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### 'File 4/2 Ibn Sabah Family Tree and Kuwait Succession'

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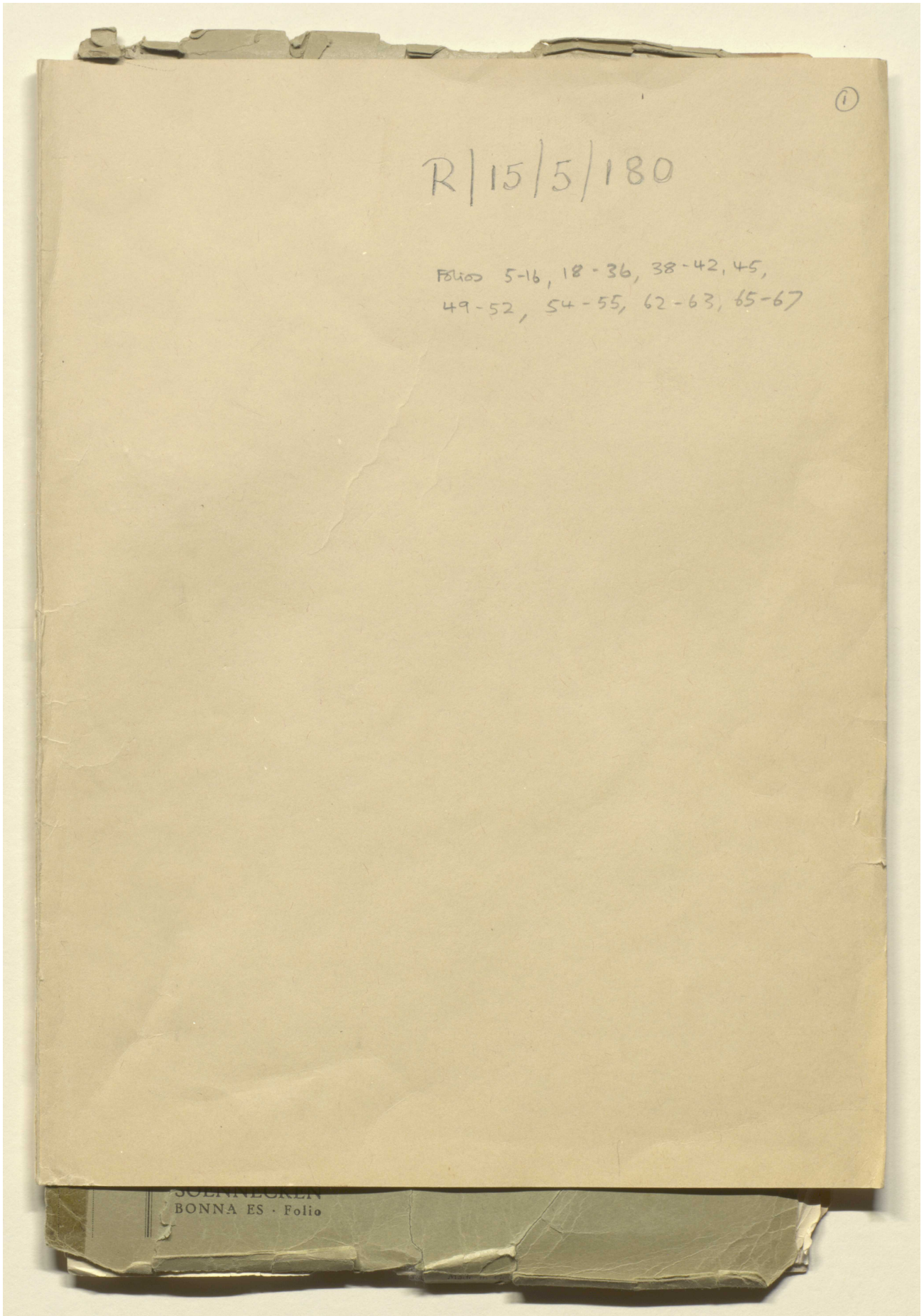


