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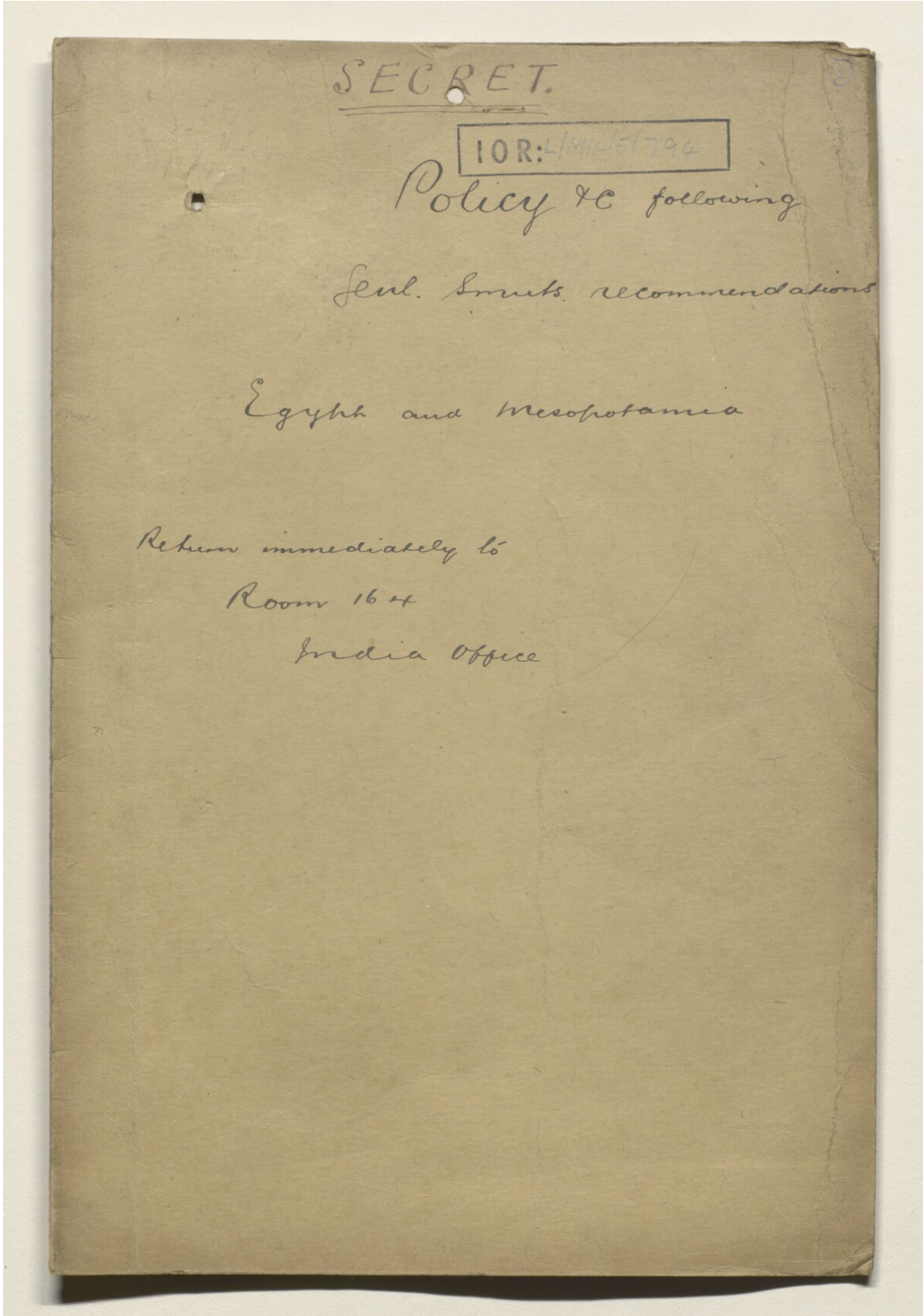
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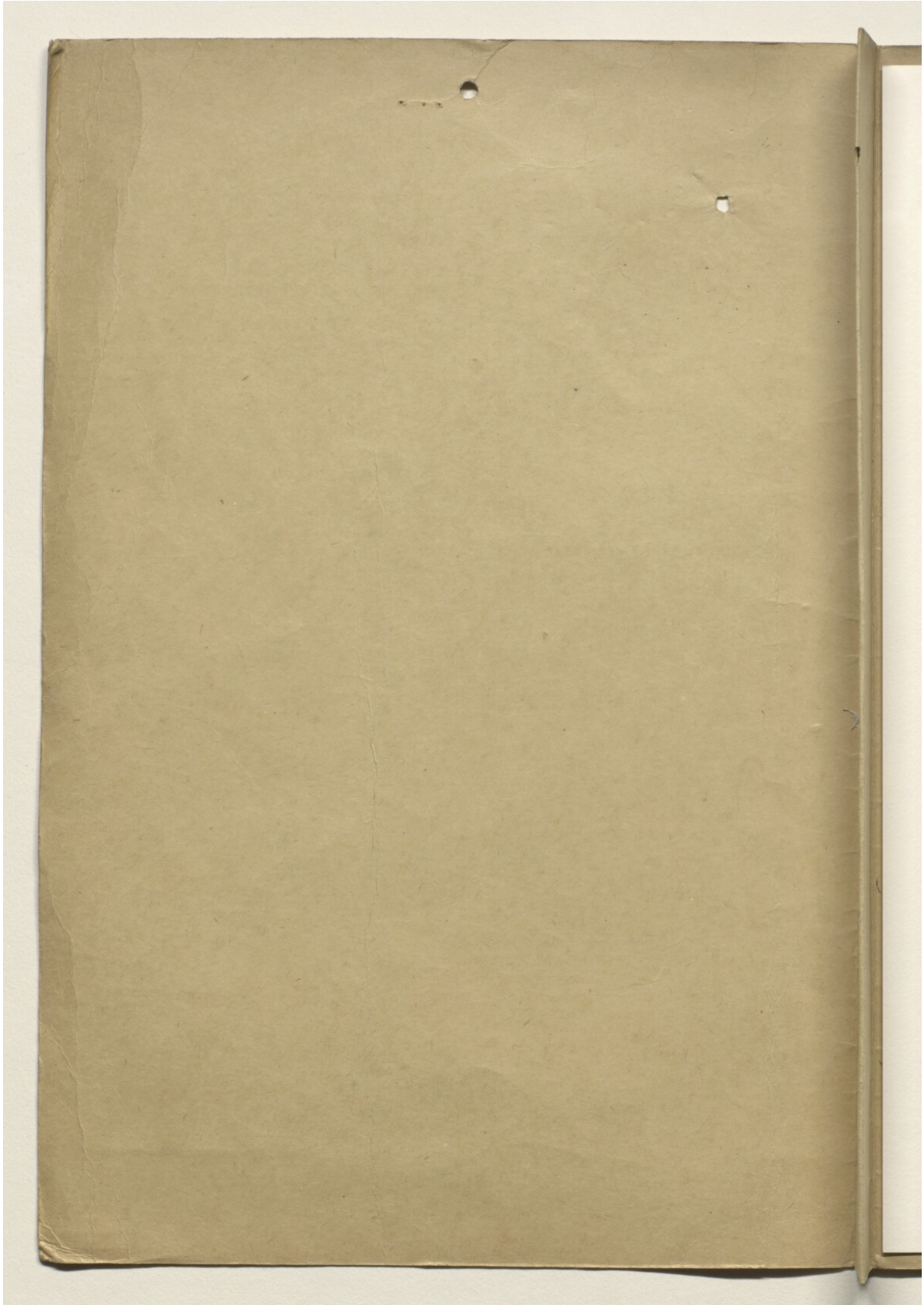


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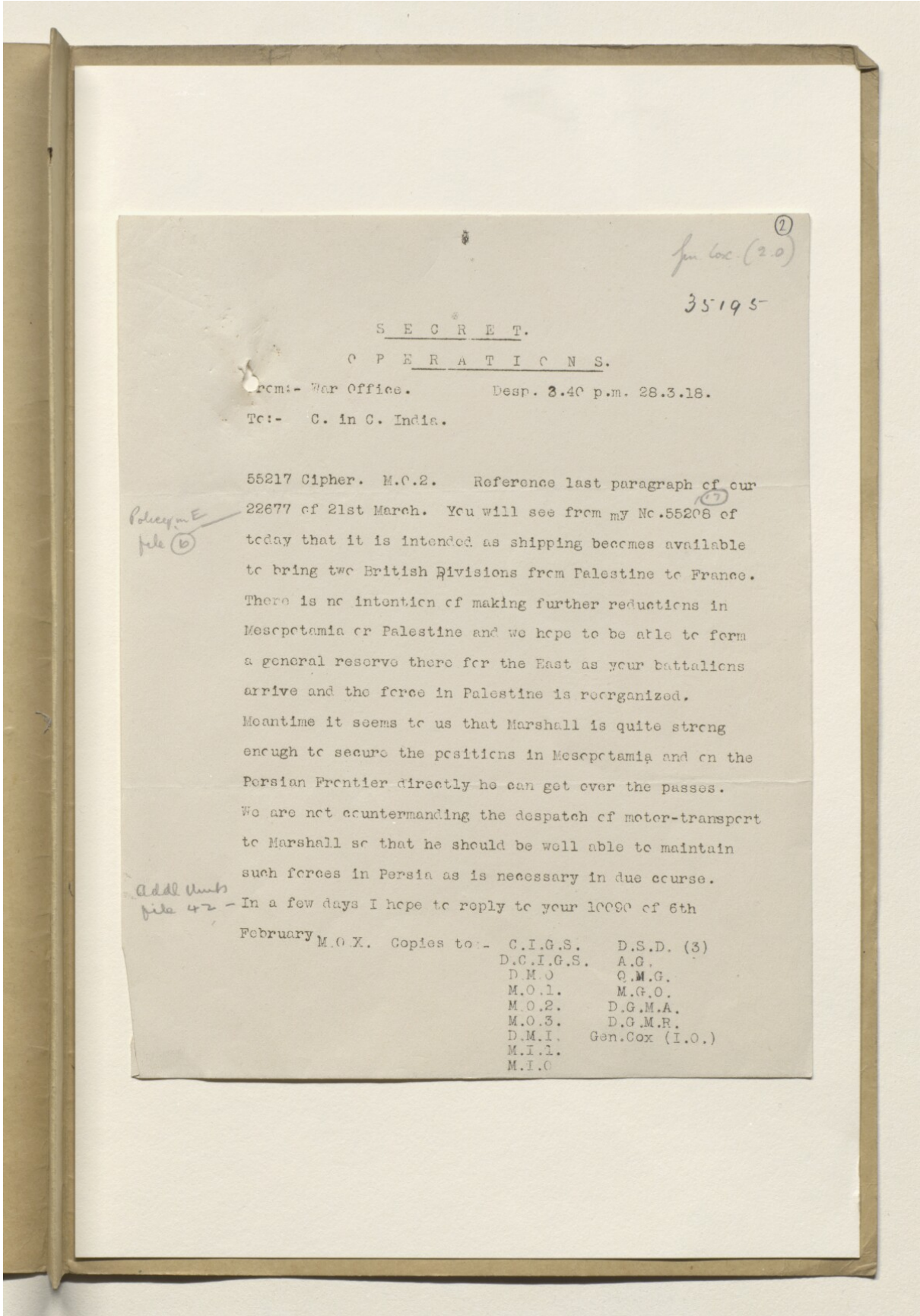


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(٤٨/٣)



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S E C R E T.

C O P Y R I G H T S.

From:- War Office. Despatch 2.40 p.m. 28.3.18.
To:- C. in C. India.

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55217 Cipher. M.O.2. Reference last paragraph of our
22677 of 21st March. You will see from my No. 55208 of
today that it is intended as shipping becomes available
to bring two British Divisions from Palestine to France.
There is no intention of making further reductions in
Mesopotamia or Palestine and we hope to be able to form
a general reserve there for the East as your battalions
arrive and the force in Palestine is reorganized.
Meantime it seems to us that Marshall is quite strong
enough to secure the positions in Mesopotamia and on the
Persian Frontier directly he can get over the passes.
We are not countermanding the despatch of motor-transport
to Marshall so that he should be well able to maintain
such forces in Persia as is necessary in due course.

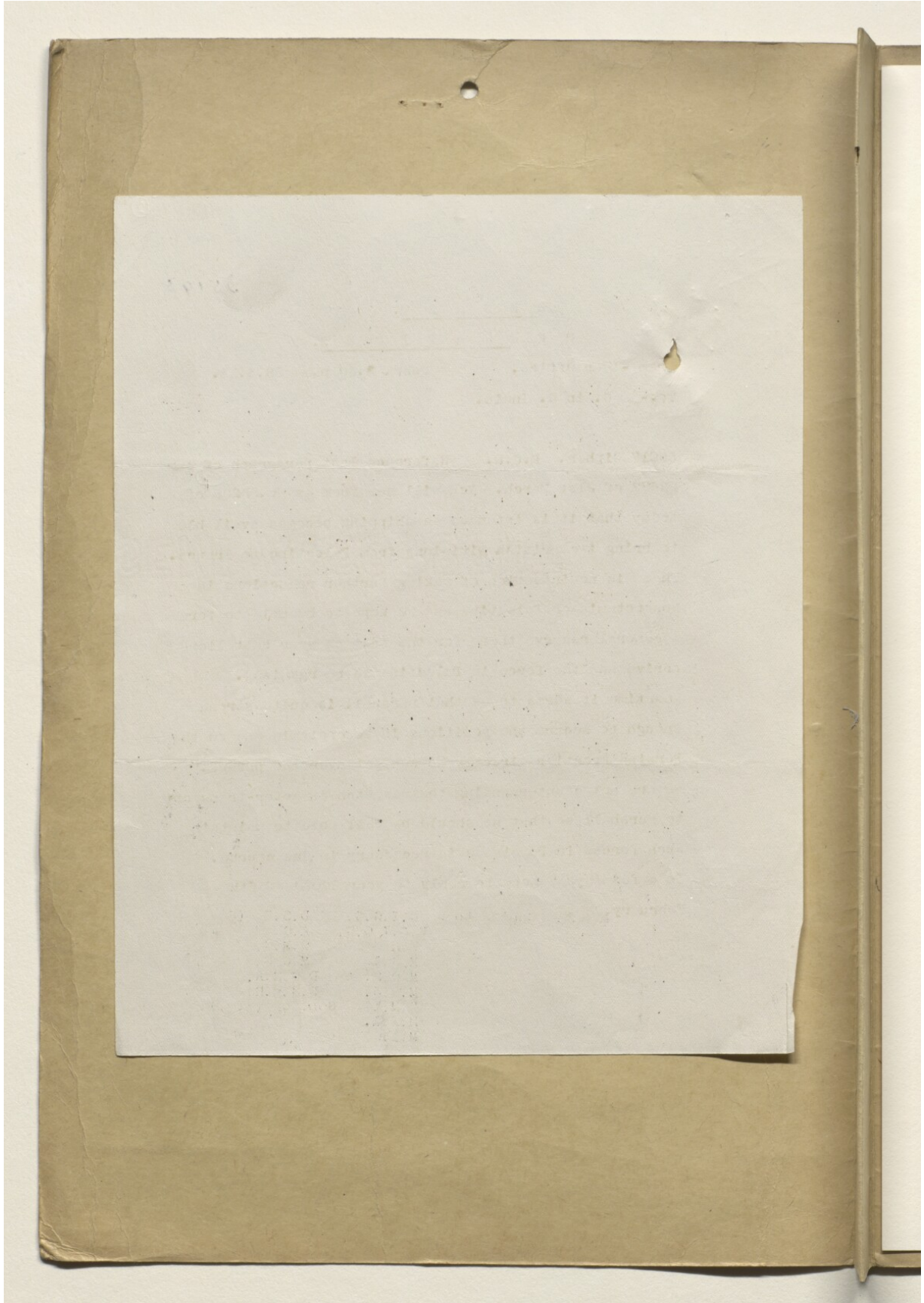
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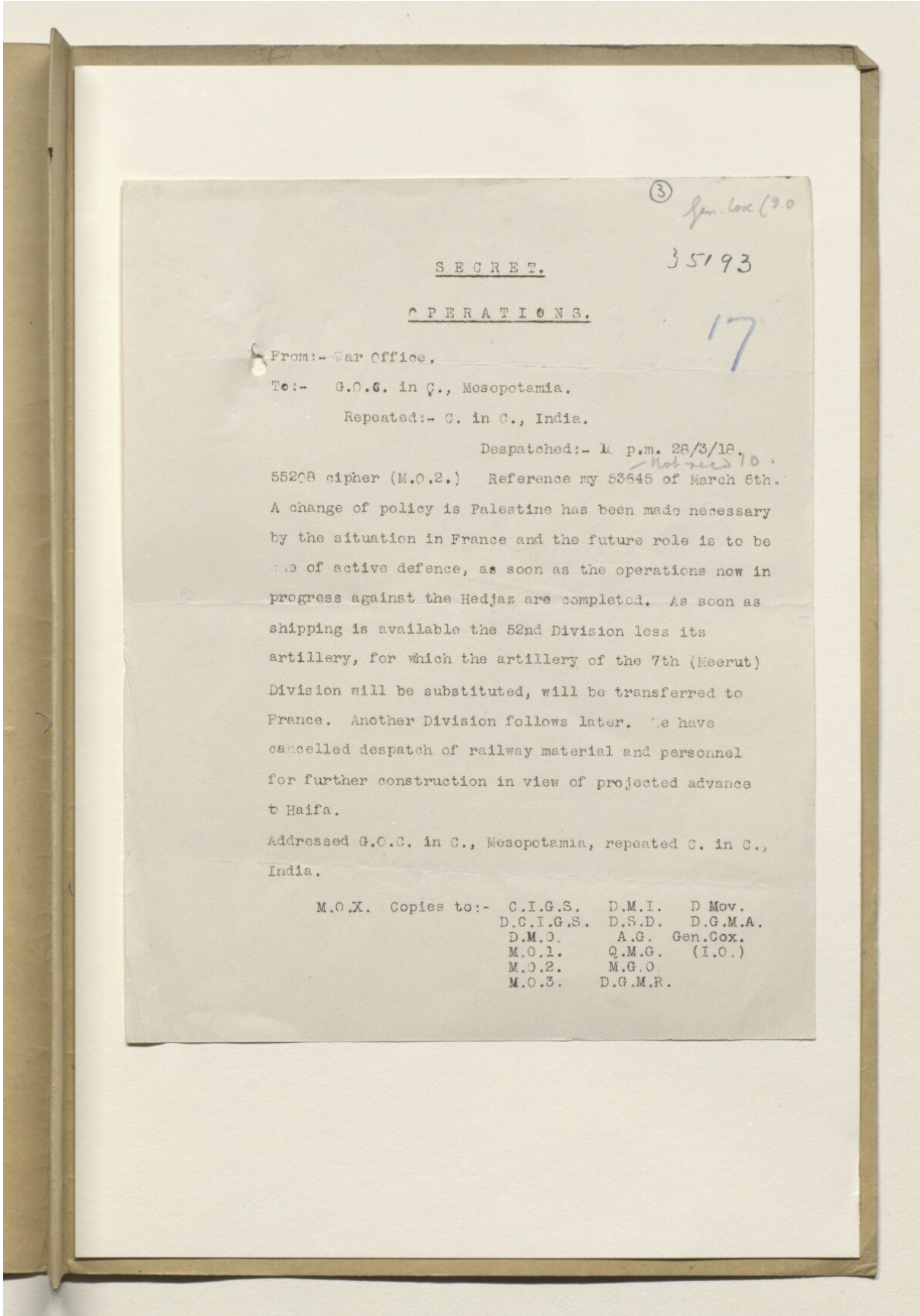


"السياسة إلخ تبعاً لتوصيات الفريق أول سموتس: مصر وبلاد الرافدين" [ظ٢]
(٤٨/٤)





"السياسة إلخ تبعاً لتوصيات الفريق أول سموتس: مصر وبلاد الرافدين" [٣و]
(٤٨/٥)



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SECRET.

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OPERATIONS.

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From:- War Office.

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

Repeated:- C. in C., India.

Despatched:- 11 p.m. 28/3/18.

55208 cipher (M.O.2.) Reference my 53645 of March 6th.

