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#### **About this record**

The file is concerned with flights by Morton's Airlines over the Arabian Coast route, and an amendment to article three of the Bahrain and Kuwait Civil Air Agreements removing the words 'by the Sheikh'. The main correspondents are the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, the Ministry of Civil Aviation, and officials of the India Office.

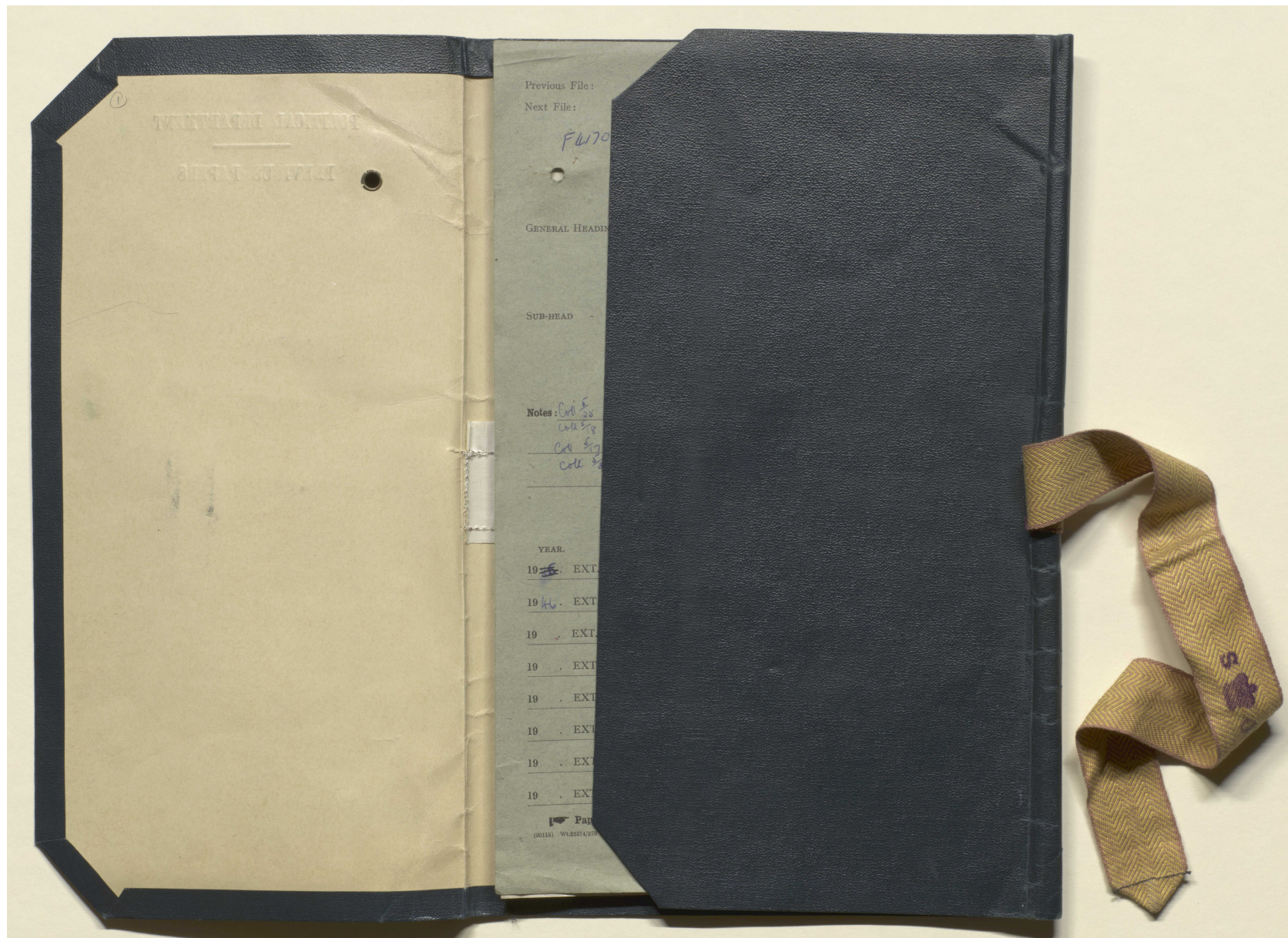
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"Morton's Air Services Ltd"

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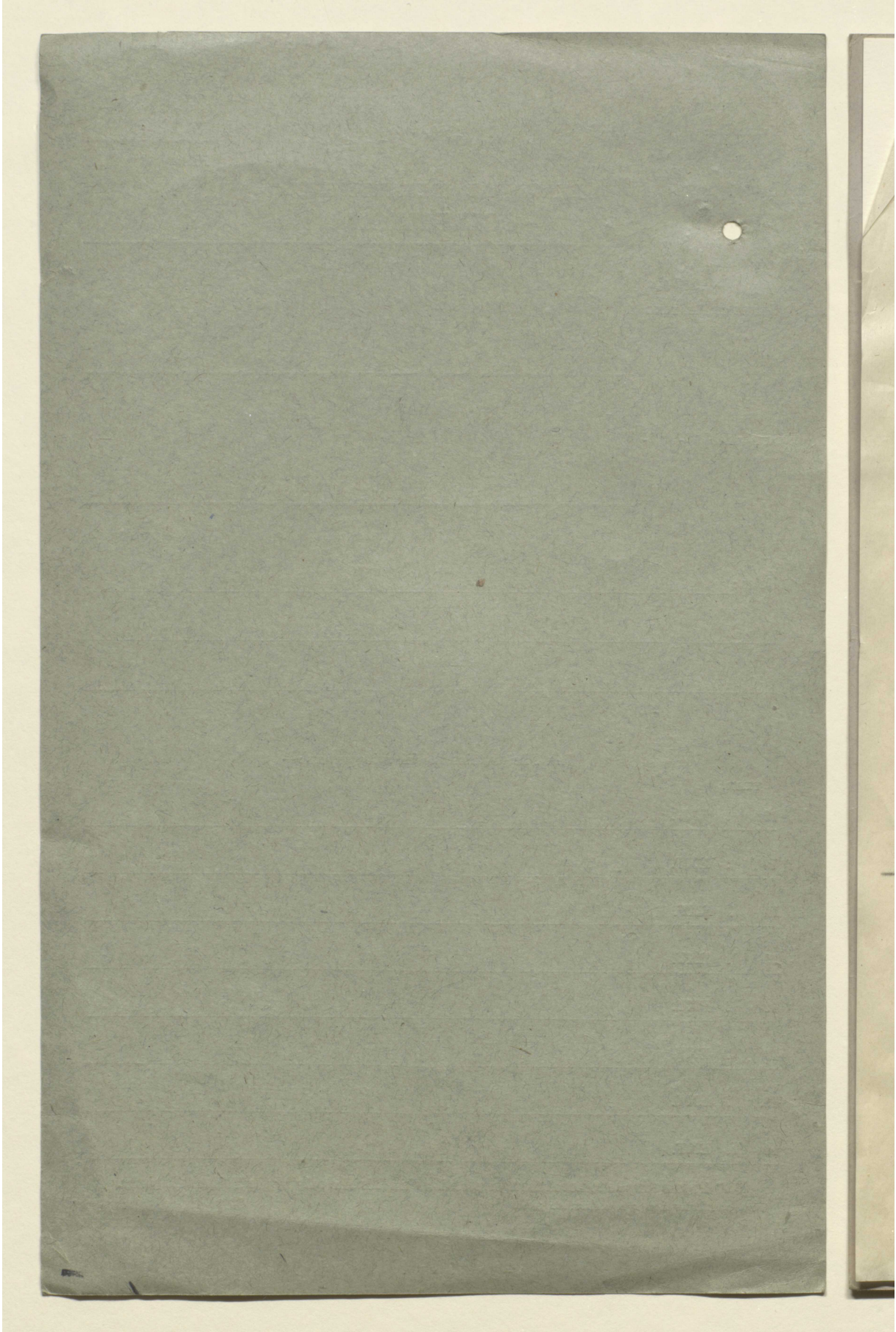
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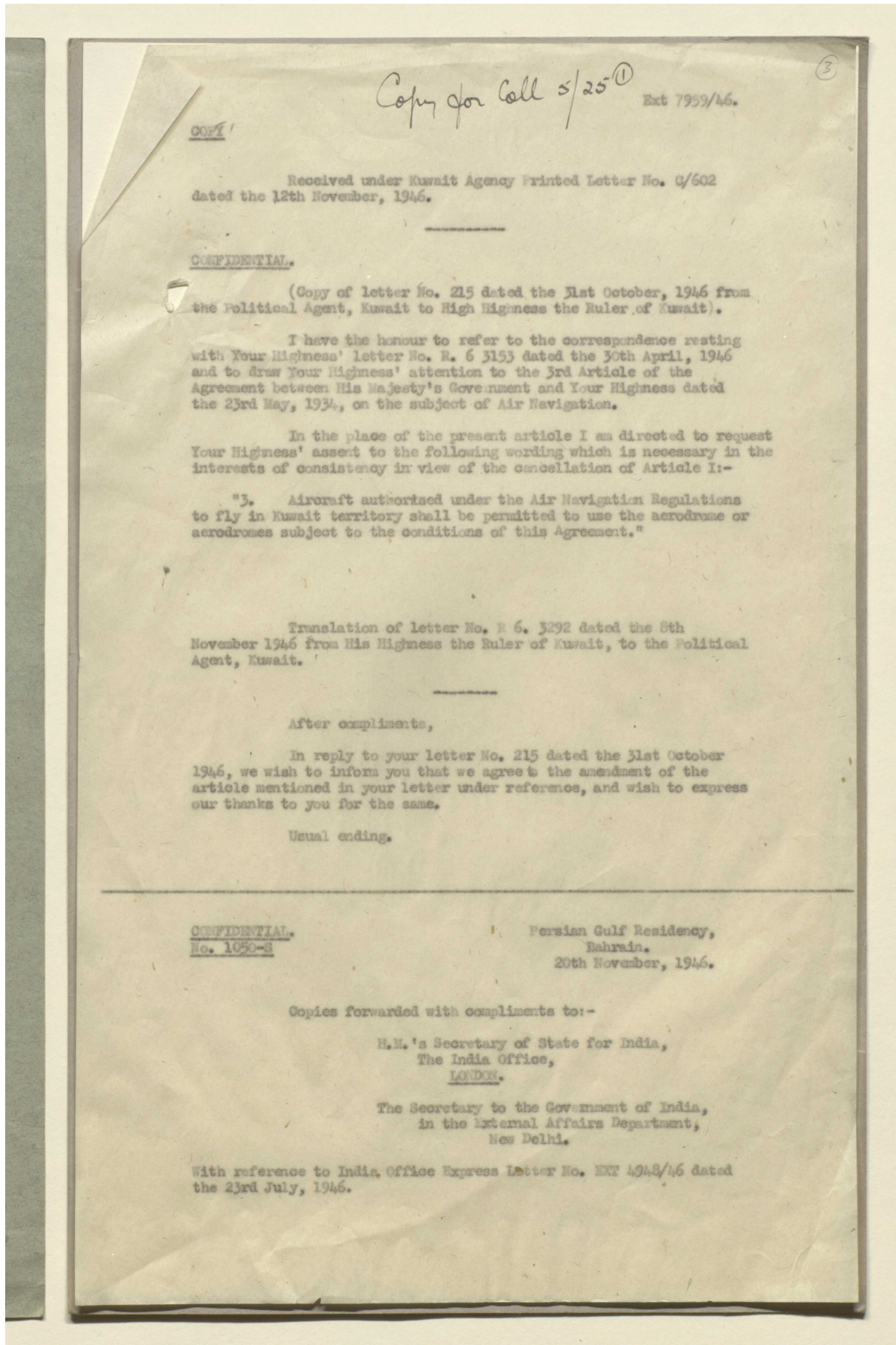


