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### **Coll 5/2 'Afghanistan: Repair by HMG of Afghan aeroplanes'**

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#### **About this record**

The file is concerned with a proposal — ultimately turned down by the Afghan Government — that the Royal Air Force (RAF) should repair ten unserviceable Afghan aircraft. The main correspondents are Richard Roy Maconachie, HM Minister at Kabul; officials of the Foreign Office; and representatives of the External Affairs Department of the Government of India.

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SUB-HEAD { *Afghanistan.*  
*Repair by H.M.G. of Afghan aeroplanes.*

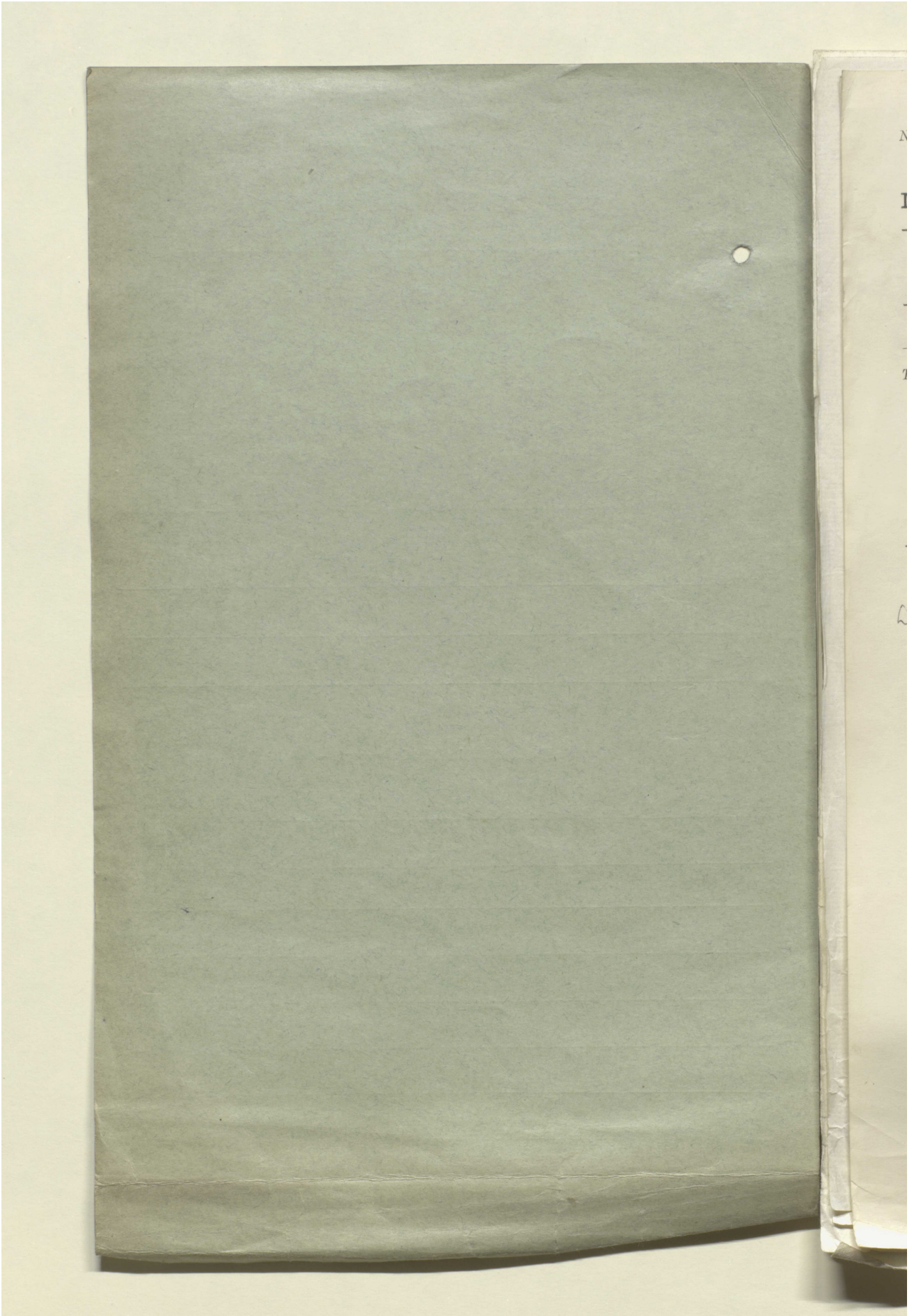
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**Minute Paper.**

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**POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.**

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 19 . . .

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	Date.	Initials.	SUBJECT.
To			<i>Afghanistan</i>
Under Secretary ....	<i>8. 2.</i>	<i>gaw</i>	<i>Repair of Afghan aeroplanes by the R.A.F. India</i>
Secretary of State...			
Committee.....	<i>12</i>	<i>WR</i>	
Under Secretary....			
Secretary of State...			

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*Li. In. Secy 11/12/32*

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**FOR INFORMATION.**

*The question is now settled; the  
Afghans have declined the offer to  
repair the machines but suggested  
that spare parts might be supplied.  
This suggestion could not be accepted*

*J. Barak*  
3. 8. 32

*Seen to*

*S. H. 708*  
5. 1. 32

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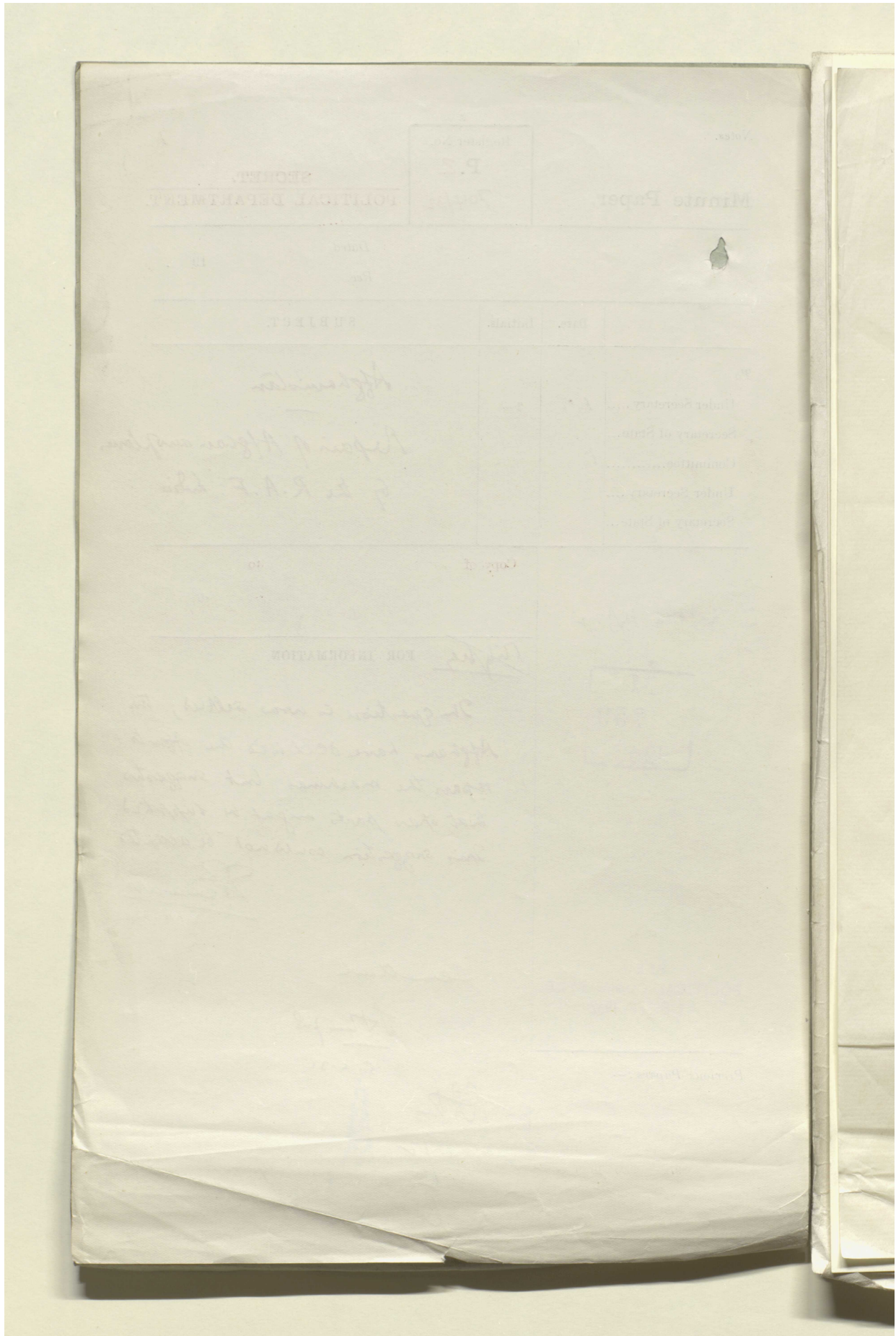
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6th January, 1932.

Minister

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His Majesty's

presents his compliments to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the undermentioned paper.

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Reference to previous correspondence.

Kabul despatch No.160, dated November 18, 1931.

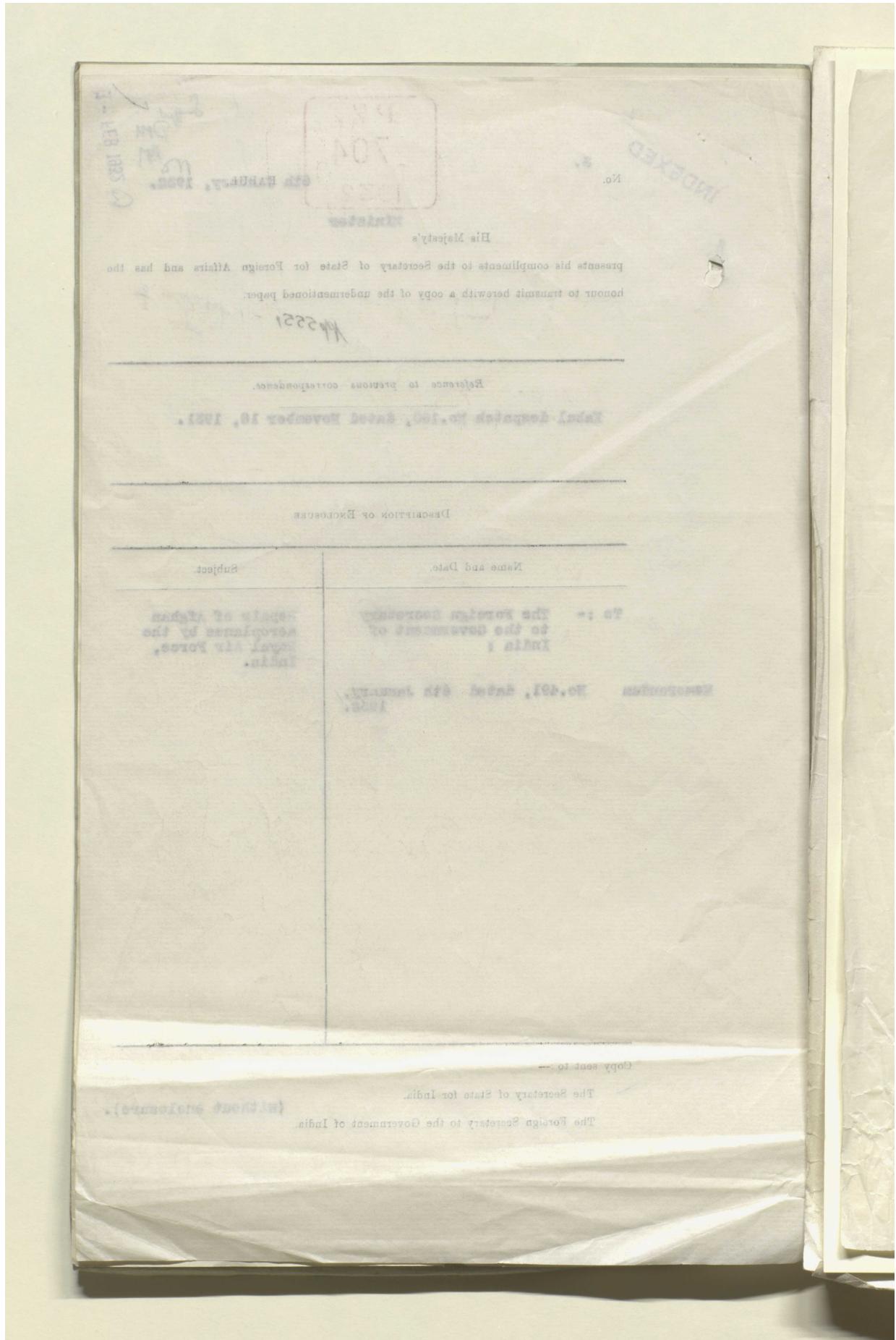
DESCRIPTION OF ENCLOSURE.

Name and Date.	Subject.
To :- The Foreign Secretary to the Government of India :  Memorandum No.491, dated 6th January, 1932.	Repair of Afghan aeroplanes by the Royal Air Force, India.

Copy sent to :-

The Secretary of State for India. (without enclosure).  
The Foreign Secretary to the Government of India.

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From :- His Majesty's Minister, Kabul.

To :- The Foreign Secretary to the Government of  
India in the Foreign and Political  
Department, New Delhi.

Memorandum No.491.

Dated 6th January, 1932.

Repair of Afghan aeroplanes by the  
Royal Air Force, India.

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Reference my despatch No.160 of November 18,  
1931.

2. I discussed this proposal with the  
Prime Minister on January 5.

He said that he much regretted the inability  
of his Government to avail themselves of this  
generous offer, as they would have been glad to do if  
they had been in a position to disregard the  
machinations of 'our common enemies'.

If the Government of India could see their way  
to supply the spares for use by the Afghan Government  
in repairing their machines he would be grateful.

I said this suggestion could not be accepted  
as in view of the machinations he had mentioned any  
inefficiency of repairs carried out as he proposed  
would be put down to the quality of the spares  
supplied by the Government of India.

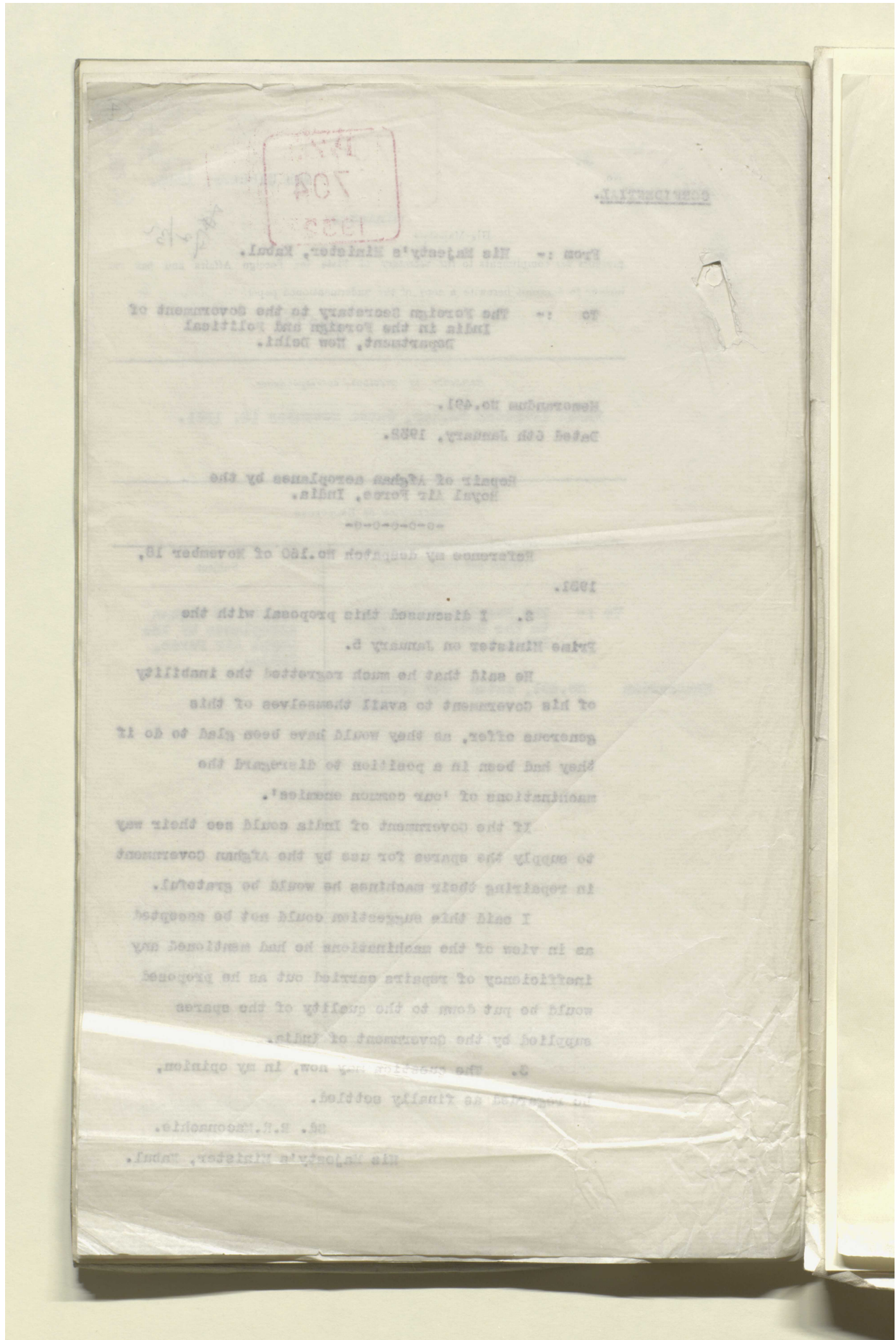
3. The question may now, in my opinion,  
be regarded as finally settled.

Sd. R.R.Maconachie.

His Majesty's Minister, Kabul.



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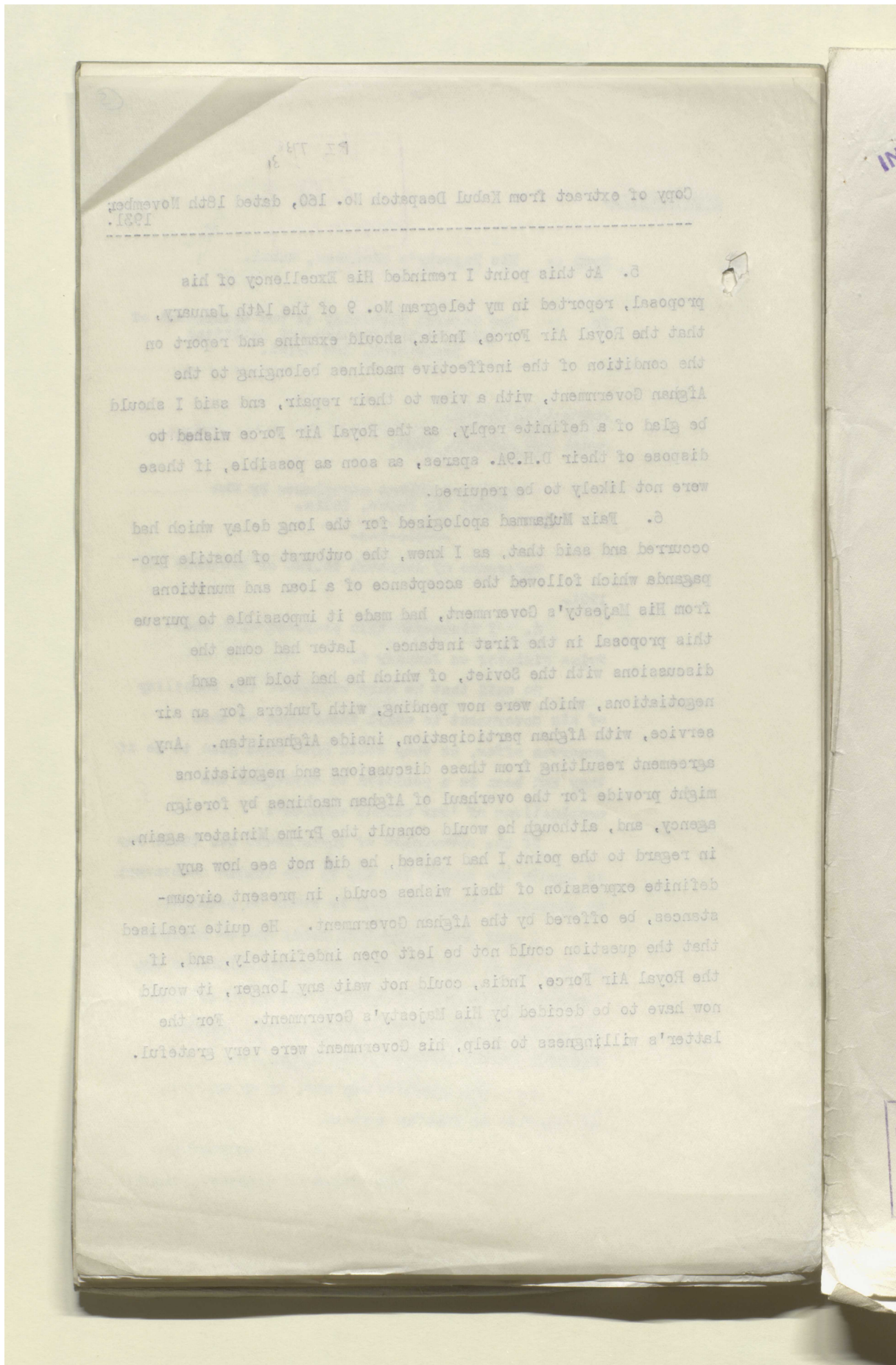


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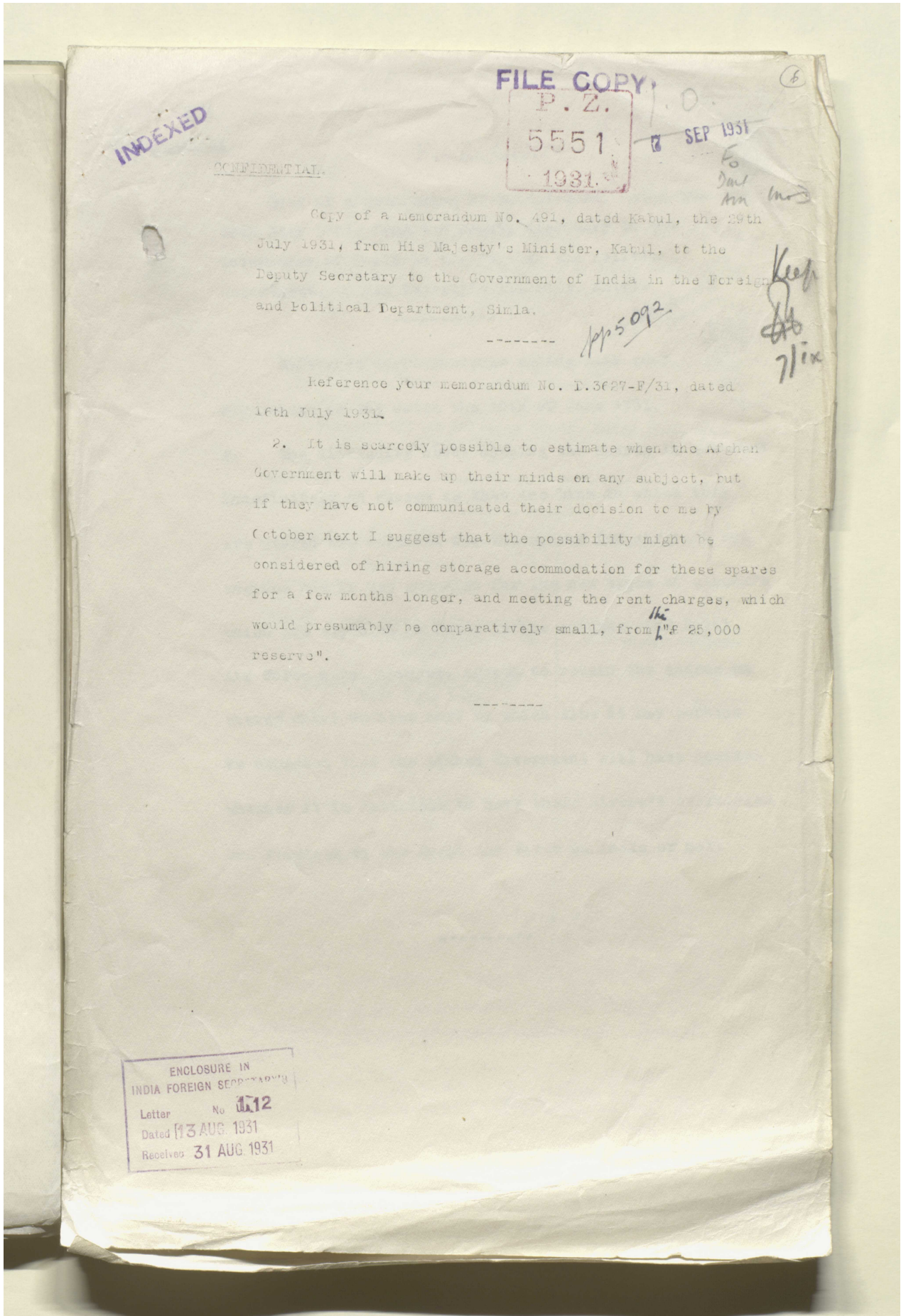
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1931.

