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Correspondence regarding the provision of a £75,000 grant of assistance by the Government of India to the Afghan Government, and arrangements for the supply of arms and ammunition. The correspondents are: the Government of India's Foreign and Political Department; HM Envoy and Minister at Kabul (Richard Maconachie); the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; and the Afghan Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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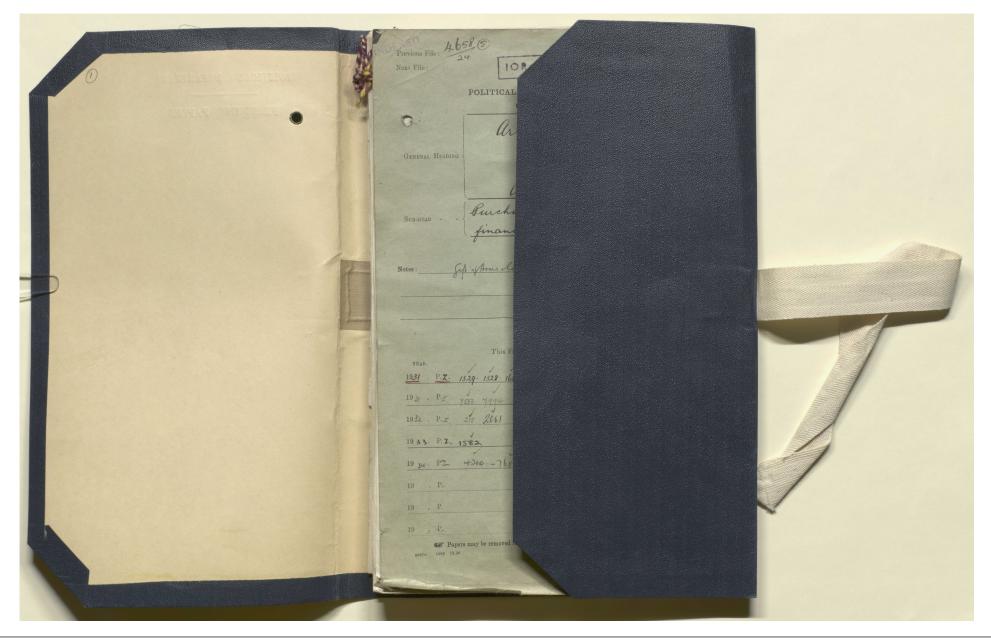


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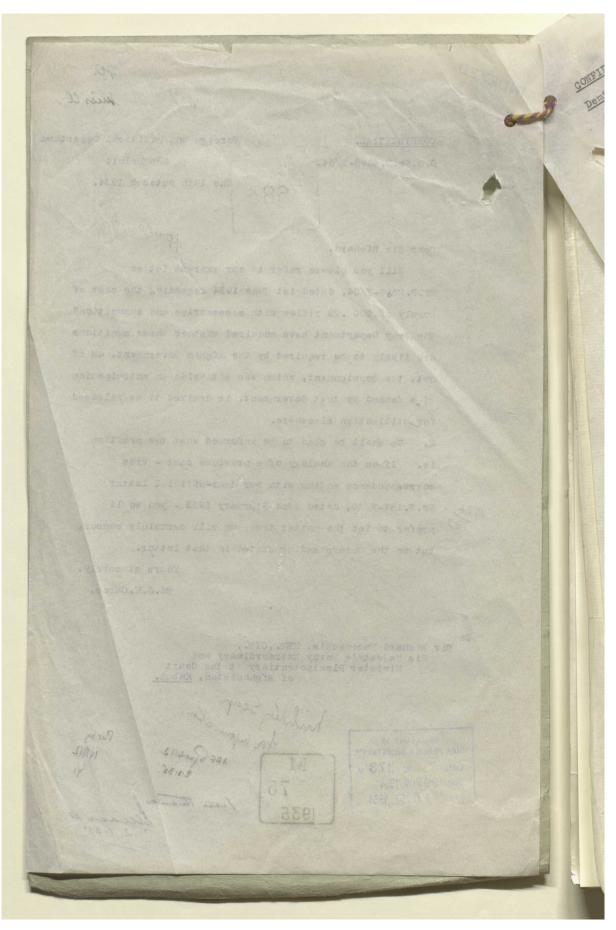


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Juis Cl. Foreign and Political Department CONFIDENTIAL. New Delhi; D.O.NO.D. 4898-F/34. The 19th October 1934. 7683 /pp. 4210. Dear Sir Richard, Will you please refer to our express letter No.D. 2386-F/34, dated 1st June 1934 regarding the cost of supply of 200 .22 rifles with accessories and ammunition? The Army Department have enquired whether these munitions are likely to be required by the Afghan Government, as if not, the consignment, which was set aside in anticipation of a demand by that Government, is desired to be released for utilisation elsewhere. We shall be glad to be informed what the position 2. is. If on the analogy of a previous case - vide correspondence ending with our demi-official letter No.F.187-F/30, dated 23rd February 1933 - you would prefer to let the matter drop, we will certainly concur, but on the understanding stated in that letter. Yours sincerely, Sd.O.K.Caroe. To Sir Richard Maconachie, KBE., CIE., His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Afghanistan, <u>Kabul.</u> Putby ENGLOSURE IN INDIA FOREIGN SEORETARY'S 5800 1472 M Letter No 173 M. 4 10 Icu than 1935 1.35

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CONFIDENTIAL. Demi-official No. 386/41(E).

British Legation, Kabul 29th Ochber, 1934.

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Dear Caroe,

Please refer to your confidential demi-official letter No.D. 4393-F/34 of the 19th October.

I have discussed this question with Lockhart and consider it both useless and undesirable to press the Afghan Government in the matter. I therefore agree that it may be dropped; the understanding you mention being of course implied.

I believe the real reason why the Afghan Government have not proceeded with the purchase is their acute shortage of ready money.

Yours Sincerely,

sd/- R.R. Maconachie.

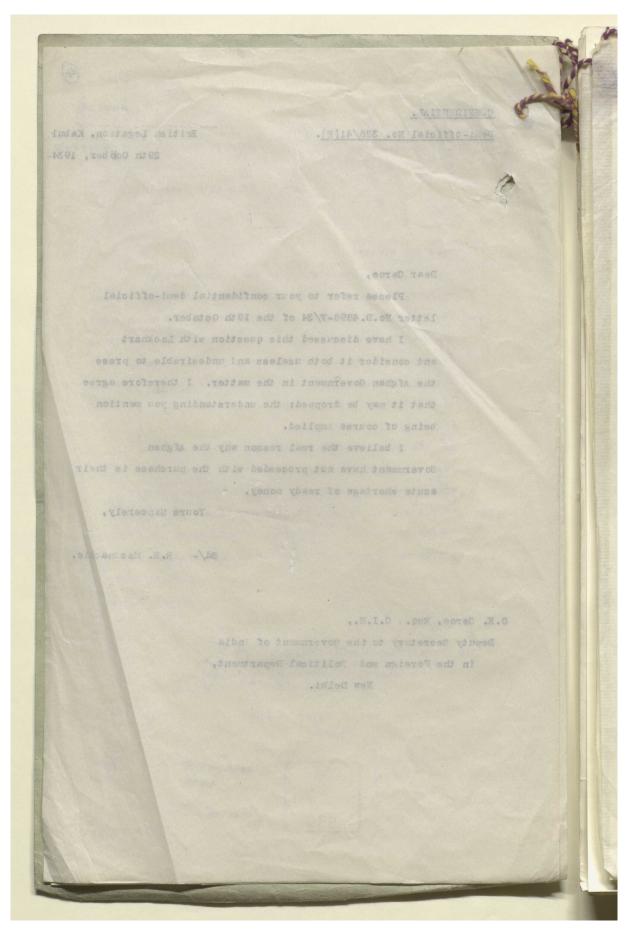
O.K. Caroe, Esq., C.I.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department, New Delhi.

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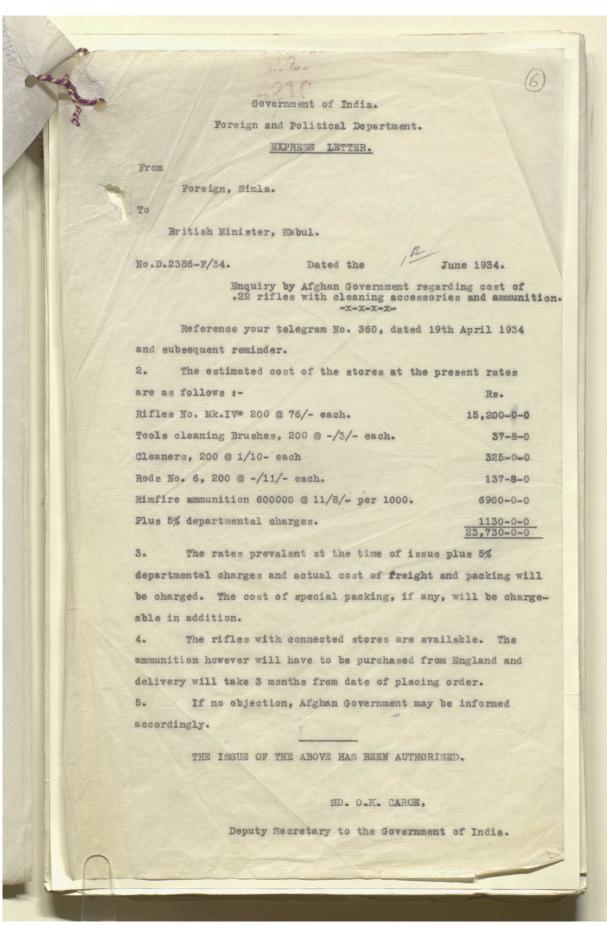
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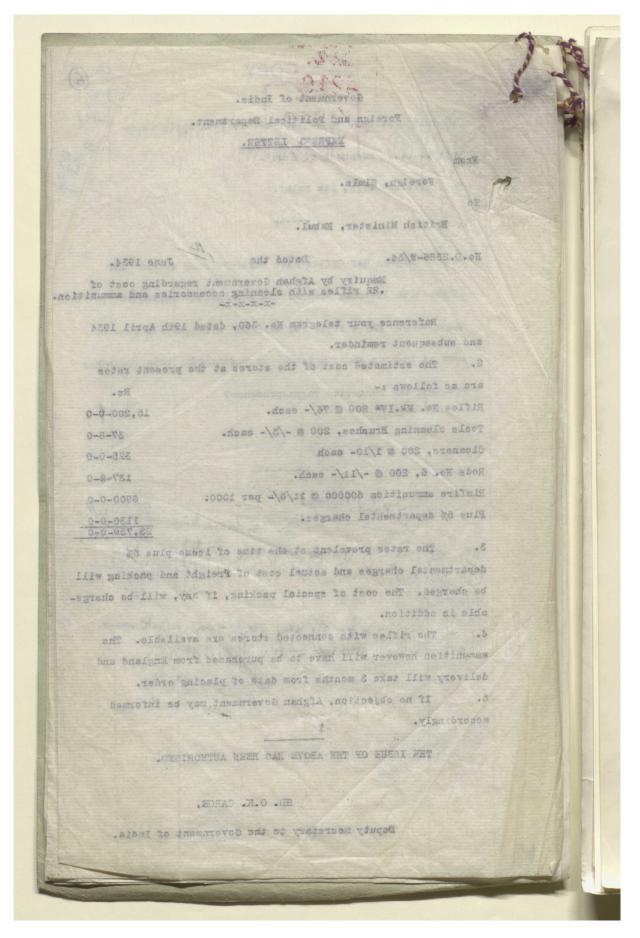


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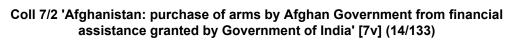


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27 MAR 1933 F.C FILE COPY smt. CONFIDENTIAL. British Legation, Kabul, M. m. 3 Mul Demi-official No.225-(E). 4th December 1932. 8 pp 504/ 22 Dear Metcalfe, 1077 Please refer to the correspondence resting with Fraser-Tytler's memorandum No. 225 of the 29th October 1932 regarding an enquiry from the Afghan Government as to the probability of their wishing to purchase x more arms from the Government of India. The object of this enquiry is not stated but I suppose that the Government of India have arms available which they wish to dispose of advantageously, and if so the enquiry would perhaps have had to be made in any case. At the same time, if I had been here when the subject arose, I should have been inclined to deprecate such an enquiry, which inevitably leads to requests by the Afghan Government for concessions of some kind, if not actually for a free supply, and the refusal of such requests merely makes matters more difficult than they would have been if the enquiry had not been made in the first instance. A copy of an office note by Fraser-Tytler dated October 18th last which I enclose will show you what I mean. Fraser-Tytler reminded the Foreign Minister in a demi-official letter of October 29th to which there has been no reply. In the circumstances, is there any chance of the Government of India agreeing that the enquiry should be allowed to drop unanswered? If Faiz Muhammad were eventually to answer without further pressure, I should of course report what he said. Yours sincerely, Sd. R. R. Maconachie. To H.A.F. Metcalfe, Esquire, CIE., MVO., Foreign Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department, New Delhi. ENCLOSURE IN INDIA FOREIGN SECRETARY'S No 32 M. Letter Dated 2 MAR. 1933 Beceived 2.0 MAR. 1933

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I told Foreign Minister that as I had received no reply I presumed that Afghan Government did not want any more arms from Government of India. Foreign Minister said they did want arms but they wanted them on a credit basis to be paid for in instalments. I reminded him of what Minister had said in 1931. Foreign Minister said Afghan Government had been very disappointed to receive this reply. They had a credit with both France and Germany which they were paying off by instalments and it seemed that His Majesty's Government were not being as friendly as they might be in their present attitude. I reminded him of our experience in Amanullah's time, and said that I certainly could not and would not recommend a reversal of policy advocated by Minister. Foreign Minister said he would let me have a definite reply in a day or two. Keep pending.

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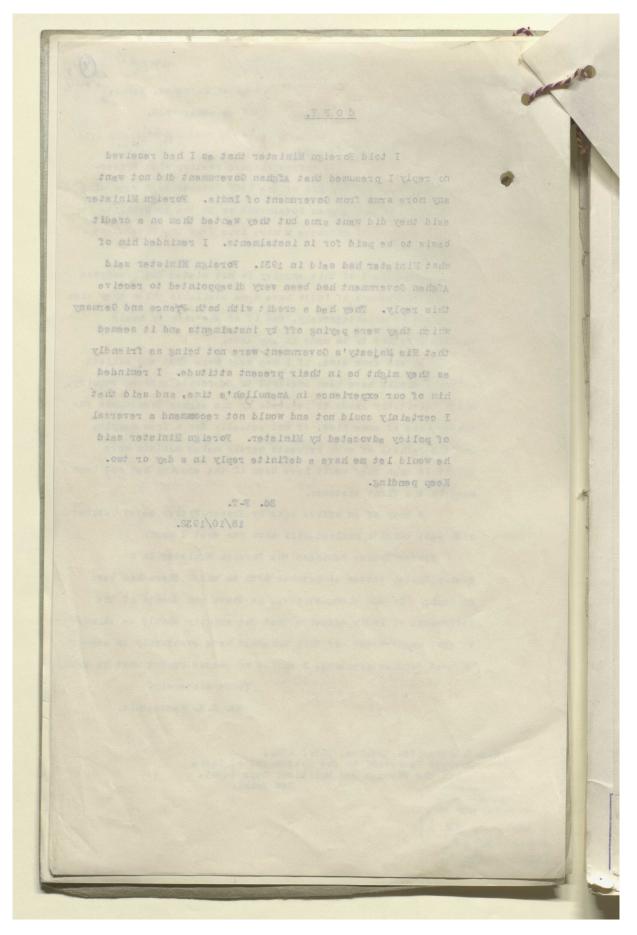
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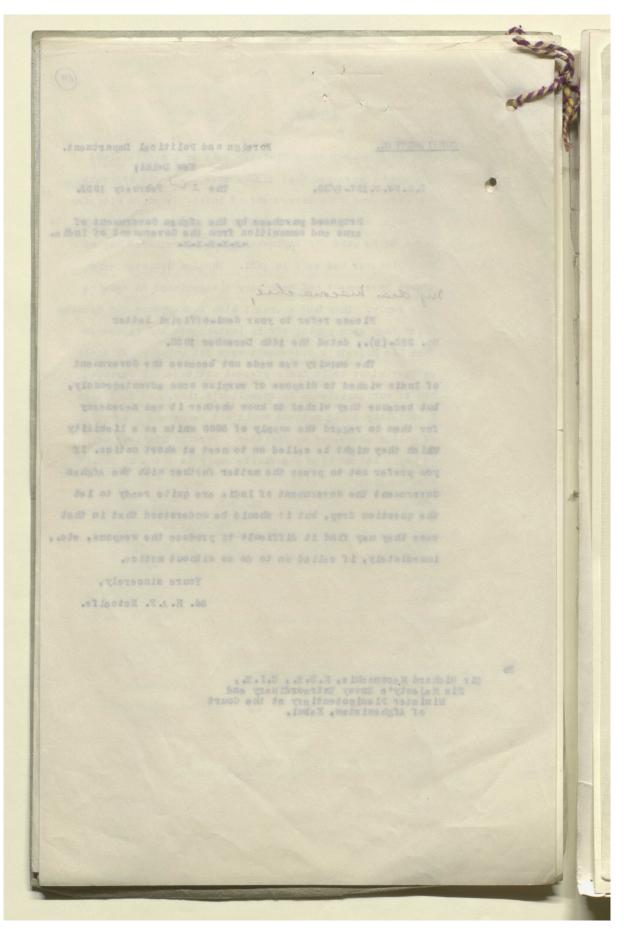
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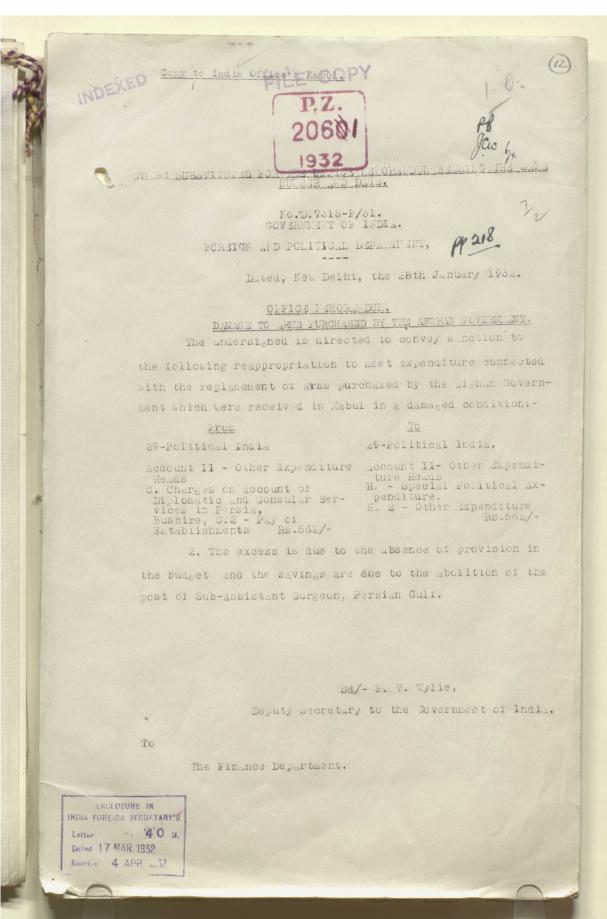
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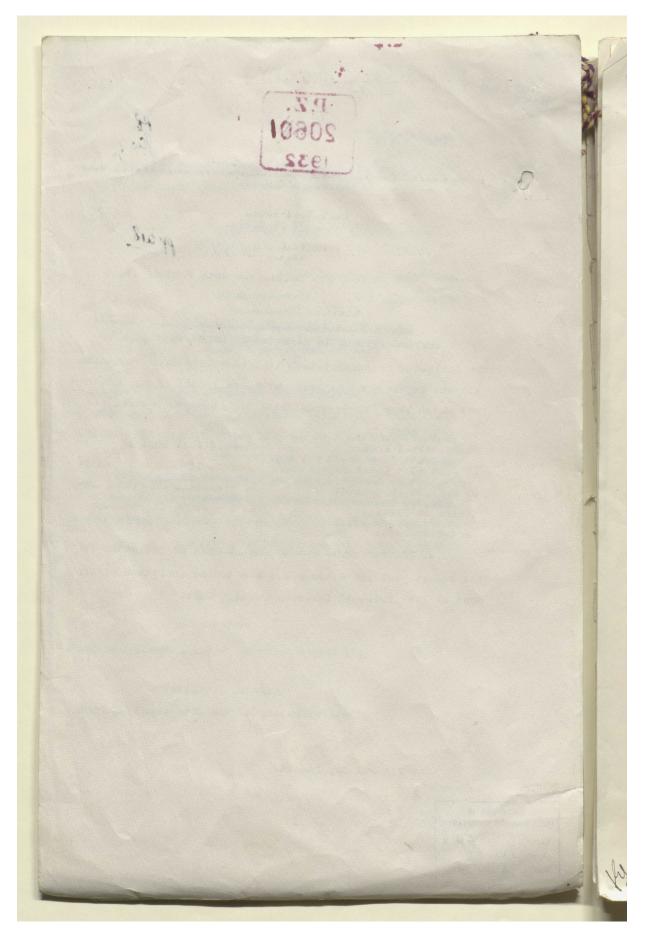
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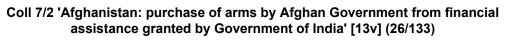