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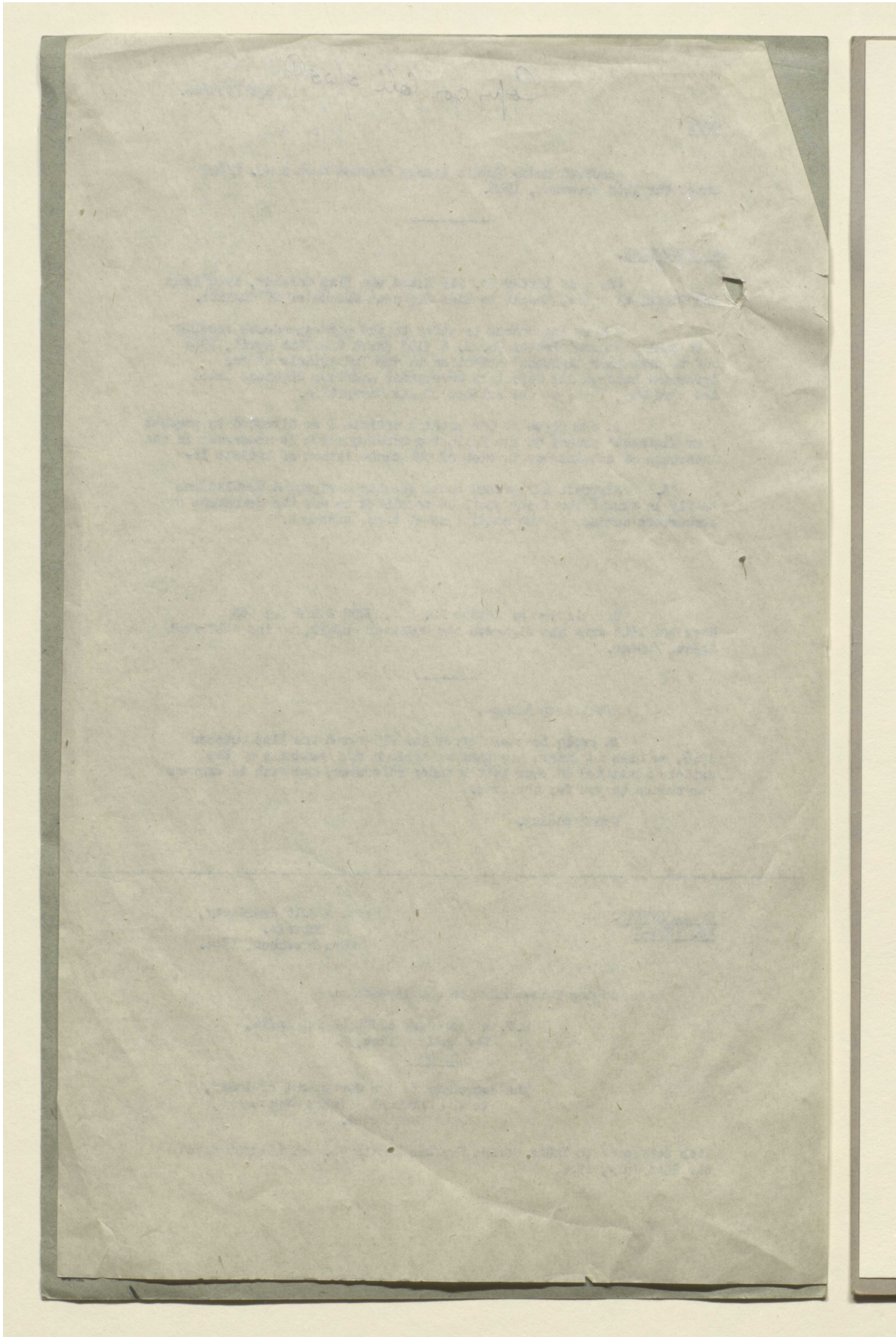


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E. Ratcliffe Cousins Esq.

Ext. 5602/46

M.E.A.  
Ministry of Civil Aviation

Ariel House

Strand  
W.C.2.

19 AUG 1946

Dear Ratcliffe Cousins,

Thank you for your letter R. S.R. 850 of 15<sup>th</sup> August about the route taken by Morton Air Services between Sharjah and Jirani.

We can confirm that a straight line between these two places would not pass over any territory belonging to the Sultan of Muscat. According to the information available here the country between Dibba (or Dibba) and Khor Kalba on the eastern side of the peninsula belongs to the Sheikh of Sharjah.

19 AUG 1946

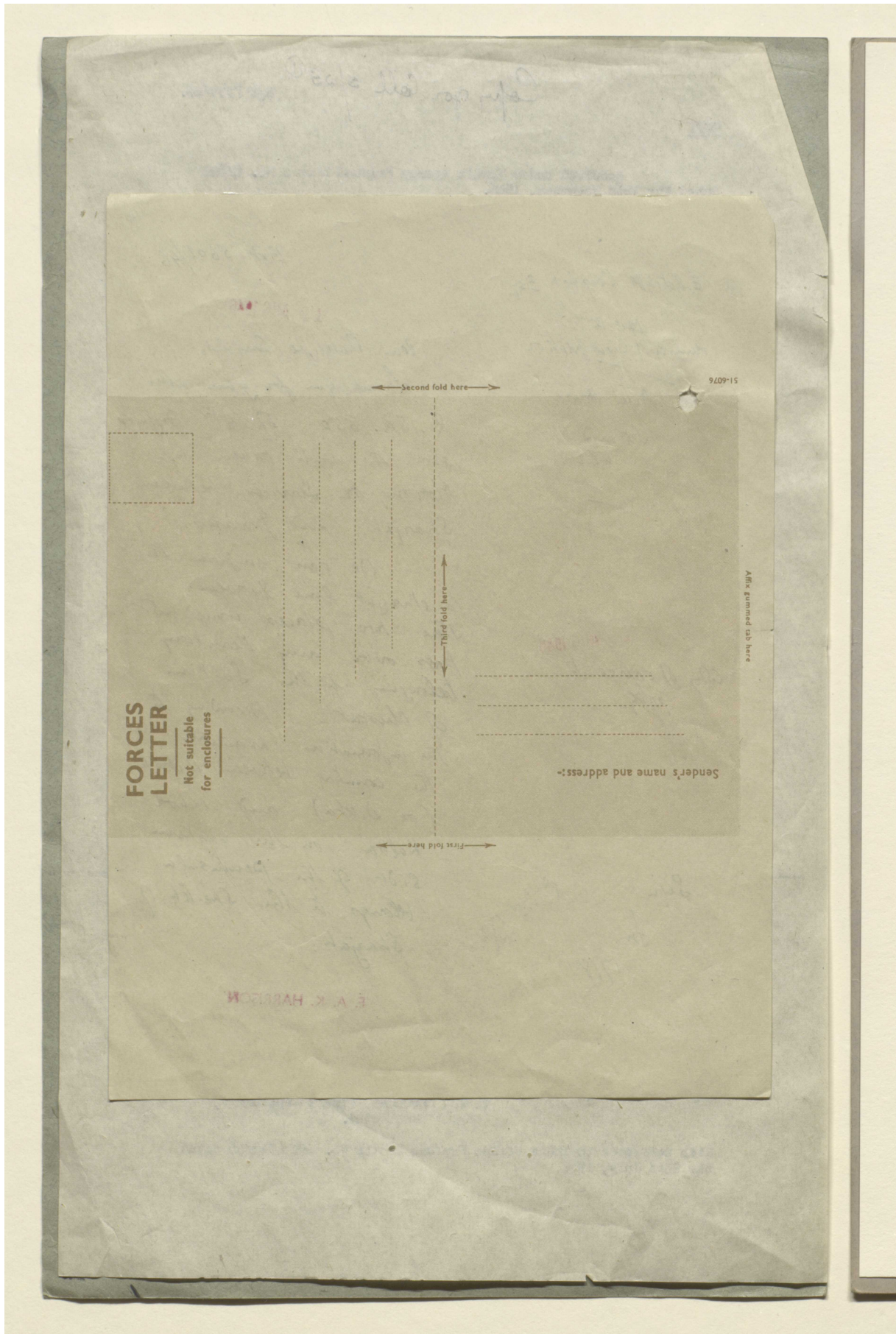
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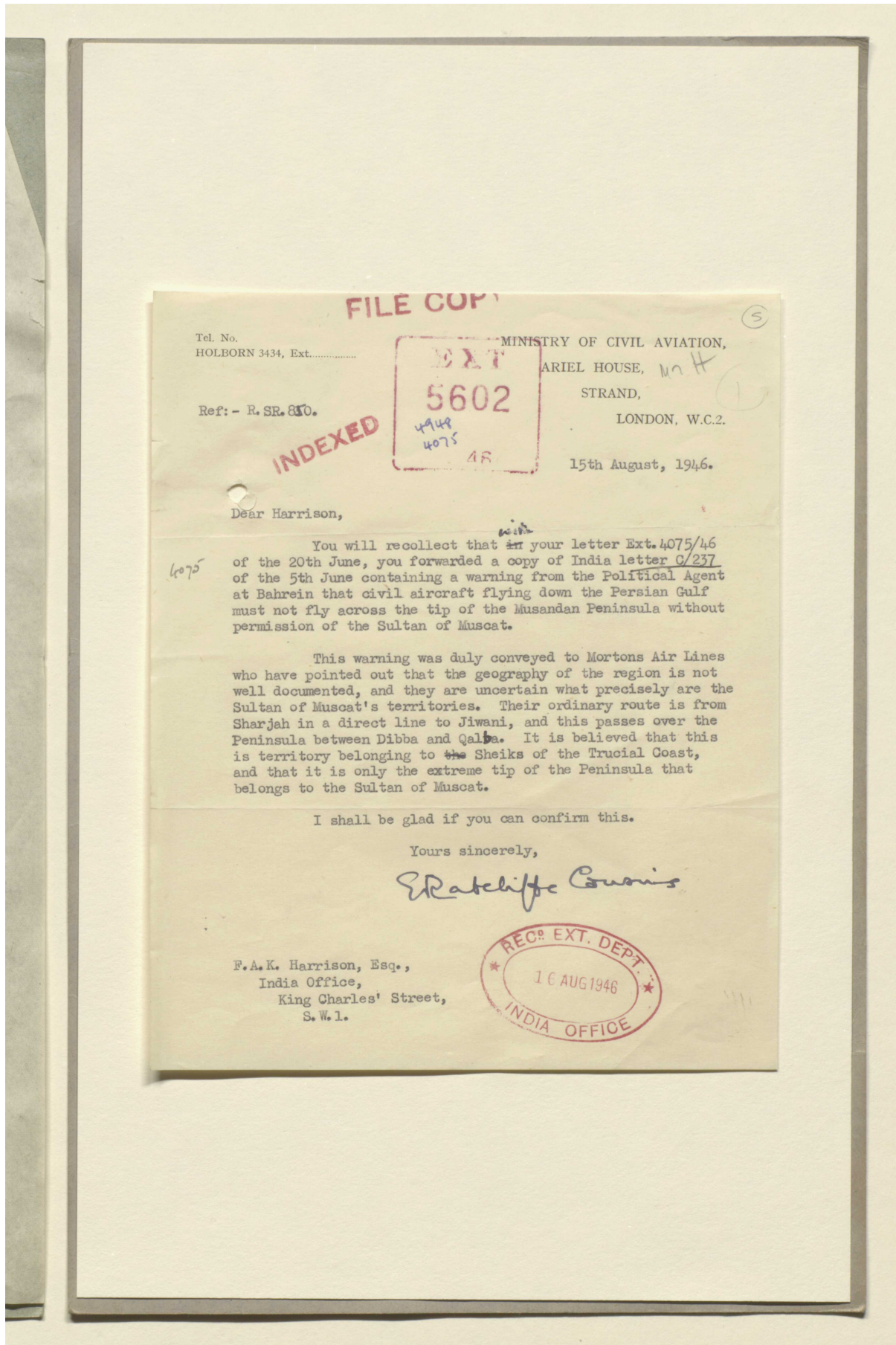


