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## **Coll 20/42 'Muscat: Employment of Arab Refugees from Palestine in Muscat'**

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### **About this record**

Copies of correspondence between the Political Residency in the Persian Gulf, Bahrain, the Foreign Office, the Colonial Office, and the Commonwealth Relations Office. The correspondence concerns the Sultan's wish to employ Palestinian refugees for various positions within government and appoint junior fisheries officers from Aden and Pakistan.

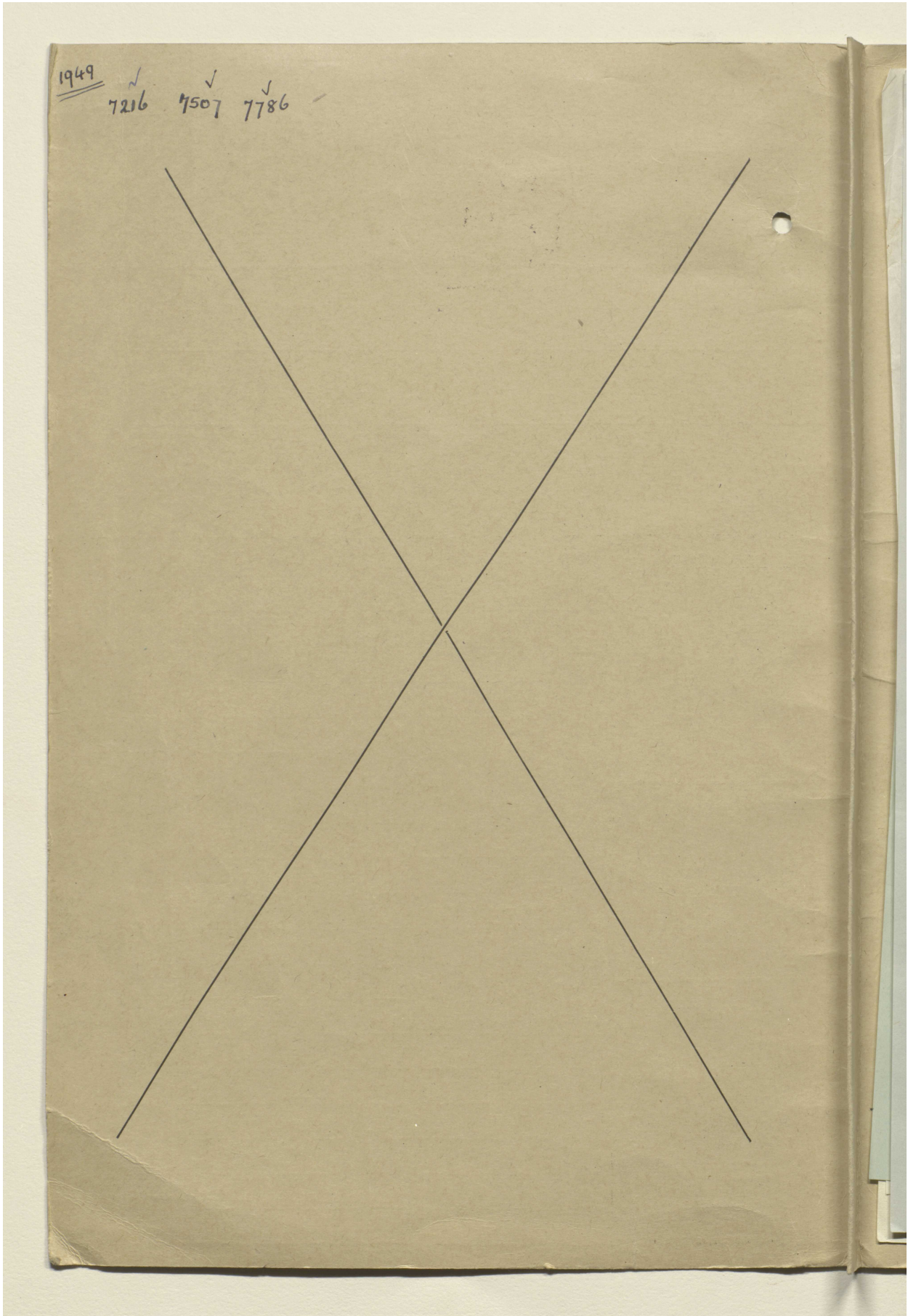
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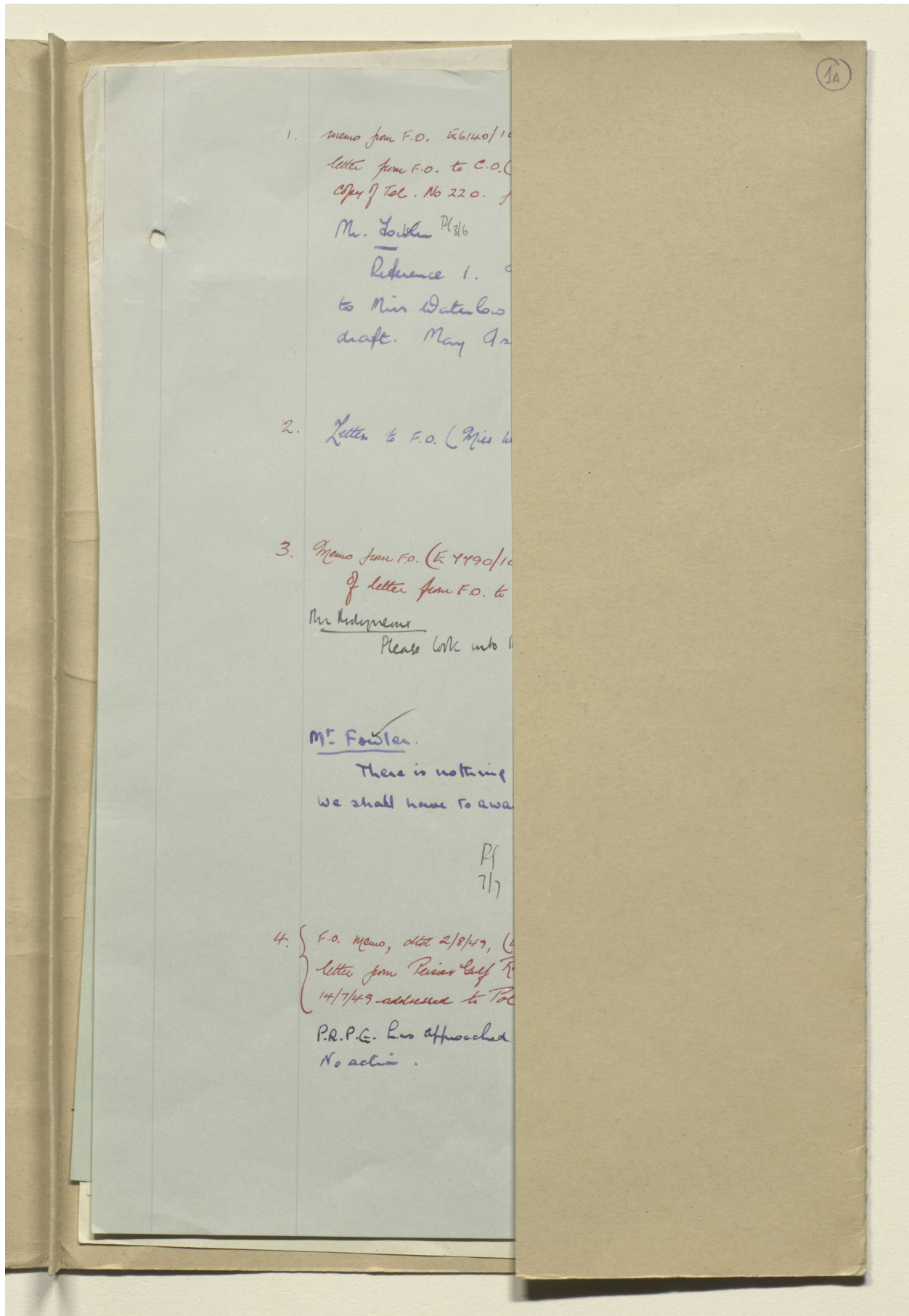
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1. memo from F.O. (E6140/10113/91) dtd 30.5.49, enclosing copy of letter from F.O. to C.O. (Newman) dtd 30.5.49 together with copy of Tel. No 220. from Bahrain to F.O. dtd 14.5.49.  
Mr. Foster P/26

Reference 1. I should propose to reply to Miss Waterlow on the lines of the attached draft. May I send please?

