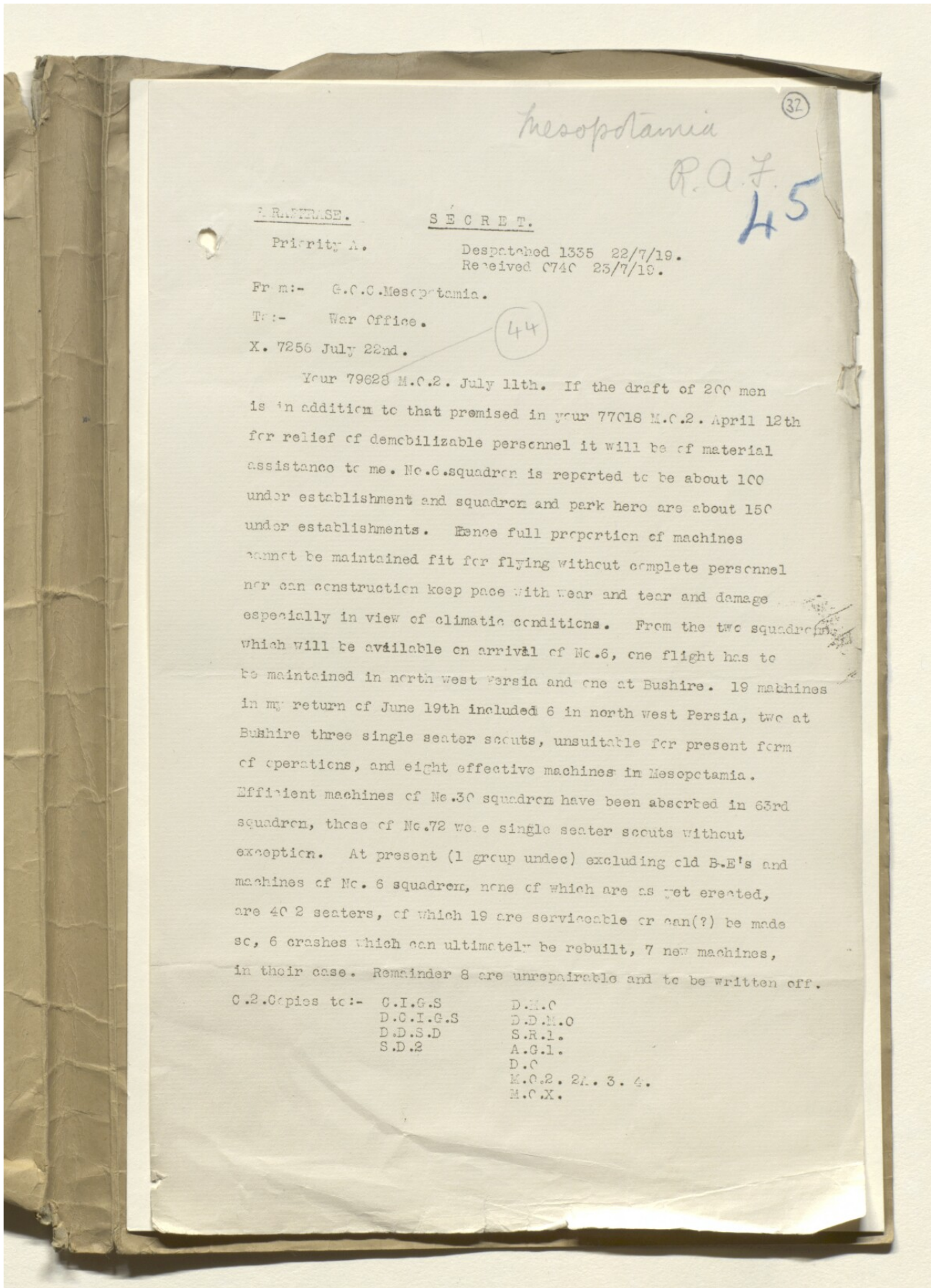


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٣١ ظ] (١٦٠/٦٢)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٣٢ و] (١٦٠/٦٣)



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PRIORITY A.

SECRET

Priority: A.

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From:- G.C.C. Mesopotamia.

To:- War Office.

X. 7256 July 22nd.

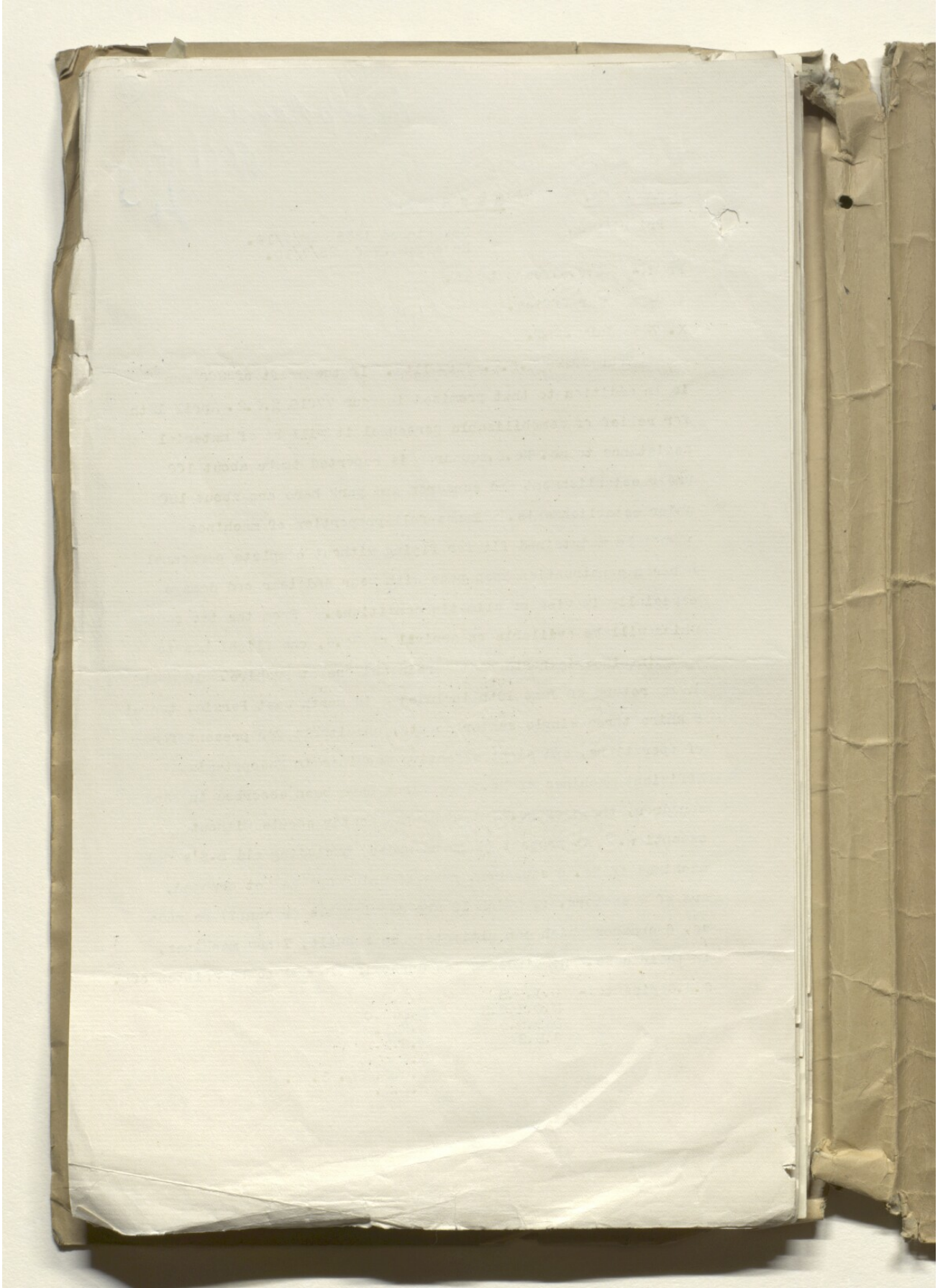
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Your 79628 M.C.2. July 11th. If the draft of 200 men is in addition to that promised in your 77018 M.C.2. April 12th for relief of demobilizable personnel it will be of material assistance to me. No.6. squadron is reported to be about 100 under establishment and squadron and park here are about 150 under establishments. Hence full proportion of machines cannot be maintained fit for flying without complete personnel nor can construction keep pace with wear and tear and damage especially in view of climatic conditions. From the two squadrons which will be available on arrival of No.6, one flight has to be maintained in north west Persia and one at Bushire. 19 machines in my return of June 19th included 6 in north west Persia, two at Bushire three single seater scouts, unsuitable for present form of operations, and eight effective machines in Mesopotamia. Efficient machines of No.30 squadron have been absorbed in 63rd squadron, those of No.72 were single seater scouts without exception. At present (1 group undec) excluding old B.E's and machines of No. 6 squadron, none of which are as yet erected, are 40 2 seaters, of which 19 are serviceable or can(?) be made so, 6 crashes which can ultimately be rebuilt, 7 new machines, in their case. Remainder 8 are unrepairable and to be written off.

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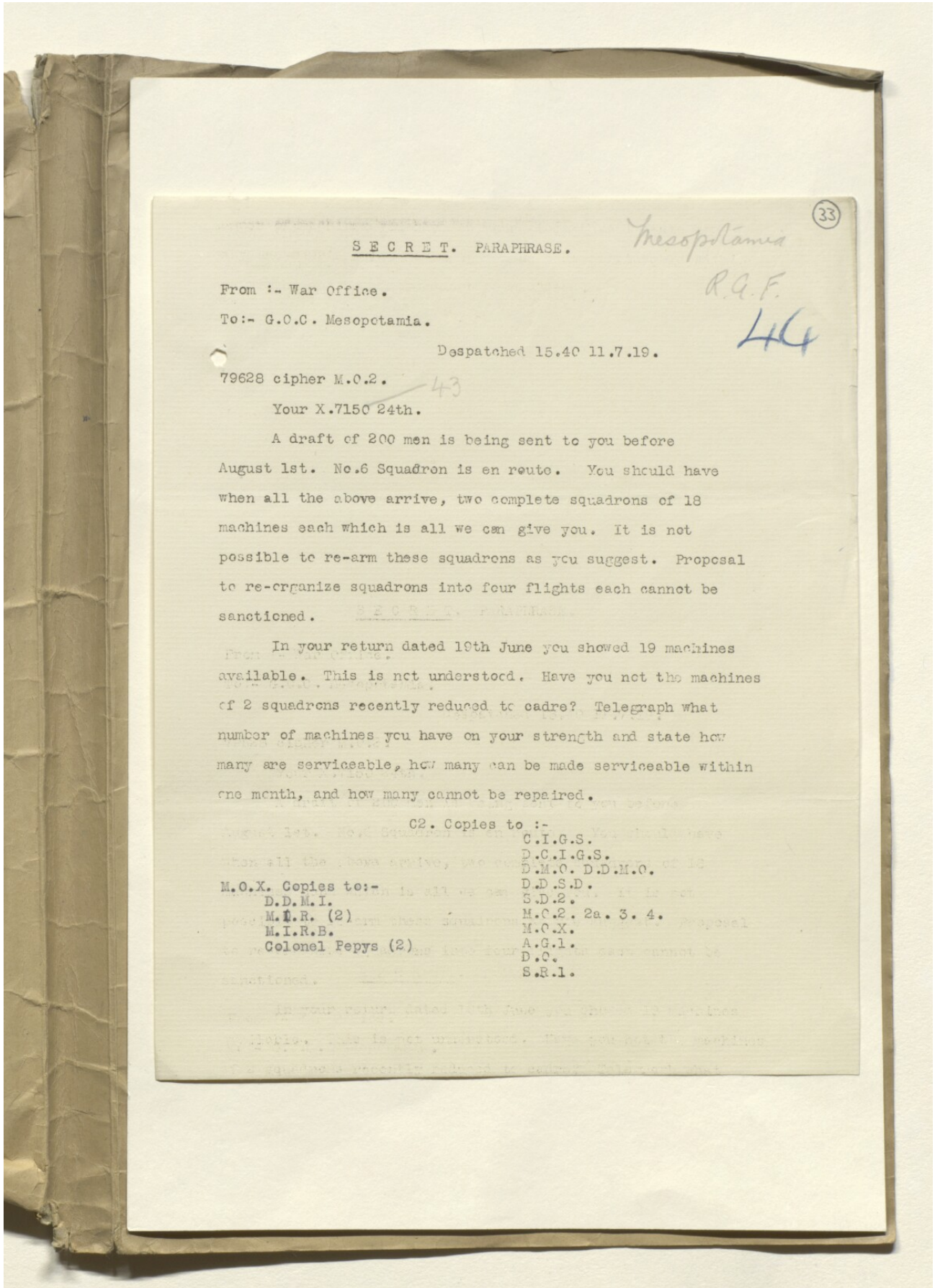


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٣٢ ظ] (١٦٠/٦٤)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٣٣ و] (١٦٠/٦٥)



SECRET. PARAPHRASE.

Mesopotamia
R.Q.F.
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From :- War Office.
To:- G.O.C. Mesopotamia.

Despatched 15.40 11.7.19.

79628 cipher M.O.2.

Your X.7150 24th.

A draft of 200 men is being sent to you before August 1st. No.6 Squadron is en route. You should have when all the above arrive, two complete squadrons of 18 machines each which is all we can give you. It is not possible to re-arm these squadrons as you suggest. Proposal to re-organize squadrons into four flights each cannot be sanctioned.

In your return dated 19th June you showed 19 machines available. This is not understood. Have you not the machines of 2 squadrons recently reduced to cadre? Telegraph what number of machines you have on your strength and state how many are serviceable, how many can be made serviceable within one month, and how many cannot be repaired.

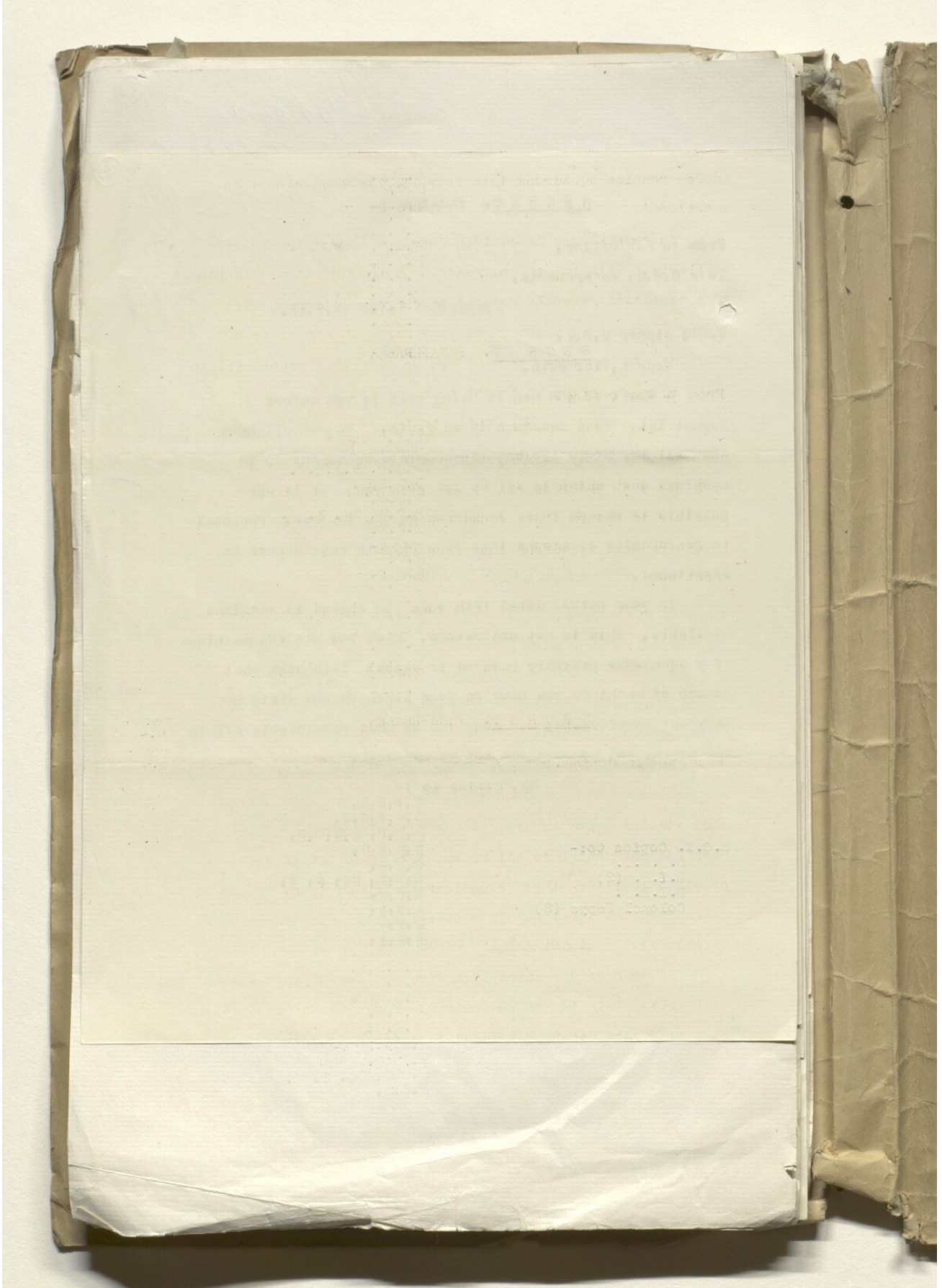
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M.I.R.B.
Colonel Pepys (2)

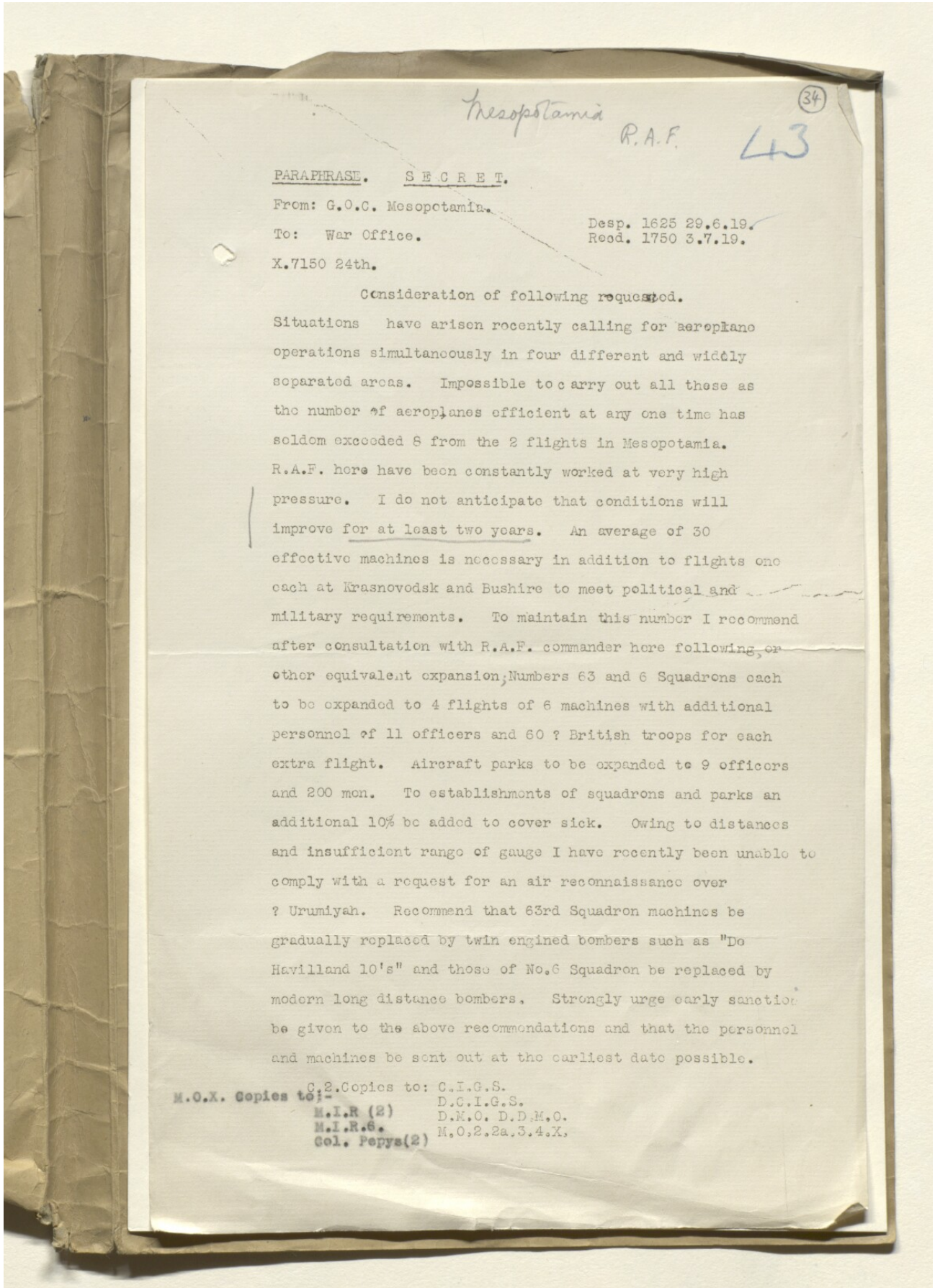


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٣٣ظ] (١٦٠/٦٦)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٣٤ و] (١٦٠/٦٧)



PARAPHRASE. S E C R E T.

From: G.O.C. Mesopotamia.

To: War Office.

X.7150 24th.

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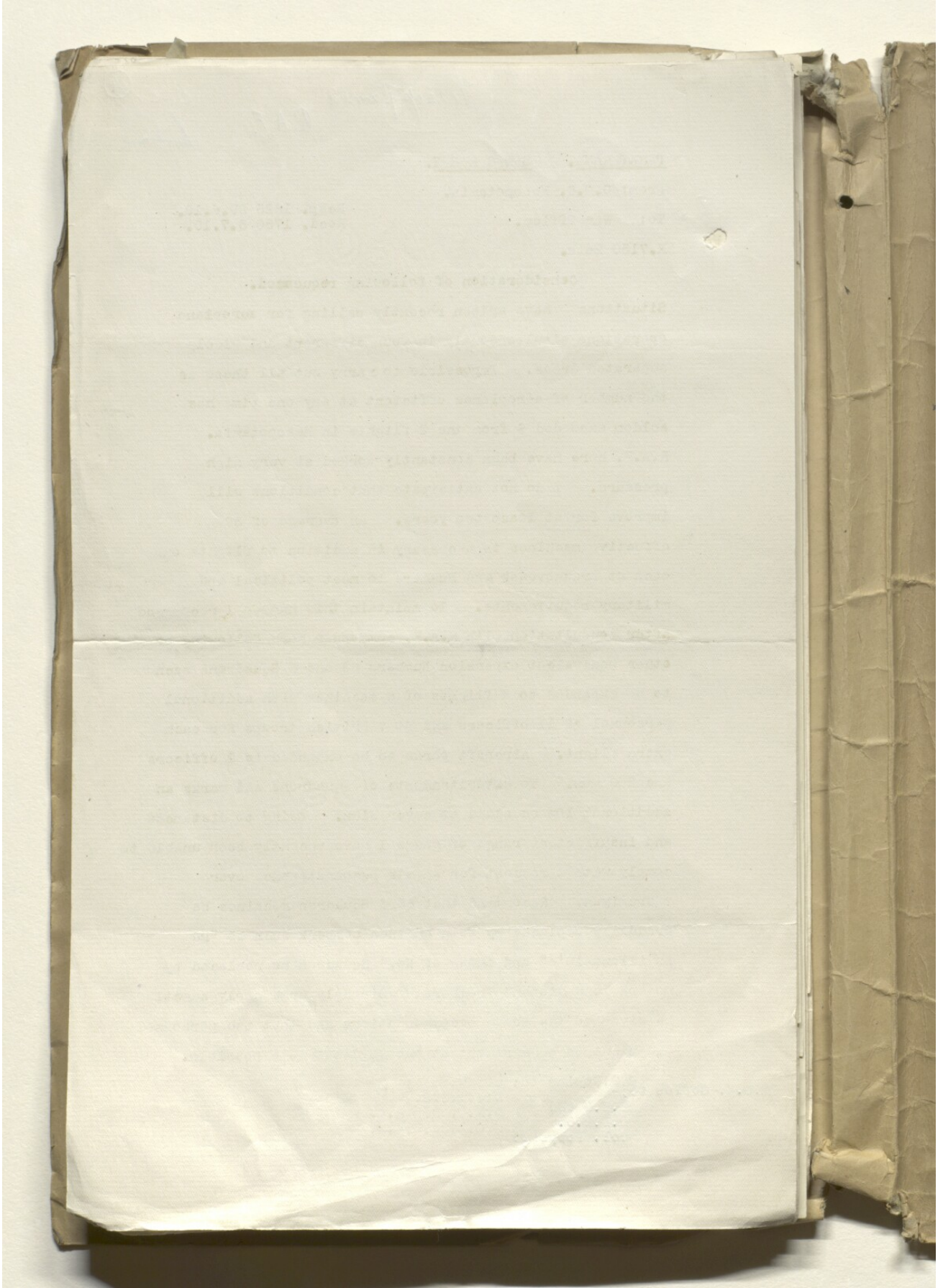
Consideration of following requested.

Situations have arisen recently calling for aeroplane operations simultaneously in four different and widely separated areas. Impossible to carry out all these as the number of aeroplanes efficient at any one time has seldom exceeded 8 from the 2 flights in Mesopotamia. R.A.F. here have been constantly worked at very high pressure. I do not anticipate that conditions will improve for at least two years. An average of 30 effective machines is necessary in addition to flights one each at Krasnovodsk and Bushire to meet political and military requirements. To maintain this number I recommend after consultation with R.A.F. commander here following, or other equivalent expansion, Numbers 63 and 6 Squadrons each to be expanded to 4 flights of 6 machines with additional personnel of 11 officers and 60 British troops for each extra flight. Aircraft parks to be expanded to 9 officers and 200 men. To establishments of squadrons and parks an additional 10% be added to cover sick. Owing to distances and insufficient range of gauge I have recently been unable to comply with a request for an air reconnaissance over Urumiyah. Recommend that 63rd Squadron machines be gradually replaced by twin engined bombers such as "De Havilland 10's" and those of No.6 Squadron be replaced by modern long distance bombers. Strongly urge early sanction be given to the above recommendations and that the personnel and machines be sent out at the earliest date possible.

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M.I.R (2) D.C.I.G.S.
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Col. Pepsy(2) M.O.2.2a.3.4.X.

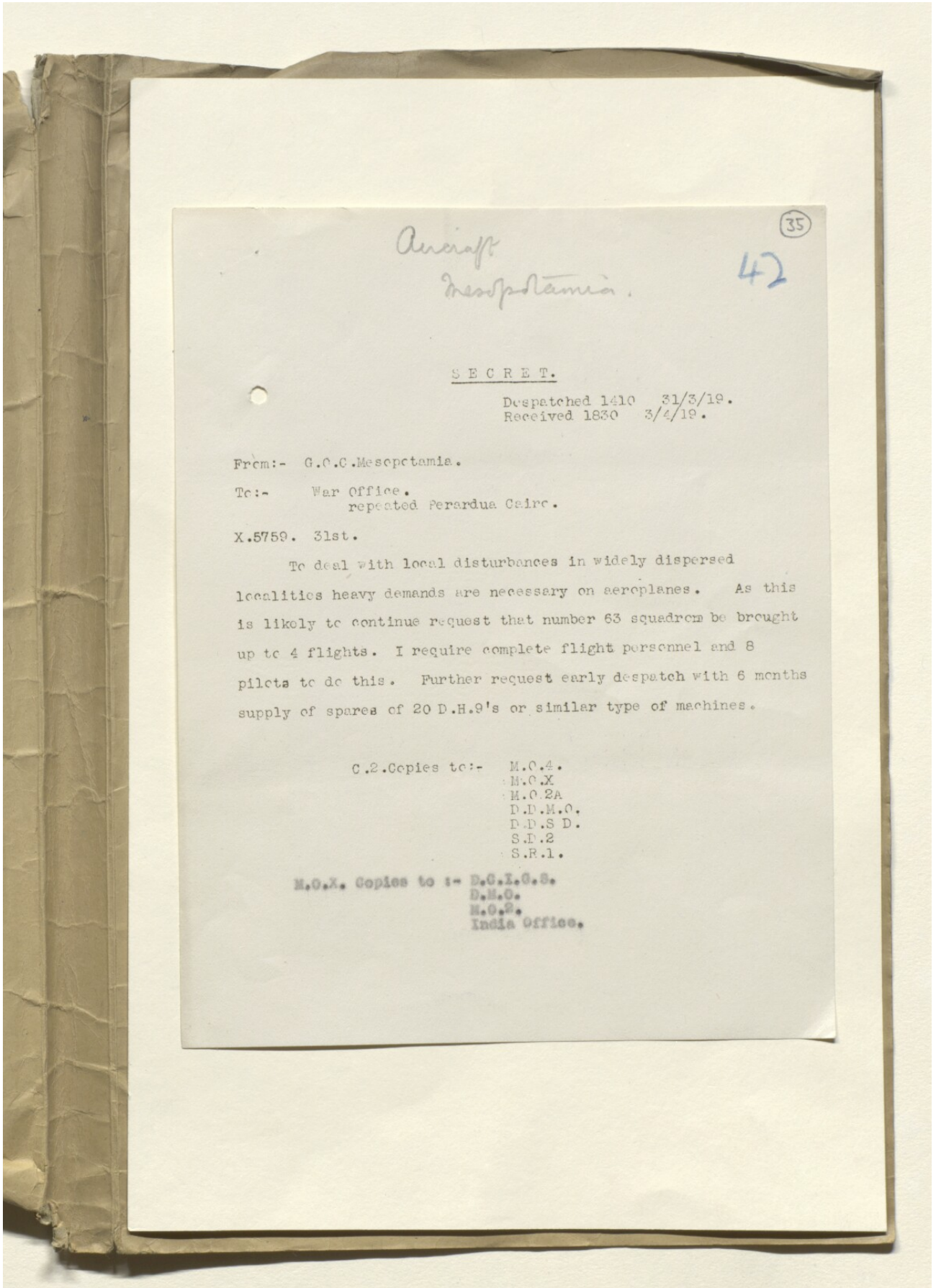


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٣٤ظ] (١٦٠/٦٨)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٣٥] [١٦٠/٦٩]



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S E C R E T.

Despatched 1410 31/3/19.
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To:- War Office.
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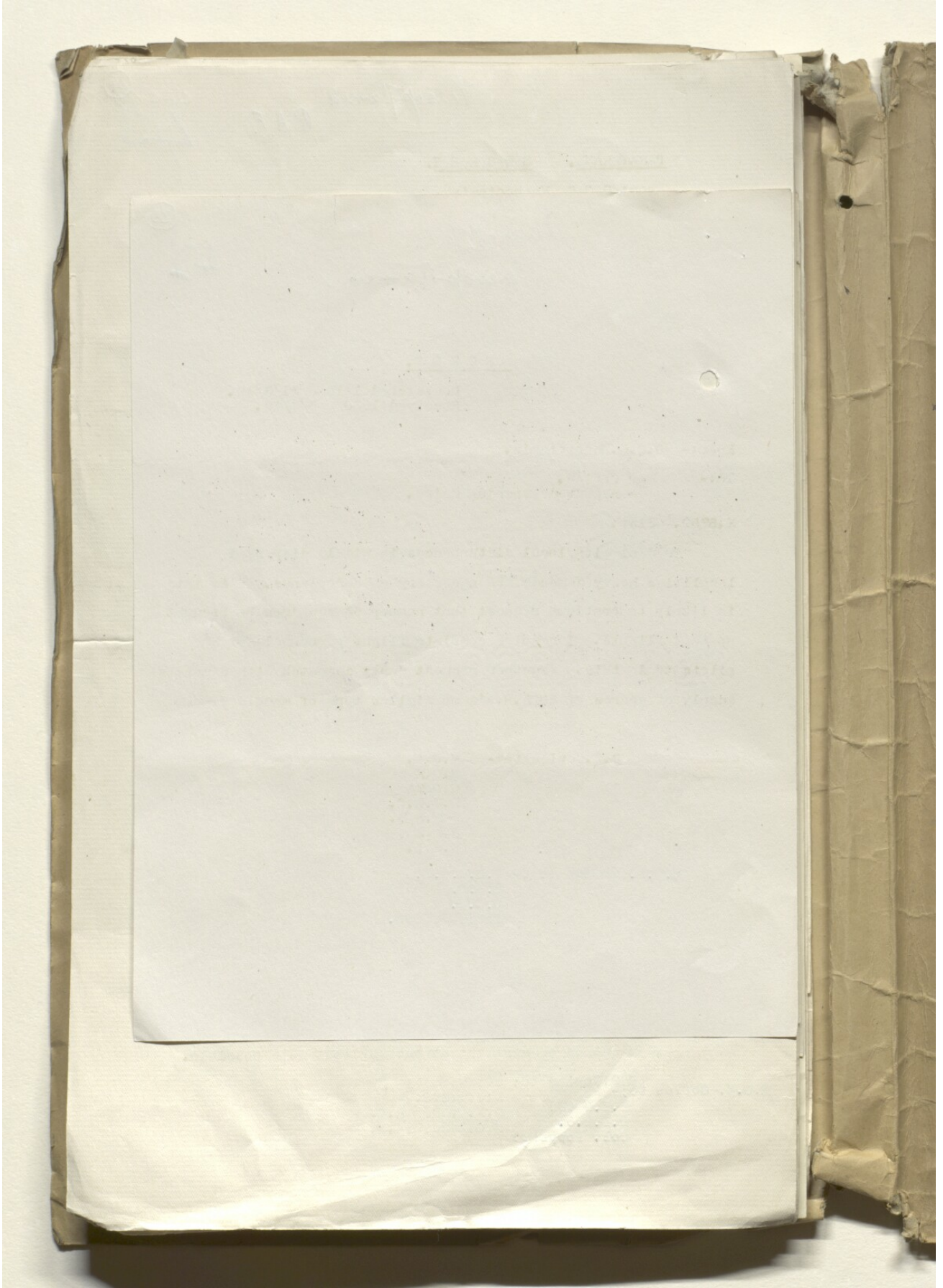
To deal with local disturbances in widely dispersed localities heavy demands are necessary on aeroplanes. As this is likely to continue request that number 63 squadron be brought up to 4 flights. I require complete flight personnel and 8 pilots to do this. Further request early despatch with 6 months supply of spares of 20 D.H.9's or similar type of machines.

C.2. Copies to:- M.O.4.
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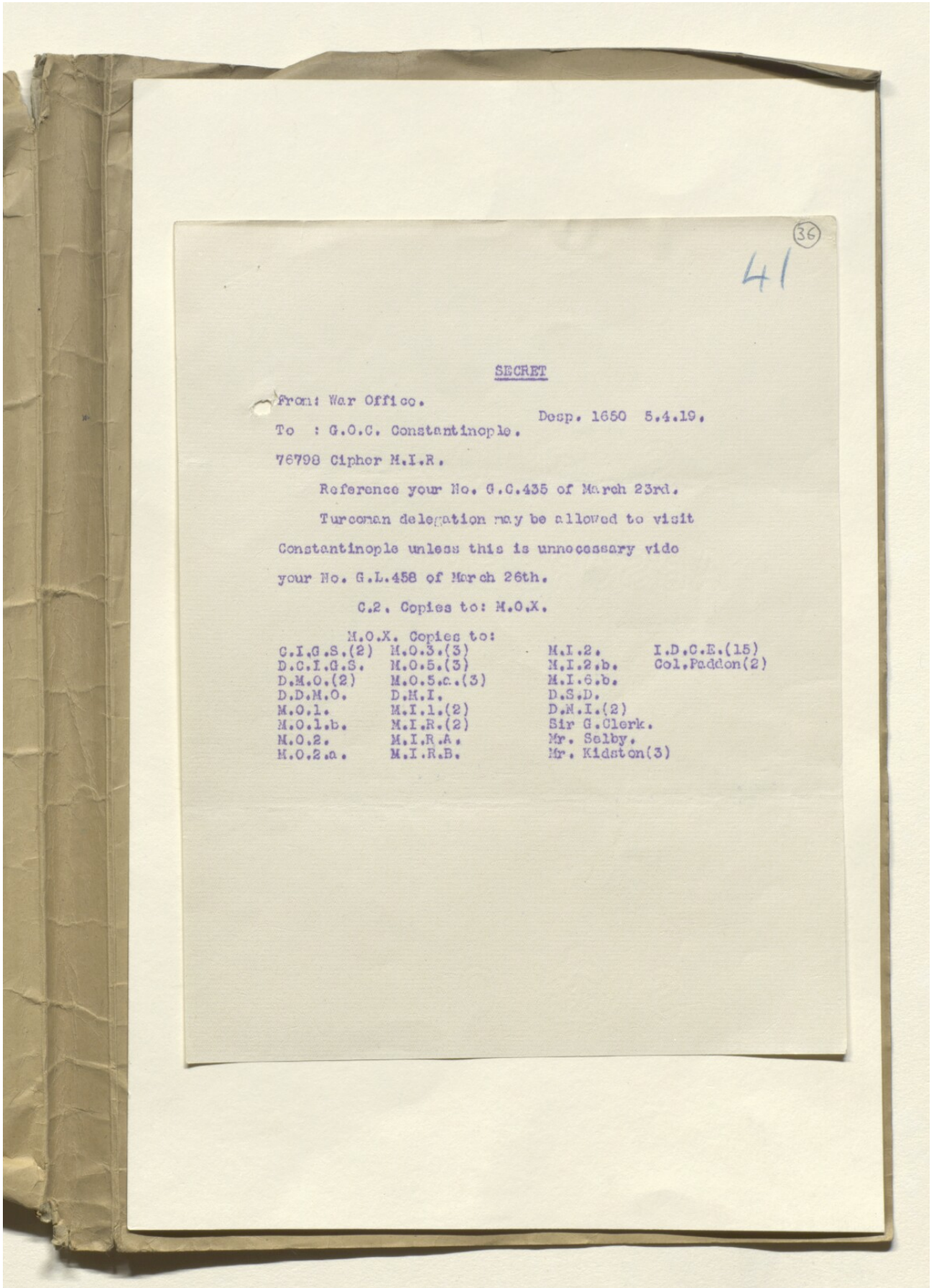


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [ظ٣٥] (١٦٠/٧٠)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٣٦ و] (١٦٠/٧١)



SECRET

From: War Office.

Desp. 1650 5.4.19.

To : G.O.C. Constantinople.

76798 Cipher M.I.R.

Reference your No. G.C.435 of March 23rd.

Turcoman delegation may be allowed to visit Constantinople unless this is unnecessary vide your No. G.L.458 of March 26th.

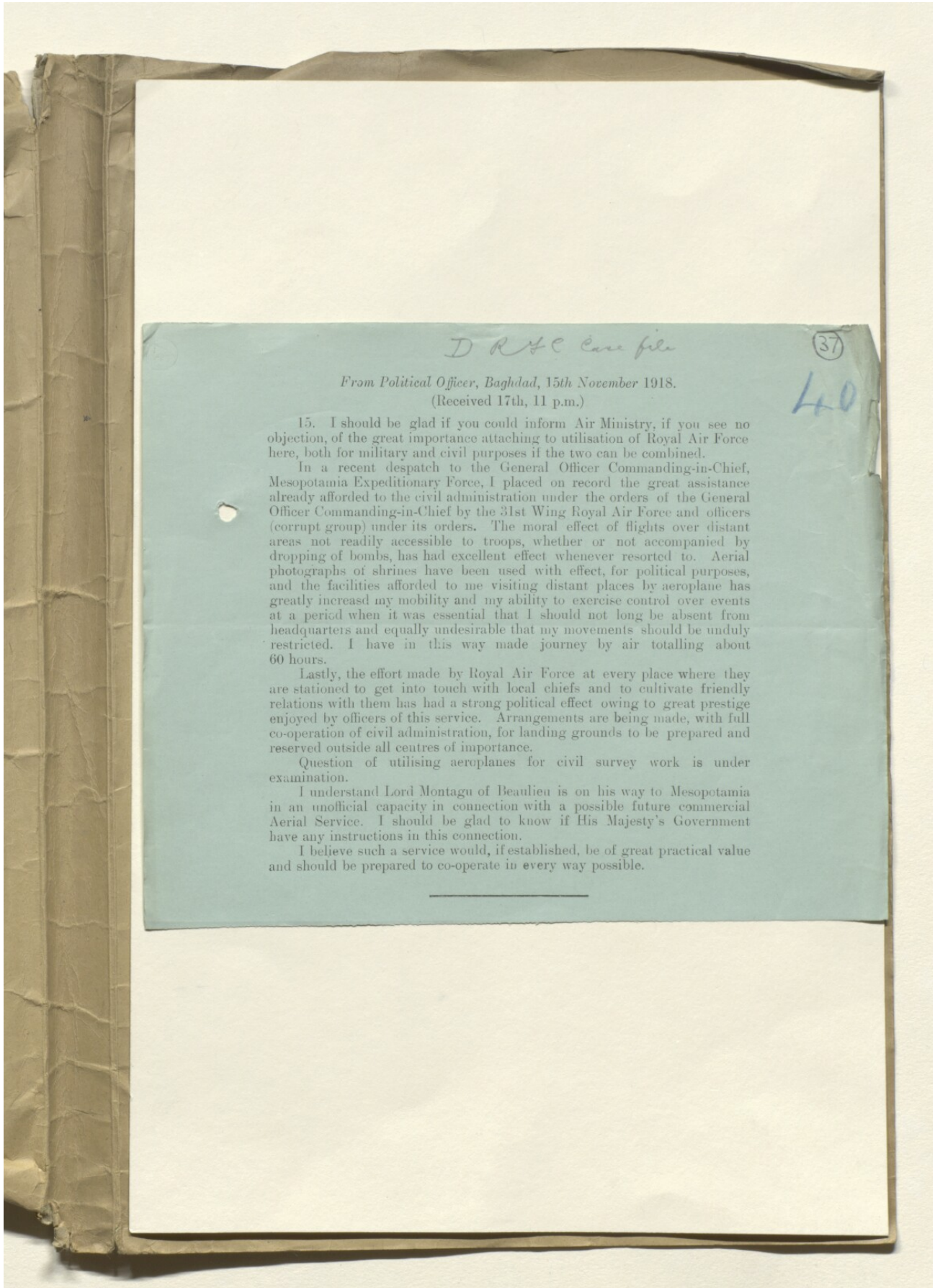
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D.M.O.(2)	M.O.5.c.(3)	M.I.6.b.	
D.D.M.O.	D.M.I.	D.S.D.	
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"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٣٧و] (١٦٠/٧٣)



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*From Political Officer, Baghdad, 15th November 1918.
(Received 17th, 11 p.m.)*

15. I should be glad if you could inform Air Ministry, if you see no objection, of the great importance attaching to utilisation of Royal Air Force here, both for military and civil purposes if the two can be combined.

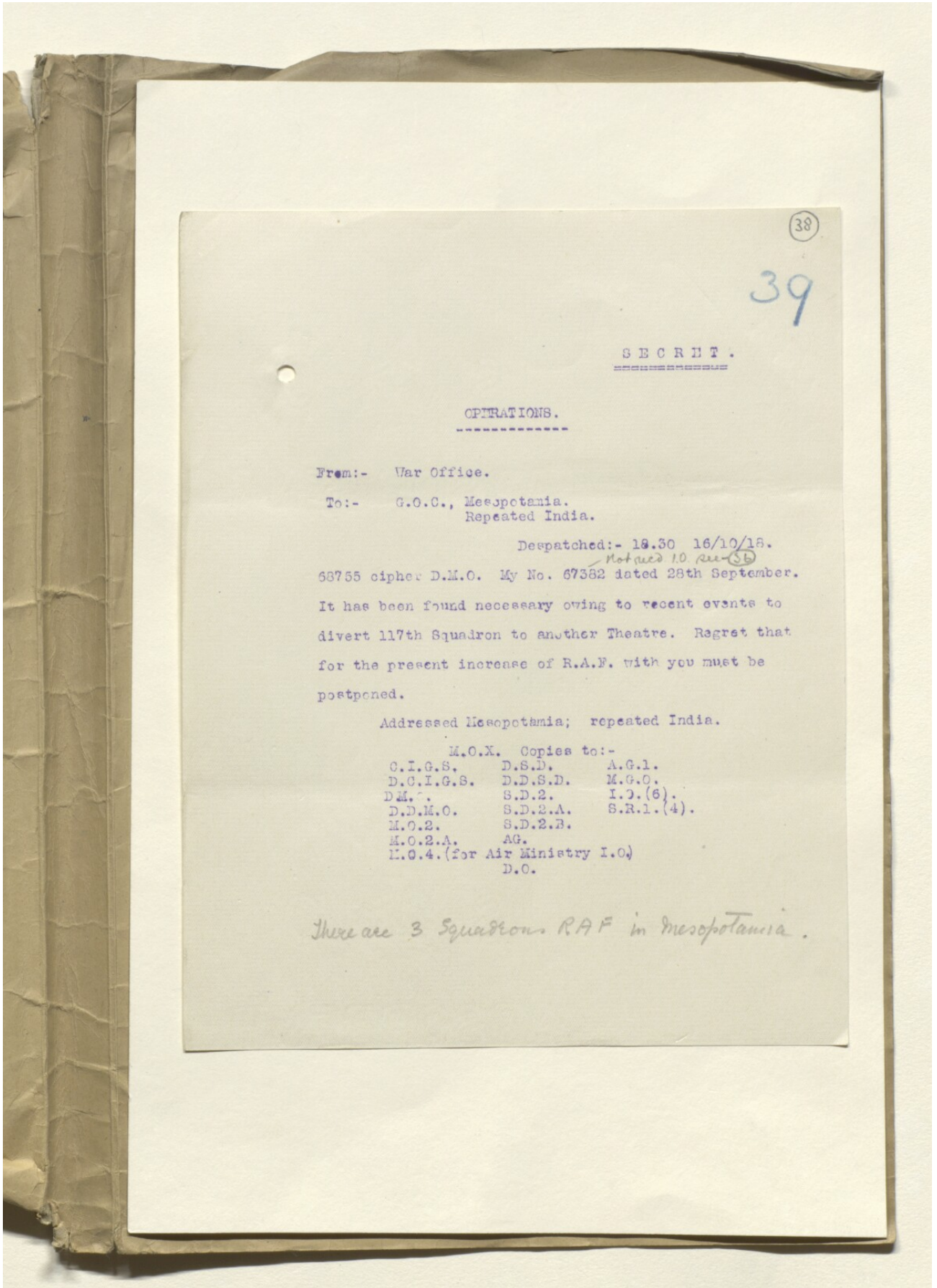
In a recent despatch to the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force, I placed on record the great assistance already afforded to the civil administration under the orders of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief by the 31st Wing Royal Air Force and officers (corrupt group) under its orders. The moral effect of flights over distant areas not readily accessible to troops, whether or not accompanied by dropping of bombs, has had excellent effect whenever resorted to. Aerial photographs of shrines have been used with effect, for political purposes, and the facilities afforded to me visiting distant places by aeroplane has greatly increased my mobility and my ability to exercise control over events at a period when it was essential that I should not long be absent from headquarters and equally undesirable that my movements should be unduly restricted. I have in this way made journey by air totalling about 60 hours.

