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### About this record

This file contains correspondence between the British Embassy in Baghdad and UK High Commissioner in Karachi regarding the secondment of a tear-gas specialist to the Iraqi police force. The papers discuss the inability of the Iraqi police to use newly obtained stocks of American tear gas without proper instruction from trained officers. The need for tear gas had been made apparent to law enforcement agencies in Iraq after protests and disturbances against the continuing British military and political presence in the country during January of 1948.

'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [front] (1/79)

**POL (EXT) 6453/** ①

MOR: LPS/12/1384

**149**

TEAR GAS EXPERT FOR  
IRAQI POLICE.

SUGGESTED APPOINTMENT  
OF PAKISTANI OFFICER.

IRAQ  
POLICE

~~Mr. CROOK.~~  
~~Mr. [unclear]~~  
Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear]  
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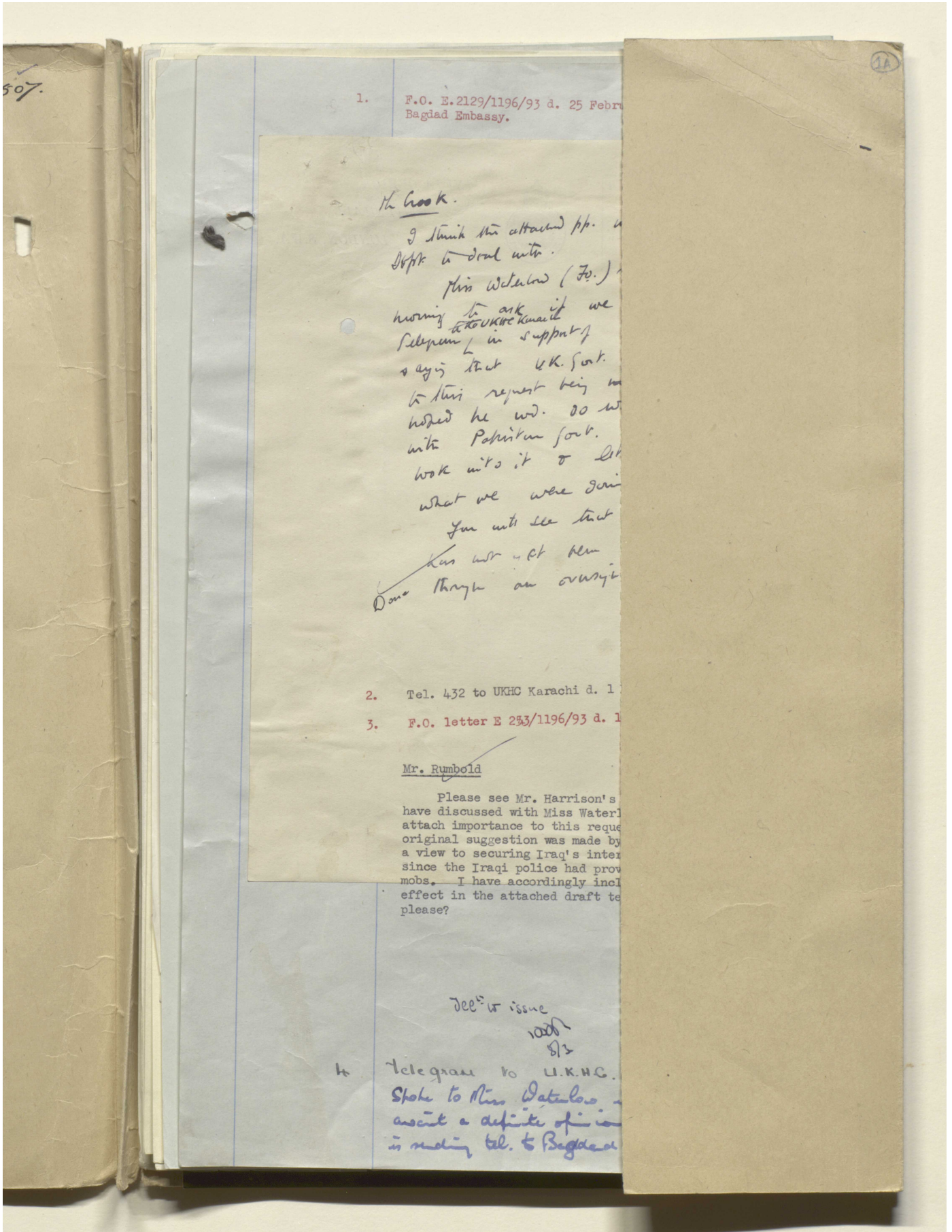


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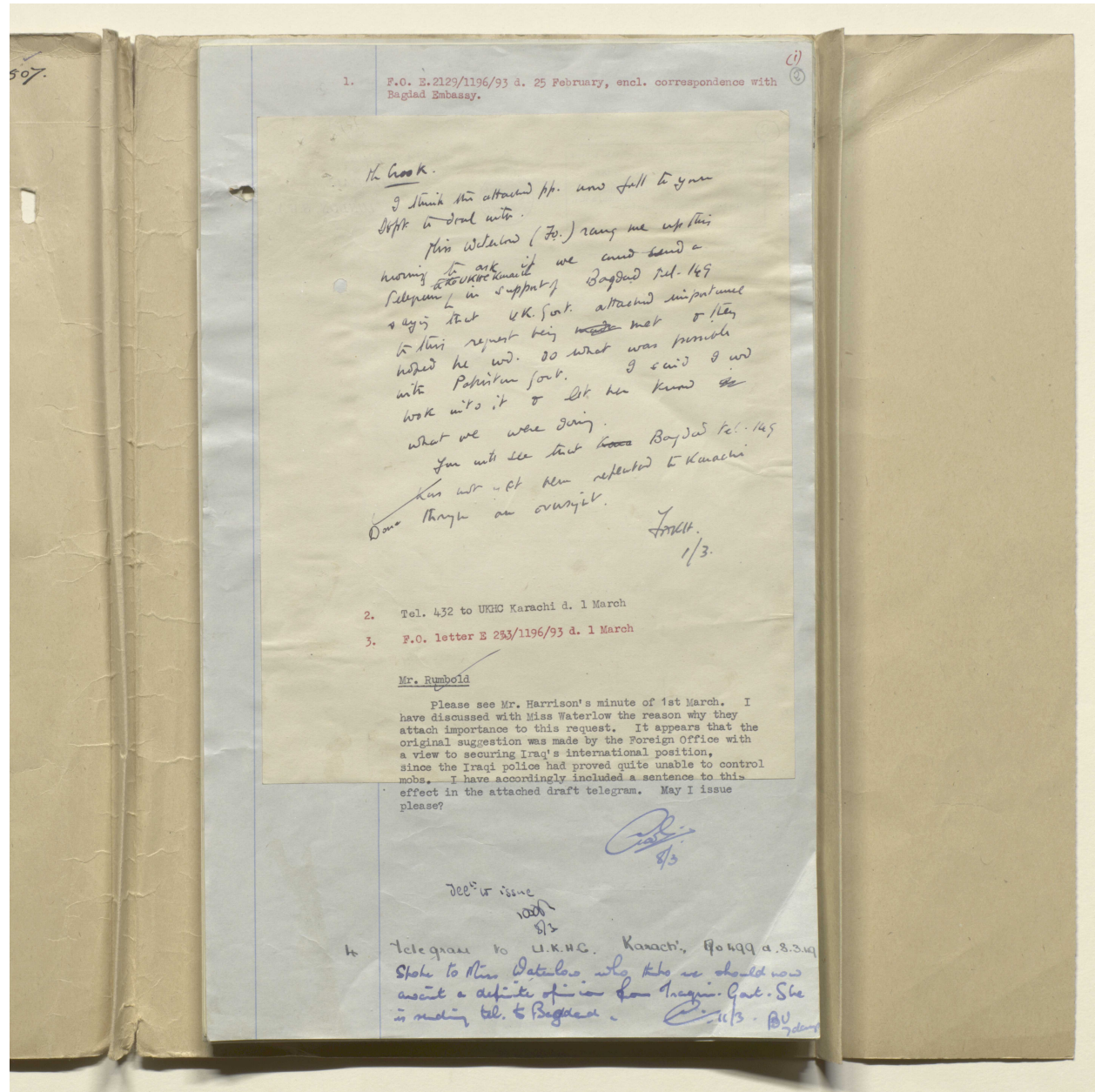


'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [1ar] (3/79)





'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [2r] (4/79)





'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [2v] (5/79)

(14)  
5. Telegram from U.K.H.C. Pakistan No. 548. d. 8.3.49

6. F.O to Bagdad No. 338. d. 11.3.49

7. Repeated to U.K.H.C. Karachi. No. 564 d. 15.3.49

Bu 14d.

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Another 14d per

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8. Copy of letter from Embassy Bagdad to F.O d. 15.3.49

Bu 14d

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9. Memo from F.O. enclosing copy of letter of 29/20/49 dtd 23.4.49 from  
(E 5412/176/93)  
dtd 4.5.49. B.K. Bagdad to U.K.H.C. Pakistan

Mr. Fowler.

Please see paper 9. I have spoken to Miss Waterlow at the Foreign Office who would like us now to ask the High Commissioner to support this application with the Government of Pakistan. You will see from paper 5 that the High Commissioner has been somewhat reluctant to intervene in this matter, but when this telegram was sent he was not aware of the contents of our telegram No. 499. I attach a draft telegram; if you will return it with any amendments you would like to make I will clear it with Miss Waterlow before dispatch.

*[Signature]*

10/5.

From Telegram to Karachi.

*[Signature]*

11/5.

10. Tel. No. 1001 to U.K.H.C. (K) repeated to U.K. Ambassador Bagdad (Serial No. 518) dtd 11.5.49.

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11. Tel No 722 from U.K.H.C. Pakistan dtd 13.5.49.

Mr. Rumbold

Please see paper (11). We have asked the High Commissioner in Karachi to act as requested in a letter from the British Embassy, Bagdad, which is at paper (9). He has not received this letter and I propose to send him the text of it in a Savingsgram, a draft of which I attach. May this issue please?

9 5/5 1949

*[Signature]*

16.5.49.



'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [3r] (6/79)

12. Sanigram No 143 to UKHC Pakistan dtd. 17.5.49. (iii) ③

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13. Letter No. E. 6014/1196/93 dated 20<sup>th</sup> May from F.O.

14. Tel. No. ~~772~~<sup>780</sup>, dtd 26.5.49, from UKHC Pakistan.

Pa. C. 2/5

15. Tel. No 887, dtd 18.6.49, from UKHC Pakistan.

Sub by

RF

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16. IO. Memor E 12908/1196/93 dtd 27/10 from a/c Tel. 926 from Baghdad to F.O. dtd 25/8

17. Repeat of [16] to UKHC Karachi No. 2227 dtd 26/10.

<sup>32<sup>nd</sup></sup> There is a further telegram this. Pre-attached enc-circ.

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18. Tel. No 936 Baghdad to F.O. d/29-10-49.

19. Tel. No 2264. U.K.H.C./P. d/31-10-49.

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20. F.O. — EQ 1192/2 — 2.2.50.



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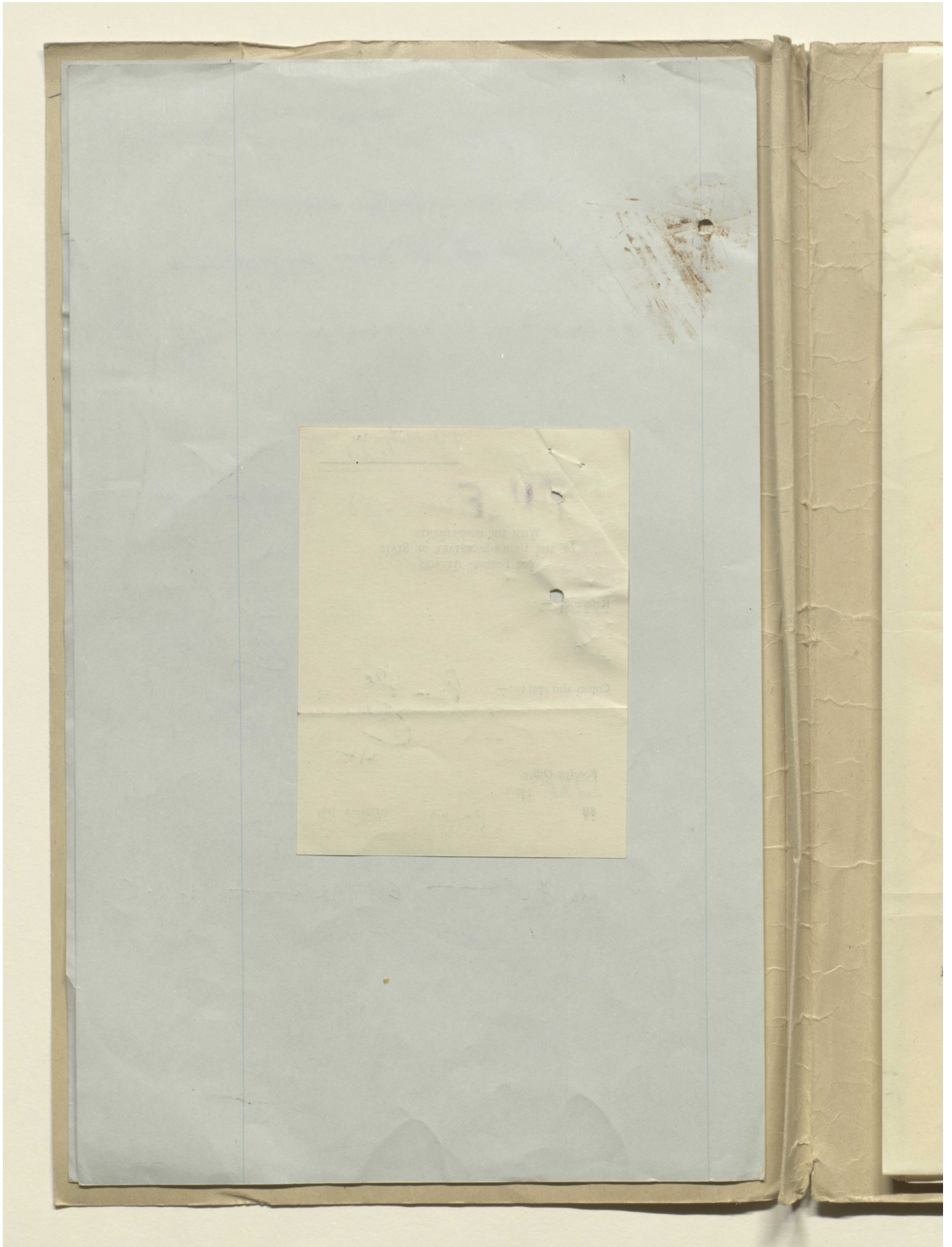


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'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [5v] (9/79)





'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [5r] (10/79)

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Dear Department,

We think you should know of the present position of our efforts to obtain tear gas and instruction in its use for the Iraqi Police (see Burrows' letter to Trevelyan No.E.1548/1196/93 of February 10th 1949).

The tear gas equipment was purchased in America by the Iraqi Embassy in Washington at a cost of some 21,000 dollars, and arrived in Bagdad during the last week in December. The Iraq Police, however, have not yet succeeded in securing an instructor in its use from Pakistan, although the Oriental Counsellor was shown on October 27th a letter dated the 30th September from the Pakistani Ministry of Defence to the Director-General of Police, which indicated that two Pakistanis (a Police Officer to instruct in the tactical use of tear gas and an Ordinance Officer to instruct in the chemical properties of the gas) could be made available subject to agreement on salary and conditions of employment. It is not clear to us precisely what happened to prevent the engagement of these men, but they have not arrived, and the Director-General of Police tells us that he has now written to the Pakistani authorities to say that since the equipment is American, he is not sure whether the Pakistani Officers would be able to train the Iraqis in its use. If their ability to do so were confirmed he would be happy to engage them. If not it would not be worth while. We are informing the Pakistani Charge d'Affaires of the present position and leaving to him the decision whether to pursue the matter with the Iraqi police or with the Pakistani Government.

Since no-one in the Iraqi Police Force knows anything about tear gas equipment, the Officer Commanding Royal Air Force Levies, kindly arranged for one of his British Officers, who has recently attended a course at the Army Gas School in England, to advise them about its handling and storage. This Officer will also be able to give some training to the Iraqi Police in its use. At the same time the Director-General of Police has approached the Office of the American Military Attache and they have provided an Officer who knows something about tear gas and who is arranging to give some preliminary training to Iraqi Police Officers.

These arrangements are not altogether satisfactory, but since the Police, partly on our advice, have spent a large sum on procuring this equipment, we see no reason to interfere with them.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY.

Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

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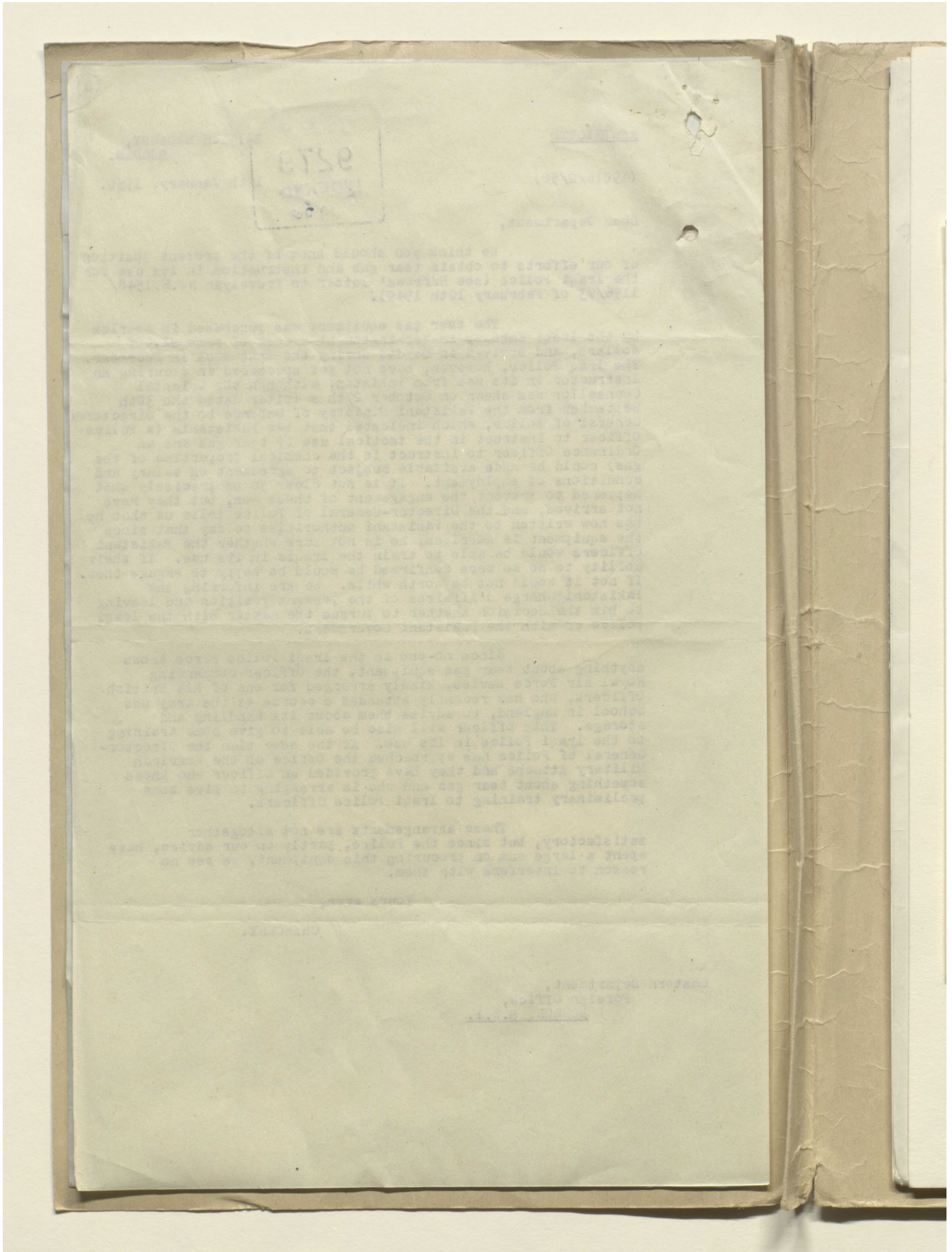
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BAGDAD.

17th January, 1950.

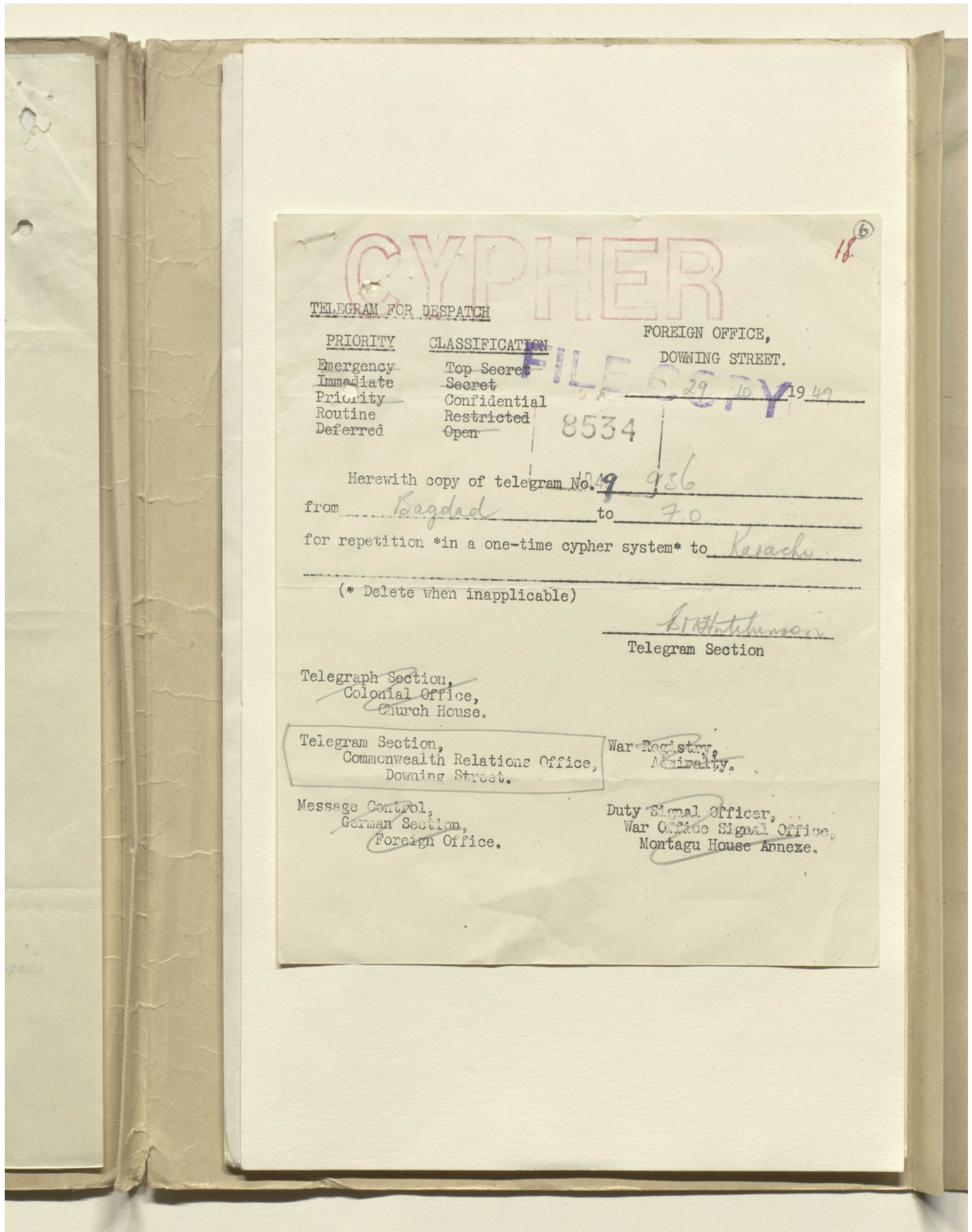


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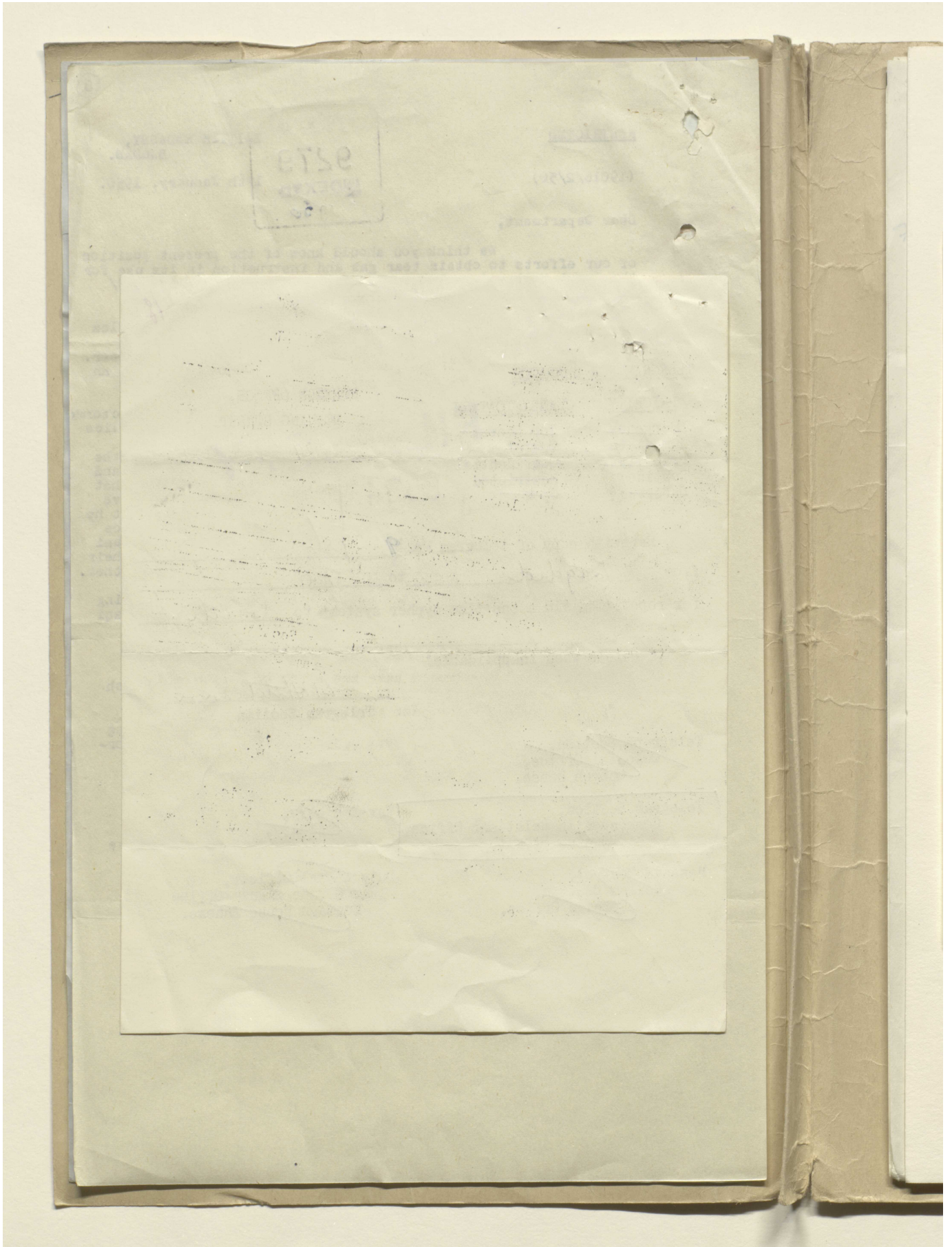


