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**'File 2/14 Iraq Government's request for their geologist to be permitted to
carry out study of rock formation in Kuwait territory'**

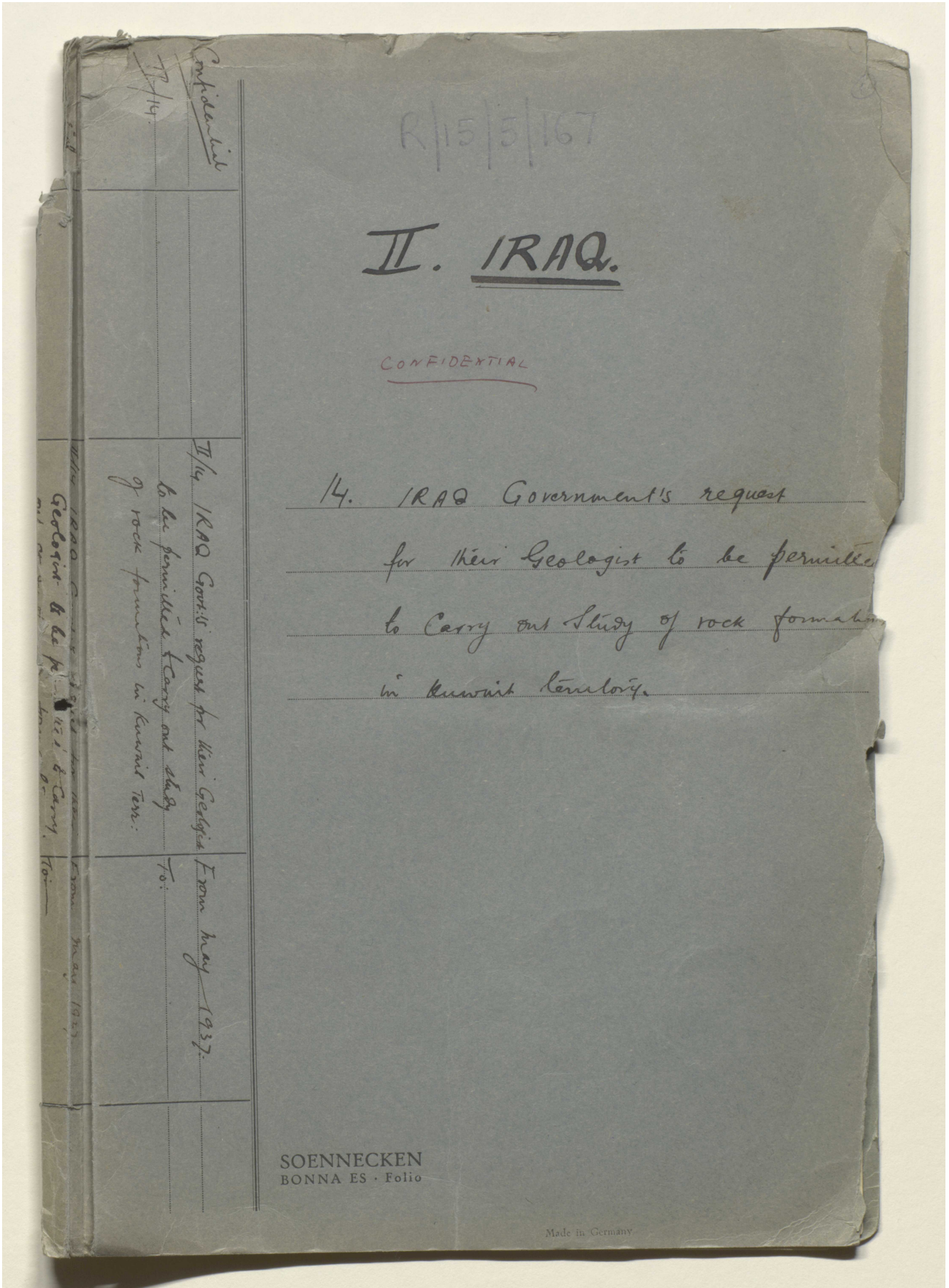
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About this record

This file contains papers relating to a request by the Iraqi Government to have its geologists conduct tests on rock formations in Kuwaiti territory. The file is entirely comprised of correspondence between British officials regarding the matter, including proposals for mineral and geological experts from the Government of India to familiarise themselves with the mineral deposits of the Gulf region.

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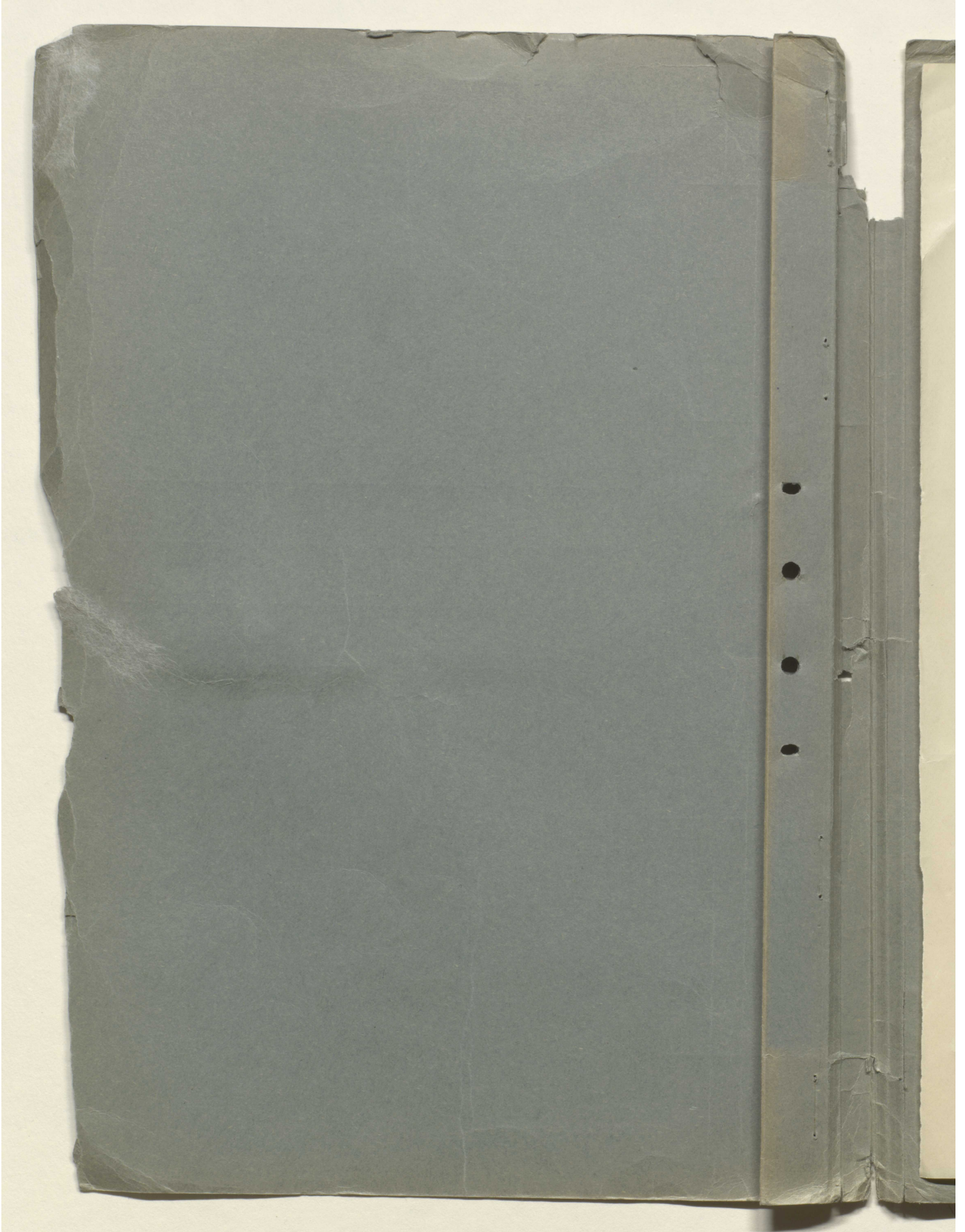
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for their Geologist to be permitted
to carry out study of rock formation
in Kuwait Territory.