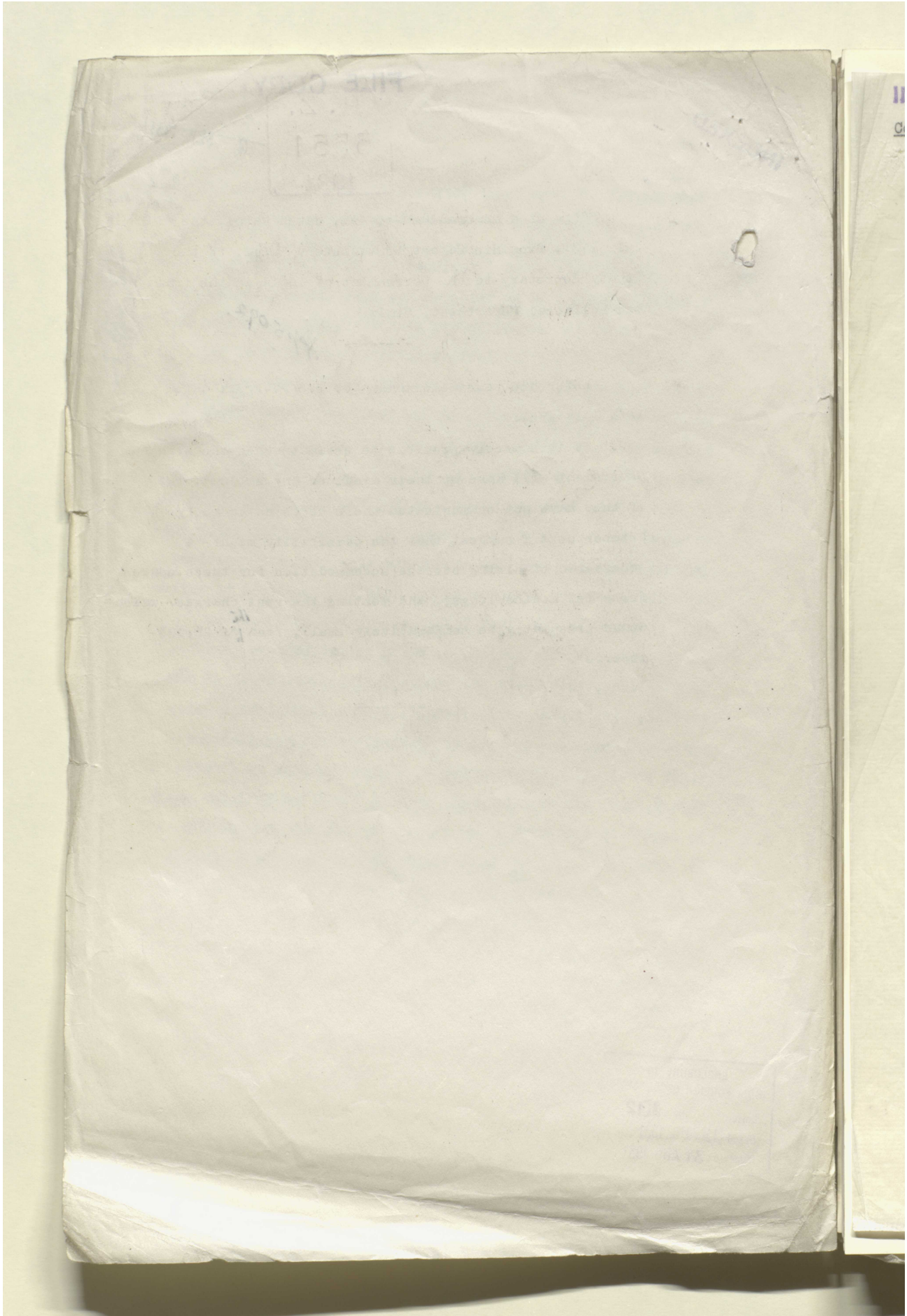
5. At this point I reminded His Excellency of his proposal, reported in my telegram No. 9 of the 14th January, that the Royal Air Force, India, should examine and report on the condition of the ineffective machines belonging to the Afghan Government, with a view to their repair, and said I should be glad of a definite reply, as the Royal Air Force wished to dispose of their D.H.9A. spares, as soon as possible, if these were not likely to be required.

6. Faiz Muhammad apologised for the long delay which had occurred and said that, as I knew, the outburst of hostile propaganda which followed the acceptance of a loan and munitions from His Majesty's Government, had made it impossible to pursue this proposal in the first instance. Later had come the discussions with the Soviet, of which he had told me, and negotiations, which were now pending, with Junkers for an air service, with Afghan participation, inside Afghanistan. Any agreement resulting from these discussions and negotiations might provide for the overhaul of Afghan machines by foreign agency, and, although he would consult the Prime Minister again, in regard to the point I had raised, he did not see how any definite expression of their wishes could, in present circumstances, be offered by the Afghan Government. He quite realised that the question could not be left open indefinitely, and, if the Royal Air Force, India, could not wait any longer, it would now have to be decided by His Majesty's Government. For the latter's willingness to help, his Government were very grateful.



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Copy of a memorandum No.D.3627-F/31, dated the 16th July 1931, from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department, to His Majesty's Minister, Kabul.

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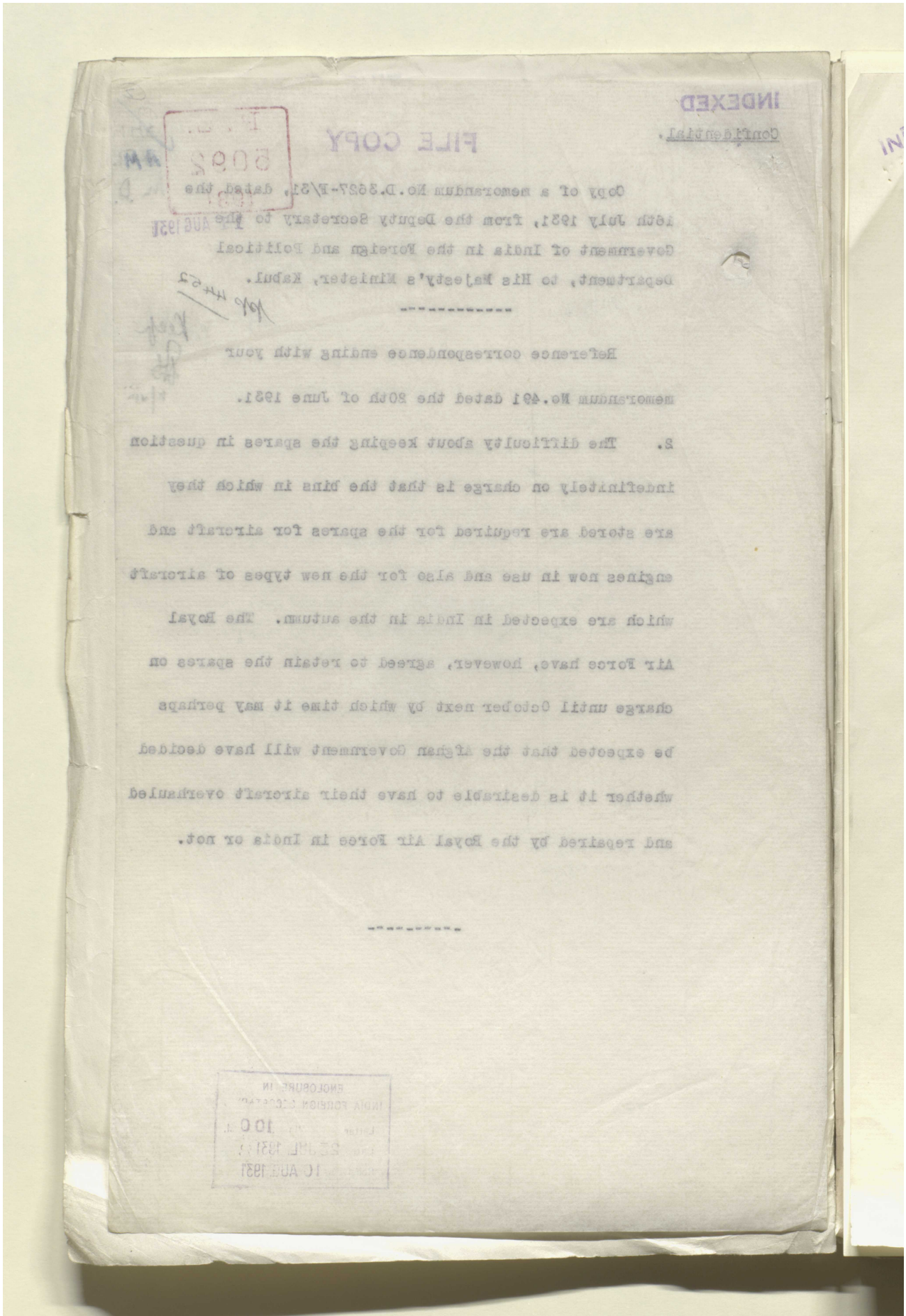
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Reference correspondence ending with your memorandum No.491 dated the 20th of June 1931.

2. The difficulty about keeping the spares in question indefinitely on charge is that the bins in which they are stored are required for the spares for aircraft and engines now in use and also for the new types of aircraft which are expected in India in the autumn. The Royal Air Force have, however, agreed to retain the spares on charge until October next by which time it may perhaps be expected that the Afghan Government will have decided whether it is desirable to have their aircraft overhauled and repaired by the Royal Air Force in India or not.

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ENCLOSURE IN  
INDIA FOREIGN SECRETARY  
Letter No. 100  
Date, 23 JUL. 1931  
Received 10 AUG. 1931

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KABUL,  
20th June 1931.

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His Majesty's Minister

presents his compliments to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the undermentioned paper.

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Reference to previous correspondence.

Foreign Office telegram No.32, dated 28th March 1931.

DESCRIPTION OF ENCLOSURE.

Name and Date.	Subject.
To :- The Foreign Secretary to the Government of India. Memorandum No.491, dated 20th June 1931.	Repair of Afghan aeroplanes.

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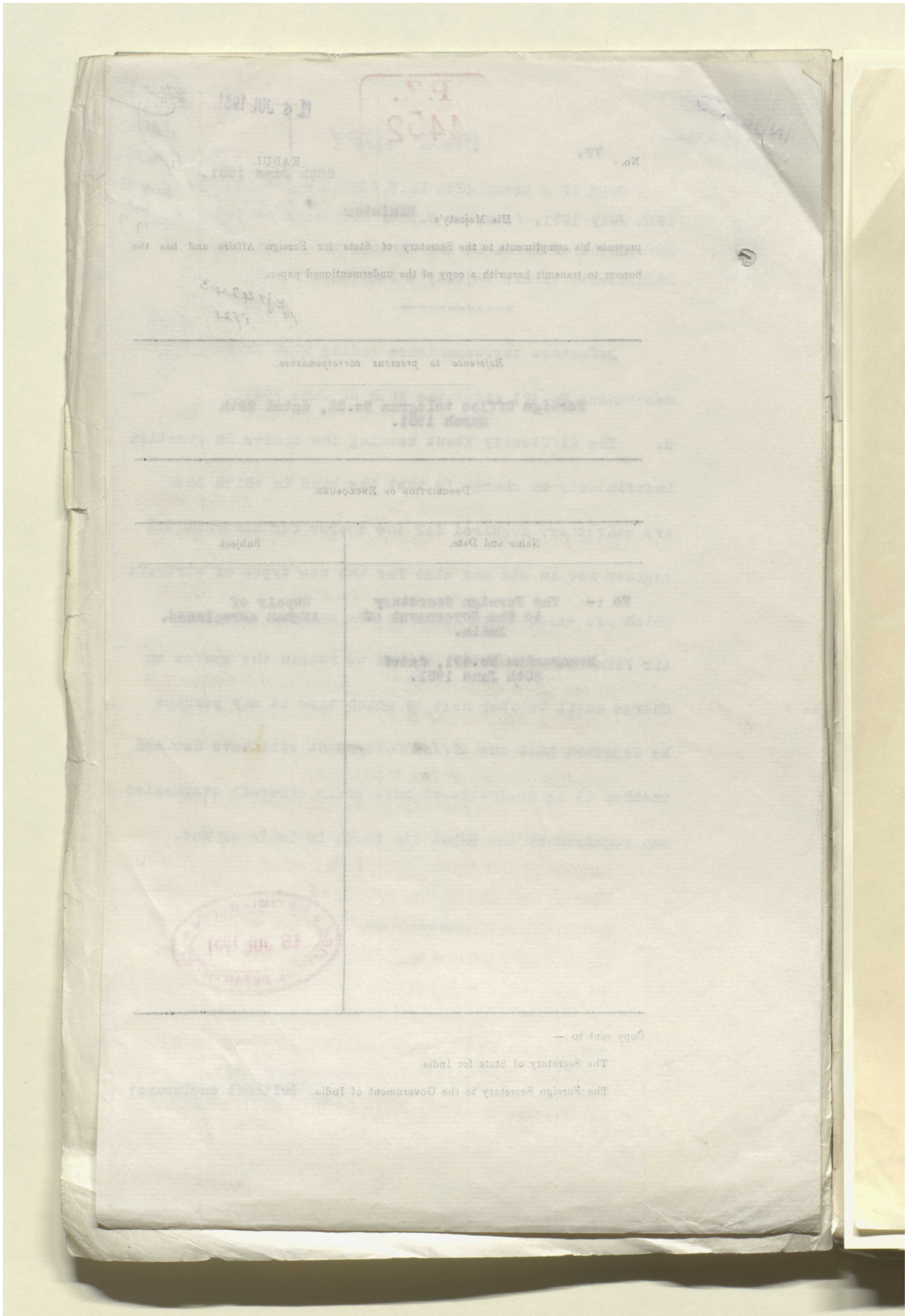
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From :- His Majesty's Minister, Kabul.

To :- The Foreign Secretary to the Government of  
India in the Foreign and Political  
Department, Simla.

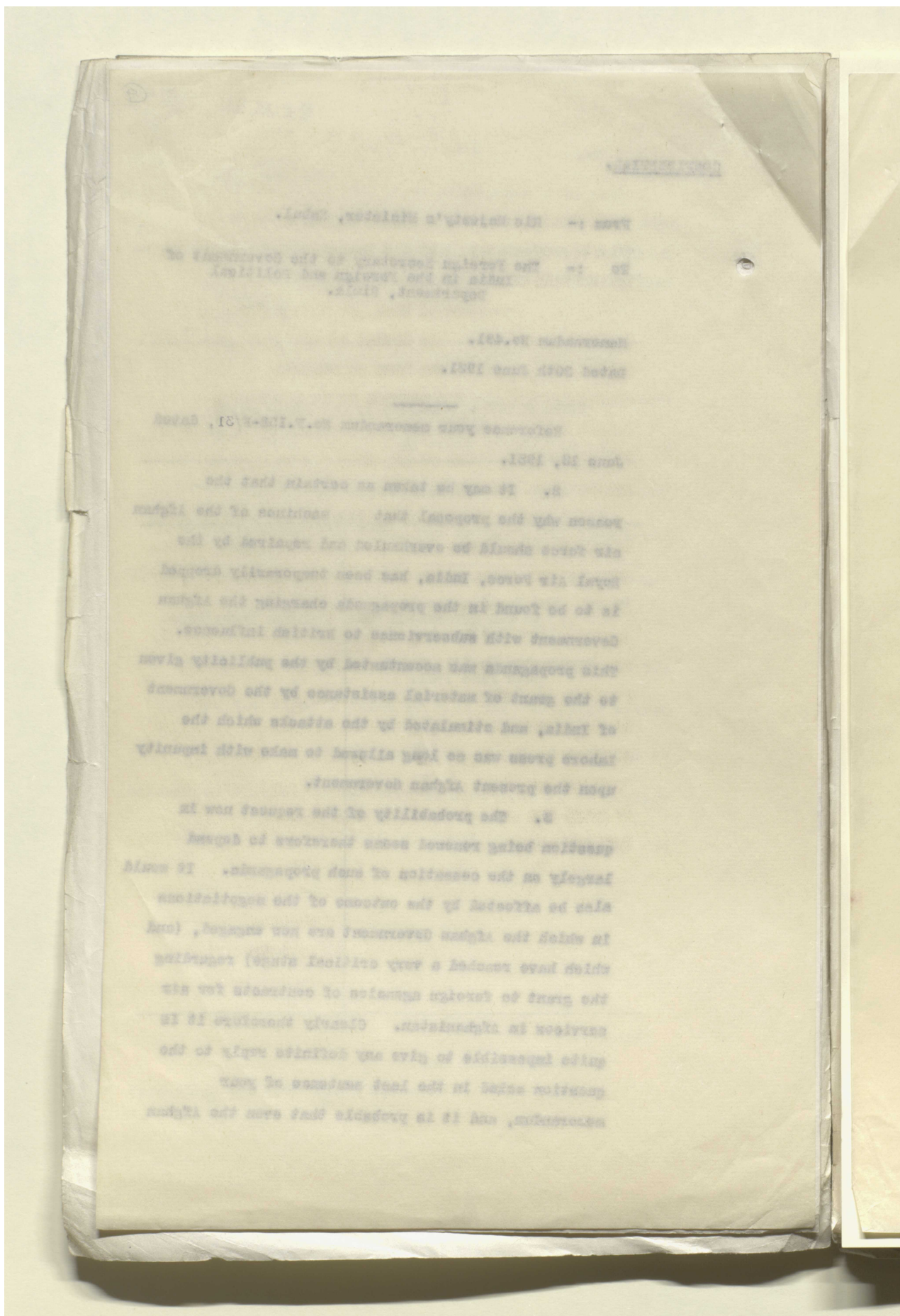
Memorandum No.491.

Dated 20th June 1931.

Reference your memorandum No.F.152-F/31, dated  
June 13, 1931.

2. It may be taken as certain that the reason why the proposal that the machines of the Afghan air force should be overhauled and repaired by the Royal Air Force, India, has been temporarily dropped is to be found in the propaganda charging the Afghan Government with subservience to British influence. This propaganda was accentuated by the publicity given to the grant of material assistance by the Government of India, and stimulated by the attacks which the Lahore press was so long allowed to make with impunity upon the present Afghan Government.

3. The probability of the request now in question being renewed seems therefore to depend largely on the cessation of such propaganda. It would also be affected by the outcome of the negotiations in which the Afghan Government are now engaged, (and which have reached a very critical stage) regarding the grant to foreign agencies of contracts for air services in Afghanistan. Clearly therefore it is quite impossible to give any definite reply to the question asked in the last sentence of your memorandum, and it is probable that even the Afghan



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Government themselves would be unable to give one. It would of course be highly inadvisable to press them on the subject.

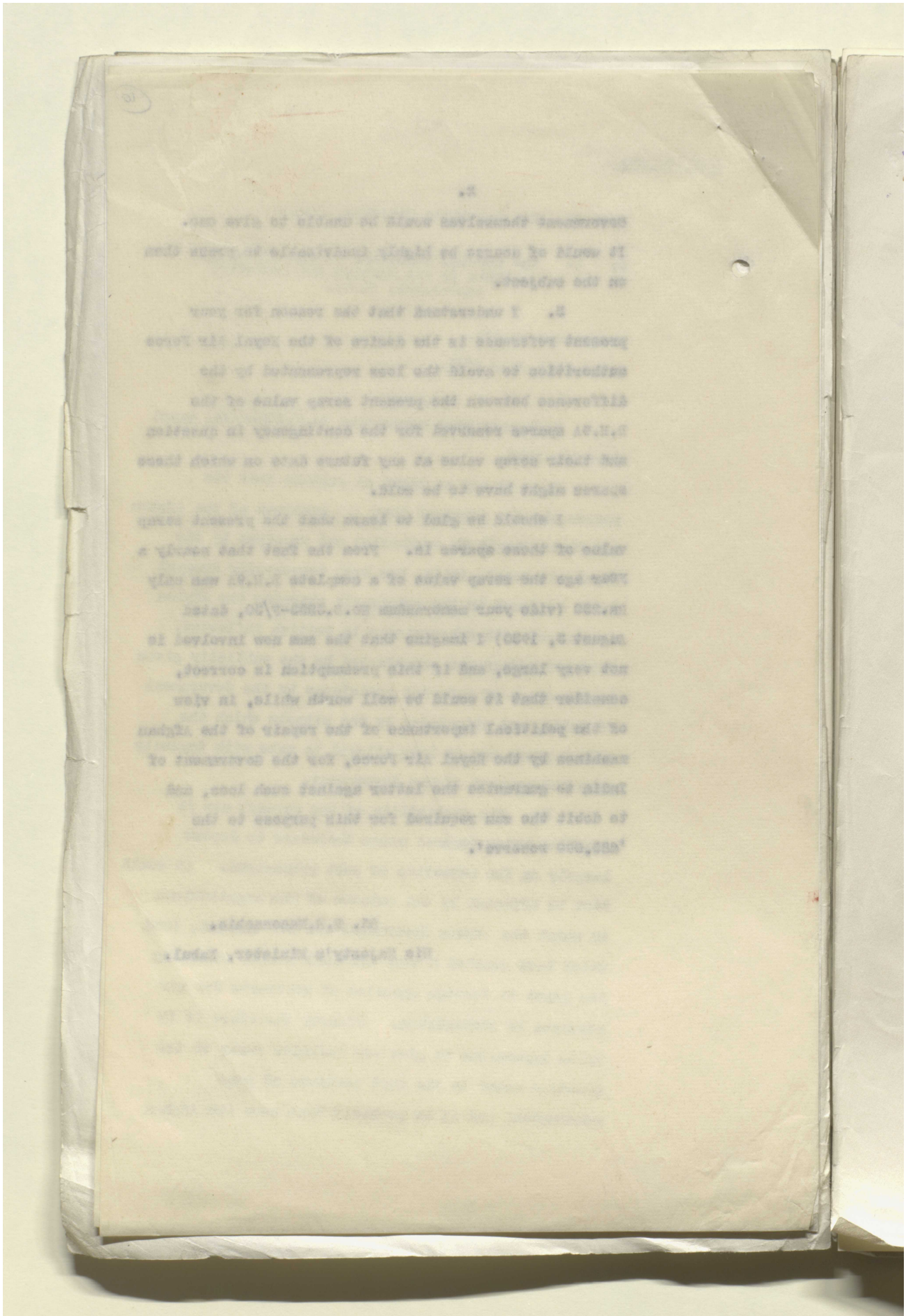
3. I understand that the reason for your present reference is the desire of the Royal Air Force authorities to avoid the loss represented by the difference between the present scrap value of the D.H.9A spares reserved for the contingency in question and their scrap value at any future date on which these spares might have to be sold.

