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About this record

The file contains papers relating to permits issued by HM Consular Officers in Iran to British Indians.

The correspondence is mostly between the Government of India External Affairs Department, and correspondents including the Consul General for Iran in India, and HM Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Iran in Tehran.

The file includes a divider, which gives a list of correspondence references contained in the file by year. This is placed at the back of the correspondence.

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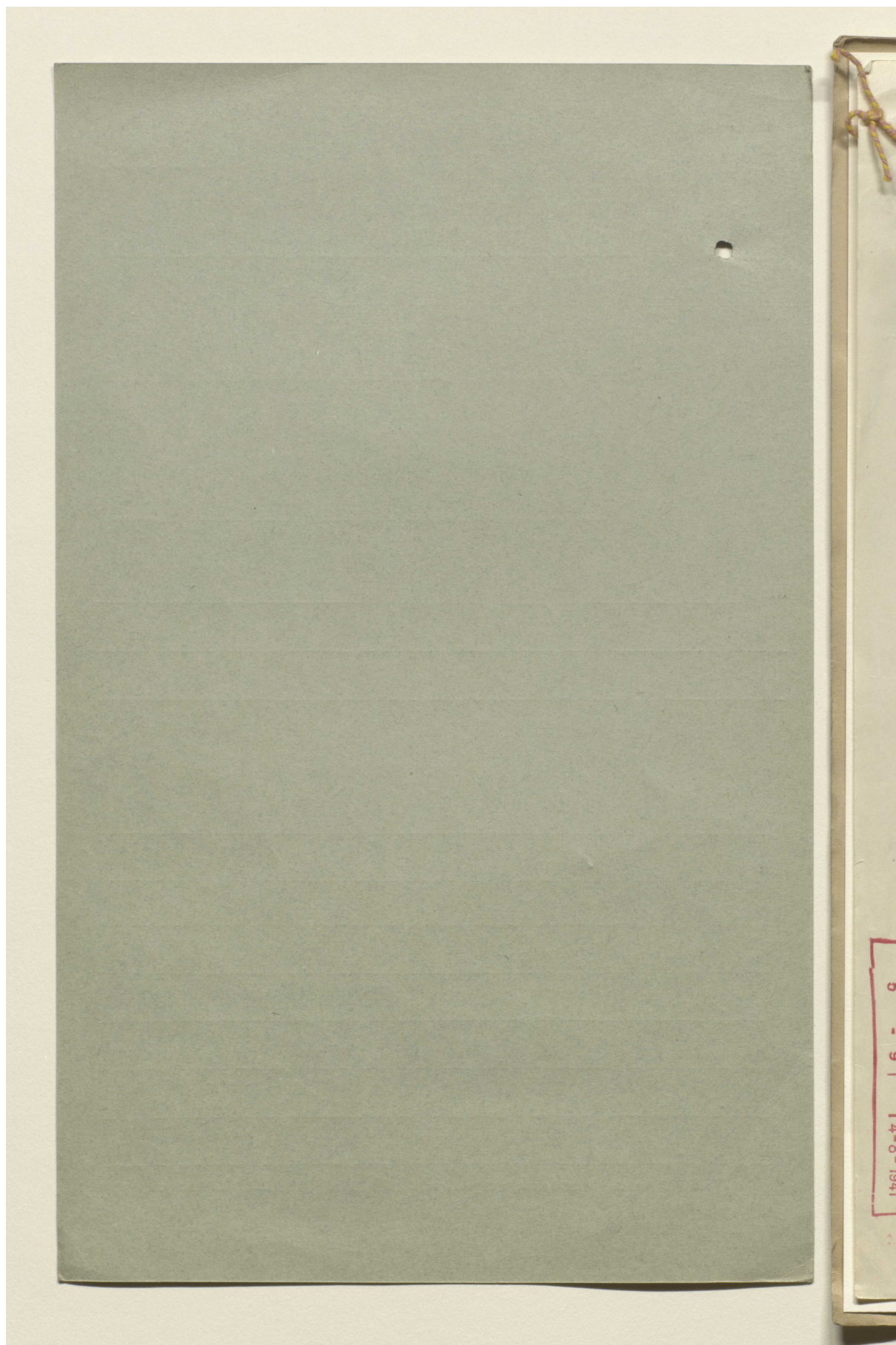
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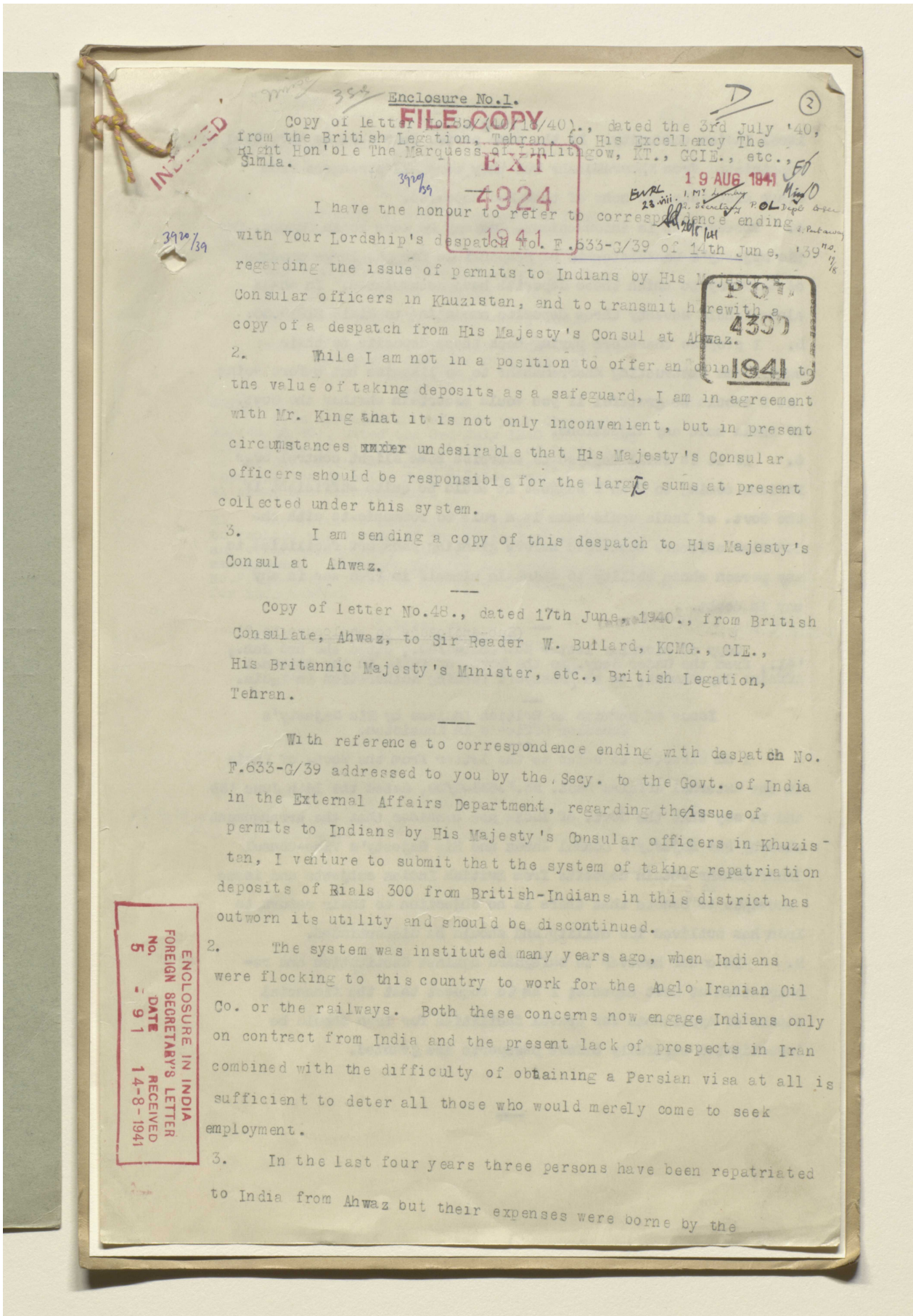
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local Indian community. In the same period four persons have been repatriated from Khorramshahr but they were all strangers from other districts and none of them had deposits.

4. Moreover it is inconvenient, and may be more so in future, for His Majesty's Consulates to be responsible for the large amounts of currency to which these deposits have accumulated. In Ahwaz alone I hold seventy three deposits amounting to Rials 21319.55.

5. I propose therefore paying back these deposits to their owners and instructing Khorramshahr to do likewise but before doing so I should be grateful if you would ascertain whether the Govt. of India have any objections.

6. If it is still desired to exercise some slight control over Indians coming to Iran I suggest it would be quite sufficient if the Govt. of India would make it a rule to communicate with the consular officers concerned before granting passport facilities to any person whose ability to maintain himself in Iran was in any way in doubt.

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— (Sub-enclosure to enclosure No.2)

Copy of circular letter No.F.611-G/40., dated the 3rd Jan., '41., from the Under Secy. to the Govt. of India in the External Affairs Department, to the Passport Issuing Authorities in India.

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Issue of permits to British Indians by His Majesty's
Consular Officers in Khuzistan.
...
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I am directed to refer to the letter from the Govt. of India in the External Affairs Dept. No.F.633-G/39, dated the 14th June '39 and to say that the Govt. of India now consider that the arrangement whereby His Majesty's Consul Ahwaz and His Majesty's Vice-Consul Khorramshahr obtain deposits from British Indian subjects and issue receipts to denote that there is no objection to their return to Iran has outlived its utility and should be discontinued.

2. In order however to safeguard against destitution and repatriation at Govt expense; I am to request that the financial status of applicants for travel facilities for Iran should be investigated carefully before passports are granted.

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Enclosure No.2.

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No.F.611-G/40.

From The Secretary to the Government of India
in the External Affairs Department,
To His Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of
Iran, Tehran.

Dated New Delhi, the 3rd January 1941.

Issue of permits to British Indians by His
Majesty's Consular Officers in
Khuzistan.