*[Signature]*  
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2. Letter to F.O. (Miss Waterlow) dtd 8 JUN 1949

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*[Signature]*  
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3. Memo from F.O. (E 4490/10113/91) dtd 1.7.49, enclosing copy of letter from F.O. to B.E. Bahrain dtd 1.7.49.

Mr. Holmstrom  
Please look into this & let me have your comments

PP  
6/7

Mr. Foster.

There is nothing more we need do for the moment. We shall have to await the P.R.P.'s reply.  
*[Signature]*  
7/7.

PP  
7/7  
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*[Signature]*  
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4. { F.O. Memo, dtd 2/8/49, (E 9124/10113/91) enclosing copy of letter from British Cons. Residence, Bahrain (142/54/99) dtd 14/7/49 addressed to Tel. Agent Muscat.

P.R.P.C. has approached G.P.O. direct as we suggested.  
No action.

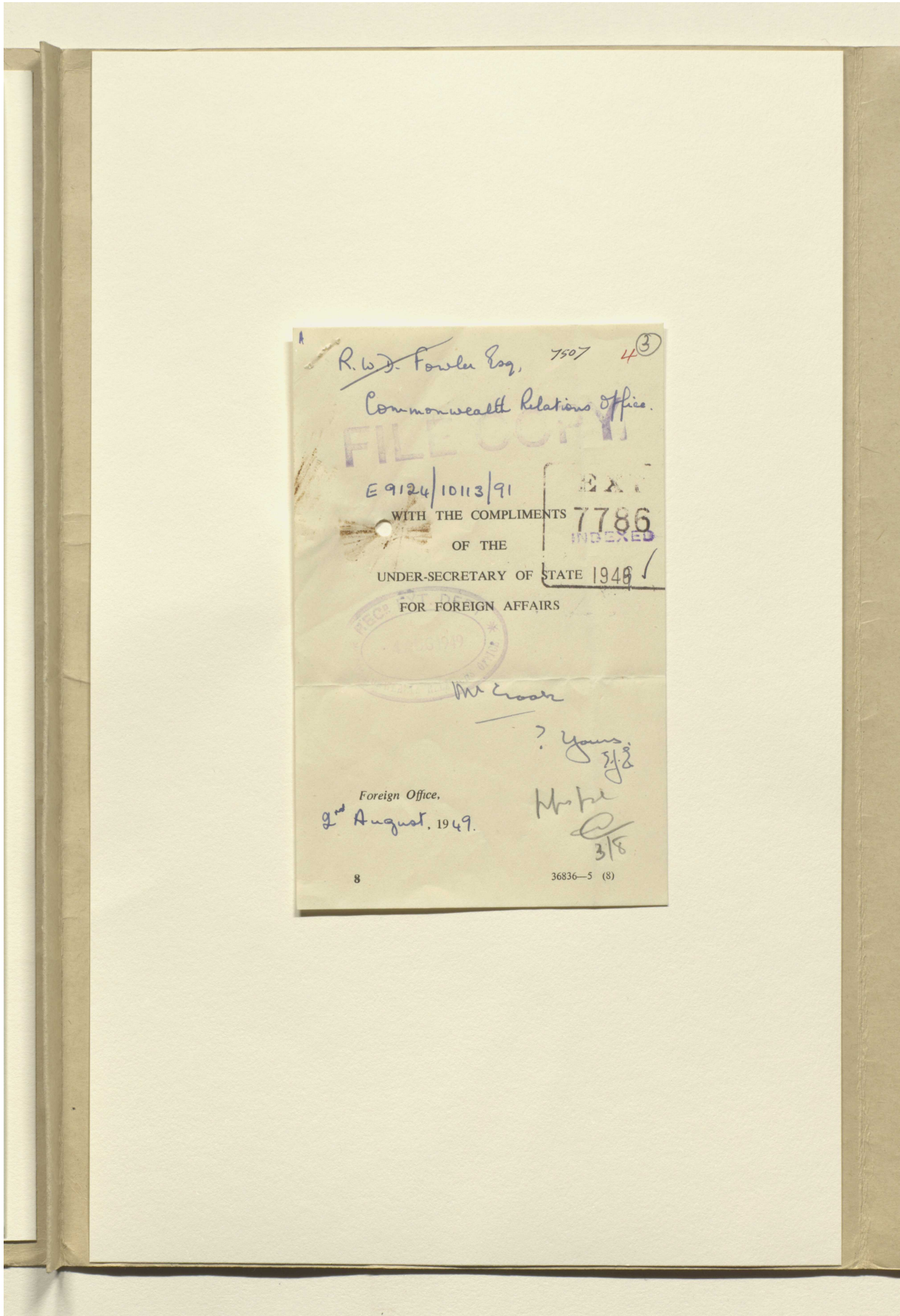
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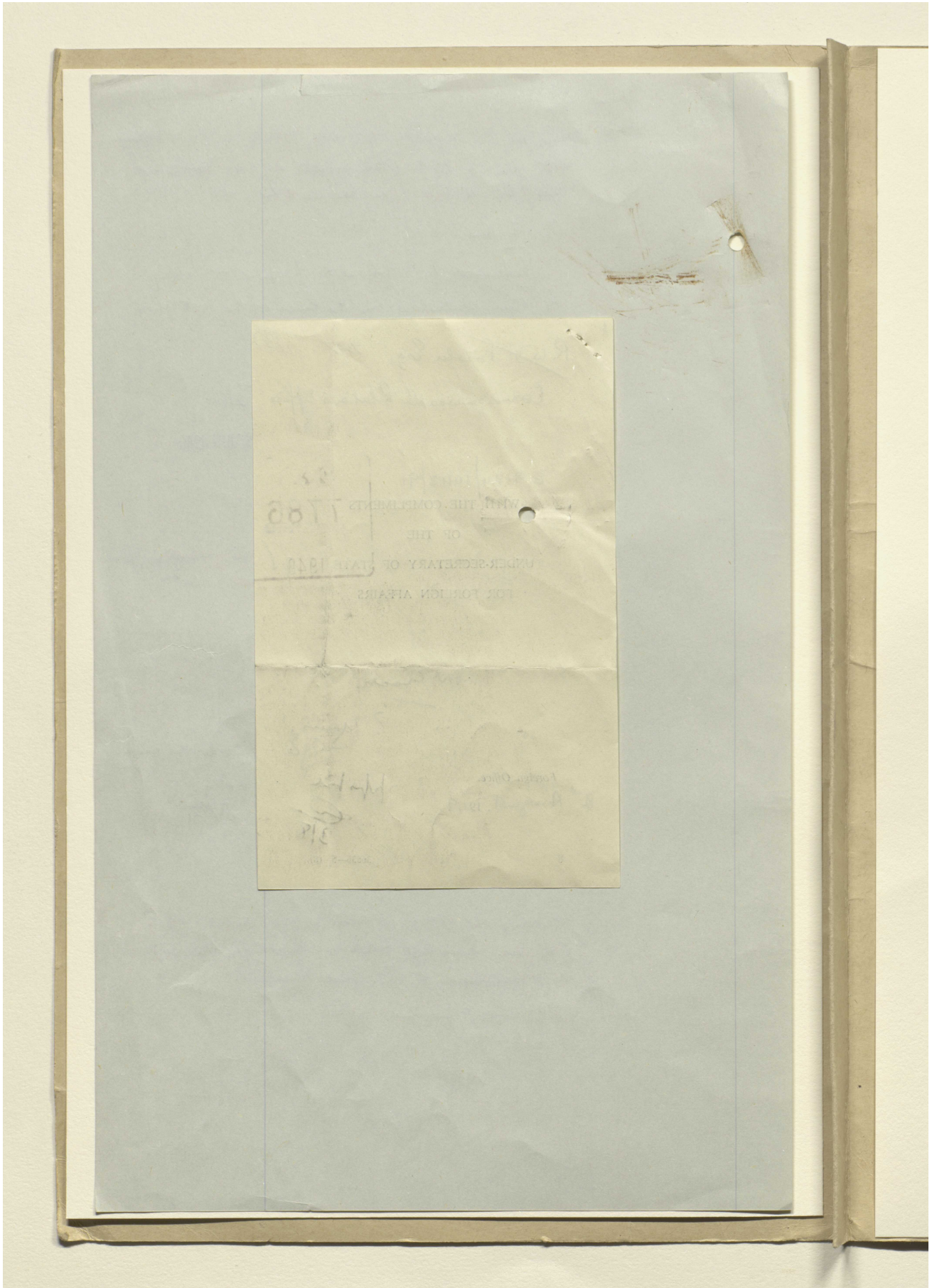