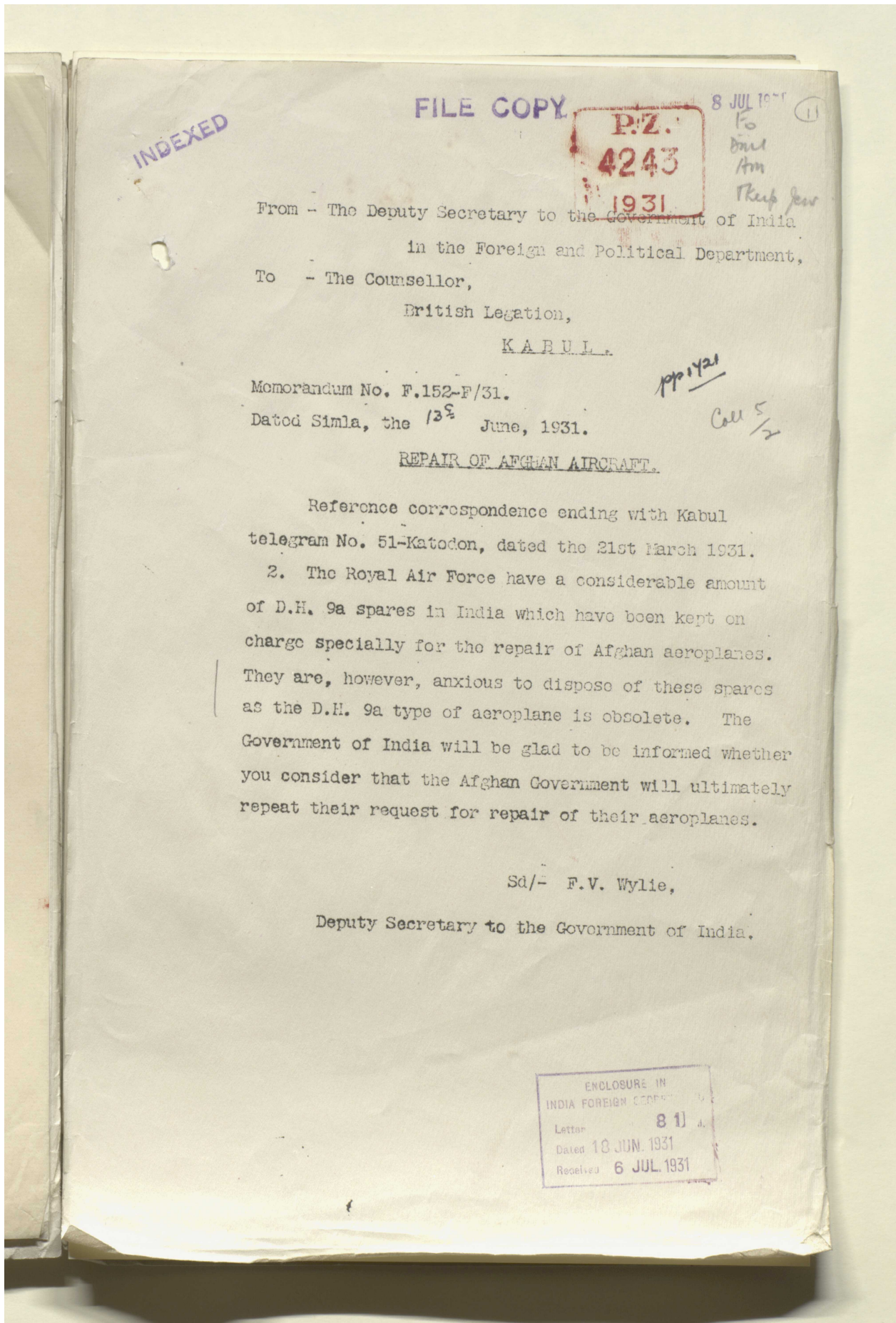
I should be glad to learn what the present scrap value of these spares is. From the fact that nearly a year ago the scrap value of a complete D.H.9A was only Rs.250 (vide your memorandum No.D.5252-F/20, dated August 2, 1930) I imagine that the sum now involved is not very large, and if this presumption is correct, consider that it would be well worth while, in view of the political importance of the repair of the Afghan machines by the Royal Air Force, for the Government of India to guarantee the latter against such loss, and to debit the sum required for this purpose to the '225,000 reserve'.

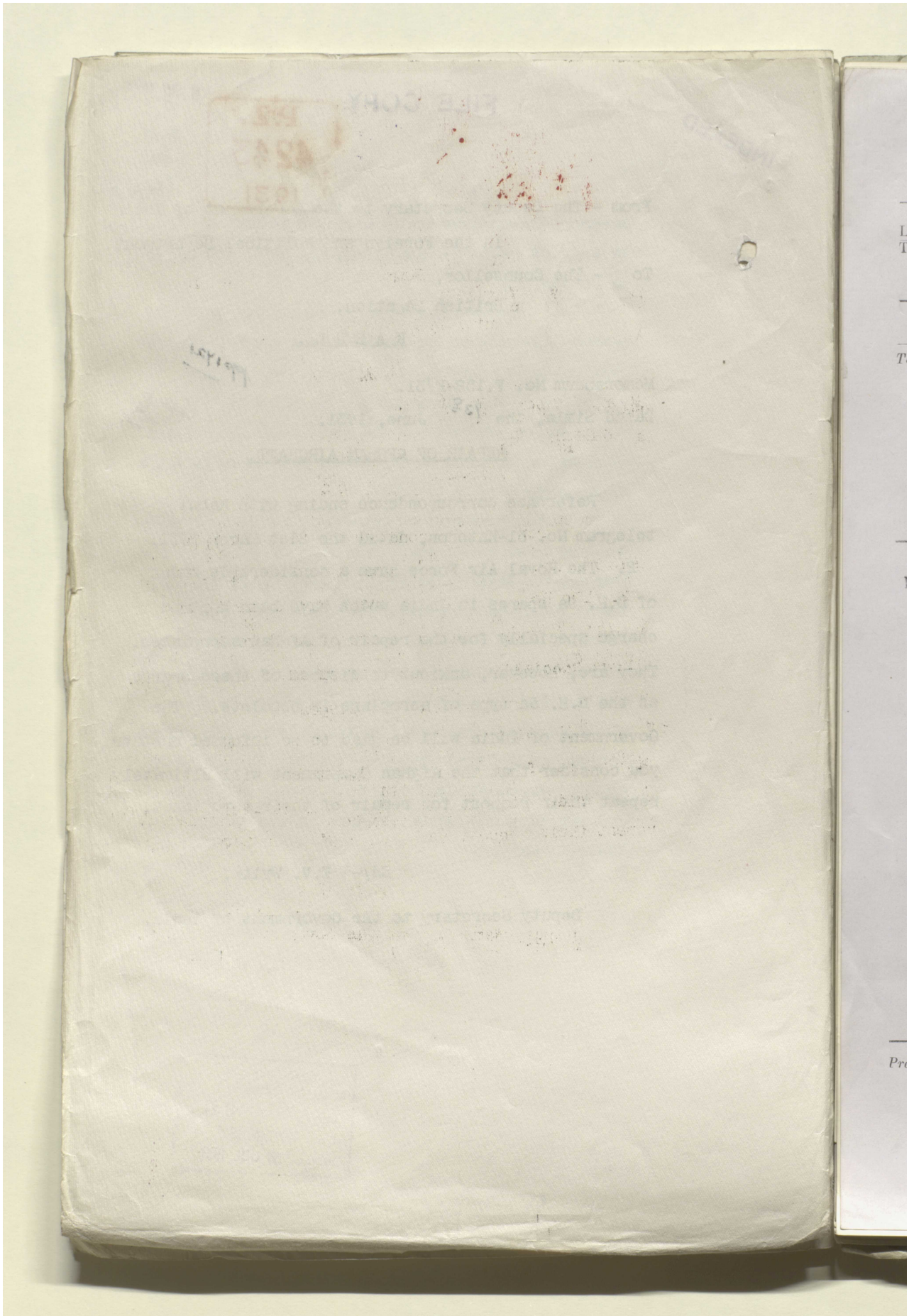
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His Majesty's Minister, Kabul.

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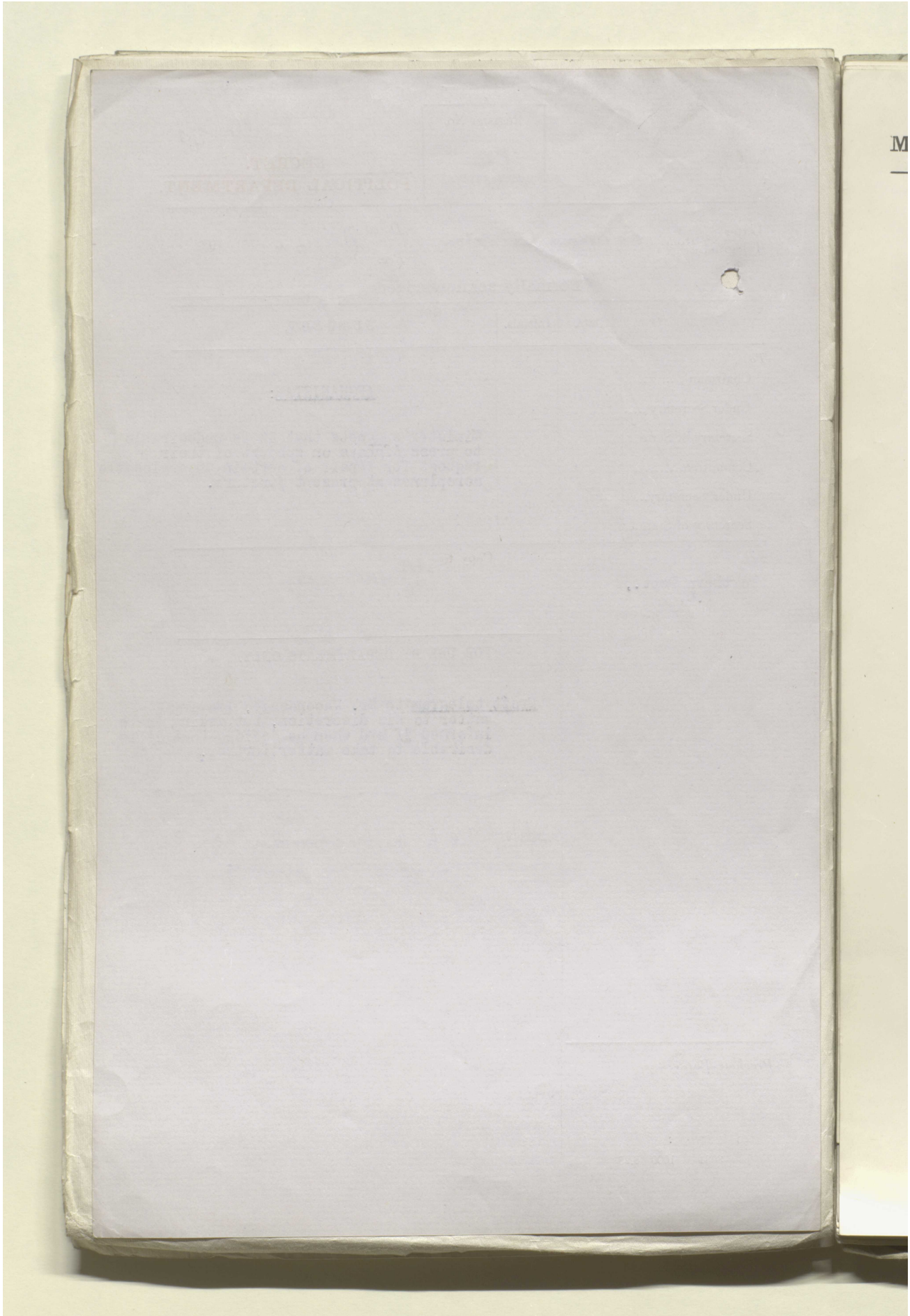


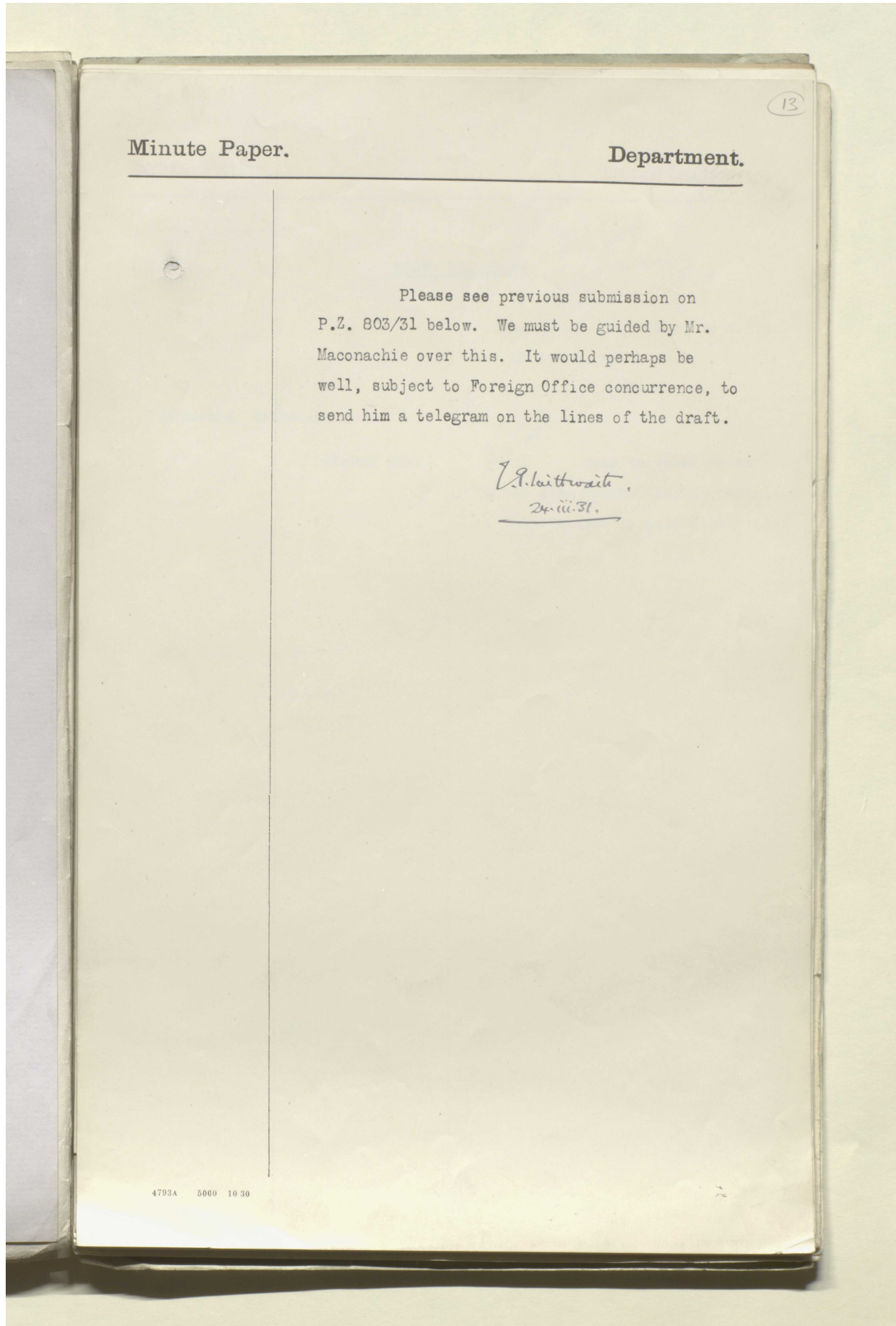


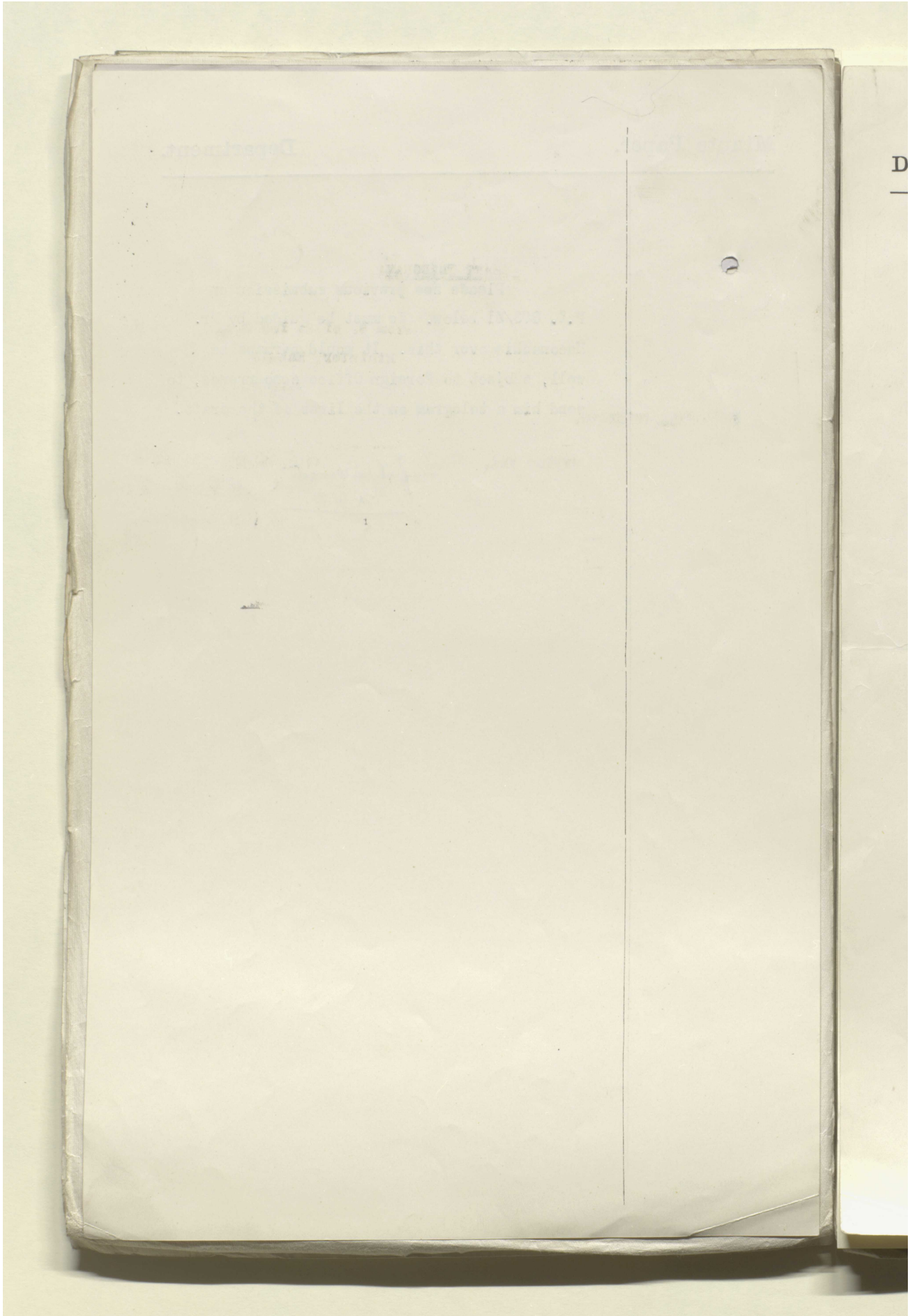
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Letter Telegram from	Mr Maconachie, Kabul.	Dated	21 March 1931.
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	Date.	Initials.	SUBJECT.
To			<u>AFGHANISTAN:</u>  Minister suggests that it is undesirable to press Afghans on subject of their request for repair of certain unserviceable aeroplanes at present juncture.
Chairman .....			
Under Secretary .....			
Secretary of State .....			
Committee .....			
Under Secretary .....			
Secretary of State .....			
Northern Dept., F.O. 29/3 24.3		Copy to AM 70 4 tetras to Kabul.	
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Draft telegram to Mr. Maconachie, leaving matter to his discretion, but asking to be informed if and when he decides that it is desirable to take matter further.			
28/3/31. Del to Mr. Maconachie No. 32.			
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DRAFT TELEGRAM:

From S. of S. for F.A. to H.B.M.  
Minister, Kabul.

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FORMINKA, PESHAWAR.

CYPHER XXX.

32' Your telegram No. 51  
dated 21st March. Afghan aeroplanes.  
I leave matter to your discretion.

