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Ext 8572/47 'Visits of Egyptian journalists to Pakistan'

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About this record

This file contains British Government correspondence regarding four prominent Egyptian journalists visiting Pakistan at the Pakistan Government's request and potential criticism the visit may incur. The main correspondents include the Foreign Office and the British Embassy in Cairo.

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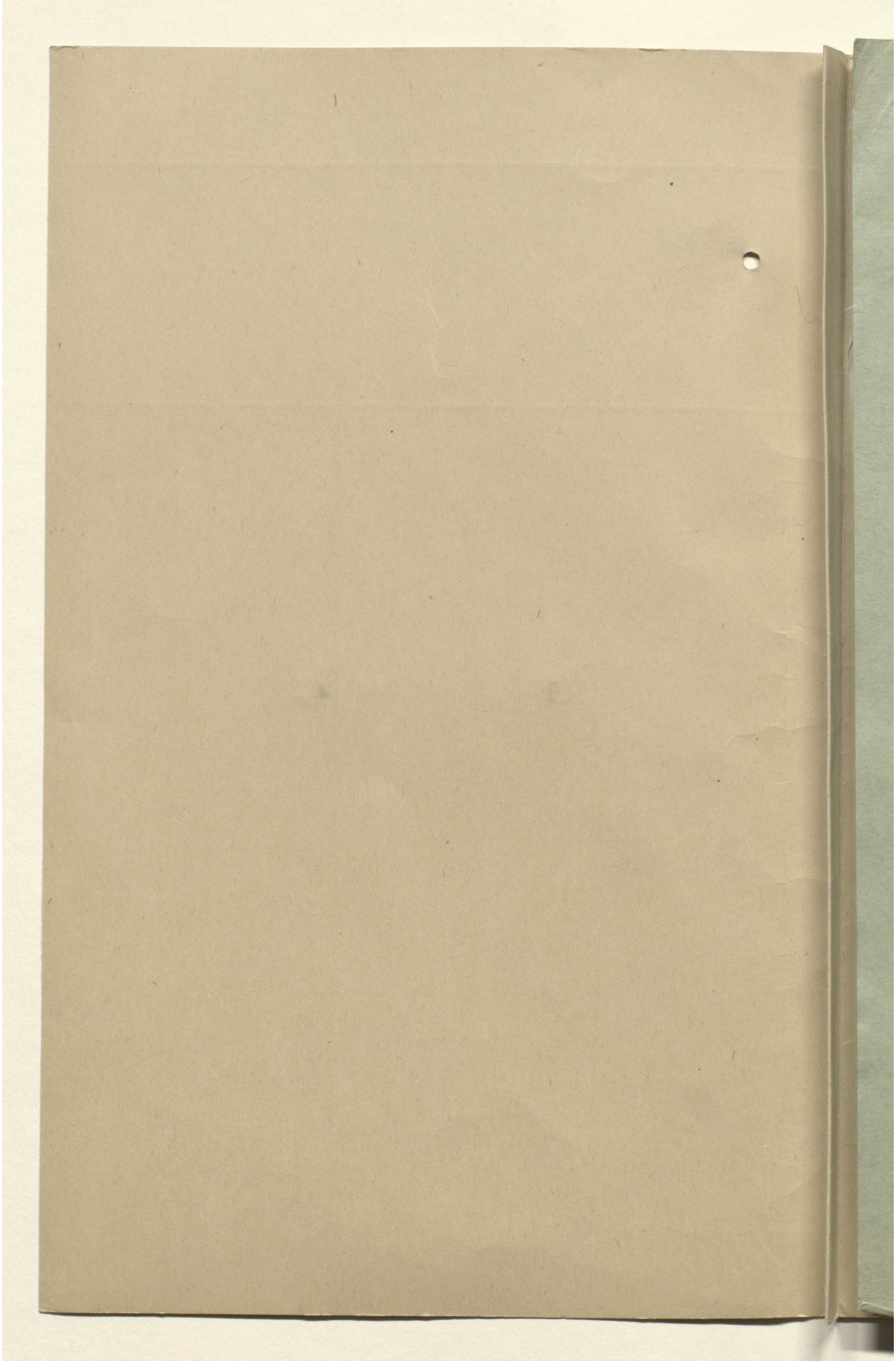
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Request for Visa for Mrs Holly