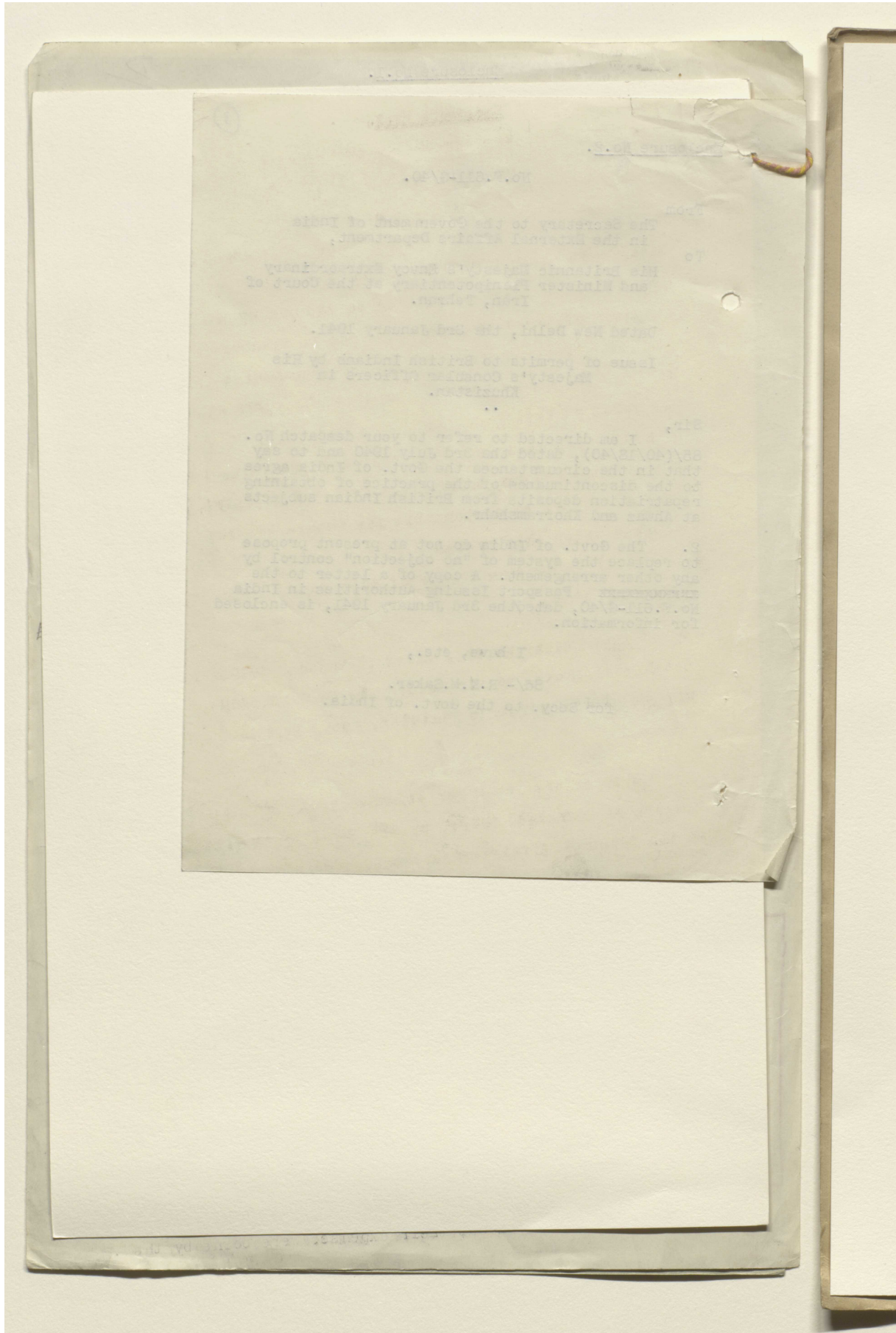
Sir,
I am directed to refer to your despatch No.
85/(40/18/40), dated the 3rd July 1940 and to say
that in the circumstances the Govt. of India agree
to the discontinuance of the practice of obtaining
repatriation deposits from British Indian subjects
at Ahwaz and Khorramshahr.

2. The Govt. of India do not at present propose
to replace the system of "no objection" control by
any other arrangement. A copy of a letter to the
~~ARRANGEMENT~~ Passport Issuing Authorities in India
No.F.611-G/40, dated the 3rd January 1941, is enclosed
for information.

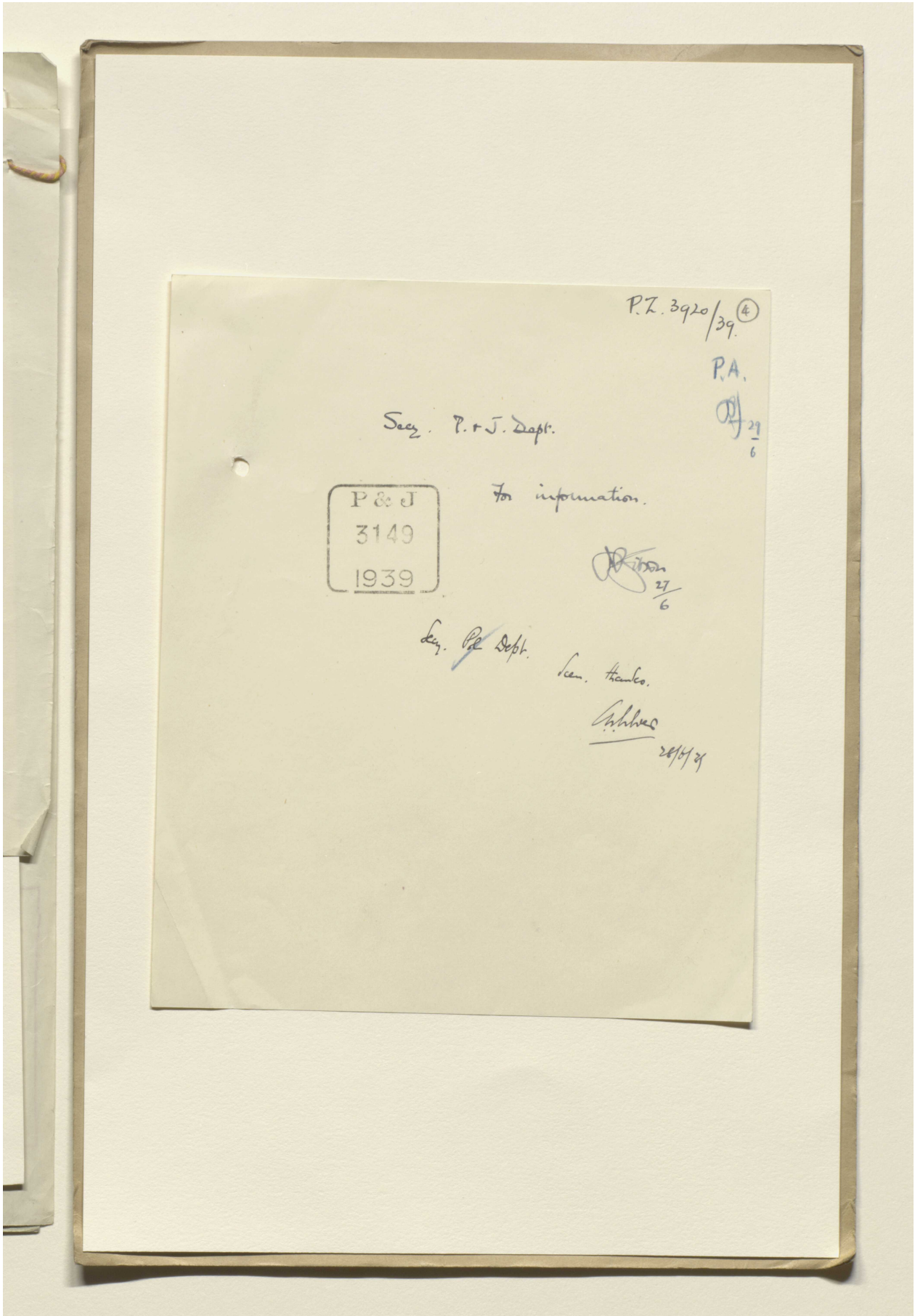
I have, etc.,

Sd/- R.K.M.Saker.
for Secy. to the Govt. of India.