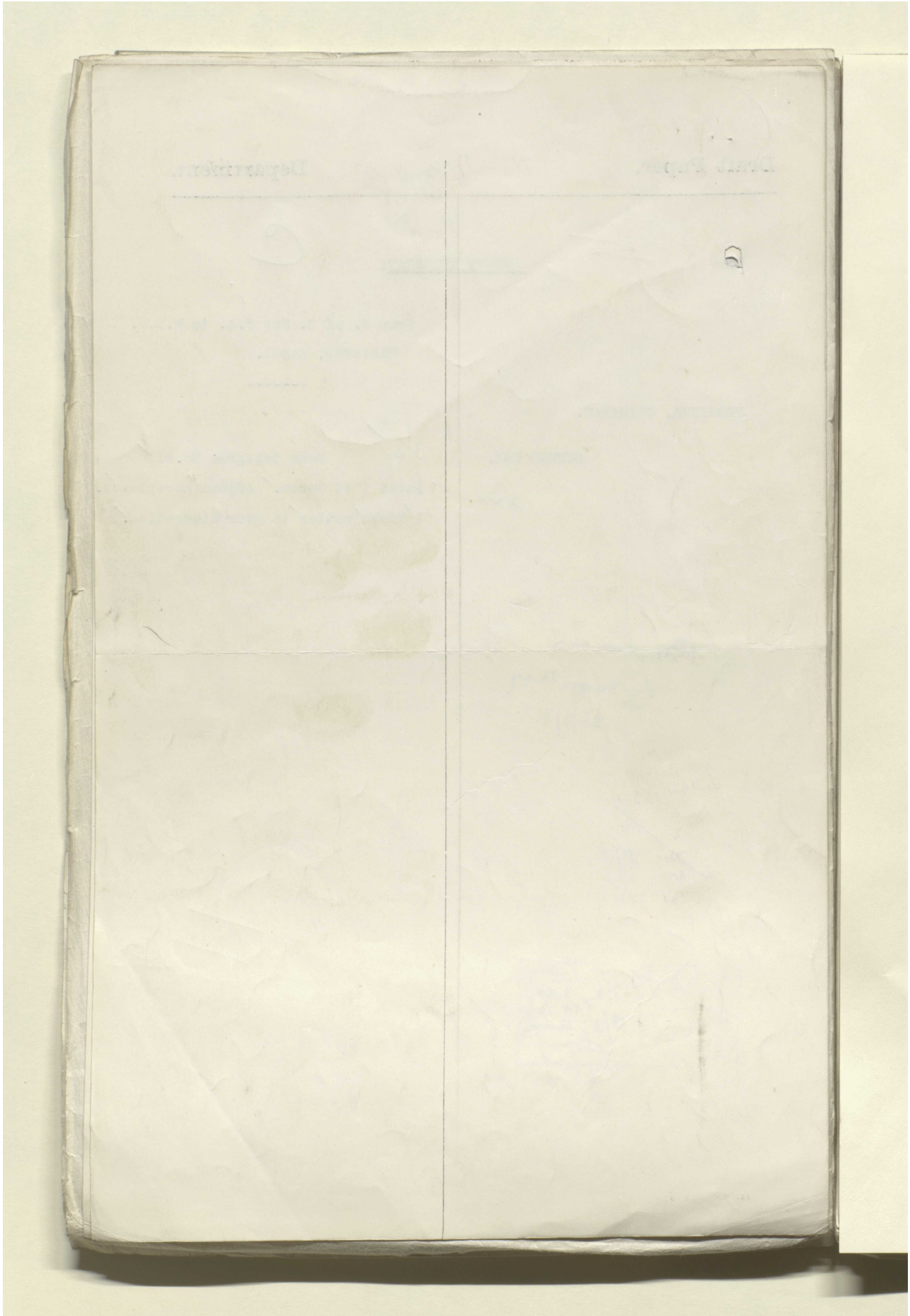
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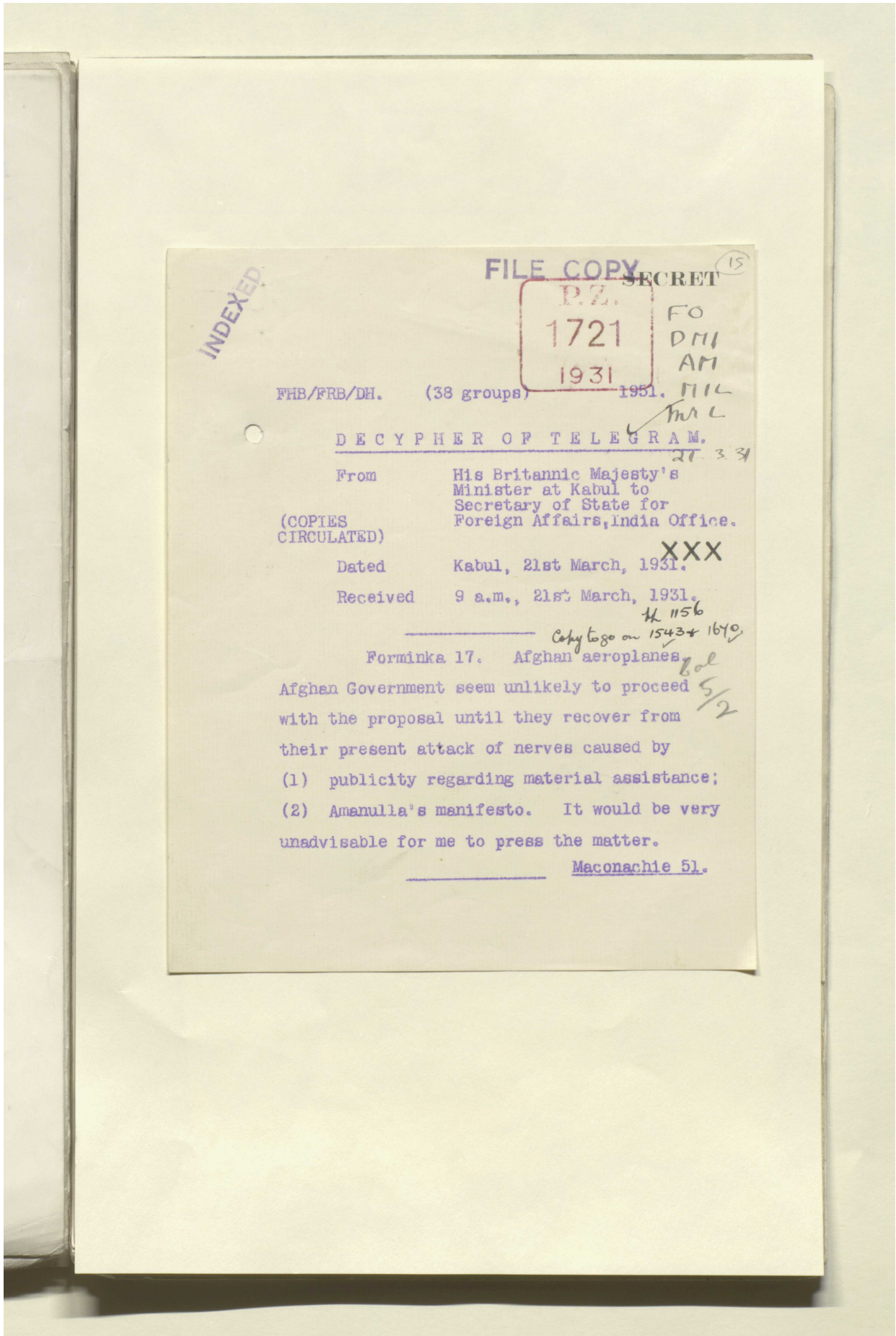
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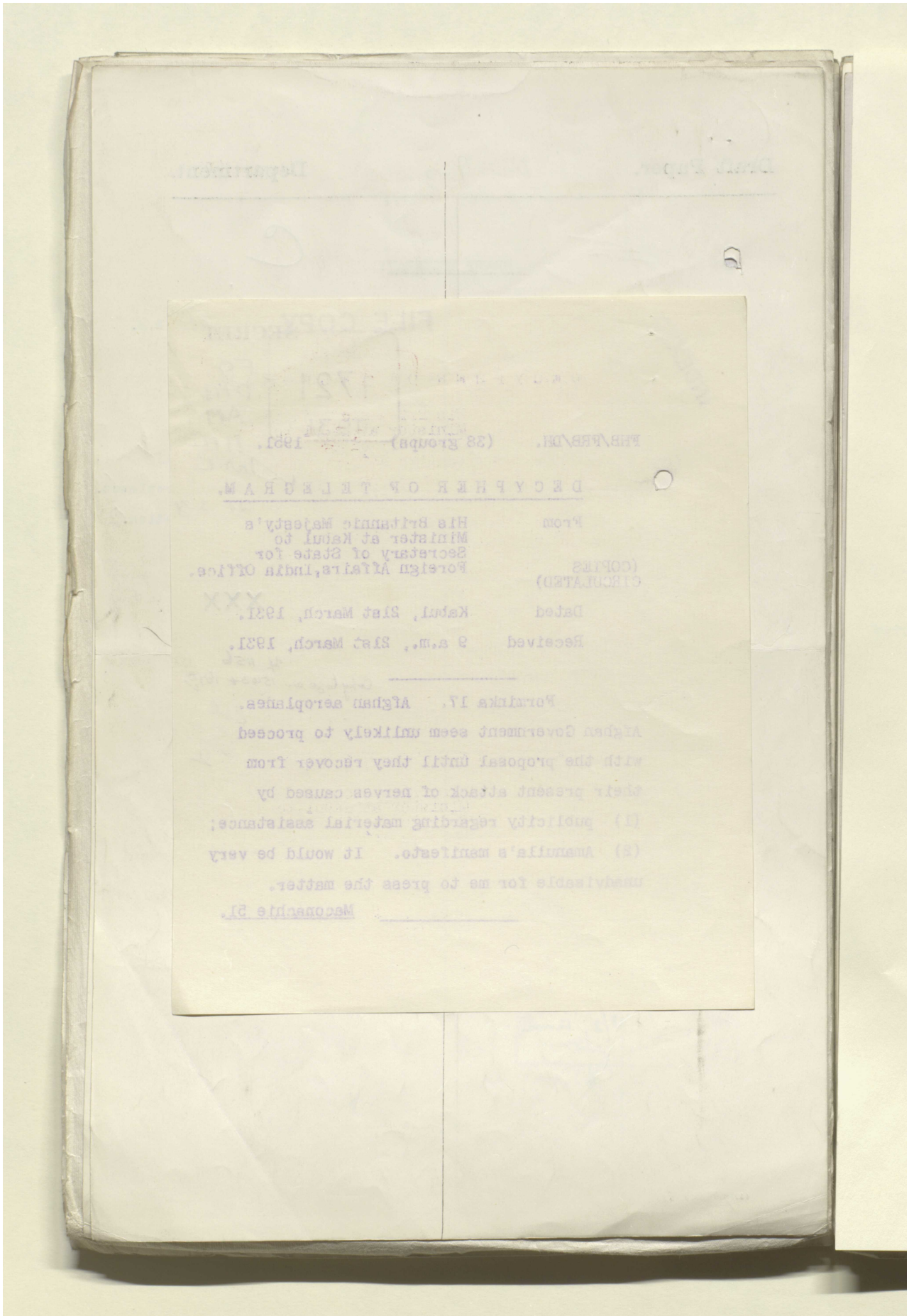
From His Britannic Majesty's Minister at Kabul to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, India Office.  
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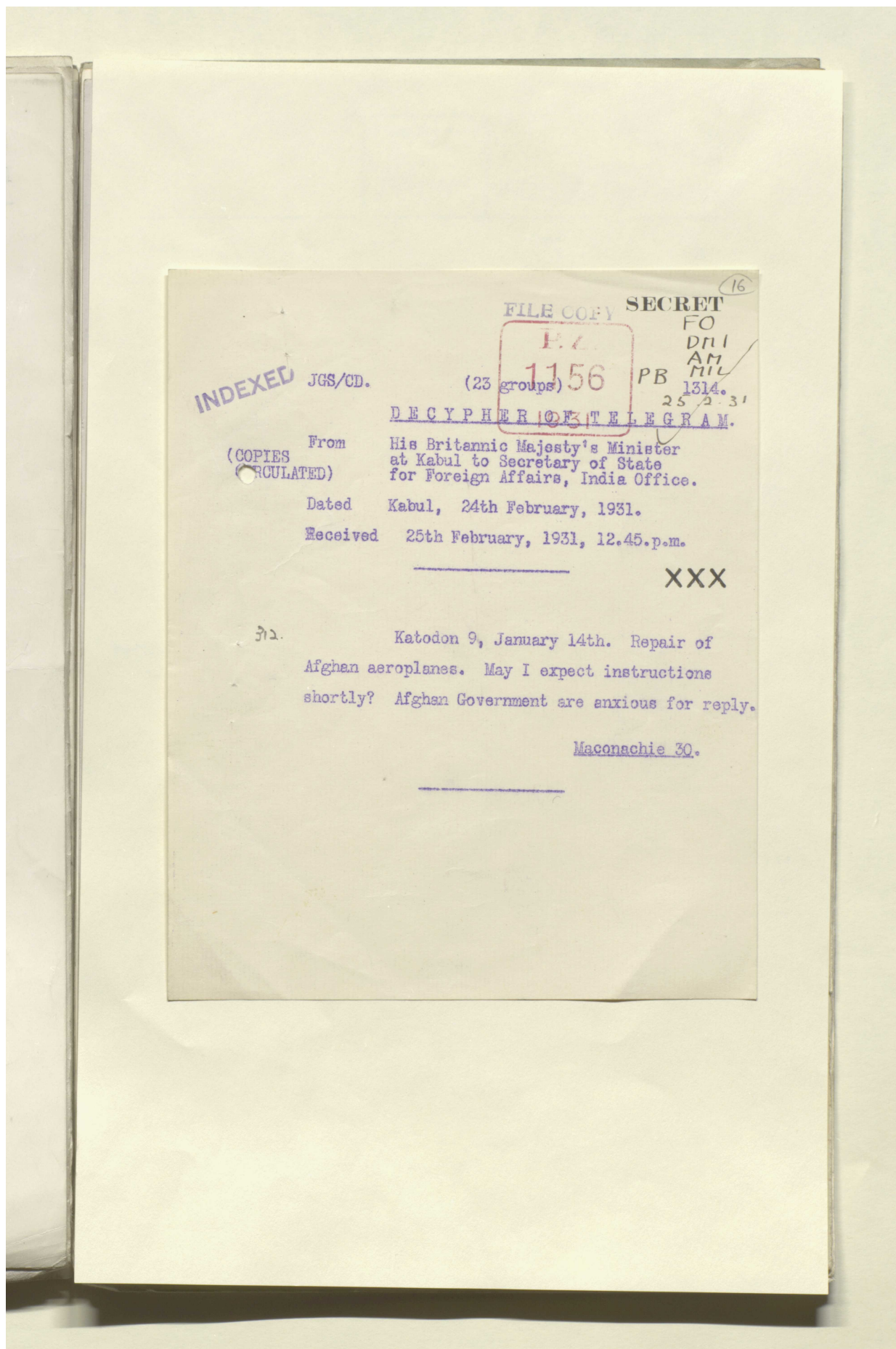
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Received 9 a.m., 21st March, 1931.

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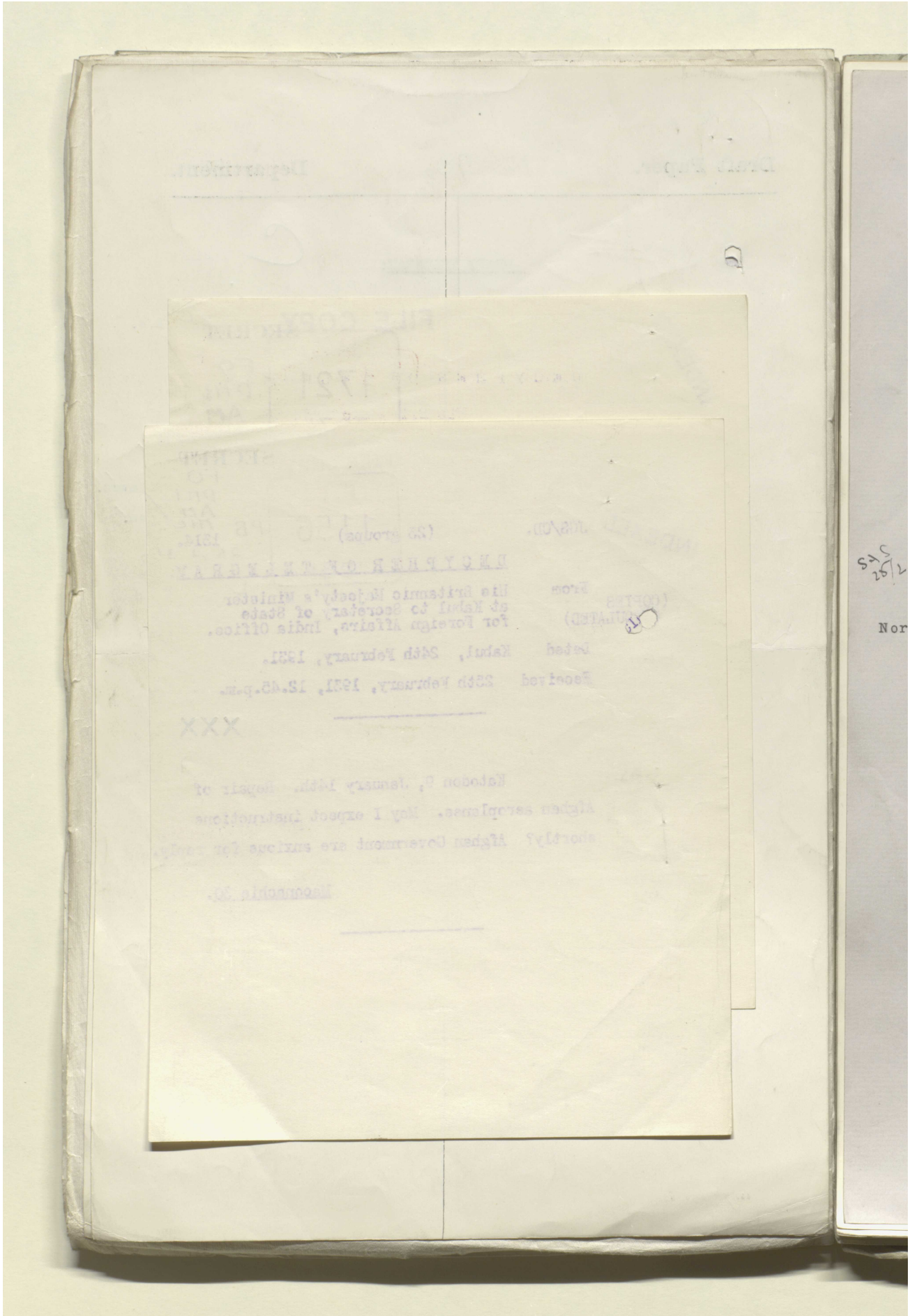
Afghan Government seem unlikely to proceed with the proposal until they recover from their present attack of nerves caused by  
(1) publicity regarding material assistance;  
(2) Amanulla's manifesto. It would be very unadvisable for me to press the matter.  
Maconachie 51.







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Letter Telegram from \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_

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	Date.	Initials.	SUBJECT.
<u>AFGHANISTAN:</u>			
To Chairman.....			Afghan request for repair of ten unserviceable Afghan aeroplanes, either in India or at Kabul.  Government of India and Minister agree as to desirability, as do Air Ministry.
Under Secretary .....	25. 2.	1st	
Secretary of State...	25	W	
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Draft telegram to Government of India,

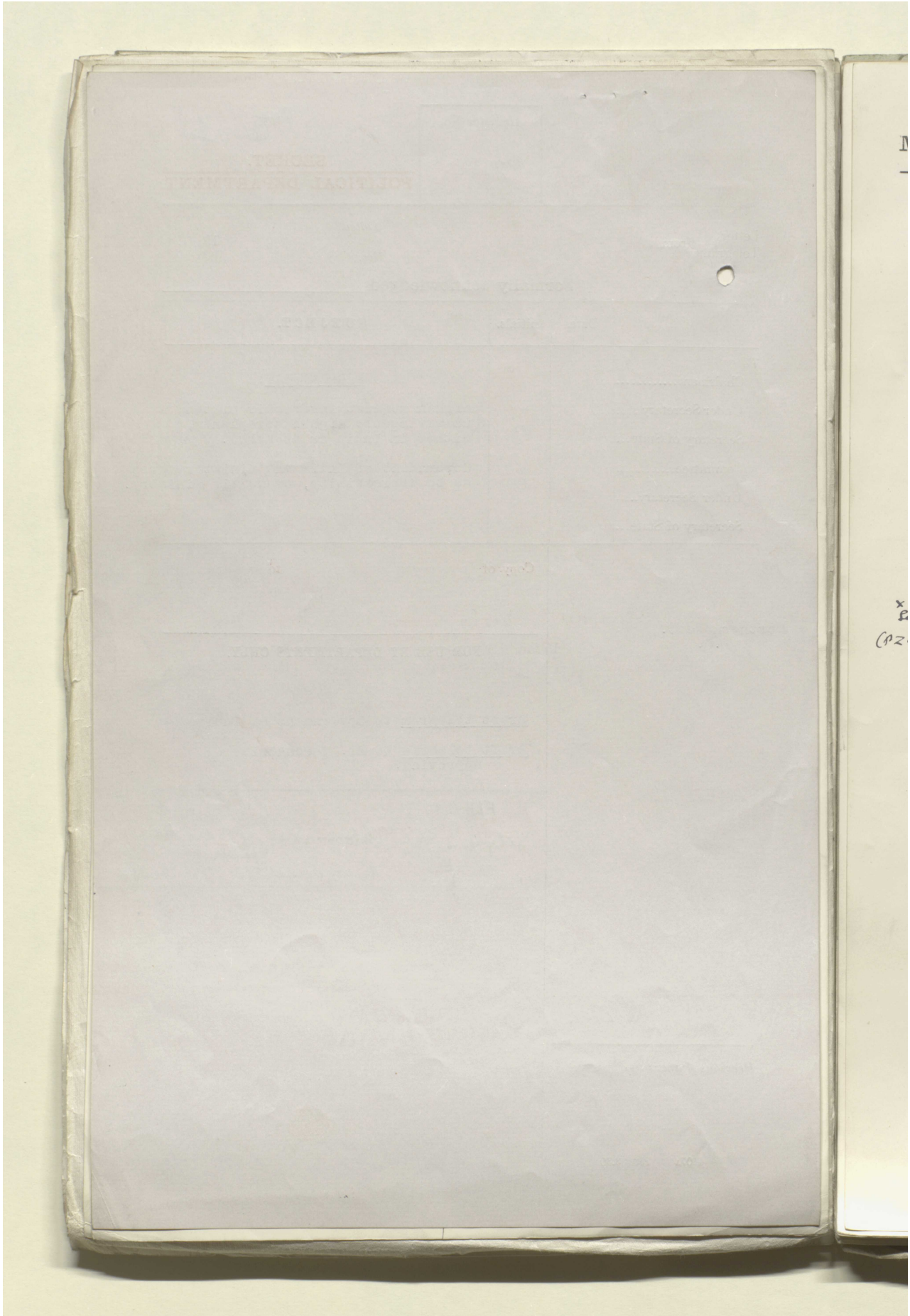
Draft telegram to Mr. Maconachie, approving.

28 FEB 1931

Telegram to Government of India No 750  
 Repeated Kabul .. 16  
 Mr Maconachie No. 17.

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Please see Mr. Maconachie's telegram of 14th January (Katodon 9 on P.Z. 312/31) and the Government of India's comments on it dated 31st January on P.Z. 608/31. The Air Ministry concur in the views expressed by the Government of India, in their letter of 7th February on P.Z. 803/31 (copy of which went to the Foreign Office), but action has so far been postponed because a decision to some extent depended on the decision to be taken in regard to the second instalment of the Afghan subsidy. It has now been agreed that this shall be restricted to £75,000<sup>x</sup>, and that being so, the Government of India's proposal that certain miscellaneous expenses in connection with the present proposal should be met from the reserve of £25,000 retained in their hands presents no difficulties.

*x See Lt<sup>m</sup> 653 & 8.41.  
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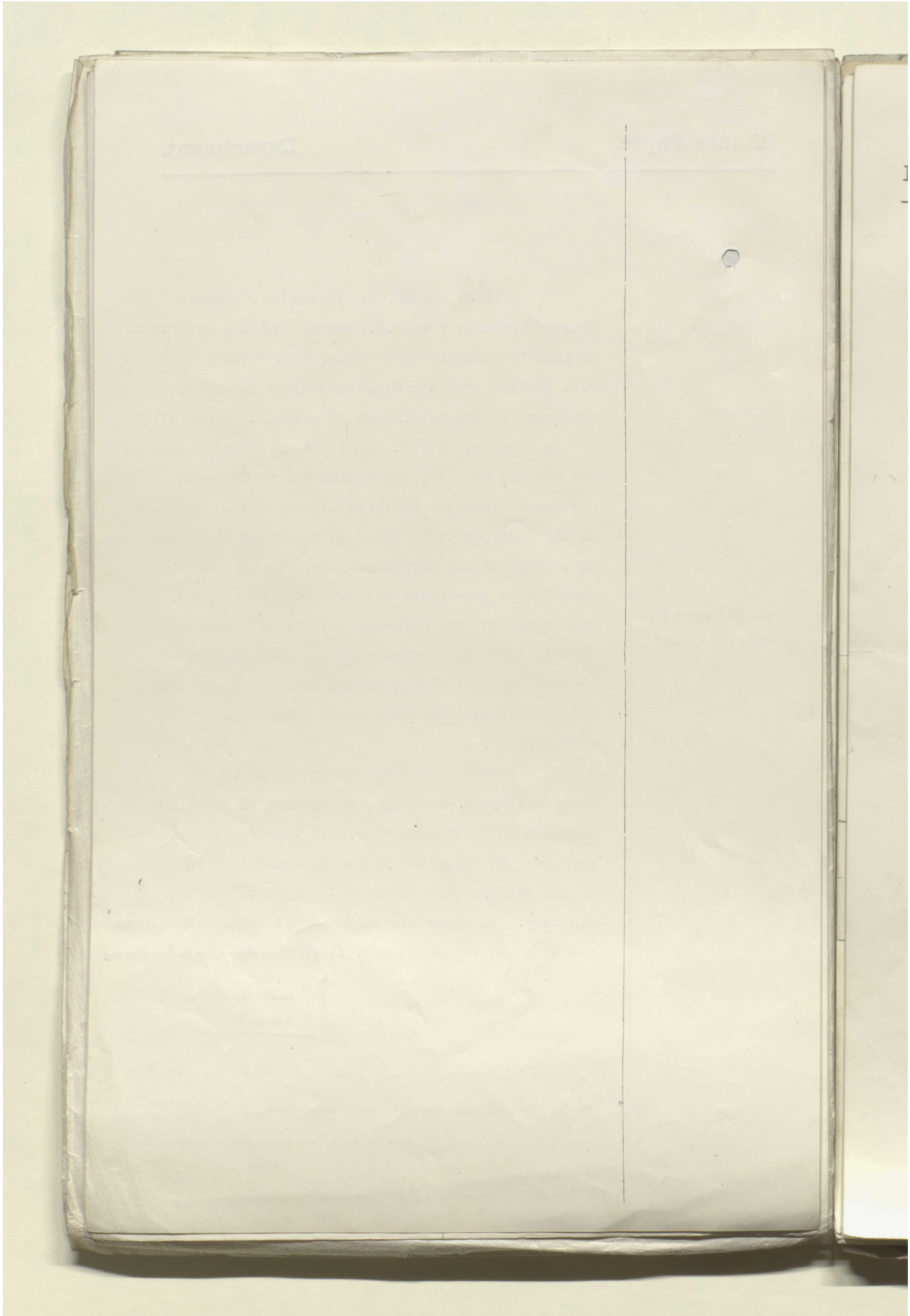
There is general agreement as to the desirability of assisting the Afghans on the lines recommended by the Minister, and the detailed arrangements suggested by the Government of India appear satisfactory and have the approval of the Air Ministry. In these circumstances, I submit that the ~~the~~ proposal may be sanctioned. *Draft to India & Kabul attached.*

*J. P. Maconachie  
24.2.31.*

*The Govt. propose to meet certain of the expenses but not all  
the other expenses is incurred will come out of the £20000  
sanctioned by the India C & the Cabinet for financial assistance to  
Afghanistan.*

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*A reminder Lt<sup>m</sup> has just been received.  
from Kabul 20.2.31*



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DRAFT TELEGRAM:

From Secretary of State to Govt. of India, Foreign & Political Dept.

*Fominika Pestawar.*

*Cypher xxx*

*750 16*

Your telegram dated 31st January 324-S. Repair of

Afghan aeroplanes. I approve

~~procedure proposed by you~~ *your proposals*

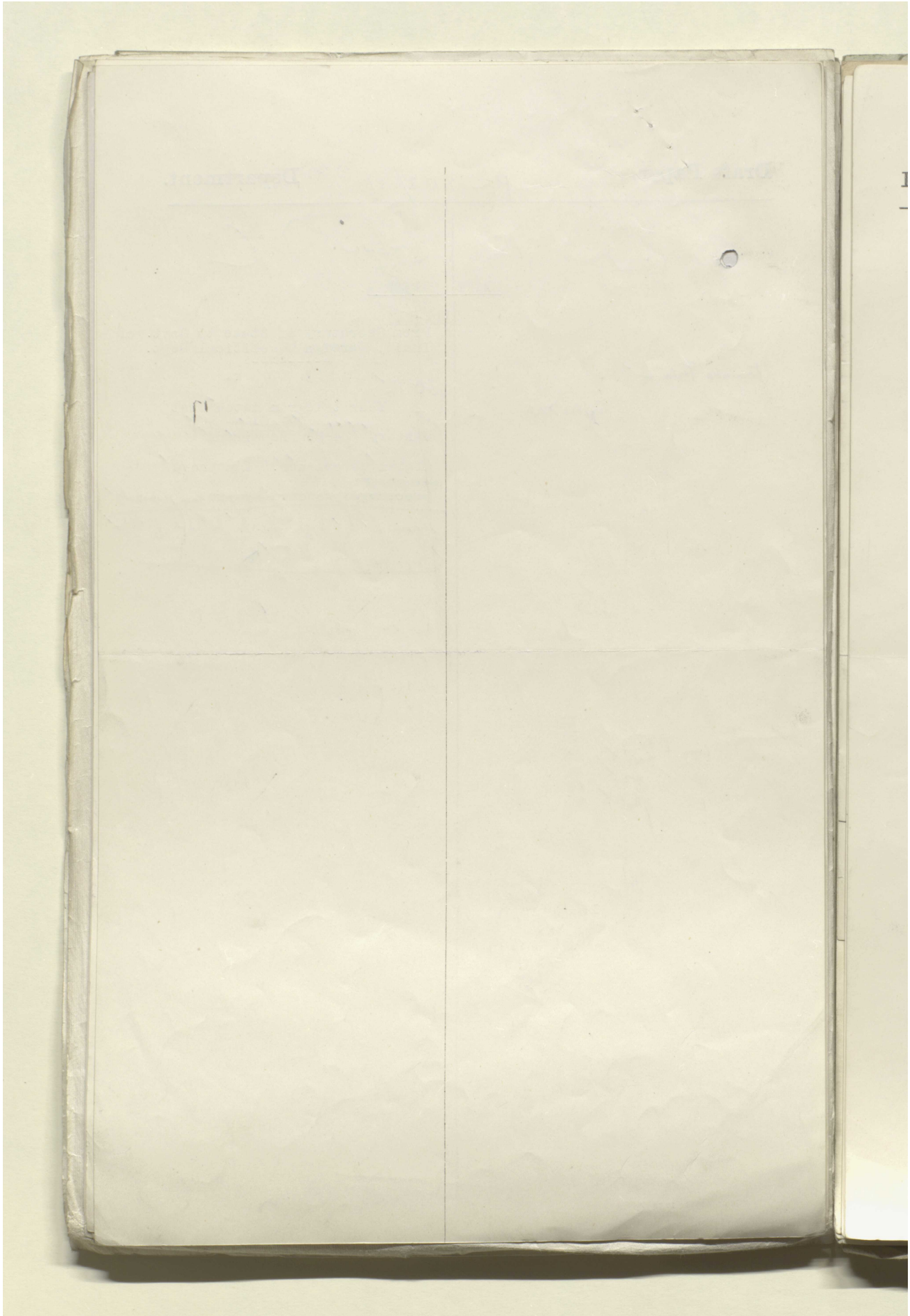
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DRAFT TELEGRAM:

*Important*

From Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to H.M. Minister, Kabul.

