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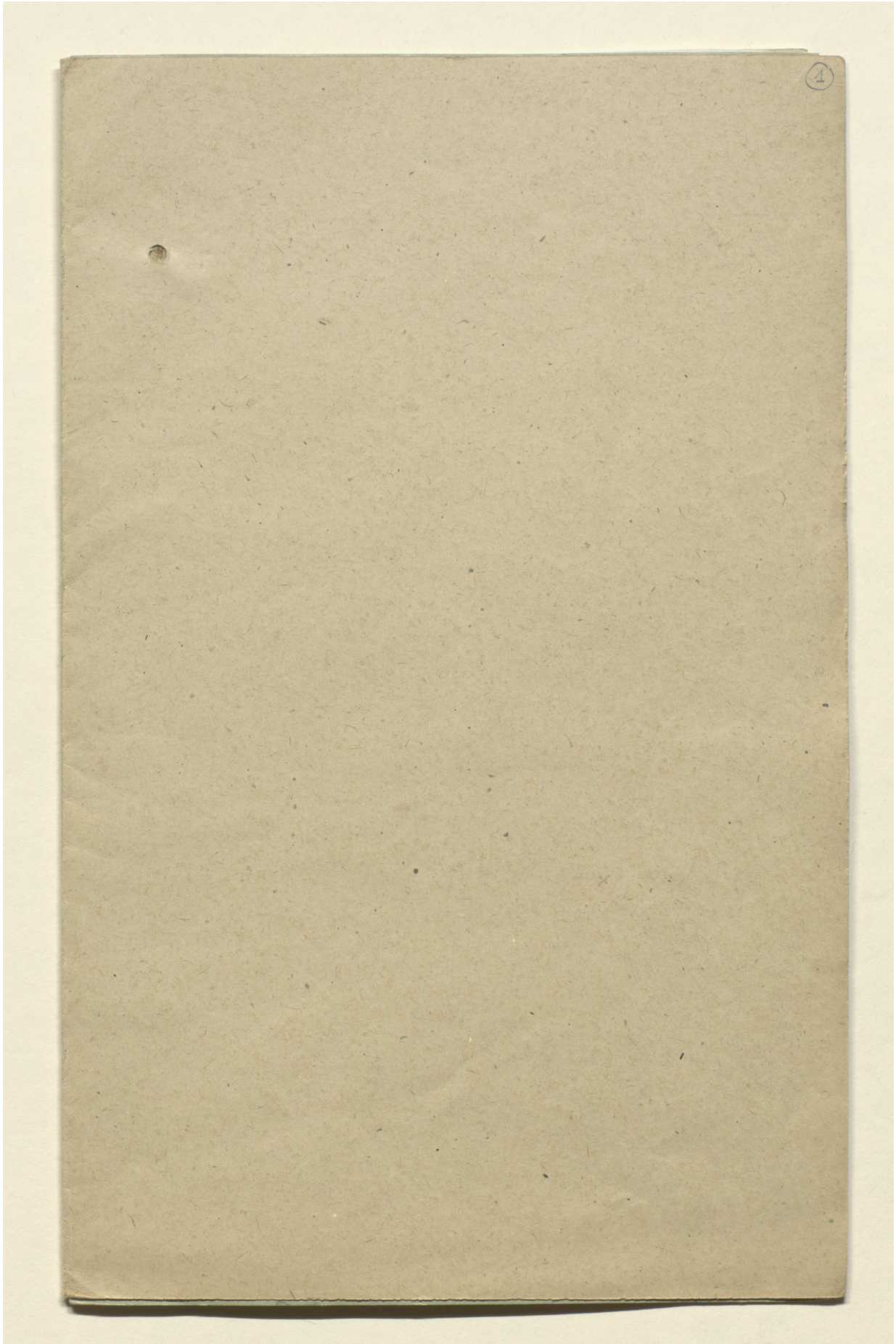
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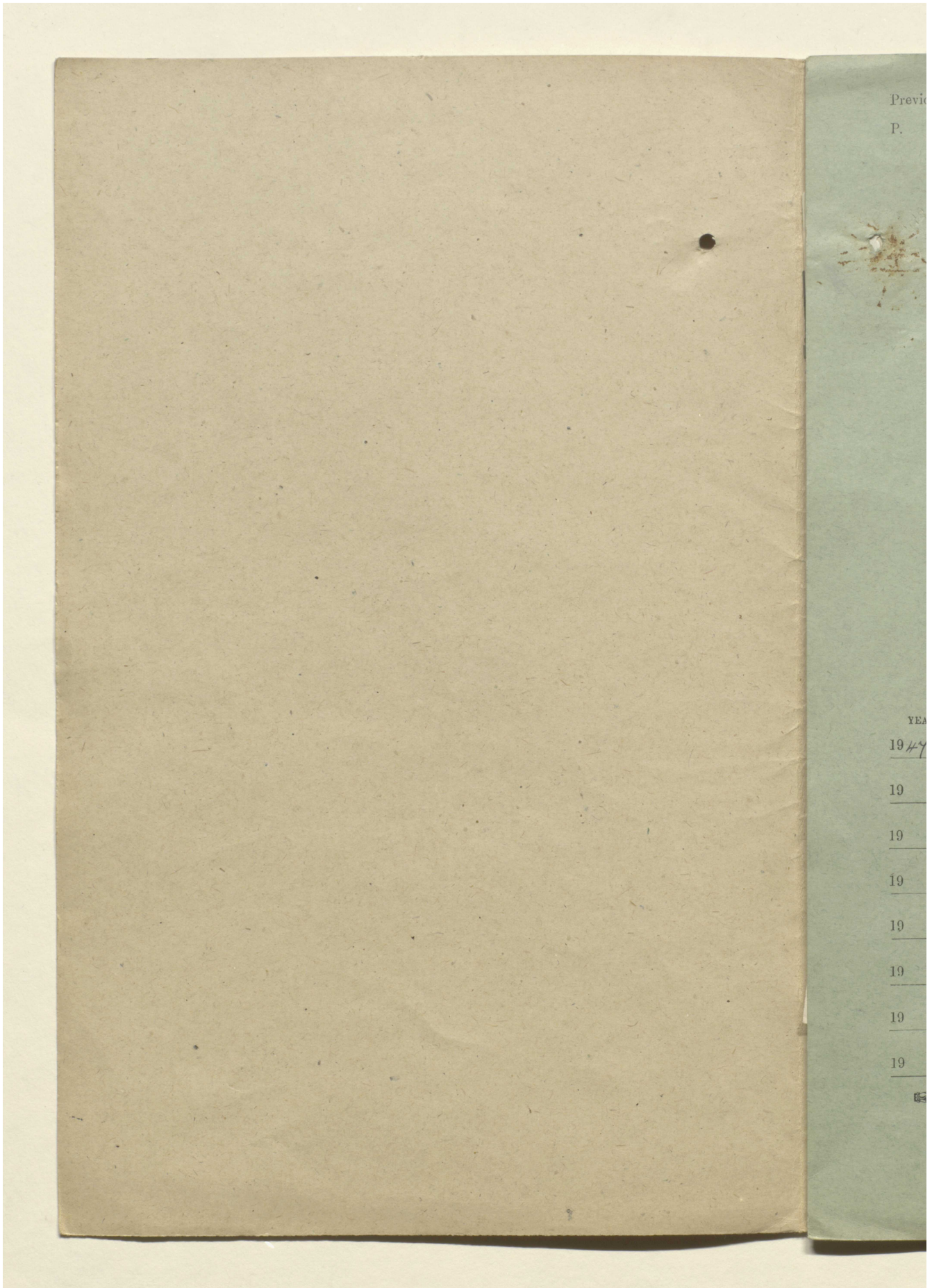
About this record

This file consists of letters, telegrams, and notes between officials of the Foreign Office and the Political Resident in Persian Gulf regarding an enquiry from the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Rome requesting the repatriation of Santo Gionfriddo, an Italian citizen who is supposedly interned at Bahrain, Persian Gulf. The letters involve a search for Gionfriddo's location. Also involved are the Bahrain Political Agent and the Arabian-American Oil Company.

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SUBJECT:

SANTO GIONFRIDDO

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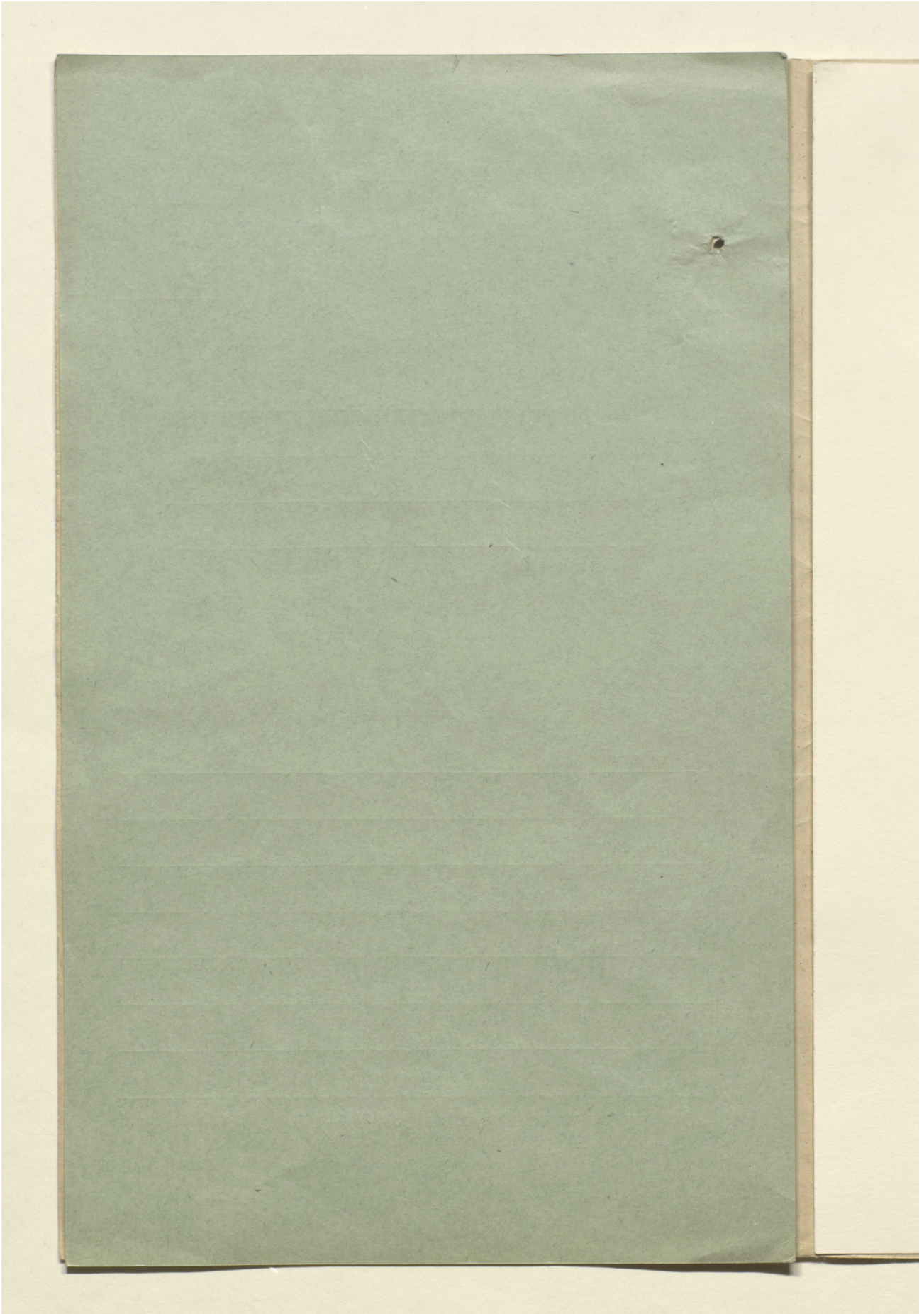
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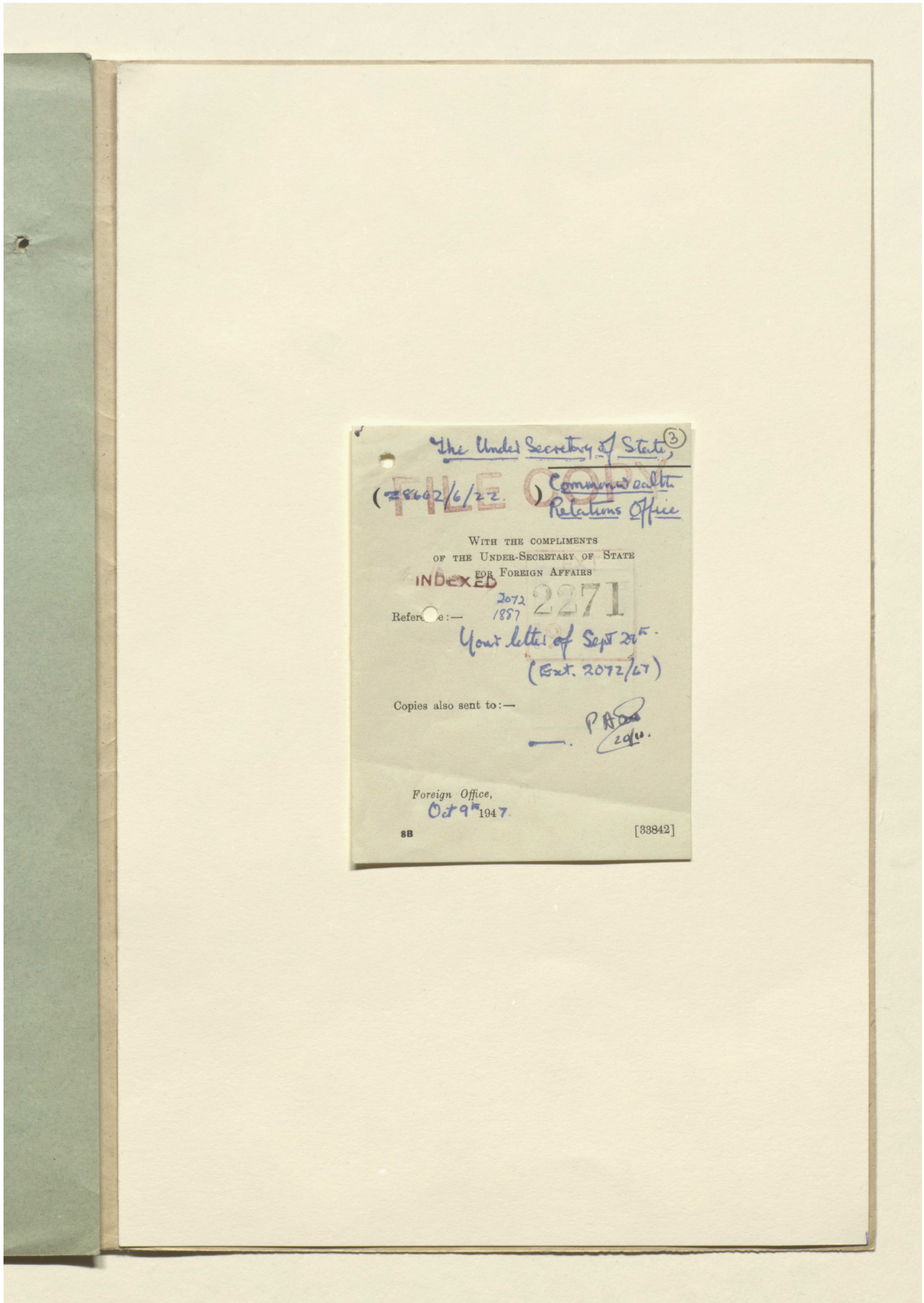
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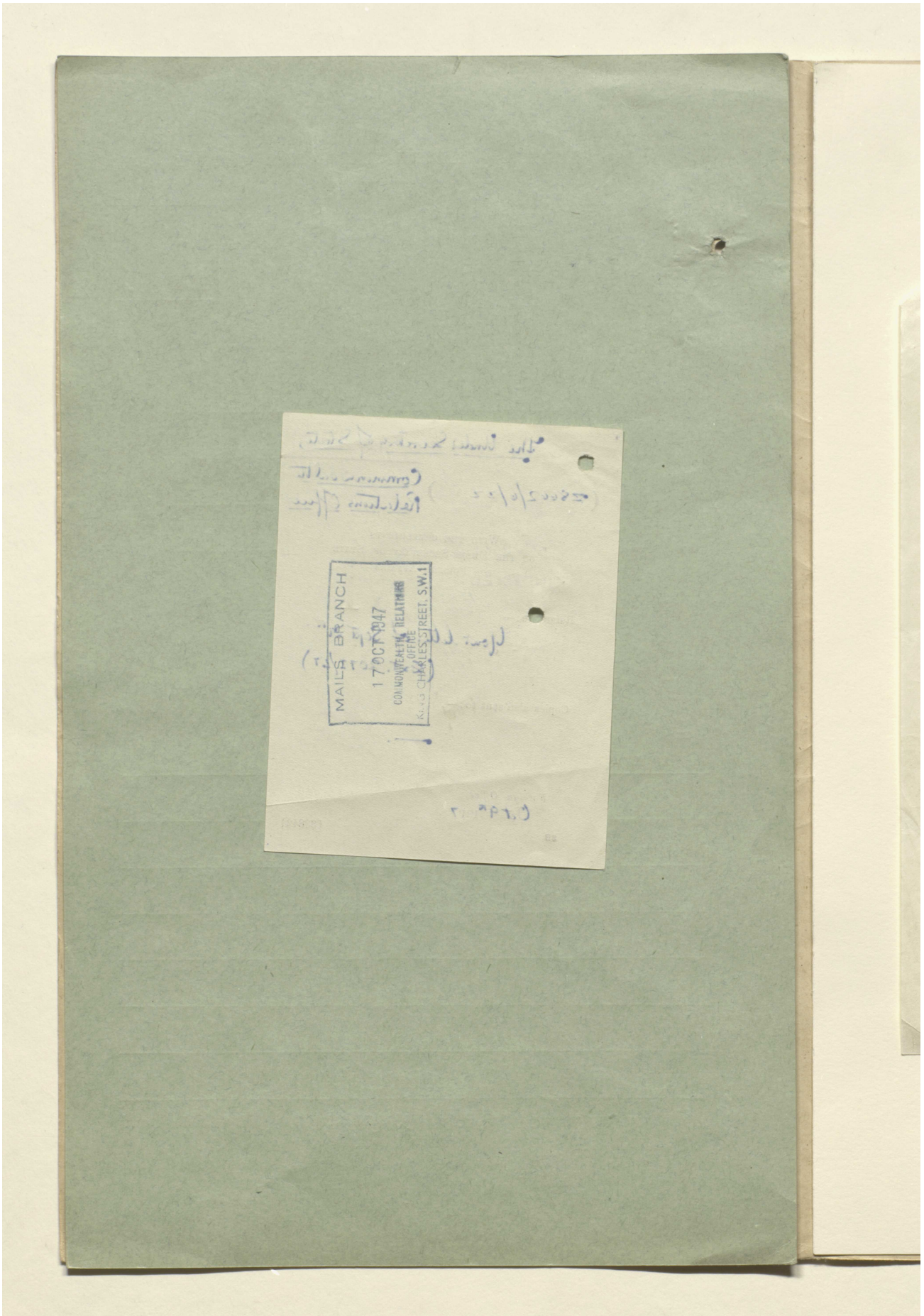
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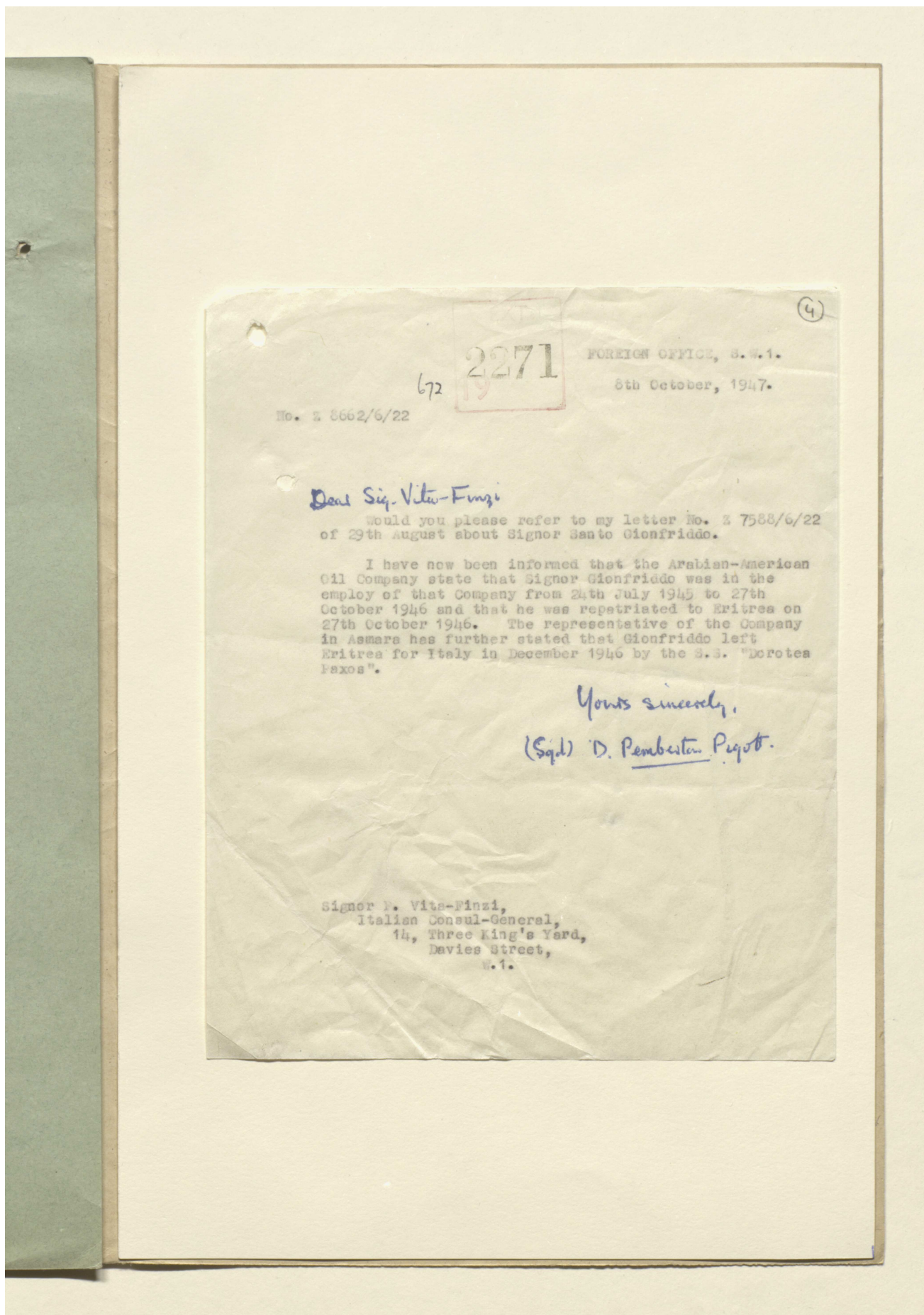
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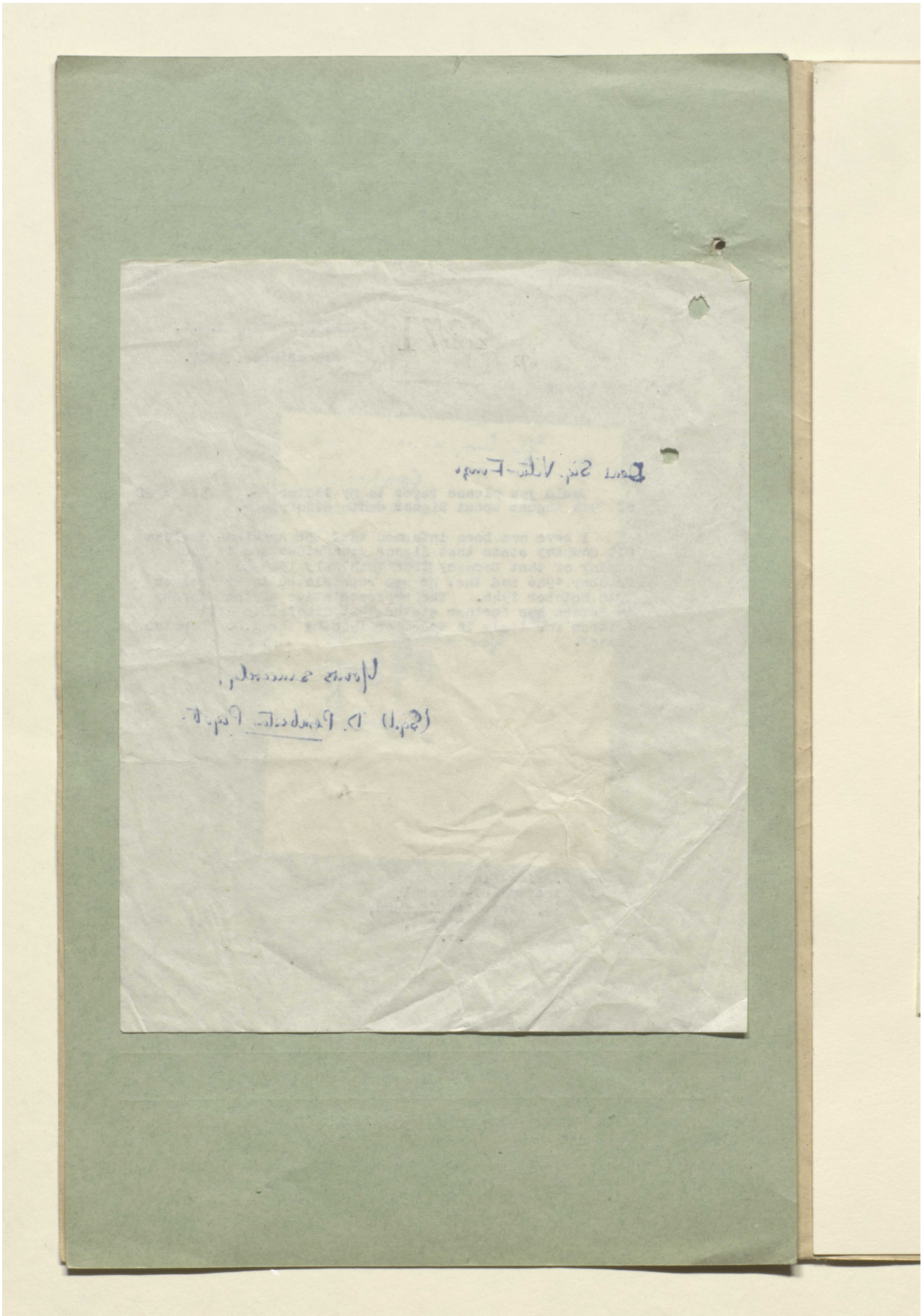