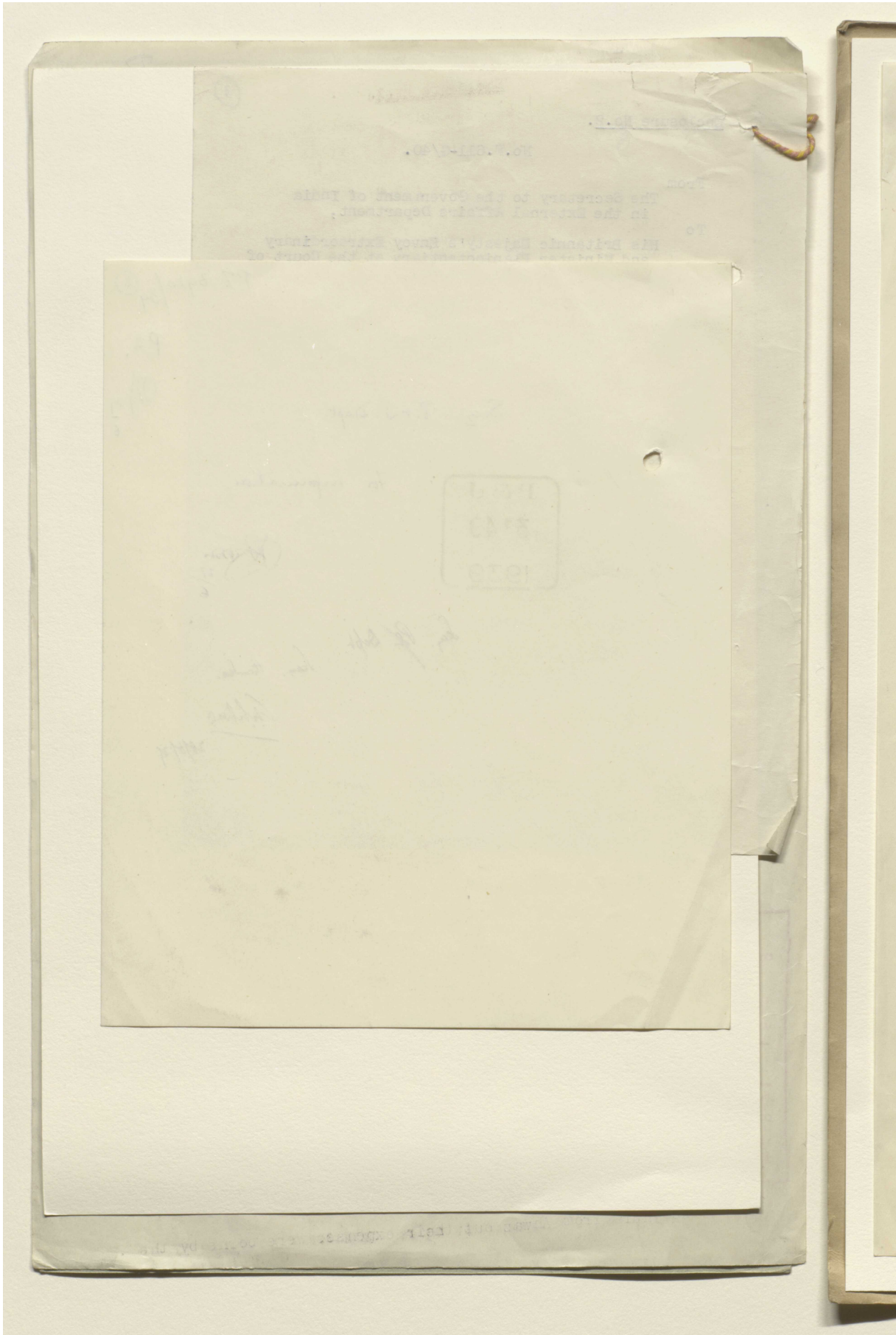
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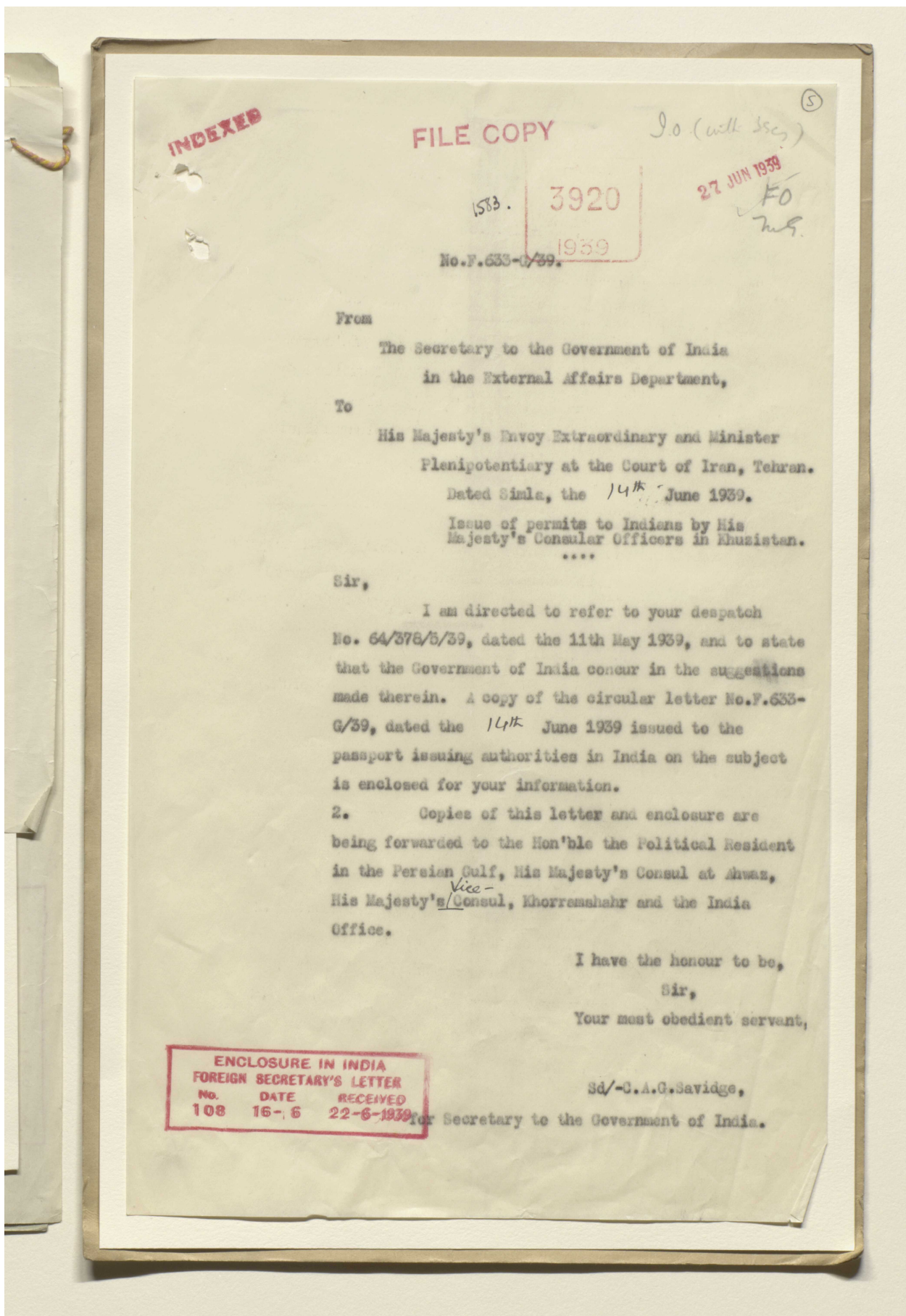
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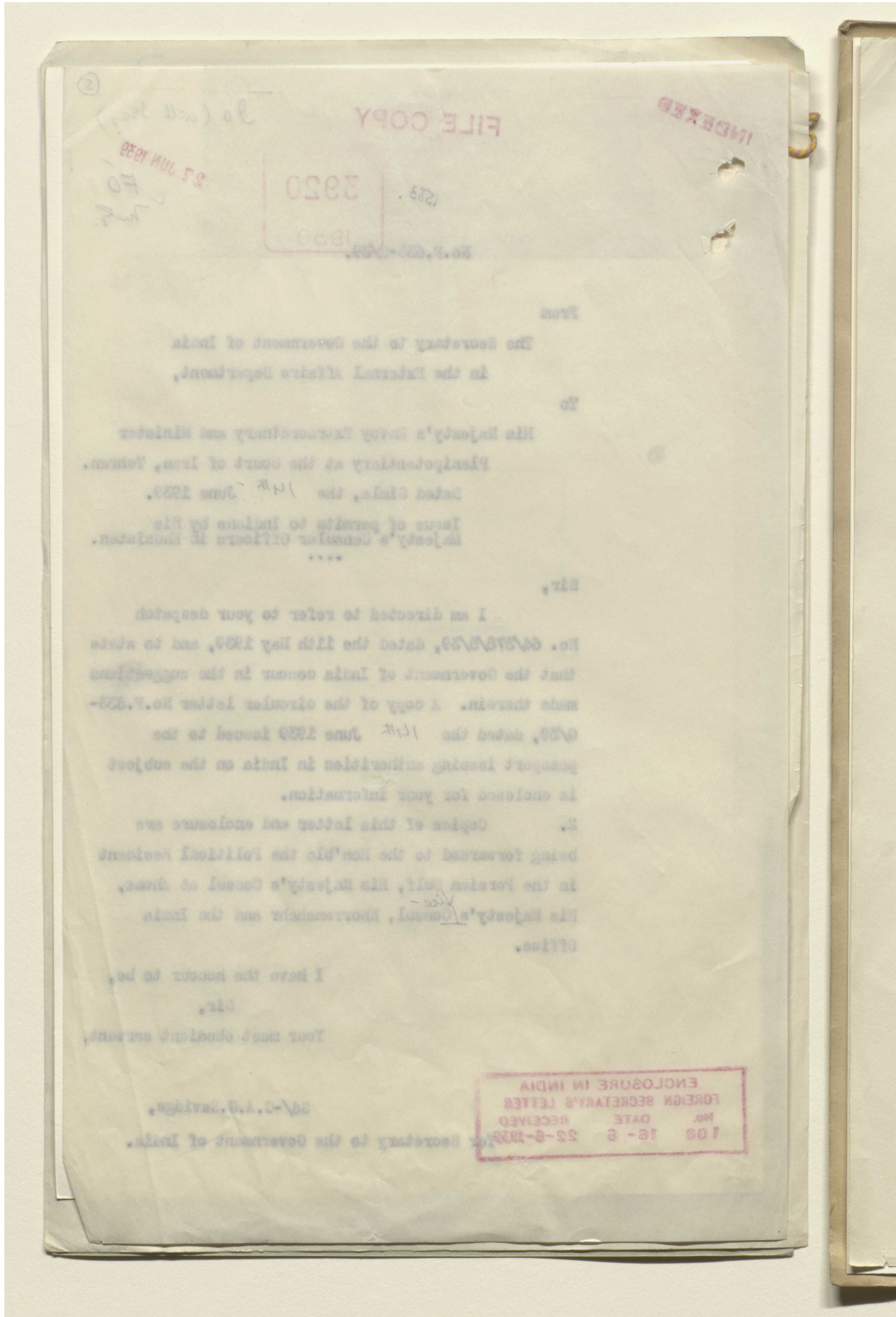
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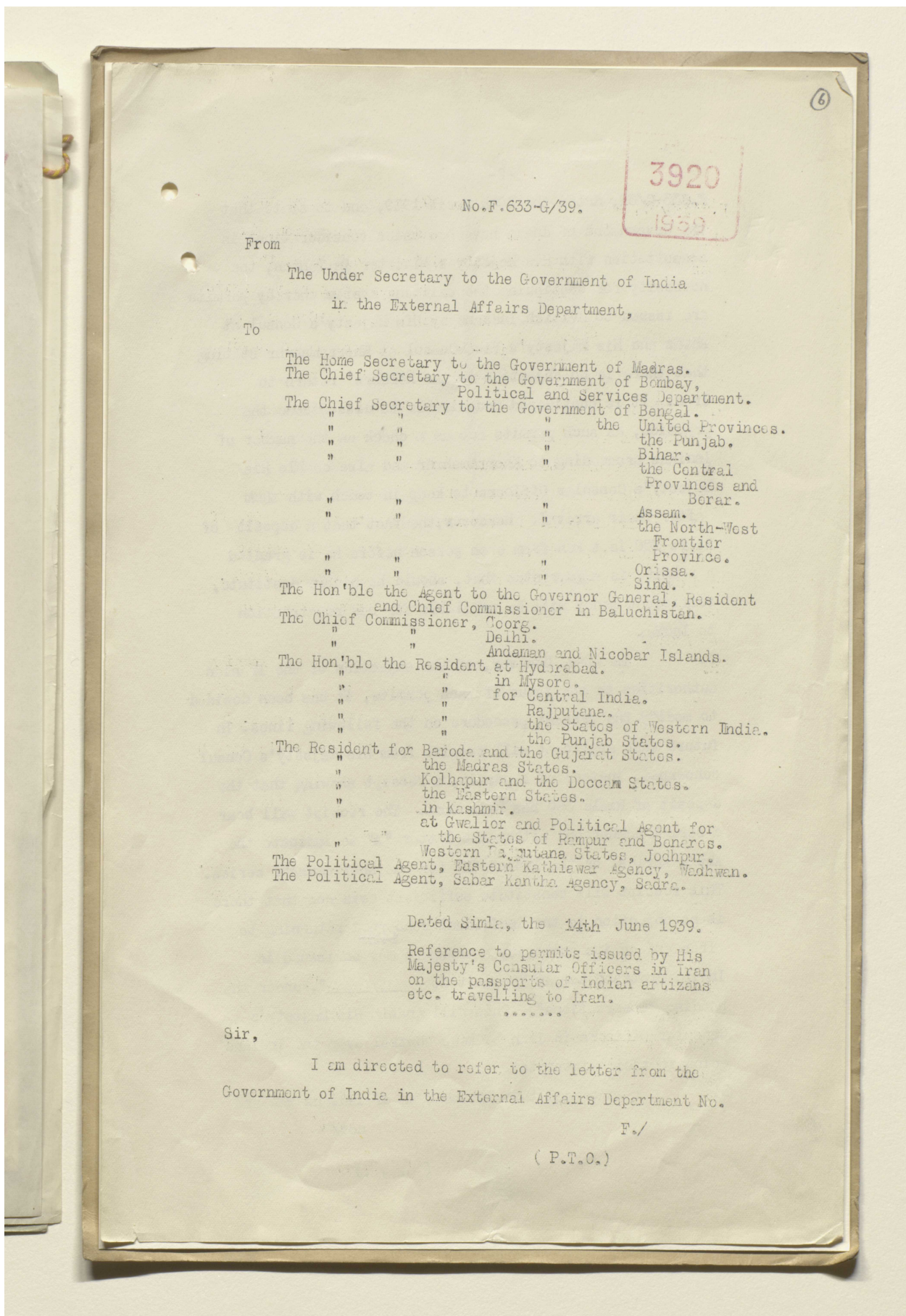
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Coll 27/22 'Passports. Permits issued by H.M. Consular Officers in Iran on passports of Indians travelling to Iran.' [6r] (11/28)



