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### **Ext 7371/41 'Distribution of Persian Consular reports'**

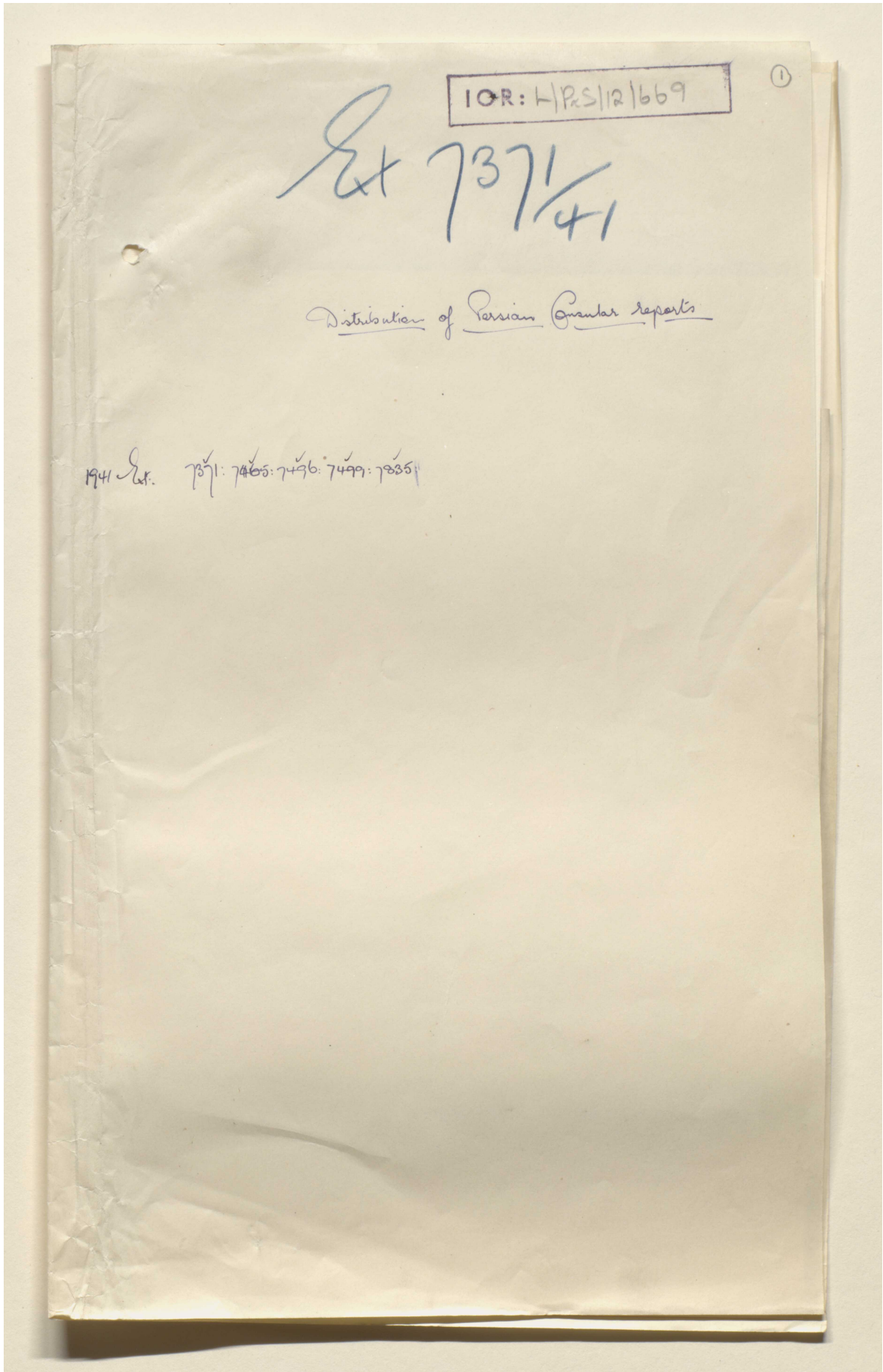
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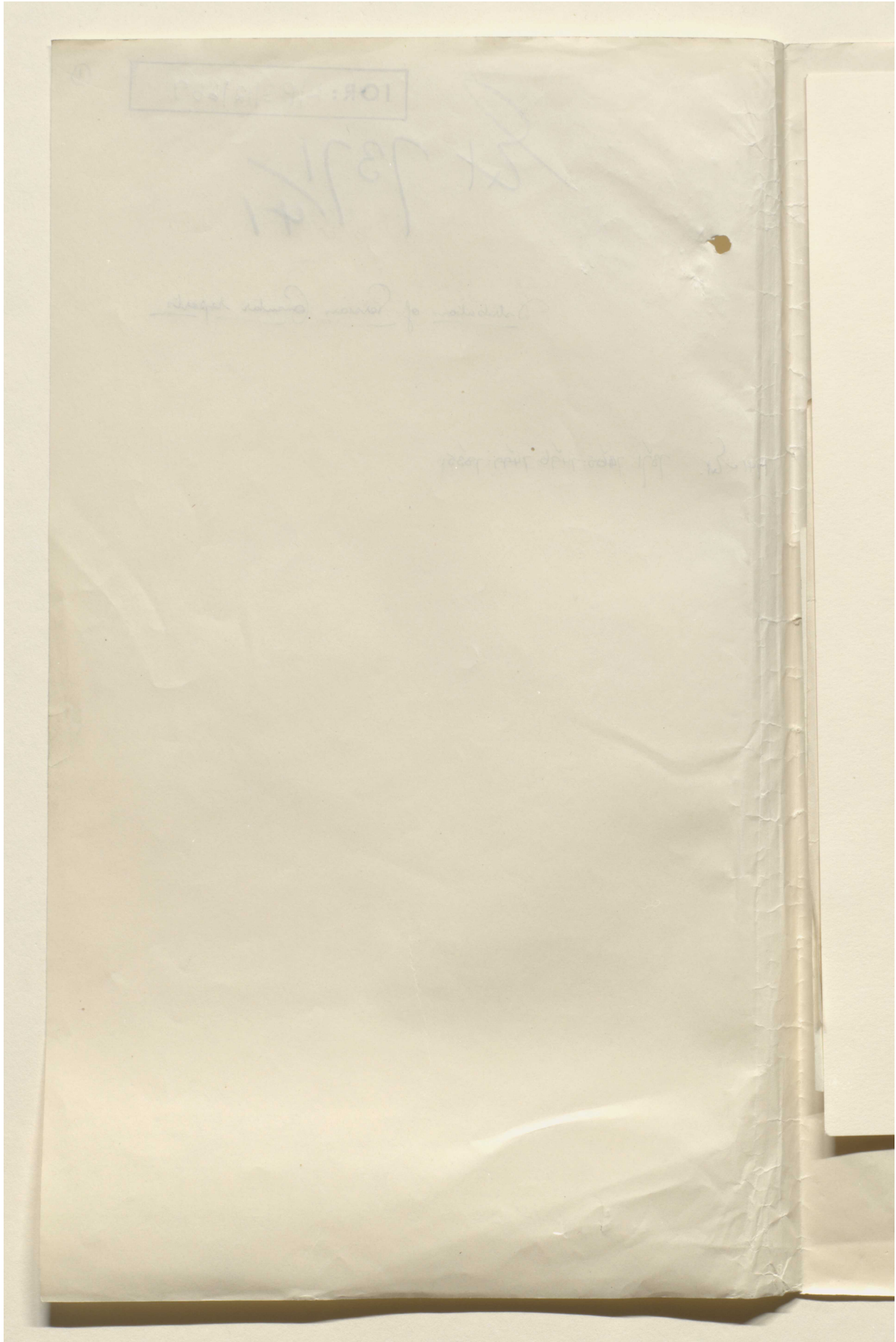