M^r Harrison 11/4

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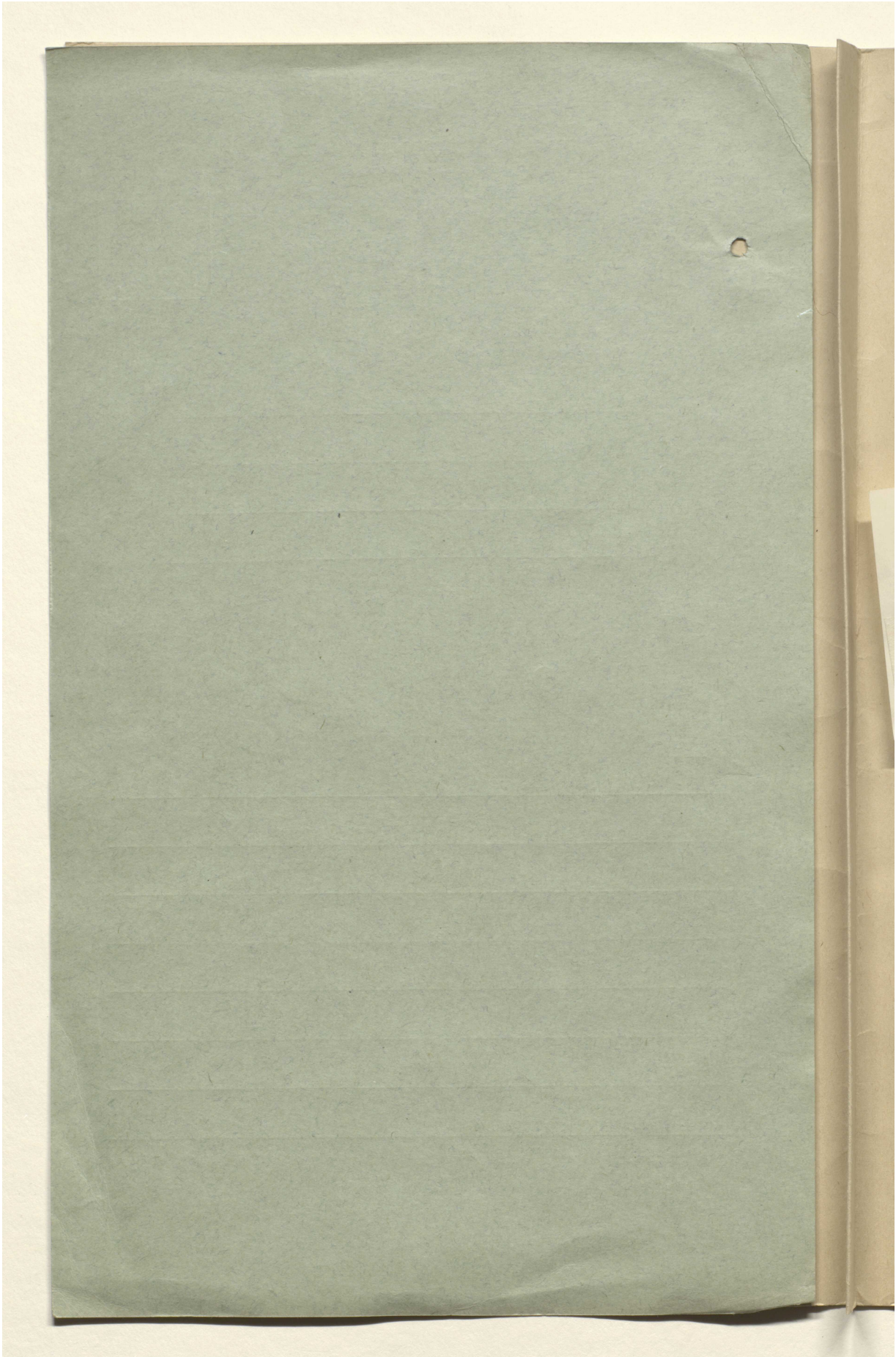
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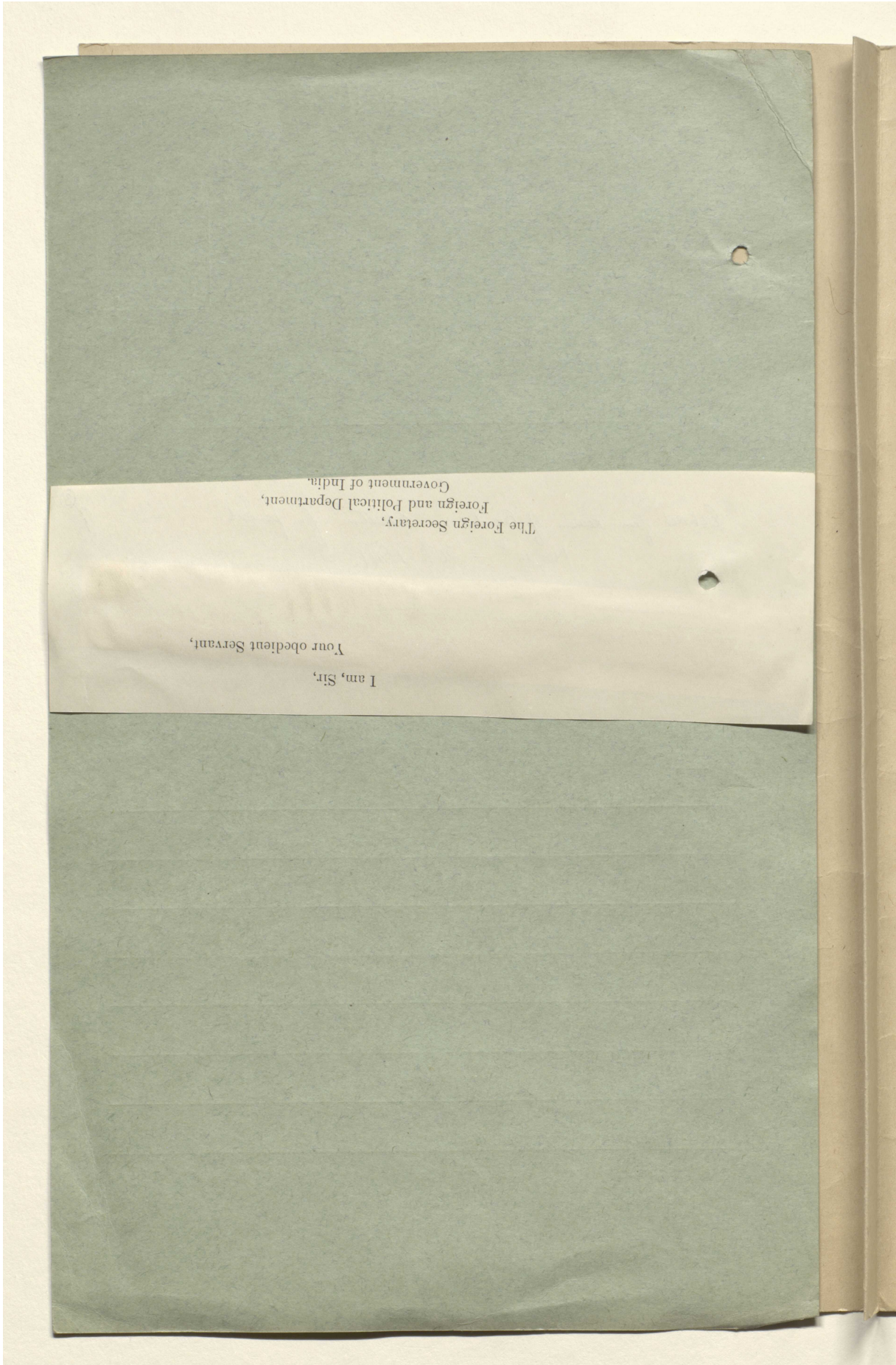
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Extract from Review of Events in Pakistan for period
Nov 14th - 20th 1947. ②③

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27. Saleh Ashmawy and Abdel Kader Hassa, editors of two Cairo newspapers, are on a visit to Pakistan to further the cause of Muslim solidarity. They told the press that, if India made war upon Pakistan, she would have to face the whole Islamic world and the Muslim Brotherhood of the Middle East would come to Pakistan's aid.



Excerpt from Review of Events in Pakistan for period 21-24 Nov 47 (5)
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25. At a Reception on November 22nd arranged by Muslim newspapers in Lahore in honour of the two Egyptian journalists whose visit to Pakistan was referred to in paragraph 27 of the Review of Events for the period November 14th/November 20th, 1947, an Islamic World Association of Pakistan was formed to promote closer cultural, economic and political relations between the various Muslim countries of the world.

26. Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar, Minister for communications in the Pakistan Central Government has been quoted as having told Abdul Kader Hamza of "Al-Balagh", one of the Egyptian journalists referred to above, that Pakistan stood in the face of India and British imperialism. The Foreign Secretary of the Pakistan Central Government is of the opinion that the Sardar is most unlikely to have expressed himself in the precise terms quoted by the Egyptian journalist. The anti-British bias of the Egyptian journalists does not have the approval of the Pakistan Government, who informed the journalists on their arrival that they had been invited to Pakistan not in order to make much of such differences of opinion as might exist between Pakistan and the United Kingdom, but merely to ascertain the state of public opinion in the country towards the events which had happened since August 15th.