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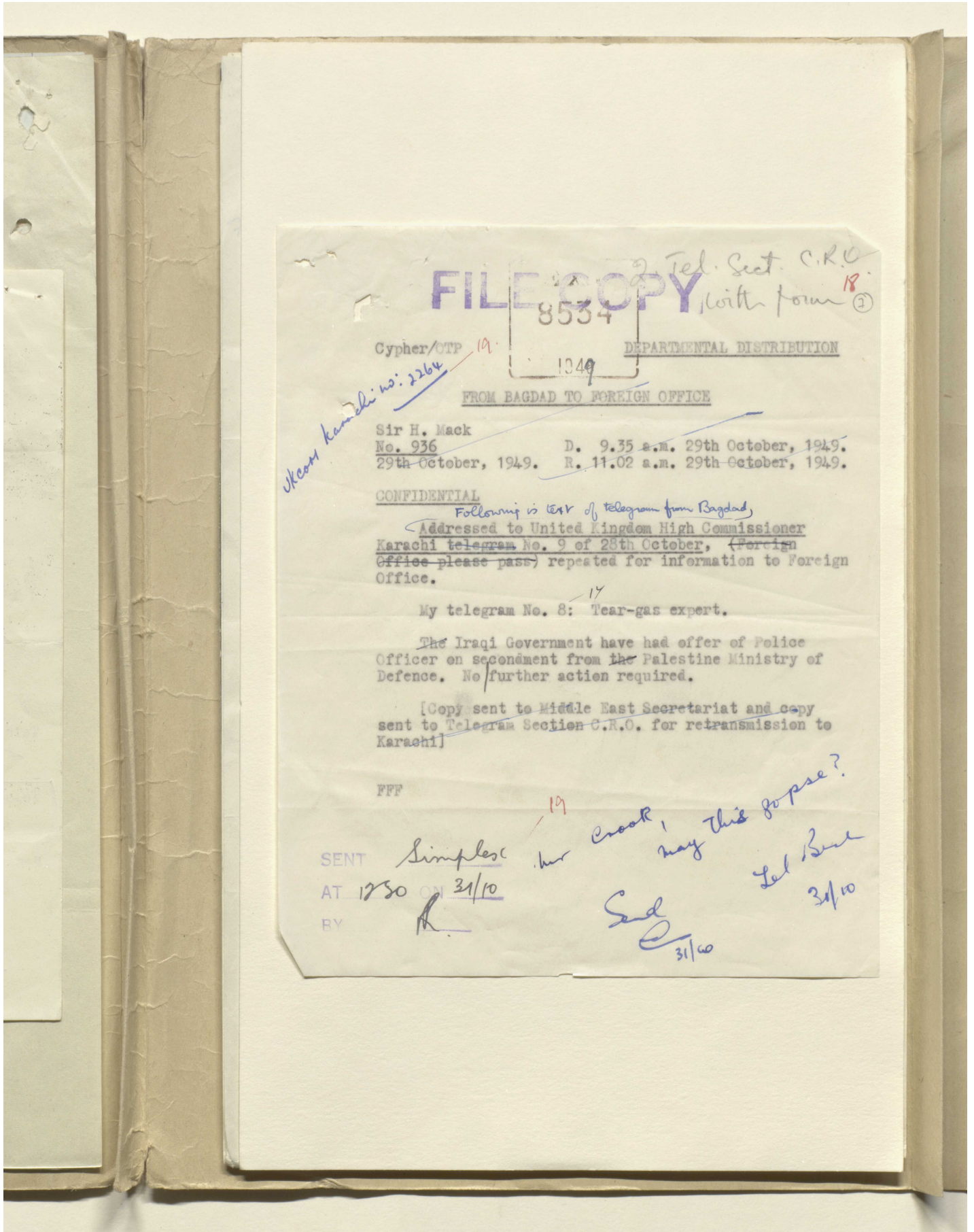


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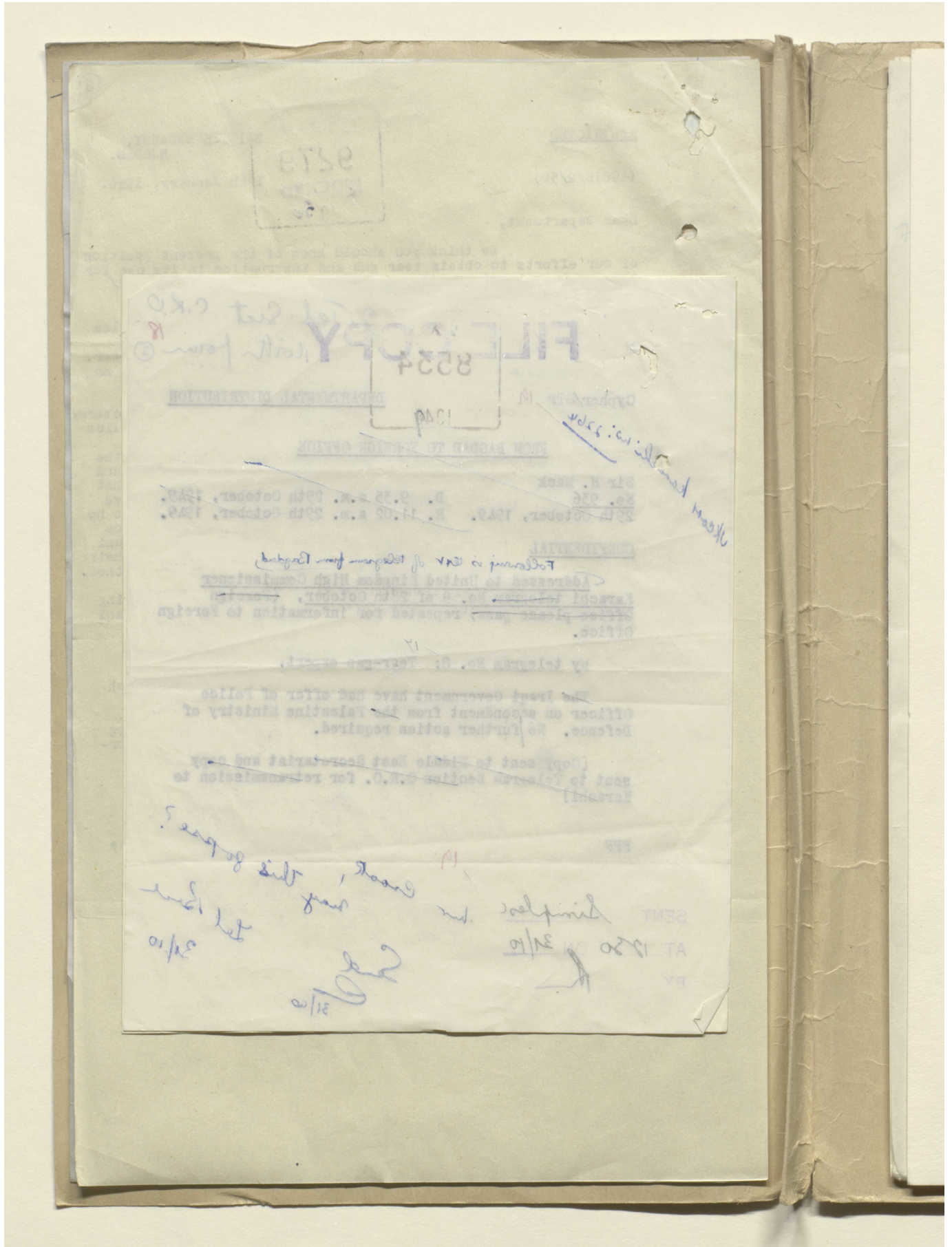


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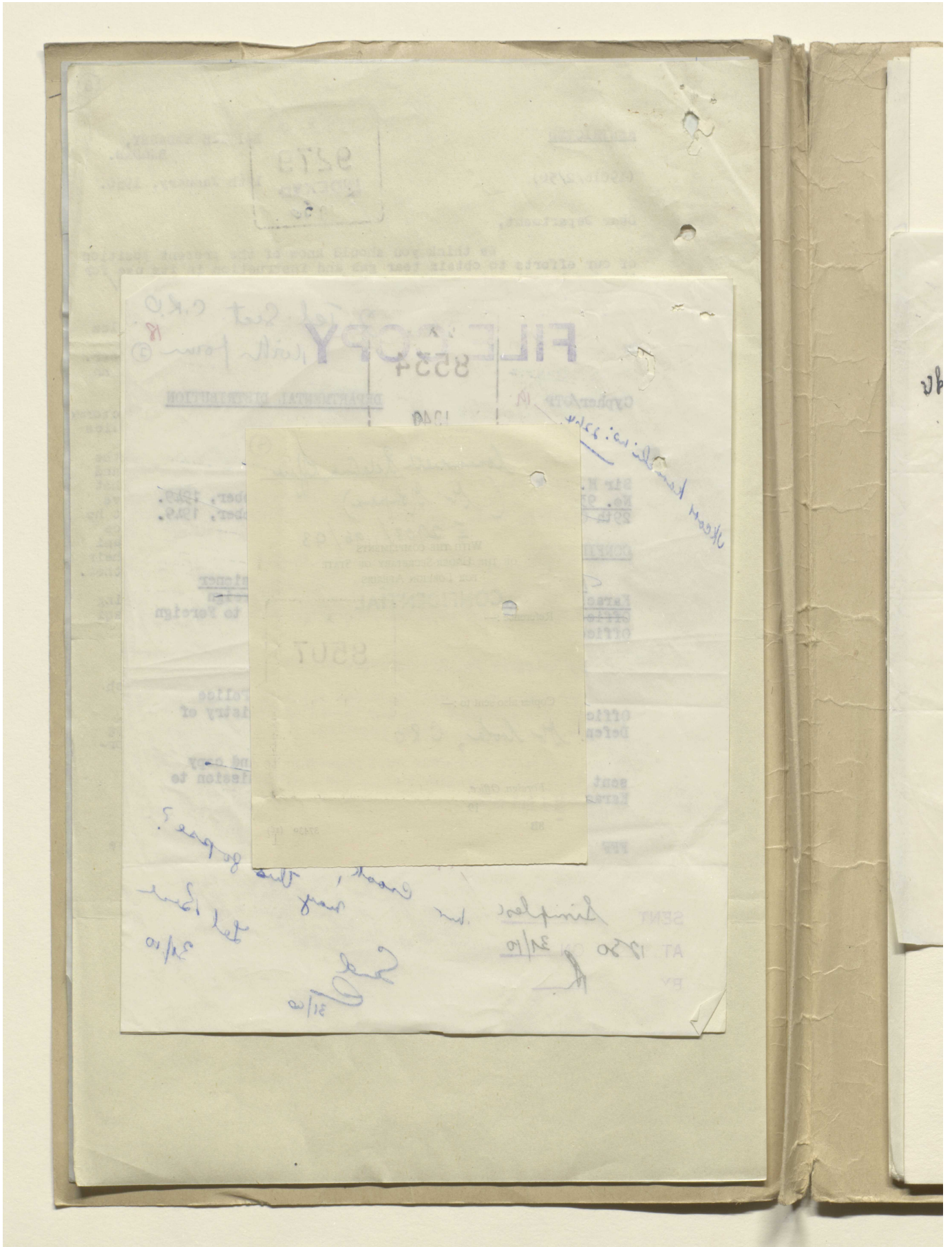


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Commonwealth Relations Office (8)  
(Mr G. Stephens)  
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FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
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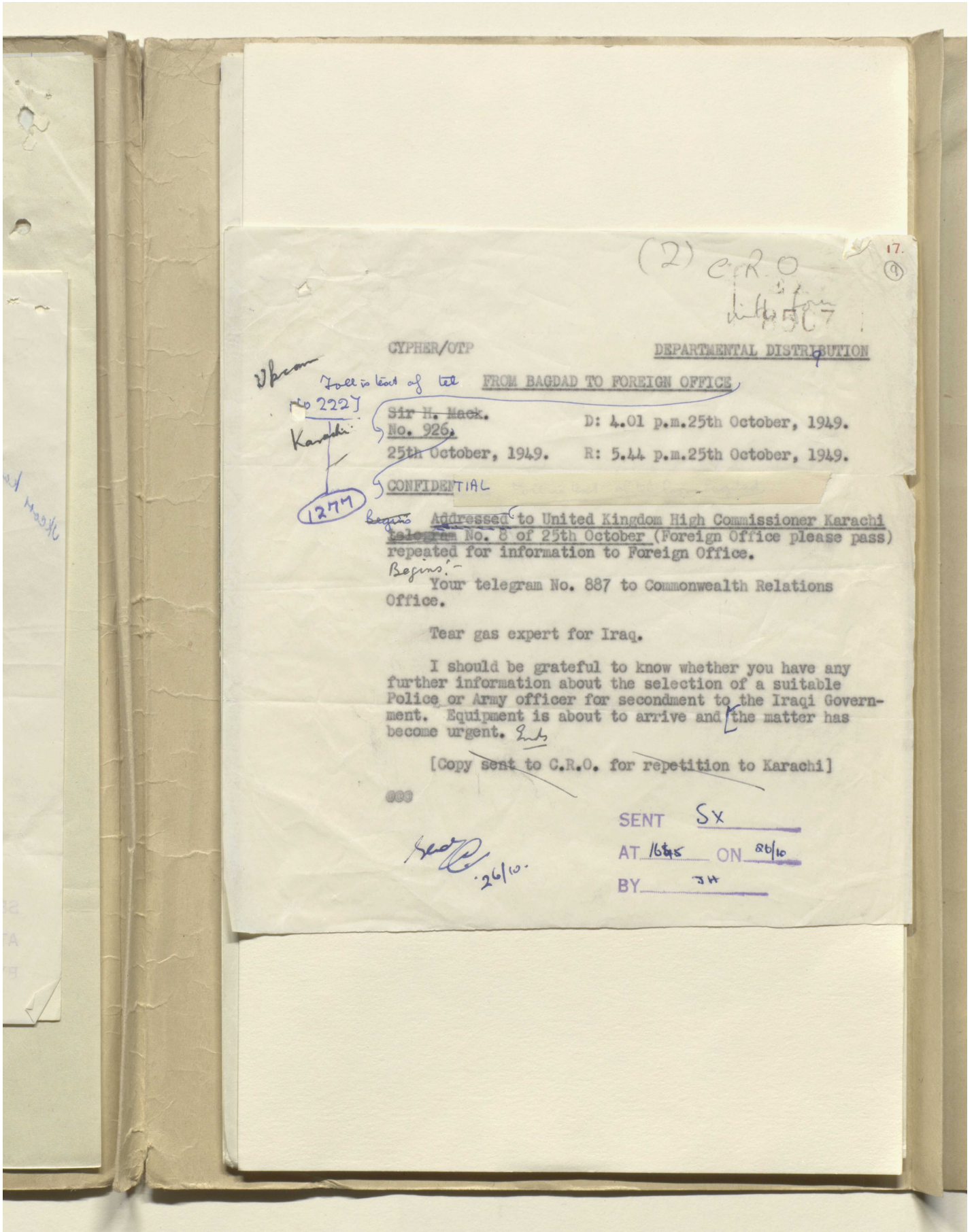


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11/10/49

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FROM BAGDAD TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir H. Mack.  
No. 926.

D: 4.01 p.m. 25th October, 1949.

25th October, 1949.

R: 5.44 p.m. 25th October, 1949.

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Addressed to United Kingdom High Commissioner Karachi  
Telegram No. 8 of 25th October (Foreign Office please pass)  
repeated for information to Foreign Office.

Replies:-

Your telegram No. 887 to Commonwealth Relations  
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Tear gas expert for Iraq.

I should be grateful to know whether you have any  
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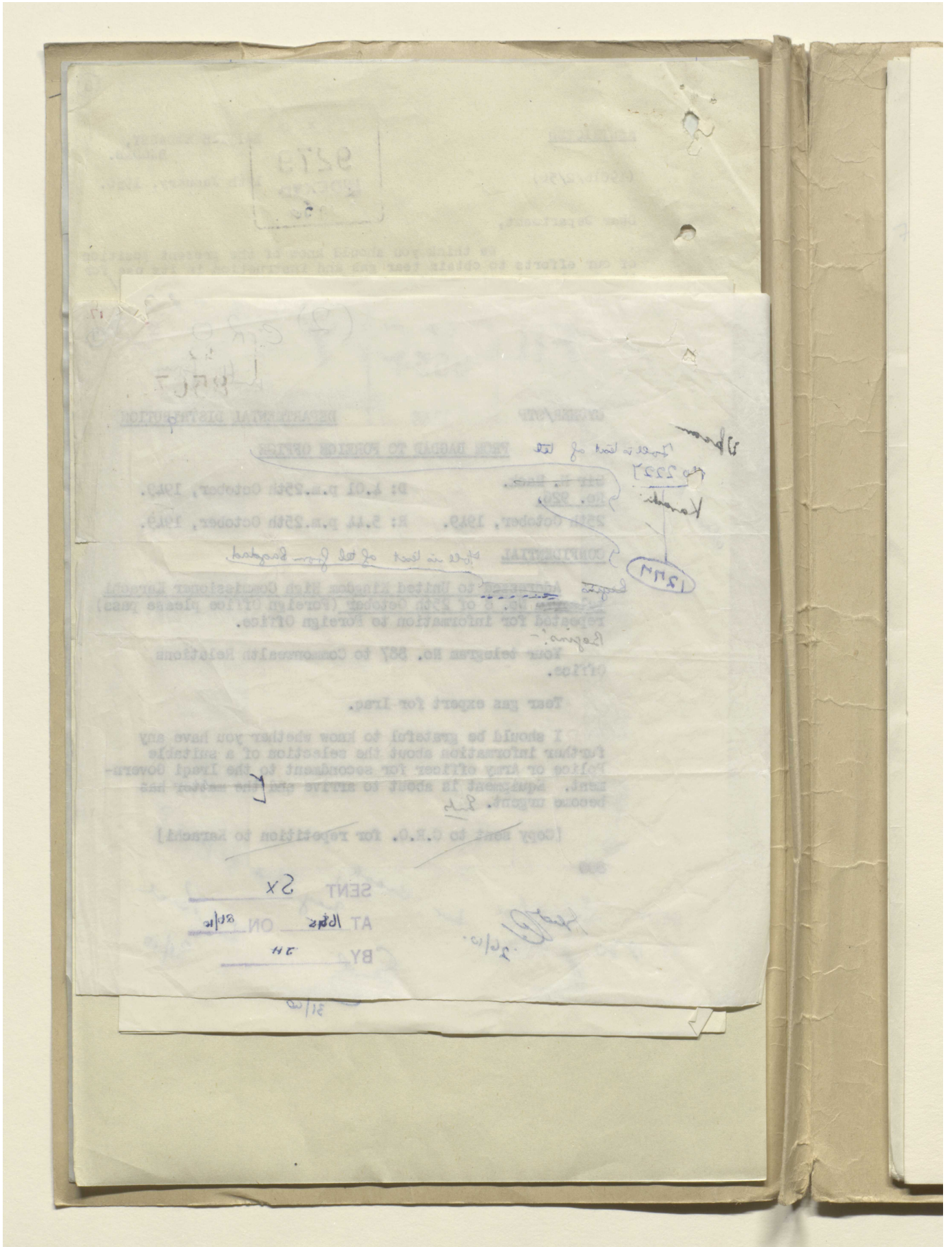
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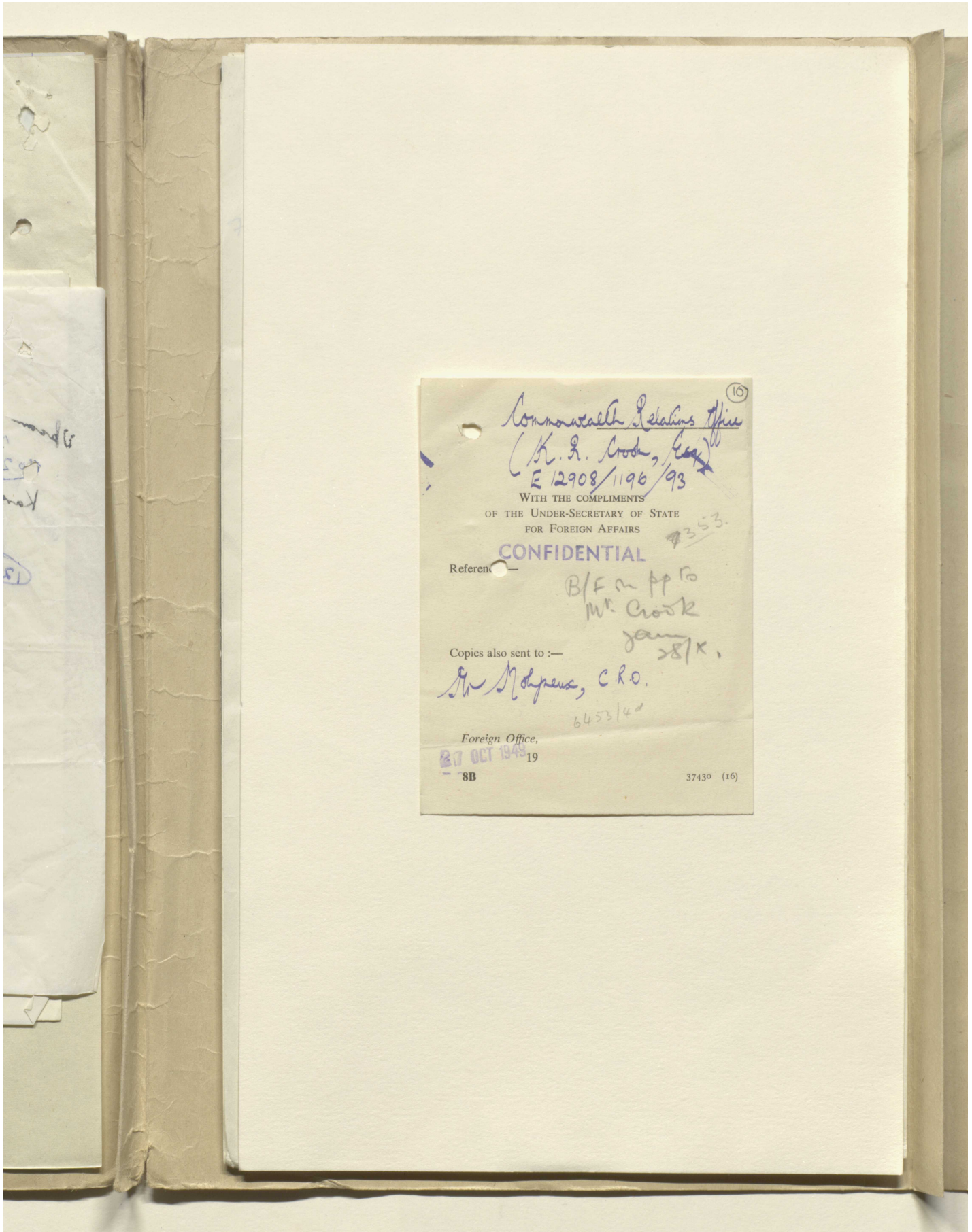