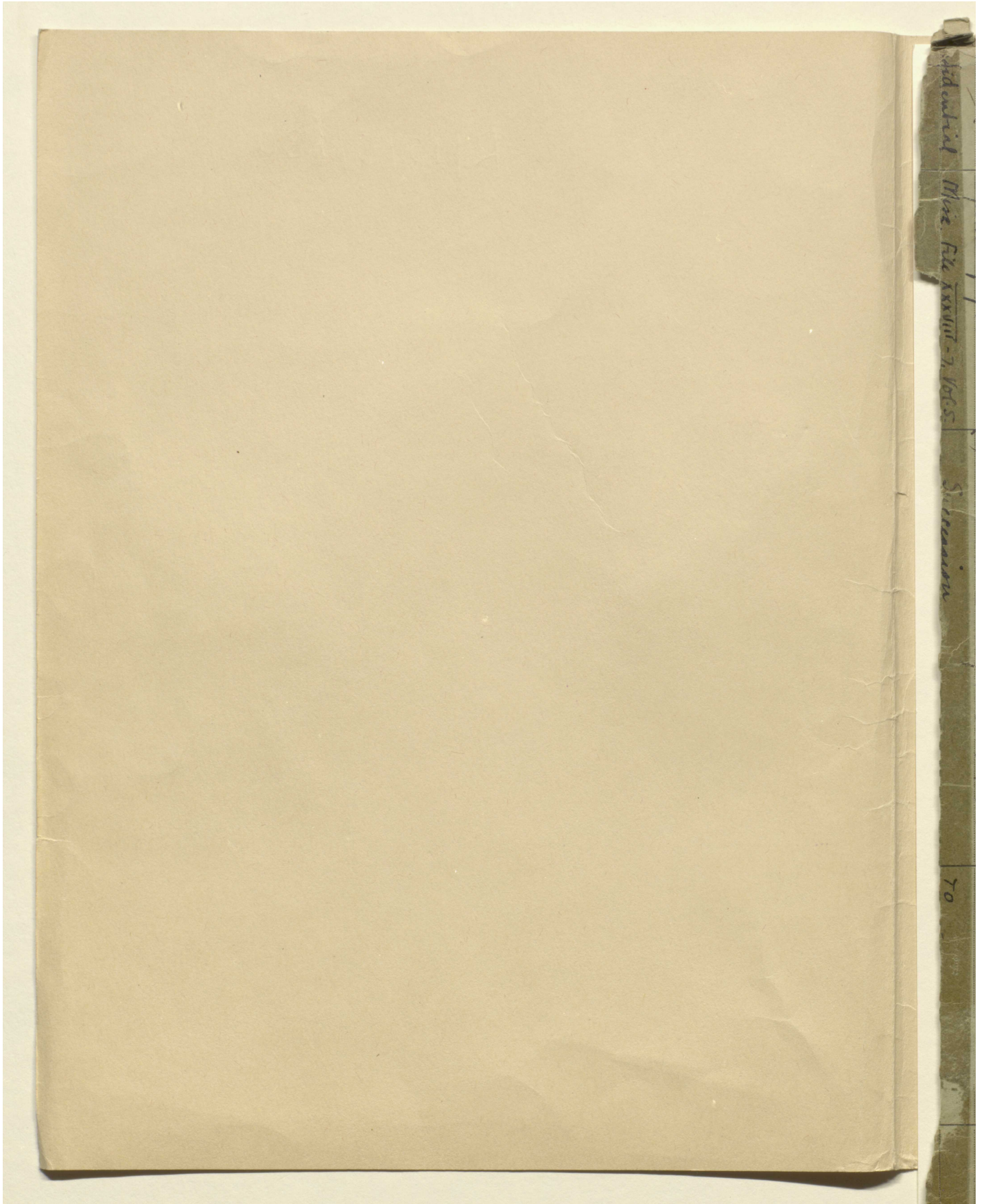
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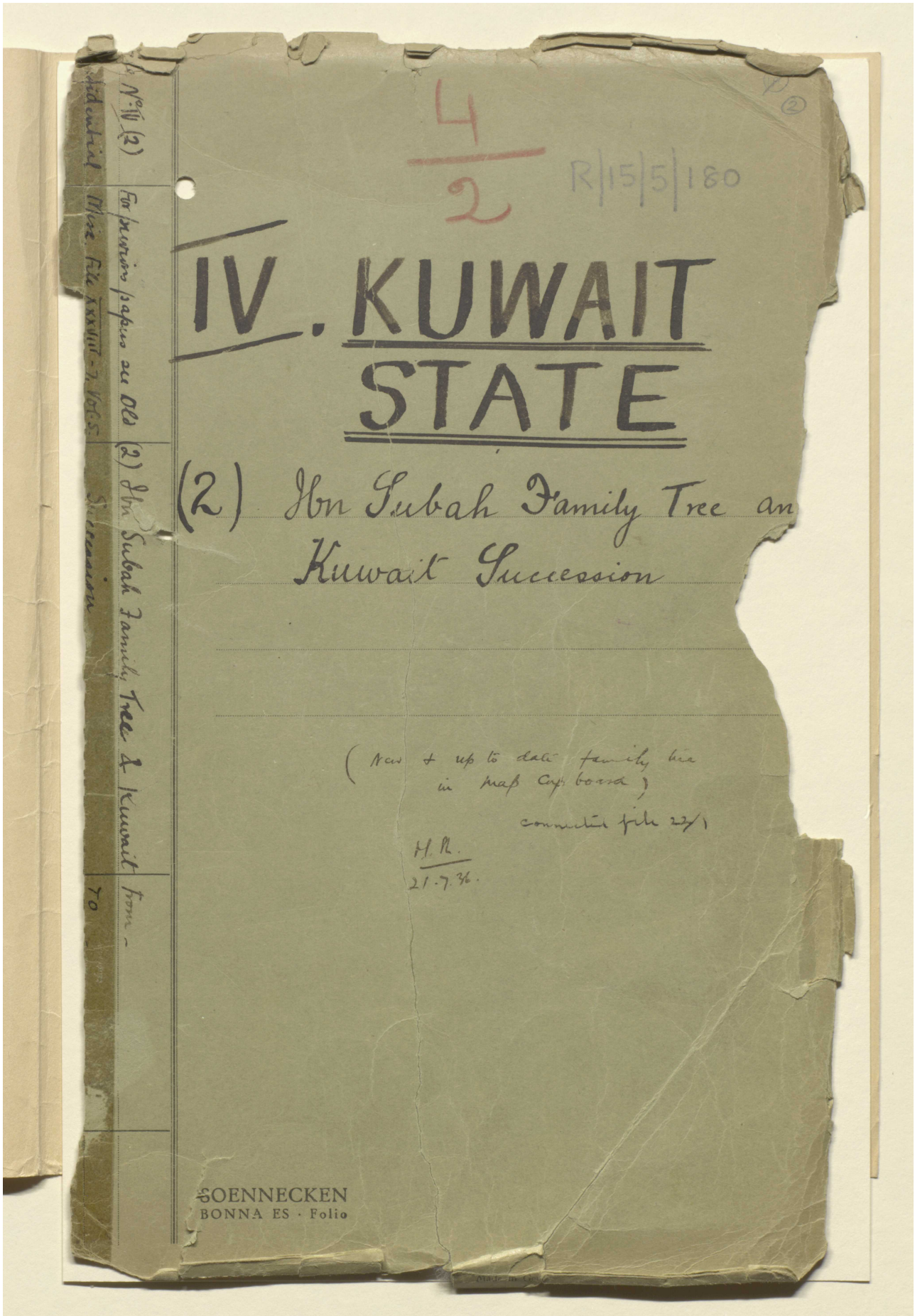
This file contains correspondence between British officials that is all loosely related to the succession of the rulers of Kuwait and related matters of protocol.

The file also contains a hand-written note of a declaration made by the Ruler of Kuwait, Shaikh Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah.

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Jabir died in Feb, 1917.

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Mubarak died Nov 1915  
 ✓ Jabir became Shaikh 1915  
 Jabir died Feb, 1917  
 Salim became Shaikh 1917  
 Salim died Feb, 1921  
 Ahmad became Shaikh 1921.

He

I wish to see the letters which were exchanged when Mubarak, Jabir, & Salim died. They must have made some written communication to the P.A. and must have accepted the obligations of their predecessors before we acknowledged them as Rulers. If you cannot lay your hands on these papers please consult Mullaah Saleh. They should be in our office.

1/7/4

P.A.

kindly see papers flagged in file 22 (old) concerning Shaikh Jabir's undertakings when he became Shaikh in 1915.

I am sorry despite my search this morning I am unable to trace any papers giving undertakings when Shaikh Salim succeeded Sr: Jabir in Feb 1917.

I do not find any exchange of letters having taken place when Sr: Salim died and Shaikh Ahmad succeeded him in Feb 1921.

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Please keep this ready in case of need.

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Issued D.O. No. C/456 d. 14.5.45 to Lt. Col. Galloway, S.P.E. R.R. Bushire.