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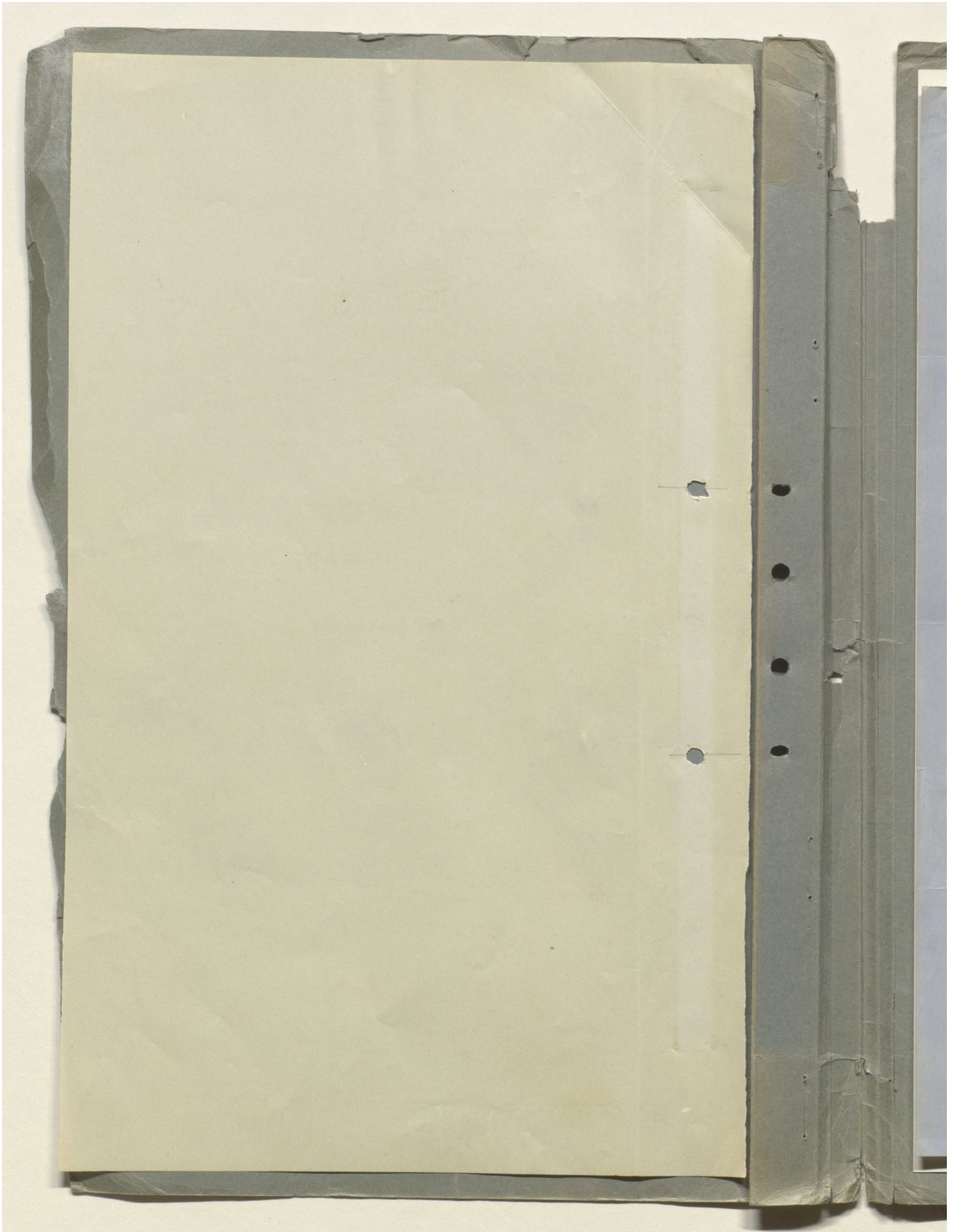
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'File 2/14 Iraq Government's request for their geologist to be permitted to carry out study of rock formation in Kuwait territory' [2v] (4/26)



'File 2/14 Iraq Government's request for their geologist to be permitted to carry out study of rock formation in Kuwait territory' [3r] (5/26)

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

AIR MAIL.

From H.M. AMBASSADOR,
BAGDAD.

To Resident, Bushire.

Date 22nd May, 1937.

Time despatched.....

No. 3 Saving.

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H.M.
24/5/37

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Addressed Bushire No. 3 Saving repeated Koweit No. 3 Saving.

Iraqi Government desire to send their geologist, a British subject called McFadyen, to study geology of Koweit.

McFadyen has explained that rock formation in Southern Iraq is not clearly defined and that he hopes to get better understanding of conditions there by study of formations in Koweit.