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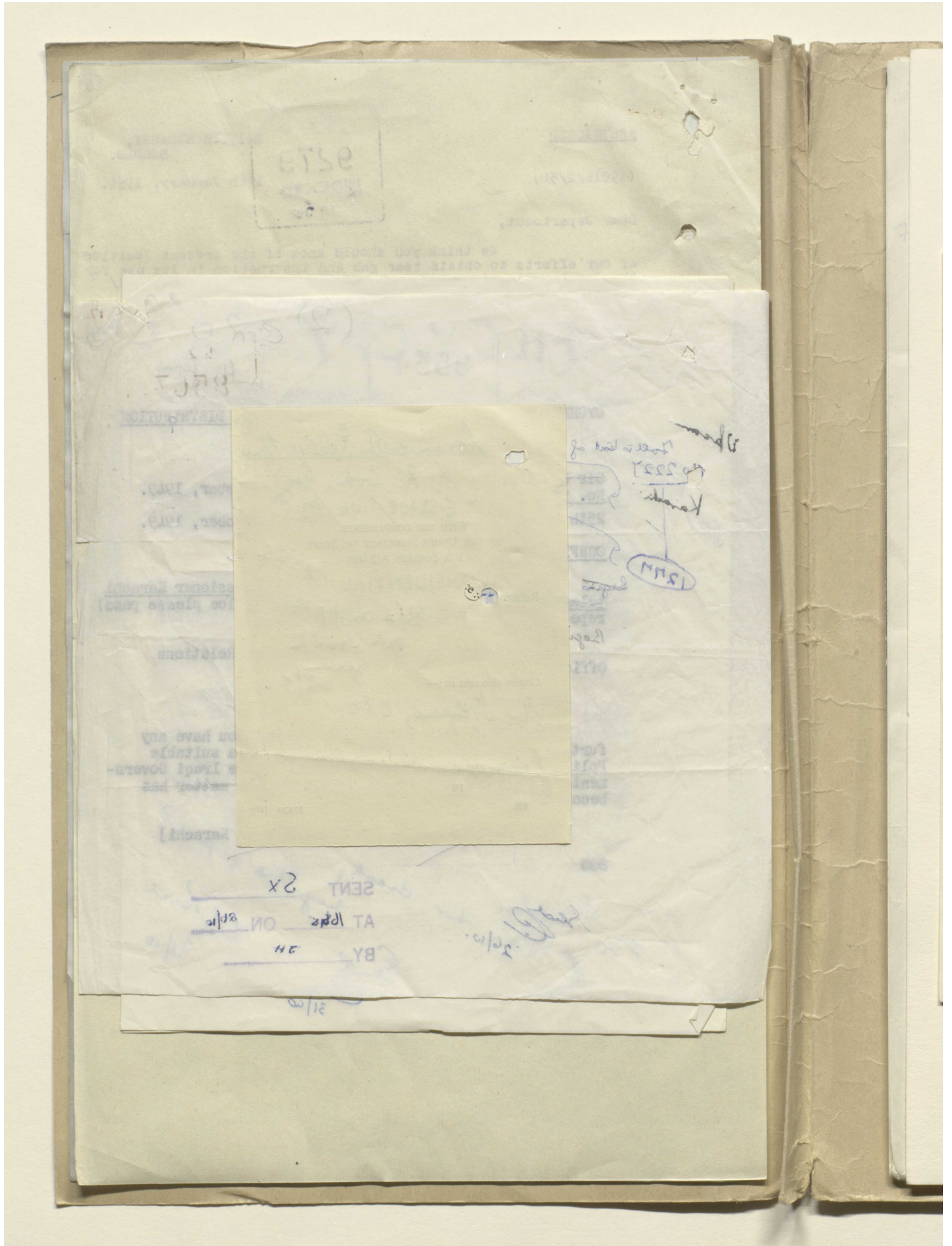


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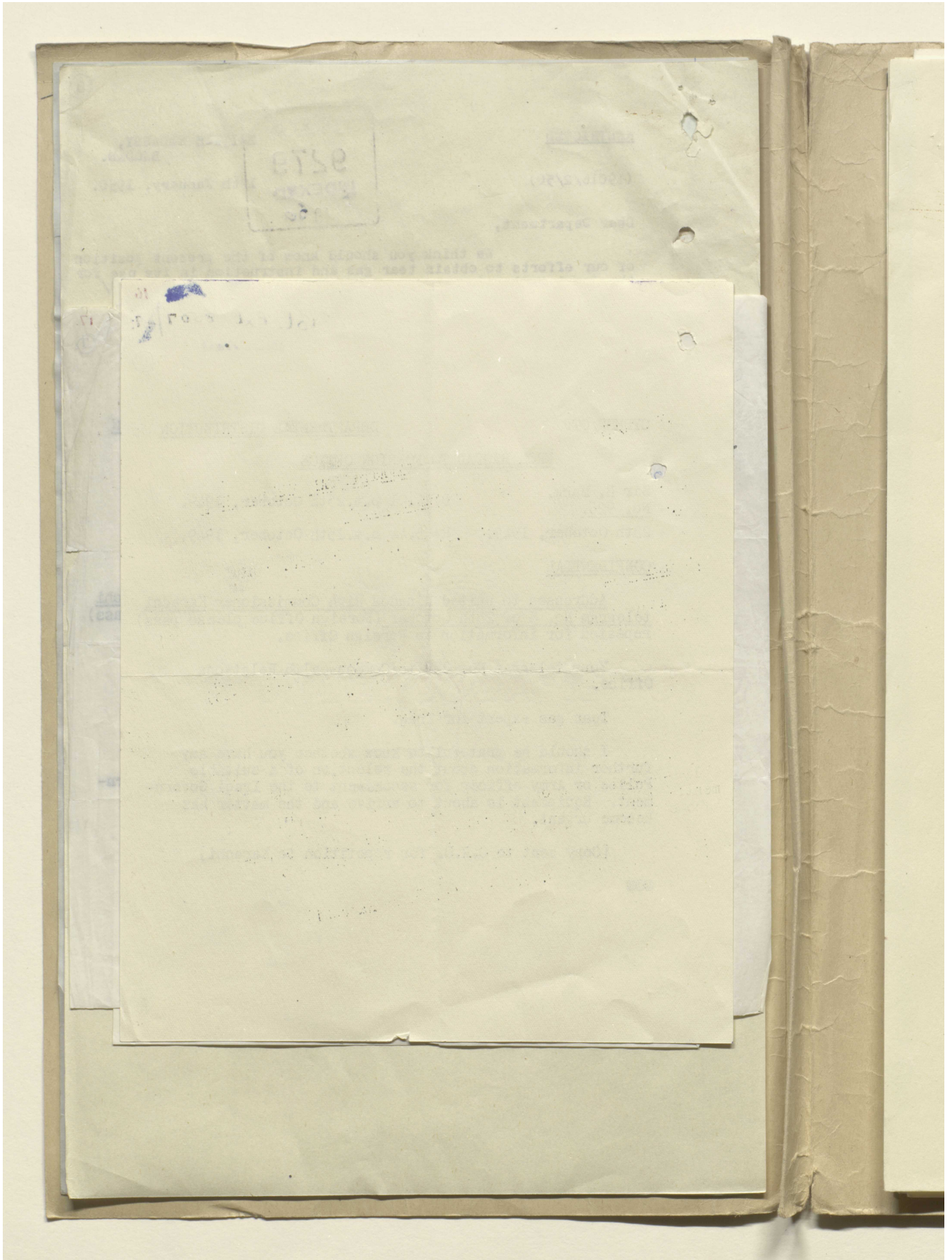
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20 JUN 1949  
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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

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CYPHER (TYPEX)

FROM: U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN PAKISTAN.

TO: COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE.

RPTD. TO: BAGHDAD.

D: KARACHI, 15.45 hours, 18th June, 1949.  
R: 22.15 hours, 18th June, 1949.

No. 887.

Addressed to Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations No. 887, repeated to Baghdad No. 429M (Commonwealth Relations Office please pass).

My telegram No. 780 of 26th May. Tear gas expert for Iraq.

I understand from Iraqi Charge d'Affaires that Pakistan cannot find a suitable police officer, but hope to be able to select a suitable army officer for secondment.

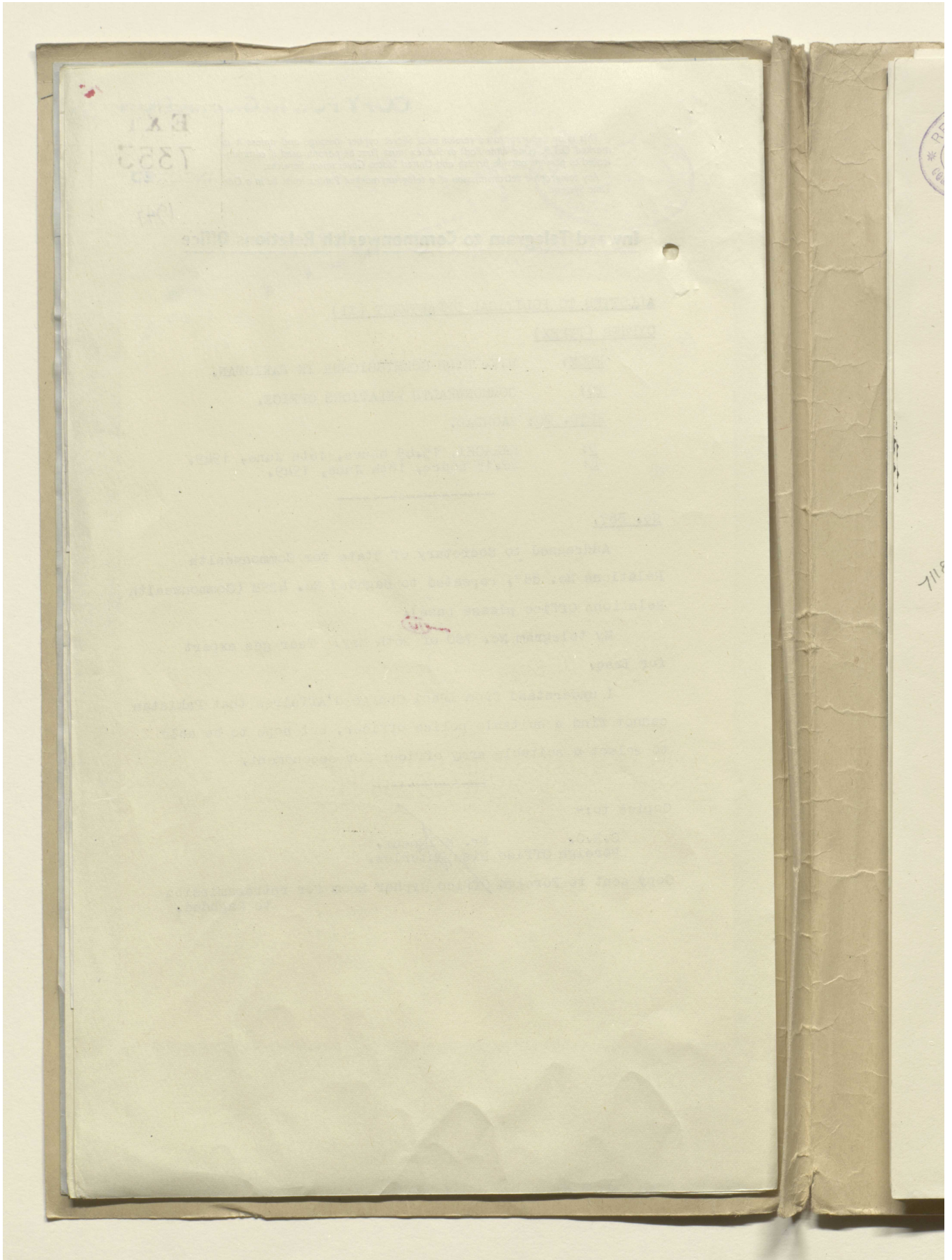
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Foreign Office Miss Waterlow.

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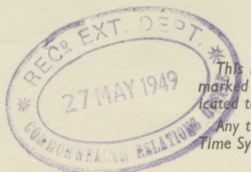
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REPTD TO: BAGHDAD

D. New Delhi, 10.50 hours, 26th May 1949  
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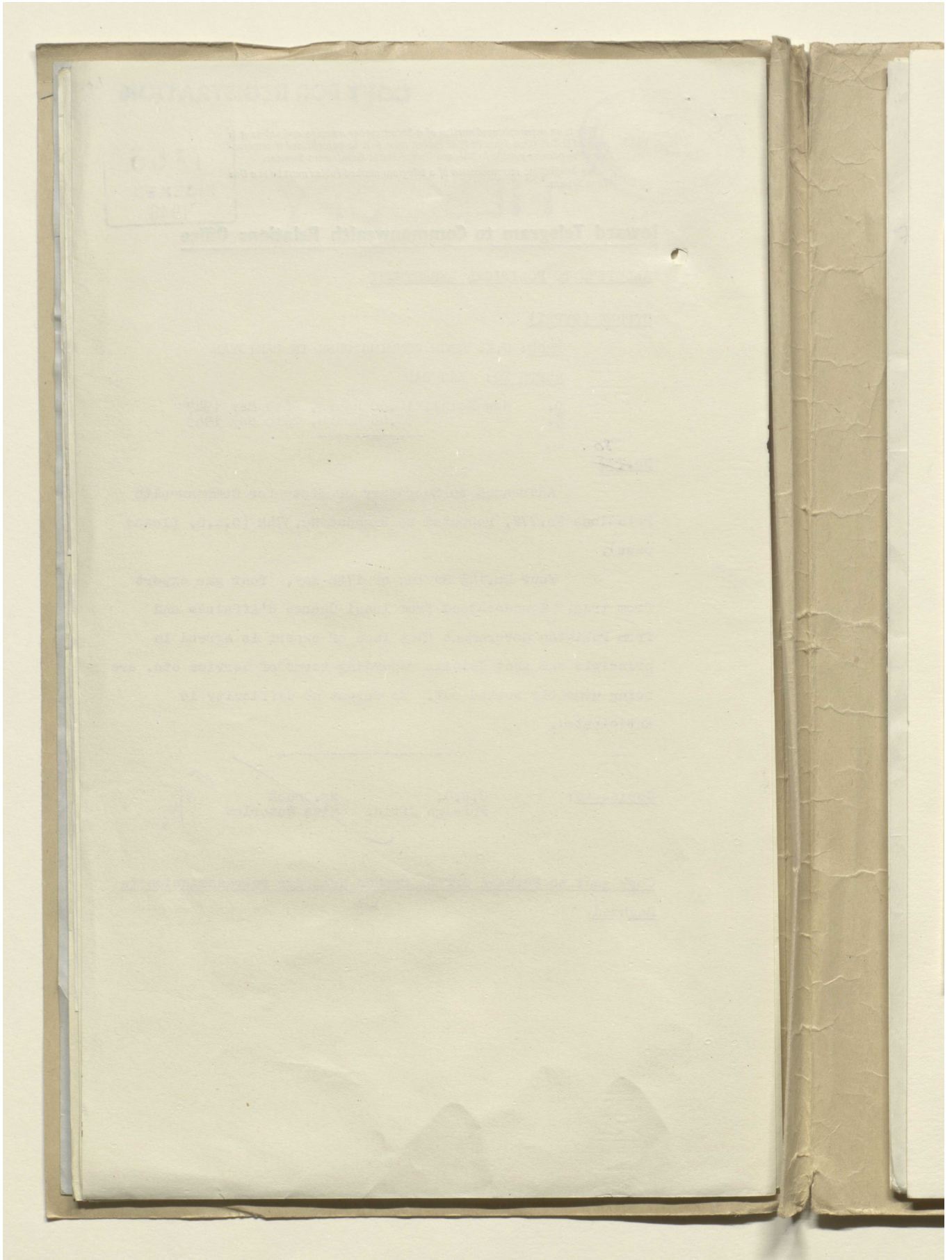
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Your No.143 Saving of 17th May. Tear gas expert from Iraq. I understand from Iraqi Charge d'Affaires and from Pakistan Government that loan of expert is agreed in principle and that details regarding terms of service etc. are being urgently worked out. No repeat no difficulty is anticipated.

Copies to: C.R.O. Mr.Crook  
Foreign Office Miss Waterlow

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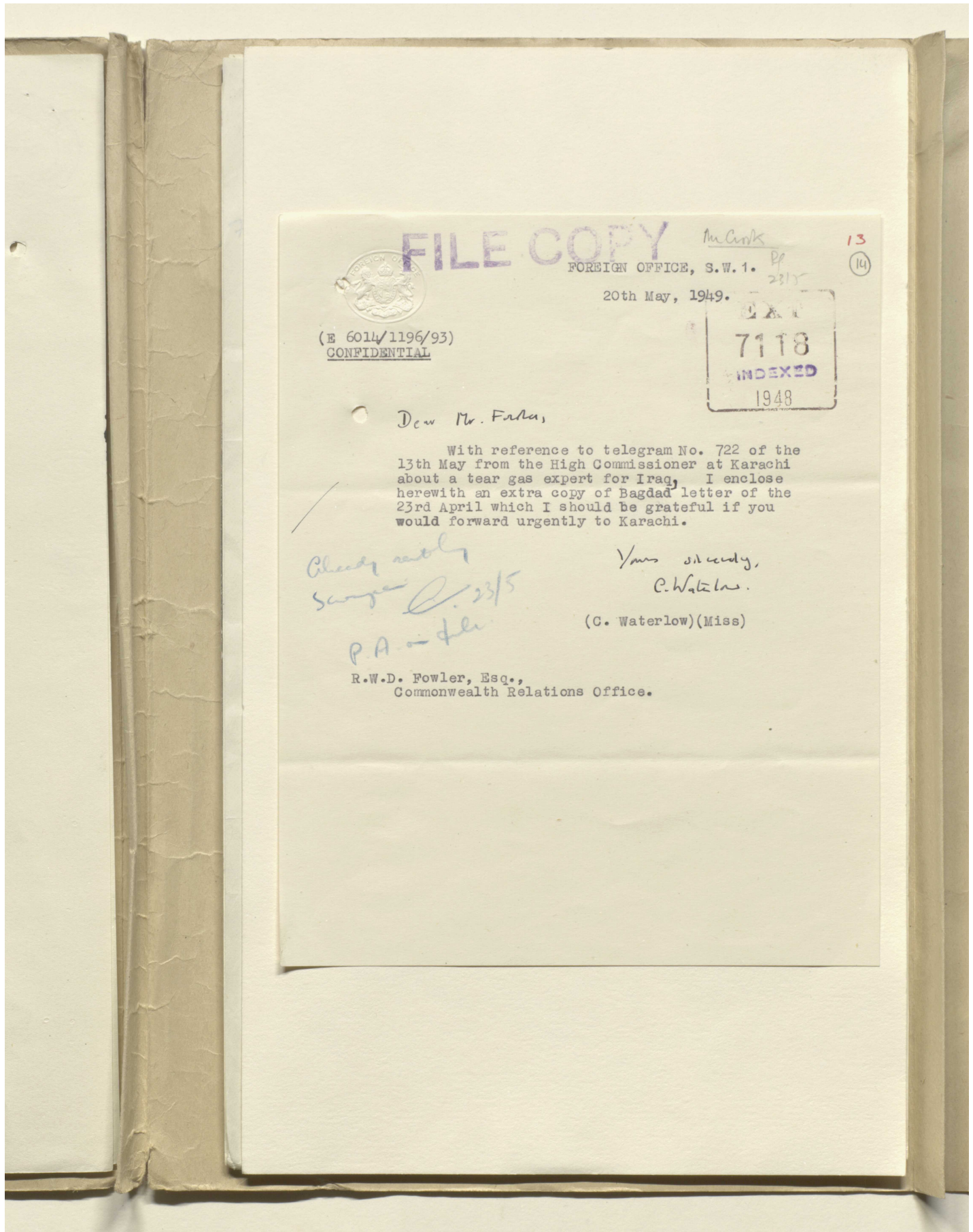


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'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [14r] (28/79)



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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1.

20th May, 1949.

(E 6014/1196/93)  
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Dear Mr. Fida,

With reference to telegram No. 722 of the 13th May from the High Commissioner at Karachi about a tear gas expert for Iraq, I enclose herewith an extra copy of Bagdad letter of the 23rd April which I should be grateful if you would forward urgently to Karachi.

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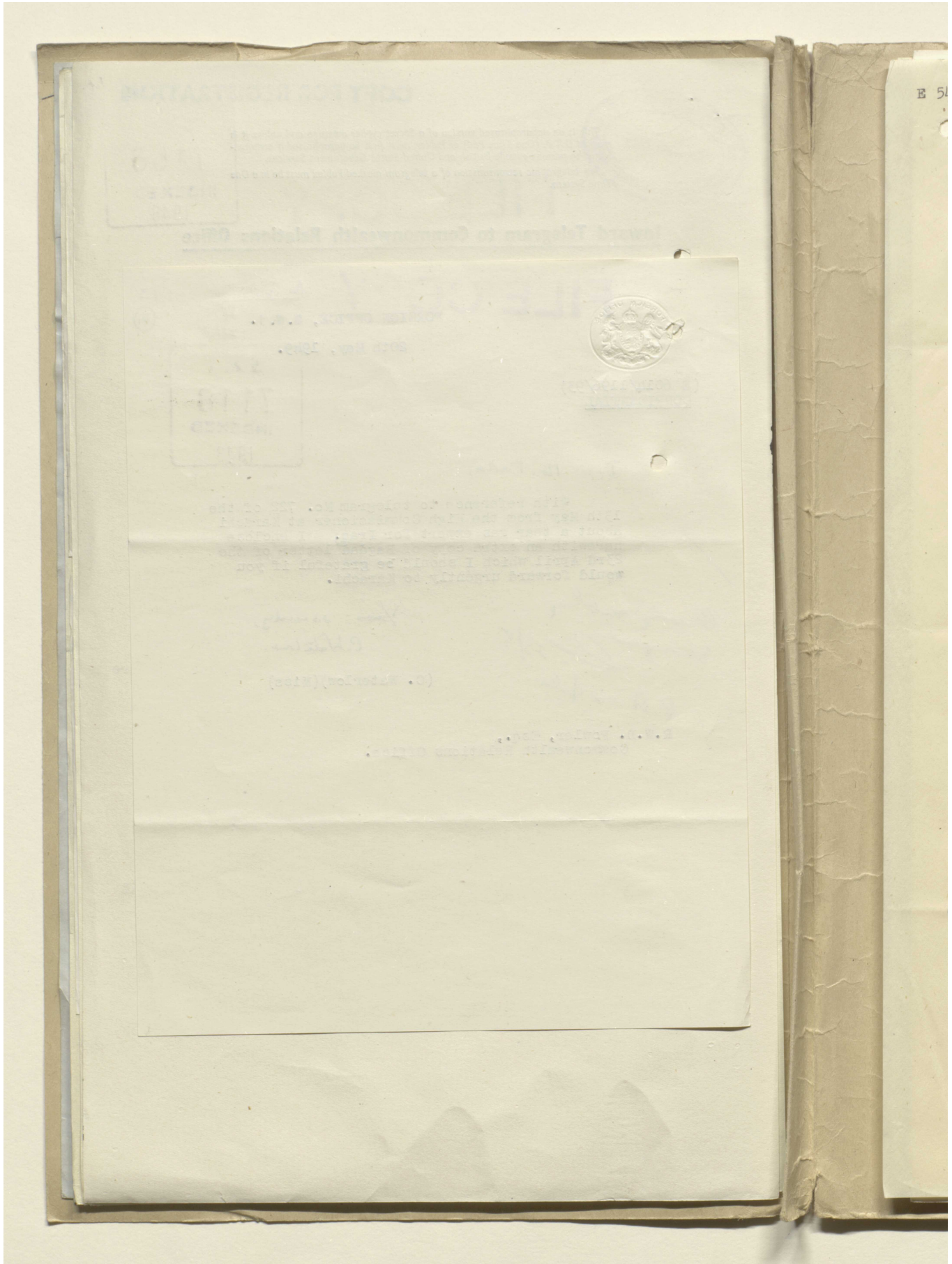
Yours sincerely,  
C. Waterlow.

(C. Waterlow)(Miss)

R.W.D. Fowler, Esq.,  
Commonwealth Relations Office.



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(29/20/49)

British Embassy,  
Bagdad.

23rd April, 1949. 7118

1948

Dear Office,

Your telegram No.348 of the 8th March to the Commonwealth Relations Office about the recruitment of an expert in tear-gas for the Iraqi Police.

The Head of the Political Department in the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs has told us that the Iraqi Chargé d'Affaires in Karachi has been instructed to ask the Pakistan Government for the names and particulars of suitable candidates for this post.

We have also heard from the United States Embassy here that the United States Government have given a licence for the export of the tear-gas equipment. A member of the United States Embassy has discussed the matter with the Director of the Iraqi C.I.D., who has pointed out that this equipment will be useless unless the Iraqis can get an expert at the same time to teach them how to use it. The United States Embassy have therefore suggested that if we cannot provide an expert we might consider asking for an American. They think they could get one seconded free of charge to the Iraqi Government from the "riot squad" of the New York or Detroit police.

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We are sending a copy of this letter to the Middle East Secretariat in the Foreign Office.