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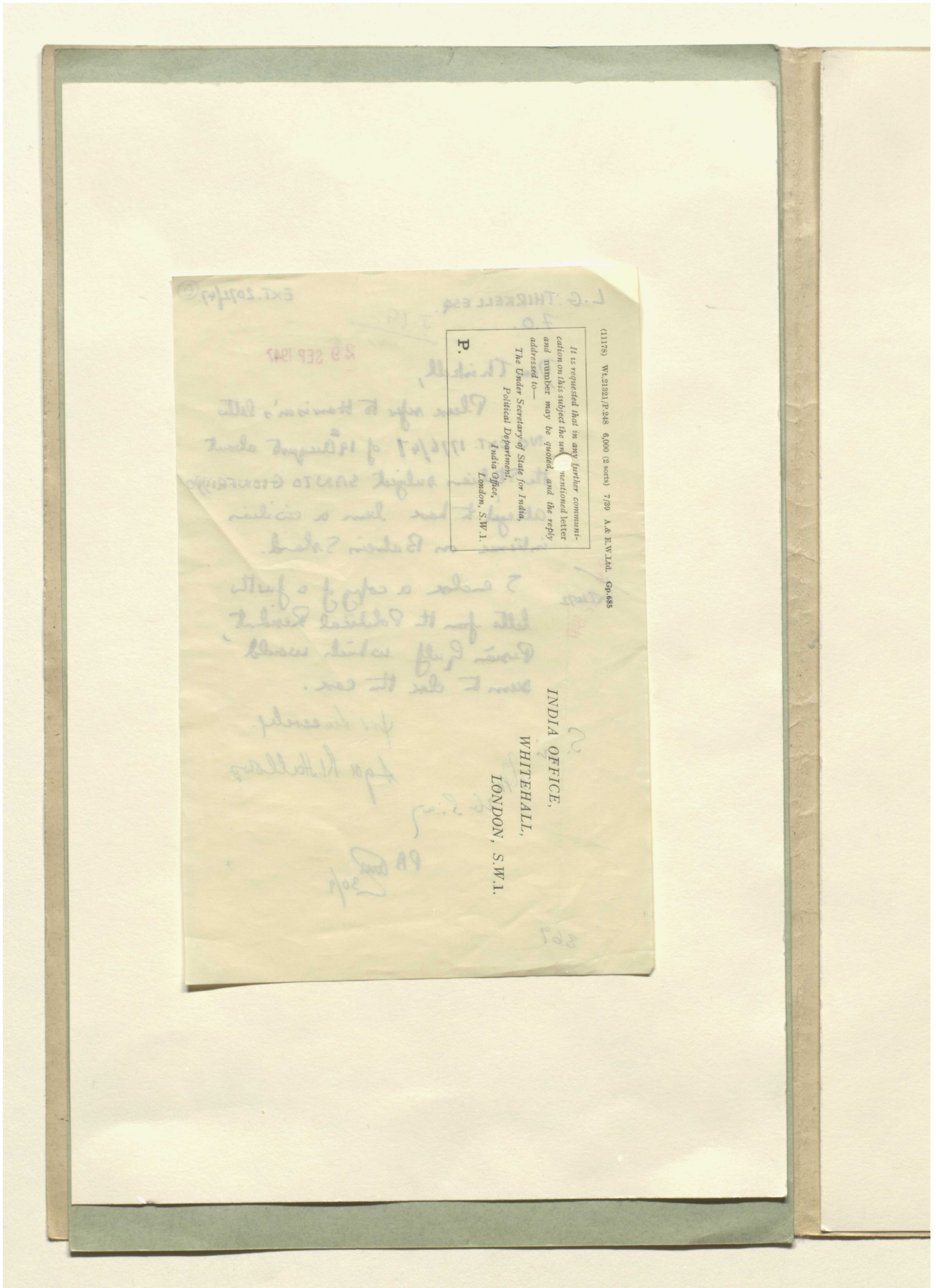




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L.G. THIRKELL ESQ. 7.0. 5.19. EXT. 2072/47 (6)
29 SEP 1947
Dear Thirkell,
Please refer to Harrison's letter
NO EXT. 1776/47 of 14th August about
the Italian subject SANTO GIONFRIDDO
alleged to have been a civilian
internee on Bahrain Island.
I enclose a copy of a further
letter from the Political Resident,
Persian Gulf which would
seem to close the case.
Yrs sincerely,
Agas R. Hallows
S. in
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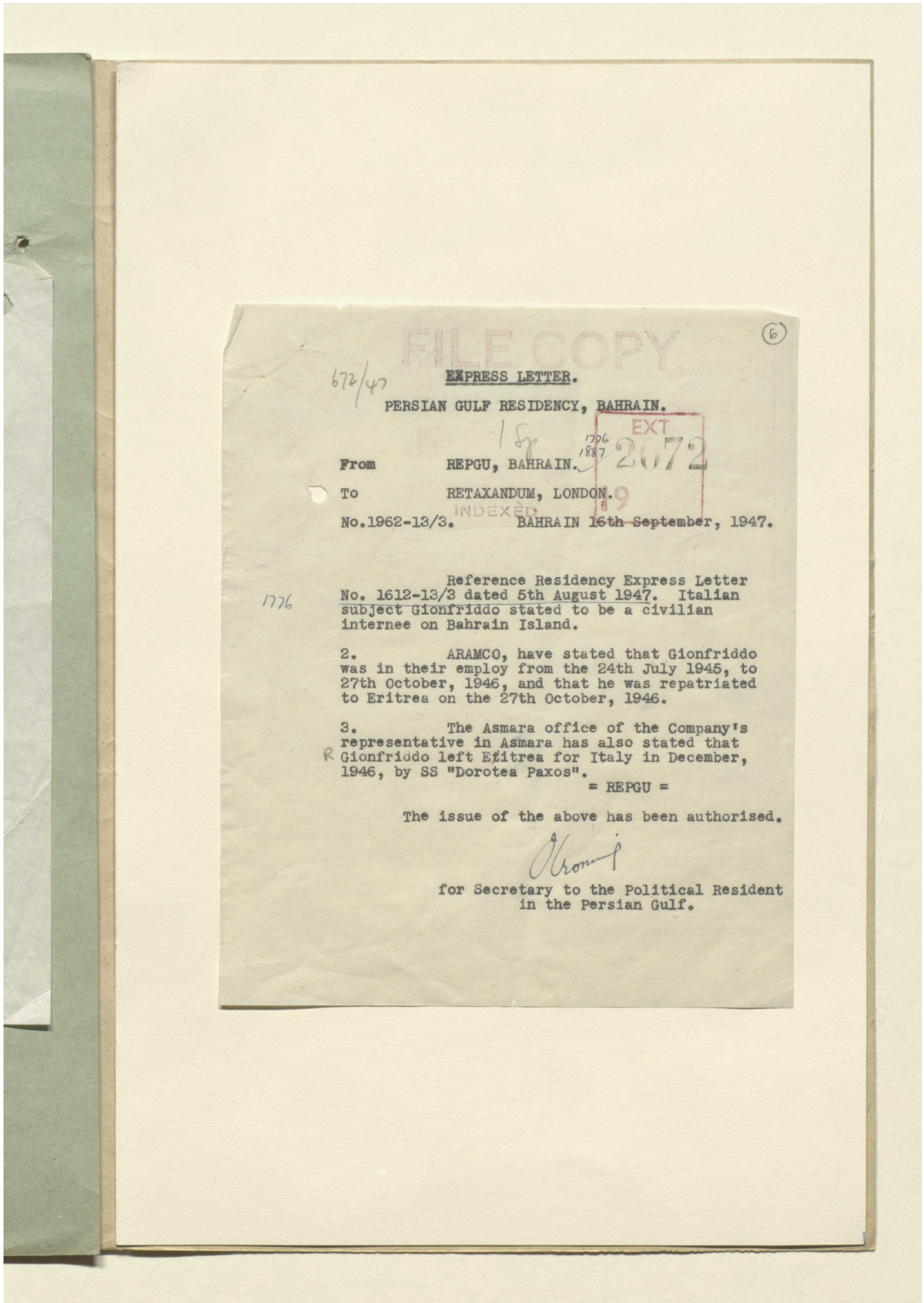
It is requested that in any further comment on this subject the no. mentioned letter and number may be quoted, and the reply addressed to—
The Under Secretary of State for India,
Political Department,
India Office,
London, S.W.1.

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INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W.1.

L.C. THIRRELL esp. 1947
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INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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FILE COPY (6)
EXPRESS LETTER.
PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY, BAHRAIN.
From REPGU, BAHRAIN. 1776
To RETAXANDUM, LONDON. 1887
No. 1962-13/3. BAHRAIN 16th September, 1947. EXT 2072 INDEXED

Reference Residency Express Letter No. 1612-13/3 dated 5th August 1947. Italian subject Gionfriddo stated to be a civilian internee on Bahrain Island.

2. ARAMCO, have stated that Gionfriddo was in their employ from the 24th July 1945, to 27th October, 1946, and that he was repatriated to Eritrea on the 27th October, 1946.

3. The Asmara office of the Company's representative in Asmara has also stated that Gionfriddo left Eritrea for Italy in December, 1946, by SS "Dorotea Paxos".

= REPGU =

The issue of the above has been authorised.

Kromp
for Secretary to the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf.

Ext 672/47 'Santo Gionfriddo' [6v] (12/40)

EXPRESS LETTER.
PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY, BAHRAIN.

From REPQU, BAHRAIN.
To RETAXANDUM, LONDON.

No. 1612-13\3. BAHRAIN 16th September, 1947.

Reference Residency Express Letter No. 1612-13\3 dated 8th August 1947. Italian subject Gionfriddo stated to be a civilian internee on Bahrain Island.

2. ARAMCO have stated that Gionfriddo was in their employ from the 24th July 1945, to 27th October, 1946, and that he was repatriated to Britain on the 27th October, 1946.

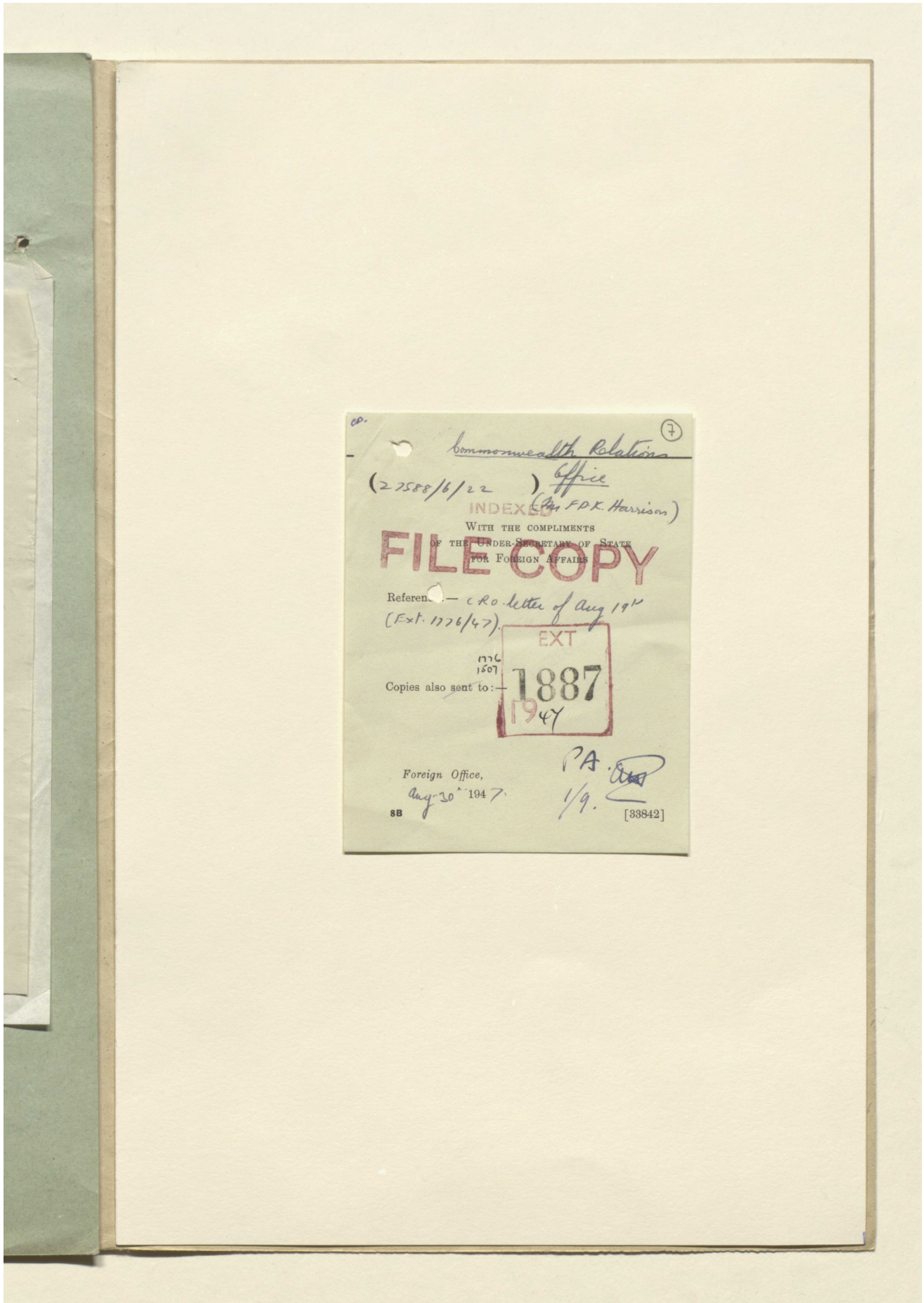
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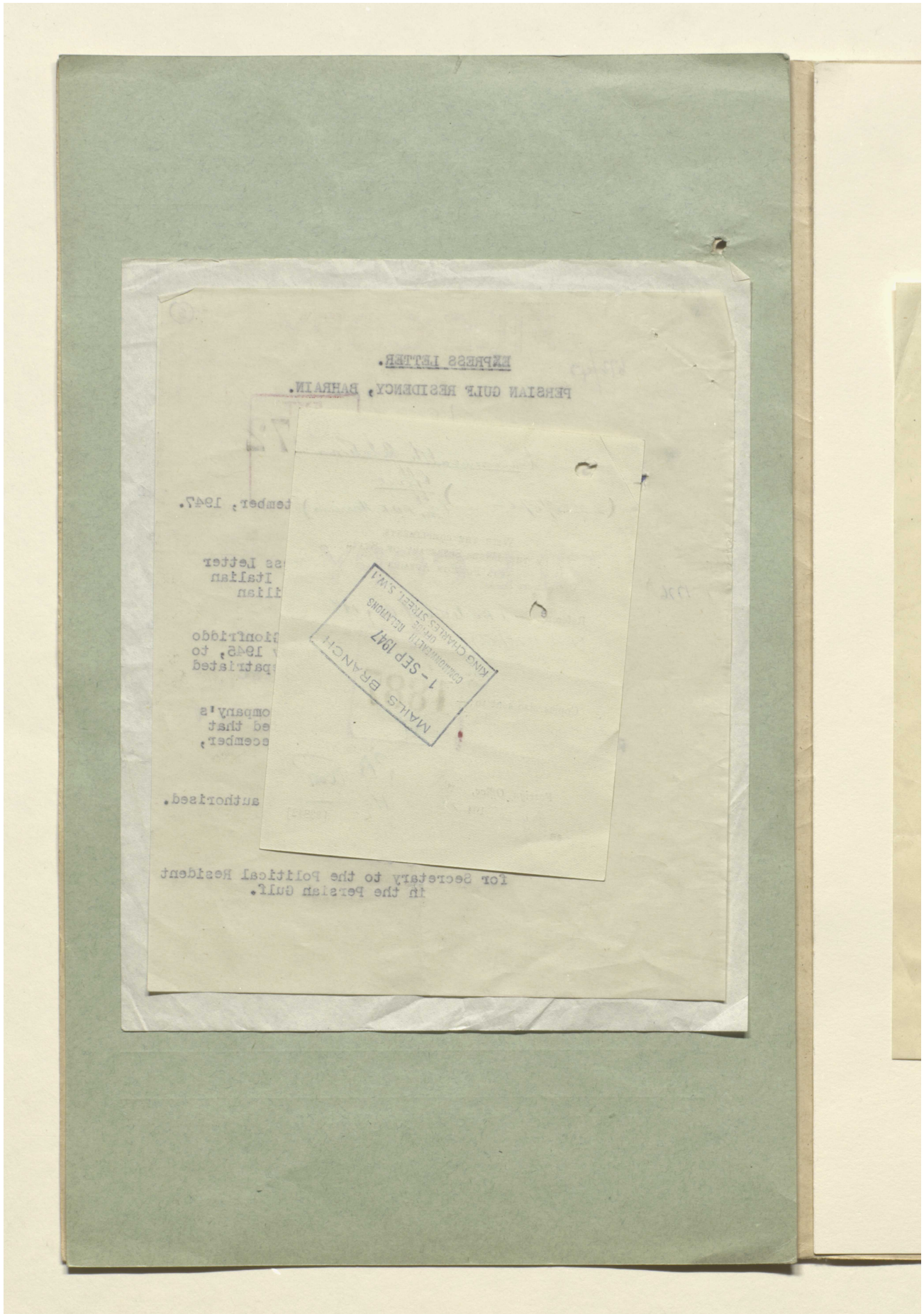
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for Secretary to the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf.

