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### Coll 30/179 'Kuwait:- Buoying of Kadhama Channel.'

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#### About this record

The file contains correspondence concerning the temporary buoying of the channel to the Ras Kadhama anchorage, at the western end of Kuwait Bay. The request was made by the Kuwait Oil Company, to enable them to land oil well drilling material, and the work was carried out by the Persian Gulf lights and buoys ship *Nearchus*, which was under the control of the Port Director and Director-General of Navigation, Basra.

The file includes correspondence from the company, and an extract from a Kuwait intelligence summary, describing the company's pier at Ras Kadhama.

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GENERAL HEADING { Persian Gulf.

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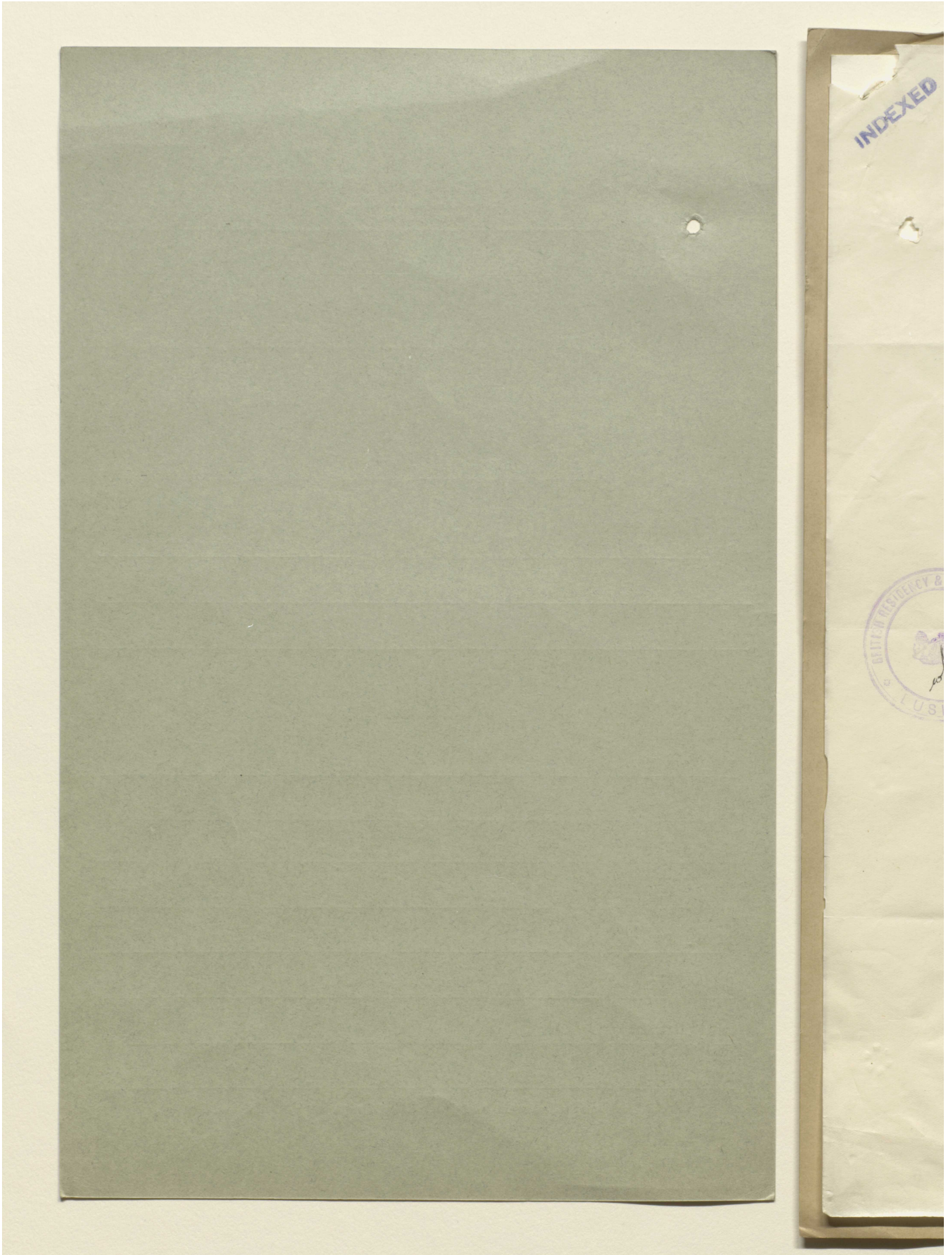
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2. The Secretary to the Government of India in the External Affairs Department, Simla.
3. The Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf.

and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned document (s).

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British Consulate-General,  
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Dated 4th June 1937.

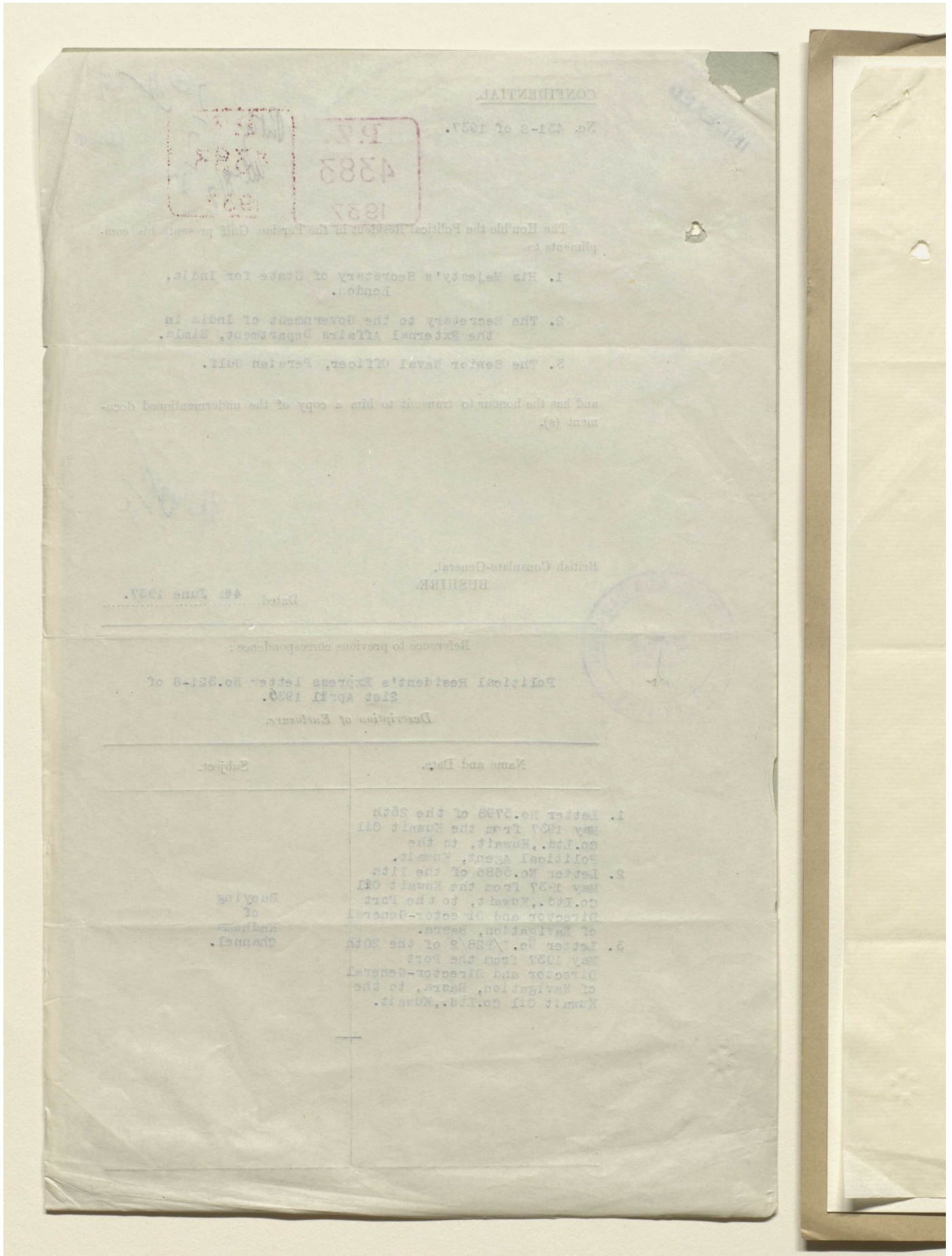


Reference to previous correspondence :

Political Resident's Express letter No.321-S of 21st April 1936.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
1. Letter No.5798 of the 25th May 1937 from the Kuwait Oil Co.Ltd.,Kuwait, to the Political Agent, Kuwait.	
2. Letter No.5686 of the 11th May 1937 from the Kuwait Oil Co.Ltd.,Kuwait, to the Port Director and Director-General of Navigation, Basra.	
3. Letter No.I/P28/2 of the 20th May 1937 from the Port Director and Director-General of Navigation, Basra, to the Kuwait Oil Co.Ltd.,Kuwait.	Buoying of Kadhama Channel.



(Received under Kuwait Printed letter No.C-147 of 27th May 1937).

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Copy of a letter No.5798 of the 25th May 1937 from the Kuwait Oil Company Ltd. to the Political Agent, Kuwait.

We have the honour to forward for your information copies of correspondence that has taken place between the Basrah Port Authority and ourselves regarding the termination of the Buoying arrangements at the Kadhamah anchorage.

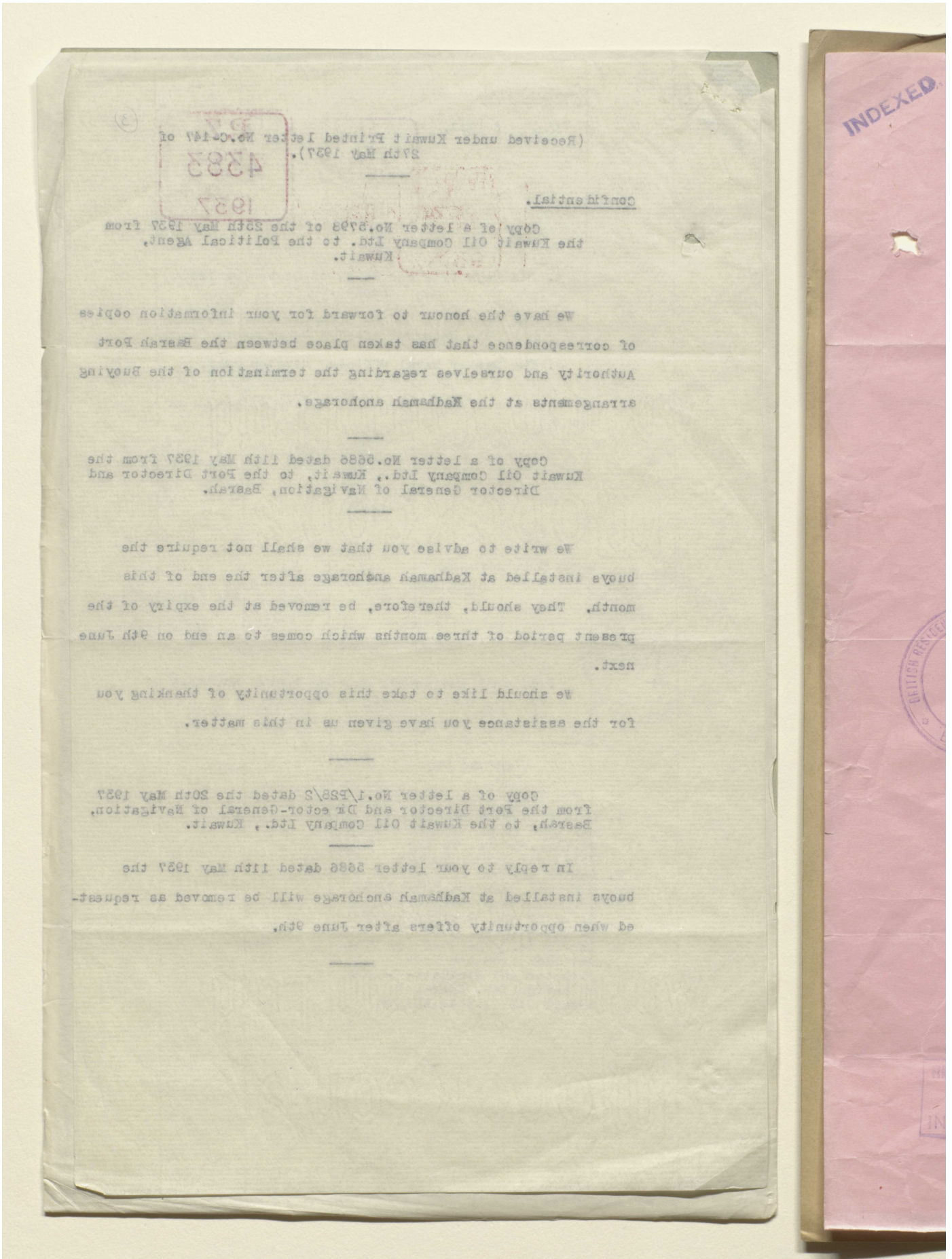
Copy of a letter No.5686 dated 11th May 1937 from the Kuwait Oil Company Ltd., Kuwait, to the Port Director and Director General of Navigation, Basrah.

We write to advise you that we shall not require the buoys installed at Kadhamah anchorage after the end of this month. They should, therefore, be removed at the expiry of the present period of three months which comes to an end on 9th June next.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the assistance you have given us in this matter.

Copy of a letter No.1/P28/2 dated the 20th May 1937 from the Port Director and Director-General of Navigation, Basrah, to the Kuwait Oil Company Ltd., Kuwait.

In reply to your letter 5686 dated 11th May 1937 the buoys installed at Kadhamah anchorage will be removed as requested when opportunity offers after June 9th.



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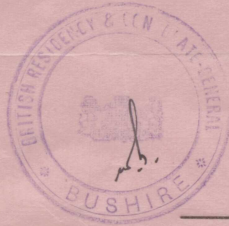
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British Consulate-General, BUSHIRE. Dated....13th May 1937....