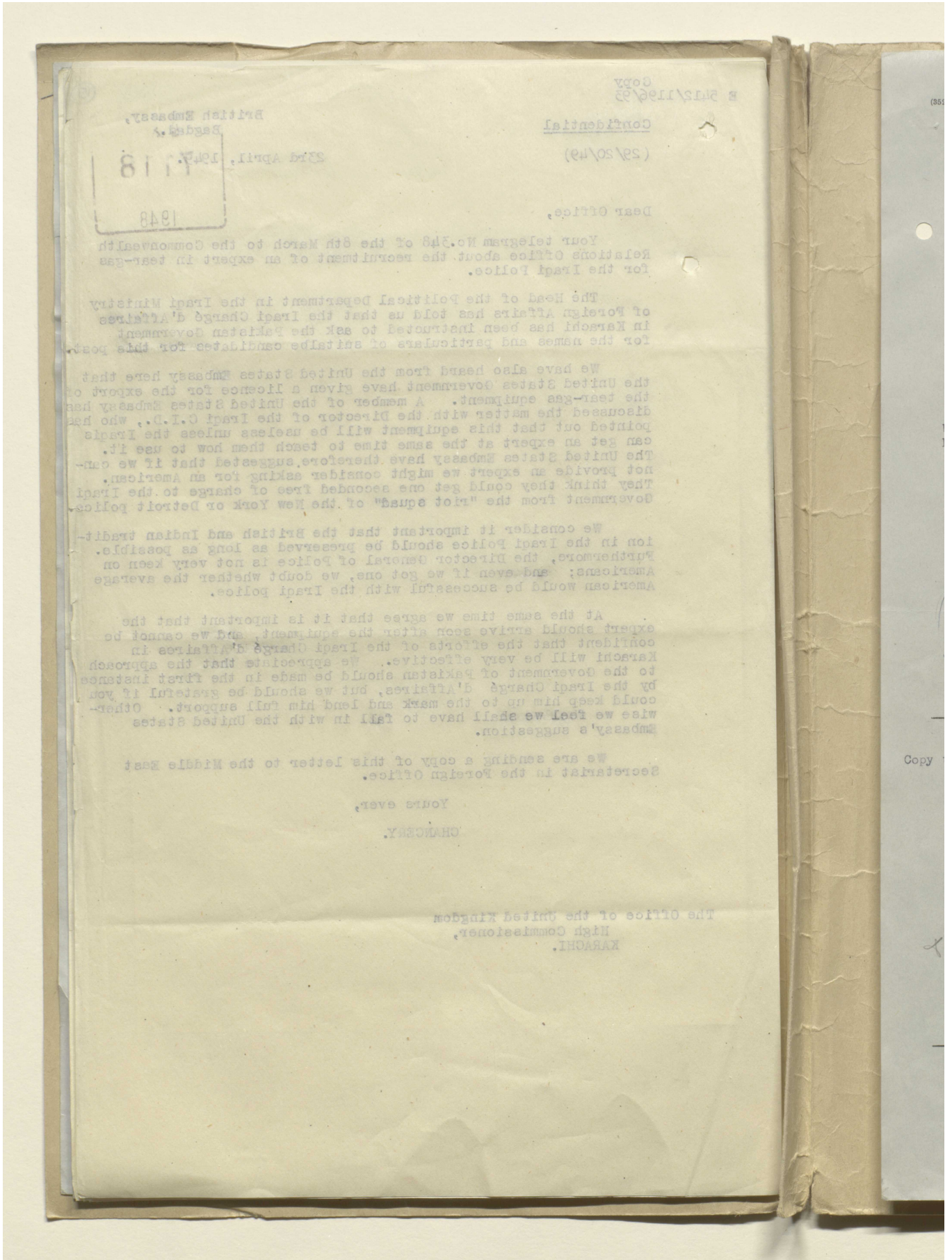
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CHANCERY.

The Office of the United Kingdom  
High Commissioner,  
KARACHI.



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Yours ever,  
CHAMBERLAIN

The Office of the United Kingdom  
High Commissioner,  
KARACHI.

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C.R.O.

Mr. Crook

United Kingdom High Commissioner, Pakistan No 143

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Your telegram No. 722 of 13th May. Tear gas expert for Iraq. Following is the text of Embassy Baghdad's letter <sup>to your office</sup> No. 29/20/49 of 23rd April. Begins:-

Parly. U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State

"Dear Office,

**DRAFT** SAVINGRAM

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Karachi.

*No 143 Saving*

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Further action.

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(Miss Waterlow).

*12 Saving Hays*

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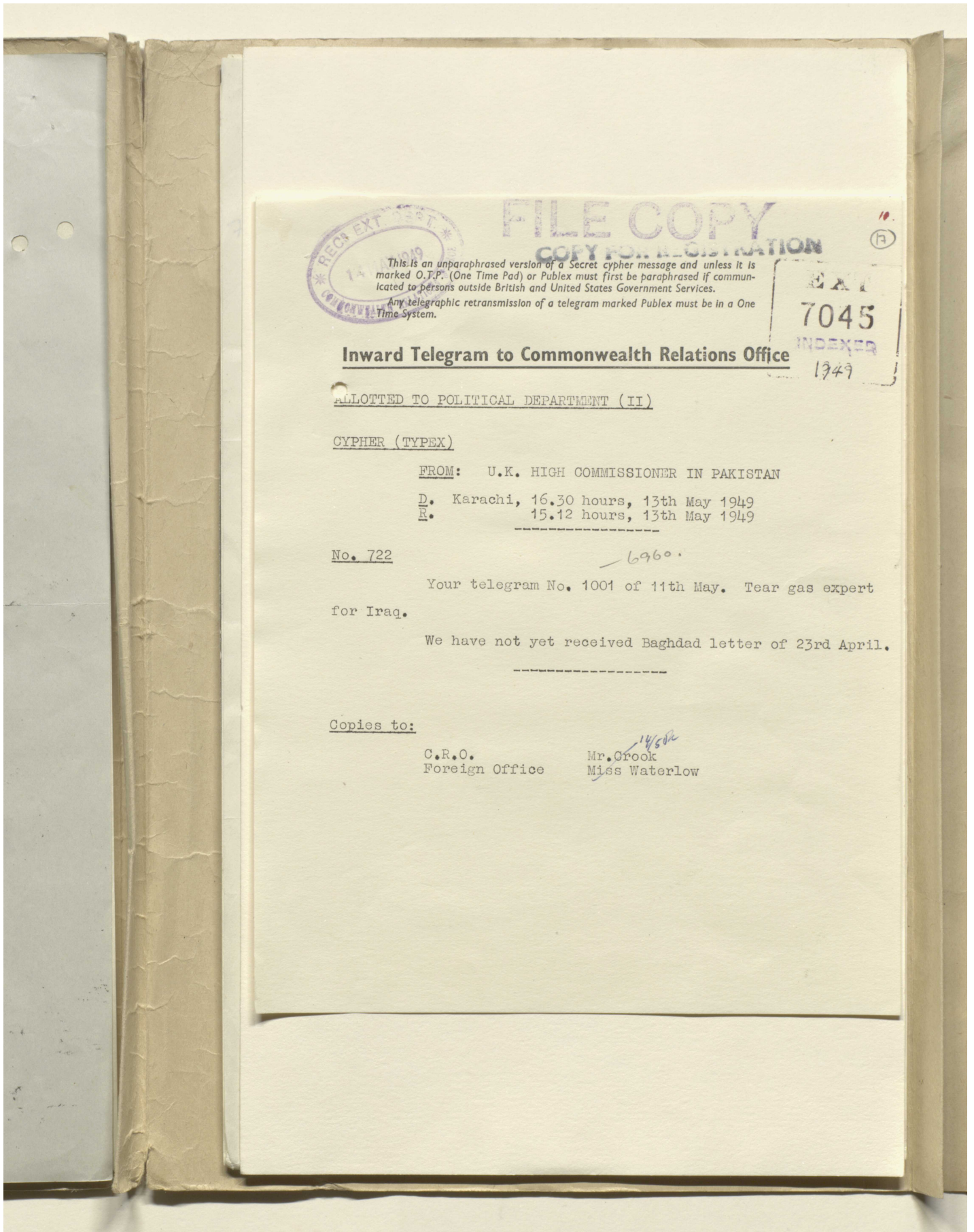
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Yours ever,

CHANCERY".

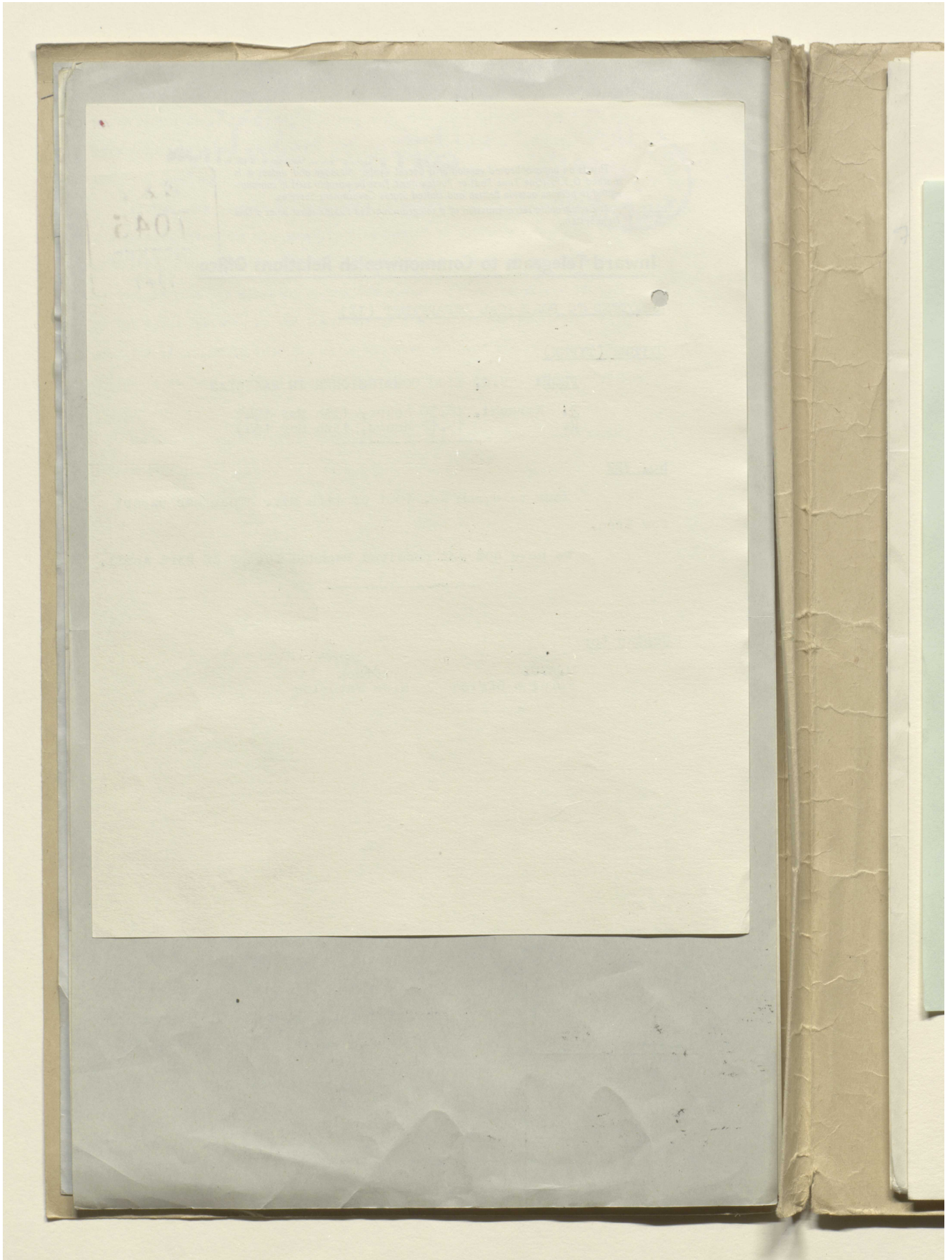


'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [17r] (34/79)





'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [18v] (35/79)





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**Outward Telegram from Commonwealth Relations Office**

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT (II)  
POL. EXT. 6960/49.

CYPHER (TYPEX)

TO: U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN PAKISTAN.

RPTD. TO: U.K. AMBASSADOR, BAGHDAD (SAVING).

(SENT 15.40 hours, 11th May, 1949).

No. 1001.

Addressed to U.K. High Commissioner in Pakistan  
No. 1001, repeated to U.K. Ambassador, Baghdad  
No. Misc. 518 Saving.

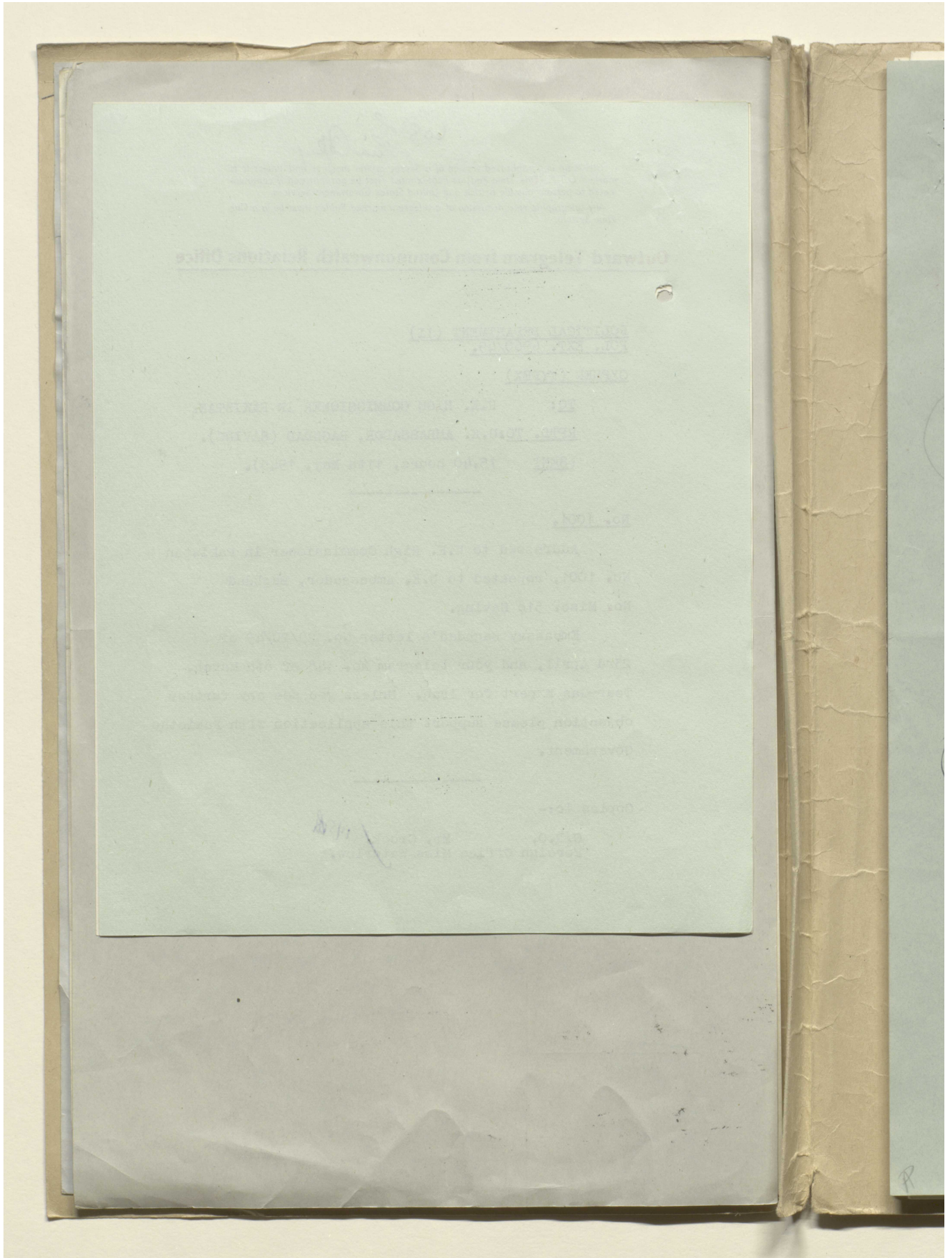
Embassy Baghdad's letter No. 29/20/49 of  
23rd April, and your telegram No. 348 of 8th March.  
Tear-Gas Expert for Iraq. Unless you see any further  
objection please support this application with Pakistan  
Government.

Copies to:-

C.R.O. Mr. Crook 14528  
Foreign Office Miss Waterlow.



'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [19v] (37/79)





'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [19r] (38/79)

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**DRAFT TELEGRAM**

No. Pol Ext 6960/49.

For UKCOM Karachi No. 1001 repeated Saving  
No. MISC 578  
to Baghdad, Embassy Baghdad's letter  
No. 29/20/49 of 23rd April, and your telegram  
No. 348 of 8th March. Tear-Gas Expert for Iraq. Unless you see any  
further objection please support this  
application with Pakistan Government.

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From Secretary of State for  
Commonwealth Relations

To U.K. High Commissioner  
Karachi

Repeated to U.K. Ambassador,  
Baghdad (Saving)  
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AT 15:00 hrs ON 11/5/49

BY JA

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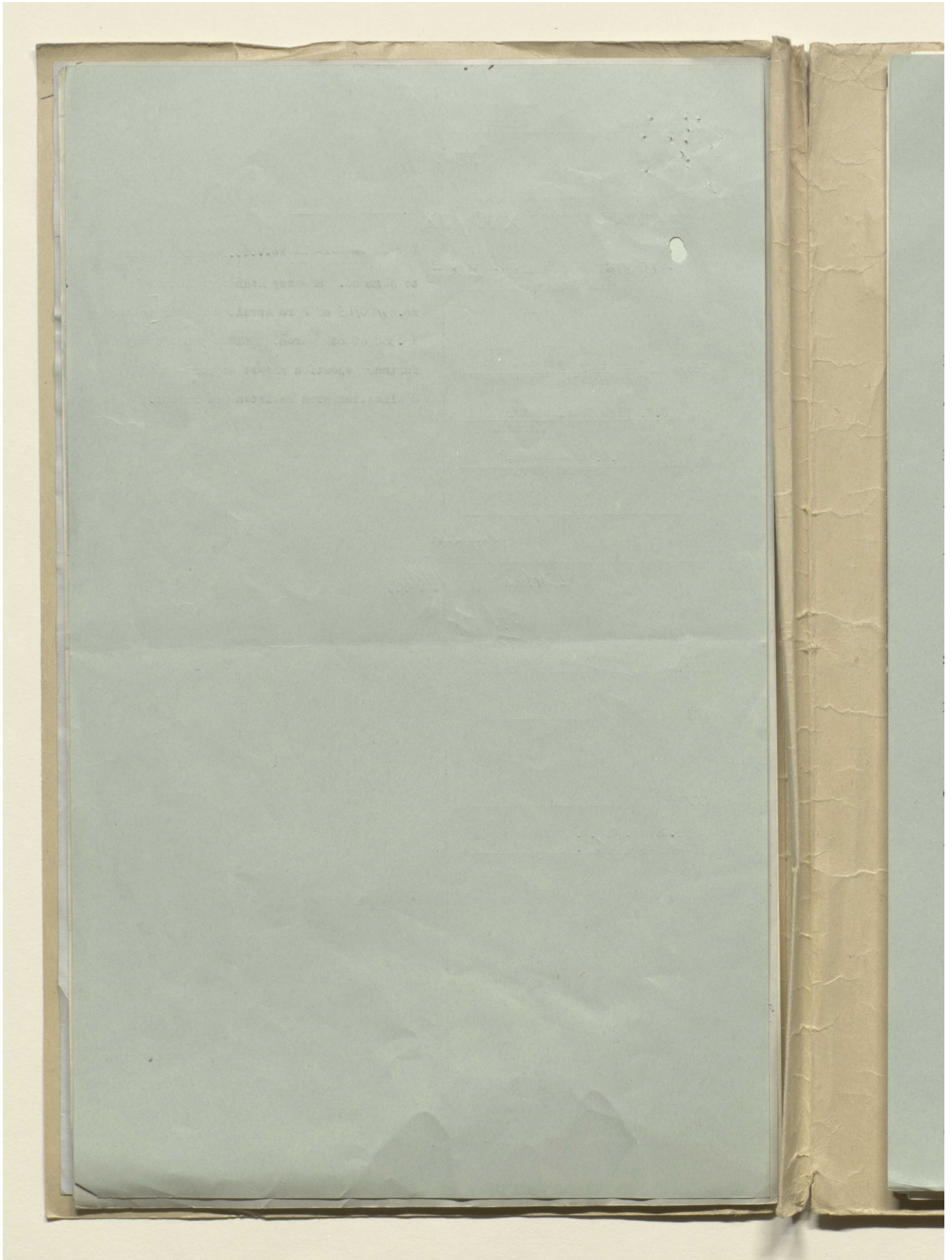
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Mr. Crook. C.R.O. 11/5/49  
Miss Waterlow, F.O.

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**DRAFT TELEGRAM**

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CYPHER .....

Addressed to UKCOM Karachi No.

Repeated Saving to Baghdad.

From Commonwealth Relations Office.

*Embassy Baghdad's letter No. 29/20/49 of 23rd April & your telegram No. 348 of 8th March, and*

To United Kingdom High Commissioner in Pakistan.

*Foreign Office telegram to Baghdad No. 238 of 14th March. Tear gas expert for Iraq. New*

Repeated to Embassy Baghdad (Saving)

understand that Iraqi Chargé d' Affaires in Karachi has been instructed to ask the Pakistan Government for names and particulars of suitable candidates for this post. Unless you see any objection please support this application with Pakistan Government.

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*For your information there is a possibility that unless a suitable candidate can be found in Pakistan, it may be necessary to employ an American expert, and we should like to avoid this if possible.*

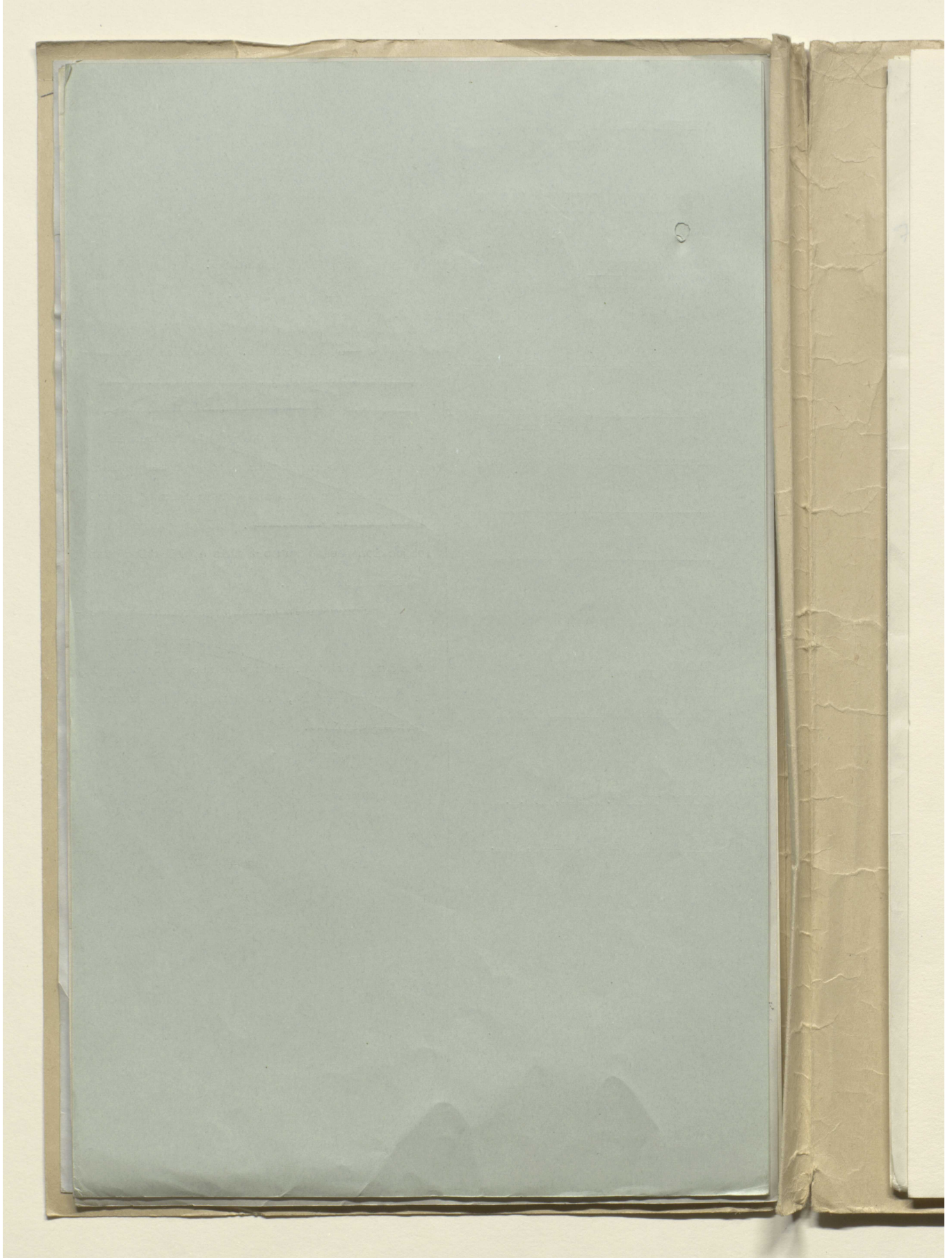
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..... Miss Waterlow, F.O.....