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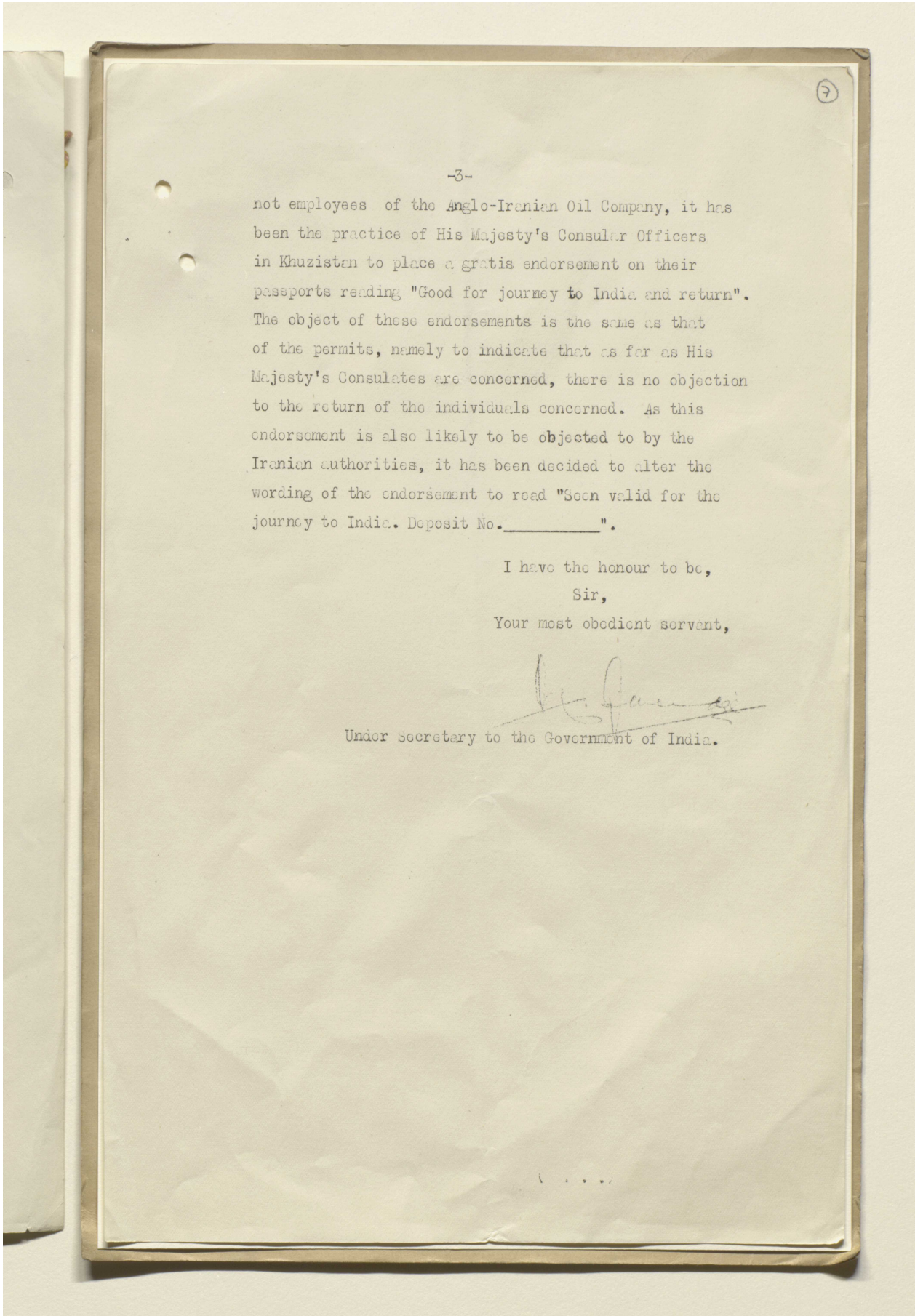
F.633-G/39, dated the 20th April 1939, and to state that the Government of India have had under consideration, in consultation with His Majesty's Minister in Tehren, the necessity for continuing the existing system whereby permits are issued to British Indians by His Majesty's Consul at Ahwaz and His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Khorramshahr stating that there is no objection to the holders' return to Iran. It is considered undesirable to discontinue the practice, as such permits act as a check on the number of Indians proceeding to Khorramshahr and also enable His Majesty's Consular Officers to keep in touch with them after their arrival. Moreover, the fact that a deposit of Rials 300 is taken from each person before he is granted a permit, is a guarantee that, should he become destitute, sufficient money will be available for his repatriation to India.

2. In view, however, of the objection of the Iranian authorities to the issue of such permits, it has been decided to modify the present procedure on the following lines. In future each applicant will receive from His Majesty's Consul concerned, instead of a permit, a receipt showing that the deposit of Rials 300 has been made. The receipt will bear a serial number and either the letter "A" to indicate the Ahwaz series, or the letter "K" for the Khorremshahr series. This receipt will constitute sufficient evidence that there is no objection to the individual concerned returning to Iran and on its authority a passport may be issued in India, endorsed simply "Deposit No _____", under the heading "Observations". This will enable His Majesty's Consular Officers in Iran to keep control over the Indians going to their districts.

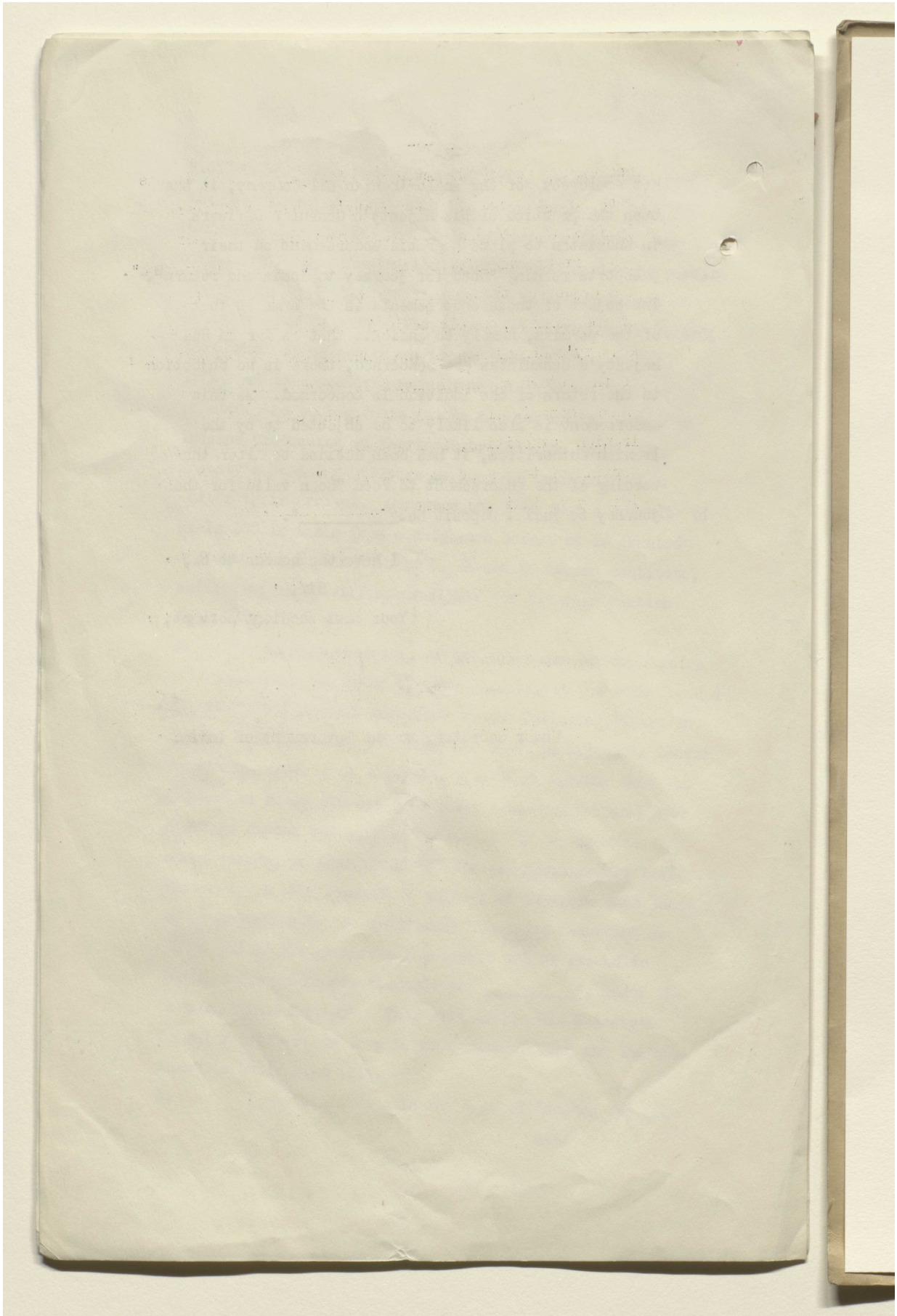
3. I am to add that in the case of Indians who are not/

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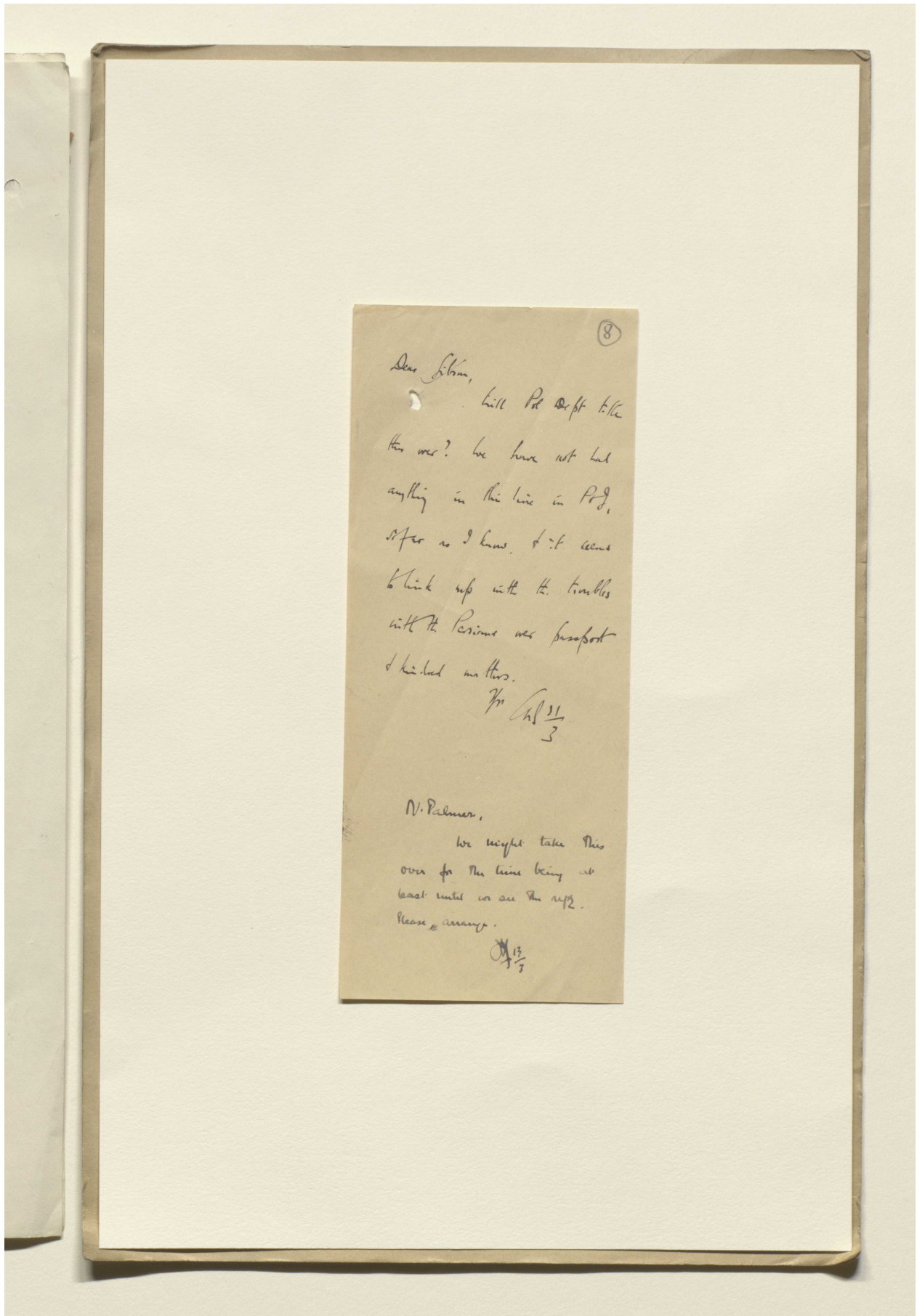
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Coll 27/22 'Passports. Permits issued by H.M. Consular Officers in Iran on
passports of Indians travelling to Iran.' [8r] (15/28)



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Dear Sirs,
Will Per Dept file
this one? We have not had
anything in this line in Persia,
as far as I know, & it seems
to link up with the troubles
with the Persian war passport
& kindred matters.