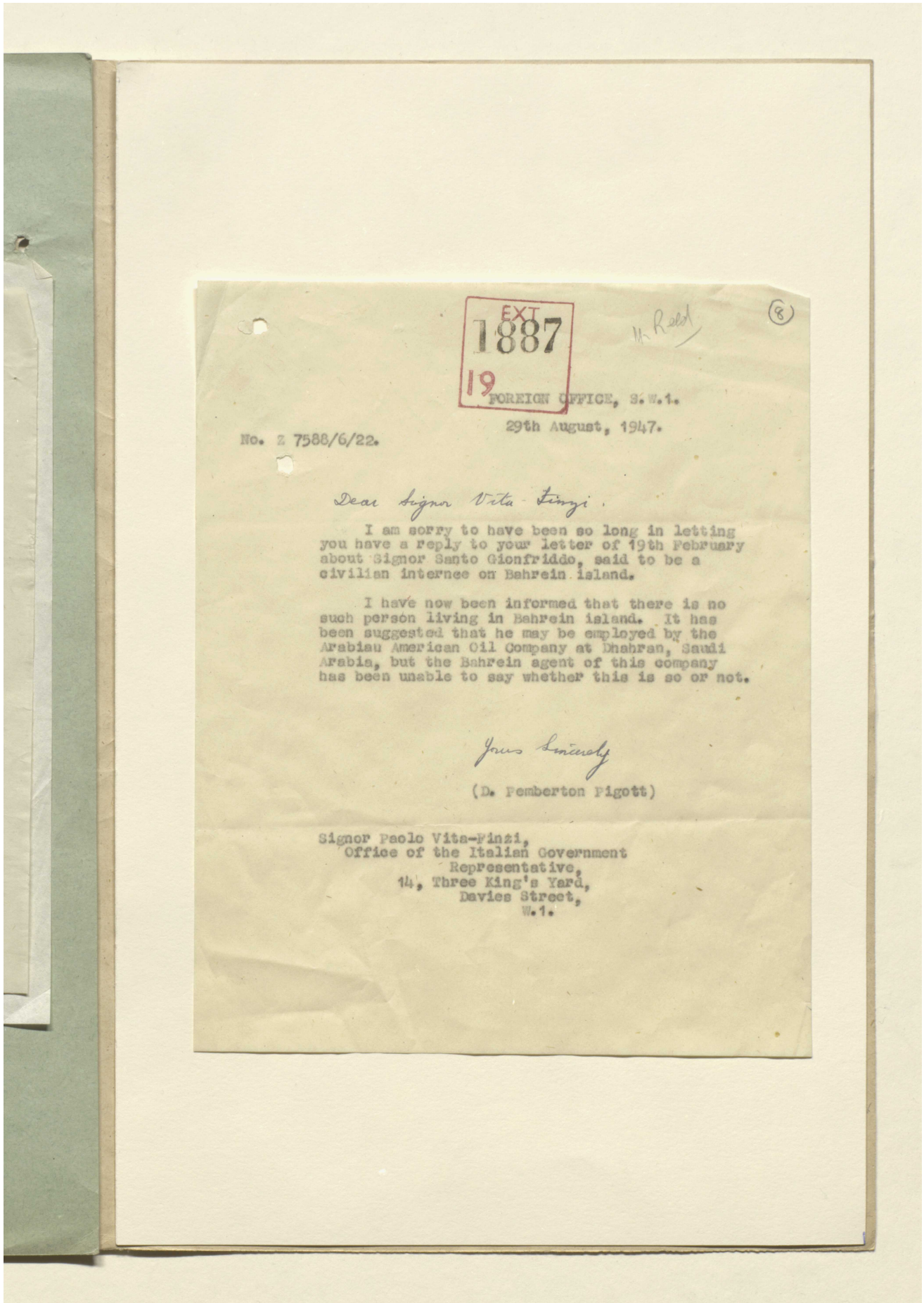
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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

M. Reid

(8)

No. 2 7586/6/22.

29th August, 1947.

Dear Signor Vita-Finzi,

I am sorry to have been so long in letting you have a reply to your letter of 19th February about Signor Santo Gionfriddo, said to be a civilian internee on Bahrain Island.

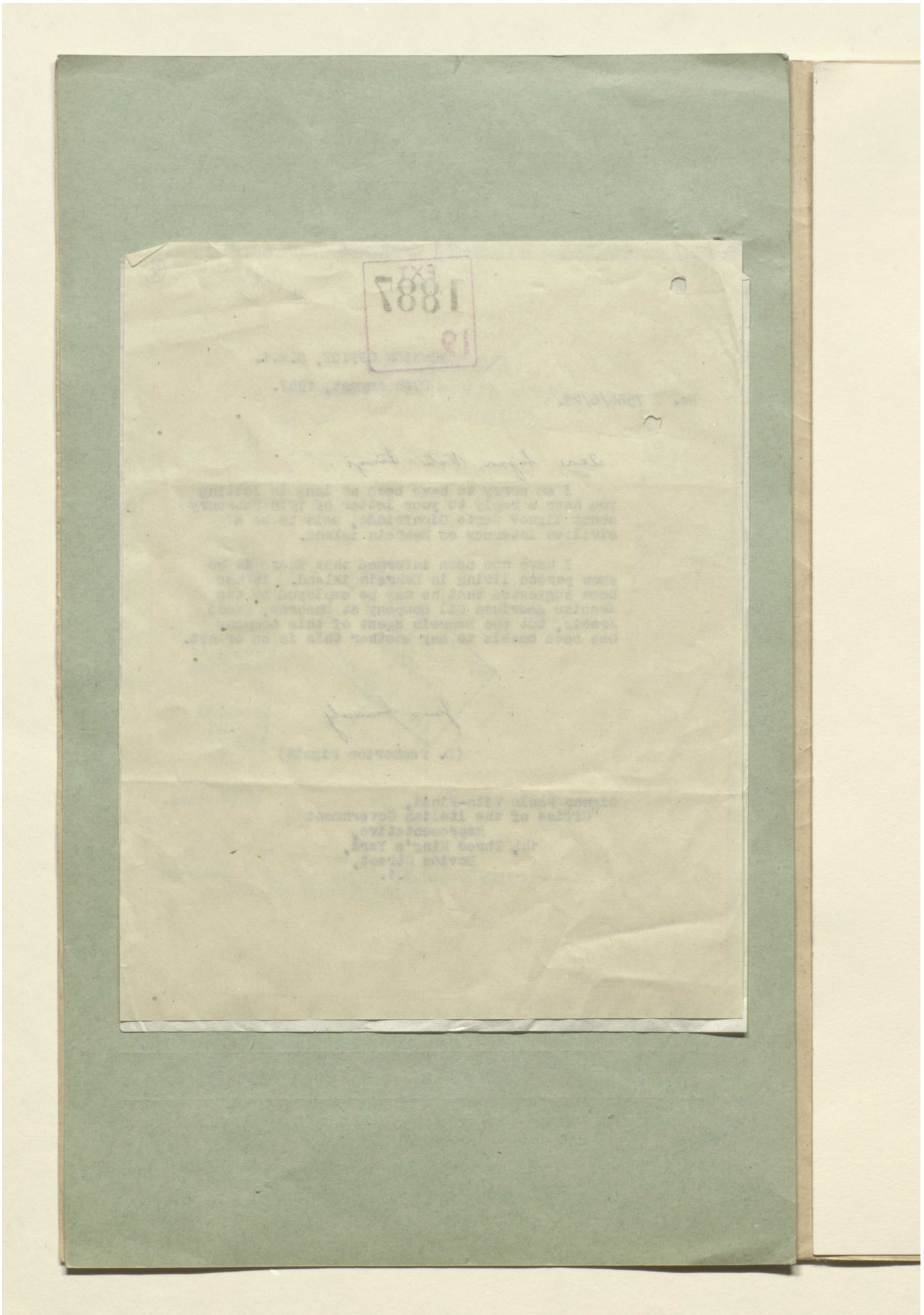
I have now been informed that there is no such person living in Bahrain Island. It has been suggested that he may be employed by the Arabian American Oil Company at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, but the Bahrain agent of this company has been unable to say whether this is so or not.

Yours sincerely

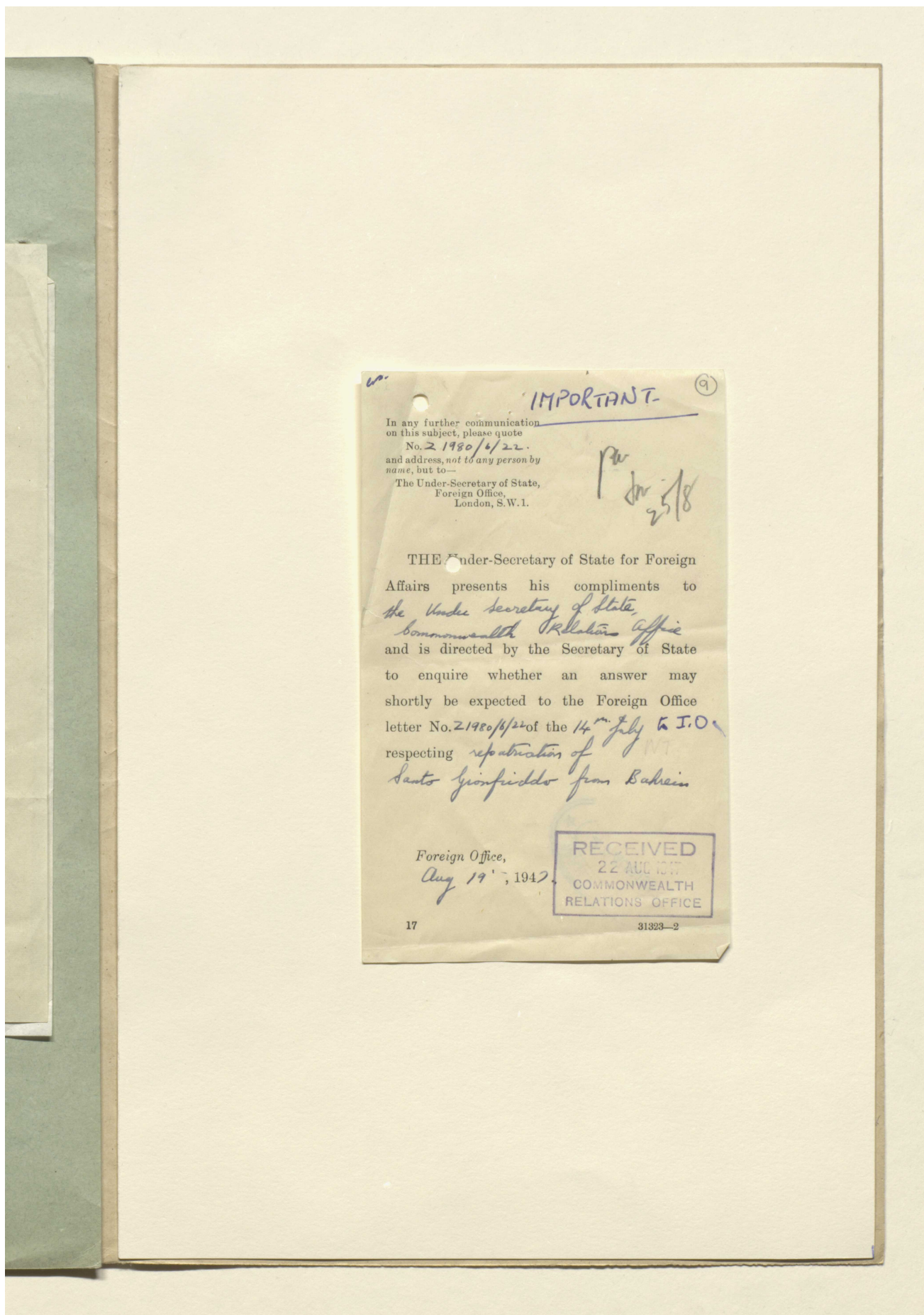
(D. Pemberton Pigott)

Signor Paolo Vita-Finzi,
Office of the Italian Government
Representative,
14, Three King's Yard,
Davies Street,
W.1.