FORMINKA

PESHAWAR.

*Cypher XXX*

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Katodon <sup>9</sup> of 14th January and Secretary of State for India's telegram to Government of India No. 1750 dated 28<sup>th</sup> July. Afghan aeroplanes. His Majesty's Government accept your recommendations. Detailed arrangements will no doubt be made by you in communication with Government of India.

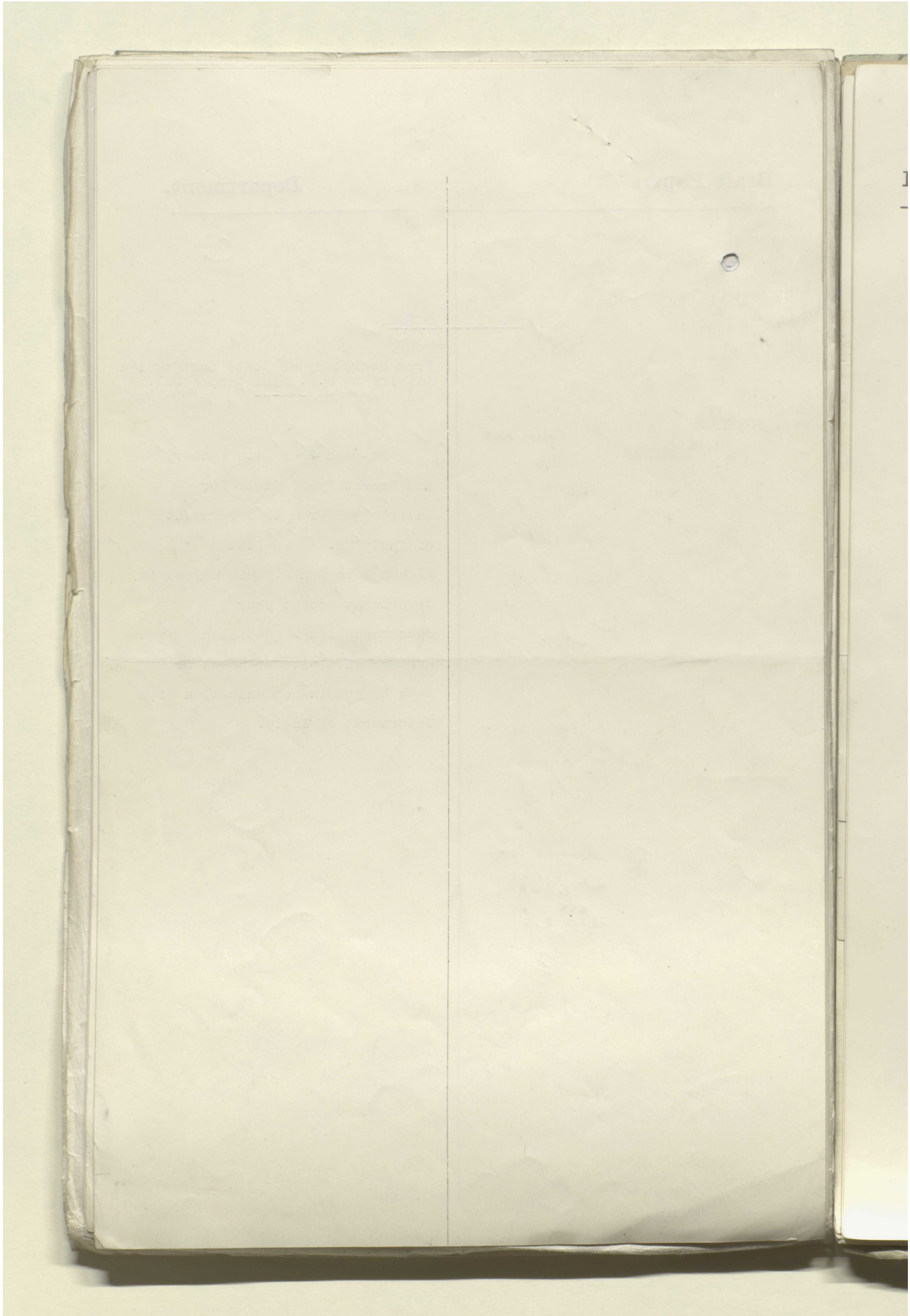
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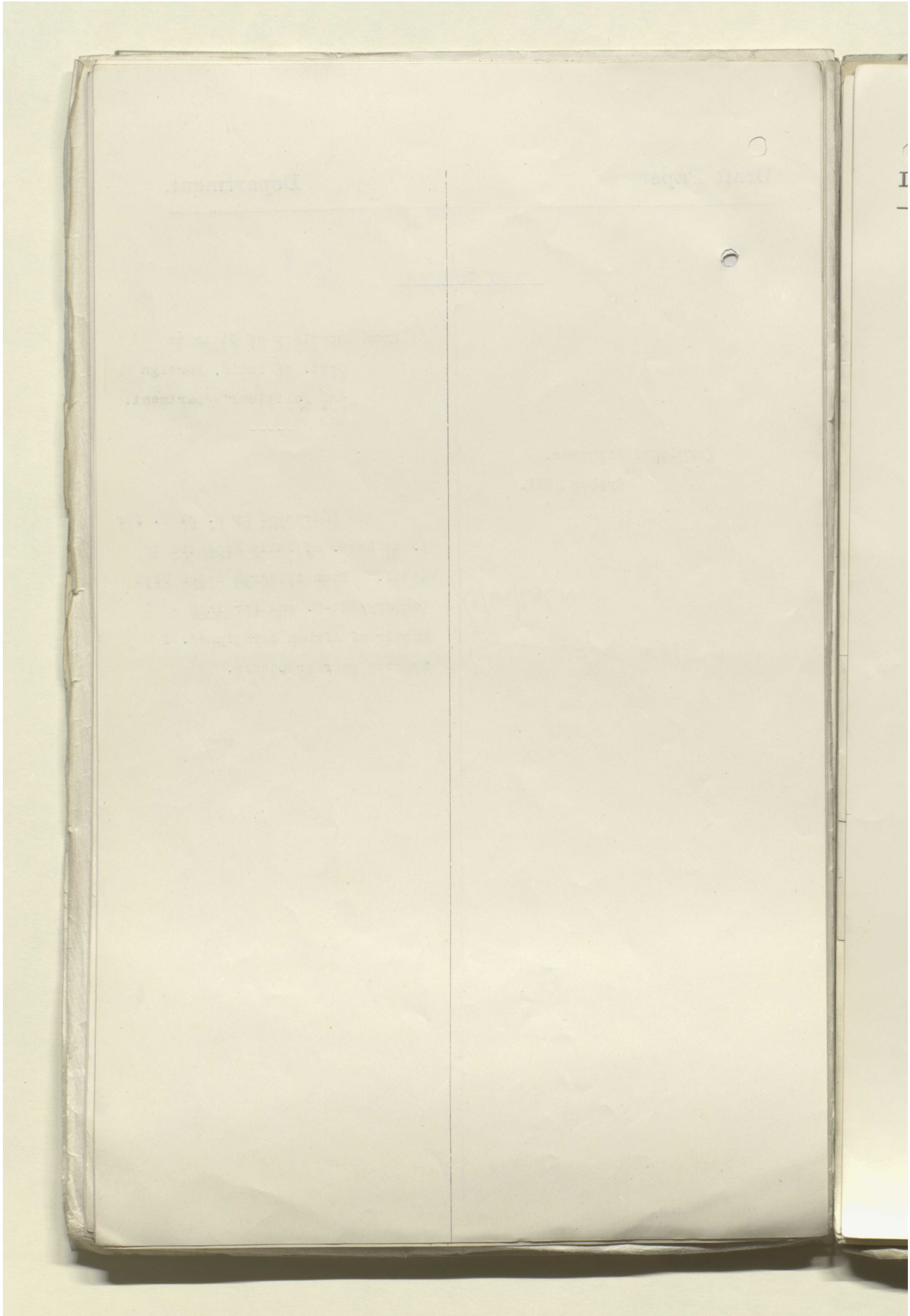




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<u>DRAFT TELEGRAM</u>	<i>Sent see above.</i>
Forminka, Peshawar. Cypher, XXX.	From Secretary of State to Govt. of India, Foreign and Political Department. -----
<i>N 787/300/97</i> <i>For F.O. concurrence</i> <i>F.O. concn.</i> <i>W.S.</i> <i>28/2</i>	Addressed by S. of S. for I. to Govt. of India Repeated to Kabul. Your telegram dated 31st January 324-S. and Forminka - Repair of Afghan aeroplanes. I approve your proposals.

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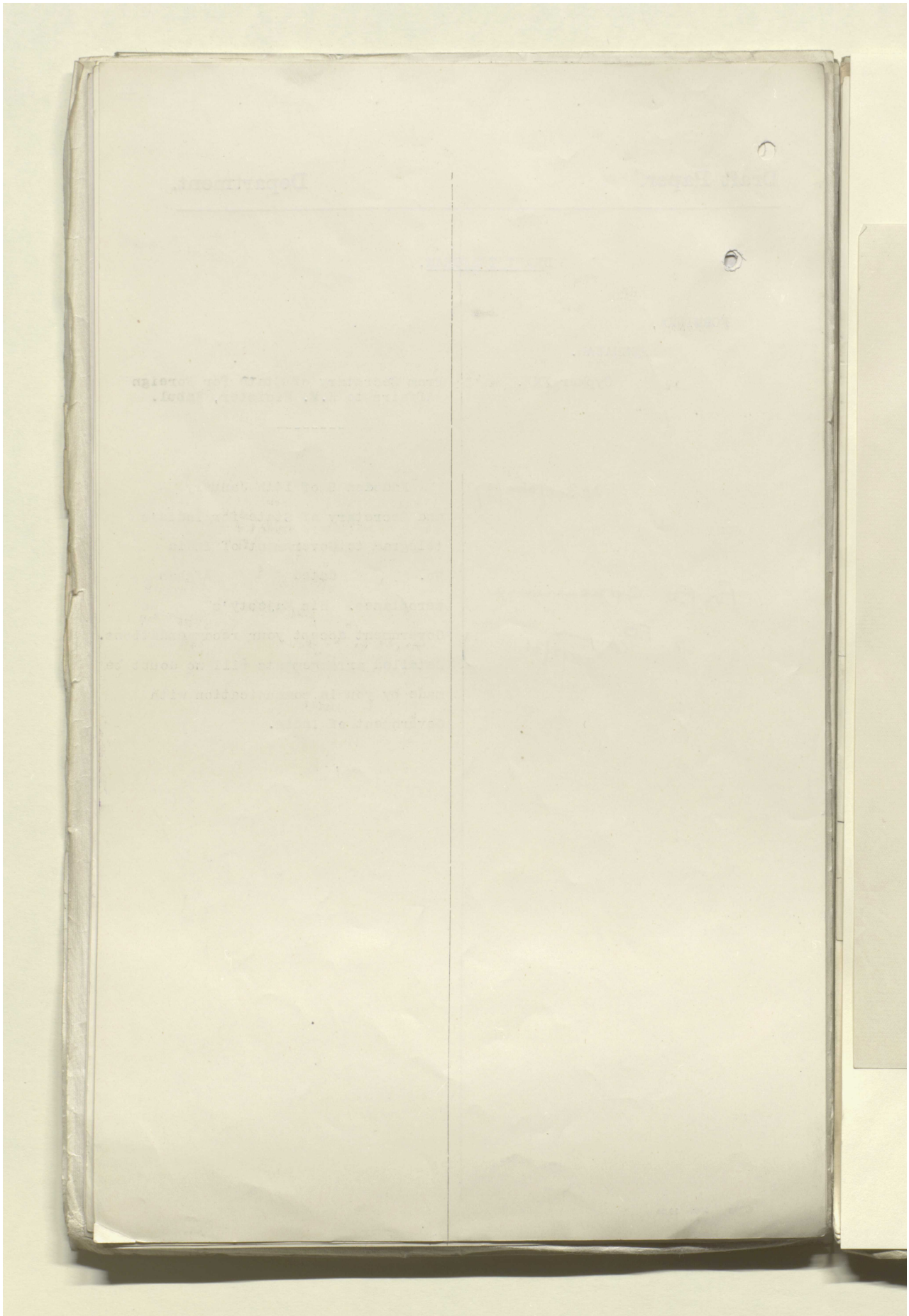
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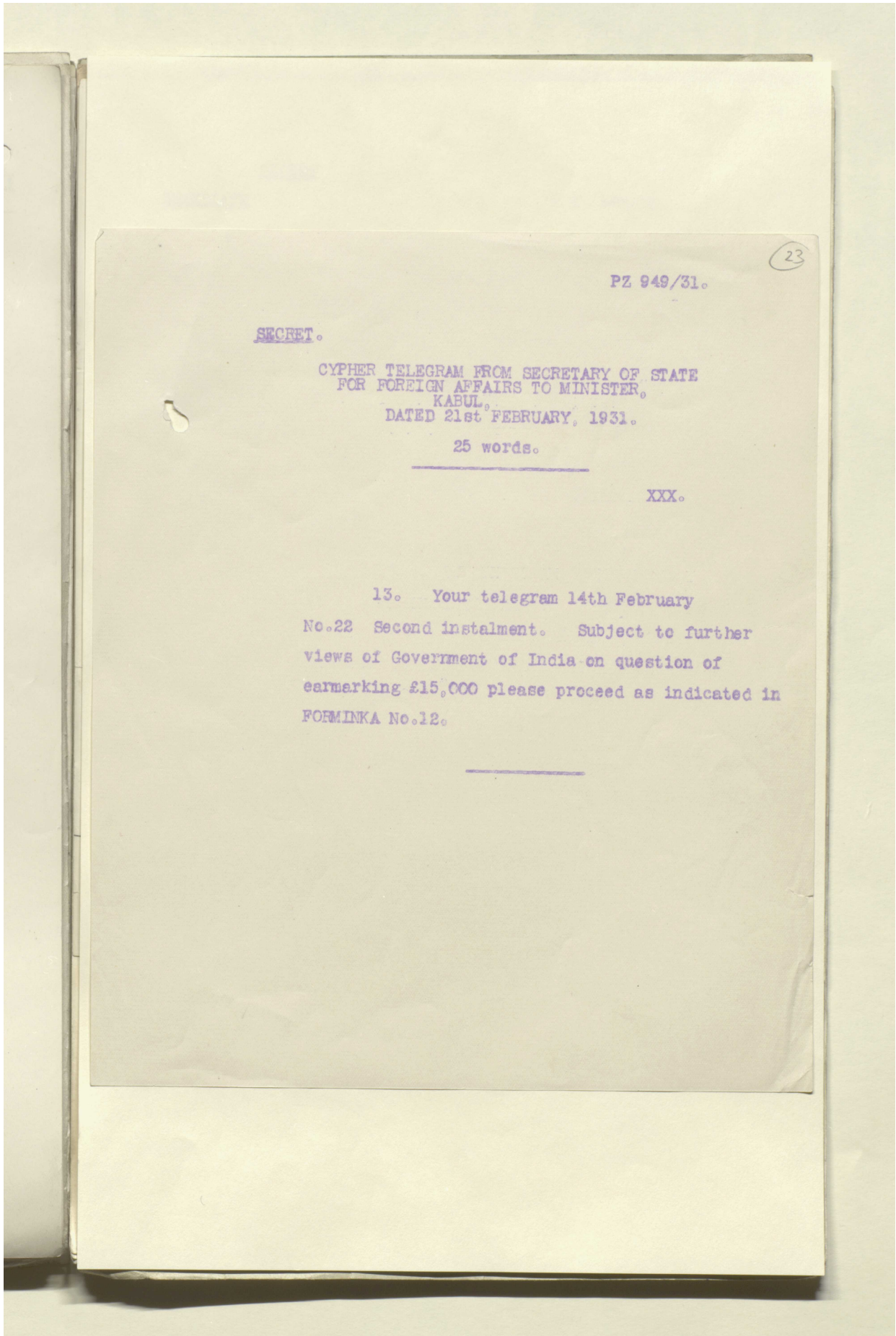
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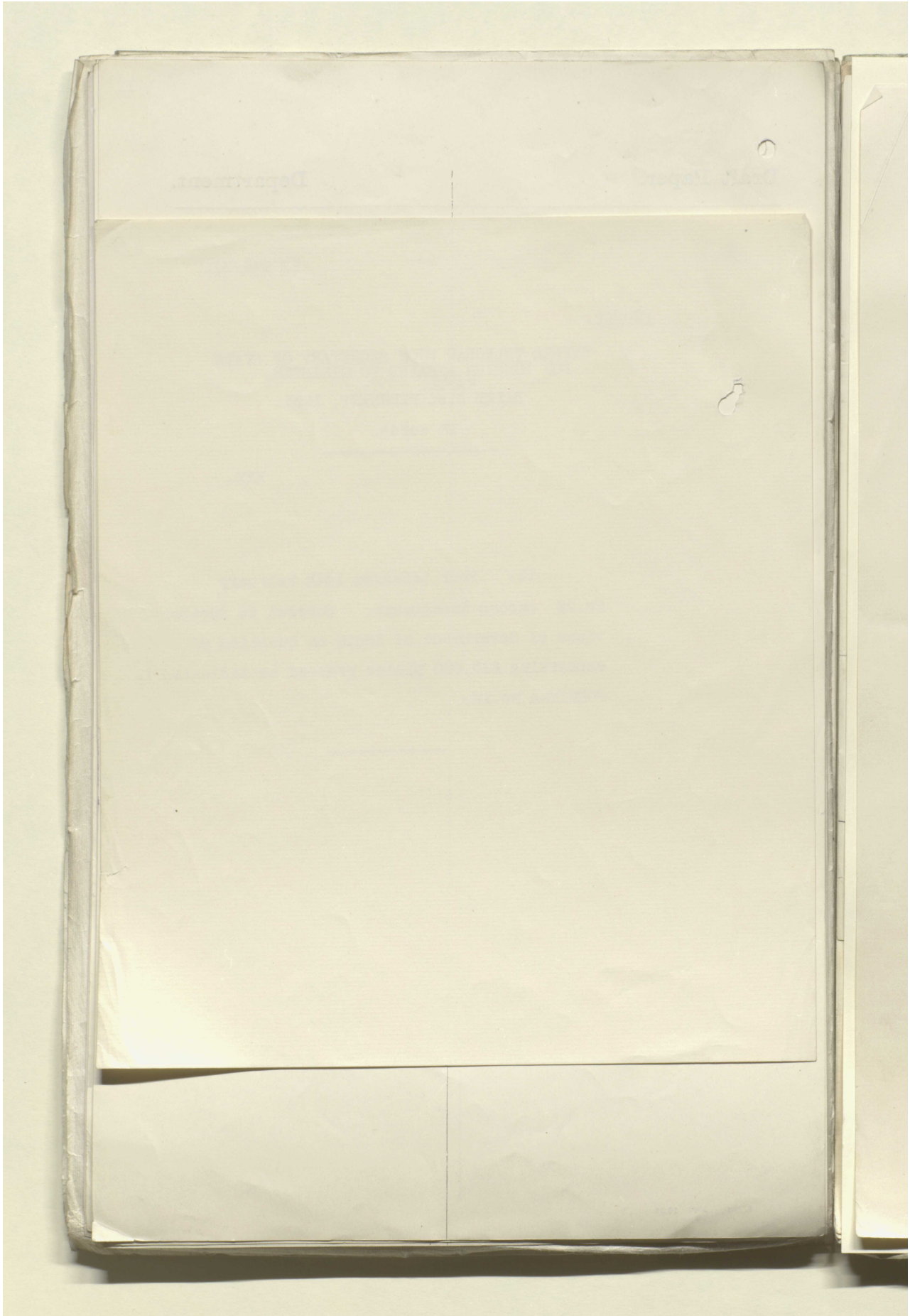
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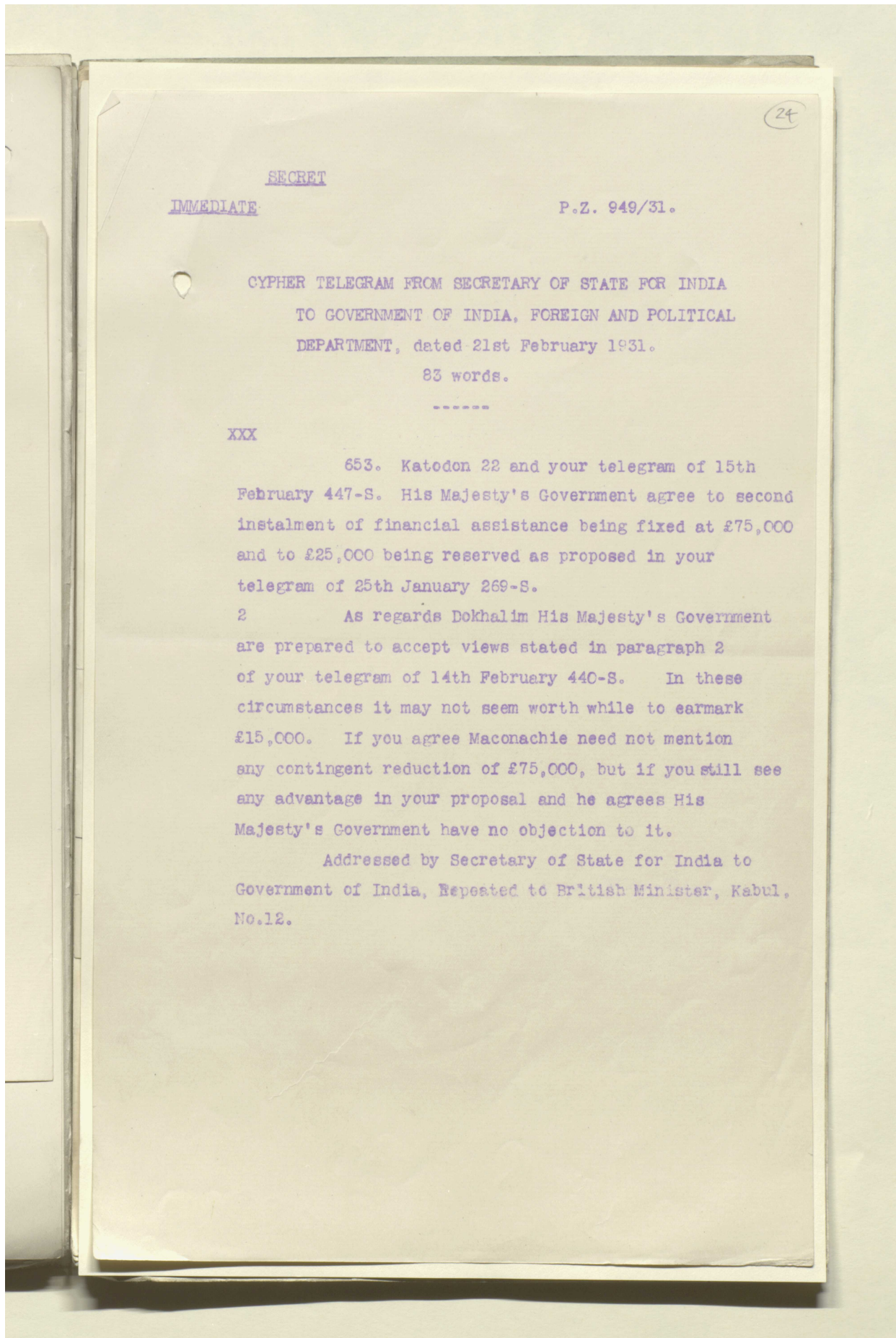
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Detailed arrangements will no doubt be  
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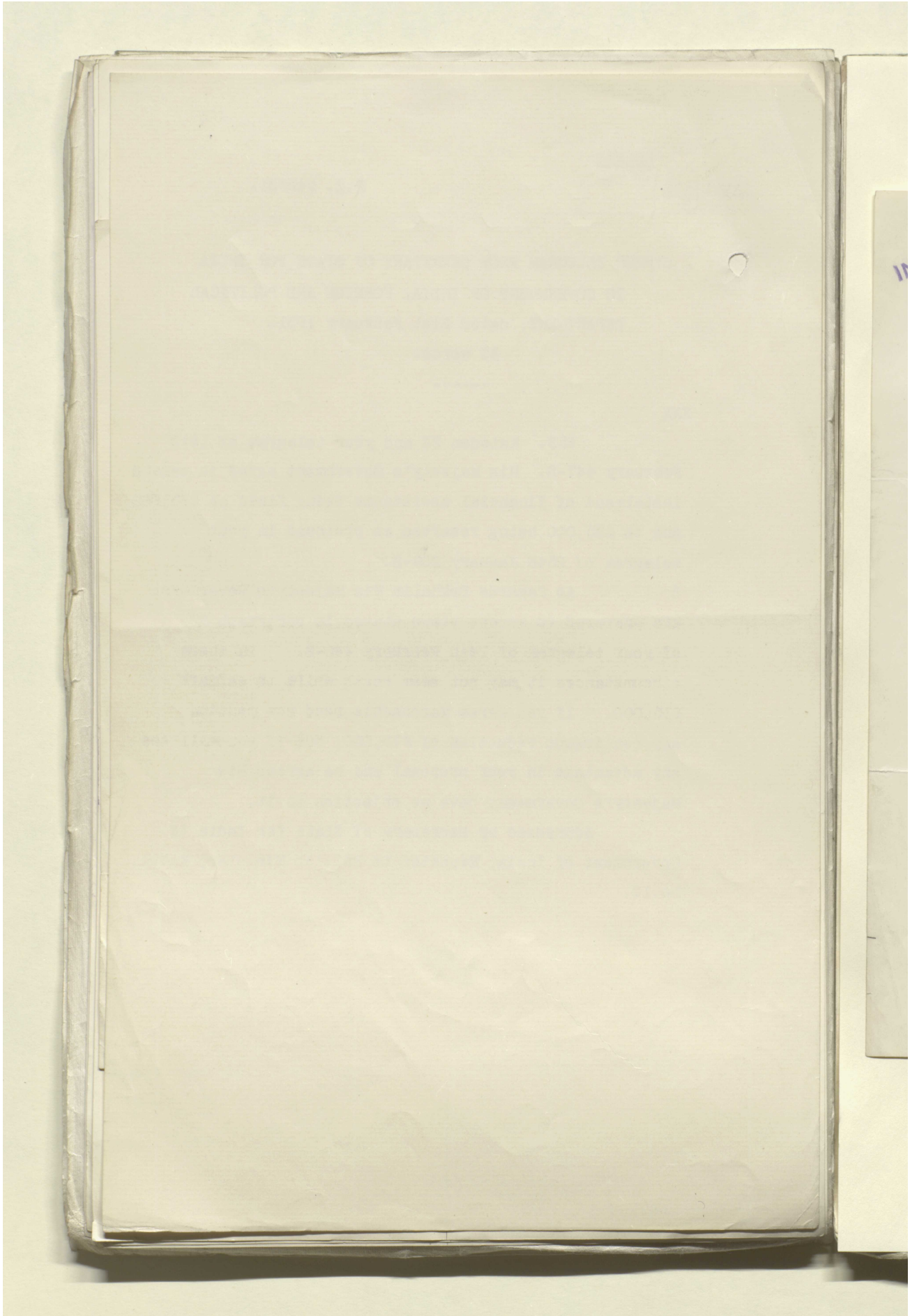