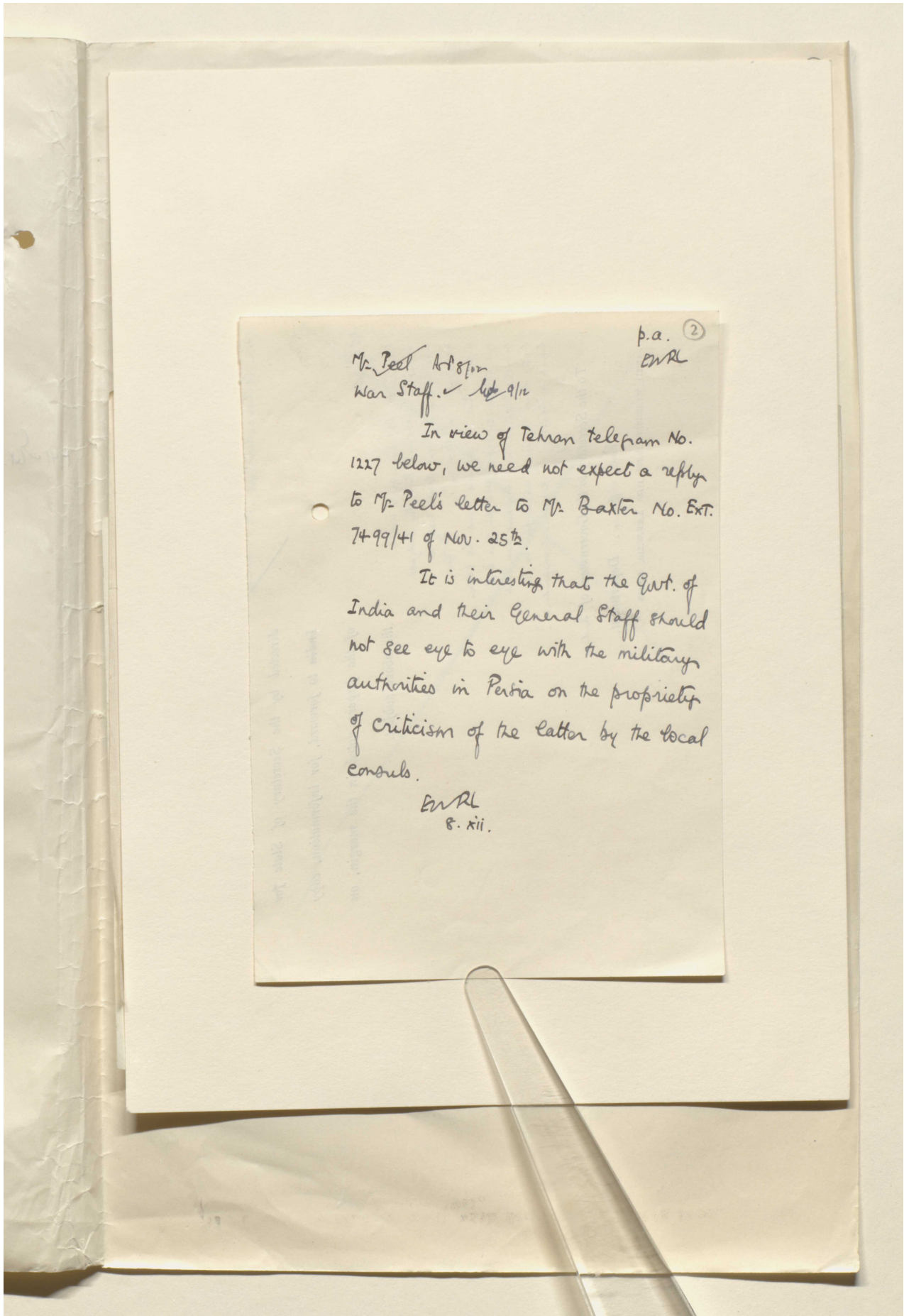
#### **About this record**

The file contains a small number of telegrams sent between Sir Reader William Bullard, HM Minister at Tehran; the Foreign Office; and the External Affairs Department of the Government of India. The subject matter is the circulation of Consular reports from Persia [Iran] and the extent that these reports should be permitted to include criticism of British military authorities.

A list of correspondence references by year can be found on the front cover.