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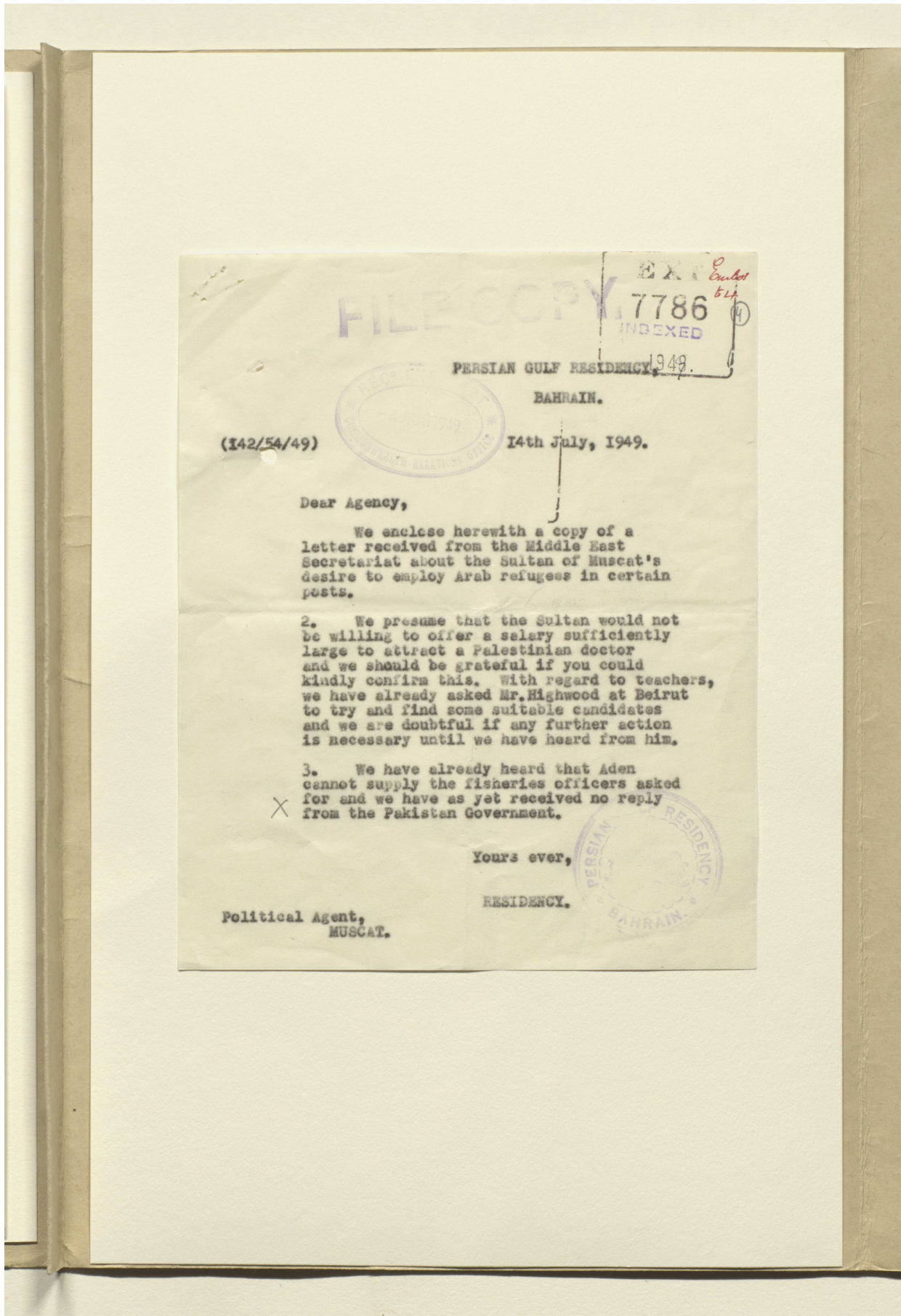