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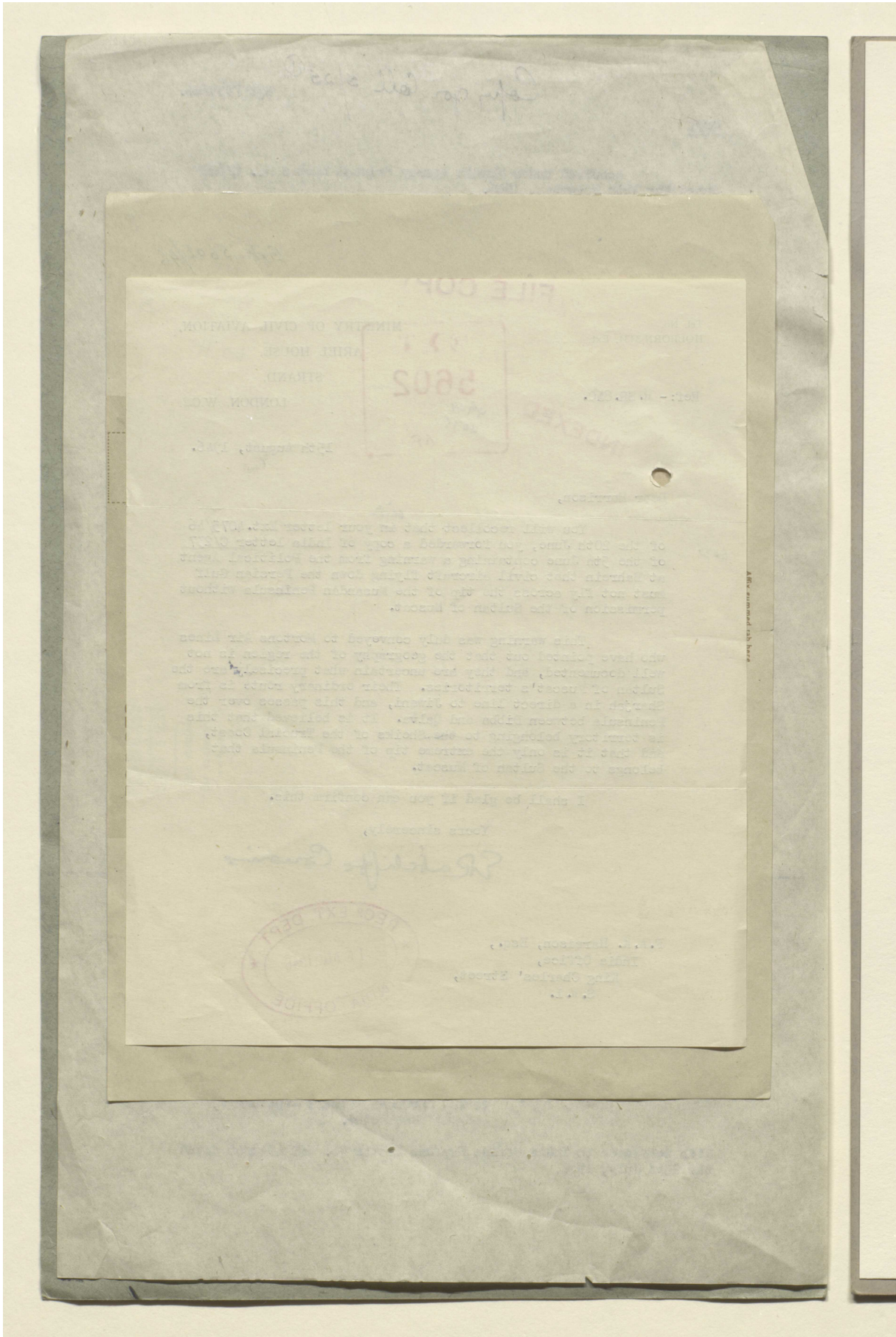


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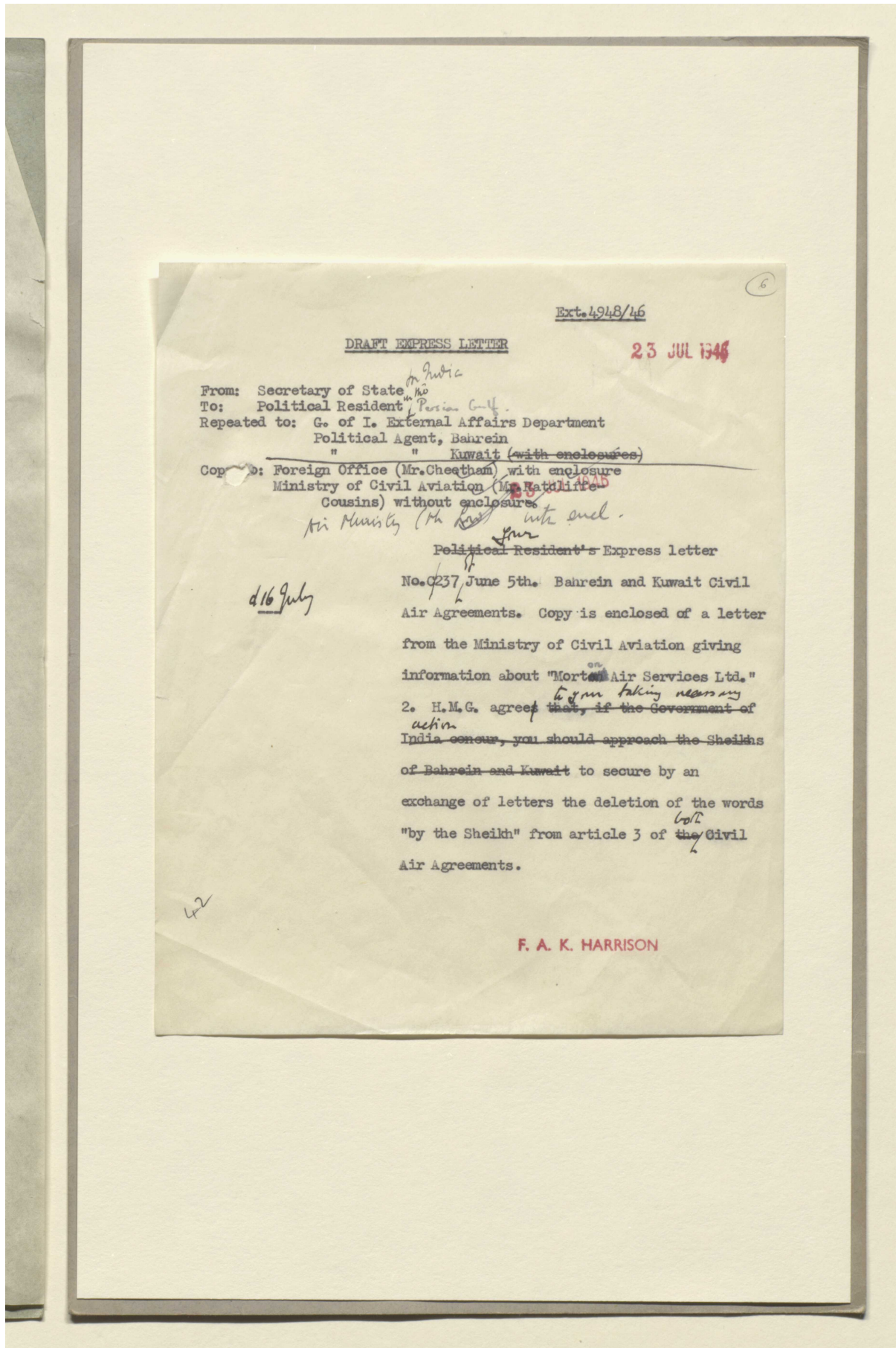