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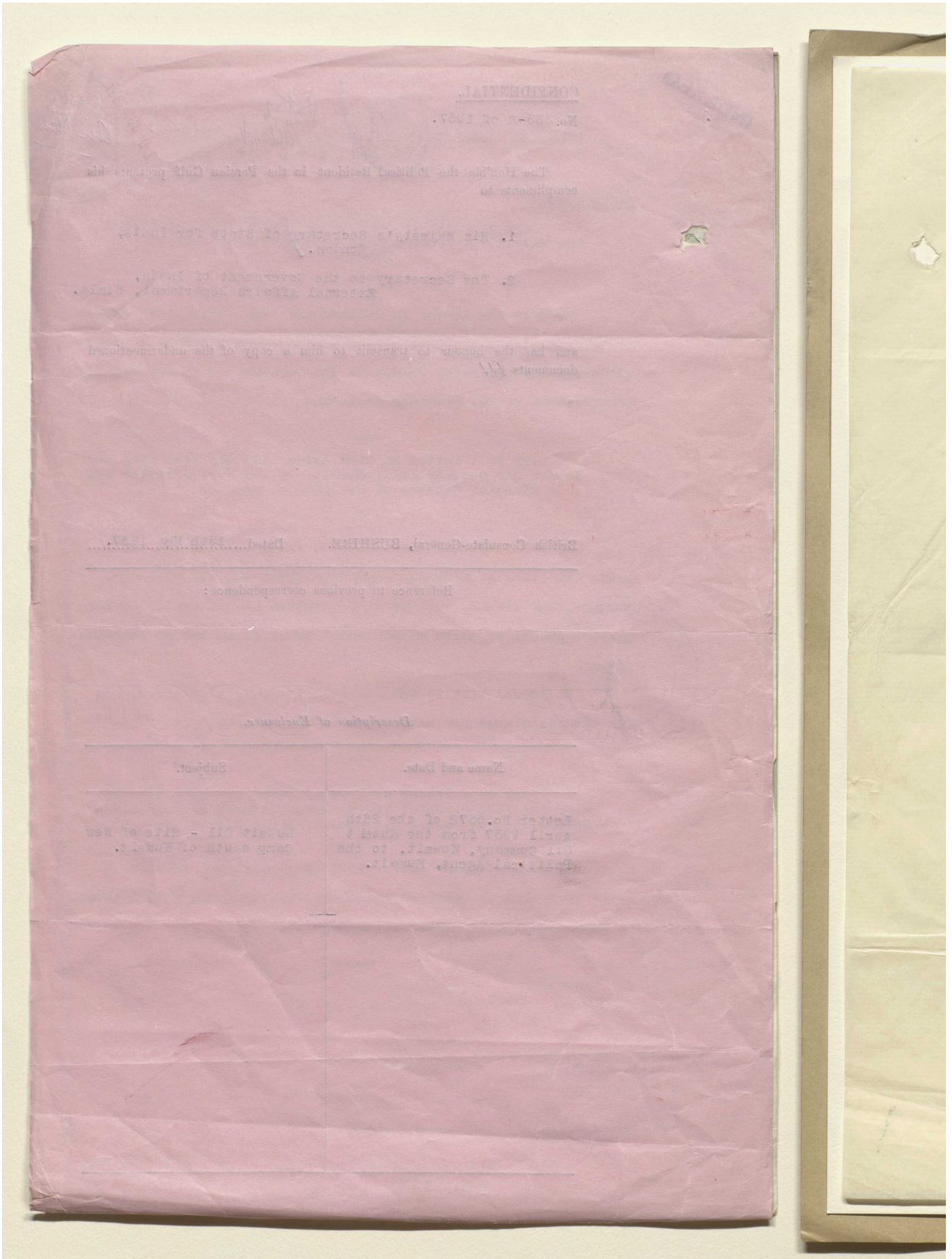


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Letter No.5572 of the 26th April 1937 from the Kuwait Oil Company, Kuwait, to the Political Agent, Kuwait.	Kuwait Oil - Site of New Camp south of Kuwait.

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(Received under Kuwait Printed letter No.C-130-A of the 30th April 1937).

Copy.

KUWAIT OIL COMPANY LTD.

Kuwait,  
26th April, 1937.

No.5572.

H.M.'s Political Agent,

KUWAIT.

Sir,

Site of New Camp South of Kuwait.

We have the honour to inform you that the site of the new drilling Camp to be erected South of Kuwait, has now been selected, and will be located as follows:-

Camp site, Immediately on the west side of the direct Kuwait-Subahiyeh road (at approx.Mile 14) and 2 miles north of the ridge immediately overlooking Malah wells.

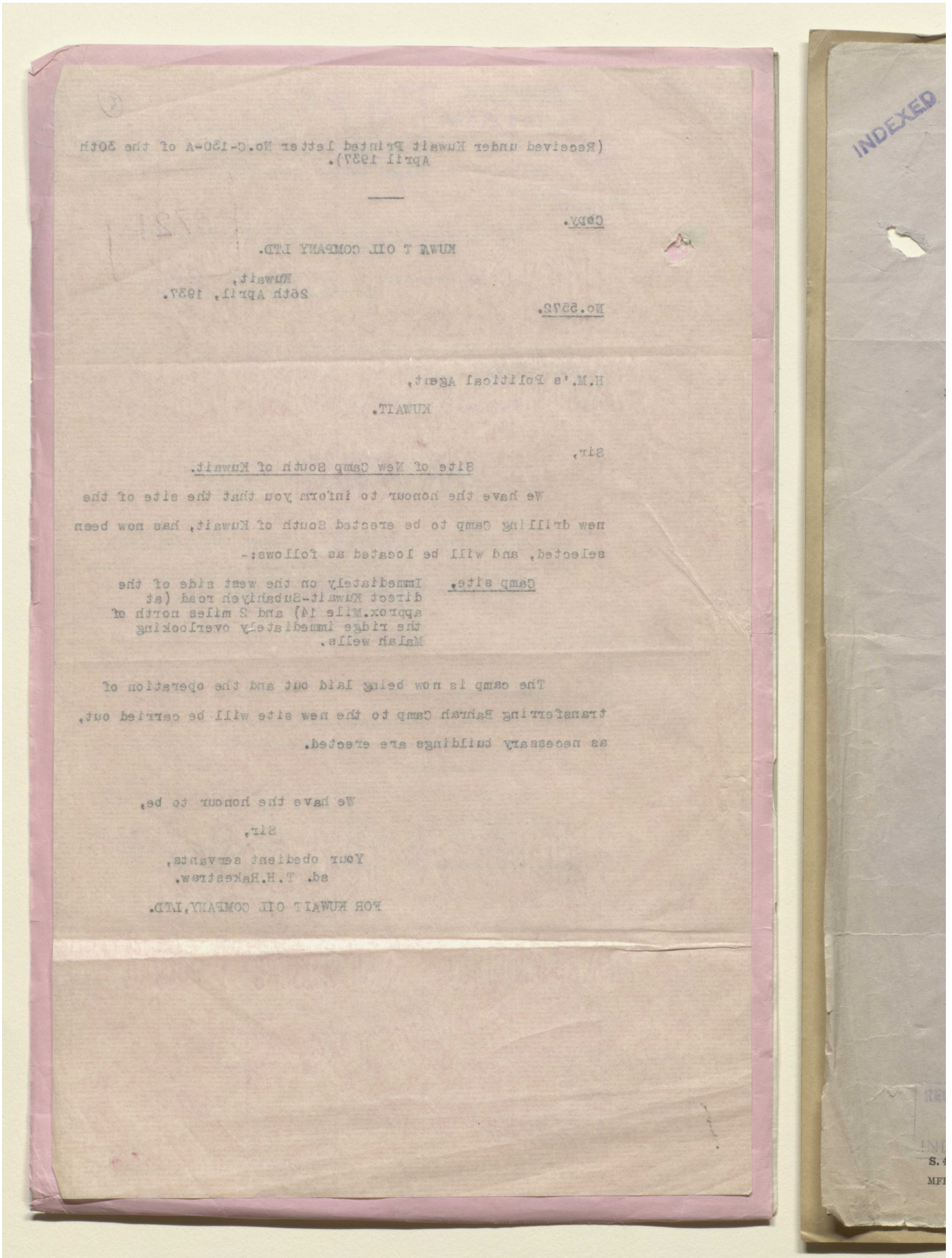
The camp is now being laid out and the operation of transferring Bahrah Camp to the new site will be carried out, as necessary buildings are erected.

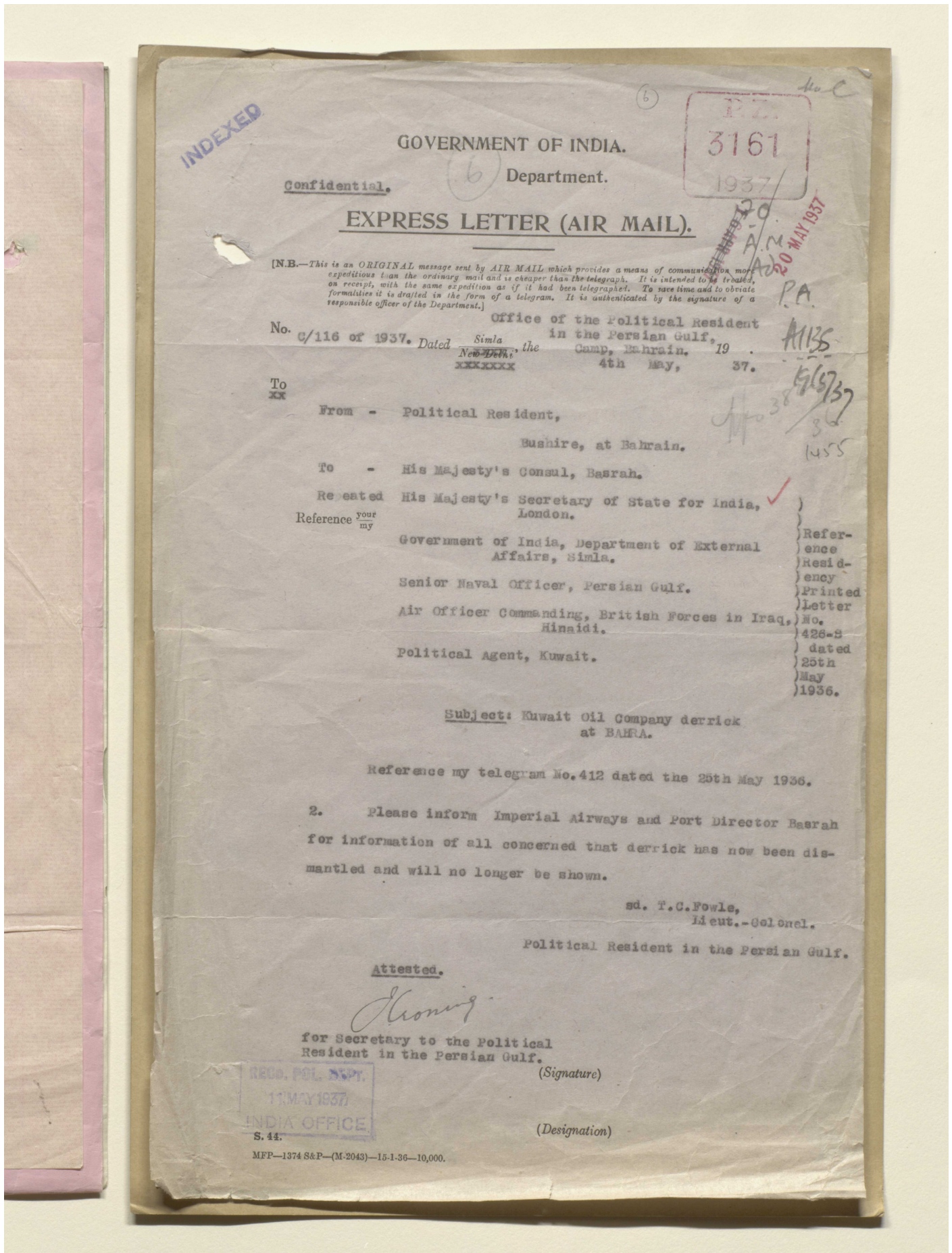
We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,  
sd. T.H.Rakestraw.

FOR KUWAIT OIL COMPANY,LTD.





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No. c/116 of 1937. Dated Simla the 4th ~~XXXXXXX~~ MAY, 1937.  
Office of the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Camp, Bahrain.

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From - Political Resident,

Bushire, at Bahrain.

To - His Majesty's Consul, Basrah.

Re ceated His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, London.

Reference your my

Government of India, Department of External Affairs, Simla.

Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf.

Air Officer Commanding, British Forces in Iraq, Hinaidi.

Political Agent, Kuwait.

Subject: Kuwait Oil Company derrick at BAHRA.

Reference my telegram No.412 dated the 25th May 1936.

2. Please inform Imperial Airways and Port Director Basrah for information of all concerned that derrick has now been dismantled and will no longer be shown.

sd. T.C.Fowle,  
Lieut.-Colonel.

Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Attested.