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Ext 672/47 'Santo Gionfriddo' [9r] (17/40)



IMPORTANT (9)

In any further communication on this subject, please quote No. 21980/6/22 and address, not to any person by name, but to—
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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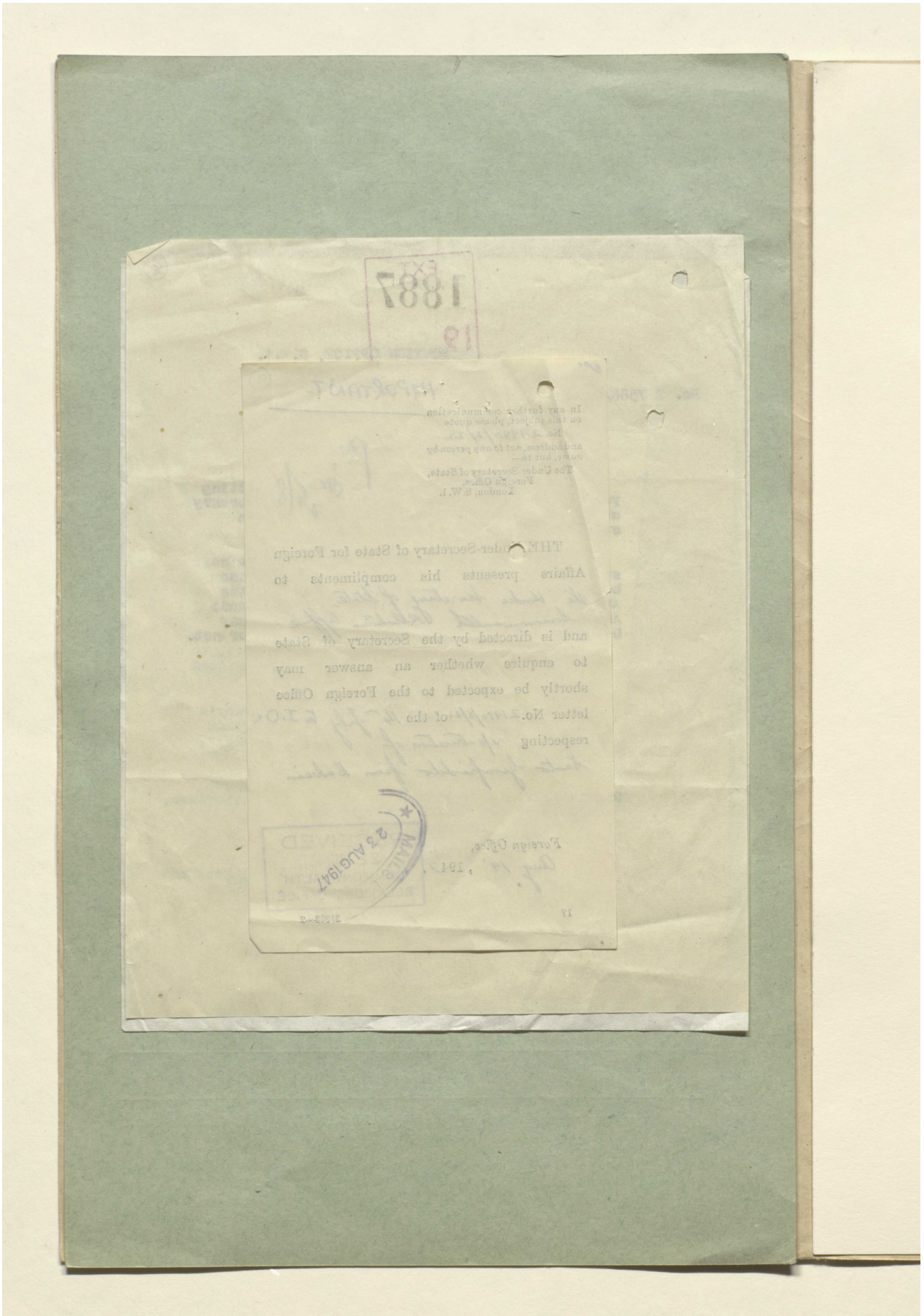
THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State Commonwealth Relations Office and is directed by the Secretary of State to enquire whether an answer may shortly be expected to the Foreign Office letter No. 21980/6/22 of the 14th July 42 I.O. respecting repatriation of Santo Gionfriddo from Bahrain.

Foreign Office,
Aug 19th, 1942.

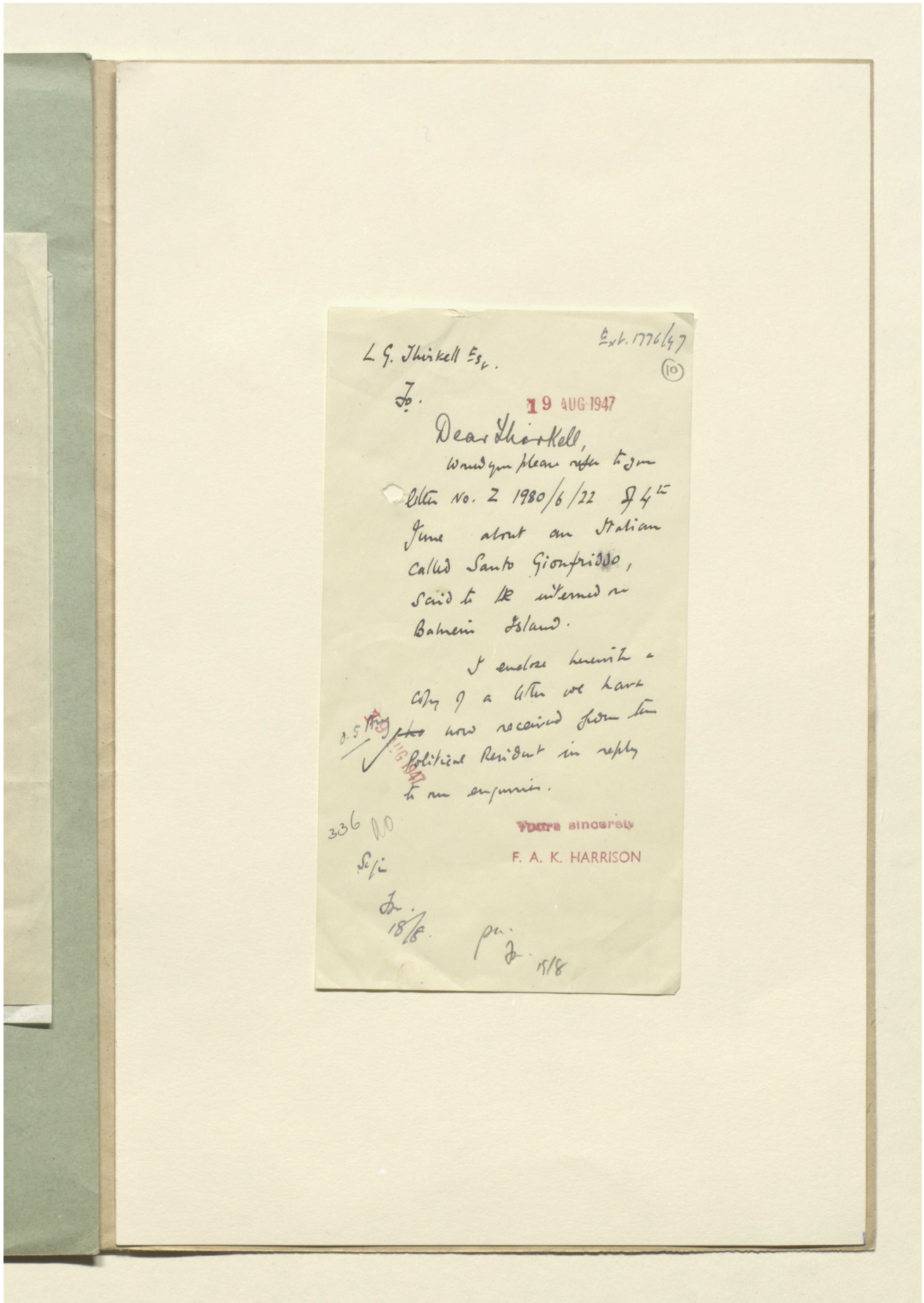
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L. G. Thirkell Esq.

Ext. 1776/47

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To.

19 AUG 1947

Dear Thirkell,

Would you please refer to your

letter No. Z 1980/6/22 of 4th

June about an Italian

called Santo Gionfriddo,

said to be interned on

Bahrein Island.

I enclose herewith a

copy of a letter we have

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just now received from the

Political Resident in reply

to an enquiry.

Yours sincerely

F. A. K. HARRISON

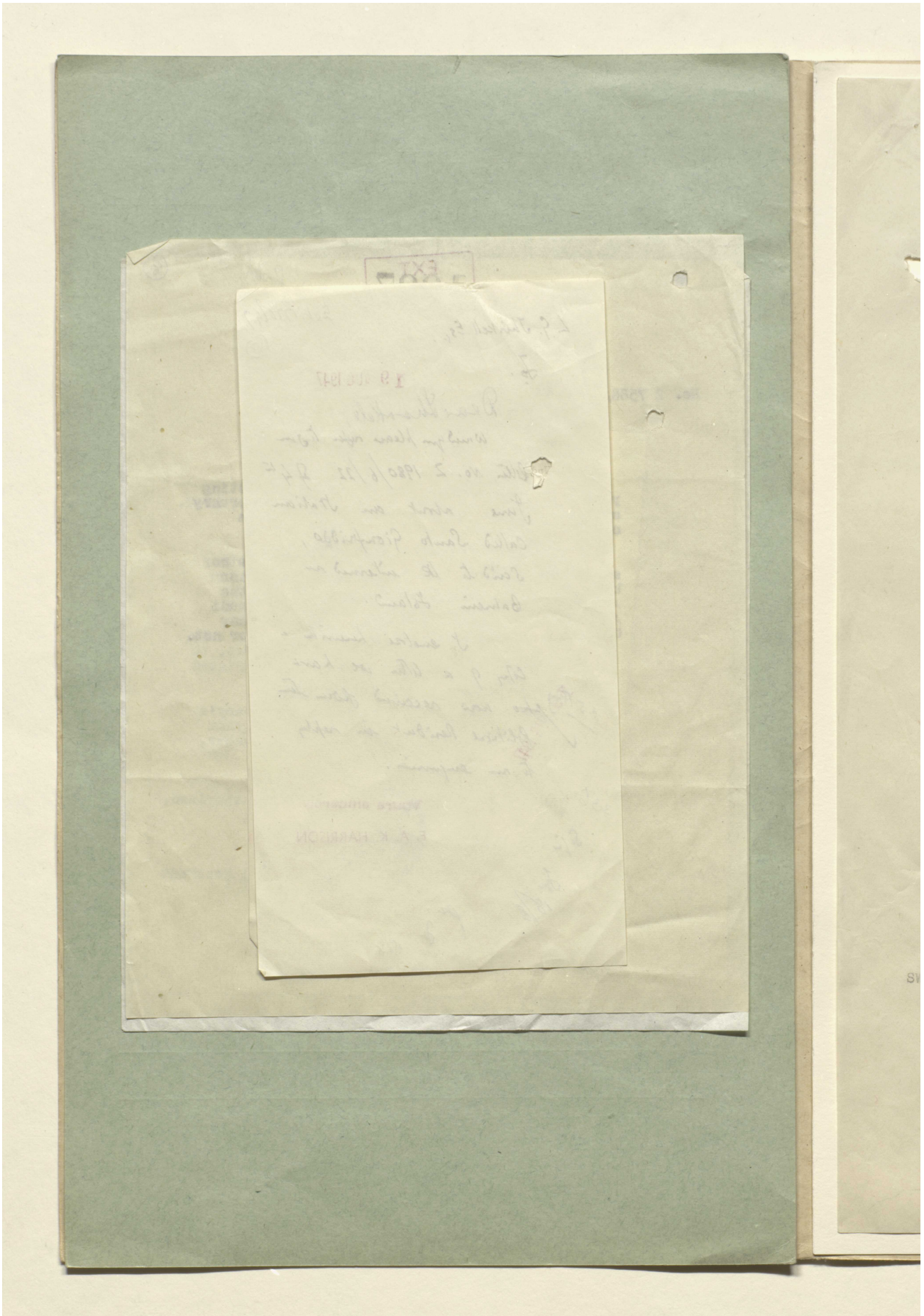
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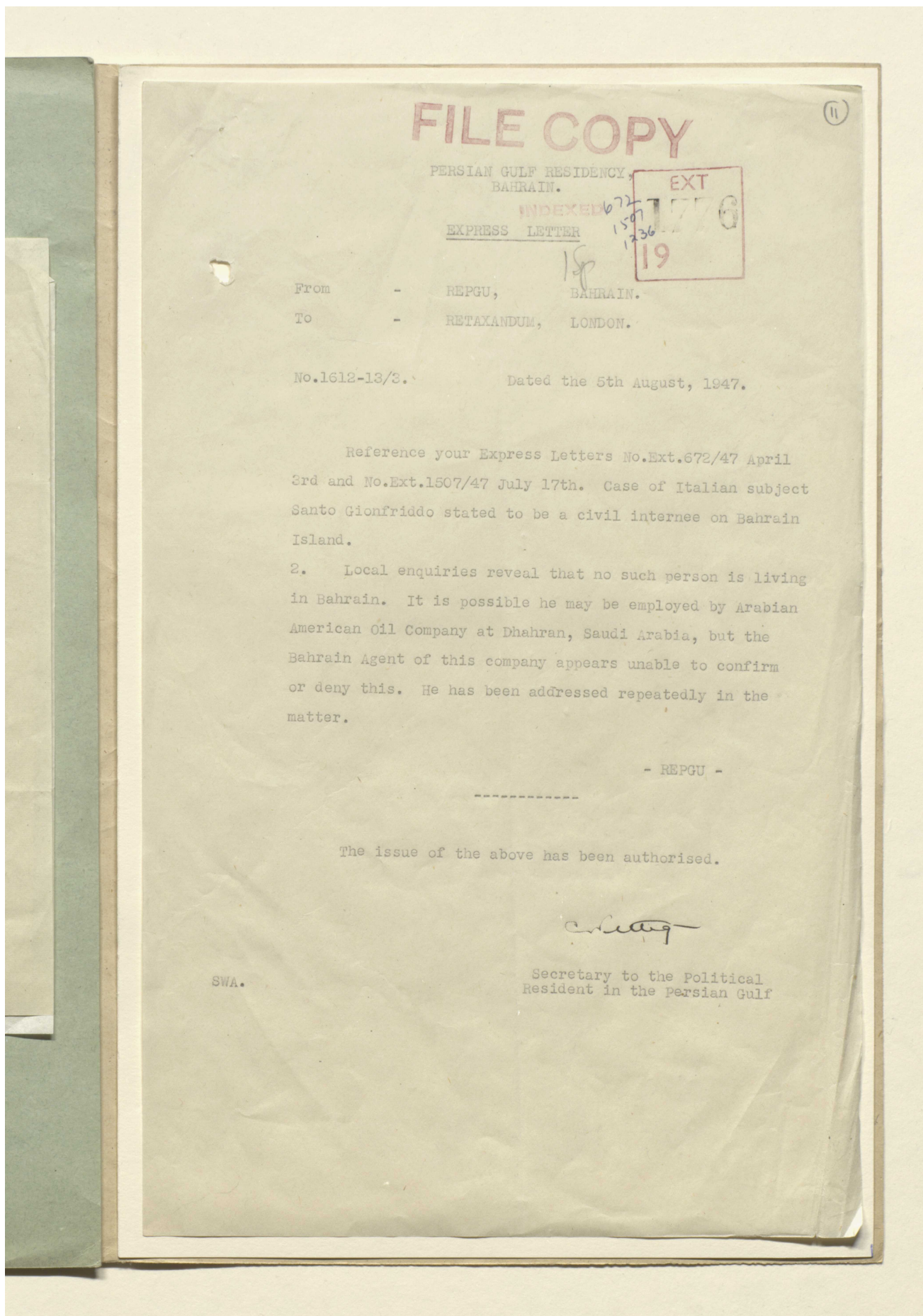
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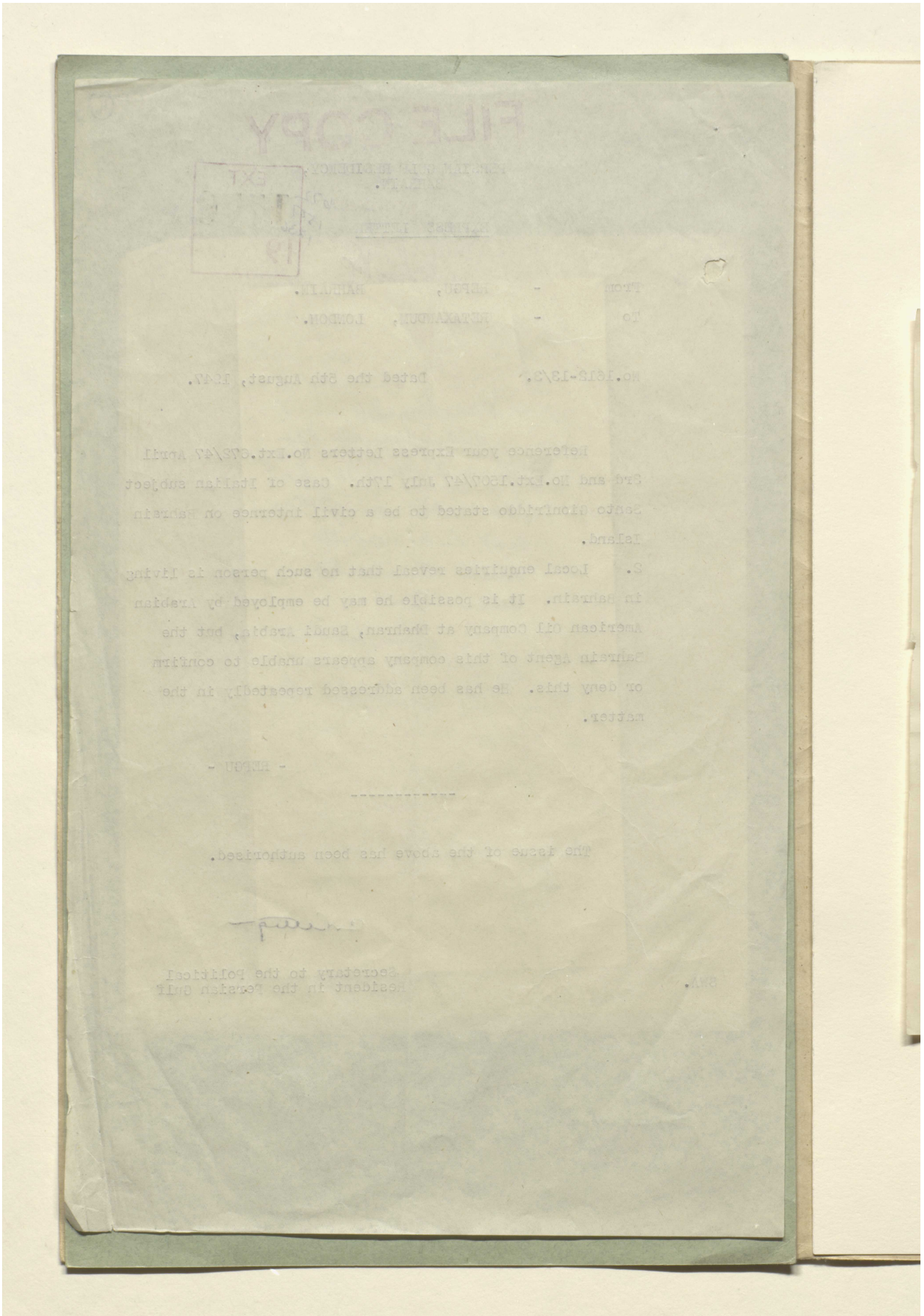
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EXPRESS LETTER (AIR MAIL) EXT. DEPT. ⑫
EXT. 1507/47