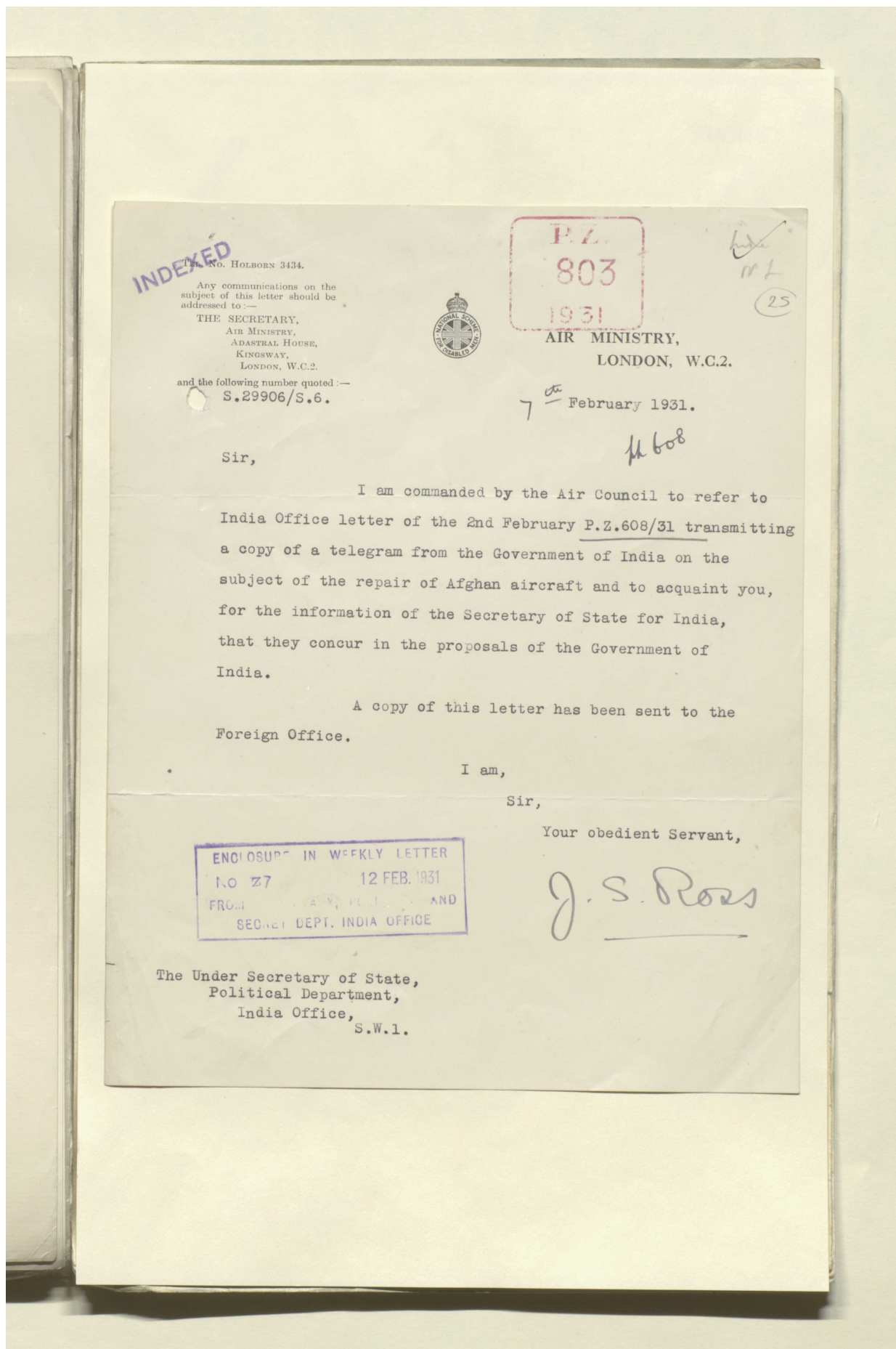


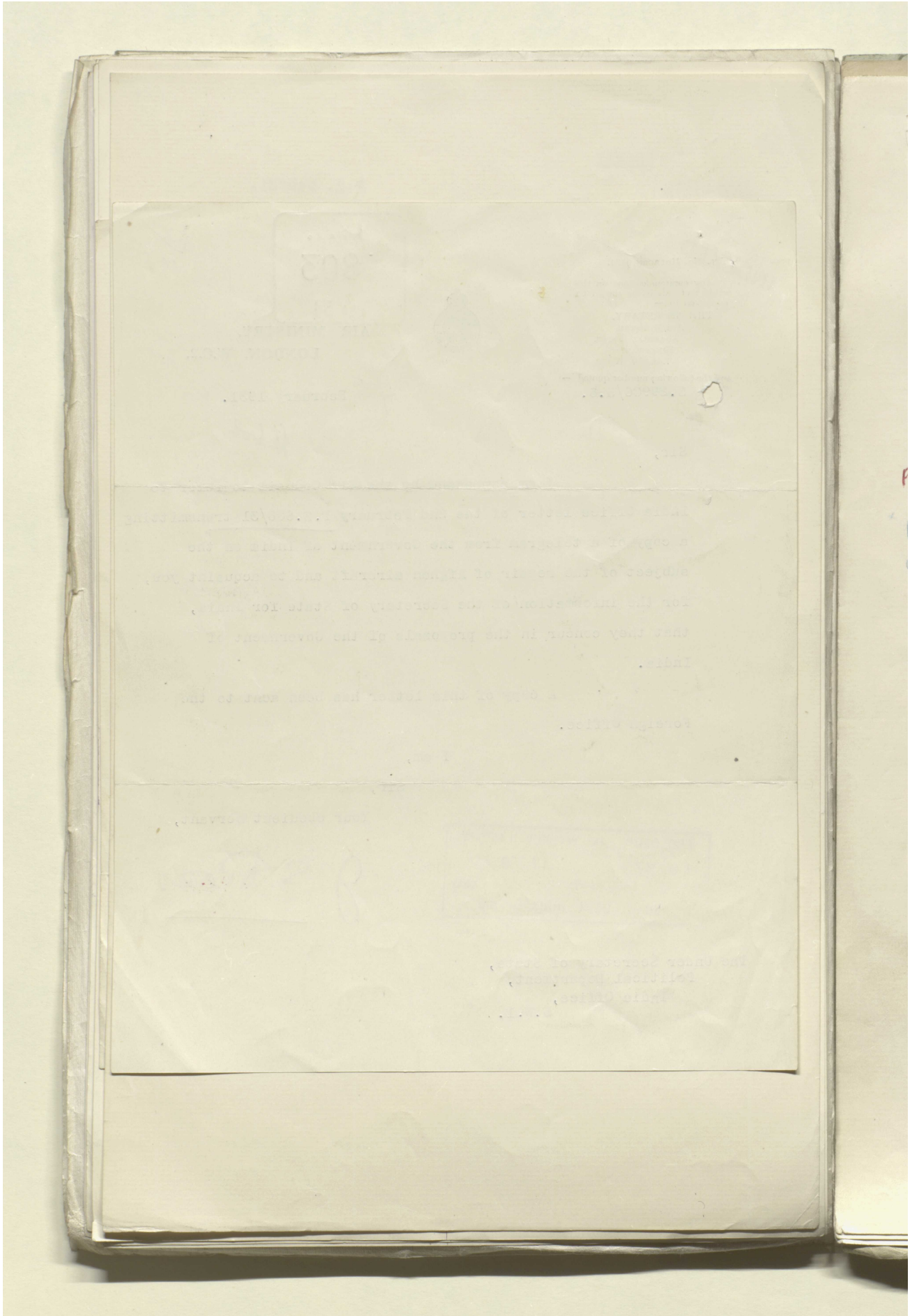


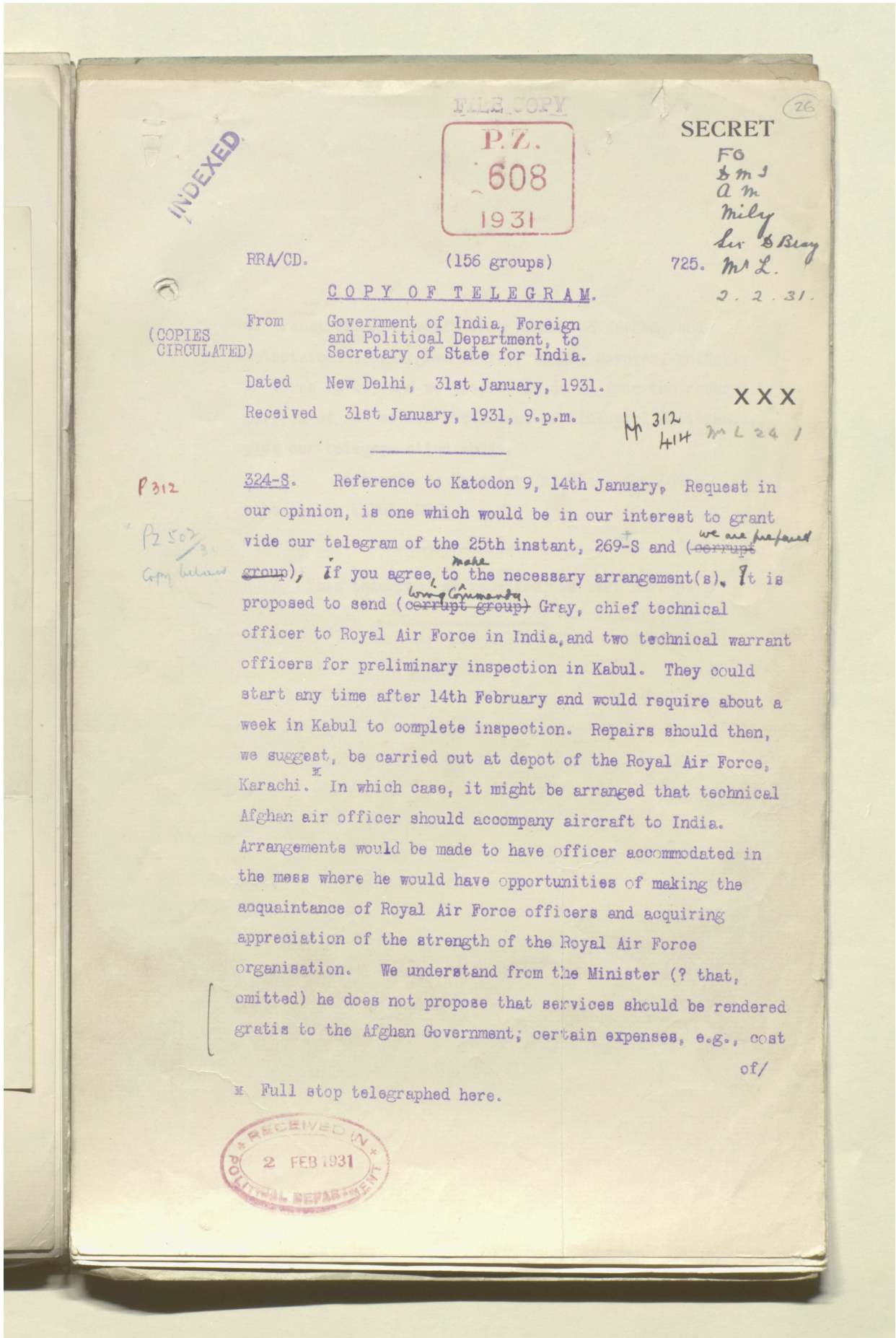




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Dated New Delhi, 31st January, 1931.

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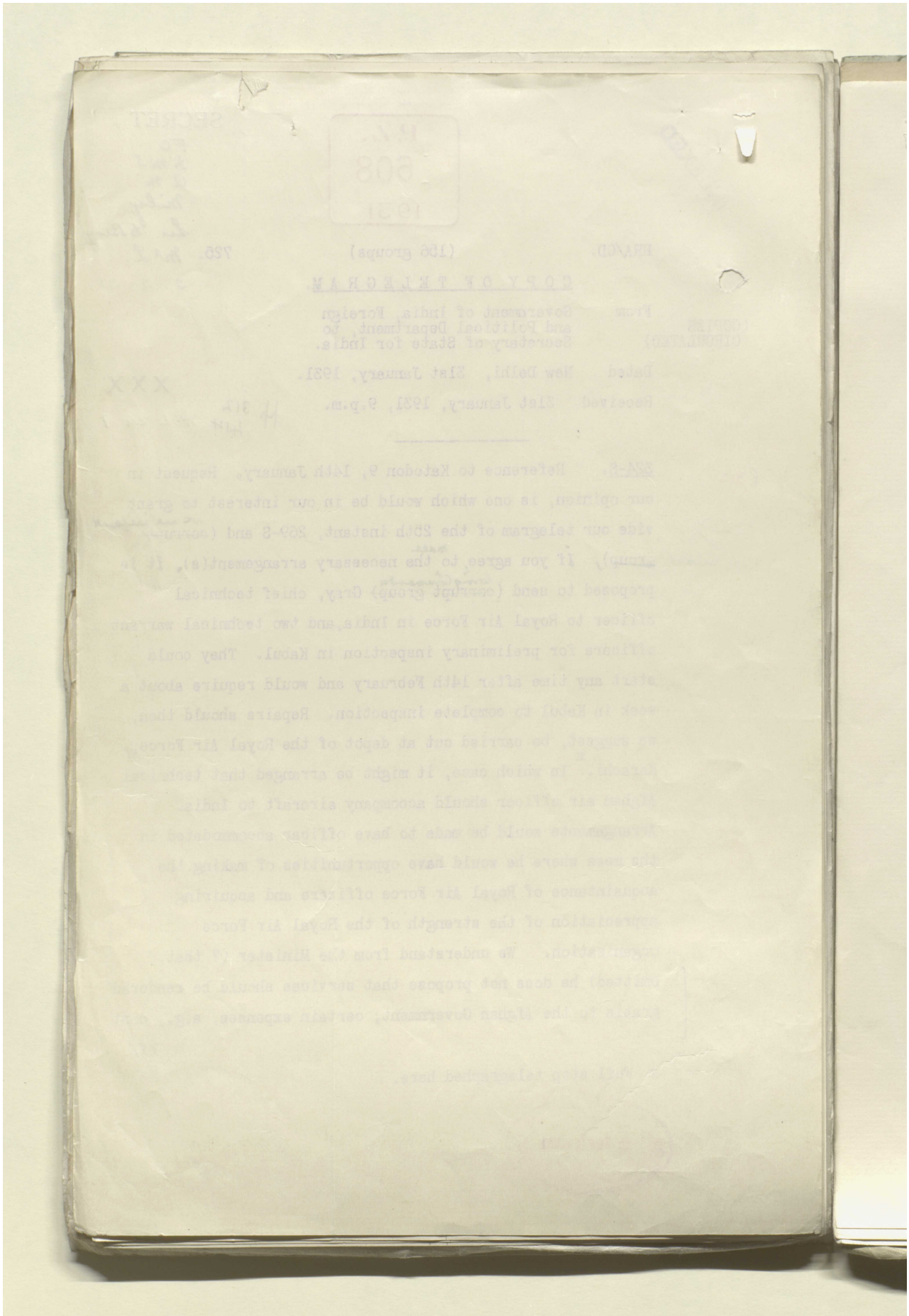
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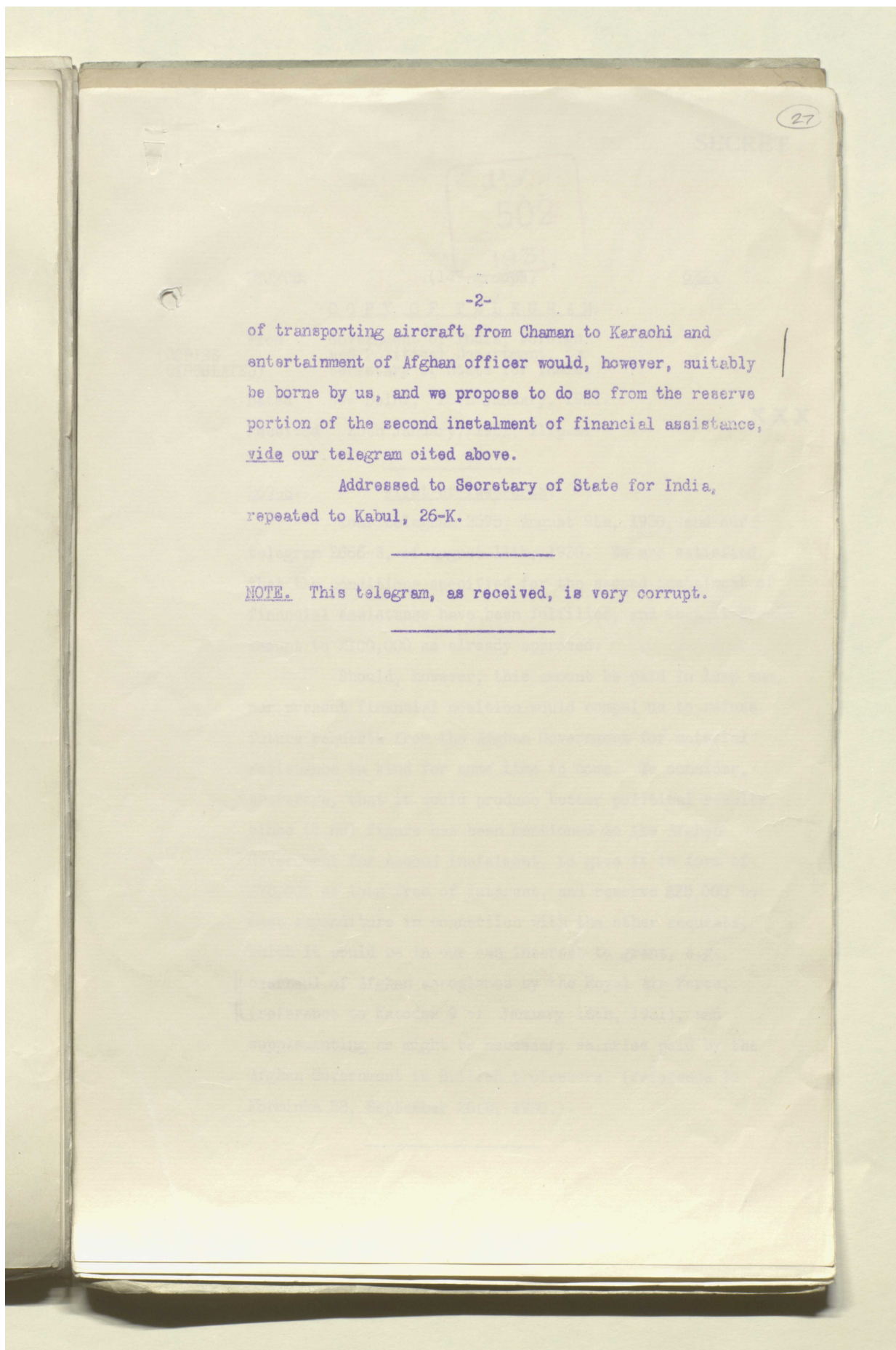
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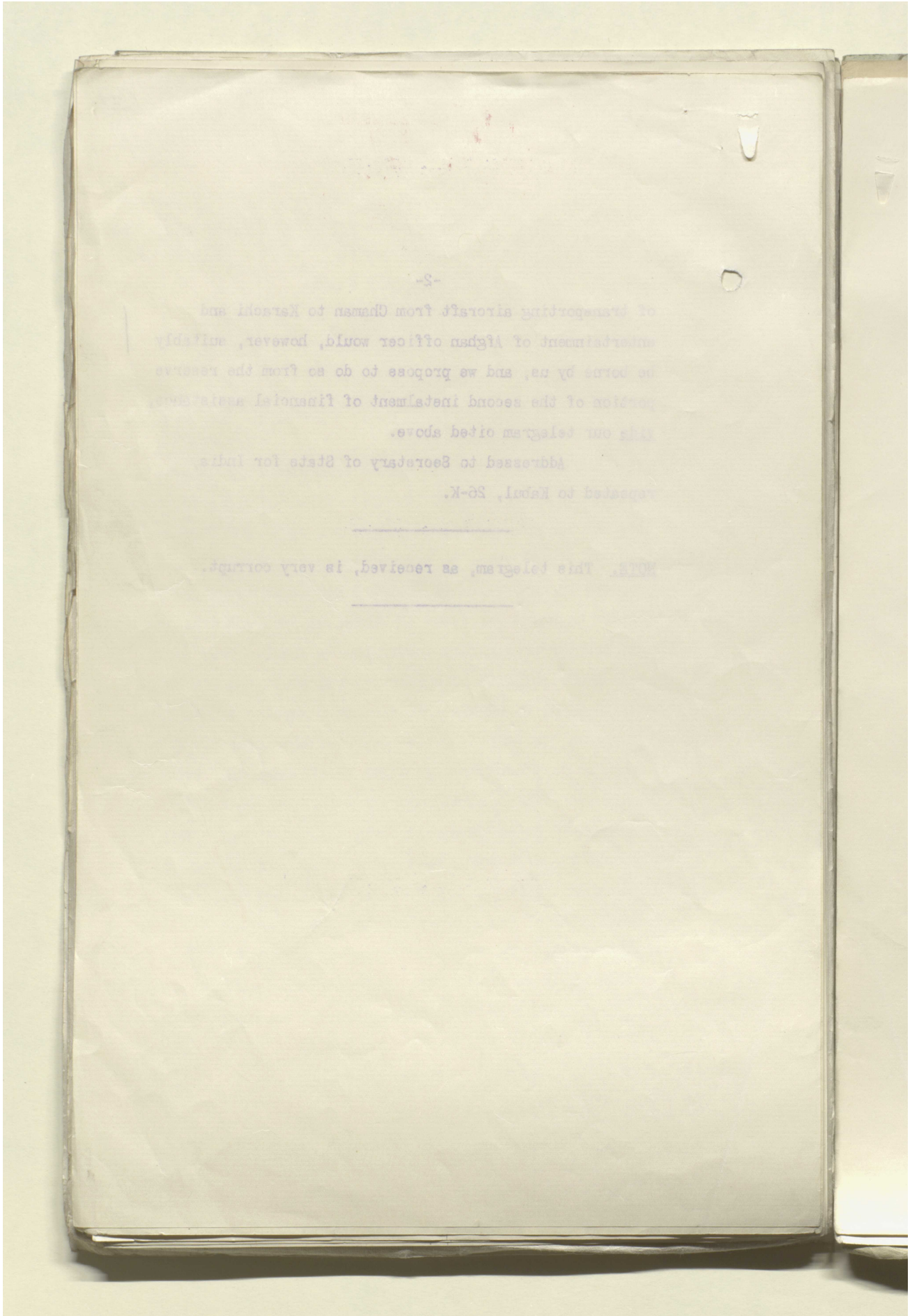
324-S. Reference to Katodon 9, 14th January, Request in our opinion, is one which would be in our interest to grant vide our telegram of the 25th instant, 269-S and <sup>we are prepared</sup> (~~group~~), if you agree, to <sup>make</sup> the necessary arrangement(s). It is proposed to send (~~group~~) <sup>Gray</sup> Gray, chief technical officer to Royal Air Force in India, and two technical warrant officers for preliminary inspection in Kabul. They could start any time after 14th February and would require about a week in Kabul to complete inspection. Repairs should then, we suggest, be carried out at depot of the Royal Air Force, Karachi. In which case, it might be arranged that technical Afghan air officer should accompany aircraft to India. Arrangements would be made to have officer accommodated in the mess where he would have opportunities of making the acquaintance of Royal Air Force officers and acquiring appreciation of the strength of the Royal Air Force organisation. We understand from the Minister (? that, omitted) he does not propose that services should be rendered gratis to the Afghan Government; certain expenses, e.g., cost of/