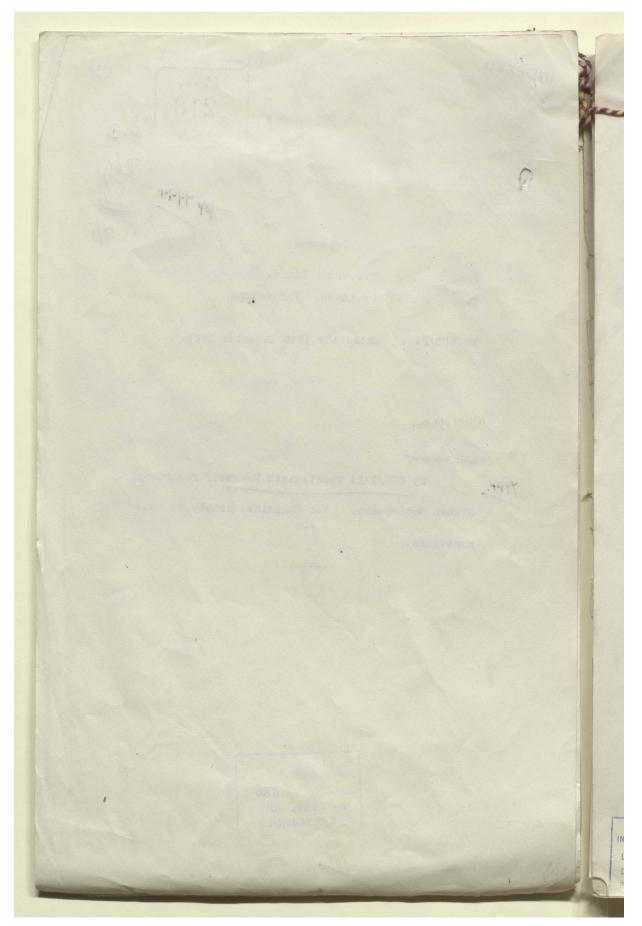
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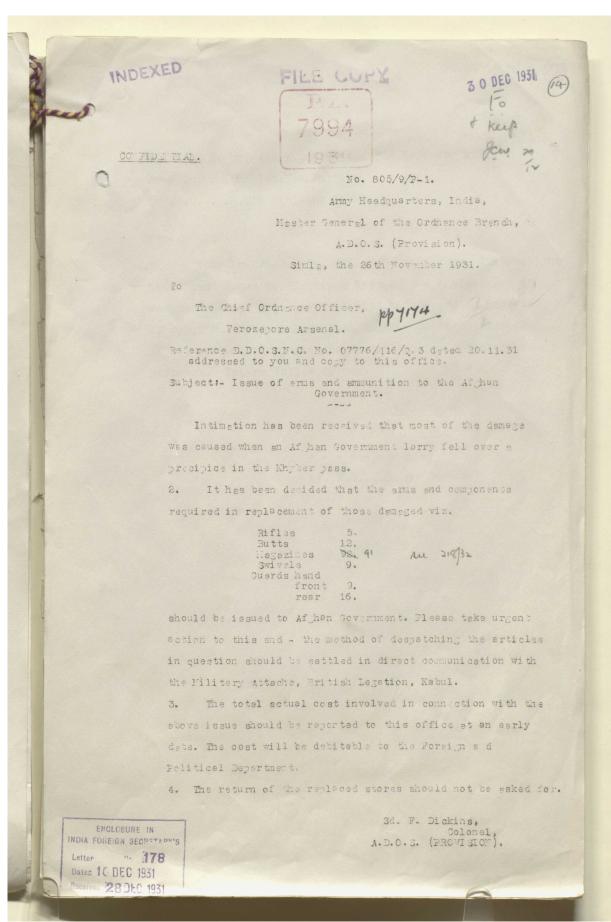




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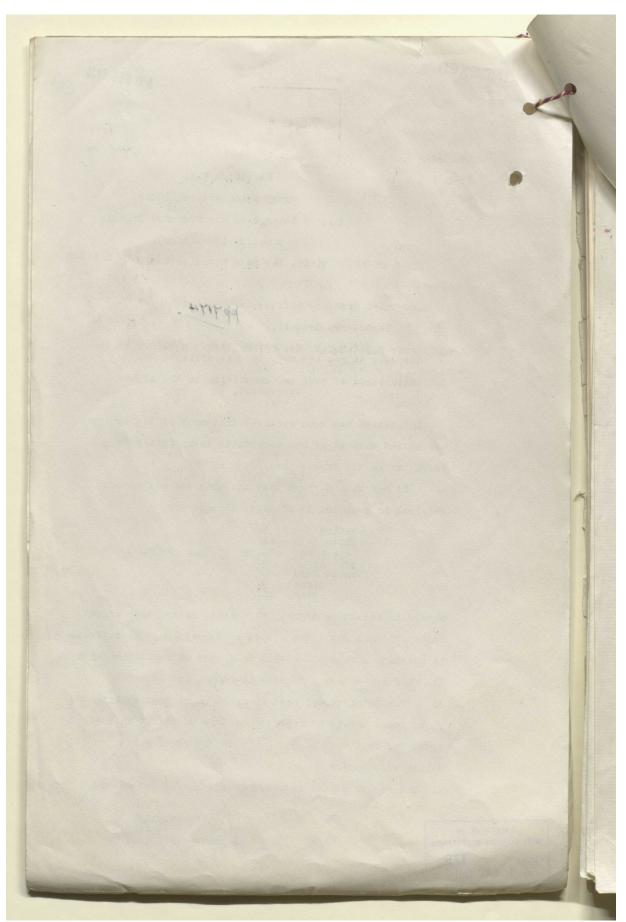
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Your Memorandum No. 225 of Cotober 23rd. Instructions have been issued to Ferozepur Arsenal for replacement of damaged stores. Cost involved will be Agarged to Reserve of £25,000. Arsenal have been instructed to correspond direct with Military Attache regarding arrangements for despatch. Fapers follow by bag.

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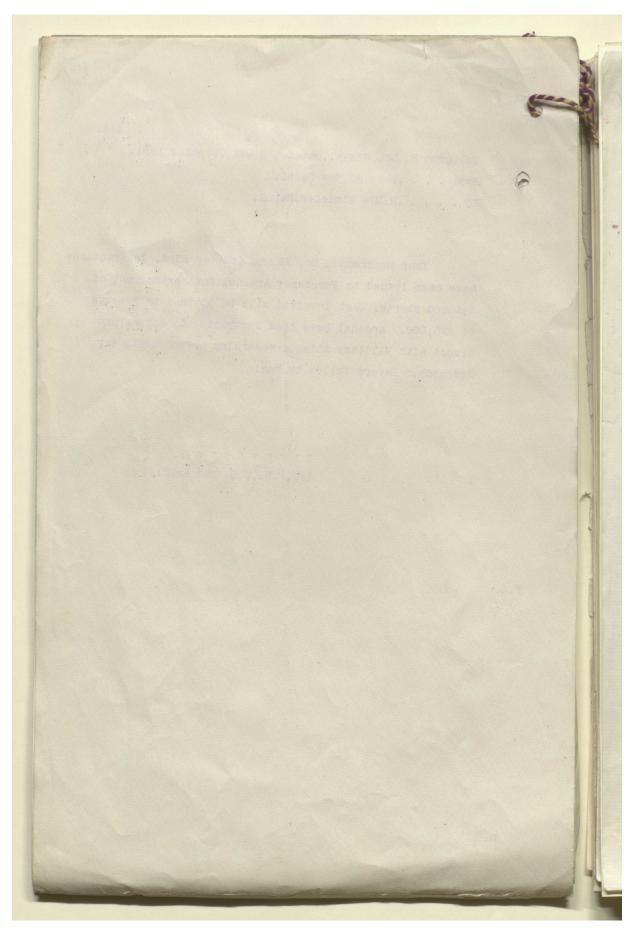
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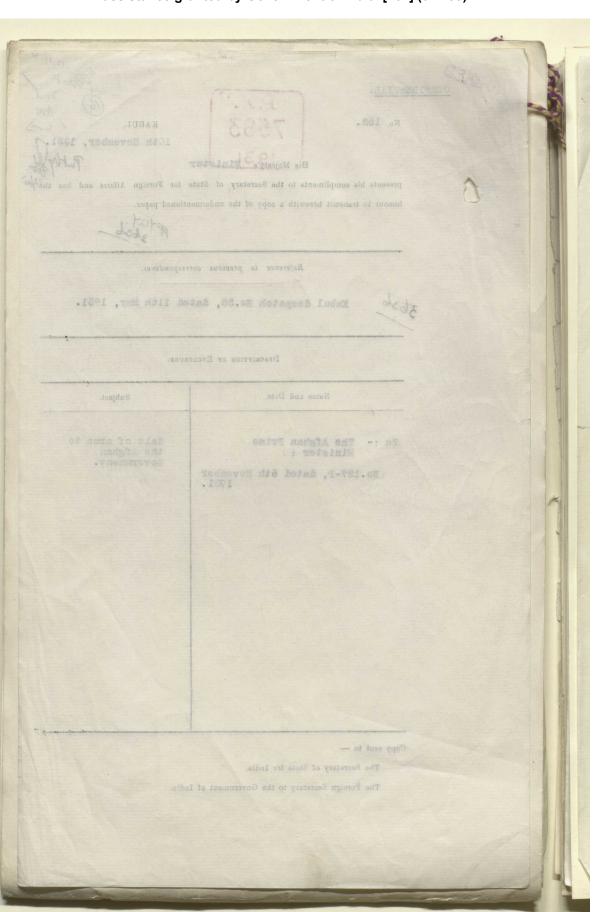
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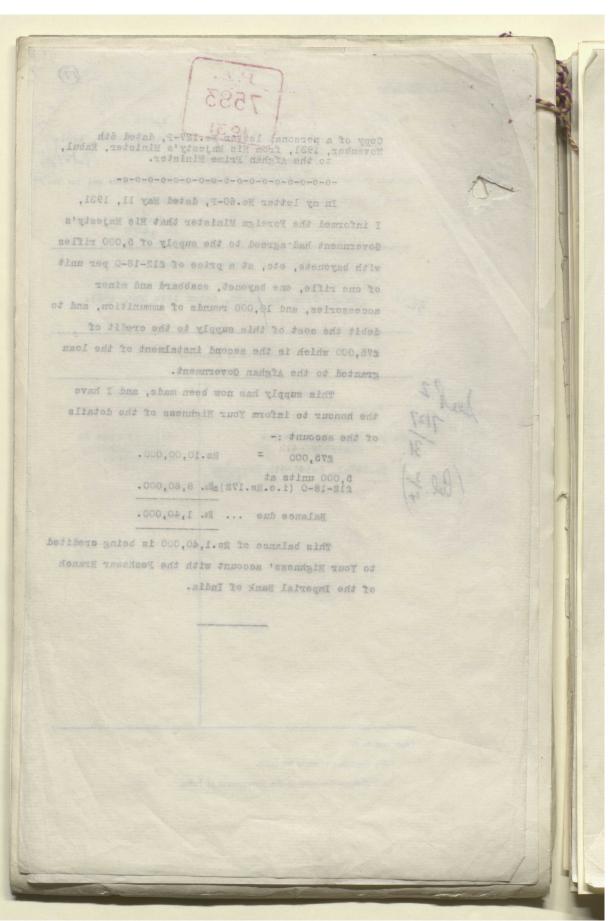
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7583 Copy of a personal letter No.127-P, dated 6th November, 1931, from His Majesty's Minister, Kabul, to the Afghan Prime Minister. In my letter No.60-P, dated May 11, 1931, I informed the Foreign Minister that His Majesty's Government had agreed to the supply of 5,000 rifles with bayonets, etc, at a price of £12-18-0 per unit of one rifle, one bayonet, scabbard and minor accessories, and 10,000 rounds of ammunition, and to debit the cost of this supply to the credit of £75,000 which is the second instalment of the loan granted to the Afghan Government. This supply has now been made, and I have the honour to inform Your Highness of the details of the account :-= £75,000 Rs.10,00,000. 5,000 units at £12-18-0 (i.e.Rs.172)_Rs. 8,60,000. Balance due ... Rs. 1,40,000. This balance of Rs.1,40,000 is being credited to Your Highness' account with the Peshawar Branch of the Imperial Bank of India.

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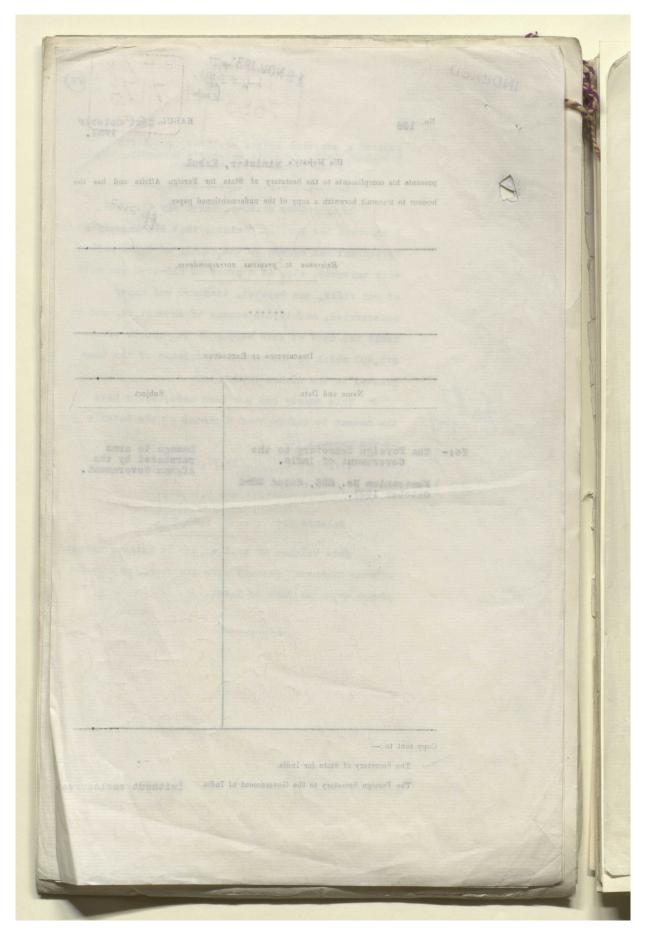
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2	His Majesty's Minister, Kabul presents his compliments to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the undermentioned paper.		
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To:	- The Foreign Secretary to the Government of India. Memorandum No. 225, dated 23rd October 1931.	Damage to arms purchased by the Afghan Government.	
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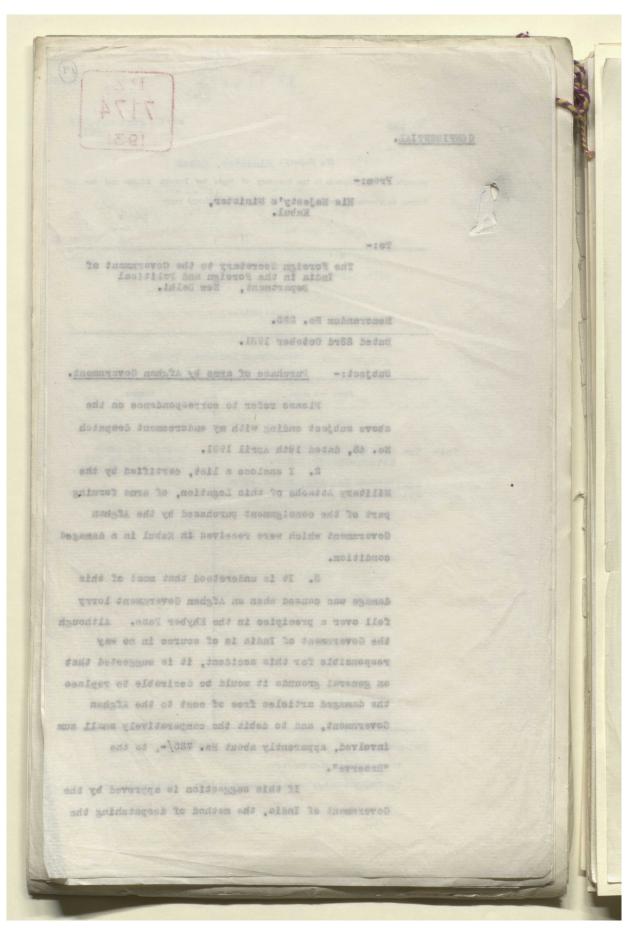
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CONFIDENTIAL. From: -His Majesty's Minister. Kabul. 201-The Foreign Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department, New Delhi. Memorandum No. 225. Dated 23rd October 1931. Purchase of arms by Afghan Government. Subject: -Please refer to correspondence on the above subject ending with my endorsement despatch No. 48, dated 18th April 1931. 2. I enclose a list, certified by the Military Attache of this Legation, of arms forming part of the consignment purchased by the Afghan Government which were received in Kabul in a damaged condition. 3. It is understood that most of this damage was caused when an Afghan Government lorry fell over a precipice in the Khyber Pass. Although the Government of India is of course in no way responsible for this accident, it is suggested that on general grounds it would be desirable to replace the damaged articles free of cost to the Afghan Government, and to debit the comparatively small sum involved, apparently about Res 725/-, to the "Reserve". If this suggestion is approved by the Government of India, the method of despatching the

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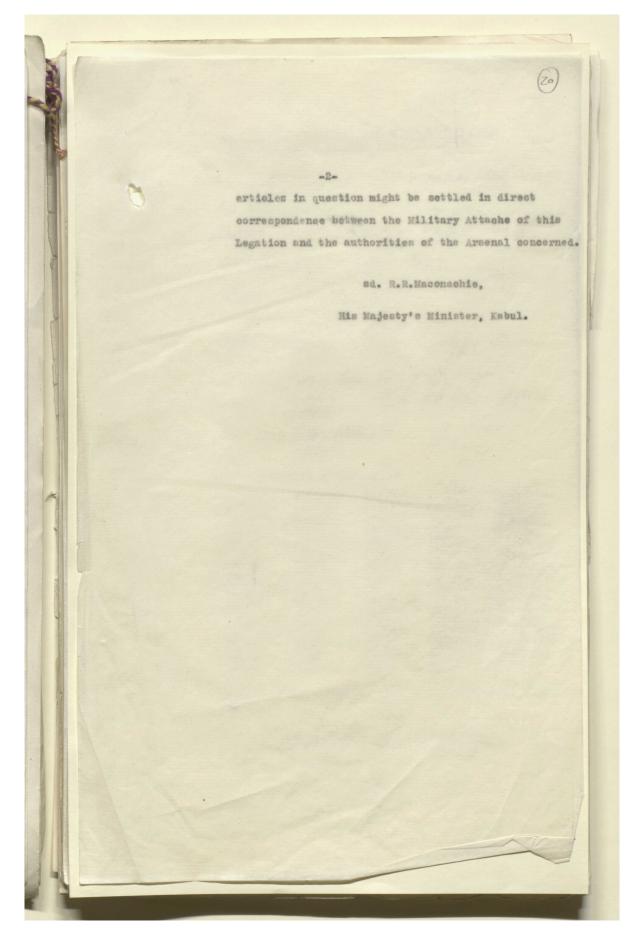


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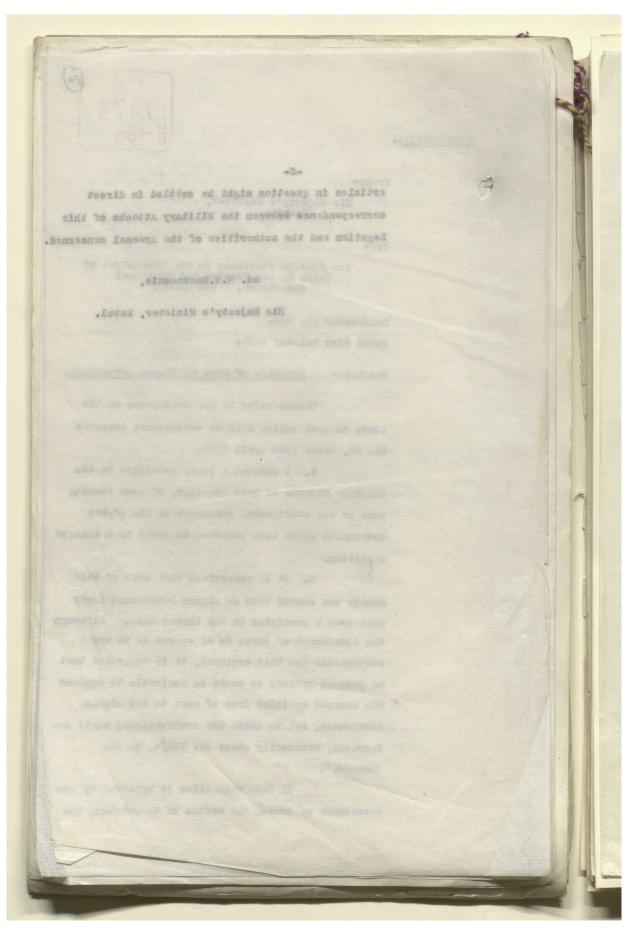


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Arms purchased by the Afghan Government from the Government of India, April, 1981. Statement showing rifles damaged in transit to Kabul. 1. (a) Butts damaged. (10) K.4206. U.17383. 7.2688. E.2095. P.7392. 0.89505. V.36210. B.17886. D.8602. 3360. (b) Broken forehand guards. (8). A.27972. A.29470. ₩.9650. 0.4919. U.8417. 63327. B.44633. 44495. (c) Broken rearhand guards. (14) F.94865. R.3907. R.612. A.59656 4185. M.5059. 48023. 509. B.47868 2.8130. B.4446. E.3639. W.13111. A.8906. (d) Broken lower sling swivels (7). D.74706. H.8308. S.1500. Y.45748. E.4078. 48233. A.99855. (e) Upper sling swivels (2) B.65655. N.8506. (f) Magazines damaged (85). B.62495. 0.94311. Z.51845. K.50569. A.69125. A.48602. B.28810. P.9467. A.86857. M.2749. K.17119. B.56052. M.8188. P.3448. C.18503. A.25765. B.5108. A.32787. V.7978. A.26772. A.55591. K.86058. A.81242. W.38344. B.39519. P.6594. B.28957. H.5022. A.85051. S.676. 47541. J.34408. K.63667. A.91211. B.3977. F.294. 0.75260. 0.79968. D.4424. E.56904. B.18896. A.83573. B.18280. A.37293. A.6140. B.25063. G.3900. B.32224. D.35392. I.50829. K.27264. B.25699. H.12458. R.433. B.92843. B.6129. 0.2869. B.18805. A. 57840. D.71470. Y.58156. B.8249. B.24384. B.25063. X.7265. 11850. 0.72820. H.26926. 0.34661. B.69807. J.4713. R.6167. A.72685. B.16836. B.8413. W.219. G.54835. D.3057. Z.33314. R.1117. G.2986. A.56315. S.34873. H.9407. (g) Magazine damaged and rearhand guard broken. (1). 80770. Butt, stock and magazine damaged. Rifles unserviceable and require replacement (4). (h) B.43998. B.13443. L.1436. W.375. (i) Damaged magazine and butt (3). A.4632.* V.12136 E.2694. * Also requires replacement.