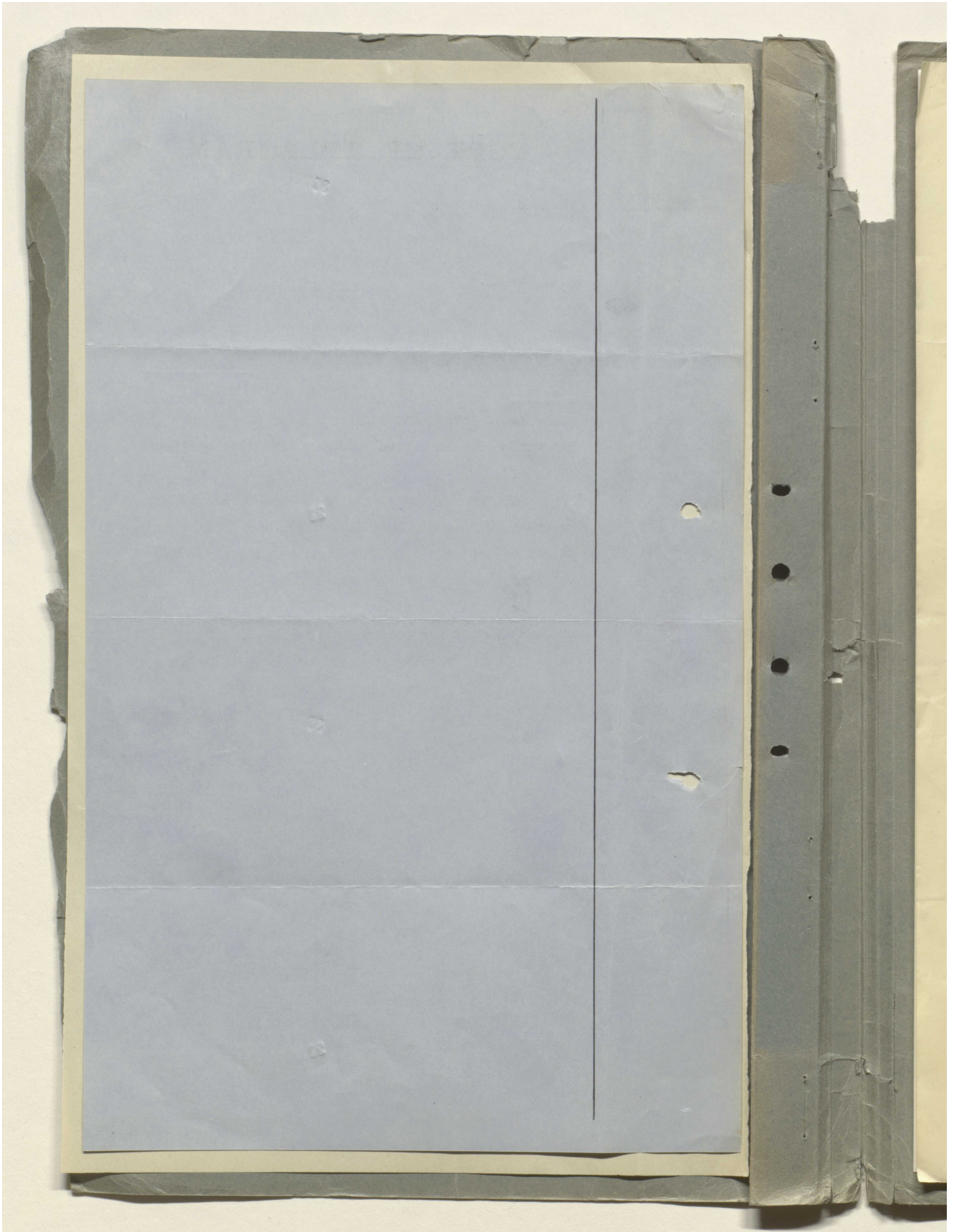
He would like to complete study this summer and to go to Koweit before the greatest heat.

I shall therefore be glad to learn as soon as possible whether permission may be obtained.

CLARK KERR.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

DEPARTMENT,

EXPRESS LETTER

[N. B.—This is an ORIGINAL MESSAGE, sent by post to save telegraphic expense and undue use of the wires, but intended to be treated, on receipt, with the same expedition as if it had been telegraphed. To save time and formalities it is worded and signed as if it had been so despatched.]

FROM Political Resident, Bushire.

To Political Agent, Kuwait. ✓

Repeated H.M.'s Ambassador, Baghdad.

Subject: Visit of Mr McFadyen to study geology of Kuwait.

No. 415-S of 1937

Dated 1st June 1937. ~~MS~~

Reference Baghdad Savingram No. 3, dated 22nd May, 1937.

2. Please approach Shaikh. Also inform Kuwait Oil Company, though I do not see how they can object.

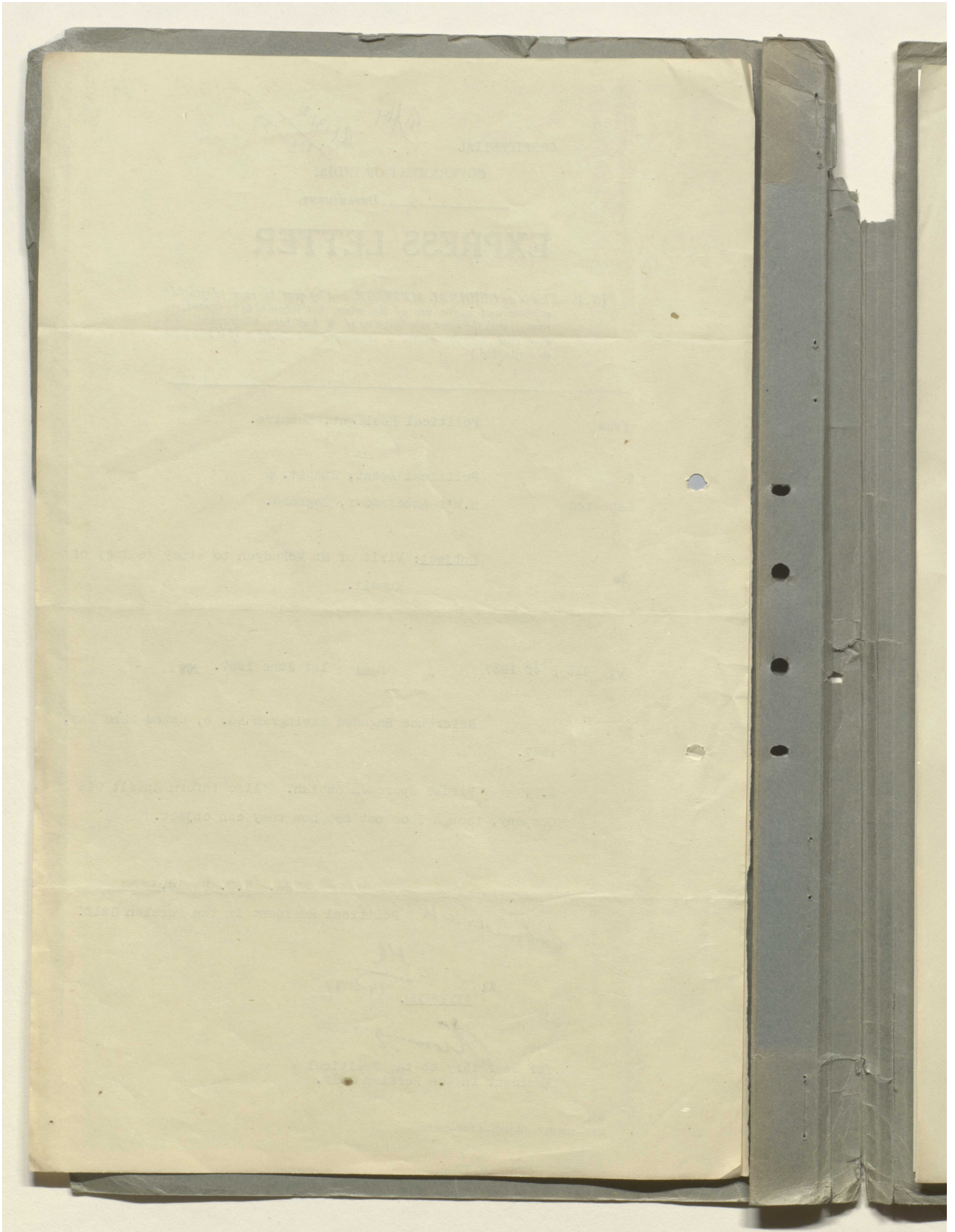
Sd. T.C. Fowle,

Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Submitted H.
MA
14.6.37.
ATTESTED.

for Secretary to the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

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'File 2/14 Iraq Government's request for their geologist to be permitted to carry out study of rock formation in Kuwait territory' [5r] (9/26)

Telegram R.