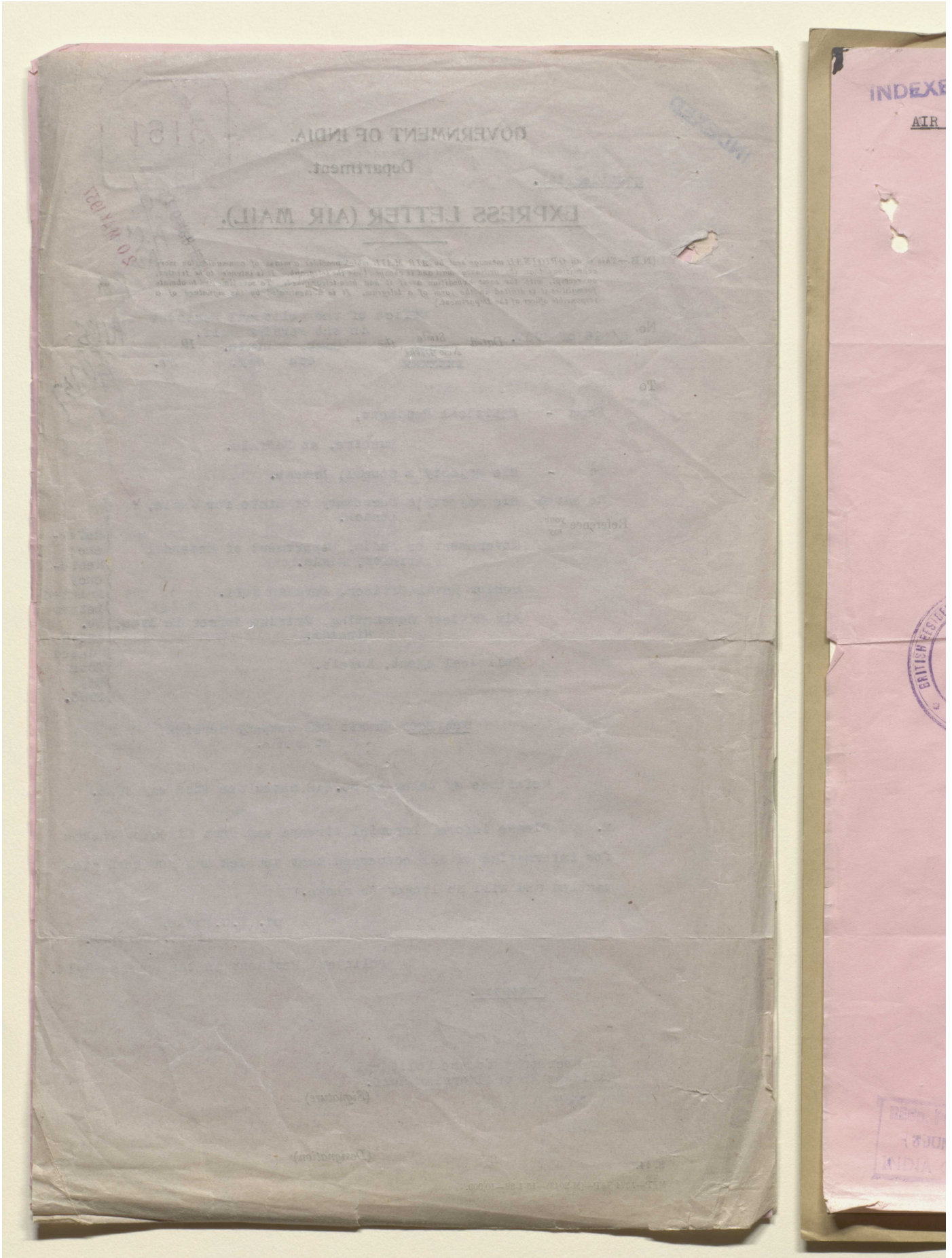
for Secretary to the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

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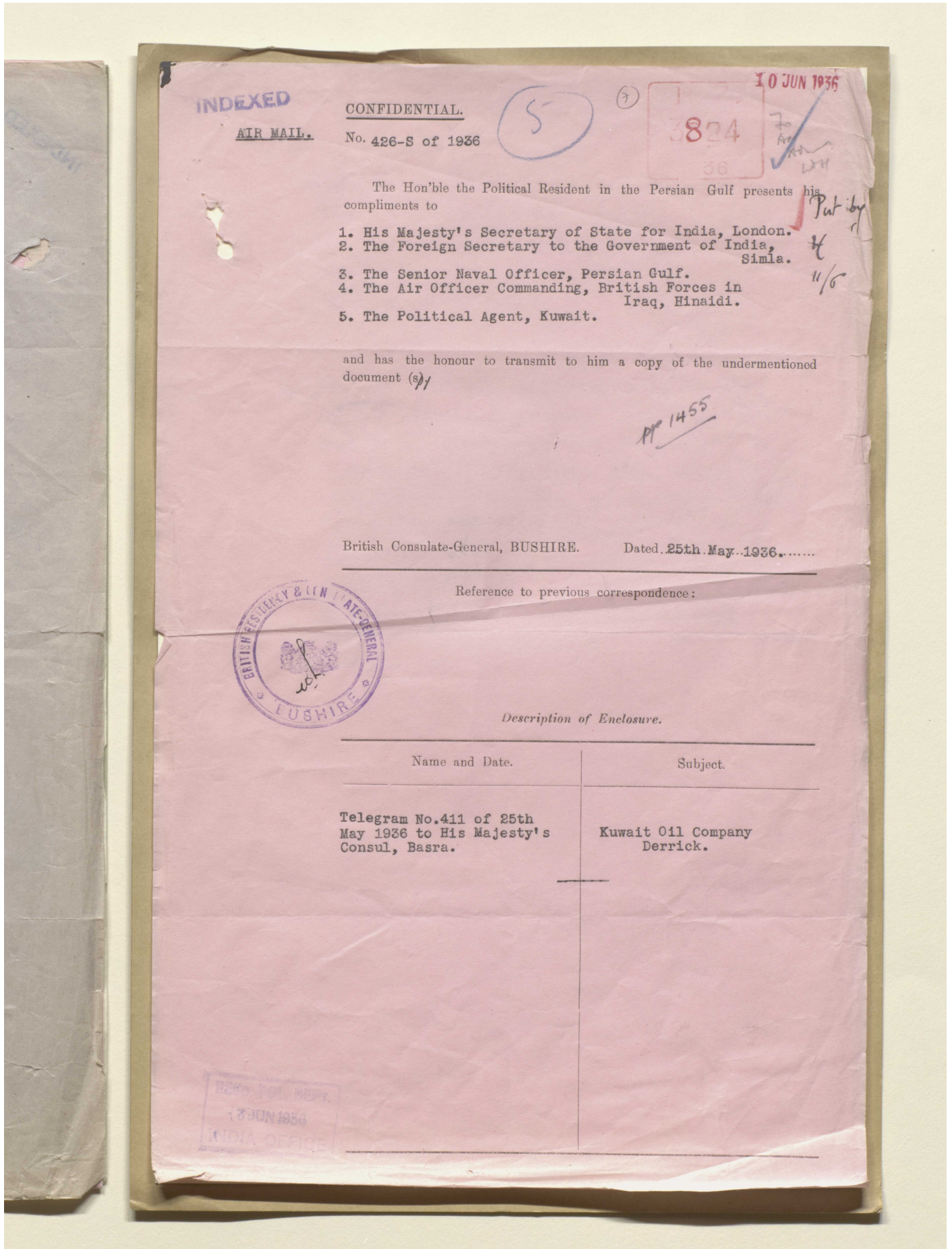
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5. The Political Agent, Kuwait.

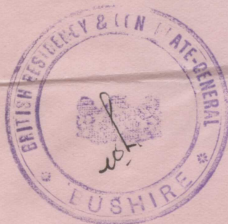
and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned document (s)

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British Consulate-General, BUSHIRE.

Dated. 25th. May. 1936.....

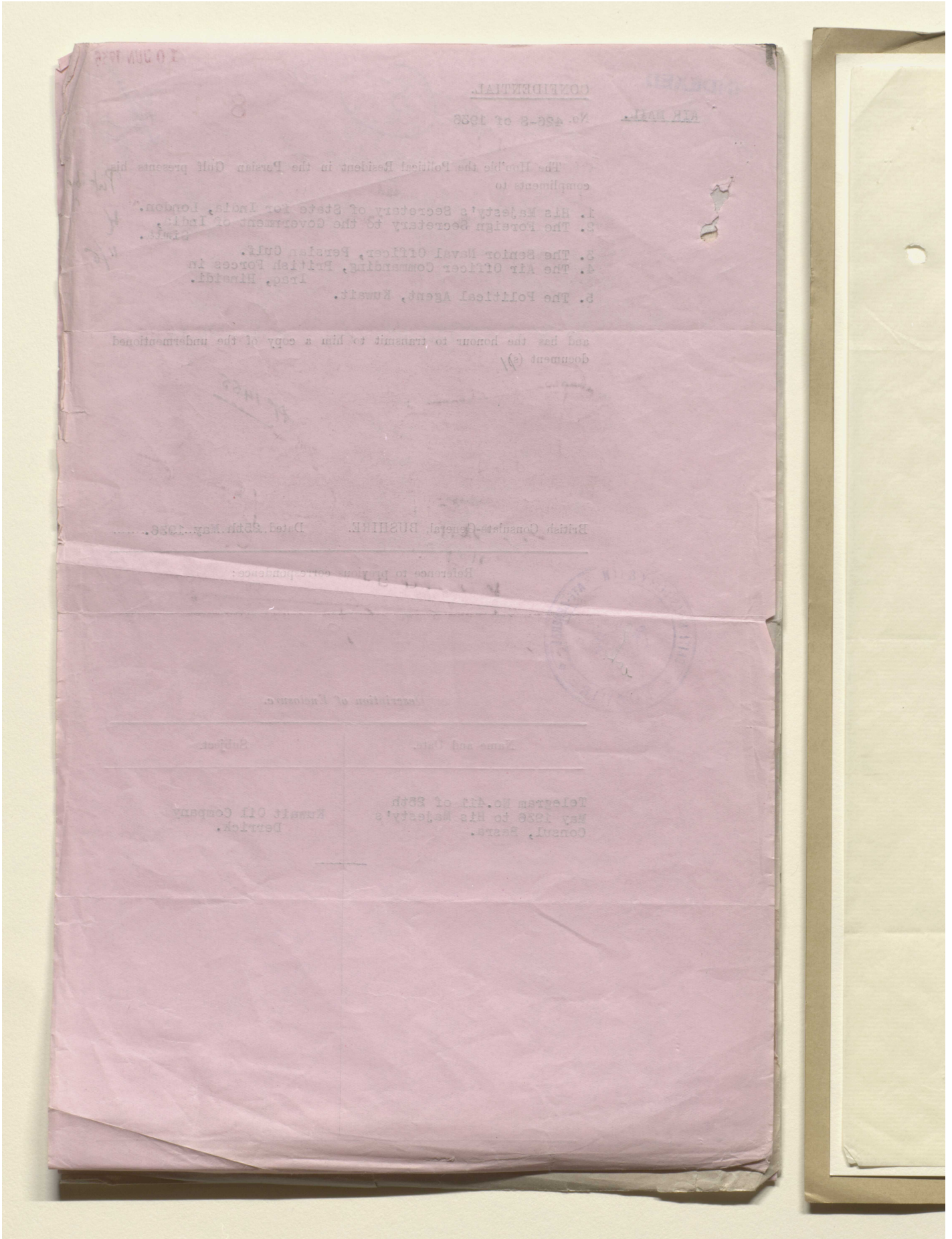
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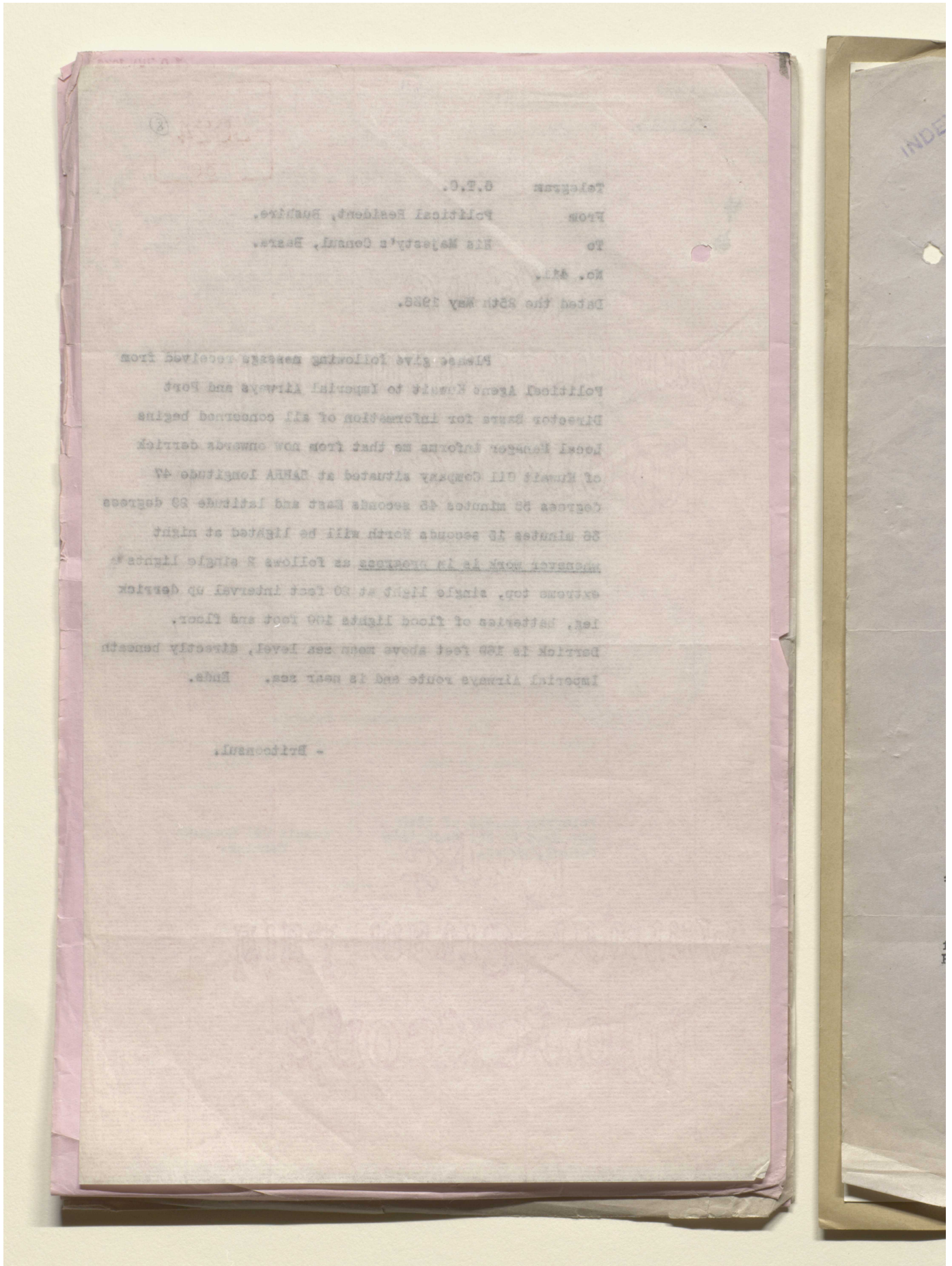
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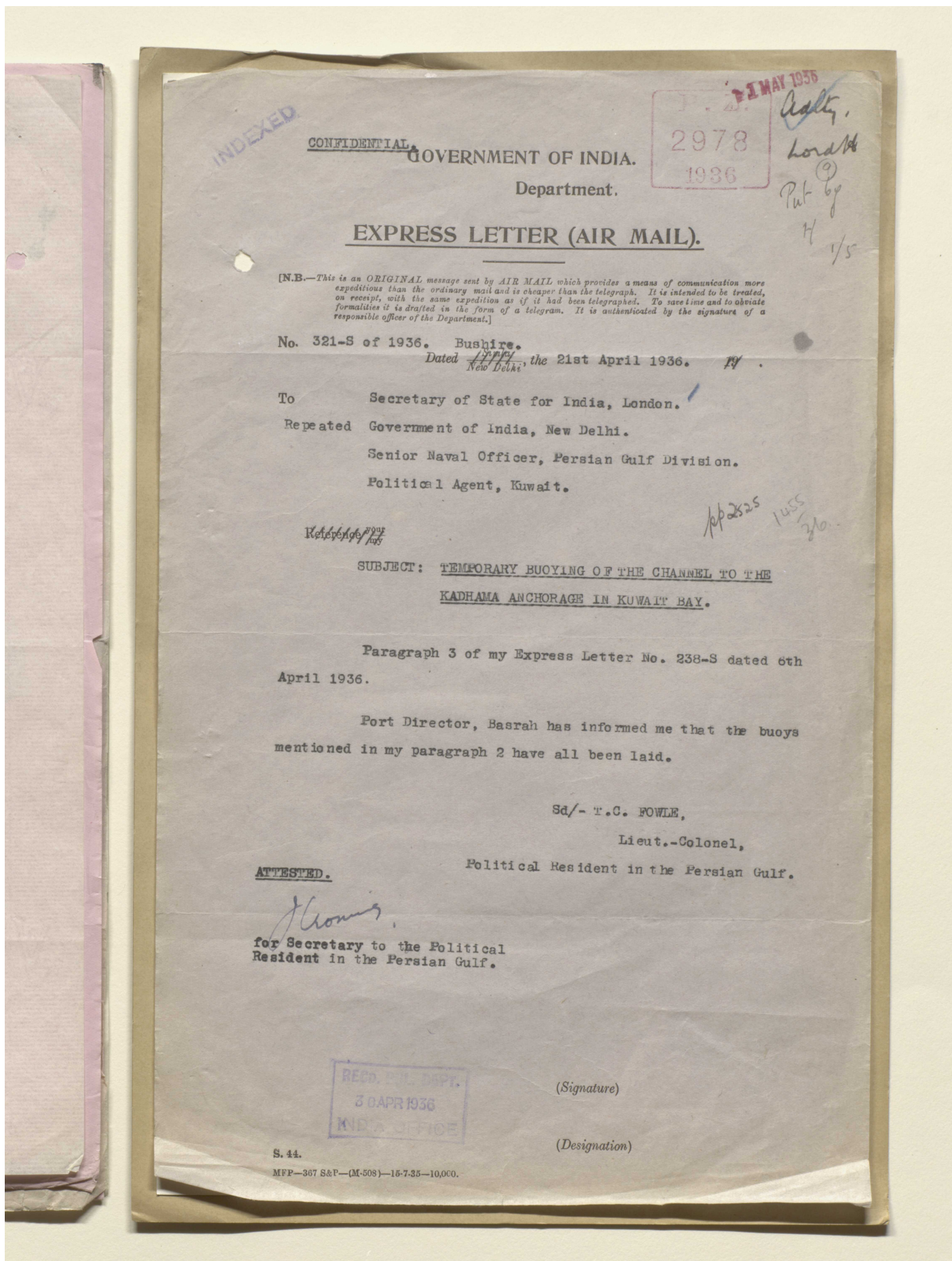
Telegram G.T.C.  
From Political Resident, Bushire.  
To His Majesty's Consul, Basra.  
No. 411.  
Dated the 25th May 1936.