Issued D.O. No. C/656 dt. 19/7/45 to Lt. Col. Galloway, S.P.E., Bushire

1. D.O. no. C/173 dt 12/8 from P.R. Shuray.

S.1. Filed by order.

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Ans.  
22/8.

Tel no 48 dt 17/2/48 <sup>(2)</sup> from Seco, London.

S.2. Note locally accepted in Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

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Sh. Sabih died on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> and not  
Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. The other dates given in the tel  
are correct. May inform Seco. D.F.A.

P.A.

Ans.  
17.2.48

Ans.  
18/2/48

Issued tel no. 153 dt 18/2/48 to Seco, London (R)P.R.

X.L. no. 442-5 dt 19/2/48 from Repg, Bahrain.

S.4. May send copy of S.2 under P.L.

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P.A.

Ans.  
25.2.48

Ans.  
24/2/48

Issued P.L. no. C/161 dt 20/2/48 to P.R.

(6)

Letter No. 282/1/48 dt. 22.12.48 from Residency, Bahrain

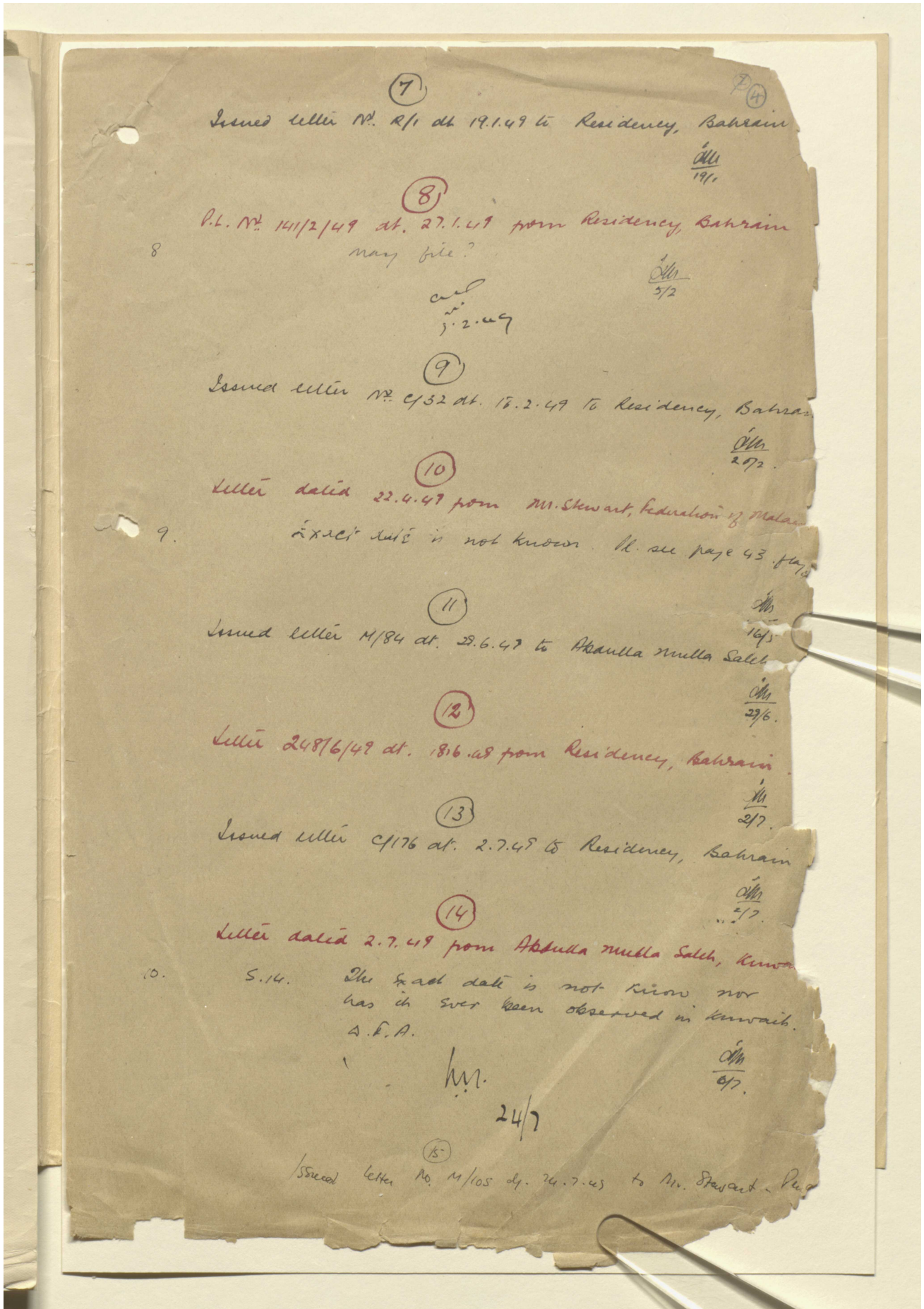
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19.1.49

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(7) Issued letter No. R/1 dt. 19.1.49 to Residency, Bahrain  
O/W 19/1

8 (8) P.L. No. 141/2/49 dt. 27.1.49 from Residency, Bahrain  
may file?  
O/W 5/2  
2.2.49

(9) Issued letter No. C/32 dt. 18.2.49 to Residency, Bahrain  
O/W 2/2

9 (10) Letter dated 22.4.49 from Mr. Stewart, Federation of Malaya  
Exact date is not known. H. see page 43. H/13