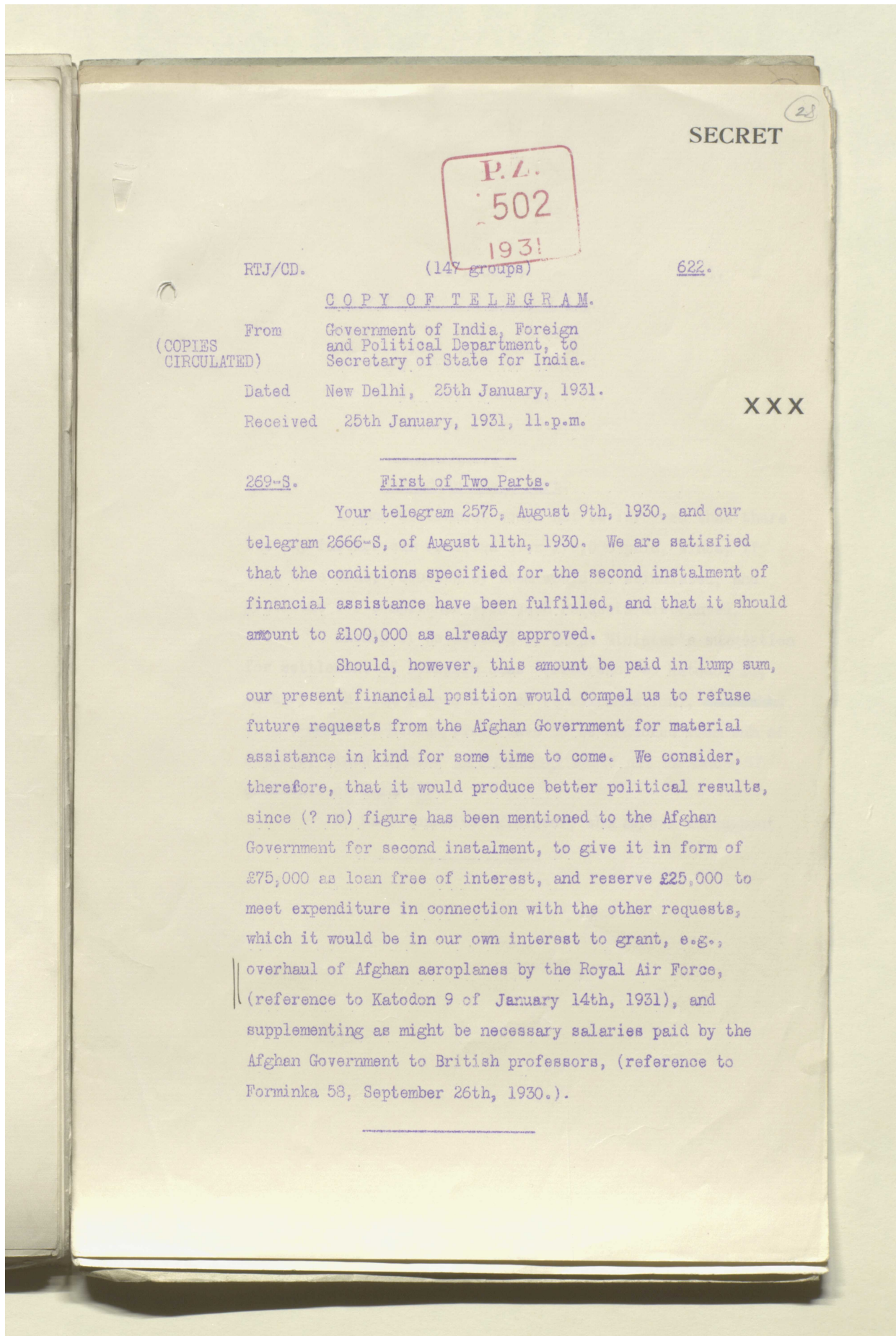
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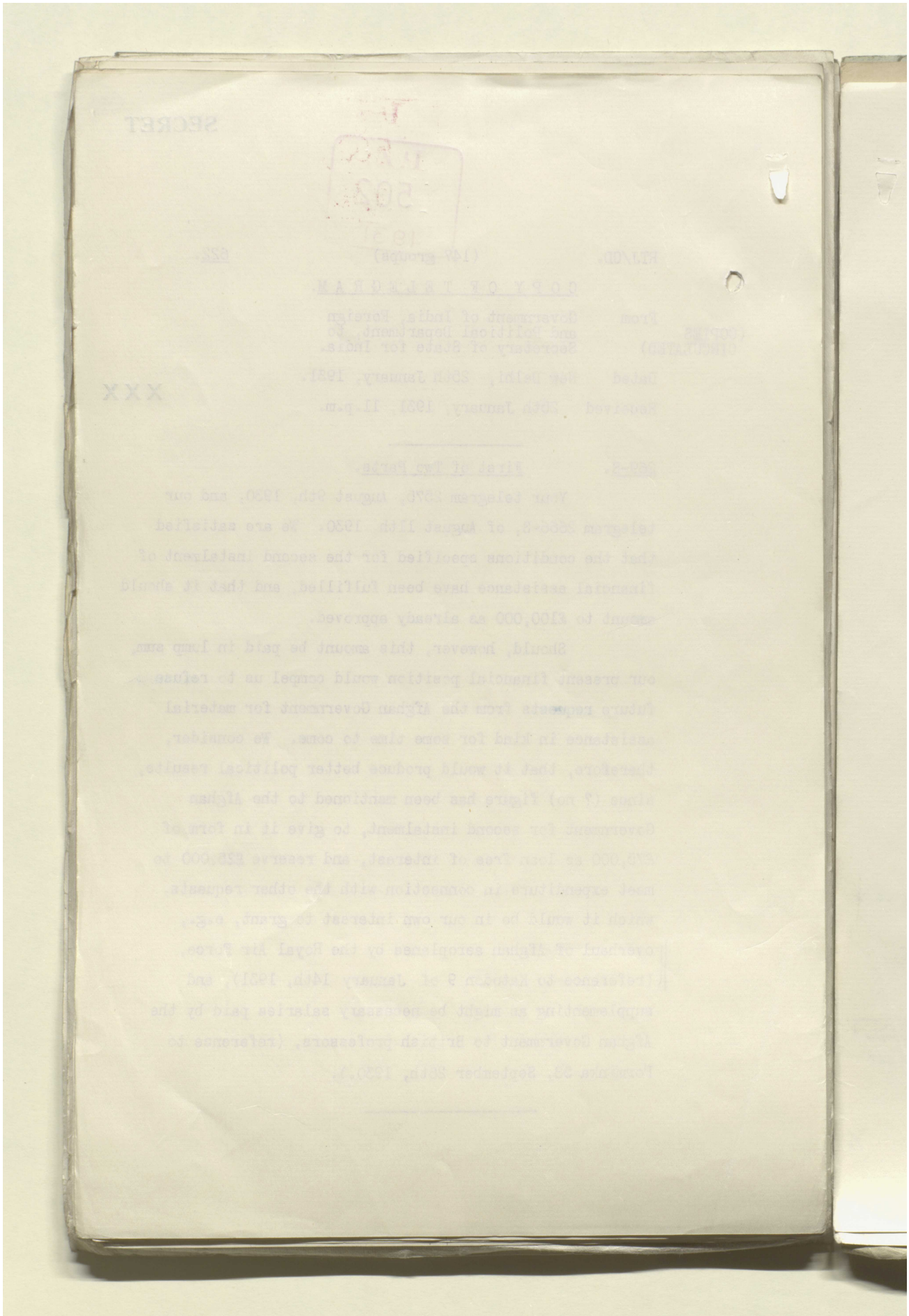
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269-S. First of Two Parts.

Your telegram 2575, August 9th, 1930, and our telegram 2666-S, of August 11th, 1930. We are satisfied that the conditions specified for the second instalment of financial assistance have been fulfilled, and that it should amount to £100,000 as already approved.

Should, however, this amount be paid in lump sum, our present financial position would compel us to refuse future requests from the Afghan Government for material assistance in kind for some time to come. We consider, therefore, that it would produce better political results, since (? no) figure has been mentioned to the Afghan Government for second instalment, to give it in form of £75,000 as loan free of interest, and reserve £25,000 to meet expenditure in connection with the other requests, which it would be in our own interest to grant, e.g., overhaul of Afghan aeroplanes by the Royal Air Force, (reference to Katodon 9 of January 14th, 1931), and supplementing as might be necessary salaries paid by the Afghan Government to British professors, (reference to Forminka 58, September 26th, 1930.).





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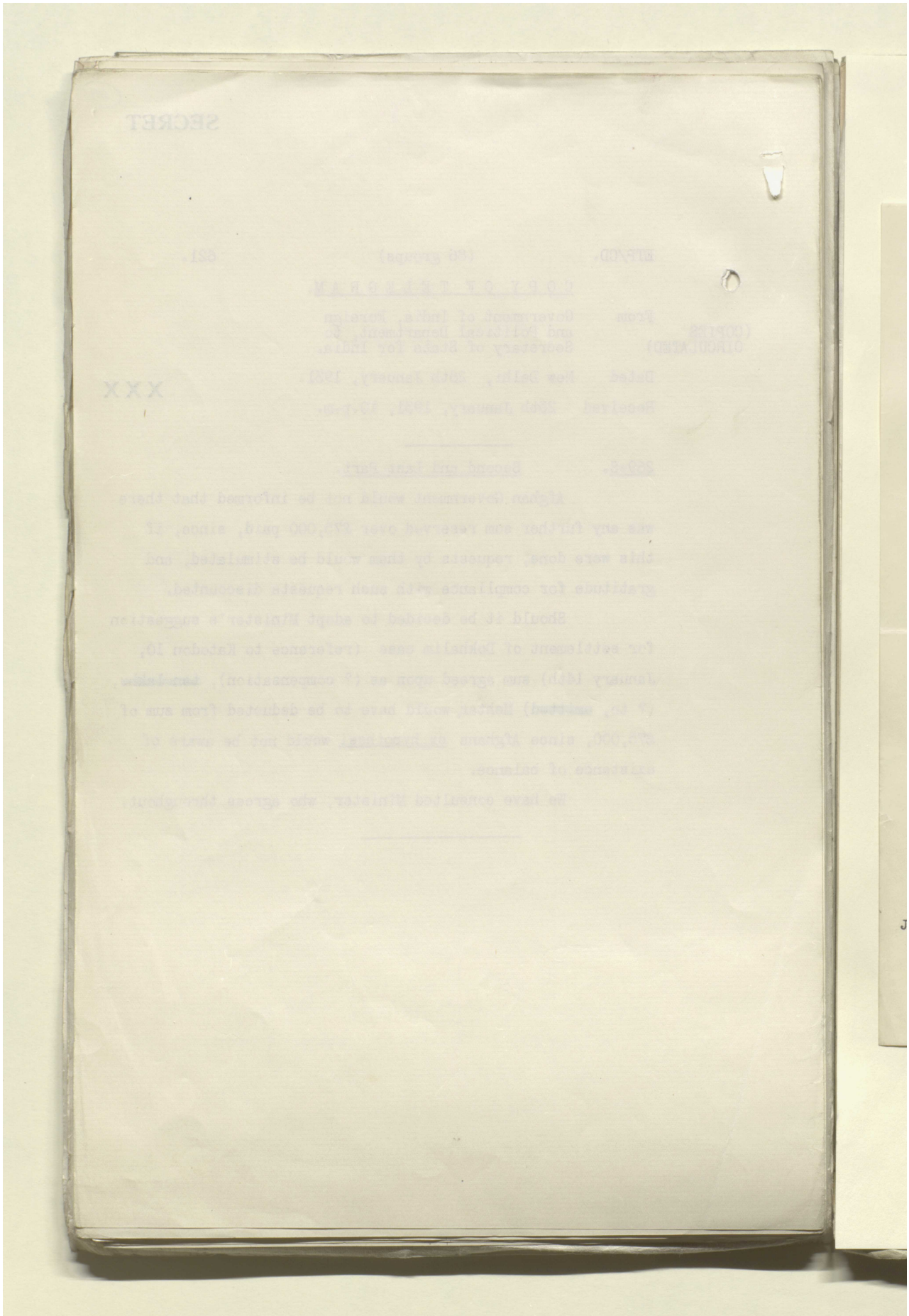
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269-S. Second and Last Part.

Afghan Government would not be informed that there was any further sum reserved over £75,000 paid, since, if this were done, requests by them would be stimulated, and gratitude for compliance with such requests discounted.

Should it be decided to adopt Minister's suggestion for settlement of Dokhalim case (reference to Katodon 10, January 14th) sum agreed upon as (? compensation), ~~ten lakhs~~, (? to, ~~omitted~~) Mehtar, would have to be deducted from sum of £75,000, since Afghans ex hypothesi would not be aware of existence of balance.

We have consulted Minister, who agrees throughout.



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AIR MINISTRY,  
ADASTRAL HOUSE,  
KINGSWAY, W.C.2.

30 January, 1931.

Dear Laithwaite,

Your letter of January 26th (P.Z.414/31).

I write in confirmation of my oral reply to say that the telegram from the Minister at Kabul dated January 14th was in fact treated as strictly secret here and was typed out on paper headed 'Secret' and circulated only to the limited number of persons who receive such telegrams and in a file which is passed under cover. The insertion of the words 'en clair' was due to a ~~curious~~ typing error.

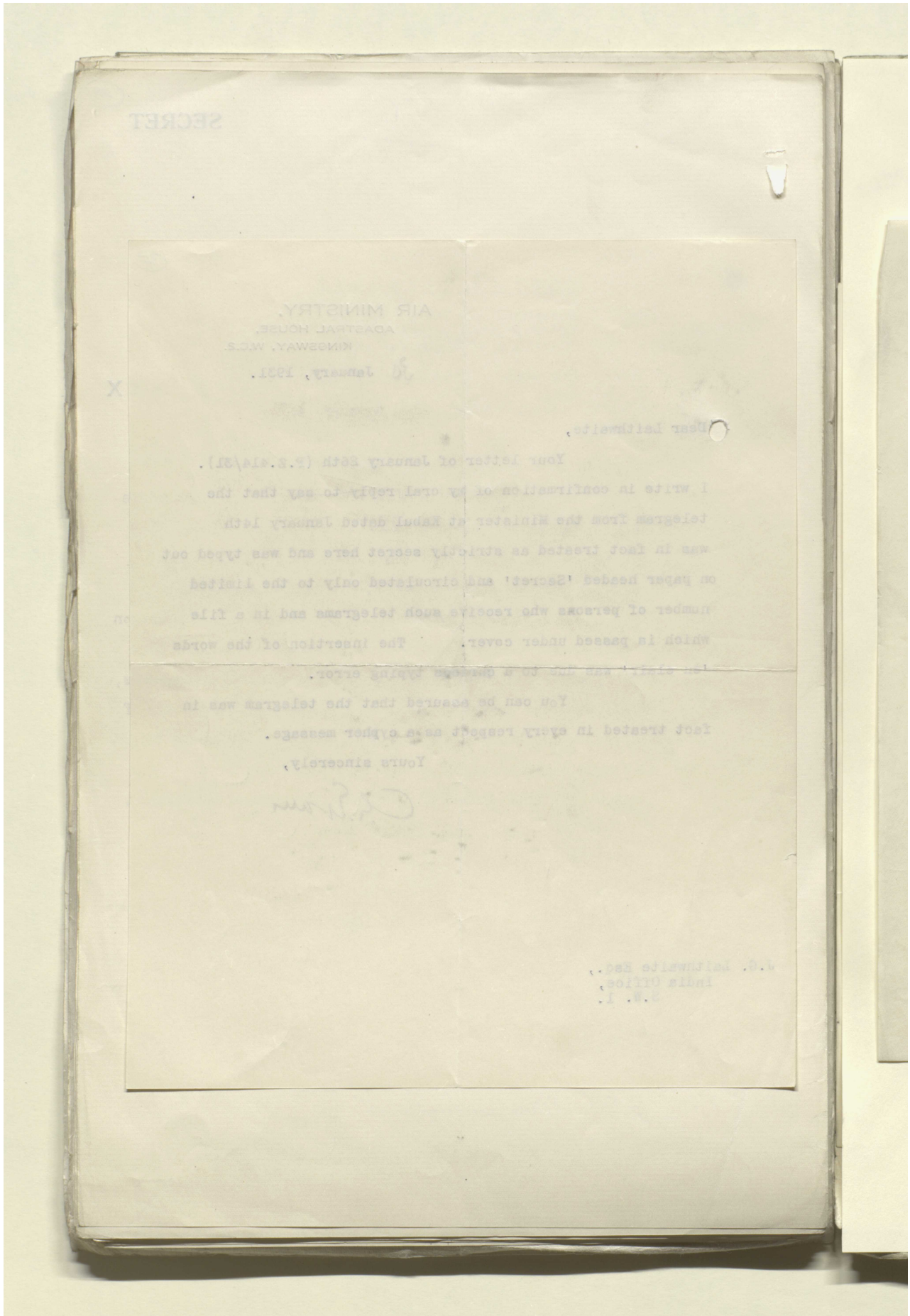
You can be assured that the telegram was in fact treated in every respect as a cypher message.