Please give following message received from Political Agent Kuwait to Imperial Airways and Port Director Basra for information of all concerned begins Local Manager informs me that from now onwards derrick of Kuwait Oil Company situated at BAHRA longitude 47 degrees 58 minutes 45 seconds East and latitude 29 degrees 36 minutes 15 seconds North will be lighted at night whenever work is in progress as follows 2 single lights extreme top, single light at 20 feet interval up derrick leg, batteries of flood lights 100 foot and floor. Derrick is 169 feet above mean sea level, directly beneath Imperial Airways route and is near sea. Ends.

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No. 321-S of 1936. Bushire.  
Dated ~~19/4/36~~ the 21st April 1936. 19 .  
New Delhi

To Secretary of State for India, London.  
Repeated Government of India, New Delhi.  
Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf Division.  
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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BUOYING OF THE CHANNEL TO THE  
KADHAMA ANCHORAGE IN KUWAIT BAY.

Paragraph 3 of my Express Letter No. 238-S dated 6th April 1936.

Port Director, Basrah has informed me that the buoys mentioned in my paragraph 2 have all been laid.

Sd/- T.C. FOWLE,  
Lieut.-Colonel,  
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

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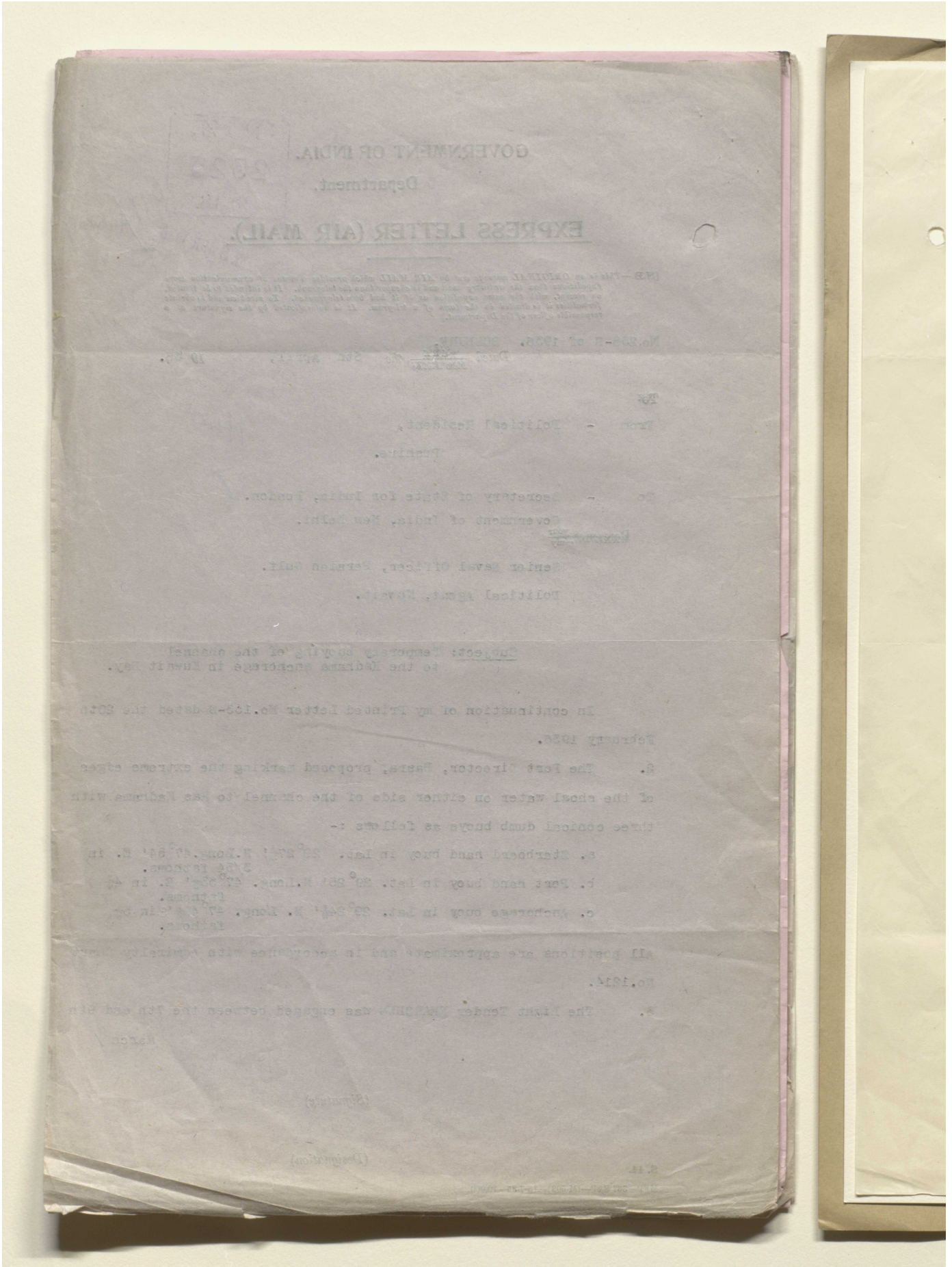
*J. Lewis*  
for Secretary to the Political  
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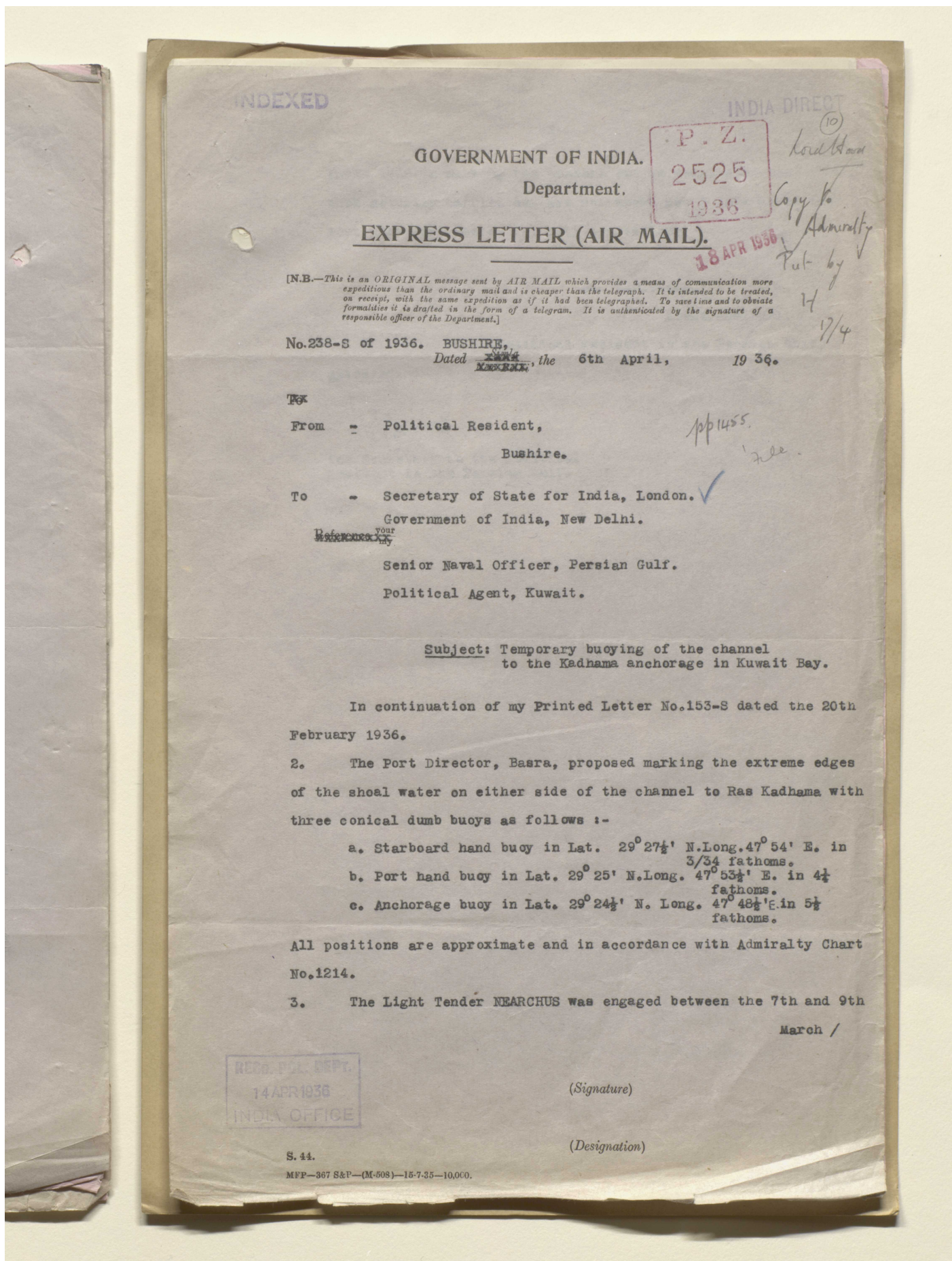
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No.238-S of 1936. BUSHIRE,  
Dated ~~XXXX~~ the 6th April, 19 36.

To

From - Political Resident,  
Bushire.

10/14/36

To - Secretary of State for India, London.  
Government of India, New Delhi.

Reference to your

Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf.  
Political Agent, Kuwait.

**Subject:** Temporary buoying of the channel  
to the Kadhama anchorage in Kuwait Bay.

In continuation of my Printed Letter No.153-S dated the 20th February 1936.

2. The Port Director, Basra, proposed marking the extreme edges of the shoal water on either side of the channel to Ras Kadhama with three conical dumb buoys as follows :-

- a. Starboard hand buoy in Lat.  $29^{\circ} 27\frac{1}{2}'$  N. Long.  $47^{\circ} 54'$  E. in  $3\frac{3}{4}$  fathoms.
- b. Port hand buoy in Lat.  $29^{\circ} 25'$  N. Long.  $47^{\circ} 53\frac{1}{2}'$  E. in  $4\frac{1}{2}$  fathoms.
- c. Anchorage buoy in Lat.  $29^{\circ} 24\frac{1}{2}'$  N. Long.  $47^{\circ} 48\frac{1}{2}'$  E. in  $5\frac{1}{2}$  fathoms.