Lastly, the effort made by Royal Air Force at every place where they are stationed to get into touch with local chiefs and to cultivate friendly relations with them has had a strong political effect owing to great prestige enjoyed by officers of this service. Arrangements are being made, with full co-operation of civil administration, for landing grounds to be prepared and reserved outside all centres of importance.

Question of utilising aeroplanes for civil survey work is under examination.

I understand Lord Montagu of Beaulieu is on his way to Mesopotamia in an unofficial capacity in connection with a possible future commercial Aerial Service. I should be glad to know if His Majesty's Government have any instructions in this connection.

I believe such a service would, if established, be of great practical value and should be prepared to co-operate in every way possible.



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SECRET.

OPERATIONS.

From:- War Office.

To:- G.O.C., Mesopotamia.
Repeated India.

Despatched:- 18.30 16/10/18.

68755 cipher D.M.O. My No. 67362 dated 28th September.

It has been found necessary owing to recent events to divert 117th Squadron to another Theatre. Regret that for the present increase of R.A.F. with you must be postponed.

Addressed Mesopotamia; repeated India.

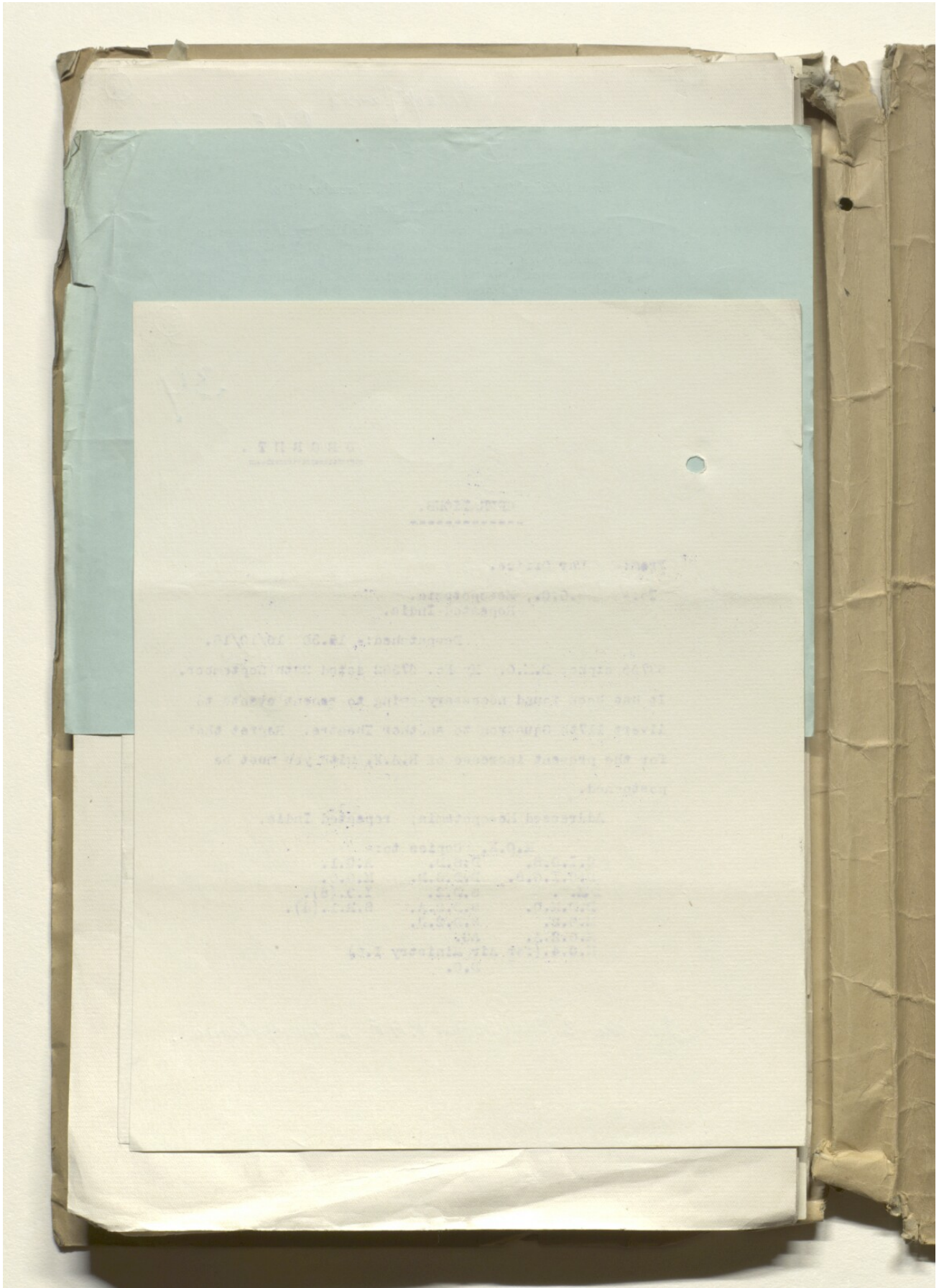
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D.D.M.O.	S.D.2.A.	S.R.1.(4).
M.O.2.	S.D.2.B.	
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There are 3 Squadrons RAF in Mesopotamia.

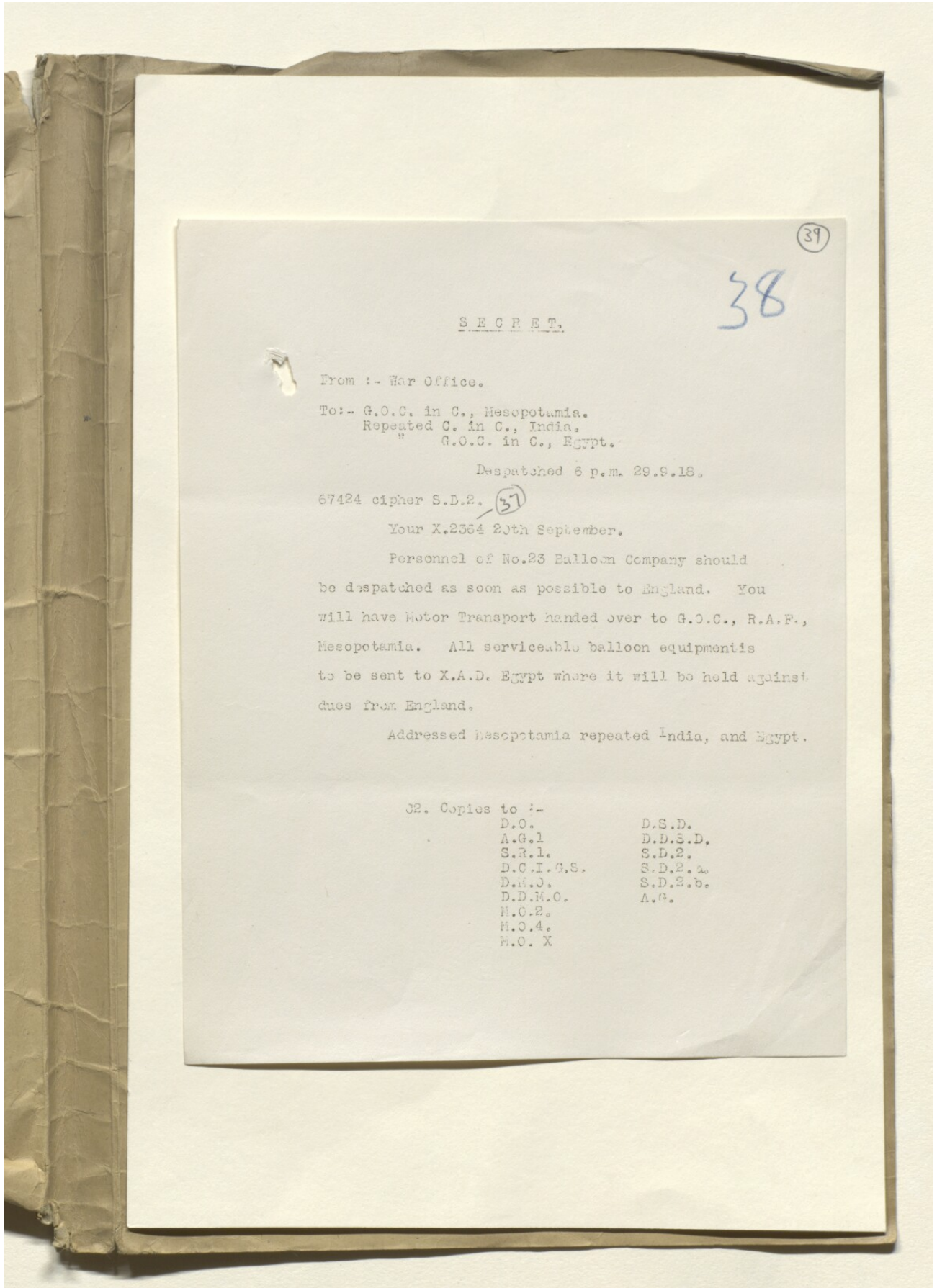


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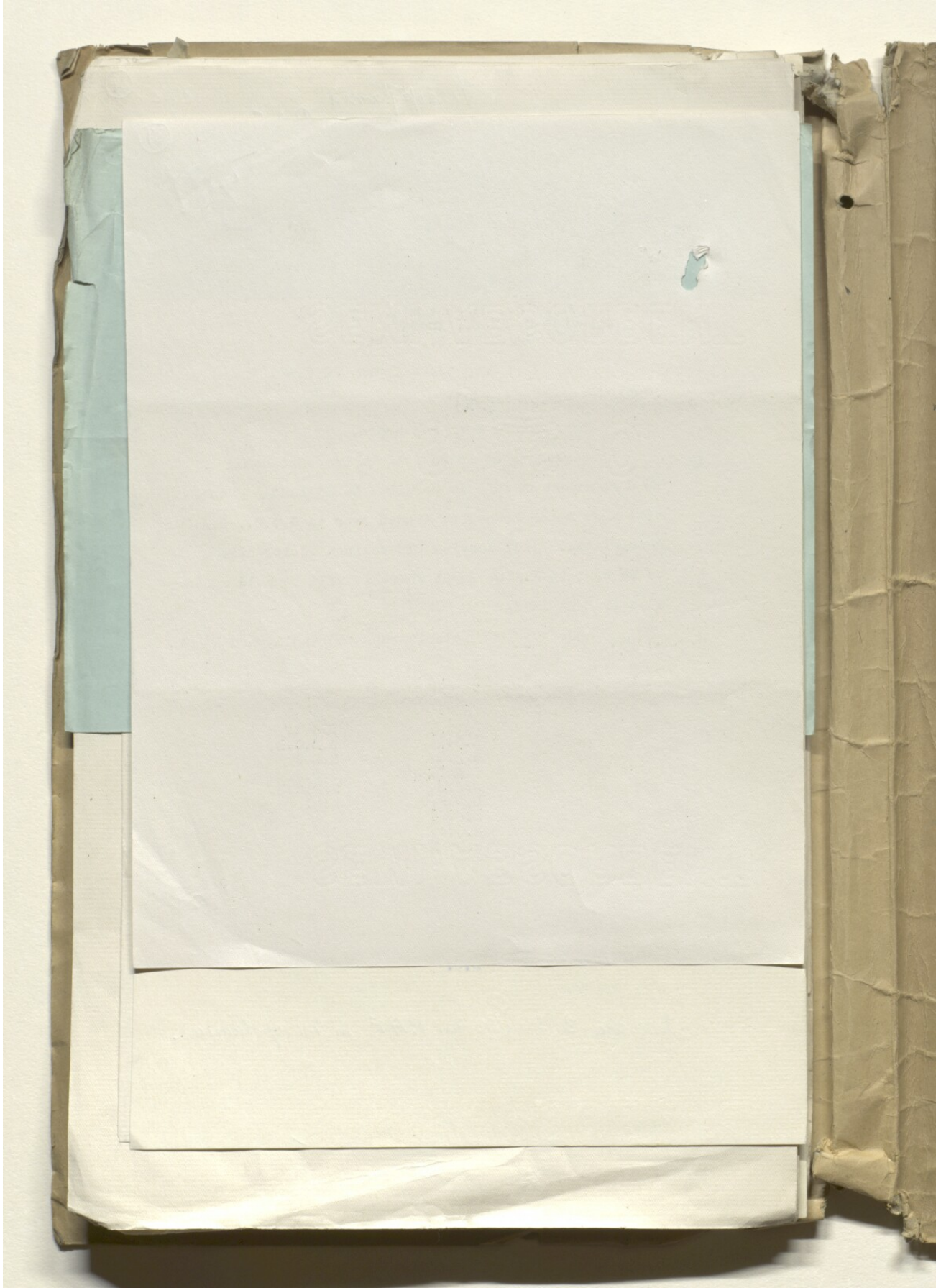


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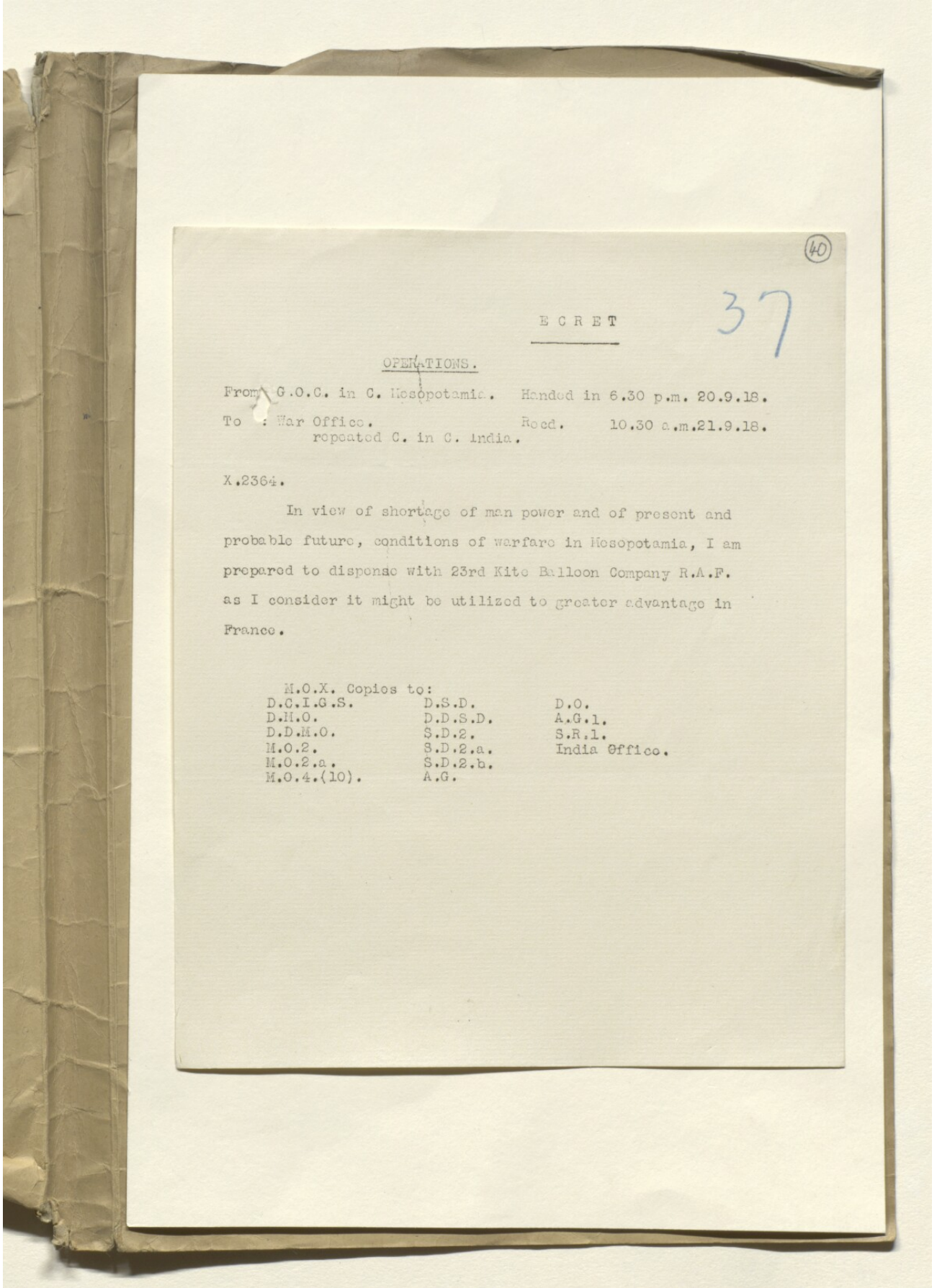


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"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٤٠ و] (١٦٠/٧٩)



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SECRET

OPERATIONS.

From G.O.C. in C. Mesopotamia. Handed in 6.30 p.m. 20.9.18.
To : War Office. Recd. 10.30 a.m. 21.9.18.
repeated C. in C. India.

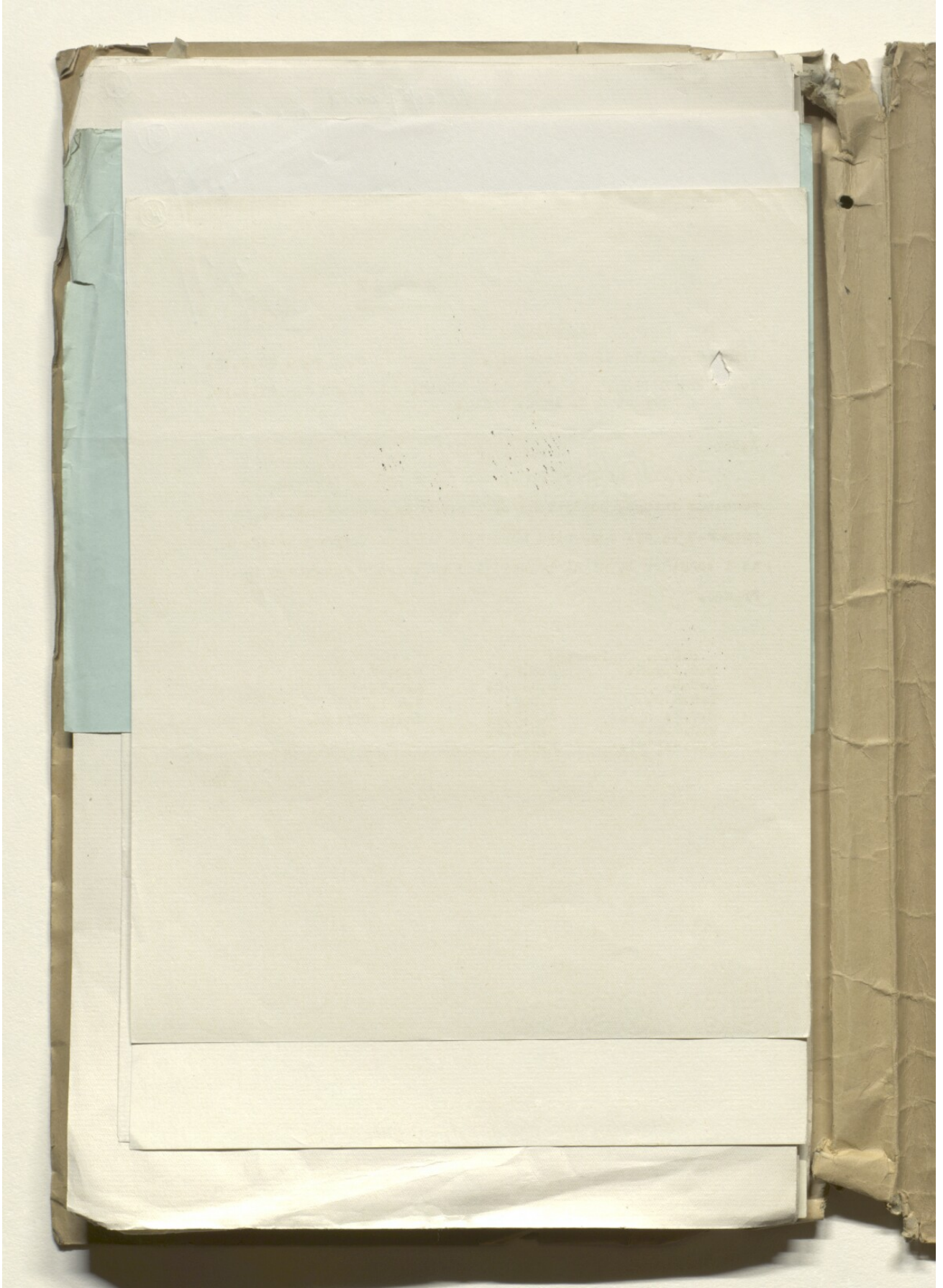
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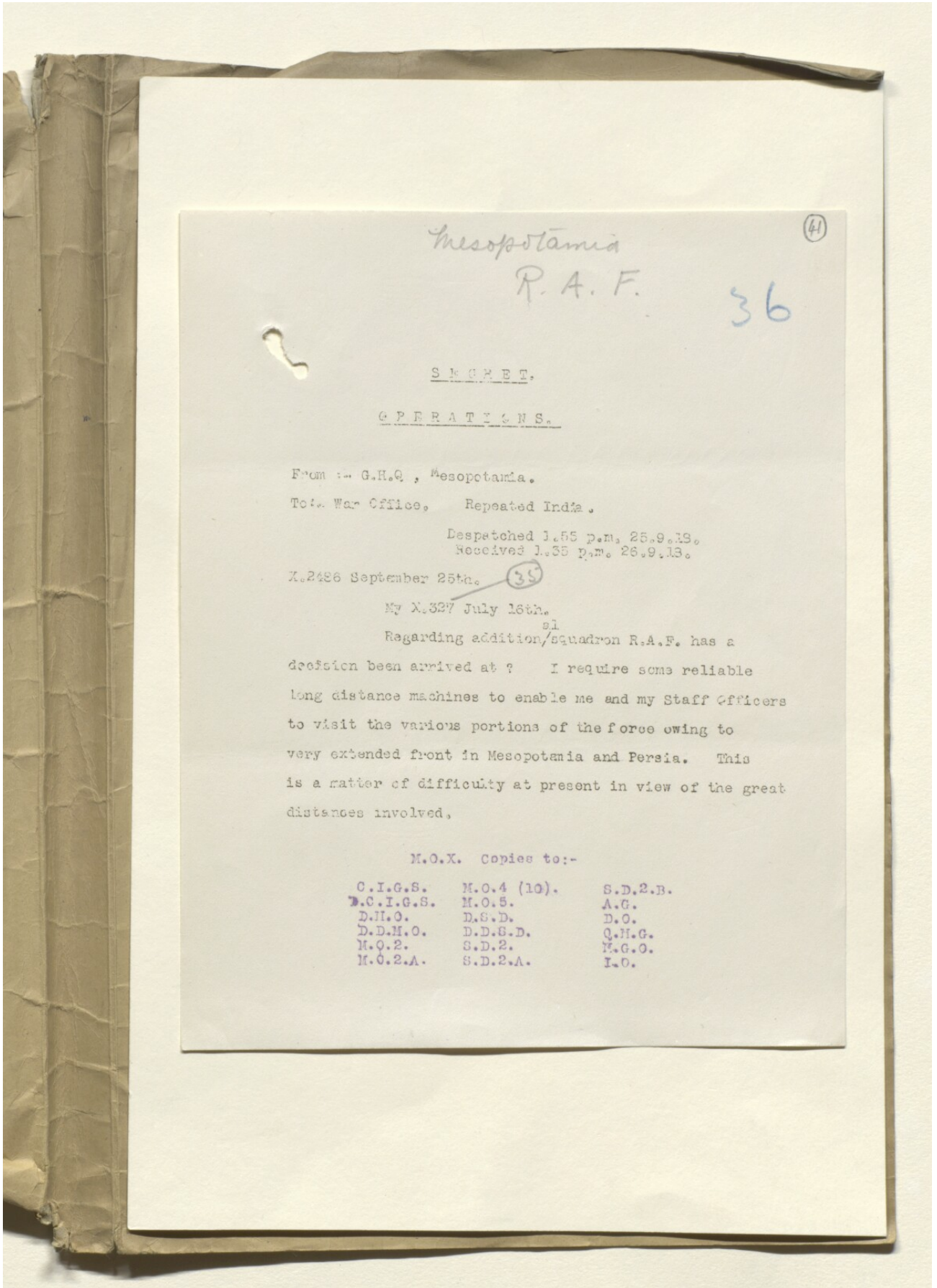
In view of shortage of man power and of present and probable future, conditions of warfare in Mesopotamia, I am prepared to dispense with 23rd Kite Balloon Company R.A.F. as I consider it might be utilized to greater advantage in France.

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M.O.2. S.D.2.a. India Office.
M.O.2.a. S.D.2.b.
M.O.4.(10). A.G.



"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٤٠ ظ] (١٦٠/٨٠)





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SECRET.

OPERATIONS.

From :- G.H.Q. , Mesopotamia.

To: War Office. Repeated India.

Despatched 1.55 p.m. 25.9.19.
Received 1.35 p.m. 26.9.19.

X.2486 September 25th.

My X.327 July 16th.

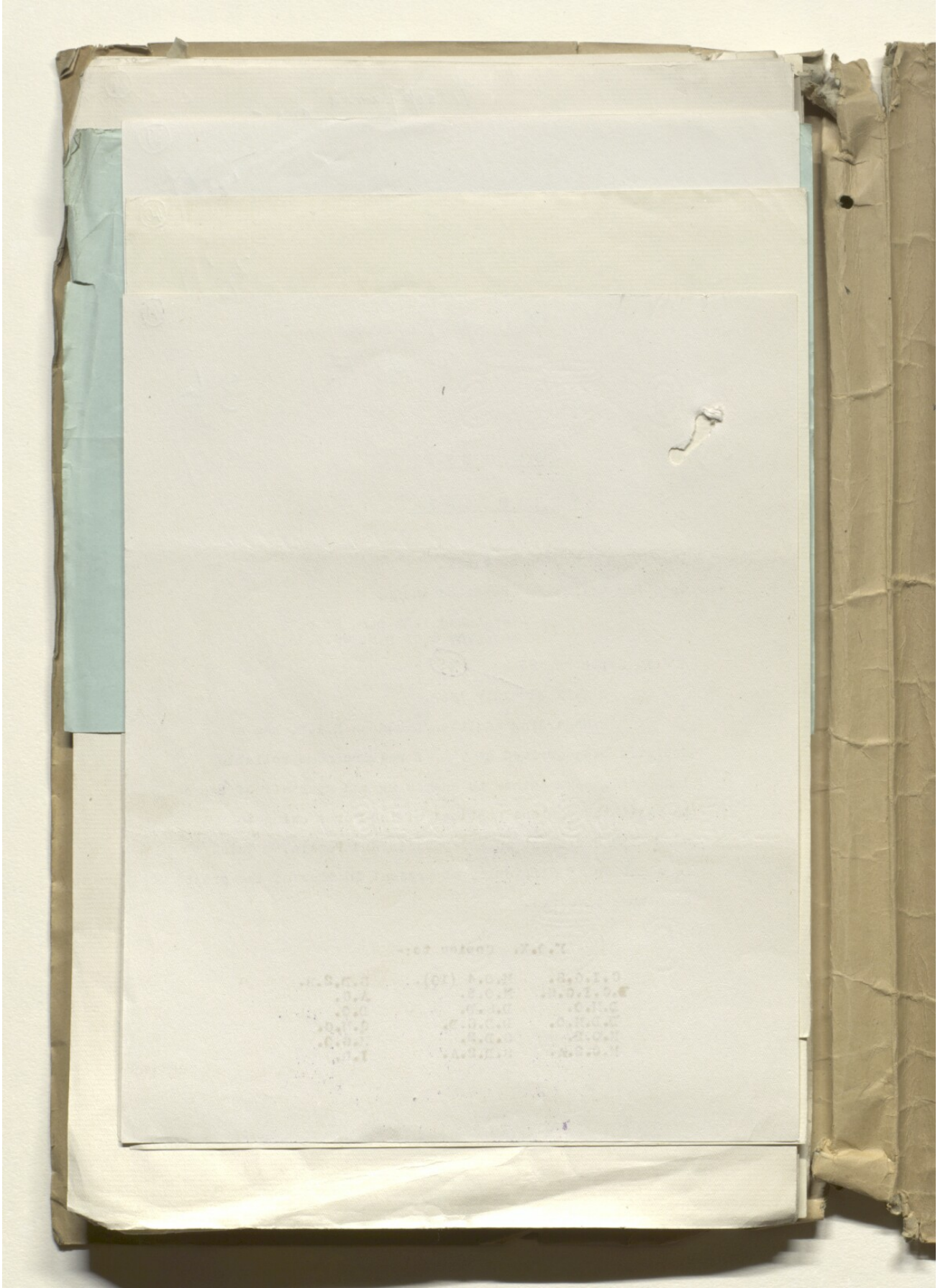
Regarding addition/squadron R.A.F. has a decision been arrived at ? I require some reliable long distance machines to enable me and my Staff Officers to visit the various portions of the force owing to very extended front in Mesopotamia and Persia. This is a matter of difficulty at present in view of the great distances involved.

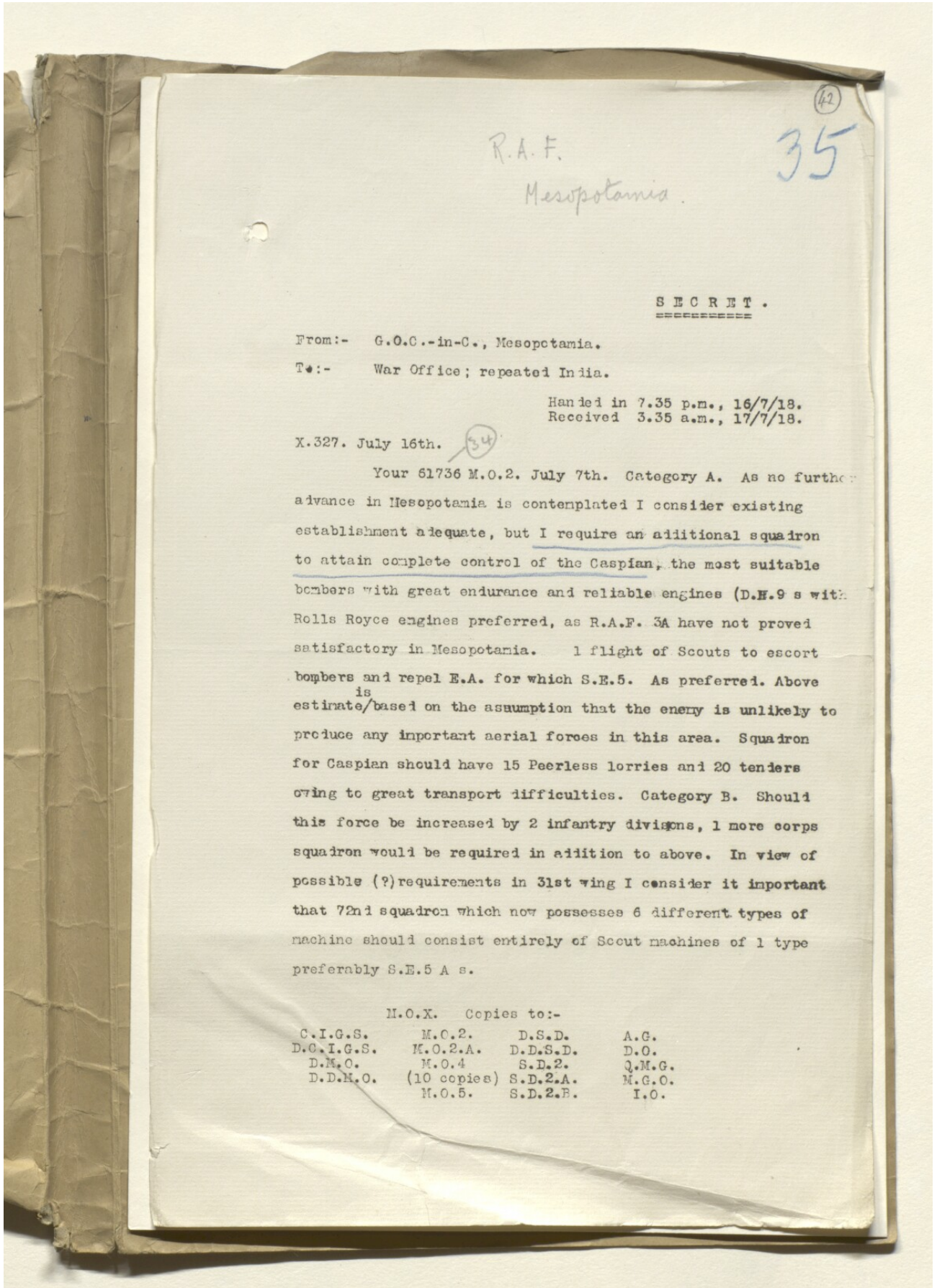
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"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [١ ظ ١٦٠/٨٢]





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SECRET .

From:- G.O.C.-in-C., Mesopotamia.

To:- War Office; repeated India.

Handed in 7.35 p.m., 16/7/18.
Received 3.35 a.m., 17/7/18.

X.327. July 16th.

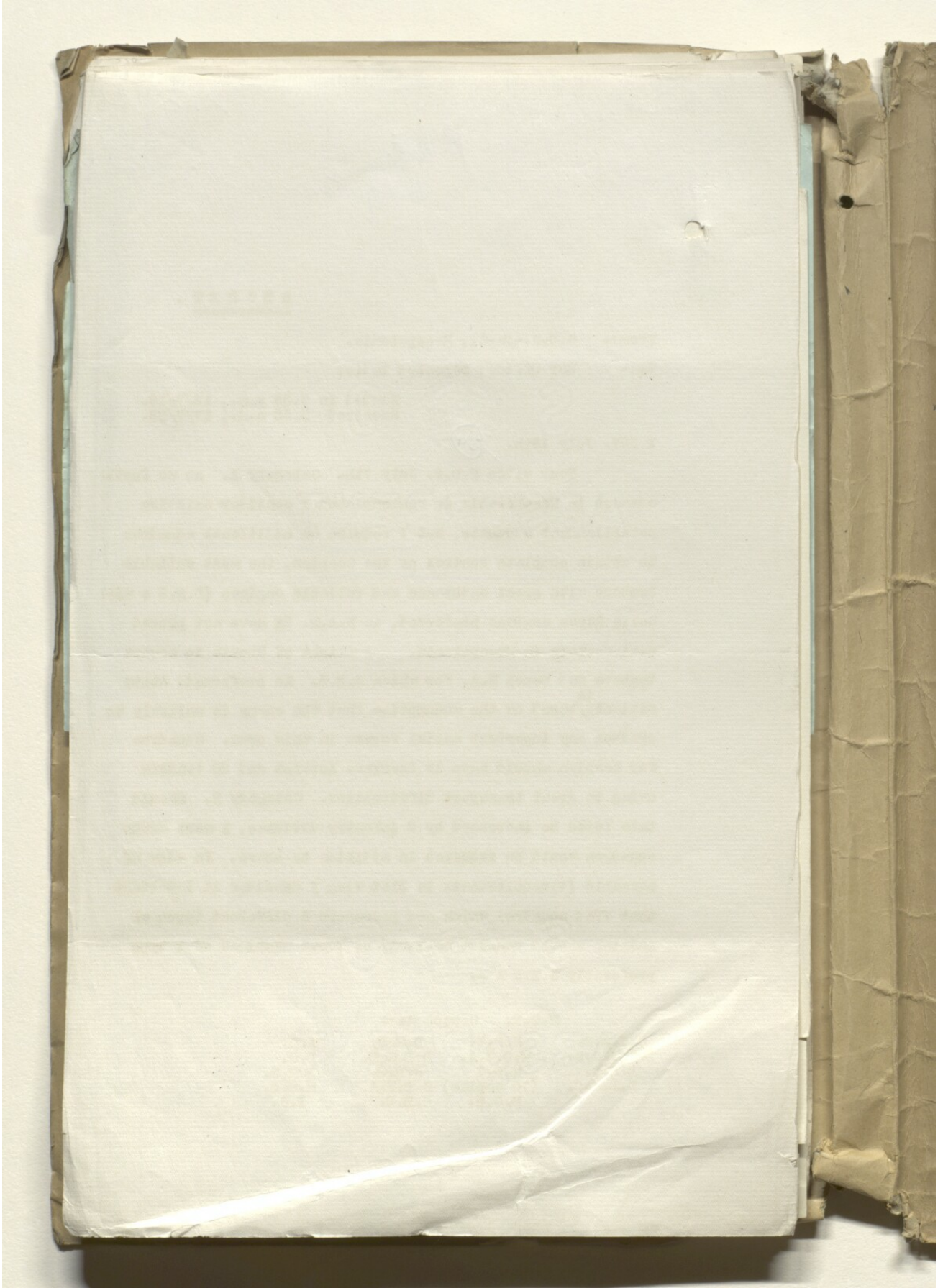
Your 61736 M.O.2. July 7th. Category A. As no further advance in Mesopotamia is contemplated I consider existing establishment adequate, but I require an additional squadron to attain complete control of the Caspian, the most suitable bombers with great endurance and reliable engines (D.H.9 s with Rolls Royce engines preferred, as R.A.F. 3A have not proved satisfactory in Mesopotamia. 1 flight of Scouts to escort bombers and repel E.A. for which S.E.5. As preferred. Above estimate is based on the assumption that the enemy is unlikely to produce any important aerial forces in this area. Squadron for Caspian should have 15 Peerless lorries and 20 tenders owing to great transport difficulties. Category B. Should this force be increased by 2 infantry divisions, 1 more corps squadron would be required in addition to above. In view of possible (?) requirements in 31st wing I consider it important that 72nd squadron which now possesses 6 different types of machine should consist entirely of Scout machines of 1 type preferably S.E.5 A s.

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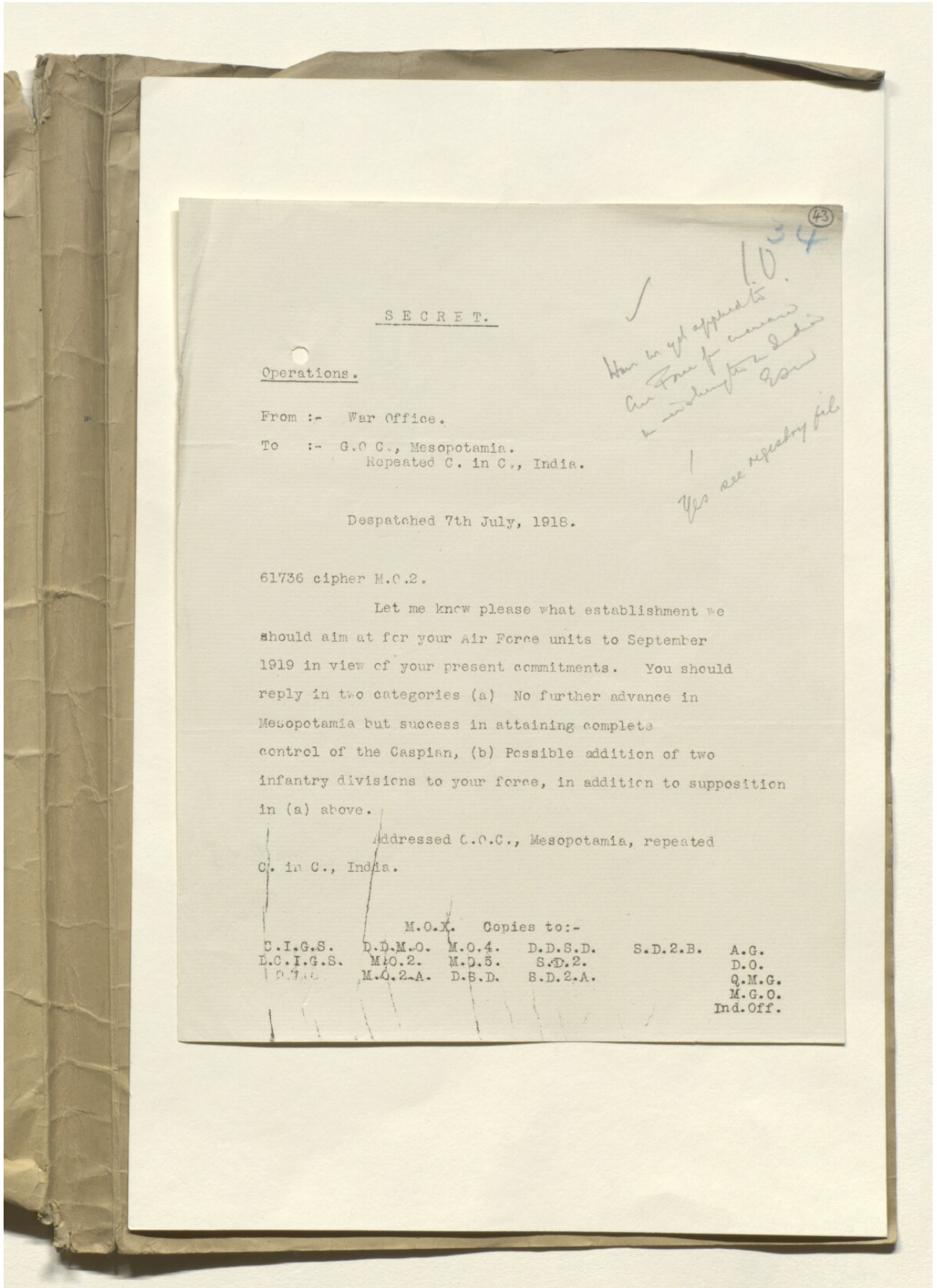


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٢٤ظ] (١٦٠/٨٤)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٣ و٤] (١٦٠/٨٥)



SECRET.

Operations.

From :- War Office.
To :- G.O.C., Mesopotamia.
Repeated C. in C., India.

Despatched 7th July, 1918.

61736 cipher M.O.2.

Let me know please what establishment we should aim at for your Air Force units to September 1919 in view of your present commitments. You should reply in two categories (a) No further advance in Mesopotamia but success in attaining complete control of the Caspian, (b) Possible addition of two infantry divisions to your force, in addition to supposition in (a) above.

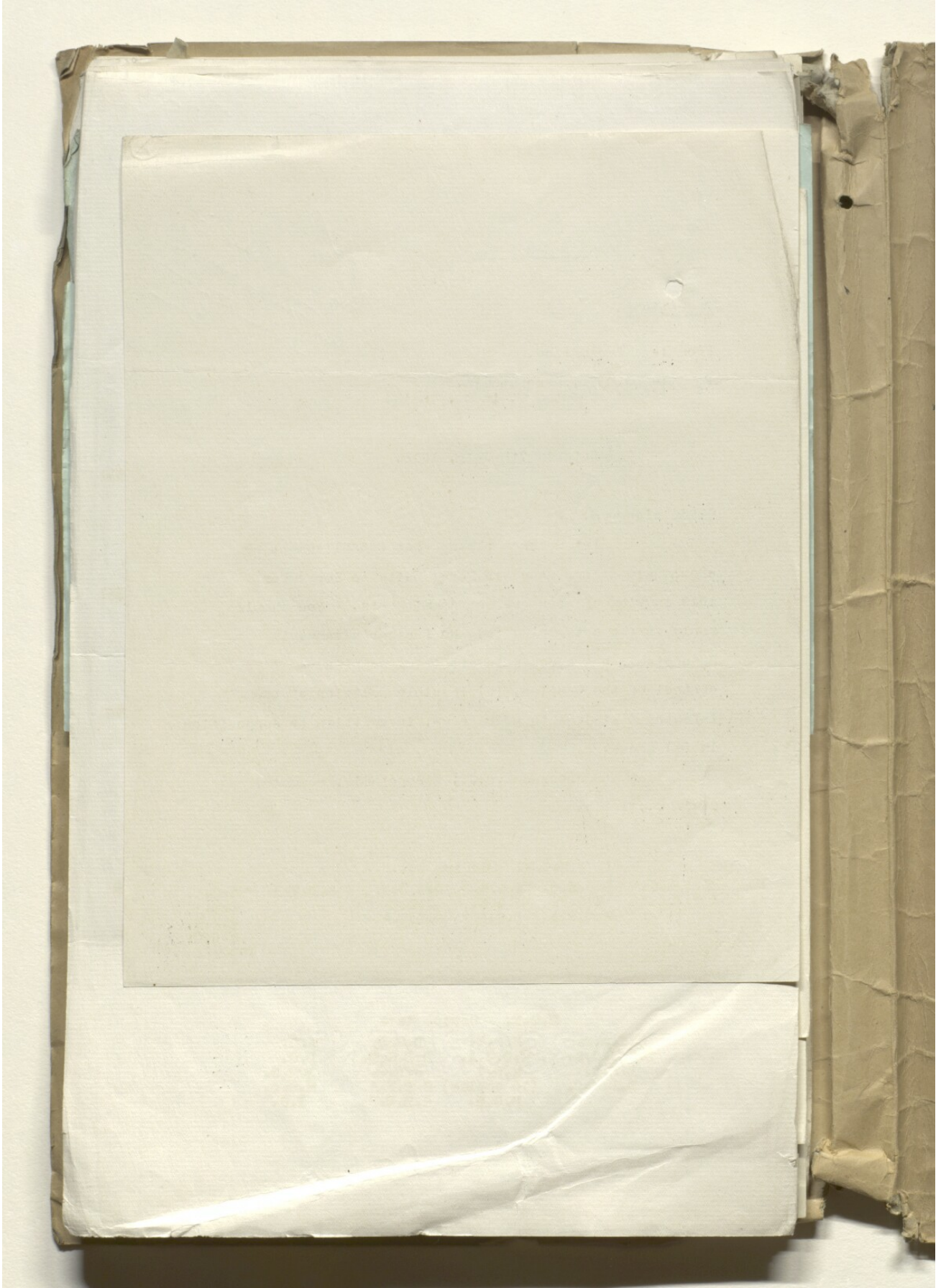
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"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٤ و٤] (١٦٠/٨٧)

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From General Officer Commanding, Middle East Brigade, Royal Air Force, Egypt,
to Air Ministry, London.