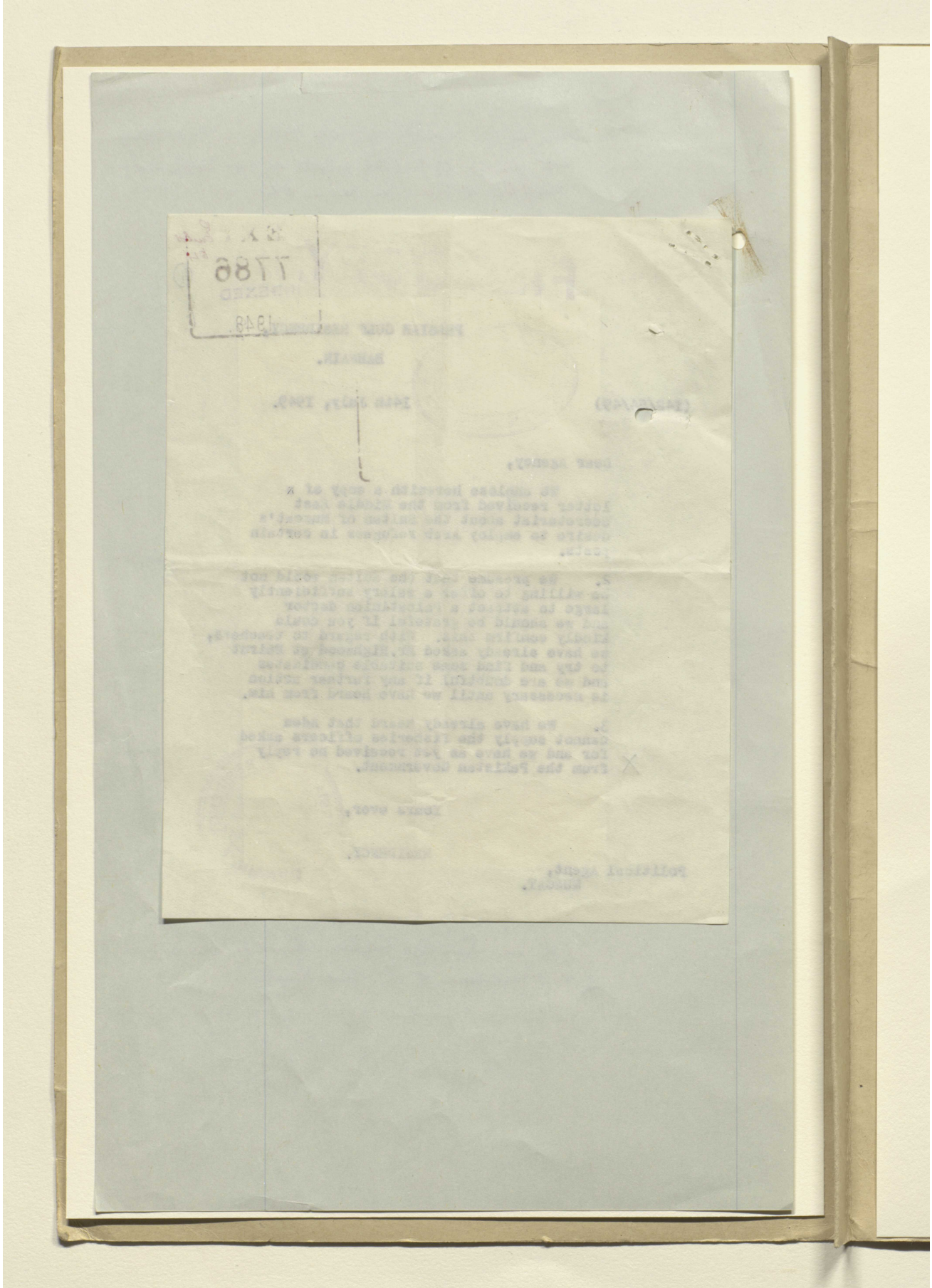




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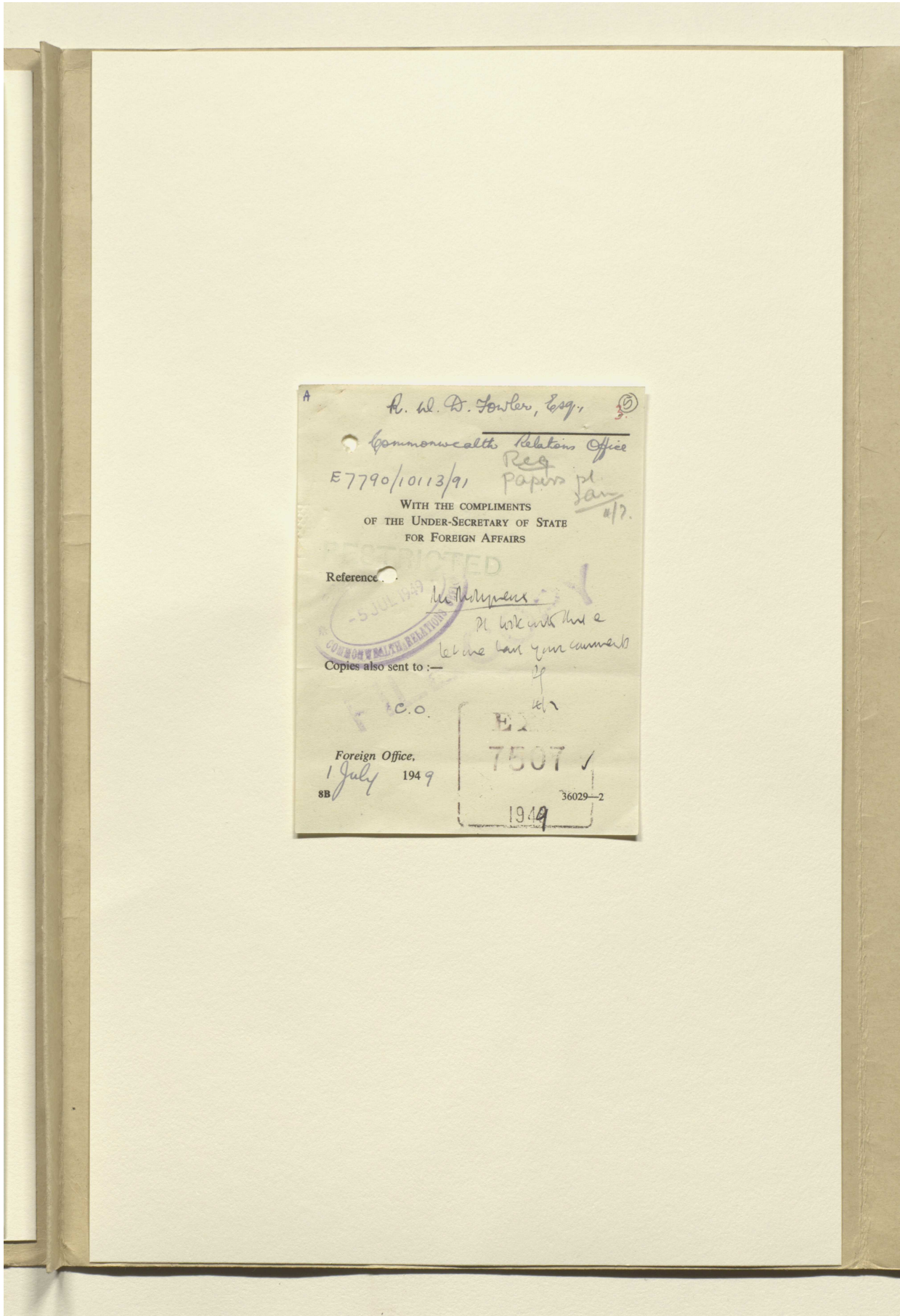