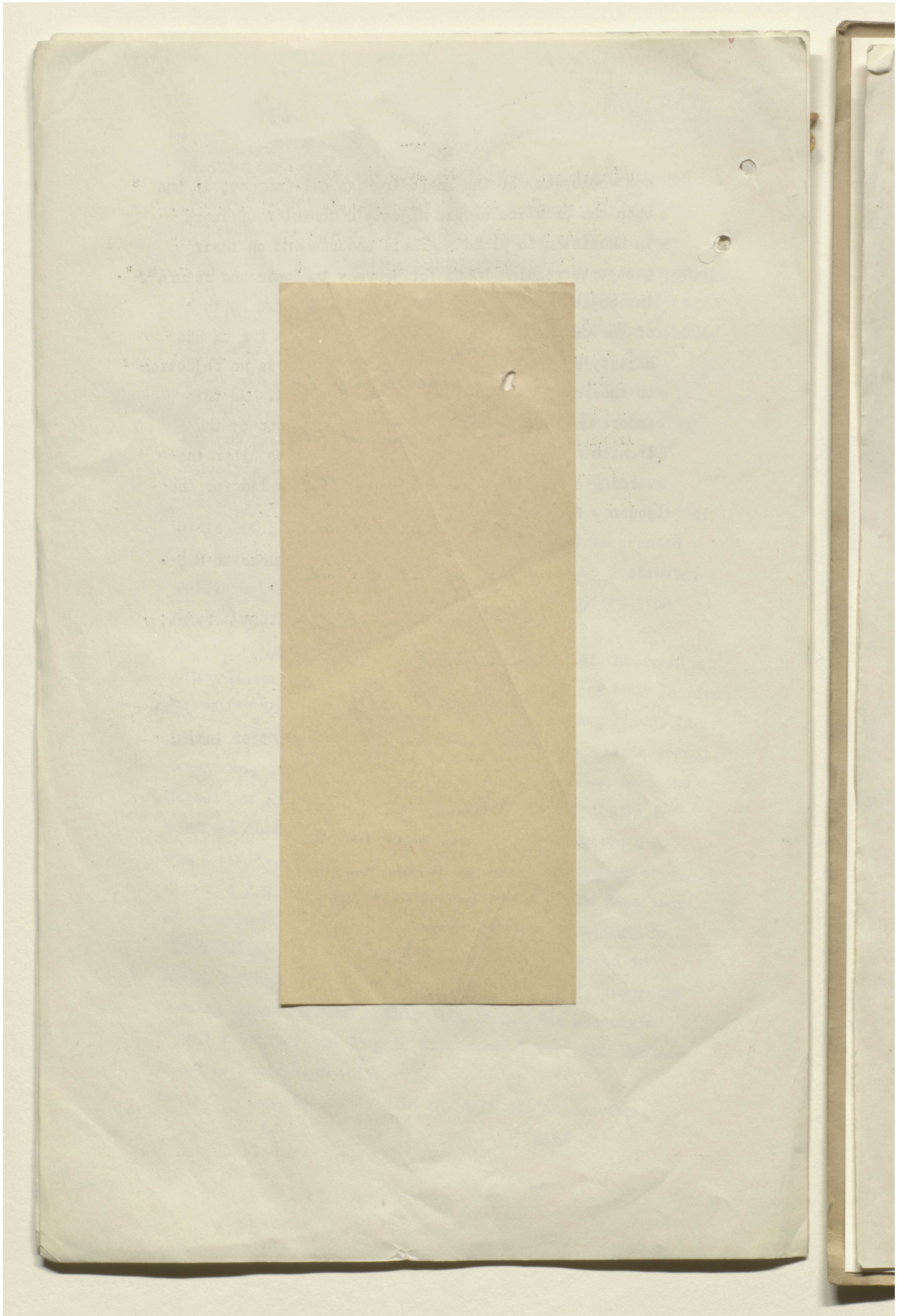
Yrs
A.P. 11/3

N. Palmer,

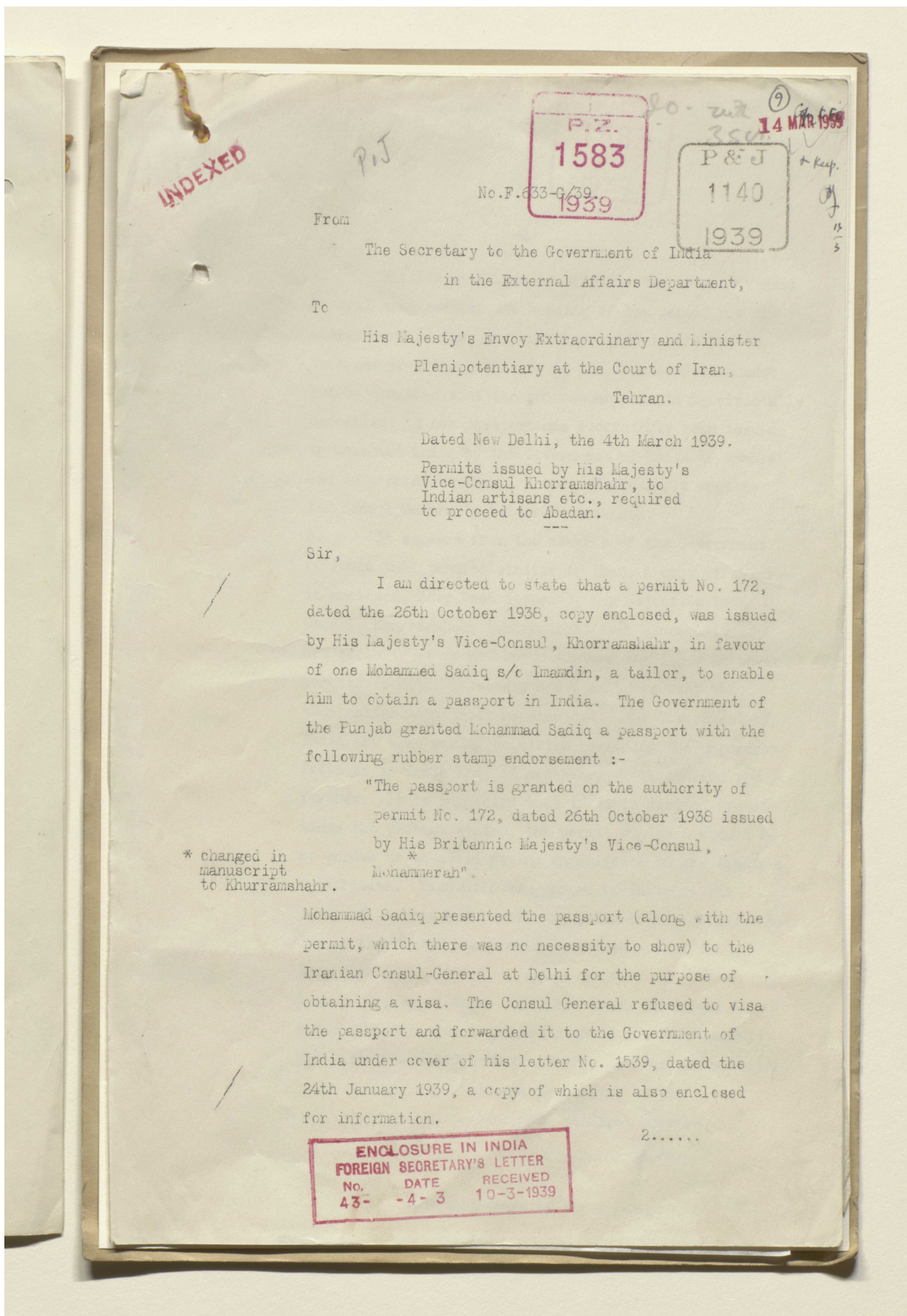
We might take this
over for the time being at
least until we see the report.
Please arrange.