(No. E. 5036.)

14th April, 1918.

Reference your No. 21153 and No. 23226, A.O. 1, and No. 38799 of 31st July, 1916.
Weekly return of Royal Air Force, week ending 11th April:—

	Pilots.		Observers.	
	Available.	Not available.	Available.	Not available.
Training Brigade—				
Artillery Observers' School	18	4	1	1
Aerial Fighting School	24	1	..	..
School of Aerial Gunnery	11	2	..	..
No. 21 Training Squadron	10	3	..	..
No. 22 Training Squadron	14	3	..	..
No. 23 Training Squadron	17	6	..	..
No. 57 Training Squadron	15	2	..	..
No. 58 Training Squadron	11	1	..	..
No. 193 Training Squadron	12	2	..	..
No. 194 Training Squadron	11	2	..	..
No. 195 Training Squadron	12	2	..	..
"X" Aircraft Depot	5	1	..	..
Palestine Brigade—				
5th Wing—				
No. 113 Squadron	28	..	18	..
No. 14 Squadron	25	2	14	..
40th Wing—				
No. 111 Squadron	21	1	..	..
No. 142 Squadron	17	..	6	..
"X" Aircraft Park	2	..	..	..
No. 1 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps	29	1	13	..
No. 144 Squadron	6	1	..	..
Balloon officers in Palestine .. ..	..	..	34	6
"X" Flight	6	..	..	..
16th Wing—				
No. 17 Squadron	24	3	11	1
No. 47 Squadron	26	3	13	1
Balloon officers .. ..	..	..	15	1
Aircraft Park	1	..	..	..
31st Wing—				
No. 30 Squadron	20	2	13	1
No. 63 Squadron	16	6	11	1
No. 72 Squadron	23	1	1	..
Balloon officers .. ..	..	..	10	1
Aircraft Park	1	..	..	..
India and Aden Brigade				
Balloon officers	34	1	14	1
.. ..	..	..	5	..

"C" machines—

	Serviceable.	Unserviceable.	Not erected.
Training Brigade—			
Maurice Farman Longhorn, L.H.	6	5	1
De Havilland 6	32	10	1
Sopwith Bomber	1	8	..
Avro Monoplane	27	11	7
Avro	14	13	..
R.E. 8	10	11	1
B.E. 2 C and 2 E	25	13	..
Bristol Scout	4	7	..
Sopwith Scout	3	3	..
Bristol Monoplane	2
Nieuport Scout	2	7	..
S.E. 5	2	..
Armstrong-Whitworth	2	..
Martinsyde Scout	2	3	..

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	Serviceable.	Unserviceable.	Not erected.
" X " Aircraft Depot—			
B.E. 2 E	12	..
Avro	1	..
Avro Monoplane	4
Bristol Monoplane .. .. .	..	2	..
Armstrong-Whitworth, 160 B.A.D.	1	..	5
B.E. 12 A .. .. .	..	4	..
Bristol Fighter .. .. .	..	6	3
Martinsyde Scout .. .. .	..	4	..
Nieuport Scout	2	1	25
S.E. 5	1	..	13
Sopwith Bomber .. .. .	..	4	..
R.E. 8 .. .. .	..	6	16
Vickers F.B. 19 .. .. .	..	4	2
De Havilland 6 .. .. .	..	..	24
Sopwith Camel .. .. .	..	..	5
Sopwith Scout .. .. .	..	..	21
Palestine Brigade—			
5th Wing—			
No. 14 Squadron—			
R.E. 8	11	9	..
B.E. 2 E	2	..	..
Nieuport Scout	1	2	..
No. 113 Squadron—			
R.E. 8	16	3	..
Nieuport Scout	3	..	..
40th Wing—			
No. 1 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps—			
B.E. 2 E	1	..	..
Martinsyde Scout	1	..	..
Bristol Fighter	17	..	..
No. 111 Squadron—			
S.E. 5	6	6	..
Nieuport Scout	3	3	..
No. 142 Squadron—			
B.E. 12	1	1	..
R.E. 8	1	..	..
Martinsyde Scout .. .. .	..	1	..
No. 144 Squadron—			
B.E. 2	3	..	..
Balloons, Egypt and Palestine	25	9	..
" X " Aircraft Park—			
Bristol Fighter	3	2	1
Martinsyde Scout	1	3	..
R.E. 8	2	5	6
S.E. 5 .. .. .	..	3	2
B.E. 2 E	1	..	..
" X " Flight—			
B.E. 2 E	2	..	..
Martinsyde Scout	4	2	..
Nieuport Scout .. .. .	..	2	..
16th Wing—			
No. 17 Squadron—			
B.E. 2 C and 2 E	2	..	..
B.E. 12	3	1	..
S.E. 5 A	3	1	..
Armstrong-Whitworth, 160 B.A.D.	7	1	..
Bristol Monoplane	1	1	..
No. 47 Squadron—			
Armstrong-Whitworth	4	..	..
B.E. 12	1	..	..
Vickers F.B. 19 .. .. .	..	1	..
Armstrong-Whitworth, 160 B.A.D.	7	2	..
S.E. 5 A	2	1	..
Aircraft Park—			
B.E. 12 A	3	2	5
Armstrong-Whitworth .. .. .	..	4	..
B.E. 2 C and 2 E	4	..	9
Armstrong-Whitworth, 160 B.A.D.	1	..	17
S.E. 5 A	1
Bristol Monoplane	1	9
B.E. 12	4	11
Balloons	2	11	..



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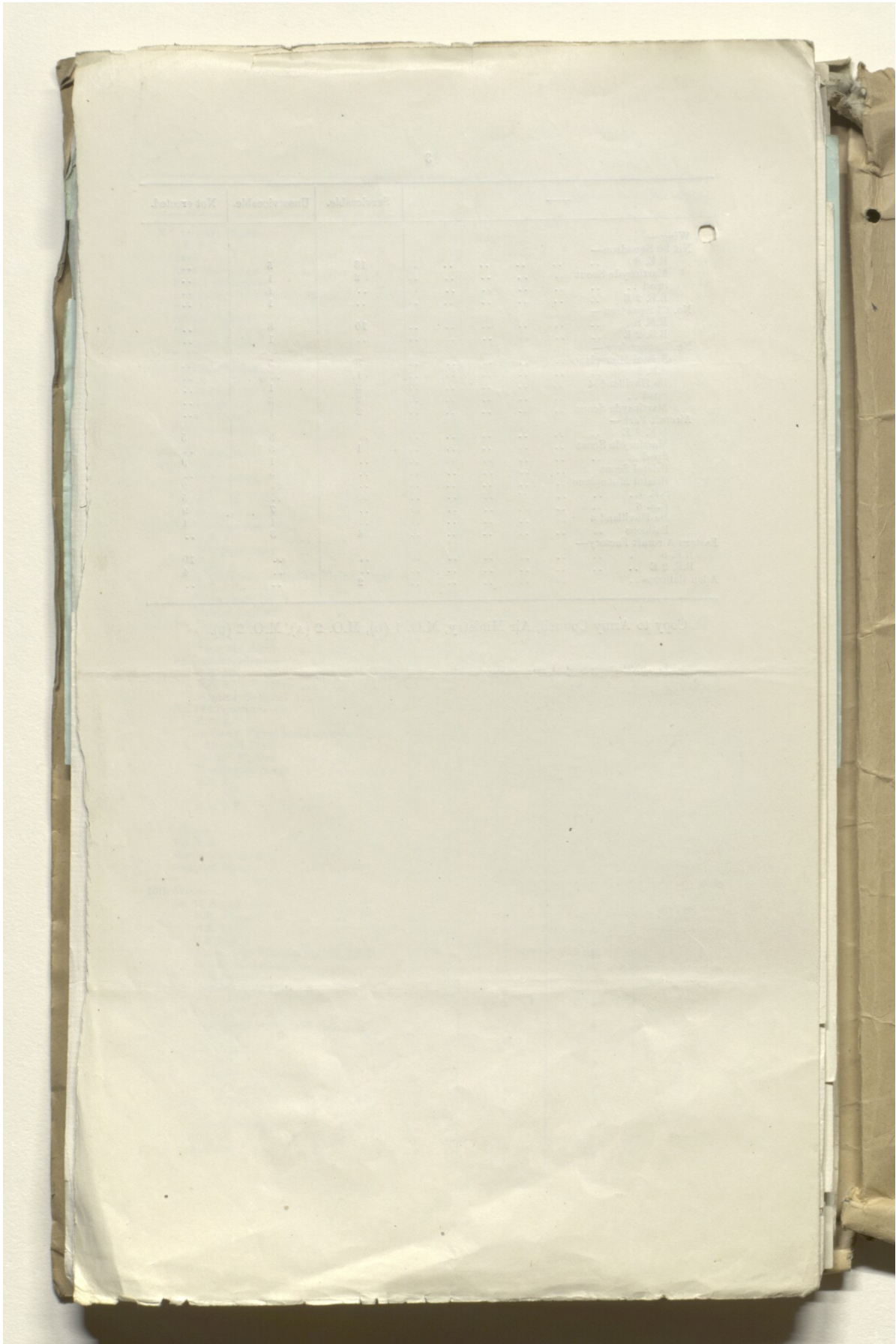
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	Serviceable.	Unserviceable.	Not erected.
Wing—			
No. 30 Squadron—			
R.E. 8	13	5	..
Martinsyde Scout	2	1	..
Spad .. .. .	..	1	..
B.E. 2 E .. .. .	..	1	..
No. 63 Squadron—			
R.E. 8	10	8	..
B.E. 2 E .. .. .	..	1	..
No. 72 Squadron—			
Bristol Monoplane	3	5	..
S.E. 5	1	..	..
De Havilland 4	2	1	..
Spad	2	3	..
Martinsyde Scout	2	1	..
Aircraft Park—			
B.E. 2 E .. .. .	..	5	5
Martinsyde Scout	1	3	..
Spad .. .. .	..	1	9
Bristol Scout .. .. .	..	5	..
Bristol Monoplane .. .. .	..	..	9
S.E. 5 .. .. .	..	..	5
R.E. 8 .. .. .	..	7	9
De Havilland 4	1	1
Balloons	4	3	..
Eastern Aircraft Factory—			
R.E. 8	10
B.E. 2 E	4
Aden Balloons	2

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"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٦ و٤] (١٦٠/٩١)

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From General Officer Commanding, Middle East Brigade, Royal Flying Corps, Egypt,
to Air Ministry.

(No. E. 4786.)

31st March, 1918.

Reference your No. 21158 and No. 2326, A.O. 1, and No. 38799 of 31st July, 1916.
Royal Flying Corps weekly return, week ending 28th March:—

	Pilots.		Observers.	
	Available.	Not available.	Available.	Not available.
Training Brigade—				
School of Aerial Gunnery	14	..	..	..
Artillery Observers' School	21	3	1	2
Aerial Fighting School	18	..	..	..
No. 21 Training Squadron	11	3	..	..
No. 22 Training Squadron	14	6	..	..
No. 23 Training Squadron	23	5	..	..
No. 57 Training Squadron	20	4	..	..
No. 58 Training Squadron	14	2	..	..
No. 193 Training Squadron	8	5	..	..
No. 194 Training Squadron	13	1	..	..
No. 195 Training Squadron	11	1	..	..
"X" Aircraft Depot	4	2	..	..
5th Wing—				
No. 14 Squadron	20	1	14	..
No. 113 Squadron	18	..	16	..
40th Wing—				
Australian Flying Corps.. .. .	32	3	13	..
No. 111 Squadron	19	1	..	..
No. 142 Squadron	5	1	2	..
"X" Aircraft Park	3	..	..	..
Balloon officers in Palestine and Egypt	..	..	34	5
Flight of No. 144 Squadron	8	..	9	..
"X" Flight	5	1	..	..
16th Wing—				
No. 17 Squadron	21	2	11	2
No. 47 Squadron	26	3	12	1
Aircraft Park	1	..	..	..
Also balloon officers .. .. .	..	..	17	..
31st Wing—				
No. 30 Squadron	22	1	12	1
No. 63 Squadron	21	1	13	..
No. 72 Squadron	23	..	..	..
Aircraft Park	1	..	..	..
Also balloon officers .. .. .	..	..	10	1
Aden and India	32	2	13	2
Also balloon officers .. .. .	..	..	5	..

Machines—

	Serviceable.	Unserviceable.	Not erected.
Training brigade—			
Maurice Farman, Longhorn	6	5	..
De Havilland 6	26	15	3
Sopwith Bomber	4	8	1
Avro Monoplane	24	5	..
Avro	14	15	..
Bristol Scout	4	8	..
B.E. 2 C and 2 E	30	16	..
R.E. 8	14	9	2
Martinsyde Scout	3	2	..
Nieuport Scout	4	2	..
Sopwith Scout	5	..	1
S.K. 5	1	1	..
Armstrong-Whitworth	2	..
Bristol Monoplane	2

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	Serviceable.	Unserviceable.	Not erected.
"X" Aircraft Depot—			
B.E. 2 E	16	..
Martinsyde Scout	1	3	..
Avro .. .. .	..	2	..
Avro Monoplane .. .. .	..	..	15
Bristol Fighter .. .. .	..	6	6
R.E. 8	1	6	19
Nieuport Scout	1	1	31
S.E. 5	3	..	10
B.E. 12 .. .. .	..	4	..
Bristol Monoplane .. .. .	..	2	7
De Havilland 6 .. .. .	..	..	24
Sopwith Scout .. .. .	..	..	12
Vickers F.B. 19 .. .. .	..	4	2
Armstrong-Whitworth 160 B.A.D. .. .. .	..	..	3
Palestine Brigade—			
5th Wing—			
No. 14 Squadron—			
R.E. 8	9	12	..
B.E. 2 E	1	1	..
Nieuport Scout	(Figures apparently omitted).		
No. 113 Squadron—			
R.E. 8	15	3	..
B.E. 2 E	1	..	..
Nieuport Scout .. .. .	..	..	3
40th Wing—			
No. 1 Australian Flying Corps—			
B.E. 2 E	1	..	..
Martinsyde Scout	1	..	..
Bristol Fighter	14	3	..
No. 111 Squadron—			
S.E. 5	7	2	..
Nieuport Scout	3	4	..
No. 142 Squadron—			
B.E. 12	2	..	..
Martinsyde Scout	1	1	..
Balloons, Egypt and Palestine	25	6	..
"X" Flight—			
B.E. 2 E	2	..	..
Martinsyde Scout	4	2	..
16th Wing—			
No. 17 Squadron—			
B.E. 12	3	..	..
B.E. 2 E	4	1	..
S.E. 5 A	3	1	..
Armstrong-Whitworth 160 B.A.D.	6	..	..
Bristol Monoplane	1	1	..
No. 47 Squadron—			
B.E. 12	1	..	..
Armstrong-Whitworth	5	1	..
Vickers F.B. 19	1	..	..
B.E. 2 E	1	..	..
Bristol Monoplane	1	1	..
Armstrong-Whitworth 160 B.A.D.	4	2	..
S.E. 5 A	4	..	..
Aircraft Park—			
B.E. 12	1	7	7
B.E. 12 A	3	3	4
Armstrong-Whitworth .. .. .	..	2	..
B.E. 2 C and 2 E	3	8	2
Armstrong-Whitworth 160 B.A.D.	1	..	5
S.E. 5 A .. .. .	..	1	..
Vickers F.B. 19 .. .. .	..	1	..
Balloons	2	11	..
31st Wing—			
No. 30 Squadron—			
R.E. 8	11	3	..
Martinsyde Scout	3	1	..
Spad .. .. .	..	1	..
B.E. 2 C .. .. .	..	1	..
No. 63 Squadron—			
R.E. 8	18	..	..
B.E. 2 C	1
No. 72 Squadron—			
Bristol Monoplane	1	1	6
De Havilland, Fighter 4	2
Spad	6	1	..



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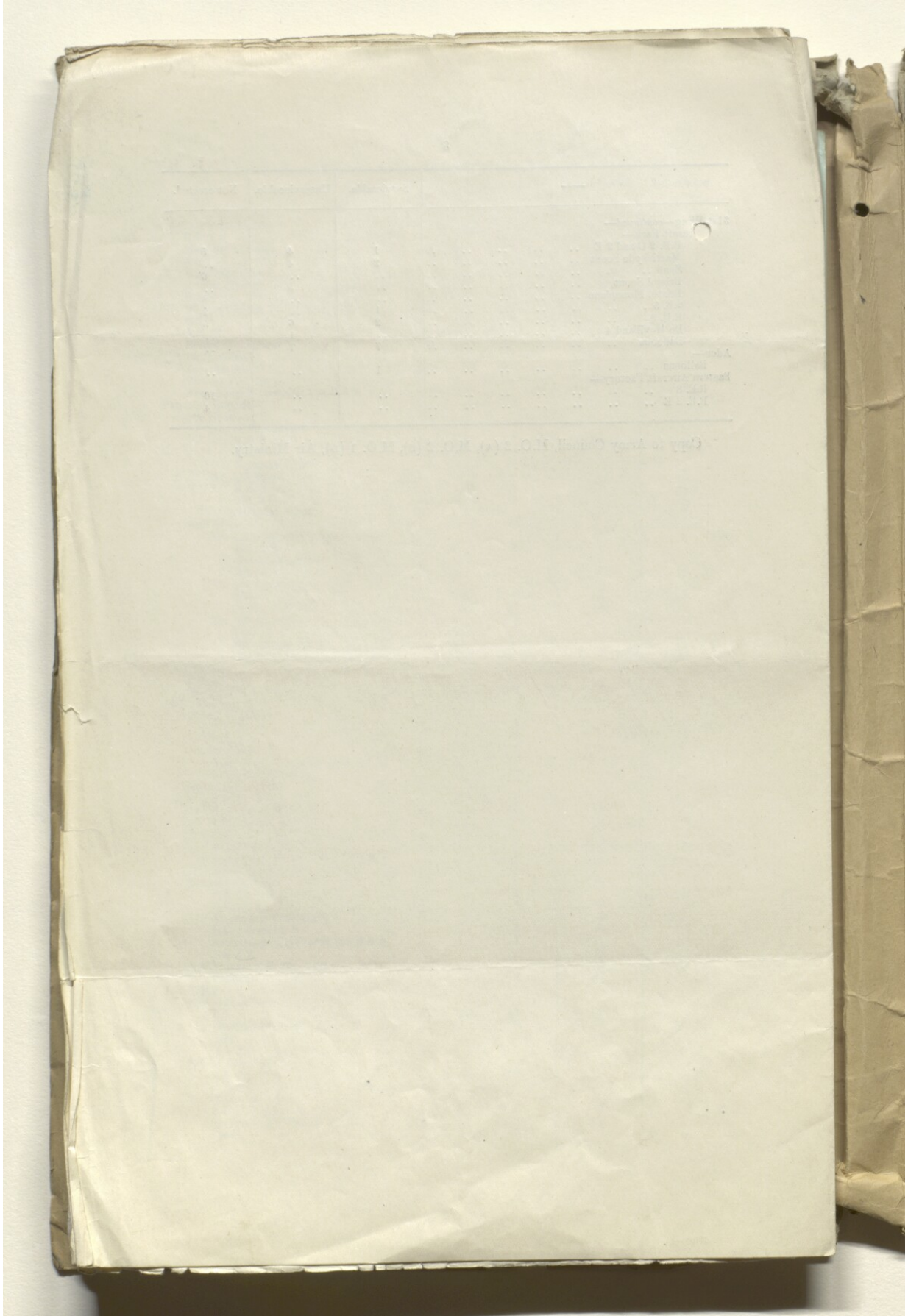
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	Serviceable.	Unserviceable.	Not erected.
31st Wing—continued—			
Aircraft Park—			
B.E. 2 C and 2 E	1	4	5
Martinsyde Scout	2	4	..
Spad .. .. .	..	..	6
Bristol Scout .. .. .	..	5	..
Bristol Monoplane .. .. .	..	..	8
S.E. 5	1	..	2
R.E. 8	2	6	5
De Havilland 4	1	..
Balloons	7	1	..
Aden—			
Balloons	1
Eastern Aircraft Factory—			
R.E. 8	10
B.E. 2 E	4

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"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٨ و١٠] (١٦٠/٩٥)

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From General Officer Commanding, Middle East Brigade, Royal Flying Corps,
Egypt, to Air Ministry.

(No. E. 4506.)

15th March, 1918.

Your No. 21158 and No 23226, A.O. 1, and No. 38799, 31st July, 1916. Royal Flying Corps weekly return for week ending 14th March:—

	Pilots.		Observers.		
	Available.	Unavailable.	Available.	Unavailable.	
Training Brigade—					
No. 193 Training Squadron	12	1	...	...
No. 195 Training Squadron	16	...	...	...
No. 22 Training Squadron	14	2	...	...
No. 23 Training Squadron	22	5	...	...
No. 58 Training Squadron	11	2	...	...
No. 57 Training Squadron	18	1	...	...
No. 21 Training Squadron	10	5	...	...
No. 194 Training Squadron	12	...	...	2
Artillery Observers School	14	2	...	2	
School Aerodrome Gunners	9	1	...	...
Aerodrome Fighting School	2	5	...	...
"X" Aircraft Depot	4	1	...	...
5th Wing—					
No. 14 Squadron	20	...	19	...	
No. 113 Squadron	19	...	19	...	
40th Wing—					
No. 142 Squadron	6	...	1	...	
No. 111 Squadron	17	1	3	...	
One Australian Flying Corps Squadron	30 31	2	10	...	
Balloon officers in Egypt and Palestine	...	...	33	6
"X" Flight	5	1	...	...
"X" Aircraft Park	2	1	...	...
16th Wing—					
No. 47 Squadron	26	4	12	2	
Aircraft Park	1	...	...	...
No. 17 Squadron	21	5	11	1	
Also balloon officers	...	...	16	...
31st Wing—					
Aircraft Park	1	...	...	...
No. 30 Squadron	20	...	10	3	
No. 72 Squadron	21	1	...	...
No. 63 Squadron	21	1	12	...	
Also balloon officers	...	...	11	...
India and Aden	32	2	13	1	
Also balloon officers	...	...	5	...
Machines—	Totals	387	43	175	15

	Serviceable.	Unserviceable.	Unerec'd.
Training Brigade—			
Maurice Farman, Shorthorn	7	7	...
De Havilland (1) Fighter 6	28	10	6
Sopwith Bomber	6	4	3
Armstrong-Whitworth Monoplane	21	8	2
Armstrong-Whitworth	15	18	...
Bristol Scout	4	9	...
B.E. 2 C and 2 E	35	14	...
R.E. 8	10	15	2
Martinsyde Scout	2	3	...
B.E. 12	1
Nieuport Scout	5	2	...
Sopwith Scout	5	1	...
S.E. 5	2	...
Armstrong-Whitworth	2	...
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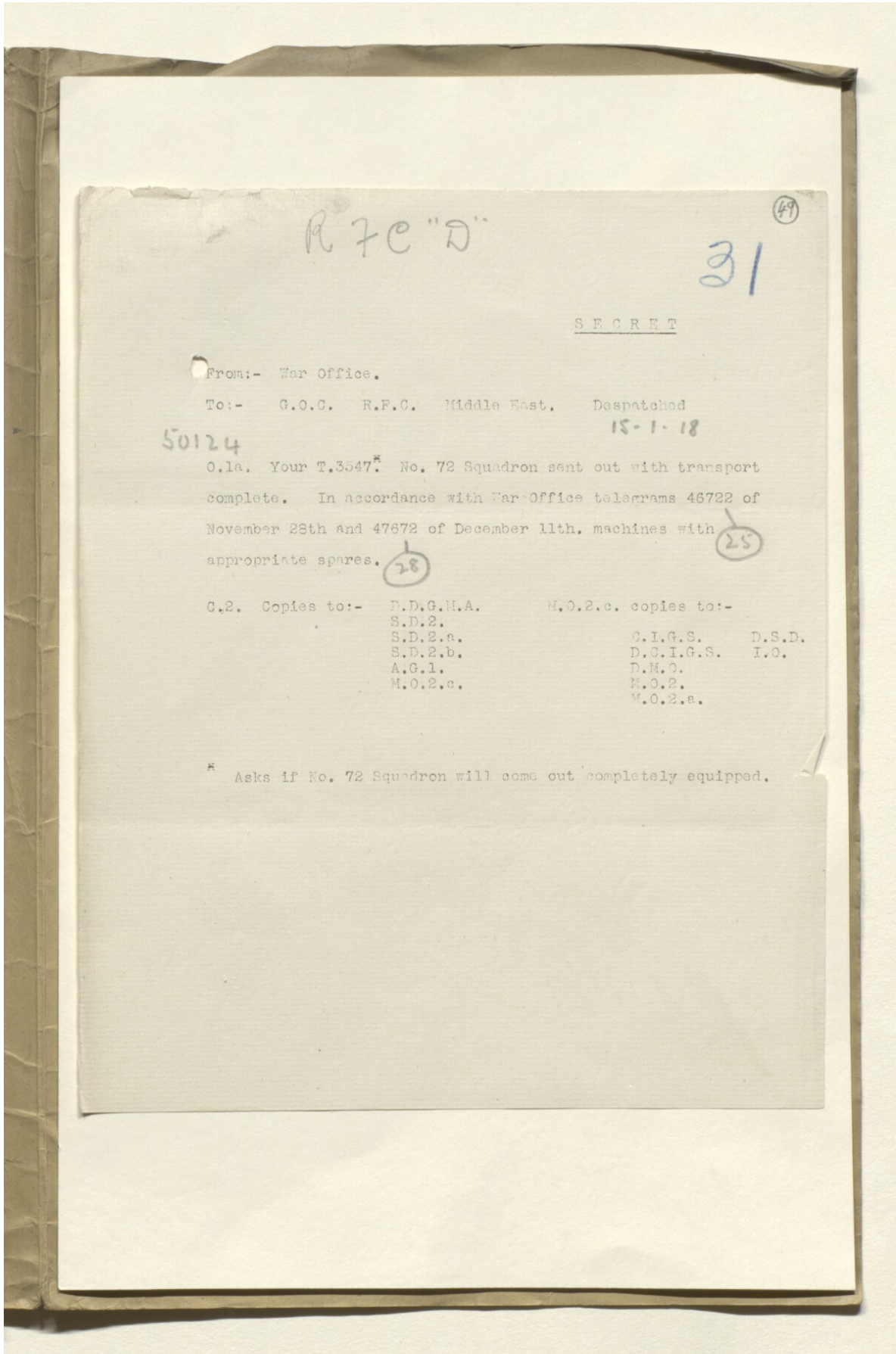
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	Serviceable.	Unserviceable.	Unerected.	
"X" Aircraft Depot—				
B.E. 2 E	1	16	...	7
R.E. 8	1	7	...	3
Armstrong-Whitworth ... ..	...	...	...	14
Armstrong-Whitworth Monoplane ... ..	...	...	...	6
Bristol Fighter ... ..	...	6	...	9
Bristol Monoplane ... ..	...	2	...	24
De Havilland (1) Fighter 6 ... ..	...	...	...	1
Martinsyde Scout... ..	...	3	...	13
Nieuport Scout ... ..	...	1	...	9
S.E. 5 ... ..	...	...	...	10
Sopwith Scout ... ..	...	...	...	2
Vickers F.B. 19 ... ..	...	4	...	...
Armstrong-Whitworth ... ..	...	2	...	...
B.E. 12 ... ..	...	3	...	...
Palestine Brigade—				
R.E. 8	34	9	...	1
B.E. 2 C and 2 E	2	3	...	...
Martinsyde Scout	5	2	...	...
Bristol Fighter	15	1	...	...
S.E. 5	7	6	...	1
Nieuport Scout	4	2	...	7
B.E. 12	2	2	...	...
Balloons, Egypt and Palestine	17	1	...	1
"X" Flight—				
B.E. 2 E	2	...	...	...
Martinsyde Scout... ..	4	2	...	...
De Havilland (1) Fighter 2 ... ..	...	1	...	...
16th Wing—				
B.E. 12	4	8	...	7
B.E. 2 C and 2 E	13	5	...	1
S.E. 5 A	6	5	...	...
Armstrong-Whitworth 160 B.A.D.	4	1	...	14
Armstrong-Whitworth	7	2	...	...
Vickers F.B. 19	1	1	...	...
Bristol Monoplane	1	1	...	...
B.E. 12 A	3	3	...	4
Balloons	14	1	...	...
31st Wing—				
R.E. 8	32	9	...	6
B.E. 2 E	2	5	...	5
Martinsyde Scout... ..	3	6	...	1
Spad	6	1	...	7
Bristol Scout	1	4	...	...
Bristol Monoplane ... ..	...	...	...	16
S.E. 5 ... ..	...	1	...	2
De Havilland (1) Fighter 4	3	1	...	...
Balloons	7	2	...	...
Aden balloons	4
Eastern Aircraft Factory—				
R.E. 8	10
B.E. 2 E	4
<i>Totals</i>	344	224	...	198

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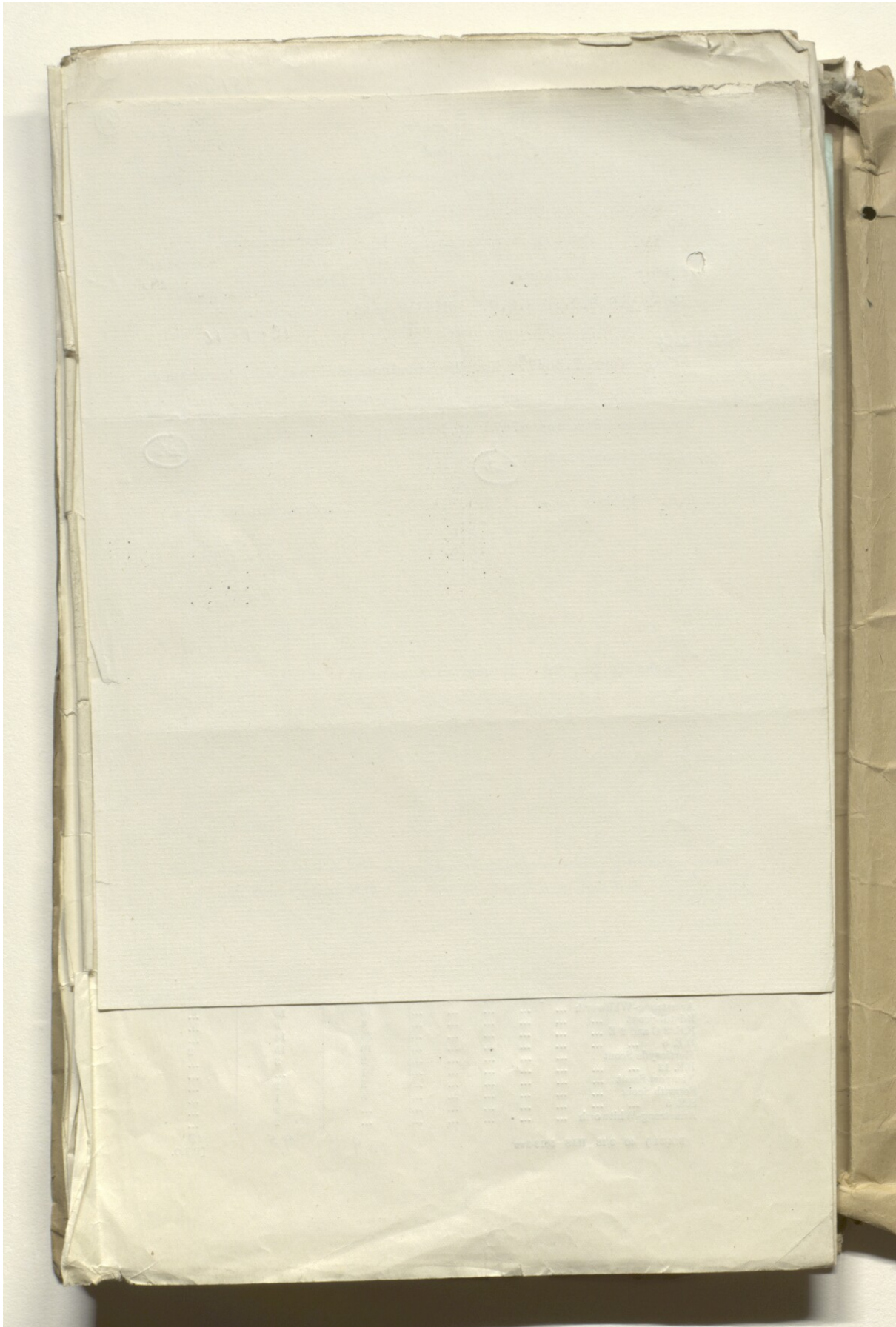


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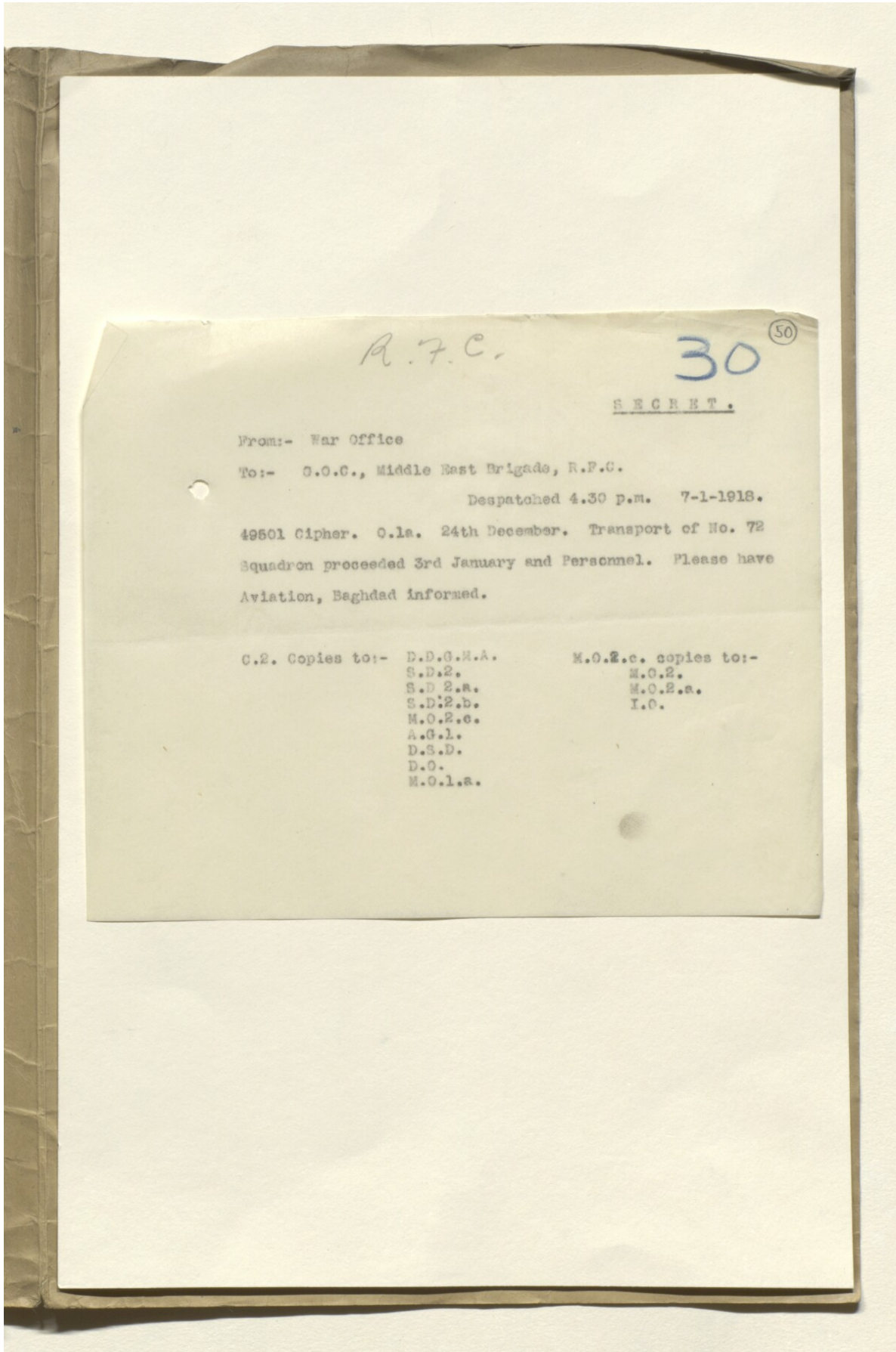


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From:- War Office

To:- G.O.C., Middle East Brigade, R.F.C.

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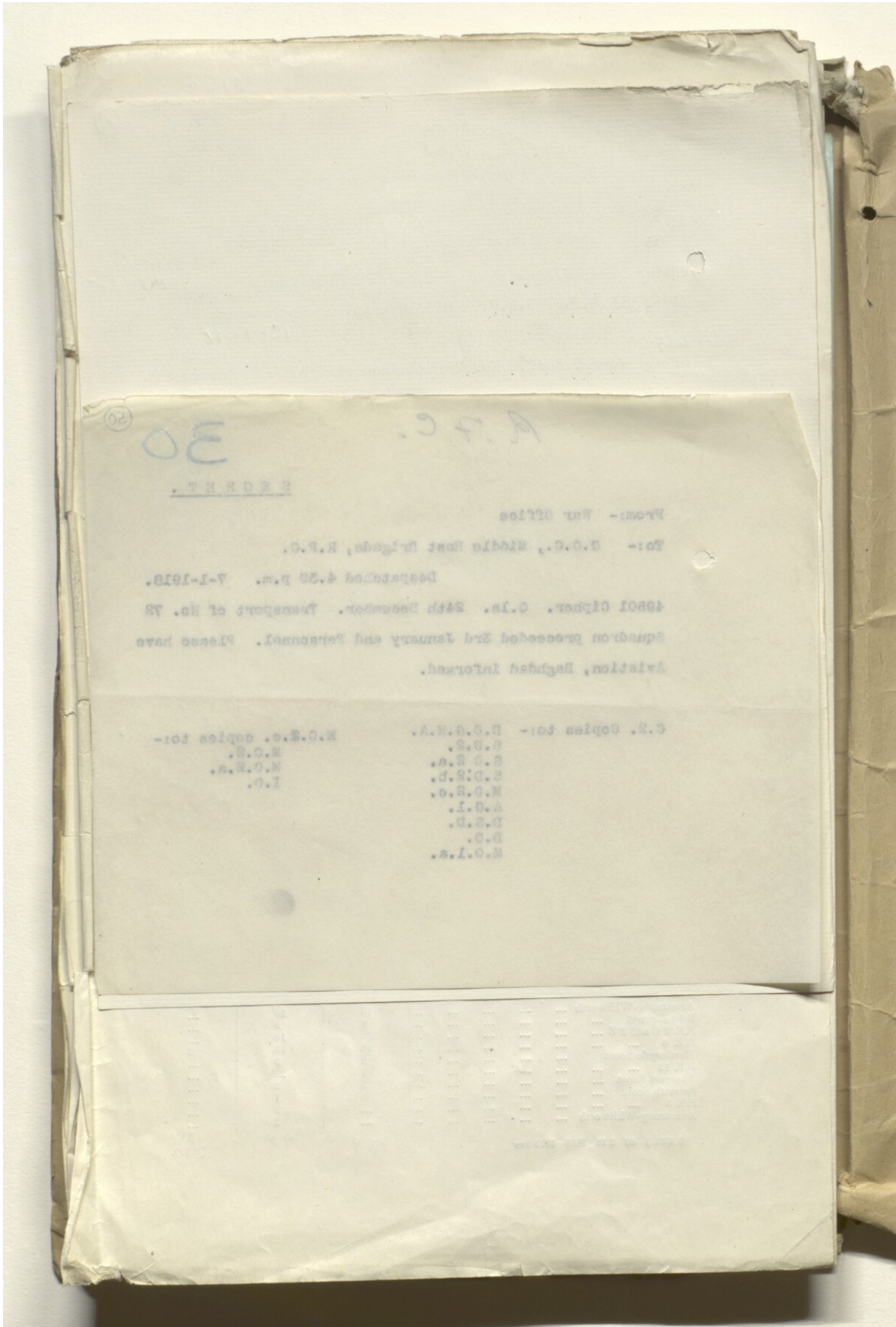
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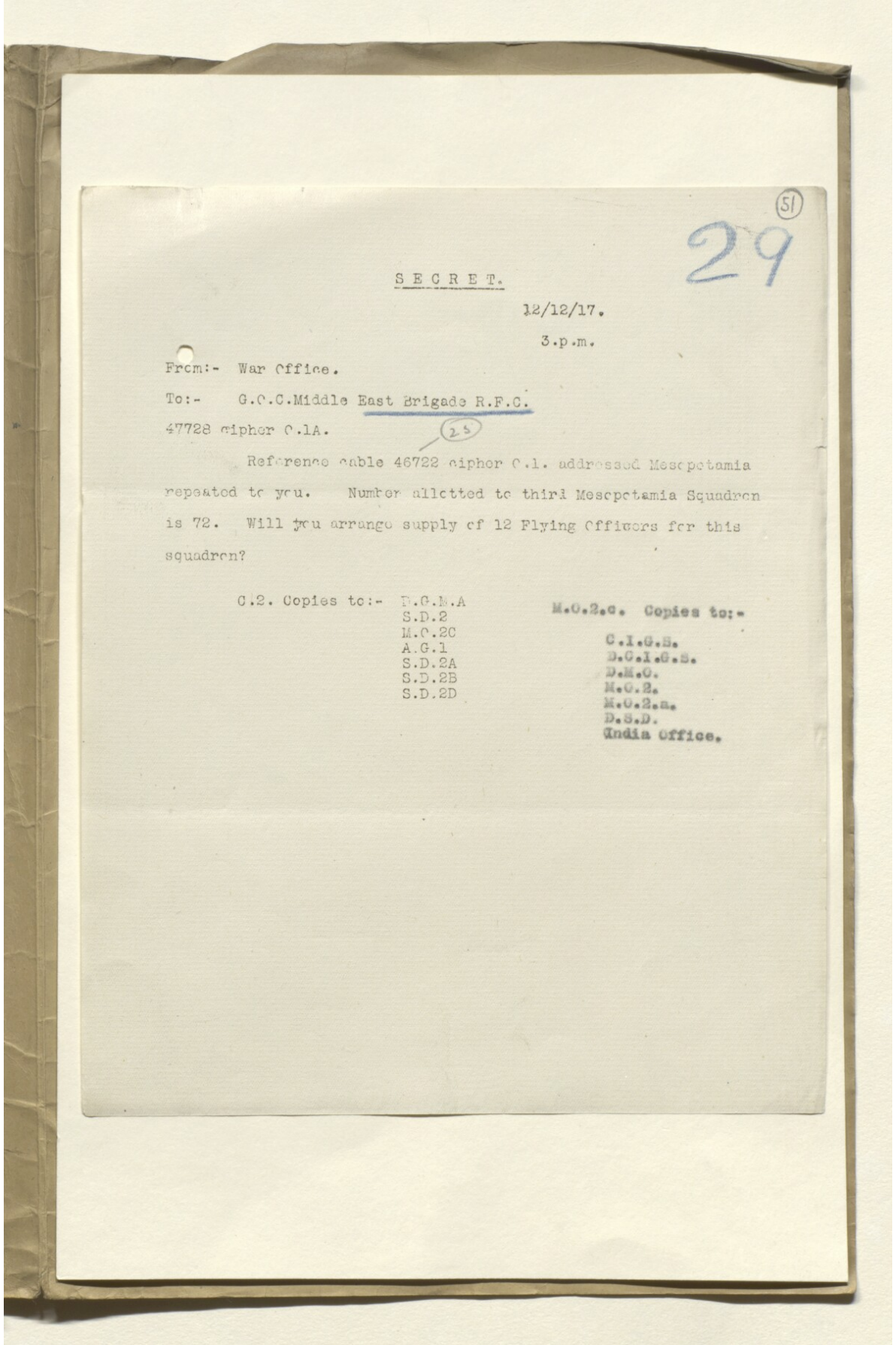


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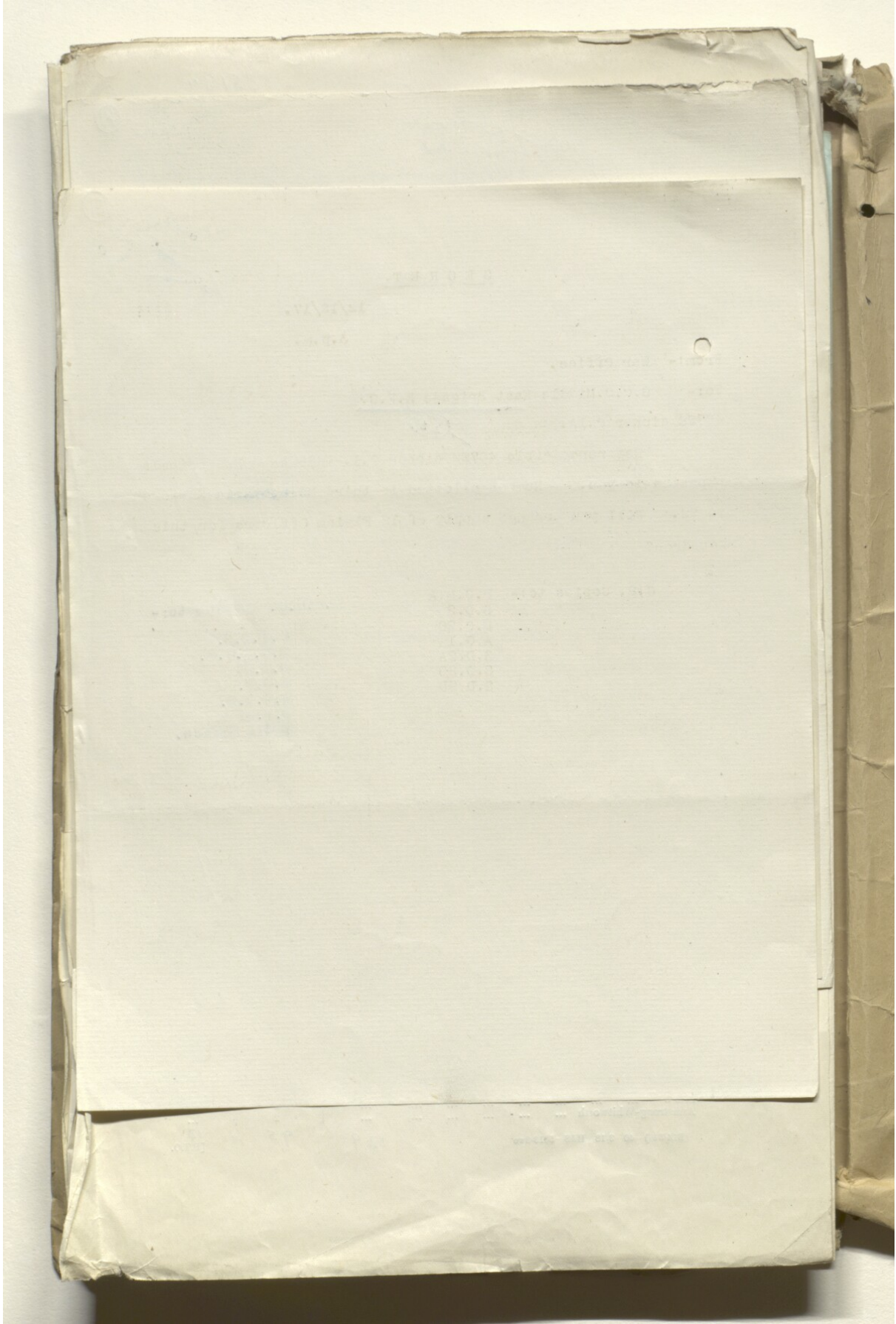
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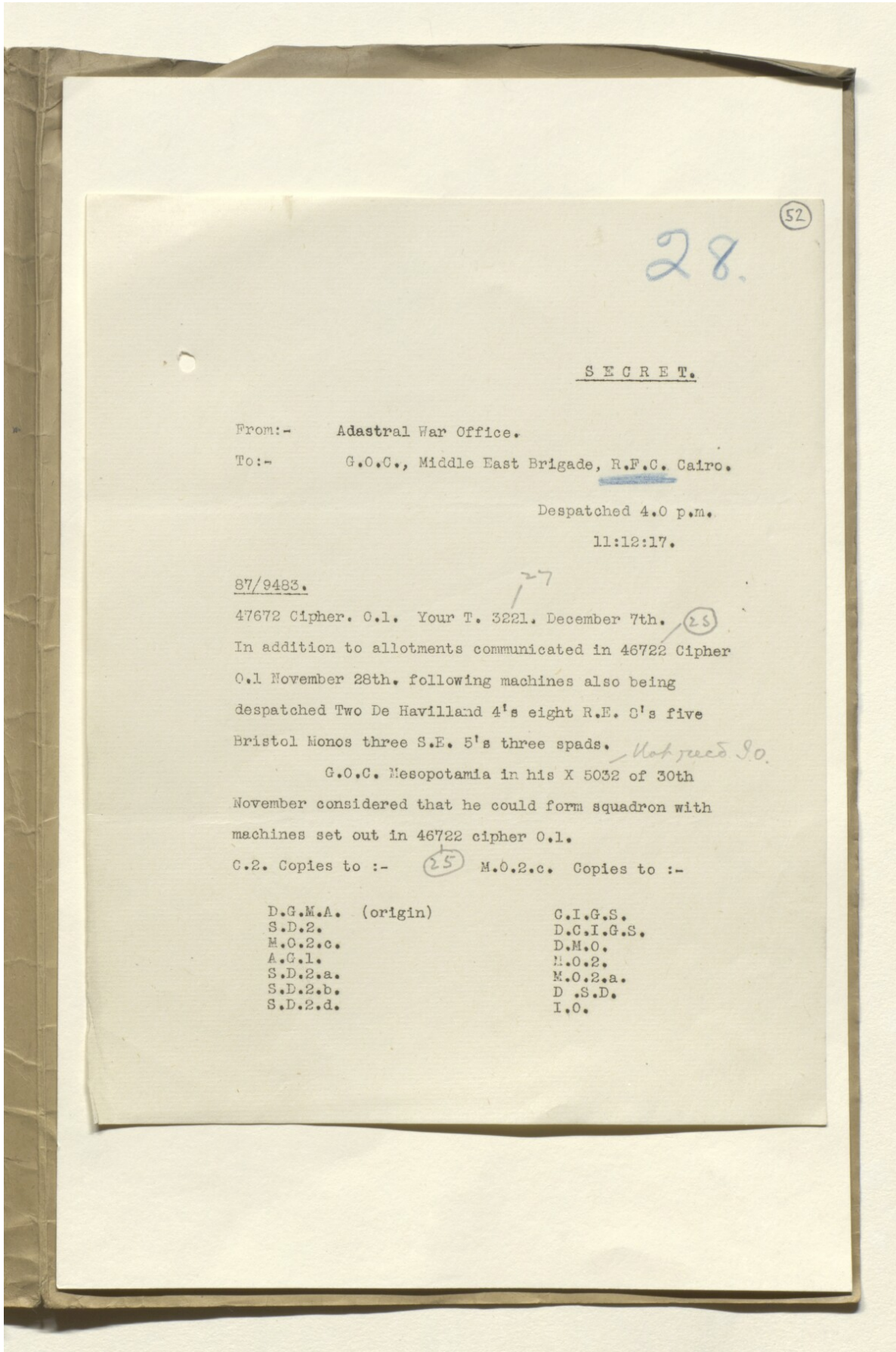
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To:- G.O.C., Middle East Brigade, R.F.C. Cairo.