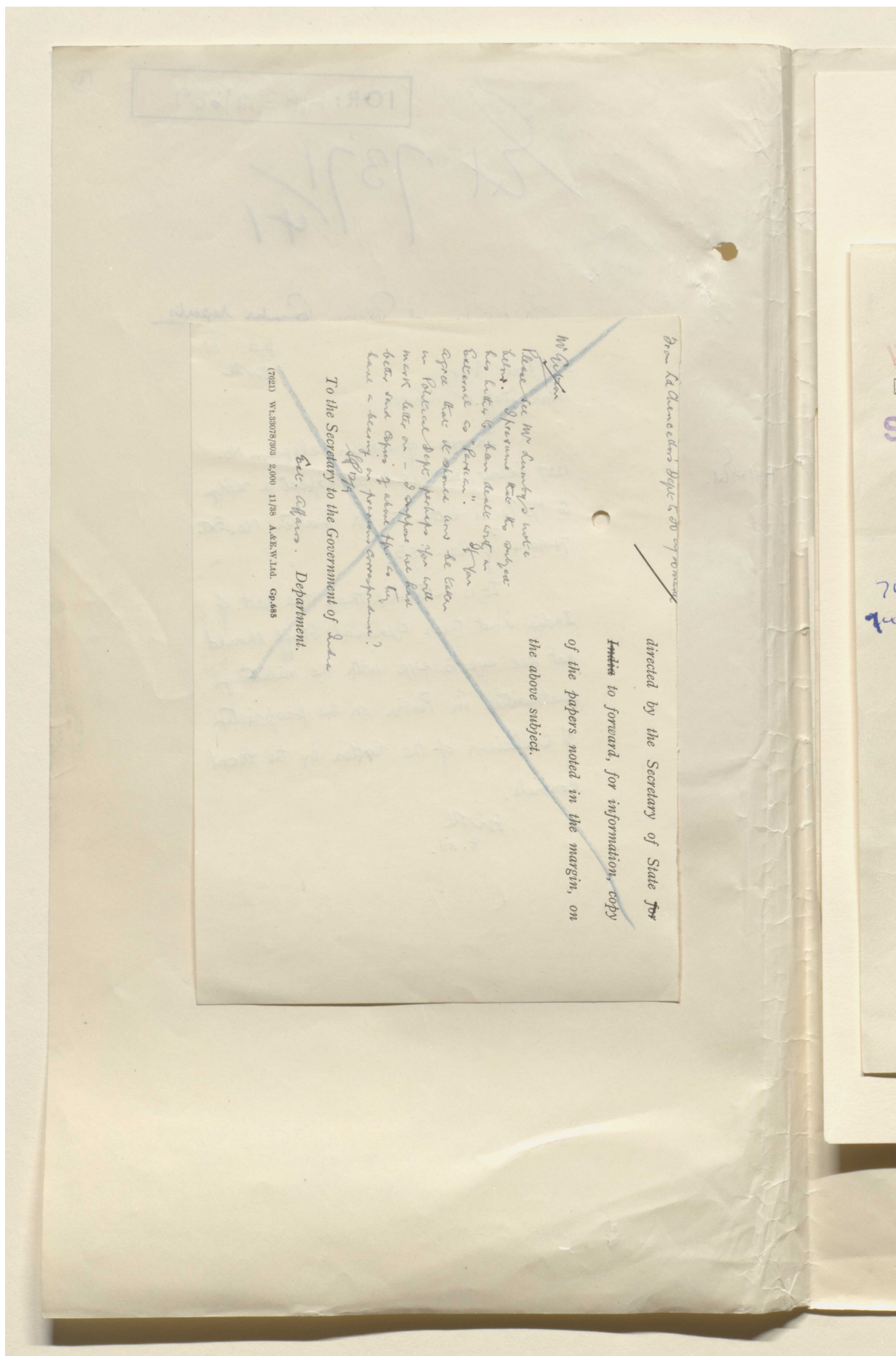
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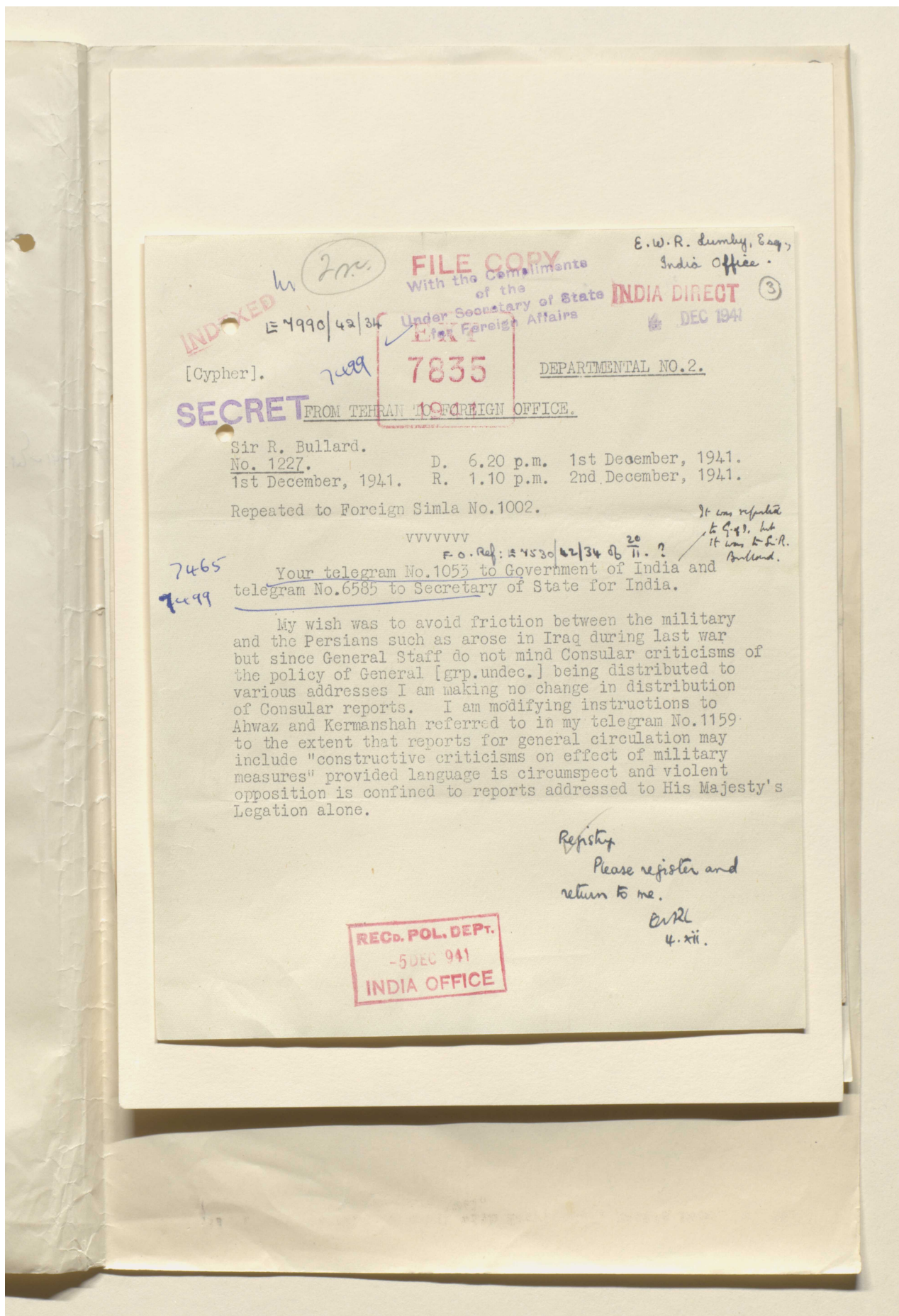
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In view of Tehran telegram No. 1227 below, we need not expect a reply to Mr. Peel's letter to Mr. Baxter No. Ext. 7499/41 of Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>.