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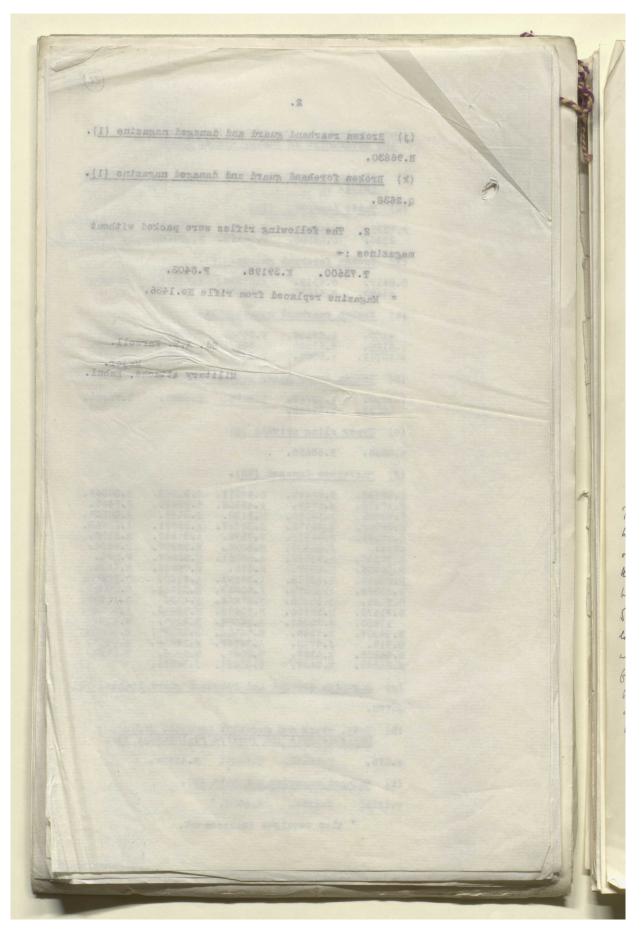
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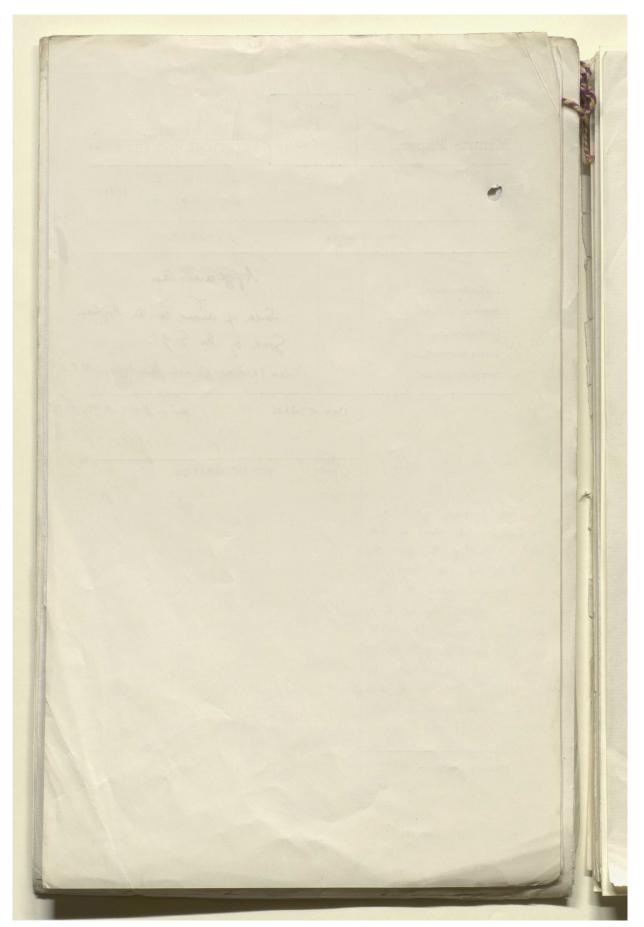
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NUEXED 74 1 0 JUN 1931 No. 58. KABUL, 11th May 1931. Minister His Majesty's presents his compliments to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the undermentioned paper. pp-22984 Reference to previous correspondence. Kabul despatch No.48, dated 18th April 1931. 2984 DESCRIPTION OF ENCLOSURE Name and Date. Subject. Sale of arms to the Afghan Government. To :-The Afghan Foreign Minister, No.60-P, dated 11th May 1931. Copy sent to :--The Secretary of State for India. The Foreign Secretary to the Government of India.

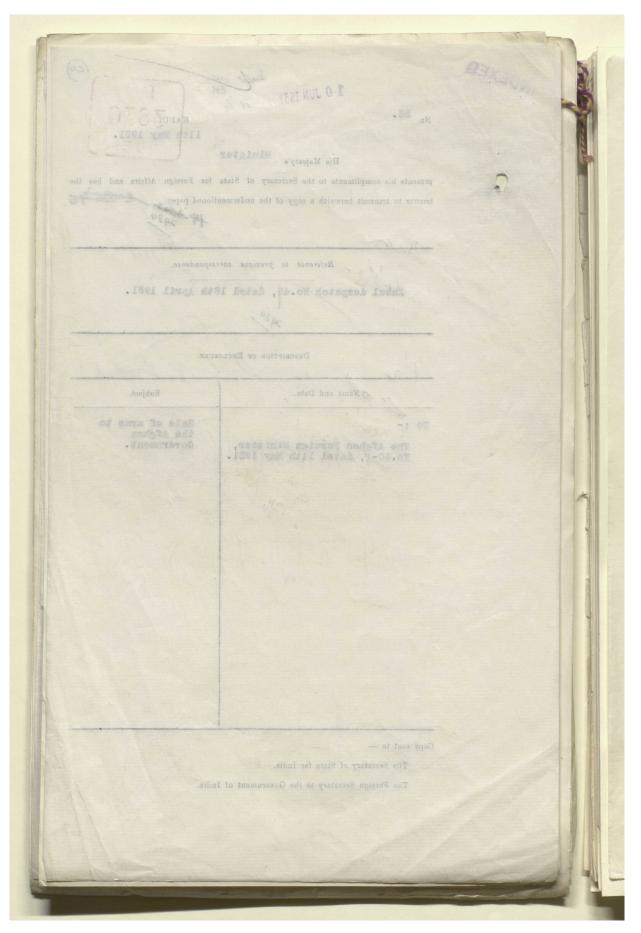
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Copy of a personal letter No.60-P, dated 11th May 1931, from His Majesty's Minister, Kabul, to the Afghan Foreign Minister. 25

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's personal letter dated April 16, 1931, and to intimate that His Majesty's Government have agreed to the supply, as requested, of 5,000 rifles, with bayonets, scabbards, and minor accessories, together with 1,000 rounds per rifle (all of the same type and quality as those previously supplied), at a price of £12-18-0 per unit of one rifle, one bayonet, scabbard, and minor accessories, and 1,000 rounds of ammunition; the cost of this supply being debited to the credit of £75,000 mentioned by Your Excellency.

In regard to the second proposal made by Your Excellency, I have the honour to state that His Majesty's Government have no objection to making a further supply of munitions up to the same total quantity as that specified above, in such instalments as may be desired by the Afghan Government, against a previous deposit in each by the Afghan Government of the price of each instalment.

The price at which such future supplies could be made cannot, however, be stated precisely at present. As I have informed Your Excellency, the price of £12-18-0 charged per unit of the present supply is a specially favourable one, and I am authorised to state that the price which may be charged in future for supplies of munitions up to the total amount mentioned above would be not less favourable in its relation to the cost price of such articles at the time of their supply.

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Copy of a personal letter No.60-P, dated lith May 1951, from His Majesty's Ministor, Kabul, to the Afghan Foreign Minister.

I have the honour to acknowledge roosipt of Your Excellency's personal letter dated April 16, 1951, and to intimate that His Majesty's dovernment have agreed to the supply, as requested, of 5,000 rifles, with bayonets, soabbards, and minor accessories, together with 1,000 rounds per rifle (all of the same type and quality as those previously supplied), at a price of fi2-18-0 per unit of one and 1,000 rounds of ammunition; the cost of this supply being debited to the credit of 275,000 mentioned by Your Excellency.

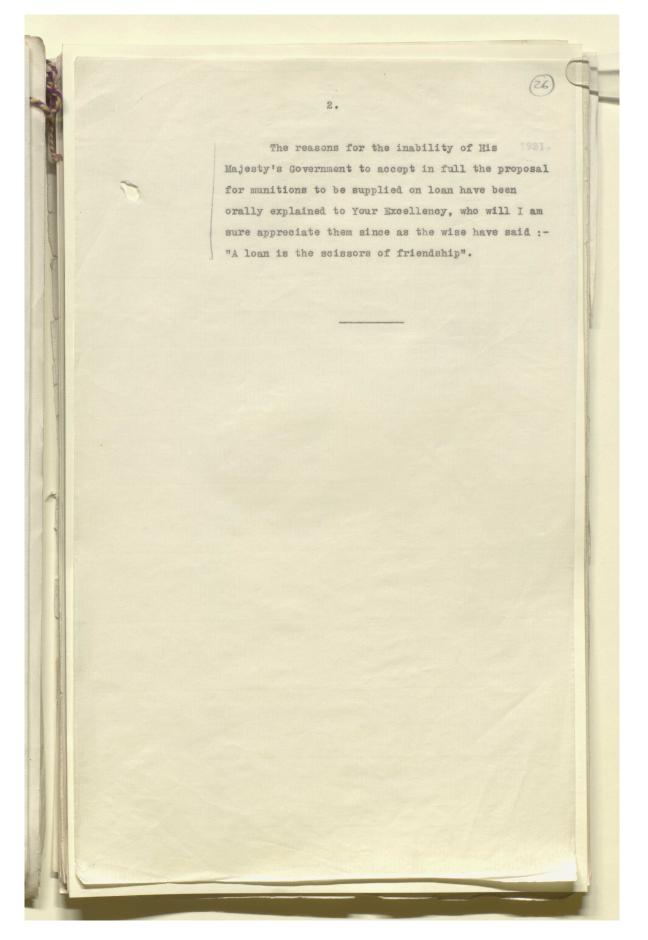
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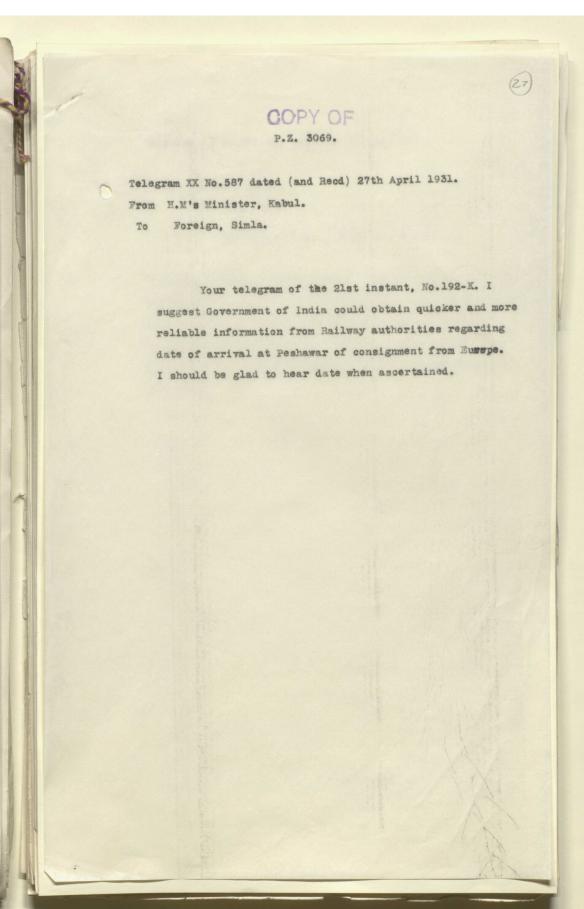
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The reasons for the inability of His 1931. Majesty's dovernment to accept in full the proposal for munitions to be supplied on loan have been orally explained to Your Excellency, who will I am sure appreciate them since as the wise have said :-"A loan is the scissors of friendship".

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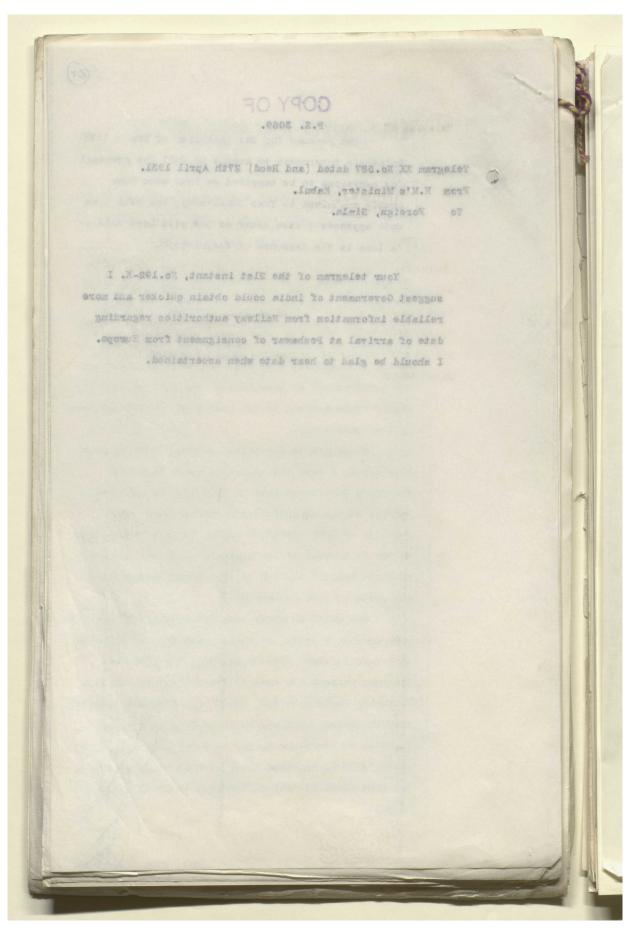
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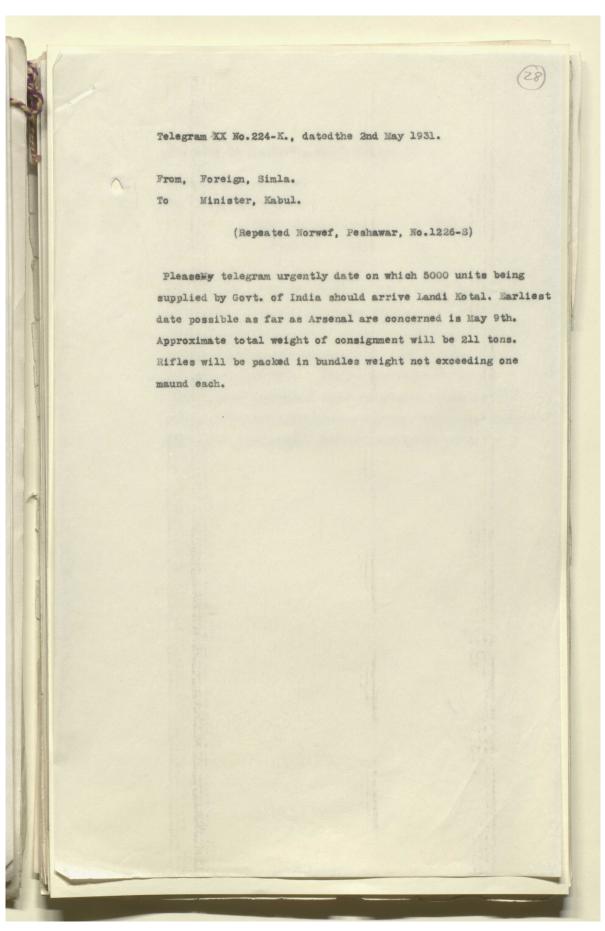


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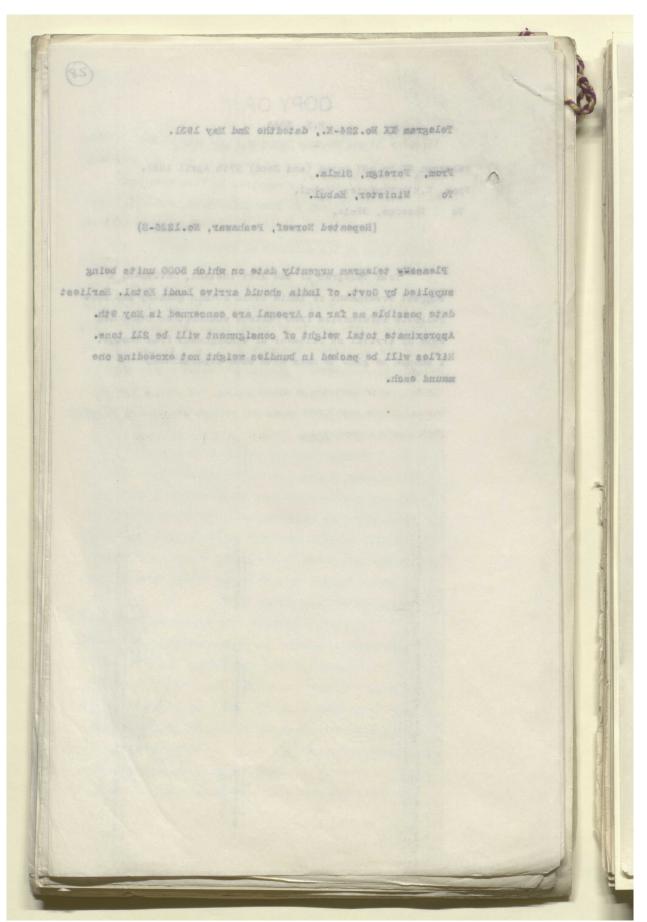




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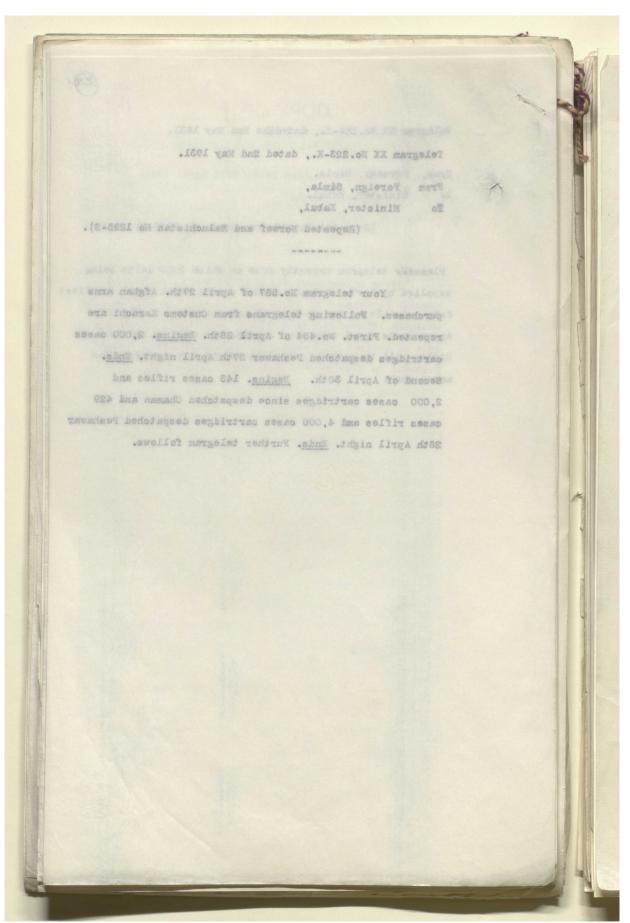
From Foreign, Simla, To Minister, Kabul, (Repeated Norwef and Baluchistan No 1225-S).

Your telegram No.587 of April 27th. Afghan arms purchases. Following telegrams from Customs Karachi are repeated. First. No.454 of April 28th. <u>Begins</u>. 2,000 cases cartridges despatched Peshawar 27th April night. <u>Ends</u>. Second of April 30th. <u>Begins</u>. 143 cases rifles and 2,000 cases cartridges since despatched Chaman and 429 cases rifles and 4,000 cases cartridges despatched Peshawar 28th April night. <u>Ends</u>. Further telegram follows.

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Translation.

Letter from the Afghan Foreign Minister to His Majesty's Minister, Kabul, dated the 26th Hamal, 1310 (16th April, 1931).

(SI)

Reference my conversation with Your Excellency regarding the purchase of arms out of £.75,000, in the course of which Your Excellency finally said that the price of one rifle, together with bayonet, one thousand cartridges, oil bottle, etc., would be £.12/18/-. My Government is in need of more arms to equip the army, and accordingly agrees to buy five thousand rifles and fifty lakhs cartridges at the aforesaid price, and hopes that these arms may be delivered from India in ten days' time.