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47672 Cipher. O.l. Your T. 3221. December 7th. (25)

In addition to allotments communicated in 46722 Cipher

O.l. November 28th. following machines also being

despatched Two De Havilland 4's eight R.E. 3's five

Bristol Monos three S.E. 5's three spads. *Not recd 30.*

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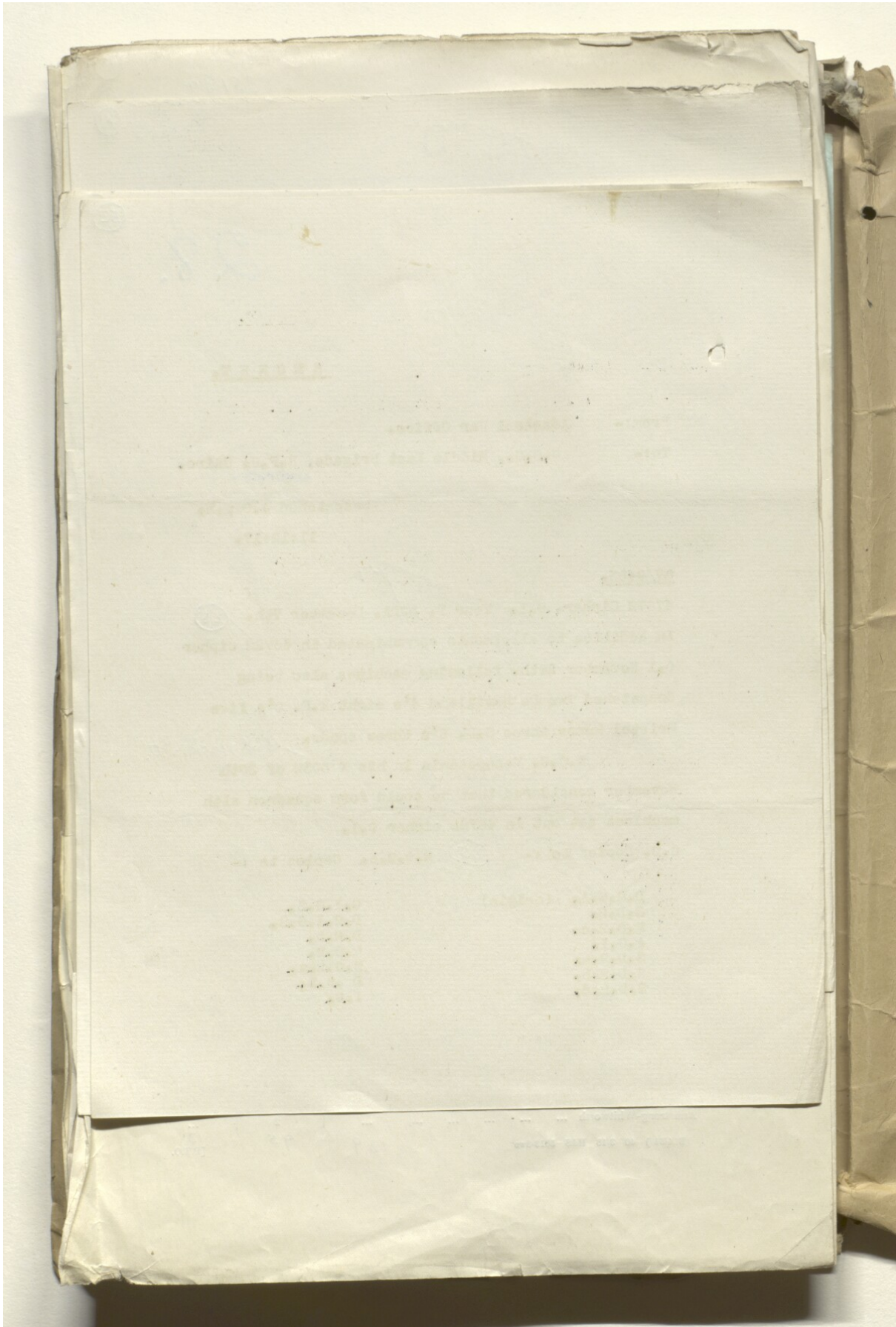
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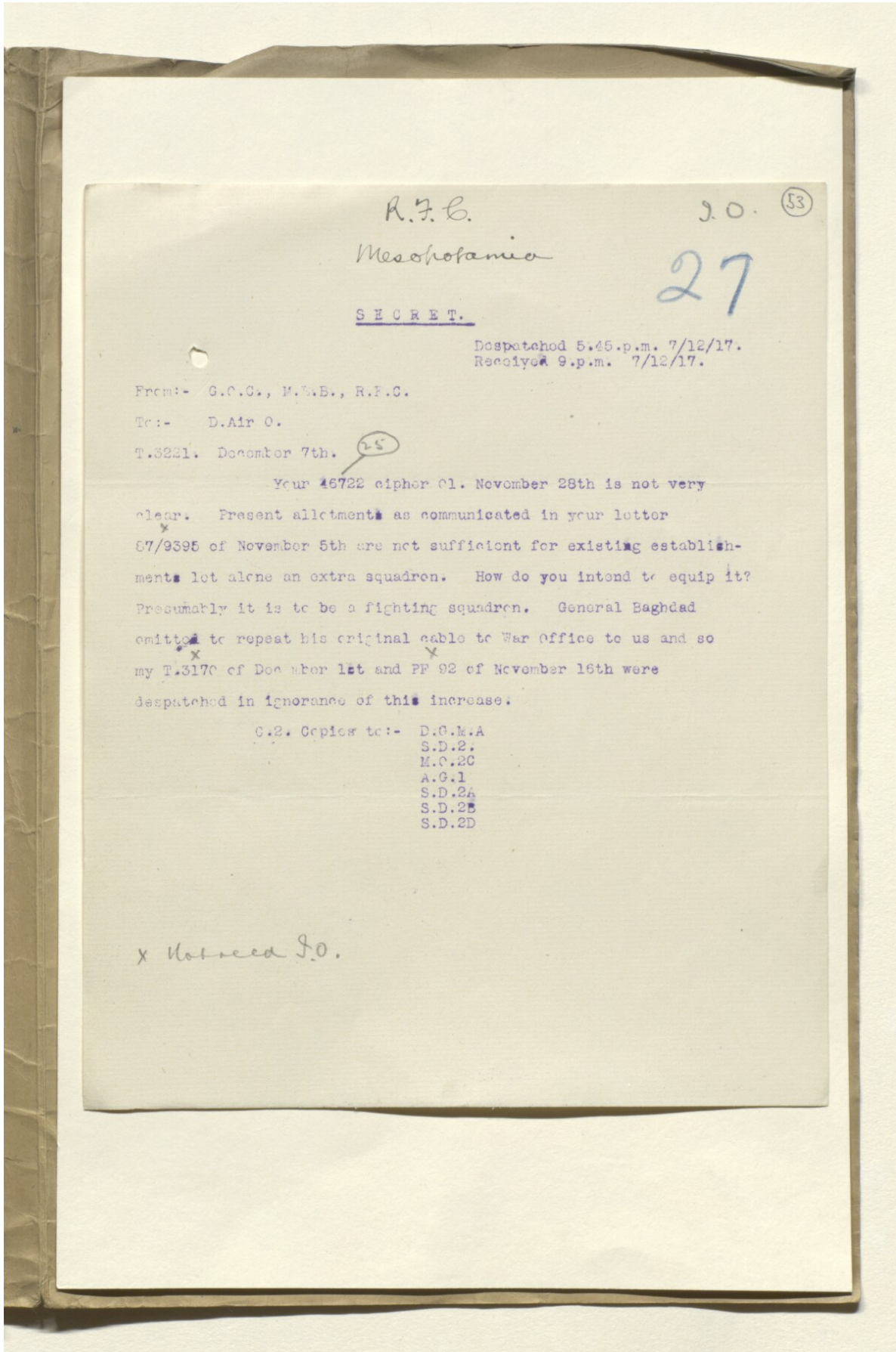
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R.F.C.

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Despatched 5.45.p.m. 7/12/17.
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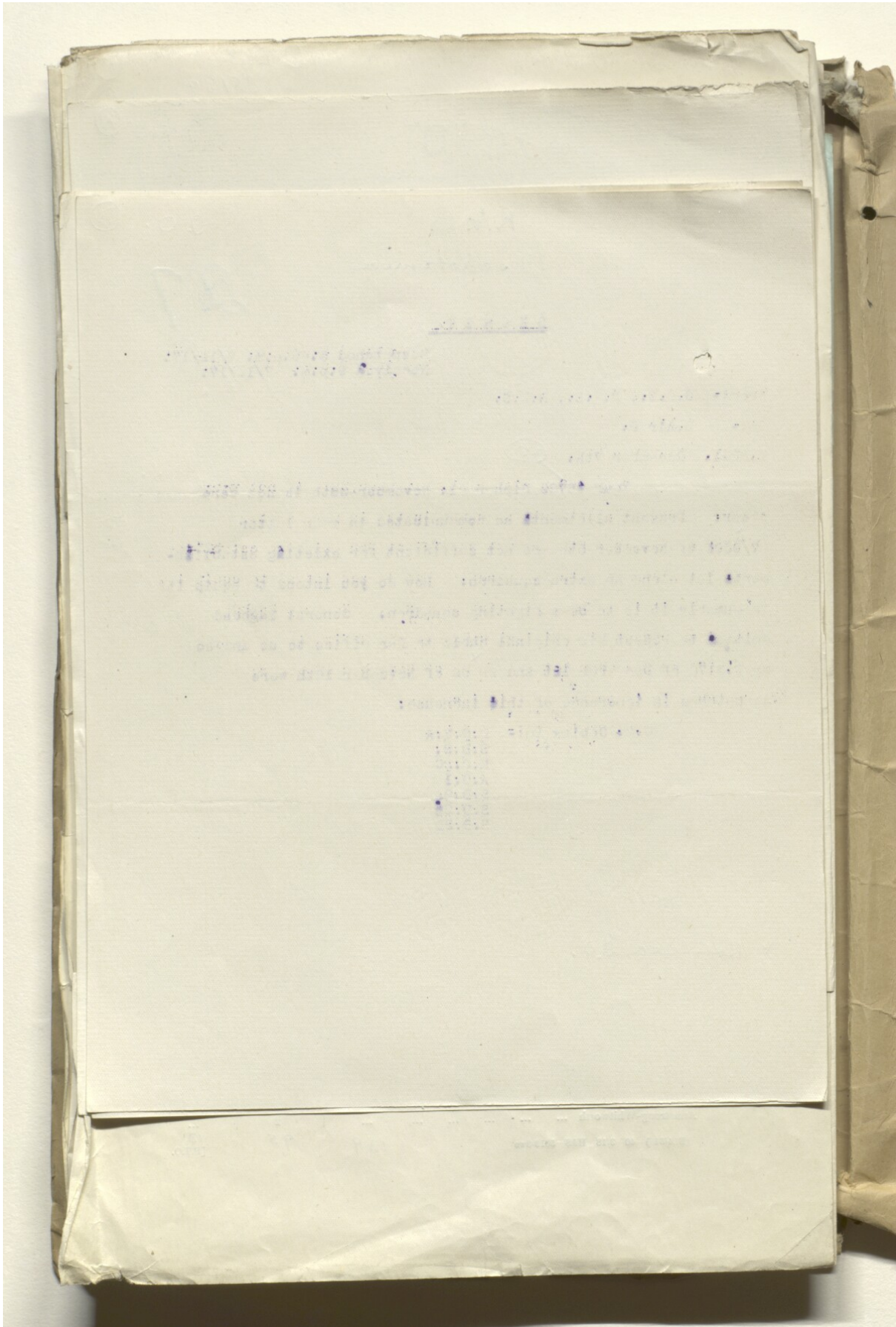
Your 46722 cipher 01. November 28th is not very clear. Present allotments as communicated in your letter 87/9395 of November 5th are not sufficient for existing establishments let alone an extra squadron. How do you intend to equip it? Presumably it is to be a fighting squadron. General Baghdad omitted to repeat his original cable to War Office to us and so my T.3170 of December 1st and PF 92 of November 16th were despatched in ignorance of this increase.

C.2. Copies to:-
D.C.M.A
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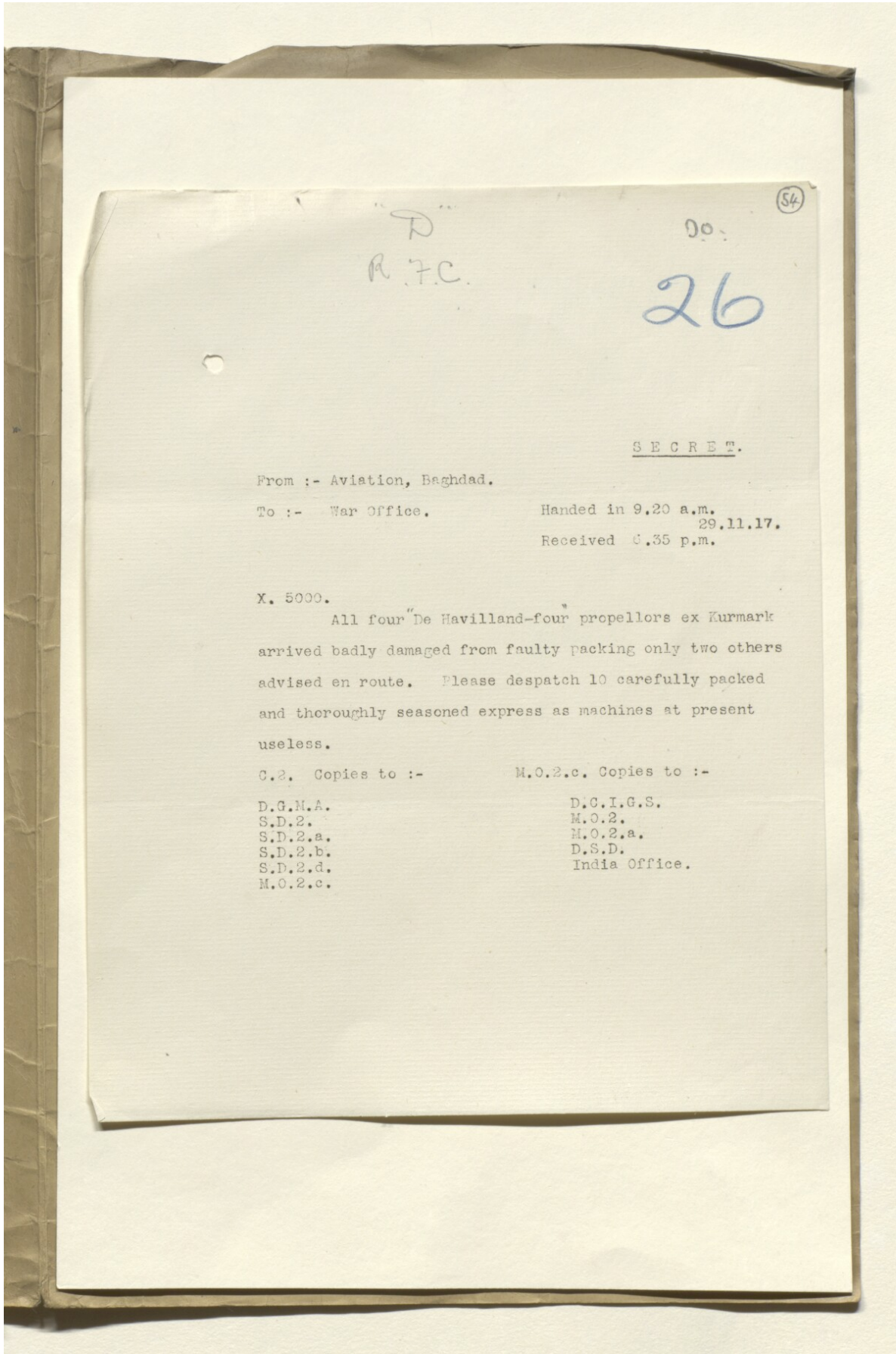


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٥٣ظ] (١٦٠/١٠٦)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٤٥٠] (١٦٠/١٠٧)



SECRET.

From :- Aviation, Baghdad.

To :- War Office.

Handed in 9.20 a.m.

29.11.17.

Received 0.35 p.m.

X. 5000.

All four "De Havilland-four" propellers ex Kurmark arrived badly damaged from faulty packing only two others advised en route. Please despatch 10 carefully packed and thoroughly seasoned express as machines at present useless.

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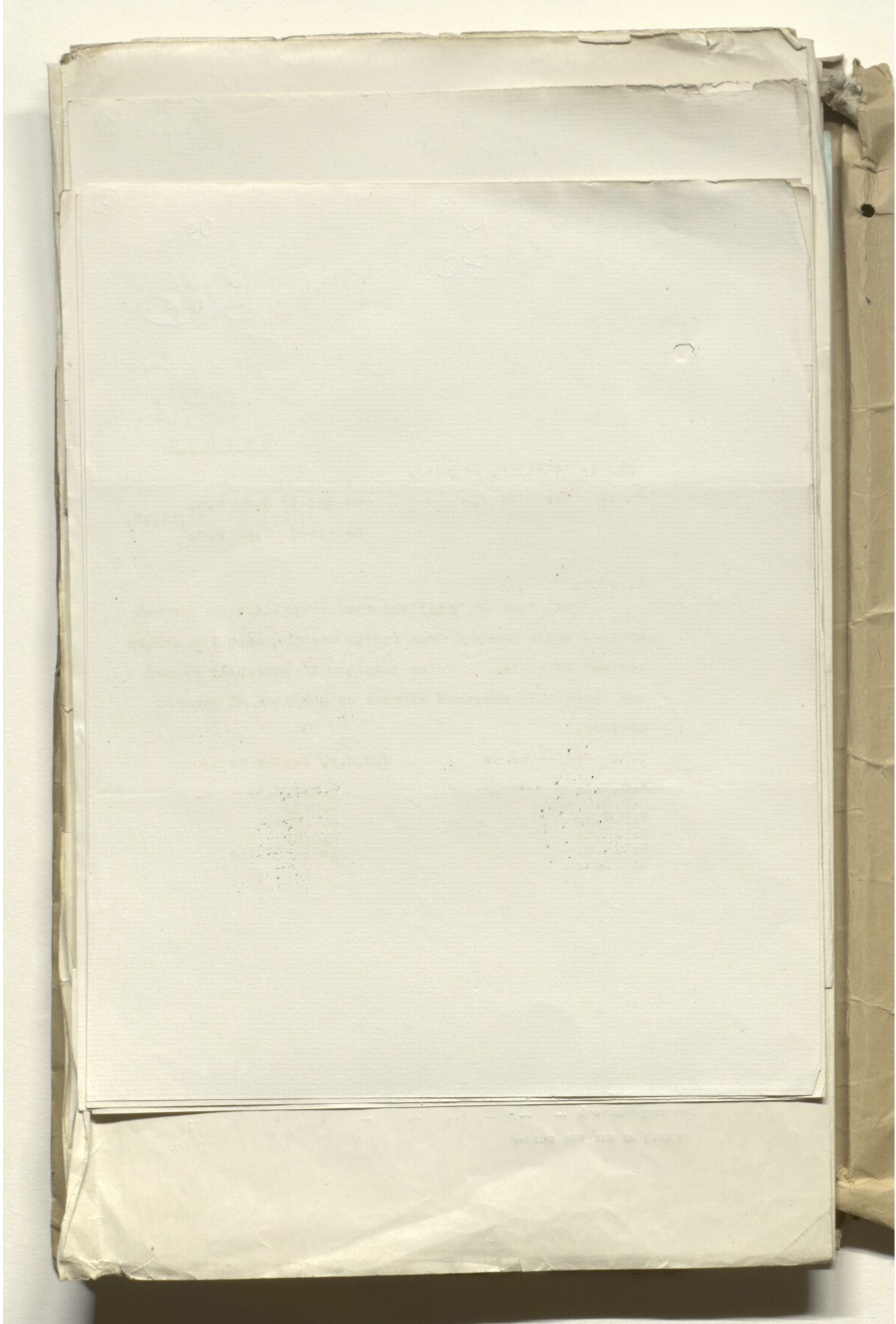
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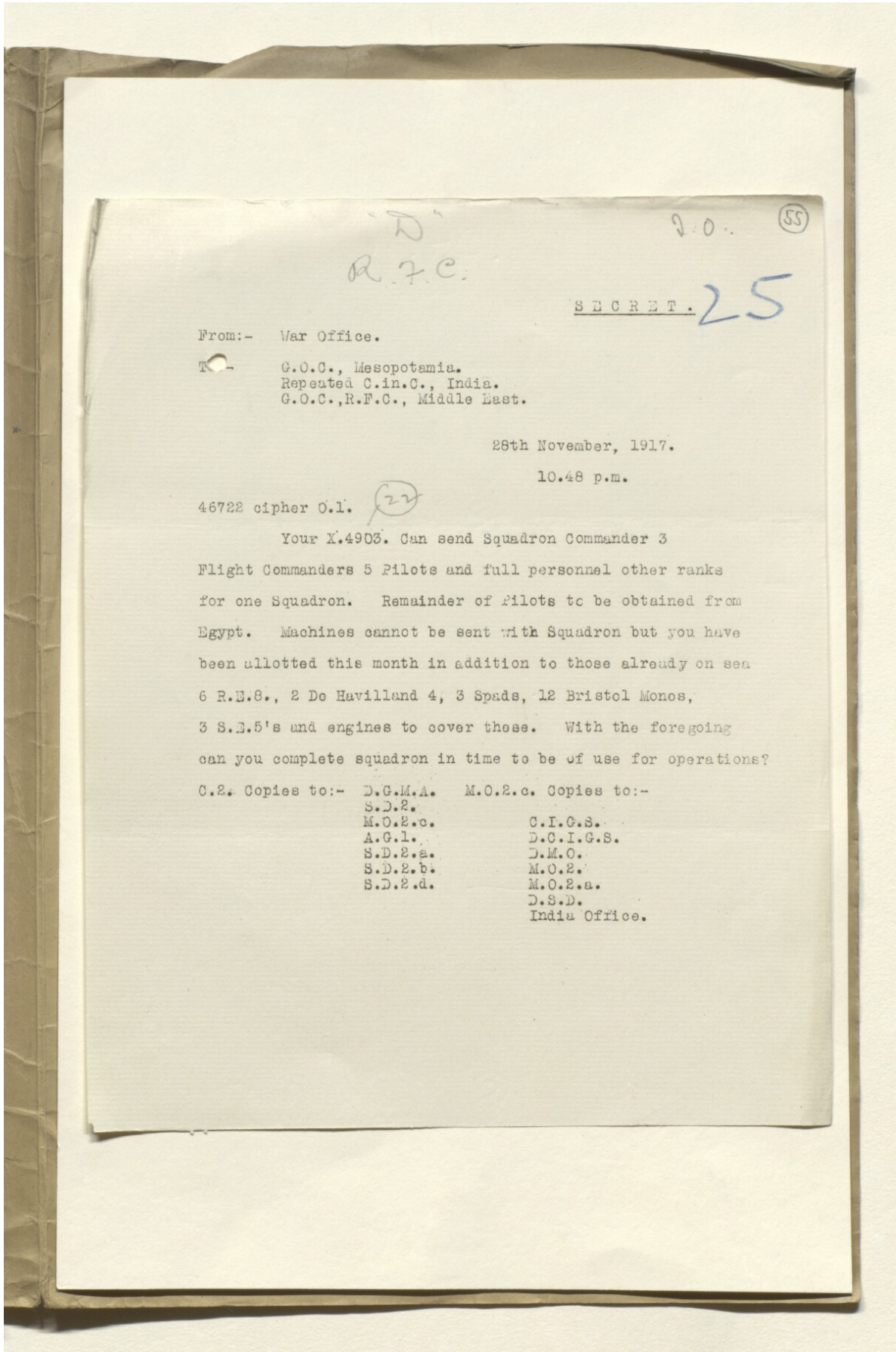
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India Office.



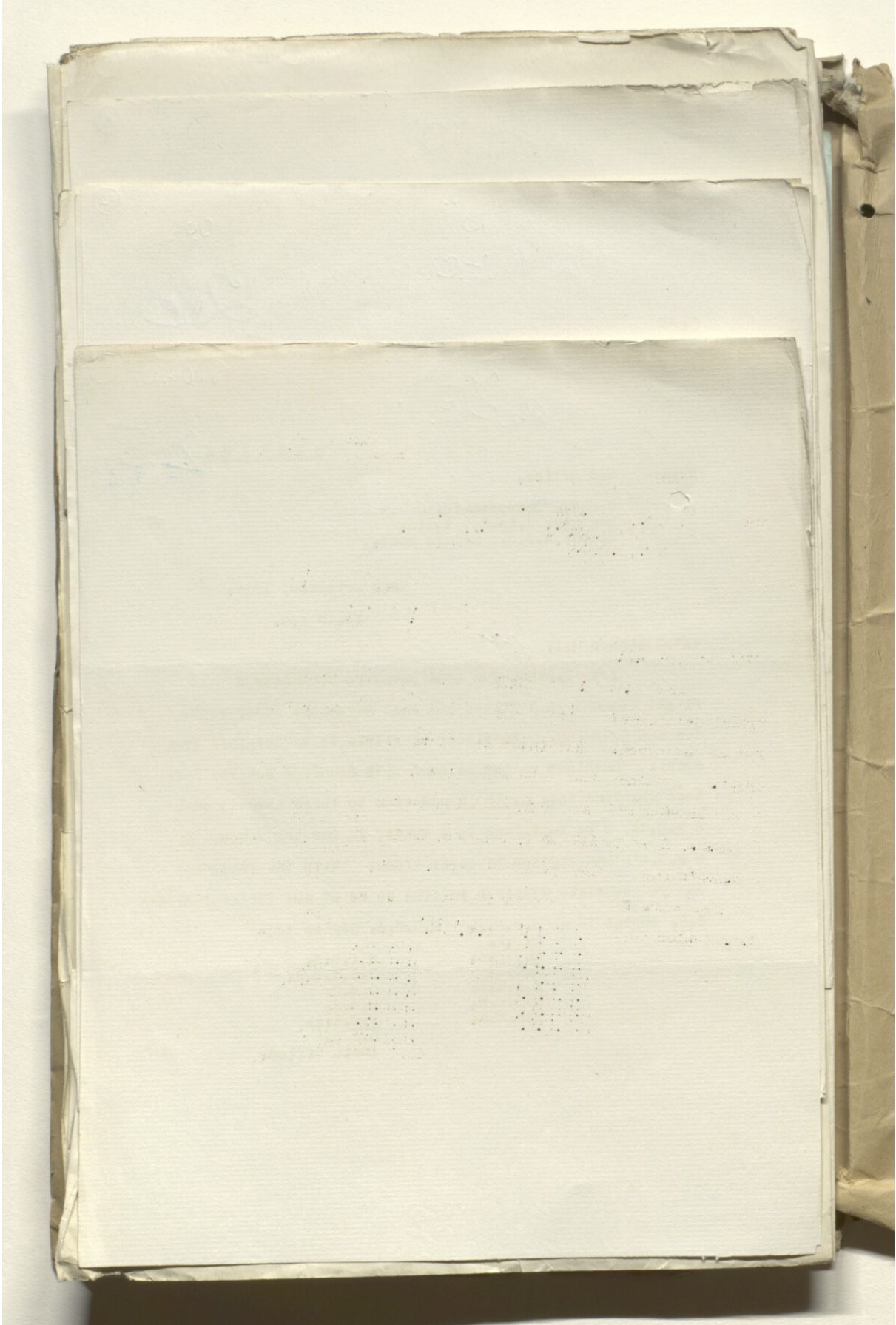
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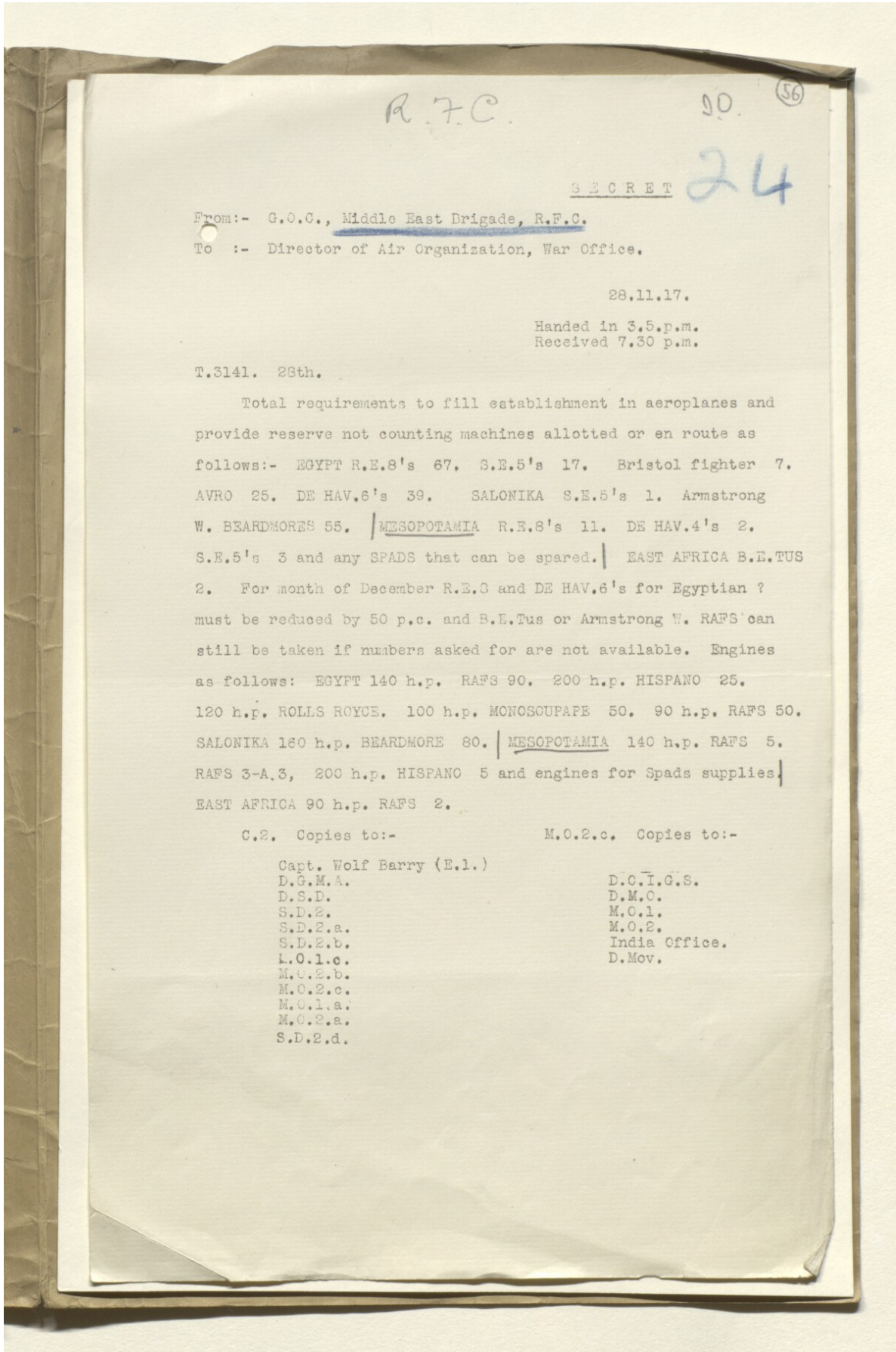


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٥٥ ظ] (١٦٠/١١٠)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٥٦] [١١١/١٦٠]



R.F.C.

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SECRET

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From:- G.O.C., Middle East Brigade, R.F.C.

To :- Director of Air Organization, War Office.

28.11.17.

Handed in 3.5.p.m.
Received 7.30 p.m.

T.3141. 28th.

Total requirements to fill establishment in aeroplanes and provide reserve not counting machines allotted or en route as follows:- EGYPT R.E.8's 67. S.E.5's 17. Bristol fighter 7. AVRO 25. DE HAV.6's 39. SALONIKA S.E.5's 1. Armstrong W. BEARDMORES 55. |MESOPOTAMIA R.E.8's 11. DE HAV.4's 2. S.E.5's 3 and any SPADS that can be spared. | EAST AFRICA B.E.TUS 2. For month of December R.E.8 and DE HAV.6's for Egyptian ? must be reduced by 50 p.c. and B.E.Tus or Armstrong W. RAFS can still be taken if numbers asked for are not available. Engines as follows: EGYPT 140 h.p. RAFS 90. 200 h.p. HISPANO 25. 120 h.p. ROLLS ROYCE. 100 h.p. MONOCOUPAPE 50. 90 h.p. RAFS 50. SALONIKA 160 h.p. BEARDMORE 80. |MESOPOTAMIA 140 h.p. RAFS 5. RAFS 3-A.3, 200 h.p. HISPANO 5 and engines for Spads supplies | EAST AFRICA 90 h.p. RAFS 2.

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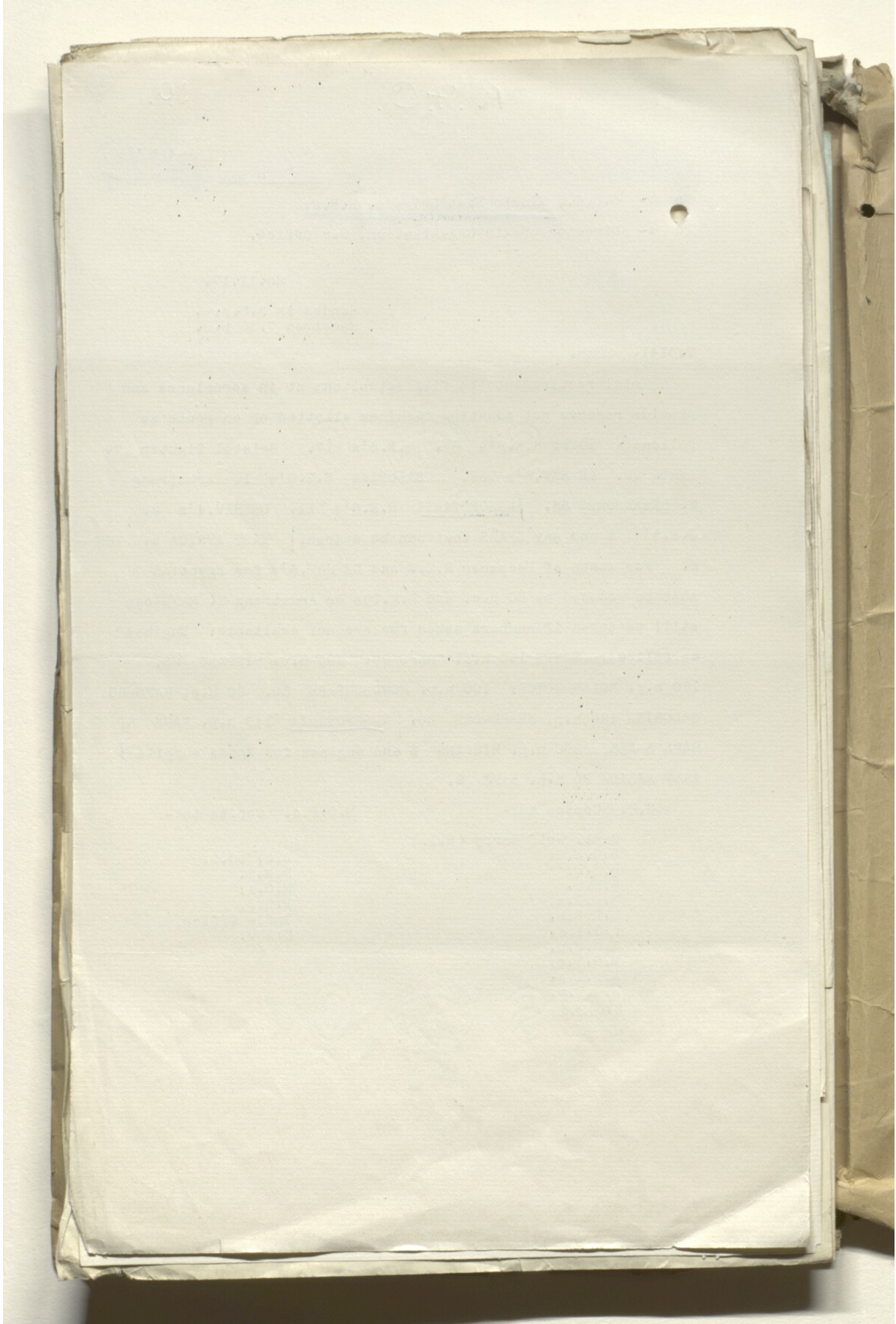
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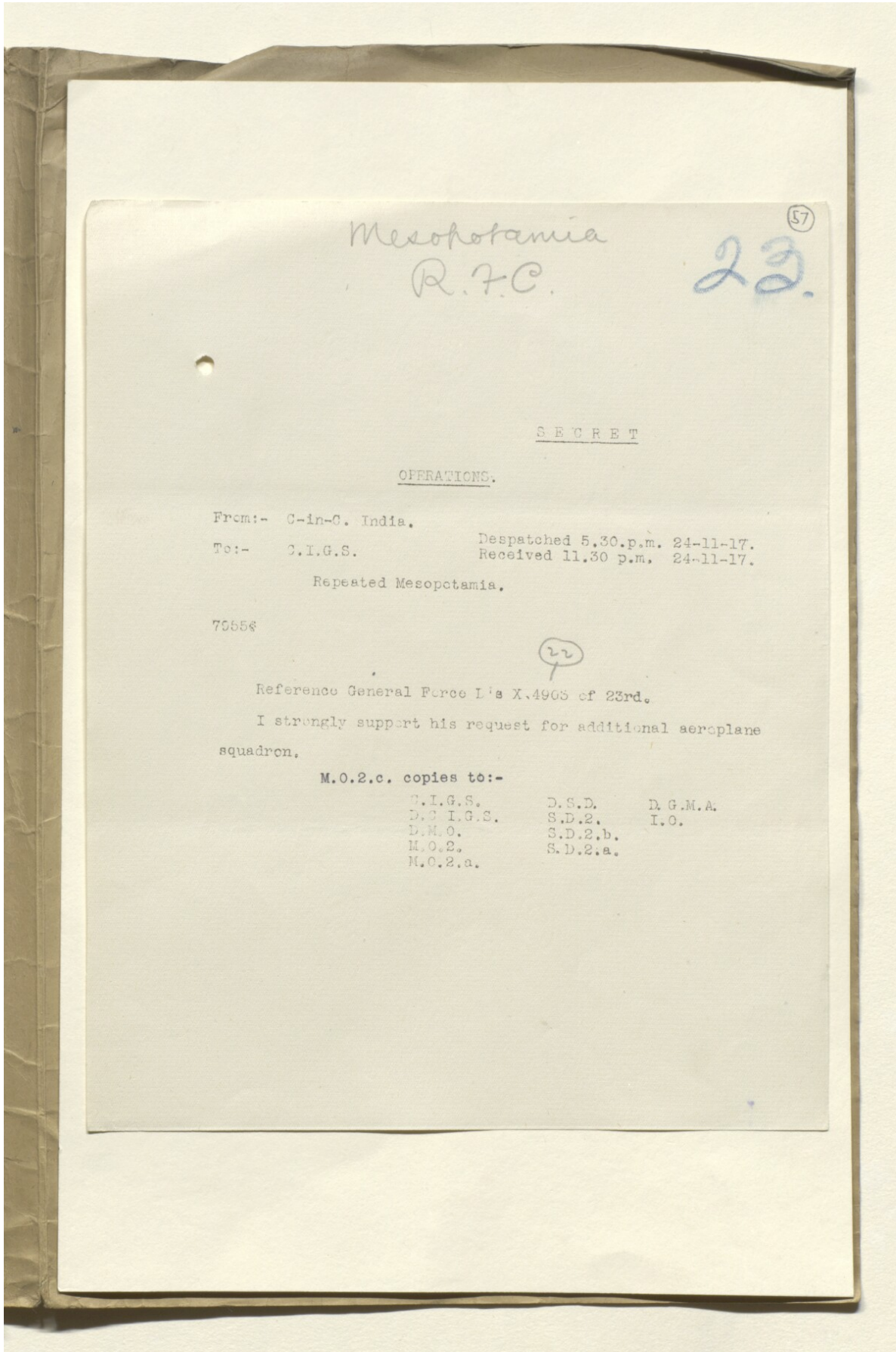
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D.S.D.
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M.O.2.b.
M.O.2.c.
M.O.1.a.
M.O.2.a.
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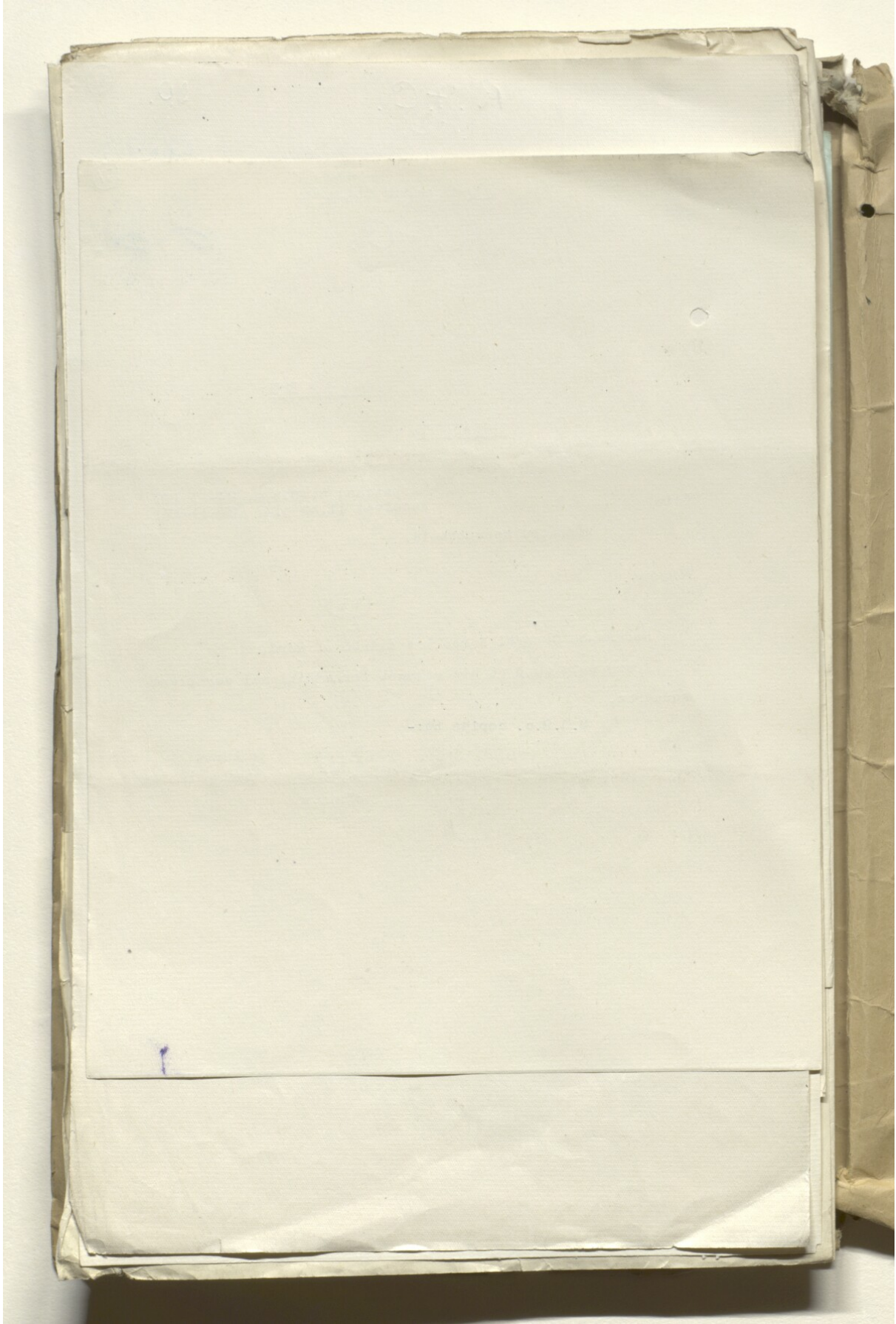
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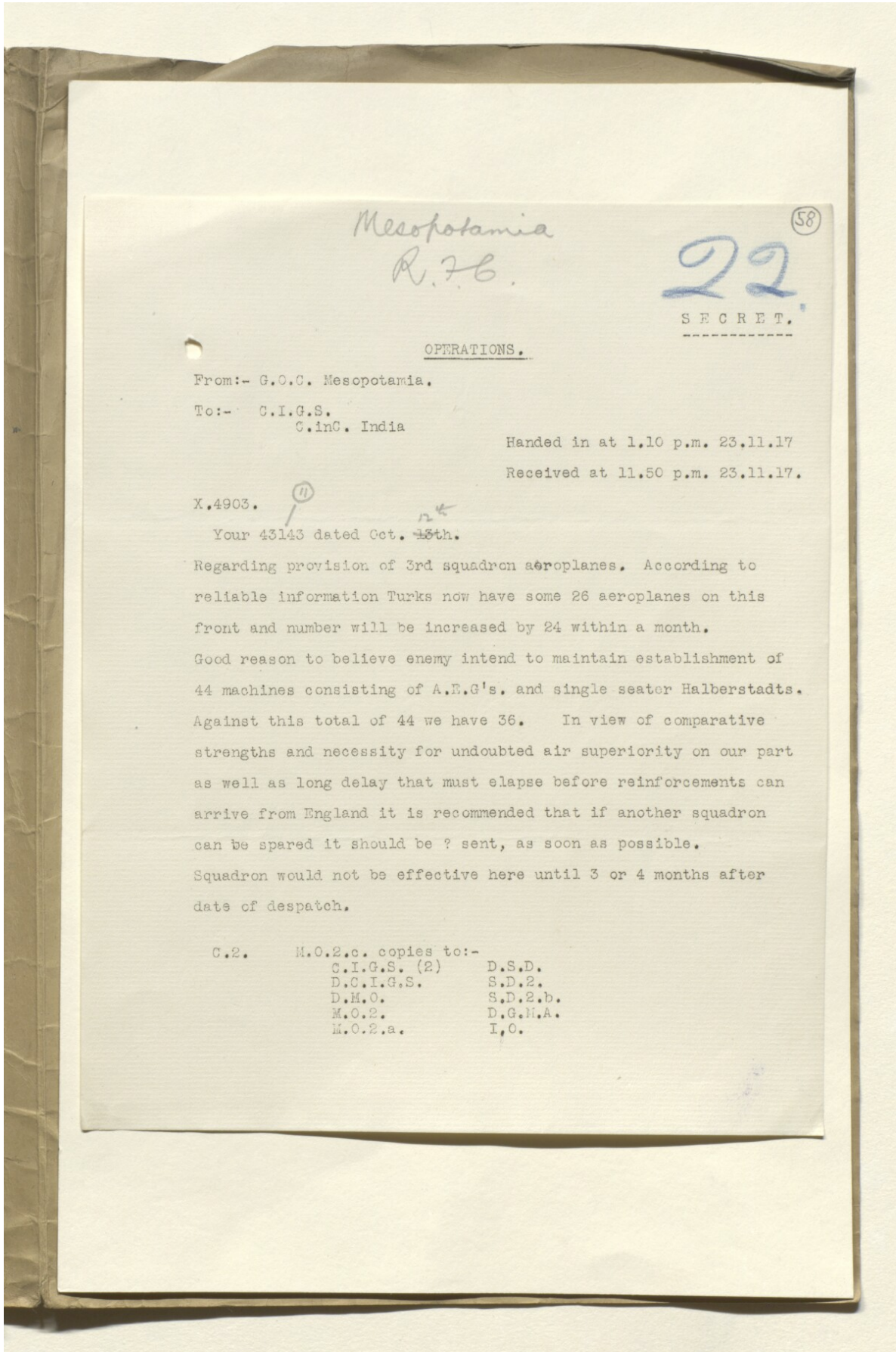