From Ambassador, Baghdad.

To Political Resident, Bushire, No.8.

Reptd.. Political Agent, Kuwait, No.5.

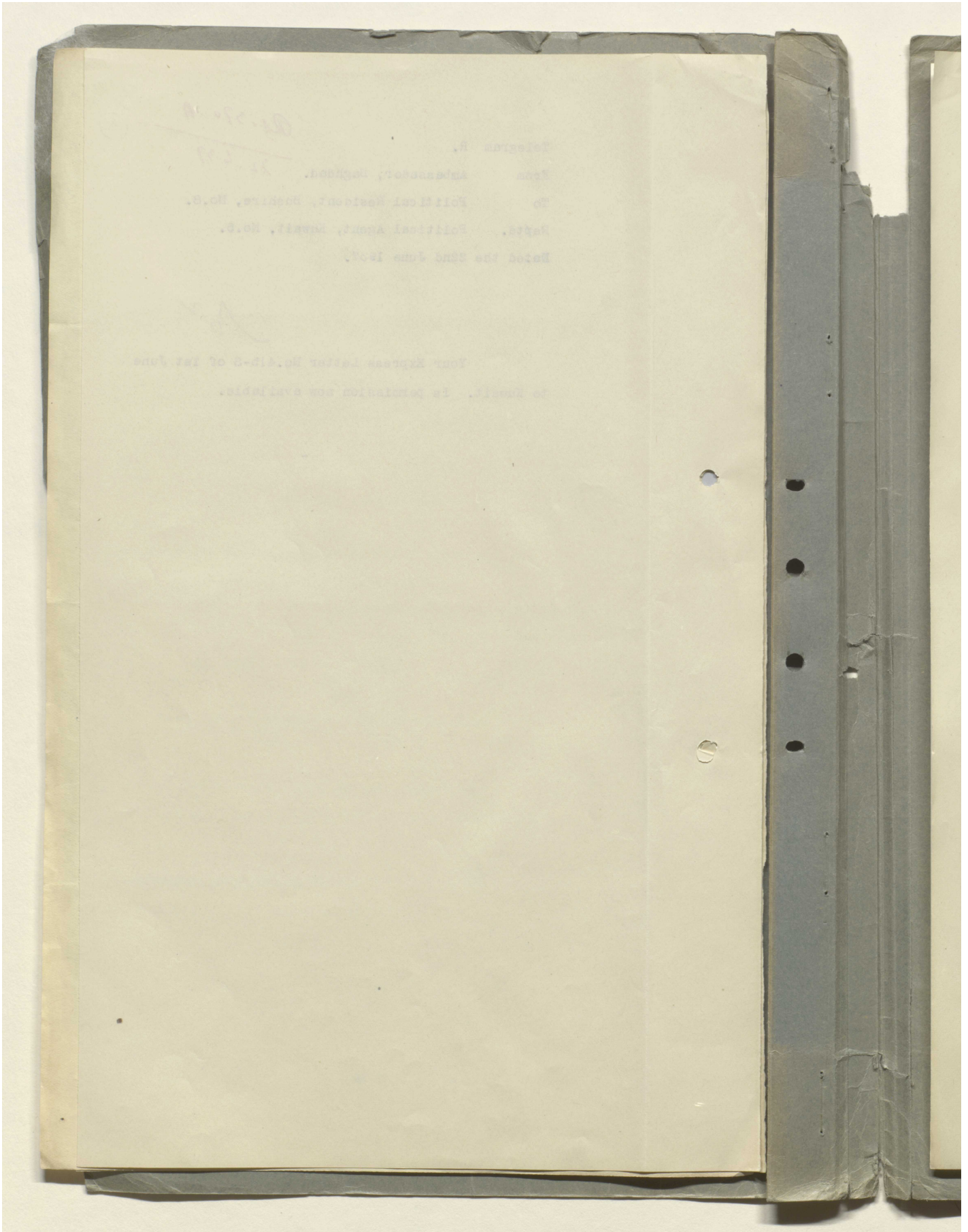
Dated the 22nd June 1937.

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Your Express Letter No.415-S of 1st June
to Kuwait. Is permission now available.

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'File 2/14 Iraq Government's request for their geologist to be permitted to carry out study of rock formation in Kuwait territory' [6r] (11/26)

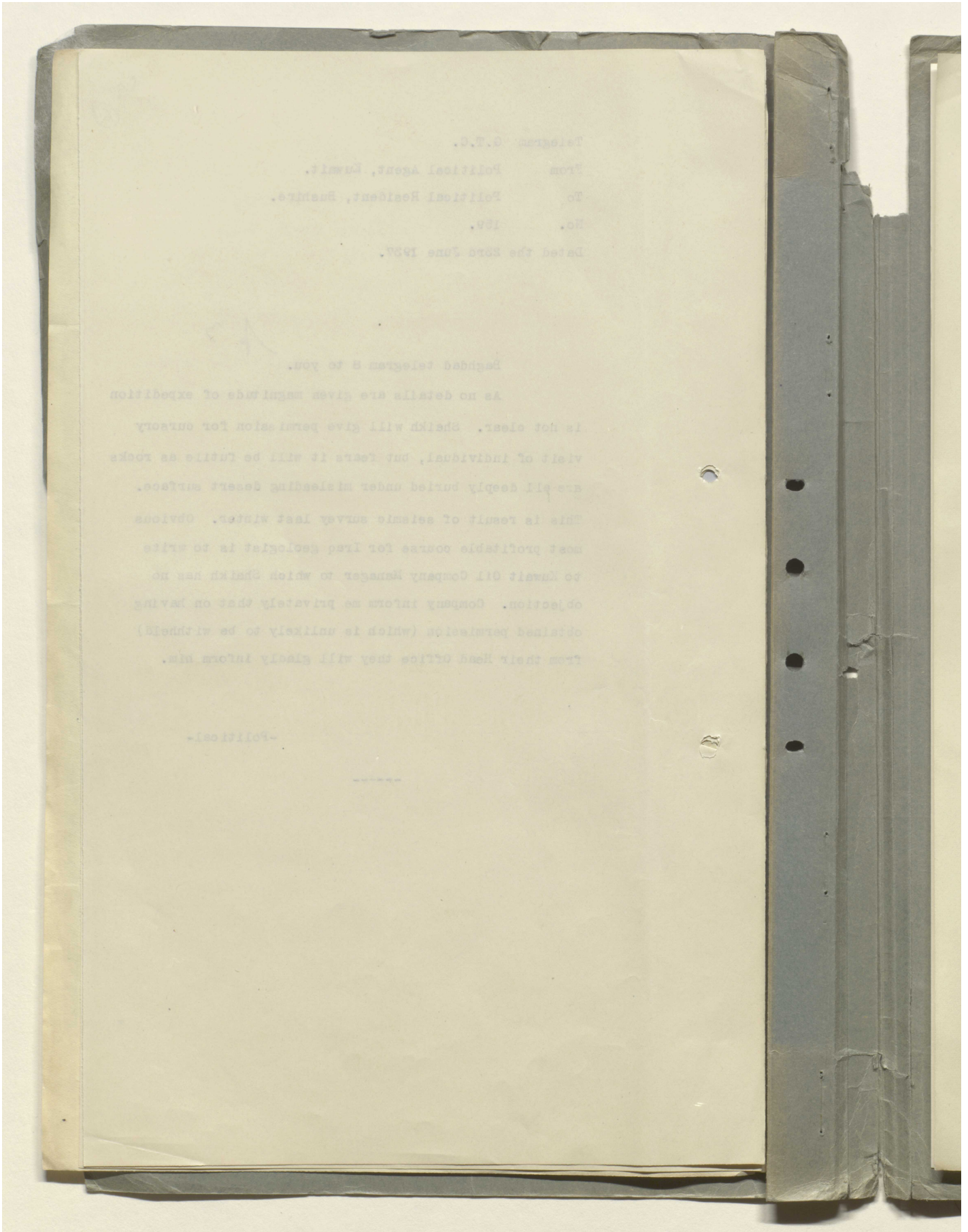
Telegram G.T.C.
From Political Agent, Kuwait.
To Political Resident, Bushire.
No. 159.
Dated the 23rd June 1937.