Fr. The Secretary of State for India.
To The Political Resident, Persian Gulf? JUL 1947

EXT. 1507/47.

Reference my Express letter NO. EXT. 1236/47
of 6th June. Case of SANTO GIONFRIDDO
stated to be Civilian Internee on Bahrain
Island. Grateful for any early reply
May I expect reply shortly?

The issue of the above has been
duly authorized.

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Mr Harrison
? signed. Jm
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B.O. 28/7.

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Draft Letter Form B.

INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

P.Z.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State in Council to enclose, for the information of the Government of India, a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office regarding the appointment of

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2. I am to enquire whether any objection is seen to this appointment and am to request that, if there is no

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In any further communication on this subject, please quote No. 21980/6/22. and address, not to any person by name, but to—
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W. 1.

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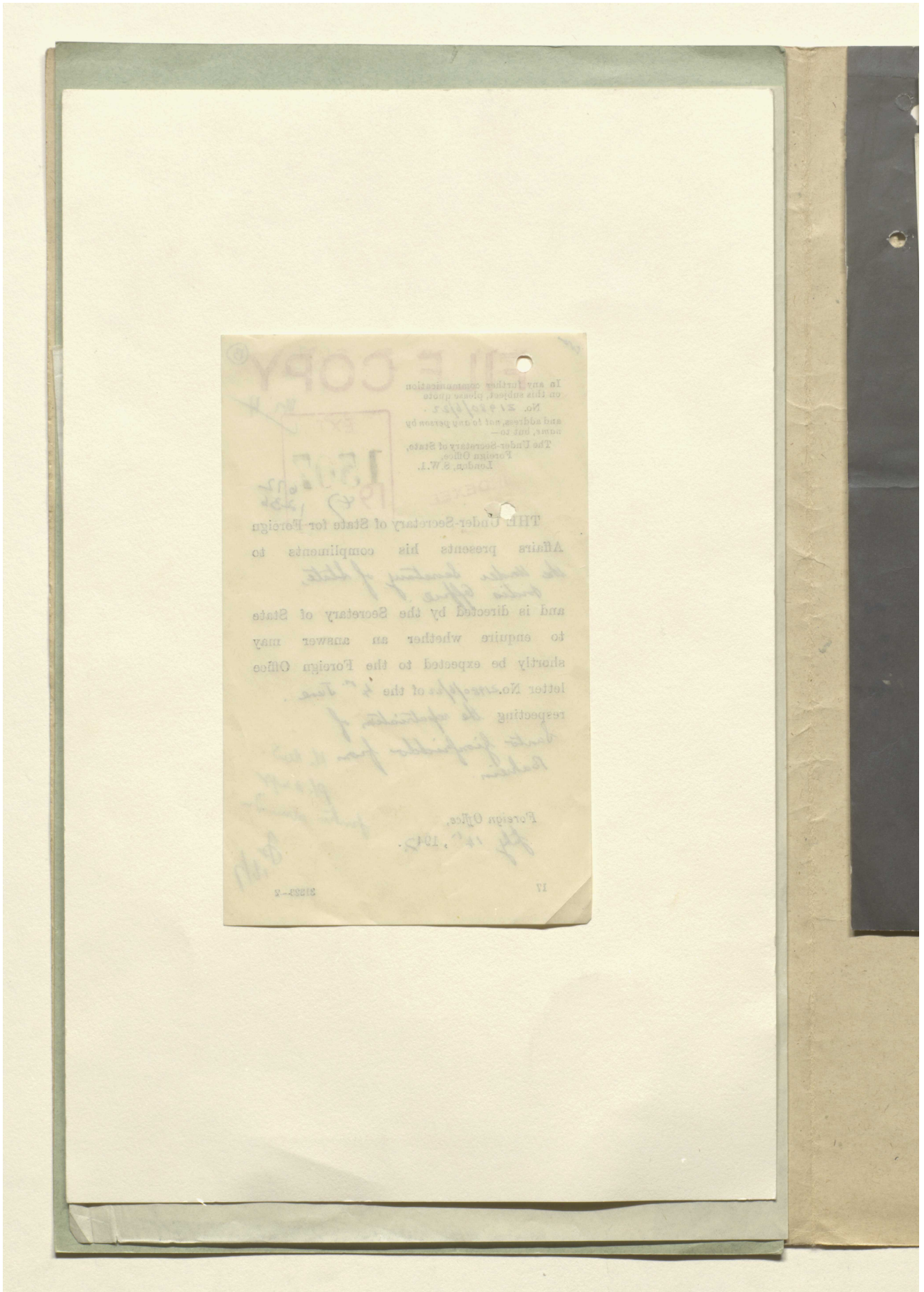
THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State, India Office, and is directed by the Secretary of State to enquire whether an answer may shortly be expected to the Foreign Office letter No. 21980/6/22 of the 4th June, respecting the repatriation of Santo Gionfriddo from the New Bahrein.

Foreign Office,
July 14th, 1947.

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for 12/7

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EXTERNAL DEPARTMENT ^{Mr H} (14)

EXPRESS LETTER (AIR MAIL).

7 JUN 1947 *by Mr. (Mr. L. Shirkell)*

The Secretary of State for India.
The Political Resident, Persian Gulf.
6th June, 1947.

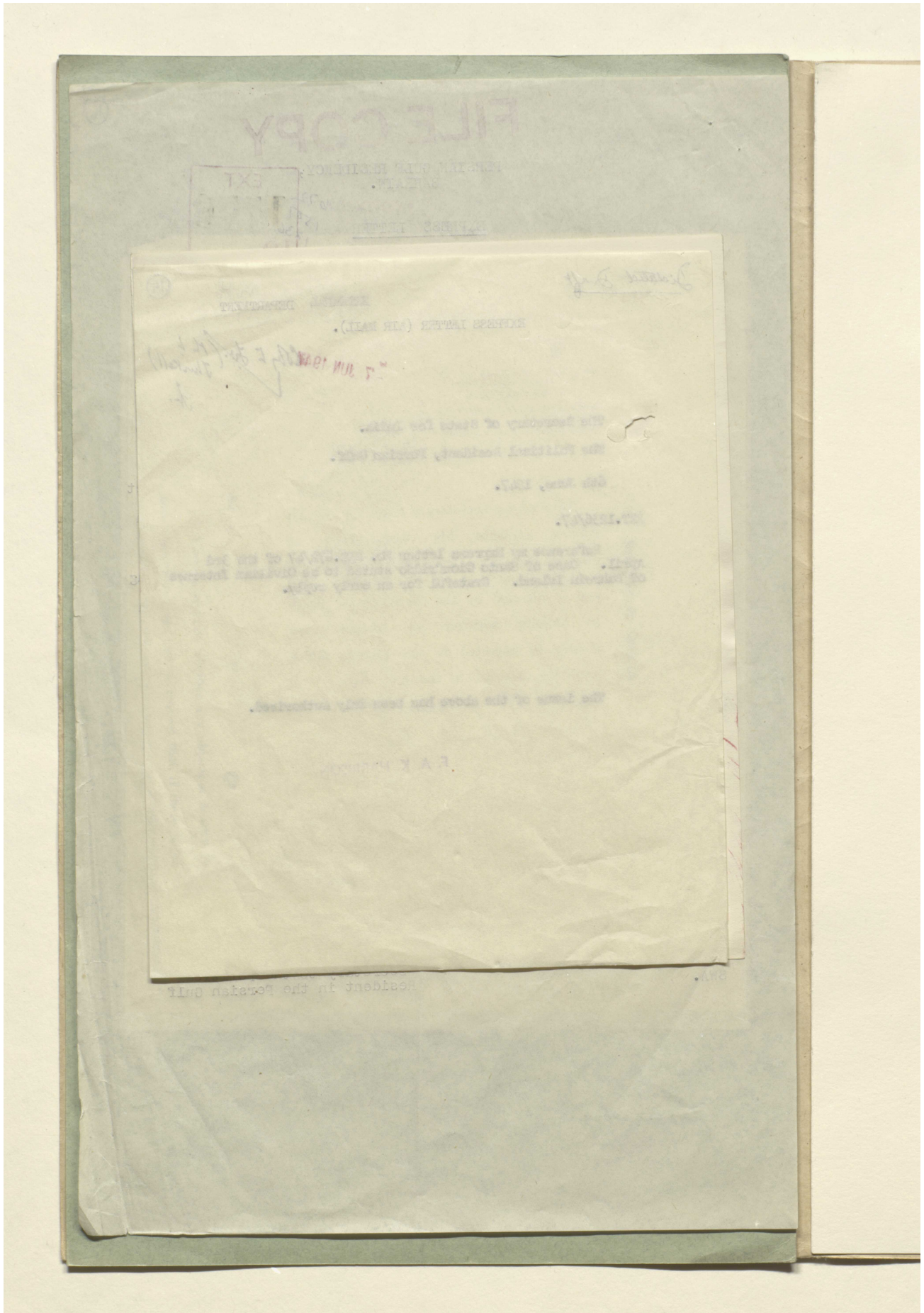
EXT.1236/47.

Reference my Express letter No. EXT.672/47 of the 3rd April. Case of Santo Gionfriddo stated to be Civilian Internee of Bahrain Island. Grateful for an early reply.

The issue of the above has been duly authorized.