All positions are approximate and in accordance with Admiralty Chart No.1214.

3. The Light Tender NEARCHUS was engaged between the 7th and 9th March /

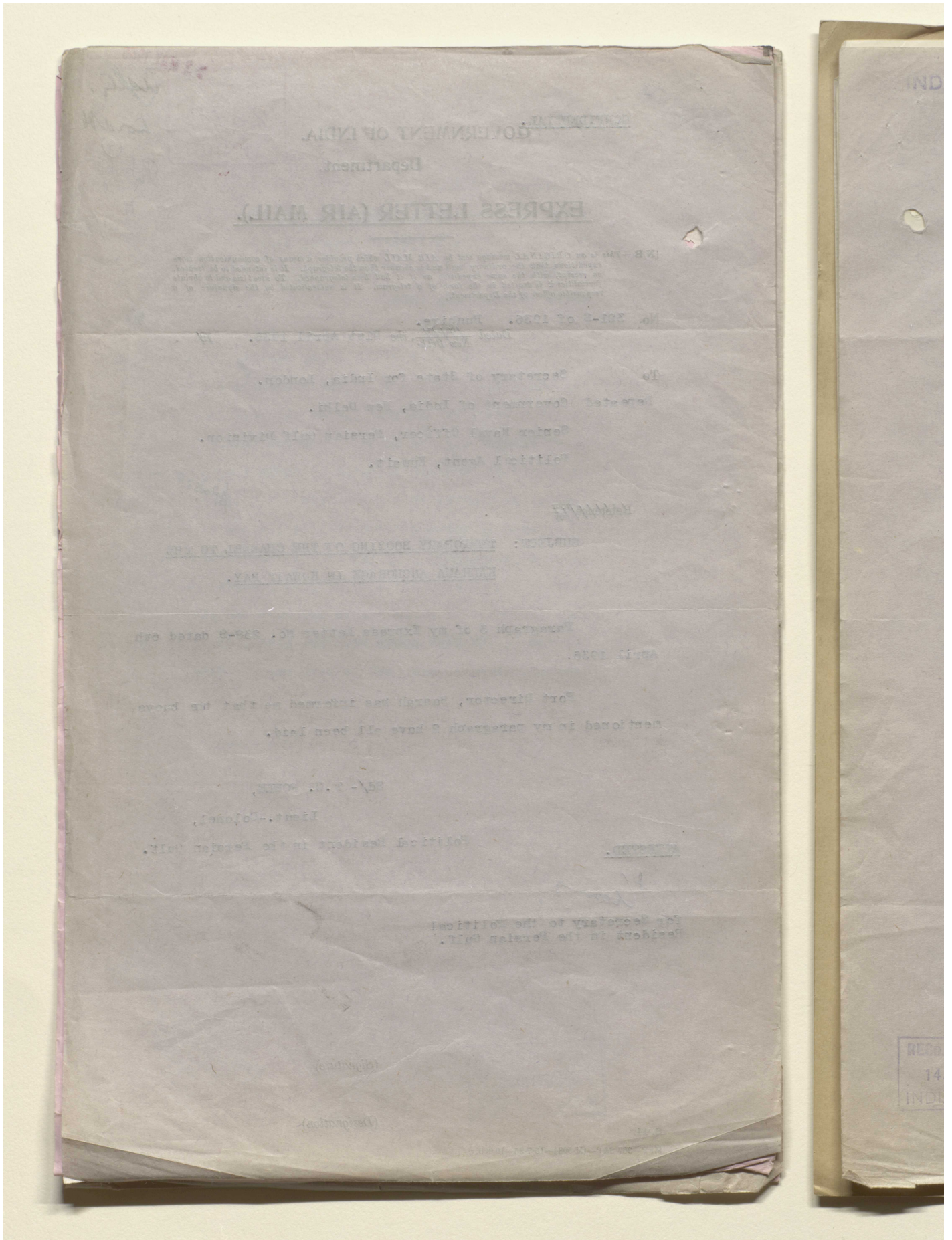
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March 1936 in marking the channel but as details of the work actually carried out are not known yet I have asked the Port Director, Basra, for full particulars.

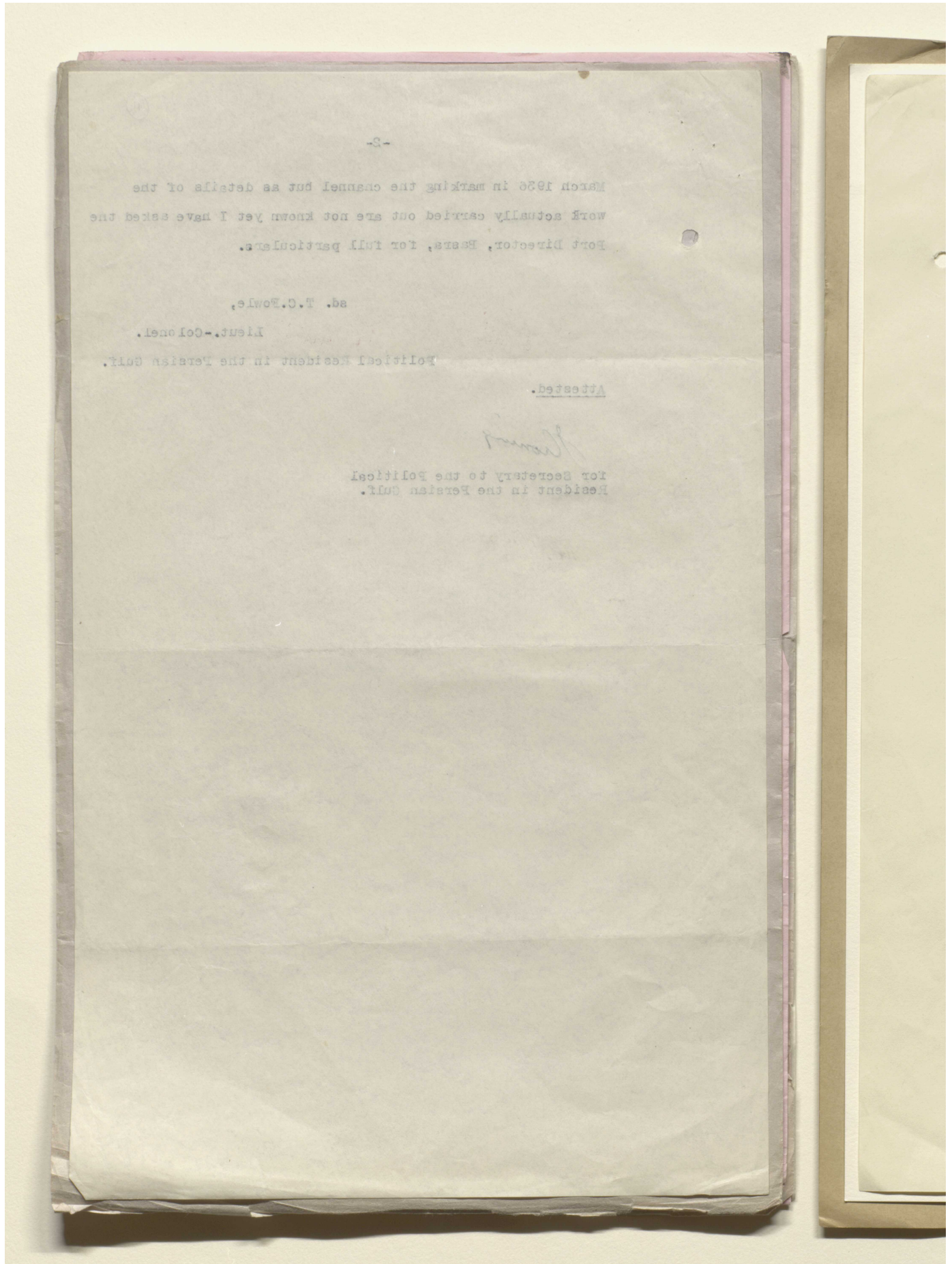
sd. T.C.Fowle,

Lieut.-Colonel.

Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Attested.

*Kroning*  
for Secretary to the Political  
Resident in the Persian Gulf.



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Extract from Kuwait Intelligence Summary No.5  
of 1936 for the period from 16th to 31st March  
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40. KUWAIT OIL COMPANY LIMITED.

(b) Company's Kadhama Pier.

Reference para.27(a) of Summary for the period 1st  
to 15th March.

The Pier at Kadhama (Million Sheets, Basra) on  
the North side of Kuwait Bay is now completed. Particulars  
are as follows:-

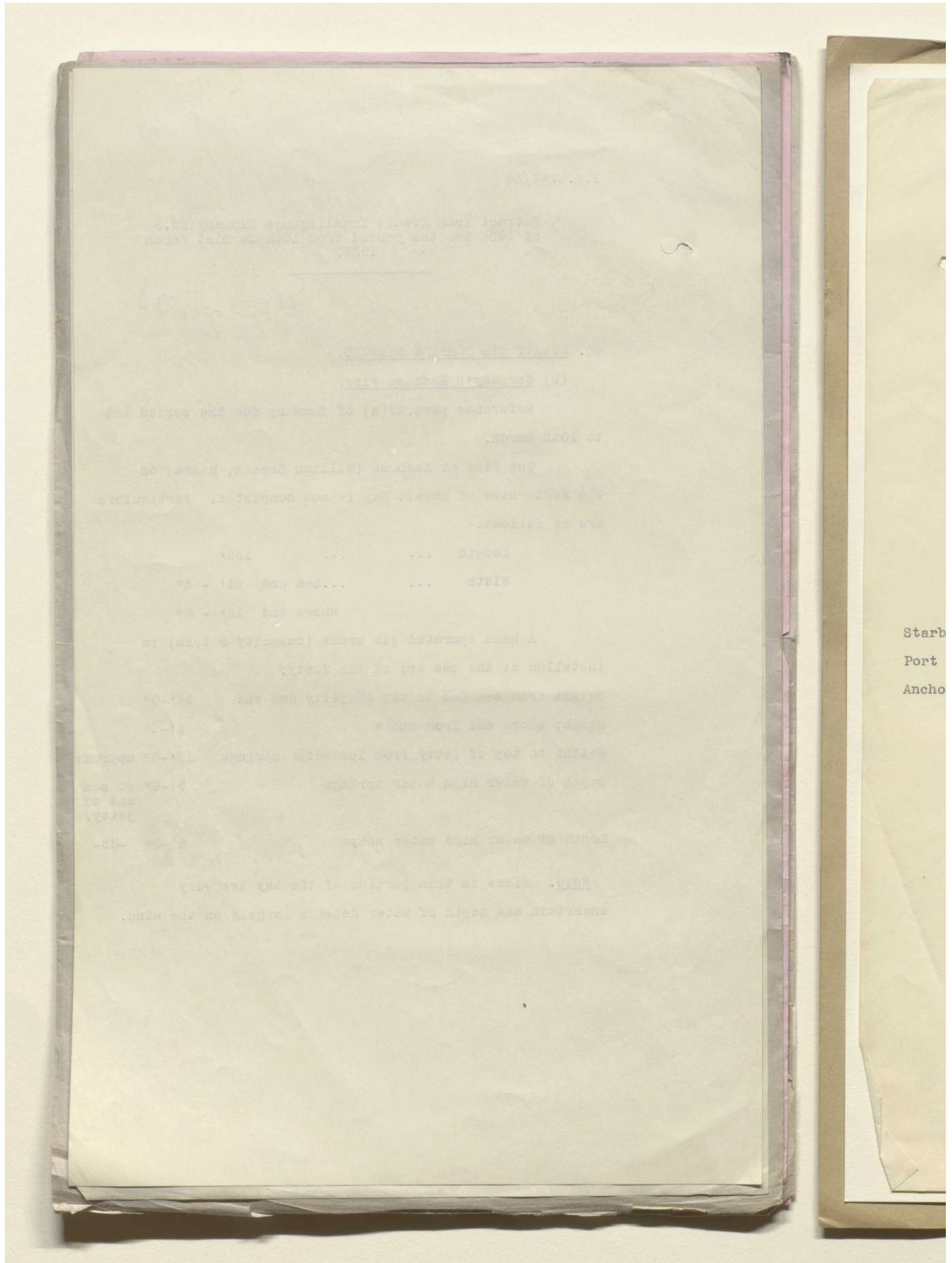
Length ... .. 155'  
Width ... .. sea end 24' - 6"  
shore end 12' - 0"

A hand operated jib crane (capacity 5 tons) is  
installed at the sea end of the Jetty.

Height from sea bed to top of jetty sea end 98'-0"  
Height shore end from shore 1'-6"  
Height to top of jetty from low water springs 13'-6" approx:  
Depth of water high water springs 7'-9" at sea  
end of  
jetty.  
Depth of water high water neaps 4'-0" -do-

Note. Tides in this portion of the bay are very  
uncertain and depth of water depends largely on the wind.