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DRAFT EXPRESS LETTER

23 JUL 1946

From: Secretary of State <sup>India</sup>  
To: Political Resident <sup>Persian Gulf</sup>  
Repeated to: G. of I. External Affairs Department  
Political Agent, Bahrain  
" " Kuwait (with enclosures)

Copy to: Foreign Office (Mr. Cheatham) with enclosure  
Ministry of Civil Aviation (Mr. Rattcliffe Cousins) without enclosures  
*Mr. Ministry (Mr. ...)*

Political Resident's Express Letter

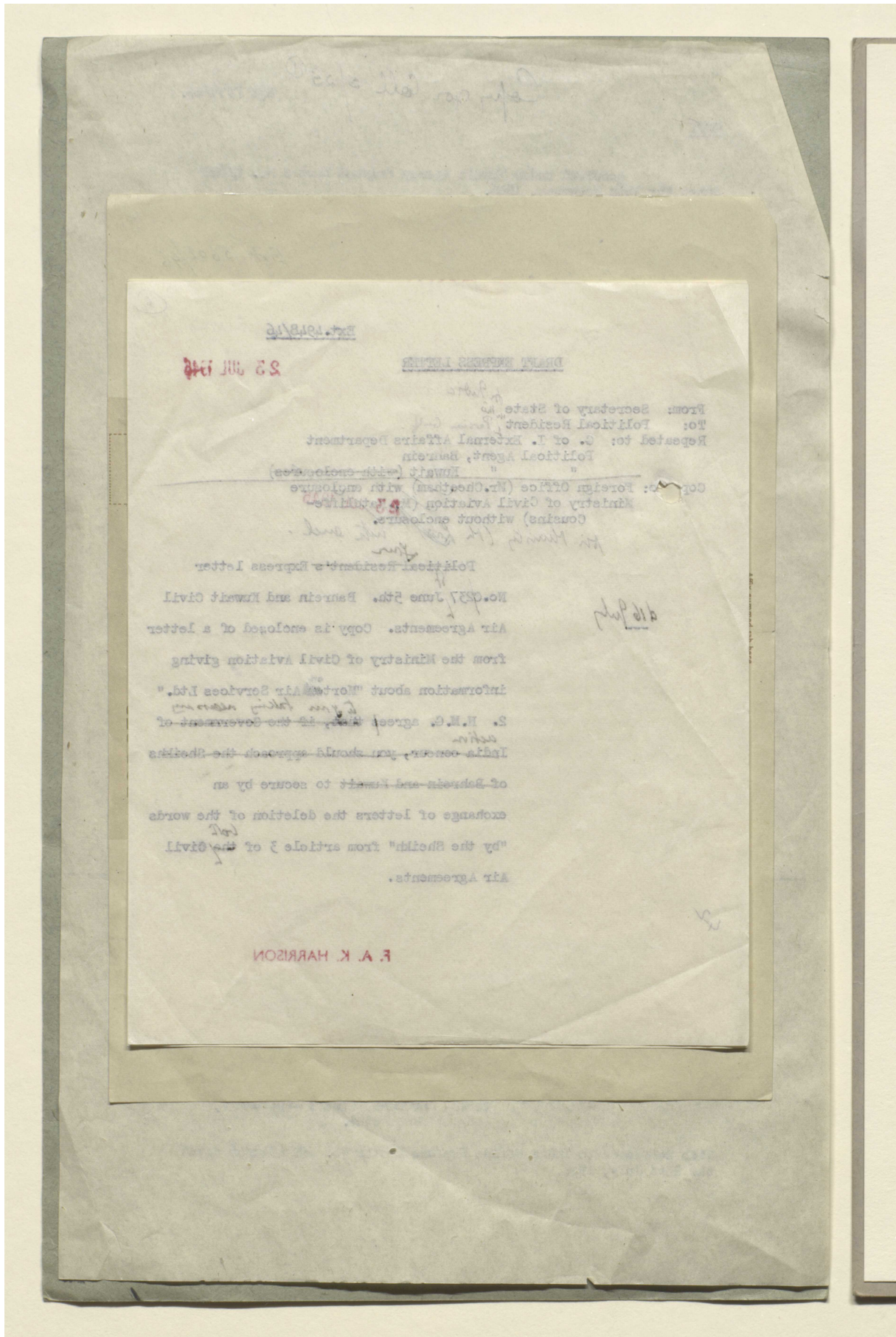
*d 16 July*  
No. Q237 June 5th. Bahrain and Kuwait Civil Air Agreements. Copy is enclosed of a letter from the Ministry of Civil Aviation giving information about "Morton's Air Services Ltd." 2. H.M.G. agree <sup>to you taking necessary</sup> that, if the Government of <sup>action</sup> India ~~consent~~, you should approach the Sheikhs of Bahrain and Kuwait to secure by an exchange of letters the deletion of the words "by the Sheikh" from article 3 of the Civil Air Agreements.

F. A. K. HARRISON

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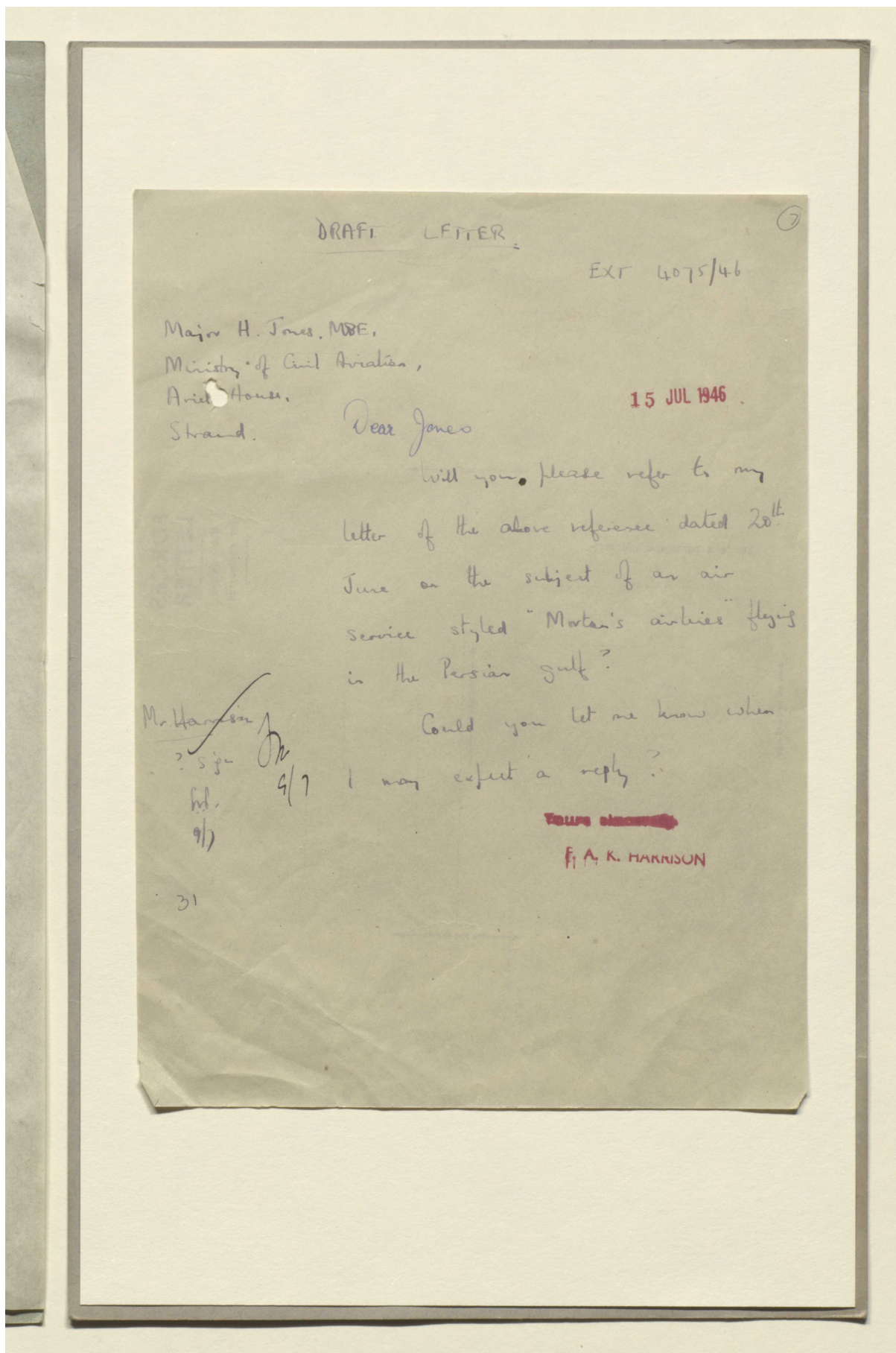