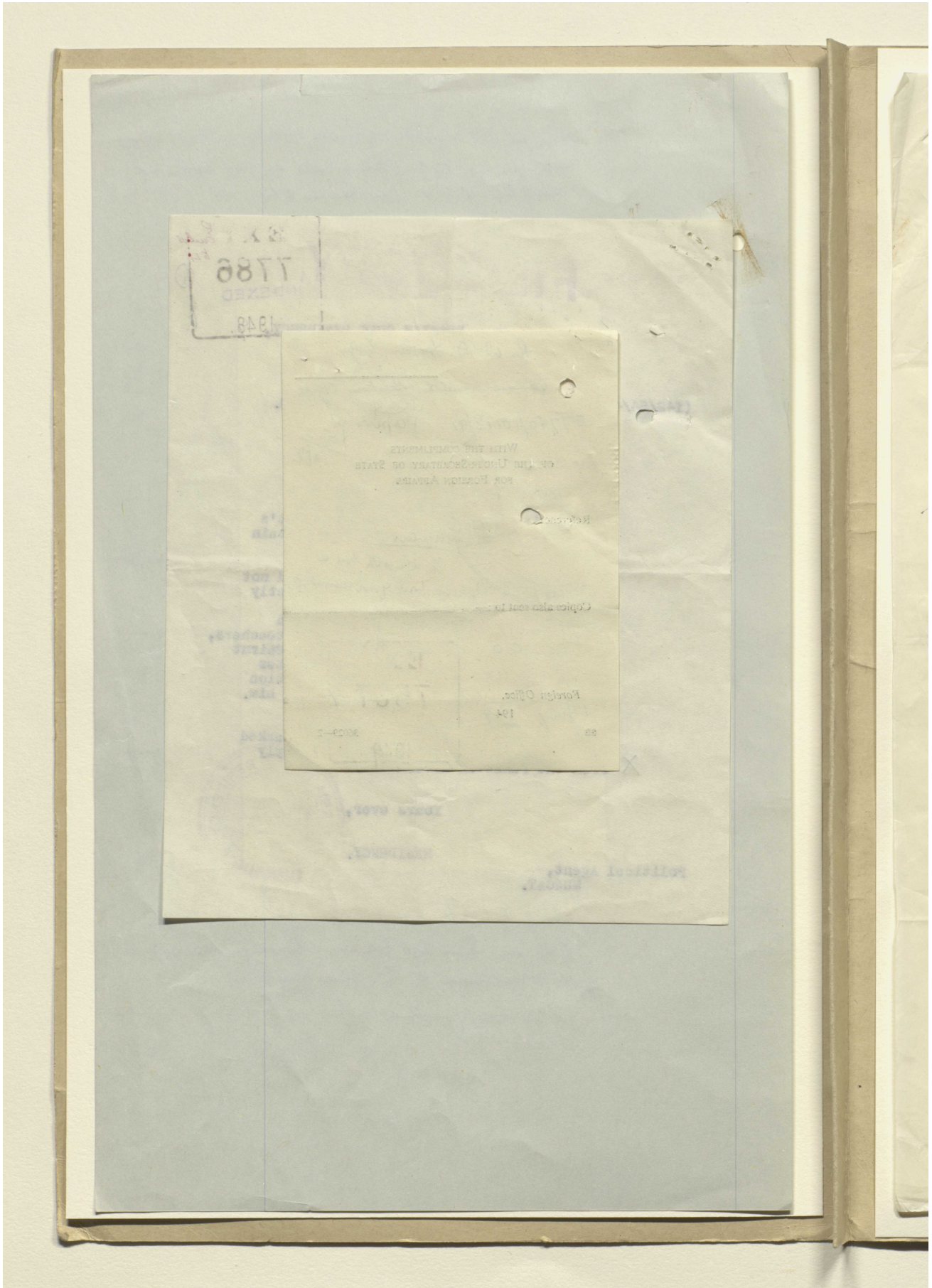




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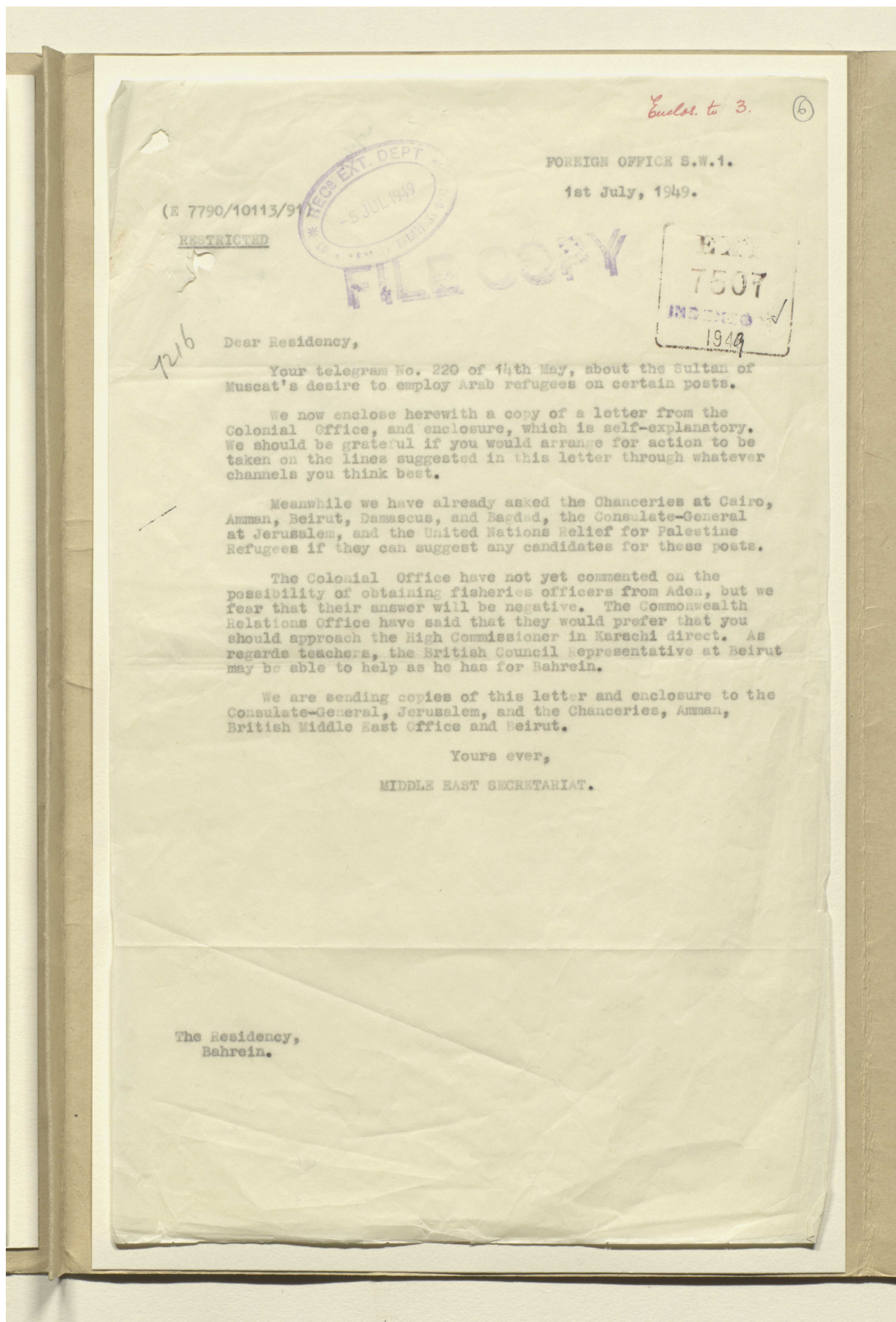