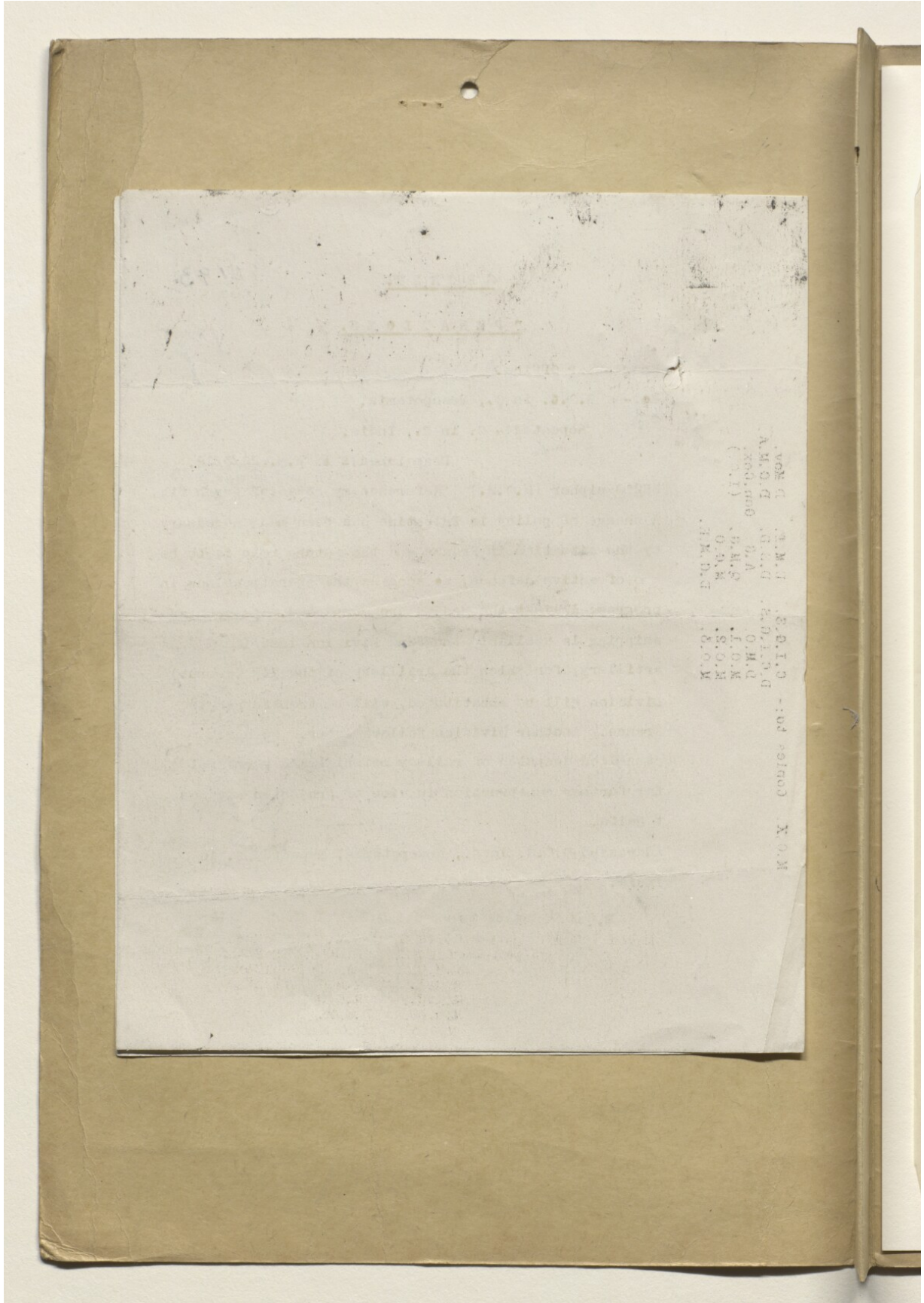
A change of policy in Palestine has been made necessary by the situation in France and the future role is to be one of active defence, as soon as the operations now in progress against the Hedjaz are completed. As soon as shipping is available the 52nd Division less its artillery, for which the artillery of the 7th (Meerut) Division will be substituted, will be transferred to France. Another Division follows later. We have cancelled despatch of railway material and personnel for further construction in view of projected advance to Haifa.

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

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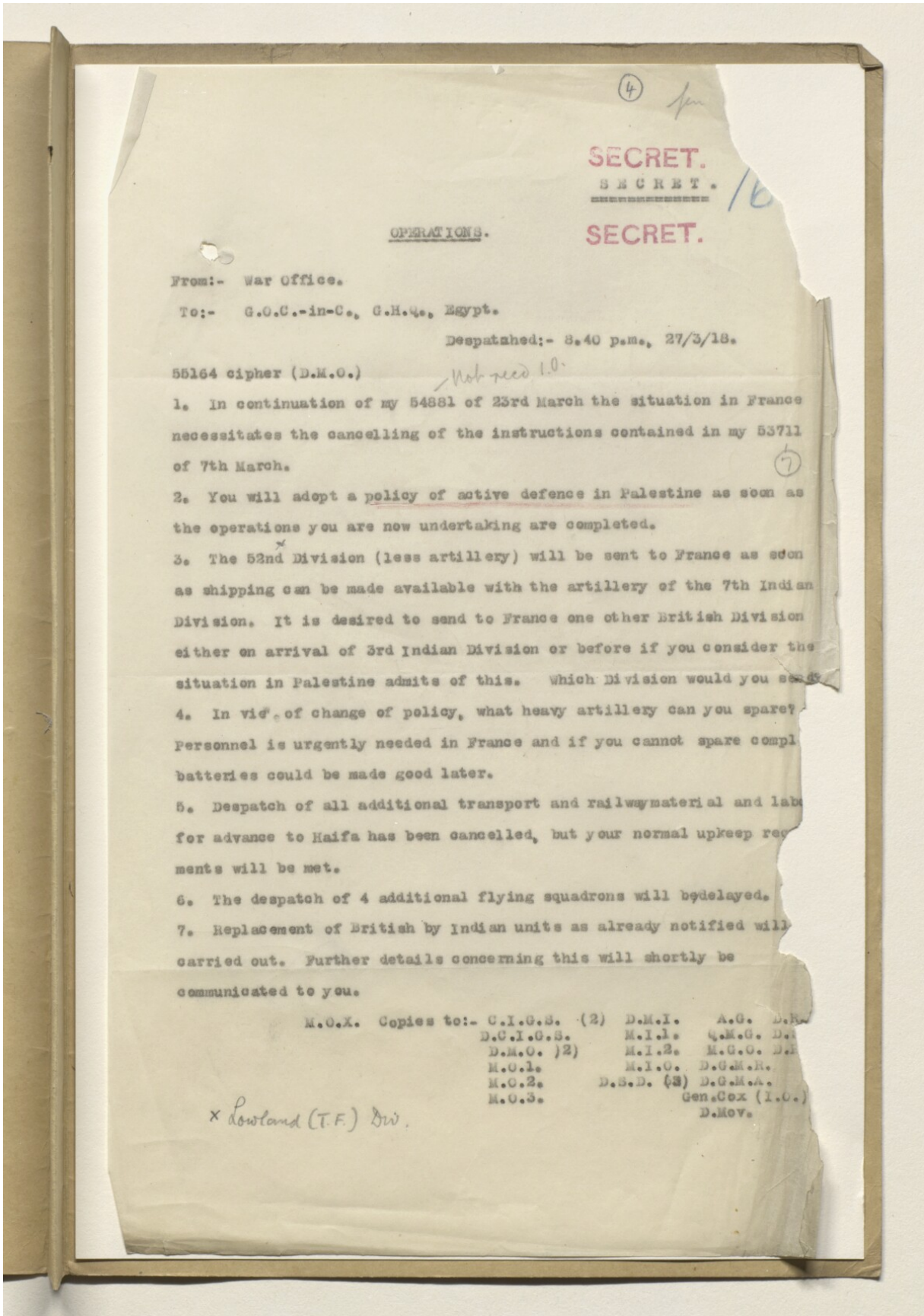


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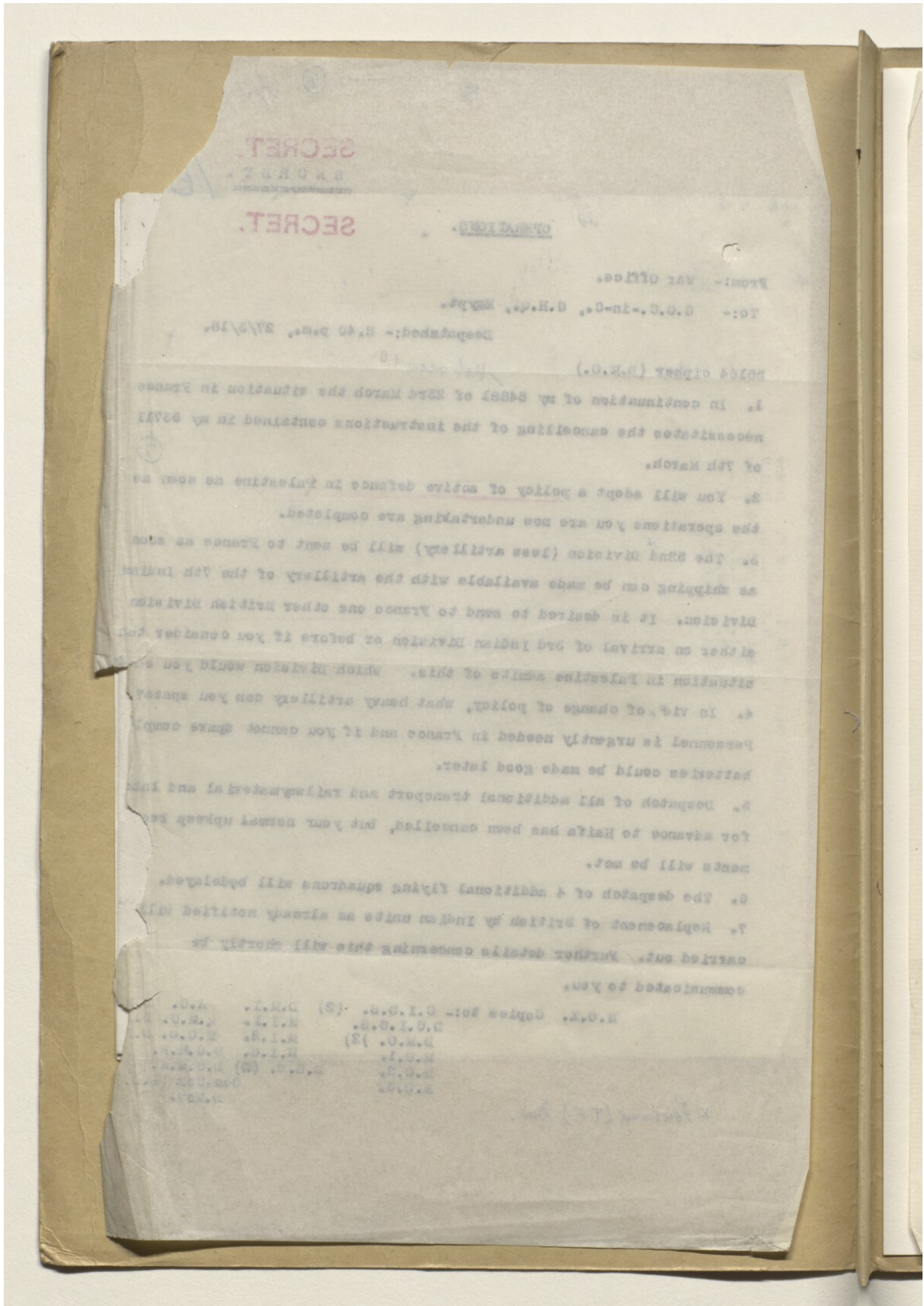
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(٤٨/٧)





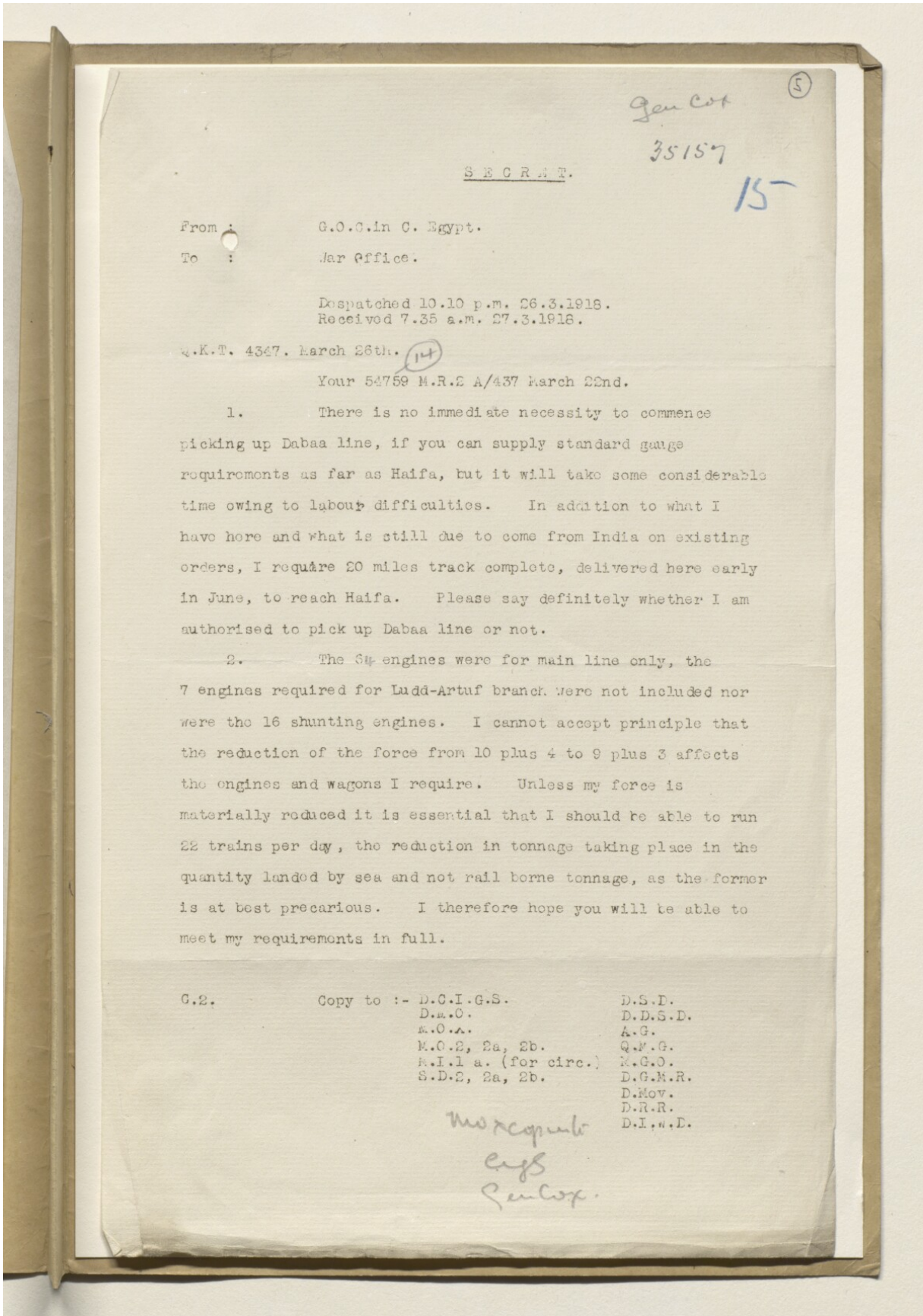
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"السياسة إلخ تبعاً لتوصيات الفريق أول سموتس: مصر وبلاد الرافدين" [٥٥]
(٤٨/٩)



SECRET.

From : G.O.C. in C. Egypt.
To : War Office.

Despatched 10.10 p.m. 26.3.1918.
Received 7.35 a.m. 27.3.1918.

G.K.T. 4347. March 26th. (14)

Your 54759 M.R.E A/437 March 22nd.

1. There is no immediate necessity to commence picking up Dabaa line, if you can supply standard gauge requirements as far as Haifa, but it will take some considerable time owing to labour difficulties. In addition to what I have here and what is still due to come from India on existing orders, I require 20 miles track complete, delivered here early in June, to reach Haifa. Please say definitely whether I am authorised to pick up Dabaa line or not.

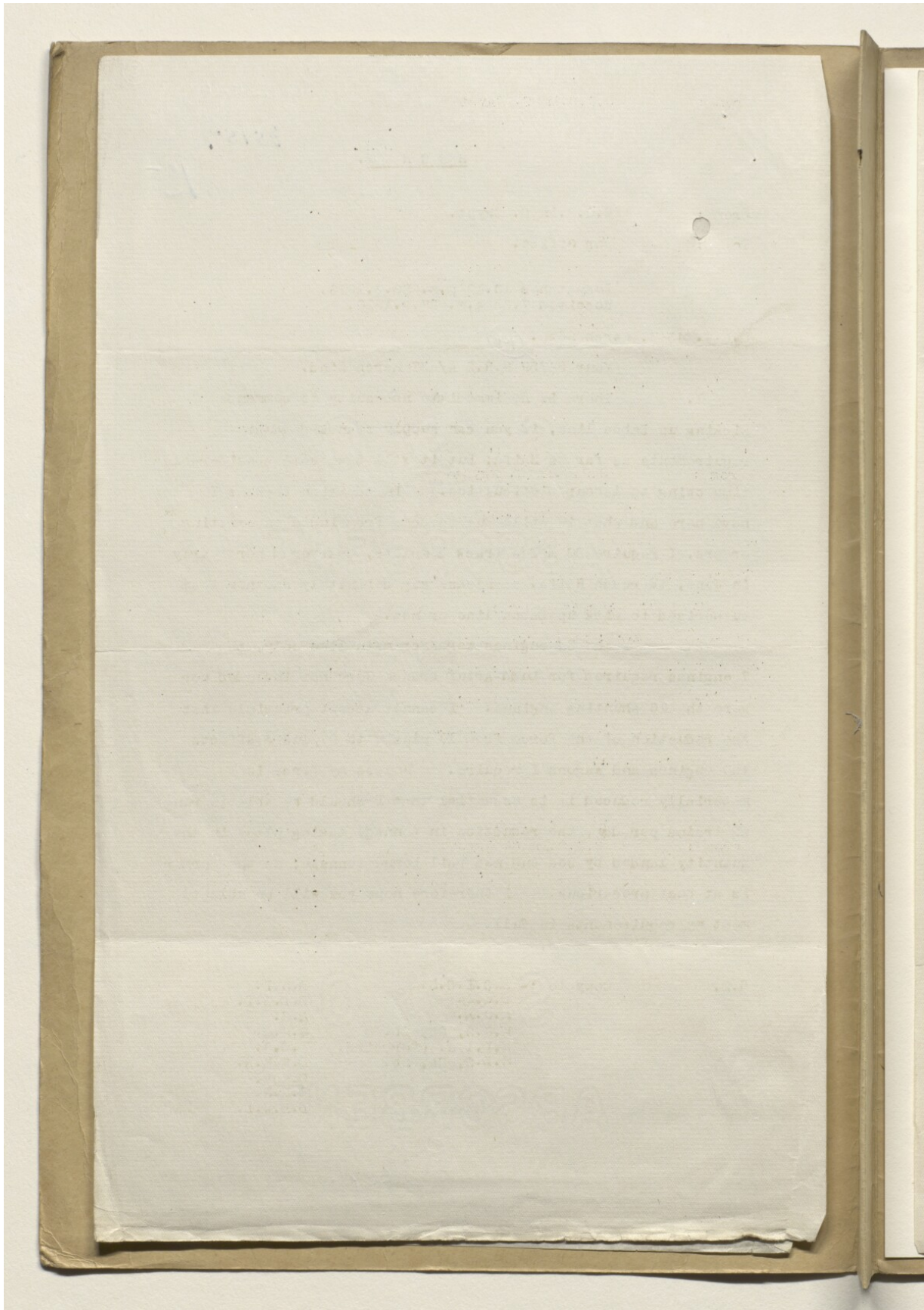
2. The 64 engines were for main line only, the 7 engines required for Ludd-Artuf branch were not included nor were the 16 shunting engines. I cannot accept principle that the reduction of the force from 10 plus 4 to 9 plus 3 affects the engines and wagons I require. Unless my force is materially reduced it is essential that I should be able to run 22 trains per day, the reduction in tonnage taking place in the quantity landed by sea and not rail borne tonnage, as the former is at best precarious. I therefore hope you will be able to meet my requirements in full.