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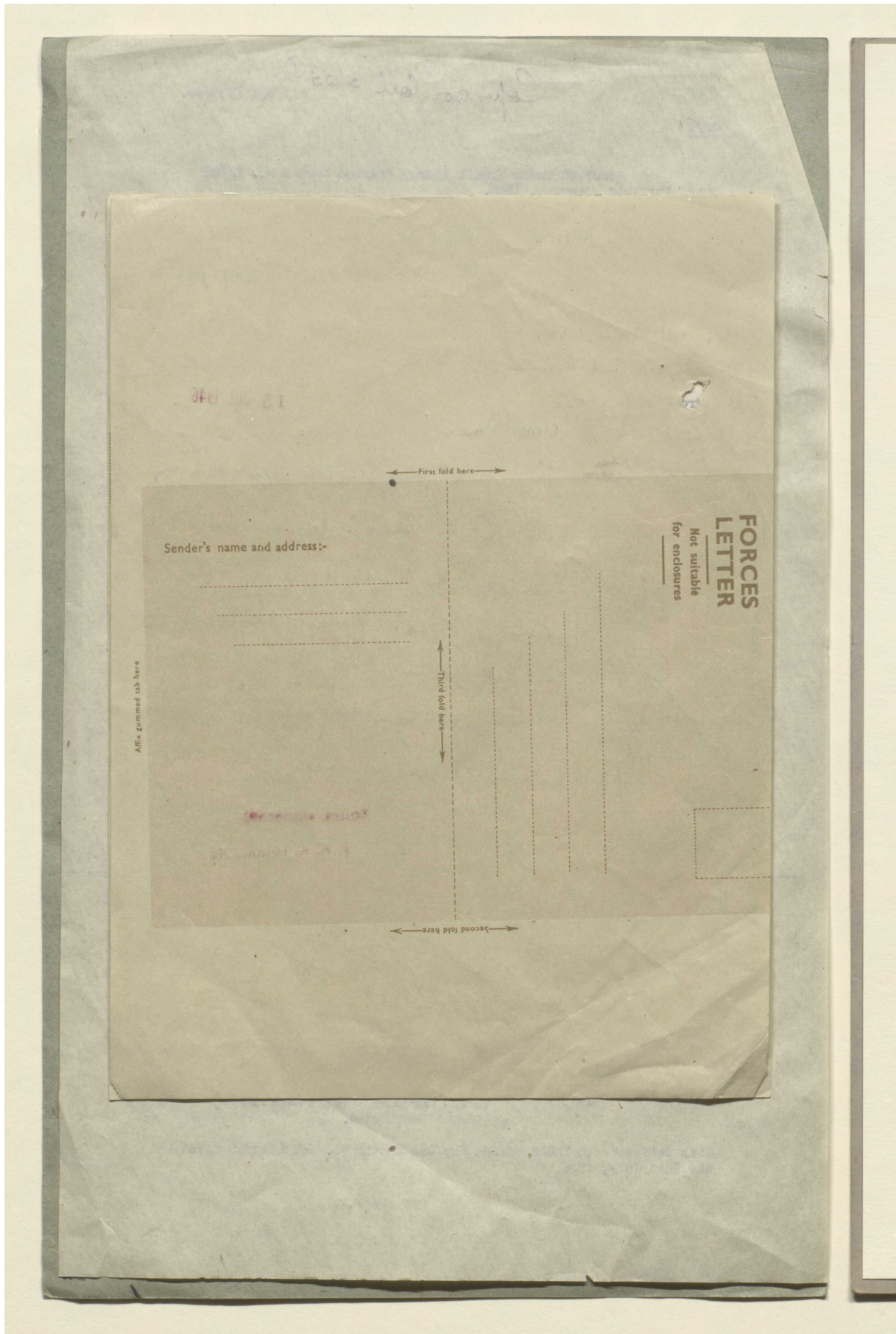


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MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION,  
ARIEL HOUSE,  
STRAND,  
LONDON, W.C.2.

*Ext. Letter  
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...  
... view*

16th July 1946.

Dear Harrison,

Jones has handed over to me your letter EXT. 4075/46 of the 20th June regarding flights by "Mortons Airlines" along the Arab Coast air route.

The reference presumably is to "Morton Air Services Ltd" which is a firm engaged in air taxi and charter flights. It has carried out a number of charter flights between the United Kingdom and India since January 1946, but there is no question of a regular air service.

The operations of the Company are not illegal as the law stands, nor are they prohibited by the Civil Aviation Bill now before Parliament. It is possible that we may have to give consideration in this Ministry to the devising of measures for the better control of non-regular operations for hire, but for the present we should be inclined to endorse the suggestion of the Political Resident that in as much as these operations are covered by the licence granted to the aircraft, no special authorisation in the terms of the Civil Air Agreements with the Sheikhs of Bahrein and Kuwait is necessary. We should agree also that the words "by the Sheikh" should be expunged from Article 3 of both the Civil Air Agreements.

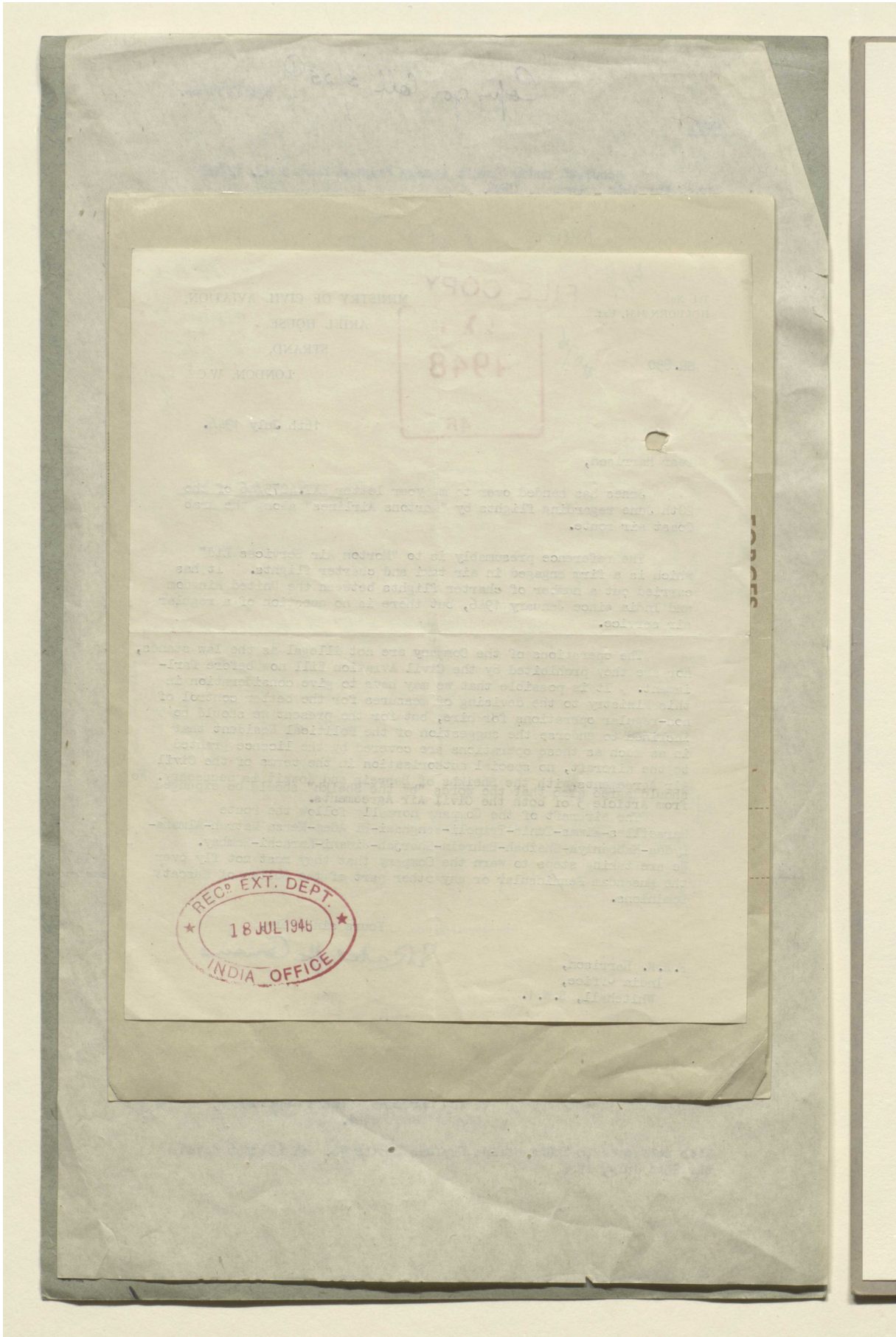
The aircraft of the Company normally follow the route Marseilles-Elmas-Tunis-Tripoli-Benghazi-El Adem-Mersa Matruh-Almaza-Lyddah-Habbaniya-Shaibah-Bahrein-Sharjah-Jiwani-Karachi-Bombay. We are taking steps to warn the Company that they must not fly over the Musandam Peninsula or any other part of the Sultan of Muscat's Dominions.