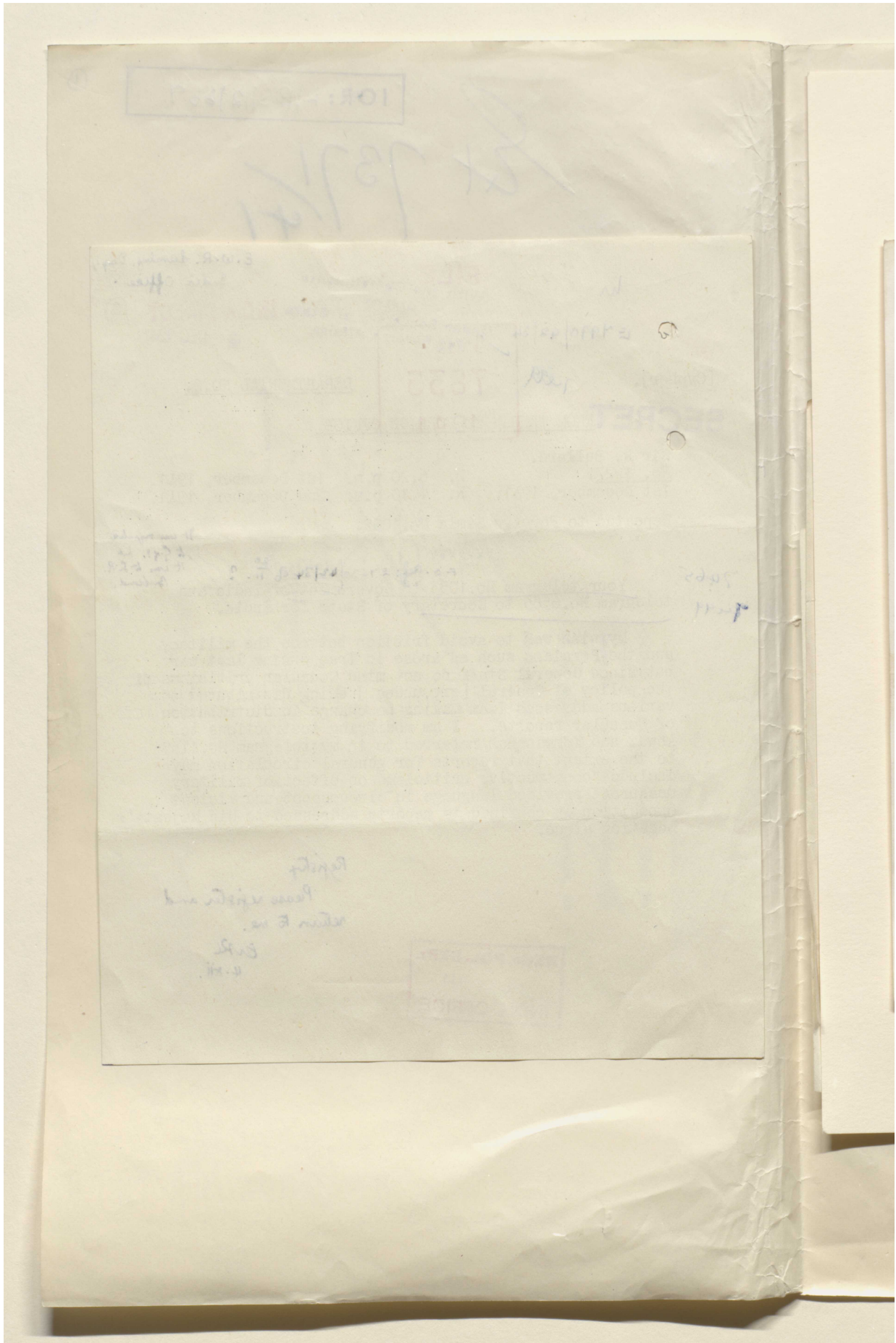
It is interesting that the Govt. of India and their General Staff should not see eye to eye with the military authorities in Persia on the propriety of criticism of the latter by the local consuls.

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Ext. 7499/41.

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C. W. Baxter Esq., C.M.G., M.C.  
F.O.

Dear Baxter,

25 NOV 1941

Will you please refer to Tehran telegrams Nos. 1133 and 1159 of Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> about the weekly situation reports from Consuls in Persia; and to F.O. telegram No. 1053 of Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, which approved the proposals in telegram No. 1133 subject to the views of the Govt. of India.

No. 6585 of Nov. 22.

I now enclose a copy of a telegram from the Govt. of India which gives their views. You will see that they would like to have repeated to them and to the G.O.C. Iraq all consular reports from Persia and not only those from posts staffed from India, as ~~the~~ ~~expressed~~ ~~of~~ ~~India~~ ~~had~~ suggested by Bullard at the end of his telegram No. 1133.