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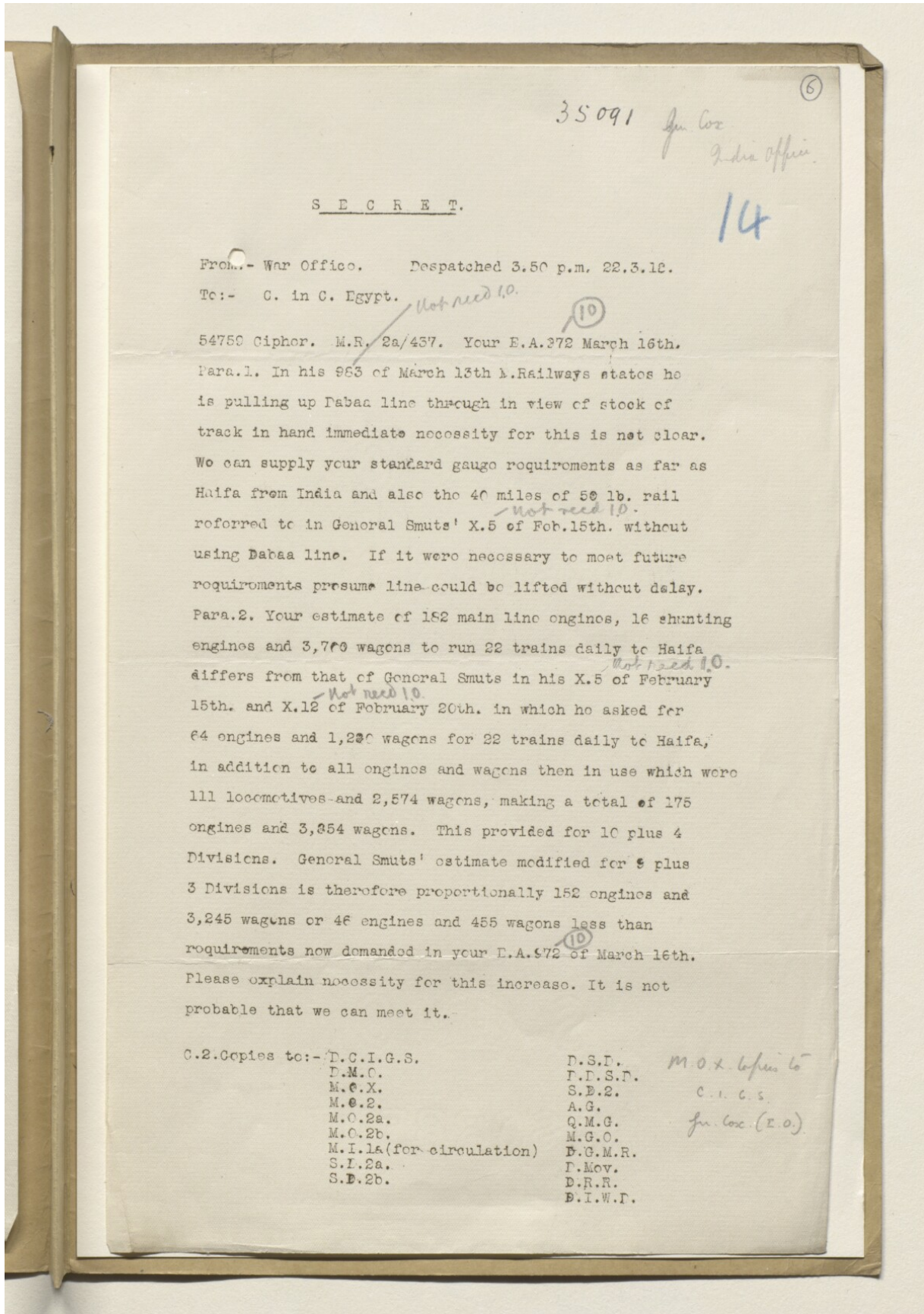


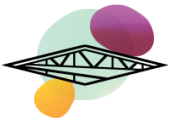
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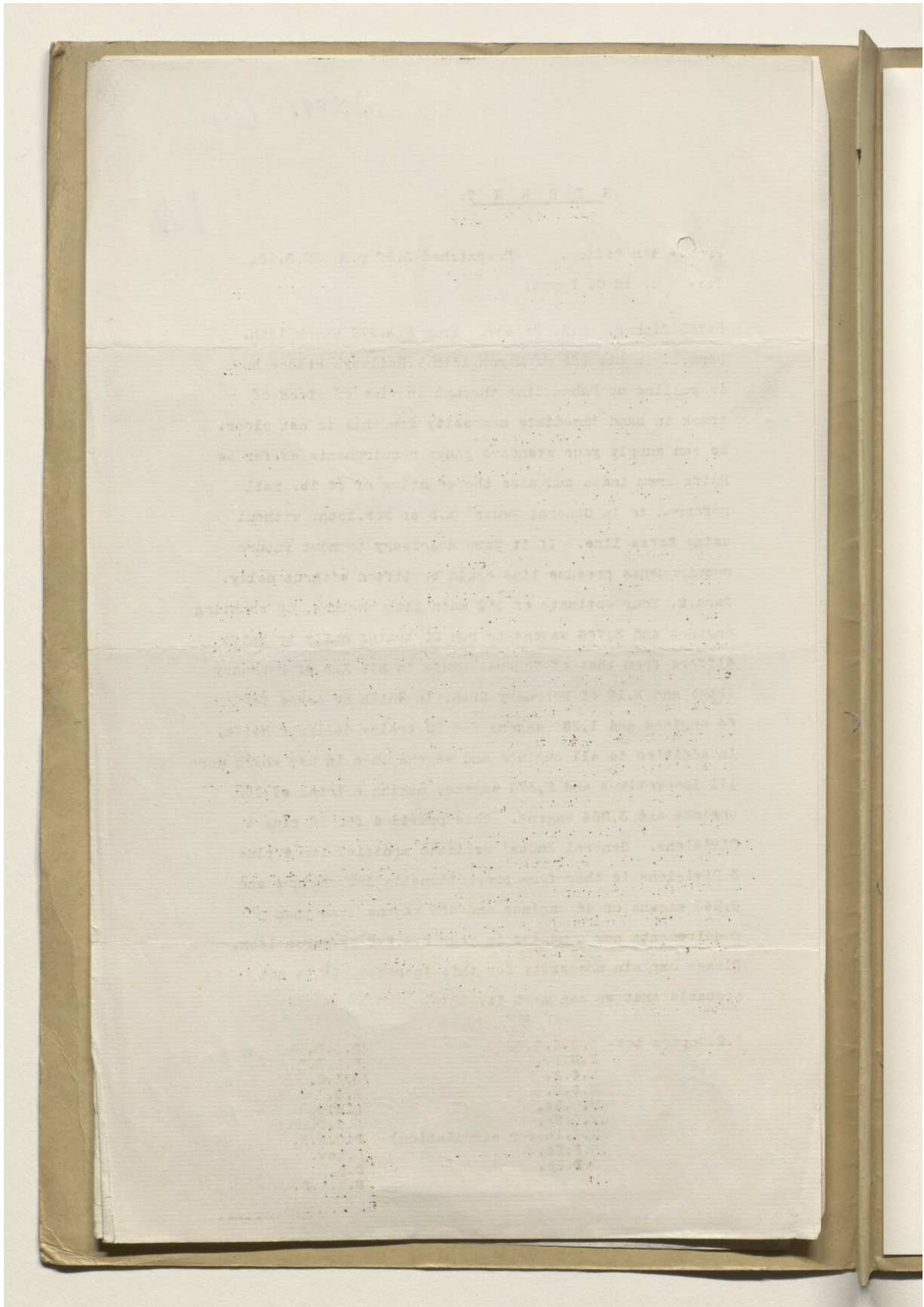


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(٤٨/١١)



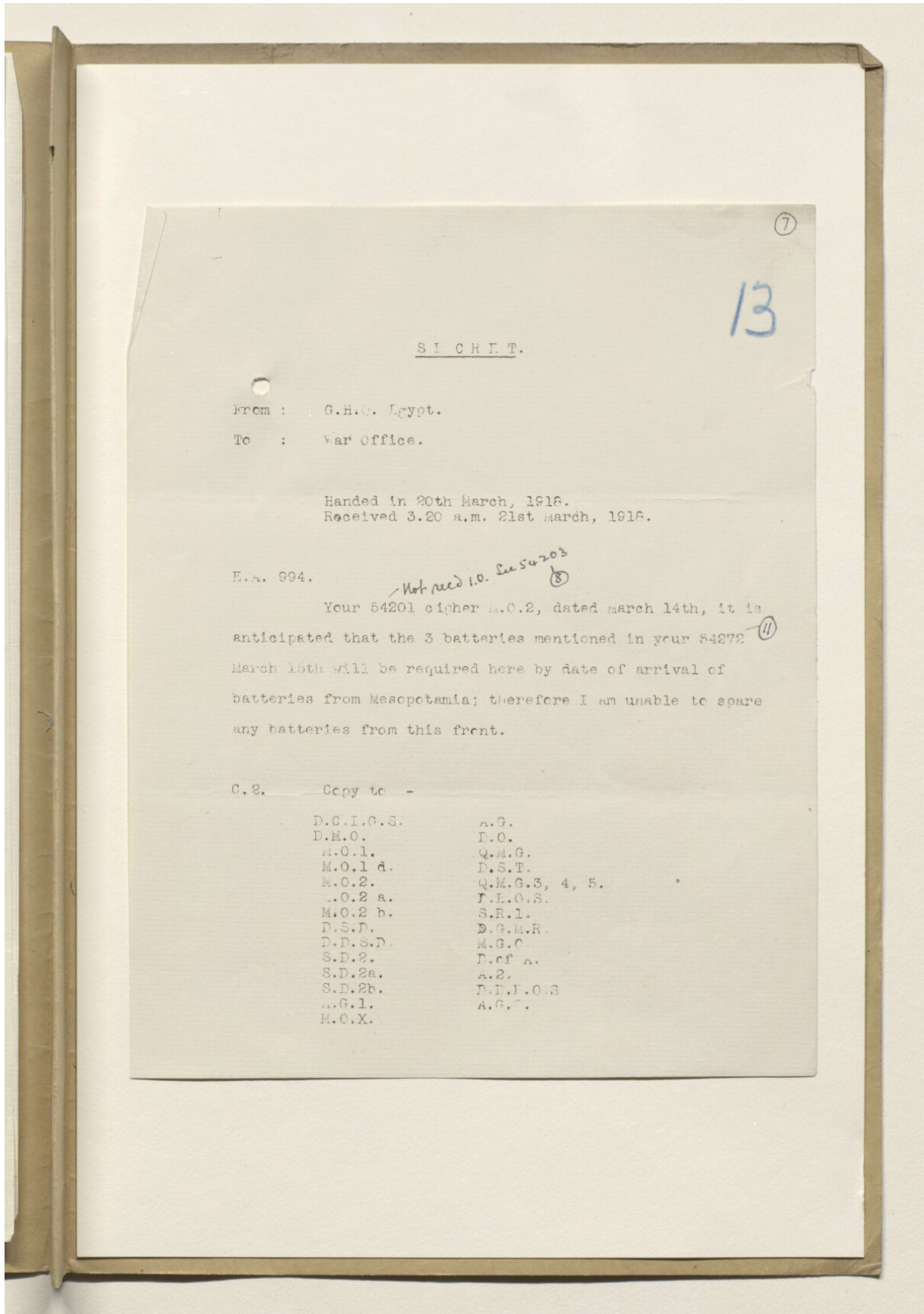


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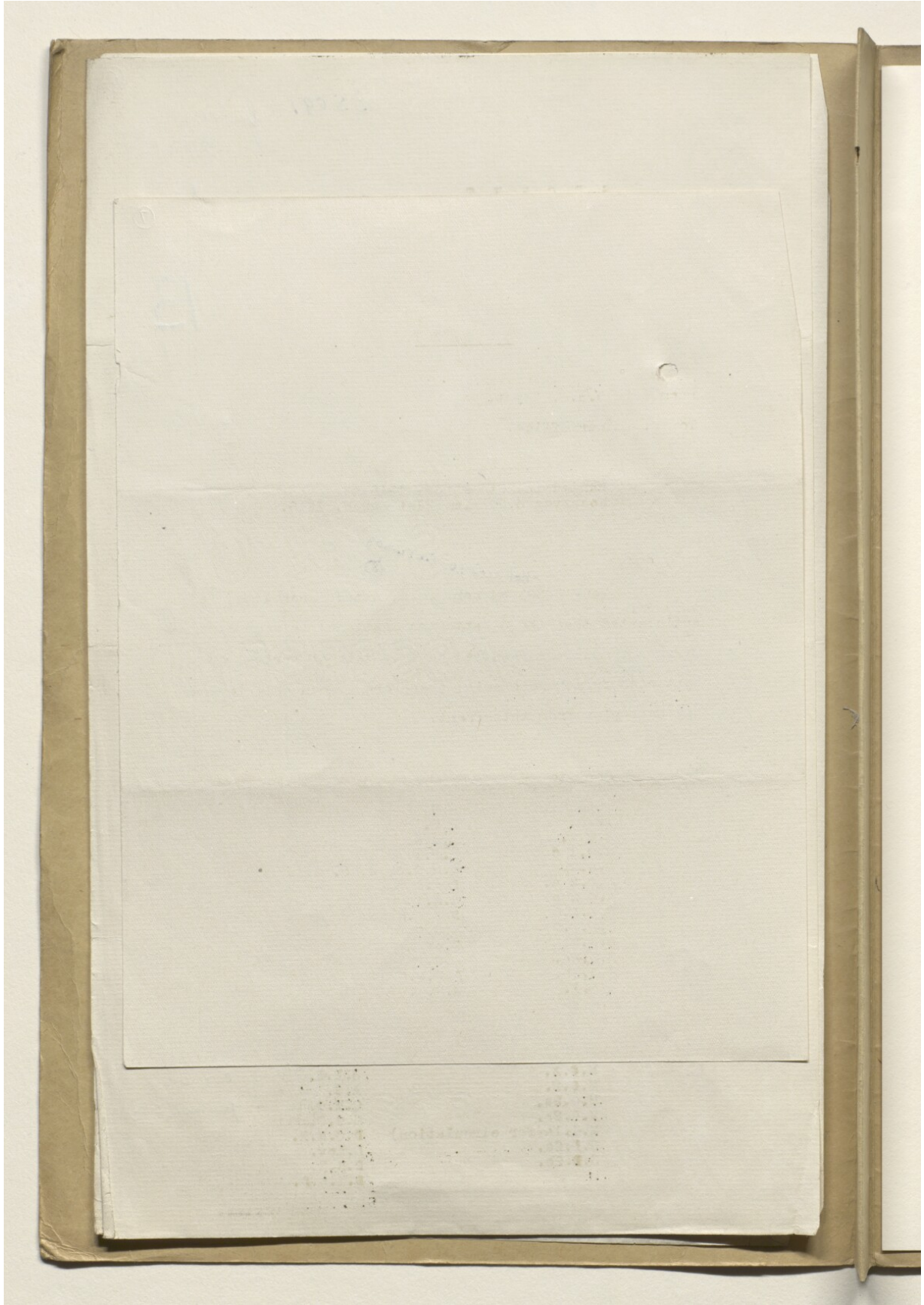


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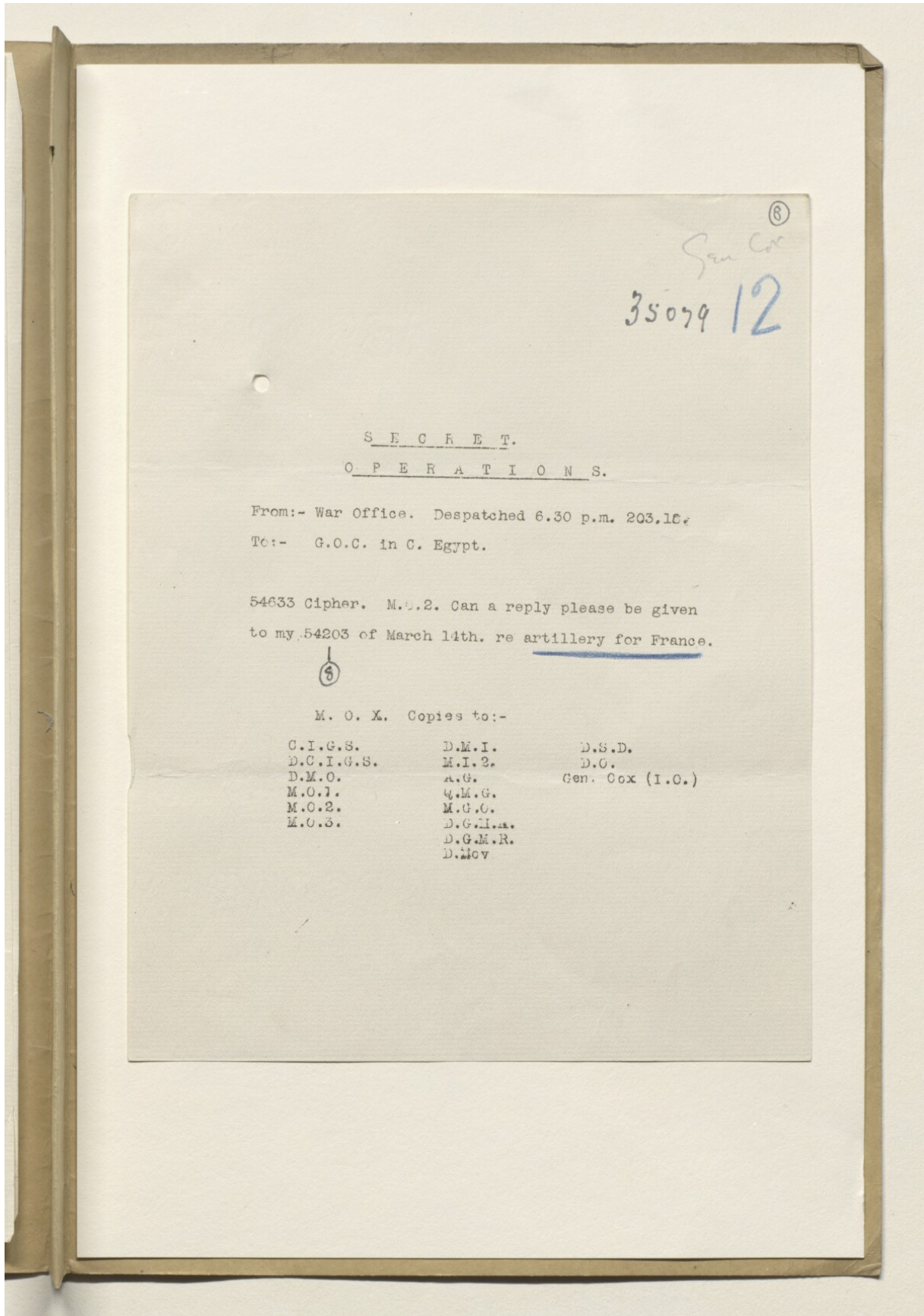


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(٤٨/١٤)



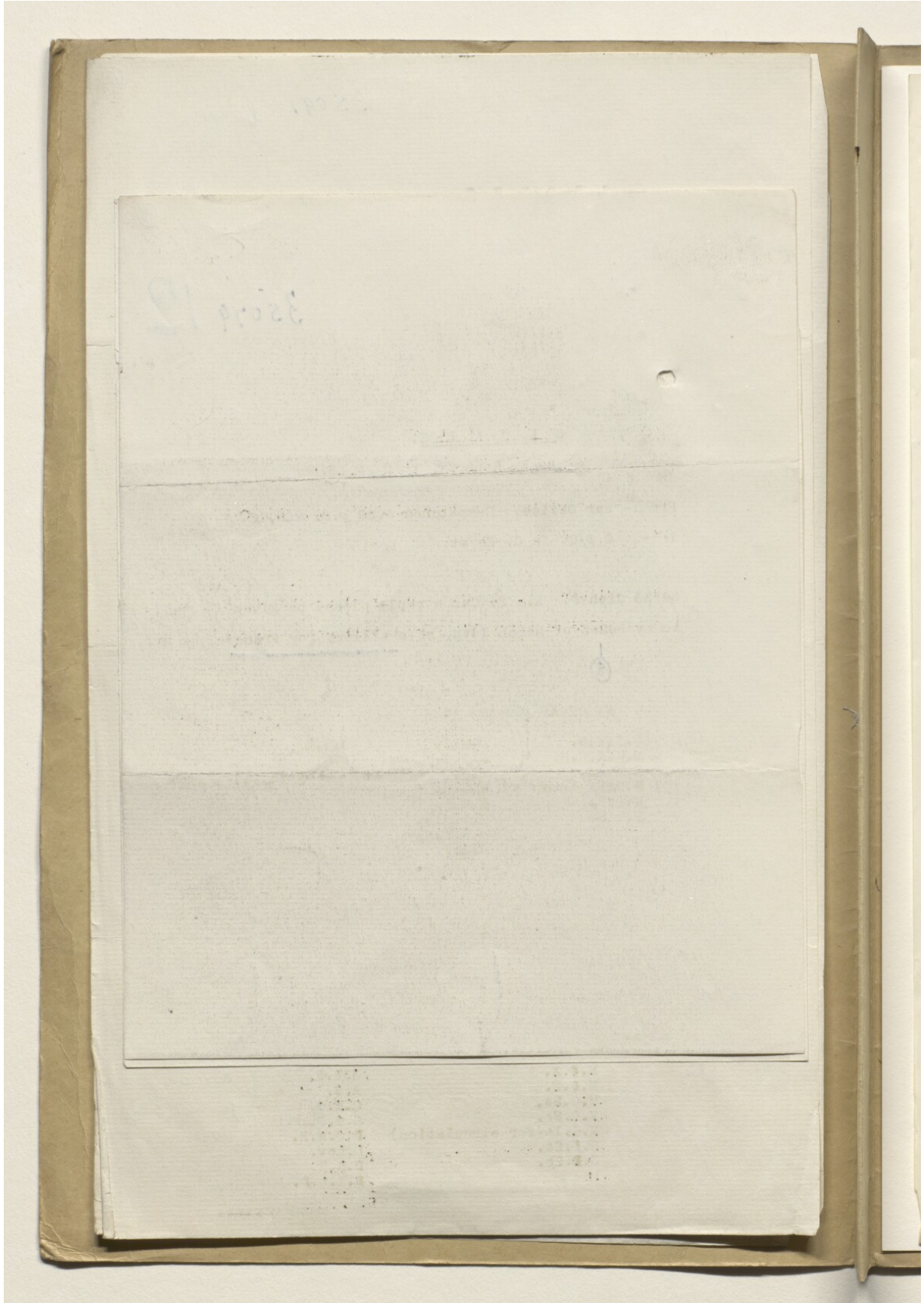


"السياسة إلخ تبعا لتوصيات الفريق أول سموتس: مصر وبلاد الرافدين" [و٨]
(٤٨/١٥)



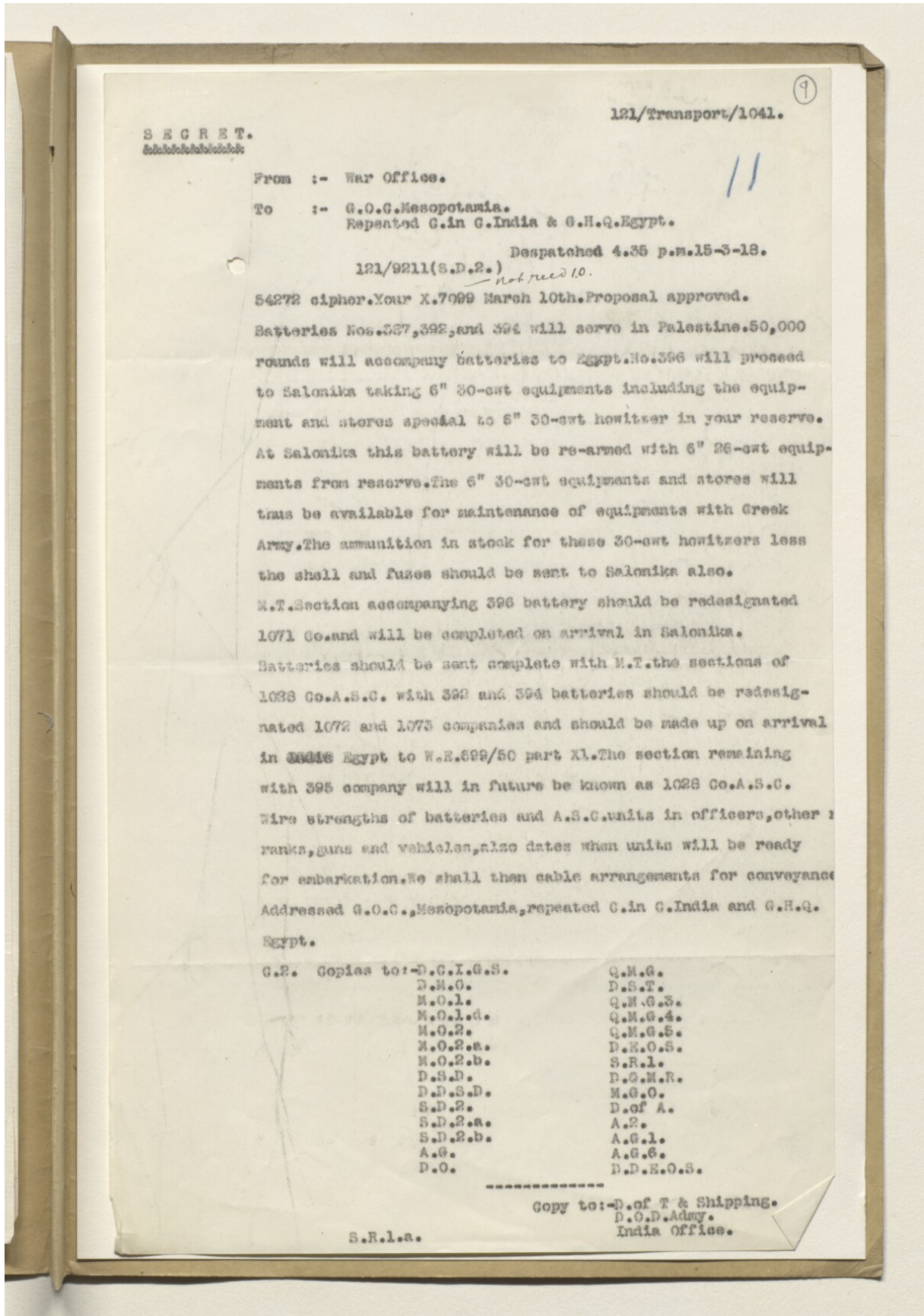


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(٤٨/١٦)





"السياسة إلخ تبعا لتوصيات الفريق أول سموتس: مصر وبلاد الرافدين" [و٩]
(٤٨/١٧)



SECRET.