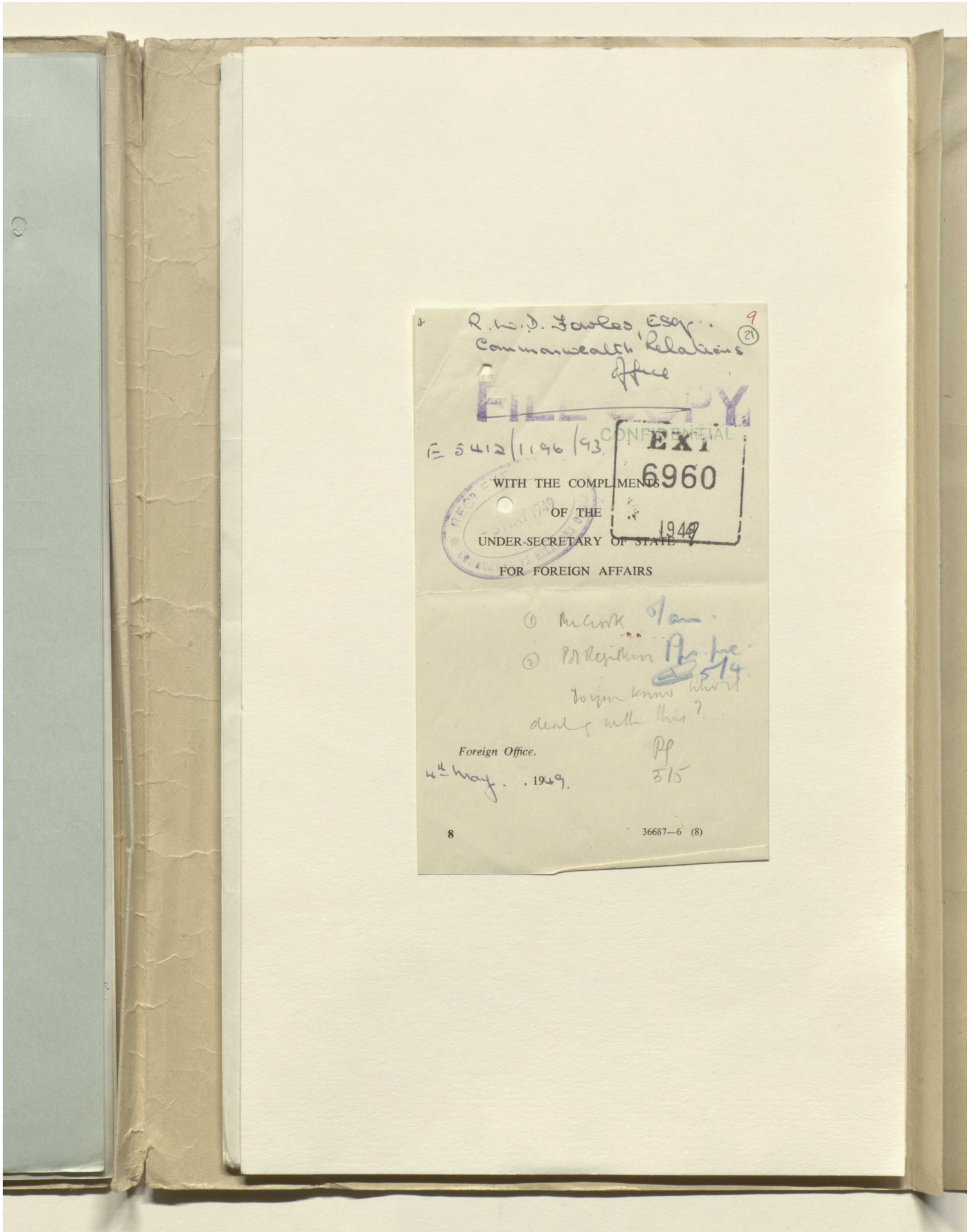


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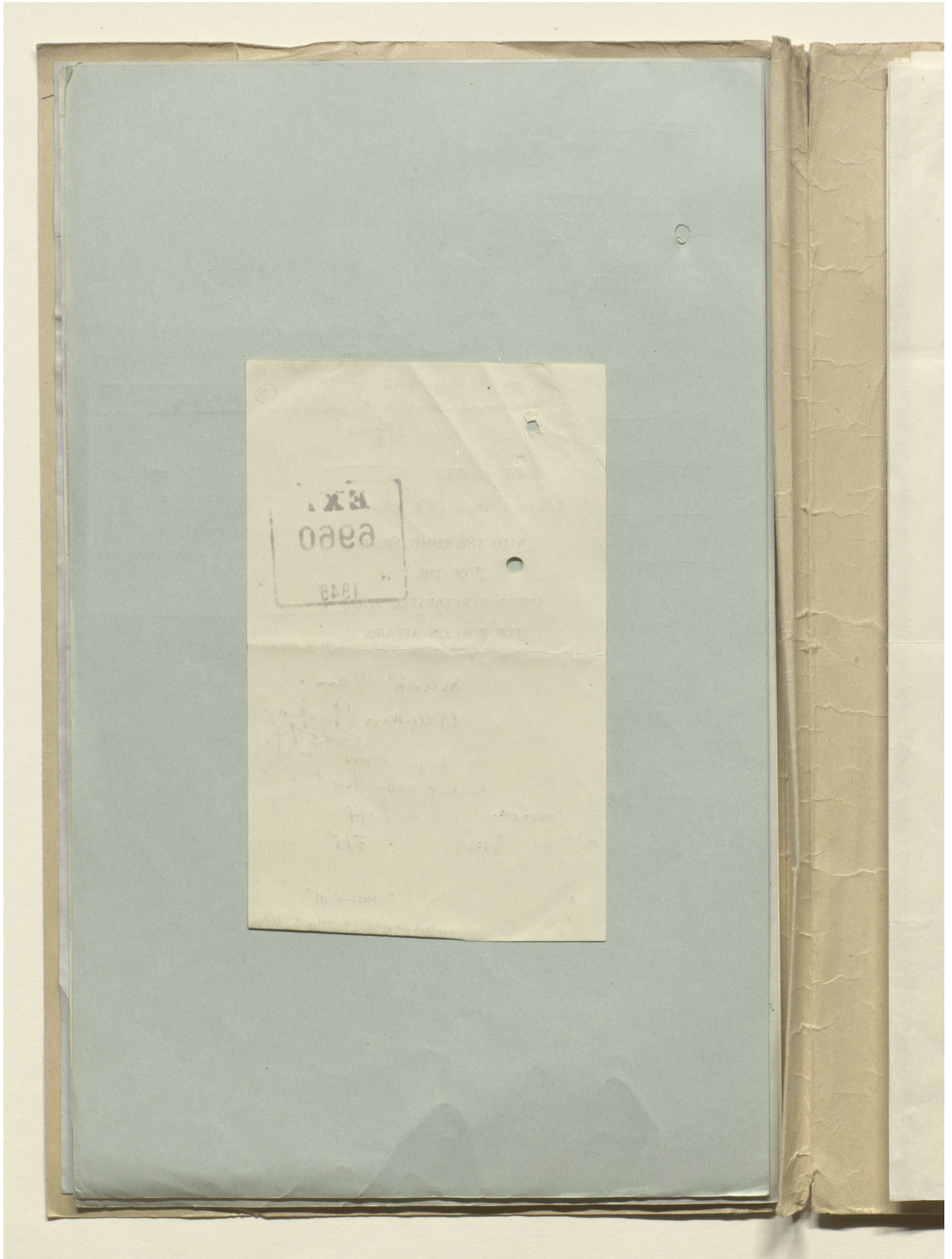


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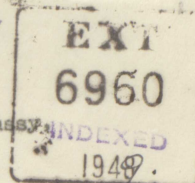


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British Embassy

BAGDAD

23rd April, 1949

(29/20/49)

Dear Office,

Your telegram No. 348 of the 8th March to the Commonwealth Relations Office about the recruitment of an expert in tear-gas for the Iraqi Police.

The Head of the Political Department in the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs has told us that the Iraqi Chargé d'Affaires in Karachi has been instructed to ask the Pakistan Government for the names and particulars of suitable candidates for this post.

We have also heard from the United States Embassy here that the United States Government have given a licence for the export of the tear-gas equipment. A member of the United States Embassy has discussed the matter with the Director of the Iraqi C.I.D., who has pointed out that this equipment will be useless unless the Iraqis can get an expert at the same time to teach them how to use it. The United States Embassy have therefore suggested that if we cannot provide an expert we might consider asking for an American. They think they could get one seconded free of charge to the Iraqi Government from the 'riot squad' of the New York or Detroit police.

We consider it important that the British and Indian tradition in the Iraqi Police should be preserved as long as possible. Furthermore, the Director General of Police is not very keen on Americans; and even if we got one, we doubt whether the average American would be successful with the Iraqi police.

At the same time we agree that it is important that the expert should arrive soon after the equipment, and we cannot be confident that the efforts of the Iraqi Chargé d'Affaires in Karachi will be very effective. We appreciate that the approach to the Government of Pakistan should be made in the first instance by the Iraqi Chargé d'Affaires, but we should be grateful if you could keep him up to the mark and lend him full support. Otherwise we feel we shall have to fall in with the United States Embassy's suggestion.

We are sending a copy of this letter to the Middle East Secretariat in the Foreign Office.

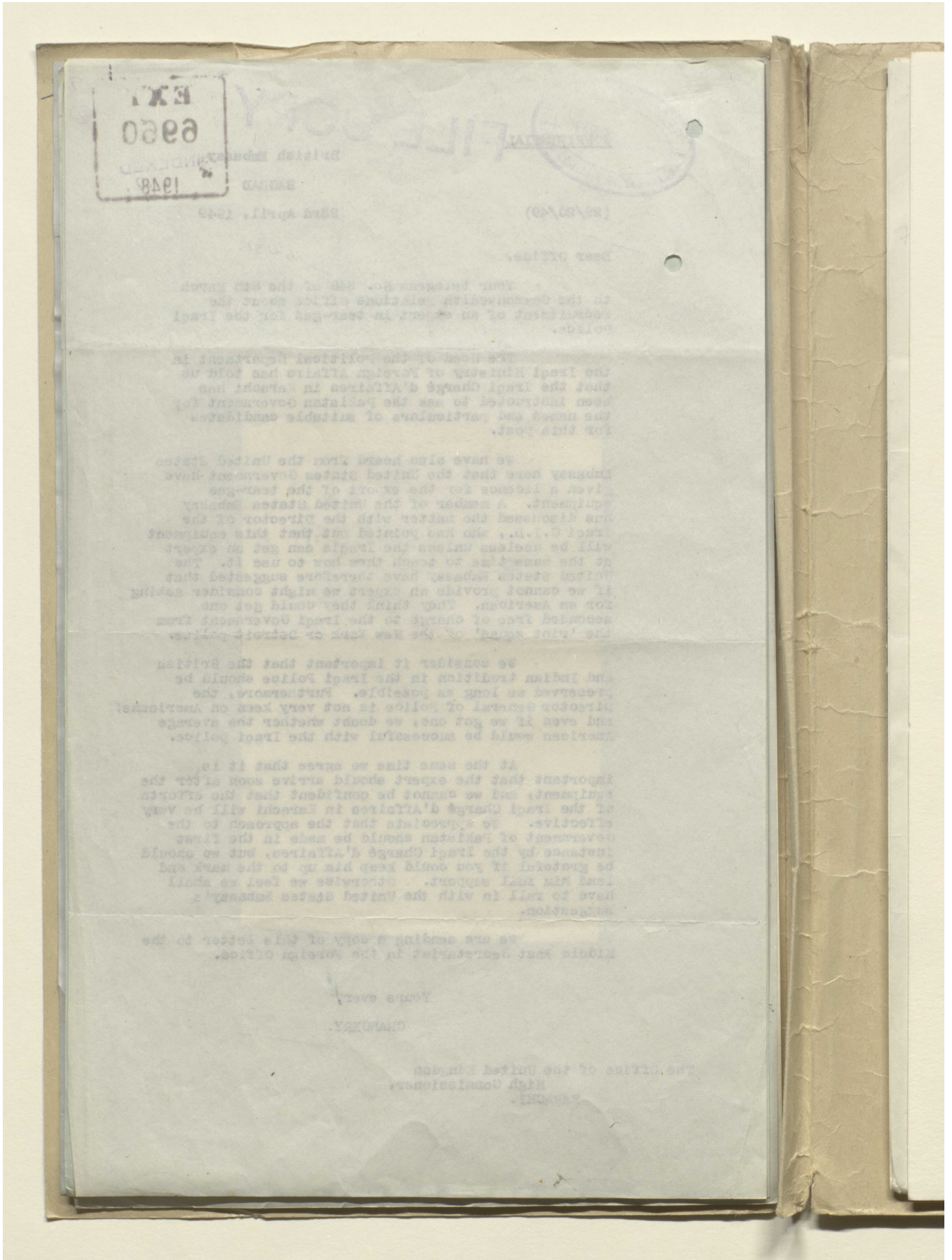
Yours ever,

CHANGERY.

The Office of the United Kingdom  
High Commissioner,  
KARACHI.

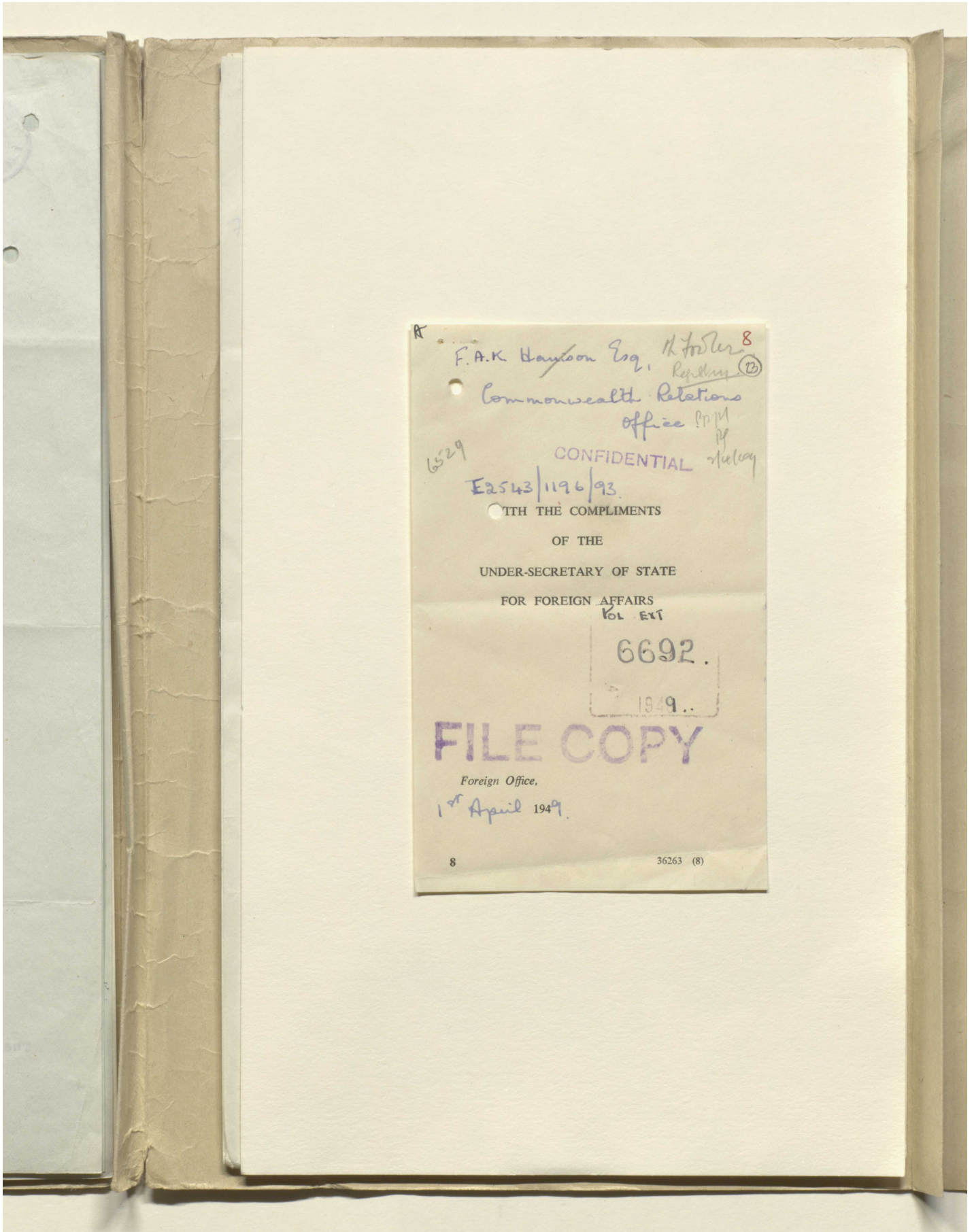


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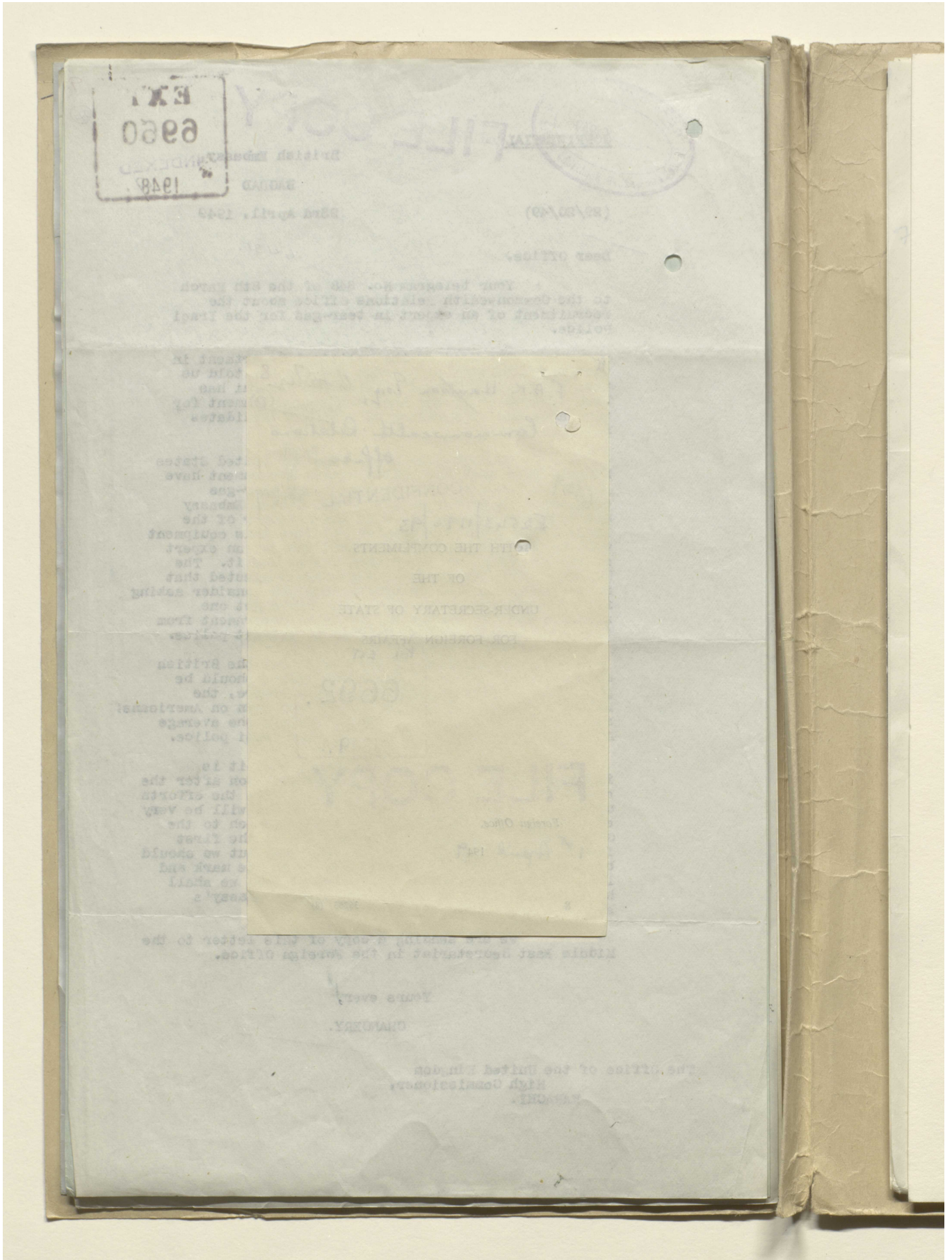


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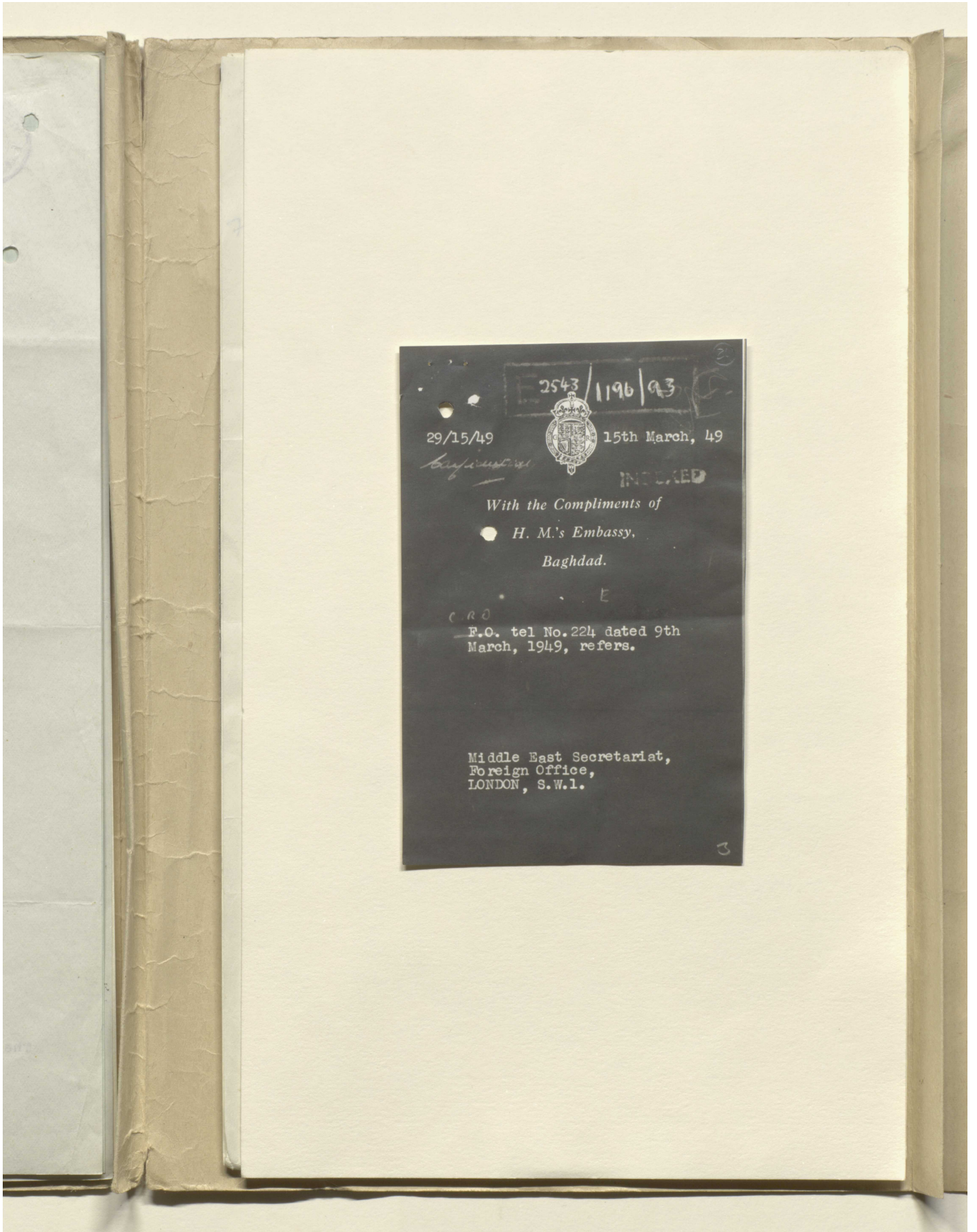


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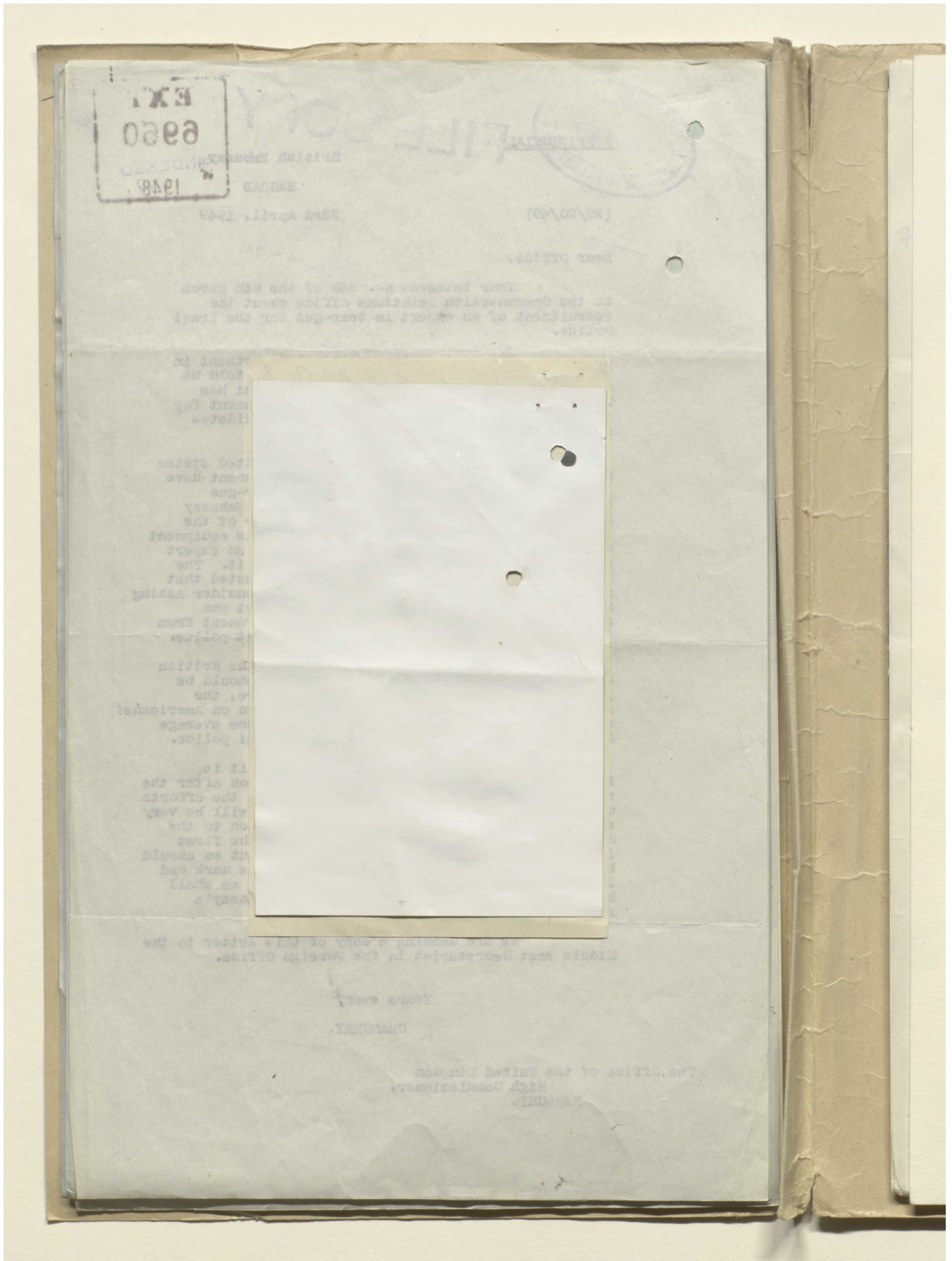


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'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [25r] (50/79)

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
BAGDAD.