Baghdad telegram 8 to you.

As no details are given magnitude of expedition is not clear. Shaikh will give permission for cursory visit of individual, but fears it will be futile as rocks are all deeply buried under misleading desert surface. This is result of seismic survey last winter. Obvious most profitable course for Iraq geologist is to write to Kuwait Oil Company Manager to which Shaikh has no objection. Company inform me privately that on having obtained permission (which is unlikely to be withheld) from their Head Office they will gladly inform him.

-Political-

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'File 2/14 Iraq Government's request for their geologist to be permitted to carry out study of rock formation in Kuwait territory' [7r] (13/26)

Telegram G.T.C. 5 (7)

From Political Agent, Kuwait.

To Political Resident, Bushire.

No. 160.

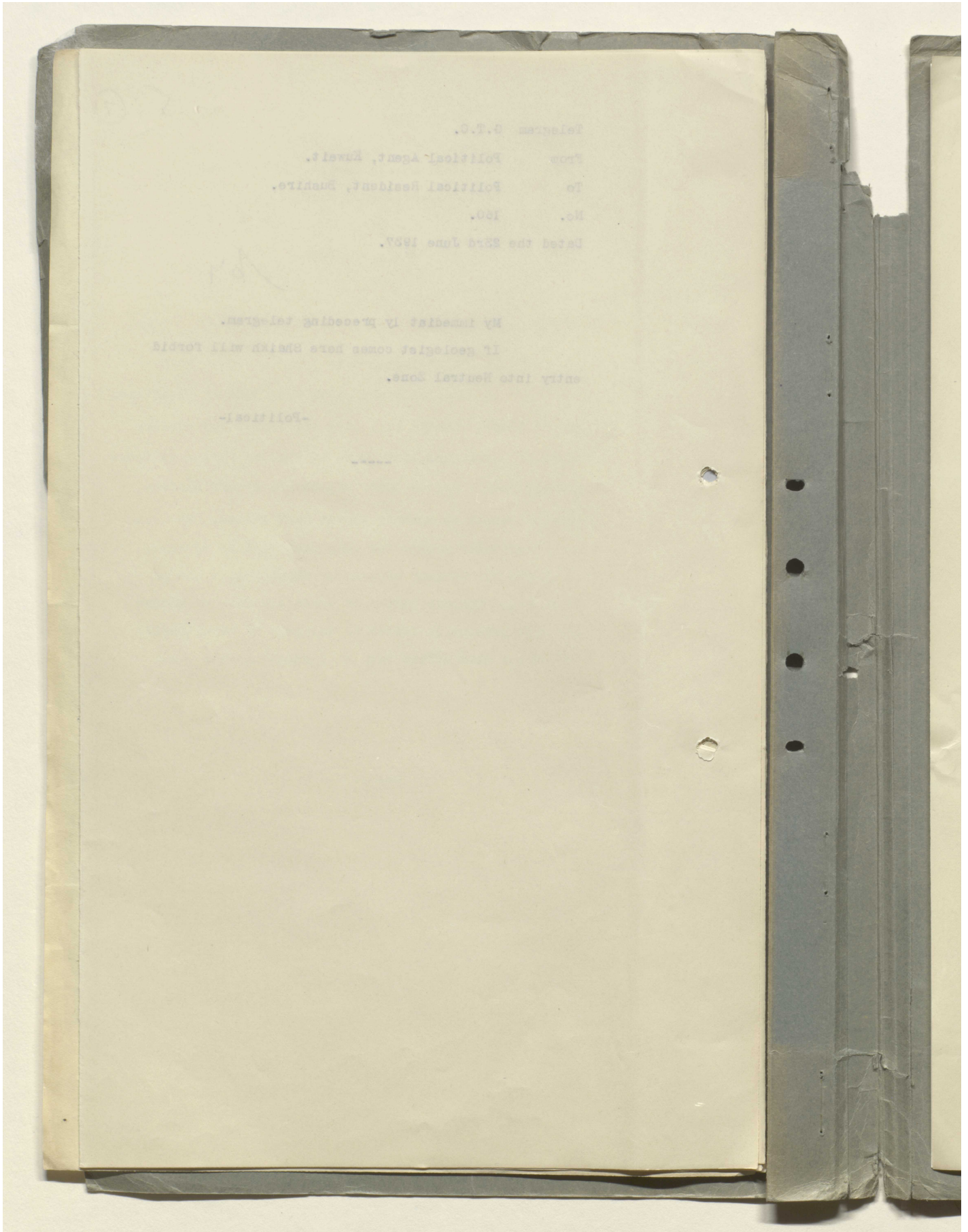
Dated the 23rd June 1937.