(11) Issued letter M/84 dt. 29.6.47 to Abdulla Mulla Saleh  
O/W 14/5  
O/W 29/6

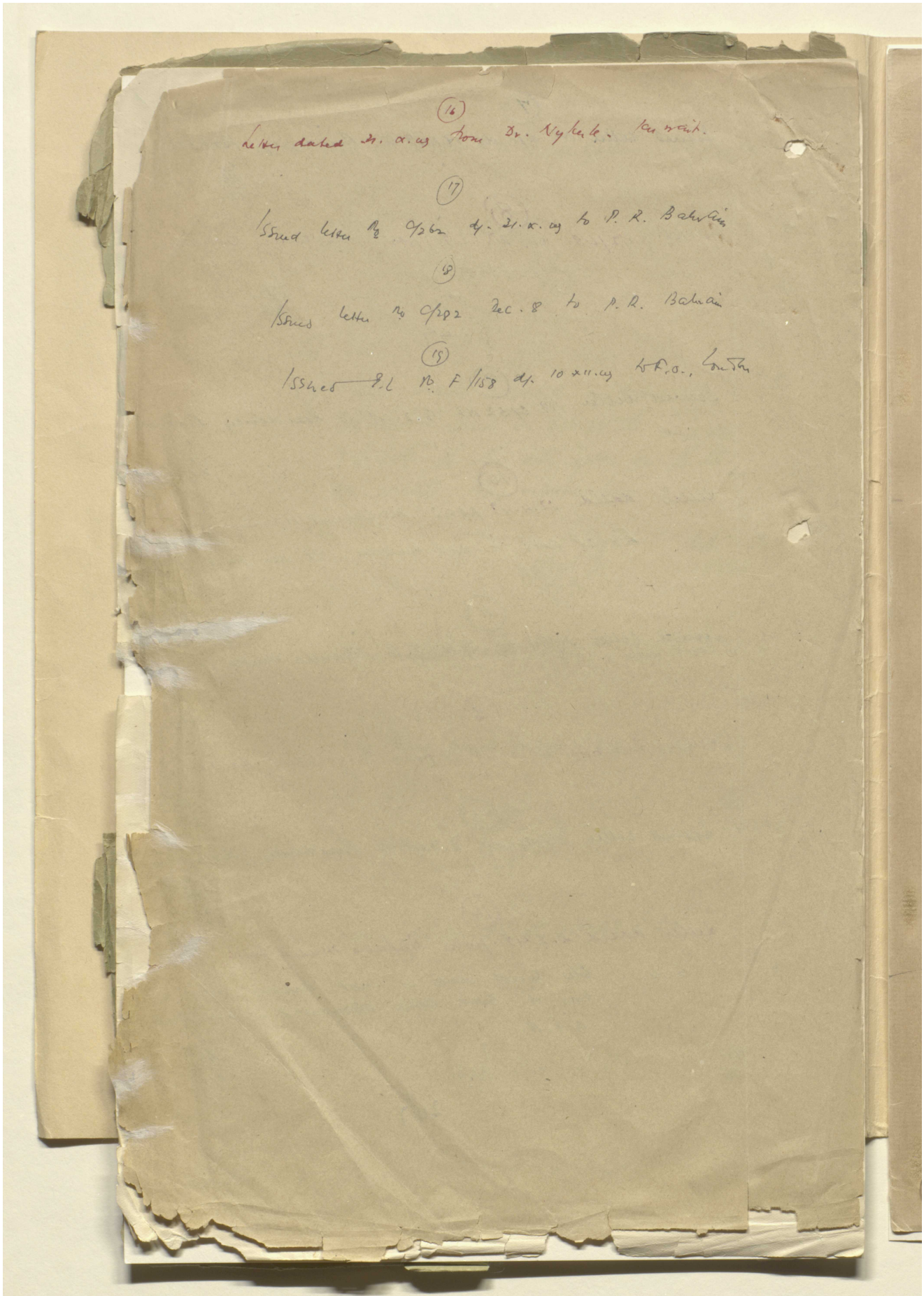
(12) Letter 248/6/49 dt. 18.6.48 from Residency, Bahrain  
O/W 2/7

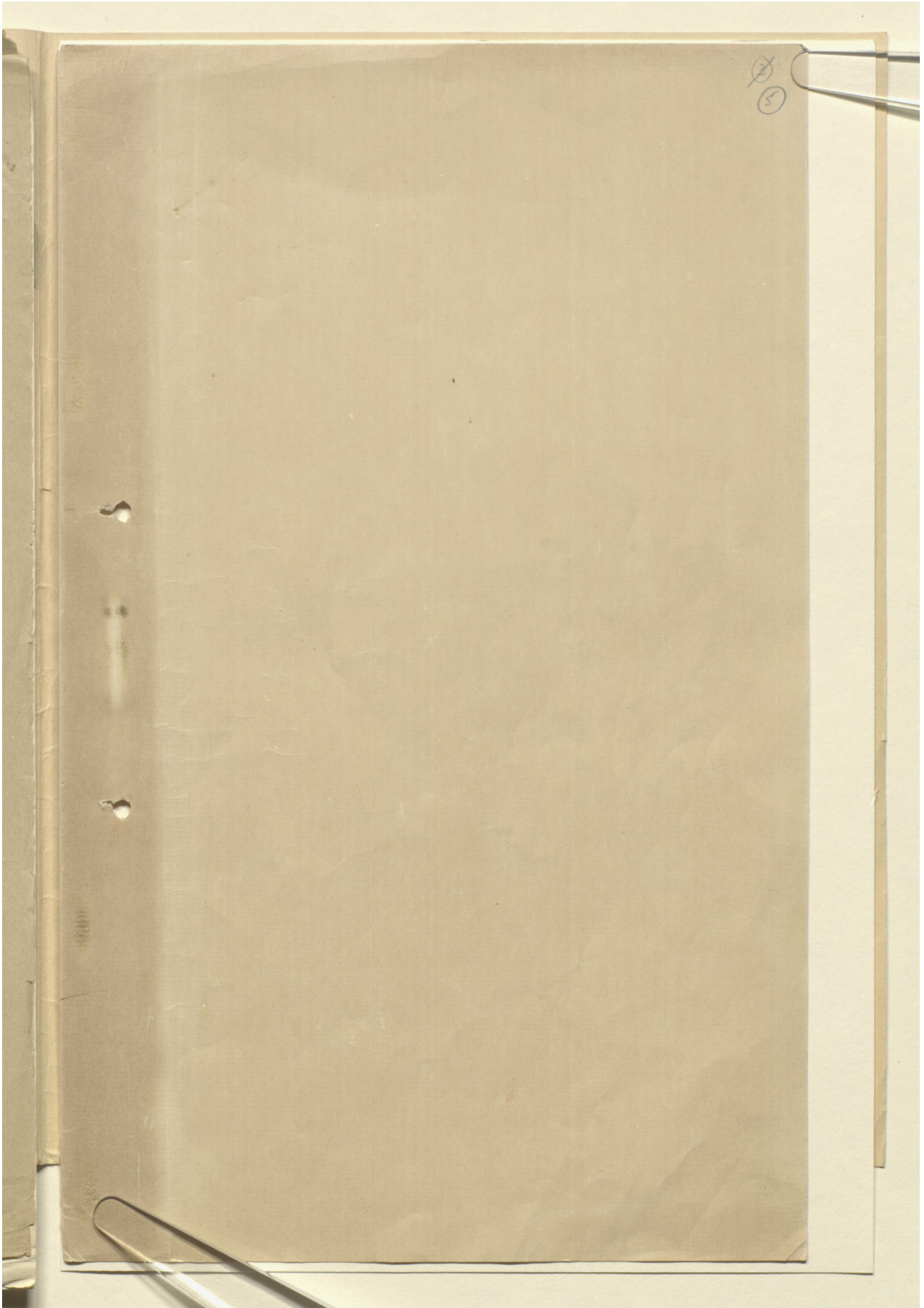
(13) Issued letter C/176 dt. 2.7.48 to Residency, Bahrain  
O/W 2/7