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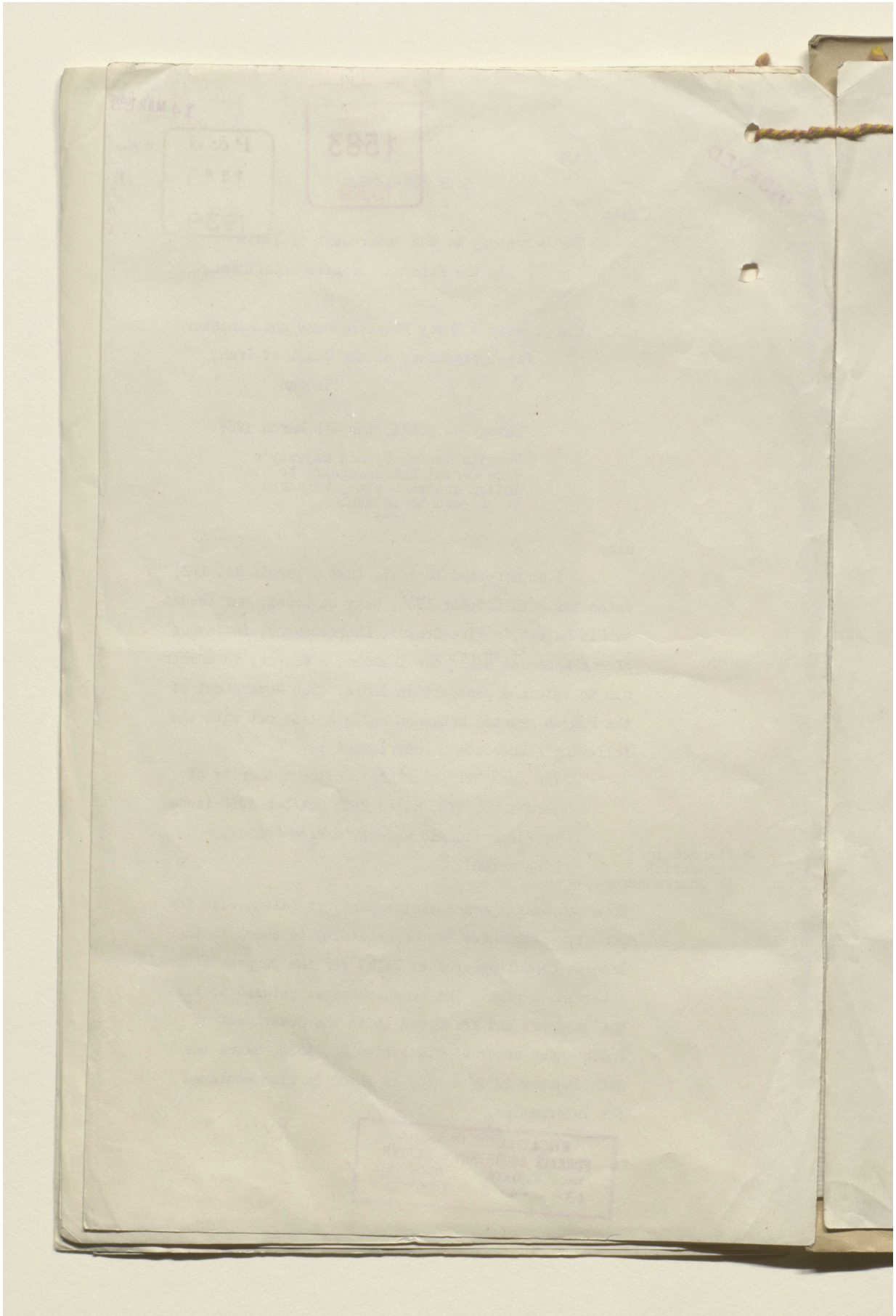
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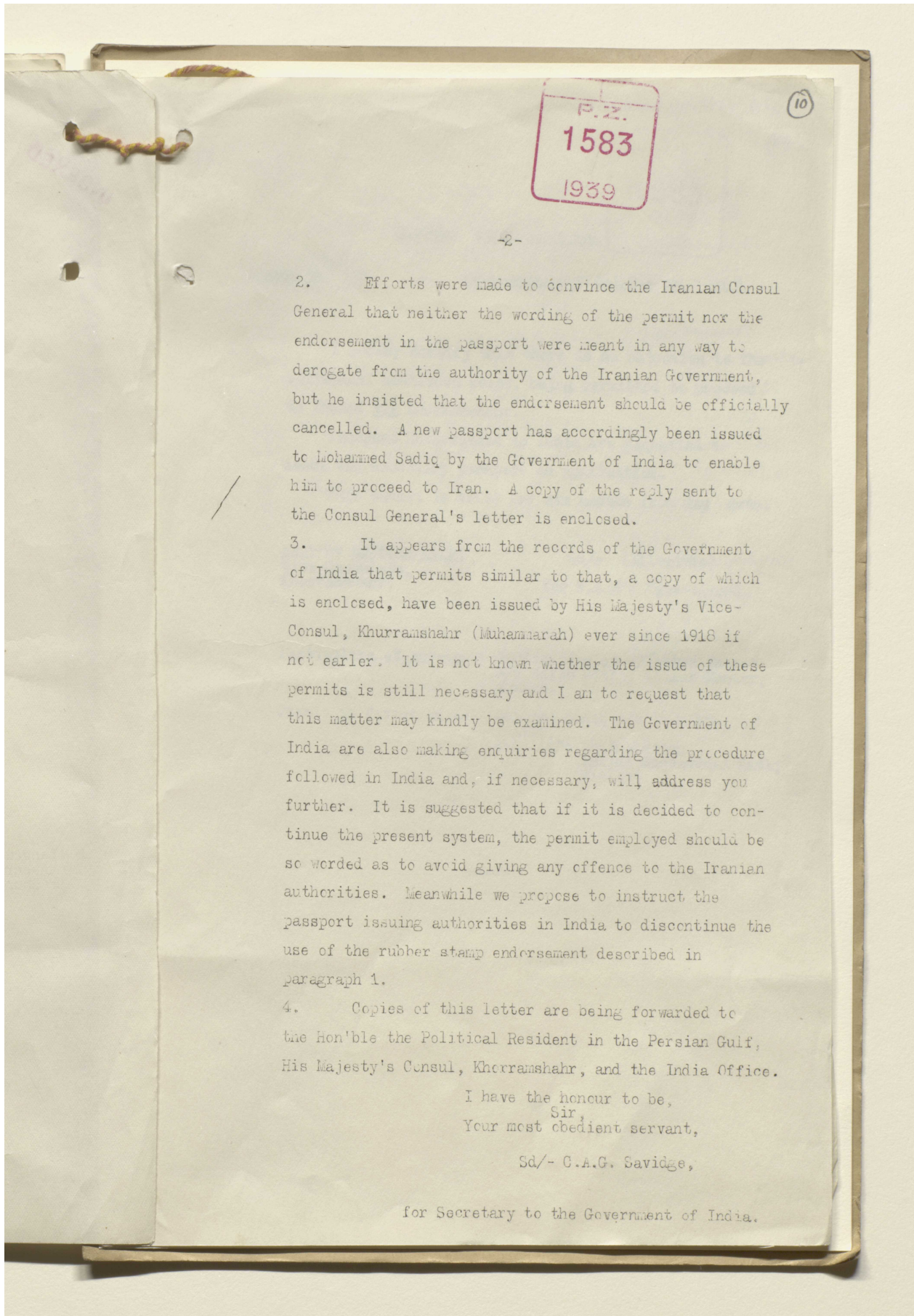
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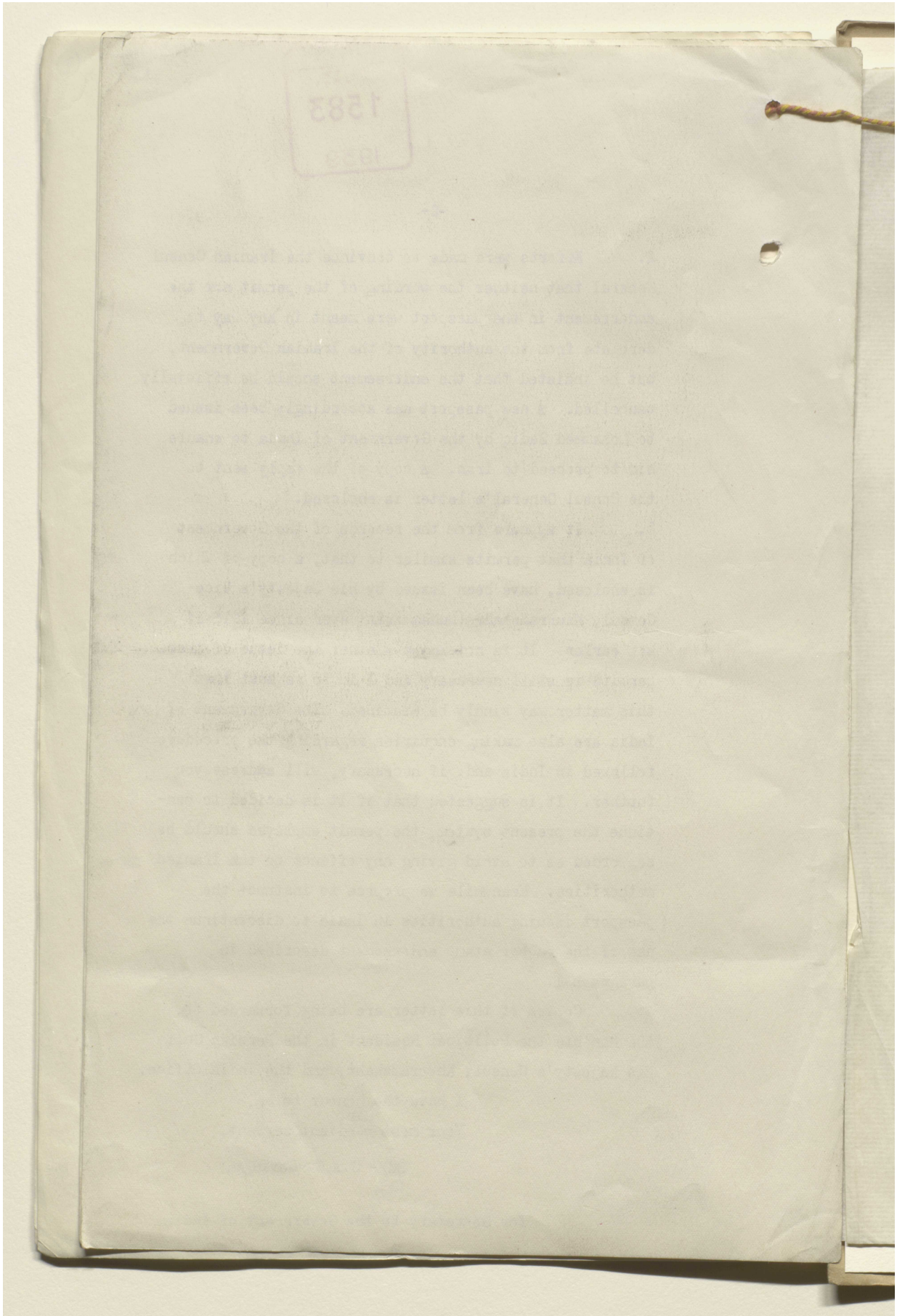
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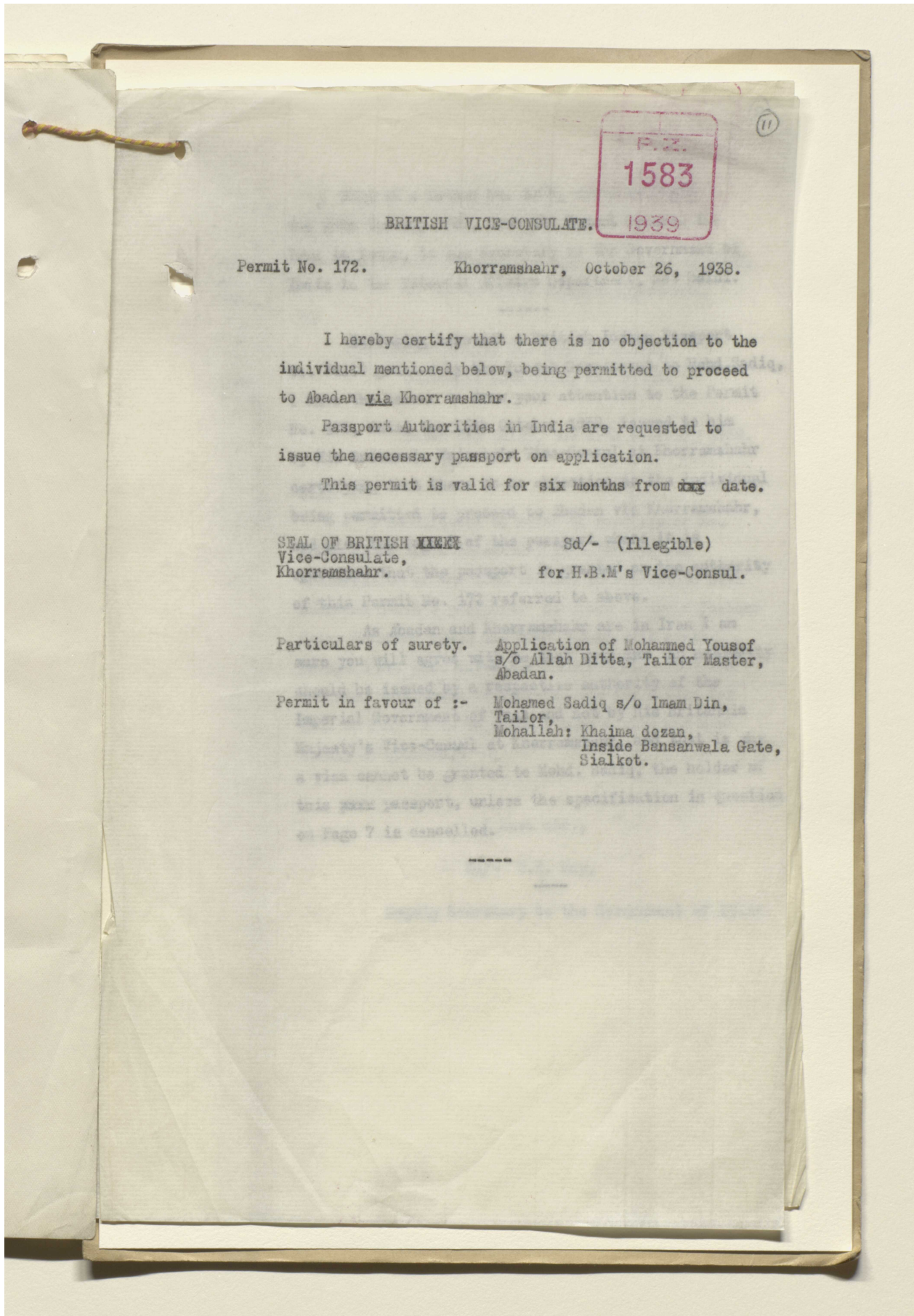