F. A. K. HARRISON

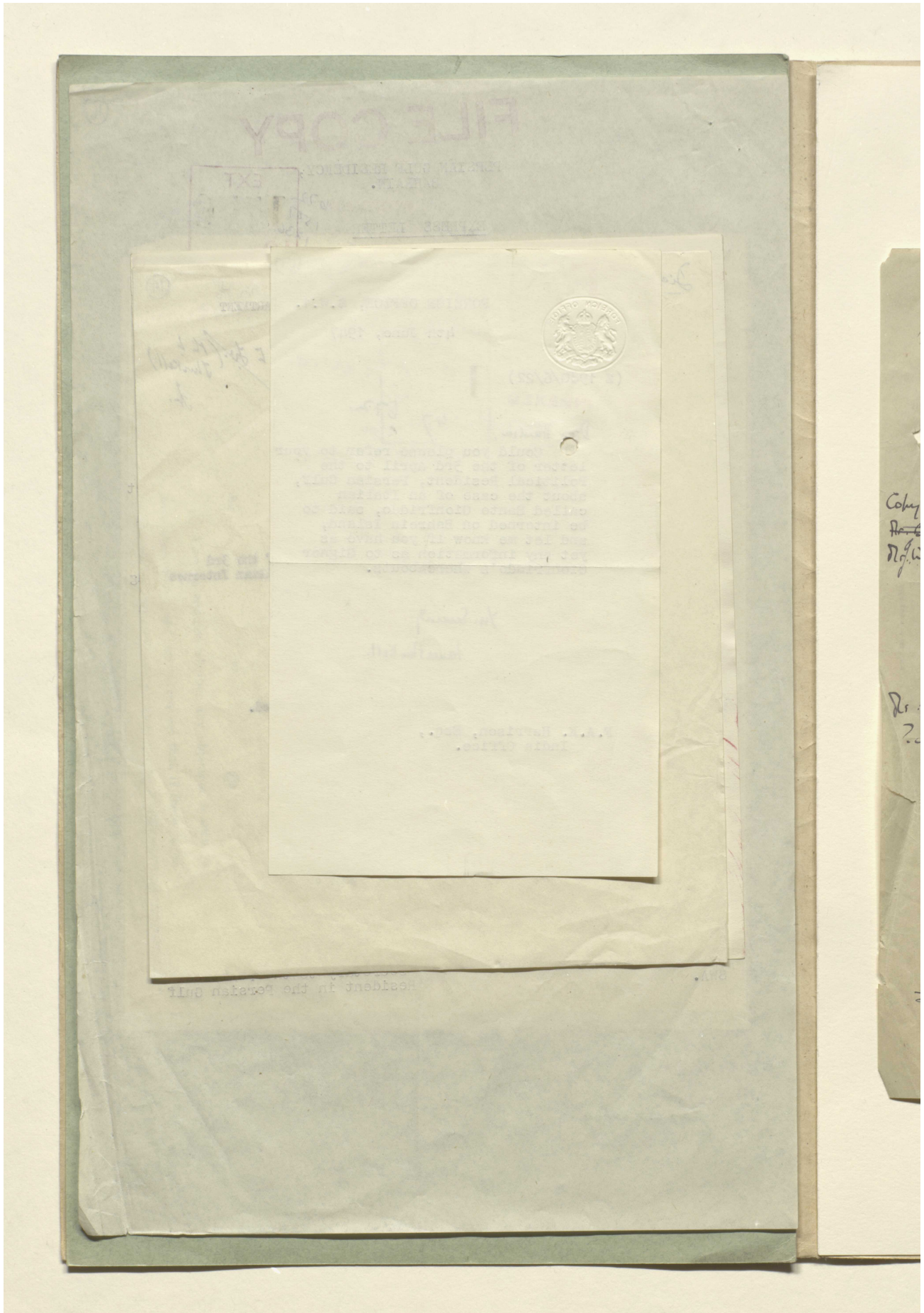
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4th June, 1947
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Dig. Harrison,
Could you please refer to your letter of the 3rd April to the Political Resident, Persian Gulf, about the case of an Italian called Santo Gionfriddo, said to be interned on Bahrein Island, and let me know if you have as yet any information as to Signor Gionfriddo's whereabouts.
Yrs. Sincerely
/ance Thir Kell.
F.A.K. Harrison, Esq.,
India Office.

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Express Letter (dir Mail) Ext. 672/47
From : S/S for India
To : Political Resident Persian Gulf (2 copies) (16)
5 APR 1947

is enclosed
I enclose copy of a letter dated
19 February from Italian Consul-General to
Foreign Office about N. 1-1586 Santo
Gionfriddo ^{stated to be} a civilian internee in Bahrein
Island.
2. Please investigate and advise what
reply should be returned to this enquiry.

Copy to:
~~Mr. Gwynne (C.O.)~~
Mr. Wilson (F.O.)

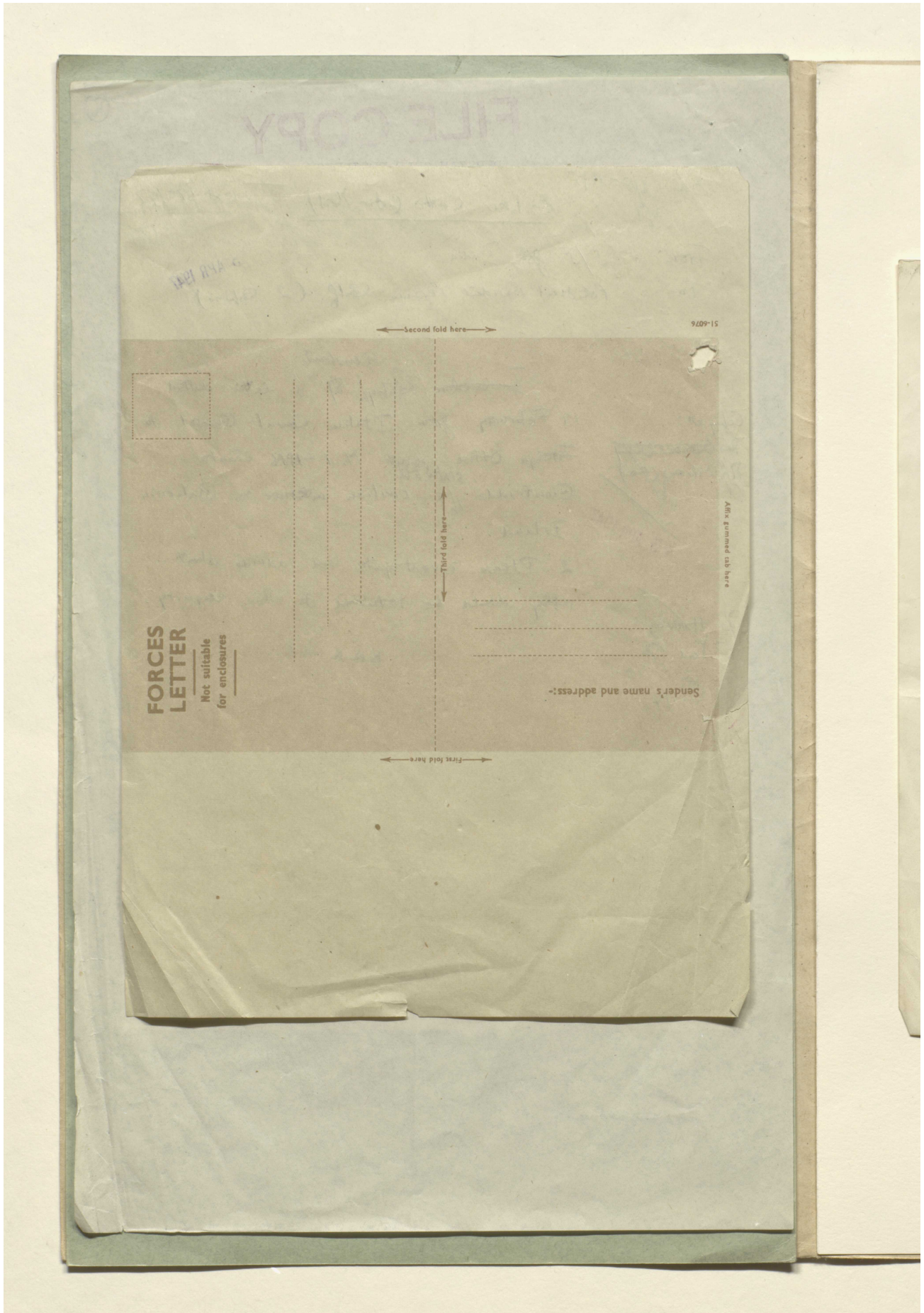
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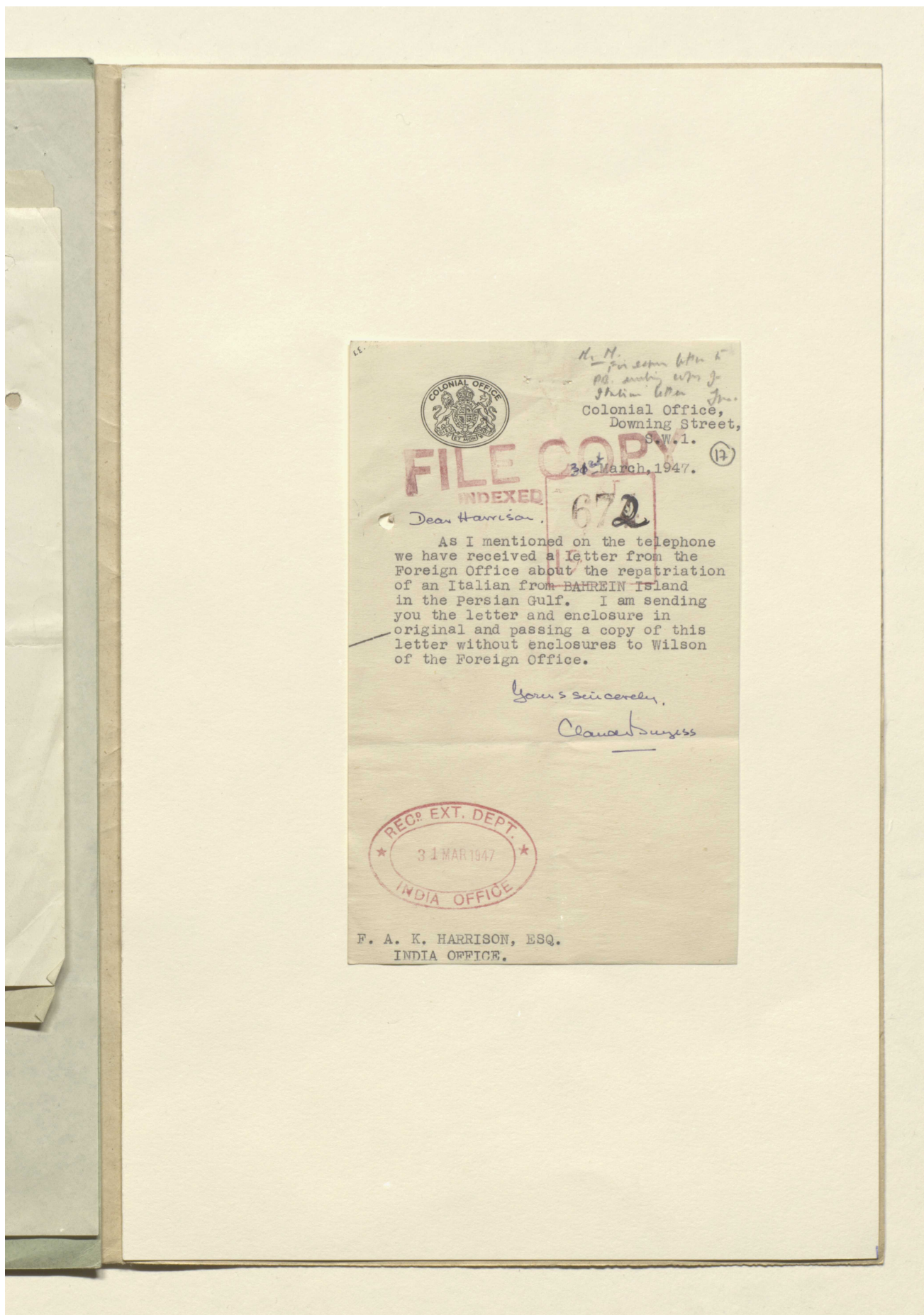
Mr. Harrison
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R. A. K. HARRISON

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Colonial Office
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

30th March, 1947. (17)

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Dear Harrison,

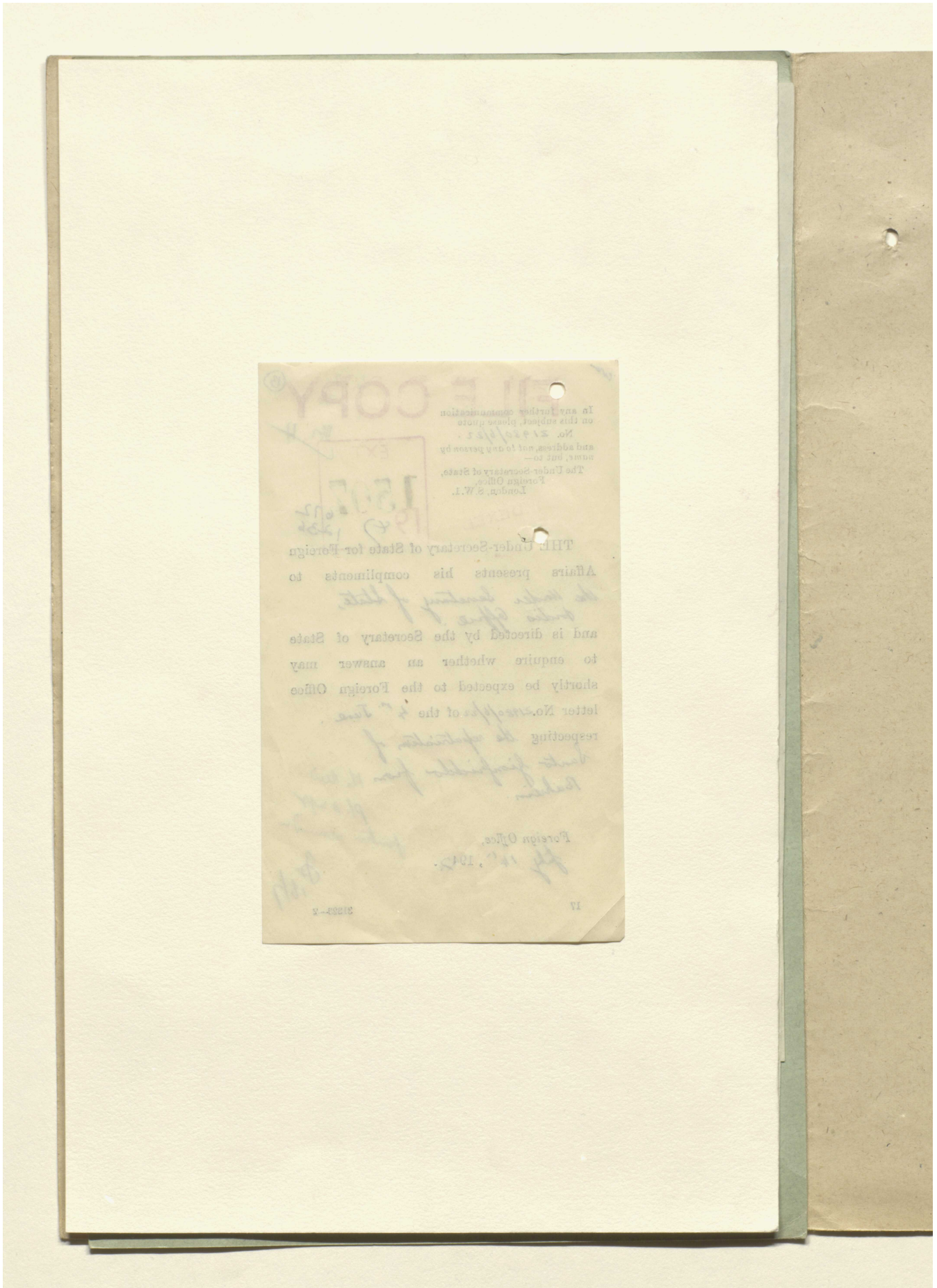
As I mentioned on the telephone we have received a letter from the Foreign Office about the repatriation of an Italian from ~~BAHREIN~~ Island in the Persian Gulf. I am sending you the letter and enclosure in original and passing a copy of this letter without enclosures to Wilson of the Foreign Office.