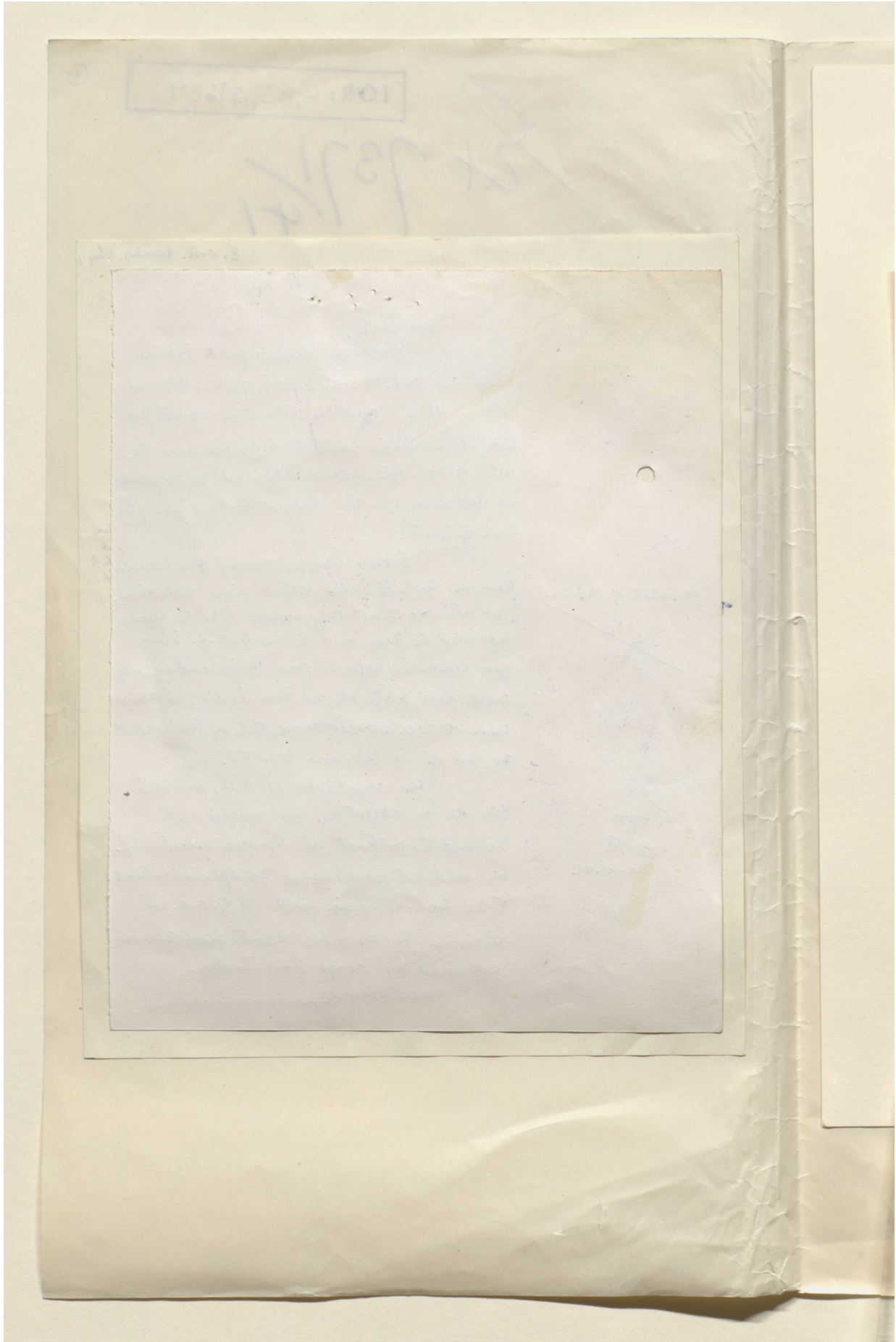
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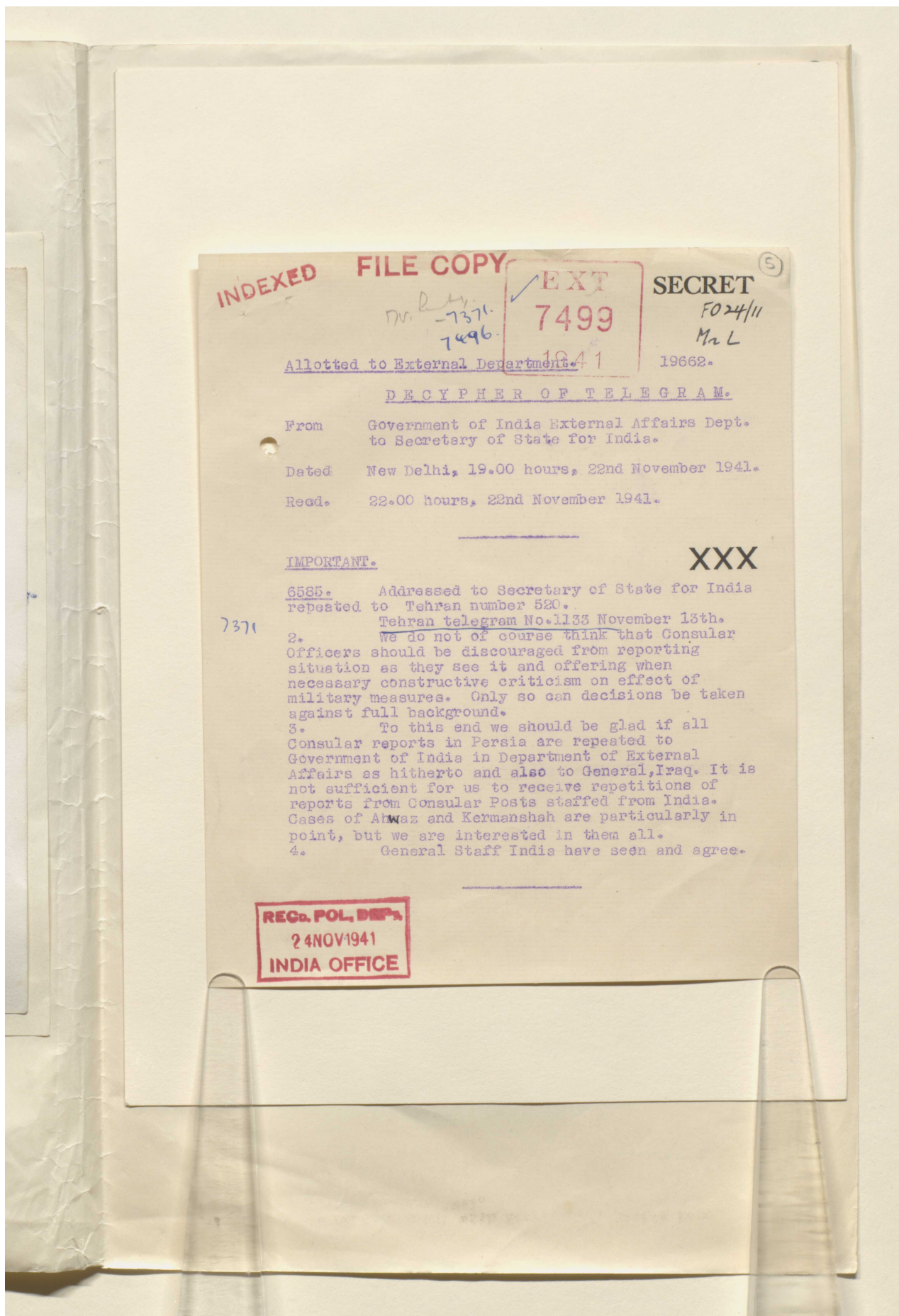
We should be glad if, provided you see no objection, you would ask Bullard to instruct his Consuls accordingly. We need not emphasise the special interest of the Govt. of India and the G.O.C. in receiving the consular reports from the areas occupied by troops from India.