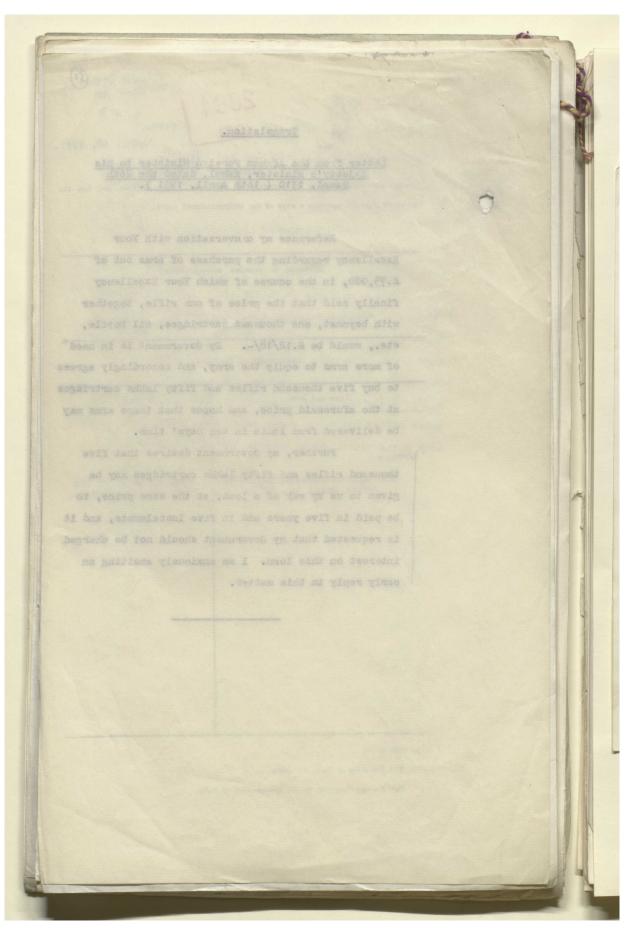
Further, my Government desires that five thousand rifles and fifty lakhs cartridges may be given to us by way of a loan, at the same price, to be paid in five years and in five instalments, and it is requested that my Government should not be charged interest on this loan. I am anxiously awaiting an early reply in this matter.

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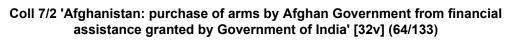
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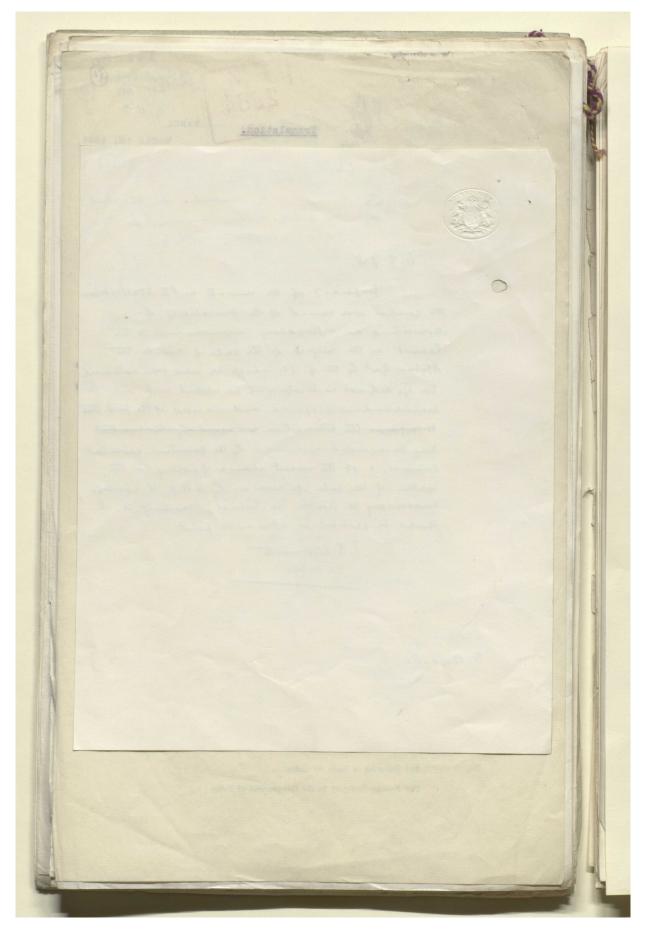
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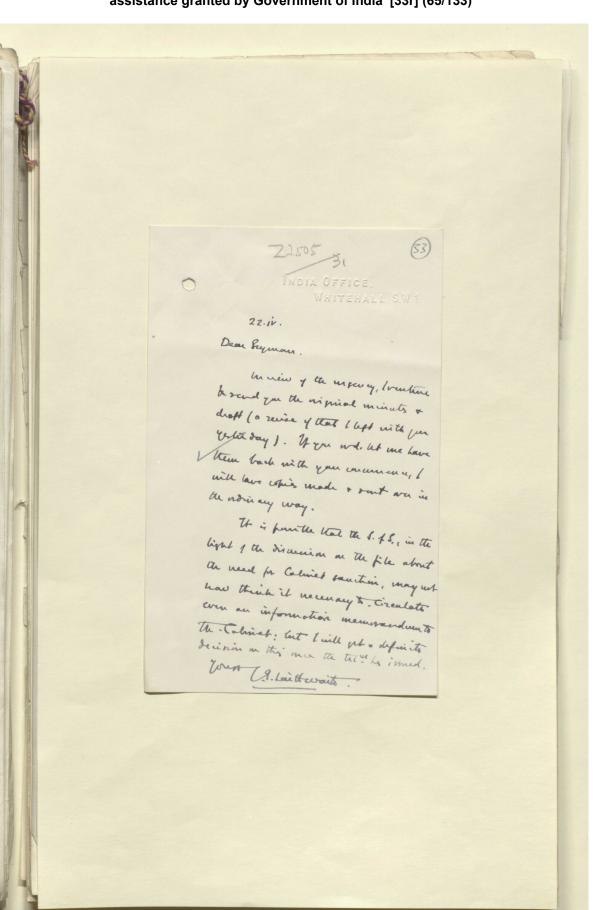






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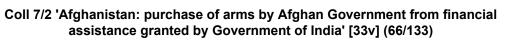




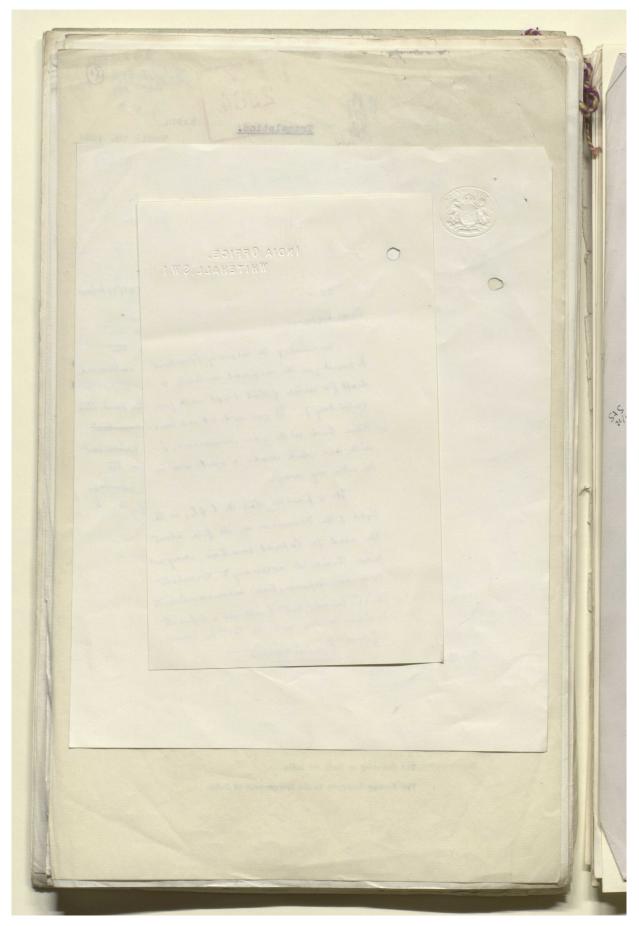
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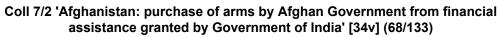


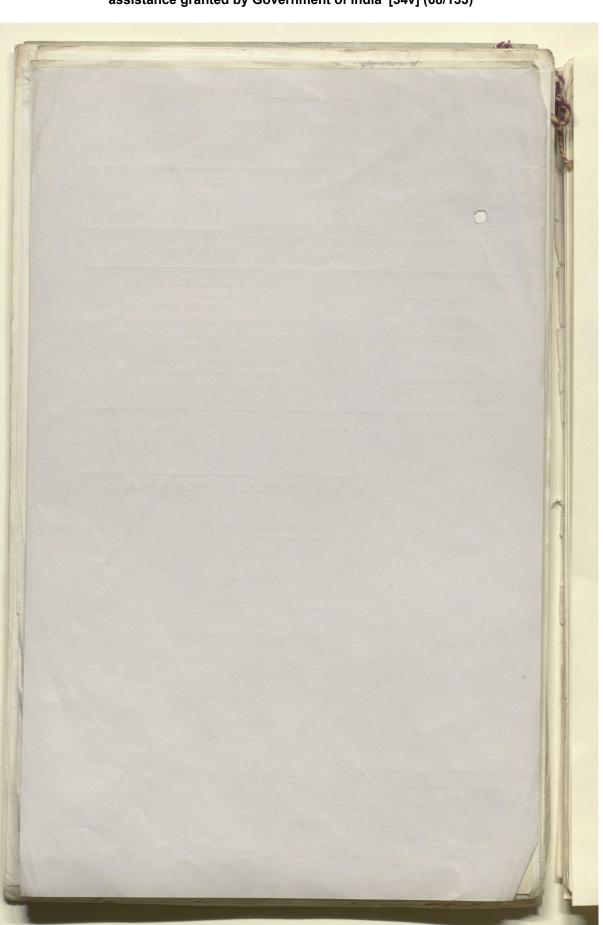
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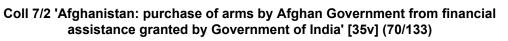
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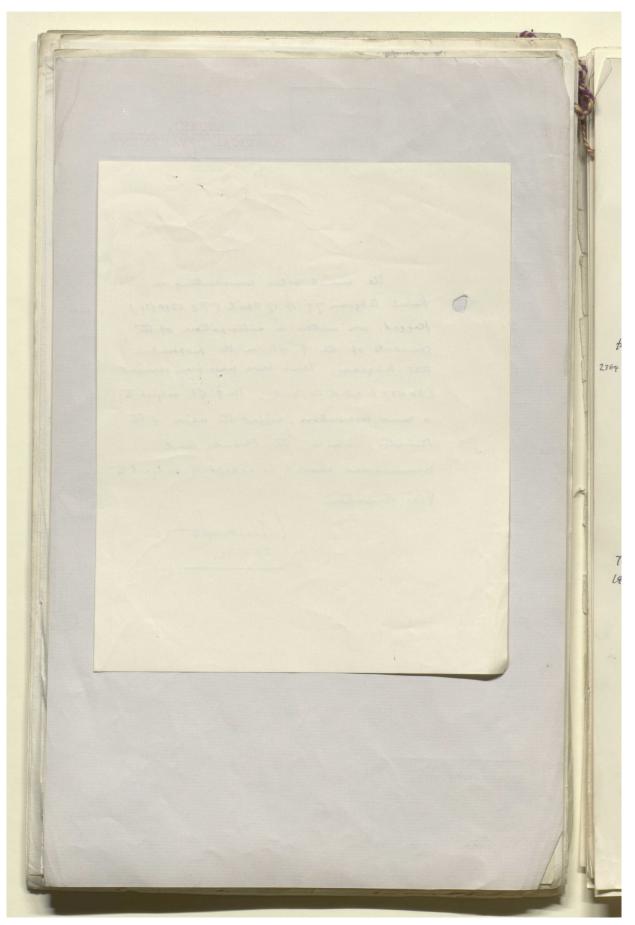
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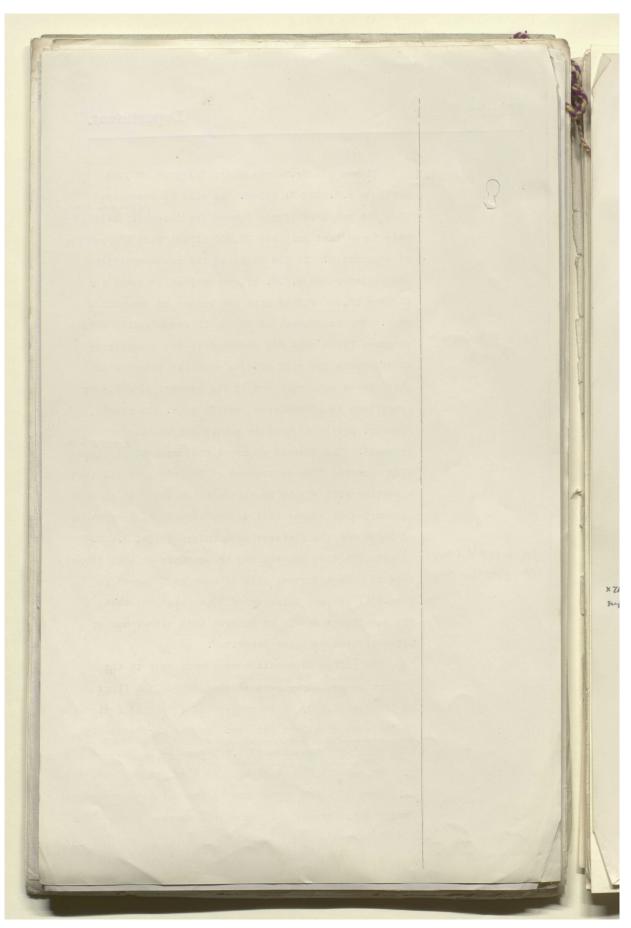
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(36) B Minute Paper. Department. Please see Mr.Maconachie's telegram of 17th April on P.Z.2390/31 below. It will be remembered that the original Afghan demand for material (assistance made to us last July was 20,000 rifles with 1000 rounds of ammunition. In the light of the recommendations of the Minister and H.M.G. it was decided to grant the Afghans 10,000 rifles with 500 rounds of ammunition each. The Government of India, in recommending action tel: of 22 July, 1930, NO on these lines said "We contemplate the possibility 2364 S: P4739/30. of repeating the gift after a suitable interval if this proves necessary and if the conduct of Nadir and conditions in Afghanistan justify this. We should, however, prefer to have no commitment on this at rifle to present". The Cabinet approved the original gift and Frage also approved "the Government of India's proposal that a similar gift should be contemplated later on if circumstances render this desirable" and the Government of India and the Minister were informed that H.M.G. Tal. 6 912 1 2 ang agreed with them that"it may be possible at some later 1930 : P. 4983/20 Rogerd date to make a further gift of arms as proposed in para.4(b) of your telegram of 22nd July", but that "no commitment should be entered into either now or later without my prior sanction". 2. The rifles in question were made over to the Afghans in the early part of this year. The first instalment of £100,000 in respect of financial assistance was paid to them last October. It was decided early a sum instalment of the fixed of from one of which should plant in this year that the second 275,000 cash to be paid to the Afghans and £25,000 to be held as a secret reserve, the existence of which should not be known to the Afghan Government, for meeting occasional similar demands for assistance/ 5000 10.30

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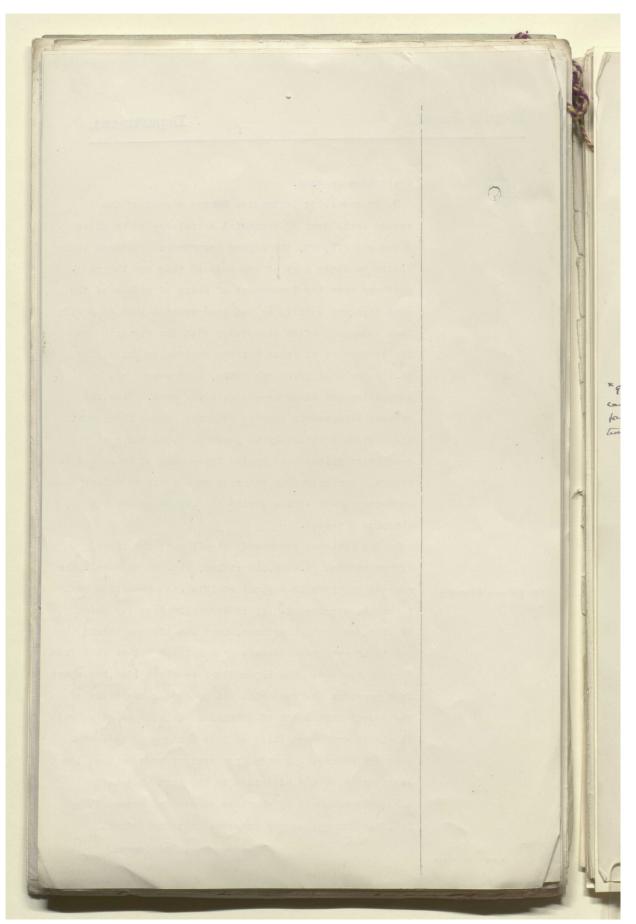
assistance in kind.

3. On receiving intimation that the amount of the second instalment of financial assistance to be given above was £75,000, the Afghan Government intimated their desire to apply part at any rate of this sum to the purchase from the Government of India of rifles of the same type and quality as had been granted them as a gift last summer. After discussion with the Minister and the Government of India a fixed concession price of Rs.172 per unit (i.e. one rifle, 1000 rounds of ammunition and minor accessories) was made. From the present telegram it appears that the Afghan Government are anxious immediately to purchase 5,000 units at the concession price fixed by the Government of India and to secure a corresponding quantity on a basis of deferred annual payments spread over a period of five years and not carrying interest.

4. The Minister recommends acceding to the first Afghan request (i.e. 5,000 rifles, etc. on payment). The reasons he gives in support of this recommendation are, I submit, convincing. It is desirable from our point of view, on general grounds, that the Afghans should buy their arms requirements from British rather than from foreign sources. The expenditure involved (£64,500 apart from carriage charges) will eat up almost the whole of the second instalment of financial assistance and so will eliminate any possibility of this being used to form a nest egg abroad. We know from various sources that the liquidation of the situation in the north has been seriously hampered by shortage of men and material, and it is in general to our interest that the Central Government/

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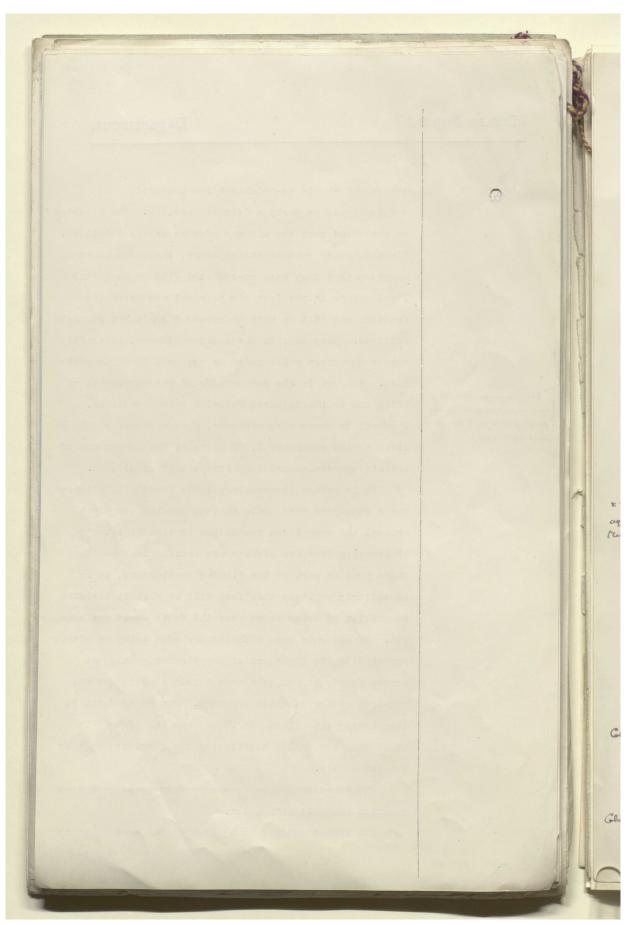
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Minute Paper. Department. Government should re-establish its authority completely at as early a date as possible. The Minister is satisfied that the Afghans have no ulterior motives. Finally, other considerations apart, there can be no question that they have co-operated with us in a very loyal manner in the last six or eight months on the frontier and that we have no cause of complaint at their attitude. They may, in these circumstances, reasonably expect a certain willingness on our part to go to meet them. Subject to the concurrence of the Government of get thegraph that they India and to the required material being available, he't available to defatch in 5 days I submit in these circumstances, that approval should be Ima (pon 21/4) given to the supply of 5,000 units at the Government of India's concession price against credit of £75,000. 5. It is rather inconvenient to be faced with a demand for a supply on this scale at (apparently) ten days' notice, and even if we accept the Foreign Minister's explanation that the Afghans are anxious to camouflage these arms as part of the Fleming consignment, it is exceedingly unlikely that they will be able to hoodwink the Soviet by doing so or that the facts would not come out. In any case even allowing for such delay as can be arranged in the transport of the Fleming contingent across India, it may take some little time to get the required number of units together. But we need not go too closely into this. If it pleases the Afghans to think they are really hoodwinking the Russians, that is not our affair. The question of the necessity for specific Cabinet sanction is dealt with below. 6. The Afghan request to be granted the same quantity to/ 4793A 5000 10.30