121/Transport/1041. (9)

From :- War Office.

To :- G.O.C.Mesopotamia.
Repeated C.in C.India & G.H.Q.Egypt.

Despatched 4.35 p.m.15-3-18.

121/9211(S.D.2.) *Not rec'd 10.*

54272 cipher.Your X.7099 March 10th.Proposal approved.

Batteries Nos.337,338, and 339 will serve in Palestine.50,000 rounds will accompany batteries to Egypt.No.336 will proceed to Salonika taking 6" 30-cwt equipments including the equipment and stores special to 6" 30-cwt howitzer in your reserve. At Salonika this battery will be re-armed with 6" 26-cwt equipments from reserve.The 6" 30-cwt equipments and stores will thus be available for maintenance of equipments with Greek Army.The ammunition in stock for these 30-cwt howitzers less the shell and fuzes should be sent to Salonika also.

M.T.Section accompanying 336 battery should be redesignated 1071 Co.and will be completed on arrival in Salonika.

Batteries should be sent complete with M.T.the sections of 1038 Co.A.S.C. with 338 and 339 batteries should be redesignated 1072 and 1073 companies and should be made up on arrival in ~~3336~~ Egypt to W.R.399/50 part XI.The section remaining with 335 company will in future be known as 1028 Co.A.S.C. Wire strengths of batteries and A.S.C.units in officers,other ranks,guns and vehicles,also dates when units will be ready for embarkation.We shall then cable arrangements for conveyance Addressed G.O.C.,Mesopotamia, repeated C.in C.India and G.H.Q. Egypt.

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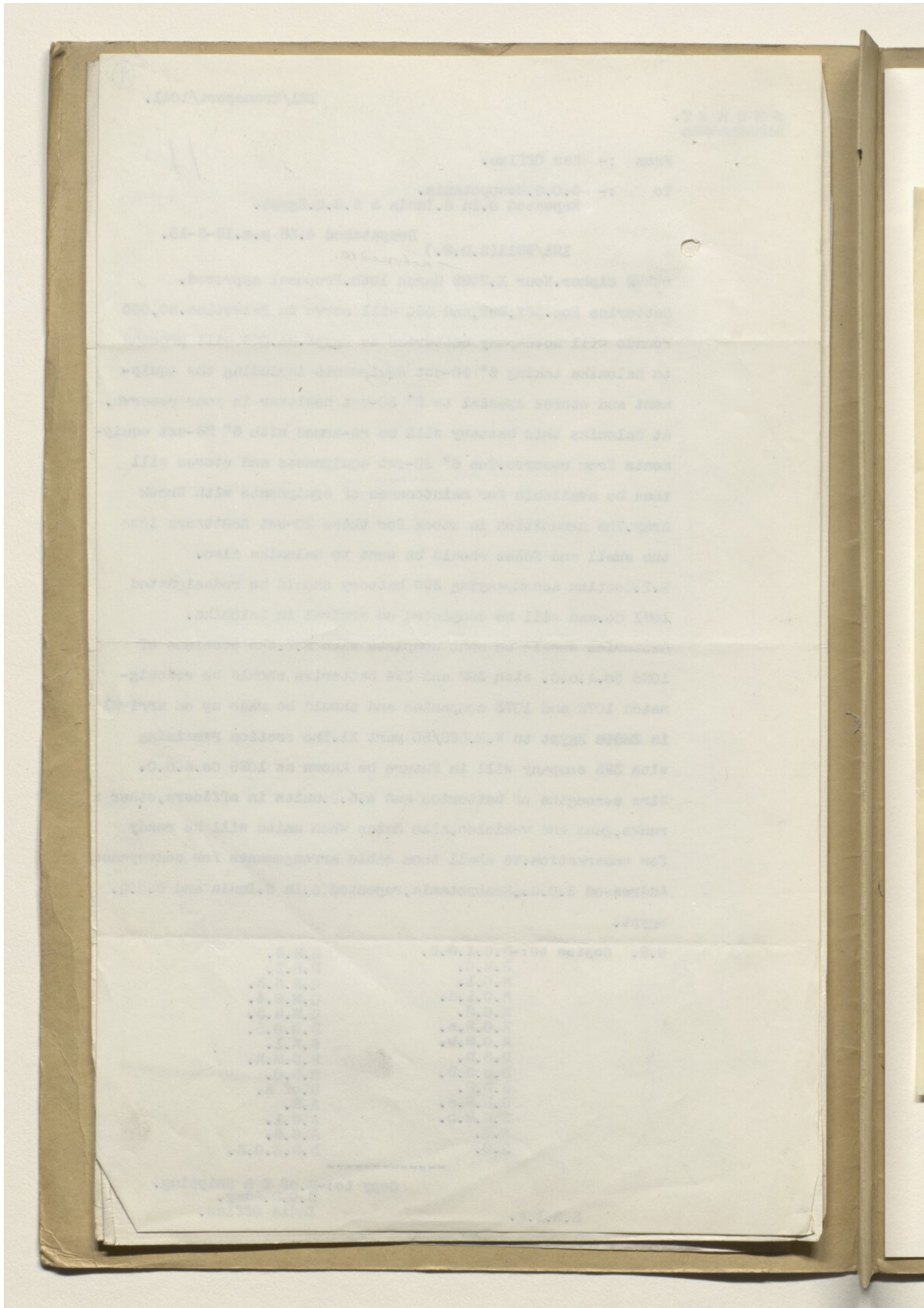
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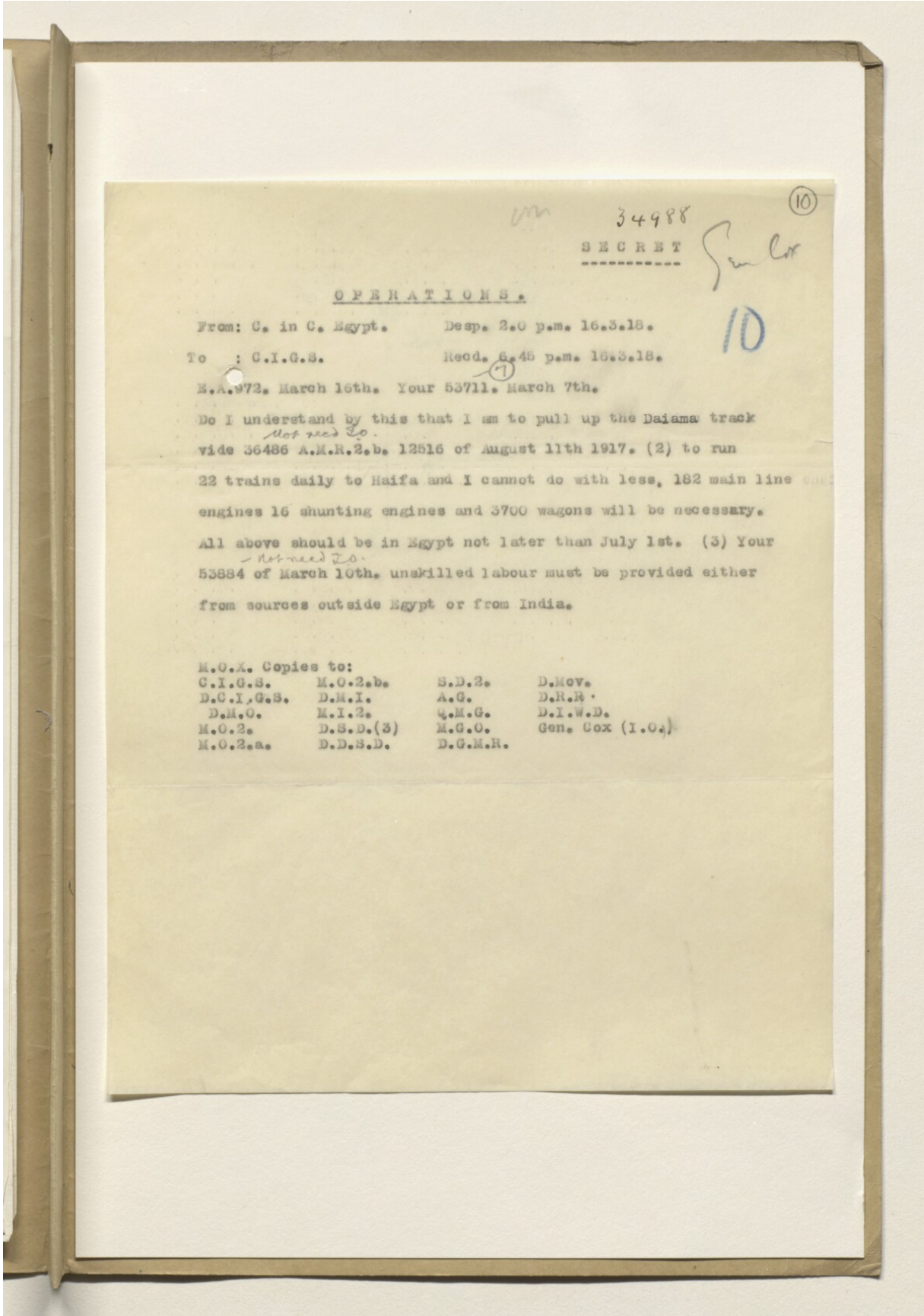


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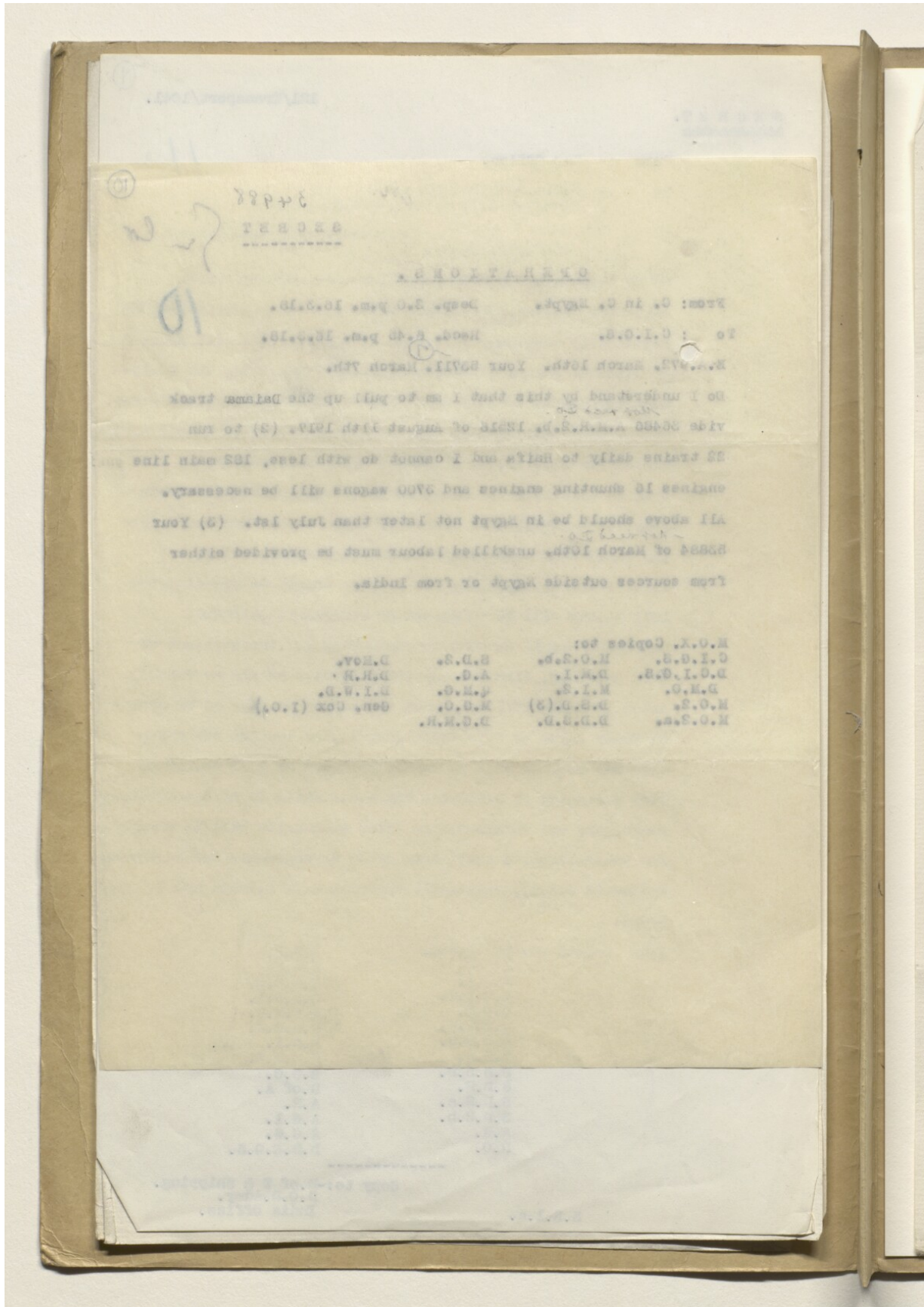


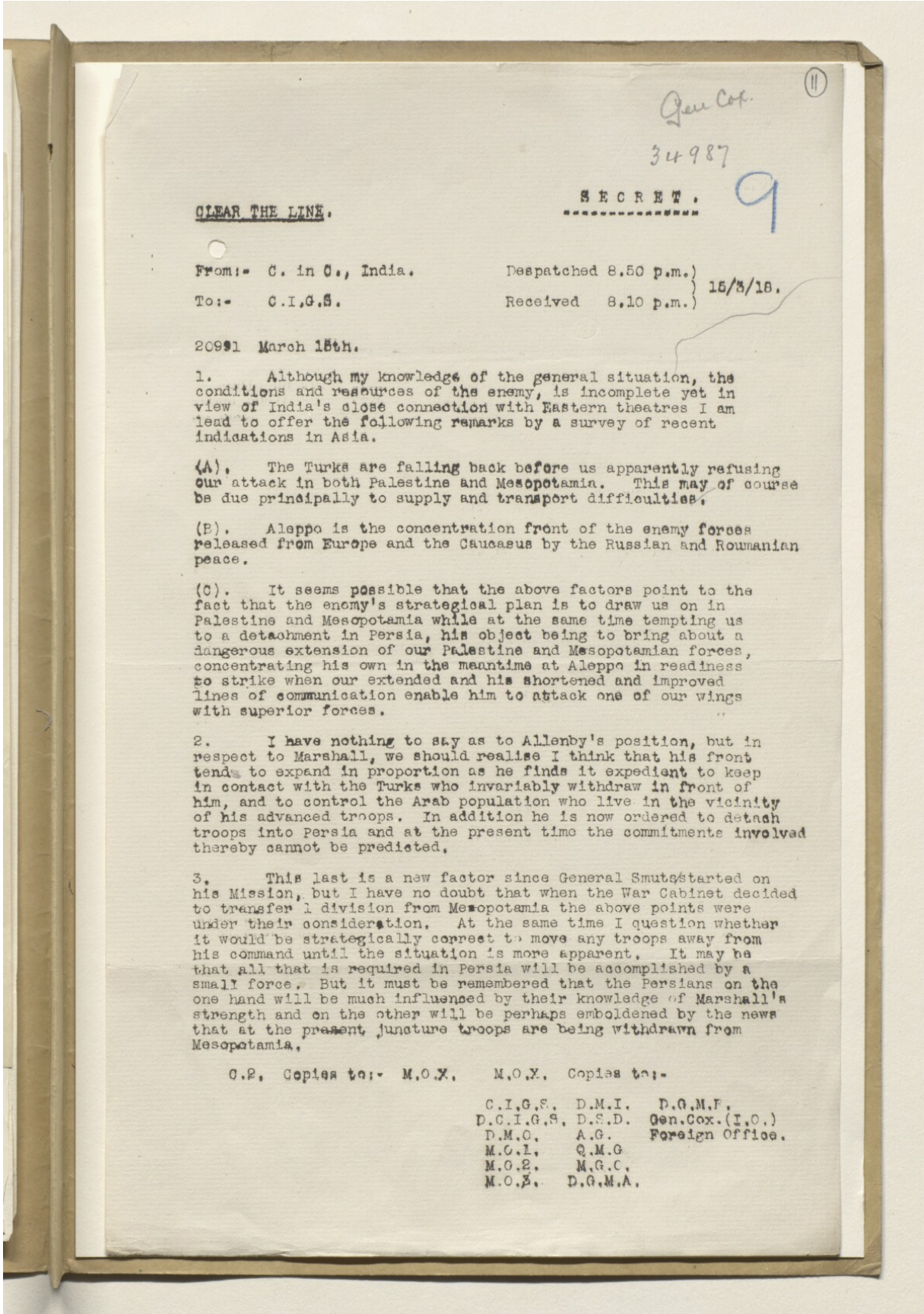
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(٤٨/٢٠)





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From:- C. in C., India. Despatched 8.50 p.m. }
To:- C.I.G.S. Received 8.10 p.m. } 15/3/16.

20991 March 15th.

1. Although my knowledge of the general situation, the conditions and resources of the enemy, is incomplete yet in view of India's close connection with Eastern theatres I am lead to offer the following remarks by a survey of recent indications in Asia.

(A). The Turks are falling back before us apparently refusing our attack in both Palestine and Mesopotamia. This may of course be due principally to supply and transport difficulties.

(B). Aleppo is the concentration front of the enemy forces released from Europe and the Caucasus by the Russian and Roumanian peace.

(C). It seems possible that the above factors point to the fact that the enemy's strategical plan is to draw us on in Palestine and Mesopotamia while at the same time tempting us to a detachment in Persia, his object being to bring about a dangerous extension of our Palestine and Mesopotamian forces, concentrating his own in the meantime at Aleppo in readiness to strike when our extended and his shortened and improved lines of communication enable him to attack one of our wings with superior forces.

2. I have nothing to say as to Allenby's position, but in respect to Marshall, we should realise I think that his front tends to expand in proportion as he finds it expedient to keep in contact with the Turks who invariably withdraw in front of him, and to control the Arab population who live in the vicinity of his advanced troops. In addition he is now ordered to detach troops into Persia and at the present time the commitments involved thereby cannot be predicted.

3. This last is a new factor since General Smuts started on his Mission, but I have no doubt that when the War Cabinet decided to transfer 1 division from Mesopotamia the above points were under their consideration. At the same time I question whether it would be strategically correct to move any troops away from his command until the situation is more apparent. It may be that all that is required in Persia will be accomplished by a small force. But it must be remembered that the Persians on the one hand will be much influenced by their knowledge of Marshall's strength and on the other will be perhaps emboldened by the news that at the present juncture troops are being withdrawn from Mesopotamia.