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Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd.) E. W. R. LUMBY  
(Sgd.) R. PEEL.







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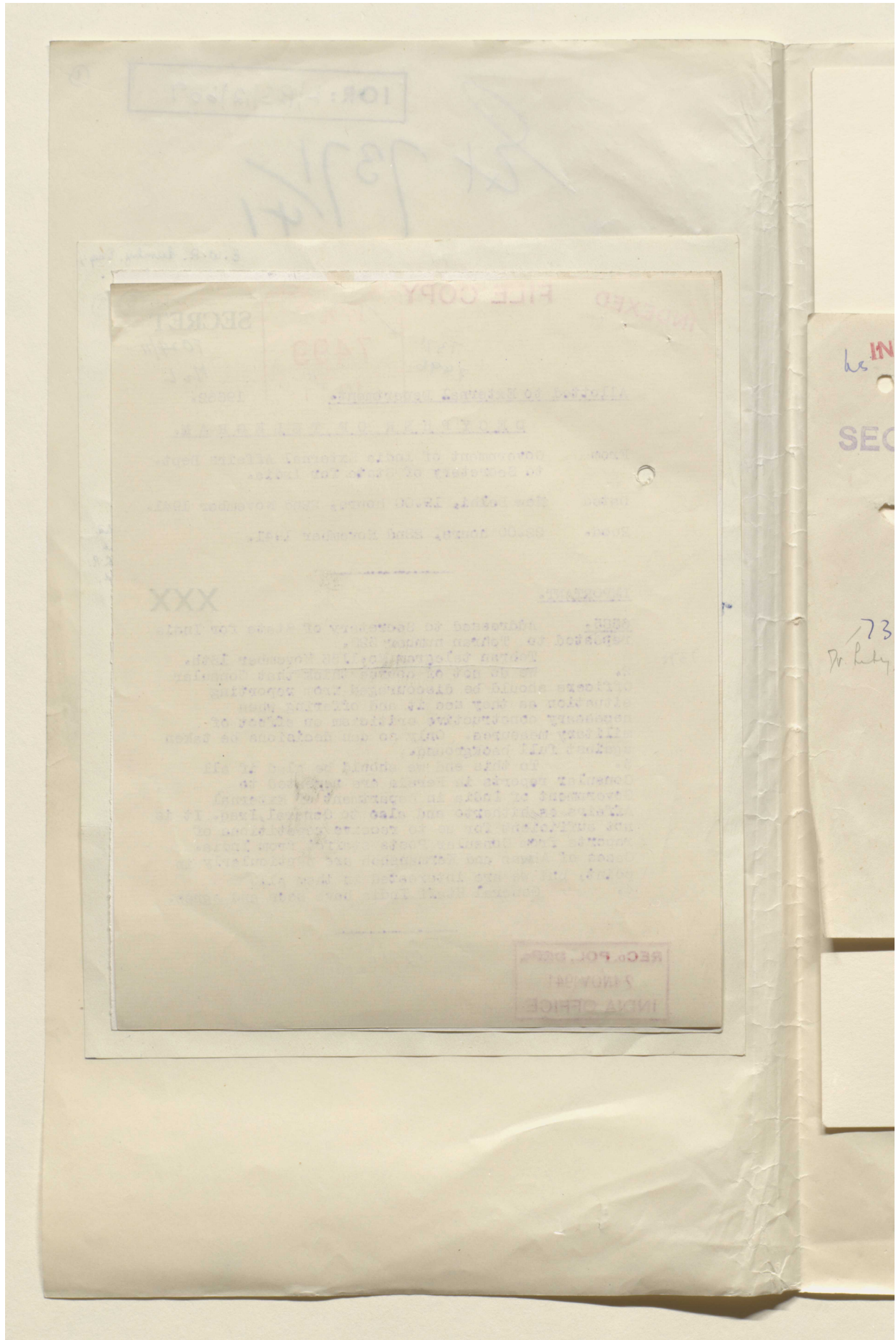
From Government of India External Affairs Dept.  
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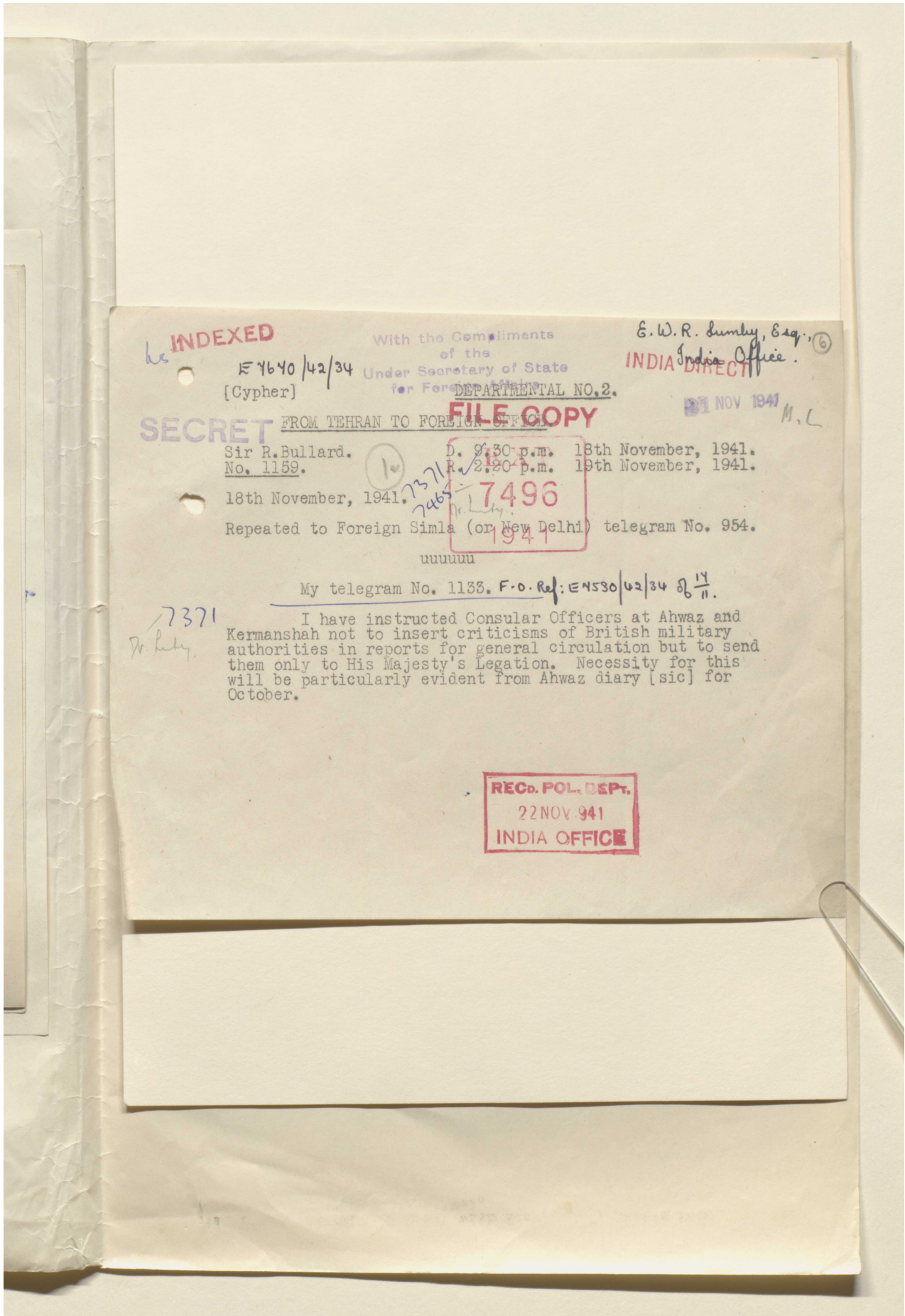
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6585. Addressed to Secretary of State for India repeated to Tehran number 520.  
Tehran telegram No. 1133 November 13th.
  - We do not of course think that Consular Officers should be discouraged from reporting situation as they see it and offering when necessary constructive criticism on effect of military measures. Only so can decisions be taken against full background.
  - To this end we should be glad if all Consular reports in Persia are repeated to Government of India in Department of External Affairs as hitherto and also to General, Iraq. It is not sufficient for us to receive repetitions of reports from Consular Posts staffed from India. Cases of Ahwaz and Kermanshah are particularly in point, but we are interested in them all.
  - General Staff India have seen and agree.