Hussein El-Khatib Bey, Egyptian Charge d'Affaires arrived in Karachi on November 26th.

FORM C.

It is requested that in any further communication on this subject the under-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.*

No. P.Z.

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

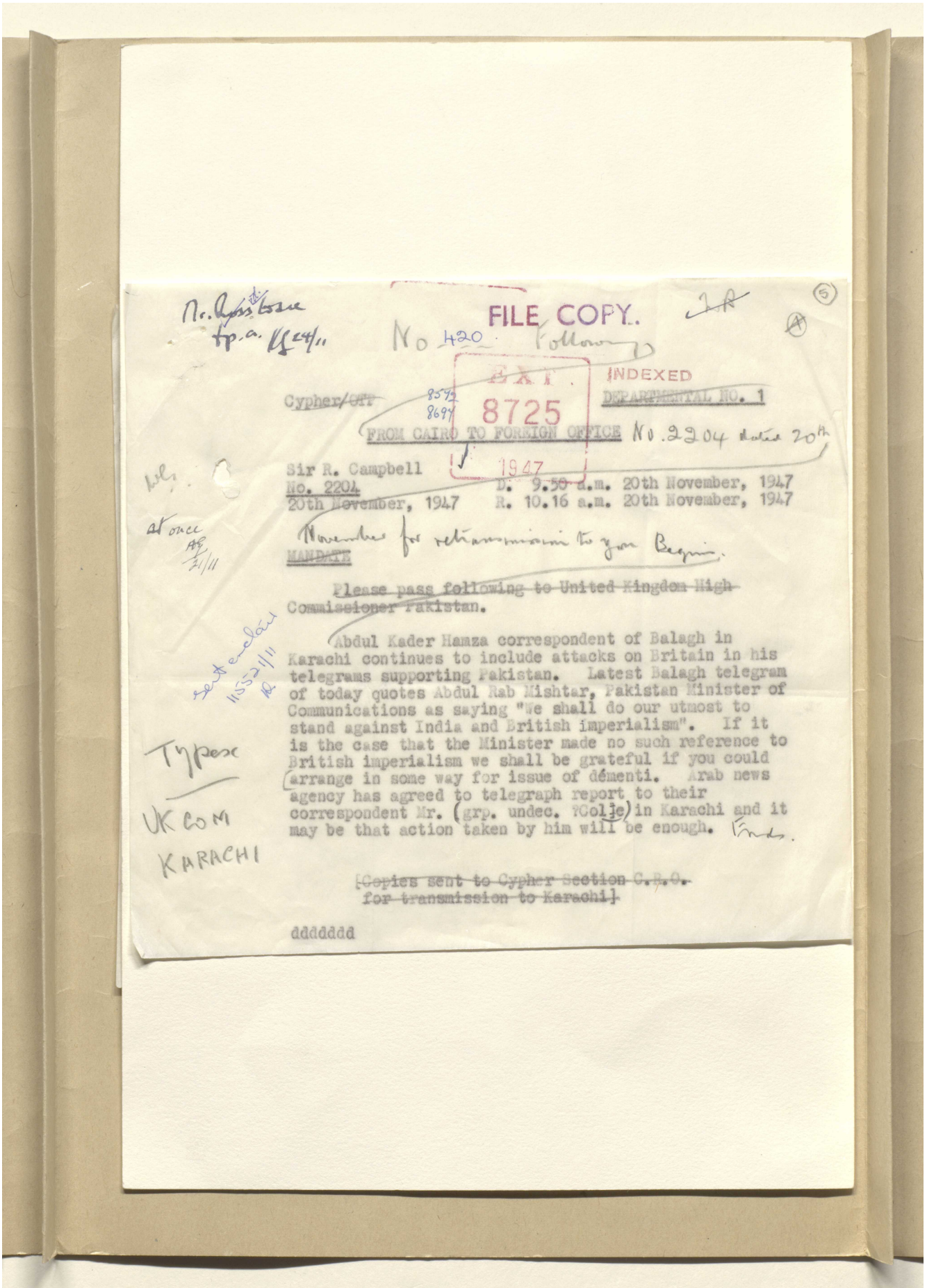
Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the
and to acquaint you in reply that the Government of India have been requested to recognise the appointment of

as _____ for

at

pending the issue of His Majesty's Exequatur, to which the Secretary of



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EXP.
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1947

Telegraph Section,
Colonial Office.

War Registry,
Admiralty.

Cypher Section,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
(Downing Street)

Duty Signal Officer,
War Office Signal Office
Montague House Annexe.

Telegraph Branch,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
(King Charles Street),

Message Control
Norfolk House.