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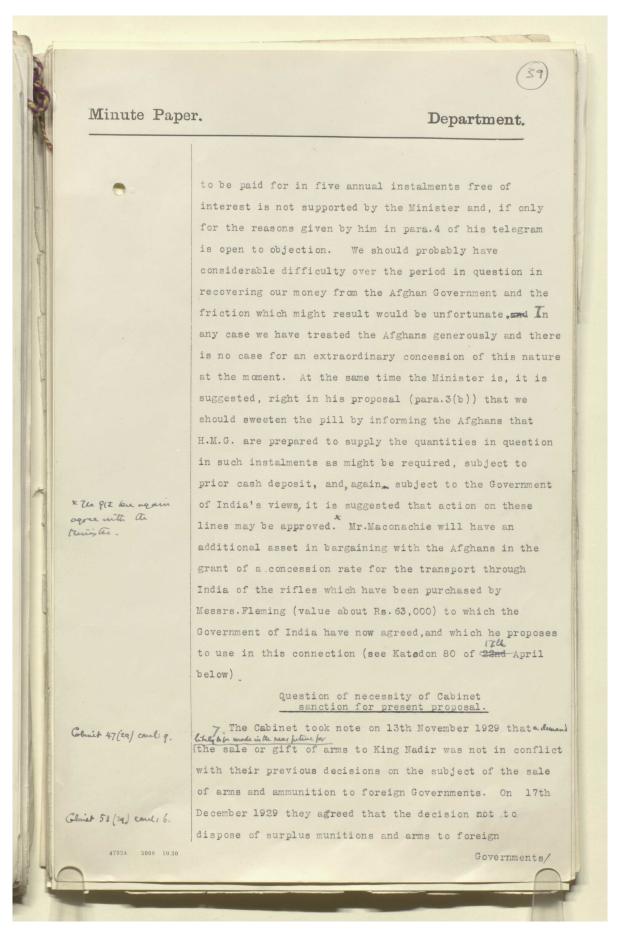


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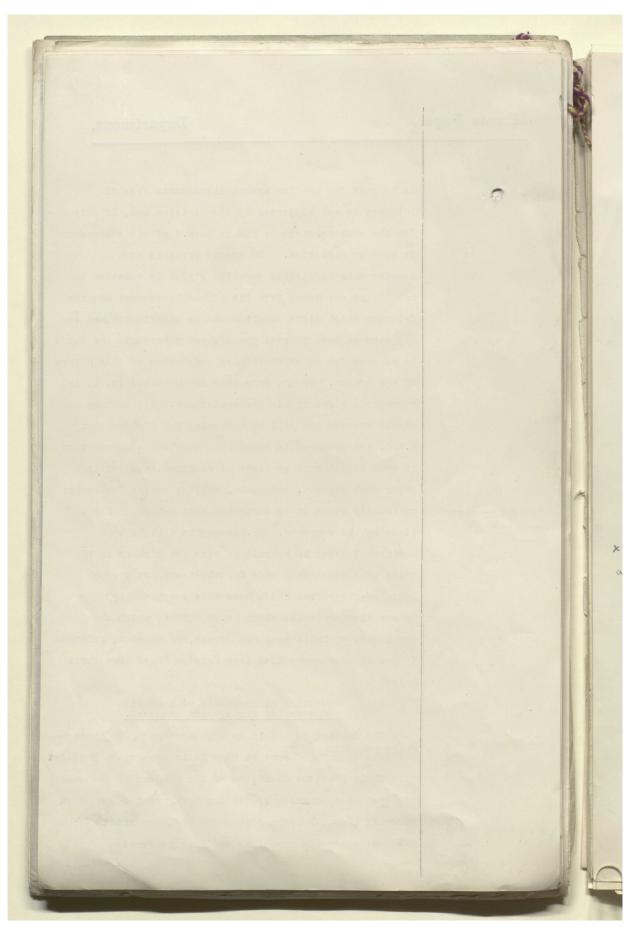
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40 Minute Paper. Department. Governments should not debar the gift by the Government of India to Afghanistan. They subsequently (compare para. / above) decided in July 1930 to approve the Government of India's proposal for the grant of a similar gift (to that of 10,000 rifles and 500 rounds of ammunition each already approved / if circumstances should render this desirable. For practical purposes the quantity of 10,000 rifles for which the Afghans have now asked corresponds precisely in amount to the "similar gift" approval to the making of which by the Government of India if circumstances rendered this desirable was given by the Cabinet last summer, and I submit, on the principle that the greater includes the less, that it is unnecessary to ask for further covering sanction either to the proposed sale of 5,000 units to the Afghans and offer to sell the corresponding quantity later. But if this view is approved, the Secretary of State will no doubt wish to circulate an explanatory memorandum to x tot event the Cabinet. In these circumstances a draft will be X fee putter minute avalant prepared. other caritystions apart it i very desirable fit we and if funtre, & take an unnedicte decision, for if the roos units are to go up bogether with the are prochard from rems Frenning, which were due at Korachie on 14 april, Droft to Marcaconochie muitud, in the light 1 the 8. I is to begrow to 4375 of 21 april has received . 29. faithwaite 22.1.31 Rily Recy For concurrence or any thous. Affotber 4:51 U.A. hai thewarts 22. iv. H. 4793A 5000 10.30

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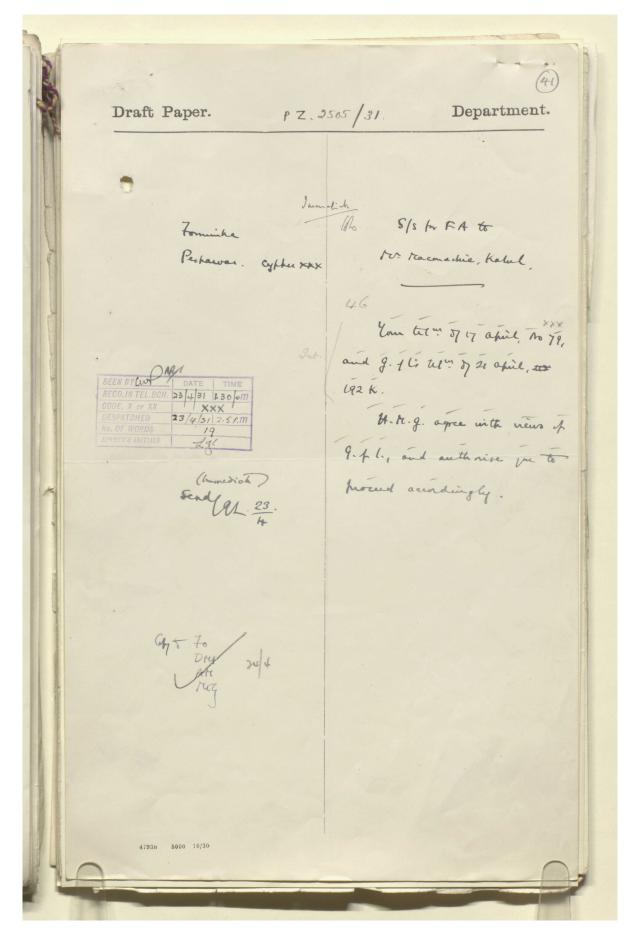
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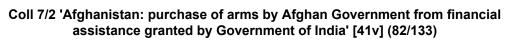


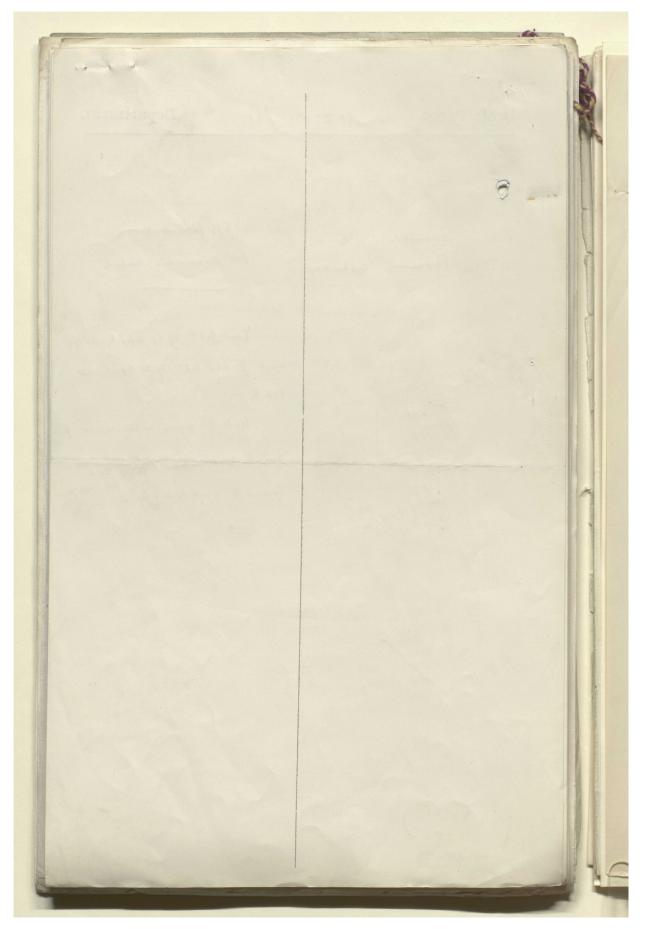
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CABINET 55 (30) 24th September 1931.

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Having regard to the fact that the Cabinet's policy had failed to prevent or limit purchases of war material by foreign countries, and had tended to stimulate the manufacture of war material in foreign countries, to the detriment, not only of the armament trade, but of the general trade in this country, the Cabinet agreed -(a) To cancel their previous decision "thet the disposal of Government

(a) To cancel their previous decision "that the disposal of Government owned arms and munitions of war to foreign states, whether directly or through private contractors, should not be sanctioned". (Cabinet 42 (29) Conclusion 7; and Cabinet 27 (24) Conclusion 5).

- (b) That in future the three Service Departments should have authority to sanction such sales, unless in any particular case the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs deems them undesirable.
- (c) That if any difficulty of principle shouldarise in carrying out this decision, the question should be referred to a Cabinet Committee composed as follows?

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (In the Chair) The Home Secretary, The President of the Board of Trade,

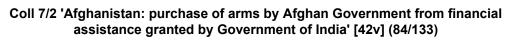
and the Minister or Ministers at the head of the Service Department or Departments concerned in the particular case.

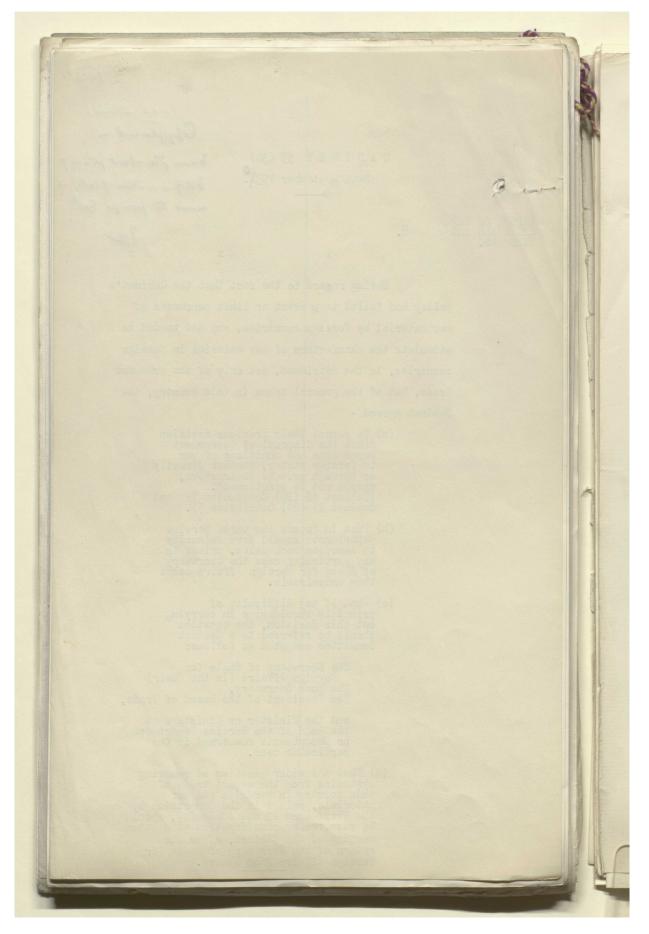
(d) That the wider question of removing obstacles from the export trade of this country in warships and war materials, raised in the Memorandum by the First Lord of the Admiralty, should be reserved for consideration at a later meeting of the Cabinet, after the return of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs from Geneva.

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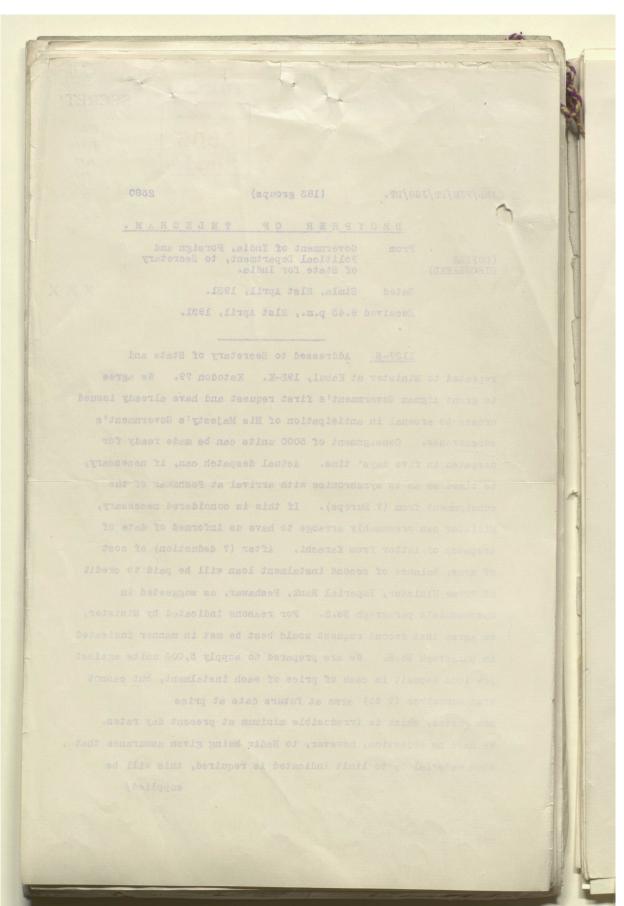
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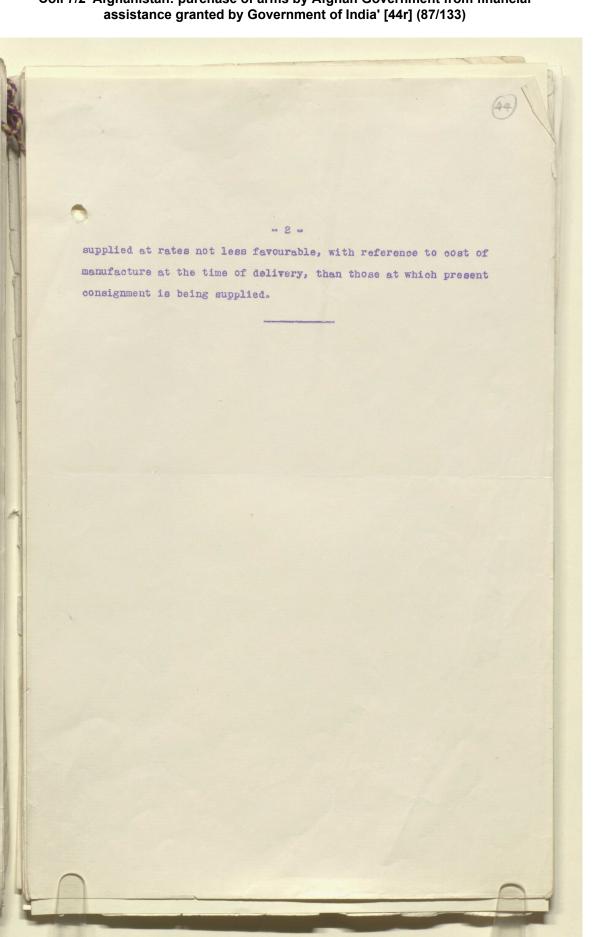


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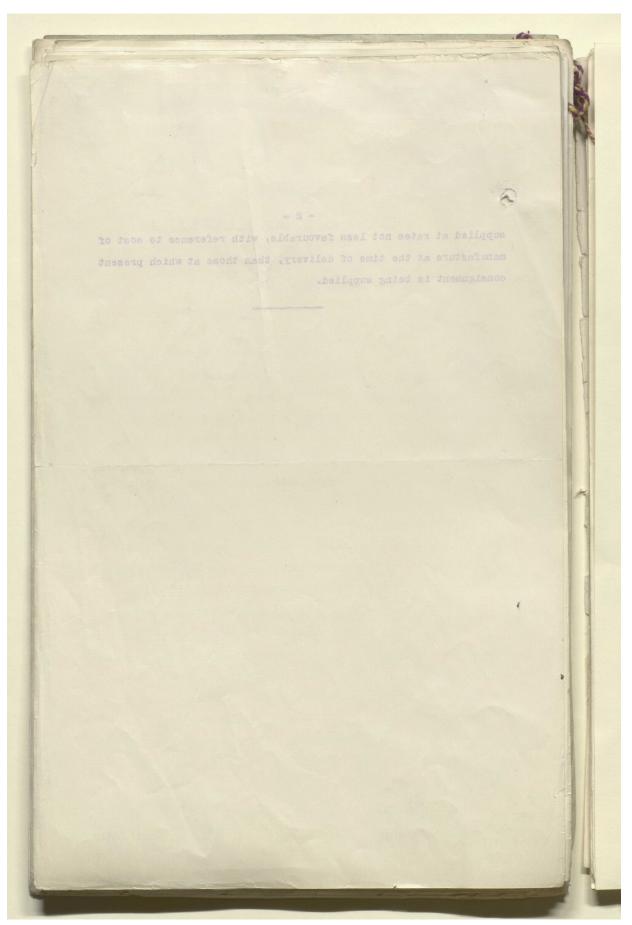


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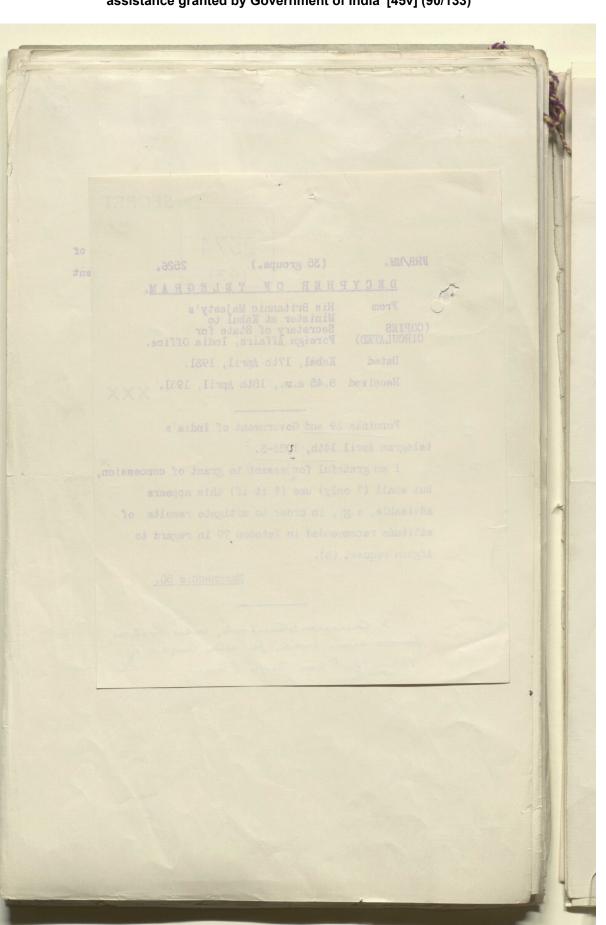
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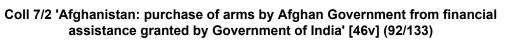


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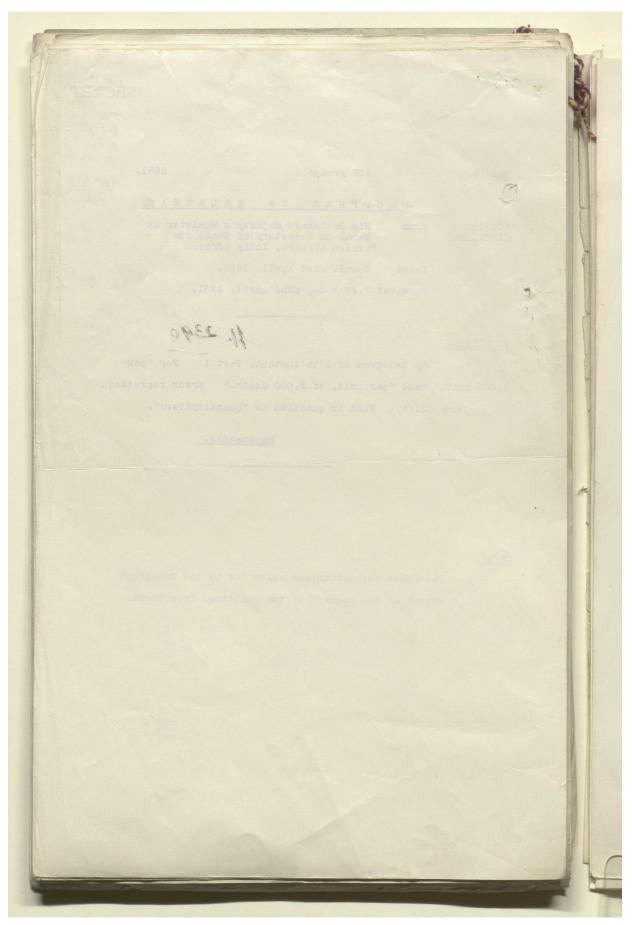
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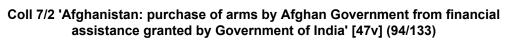