No.122

15th March, 1949

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*(Dear Yusuf Beg)*

You will remember that in our Note Verbale No.81 of the 14th February, 1949, we said that we were asking the United Kingdom High Commissioner in Karachi to ask the Government of Pakistan for the names and particulars of suitable candidates for the post of expert in the use of tear gas. We also suggested that the Ministry should instruct the Iraqi Charge d' Affaires in Pakistan in the same sense.

We have since heard that the United Kingdom High Commissioner considers that it would be much better if the approach to the Pakistan Government were made only by the Iraqi Charge d'Affaires. Indeed this would appear the more normal channel. Since, however, our assistance was invoked in this matter, perhaps you would care to keep us informed how matters progress?

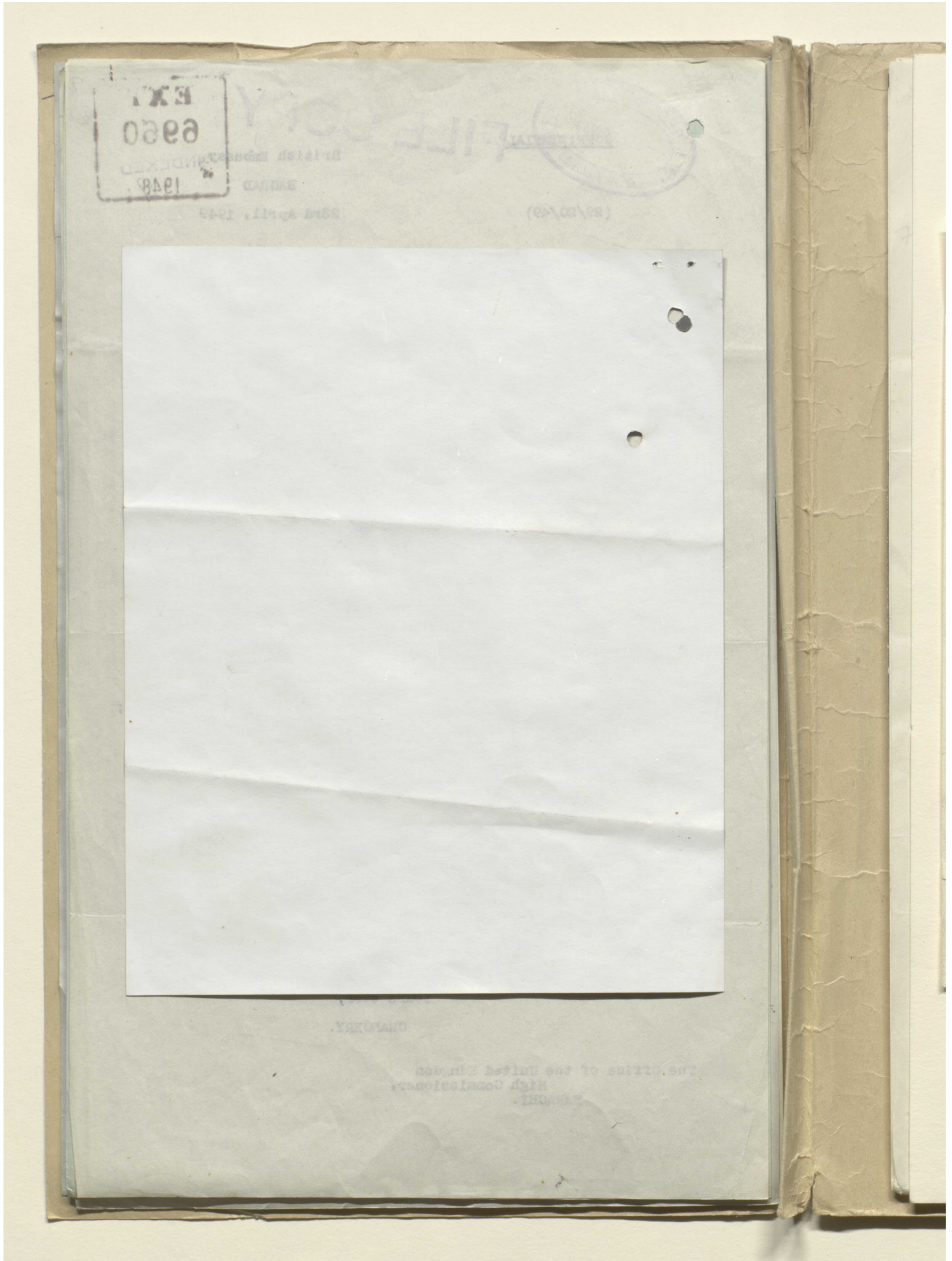
*(Yours sincerely)*  
*(sgd) J.F. Brewis.*

Saiyid Yusuf al Gailani,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
BAGDAD.

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'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [26v] (51/79)





'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [26r] (52/79)

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~~Telegraph Section,  
Colonial Office,  
Church House.~~

~~War Registry,  
Admiralty.~~

~~Telegram Section,  
Commonwealth Relations Office,  
Downing Street.~~

~~Duty Signal Office,  
War Office Signal Office  
Montague House Annex.~~

~~Message Control,  
German Section  
Foreign Office  
Norfolk House.~~

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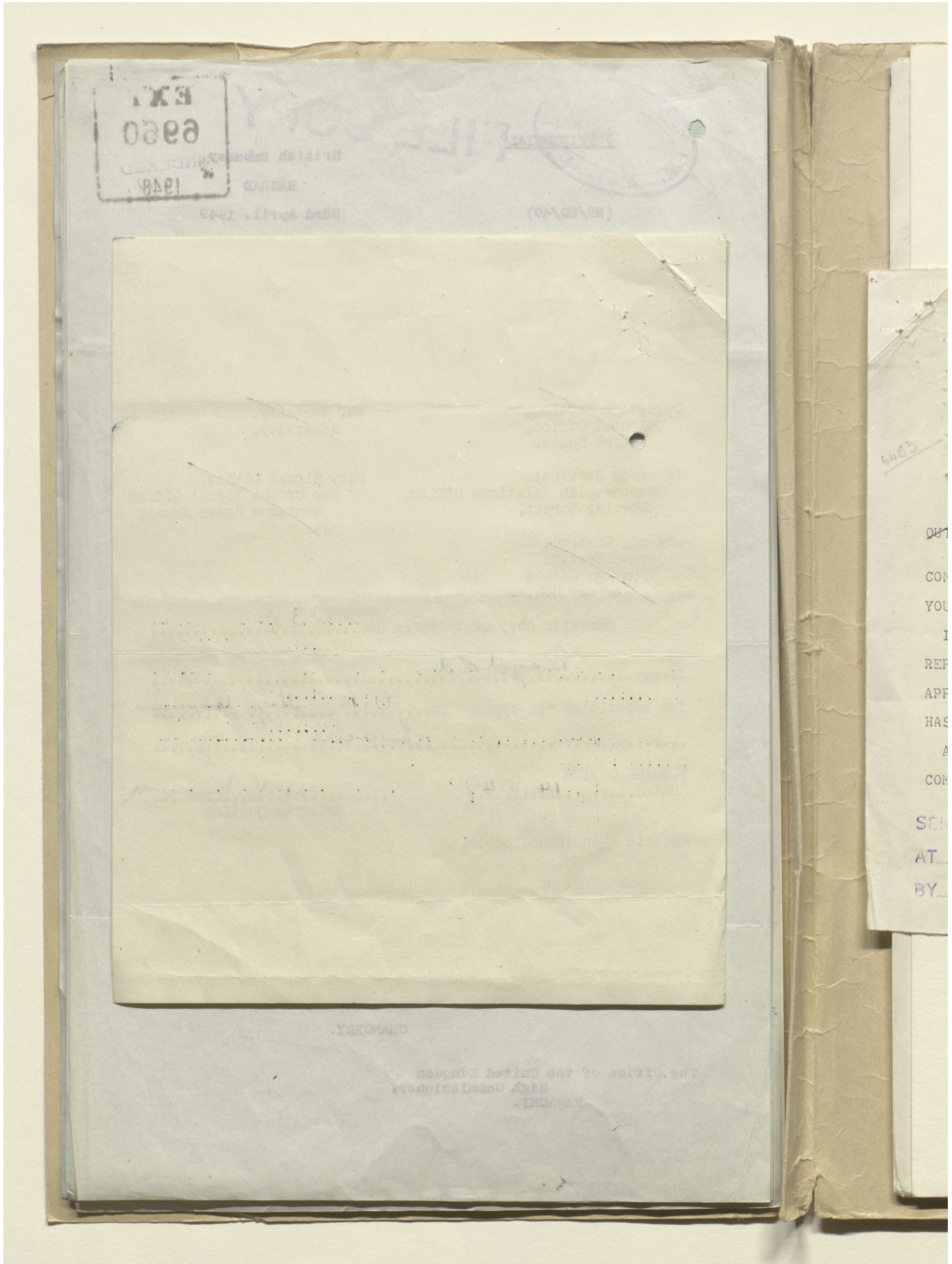
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*H.V. Raza*  
Telegram Section

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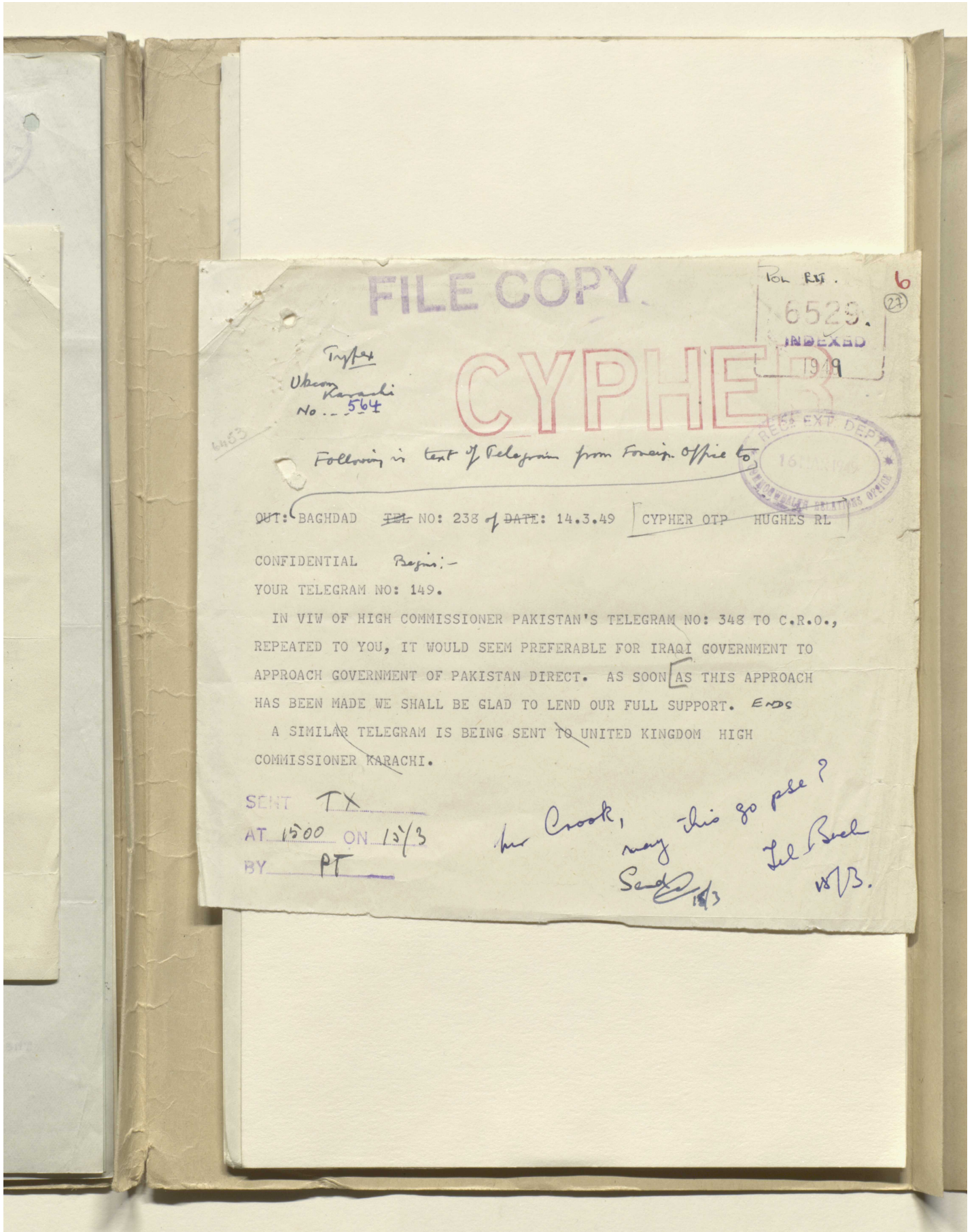


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Ukcom Karachi  
No. 564

CYPHER

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16/3/49  
TELEGRAMS BRITISH OFFICE

Following is text of Telegram from Foreign Office to

OUT: BAGHDAD ~~TEL~~ NO: 238 of DATE: 14.3.49 [CYPHER OTP HUGHES RL]

CONFIDENTIAL *Reps:-*  
YOUR TELEGRAM NO: 149.

IN VIV OF HIGH COMMISSIONER PAKISTAN'S TELEGRAM NO: 348 TO C.R.O.,  
REPEATED TO YOU, IT WOULD SEEM PREFERABLE FOR IRAQI GOVERNMENT TO  
APPROACH GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN DIRECT. AS SOON [AS THIS APPROACH  
HAS BEEN MADE WE SHALL BE GLAD TO LEND OUR FULL SUPPORT. ENDS

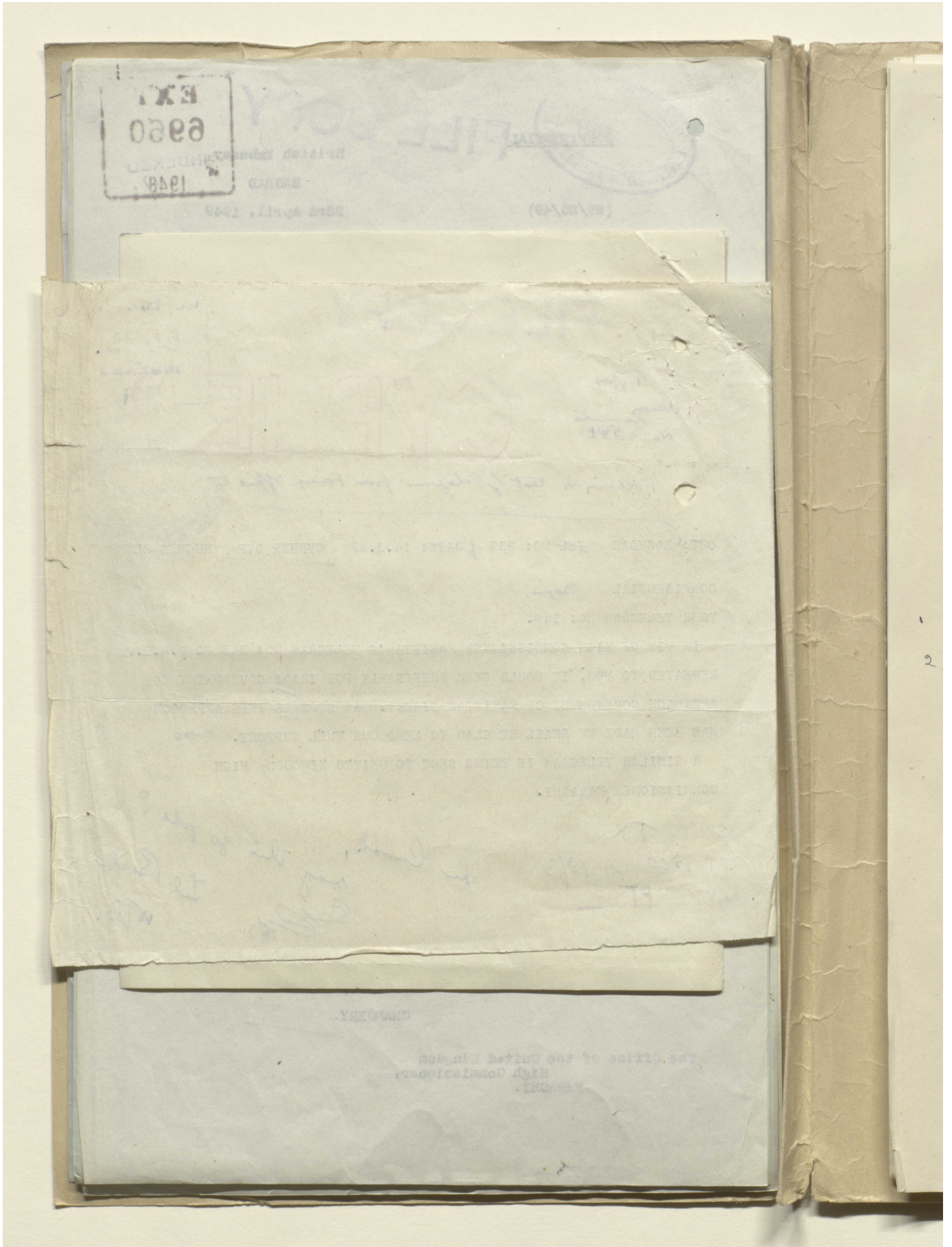
A SIMILAR TELEGRAM IS BEING SENT TO UNITED KINGDOM HIGH  
COMMISSIONER KARACHI.

SENT TX  
AT 1500 ON 15/3  
BY PT

*Mr Crook, may this go ple?  
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Tel Beel  
15/3.*



'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [28v] (55/79)





'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [28r] (56/79)

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ALLOTTED TO POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

CYPHER (TYPEX)

FROM: U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN PAKISTAN

TO: COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

RPTD. TO: BAGHDAD

D. KARACHI, 17.35 hours, 8th March, 1949.  
R. 18.05 hours, 8th March, 1949.

No. 348.

Addressed to Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations No. 348, repeated to Baghdad No. 147M.

2. Baghdad telegram No. 149 to Foreign Office (your No. 432 to me). Tear-gas expert. I think it would be much better if approach were made to Pakistan Government by Iraqi Charge d'Affaires in Karachi. Reasons for intervention by this High Commission are not clear to me, and this might well cause surprise if not resentment here.

2. C.R.O. please repeat to Baghdad.

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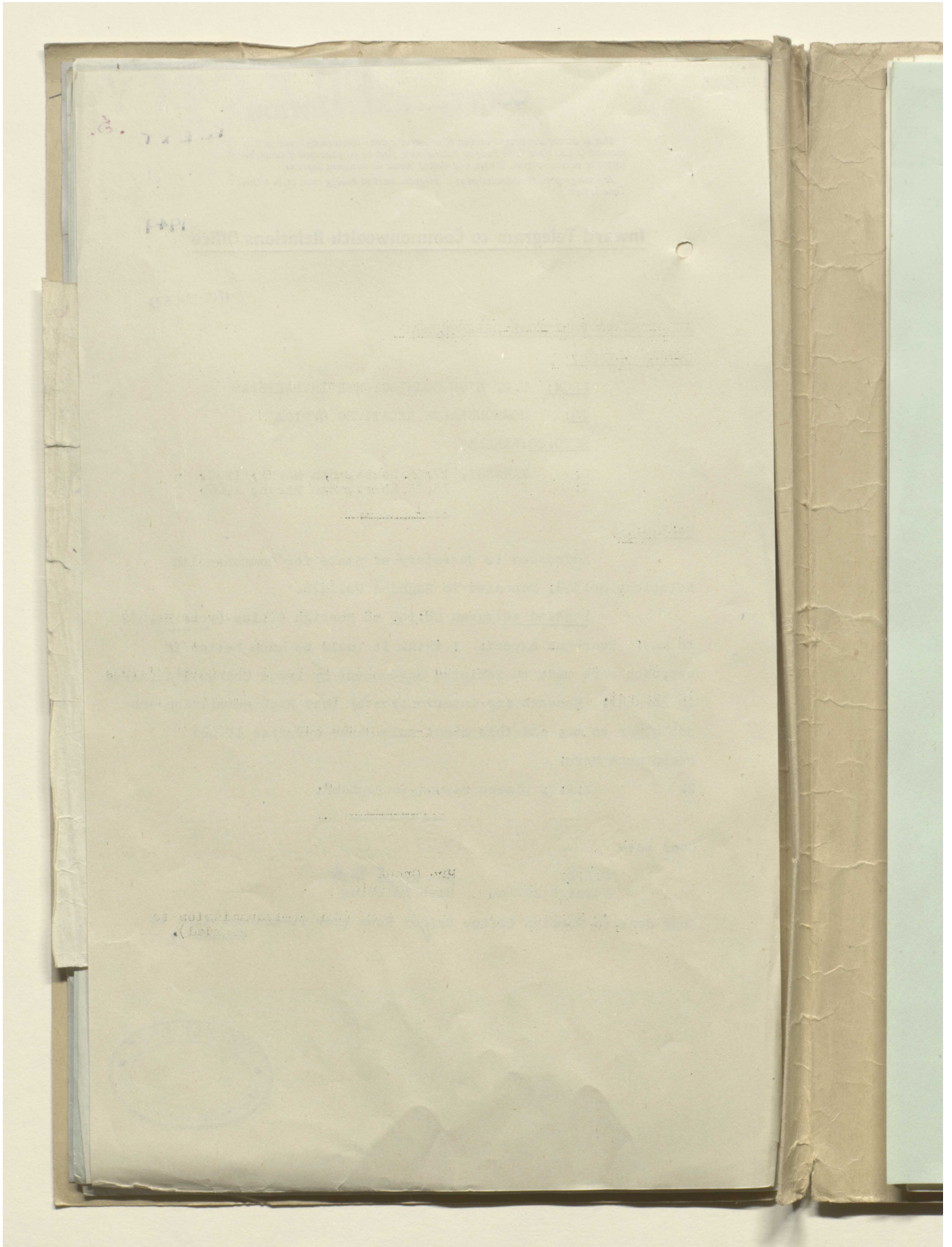
C.R.O. Mr. Crook 9/3/49  
Foreign Office Miss Waterlow

Copy sent to Foreign Office Cypher Room (for re-transmission to Baghdad).





'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [29v] (57/79)





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POLITICAL (EXT) DEPARTMENT  
POL. EXT. 6453/49

CYPHER (TYPEX)

TO: U. K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN PAKISTAN

RPTD. TO: U. K. EMBASSY, BAGHDAD. (SAVING).

(SENT: 16.40 hours, 8th March, 1949).

No.499. CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed to U. K. High Commissioner in Pakistan No.499, repeated Saving to Baghdad No. MISC. 269.

Baghdad telegram to Foreign Office No.149 of 15th February which was repeated to you as No.432 on 1st March. Tear-gas expert for Iraq. Appointment of expert in use of tear-gas was originally suggested to Government of Iraq by United Kingdom Government as Iraqi police having shown themselves incapable of dealing with mob violence and this affects stability of Government. We therefore attach some importance to this request.