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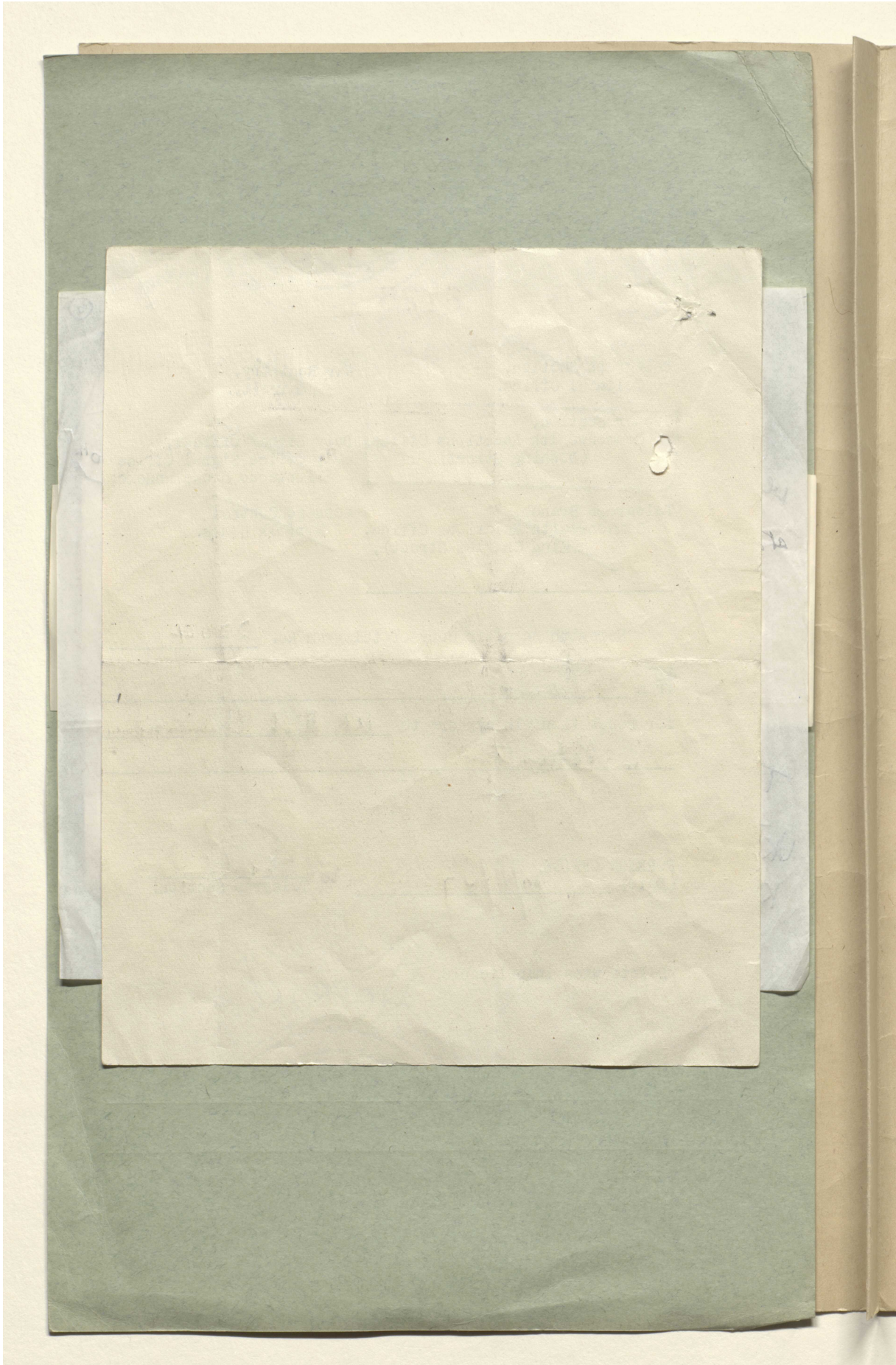
to
from Cairo

for repetition *in cypher* to UK High Commission
in Pakistan

FOREIGN OFFICE
(Date) 20/4/47

[Signature]
Telegram Section.

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Telephone No.: WHITEHALL 4341 FOREIGN OFFICE, ⑦
In any further communication on this subject 12-15, CARLTON HOUSE TER., ⑥
the following reference should be quoted: LONDON, S.W. 1.
Your reference: **FILE COPY**
17th November, 1947. 572

F.A.K. Harrison, Esq.,
External Office,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street.

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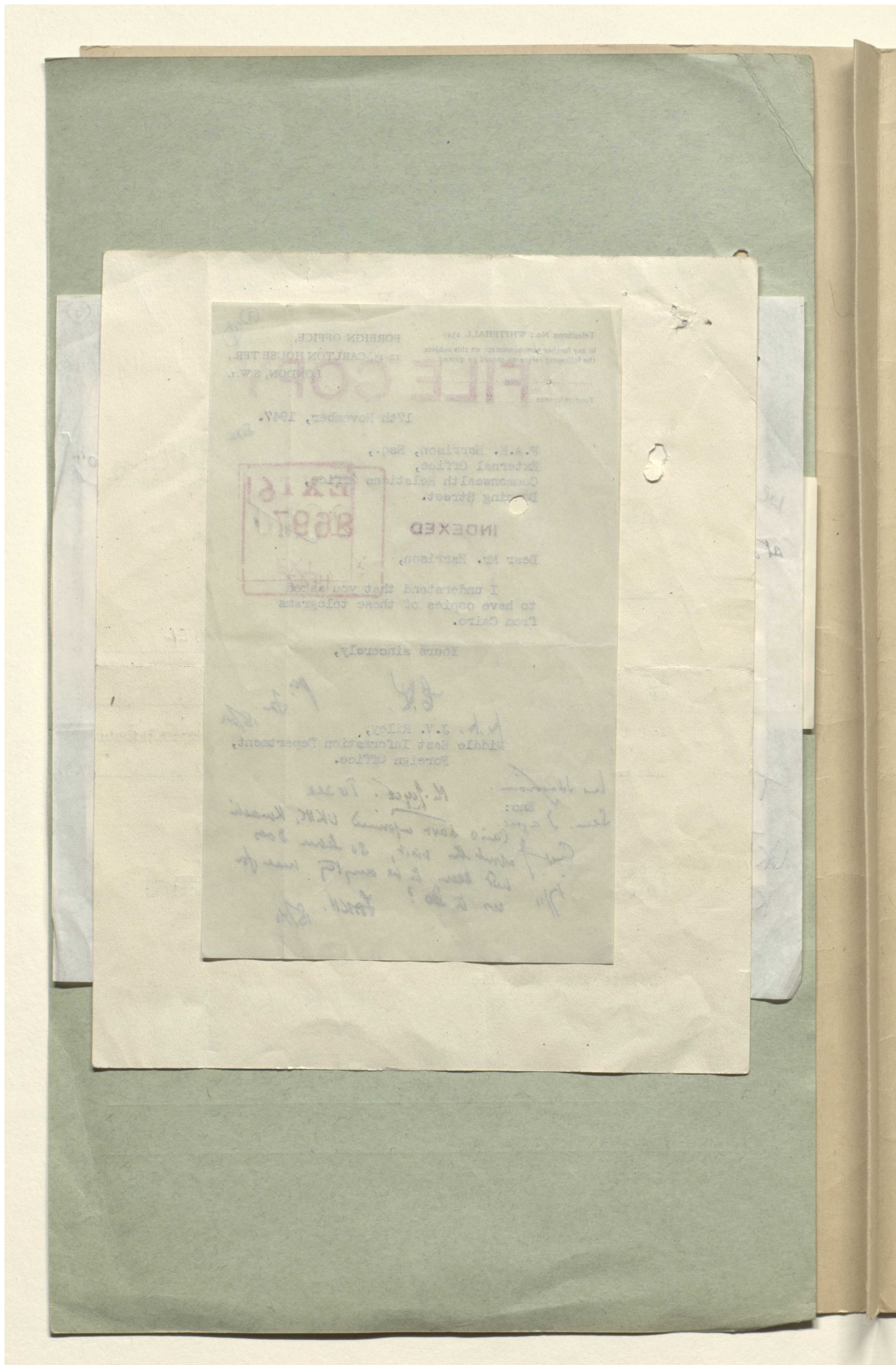
Dear Mr. Harrison,

I understand that you asked
to have copies of these telegrams
from Cairo.