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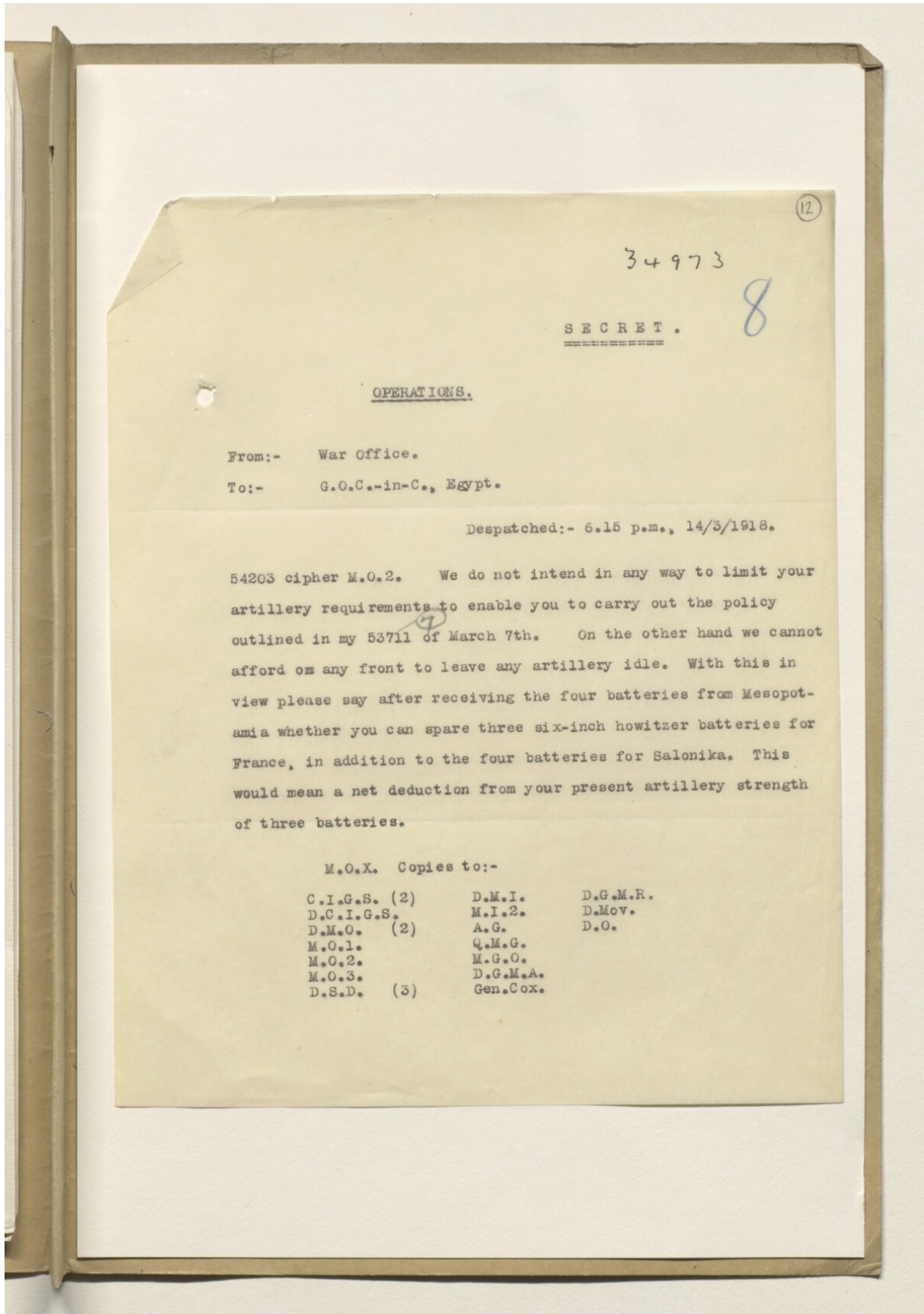


"السياسة إلخ تبعًا لتوصيات الفريق أول سموّس: مصر وبلاد الرافدين" [١١ظ]
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OPERATIONS.

From:- War Office.
To:- G.O.C.-in-C., Egypt.

Despatched:- 6.15 p.m., 14/3/1918.

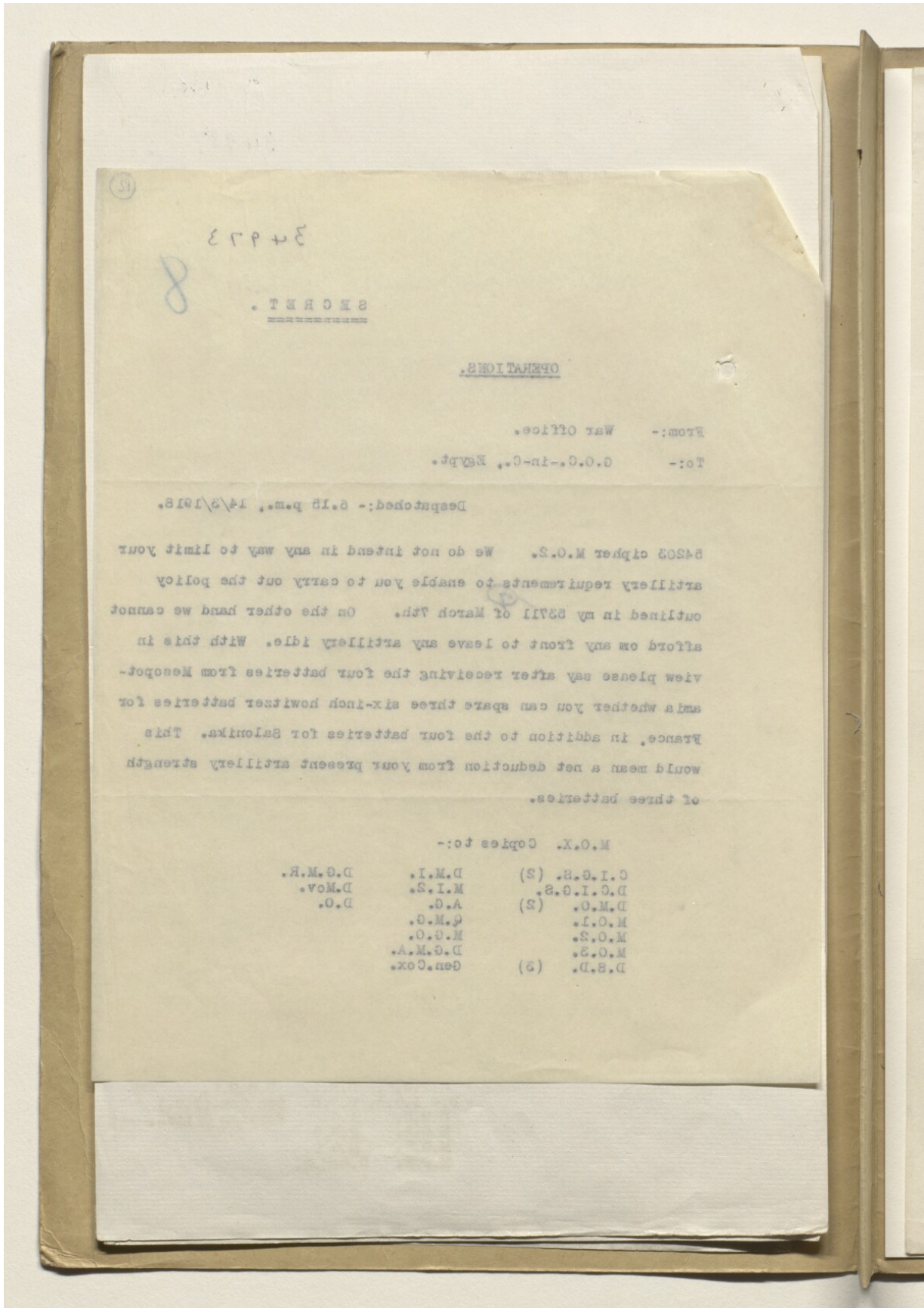
54203 cipher M.O.2. We do not intend in any way to limit your artillery requirements to enable you to carry out the policy outlined in my 53711 of March 7th. On the other hand we cannot afford on any front to leave any artillery idle. With this in view please say after receiving the four batteries from Mesopotamia whether you can spare three six-inch howitzer batteries for France, in addition to the four batteries for Salonika. This would mean a net deduction from your present artillery strength of three batteries.

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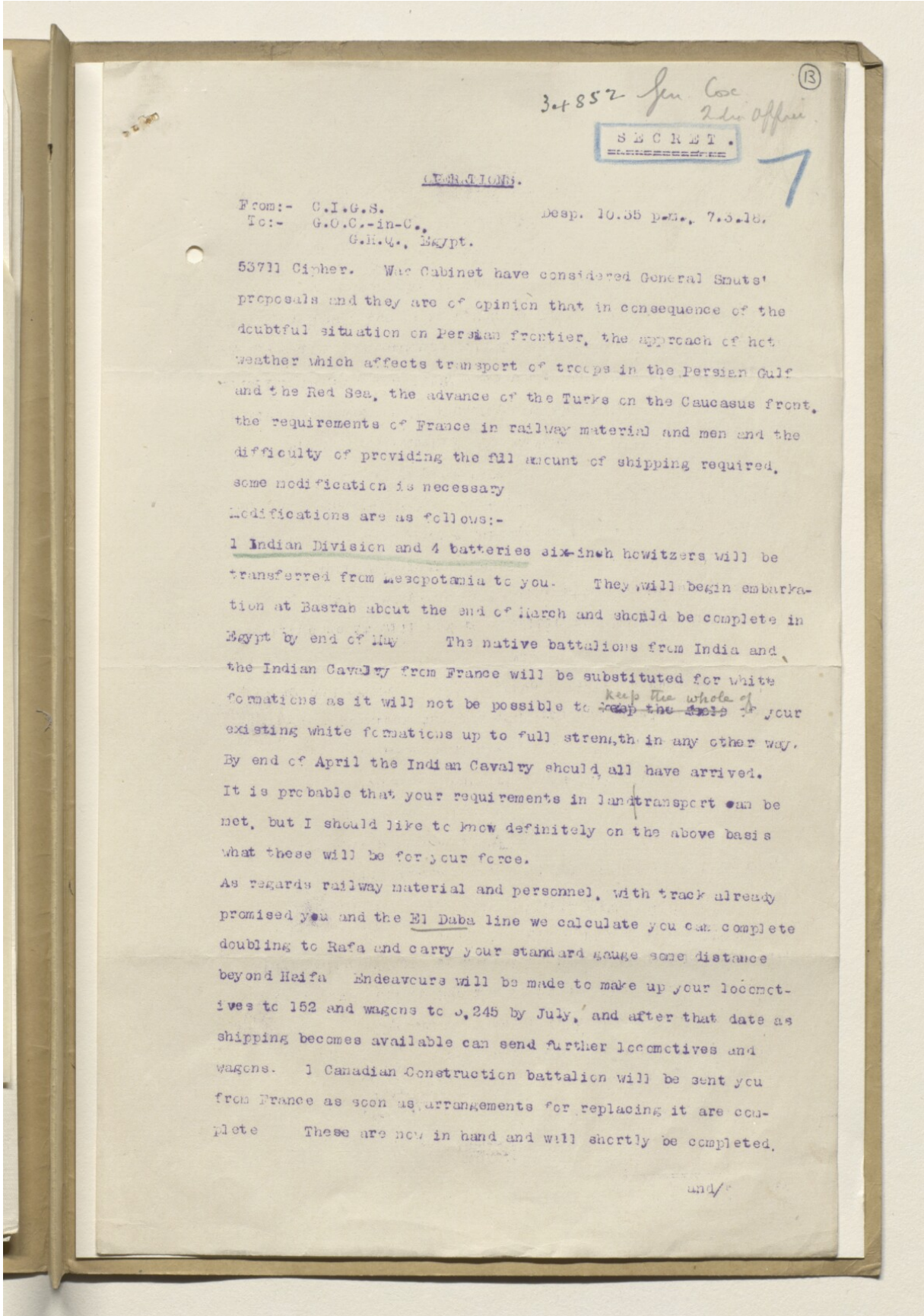
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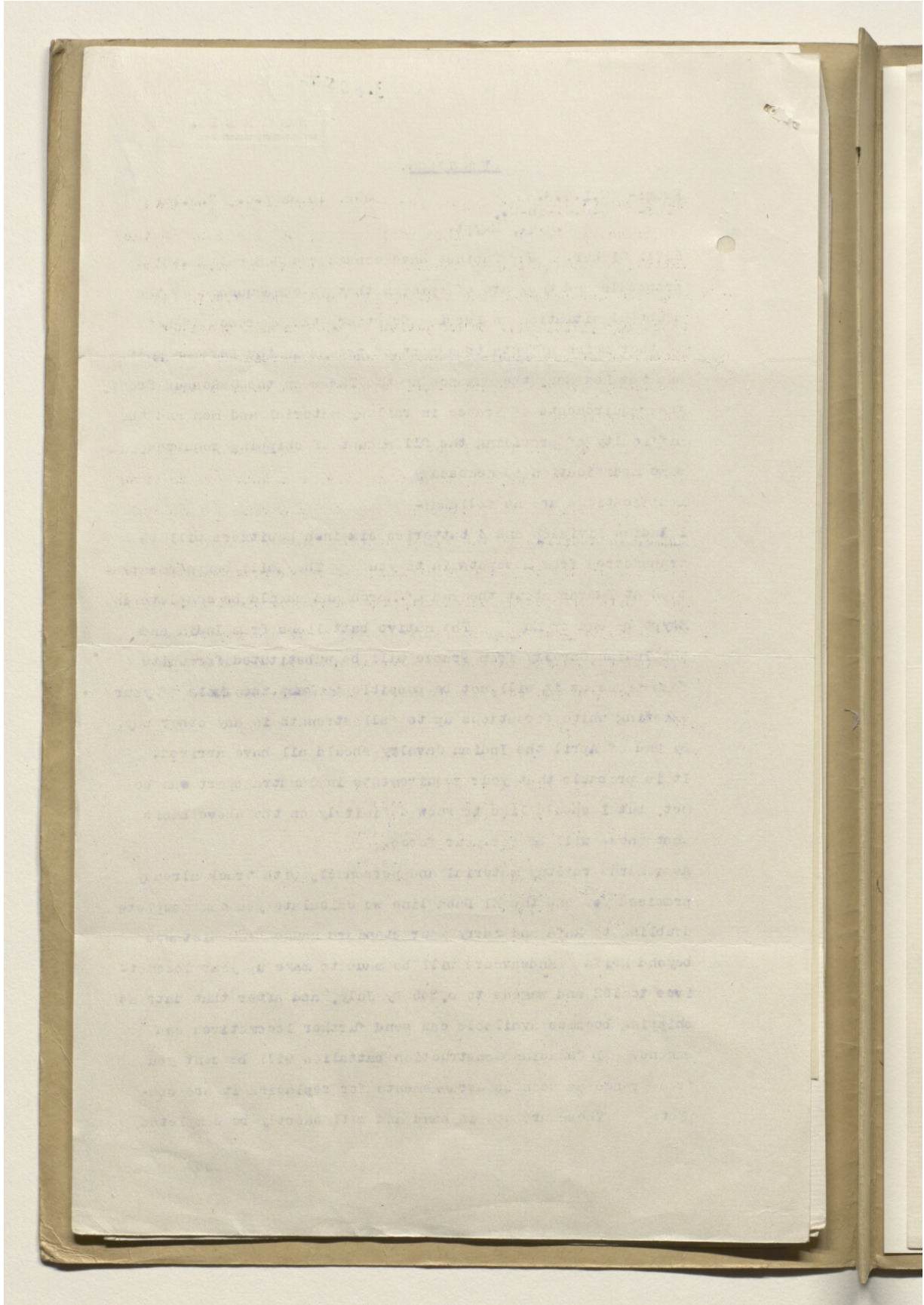
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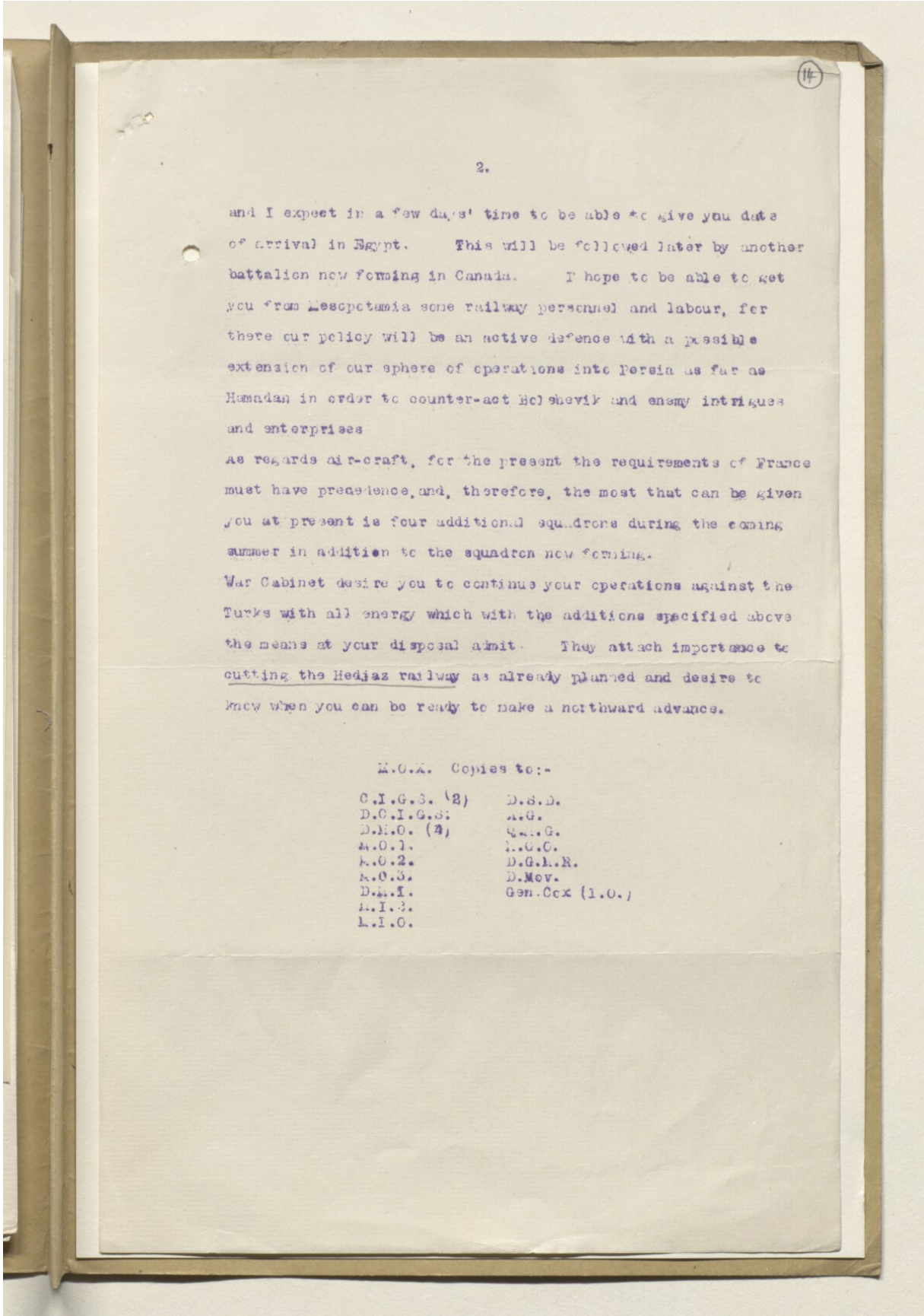


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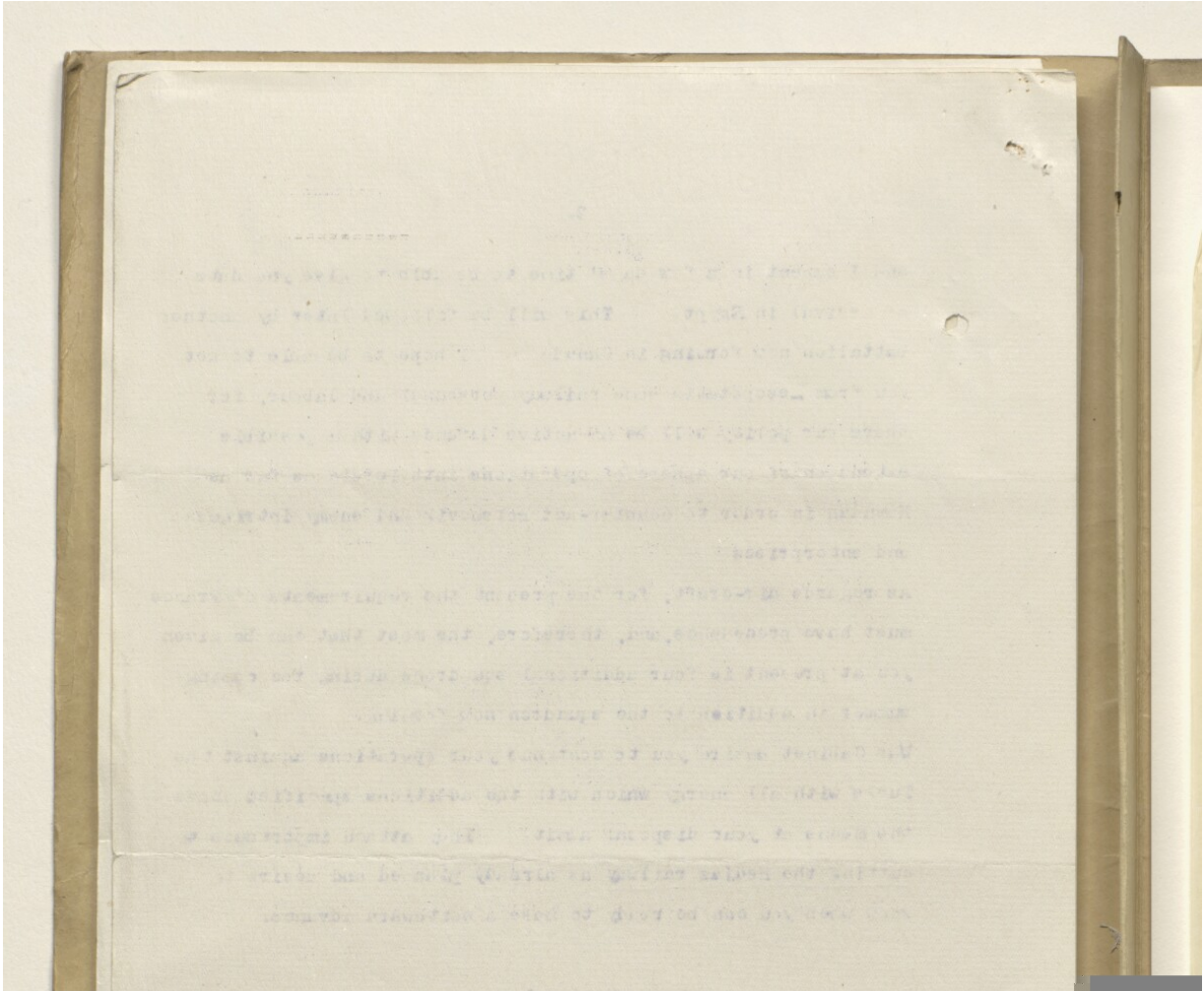