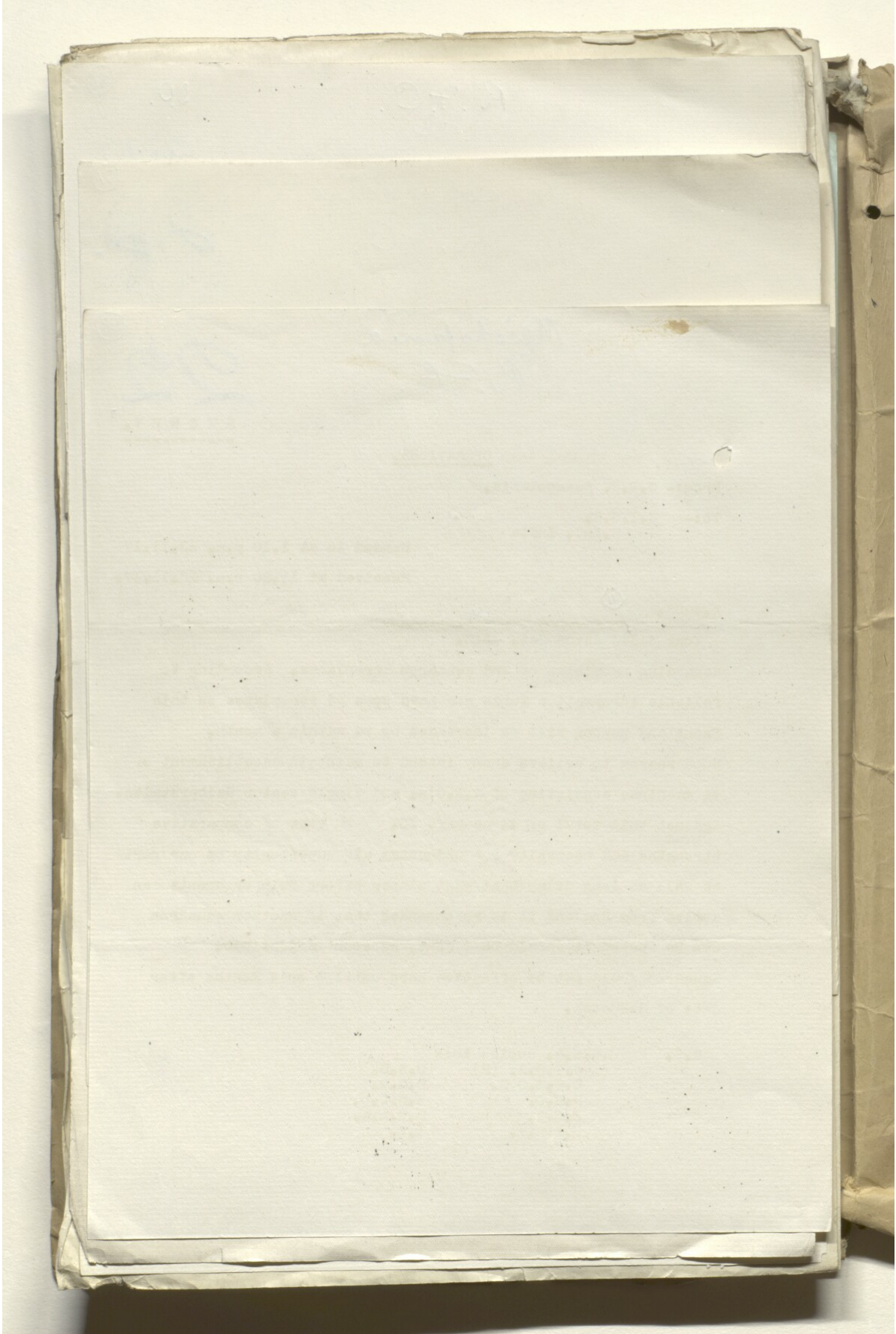
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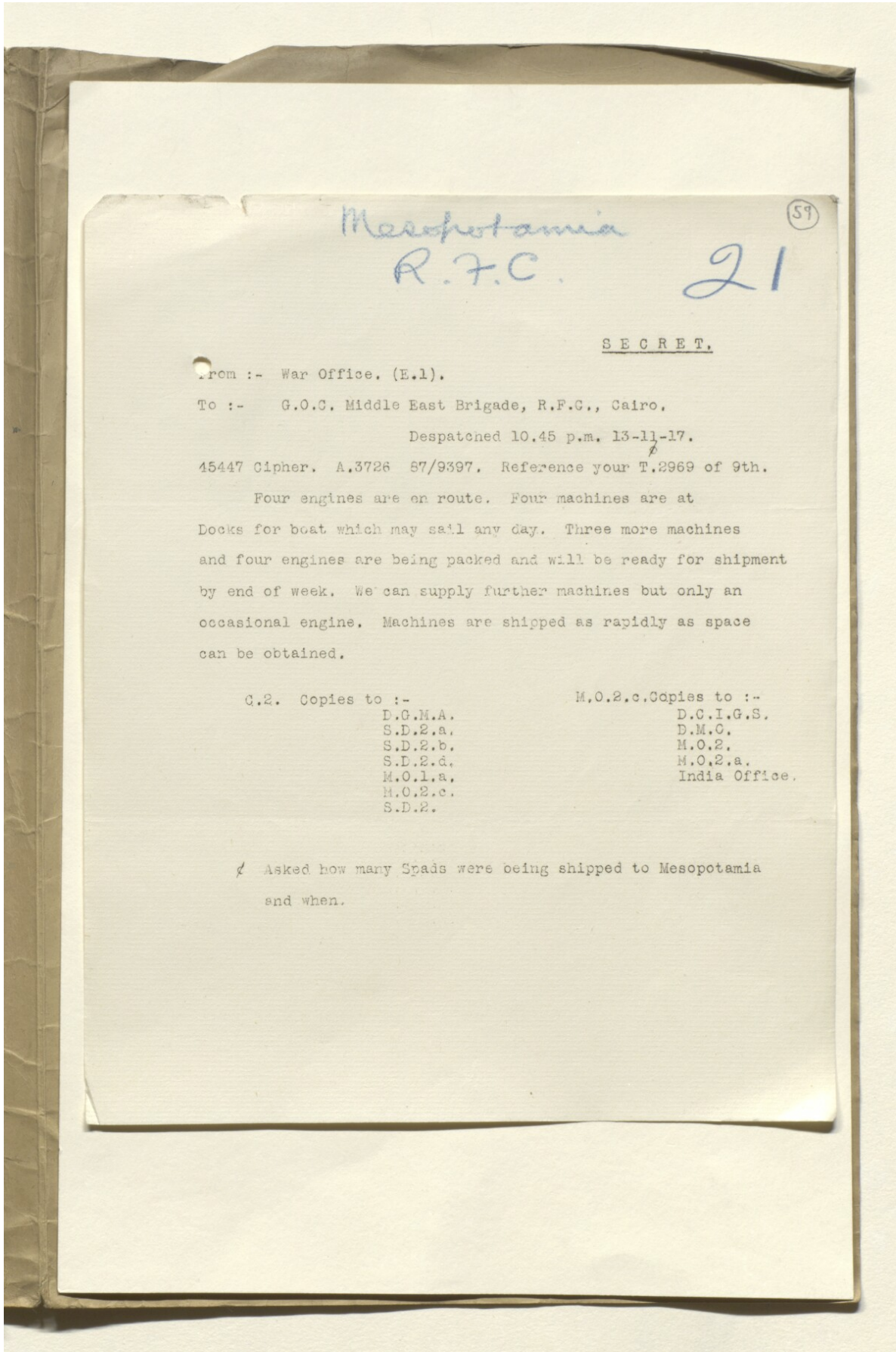






"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٥٨ظ] (١٦٠/١١٦)





Mesopotamia
R.F.C.

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SECRET.

From :- War Office. (E.1).

To :- G.O.C. Middle East Brigade, R.F.C., Cairo.

Despatched 10.45 p.m. 13-11-17.

45447 Cipher. A.3726 87/9397. Reference your T.2969 of 9th.

Four engines are en route. Four machines are at Docks for boat which may sail any day. Three more machines and four engines are being packed and will be ready for shipment by end of week. We can supply further machines but only an occasional engine. Machines are shipped as rapidly as space can be obtained.

G.2. Copies to :-

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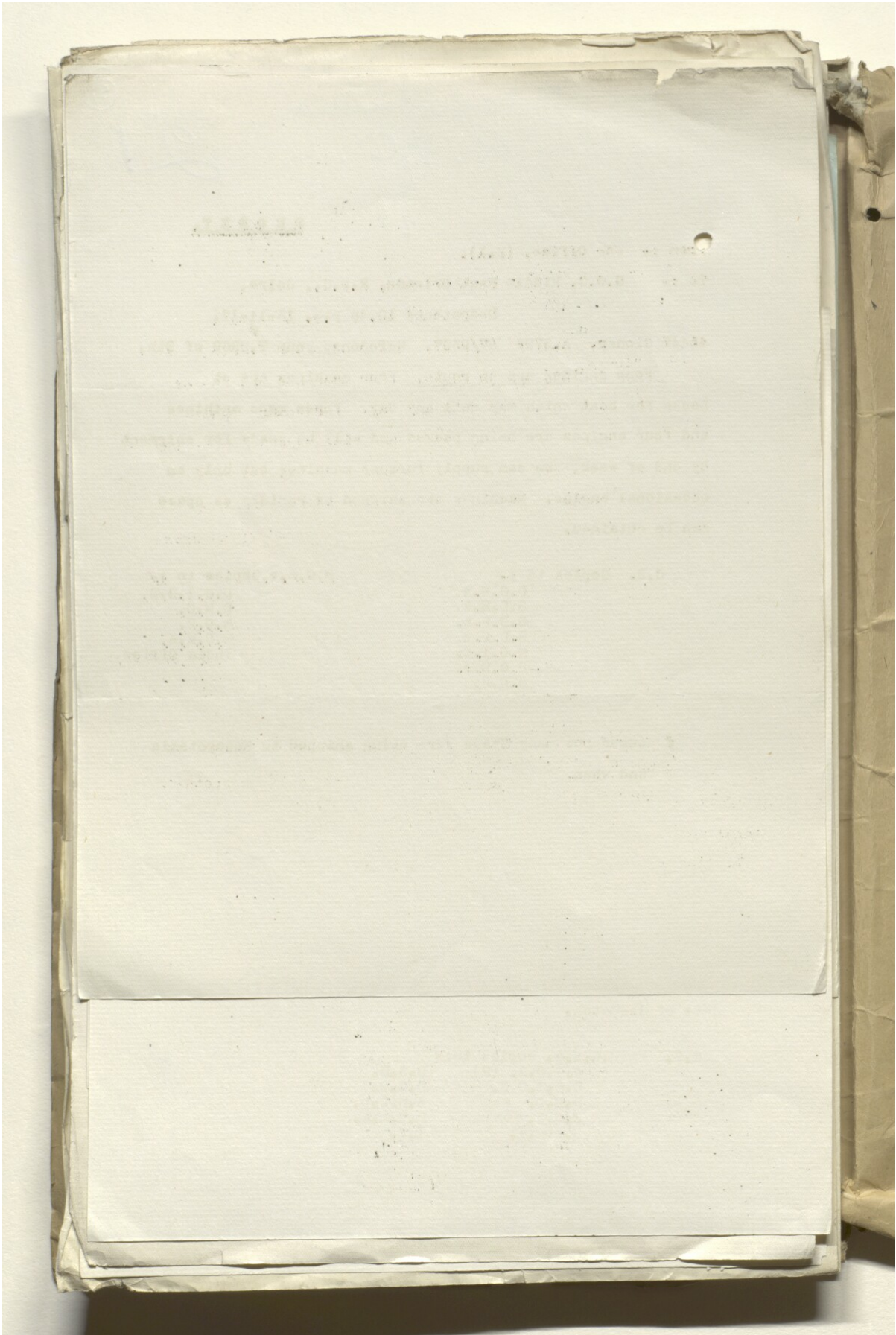
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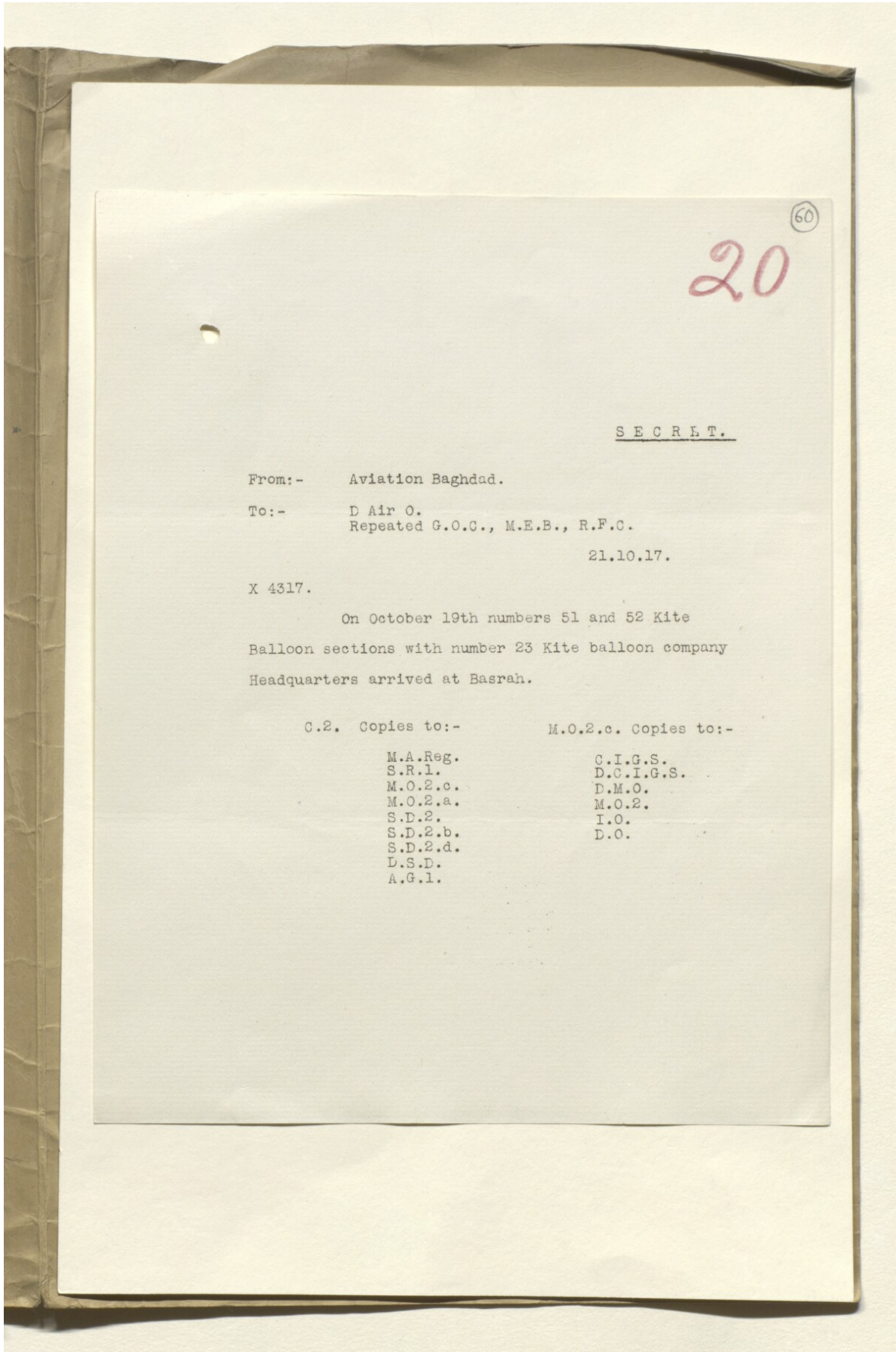
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D.M.C.
M.O.2.
M.O.2.a.
India Office.

Asked how many Spads were being shipped to Mesopotamia and when.



"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٥٩ظ] (١٦٠/١١٨)





S E C R E T .

From:- Aviation Baghdad.

To:- D Air O.
Repeated G.O.C., M.E.B., R.F.C.

21.10.17.

X 4317.

On October 19th numbers 51 and 52 Kite
Balloon sections with number 23 Kite balloon company
Headquarters arrived at Basrah.

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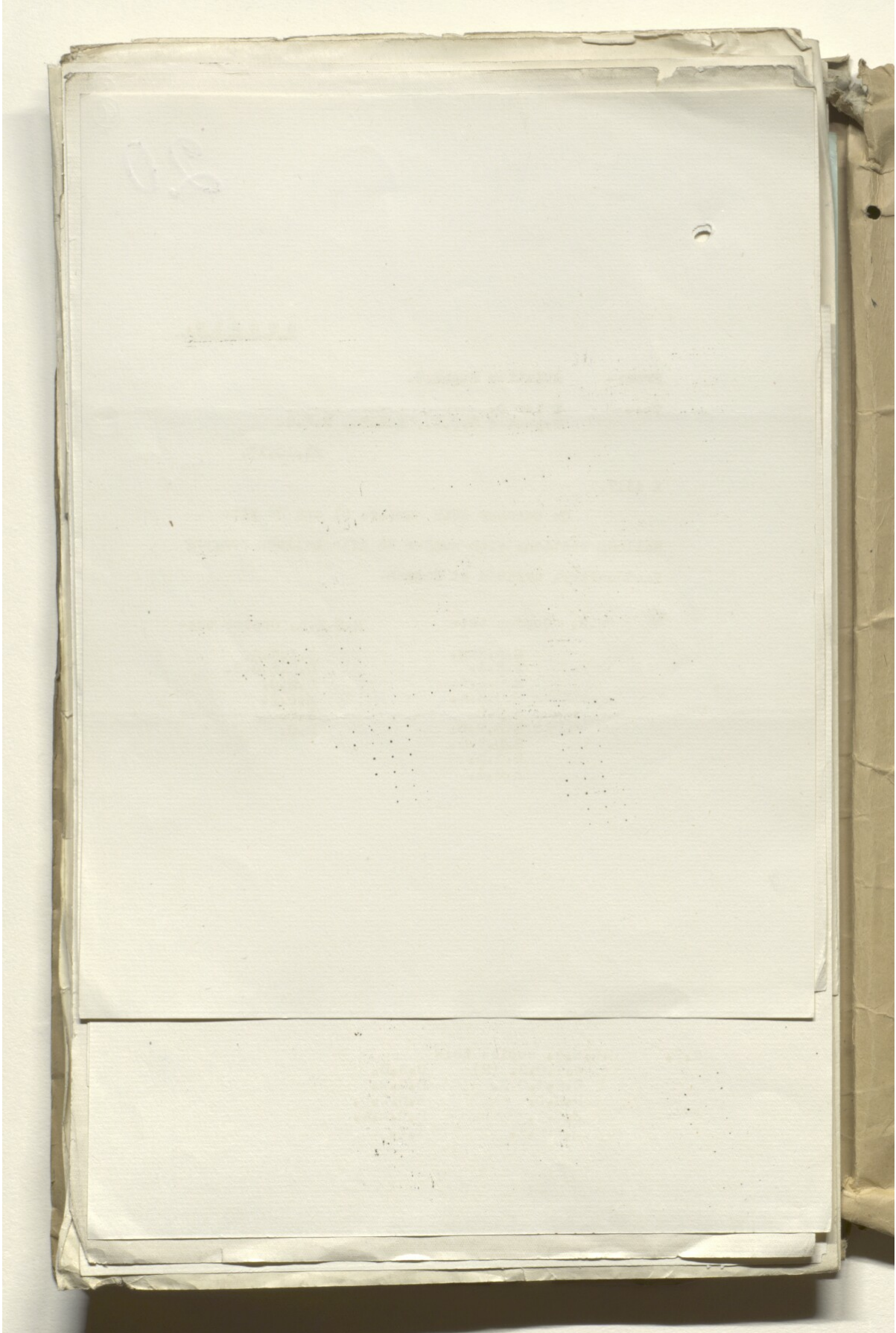
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D.S.D.
A.G.l.

M.O.2.c. Copies to:-

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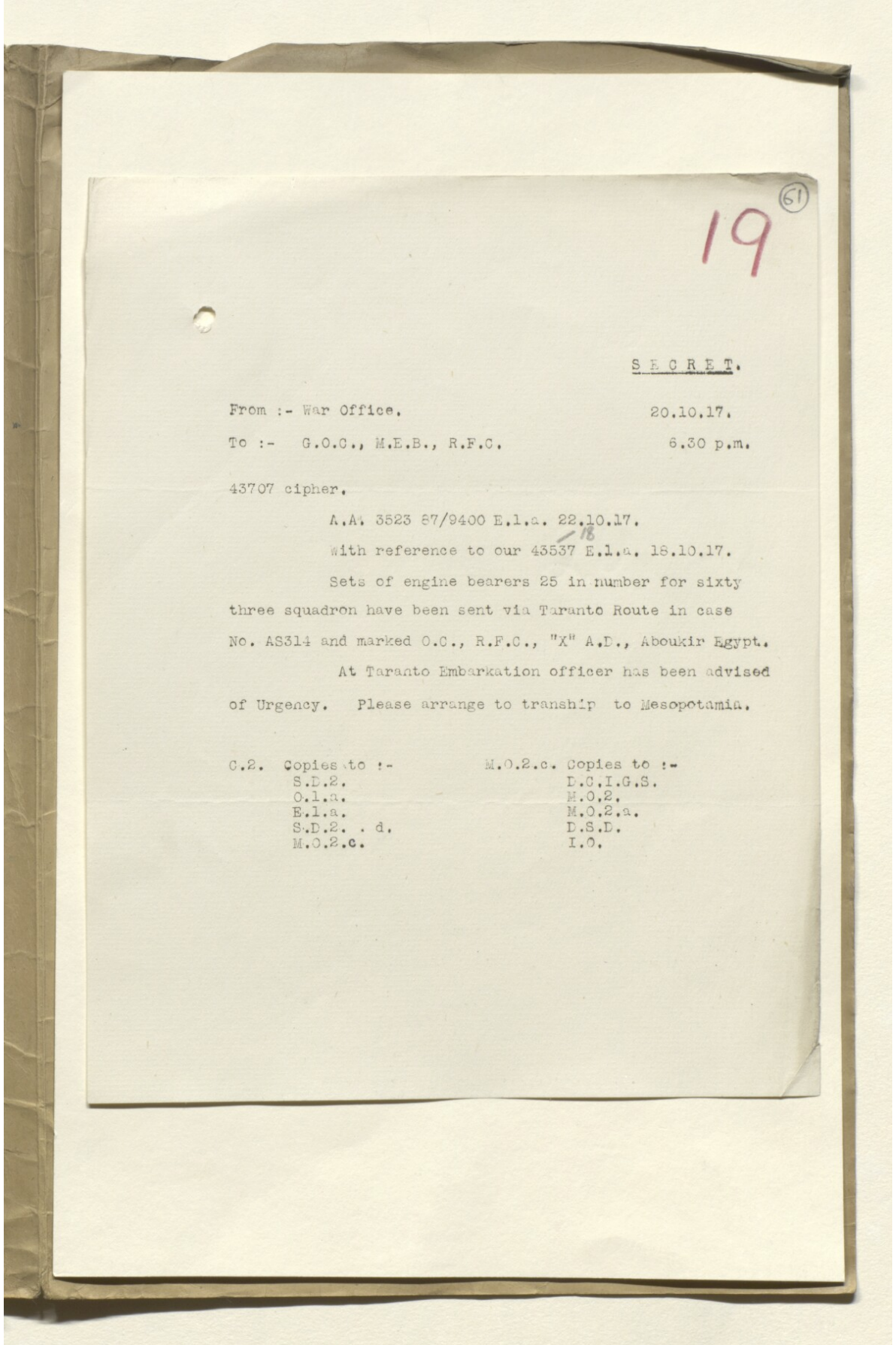


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٦٠ظ] (١٦٠/١٢٠)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٦١و] (١٦٠/١٢١)



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SECRET.

From :- War Office.

20.10.17.

To :- G.O.C., M.E.B., R.F.C.

6.30 p.m.

43707 cipher.

A.A. 3523 87/9400 E.l.a. 22.10.17.

with reference to our 43537 E.l.a. 18.10.17.

Sets of engine bearers 25 in number for sixty three squadron have been sent via Taranto Route in case No. AS314 and marked O.C., R.F.C., "X" A.D., Aboukir Egypt.

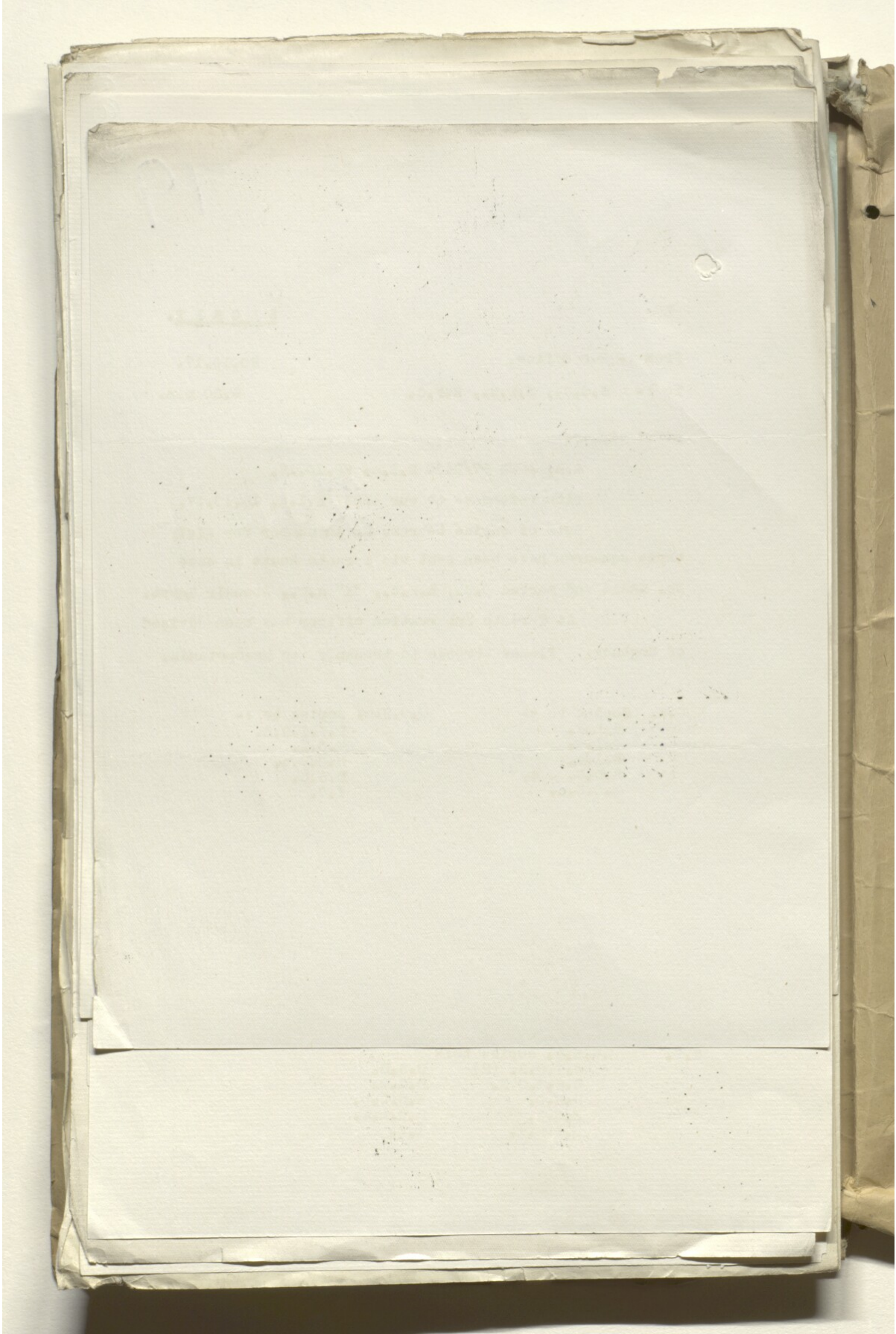
At Taranto Embarkation officer has been advised of Urgency. Please arrange to tranship to Mesopotamia.

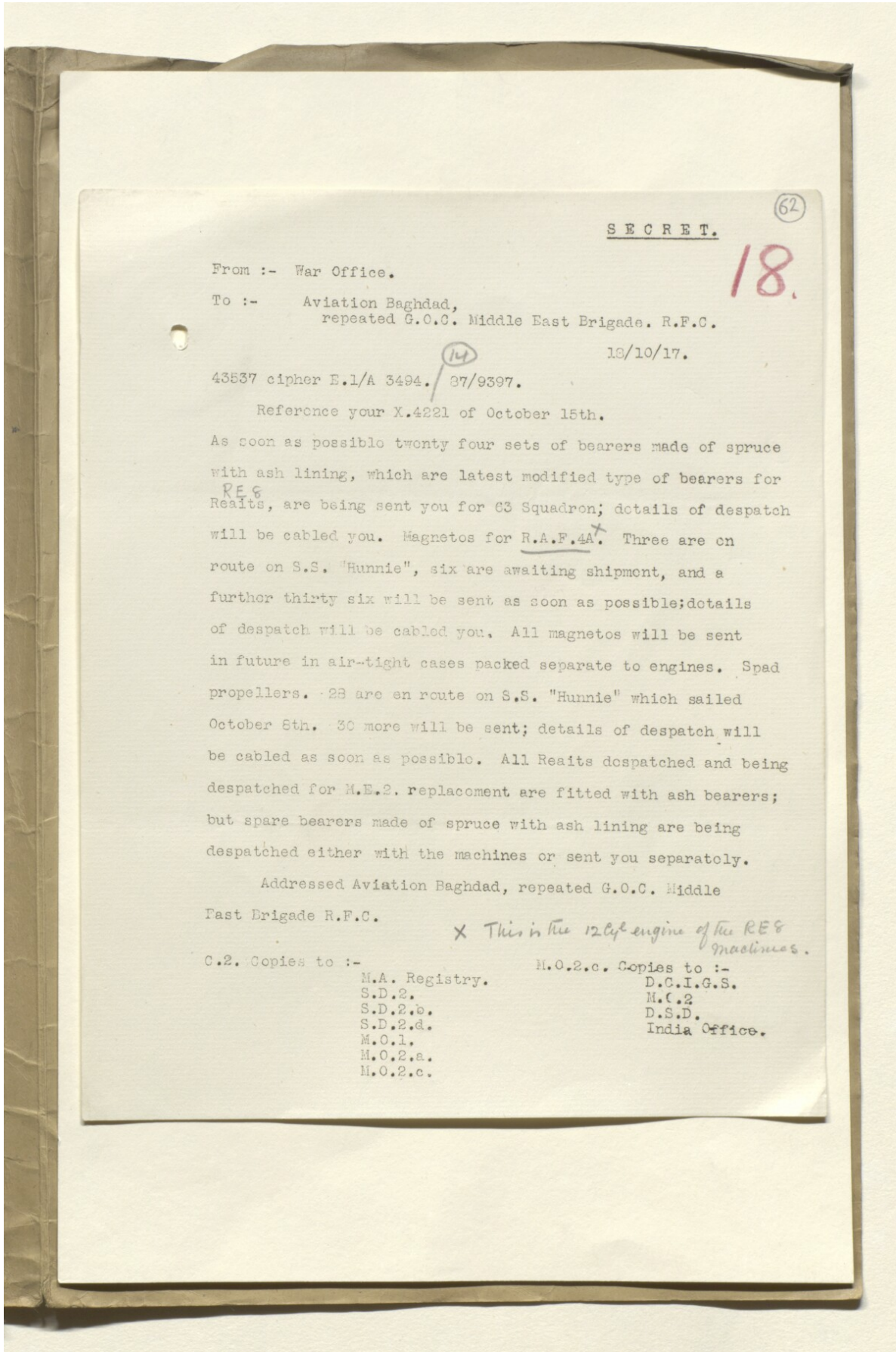
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E.l.a.
S.D.2. . d.
M.O.2.c.

M.O.2.c. Copies to :-
D.C.I.G.S.
M.O.2.
M.O.2.a.
D.S.D.
I.O.



"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٦١ظ] (١٦٠/١٢٢)





SECRET.

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From :- War Office.

To :- Aviation Baghdad,
repeated G.O.C. Middle East Brigade. R.F.C.

18/10/17.

43537 cipher E.1/A 3494. / 37/9397.

Reference your X.4221 of October 15th.

As soon as possible twenty four sets of bearers made of spruce with ash lining, which are latest modified type of bearers for REG Reaits, are being sent you for C3 Squadron; details of despatch will be cabled you. Magnetos for R.A.F.4A*. Three are en route on S.S. "Hunnie", six are awaiting shipment, and a further thirty six will be sent as soon as possible; details of despatch will be cabled you. All magnetos will be sent in future in air-tight cases packed separate to engines. Spad propellers. 23 are en route on S.S. "Hunnie" which sailed October 8th. 30 more will be sent; details of despatch will be cabled as soon as possible. All Reaits despatched and being despatched for M.E.2. replacement are fitted with ash bearers; but spare bearers made of spruce with ash lining are being despatched either with the machines or sent you separately.

Addressed Aviation Baghdad, repeated G.O.C. Middle East Brigade R.F.C.

X This is the 12 Cyl engine of the REG machines.

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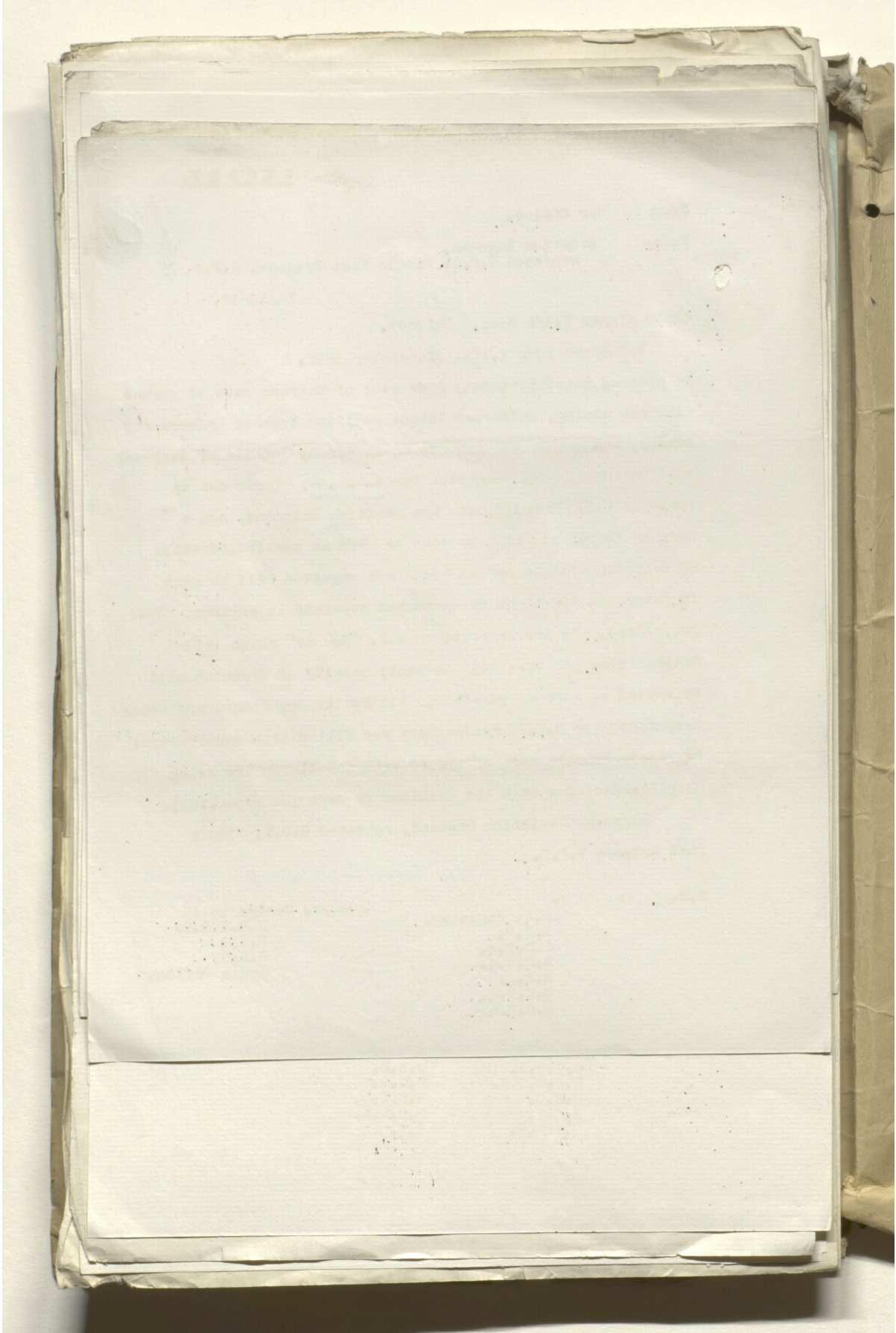
M.A. Registry.
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S.D.2.b.
S.D.2.d.
M.O.1.
M.O.2.a.
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India Office.