Yours sincerely,

J.V.R.
J.V. Riley,
Middle East Information Department,
Foreign Office.

Mr. Joyce. To see
Mr. Harrison.
Enc: See. I agree.
Cairo have informed UKHC, Karachi
about the visit, so there does
not seem to be anything more for
us to do? FAKH. 18/11



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FROM CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

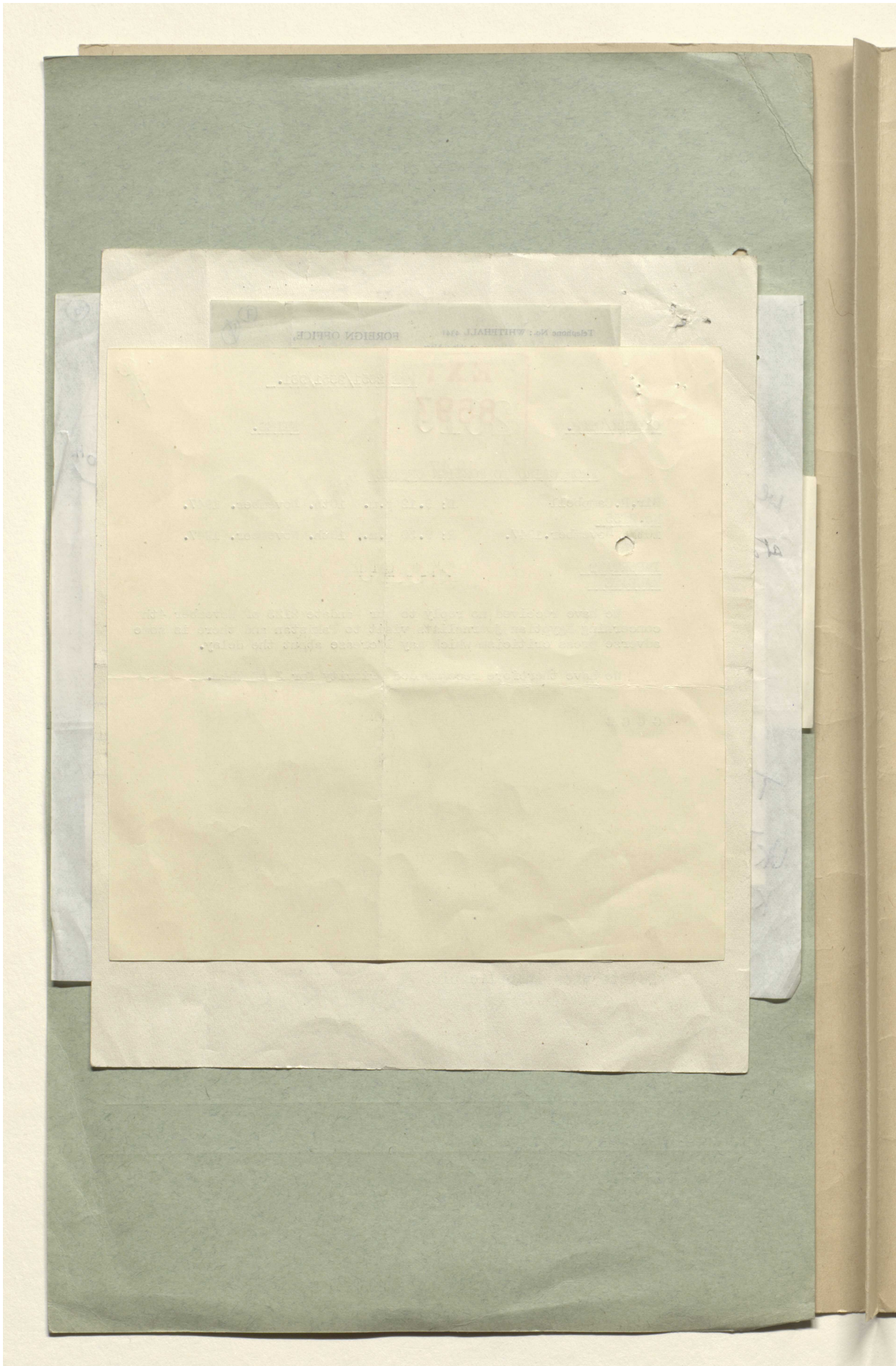
Sir. R. Campbell D: 9.12 p.m. 10th. November. 1947.
No. 2155
10th. November. 1947. R: 9.30 p.m., 10th. November. 1947.

IMPORTANT
MANDATE

We have received no reply to our Mandate 2123 of November 4th concerning Egyptian journalists visit to Pakistan and there is some adverse press criticism which may increase about the delay.

We have therefore recommended priority for 3 of them.

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Cypher/OTP

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FROM CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir R. Campbell