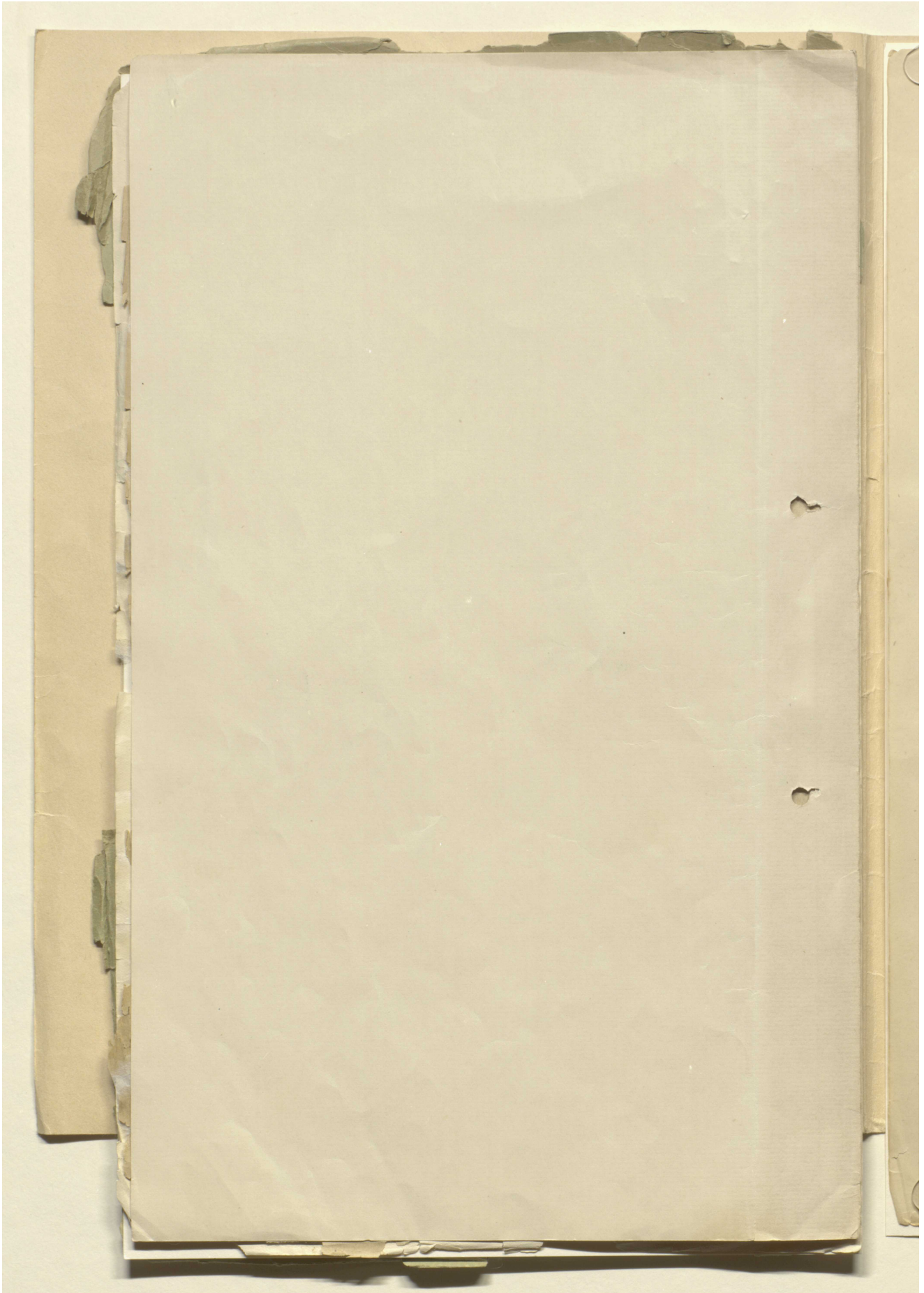
10 (14) Letter dated 2.7.49 from Abdulla Mulla Saleh, Kuwait  
S.14. The exact date is not known nor  
has it ever been observed in Kuwait.  
A.F.A.  
H.M.  
24/7  
O/W 2/7

(15) Issued letter No. M/105 dt. 24.7.48 to Mr. Stewart - P.S.









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Telegram. En. cl.  
From - Political, Kuwait.  
To - Hicom, Baghdad.  
T Resident, Bushire.  
No. 105.  
Dated 23rd February 1921.

CLEAR LINE.

Shaikh Salim returned from Jahrah evening 22nd died same night 11.45 of pneumonia.

Addressed Baghdad and Bushire.

Political.