My immediat ly preceding telegram. 164

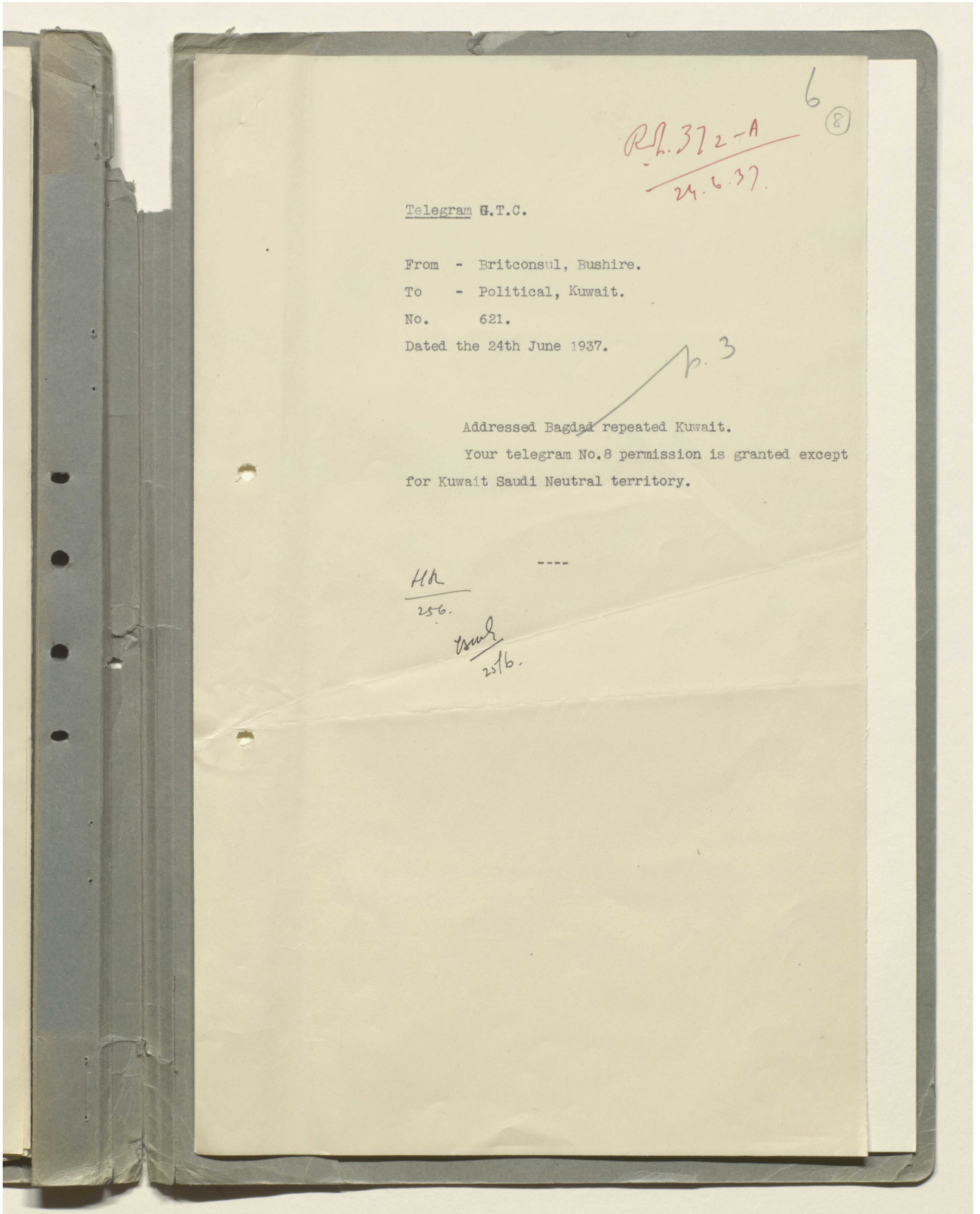
If geologist comes here Shaikh will forbid entry into Neutral Zone.

-Political-

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Telegram G.T.C.

From - Britconsul, Bushire.

To - Political, Kuwait.

No. 621.

Dated the 24th June 1937.

Addressed Bagdad repeated Kuwait.

Your telegram No.8 permission is granted except for Kuwait Saudi Neutral territory.

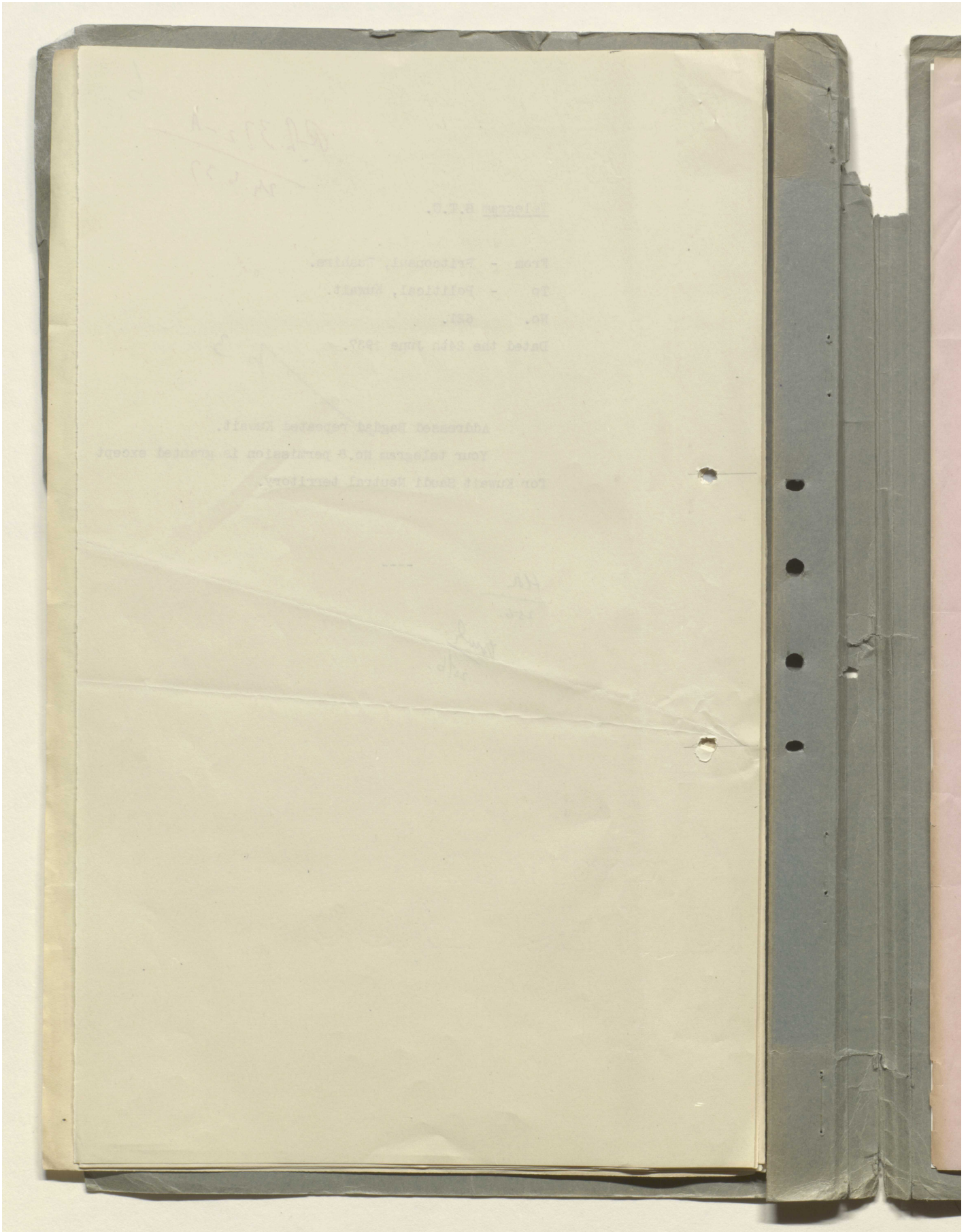
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No. 535-S of 1940.

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Kuwait Ministry
No 671 Dated 28/7

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The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

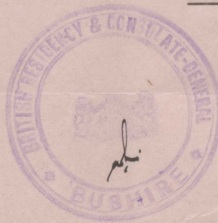
1. The Political Agent, Bahrain.
2. The Political Agent, Kuwait. ✓
3. The Political Agent, Muscat,

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

27.7.40

British Consulate-General, BUSHIRE.