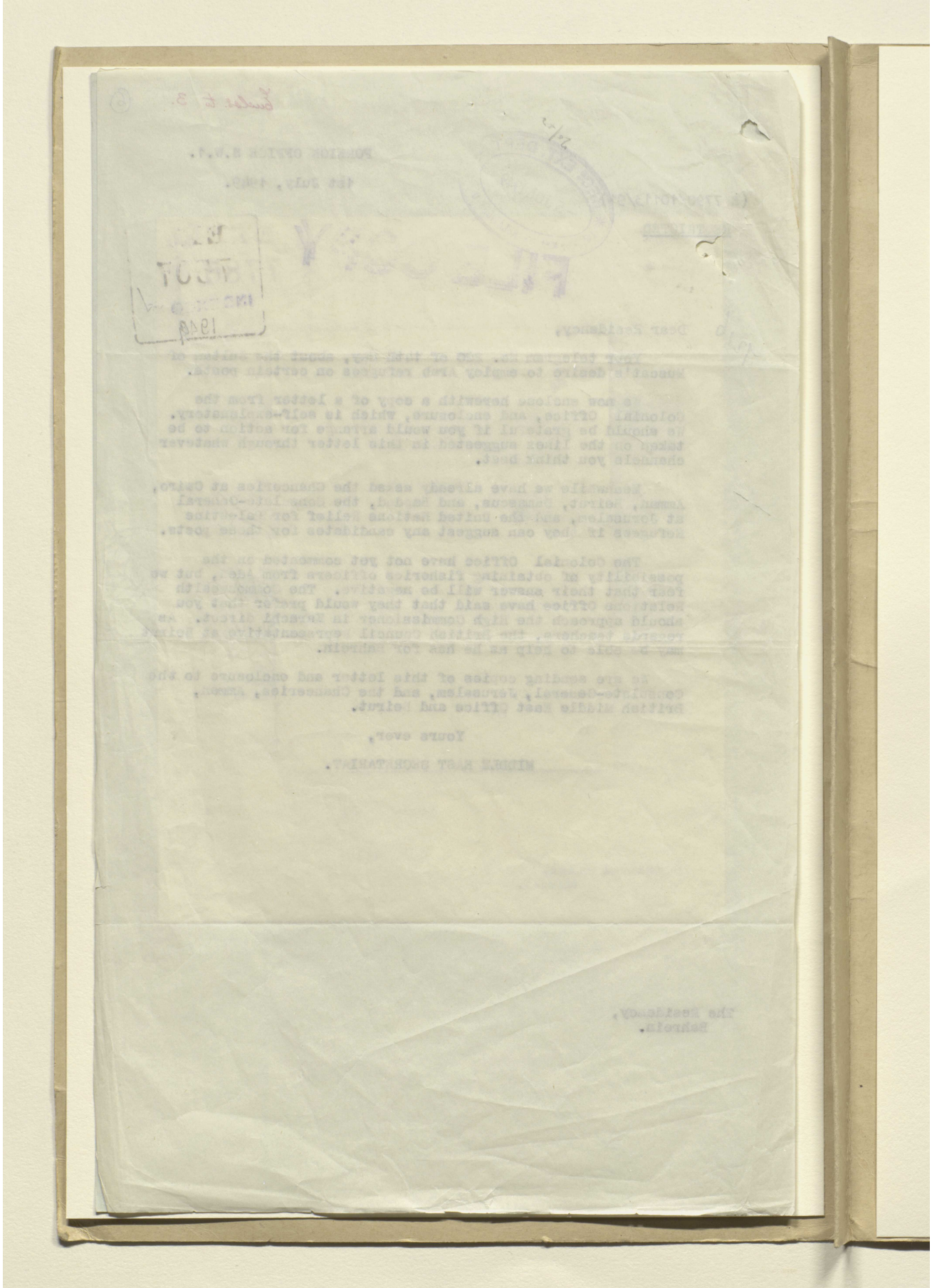




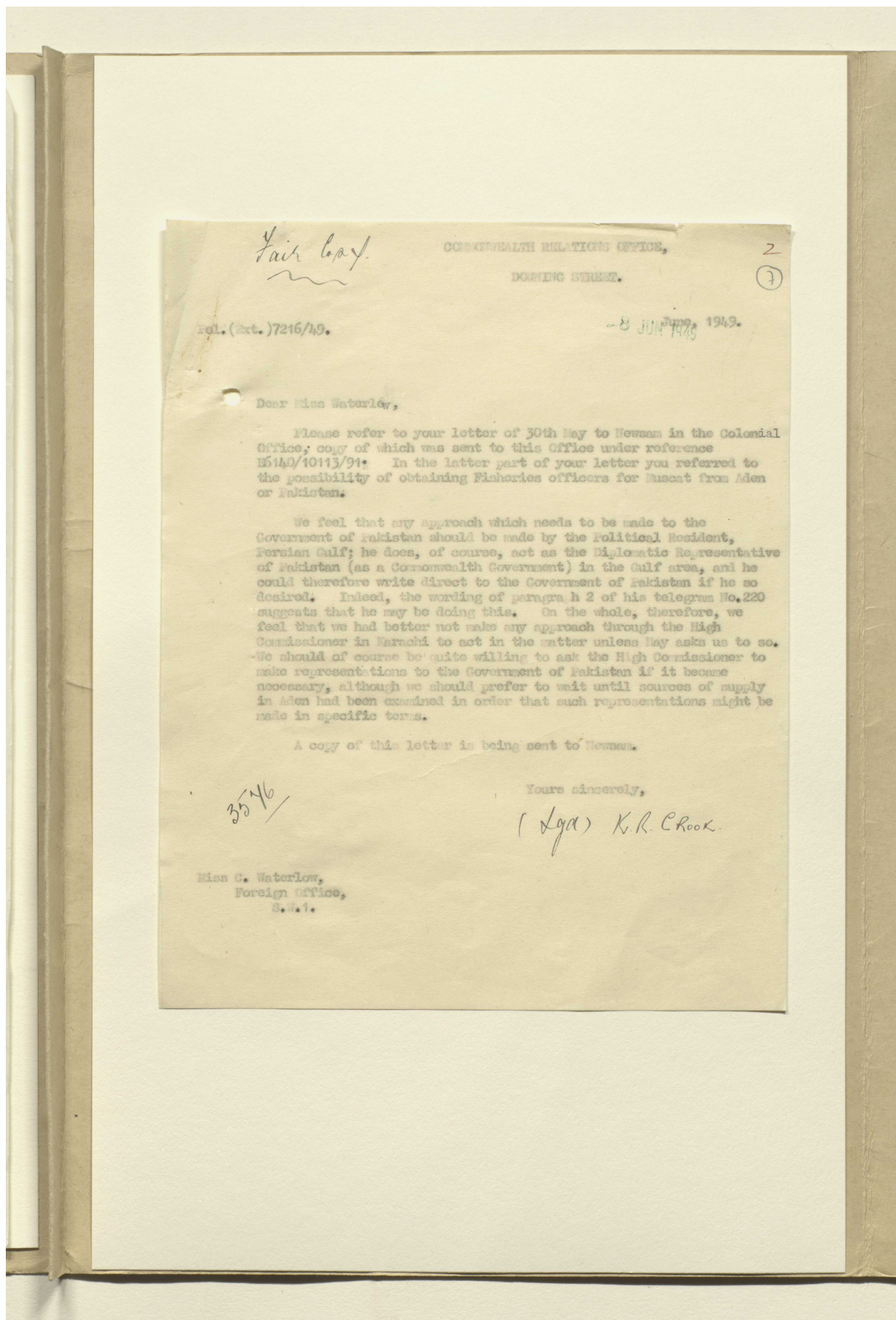
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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,  
DOWNING STREET.

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Ref. (Ext.) 7216/49.

8 June 1949

Dear Miss Waterlow,

Please refer to your letter of 30th May to Newman in the Colonial Office; copy of which was sent to this Office under reference B5140/10113/91. In the latter part of your letter you referred to the possibility of obtaining Fisheries officers for Muscat from Aden or Pakistan.

We feel that any approach which needs to be made to the Government of Pakistan should be made by the Political Resident, Persian Gulf; he does, of course, act as the Diplomatic Representative of Pakistan (as a Commonwealth Government) in the Gulf area, and he could therefore write direct to the Government of Pakistan if he so desired. Indeed, the wording of paragraph 2 of his telegram No. 220 suggests that he may be doing this. On the whole, therefore, we feel that we had better not make any approach through the High Commissioner in Karachi to act in the matter unless May asks us to do so. We should of course be quite willing to ask the High Commissioner to make representations to the Government of Pakistan if it became necessary, although we should prefer to wait until sources of supply in Aden had been examined in order that such representations might be made in specific terms.

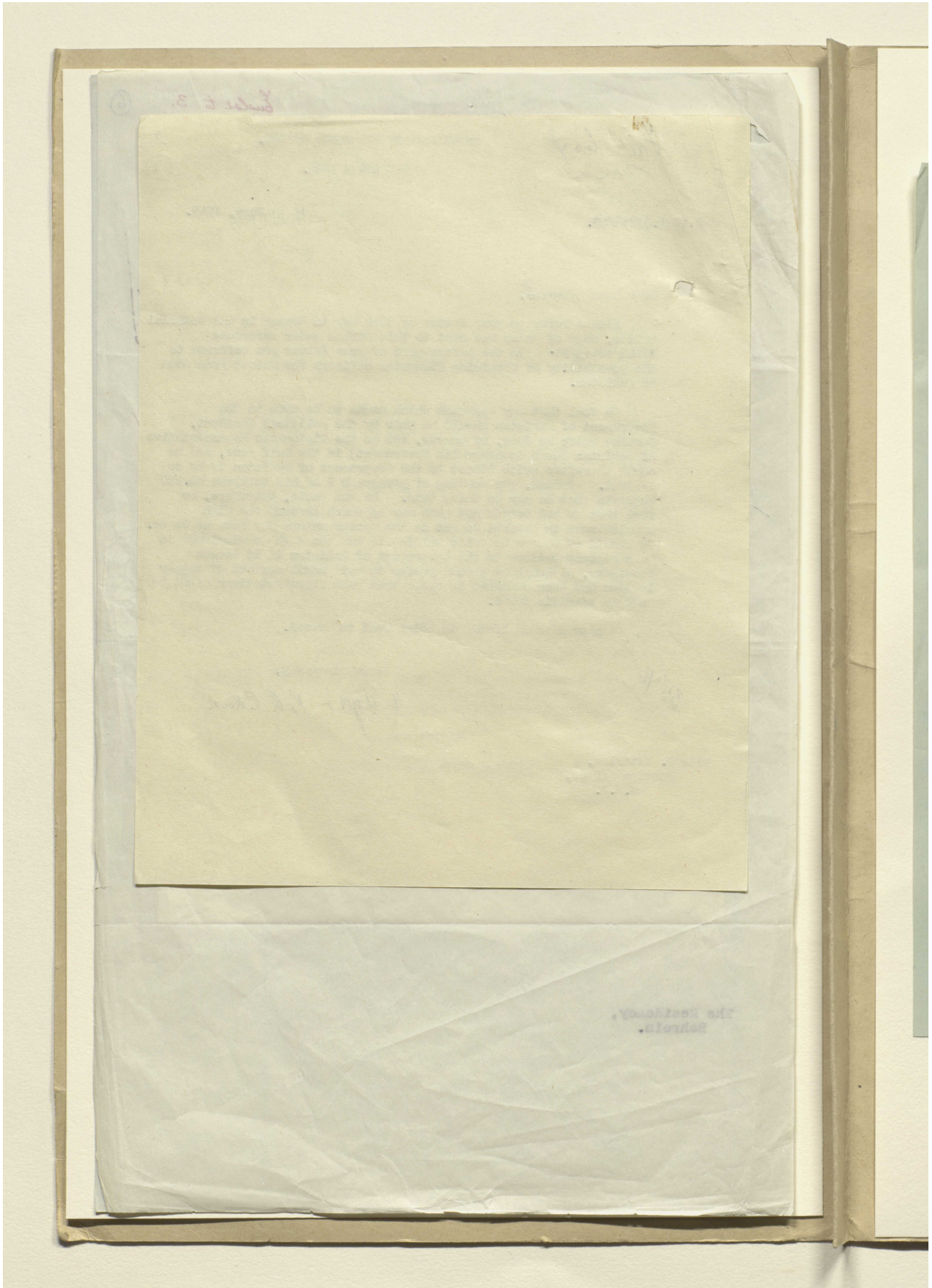
A copy of this letter is being sent to Newman.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) K.R. Crock.