2. It has proved impossible to find suitable British candidate for post. We should therefore be grateful if you could ask Government of Pakistan whether they can make suitable officer available.

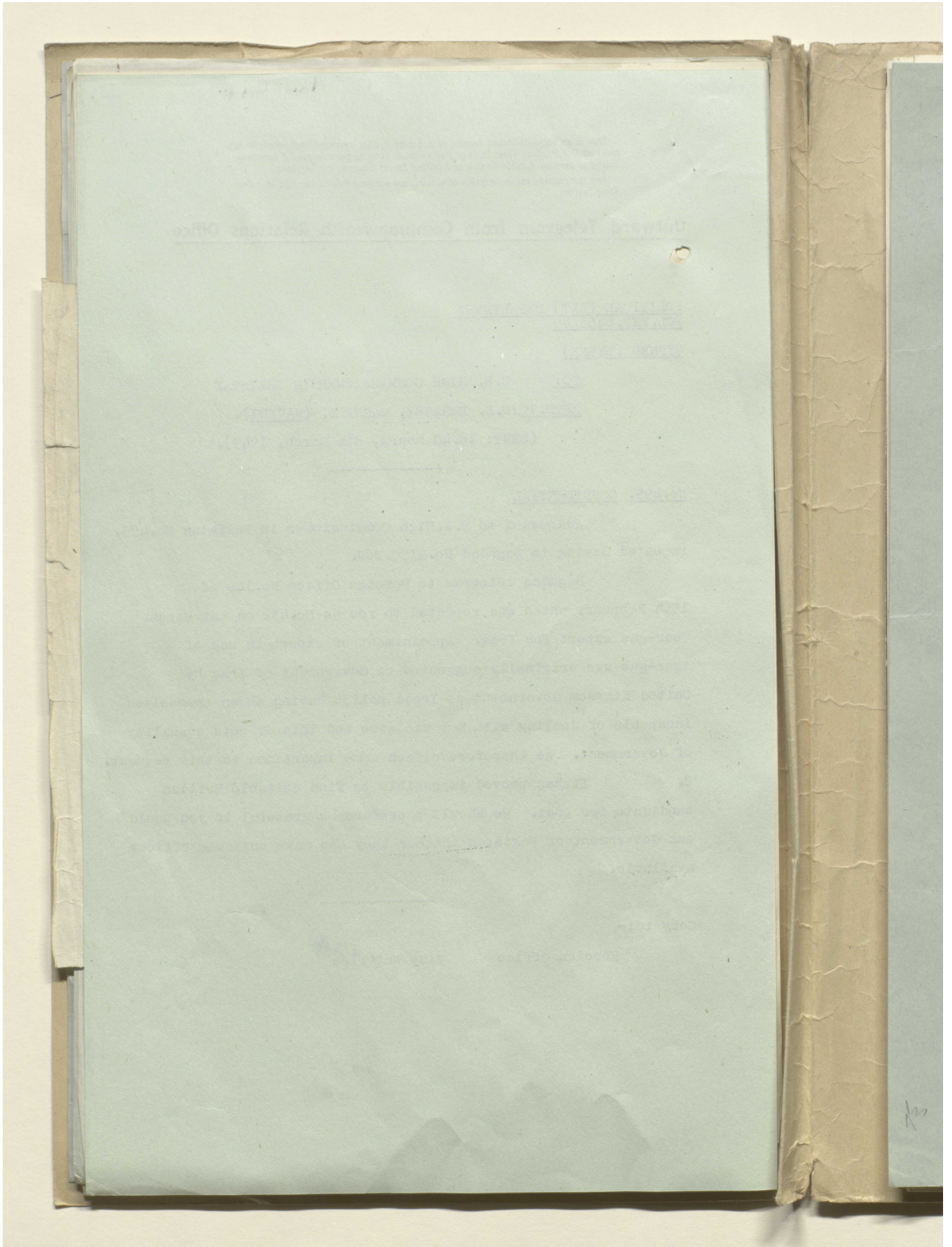
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Miss Waterlow



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'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [30r] (60/79)

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**DRAFT TELEGRAM**

No. ....  
for UKCOG Karachi No. 499 repeated Serial No. 269

Baghdad Baghdad telegram to Foreign Office No. 149

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of 15th February which was repeated to you as No. 432 on 1st March. Tear-gas expert

From C.R.O.

Appointment of expert in use of tear-gas was originally suggested to Government of Iraq by United Kingdom

To U.K.H.C. Karachi

Government as Iraqi police having shown themselves incapable of dealing with mob

Repeated to Saving U.K. Embassy Baghdad.

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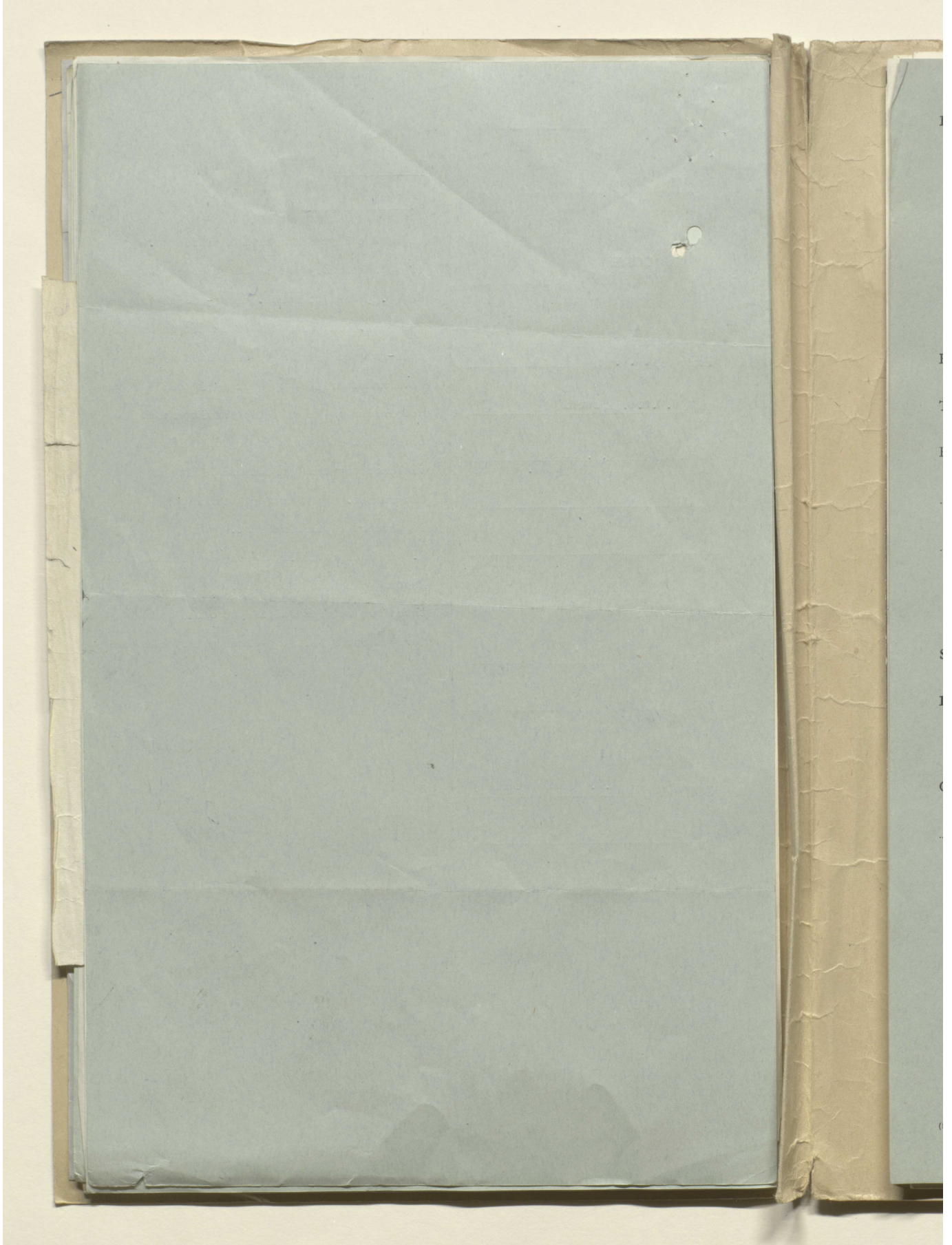
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COPY TO F.O. (Miss Waterlow)



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'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [31r] (62/79)

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**DRAFT TELEGRAM**

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CYPHER .....

From C.R.O. ....

To U.K.H.C. Karachi .....

Repeated to <sup>Saving</sup> U.K. Embassy  
Bagdad .....

*this affects stability  
of Government. We*

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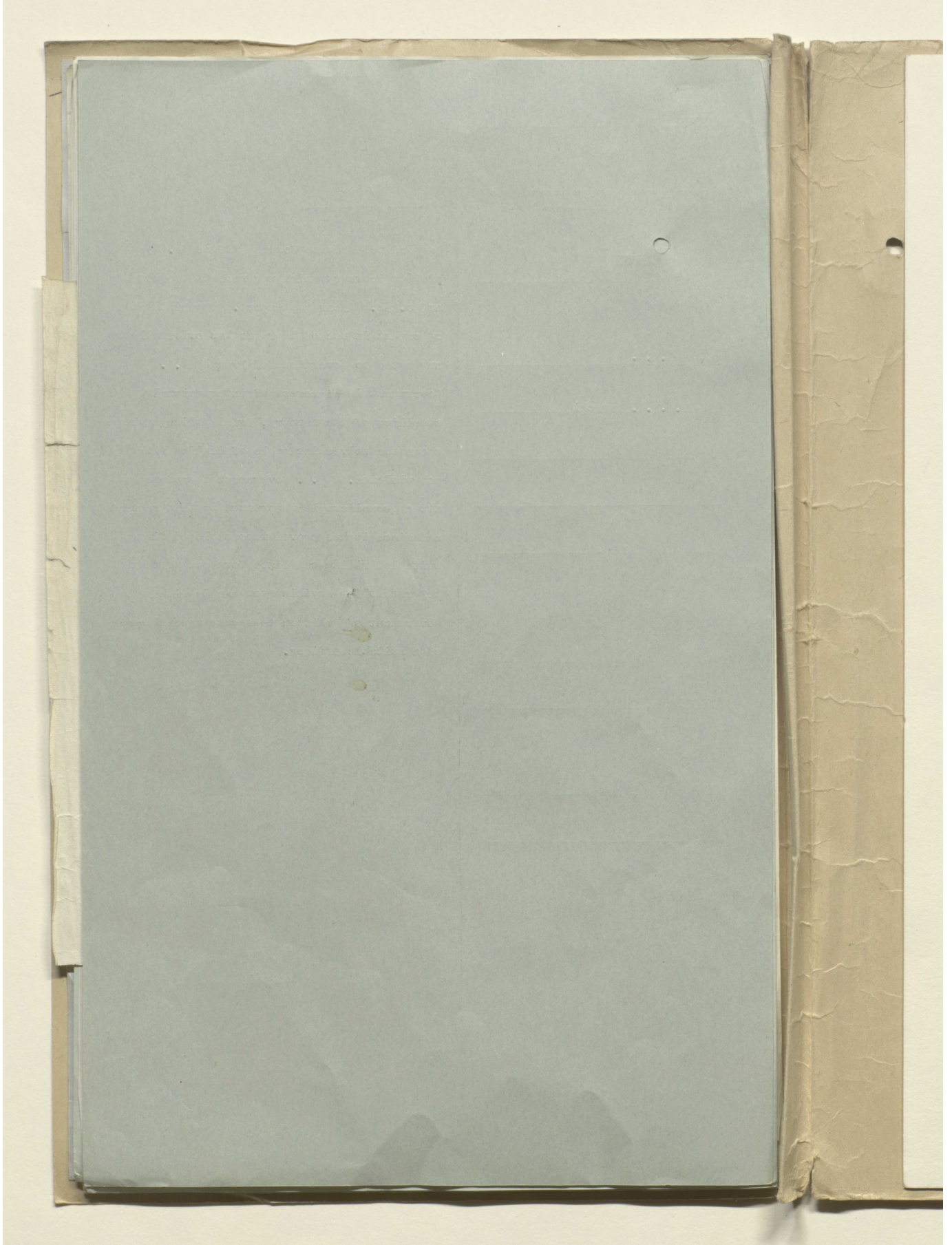
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suitable British candidate for post. <sup>We</sup> should  
be grateful <sup>if you would ask</sup> for anything you can do with  
Government of Pakistan <sup>whether they can make</sup> to secure appointment  
of ~~a~~ suitable officer, available.



'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [32v] (63/79)





'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [32r] (64/79)

F. A. K. Harrison, Esq., 3  
Commonwealth Relations (32)  
Office

E 2543/1196/93. Mr. Crook

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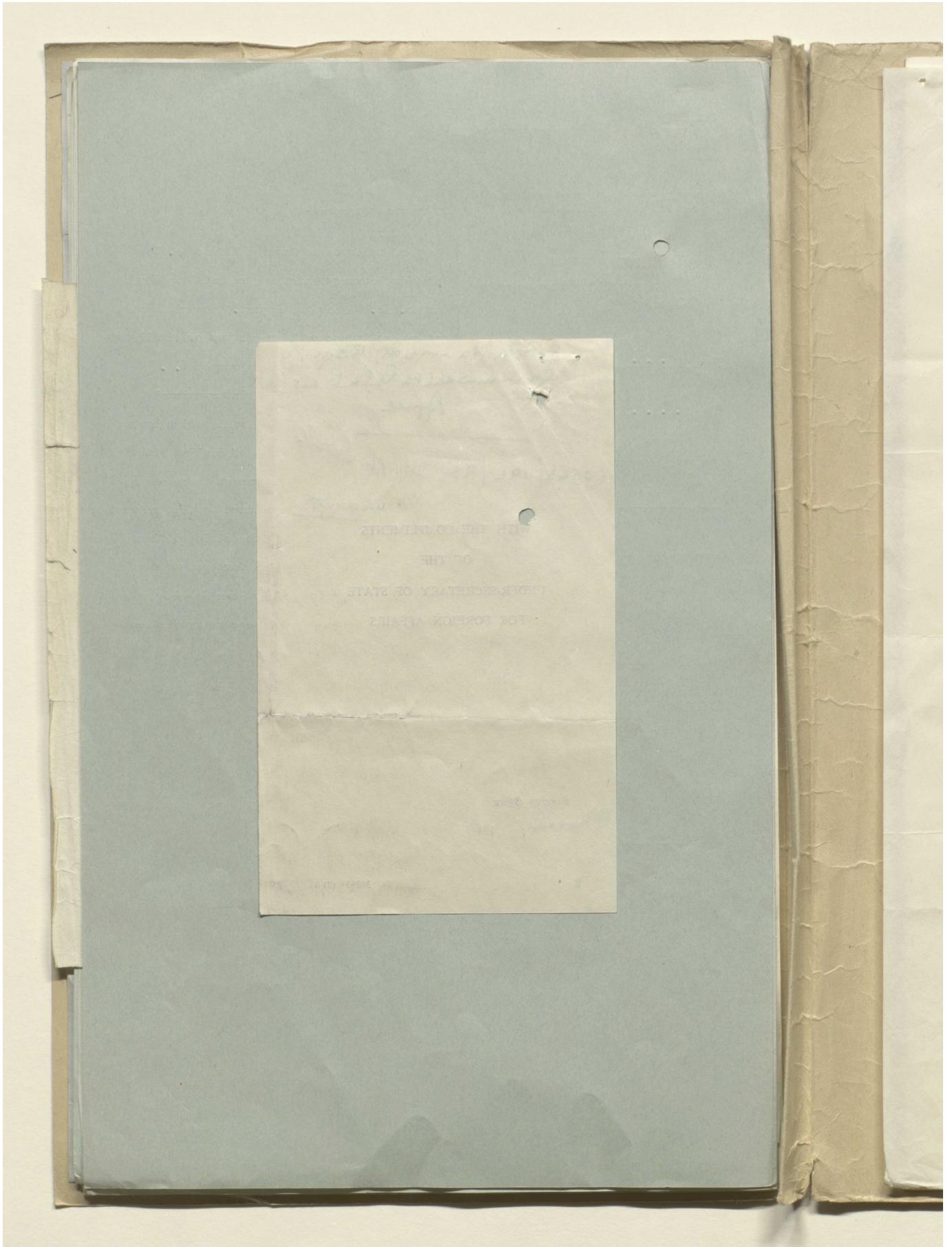
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UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Foreign Office,  
12<sup>th</sup> March. 1949.

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'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [33v] (65/79)





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No. 81

NOTE VERBALE

His Majesty's Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with reference to their Note Verbale No. 1796/1796/5/21097 of the 6th November, 1948, have the honour to state that after exhaustive search it has proved impossible to find a suitable candidate in the United Kingdom for the post of expert in the use of tear-gas.

2. The Embassy understands that there are a number of such experts among the officers of the Pakistani Police, and is accordingly requesting the U.K. High Commissioner in Karachi to ask the Government of Pakistan for the names and particulars of suitable candidates. The Embassy has the honour to suggest that the Ministry should instruct the Iraqi Charge d' Affaires in Karachi in the same sense, asking him to keep in touch with the Office of the U.K. High Commissioner.

3. The Embassy would be glad to know as soon as possible whether the Ministry agree to this course.

His Majesty's Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew the expression of its highest consideration.

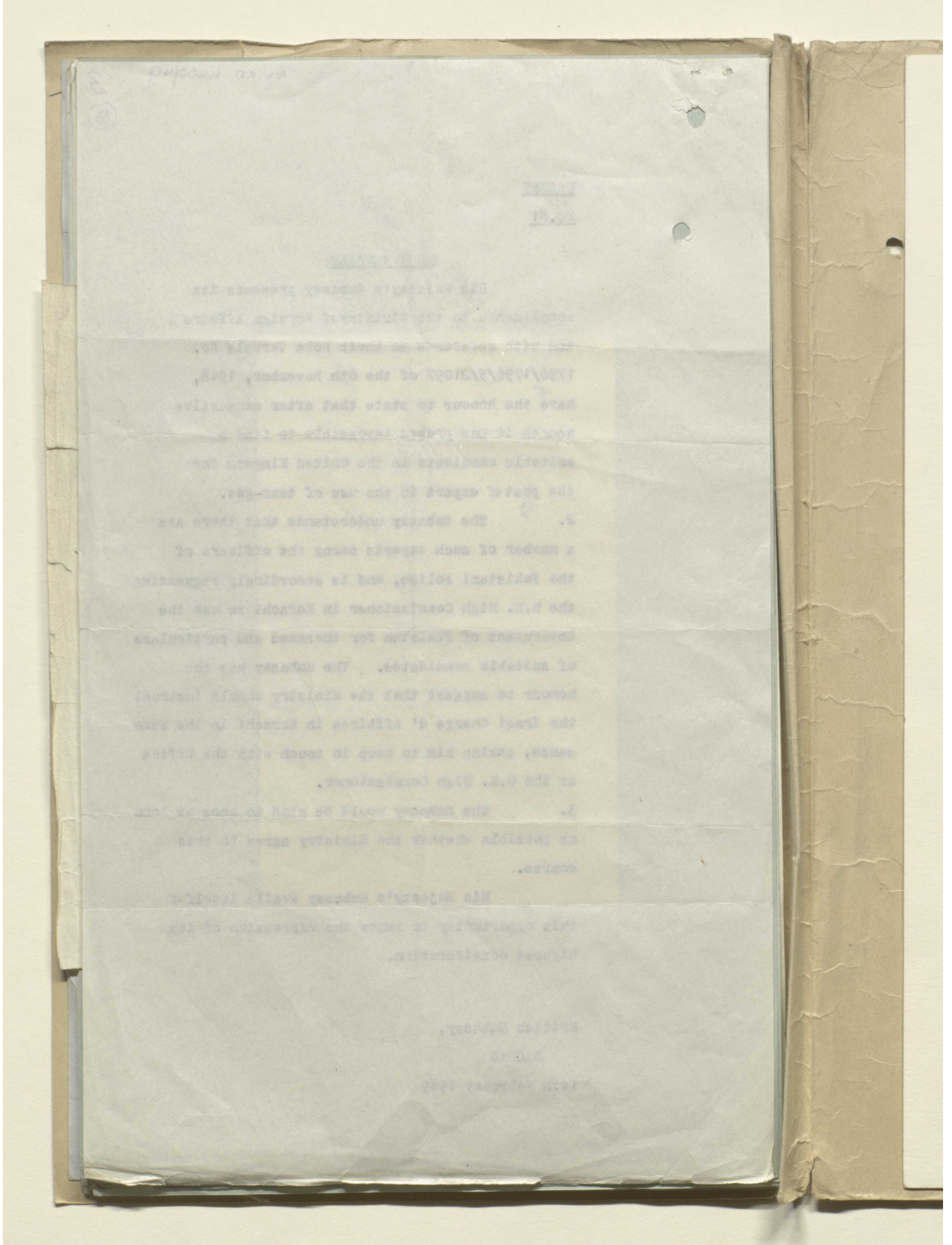
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BAGDAD

14th February 1949

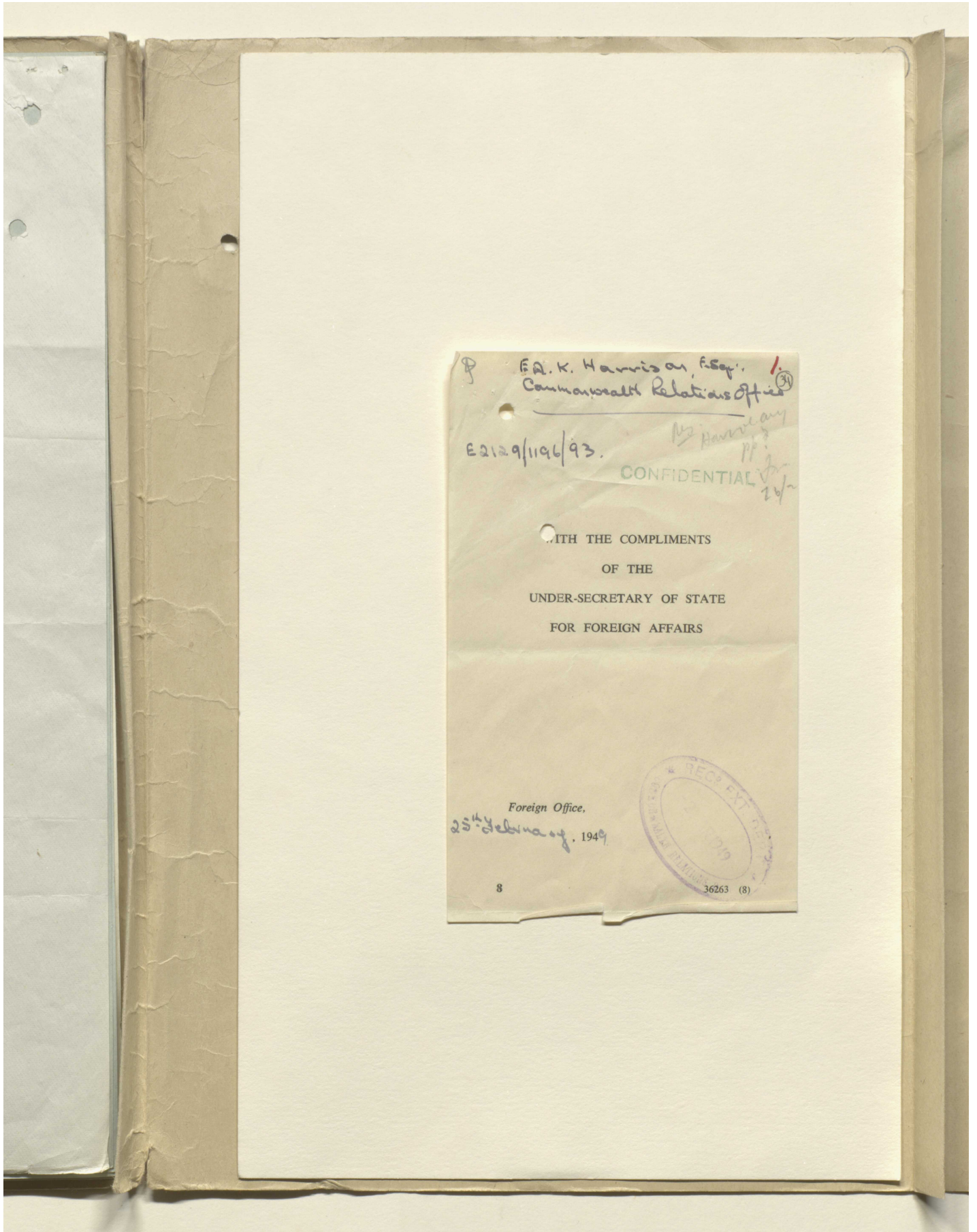


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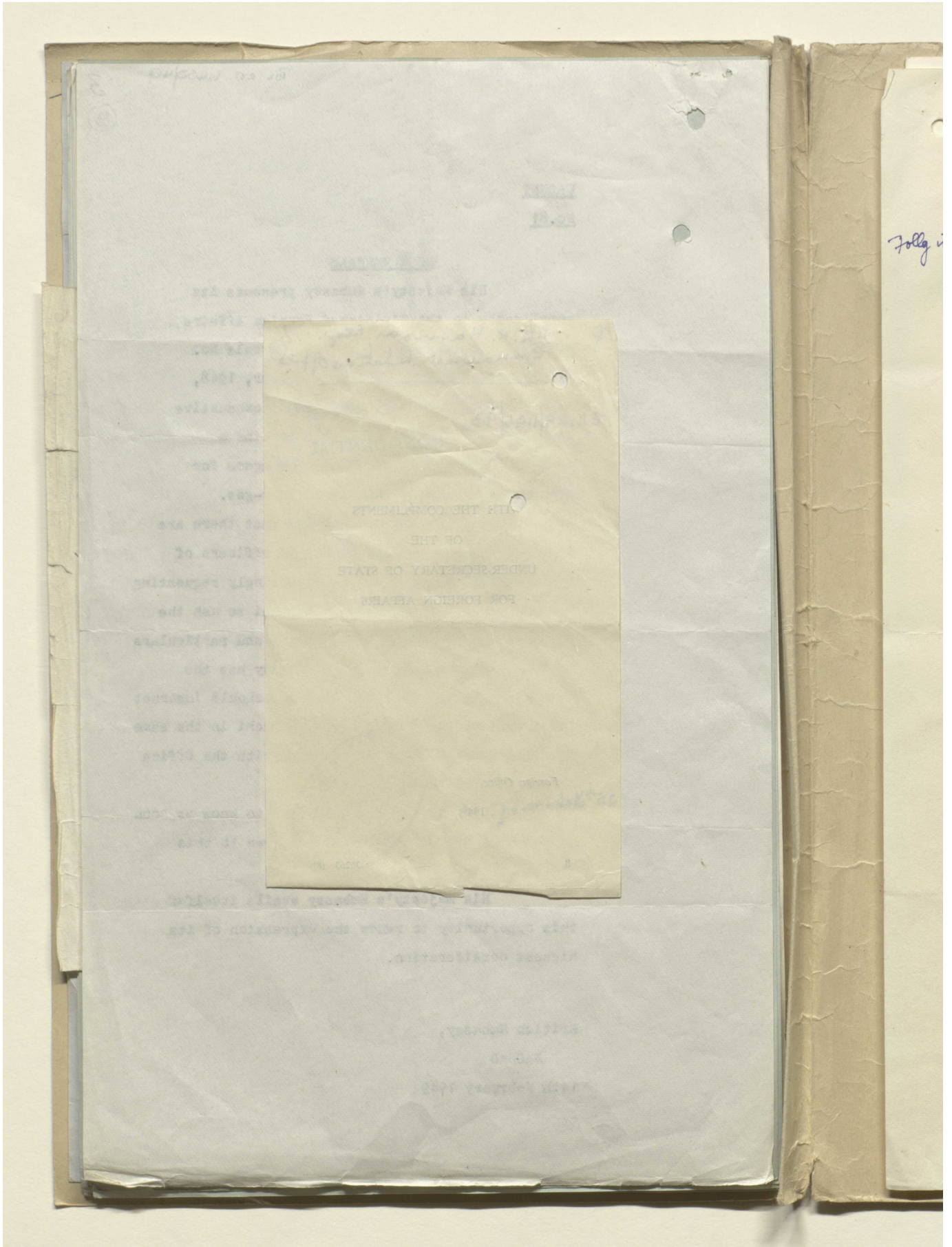