Dated.. 22nd July.. 1940....

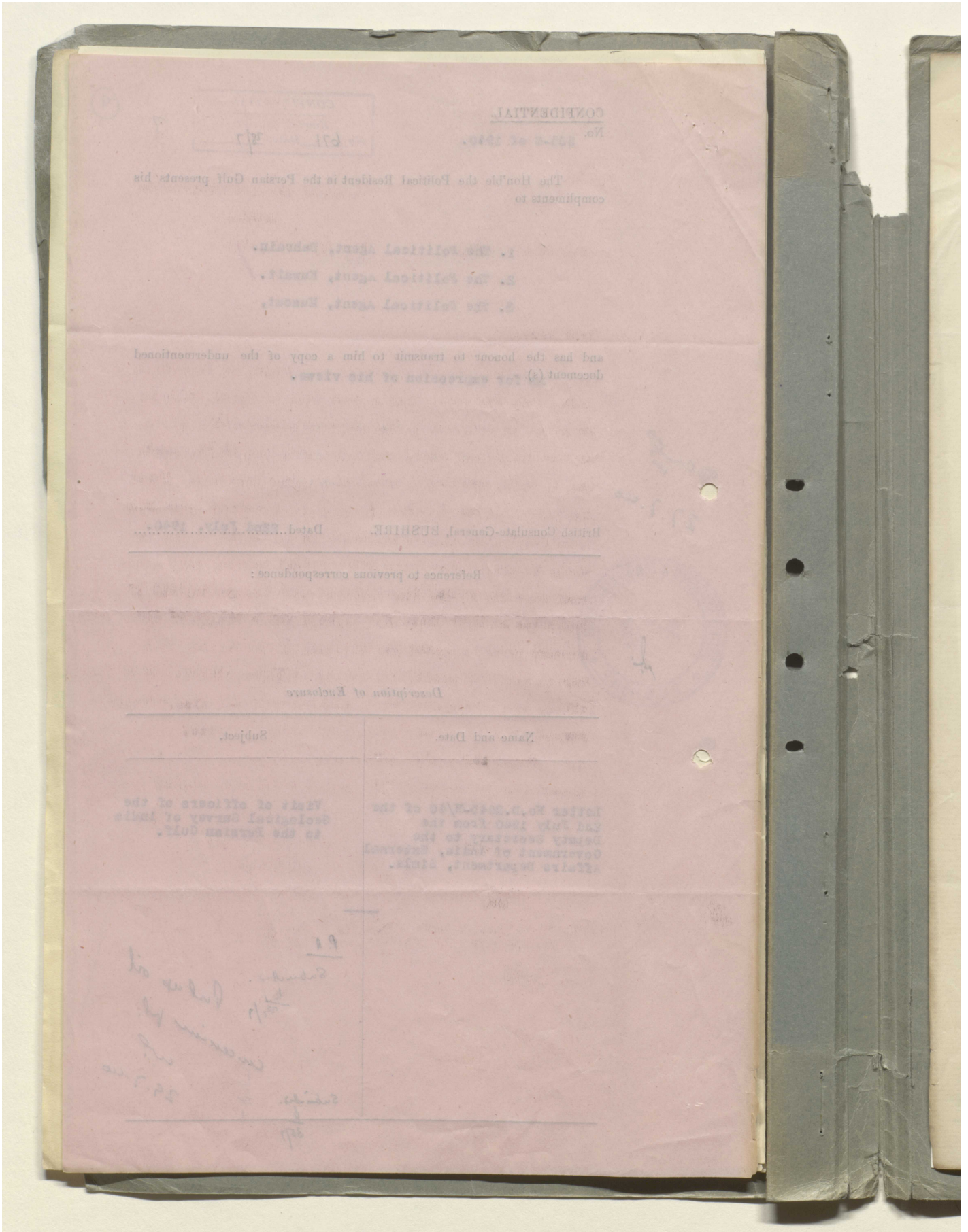


Reference to previous correspondence :

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Letter No.D.2645-N/40 of the 2nd July 1940 from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, External Affairs Department, Simla.	Visit of officers of the Geological Survey of India to the Persian Gulf.
	<p>P.A Submitted. 6/22/40 Submitted. 6/29/40 3077</p> <p>Put up oil concession pl. 29.7.40</p>

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Copy.

External Affairs Department,
SIMLA.

D.O.No.D.2645-N/40.

The 2nd July, 1940.

Dear Prior,

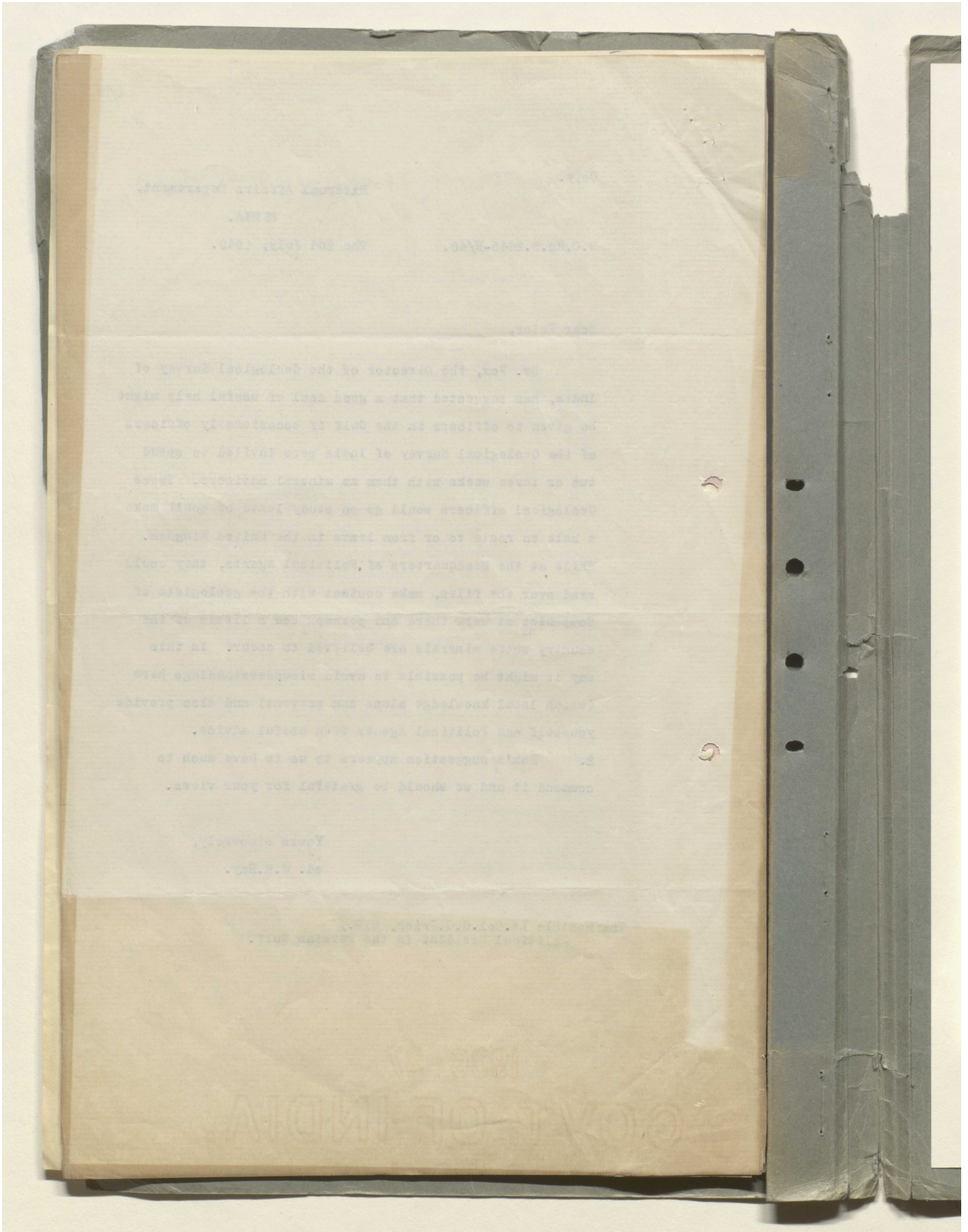
Dr. Fox, the Director of the Geological Survey of India, has suggested that a good deal of useful help might be given to officers in the Gulf if occasionally officers of the Geological Survey of India were invited to spend two or three weeks with them as mineral advisers. These Geological officers would go on study leave or would make a halt en route to or from leave in the United Kingdom. While at the headquarters of Political Agents, they could read over the files, make contact with the geologists of Companies at work there and perhaps see a little of the country where minerals are believed to occur. In this way it might be possible to avoid misunderstandings here (which local knowledge alone can prevent) and also provide yourself and Political Agents with useful advice.