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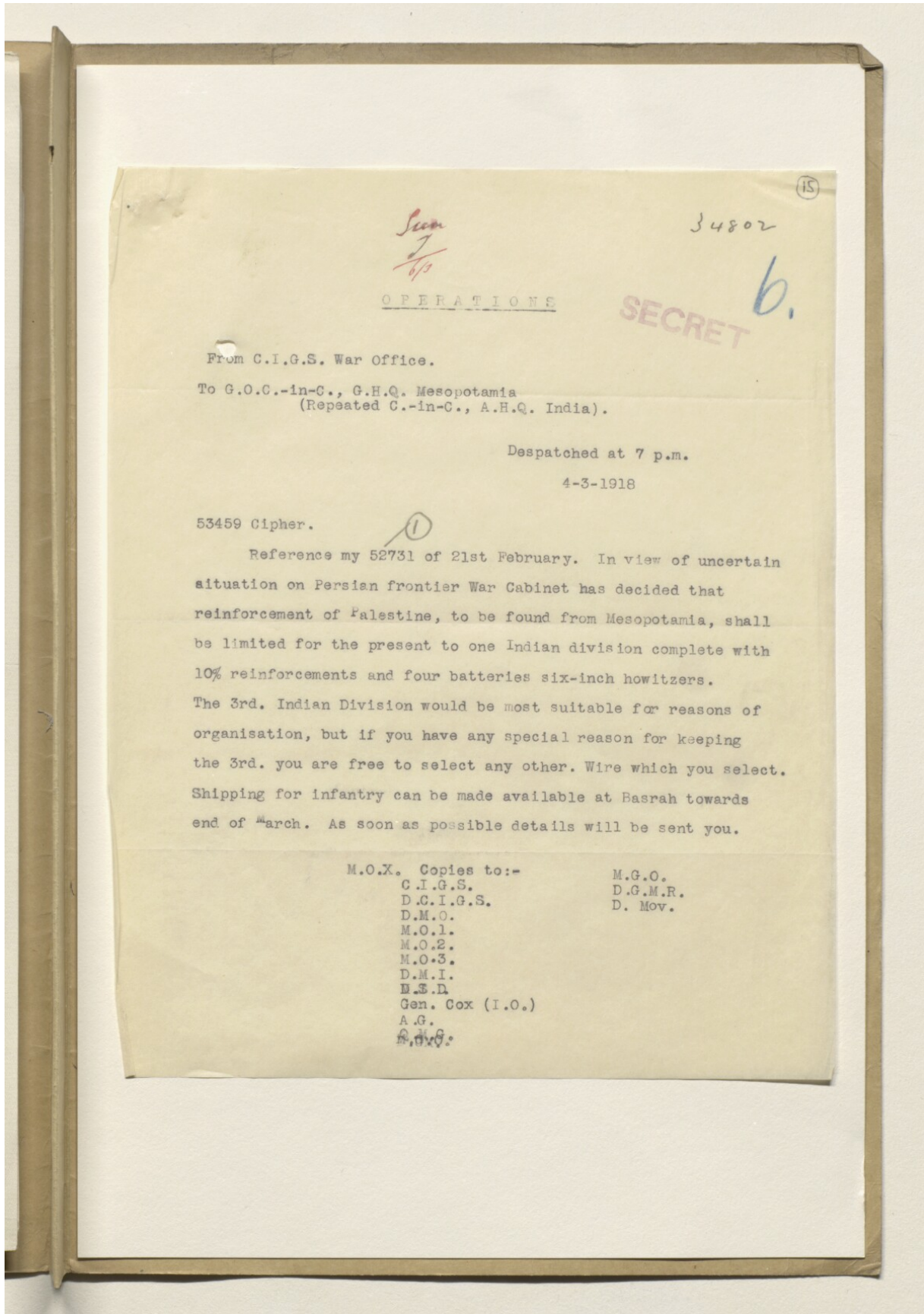


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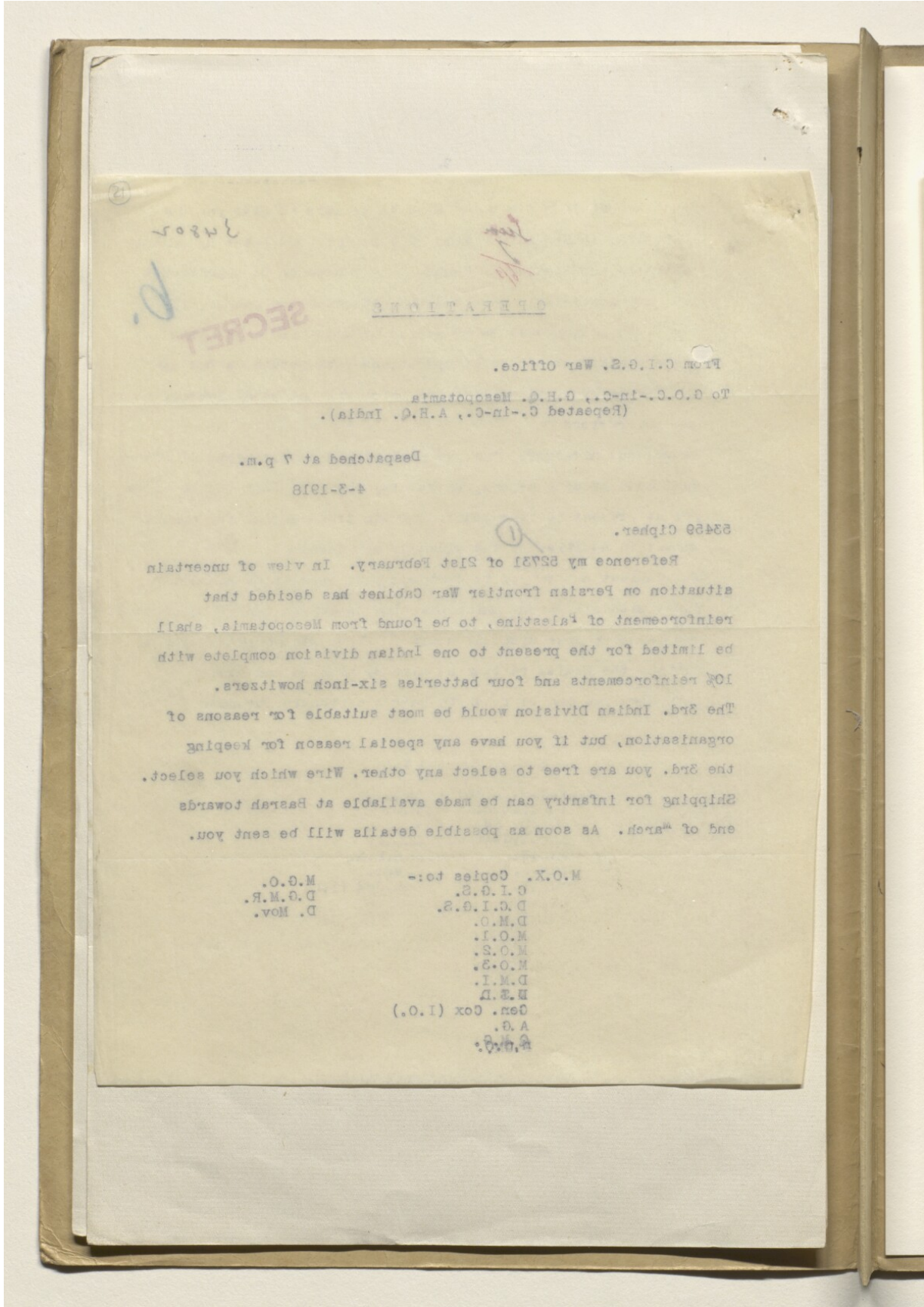


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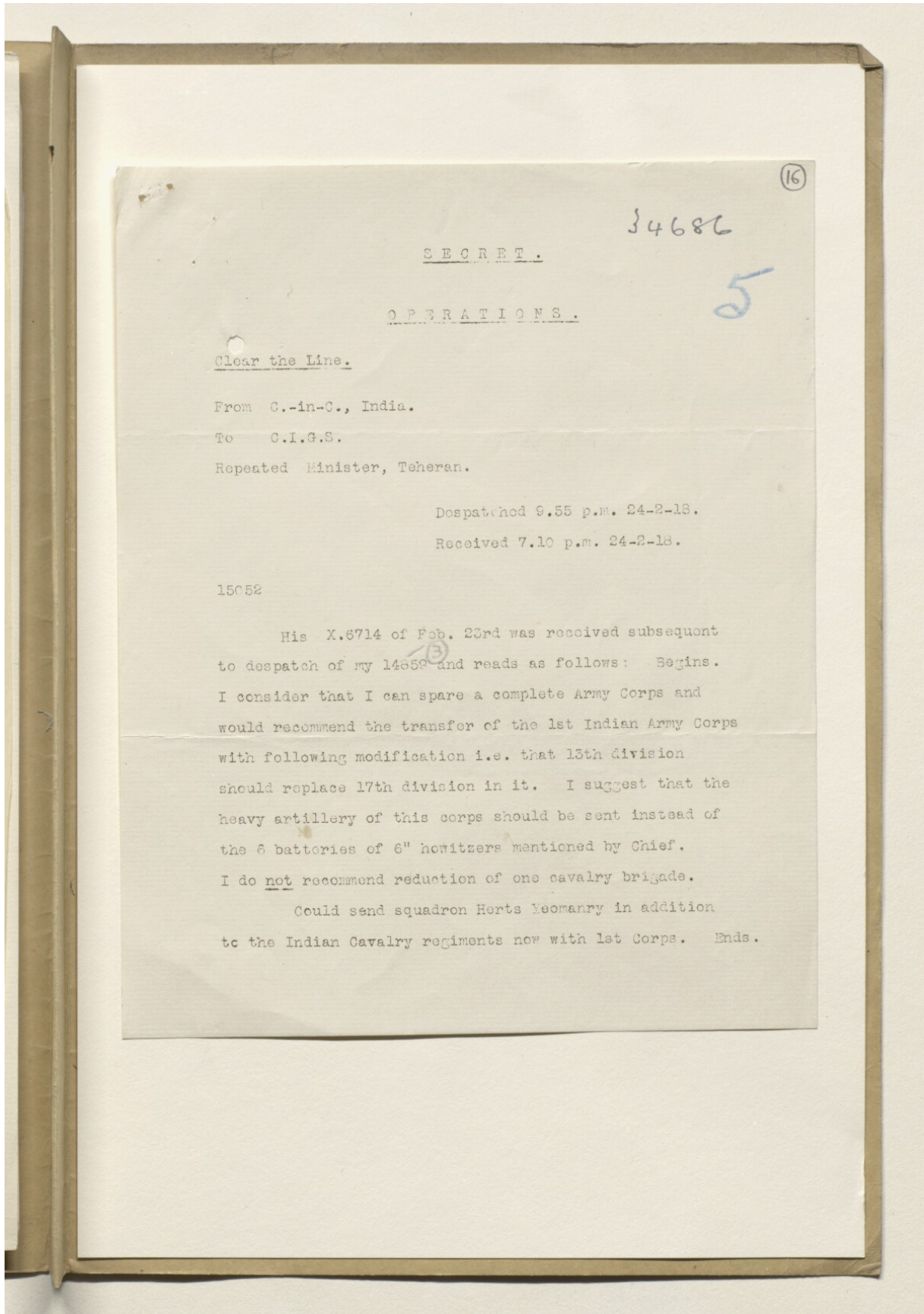


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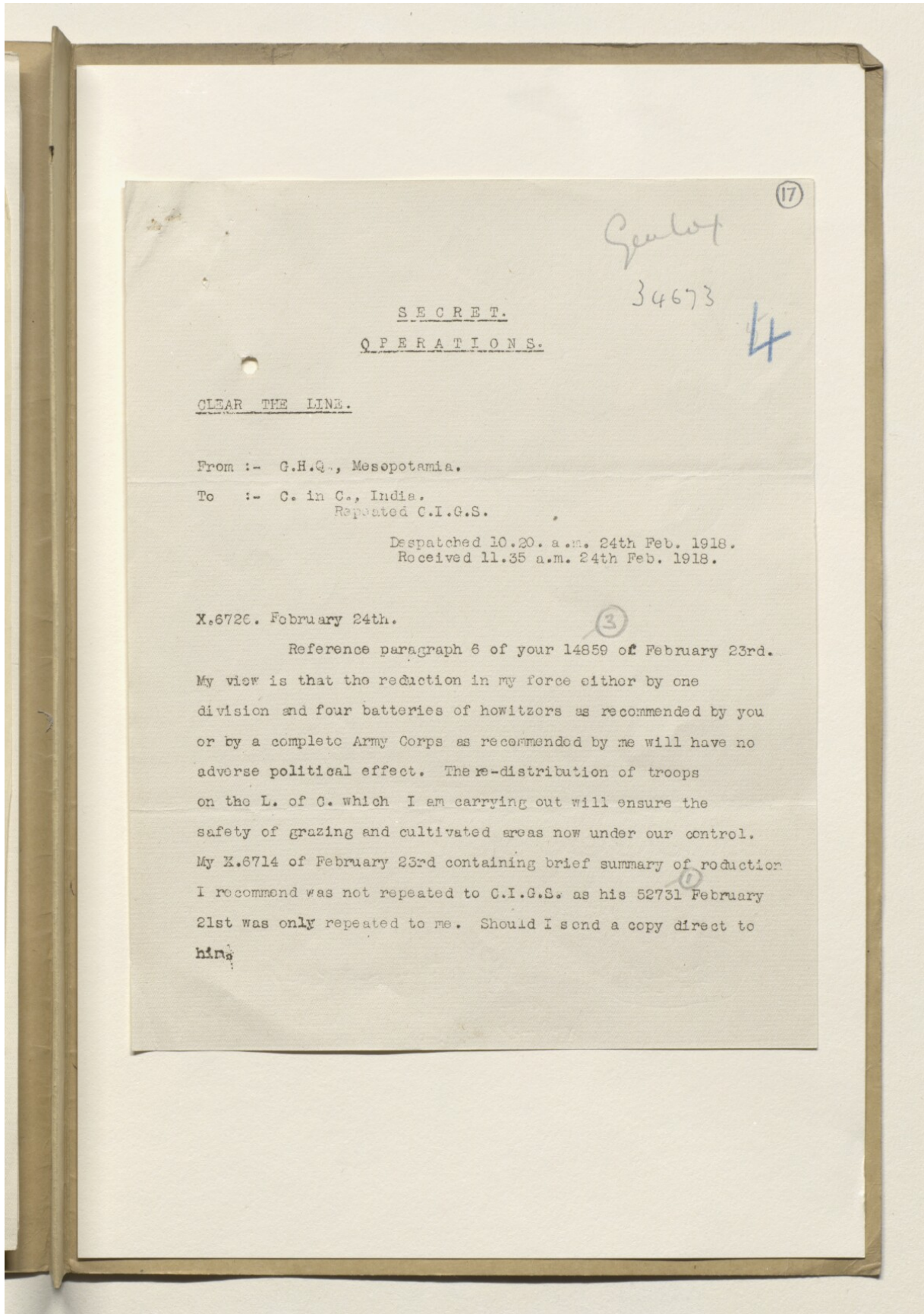


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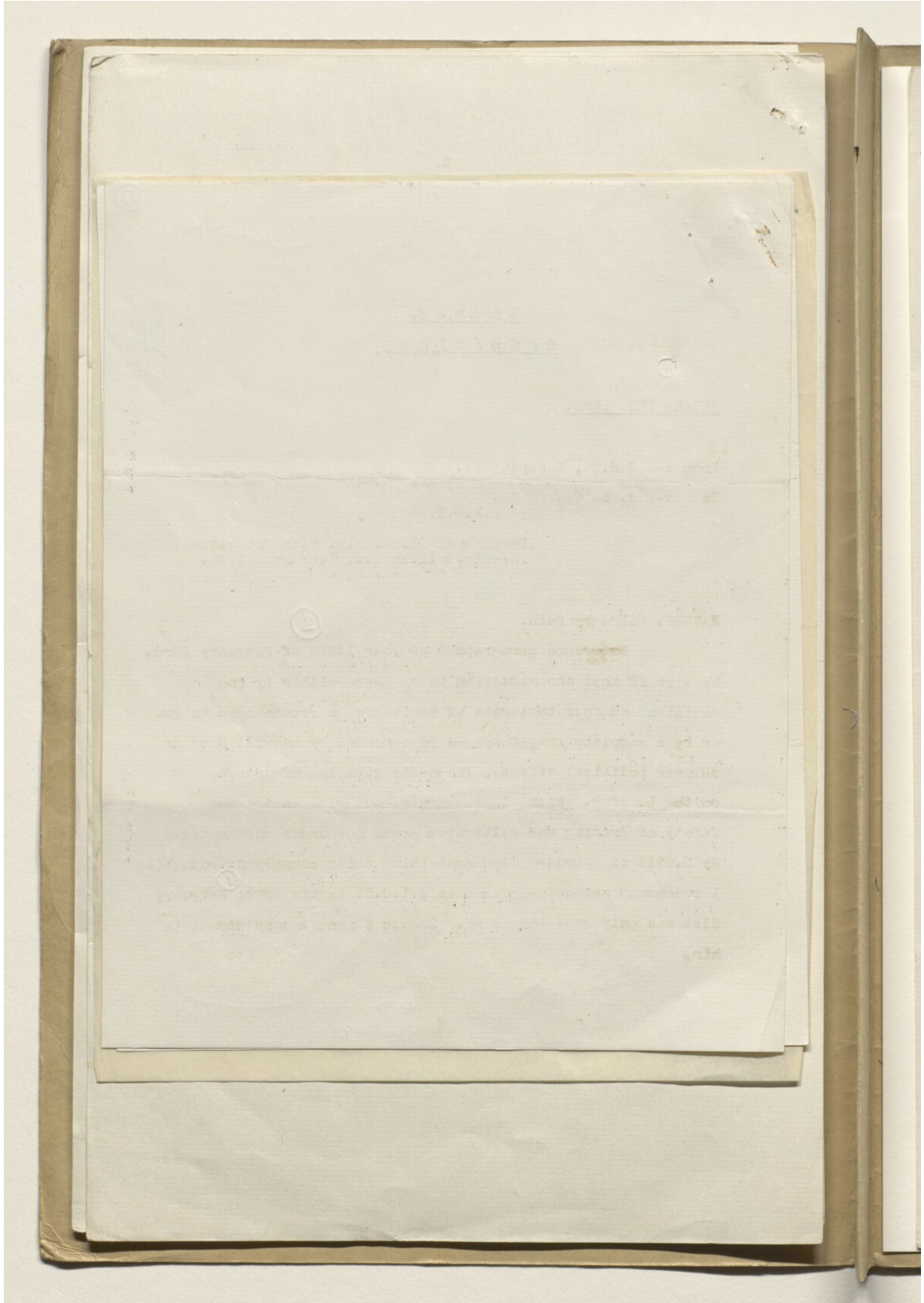