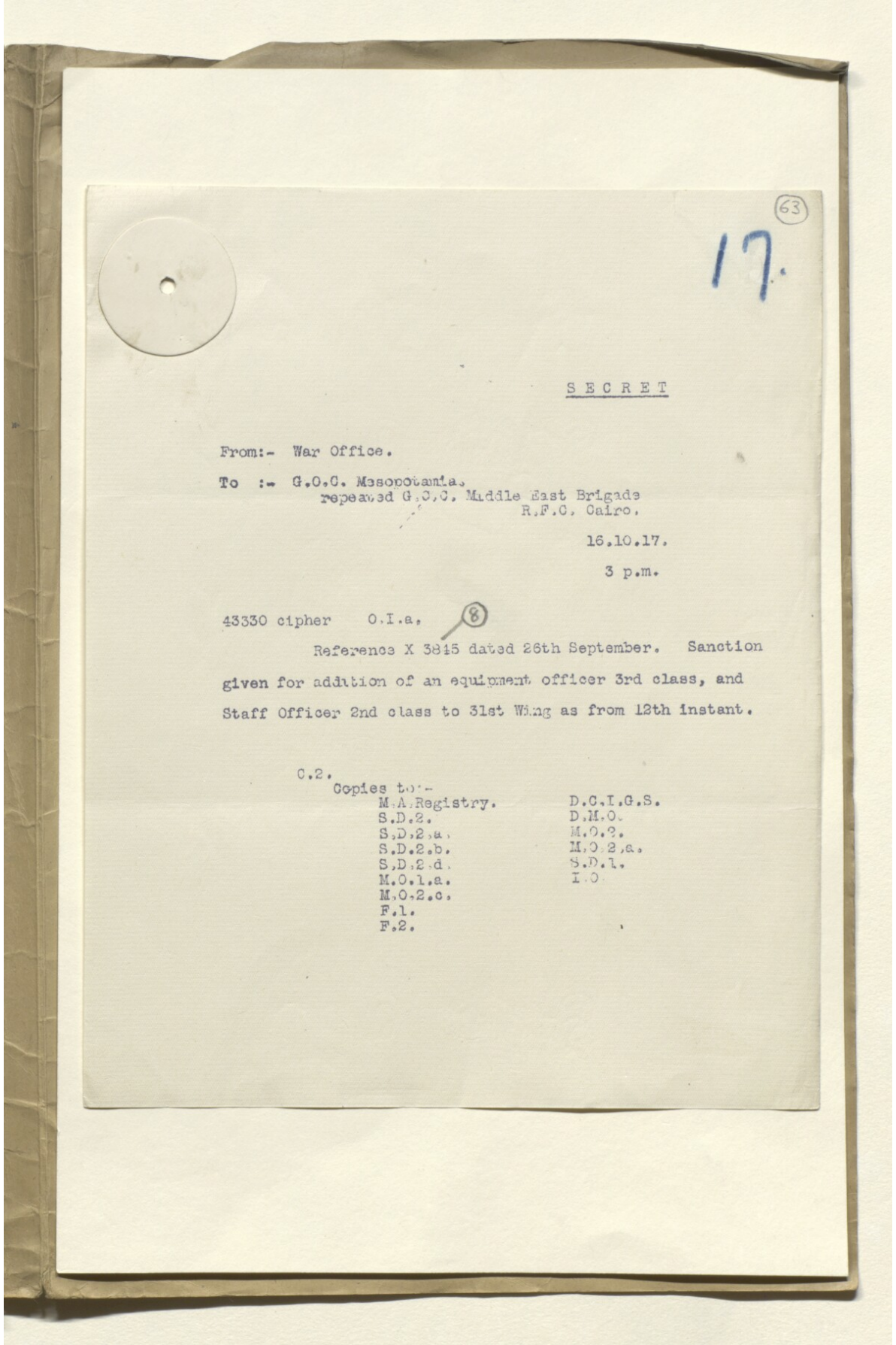


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٦٢ظ] (١٢٤/١٦٠)



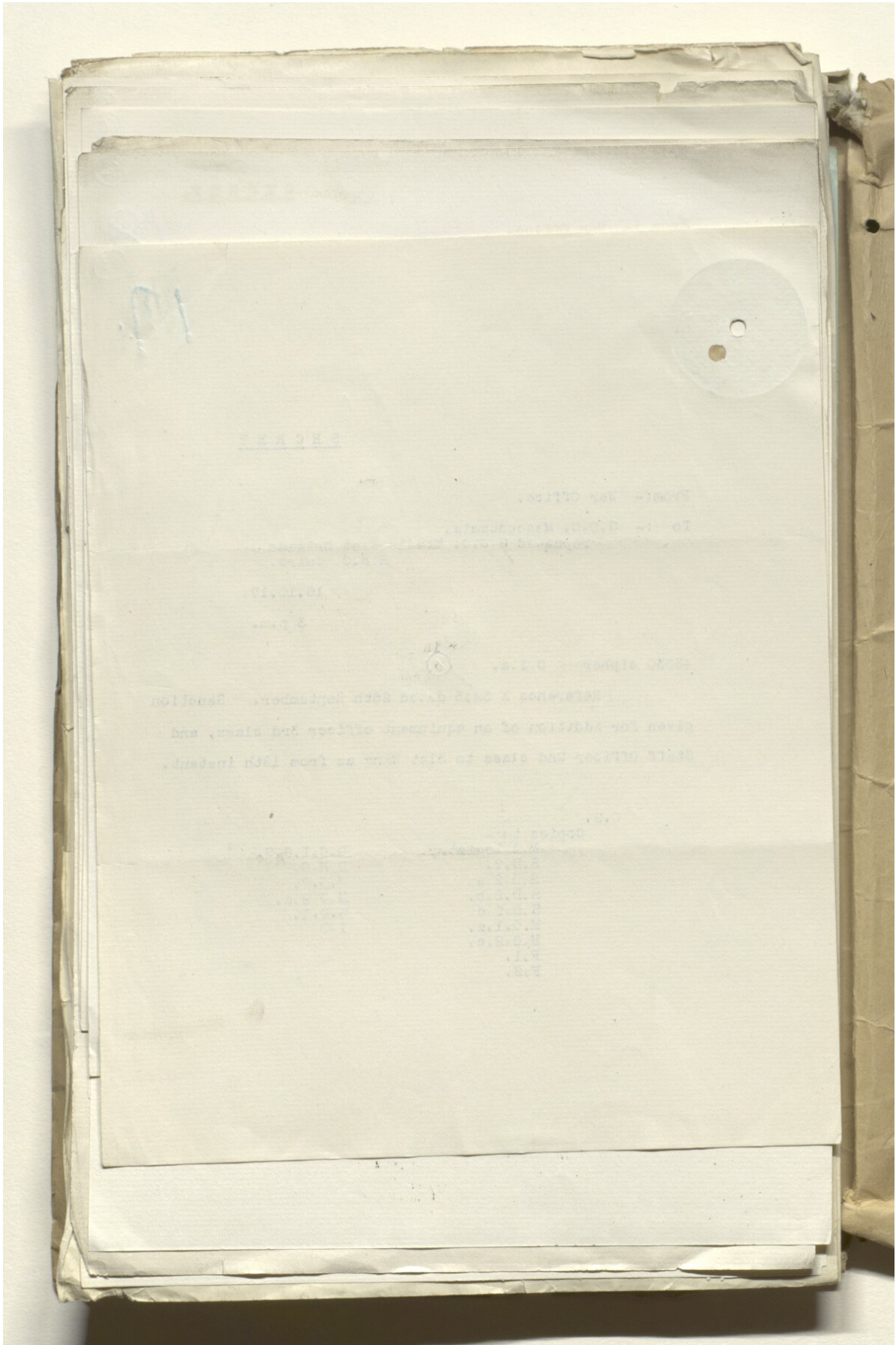


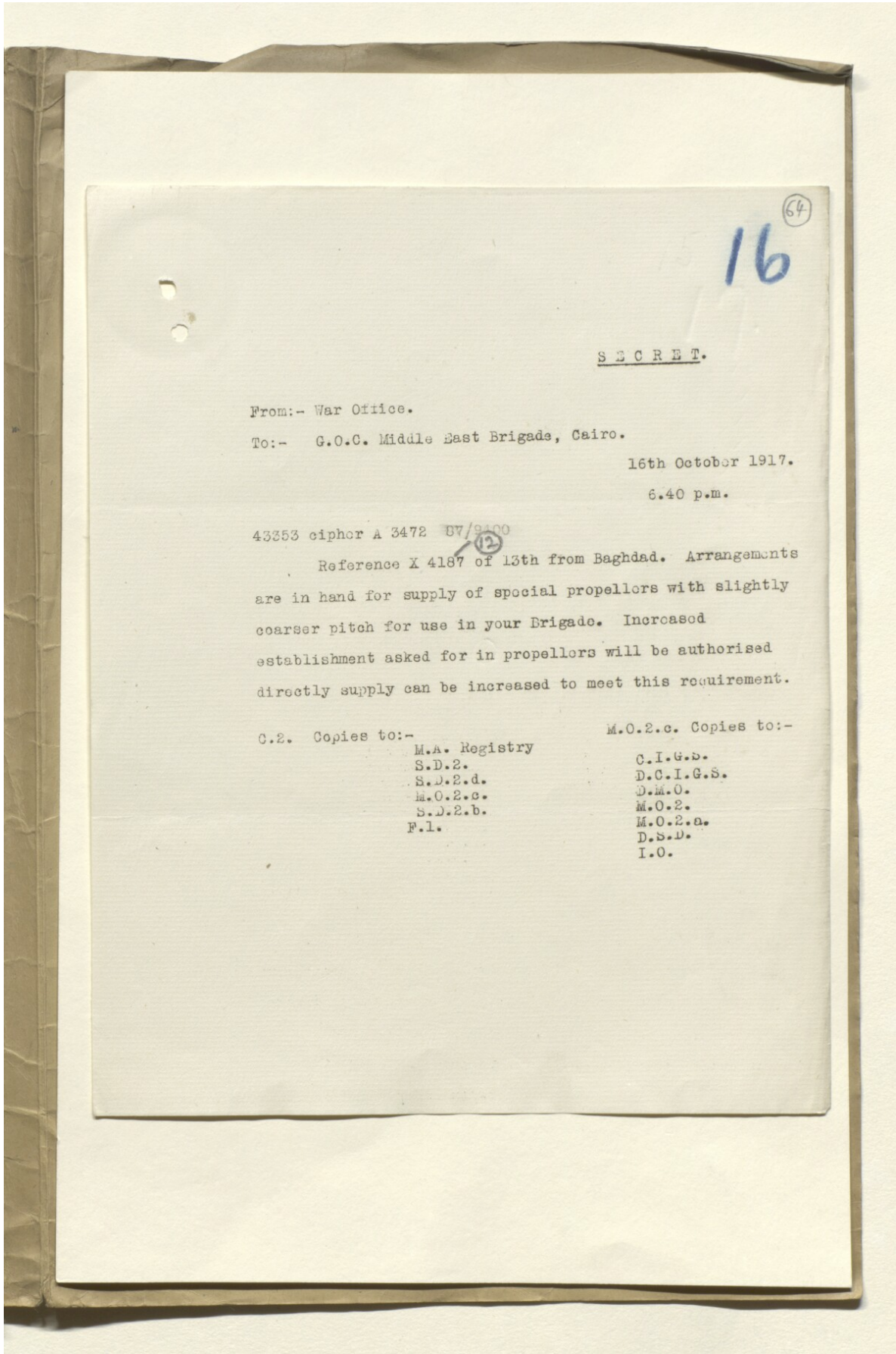
"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٦٣و] (١٦٠/١٢٥)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٦٣ظ] (١٦٠/١٢٦)





SECRET.

From:- War Office.

To:- G.O.C. Middle East Brigade, Cairo.

16th October 1917.

6.40 p.m.

43353 cipher A 3472 87/9100

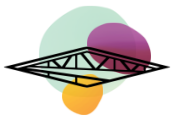
Reference X 4187 of 13th from Baghdad. Arrangements are in hand for supply of special propellers with slightly coarser pitch for use in your Brigade. Increased establishment asked for in propellers will be authorised directly supply can be increased to meet this requirement.

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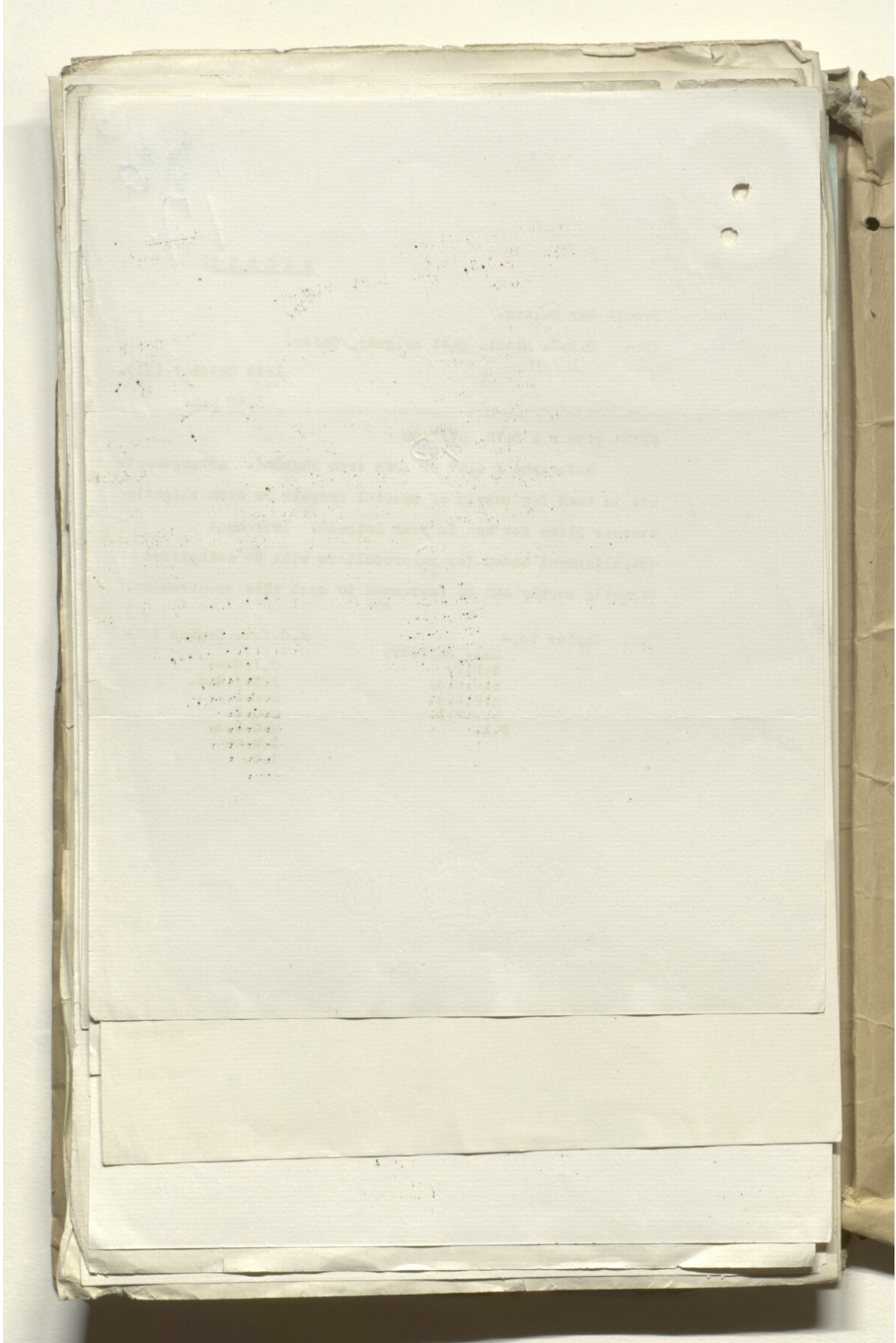
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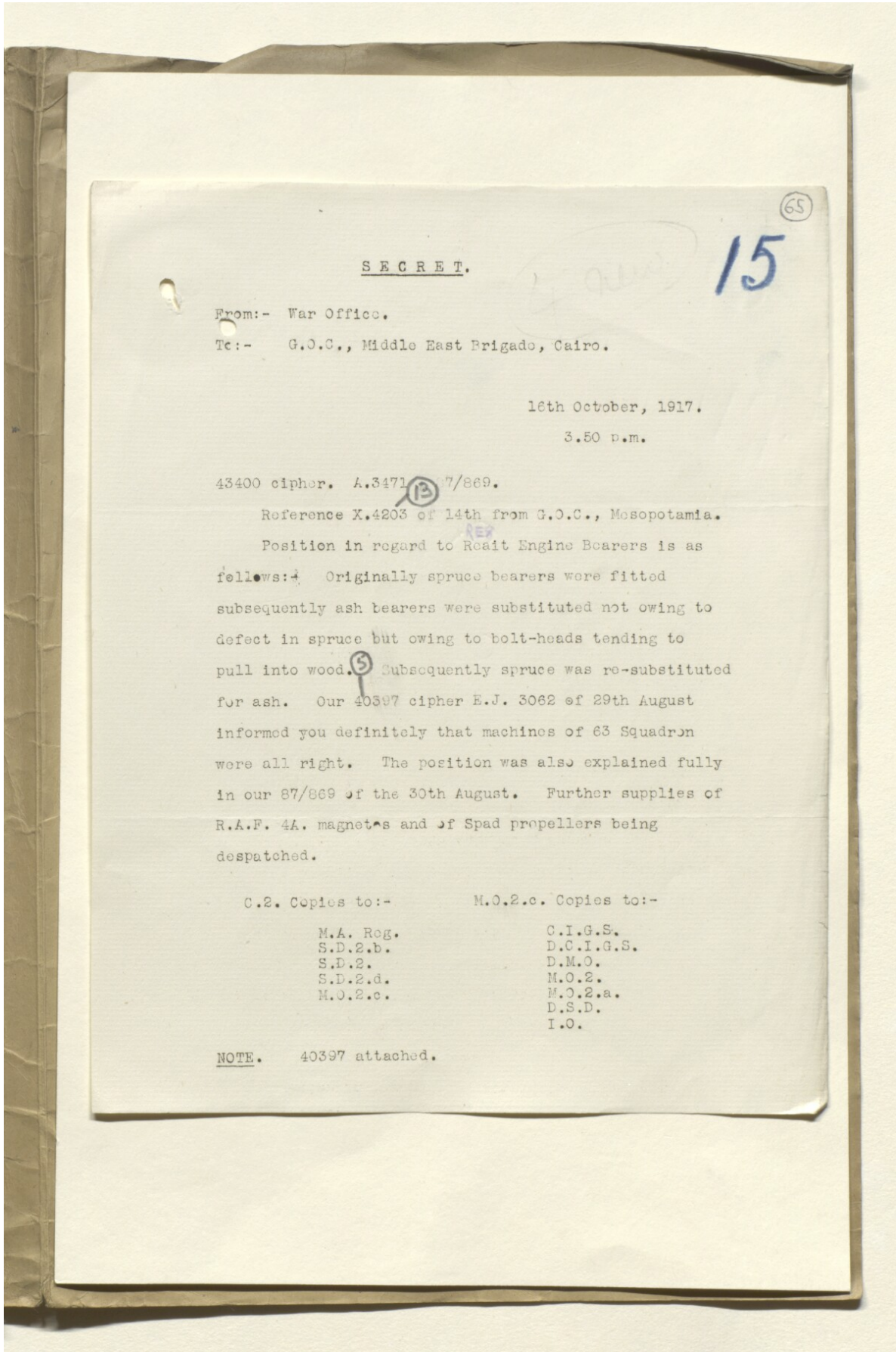
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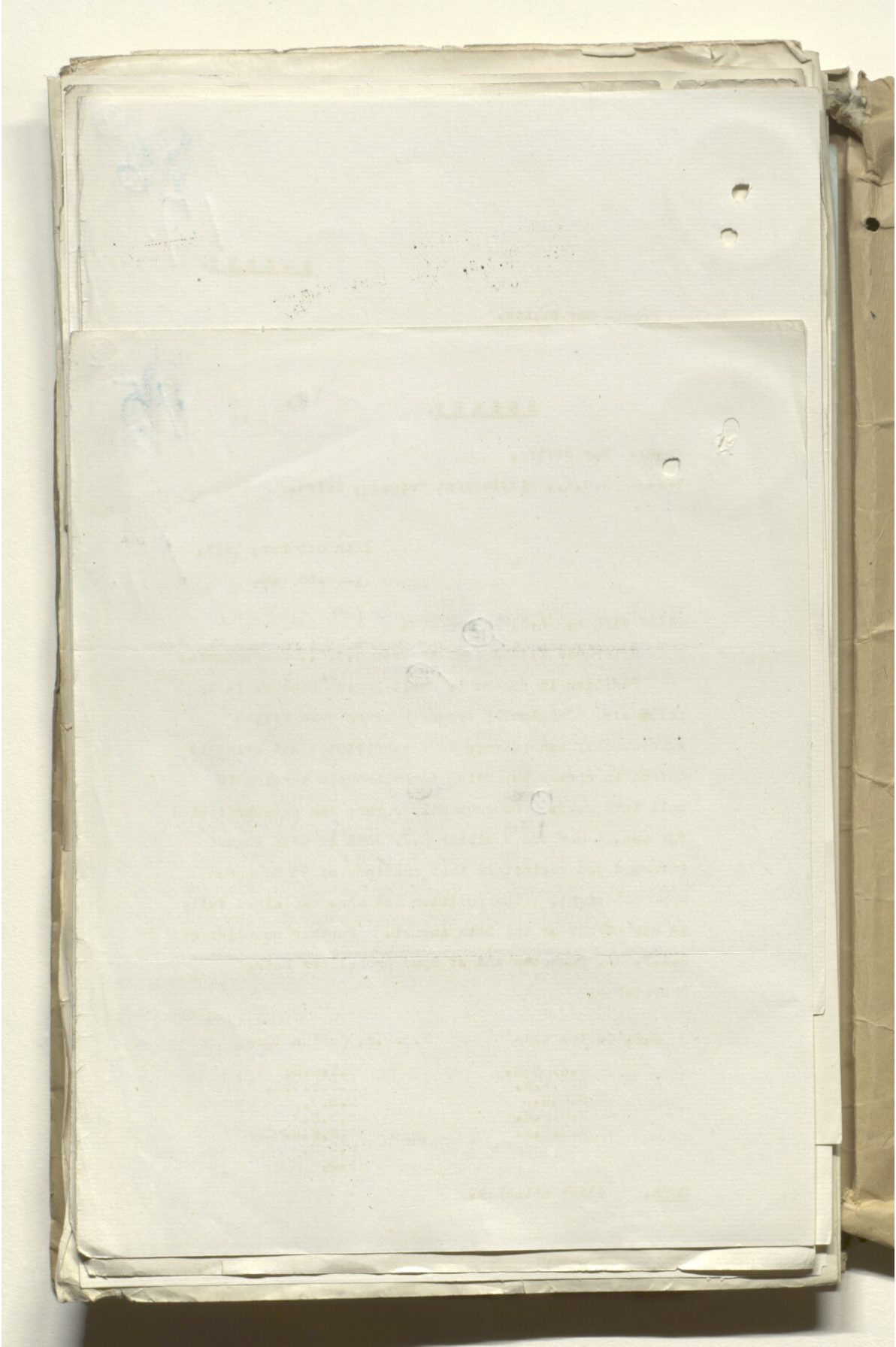
"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٤٦ظ] (١٢٨/١٦٠)

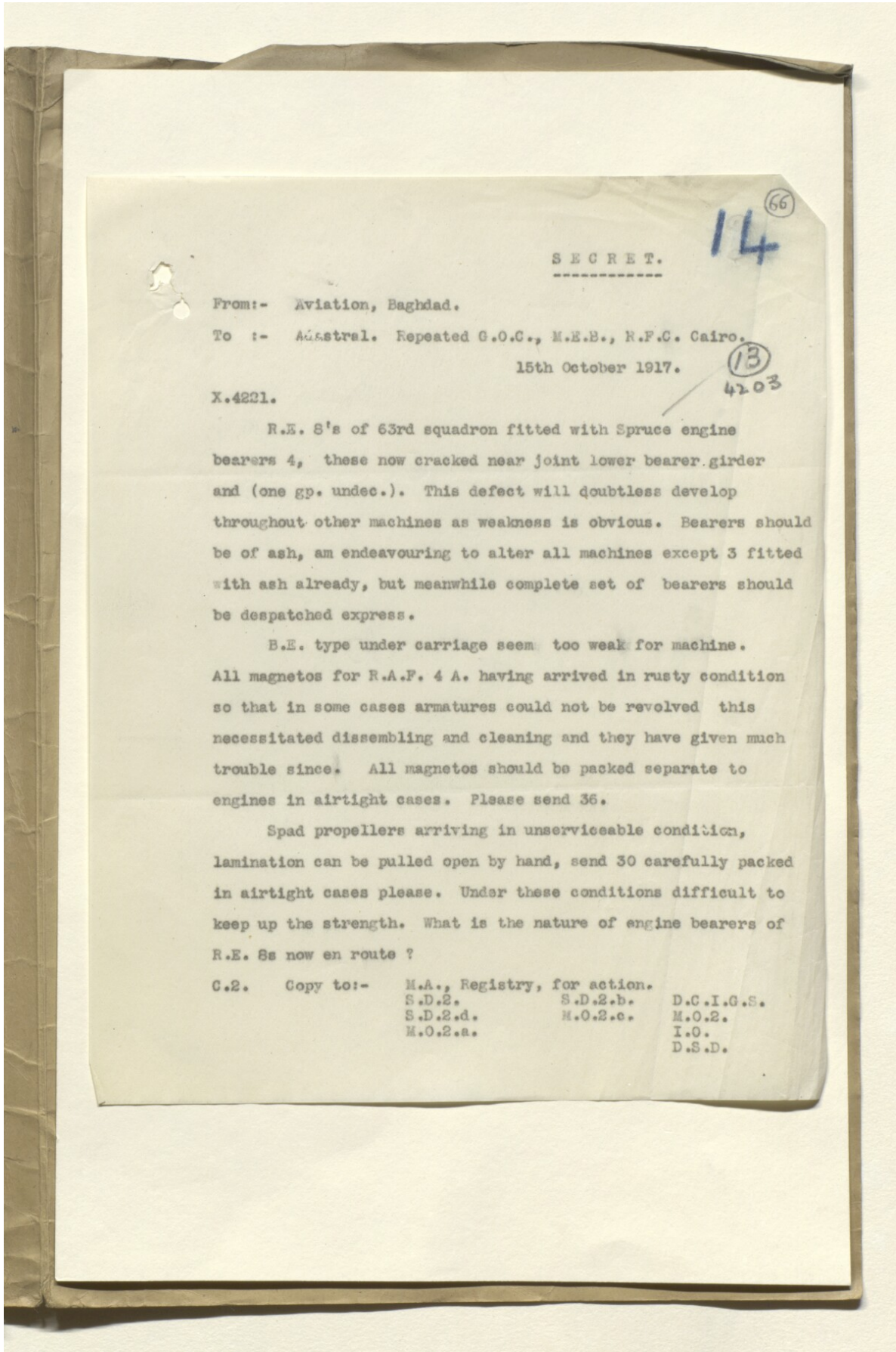






"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٦٥ظ] (١٦٠/١٣٠)





SECRET.

From:- Aviation, Baghdad.

To :- Ad.stral. Repeated G.O.C., M.E.B., R.F.C. Cairo.

15th October 1917.

X.4221.

R.E. S's of 63rd squadron fitted with Spruce engine bearers 4, these now cracked near joint lower bearer girder and (one gp. undec.). This defect will doubtless develop throughout other machines as weakness is obvious. Bearers should be of ash, am endeavouring to alter all machines except 3 fitted with ash already, but meanwhile complete set of bearers should be despatched express.

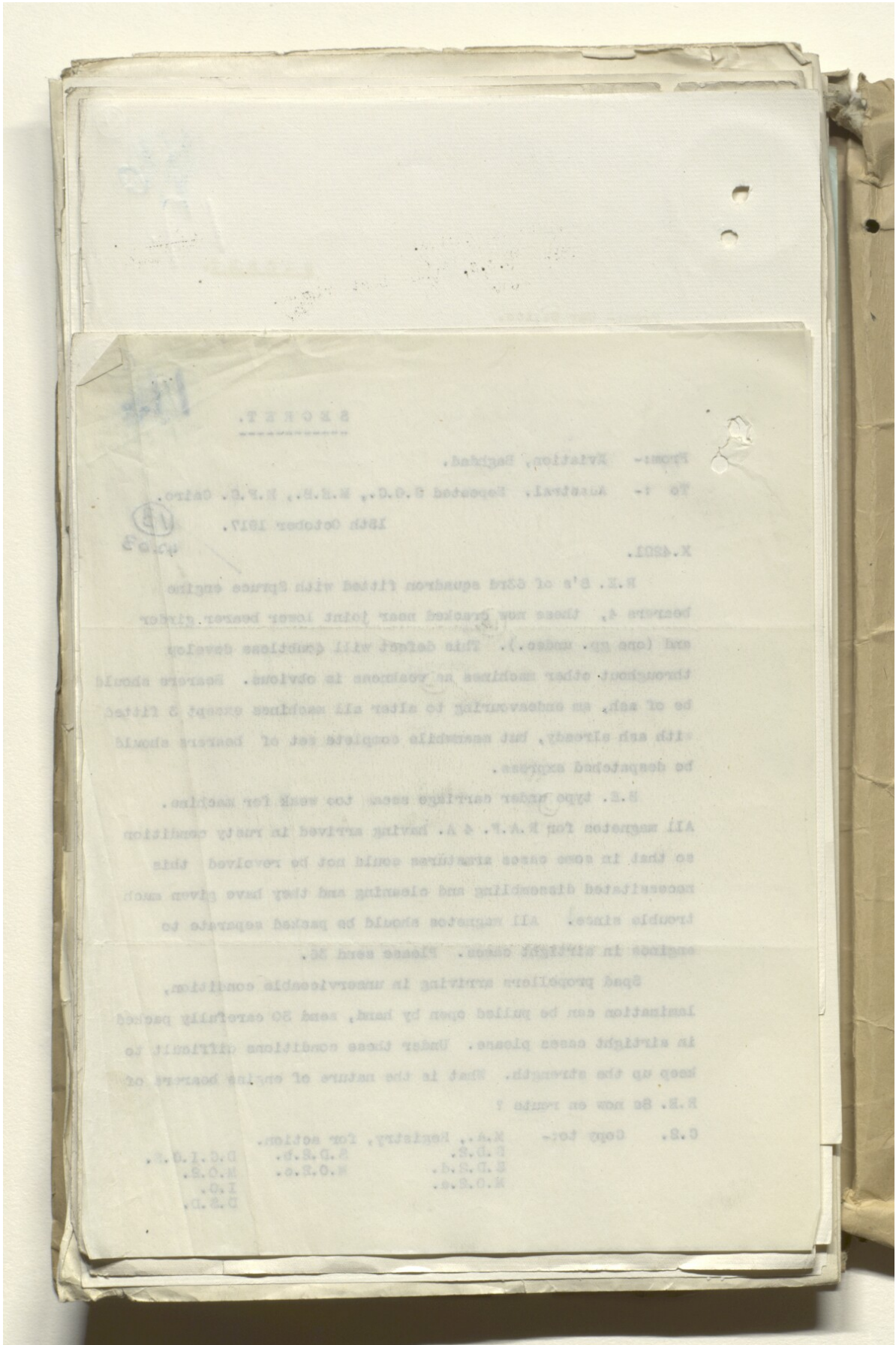
B.E. type under carriage seem too weak for machine. All magnetos for R.A.P. 4 A. having arrived in rusty condition so that in some cases armatures could not be revolved this necessitated dissembling and cleaning and they have given much trouble since. All magnetos should be packed separate to engines in airtight cases. Please send 36.

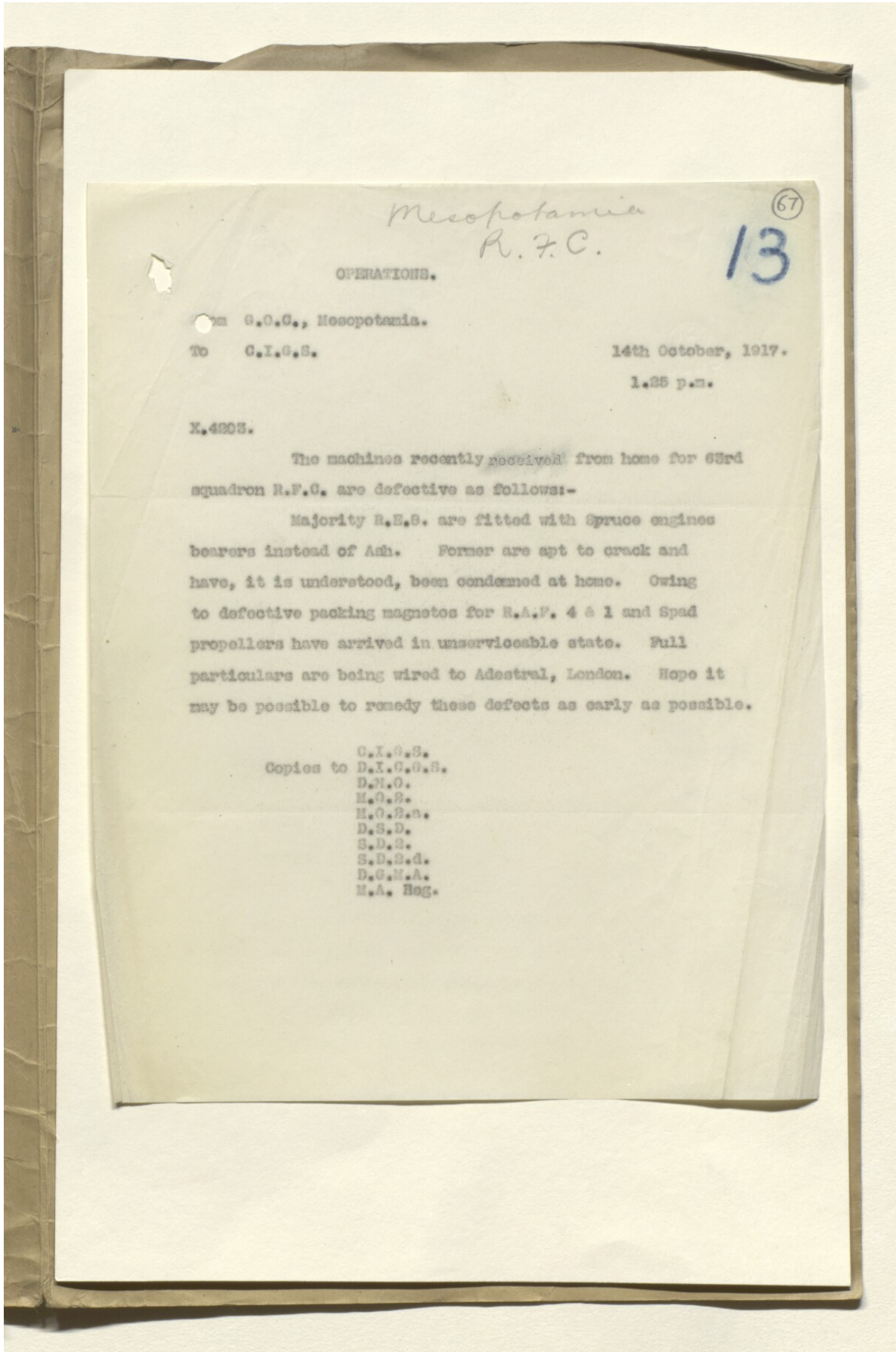
Spad propellers arriving in unserviceable condition, lamination can be pulled open by hand, send 30 carefully packed in airtight cases please. Under these conditions difficult to keep up the strength. What is the nature of engine bearers of R.E. Ss now en route ?

C.2. Copy to:- M.A., Registry, for action.
S.D.2. S.D.2.b. D.C.I.G.S.
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M.O.2.a. I.O.
D.S.D.



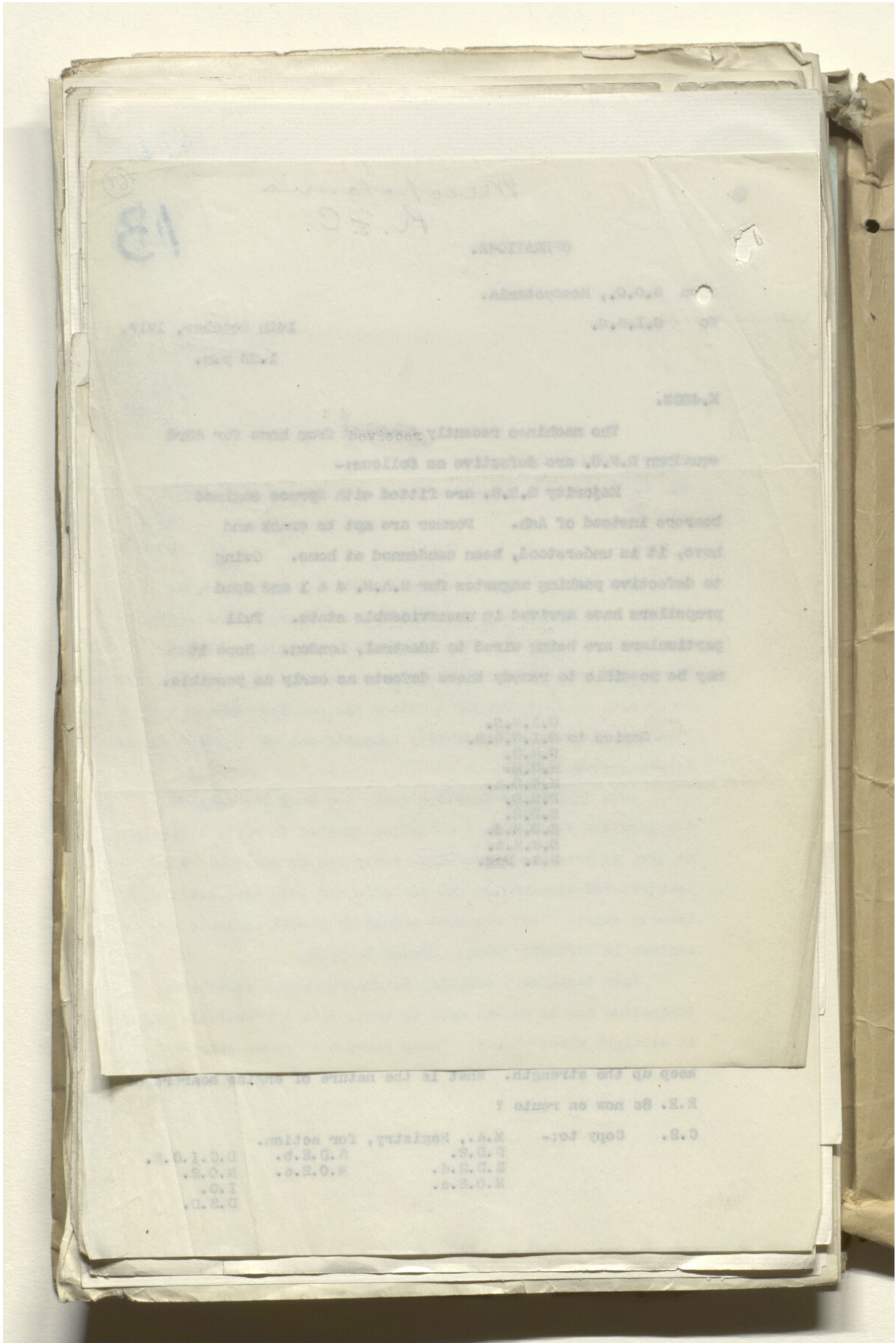
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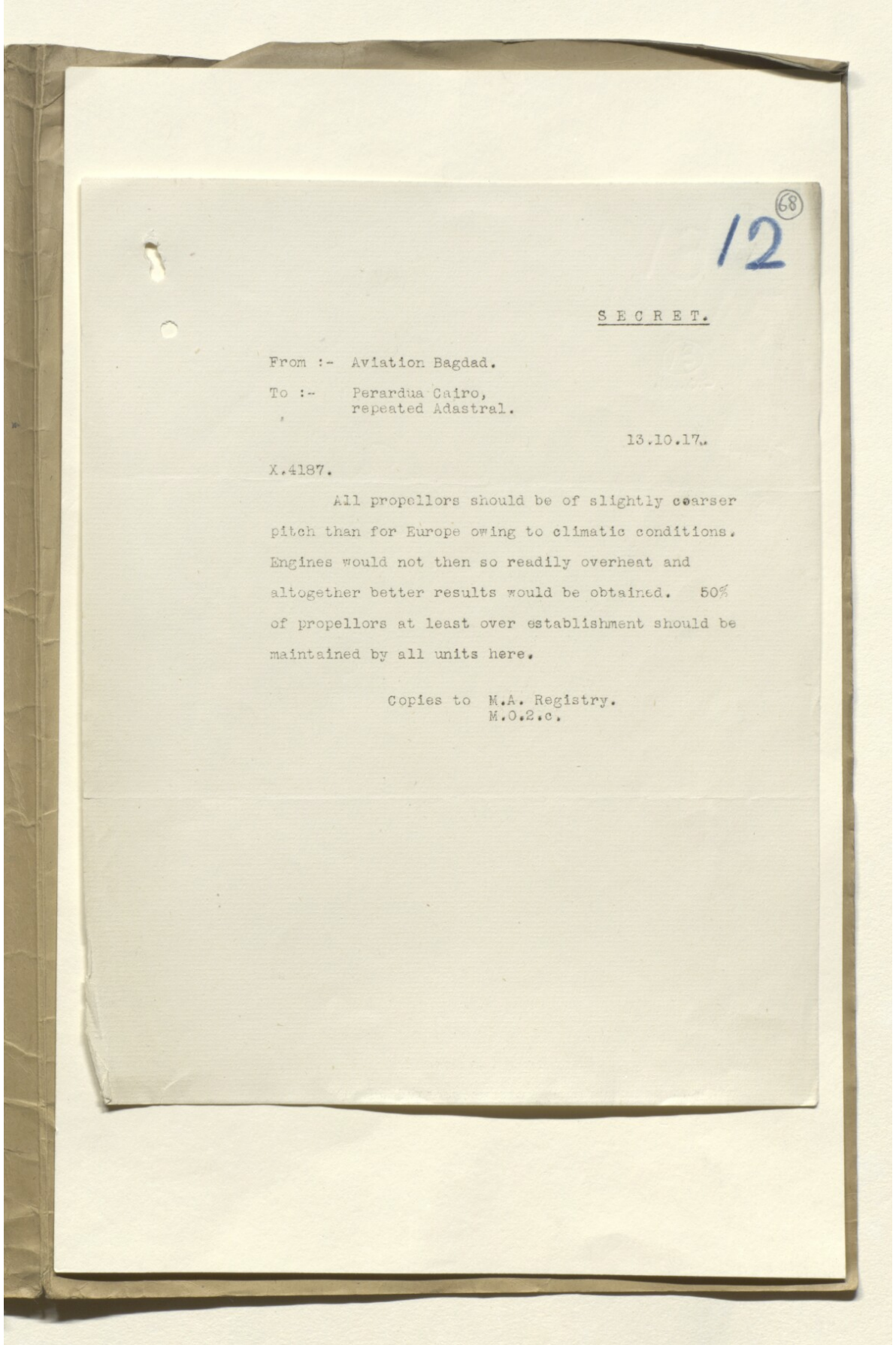


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٦٧ظ] (١٦٠/١٣٤)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٦٨ و] (١٦٠/١٣٥)



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S E C R E T .

From :- Aviation Bagdad.

To :- Perardua Cairo,
repeated Adastral.

13.10.17.

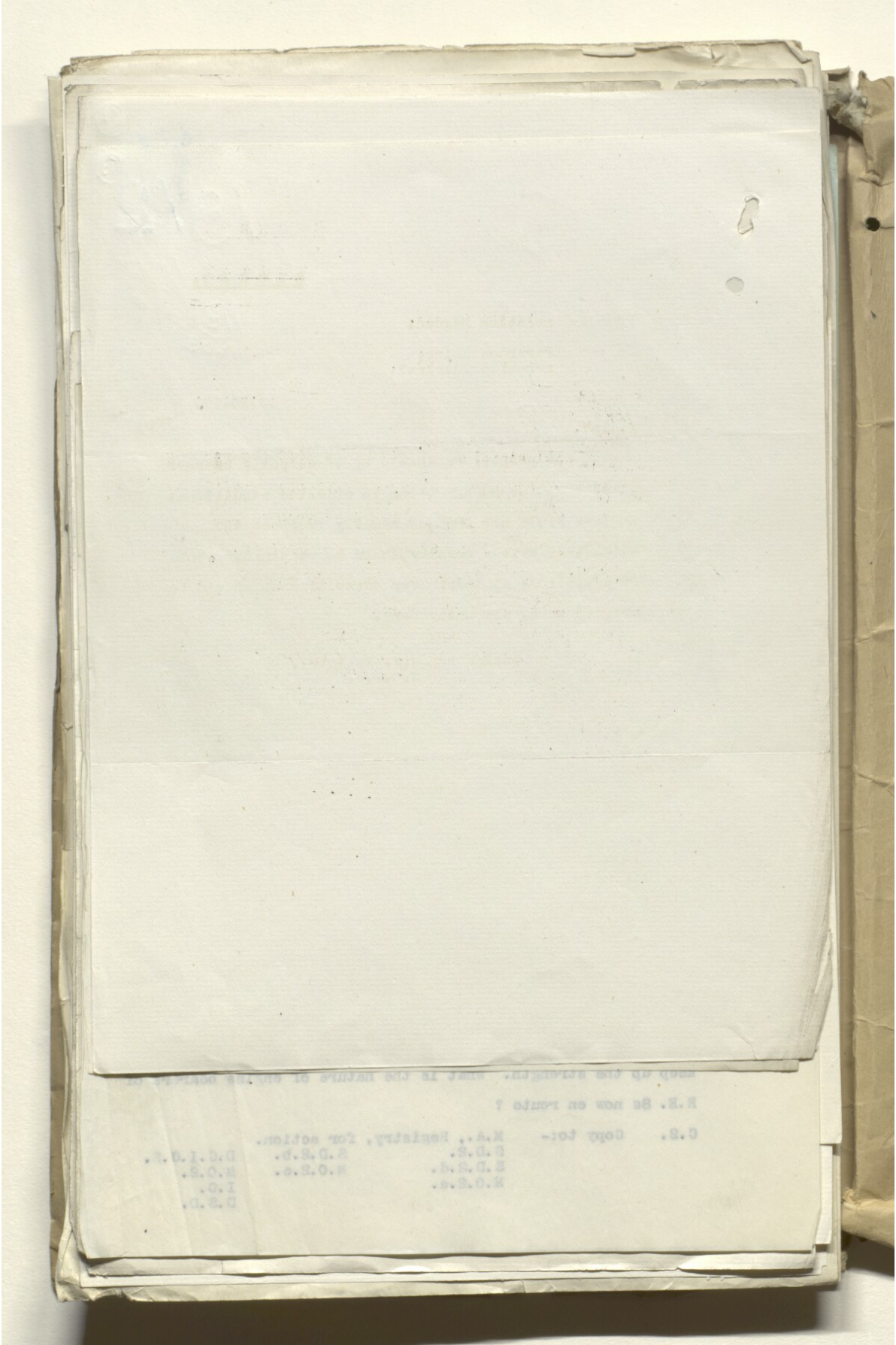
X.4187.