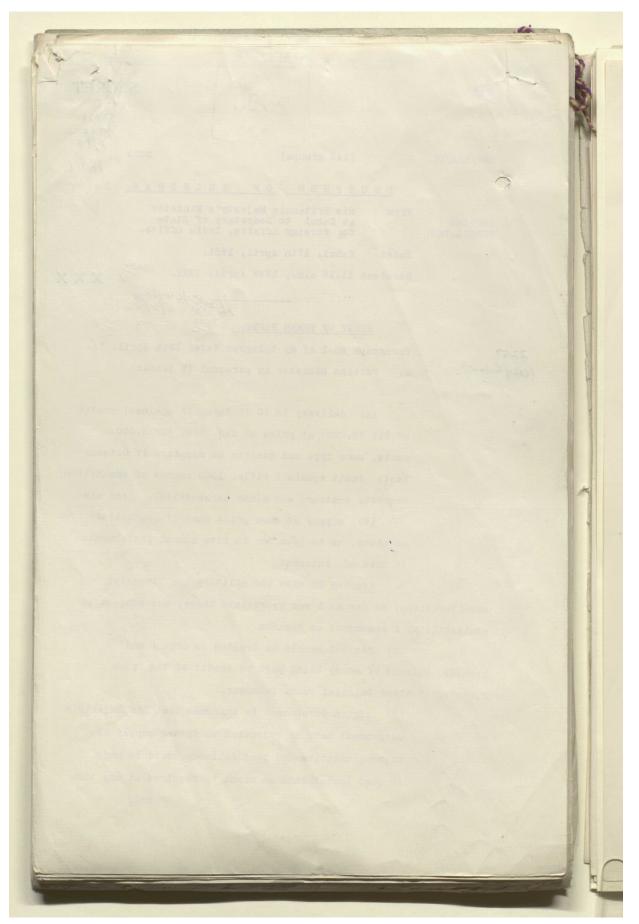
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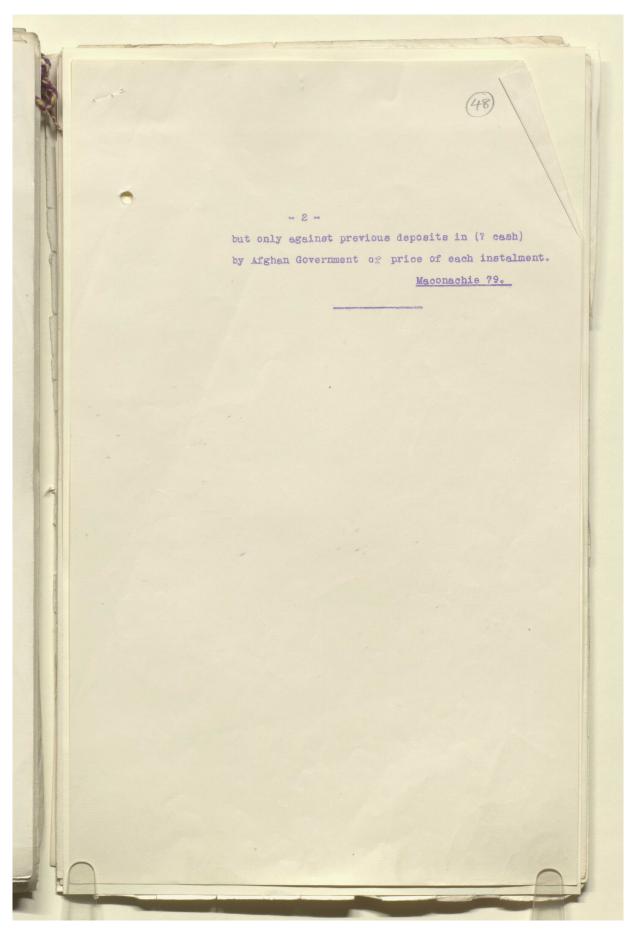


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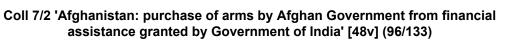
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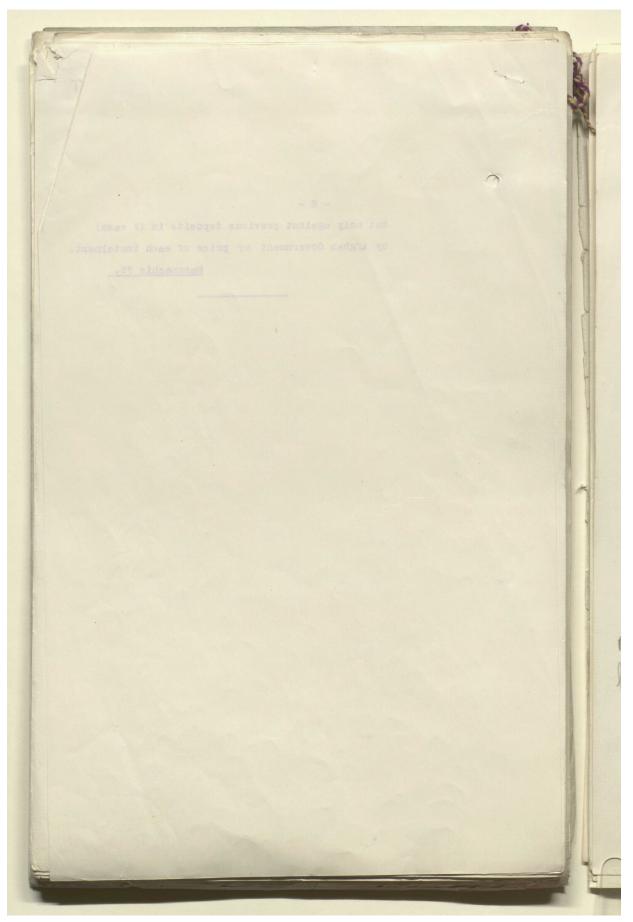


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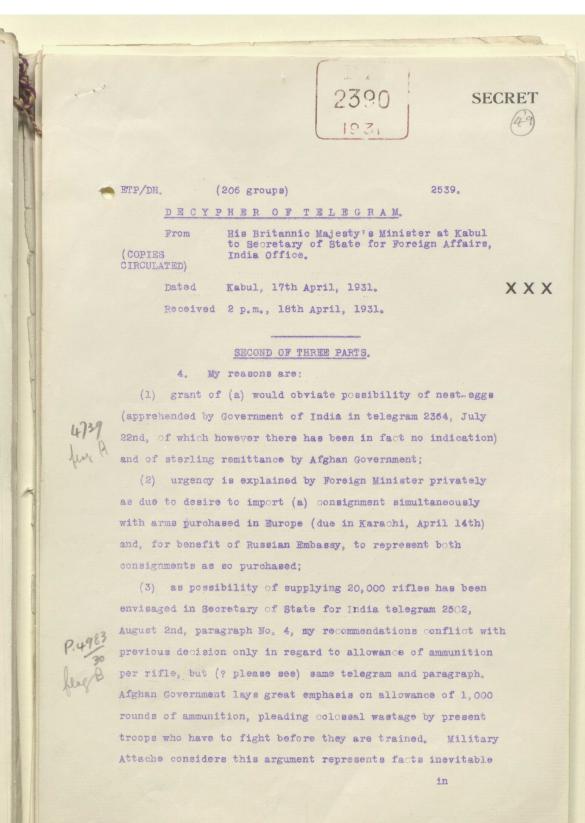






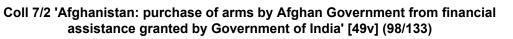
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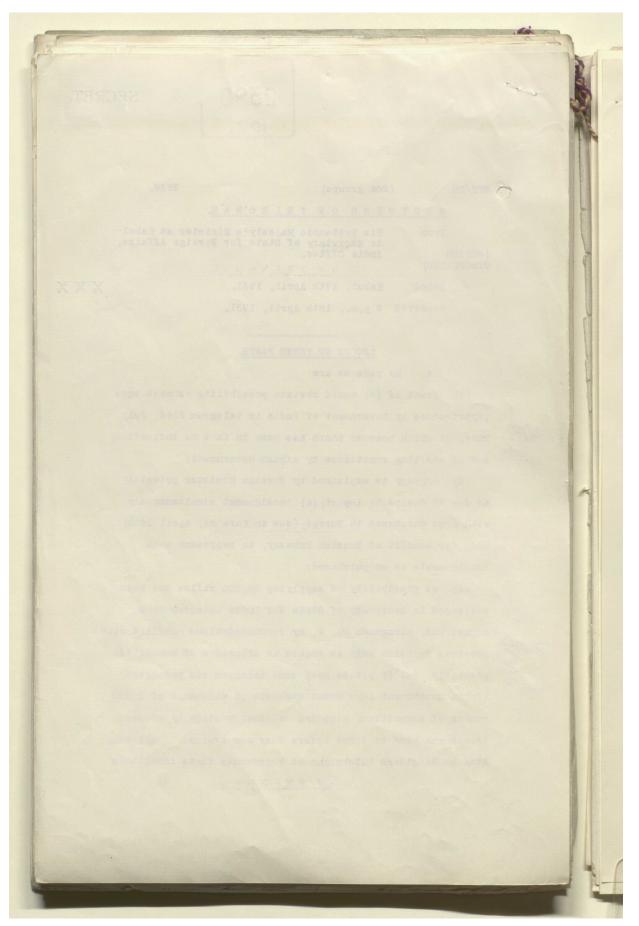




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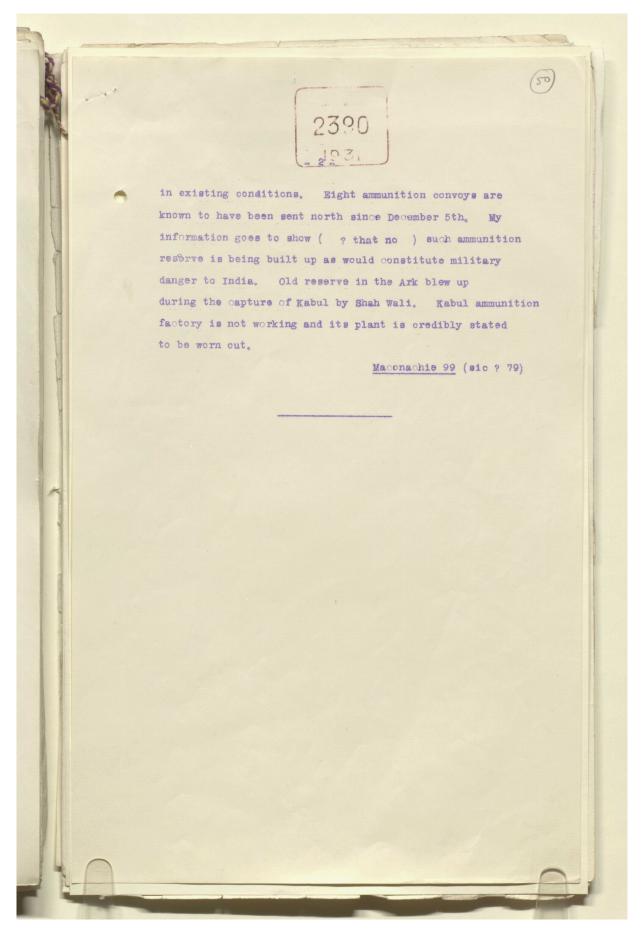


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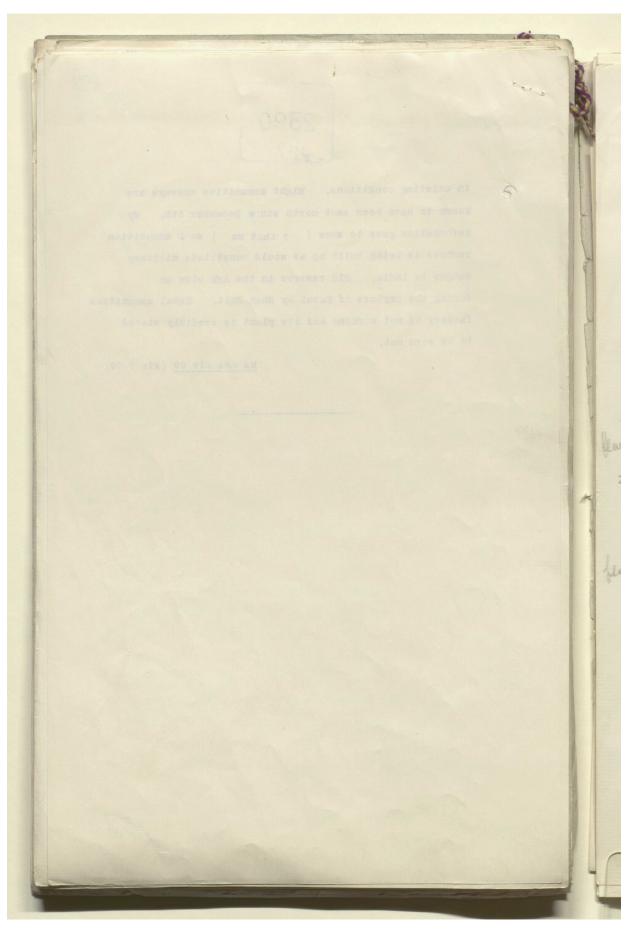


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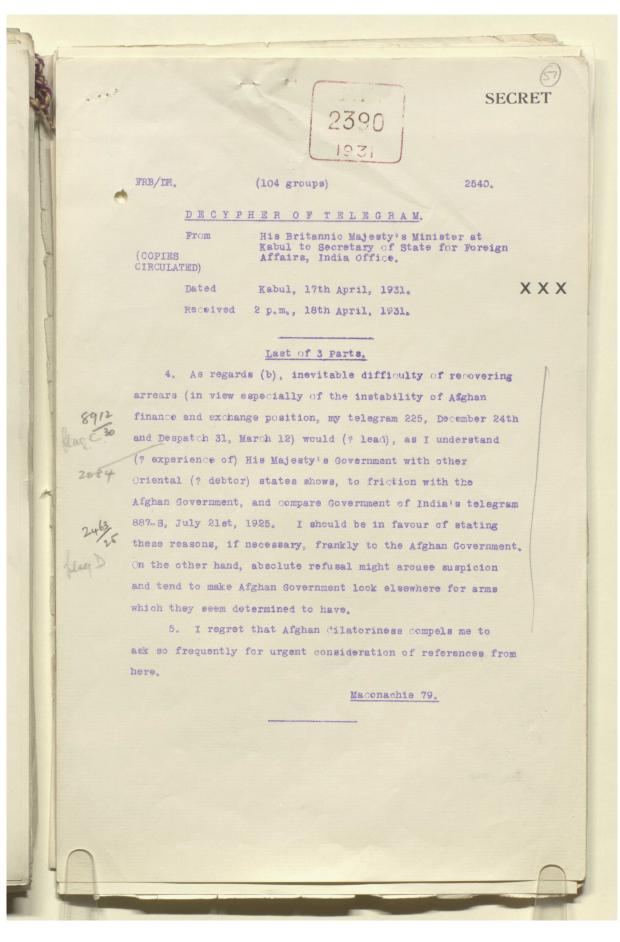


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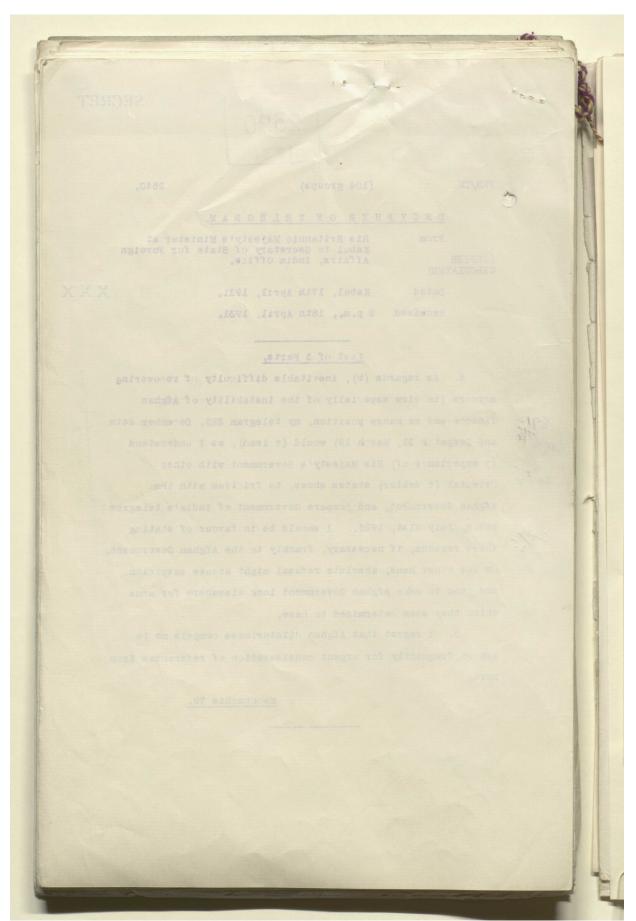
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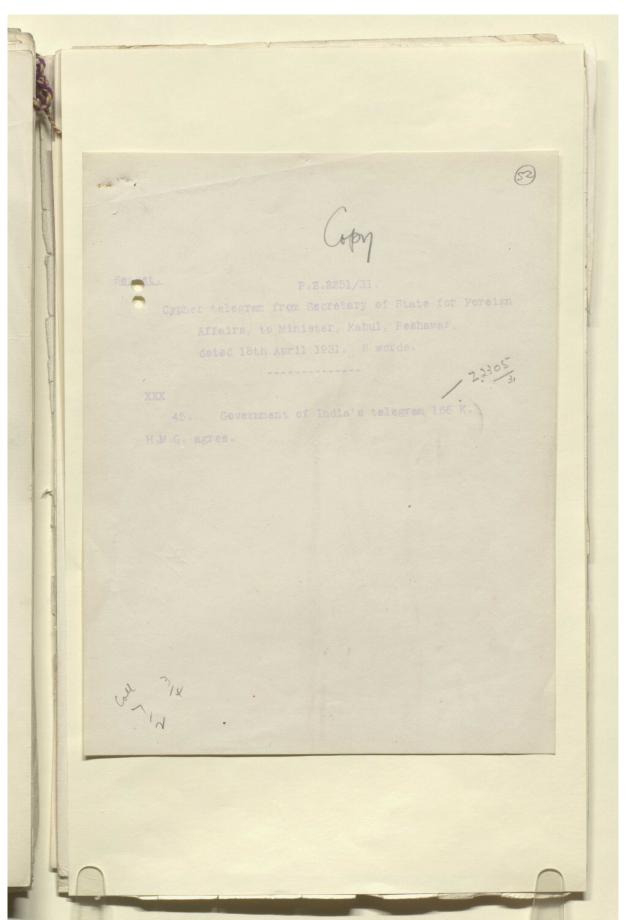


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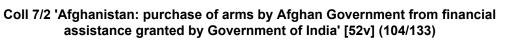
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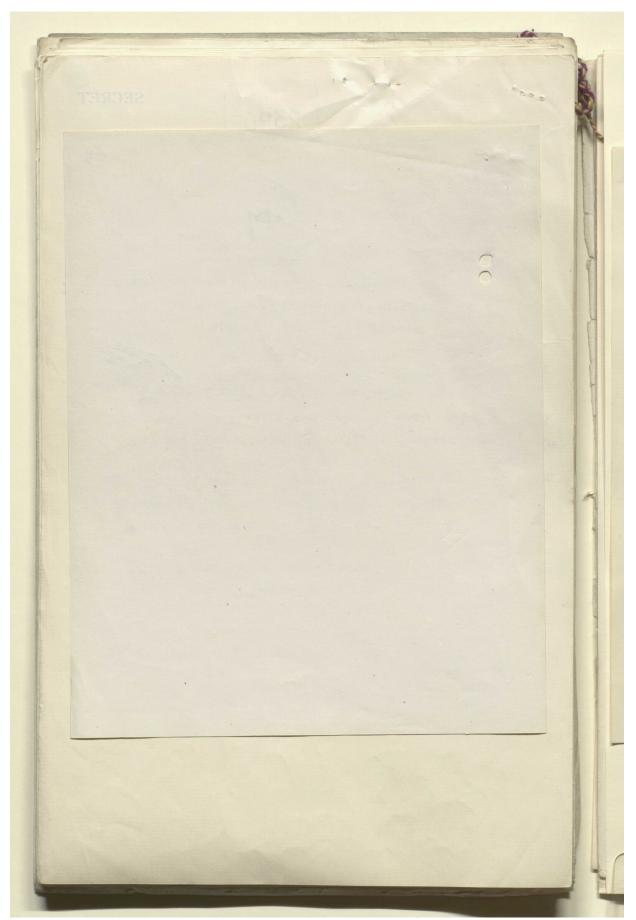


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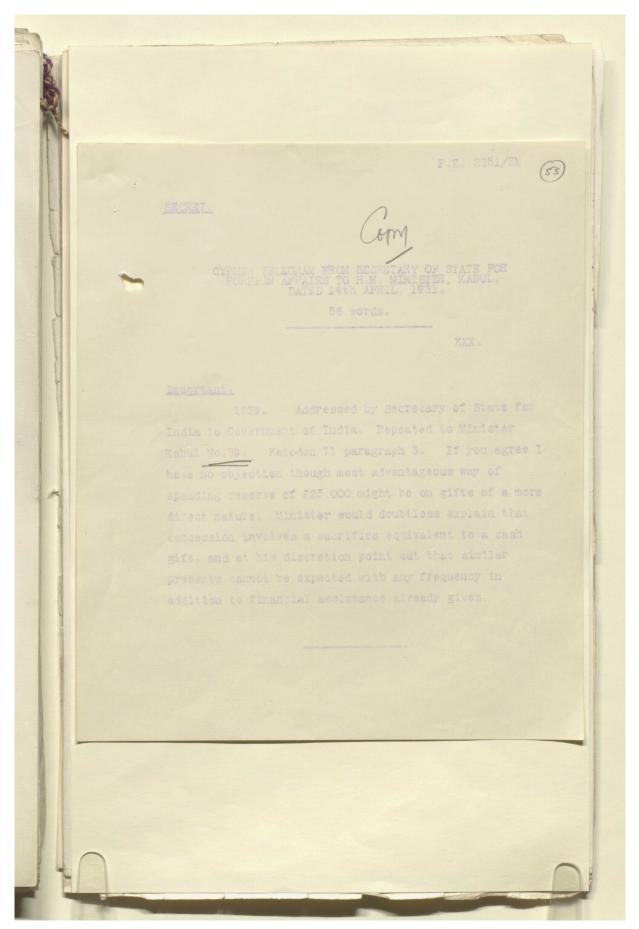