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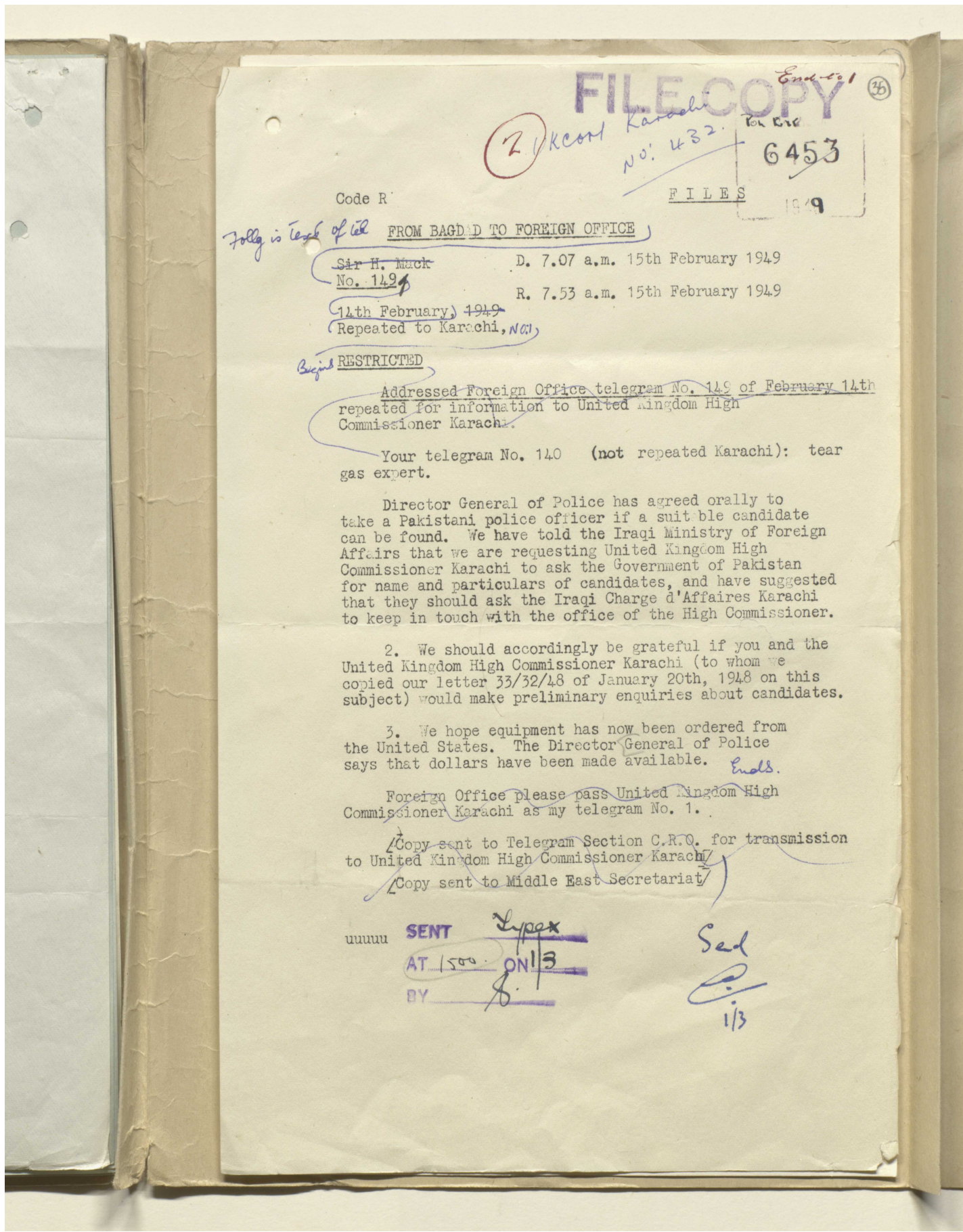


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'Pol Ext 6453/49 Tear-gas expert for Iraqi police: suggested appointment of Pakistani officer' [35r] (70/79)



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*Folly is text of tel* FROM BAGDAD TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir H. Mack D. 7.07 a.m. 15th February 1949  
No. 149

R. 7.53 a.m. 15th February 1949

14th February, 1949  
Repeated to Karachi, NCI

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Addressed Foreign Office telegram No. 149 of February 14th repeated for information to United Kingdom High Commissioner Karachi.

Your telegram No. 140 (not repeated Karachi): tear gas expert.

Director General of Police has agreed orally to take a Pakistani police officer if a suitable candidate can be found. We have told the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs that we are requesting United Kingdom High Commissioner Karachi to ask the Government of Pakistan for name and particulars of candidates, and have suggested that they should ask the Iraqi Charge d'Affaires Karachi to keep in touch with the office of the High Commissioner.

2. We should accordingly be grateful if you and the United Kingdom High Commissioner Karachi (to whom we copied our letter 33/32/48 of January 20th, 1948 on this subject) would make preliminary enquiries about candidates.

3. We hope equipment has now been ordered from the United States. The Director General of Police says that dollars have been made available. *Ends.*

Foreign Office please pass United Kingdom High Commissioner Karachi as my telegram No. 1.

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Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat

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AT 1500

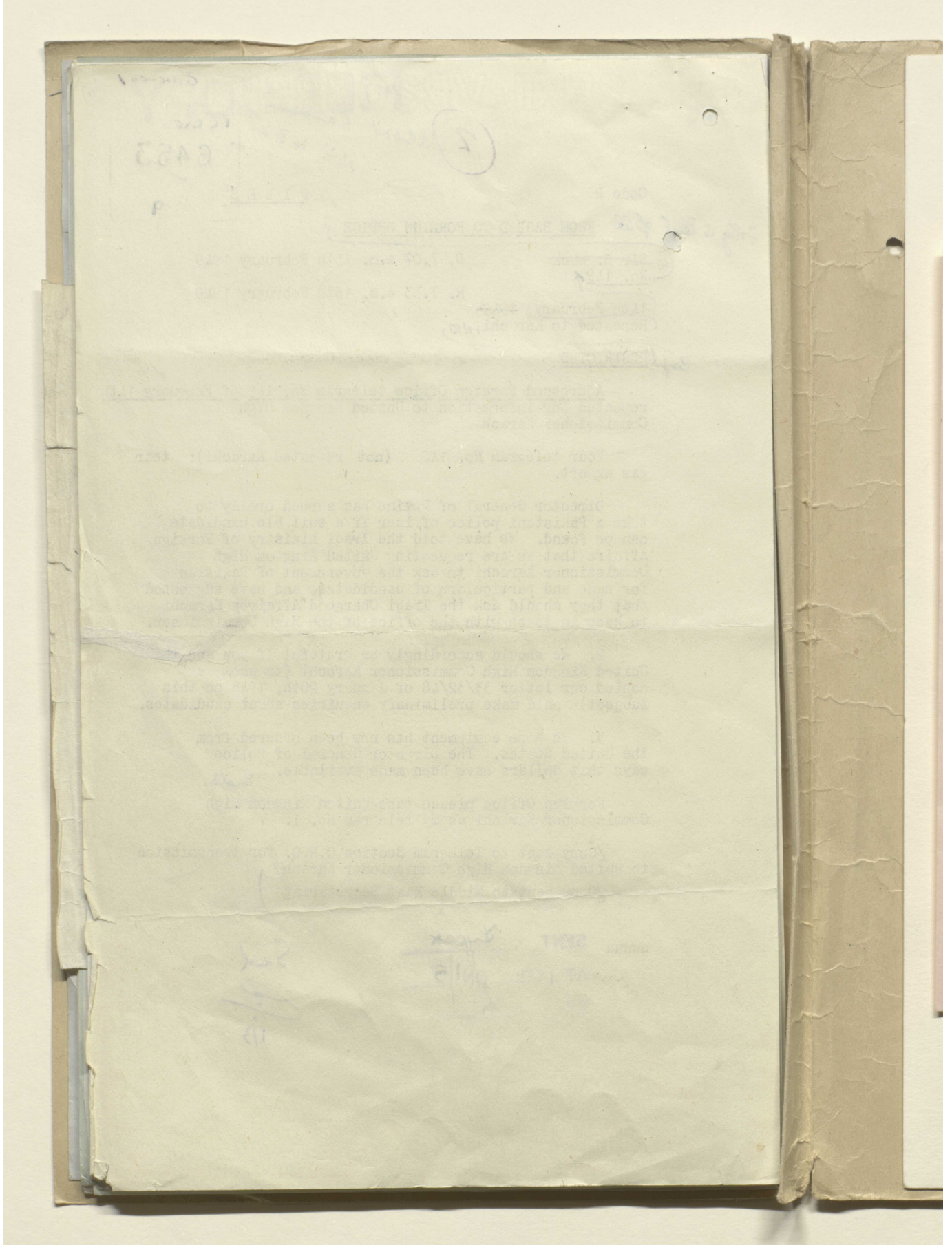
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*[Signature]*  
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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO BAGDAD

No. 140.

D: 11.10 a.m., 8th February, 1949.

7th February, 1949.

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From Middle East Secretariat.

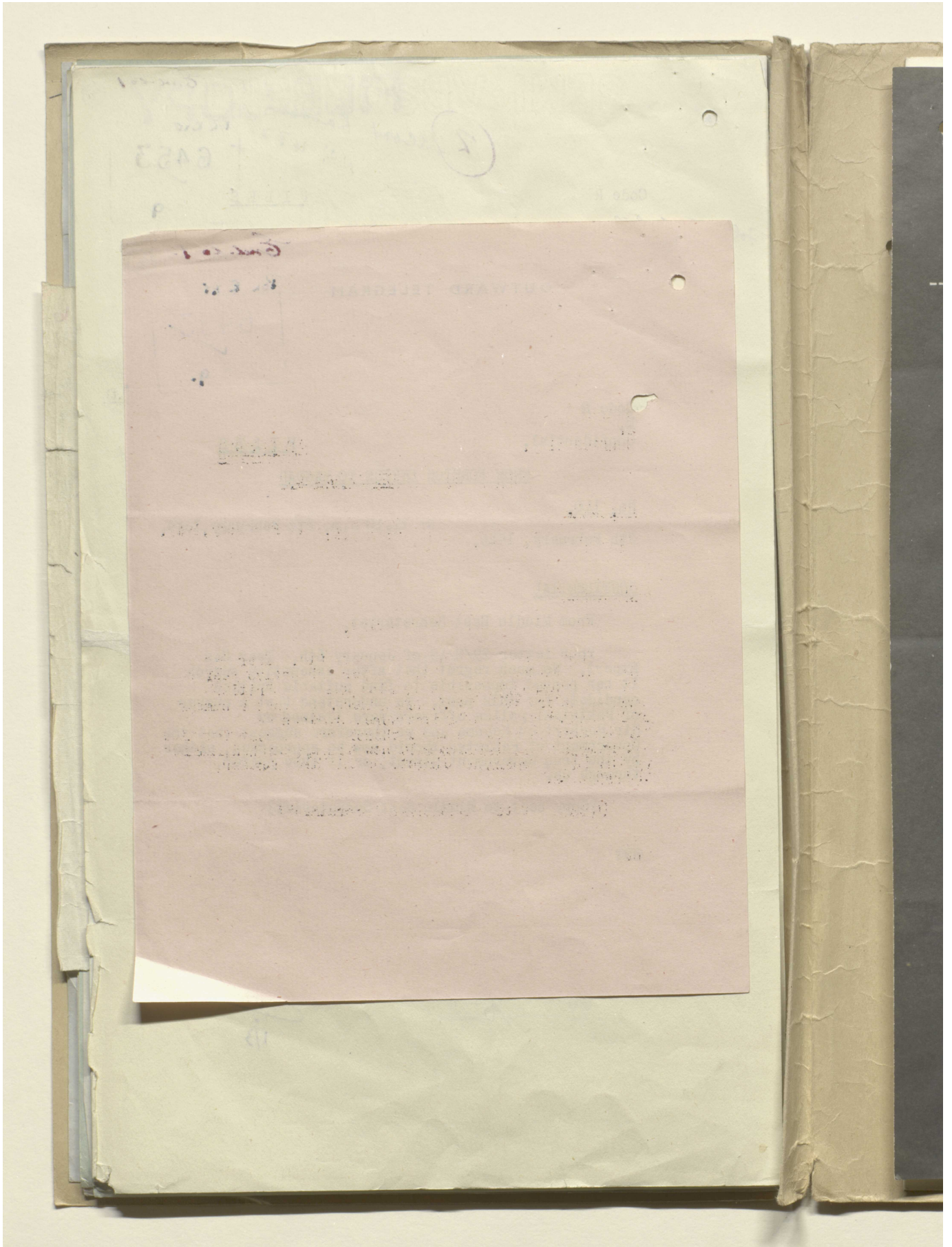
Your letter 29/2/49 of January 6th. Tear Gas Expert. We much regret that after exhaustive search it has proved impossible to find suitable British candidate for this post. We understand that a number of Pakistani police officers were trained by Sir Herbert du Heaume and we therefore suggest that the Government of Pakistan should now be approached, either by the Iraq Government direct, or if they prefer, through us.

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Dear Secretariat,

We enclose a copy of a Note Verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, invoking our help in finding them somebody who could teach the Iraqi police how to use tear gas. You will notice that no terms of service are mentioned, but we have discussed the proposal with the Director-General of Police who says that he has in mind not a normal contract but a visit long enough only to train a cadre of Iraqi officers who would then be able to instruct others. The Director-General is anxious to know as soon as possible about how much the expert's services would cost, and laid particular stress on the necessity for his bringing all the stores and equipment with him; there are none here.

2. The ideal man for the job would be an Englishman who had seen service in India or some other country in which tear gas is used in climatic conditions similar to those prevailing here. If such a man cannot be found, the next choice would be an Englishman who knew about tear gas in general; and failing that, the Iraqis would accept a Pakistani Moslem police officer with the necessary specialist knowledge.

3. The Iraqis request is probably the response to advice on the usefulness of tear gas which we gave them after the disturbances here last January. We should be grateful, therefore, if you would treat the matter as urgent.

We are sending copies of this letter to the United Kingdom High Commissioners at Karachi and New Delhi, who will no doubt inform you if they know of any possible candidates for the job.

Yours ever,

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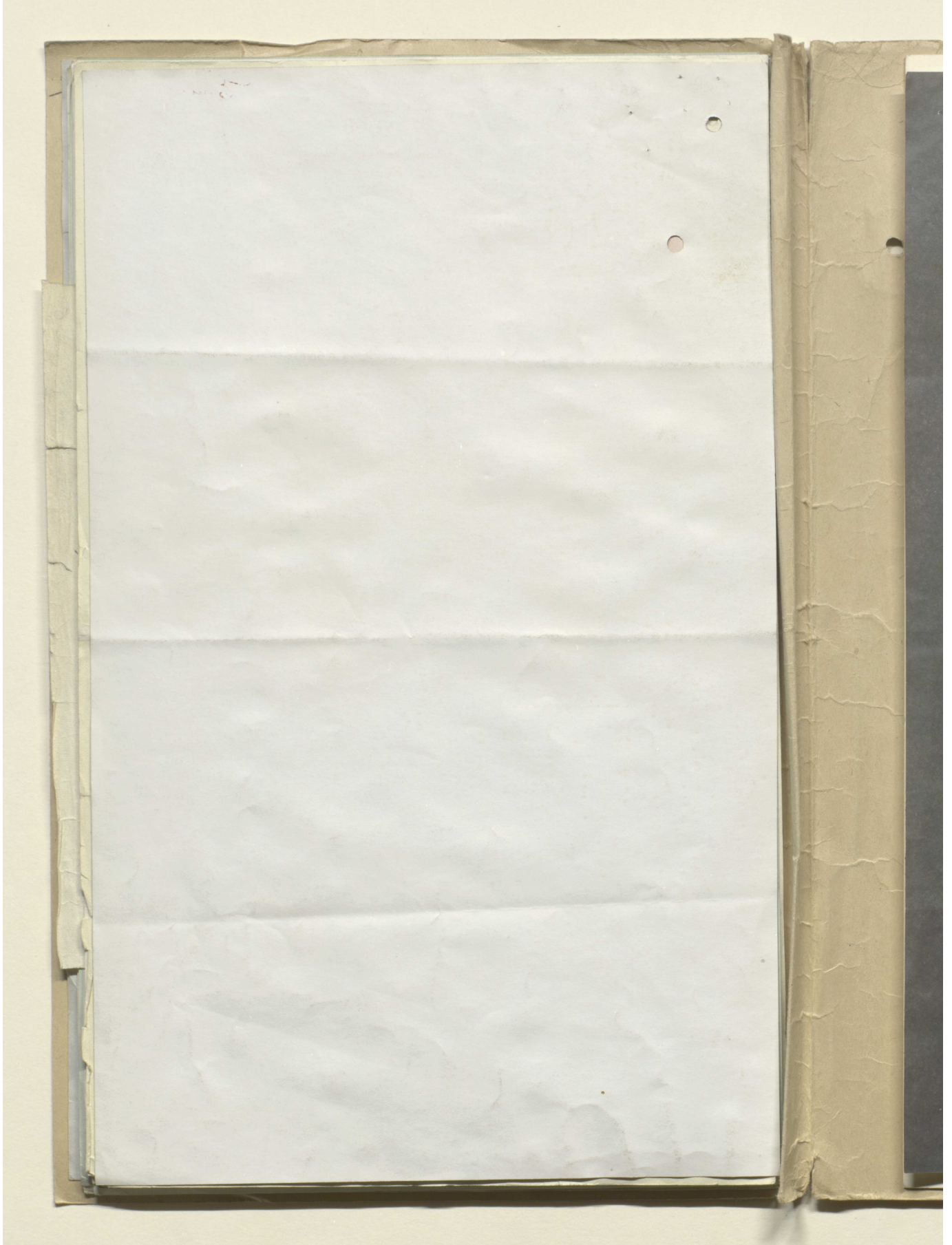
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Political Department,  
Western Section.

Bagdad, 15th July, 1948.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to His Britannic Majesty's Embassy, Bagdad, and has the honour to state that the Directorate General of Police desires to obtain the services of an expert in tear gases with a view to training Police Officers and Inspectors on the manner of using it, provided that the expert should bring with him the necessary instruments, articles and bombs for the purpose of training.

The Ministry will be grateful if the esteemed Embassy will be so good as to intervene with the competent British quarters for the nomination of an efficient expert to undertake this mission, informing the Ministry, as early as possible, of the wages required by the expert and the expenses required for the experimental operation and other matters connected with this subject.

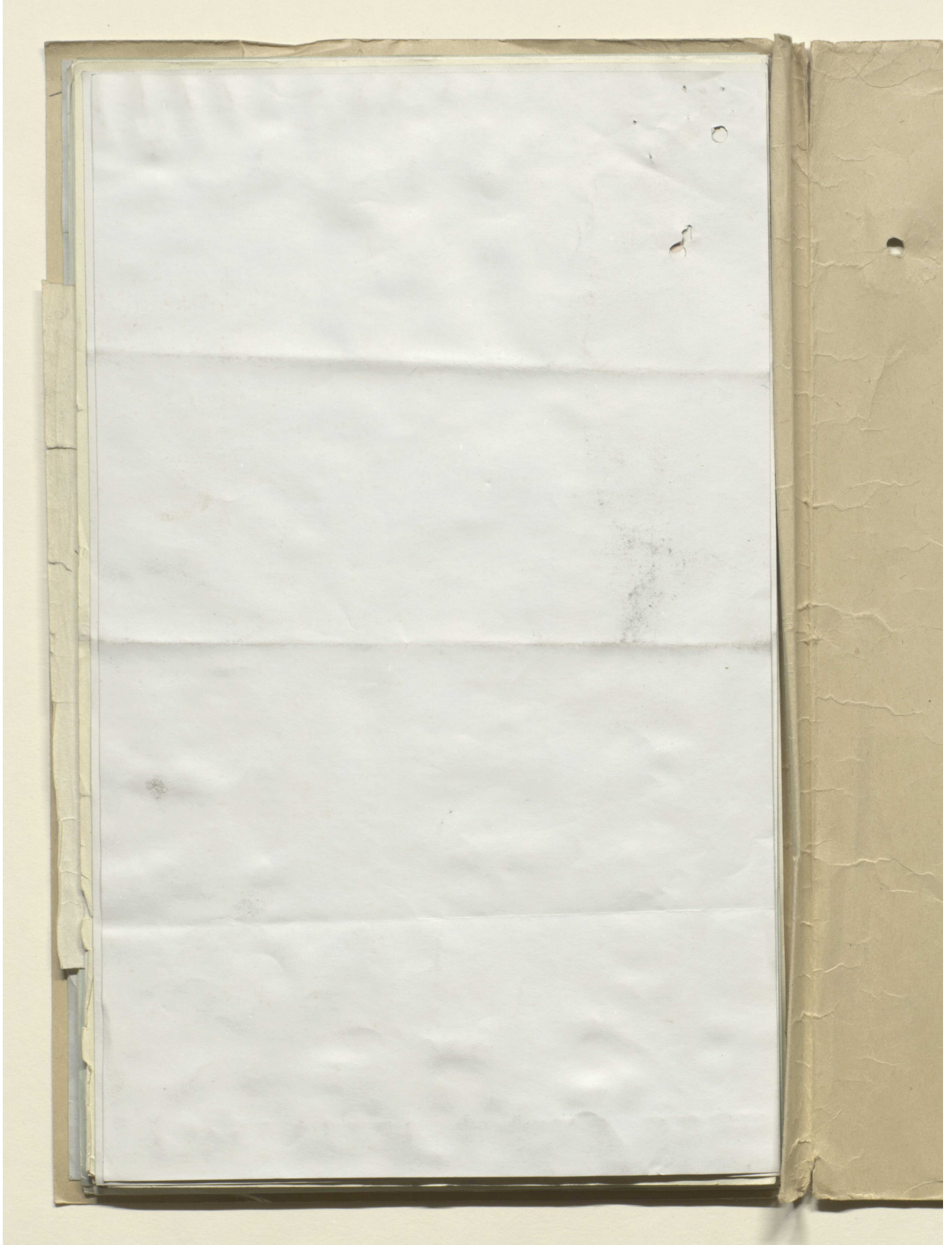
The Ministry avails itself of the opportunity to express its highest consideration and esteem.

His Britannic Majesty's Embassy,  
Bagdad.

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