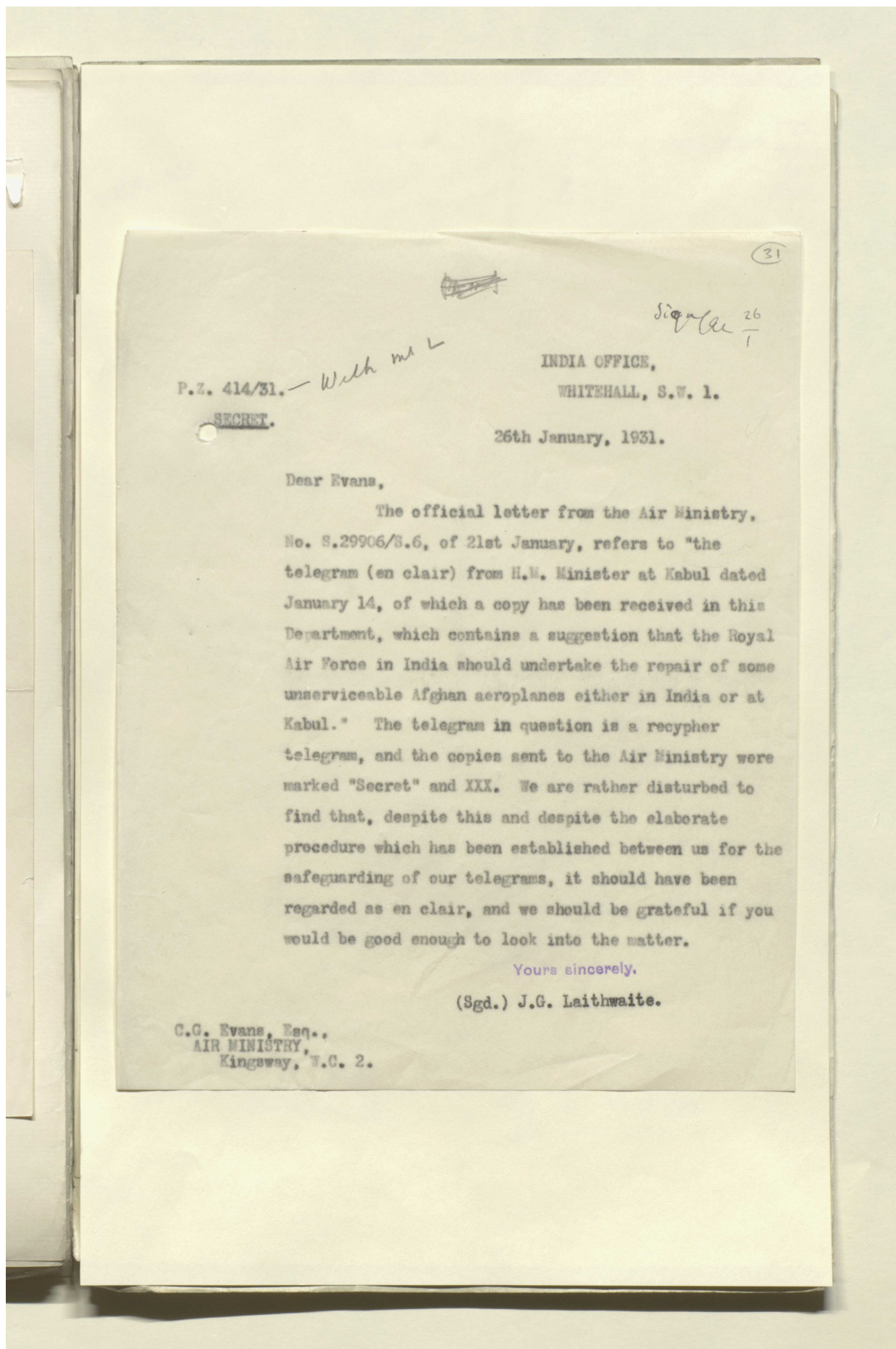
Yours sincerely,

*C. G. Evans*

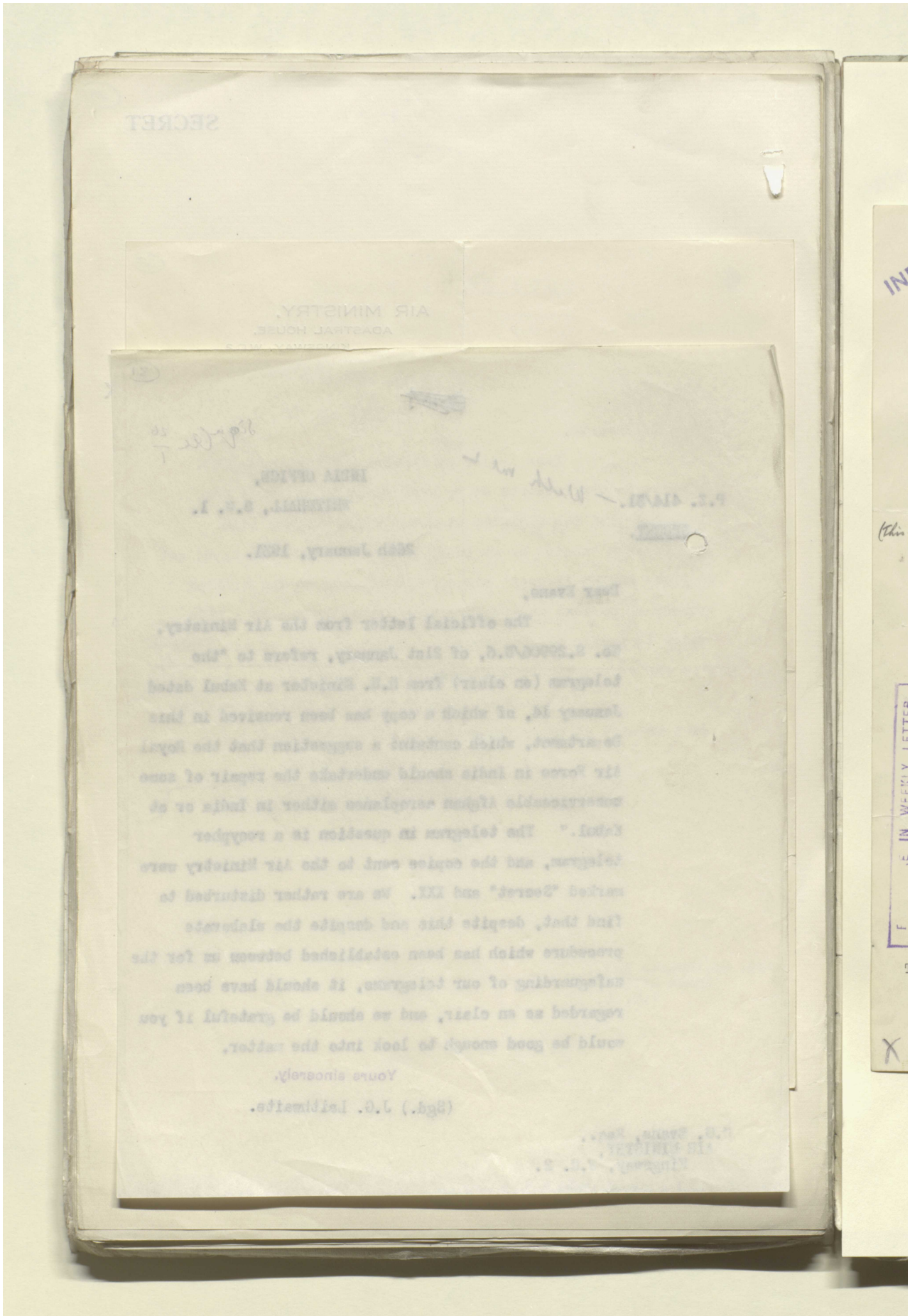
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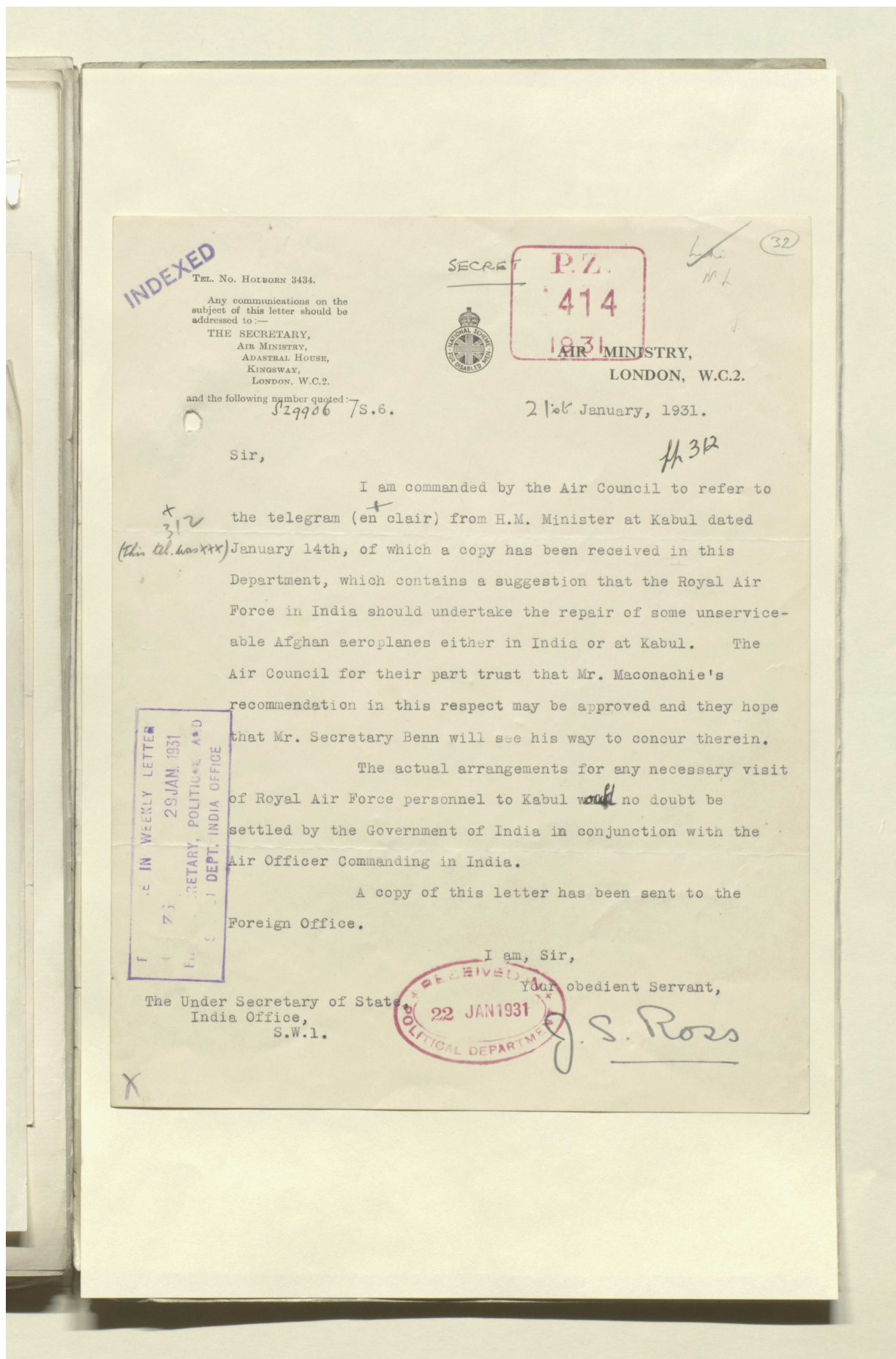
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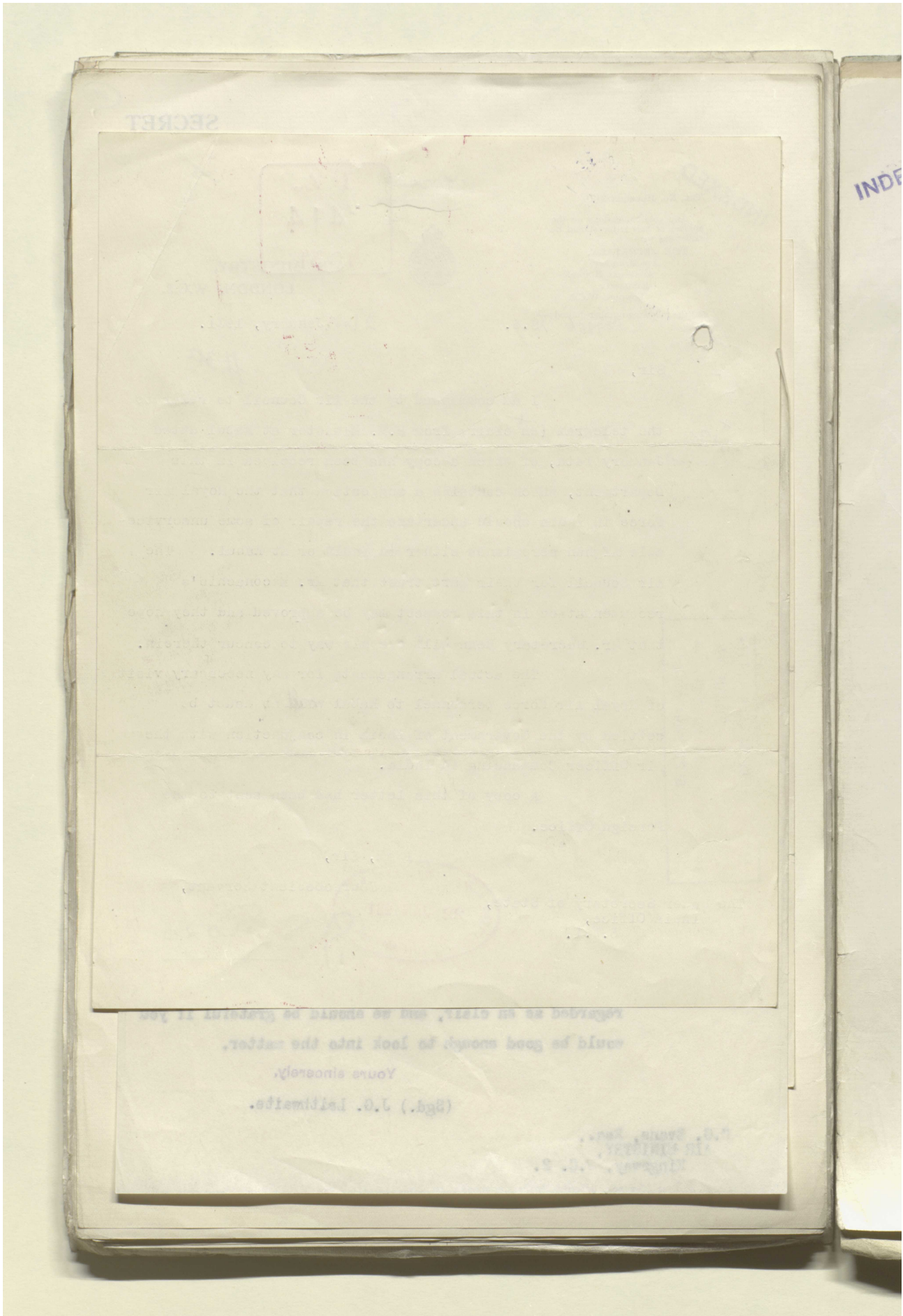


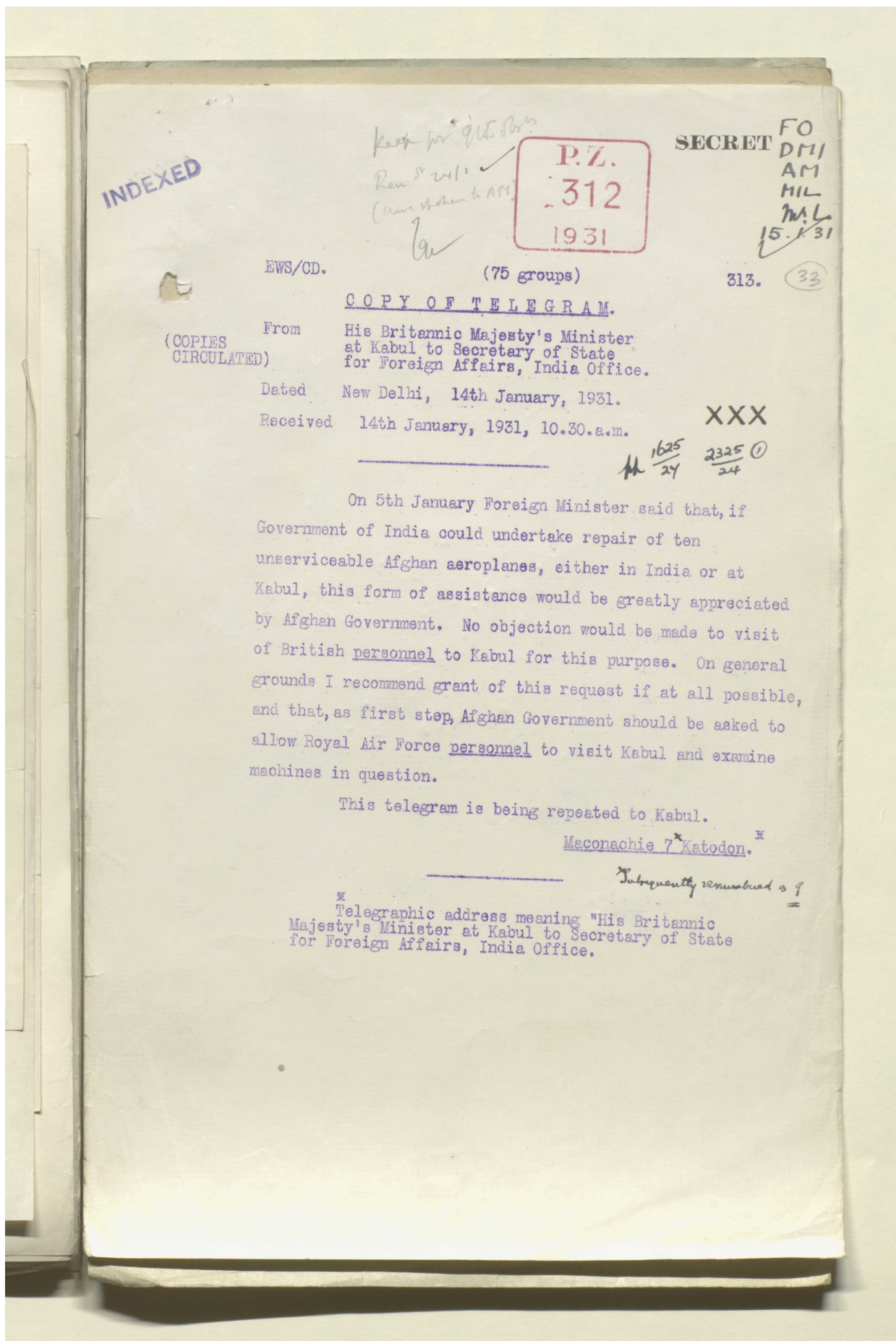
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Dated New Delhi, 14th January, 1931.

Received 14th January, 1931, 10.30.a.m.

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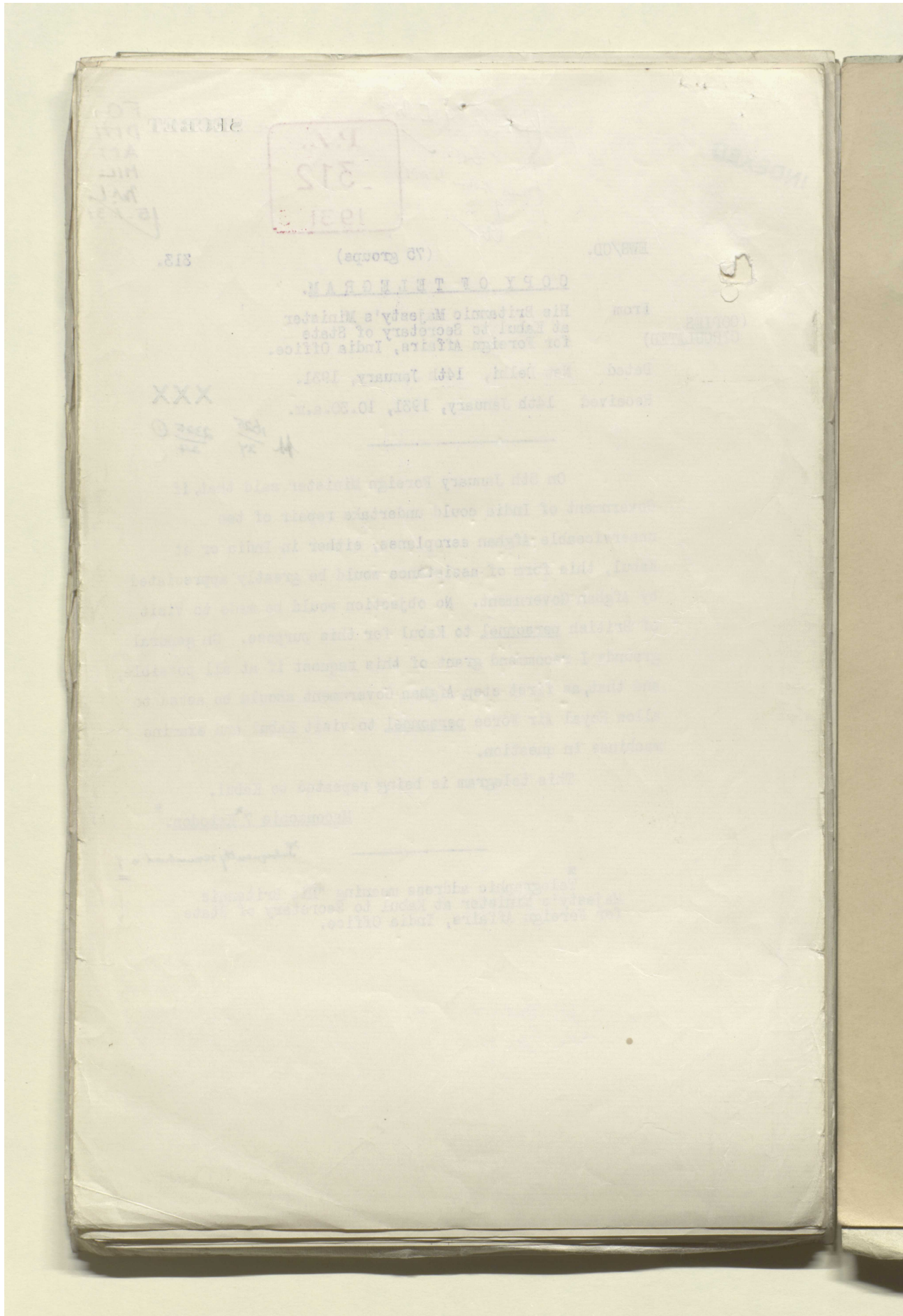
On 5th January Foreign Minister said that, if Government of India could undertake repair of ten unserviceable Afghan aeroplanes, either in India or at Kabul, this form of assistance would be greatly appreciated by Afghan Government. No objection would be made to visit of British personnel to Kabul for this purpose. On general grounds I recommend grant of this request if at all possible, and that, as first step, Afghan Government should be asked to allow Royal Air Force personnel to visit Kabul and examine machines in question.

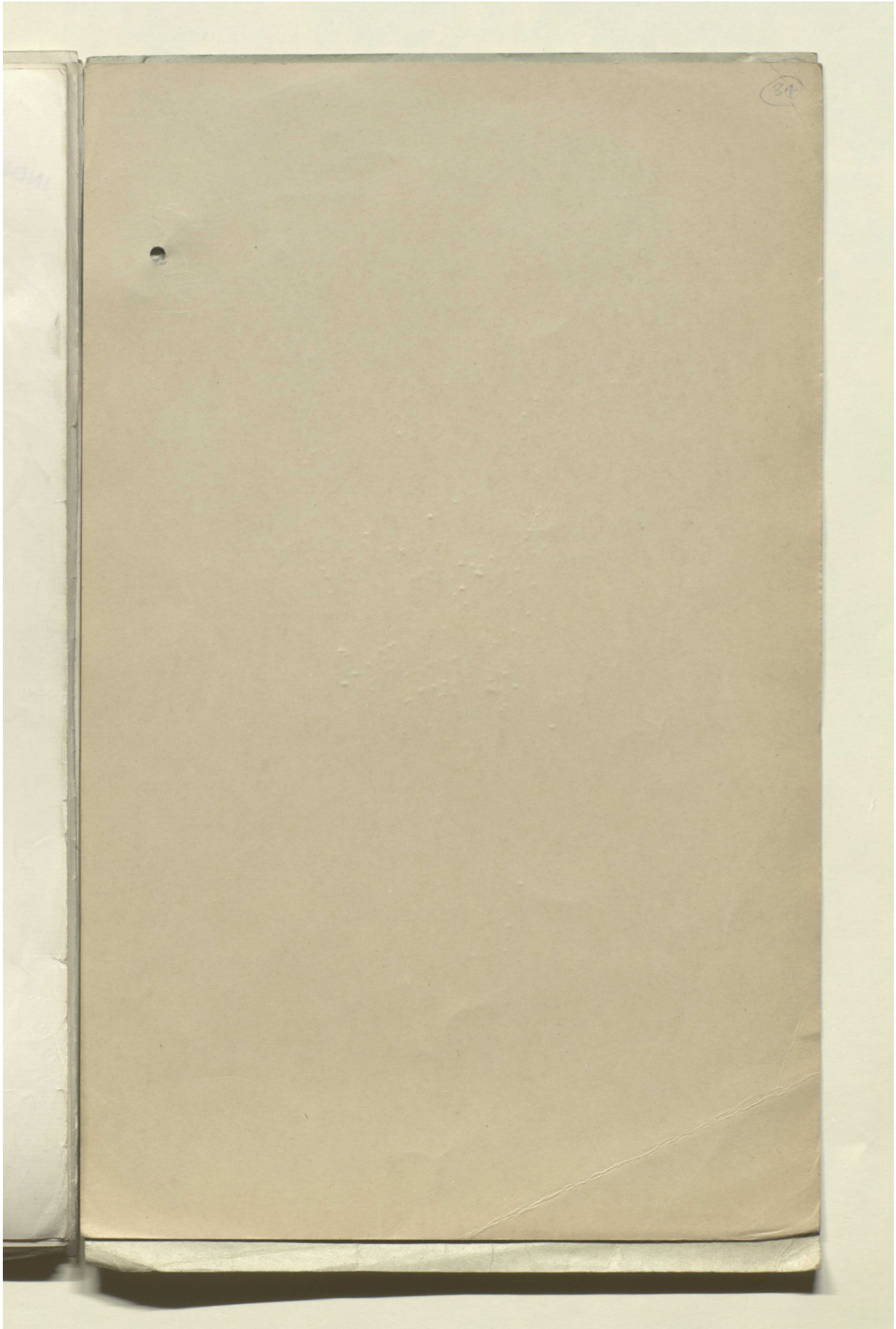
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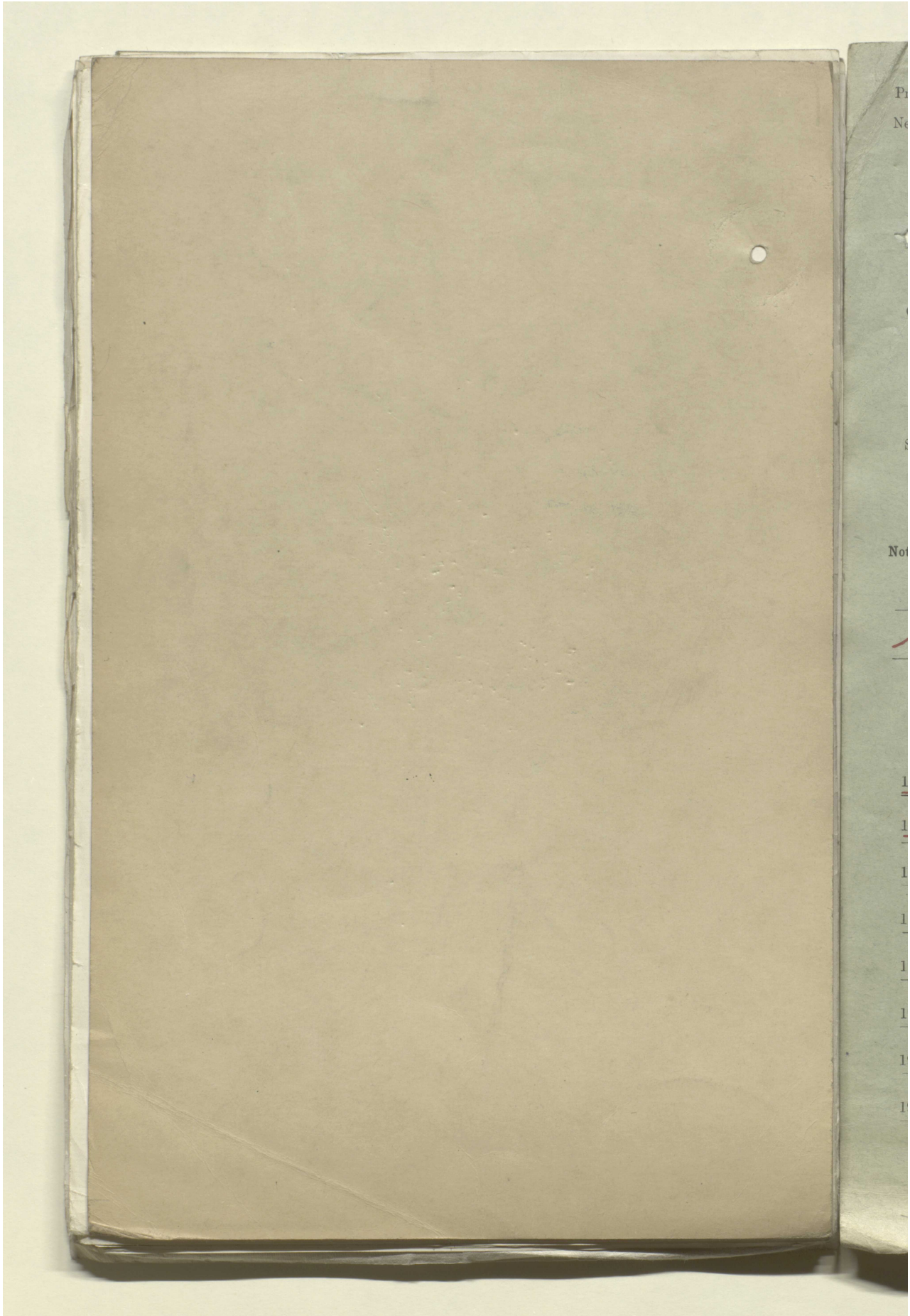
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