*Pa:*

*Juman*  
*23/2/21*

*I sent this 1 am. today -*

*Juman*  
*23/2*

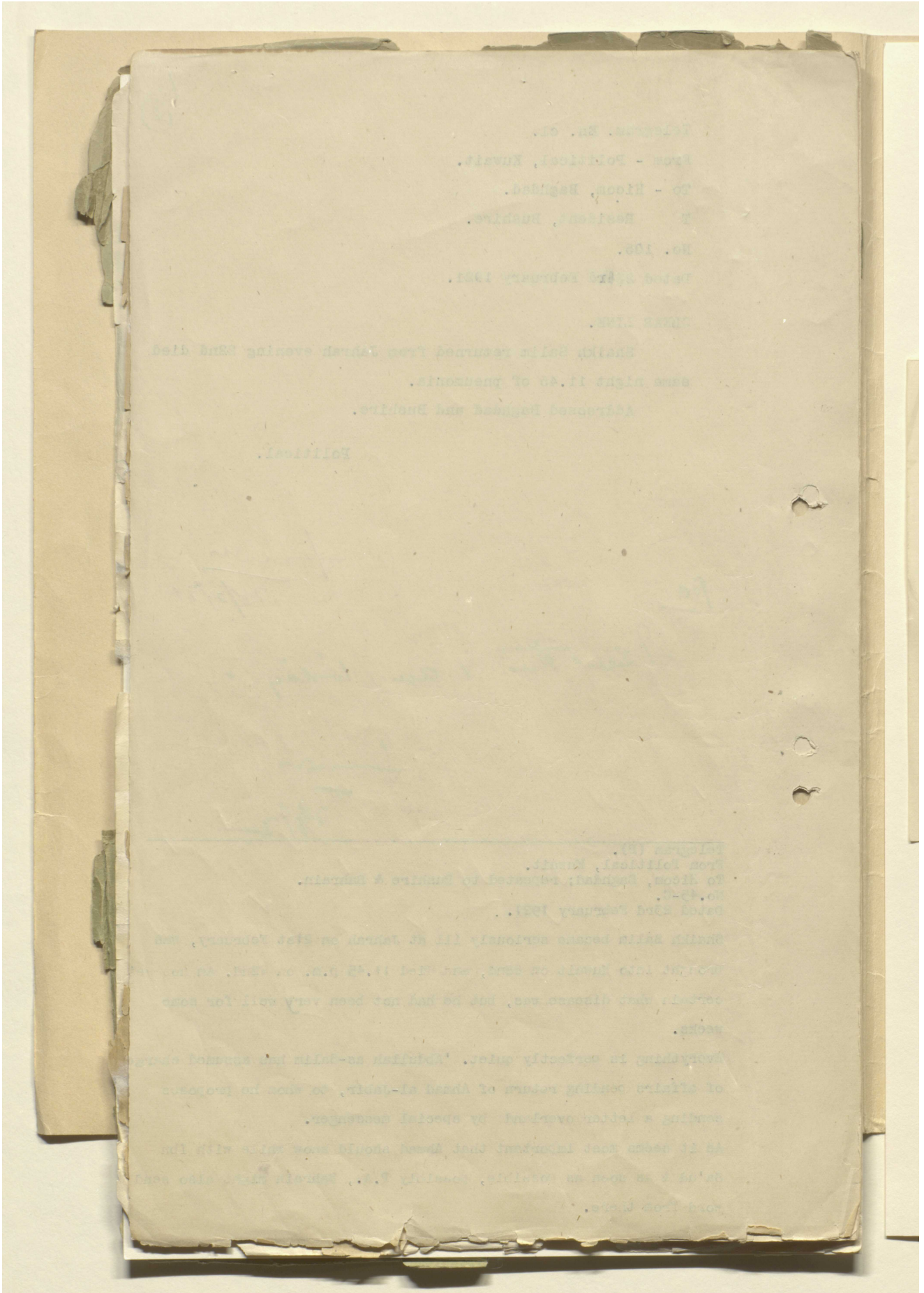
Telegram (P).  
From Political, Kuwait.  
To Hicom, Baghdad; repeated to Bushire & Bahrain.  
No. 45-G.  
Dated 23rd February 1921.

Shaikh Salim became seriously ill at Jahrah on 21st February, was brought into Kuwait on 22nd, and died 11.45 p.m. on 22nd. Am not yet certain what disease was, but he had not been very well for some weeks.

Everything is perfectly quiet. 'Abdullah as-Salim has assumed charge of affairs pending return of Ahmad al-Jabir, to whom he proposes sending a letter overland by special messenger.

As it seems most important that Ahmad should know while with Ibn Sa'ud & as soon as possible, possibly P.A., Bahrain might also send word from there.