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Miss C. Waterlow,  
Foreign Office,  
S.W.1.







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Dear Miss Waterloo.  
Please refer to your letter of 30th May to Nassam in the Colonial Office, copy of which was sent to this office under reference E6140/10113/91. In the latter part of your letter you referred to the possibility of obtaining Fisheries officers for Muscat from Aden or Pakistan.

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Minister of State  
Secretary of State

**DRAFT.**

Miss C. Waterloo  
Foreign Office SW1.

does, of course, act as the

Sign (M.C.)  
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Further action.  
copy to R.W. Nassam Esq.  
Colonial Office

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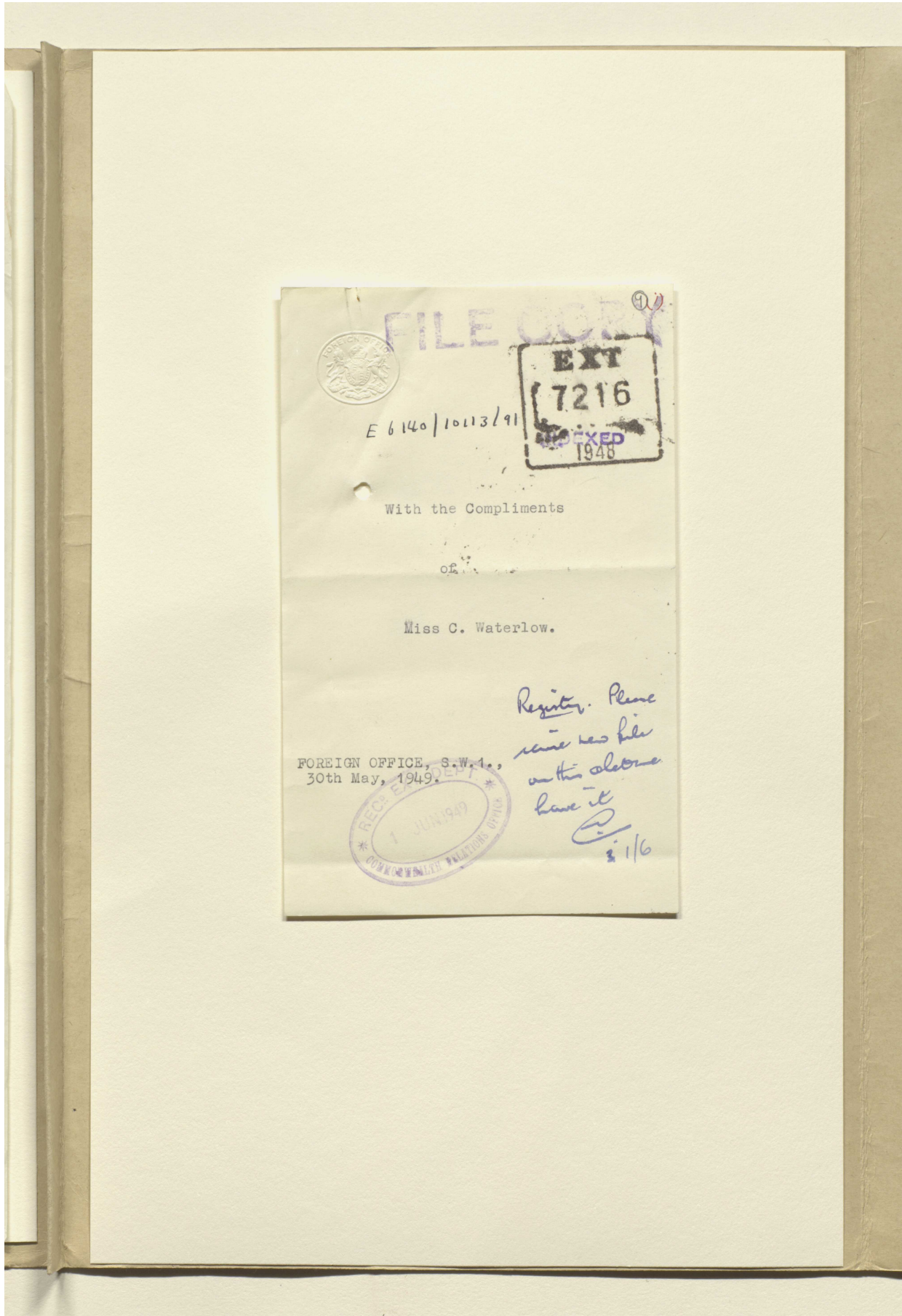
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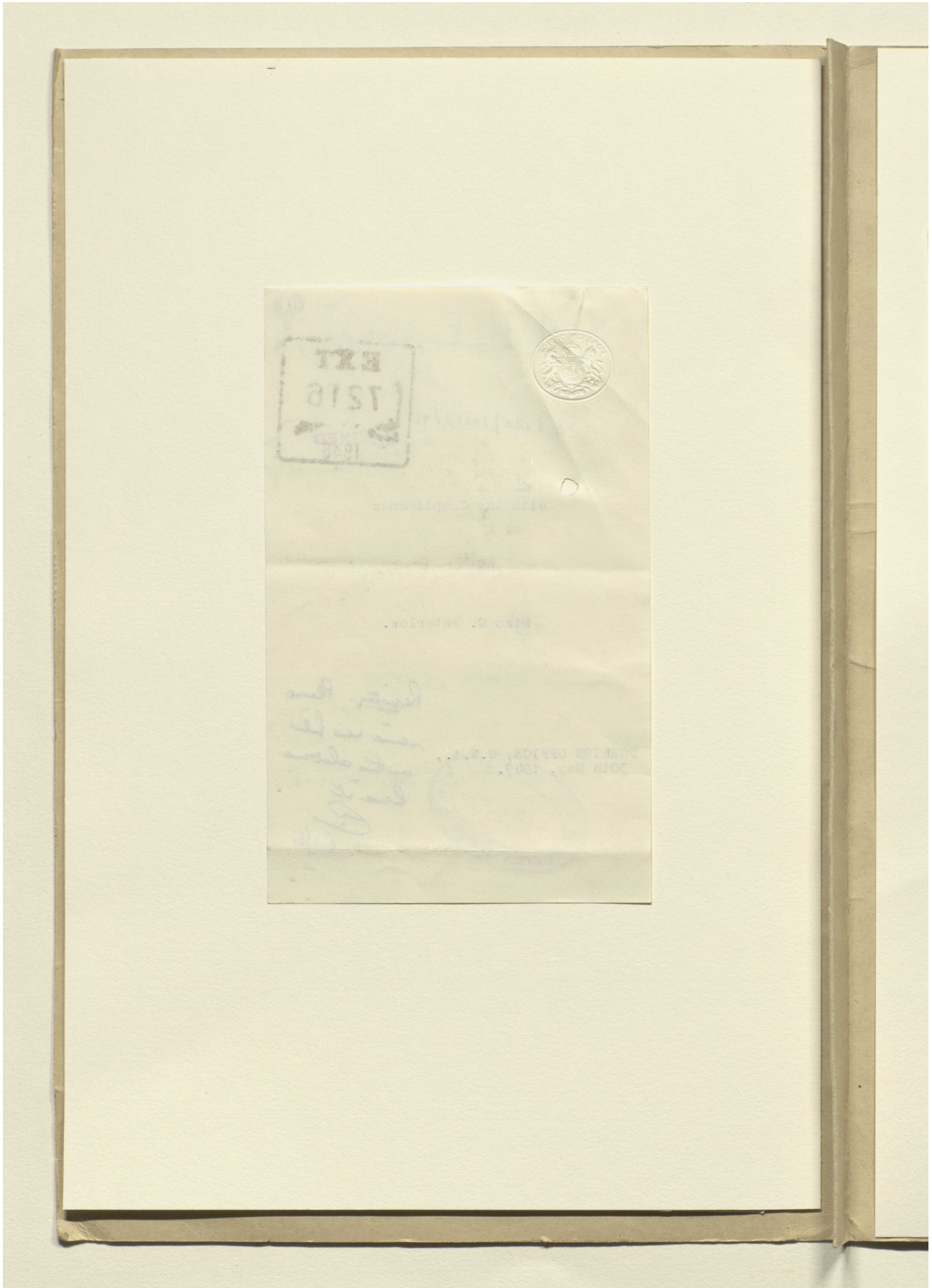
A copy of this letter is being sent to Nasser.