2. Fox's suggestion appears to us to have much to commend it and we should be grateful for your views.

Yours sincerely,
sd. W.R.Hay.

The Hon'ble Lt.Col.C.G.Prior, CIE.,
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

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'File 2/14 Iraq Government's request for their geologist to be permitted to carry out study of rock formation in Kuwait territory' [11r] (21/26)

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D.O.No. C/364.

Political Agency, (11)
Kuwait,
30th July, 1940.

My dear Colonel,

Will you please refer to the enclosure to your Printed Letter No. 535-S of the 22nd July, 1940, on the subject of the visit of the officers of the Geological Survey of India to the Persian Gulf?

2. While in Kabul I had personal experience of a visit from a Government of India Geologist for I acted as Interpreter to Dr. Fox on his visit to Afghanistan. The days I spent with Dr. Fox I found both interesting and instructive and so should welcome a visit from a Government of India Geological officer to Kuwait. The Oil and Sulphur companies of Kuwait could not raise any objections, though they look upon Kuwait as their preserve.

3. A great deal of cooperation could not be expected from the commercial geologists, but sufficient to enable a visitor to draw useful conclusions, such as Holmes does, who calls himself a 'surface geologist'. This 'surface' observation ~~works~~ leads Holmes, I believe, to expect the occurrence of barytes here, and early advice, for example, on such a point would be useful.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon'ble Lieut-Colonel C.G.Prior, CIE.,
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,
Bushire. *o/c*

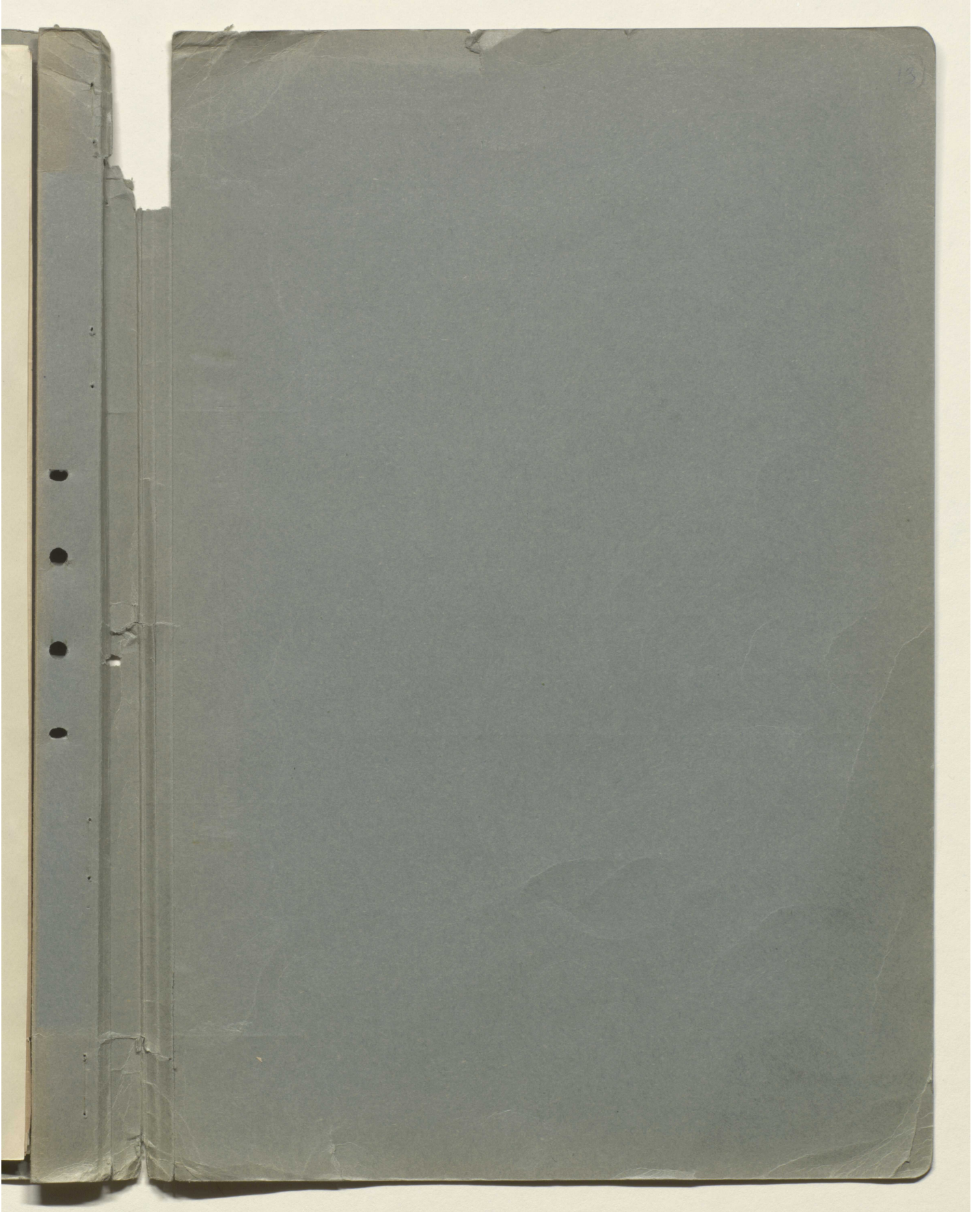
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'File 2/14 Iraq Government's request for their geologist to be permitted to carry out study of rock formation in Kuwait territory' [back-i] (25/26)



'File 2/14 Iraq Government's request for their geologist to be permitted to carry out study of rock formation in Kuwait territory' [back] (26/26)