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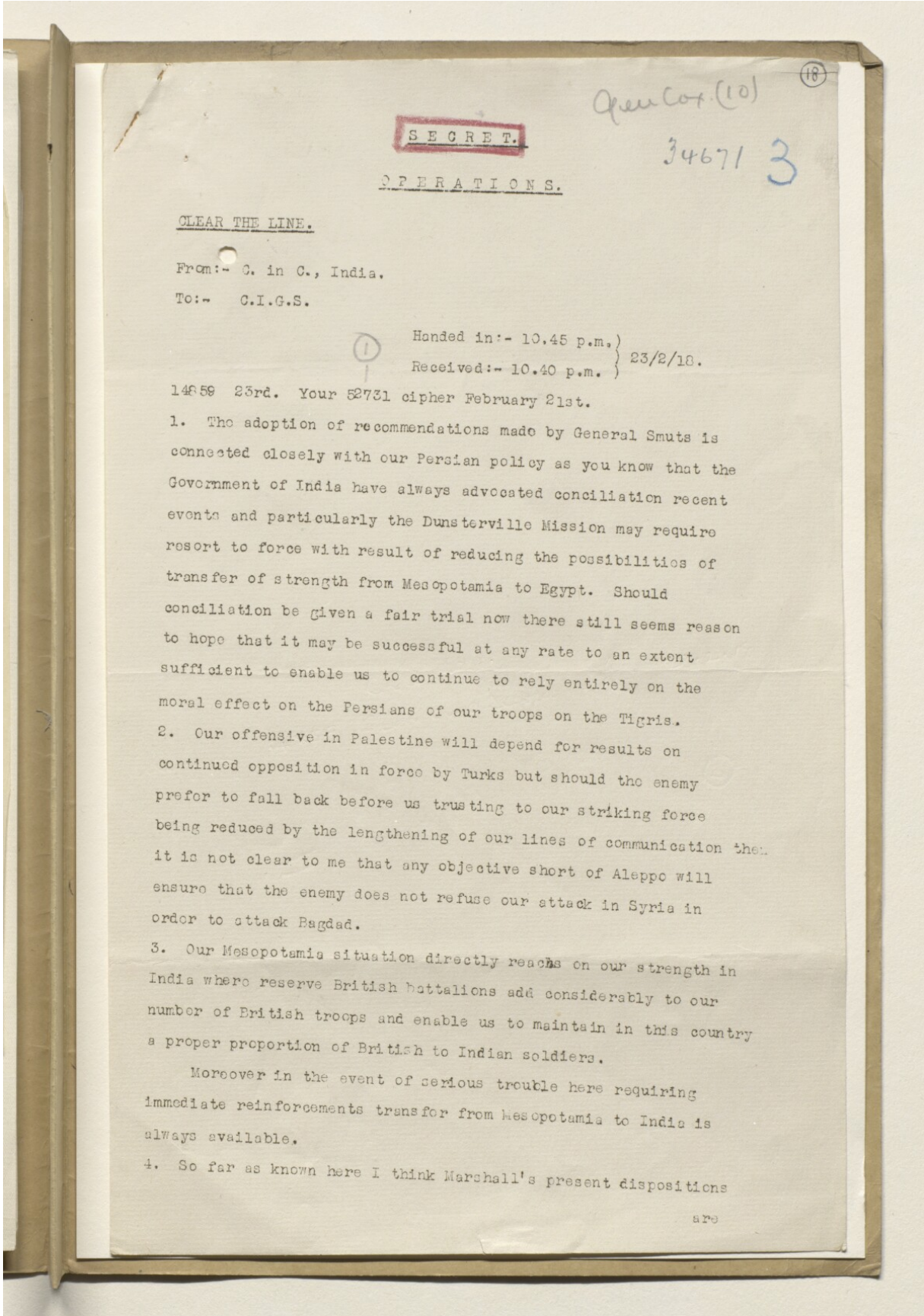
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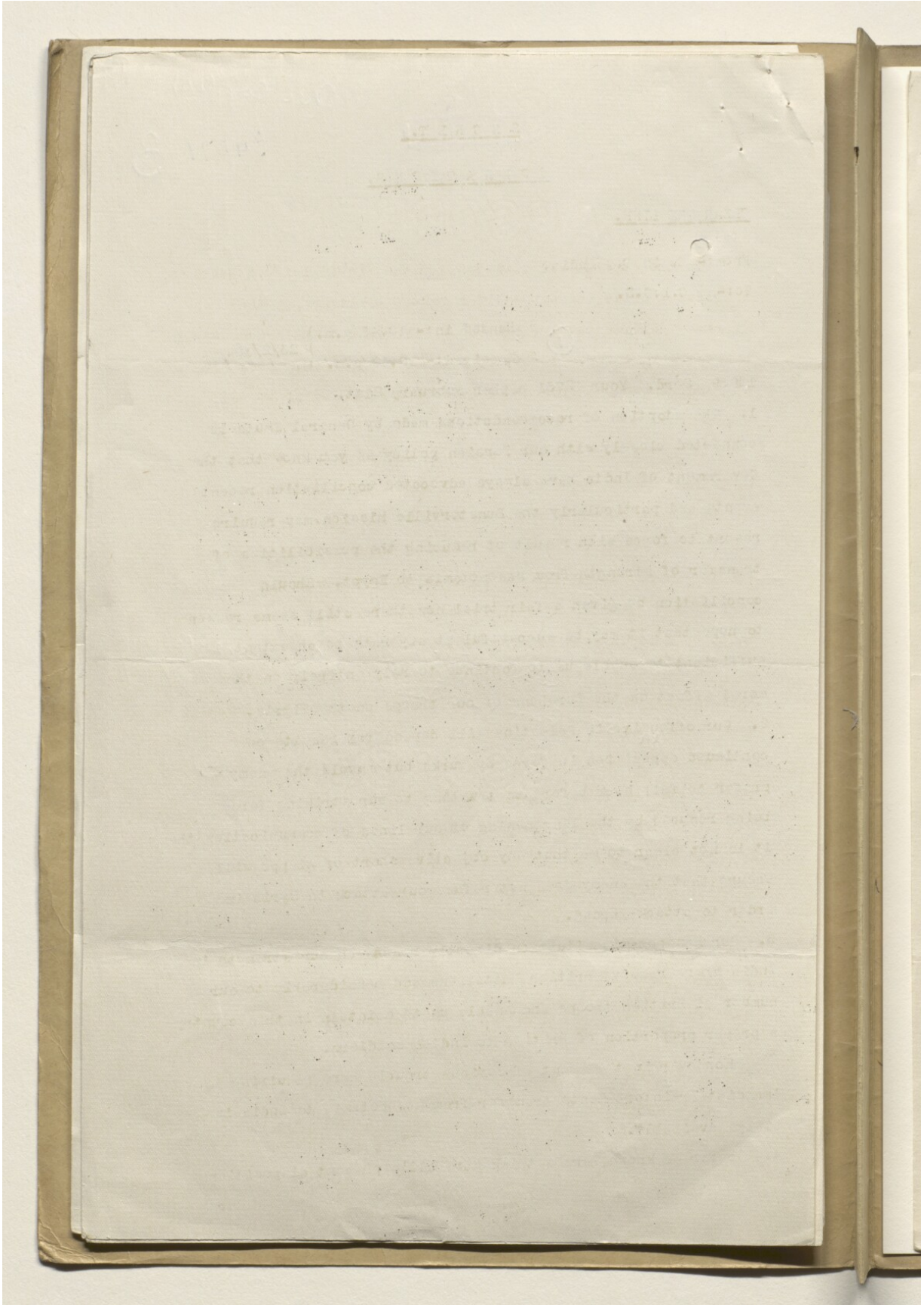
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are:

On the Euphrates 1 division, on the Tigris 1-1/3rd cavalry brigades 2 divisions 4 batteries 6-inch howitzers, on the ^{DIALA} ~~Dinabek~~ 2/3rds cavalry brigade 2 divisions 4 batteries 6-inch howitzers, in reserve 1 cavalry brigade 1 division. Location of remaining 6-inch howitzers (4 of 30 cwt and 4 of 26 cwt) unknown.

It is my view that for pure defence these could be reduced by 1 Indian division 4 batteries 6-inch howitzers.

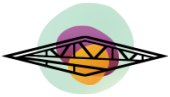
5. In short the problem is one of time and space.

The transfer of a division complete from Baghdad to Suez and vice versa would take 53 days and if available from India to Baghdad the infantry of a division would take 40 (?) group omitted) shipping can be provided.

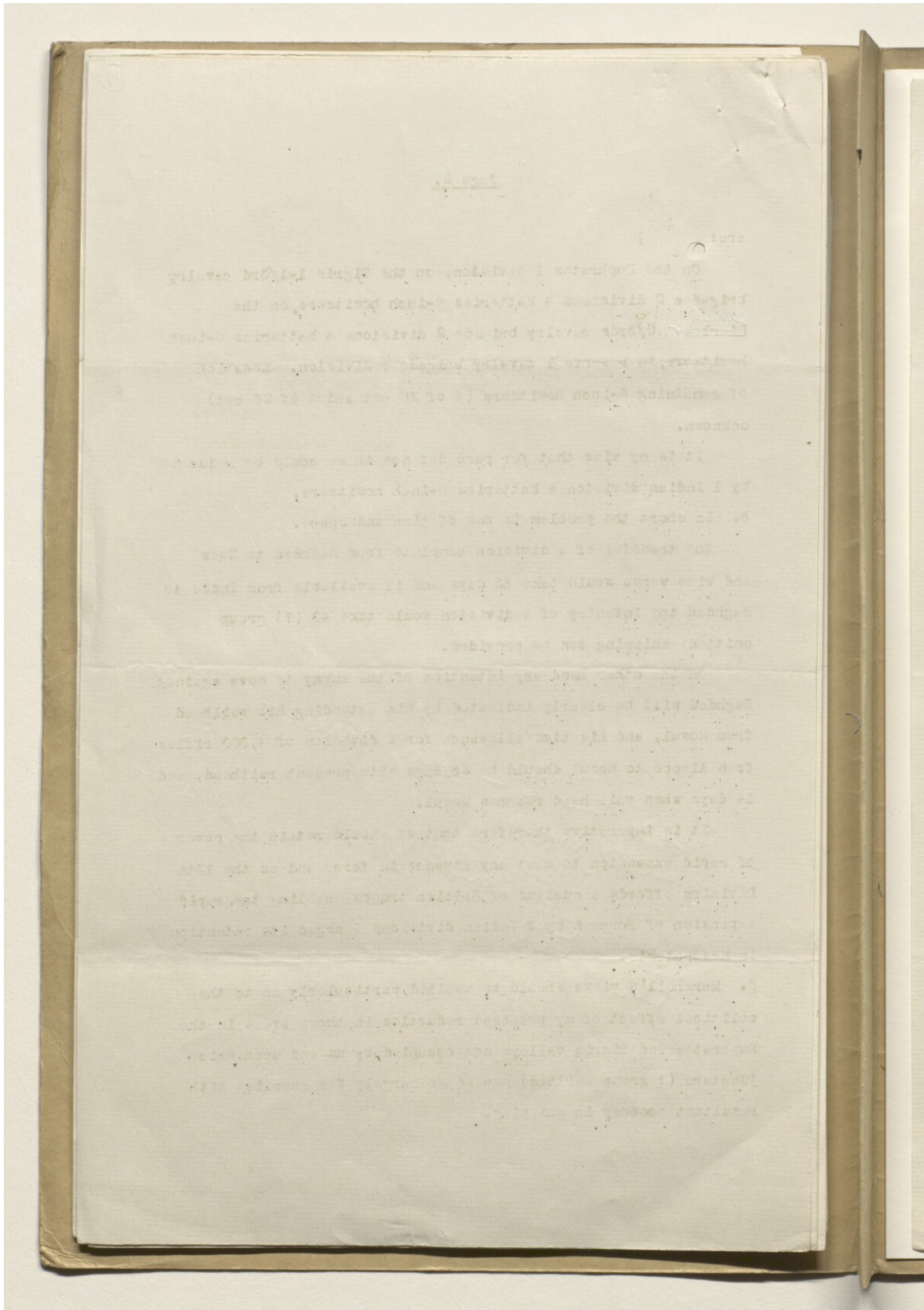
On the other hand any intention of the enemy to move against Baghdad will be clearly indicated by his extending his railhead from Mosul, and his time allowance for a division of 4,000 rifles from Aleppo to Mosul should be 25 days with present railhead, and 14 days when rail head reaches Mosul.

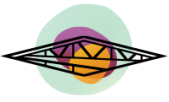
It is imperative therefore that we should retain the power of rapid expansion to meet any advance in force and as the 13th Division affords a nucleus of British troops enabling the rapid expansion of Force D by 3 Indian divisions I urged its retention in Mesopotamia.

G. Marshall's views should be awaited particularly as to the political effect of my proposed reduction in those areas in the Euphrates and Tigris valleys now occupied by us and upon which juncture (? group omitted) depend so largely for supplies with resultant economy in shipping.

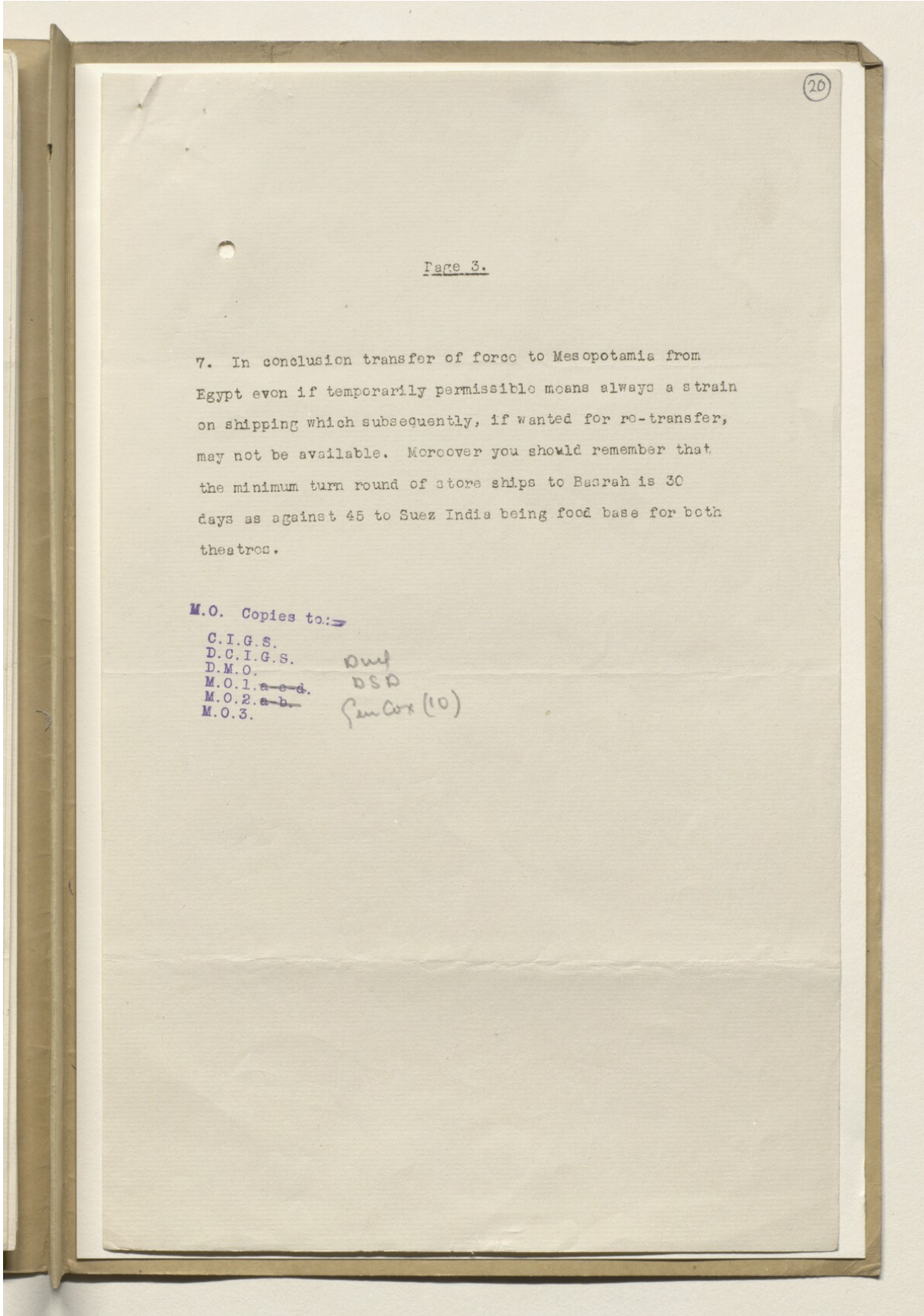


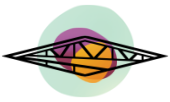
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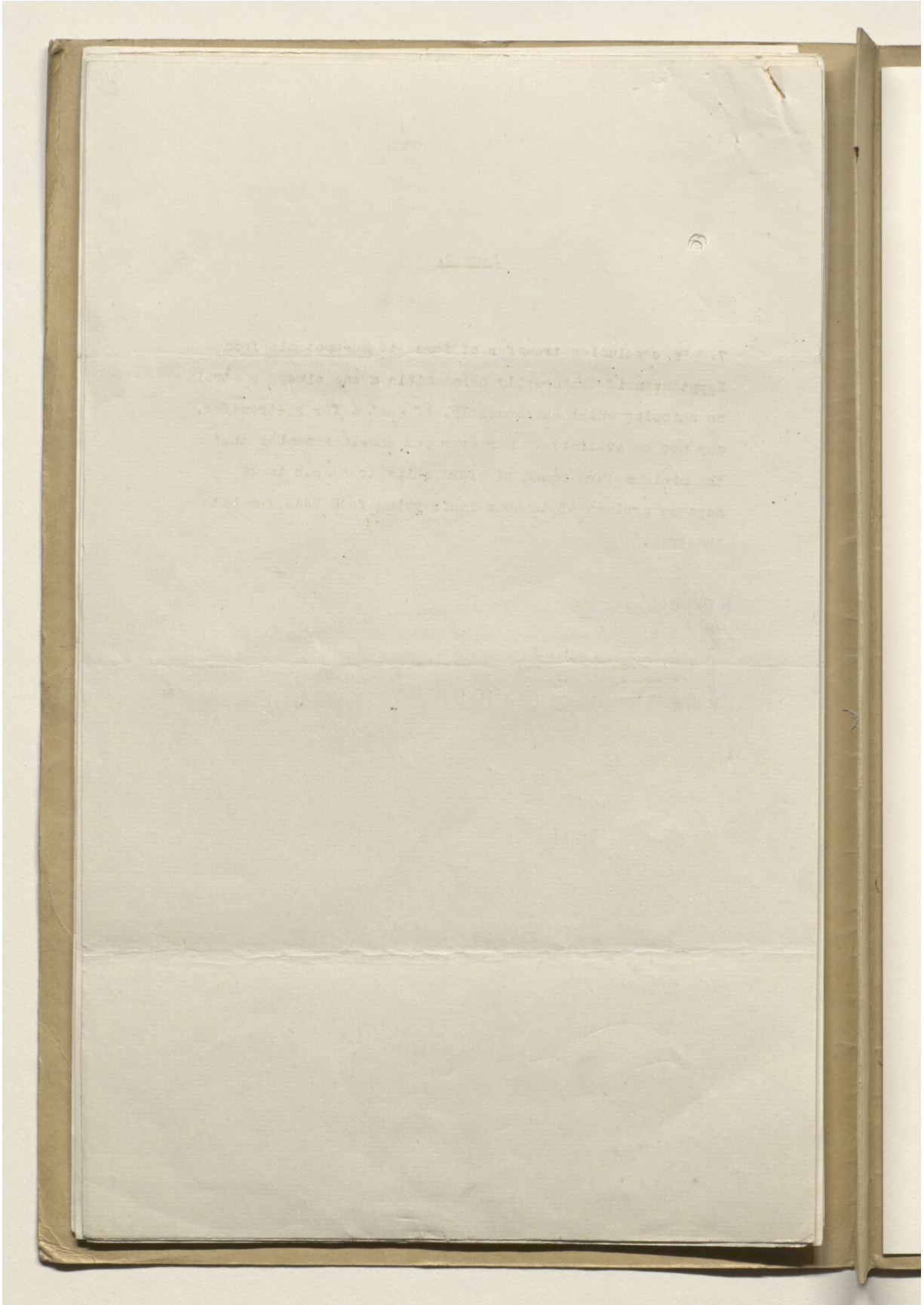


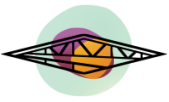
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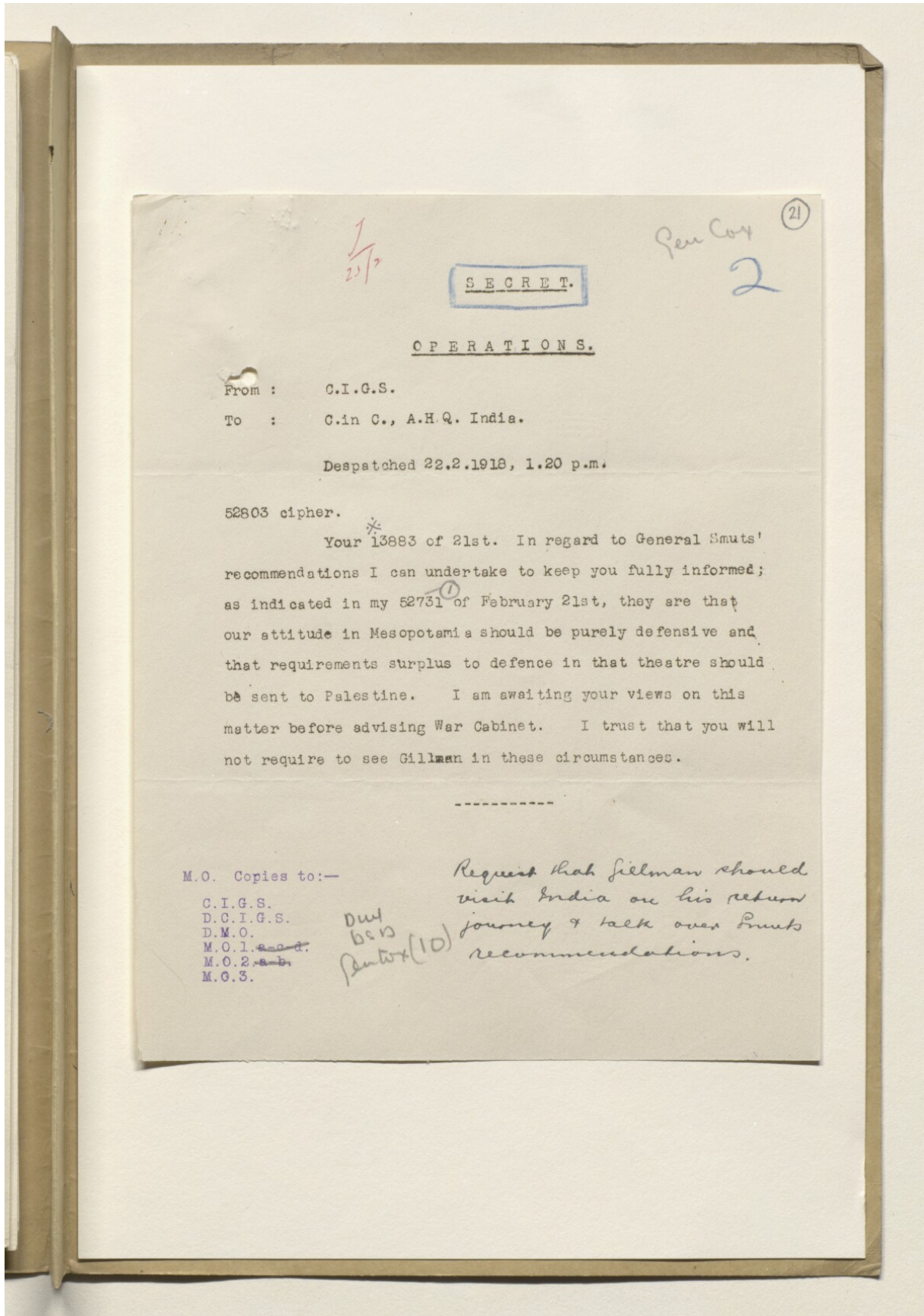