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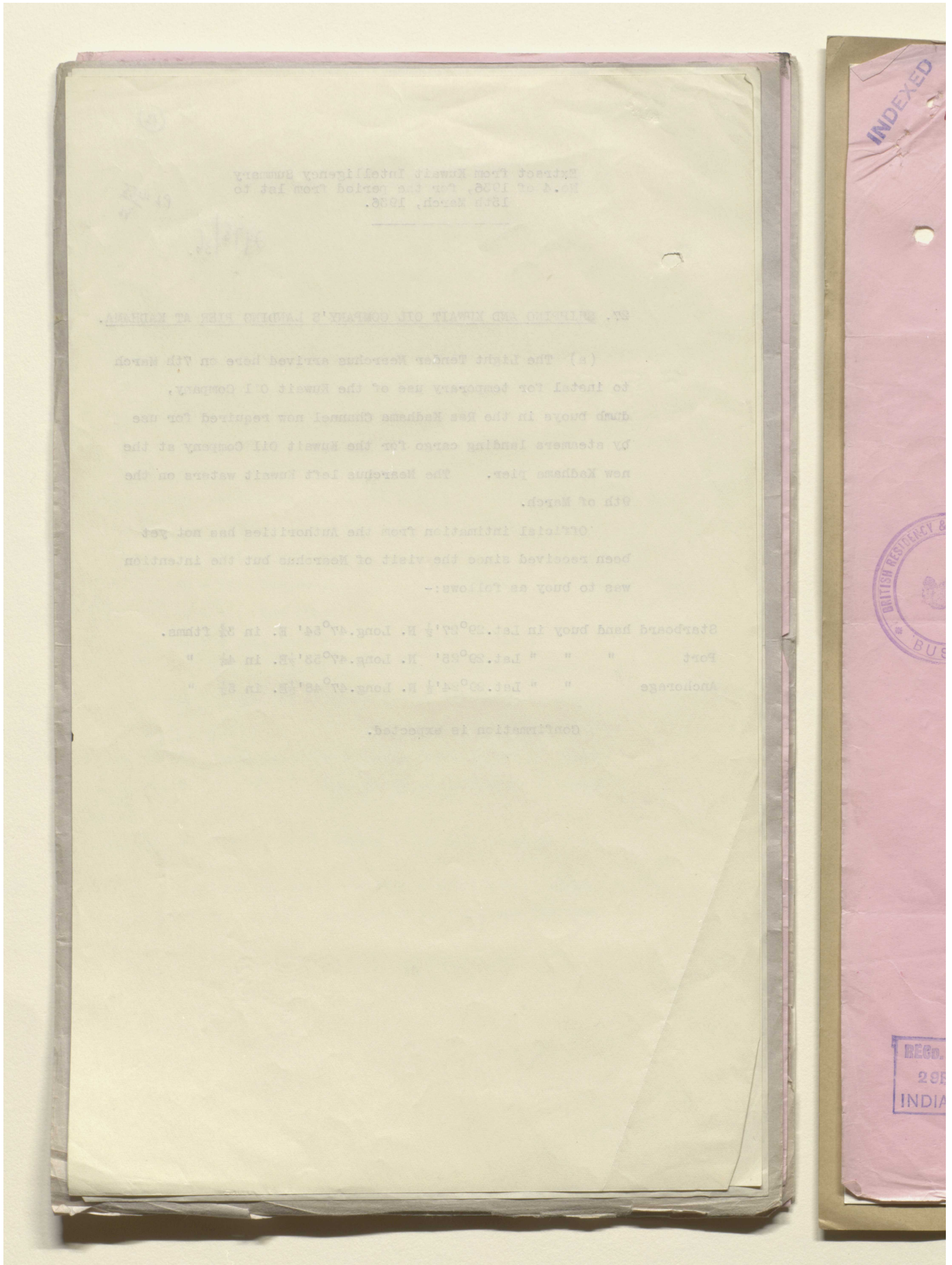
27. SHIPPING AND KUWAIT OIL COMPANY'S LANDING PIER AT KADHAMA.

(a) The Light Tender Nearchus arrived here on 7th March to instal for temporary use of the Kuwait Oil Company, dumb buoys in the Ras Kadhama Channel now required for use by steamers landing cargo for the Kuwait Oil Company at the new Kadhama pier. The Nearchus left Kuwait waters on the 9th of March.

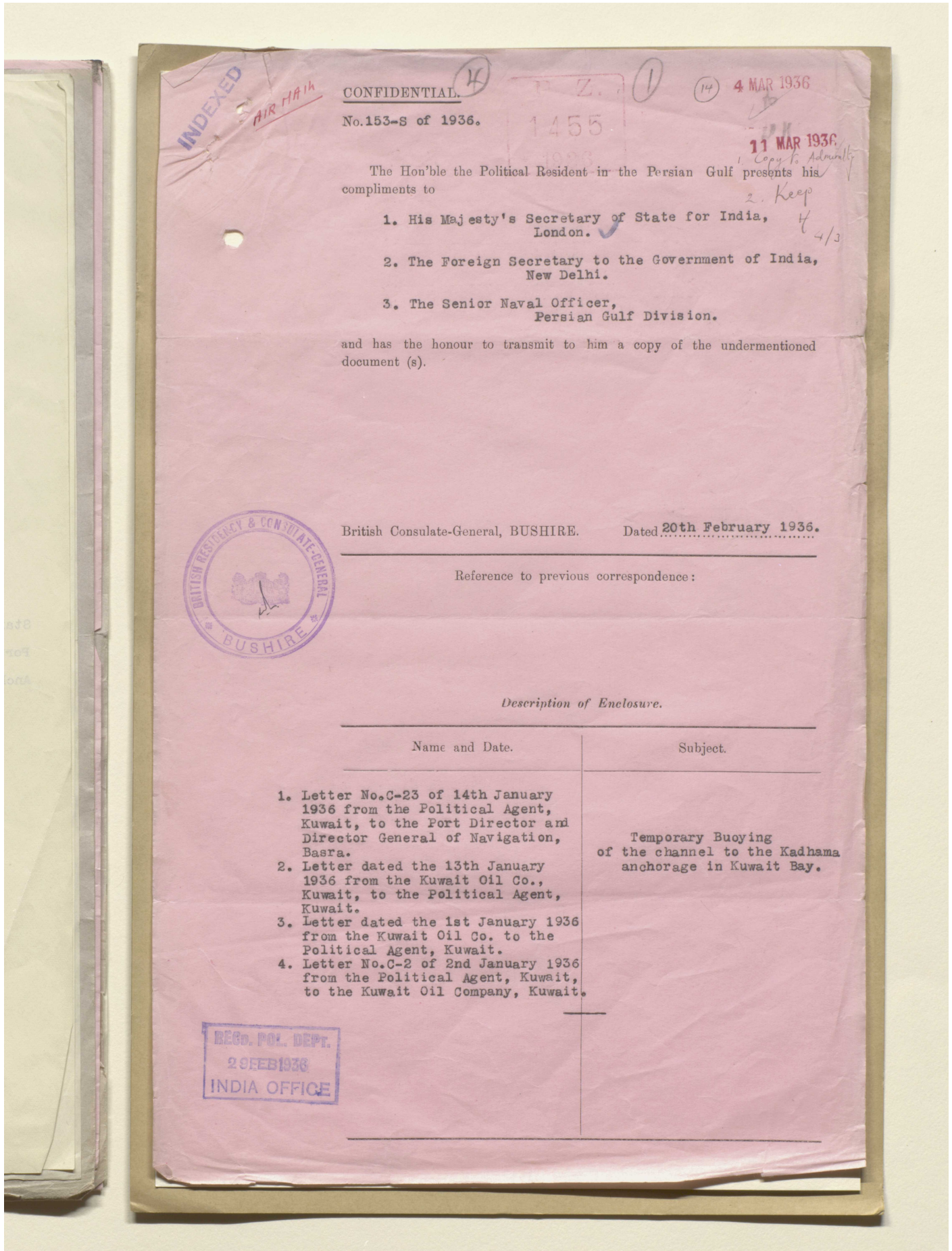
Official intimation from the Authorities has not yet been received since the visit of Nearchus but the intention was to buoy as follows:-

Starboard hand buoy	in	Lat.	29°27'½ N.	Long.	47°54' E.	in	3¾ fthms.		
Port	"	"	"	Lat.	29°25' N.	Long.	47°53'½E.	in	4¼ "
Anchorage	"	"	"	Lat.	29°24'½ N.	Long.	47°48'½E.	in	5½ "

Confirmation is expected.



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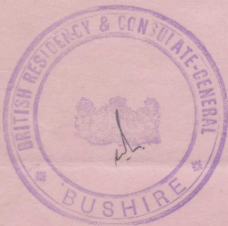
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Dated 20th February 1936.



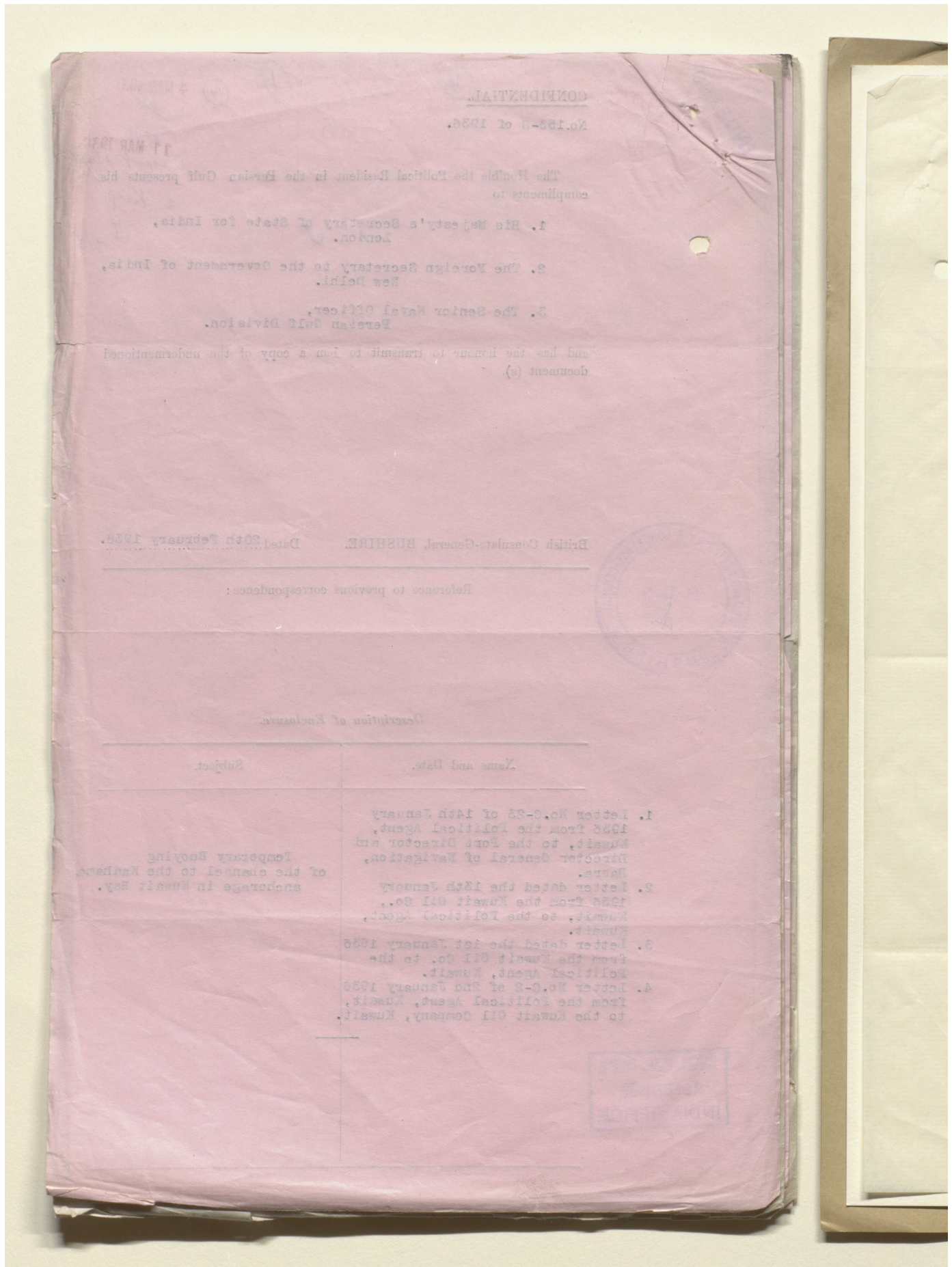
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2. Letter dated the 13th January 1936 from the Kuwait Oil Co., Kuwait, to the Political Agent, Kuwait.	
3. Letter dated the 1st January 1936 from the Kuwait Oil Co. to the Political Agent, Kuwait.	
4. Letter No.C-2 of 2nd January 1936 from the Political Agent, Kuwait, to the Kuwait Oil Company, Kuwait.	

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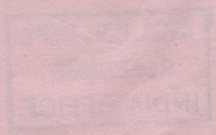
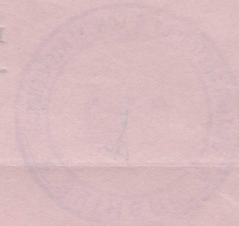
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Kuwait Agency,  
Kuwait.  
The 14th January 1936.

From - Lt.-Colonel H.R.P. Dickson, C.I.E.,  
Political Agent,  
Kuwait.

To - Colonel J.C. Ward, CMG., C.I.E., DSO., etc.,  
Port Director and Director-General of  
Navigation,  
Basra.

Temporary Buoying of the channel to the  
Kadhama anchorage in Kuwait Bay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward copy of a letter dated 13th January 1936 from the Manager, Kuwait Oil Company to my address, on the subject of buoying the channel to the Kadhama anchorage at the western end of the Bay of Kuwait.