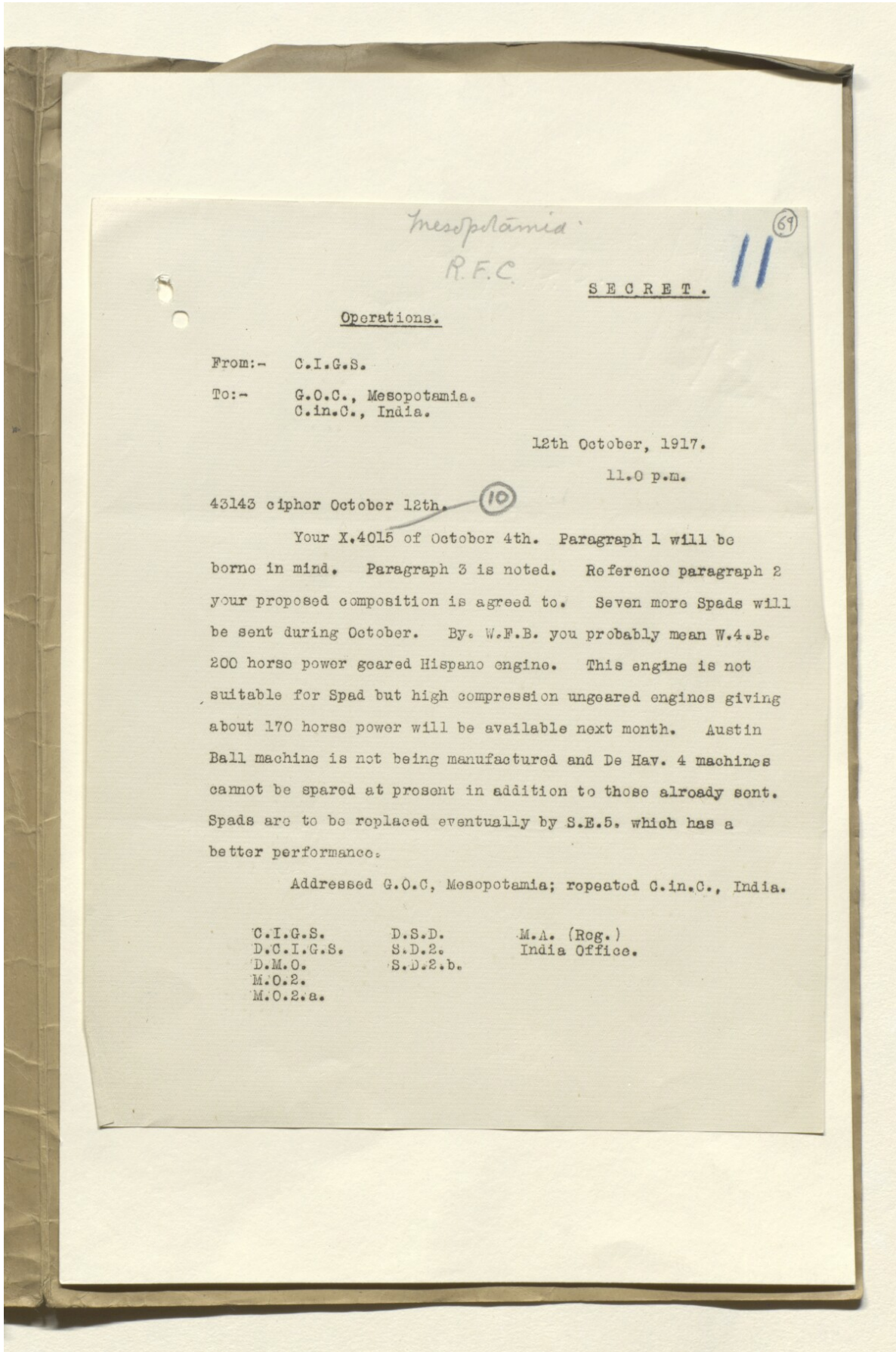
All propellers should be of slightly coarser pitch than for Europe owing to climatic conditions. Engines would not then so readily overheat and altogether better results would be obtained. 50% of propellers at least over establishment should be maintained by all units here.

Copies to M.A. Registry.
M.O.2.c.



"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٦٨ظ] (١٣٦/١٦٠)





Mesopotamia
R.F.C.

SECRET.

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Operations.

From:- C.I.G.S.
To:- G.O.C., Mesopotamia.
C.in.C., India.

12th October, 1917.

11.0 p.m.

43143 cipher October 12th. (10)

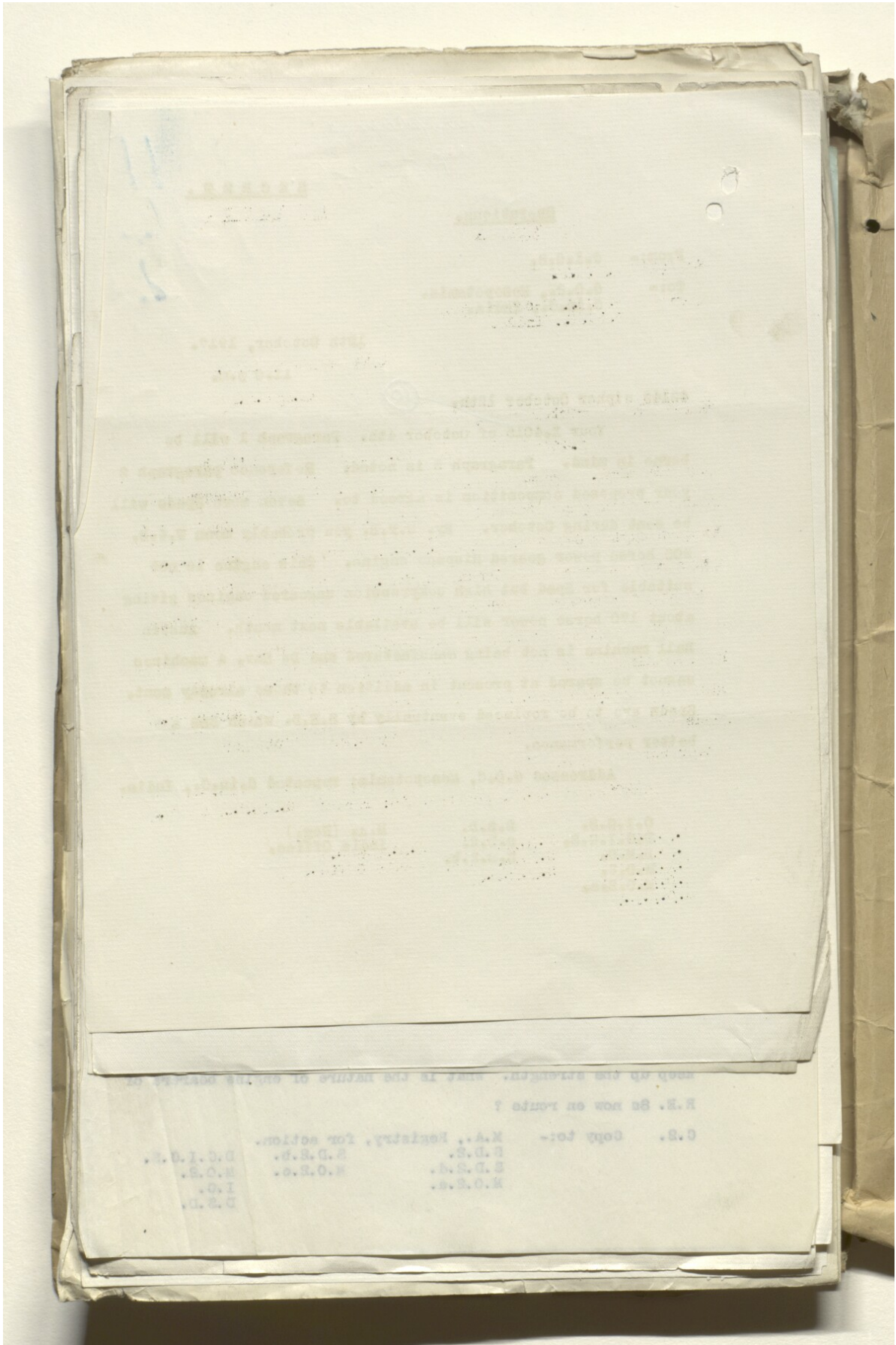
Your X.4015 of October 4th. Paragraph 1 will be borne in mind. Paragraph 3 is noted. Reference paragraph 2 your proposed composition is agreed to. Seven more Spads will be sent during October. By W.F.B. you probably mean W.4.B. 200 horse power geared Hispano engine. This engine is not suitable for Spad but high compression ungeared engines giving about 170 horse power will be available next month. Austin Ball machine is not being manufactured and De Hav. 4 machines cannot be spared at present in addition to those already sent. Spads are to be replaced eventually by S.E.5. which has a better performance.

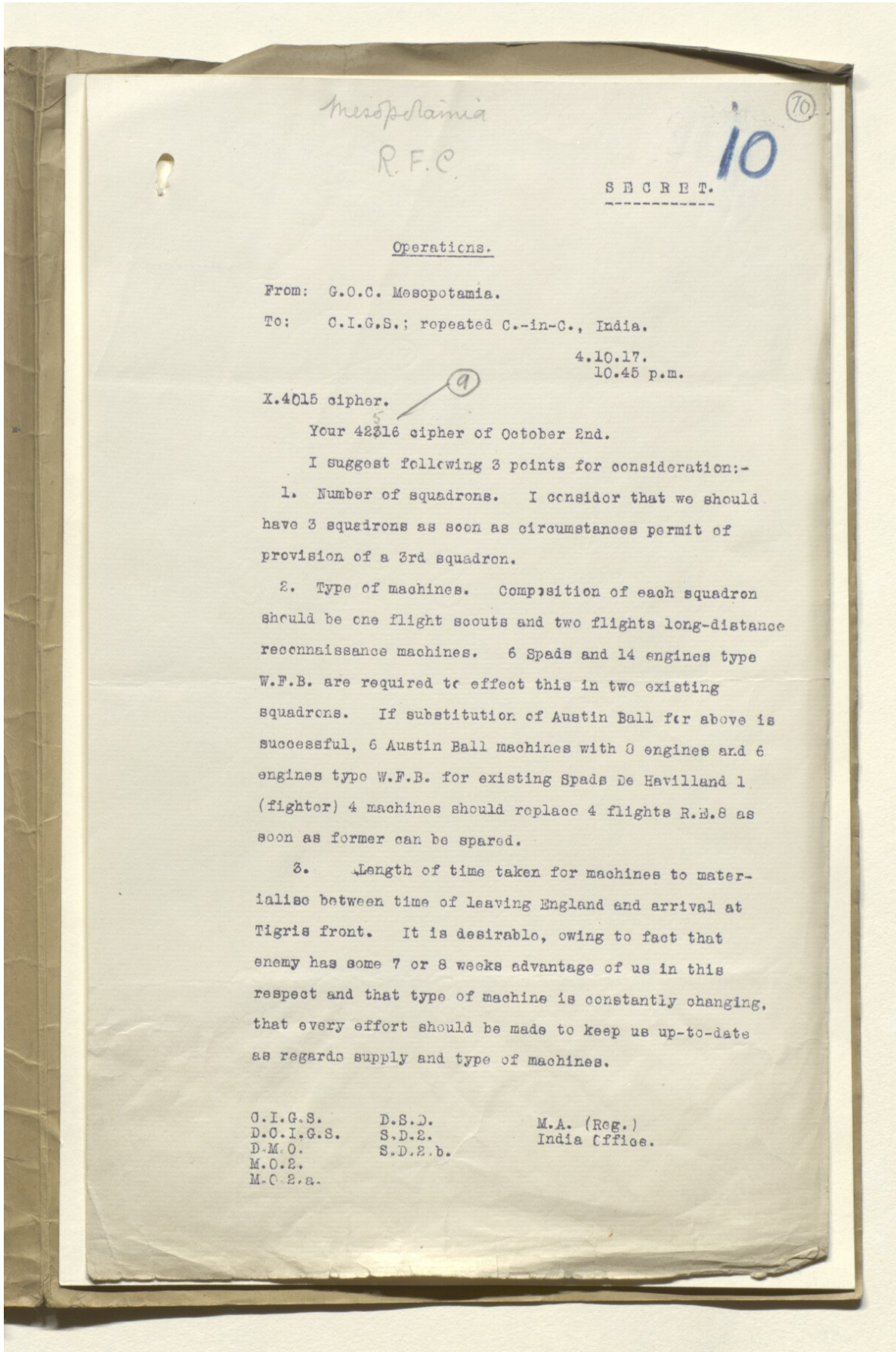
Addressed G.O.C, Mesopotamia; repeated C.in.C., India.

C.I.G.S.	D.S.D.	M.A. (Reg.)
D.C.I.G.S.	S.D.2.	India Office.
D.M.O.	S.D.2.b.	
M.O.2.		
M.O.2.a.		



"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٦٩ظ] (١٣٨/١٦٠)





Mesopotamia
R.F.C.

SECRET.

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Operations.

From: G.O.C. Mesopotamia.

To: C.I.G.S.; repeated C.-in-C., India.

4.10.17.
10.45 p.m.

X.4015 cipher.

Your 42316 cipher of October 2nd.

I suggest following 3 points for consideration:-

1. Number of squadrons. I consider that we should have 3 squadrons as soon as circumstances permit of provision of a 3rd squadron.

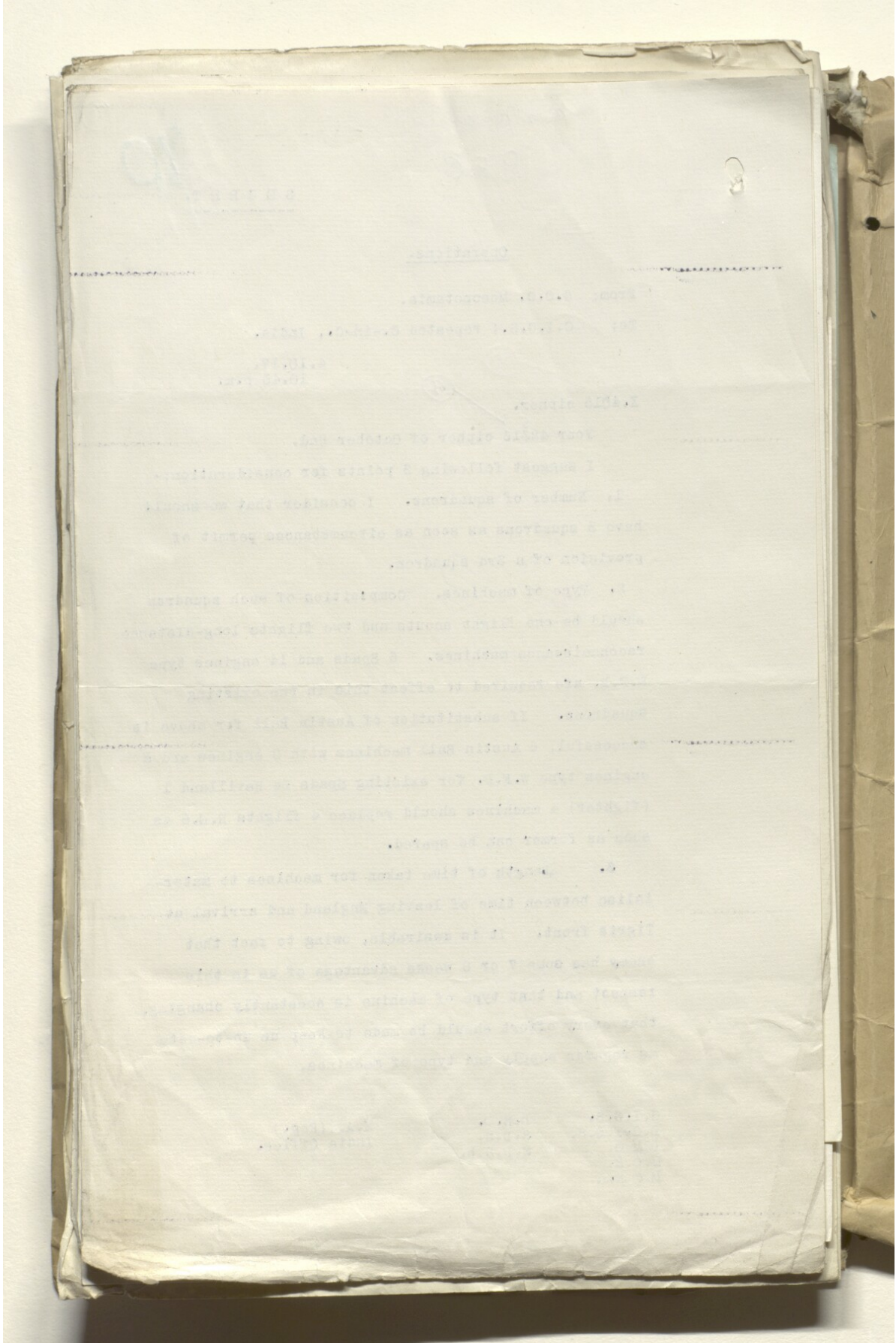
2. Type of machines. Composition of each squadron should be one flight scouts and two flights long-distance reconnaissance machines. 6 Spads and 14 engines type W.F.B. are required to effect this in two existing squadrons. If substitution of Austin Ball for above is successful, 6 Austin Ball machines with 3 engines and 6 engines type W.F.B. for existing Spads De Havilland 1 (fighter) 4 machines should replace 4 flights R.E.8 as soon as former can be spared.

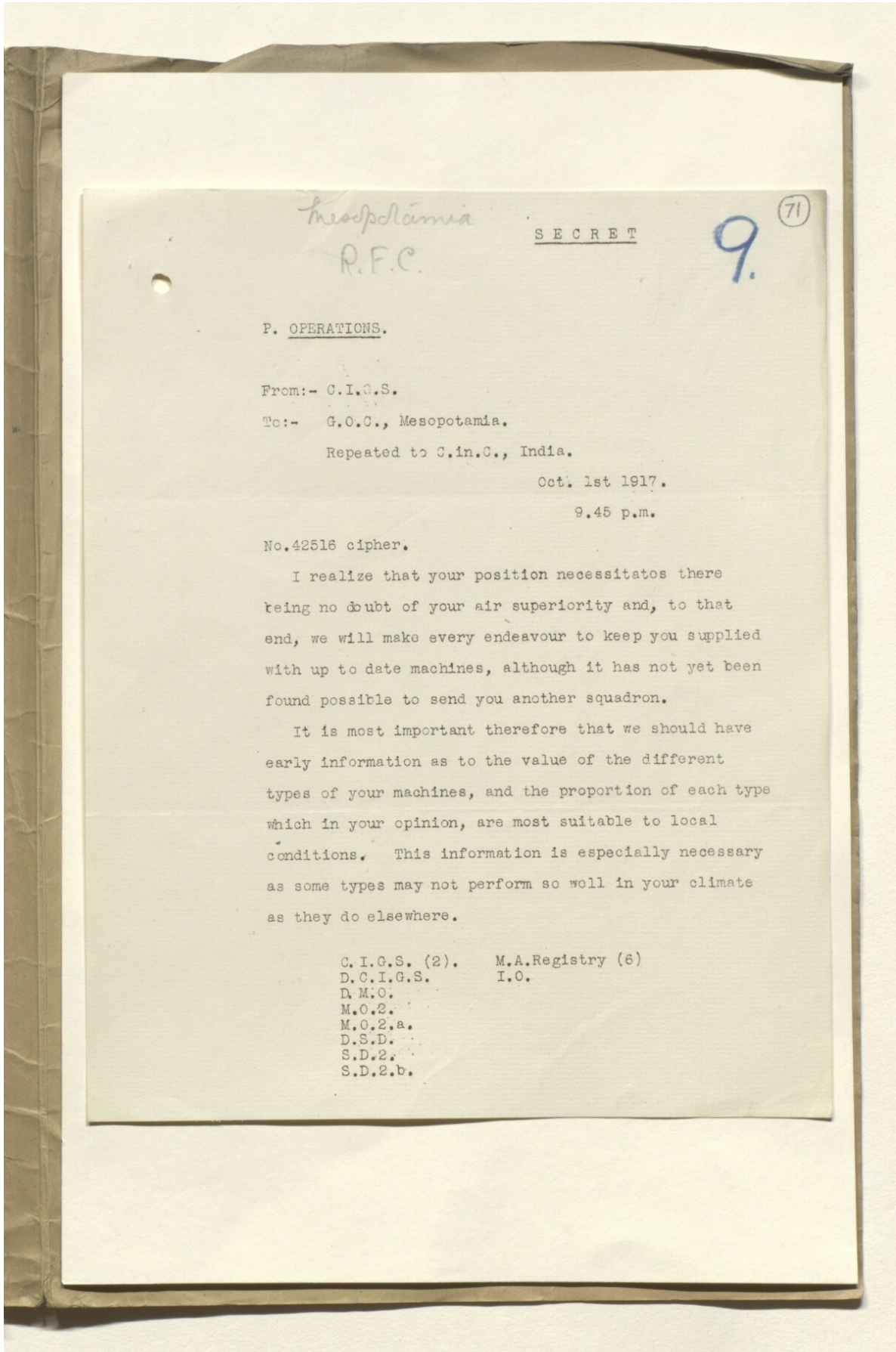
3. Length of time taken for machines to materialise between time of leaving England and arrival at Tigris front. It is desirable, owing to fact that enemy has some 7 or 8 weeks advantage of us in this respect and that type of machine is constantly changing, that every effort should be made to keep us up-to-date as regards supply and type of machines.

O.I.G.S.	D.S.D.	M.A. (Reg.)
D.C.I.G.S.	S.D.E.	India Office.
D.M.O.	S.D.2.b.	
M.O.E.		
M.C.2.a.		



"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٧٠ظ] (١٤٠/١٦٠)





Mesopotamia
R.F.C.

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P. OPERATIONS.

From:- C.I.G.S.

To:- G.O.C., Mesopotamia.

Repeated to C.in.C., India.

Oct. 1st 1917.

9.45 p.m.

No. 42516 cipher.

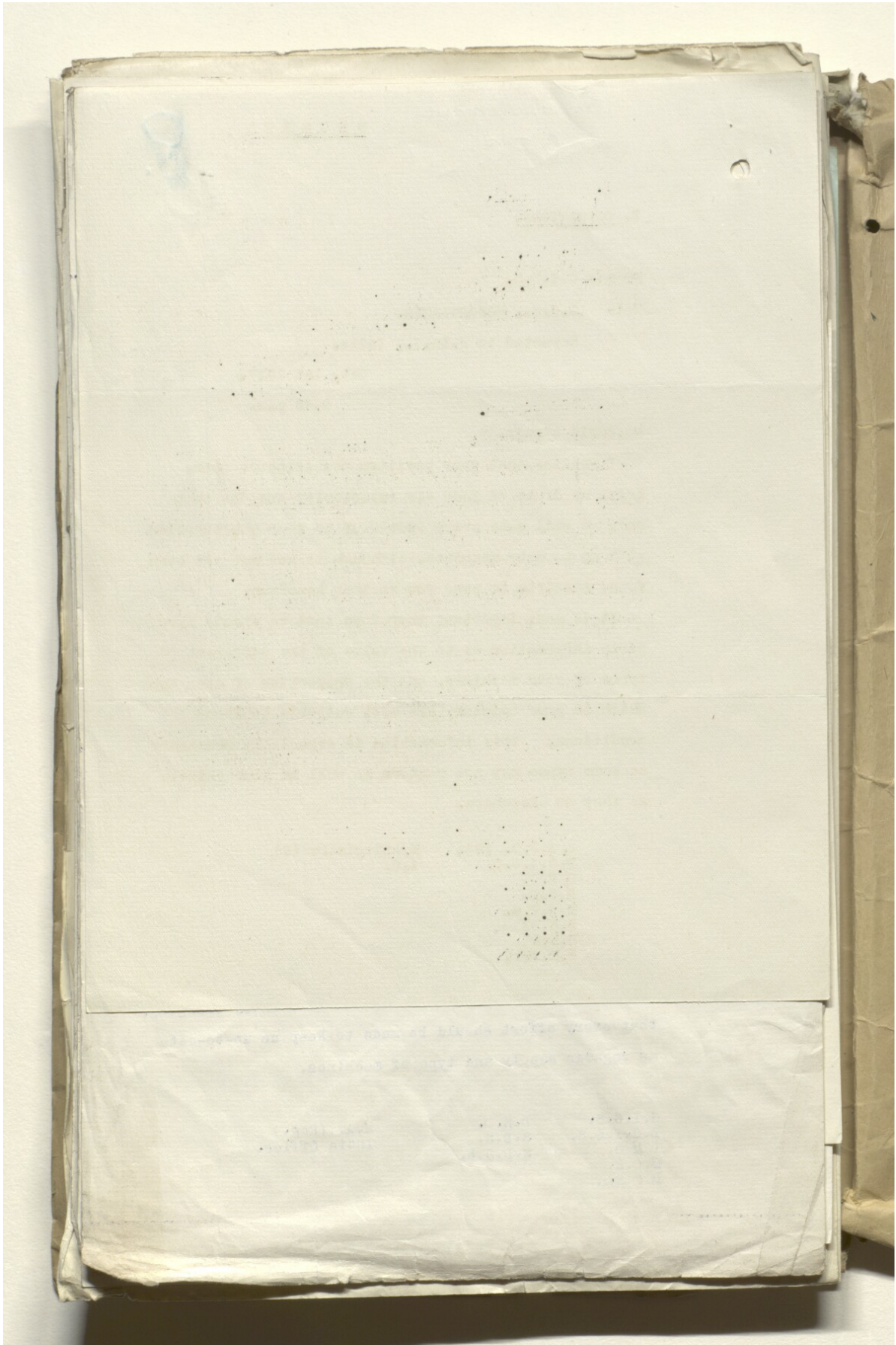
I realize that your position necessitates there being no doubt of your air superiority and, to that end, we will make every endeavour to keep you supplied with up to date machines, although it has not yet been found possible to send you another squadron.

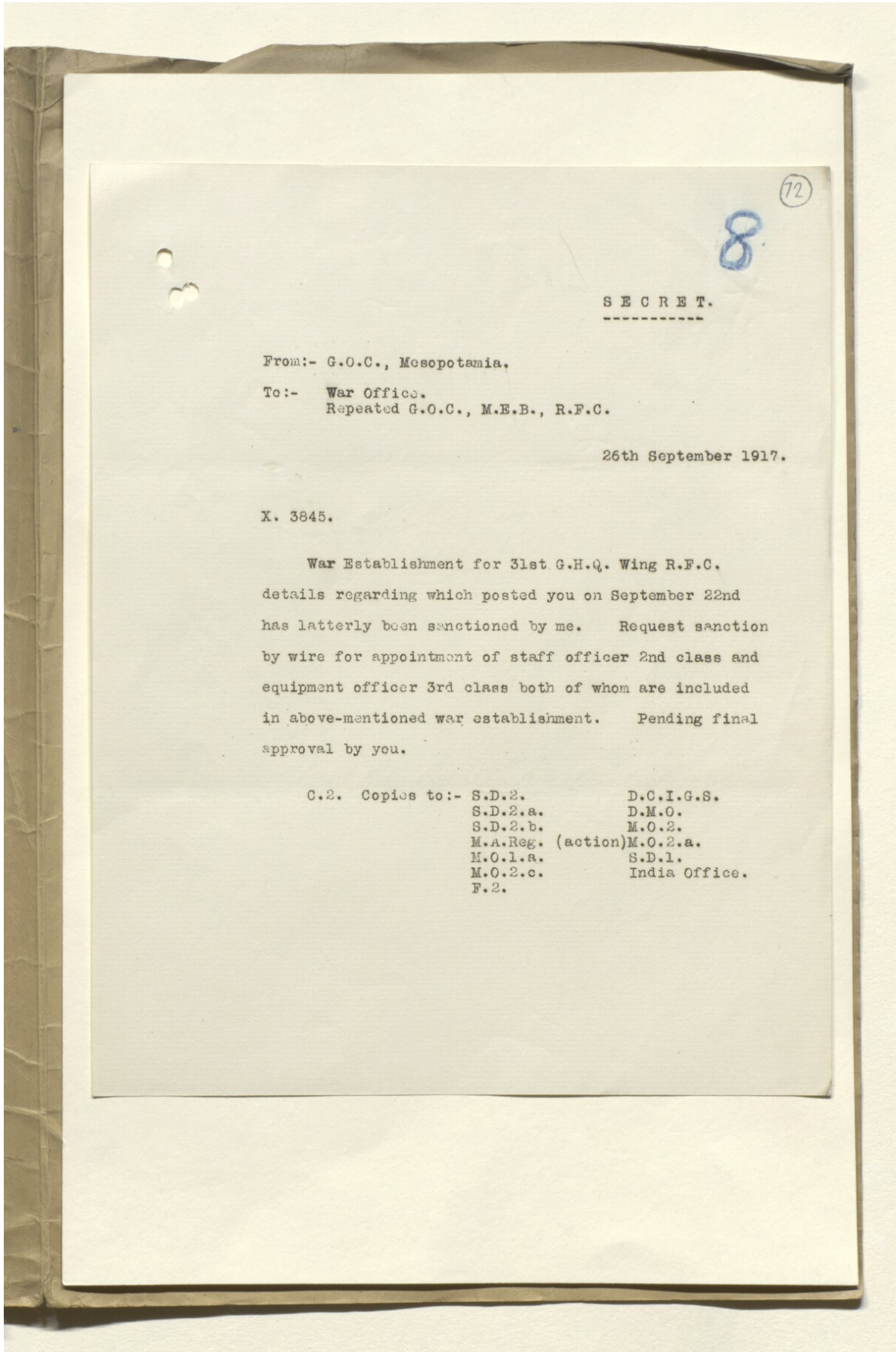
It is most important therefore that we should have early information as to the value of the different types of your machines, and the proportion of each type which in your opinion, are most suitable to local conditions. This information is especially necessary as some types may not perform so well in your climate as they do elsewhere.

C. I. G. S. (2). M. A. Registry (6)
D. C. I. G. S. I. O.
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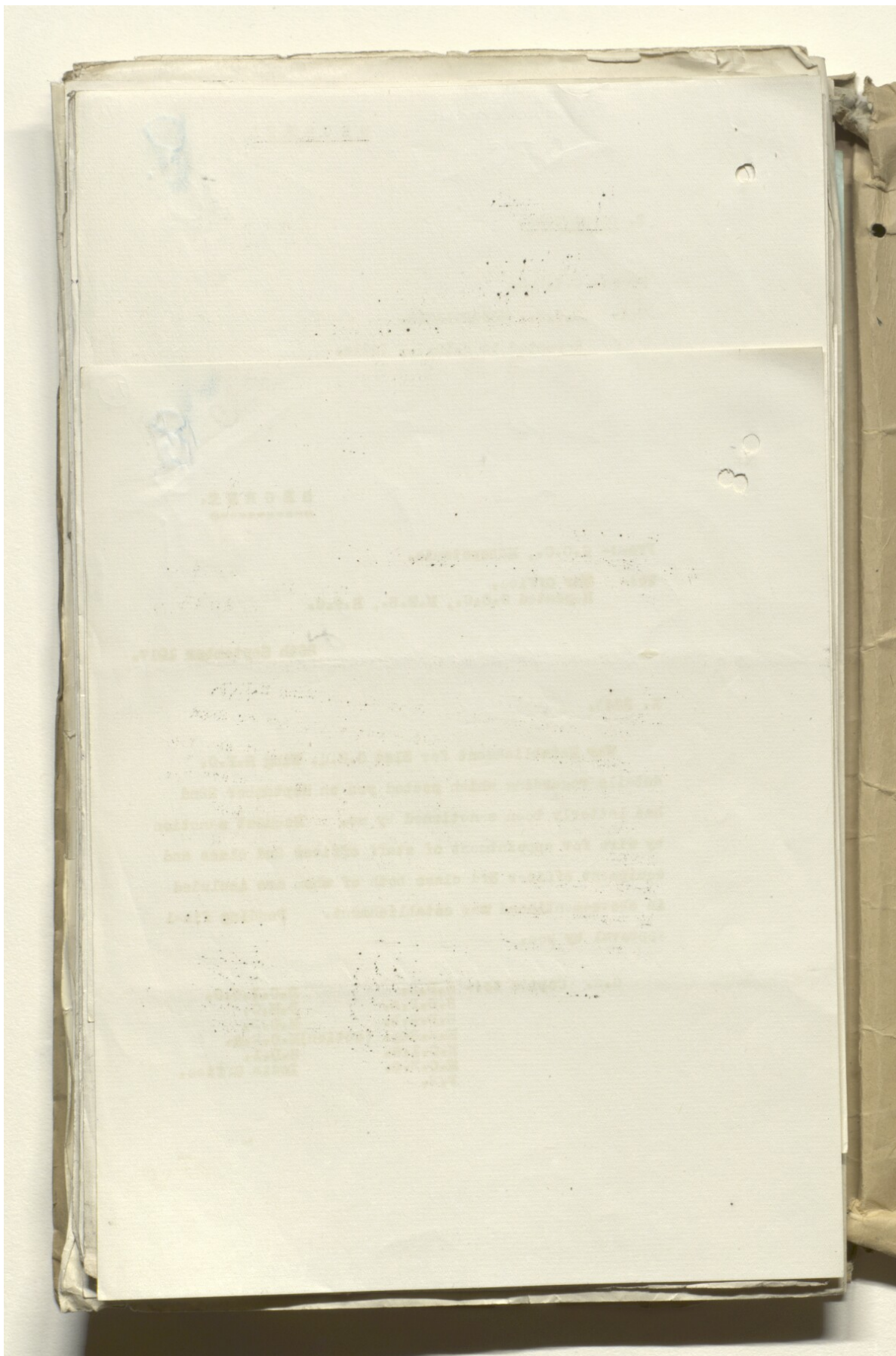
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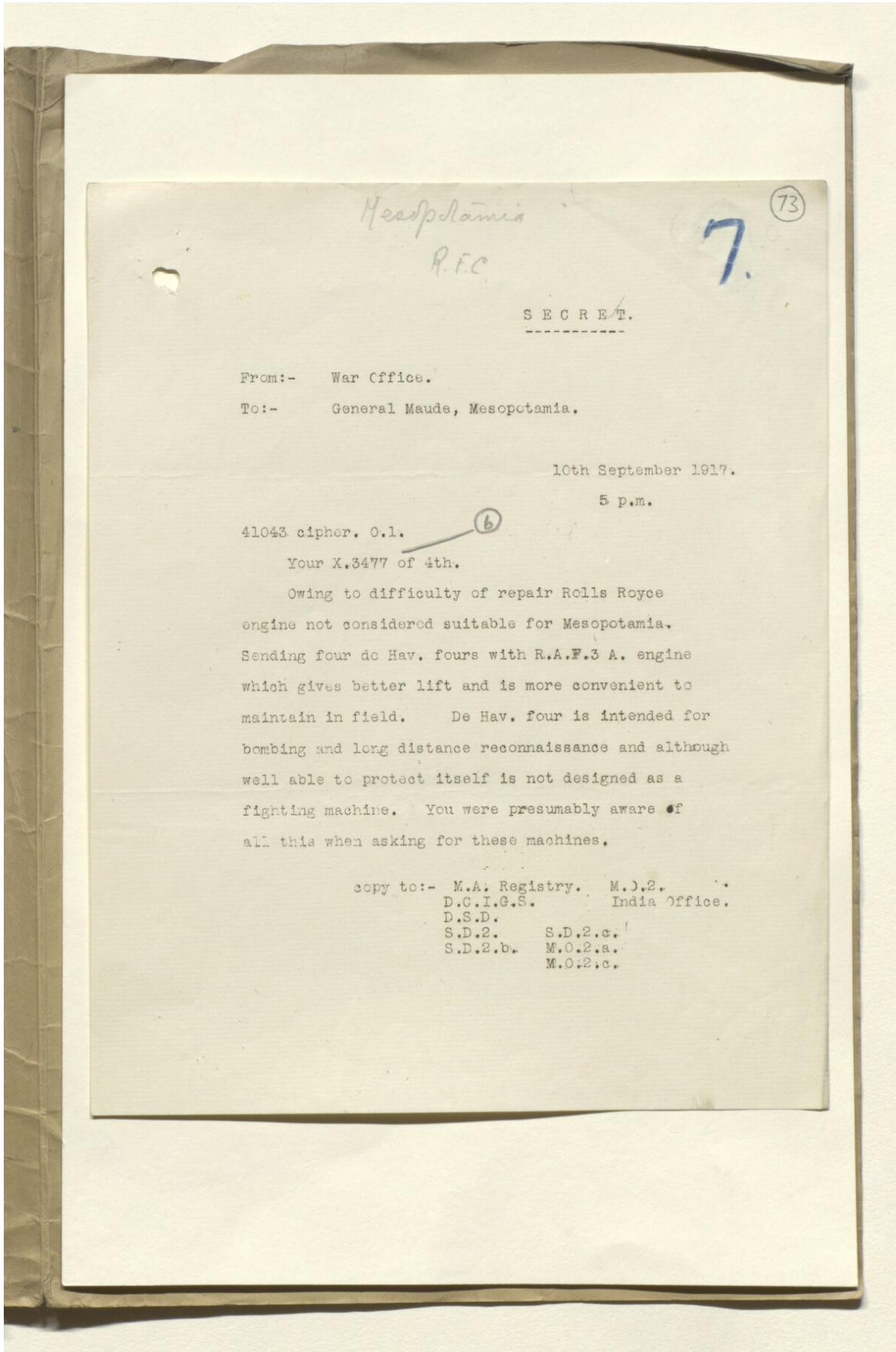






"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٧٢ظ] (١٤٤/١٦٠)





Mesopotamia
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From:- War Office.
To:- General Maude, Mesopotamia.

10th September 1917.
5 p.m.

41043 cipher. O.L.

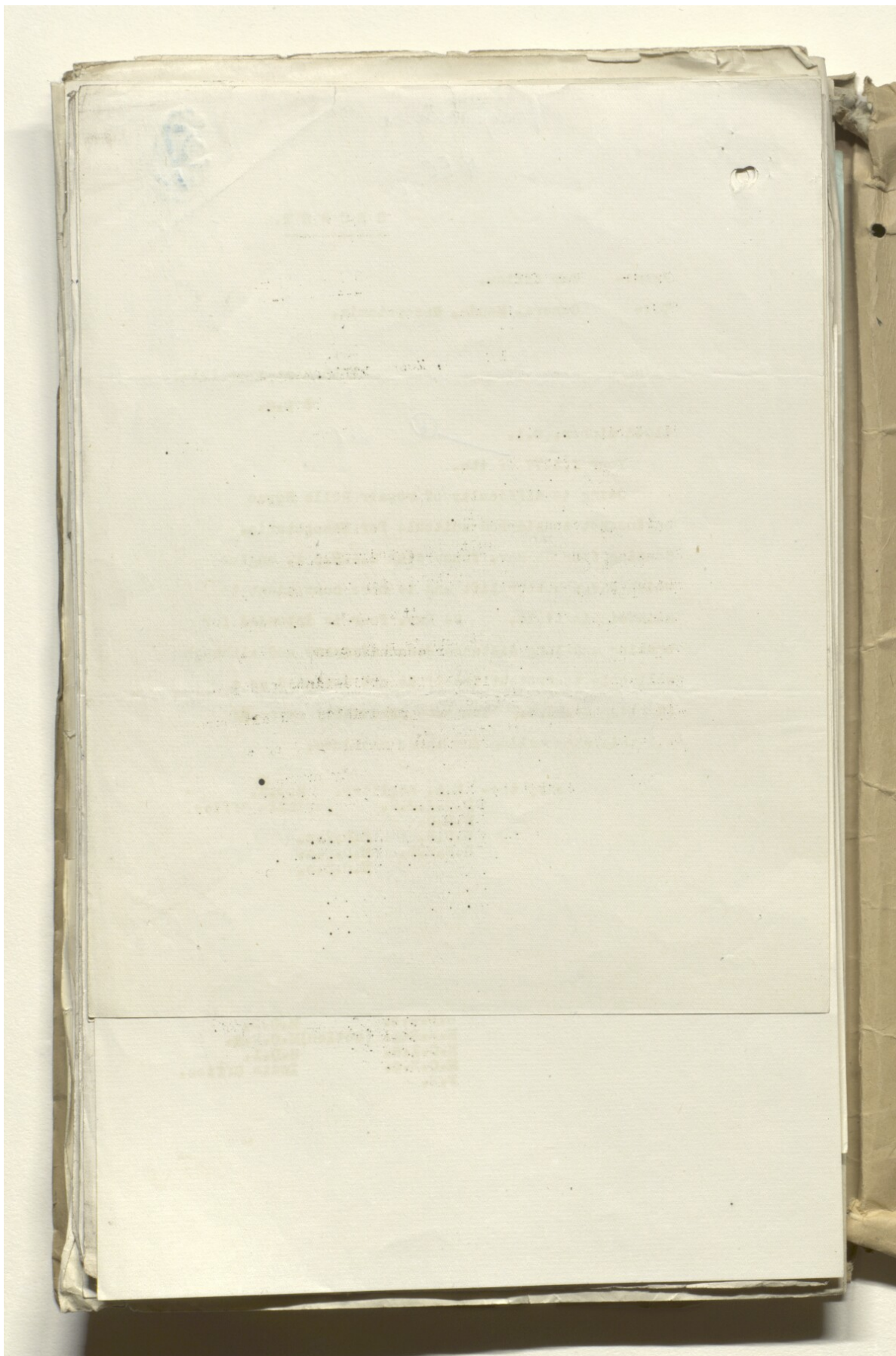
Your X.3477 of 4th.

Owing to difficulty of repair Rolls Royce engine not considered suitable for Mesopotamia. Sending four de Hav. fours with R.A.F.3 A. engine which gives better lift and is more convenient to maintain in field. De Hav. four is intended for bombing and long distance reconnaissance and although well able to protect itself is not designed as a fighting machine. You were presumably aware of all this when asking for these machines.

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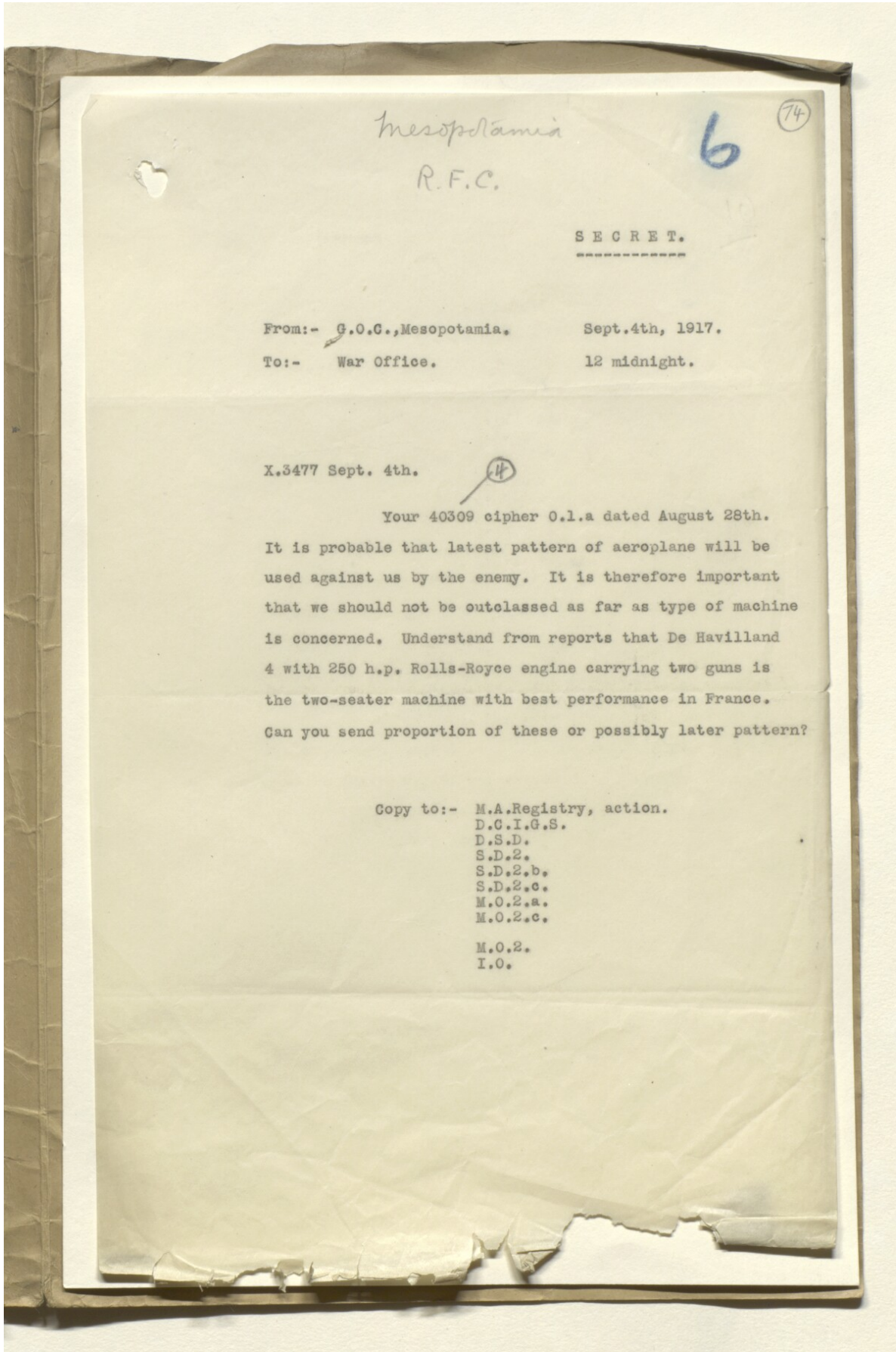


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٧٣ظ] (١٤٦/١٦٠)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٧٤و] (١٦٠/١٤٧)



From:- G.O.C., Mesopotamia. Sept. 4th, 1917.
To:- War Office. 12 midnight.

X.3477 Sept. 4th.