No. 2123

4th November, 1947

D. 9.35 p.m. 4th November, 1947

R. 10.15 p.m. 4th November, 1947

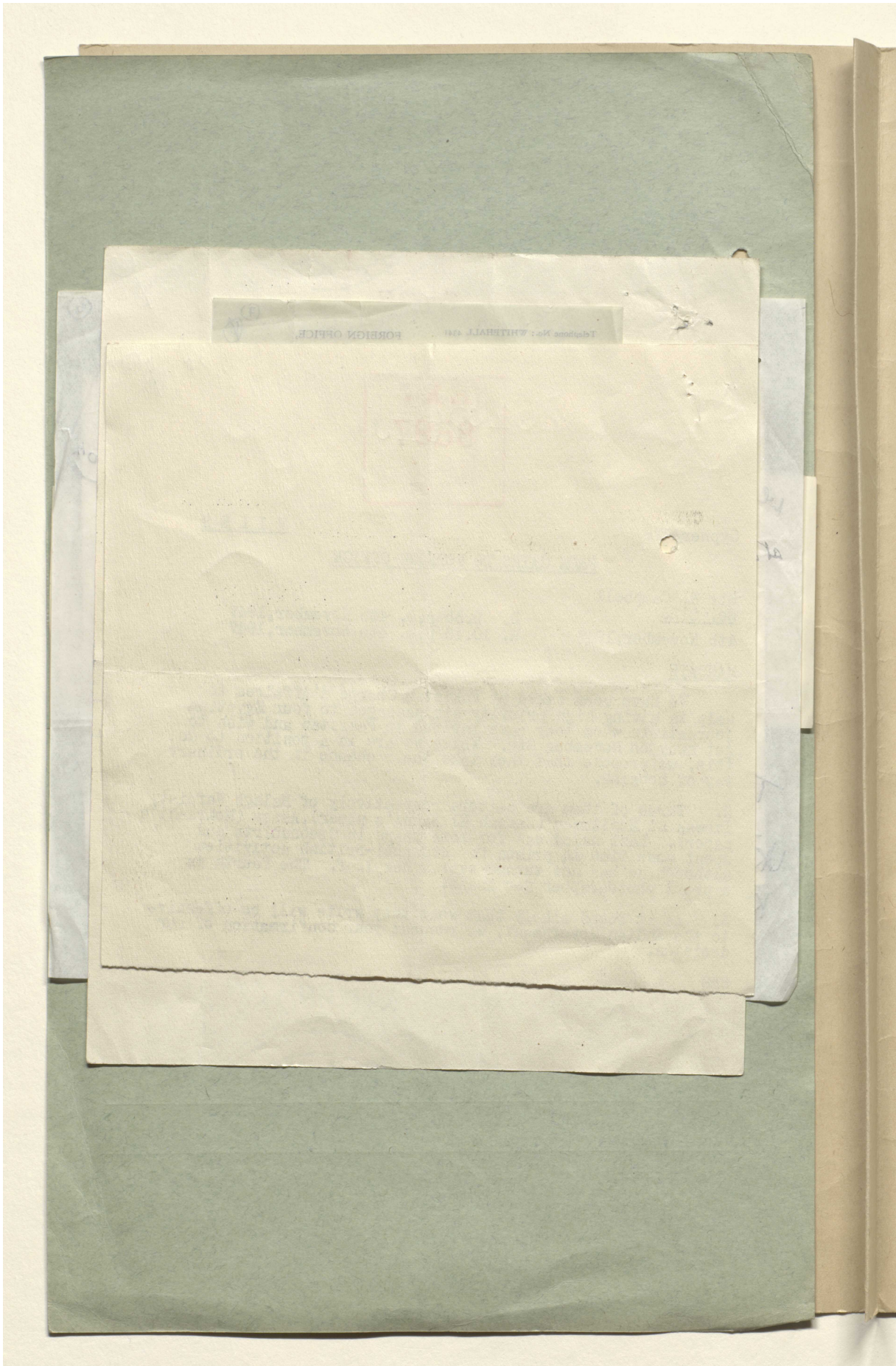
MANDATE

We have been asked by Pakistan Chargé d'Affaires to help in giving high priority air passages to four Egyptian journalists whom they have invited to Pakistan and wish to get away on November 8th. While we are in a position to do this, we propose that they take their chance in the ordinary way of booking.

2. Three of them are editors respectively of Balagh Wafdist, Ikhwan El Musilmeen (Hassan El Banna's paper), Assas (Nokrashi's paper). Last named was for some years in Greenshirts and spent some time in prison for his anti-British activities although he has now turned over a new leaf. The fourth is a press photographer for Assas.

3. As it seems likely that what they write will be offensive to the Indian Government, we request your confirmation of our decision.

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CYPHER/CTP FILES

FROM CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir R Campbell D.11.20 a.m. 5th November 1947
No: 2127 R.11.50 a.m. 5th November 1947
5th November 1947