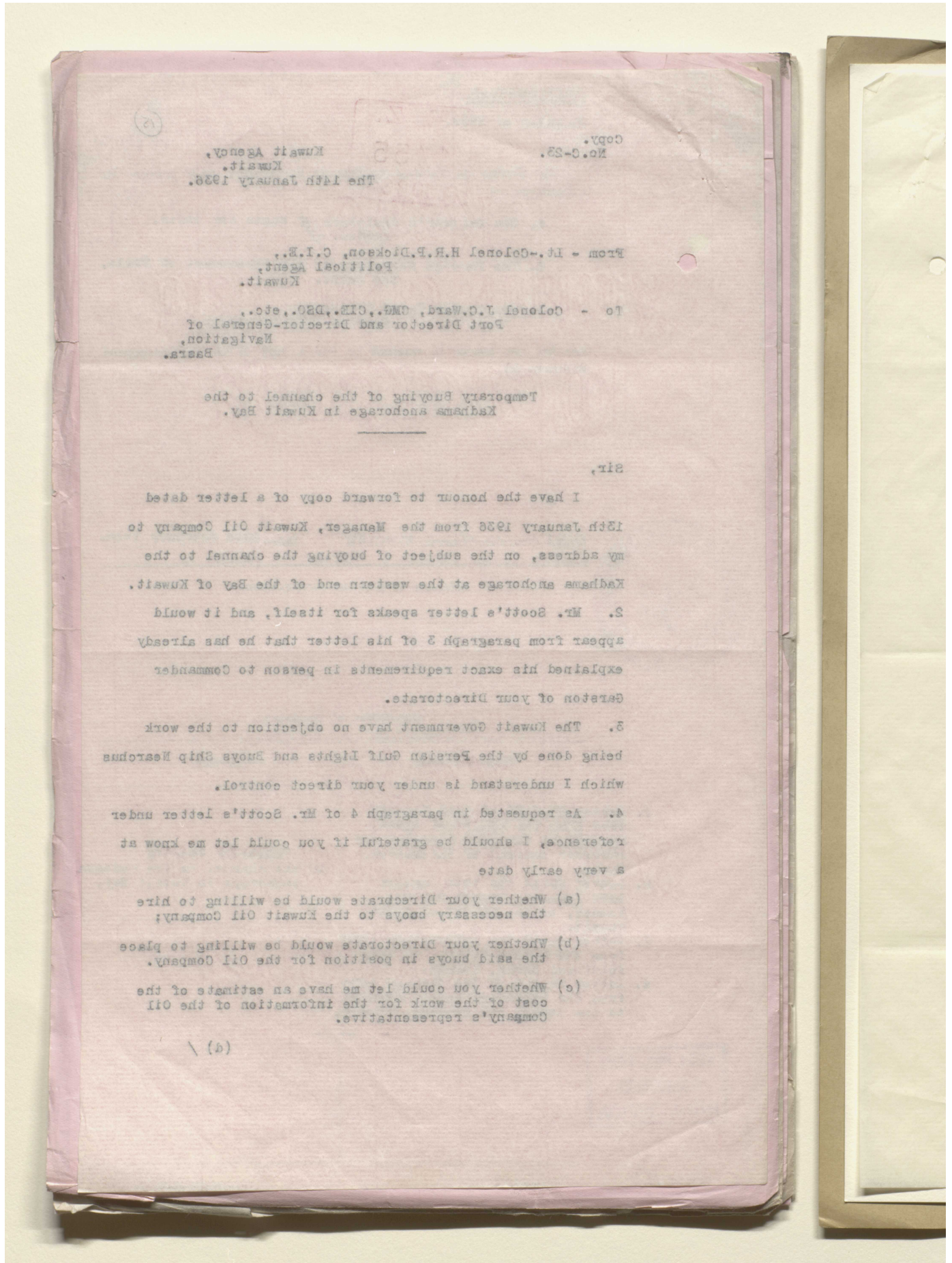
2. Mr. Scott's letter speaks for itself, and it would appear from paragraph 3 of his letter that he has already explained his exact requirements in person to Commander Garston of your Directorate.

3. The Kuwait Government have no objection to the work being done by the Persian Gulf Lights and Buoys Ship Nearchus which I understand is under your direct control.

4. As requested in paragraph 4 of Mr. Scott's letter under reference, I should be grateful if you could let me know at a very early date

- (a) Whether your Directorate would be willing to hire the necessary buoys to the Kuwait Oil Company;
- (b) Whether your Directorate would be willing to place the said buoys in position for the Oil Company.
- (c) Whether you could let me have an estimate of the cost of the work for the information of the Oil Company's representative.

(d) /



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No. 0-22.  
Kuwait Agency,  
Kuwait.  
The 14th January 1938.

From - Lt.-Colonel H.R.P. Dickson, C.I.E.,  
Political Agent,  
Kuwait.  
To - Colonel J.C. Ward, C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., etc.,  
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Sir,

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter dated 13th January 1938 from the Manager, Kuwait Oil Company to my address, on the subject of buoying the channel to the Kadhama anchorage at the western end of the Bay of Kuwait. 2. Mr. Scott's letter speaks for itself, and it would appear from paragraph 3 of his letter that he has already explained his exact requirements in person to Commander Geston of your Directorate. 3. The Kuwait Government have no objection to the work being done by the Persian Gulf Lights and Buoy Ship Meschum which I understand is under your direct control. 4. As requested in paragraph 4 of Mr. Scott's letter under reference, I should be grateful if you could let me know at a very early date

- (a) Whether your Directorate would be willing to hire the necessary buoys to the Kuwait Oil Company;
- (b) Whether your Directorate would be willing to place the said buoys in position for the Oil Company.
- (c) Whether you could let me have an estimate of the cost of the work for the information of the Oil Company's representative.

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(d) What is the earliest date when the work could be carried out, on the assumption that you could undertake it.

5. From paragraph 6 of the Kuwait Oil Company's letter it will be seen that only the cheapest form of temporary demarcation is for the present required, as it is impossible to foresee to what extent the Ras Kadhama anchorage will be required after the completion of the shipments mentioned.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

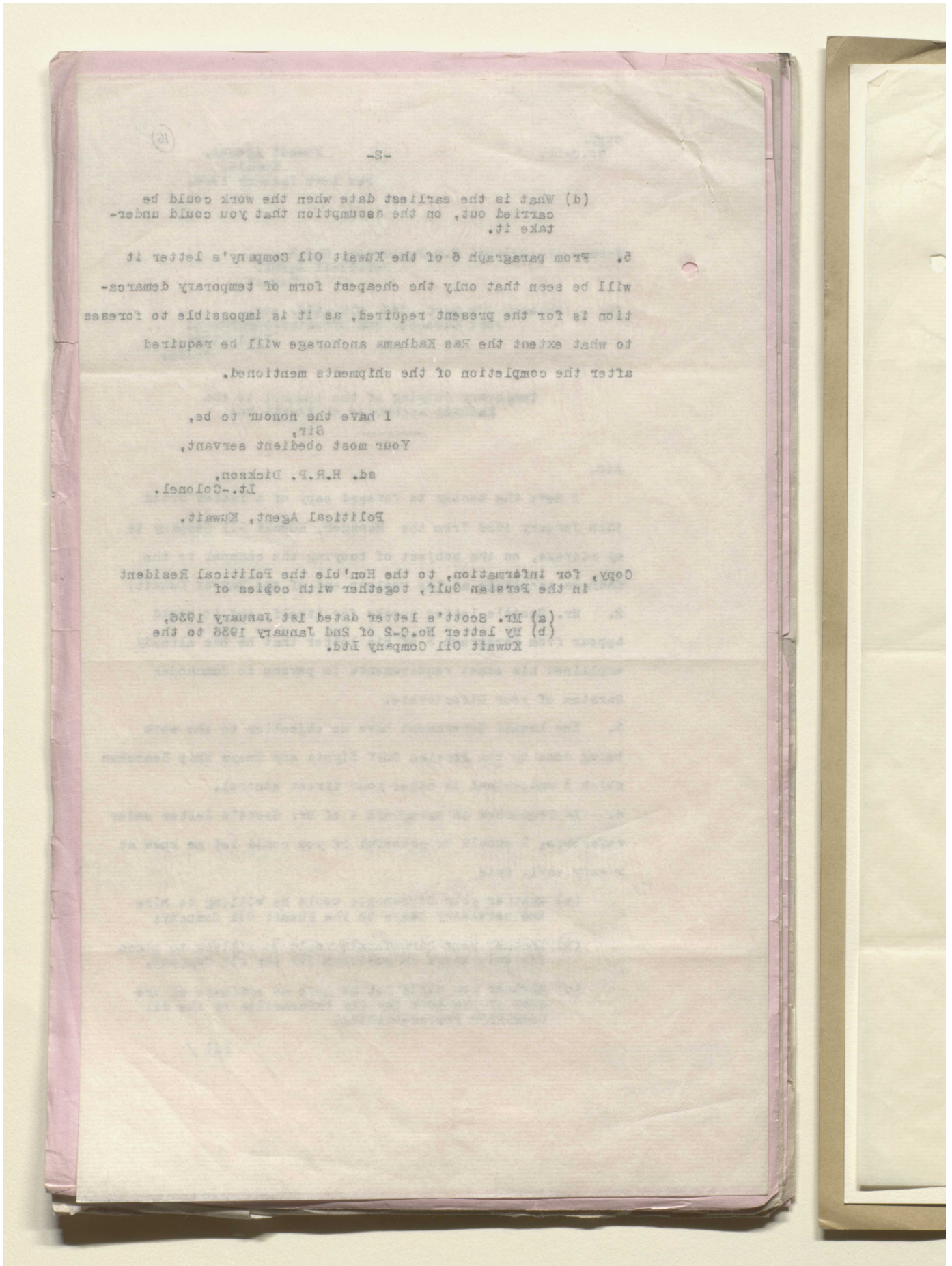
sd. H.R.P. Dickson,  
Lt.-Colonel.

Political Agent, Kuwait.

Copy, for information, to the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, together with copies of

- (a) Mr. Scott's letter dated 1st January 1936,
- (b) My letter No.C-2 of 2nd January 1936 to the Kuwait Oil Company Ltd.





Kuwait Oil Company, Limited.

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Kuwait.  
Persian Gulf, 13th Jan. 1936.

To  
H.B.M.'s Political Agent,  
Kuwait.

Temporary buoying of the channel to the Kadhama anchorage in Kuwait Bay.

Sir,

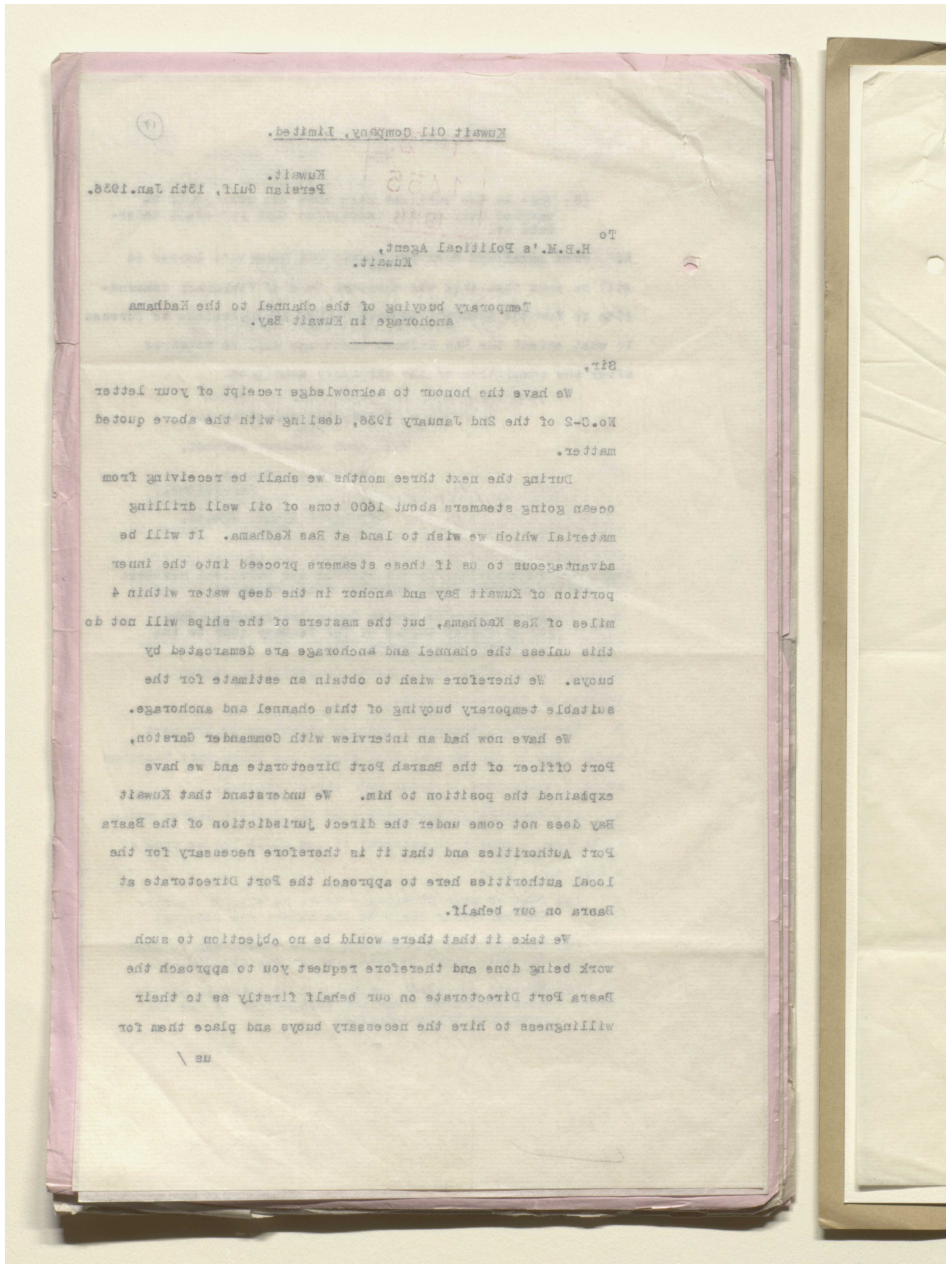
We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.C-2 of the 2nd January 1936, dealing with the above quoted matter.

During the next three months we shall be receiving from ocean going steamers about 1600 tons of oil well drilling material which we wish to land at Ras Kadhama. It will be advantageous to us if these steamers proceed into the inner portion of Kuwait Bay and anchor in the deep water within 4 miles of Ras Kadhama, but the masters of the ships will not do this unless the channel and anchorage are demarcated by buoys. We therefore wish to obtain an estimate for the suitable temporary buoying of this channel and anchorage.

We have now had an interview with Commander Garston, Port Officer of the Basrah Port Directorate and we have explained the position to him. We understand that Kuwait Bay does not come under the direct jurisdiction of the Basra Port Authorities and that it is therefore necessary for the local authorities here to approach the Port Directorate at Basra on our behalf.