Yours sincerely,  
*S. Ratcliffe Cousins*

F. A. K. Harrison,  
India Office,  
Whitehall, S.W. 1.

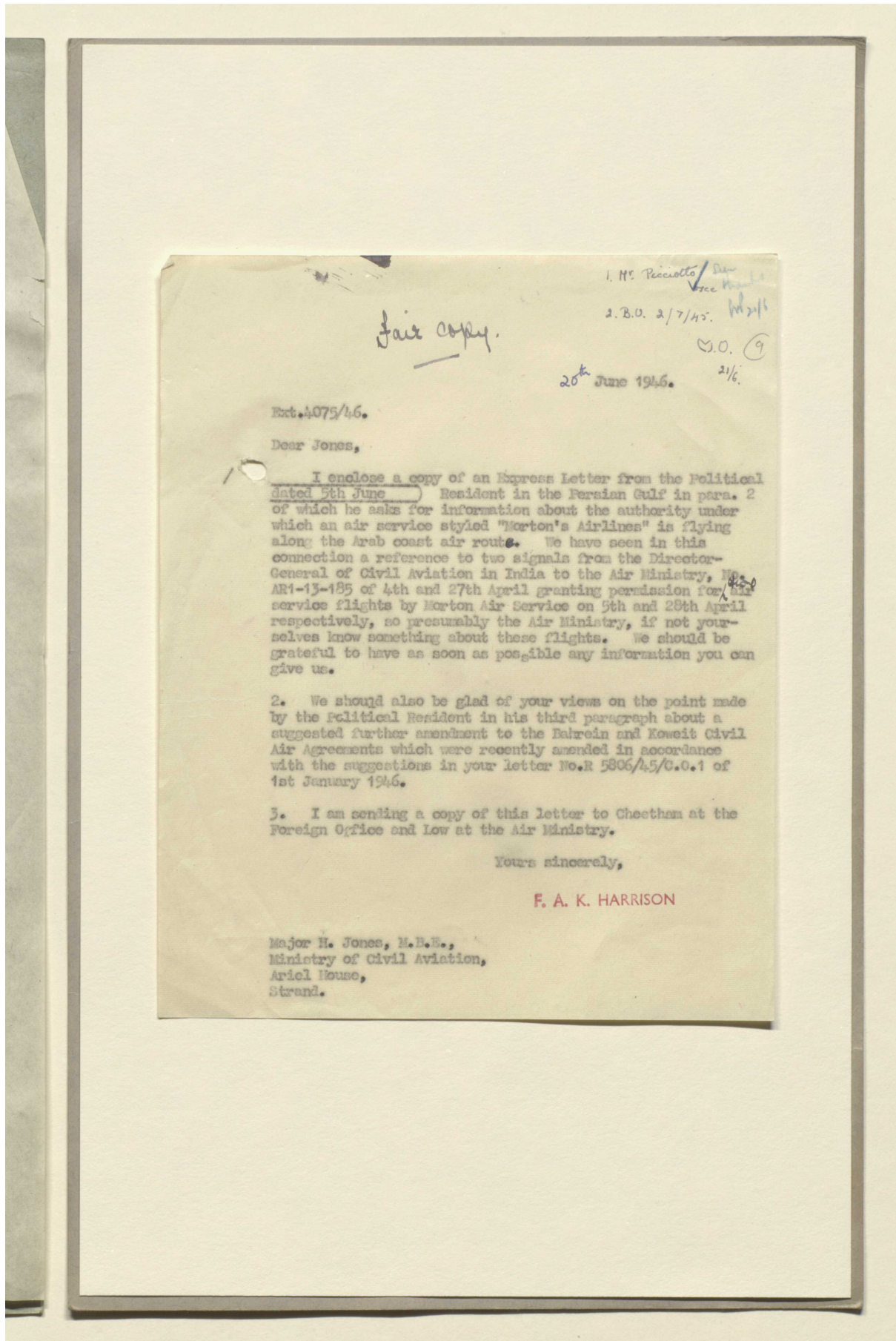


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1. Mr. Picciotto ✓ See Memo

2. B.O. 2/7/46. M/2/6

M.O. 9

20th June 1946.

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Fair copy.

Ext. 4075/46.

Dear Jones,

I enclose a copy of an Express Letter from the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf in para. 2 of which he asks for information about the authority under which an air service styled "Morton's Airlines" is flying along the Arab coast air route. We have seen in this connection a reference to two signals from the Director-General of Civil Aviation in India to the Air Ministry, Nos. AR1-13-185 of 4th and 27th April granting permission for service flights by Morton Air Service on 9th and 28th April respectively, so presumably the Air Ministry, if not yourselves know something about these flights. We should be grateful to have as soon as possible any information you can give us.

2. We should also be glad of your views on the point made by the Political Resident in his third paragraph about a suggested further amendment to the Bahrain and Kuwait Civil Air Agreements which were recently amended in accordance with the suggestions in your letter No. R 5806/45/C.O.1 of 1st January 1946.

3. I am sending a copy of this letter to Cheetham at the Foreign Office and Low at the Air Ministry.

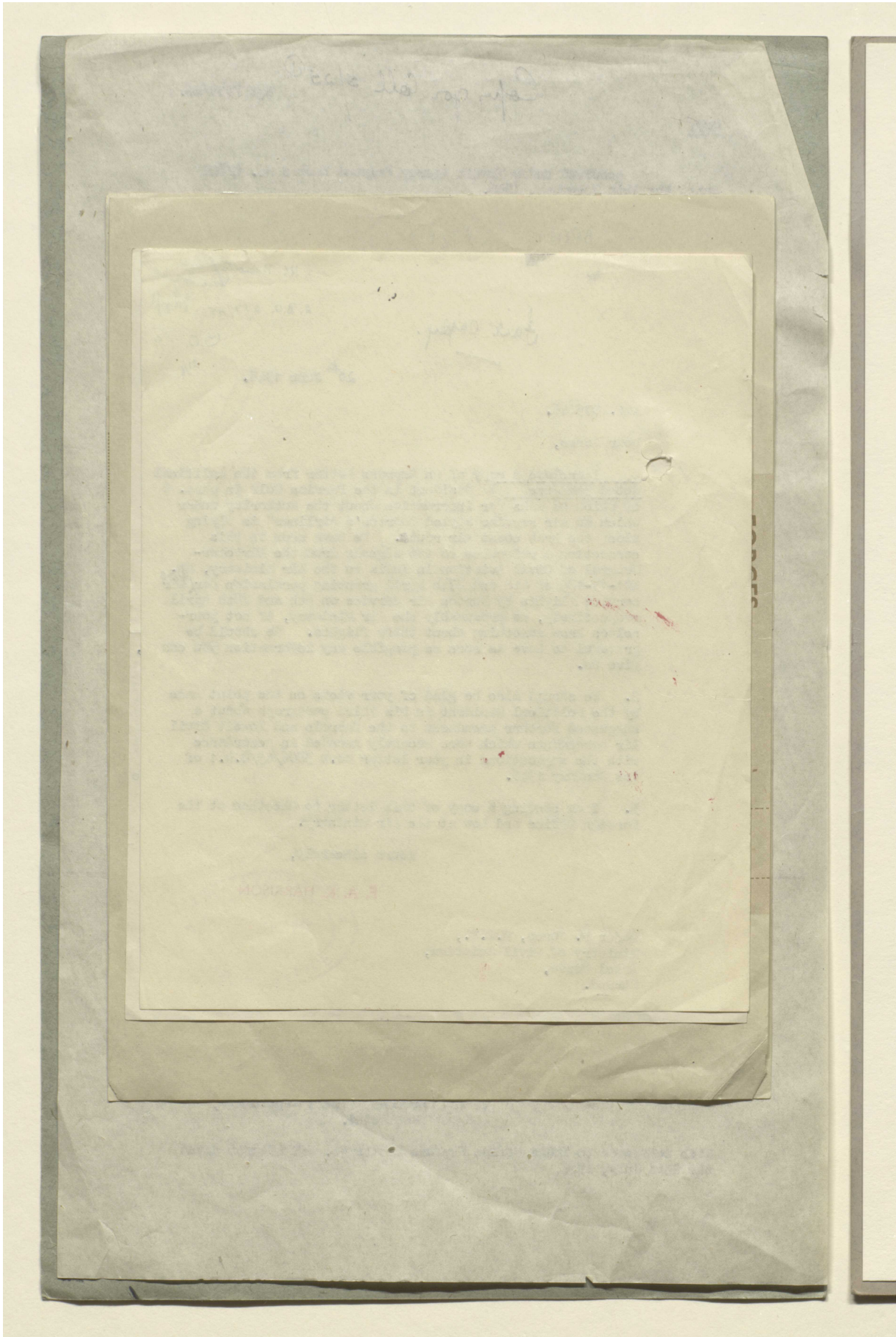
Yours sincerely,

F. A. K. HARRISON

Major H. Jones, M.B.E.,  
Ministry of Civil Aviation,  
Ariel House,  
Strand.



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Bahrain or Sharjah does not appear to have been raised with this office.

2. We should also be glad of your views on the point made by the Political Resident in his third paragraph about the right

of H.M.G. to authorise flights over and landings in the Arab States of the Persian

Gulf by British Aircraft.

a suggested <sup>further</sup> amendment to the Bahrain & Kuwait Civil Air Agreements which were recently amended in accordance with the suggestions in <sup>my</sup> ~~your~~ letter No. R 5806/45/C.O.1 of 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1946.

3 I am sending a copy of this letter to Cheetham at the F.O. & Law at the A.M.

F. A. K. HARRISON

granting permission <sup>2</sup> for an air service flights by Morton Air Service <sup>5<sup>th</sup> of April</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> April <sup>respectively</sup> so presumably the Air Ministry, if not yourself, know something about these flights. We should be grateful for any information you can give us.

To have as soon as possible



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Secretary

(Ex-External Dept) Mr Harrison.

(11)

I replied today to a note from you about "Morton's Airlines"

We receive monthly from the G. of S. Dept of Posts & Air a schedule of direct correspondence between the Director General of Civil Aviation in India and the Air Ministry. Included in the schedule for April which has reached me this afternoon are the following items.