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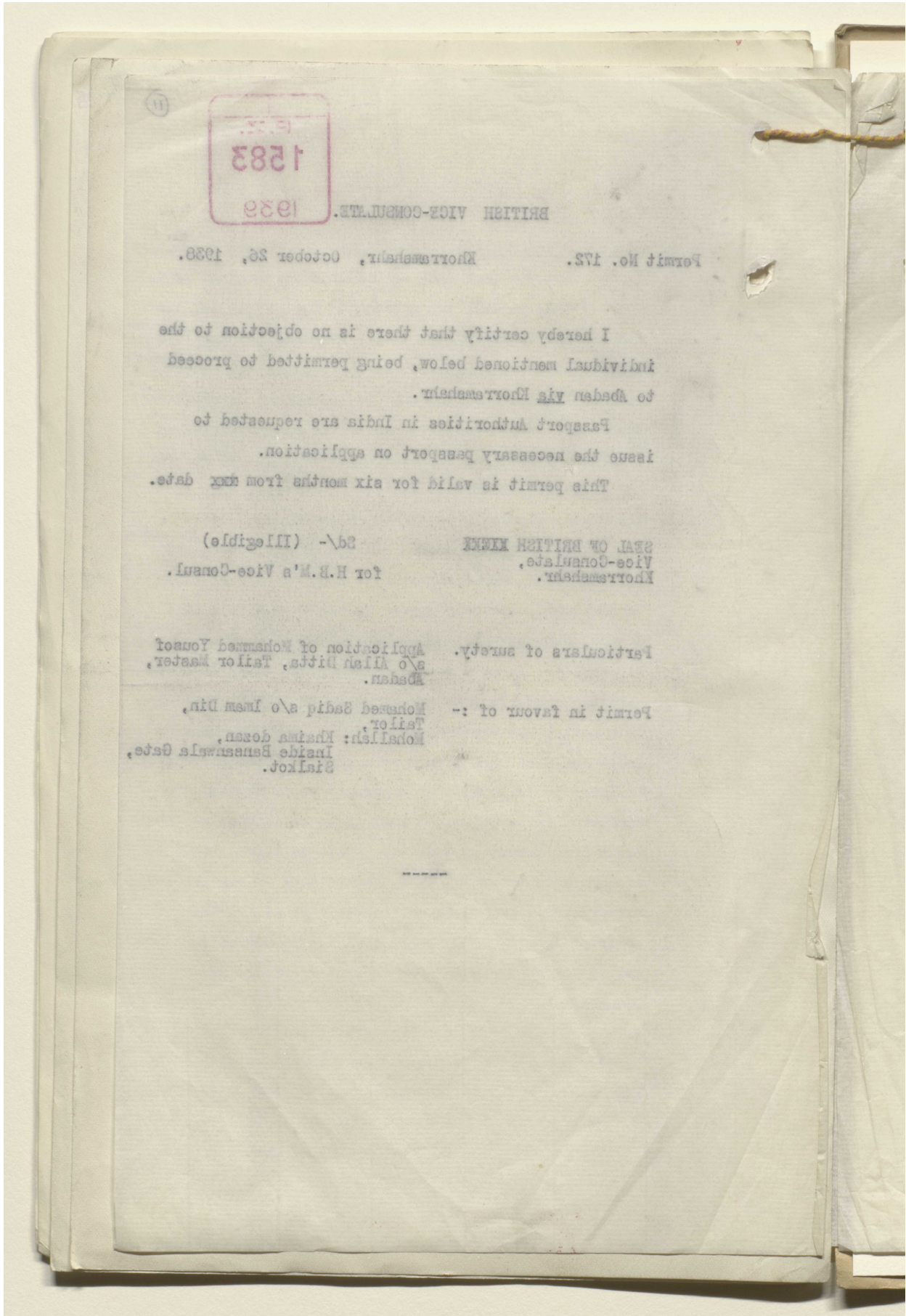
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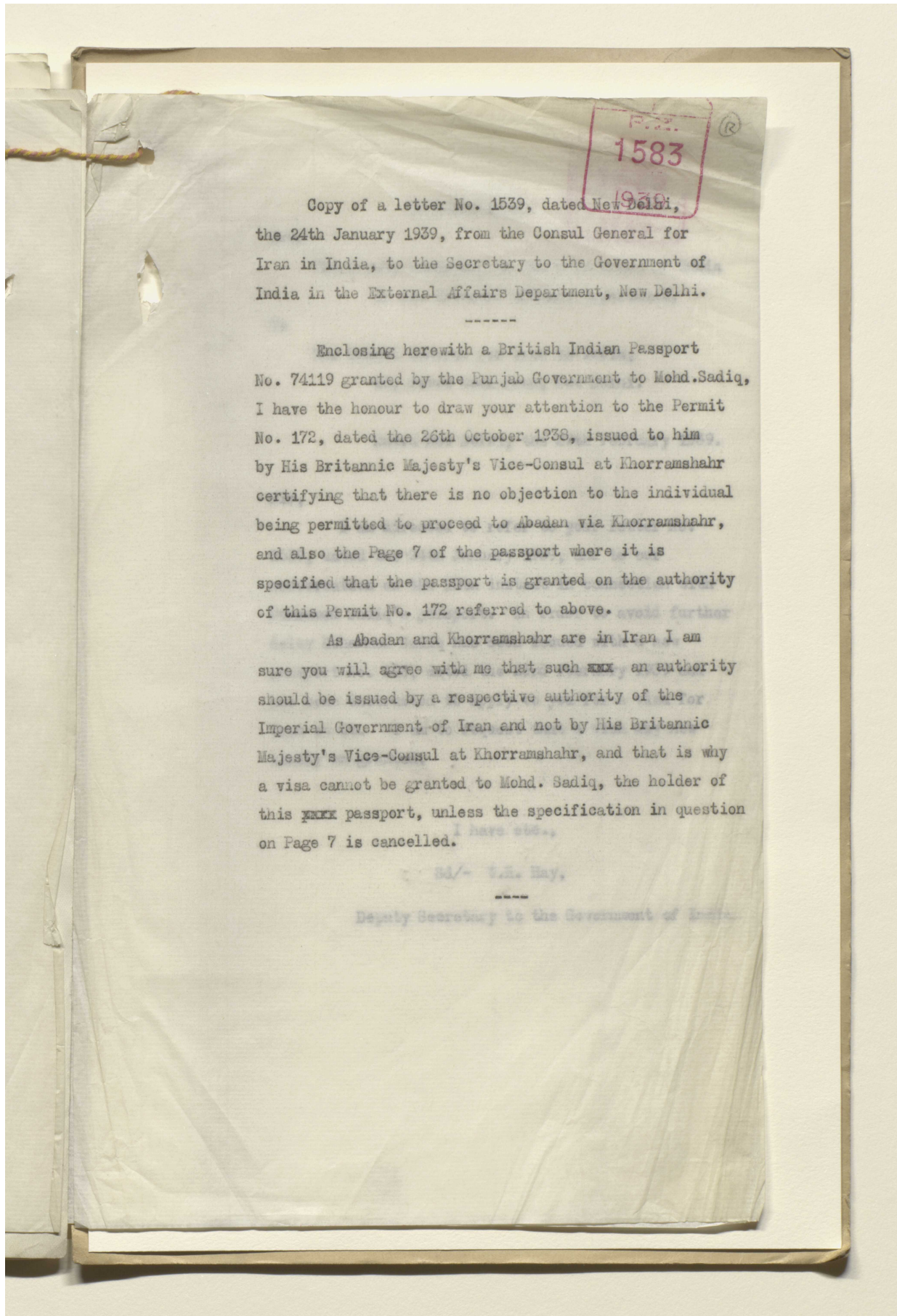
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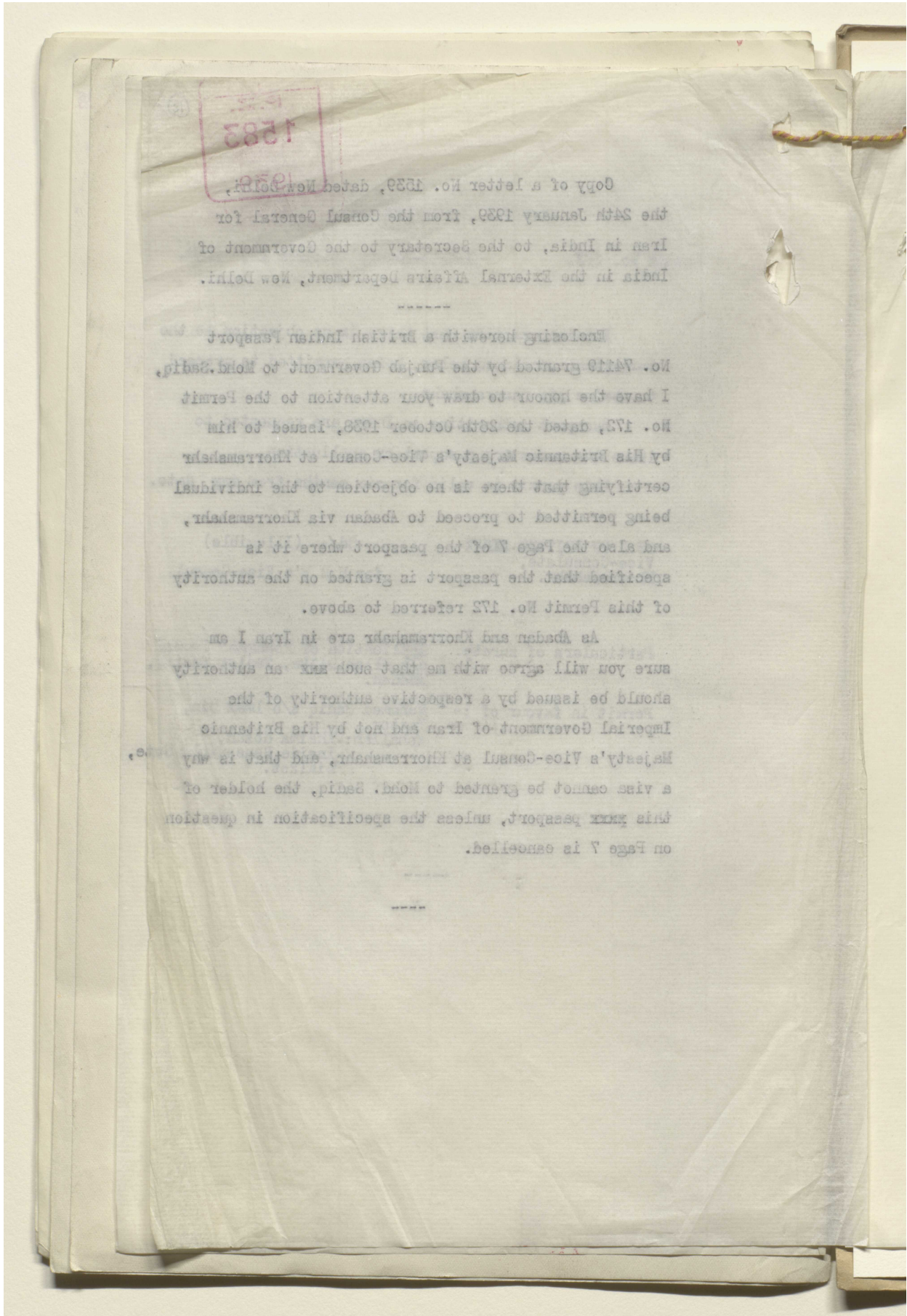