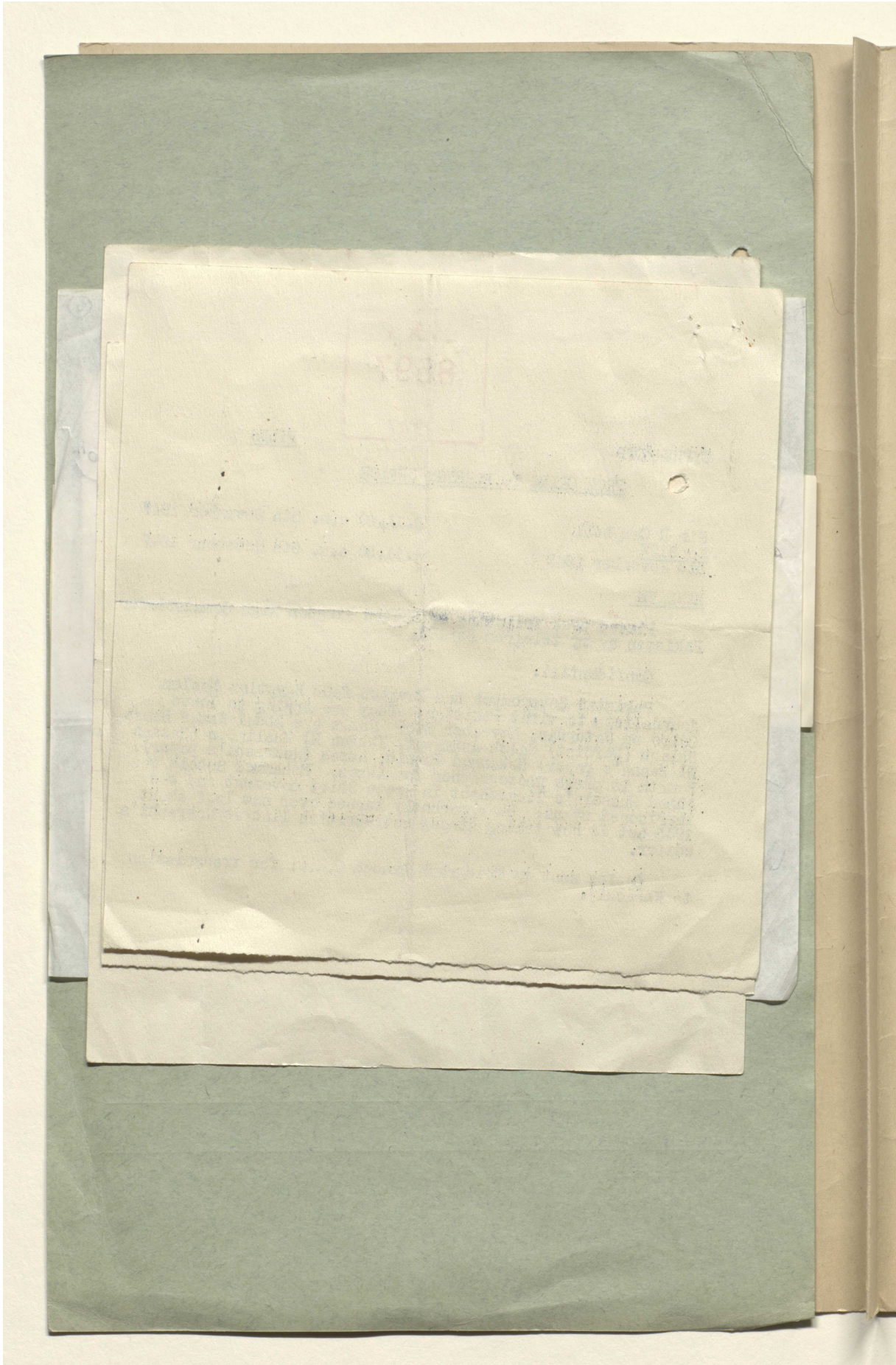
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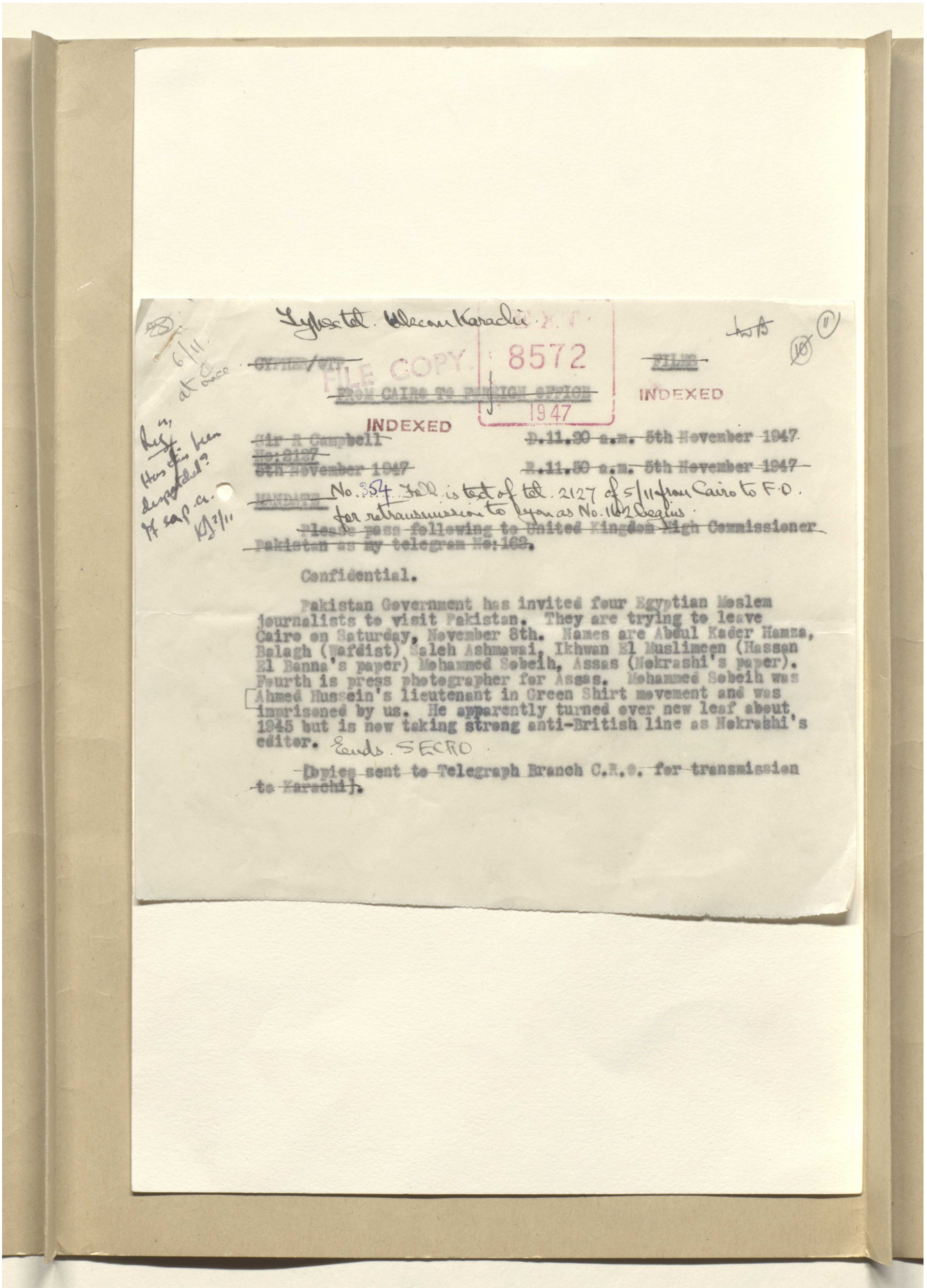
Please pass following to United Kingdom High Commissioner Pakistan as my telegram No:162.

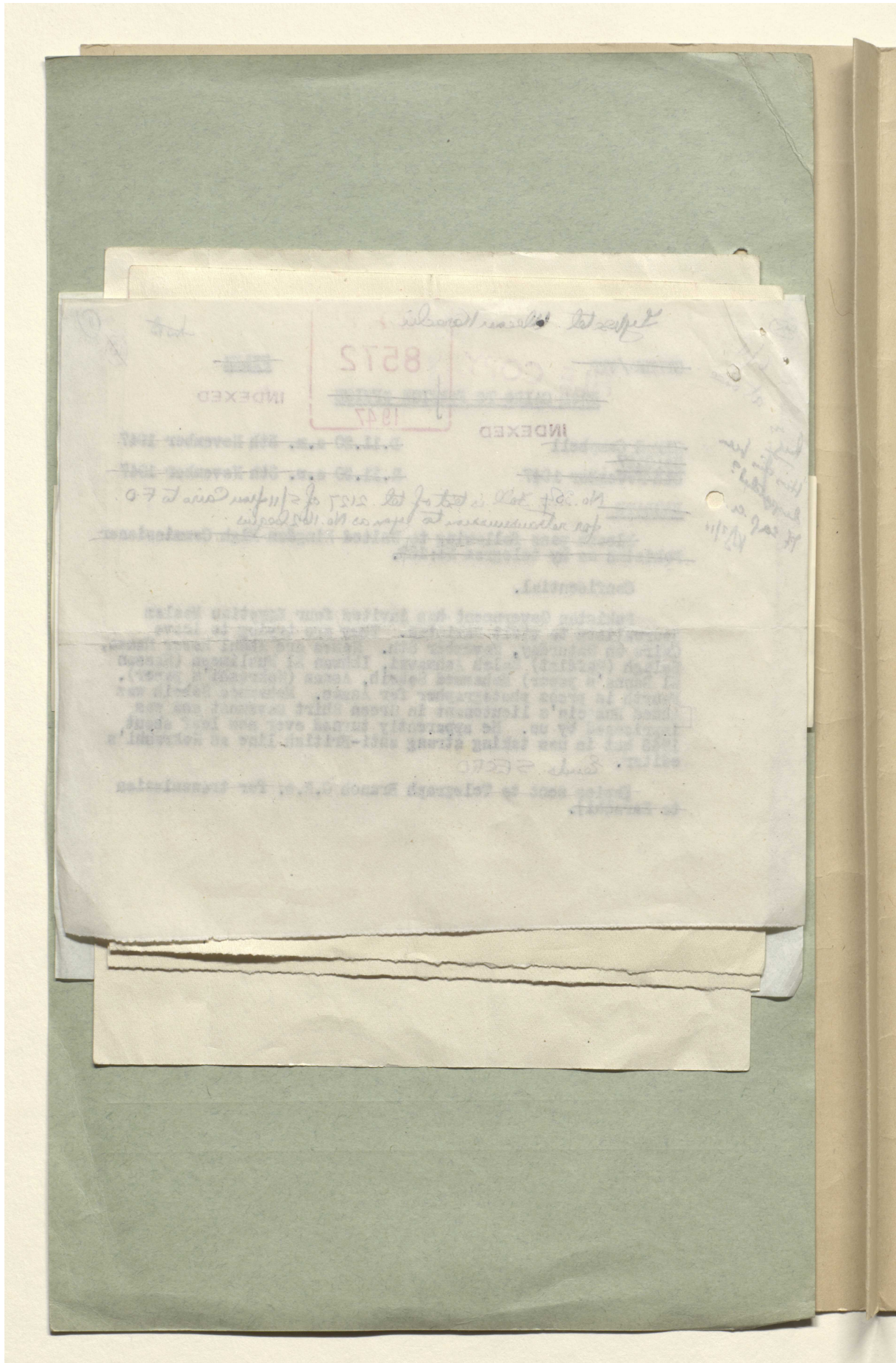
Confidential.