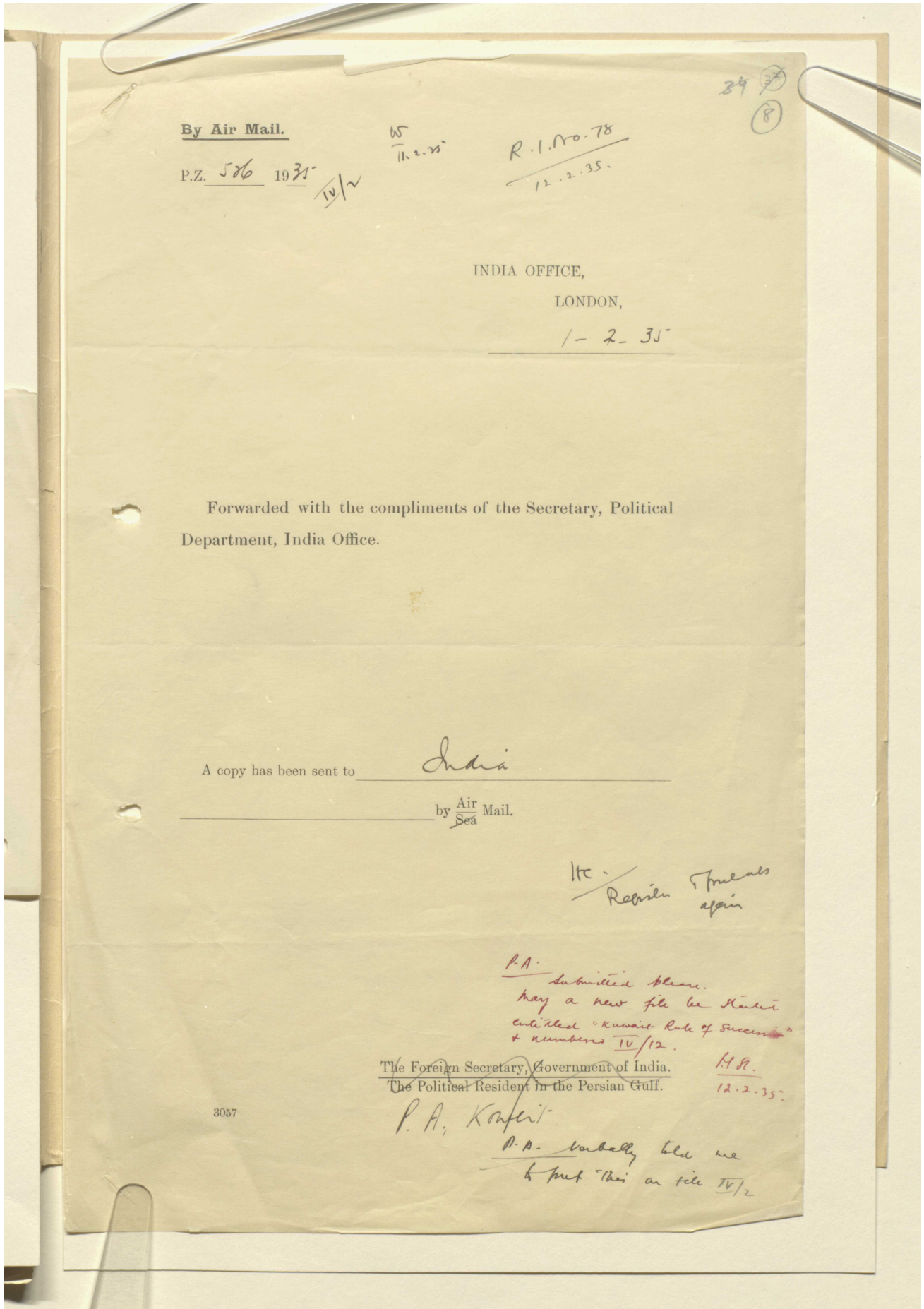
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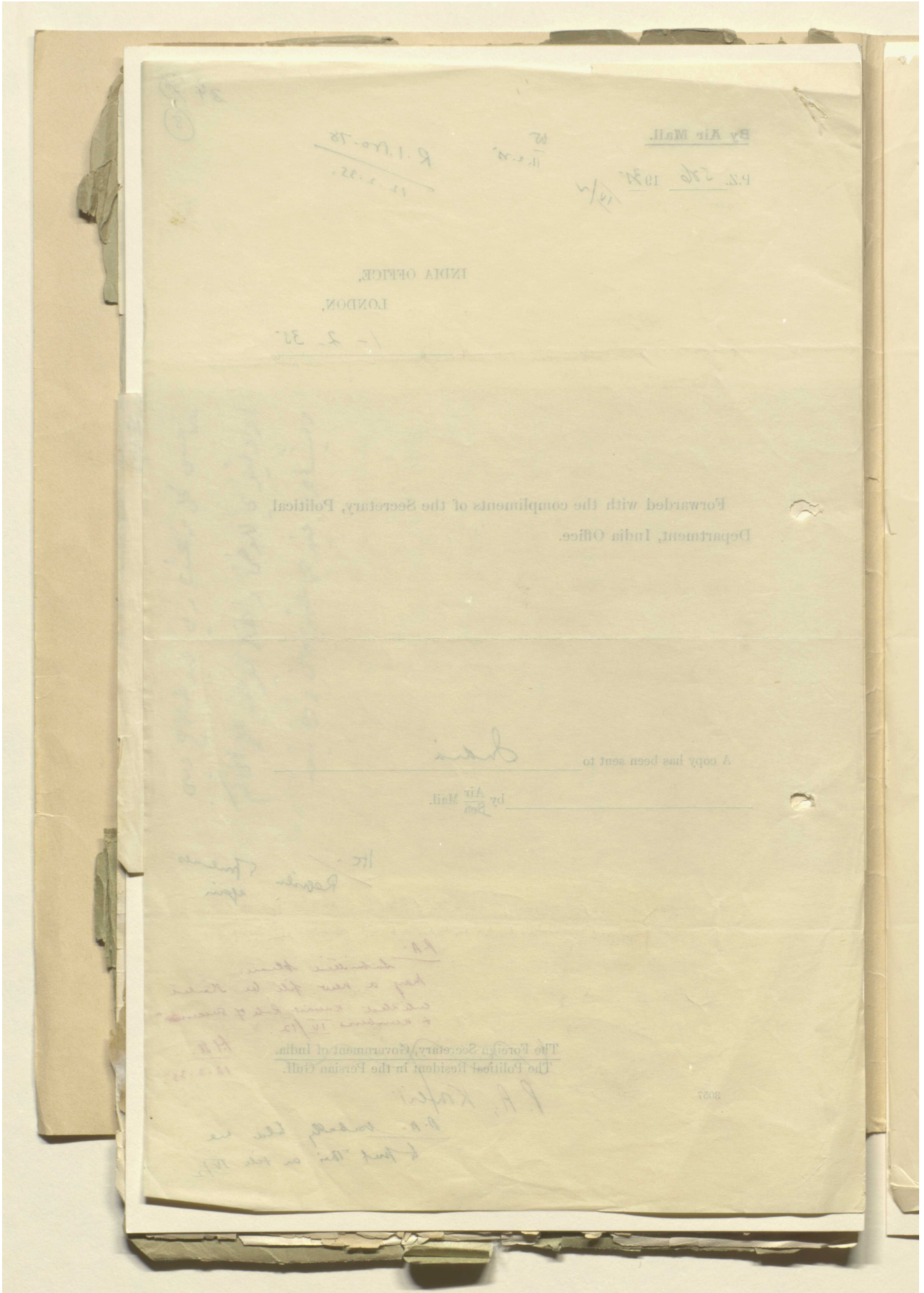


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CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 262-S of 1935.

CONFIDENTIAL  
Kuwait Receipt  
No. 127 Dated 11.3.35.

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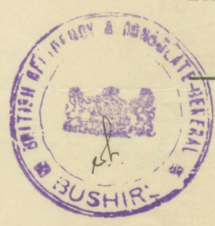
The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

1. The Hon'ble Mr. H.A.F. Metcalfe, C.S.I., C.I.E., M.V.O.,  
Foreign Secretary to the Government of India,  
New Delhi.
2. Lieut.-Colonel H.R.P. Dickson, C.I.E.,  
Political Agent,  
Kuwait. ✓

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

British Consulate-General,  
BUSHIRE.

Dated 3rd March 1935.