Yours sincerely,
Claude Burgess

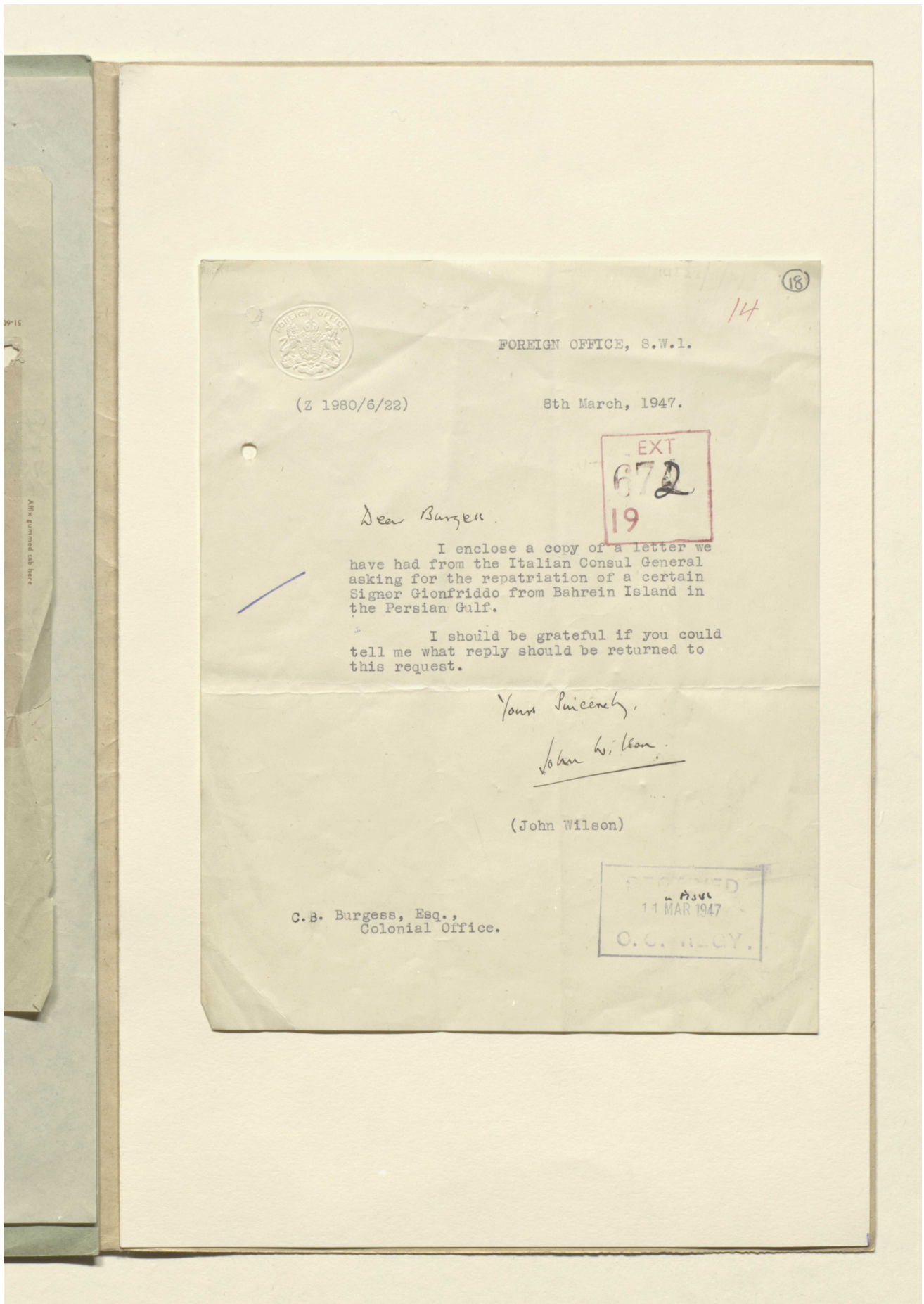
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F. A. K. HARRISON, ESQ.
INDIA OFFICE.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

(Z 1980/6/22)

8th March, 1947.

Dear Burgess,

I enclose a copy of a letter we have had from the Italian Consul General asking for the repatriation of a certain Signor Gionfriddo from Bahrein Island in the Persian Gulf.

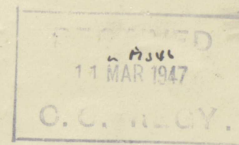
I should be grateful if you could tell me what reply should be returned to this request.

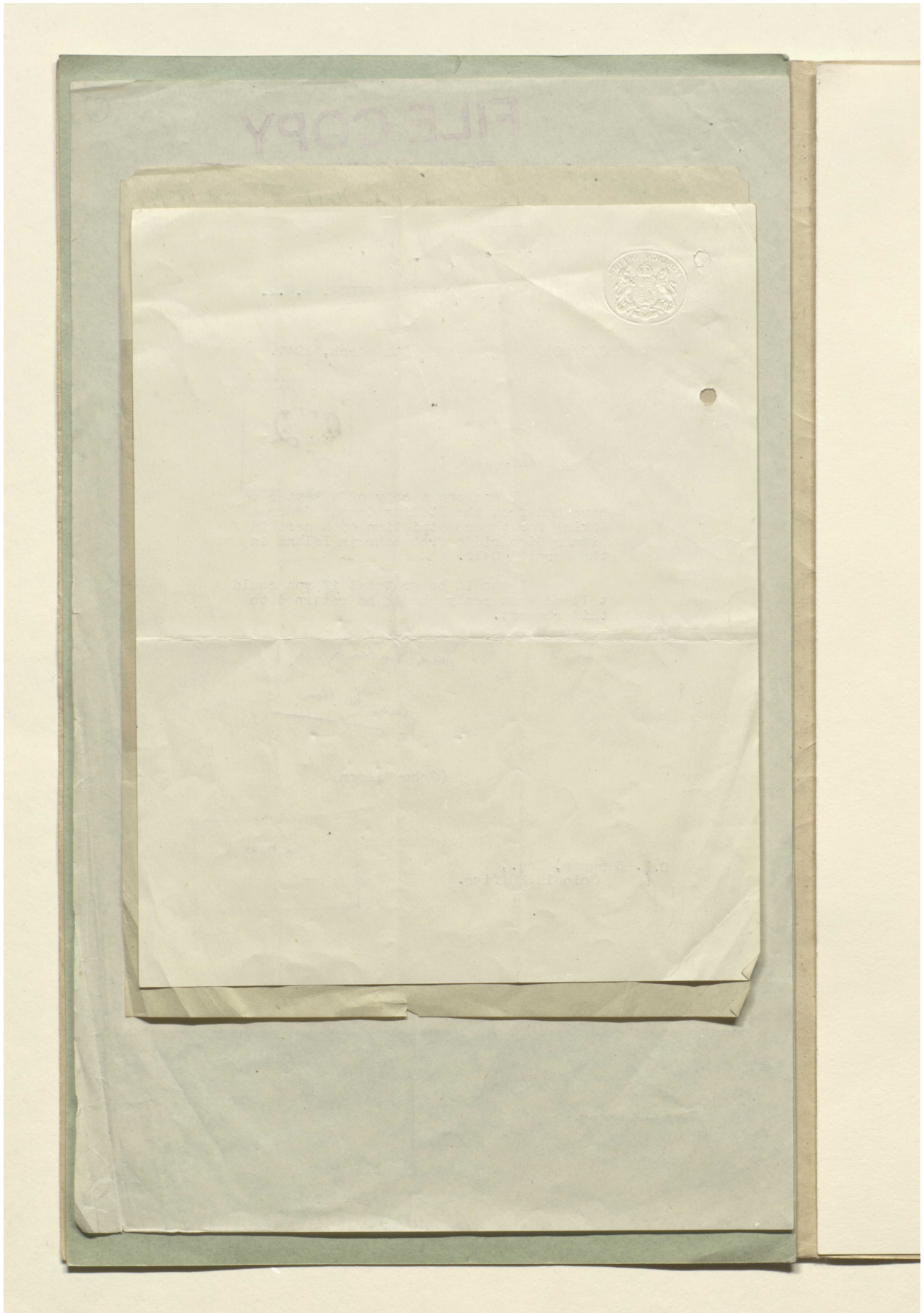
Yours sincerely,

John Wilson

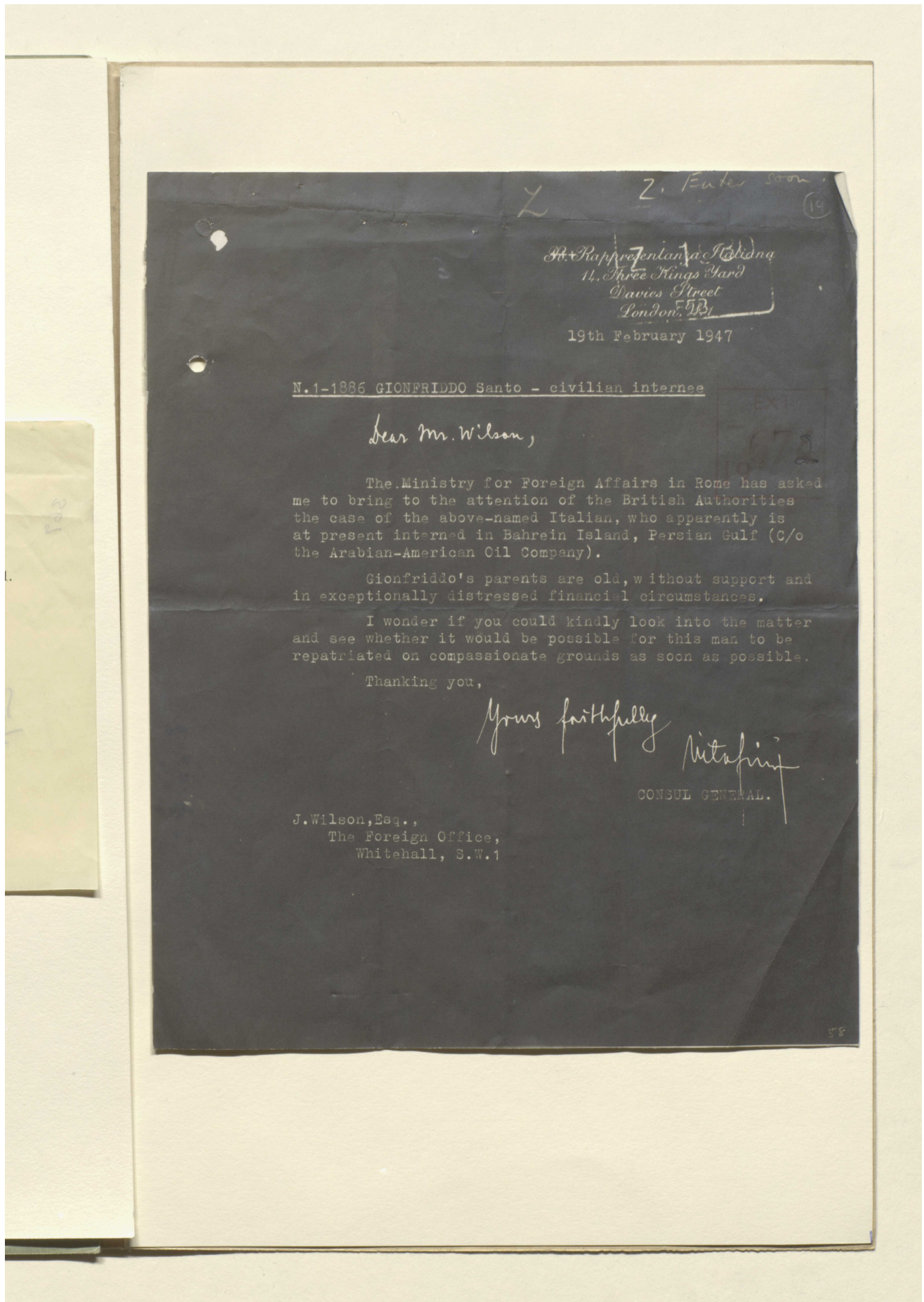
(John Wilson)

C.B. Burgess, Esq.,
Colonial Office.





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Z. Enter soon
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Rappresentanza Italiana
11, Three Kings Yard
Davies Street
London, E.C.4

19th February 1947

N.1-1886 GIONFRIDDO Santo - civilian internee

Dear Mr. Wilson,

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Rome has asked me to bring to the attention of the British Authorities the case of the above-named Italian, who apparently is at present interned in Bahrein Island, Persian Gulf (C/o the Arabian-American Oil Company).

Gionfriddo's parents are old, without support and in exceptionally distressed financial circumstances.

I wonder if you could kindly look into the matter and see whether it would be possible for this man to be repatriated on compassionate grounds as soon as possible.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

Mitafini
CONSUL GENERAL.

J. Wilson, Esq.,
The Foreign Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1