We take it that there would be no objection to such work being done and therefore request you to approach the Basra Port Directorate on our behalf firstly as to their willingness to hire the necessary buoys and place them for

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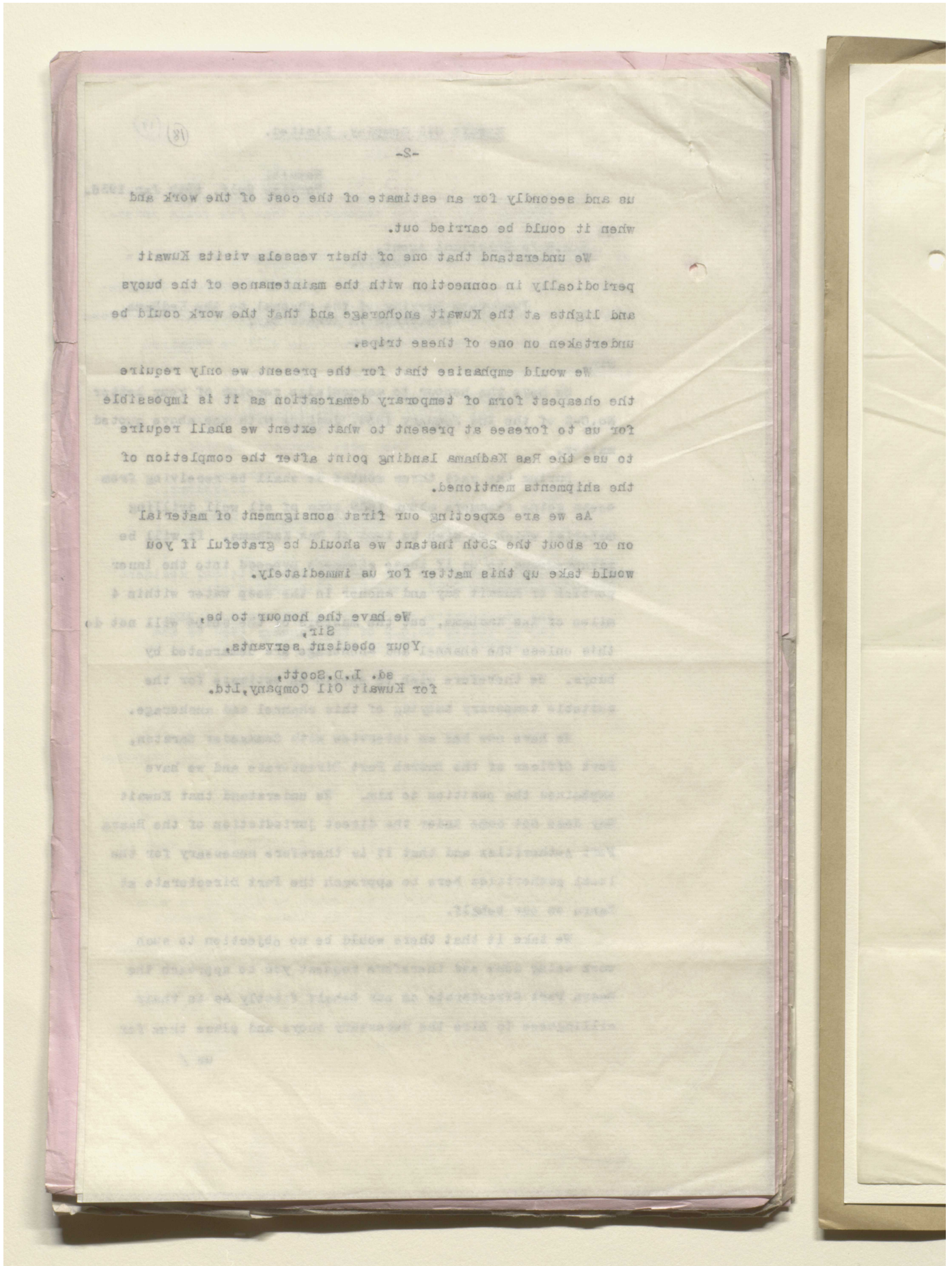
us and secondly for an estimate of the cost of the work and when it could be carried out.

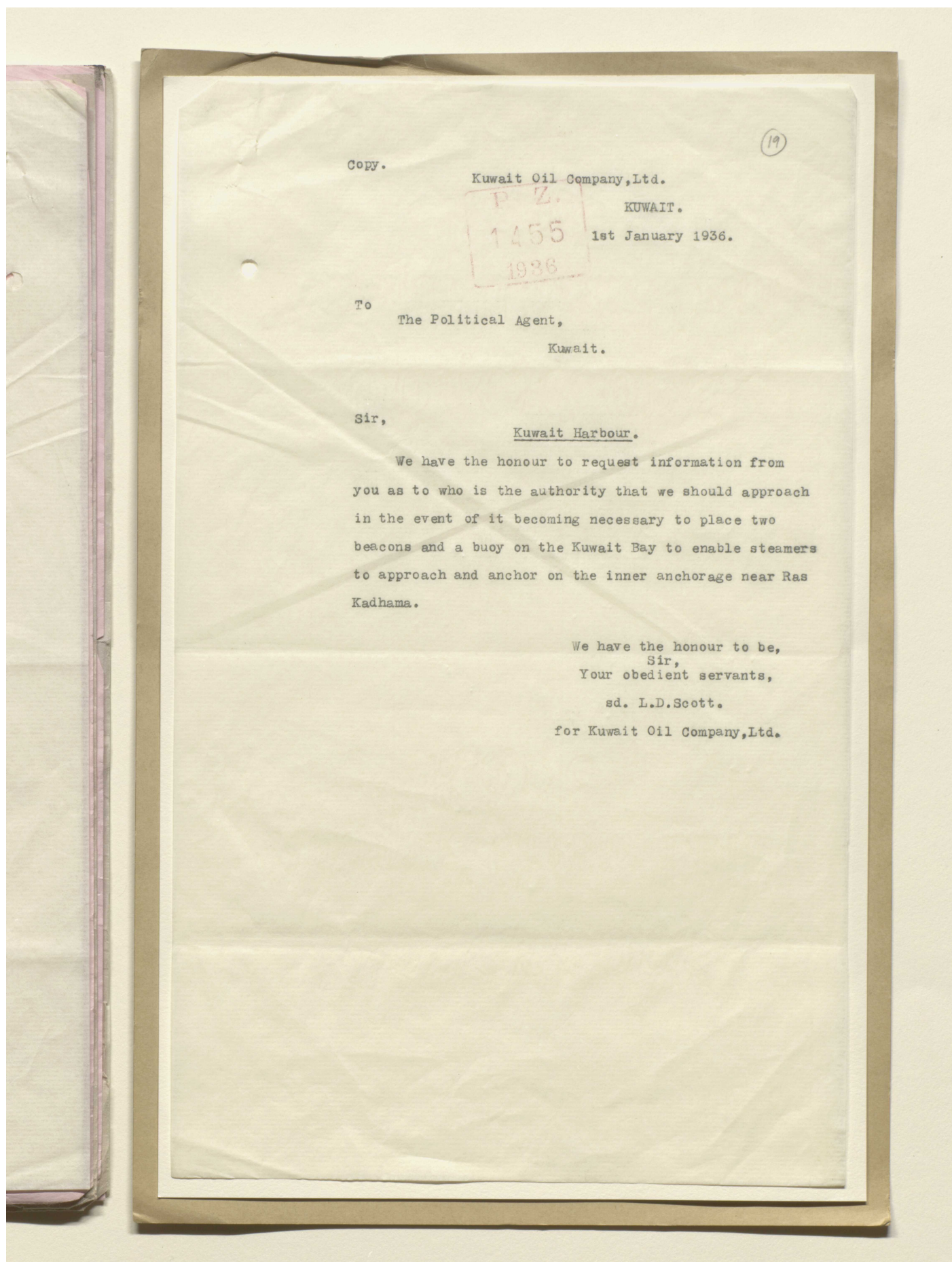
We understand that one of their vessels visits Kuwait periodically in connection with the maintenance of the buoys and lights at the Kuwait anchorage and that the work could be undertaken on one of these trips.

We would emphasise that for the present we only require the cheapest form of temporary demarcation as it is impossible for us to foresee at present to what extent we shall require to use the Ras Kadhama landing point after the completion of the shipments mentioned.

As we are expecting our first consignment of material on or about the 25th instant we should be grateful if you would take up this matter for us immediately.

We have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servants,  
sd. L.D.Scott,  
for Kuwait Oil Company, Ltd.





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Kuwait Oil Company, Ltd.

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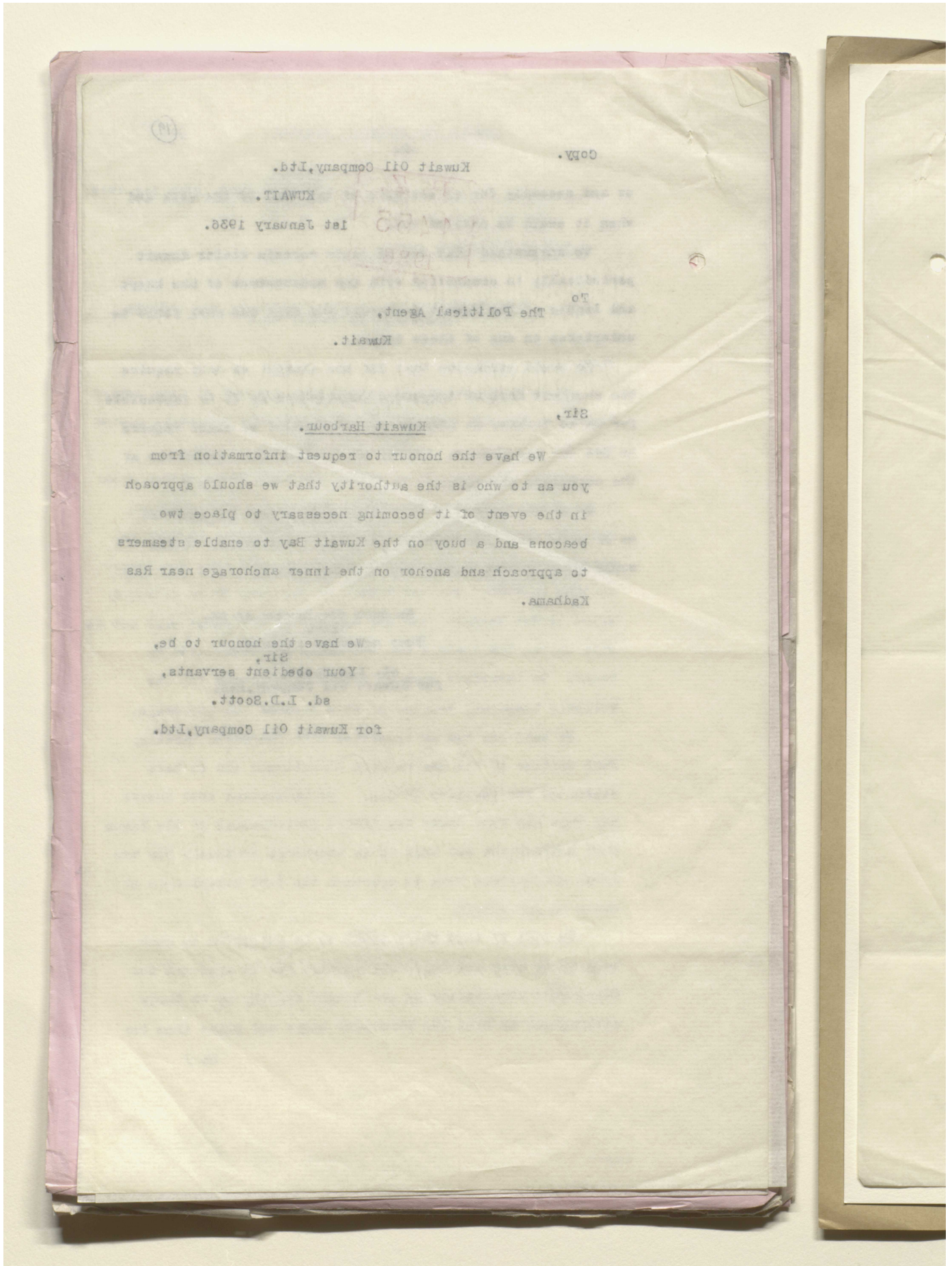
1st January 1936.

To  
The Political Agent,  
Kuwait.

Sir,  
Kuwait Harbour.

We have the honour to request information from you as to who is the authority that we should approach in the event of it becoming necessary to place two beacons and a buoy on the Kuwait Bay to enable steamers to approach and anchor on the inner anchorage near Ras Kadhama.

We have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servants,  
sd. L.D.Scott.  
for Kuwait Oil Company, Ltd.



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Kuwait Agency,  
Kuwait.  
The 2nd January 1936.

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To  
The General Fields Superintendent,  
Kuwait Oil Company, Ltd.,  
Kuwait.

Kuwait Harbour.

Sir,

Reference your letter of 1st January 1936, regarding  
buoying approaches to the inner anchorage of Ras Kadhama.

2. As the placing of the 2 beacons and buoy mentioned is  
purely a Kuwait Oil Co. concern, seeing that no one will use  
the inner anchorage but yourselves, I see no objection to your  
getting to work and doing the job direct. This would avoid  
delay if you are in a hurry. You should however let me know  
by letter (in triplicate) exactly what you propose doing, so  
that I can pass your letter on to the Senior Naval Officer,  
Persian Gulf, and Port Director, Basra, for information. The  
latter is responsible for the lighting and buoying of the  
Persian Gulf.

3. On the other hand it would safeguard yourselves with  
shipping companies and with Captains of freight steamers,  
requiring to enter the Ras Kadhama anchorage on your behalf,  
if you addressed the Port Director, Basra, direct, and asked  
if it would be possible for the lights and buoys ship  
"Nearchus" to fix the said two beacons and buoy you required,  
and in the position you wanted, at the Kuwait Oil Company's  
expense.

4. The second course to my mind is the correct and best one  
to follow, as the Nearchus has all necessary gear at hand, and  
is always attending to such work.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,  
sd. H.R.P. Dickson.  
Lt.-Col.,  
Political Agent, Kuwait.