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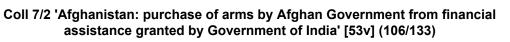
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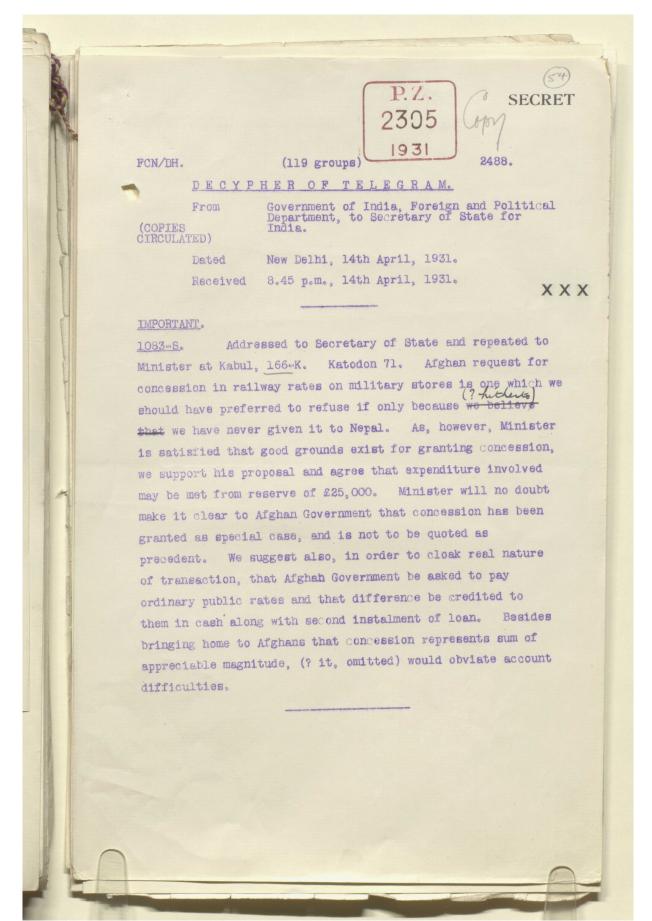




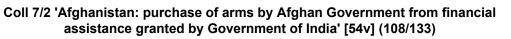
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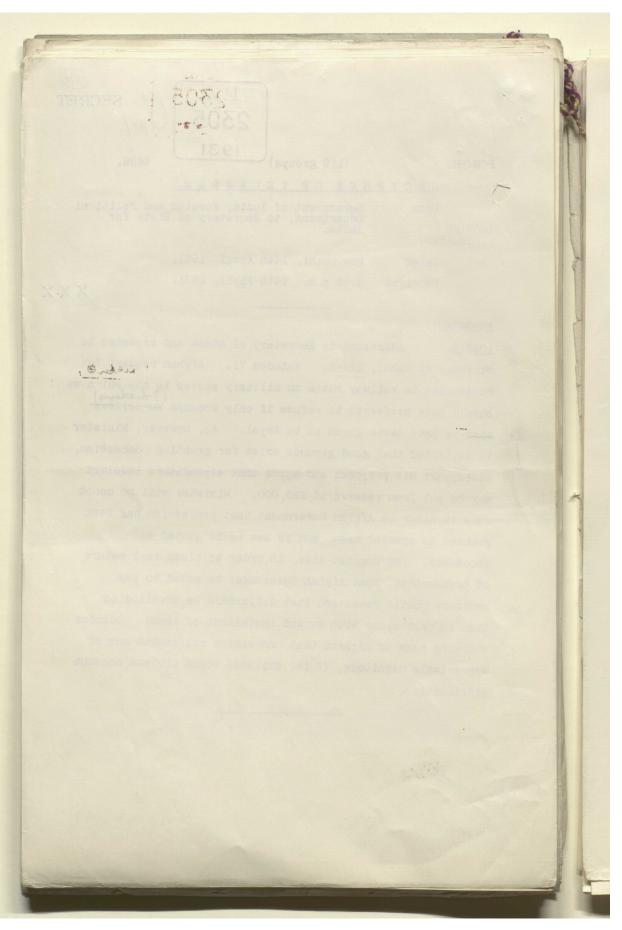


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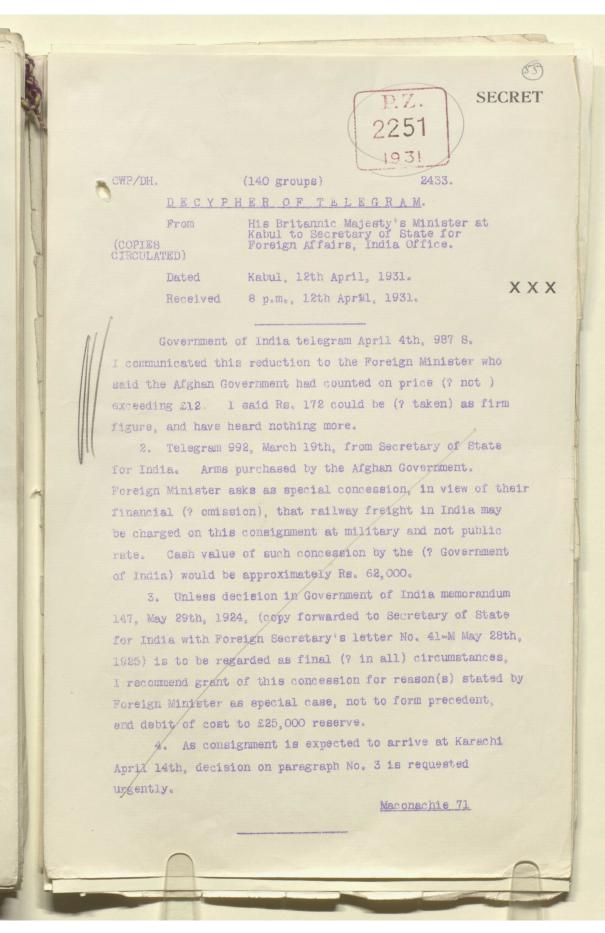


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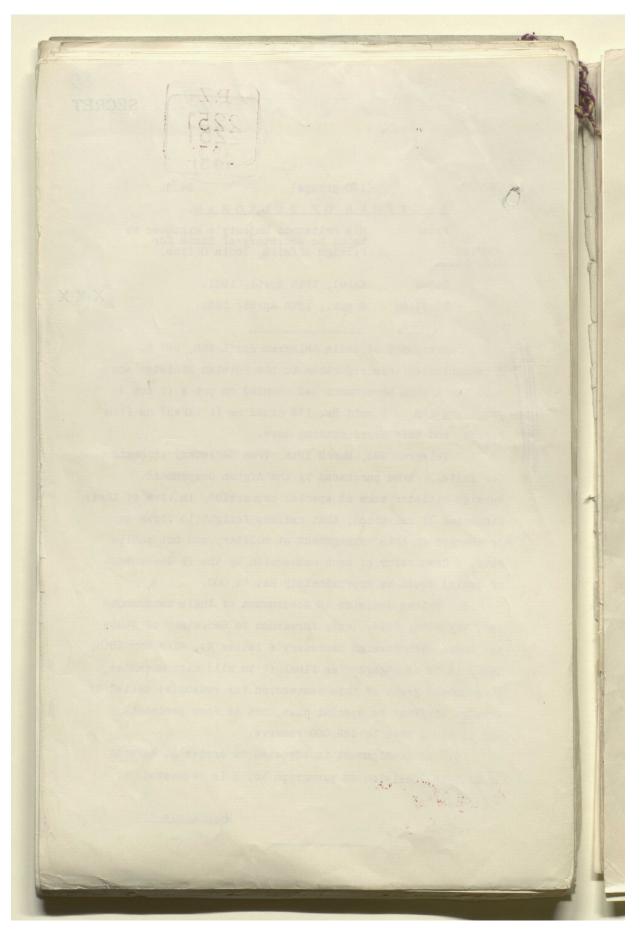


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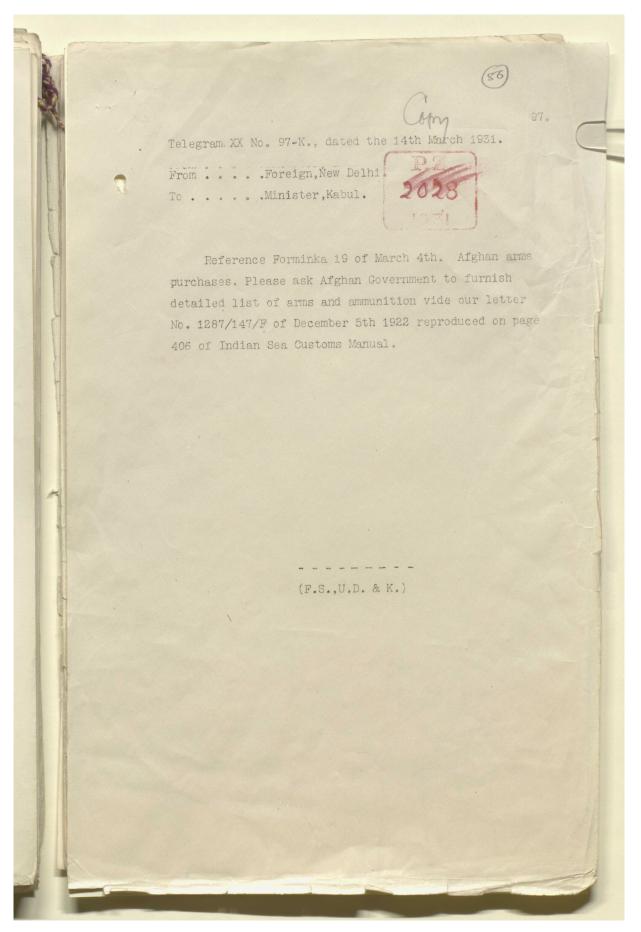


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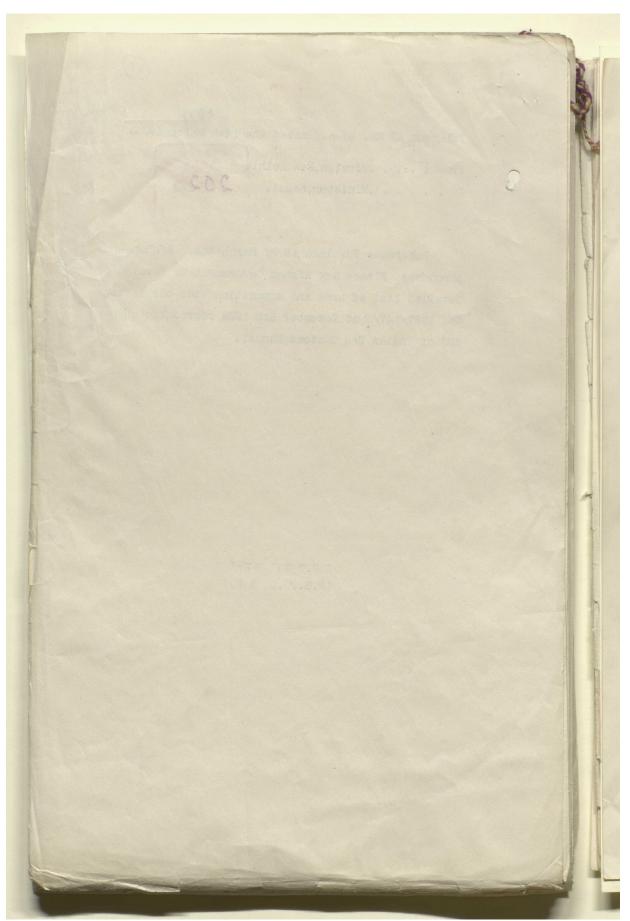
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unnoticed; if any part of the reserve were to be utilised on rifles it would be preferable to arrange for the Afghan Government to purchase as many as they can afford at the price of Rs. 172 and receive a certain additional number free of charge. This suggestion has not been made either by the G. of I. or by Mr. Maconachie and we need not make it from here.

The arms in question are short post-war conversion rifles with Mark VII ammunition and are in every respect the same as those used by our forces in India and are guaranteed absolutely serviceable. It will be noted that there is a very large difference between the price of Rs.172 per unit and the price at which the Afghan Government are obtaining old rifles from War Office stocks through Messrs. Flemings; the latter Aring in this application for an export licence gave £42,000 as the declared value f.o.b. of 8,000 .303 magazine rifles, Enfield pattern '14 and 8 million rounds of Mark VII ammunition; the War Office were unable to give any guarantee in respect of either rifles or ammunition but they expressed the opinion that there is no danger of the rifles proving unserviceable and the Afghan Legation were informed accordingly.

J. C. Walton

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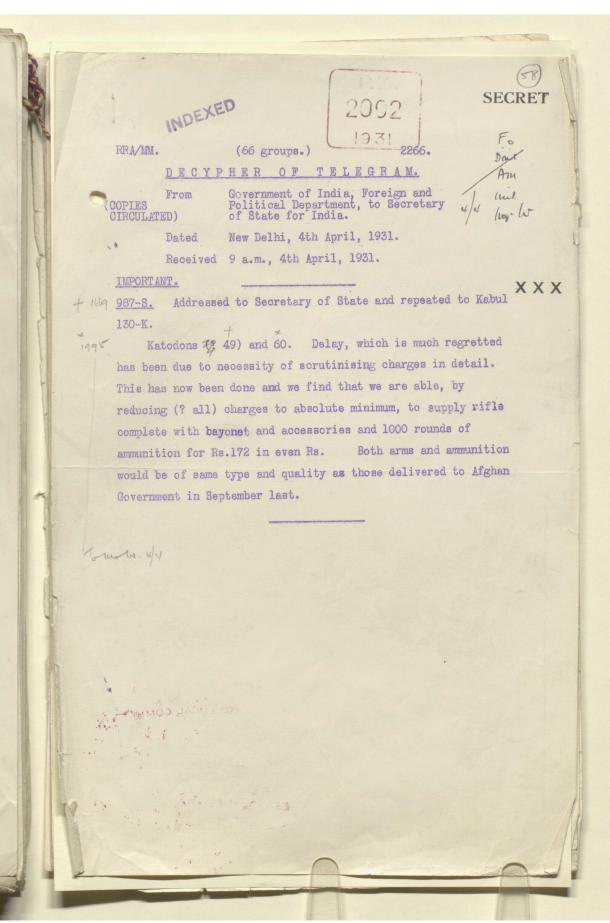
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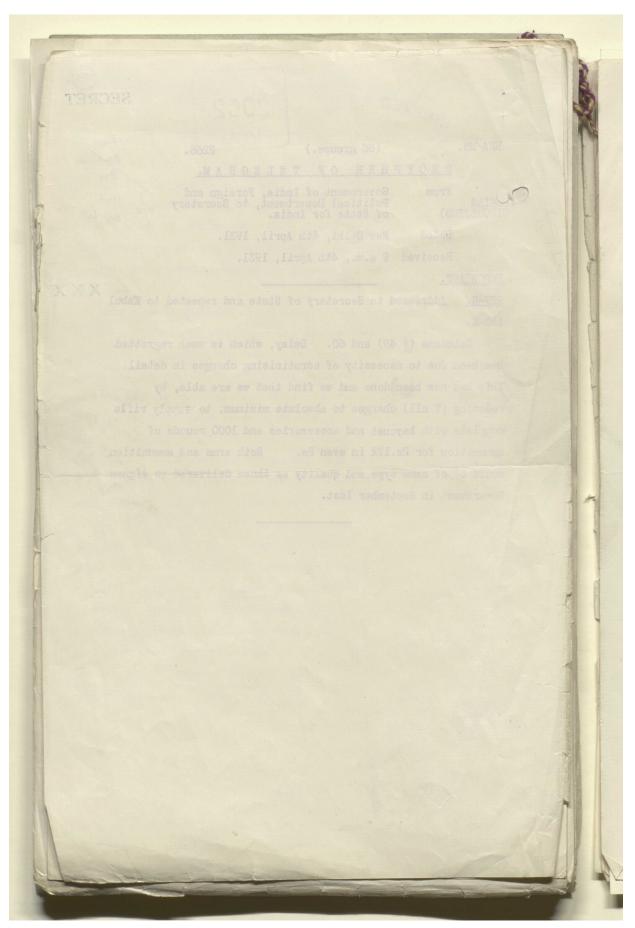


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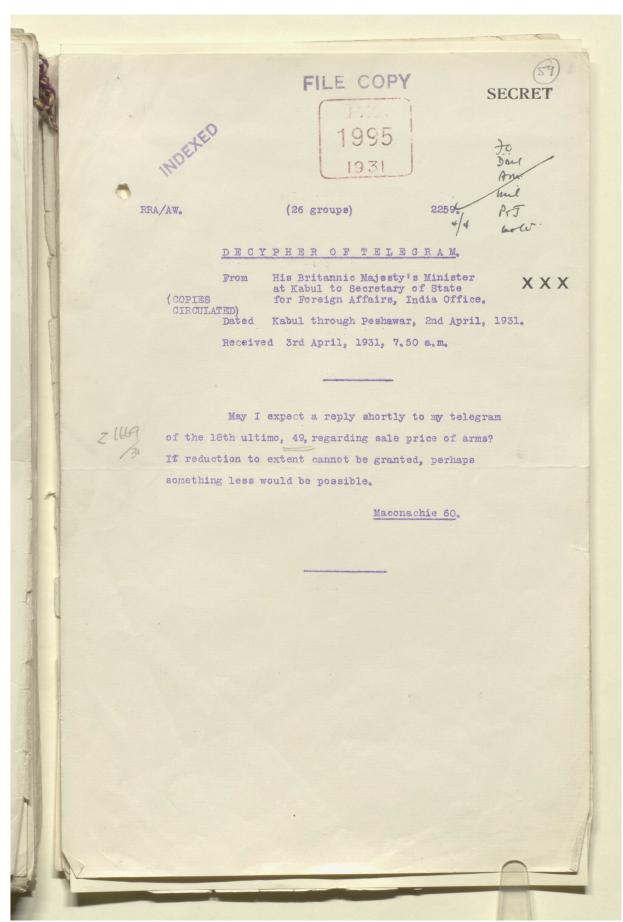






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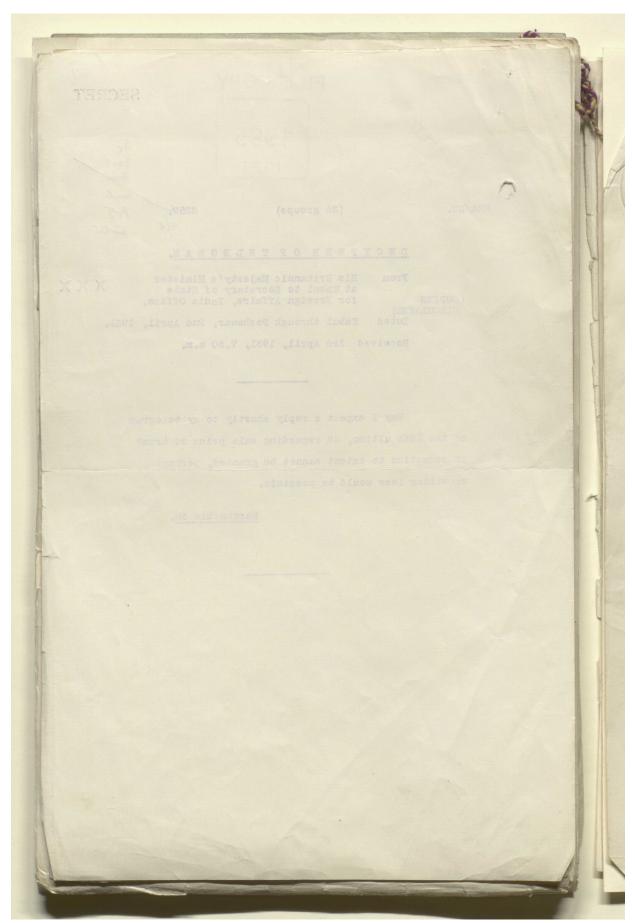