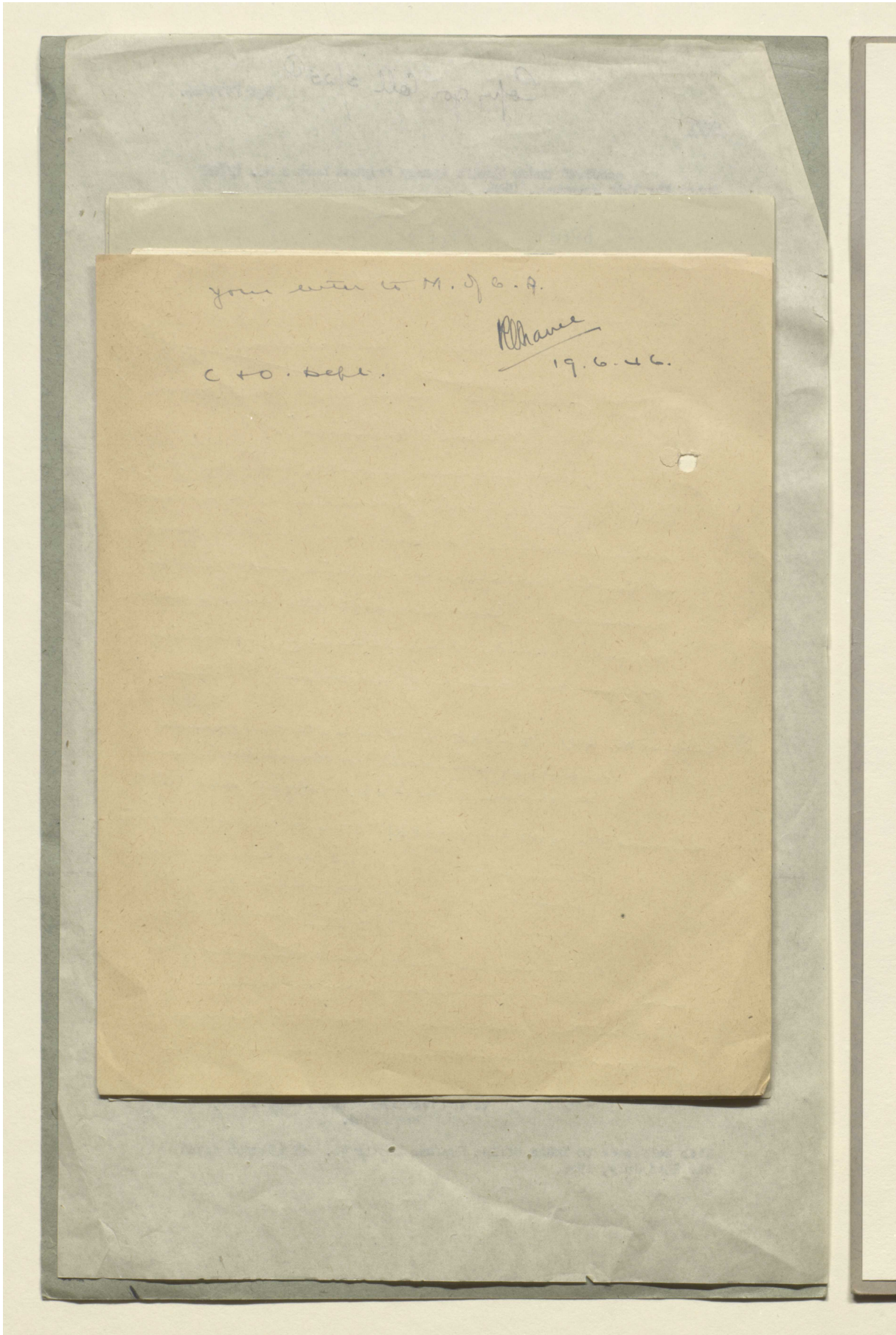
Signal No. ARI-13-185 d. 4.4.46 to Air Ministry granting permission for Morton Air Service flight on 5.4.1946. Copy not sent to G.O.

Signal No ARI-13-185 d. 27.4.46 to Air Ministry granting permission for air service flight by Morton Air Service on 28th April 1946 - Copy not sent to G.O.

This shows that Air Ministry - at any rate - have some knowledge of Morton Air Services - and a reference to these signals might be made in

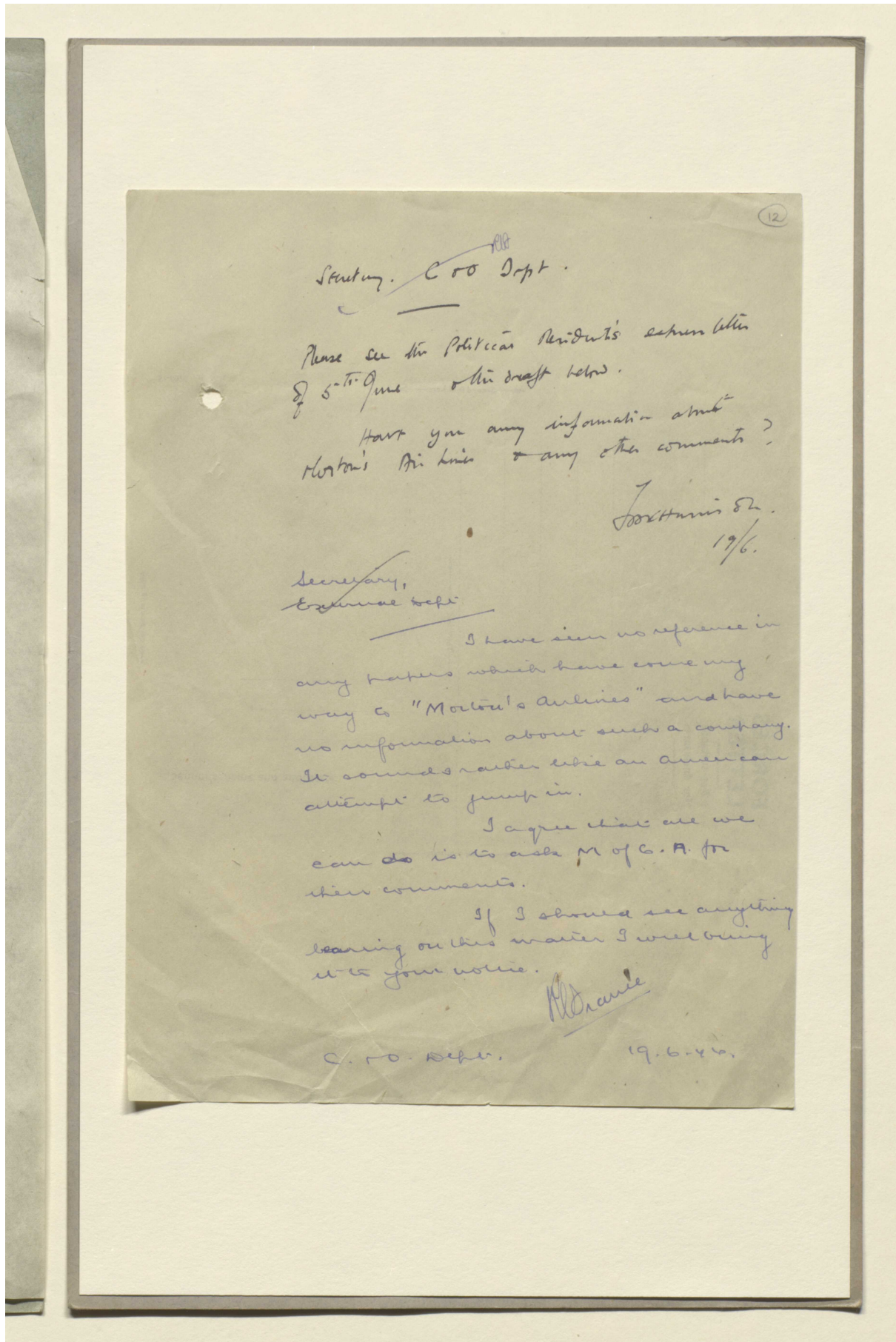


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Starting. <sup>10/6</sup> Coo Dept.

Please see the Political Residents' submission  
of 5<sup>th</sup> June & the draft below.

Have you any information about  
Morton's Air lines & any other comments?

J. J. Harris Esq.  
19/6.

Secretary,  
Exchange Dept.

I have seen no reference in  
any papers which have come my  
way to "Morton's Airlines" and have  
no information about such a company.  
It sounds rather like an American  
attempt to jump in.

I agree that all we  
can do is to ask M of C. A. for  
their comments.

If I should see anything  
bearing on this matter I will bring  
it to your notice.

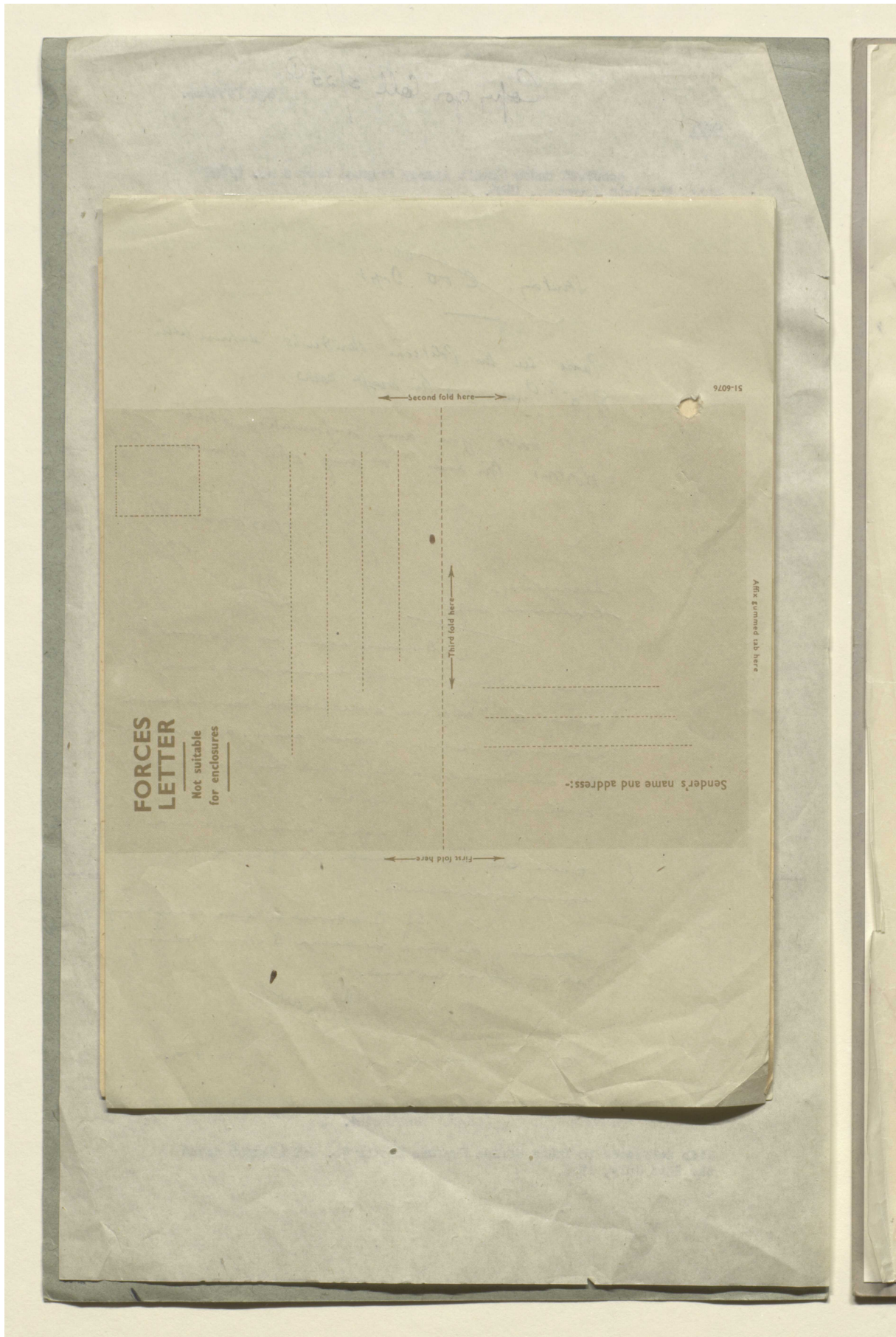
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Office of the Political Resident, Persian Gulf,  
Dated Sinla Camp, Bahrain, 5th June 1946.  
~~New Delhi~~

No. C/237.