Pakistan Government has invited four Egyptian Moslem journalists to visit Pakistan. They are trying to leave Cairo on Saturday, November 8th. Names are Abdul Kader Hamza, Balagh (Wafdist), Saleh Ashmawai, Ikhwan El Muslemeen (Hassan El Banna's paper) Mohammed Sobeih, Assas (Nokrashi's paper). Fourth is press photographer for Assas. Mohammed Sobeih was Ahmed Hussein's lieutenant in Green Shirt movement and was imprisoned by us. He apparently turned over new leaf about 1945 but is now taking strong anti-British line as Nokrashi's editor.

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CYPRER/OTF

FROM CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir R Campbell
No: 2127
5th November 1947

D. 11.30 a.m. 5th November 1947

R. 11.50 a.m. 5th November 1947

MANDATE

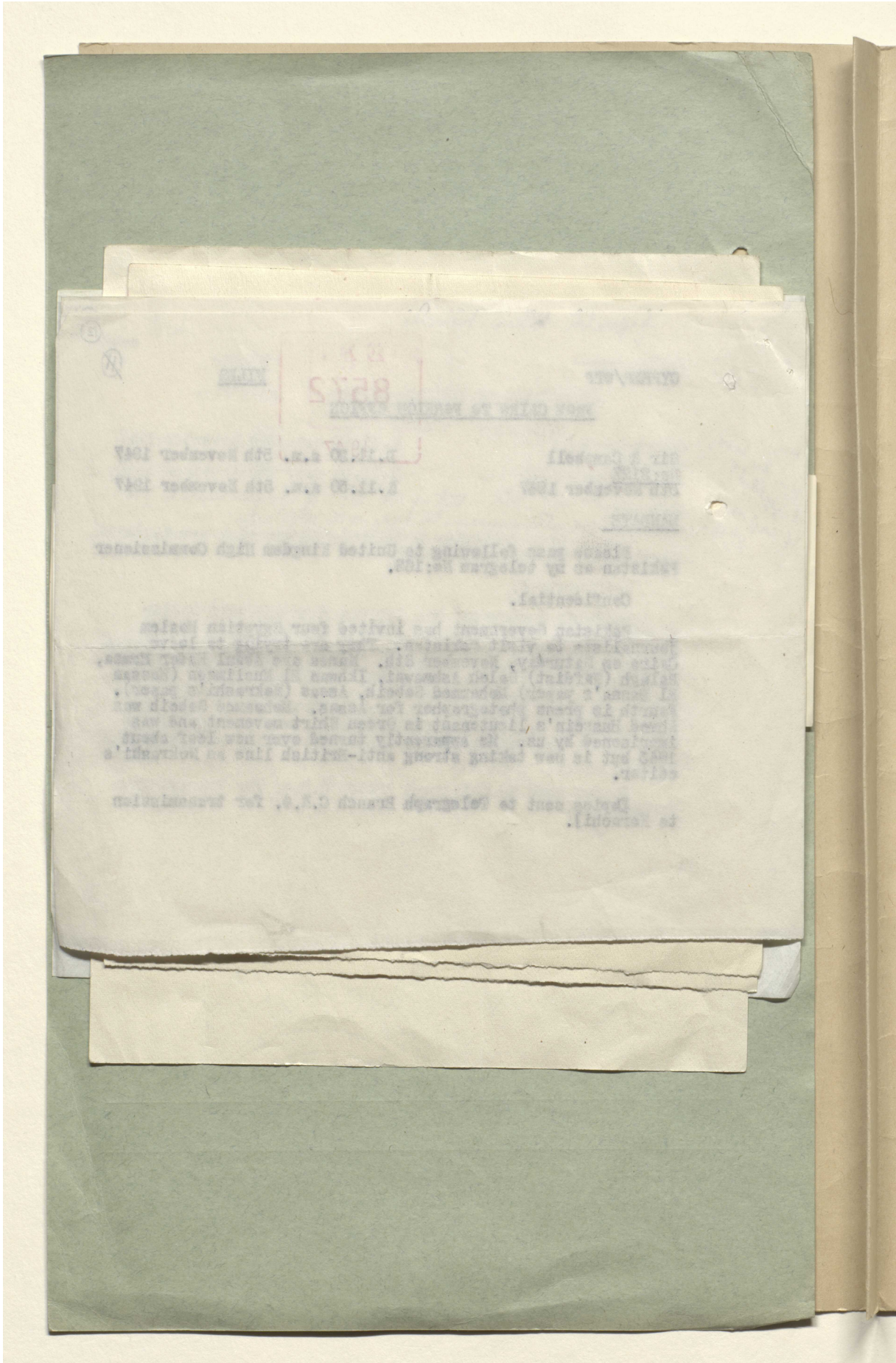
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Colonial Office. War Registry,
Admiralty.

Cypher Section,
Commonwealth Relations Office, Duty Signal Officer,
(Downing Street) War Office Signal Office
Montague House Annexe.

Telegraph Branch,
Commonwealth Relations Office, Message Control
(King Charles Street), Norfolk House.

Herewith en clair copy of telegram No. 2127

to _____
From Cairo

for repetition *in cypher* to U.K. High
Commissioner Karachi

FOREIGN OFFICE. Duh
(Date) 5/4/47 Telegram Section.

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