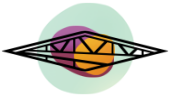
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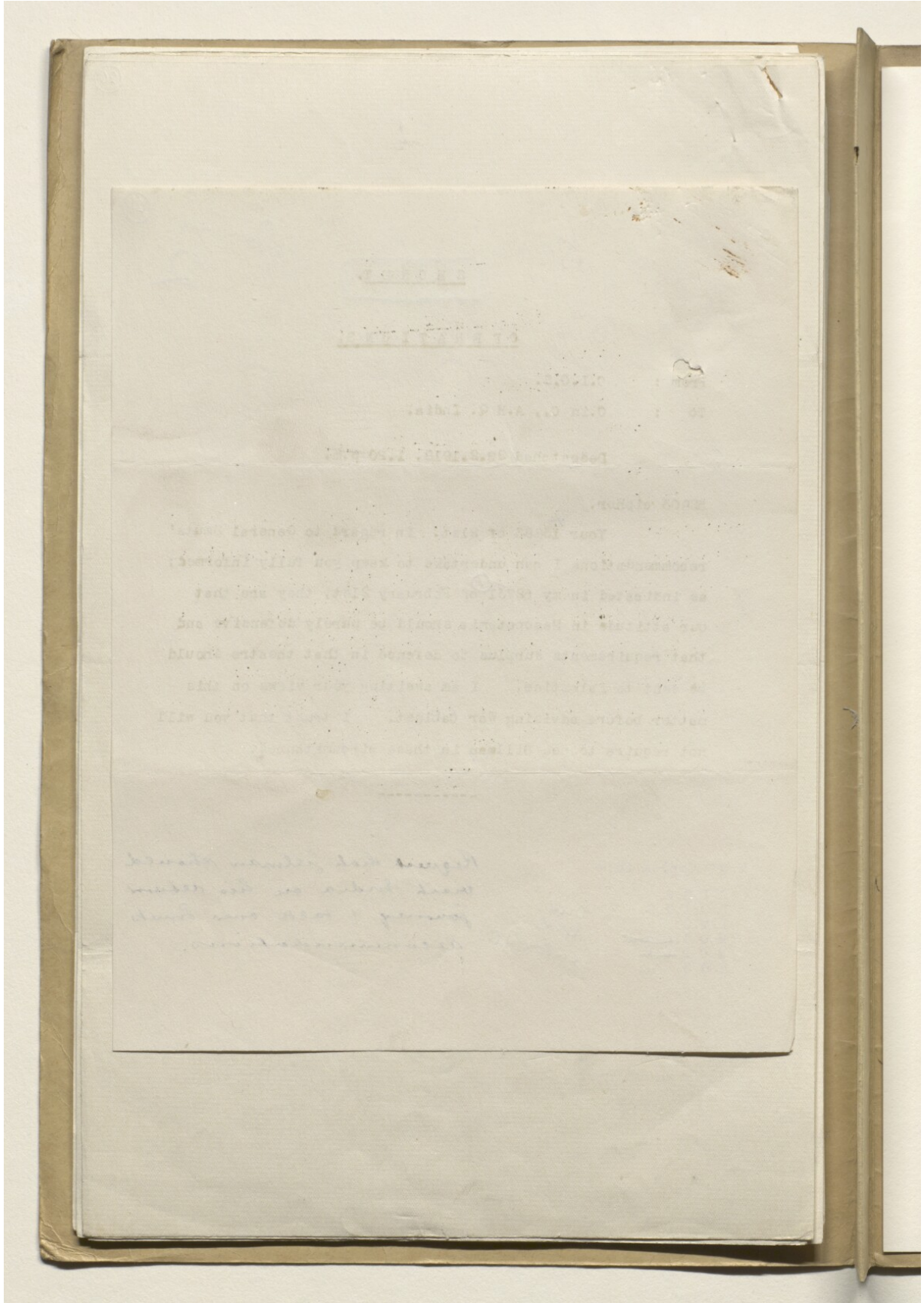


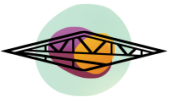
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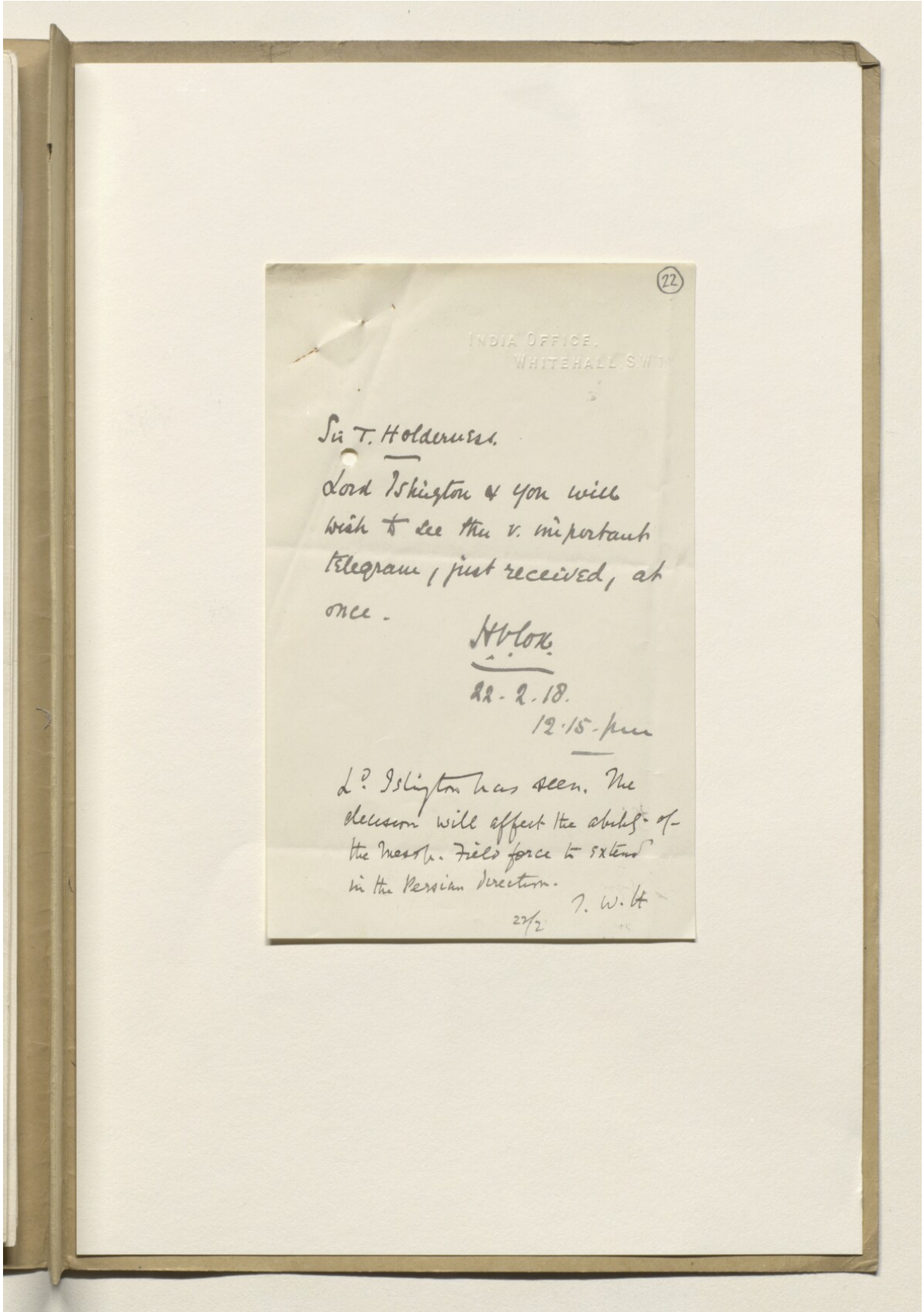


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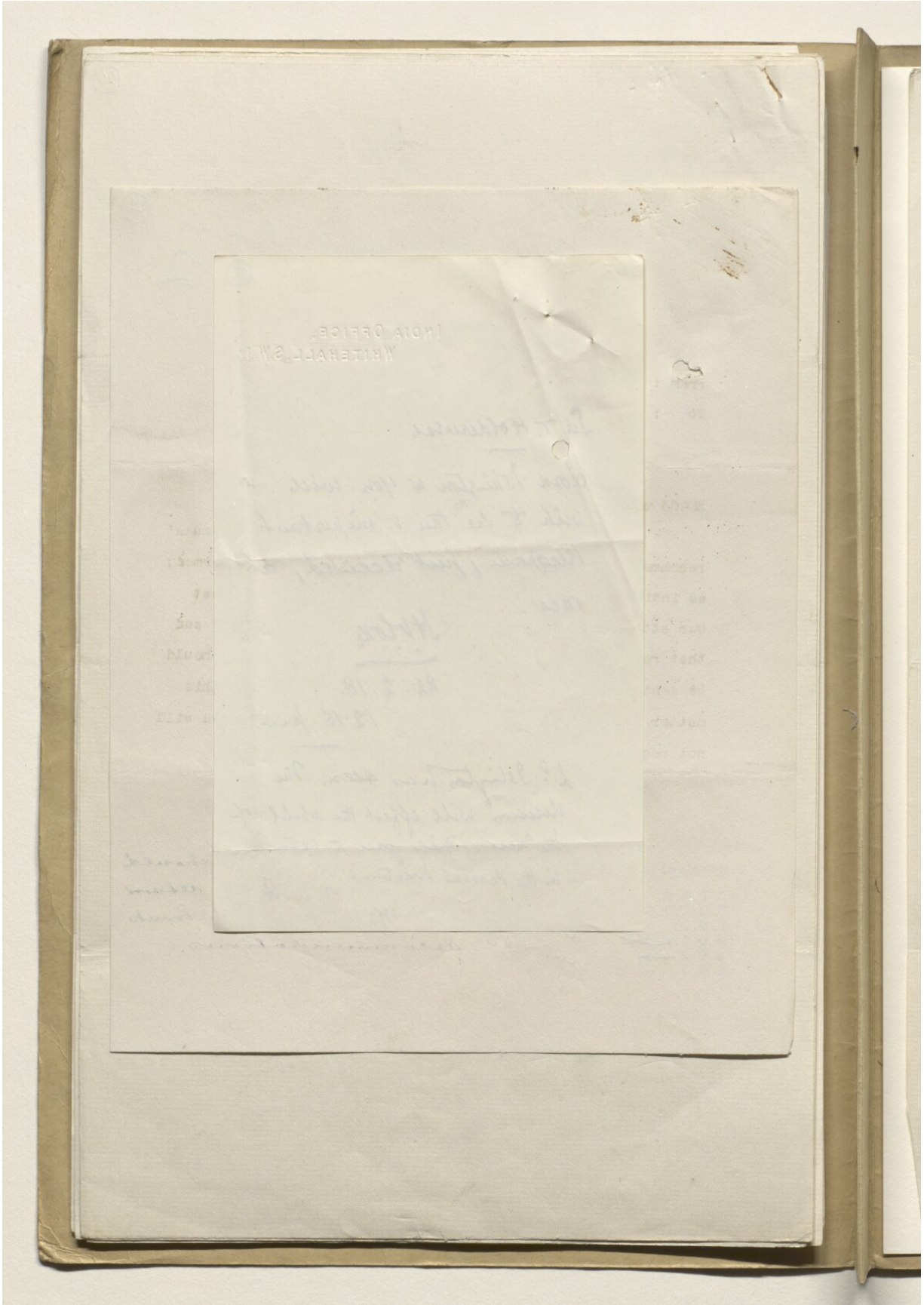


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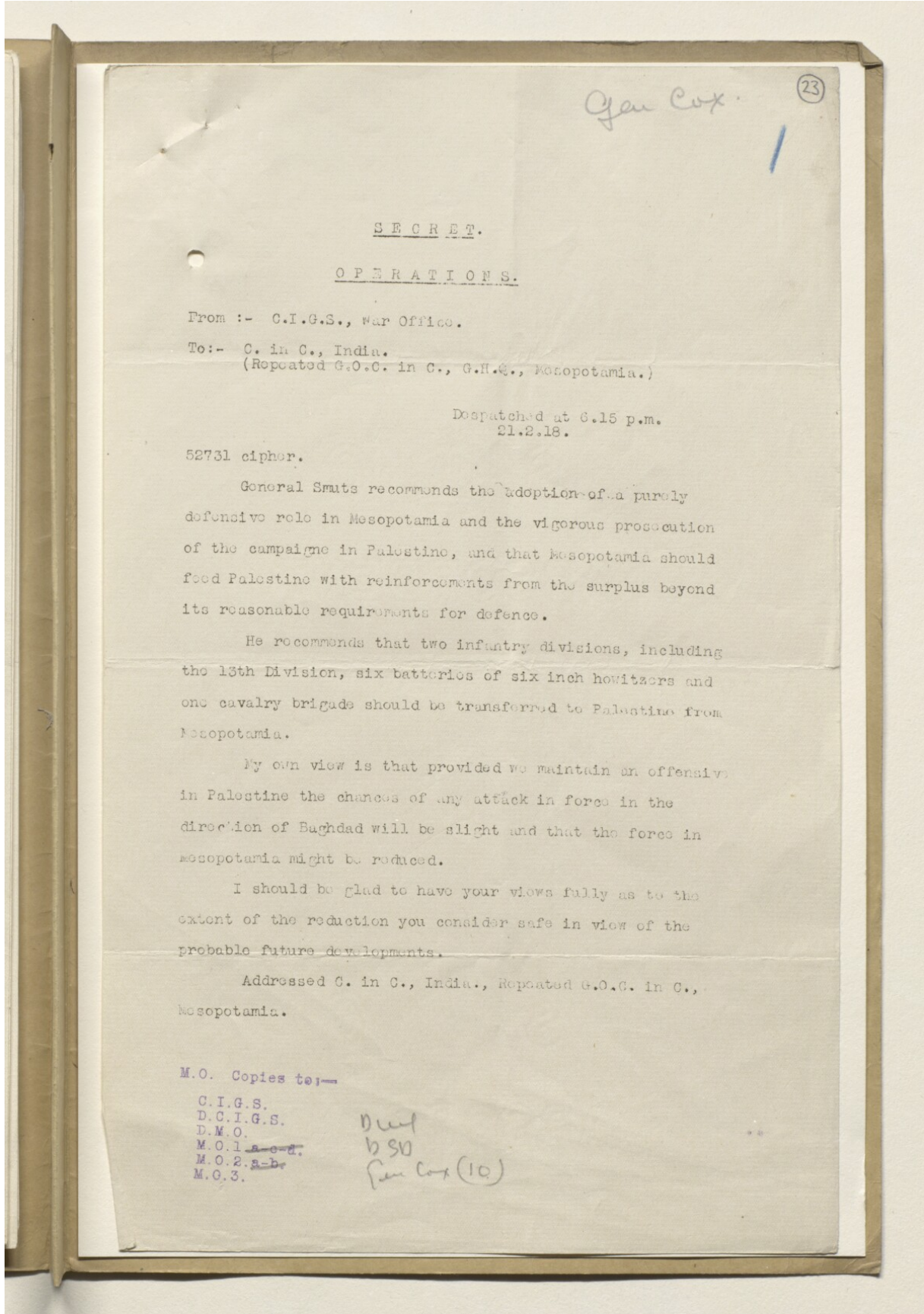


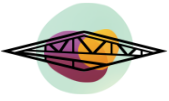
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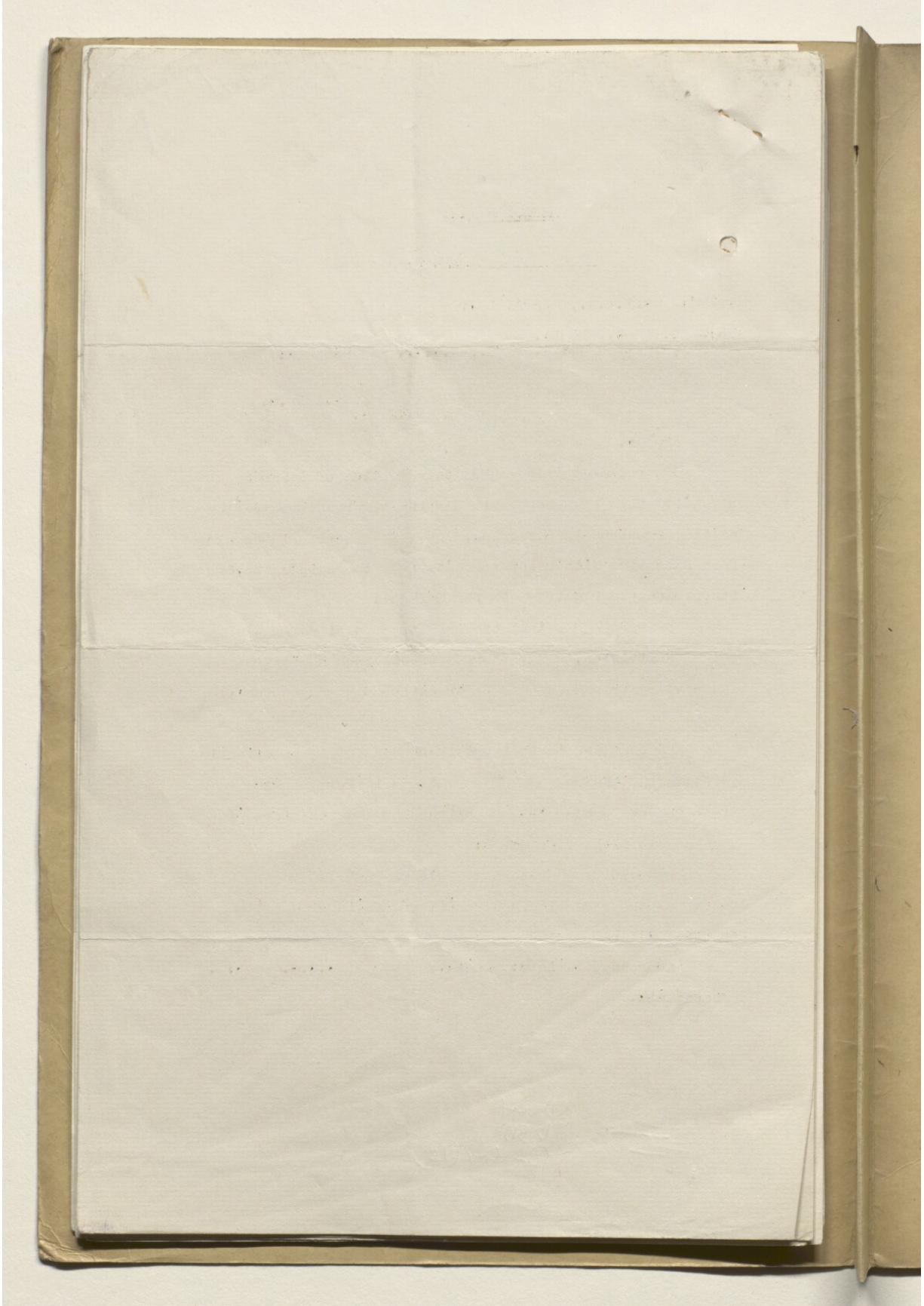


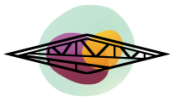
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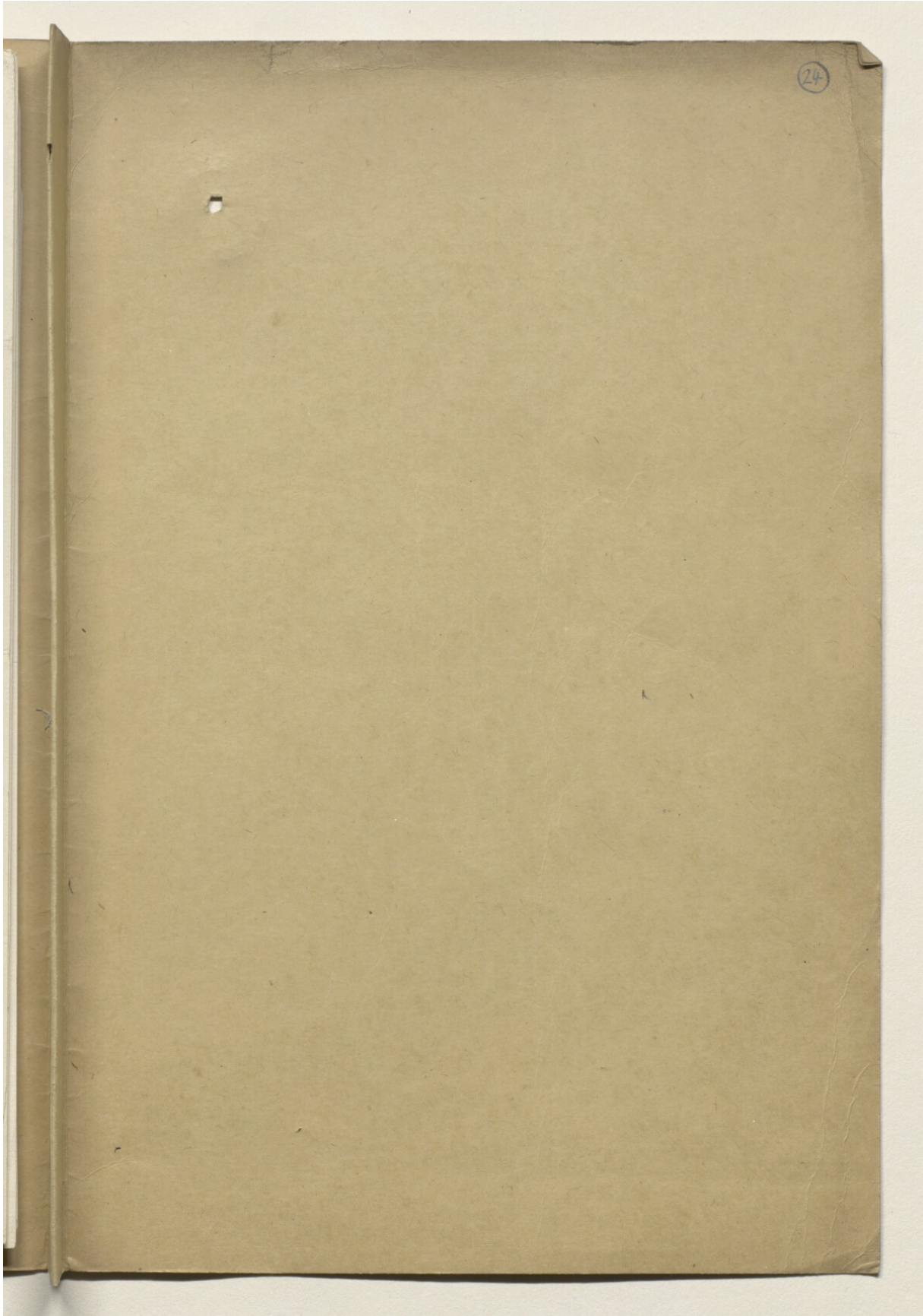


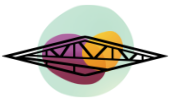
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