To Retaxandum London.

Repeated Foreign New Delhi.  
Political Bahrain.  
Political Kuwait.

BAHRAIN AND KUWAIT CIVIL AIR AGREEMENTS.

Reference ~~your~~ correspondence ending with Residency Express Letter  
3928 No. C/178 dated the 30th May 1946 (not repeated to Kuwait).

2. Political Agent, Bahrain, reports that a civil air service styled "Morton's Airlines" is flying along the Arab Air route, using Dragon Rapide aircraft with landings at Bahrain and Sharjah. I should be grateful for information regarding this service and its authority for using this route. If the aircraft fly across the tip of Musandam peninsula the position will have to be regularised by obtaining the Sultan of Muscat's permission.

3. Now that paragraph 1 of the Air Navigation Regulations in Bahrain and Kuwait has been cancelled it appears to be implied from the language of articles 1 and 9 of the Civil Air Agreements with these States, and from the fact that the restriction in old article 4 of the Agreements applied only to foreign aircraft, that the right to authorise flights over and landings in the territories of these States by British aircraft rests with His Majesty's Government. This right could, and presumably is, exercised in the grant of the licence to the aircraft, and the provision of special power of authorisation in the Civil Air Agreements does not appear to be required. I should be glad to learn whether this view is accepted as correct. If so, it appears necessary to delete the words "by the Shaikh" from article 3 of both Civil Air Agreements mentioned, and I may kindly be authorised to effect this amendment by a further exchange of letters.

Sd. W.R.HAY.  
Political Resident, Persian Gulf.

ATTESTED.

*[Signature]*  
for Secretary to the  
Political Resident, Persian Gulf.

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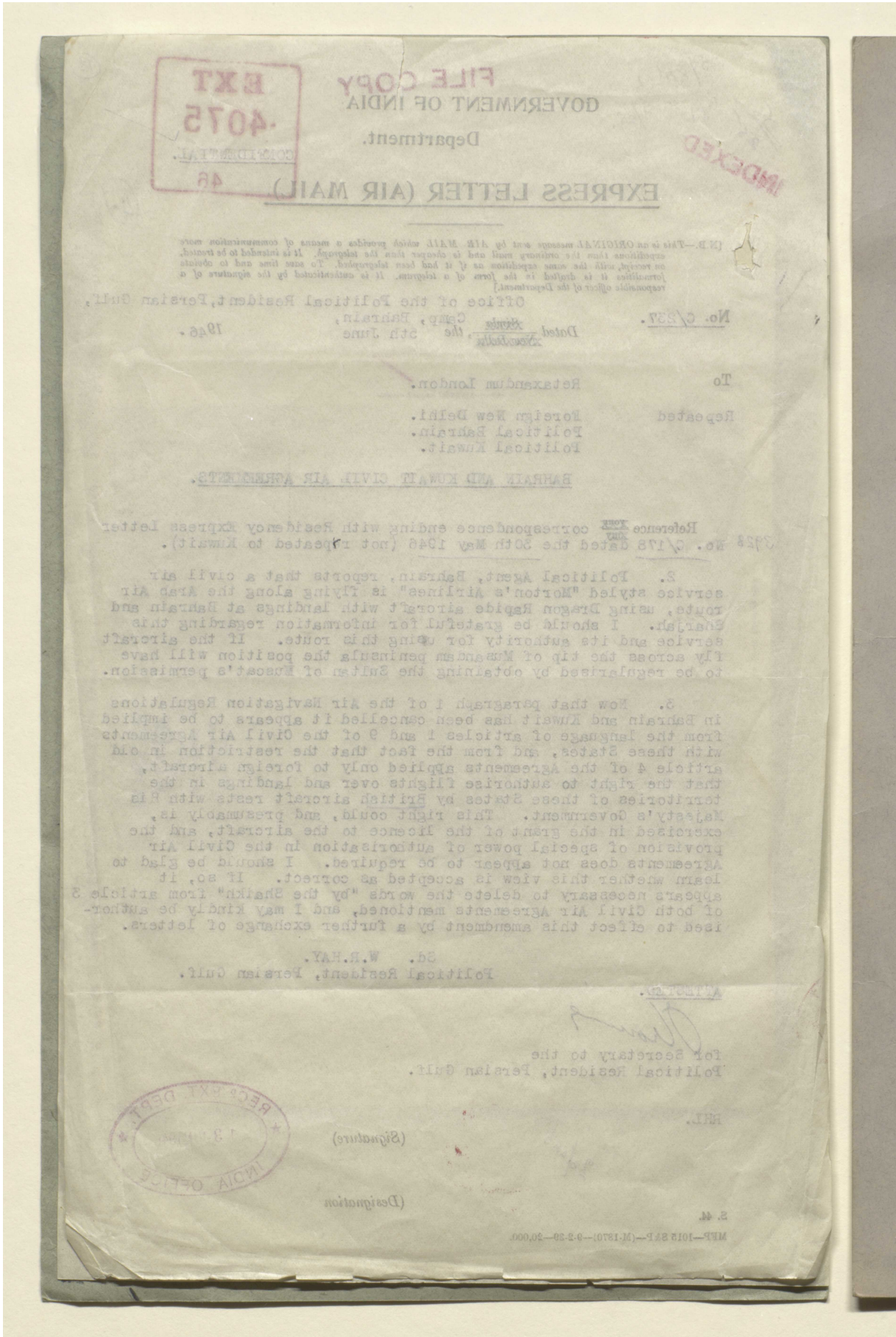
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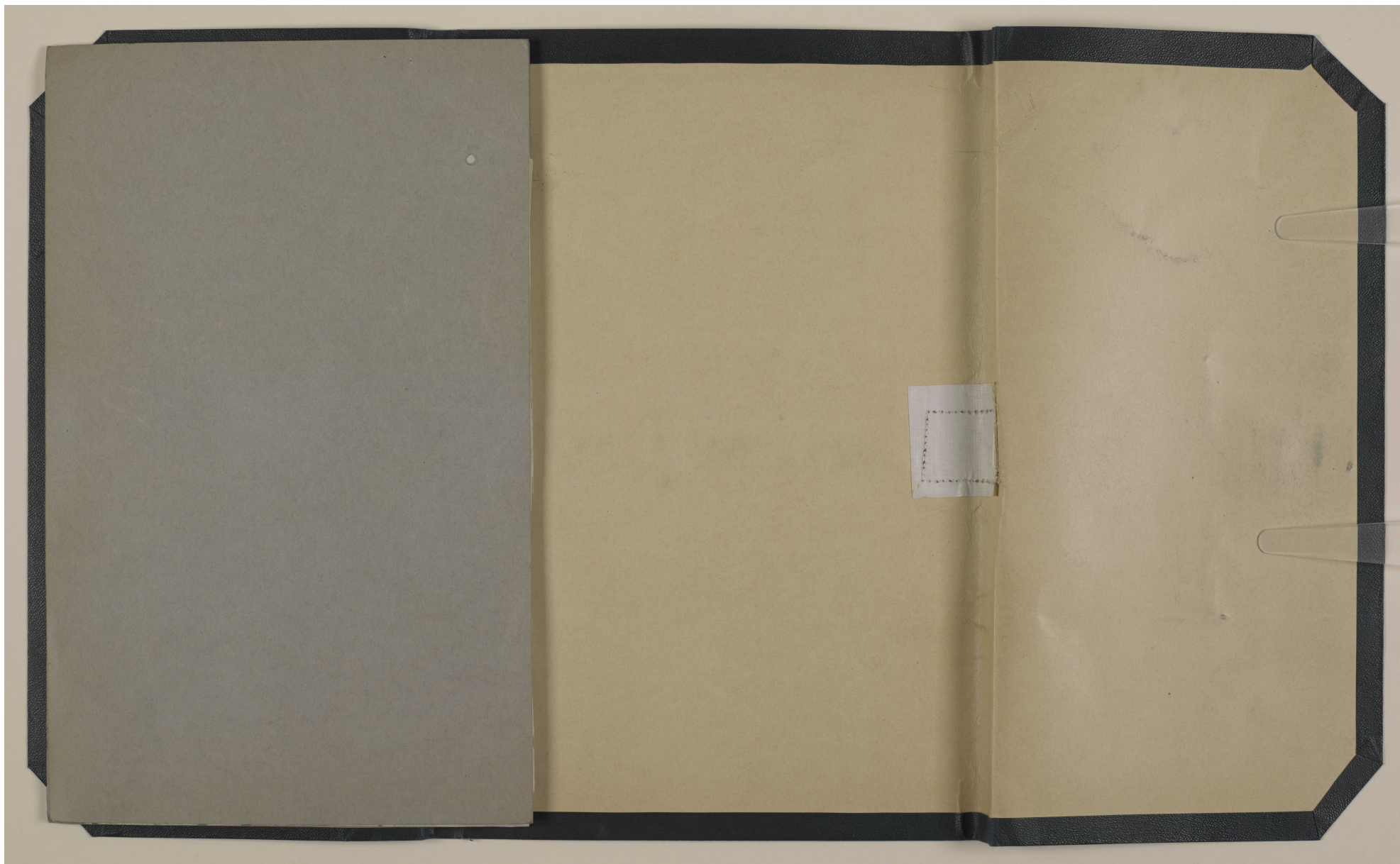
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