Yours sincerely,

Agc K.R. CROOK









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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.

30th May, 1948



Since you are our official point of contact in the Colonial Office, I am writing to you on the following matter. If it does not come within your province, I should be most grateful if you would pass it on urgently.

I enclose herewith a copy of Bahrain telegram No. 220 of May 14th about the Sultan of Muscat's desire to employ 10 Arab refugees for certain technical and teaching posts. We have transmitted the contents of this telegram to the United Nations Relief for Arab Refugees and to the Conciliation Commission, since in principle the responsibility for fitting refugees into posts offered in other countries rests with these bodies. Since, however, no census of the refugees yet exists nor has an employment agency for them been established, there is likely to be a long delay before these officers are selected through these channels. We should therefore be most grateful if the Colonial Office, on the basis of their Palestinian records, could suggest suitable candidates for these posts and we could then try and trace them through our Middle East Missions. You will see that paragraph 2 of this telegram also refers to the possibility of obtaining three Fisheries officers from Aden or Pakistan. I am therefore sending copies of this letter and its enclosure to Dr. Hickling in your Department and Mr. R.W.D. Fowler at the Commonwealth Relations Office, and should be grateful for their comments on this point. As Dr. Hickling knows, we shall shortly be calling a meeting to discuss the whole question of development of the Muscat fisheries in the light of Dr. Bertram's recent report to the Sultan, and it will be most helpful if your Department and the C.R.O. could advise us about the availability of fisheries officers at this meeting.

(C. Waterlow)

R.W. Newsam, Esq.,  
Colonial Office.



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30th May  
FOREIGN OFFICE  
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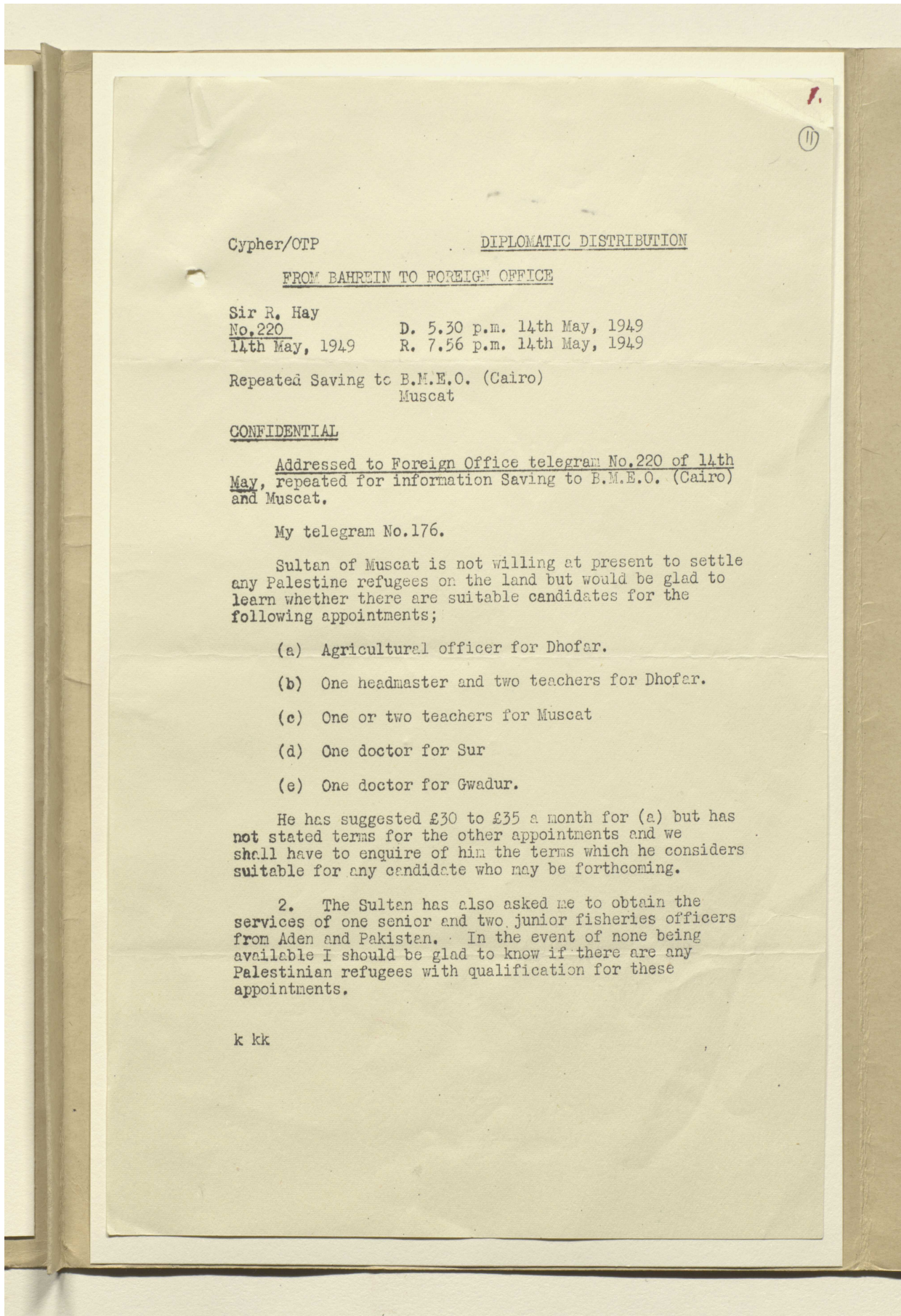
Since you are our official point of contact in the Colonial Office, I am writing to you on the following matter. It does not come within your province, I should be most grateful if you would pass it on urgently.

I enclose herewith a copy of Bahrain telegram No. 230 of May 1948 about the Sultan of Muscat's desire to employ 10 Arab refugees for certain technical and teaching posts. We have transmitted the contents of this telegram to the United Nations Relief for Arab Refugees and to the Conciliation Commission, since in principle the responsibility for fitting refugees into posts offered in other countries rests with these bodies. Since, however, no census of the refugees yet exists nor has an employment agency for them been established, there is likely to be a long delay before these officers are selected through these channels. We should therefore be most grateful if the Colonial Office, on the basis of their Palestinian records, could suggest suitable candidates for these posts and we could then try and trace them through our Middle East Missions. You will see that paragraph 2 of the telegram refers to the possibility of obtaining three fisheries officers from Aden or Pakistan. I am therefore sending copies of this letter and its enclosure to Dr. Hickling in your Department and Mr. R.W.D. Fowler at the Commonwealth Relations Office, and should be grateful for their comments on this point. As Dr. Hickling knows, we shall shortly be calling a meeting to discuss the whole question of development of the Muscat fisheries in the light of Dr. Bertram's recent report to the Sultan, and it will be most helpful if your Department and the C.R.O. could advise us about the availability of fisheries officers at this meeting.

(O. Waterlow)  
R.W. Newsam, Esq.,  
Colonial Office.



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