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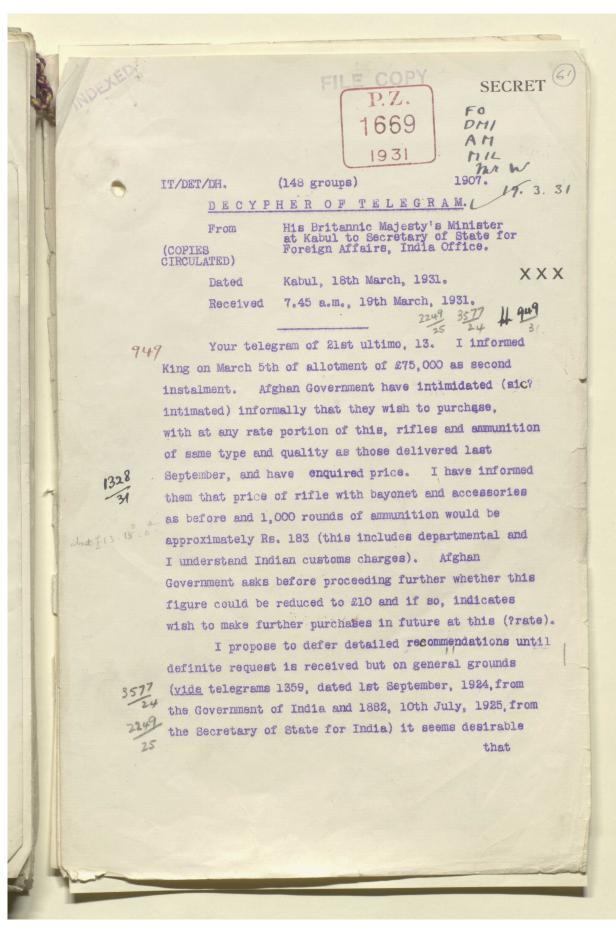
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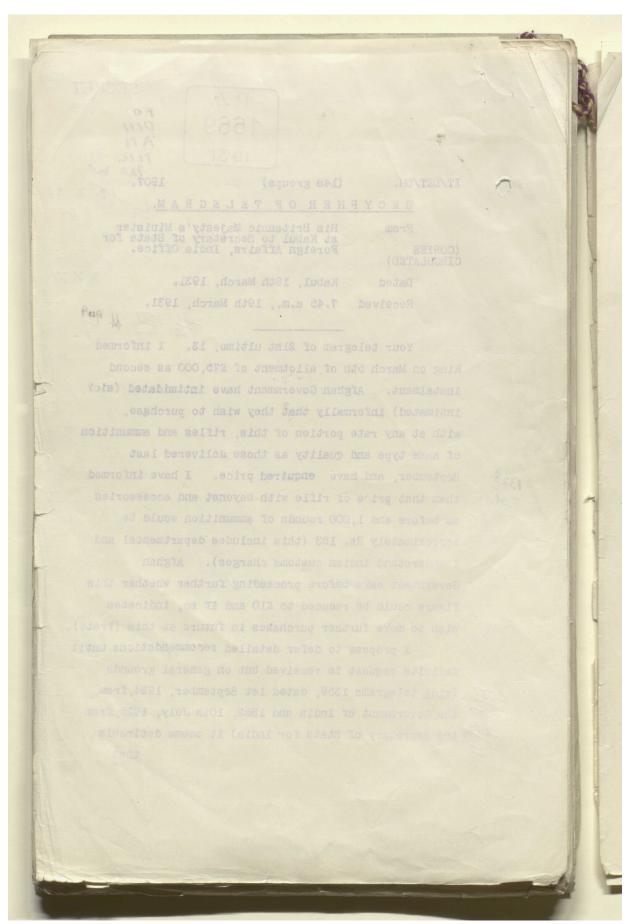
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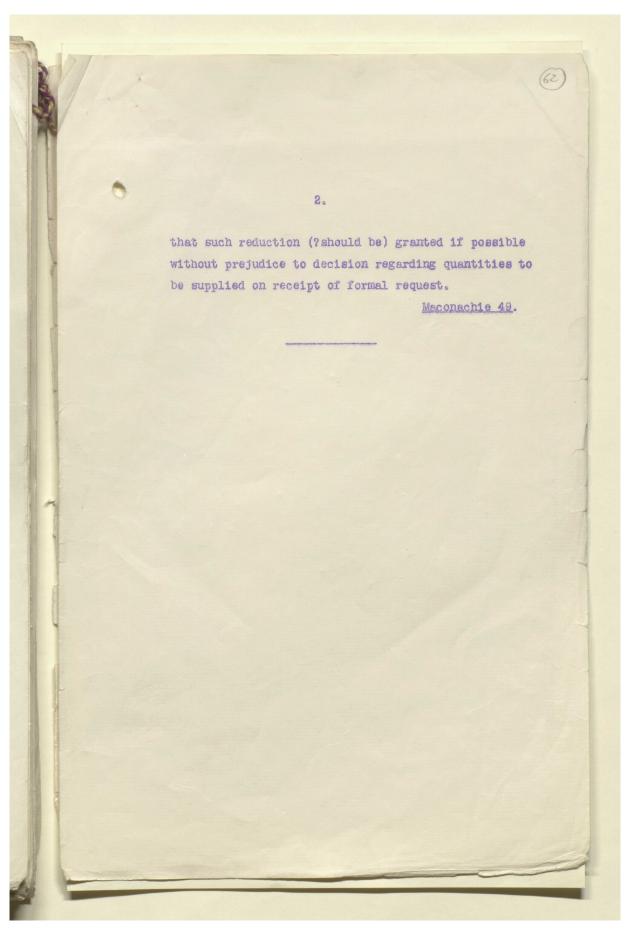
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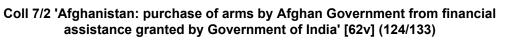




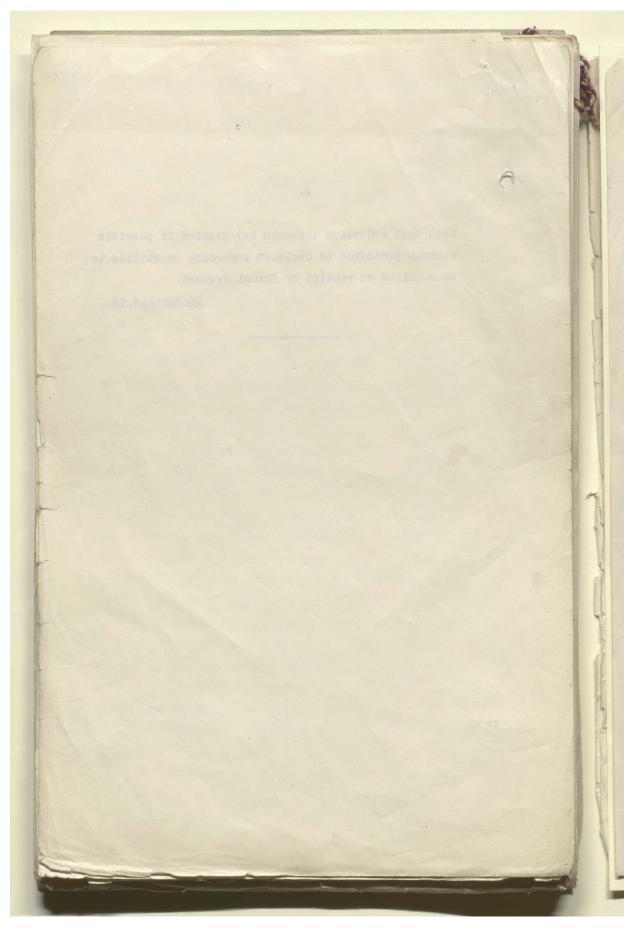


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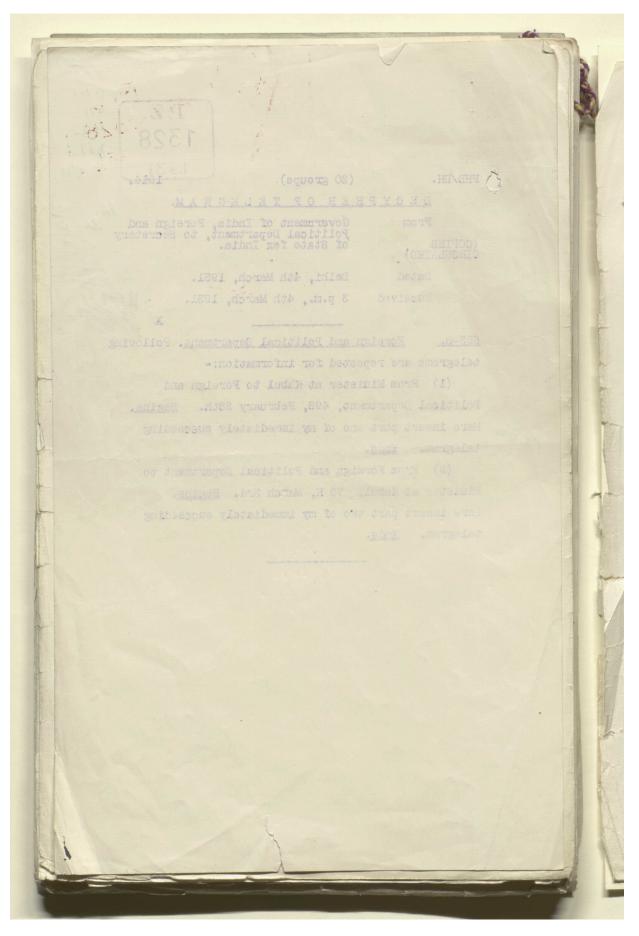
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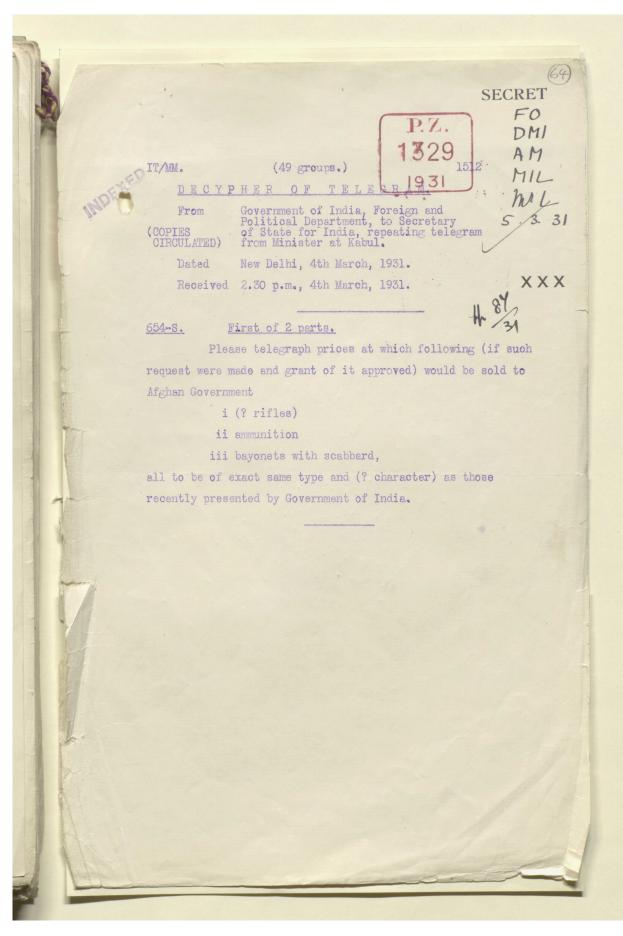


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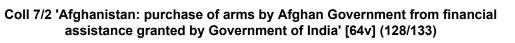
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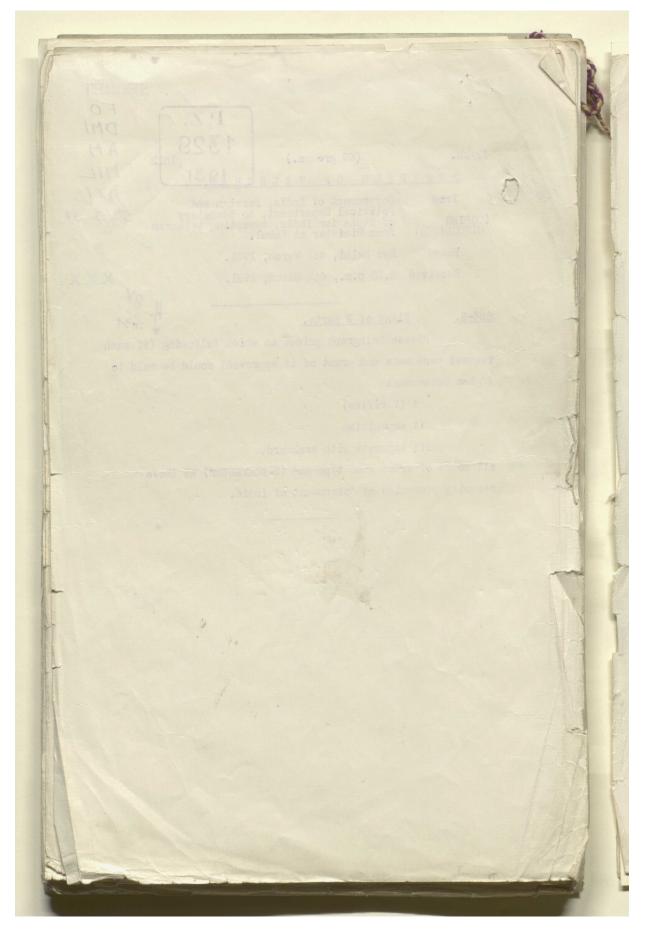


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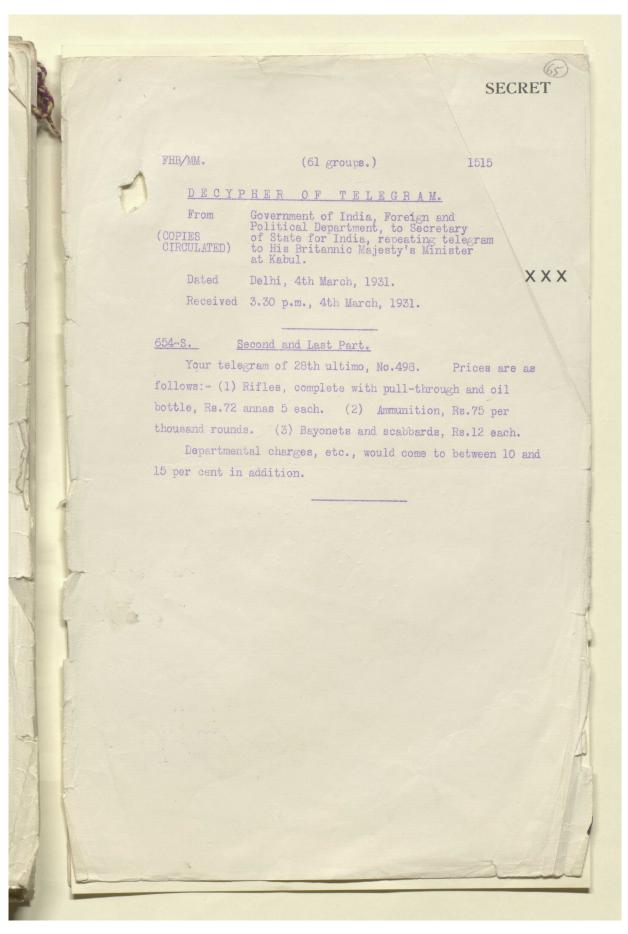






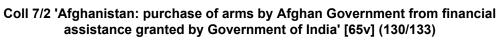
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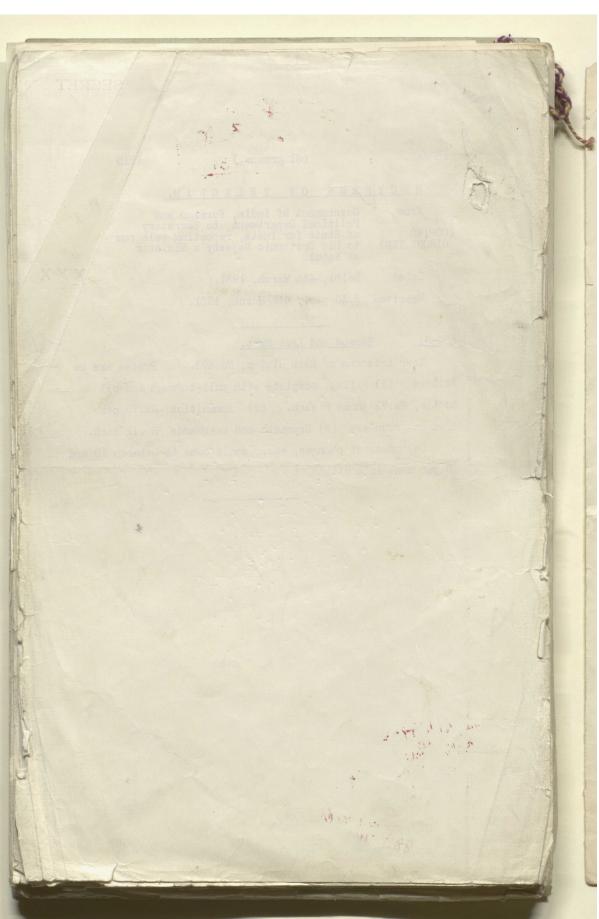




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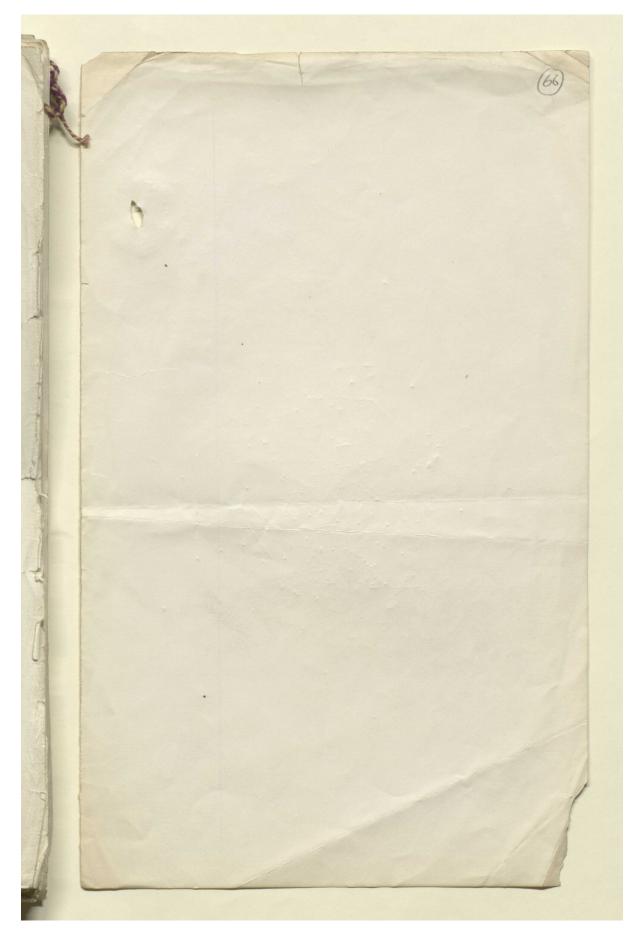




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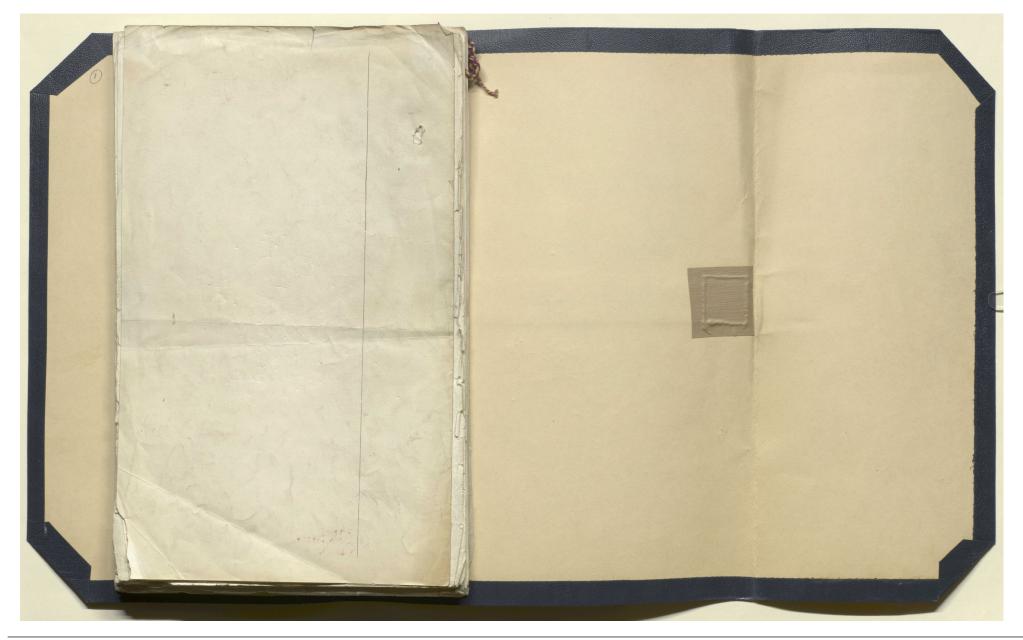


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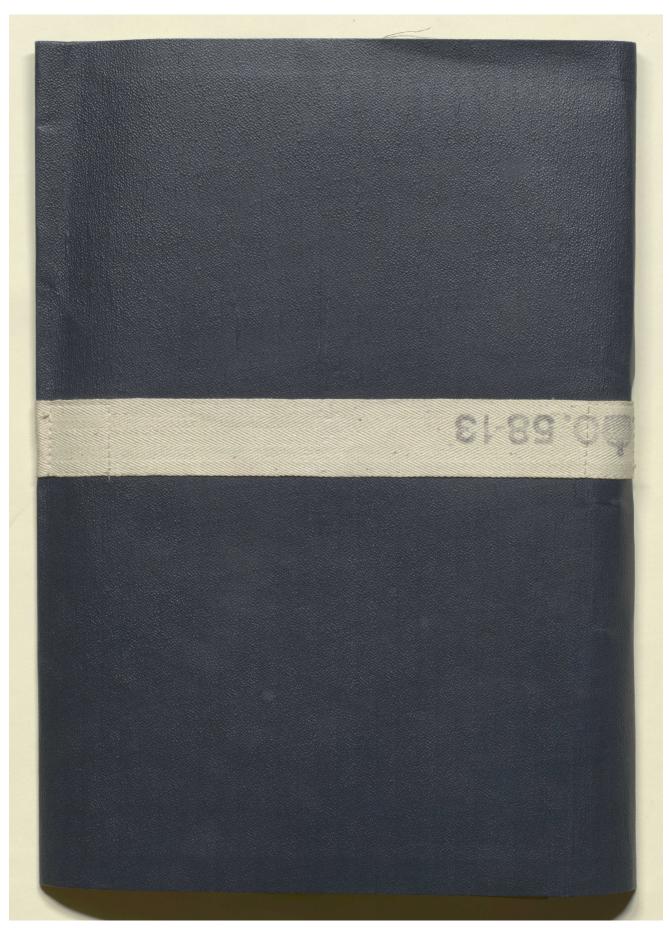
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