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24 NOV 1941  
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**SECRET** FROM TEHRAN TO FOREIGN OFFICE **FILE COPY**

Sir R. Bullard. (10) D. 9:30 p.m. 18th November, 1941.  
No. 1159. R. 2:20 p.m. 19th November, 1941.

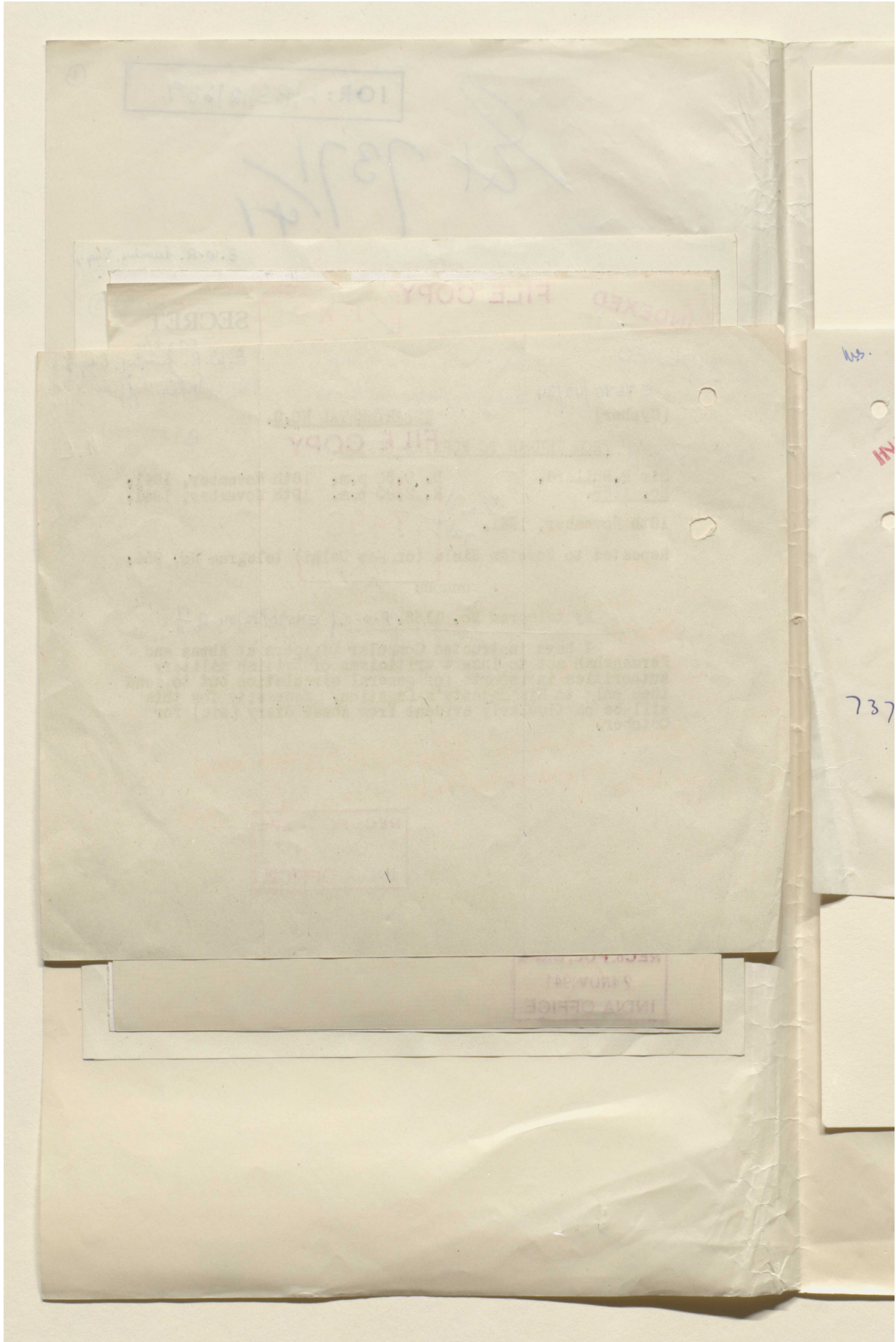
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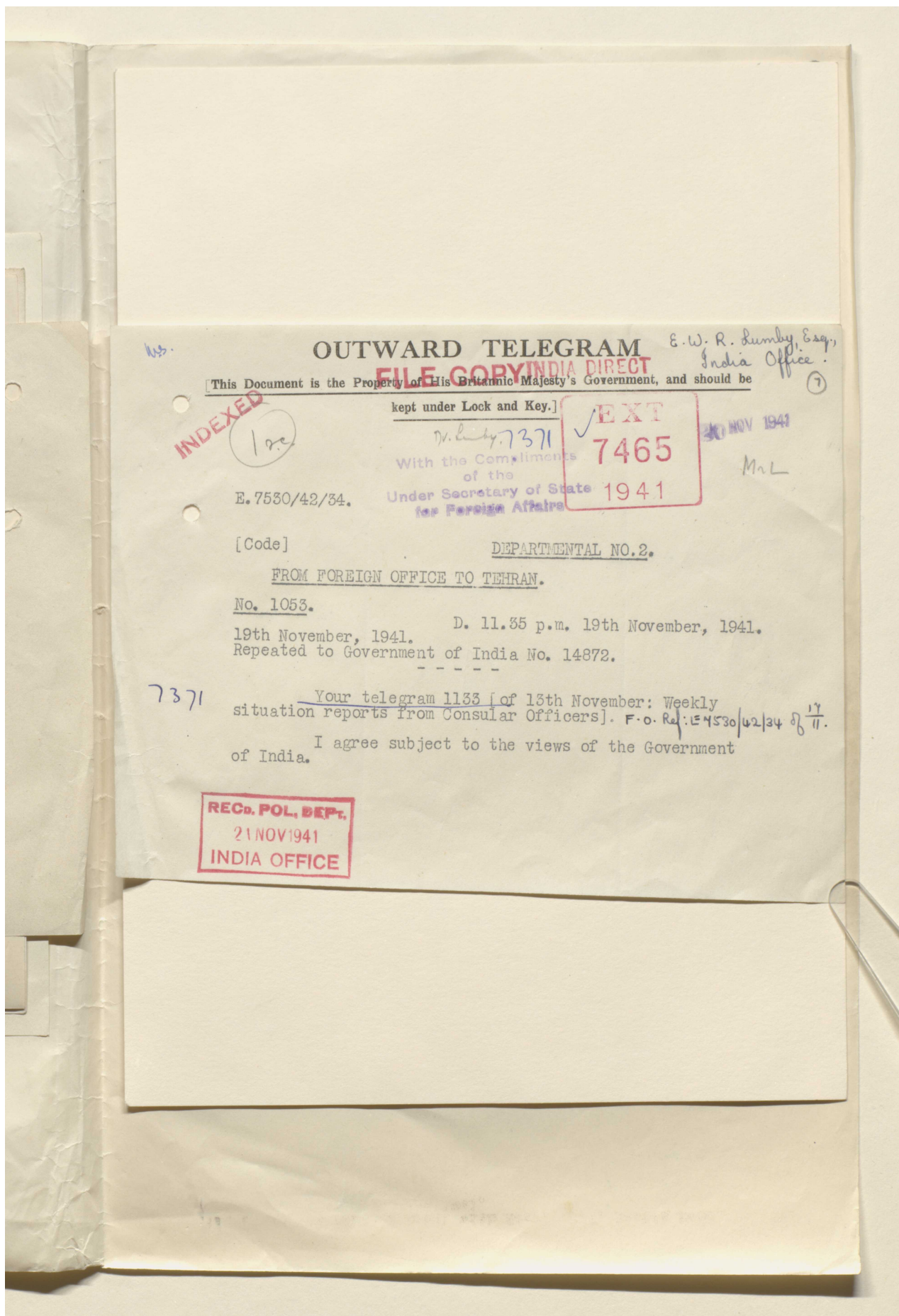
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*7371* My telegram No. 1133. F.O. Ref: E4530/42/34 of 17/11.

*Dr. Luty.* I have instructed Consular Officers at Ahwaz and Kermanshah not to insert criticisms of British military authorities in reports for general circulation but to send them only to His Majesty's Legation. Necessity for this will be particularly evident from Ahwaz diary [sic] for October.

**REC'D. POL. DEPT.**  
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### OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO TEHRAN.

No. 1053.

19th November, 1941.

D. 11.35 p.m. 19th November, 1941.

Repeated to Government of India No. 14872.

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Your telegram 1133 [of 15th November: Weekly  
situation reports from Consular Officers]. F.O. Ref: E 7530/42/34 of 11/11.

I agree subject to the views of the Government  
of India.

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