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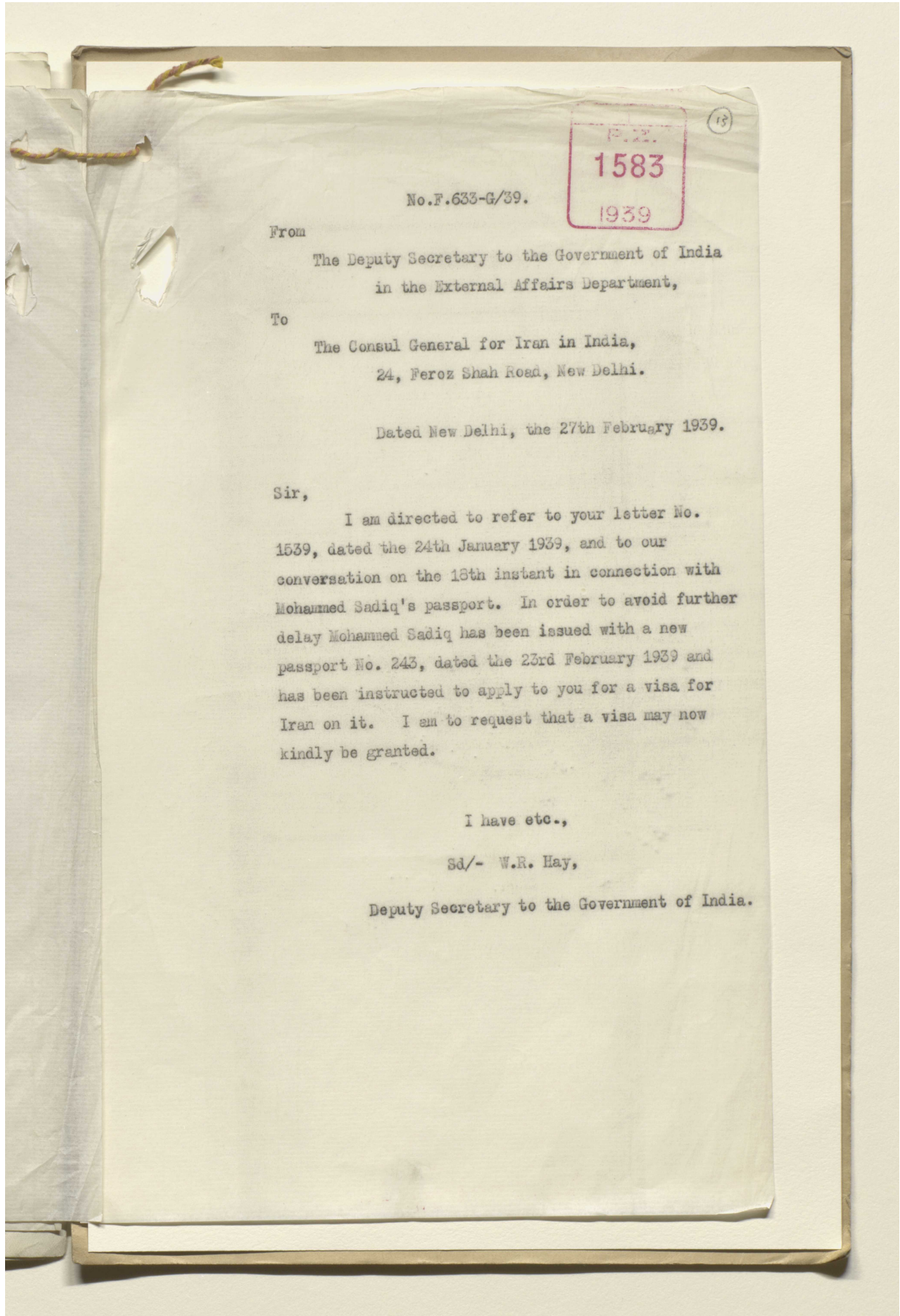
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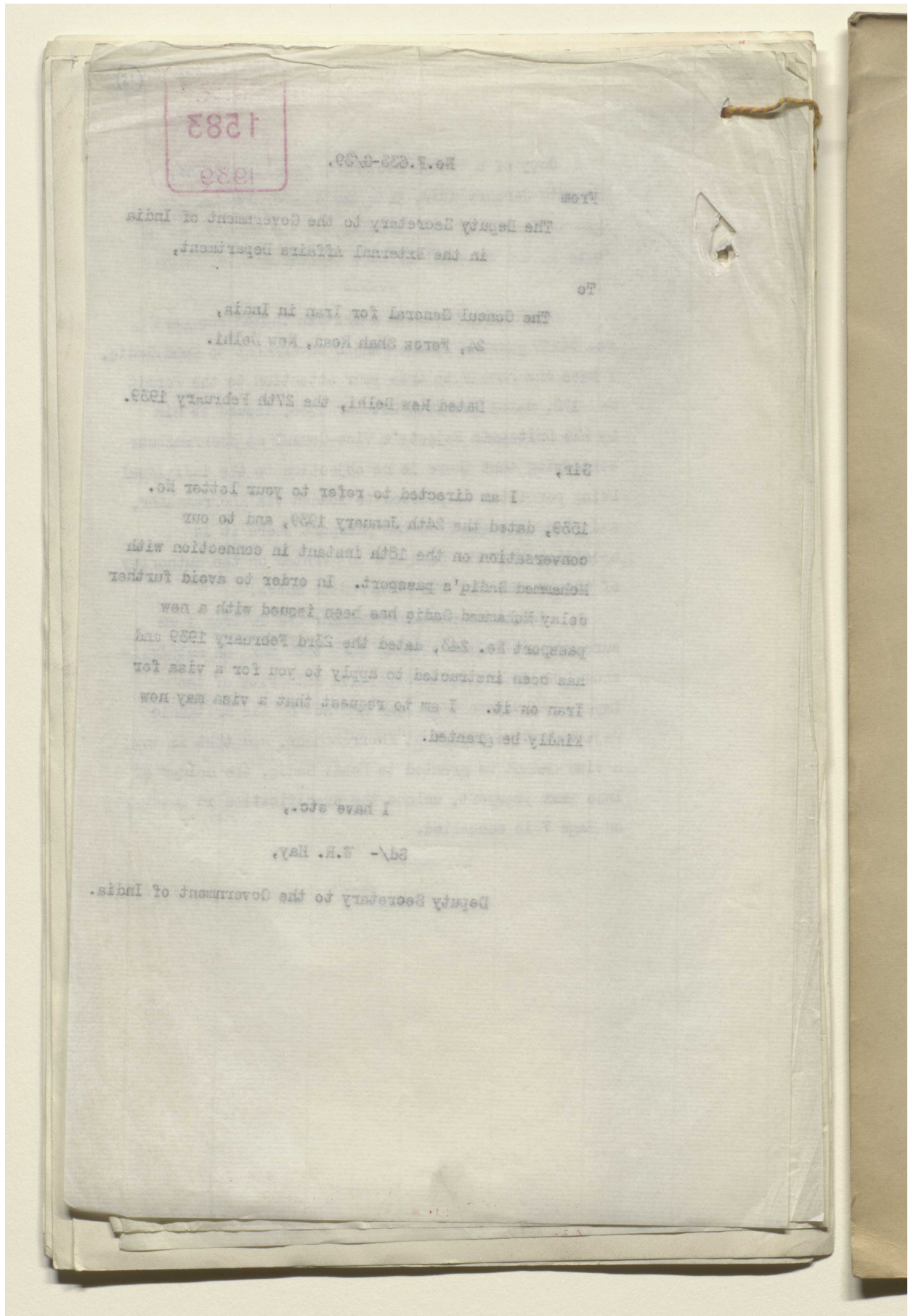
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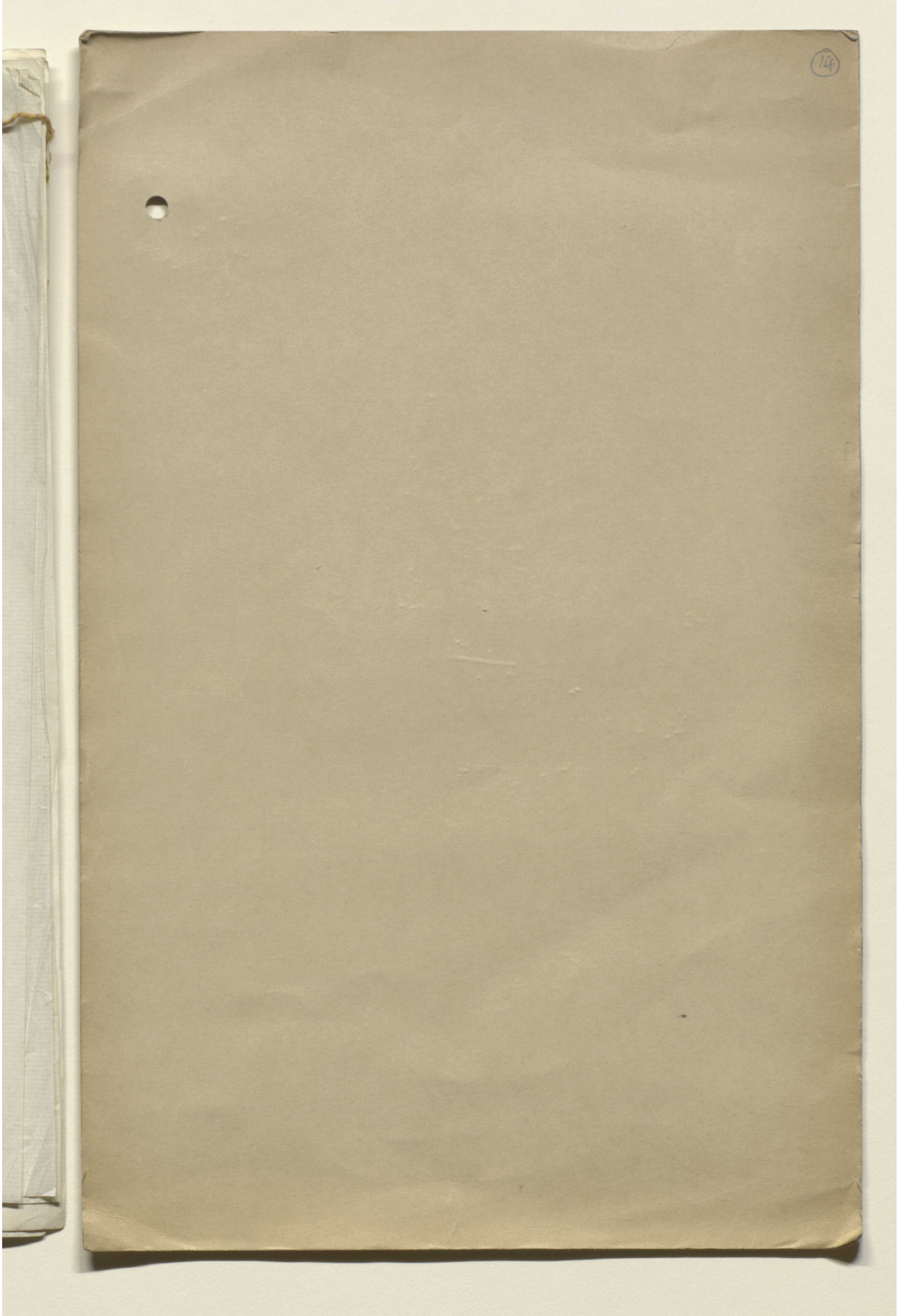
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