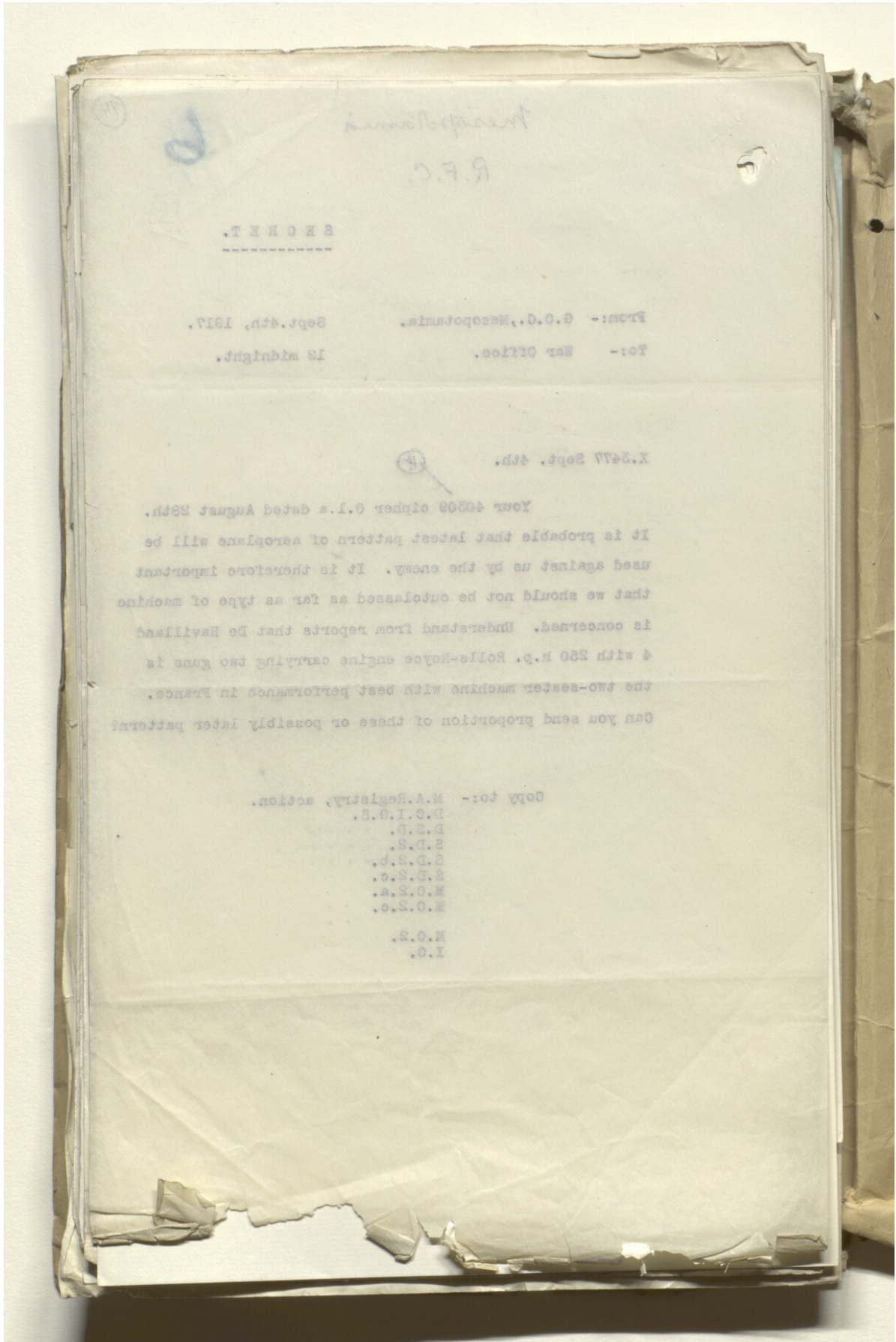
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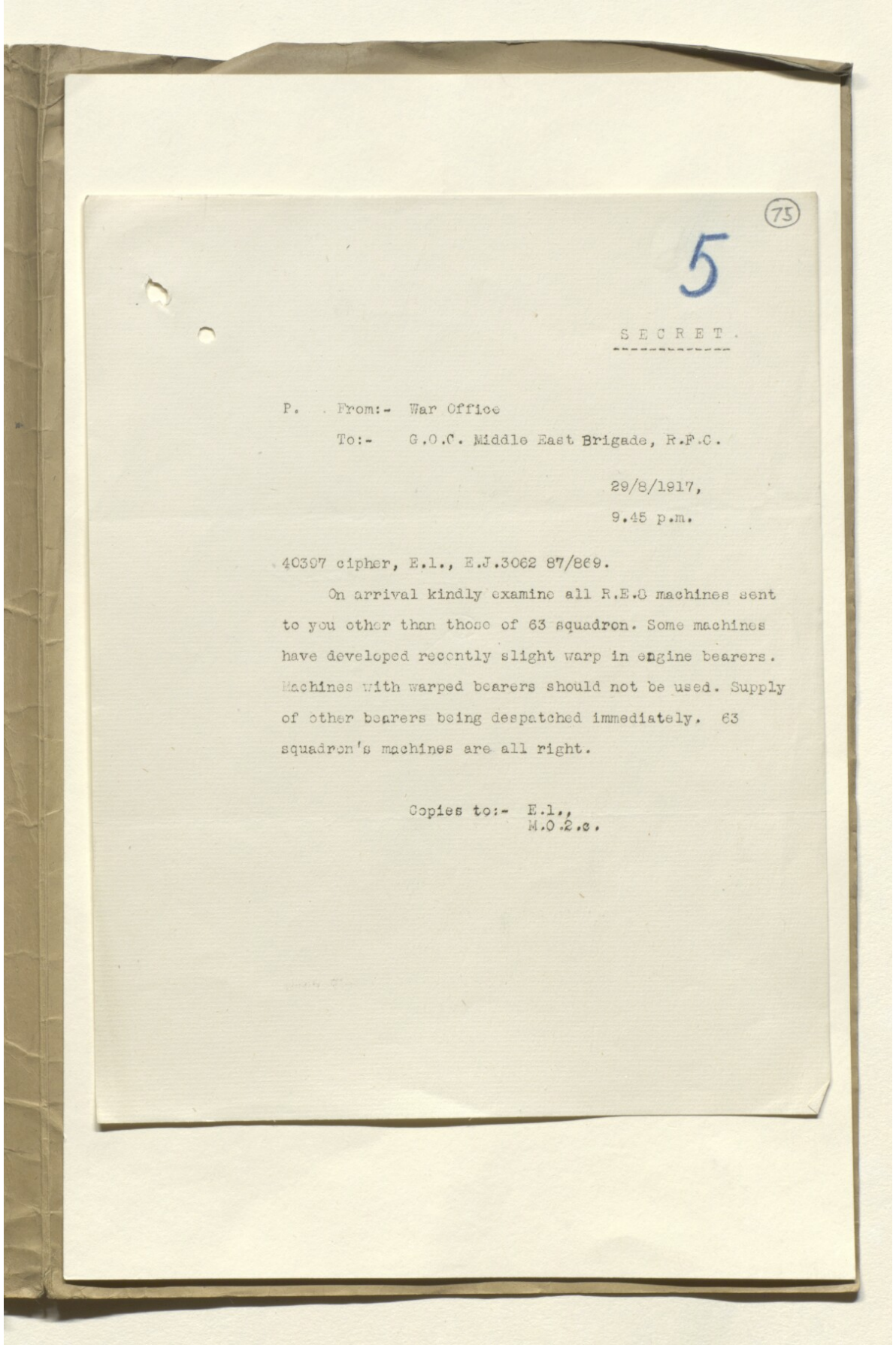
It is probable that latest pattern of aeroplane will be used against us by the enemy. It is therefore important that we should not be outclassed as far as type of machine is concerned. Understand from reports that De Havilland 4 with 250 h.p. Rolls-Royce engine carrying two guns is the two-seater machine with best performance in France. Can you send proportion of these or possibly later pattern?

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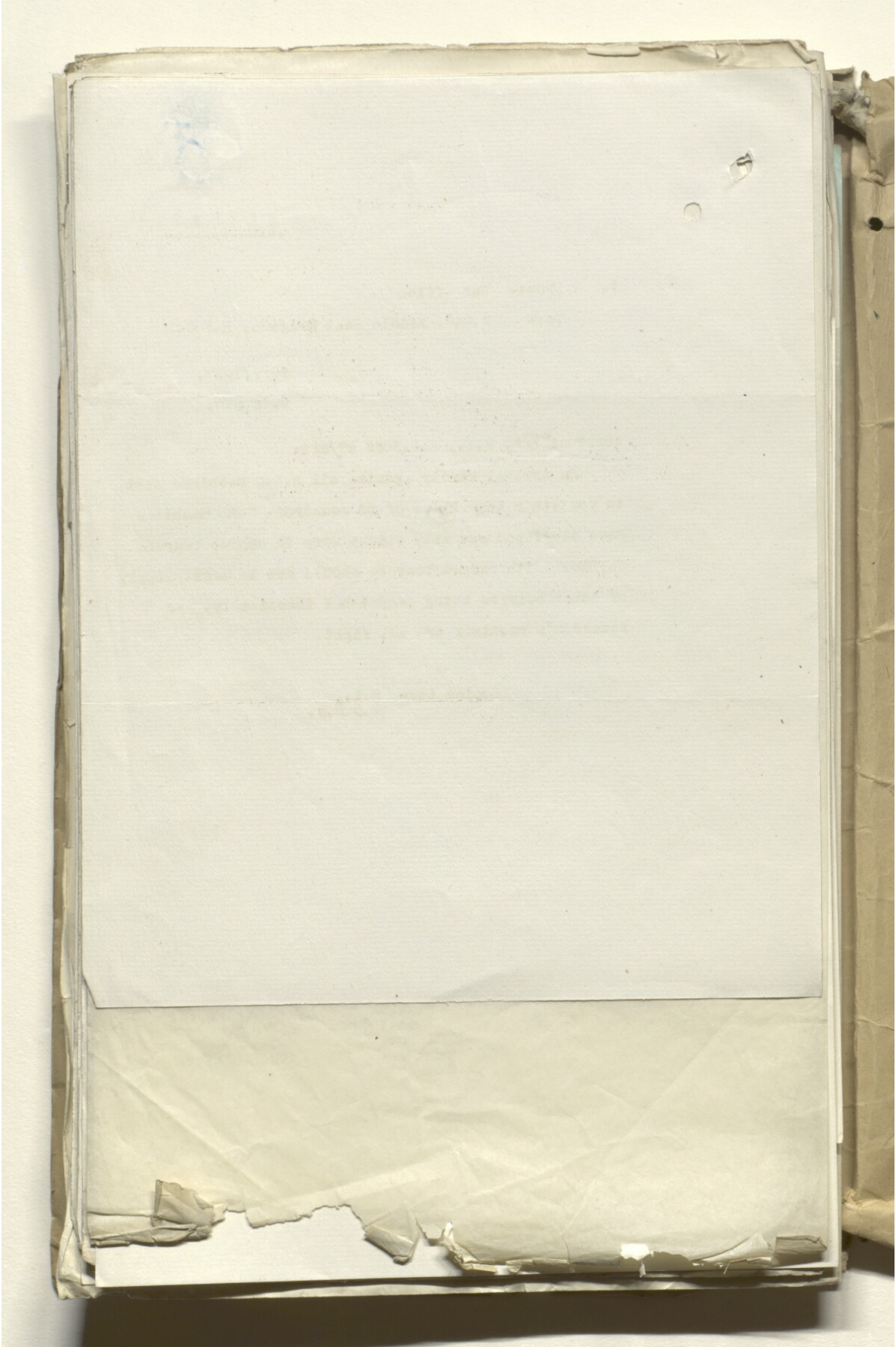
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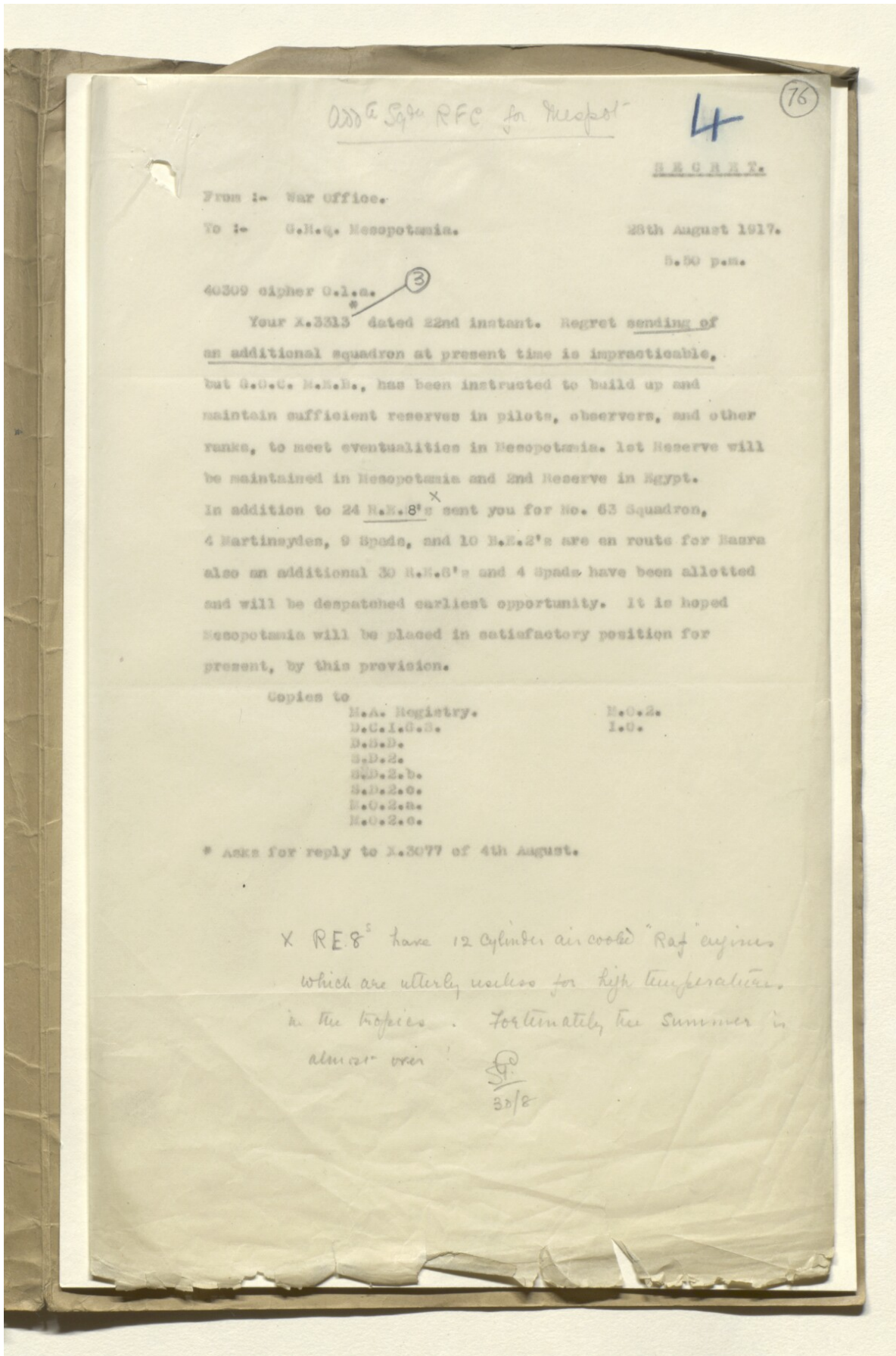


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٧٥ظ] (١٦٠/١٥٠)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٧٦] [١٥١/١٦٠]



Add'l Sqdn RFC for Mesopotamia

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SECRET

From :- War Office.

To :- G.H.Q. Mesopotamia.

28th August 1917.

5.50 p.m.

40309 cipher C.I.A. (3)

Your X.3313 dated 22nd instant. Regret sending of an additional squadron at present time is impracticable. but G.O.C. M.E.S., has been instructed to build up and maintain sufficient reserves in pilots, observers, and other ranks, to meet eventualities in Mesopotamia. 1st Reserve will be maintained in Mesopotamia and 2nd Reserve in Egypt. In addition to 24 R.E.8's^x sent you for No. 63 Squadron, 4 Martinsydes, 9 Spads, and 10 R.E.2's are en route for Basra also an additional 30 R.E.8's and 4 Spads have been allotted and will be despatched earliest opportunity. It is hoped Mesopotamia will be placed in satisfactory position for present, by this provision.

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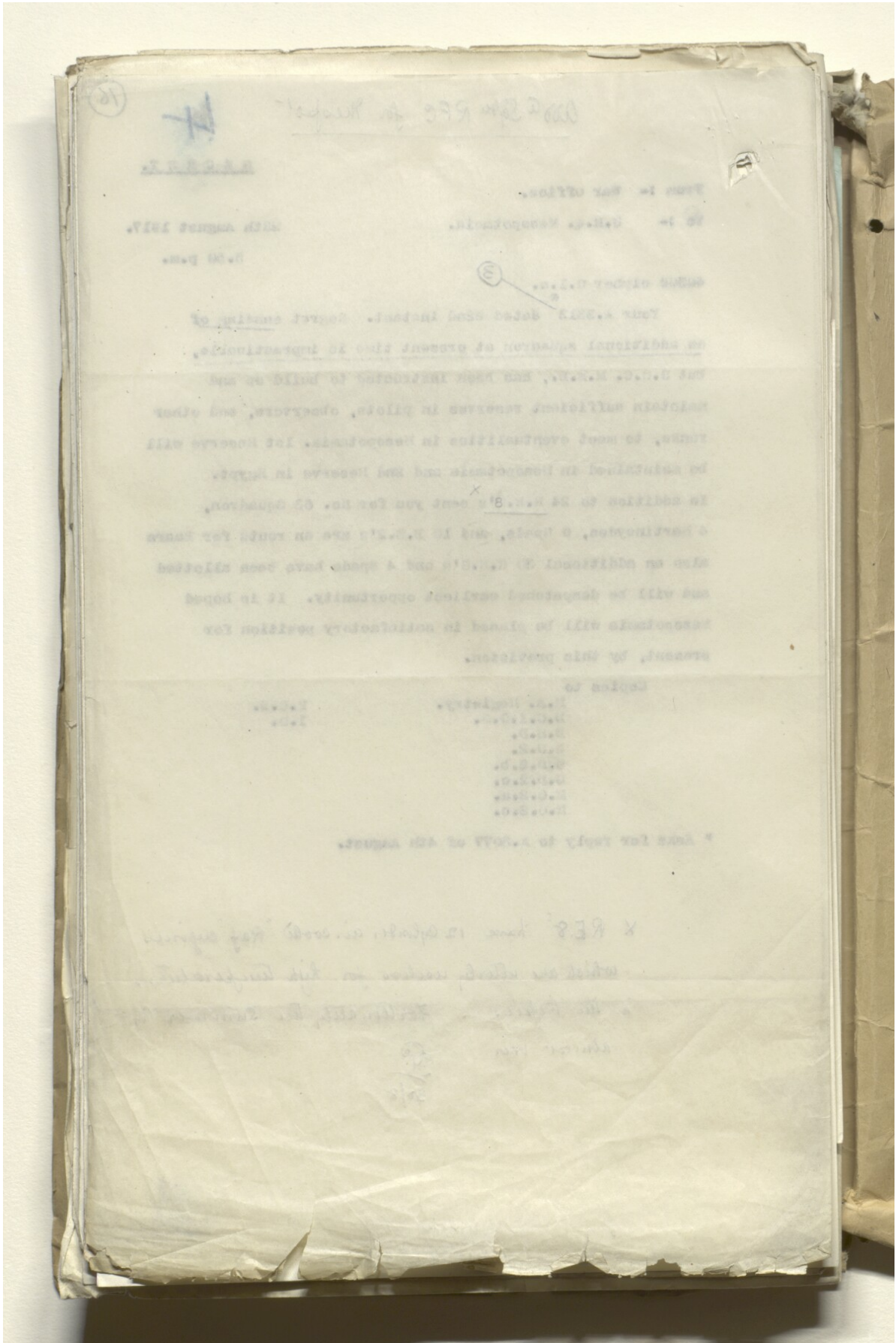
* Asks for reply to X.3077 of 4th August.

X RE 8's have 12 Cylinder air cooled "Raf" engines which are utterly useless for high temperatures in the tropics. Fortunately the summer is almost over

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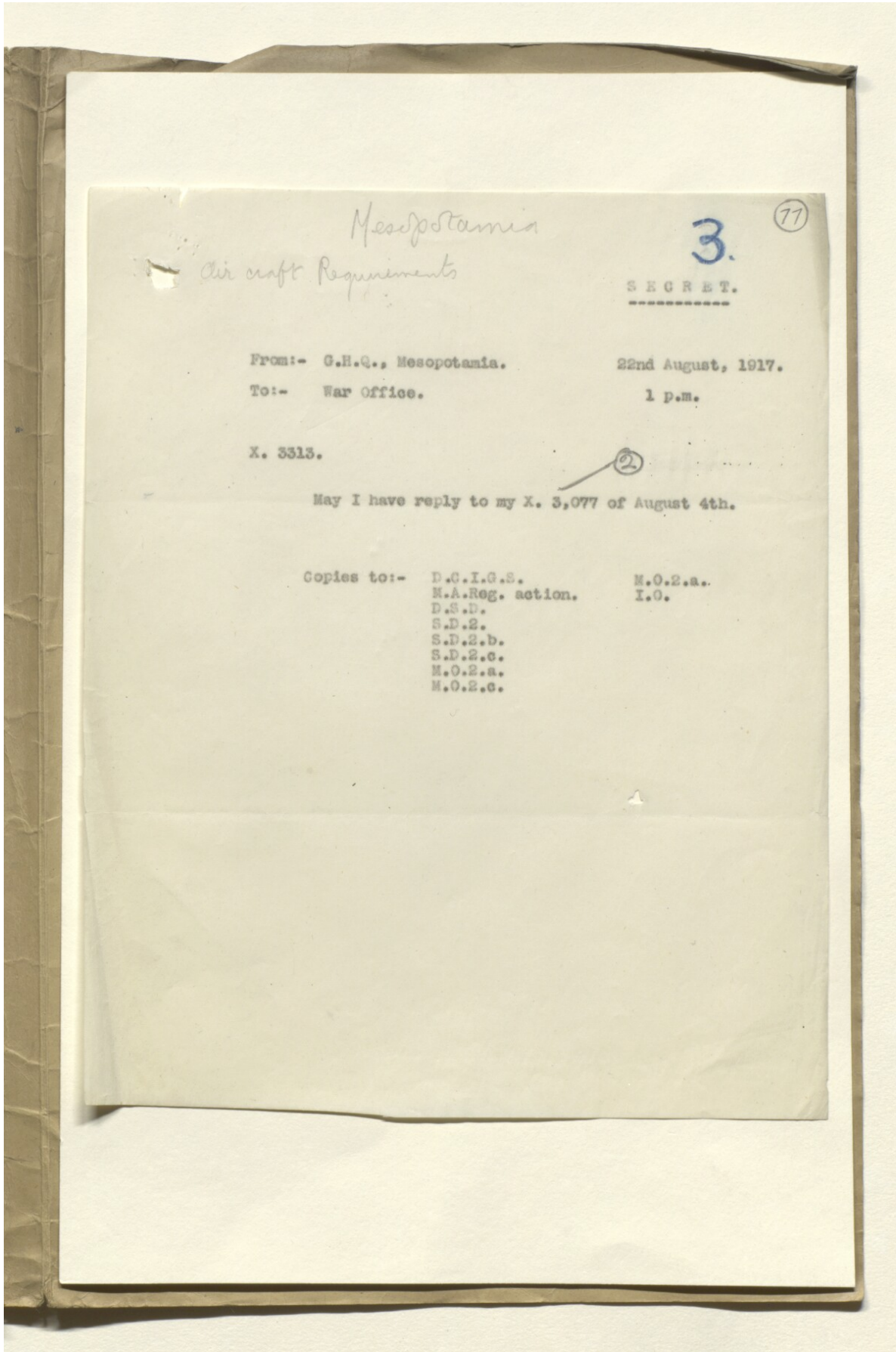


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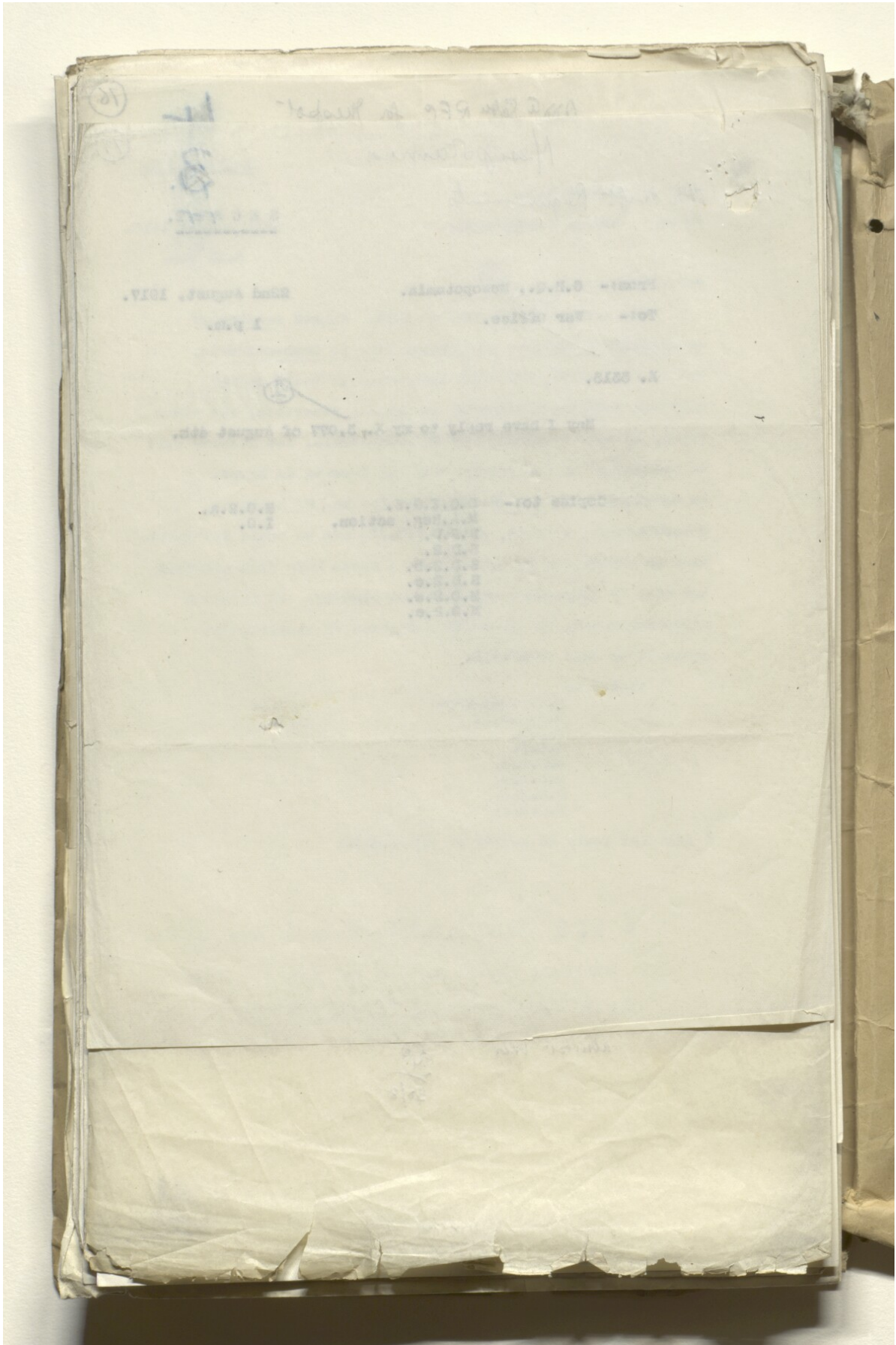


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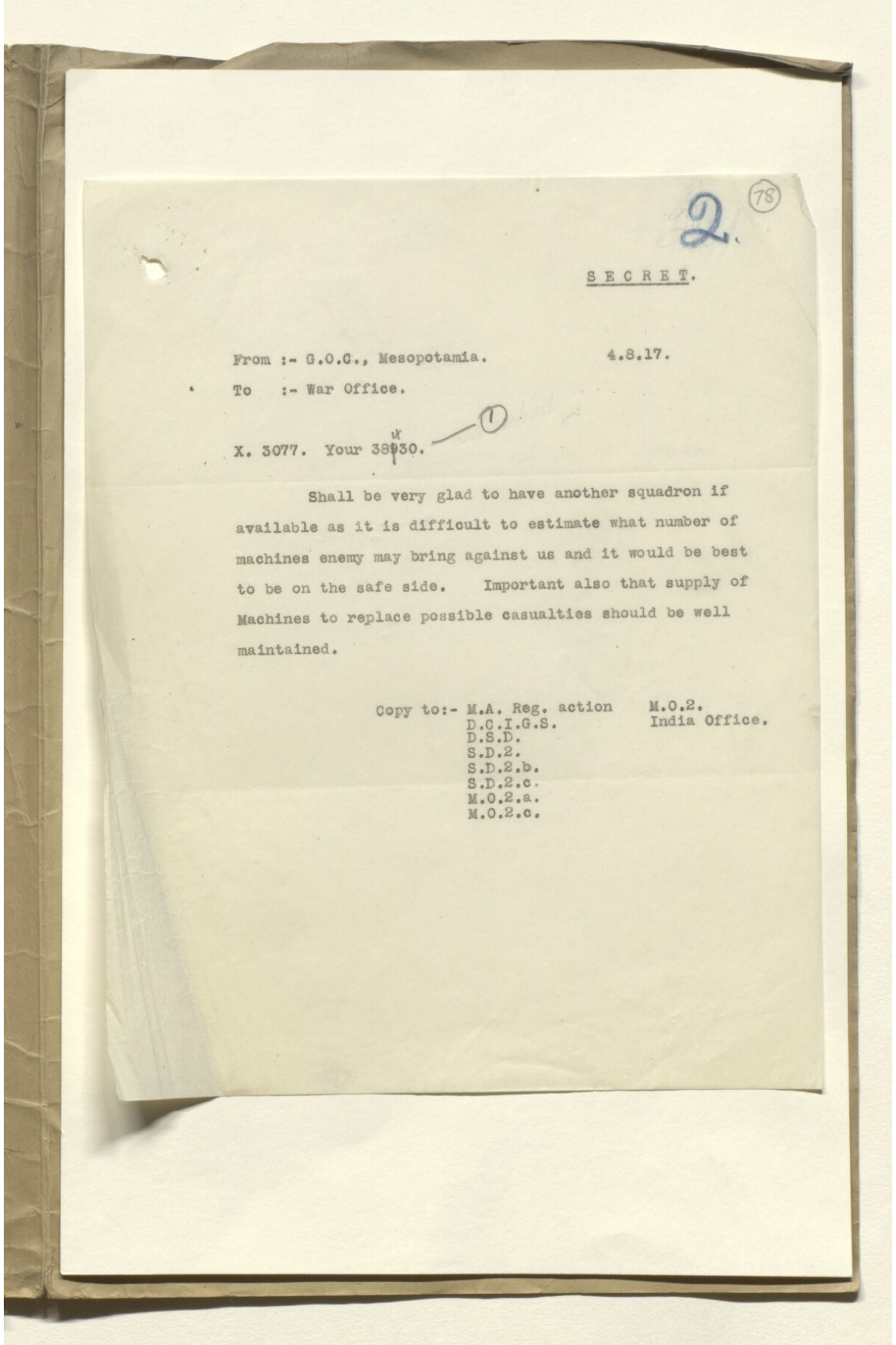


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"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٧٨و] (١٦٠/١٥٥)



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SECRET.

From :- G.O.C., Mesopotamia.

4.8.17.

To :- War Office.

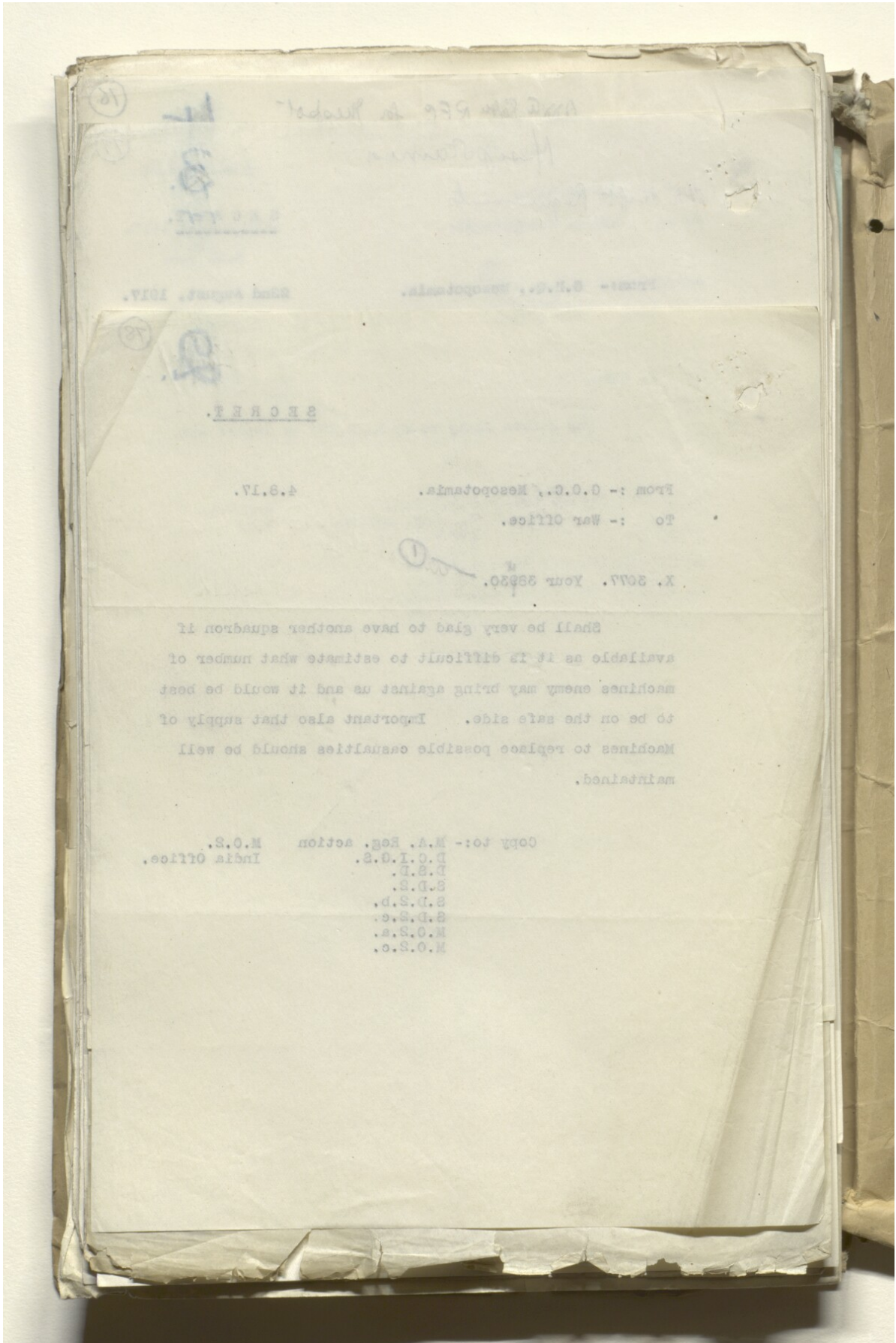
X. 3077. Your 38930. (1)

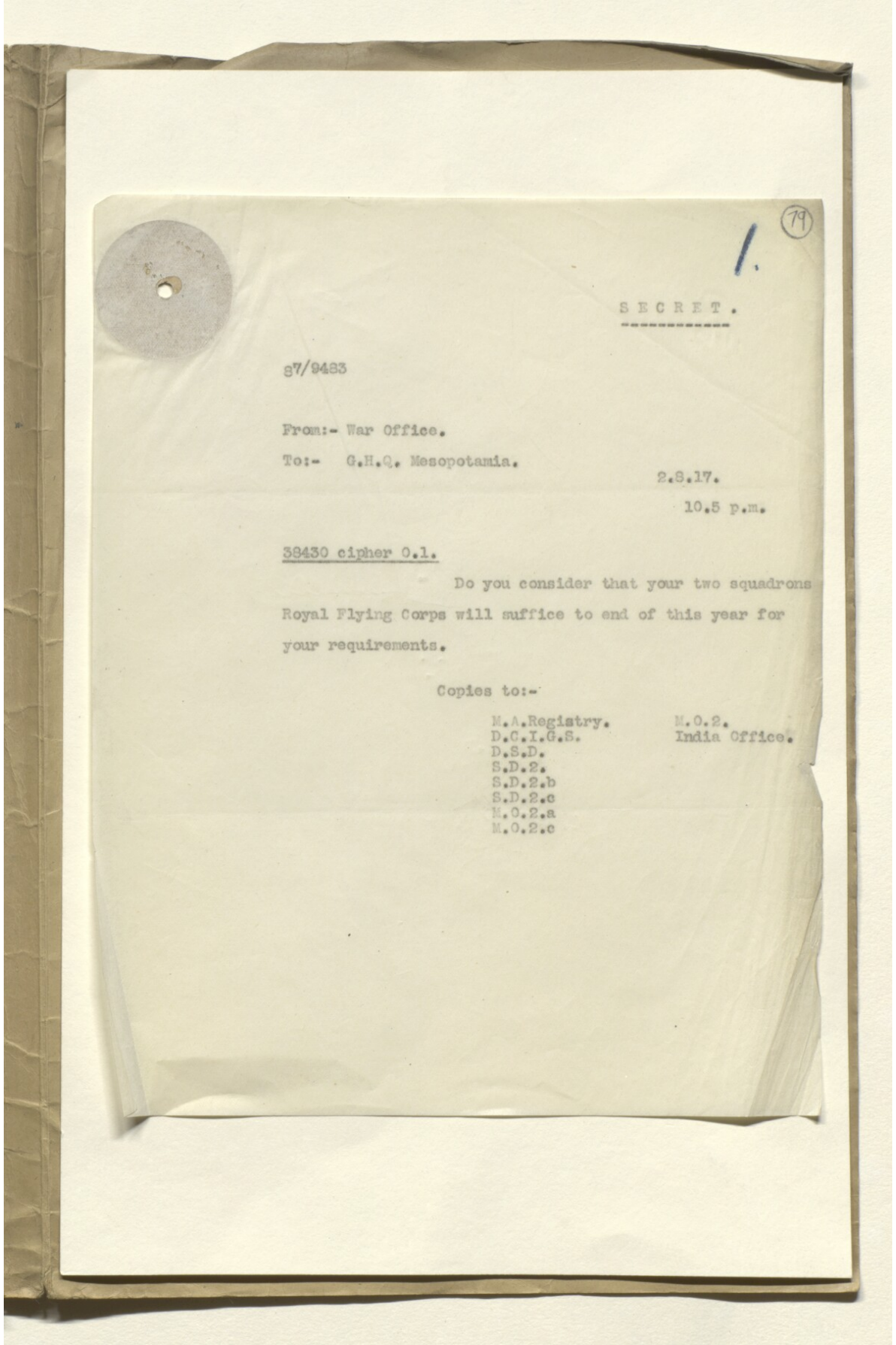
Shall be very glad to have another squadron if available as it is difficult to estimate what number of machines enemy may bring against us and it would be best to be on the safe side. Important also that supply of Machines to replace possible casualties should be well maintained.

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"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٧٨ظ] (١٥٦/١٦٠)





SECRET .

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From:- War Office.

To:- G.H.Q. Mesopotamia.

2.8.17.

10.5 p.m.

38430 cipher O.L.

Do you consider that your two squadrons Royal Flying Corps will suffice to end of this year for your requirements.

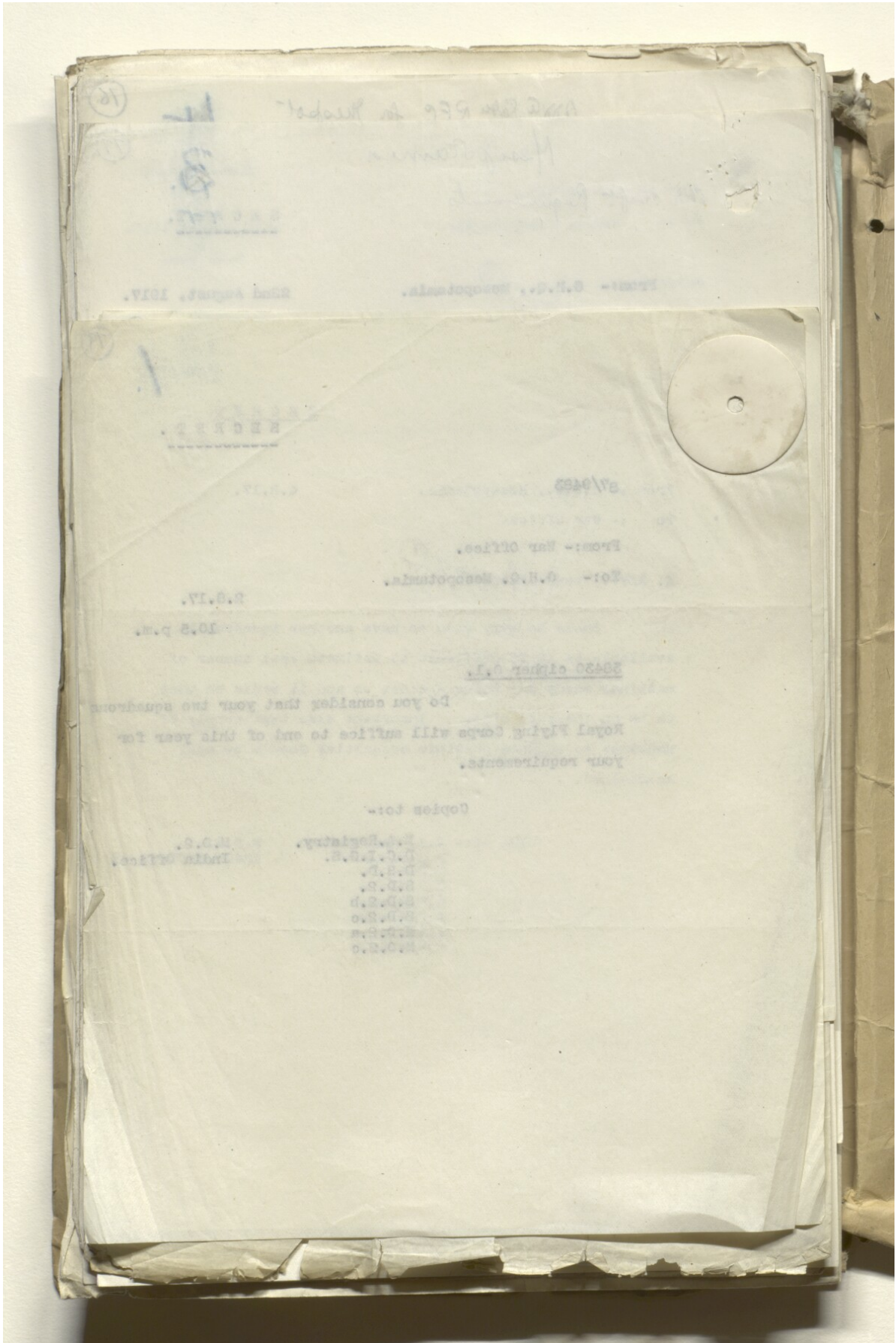
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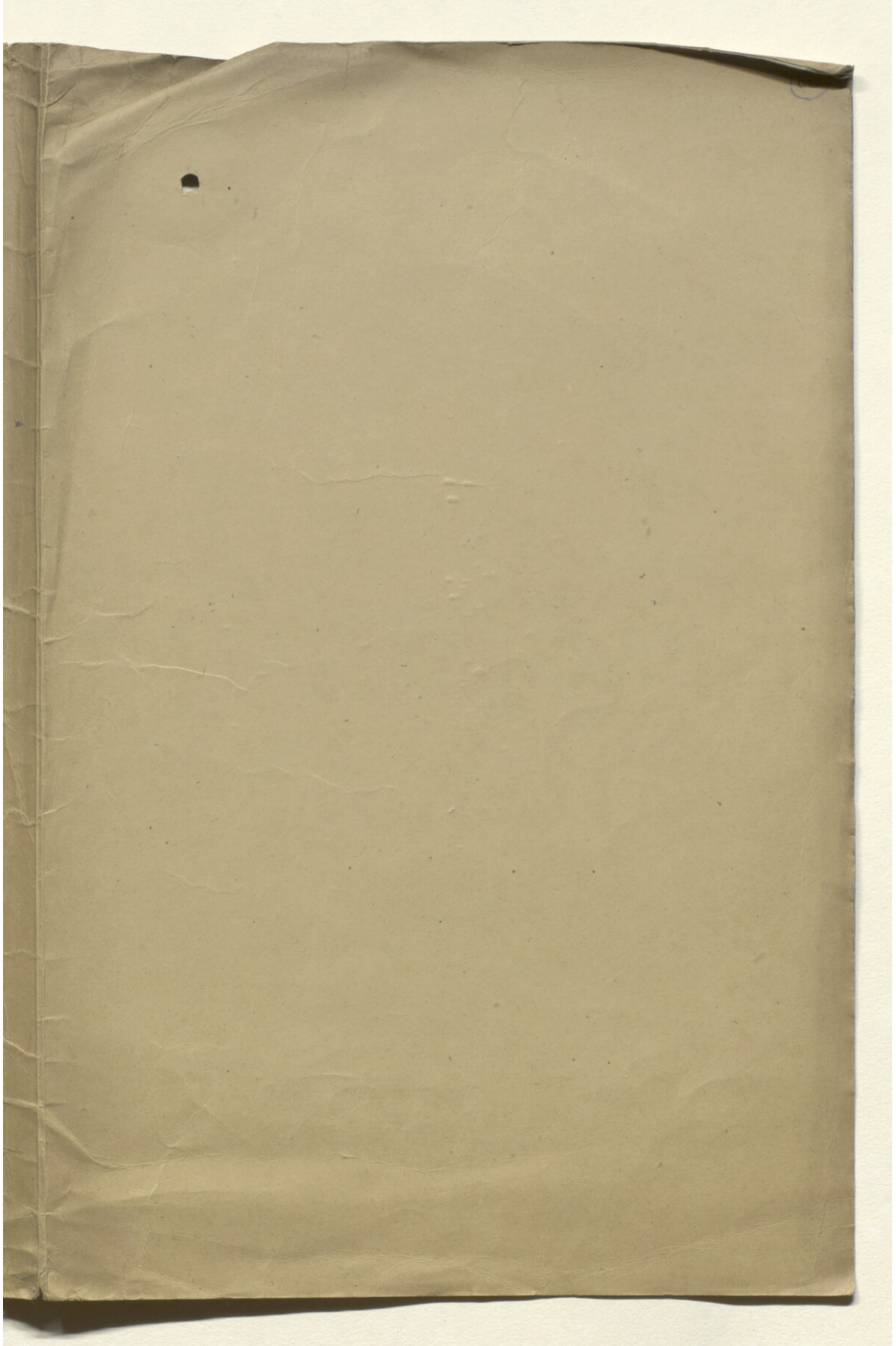


"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [٧٩ظ] (١٥٨/١٦٠)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [خلفي-داخلي] (١٥٩/١٦٠)





"الفيلق الجوي الملكي في بلاد الرافدين" [خلفي] (١٦٠/١٦٠)