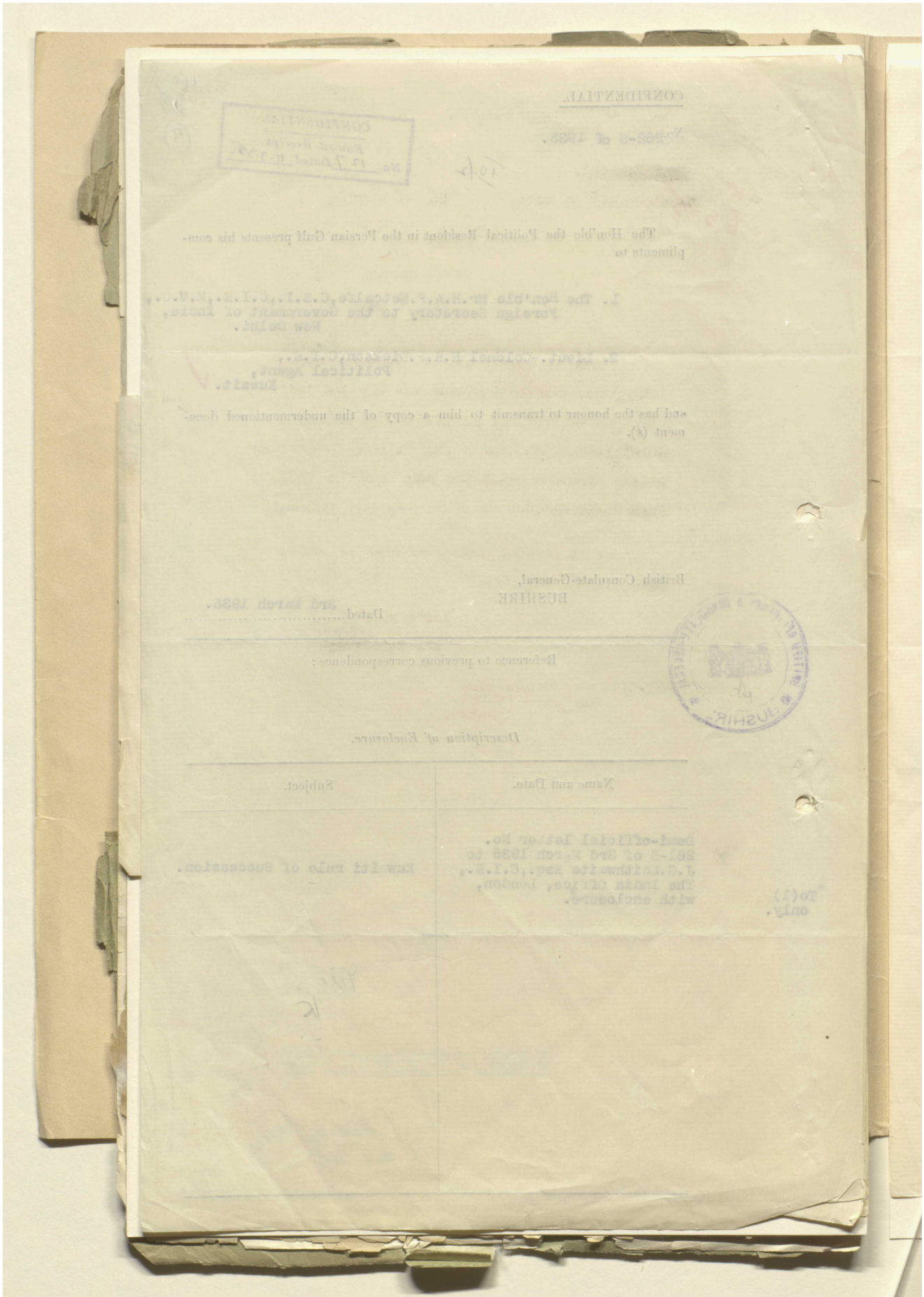


Reference to previous correspondence:

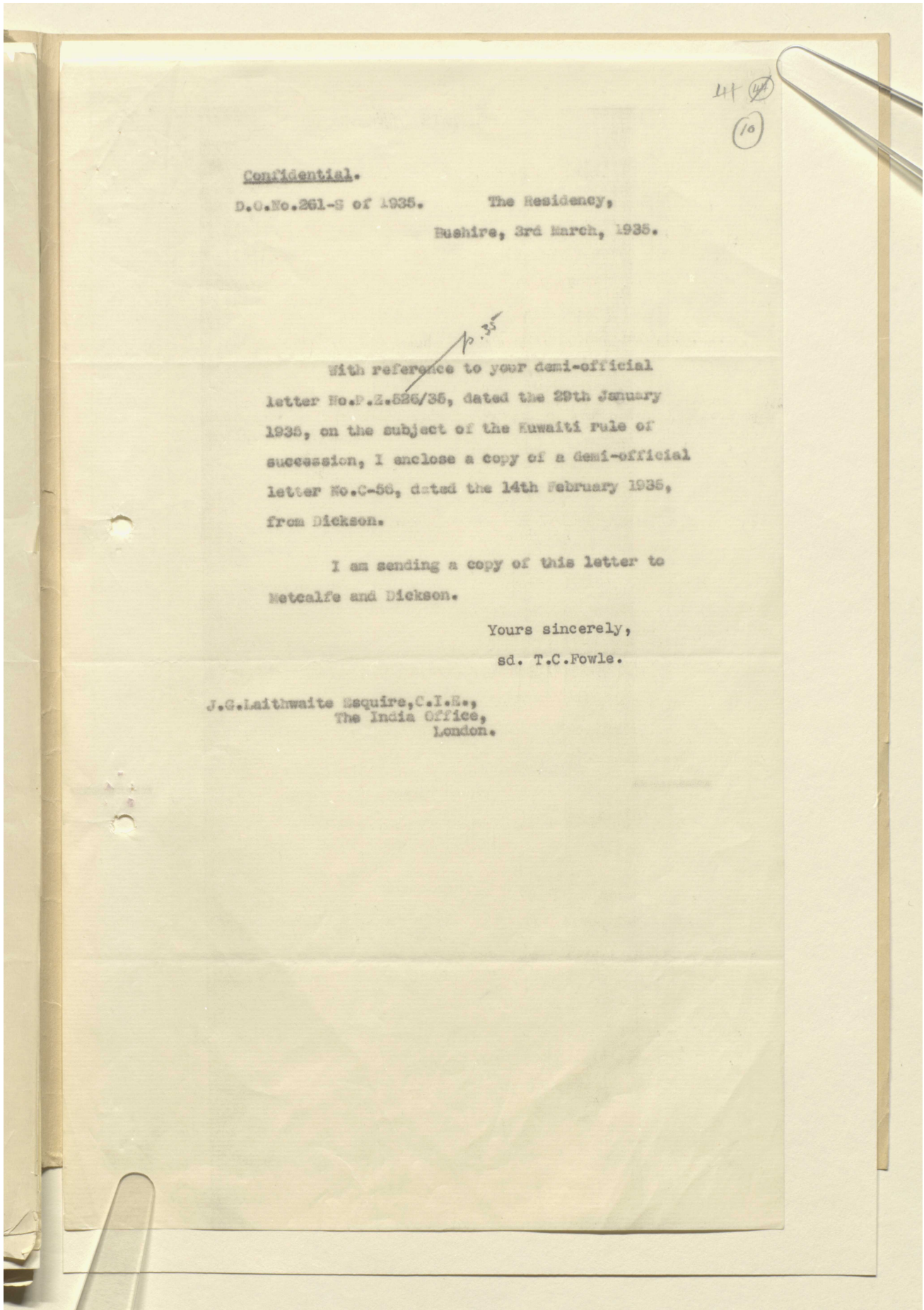
*Description of Enclosure.*

Name and Date.	Subject.
Demi-official letter No. 261-S of 3rd March 1935 to J.G. Laithwaite Esq., C.I.E., The India Office, London, with enclosure.  *To (1) only.	Kuwaiti rule of Succession.  Free K

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Confidential.

D.O.No.261-S of 1935.

The Residency,  
Bushire, 3rd March, 1935.

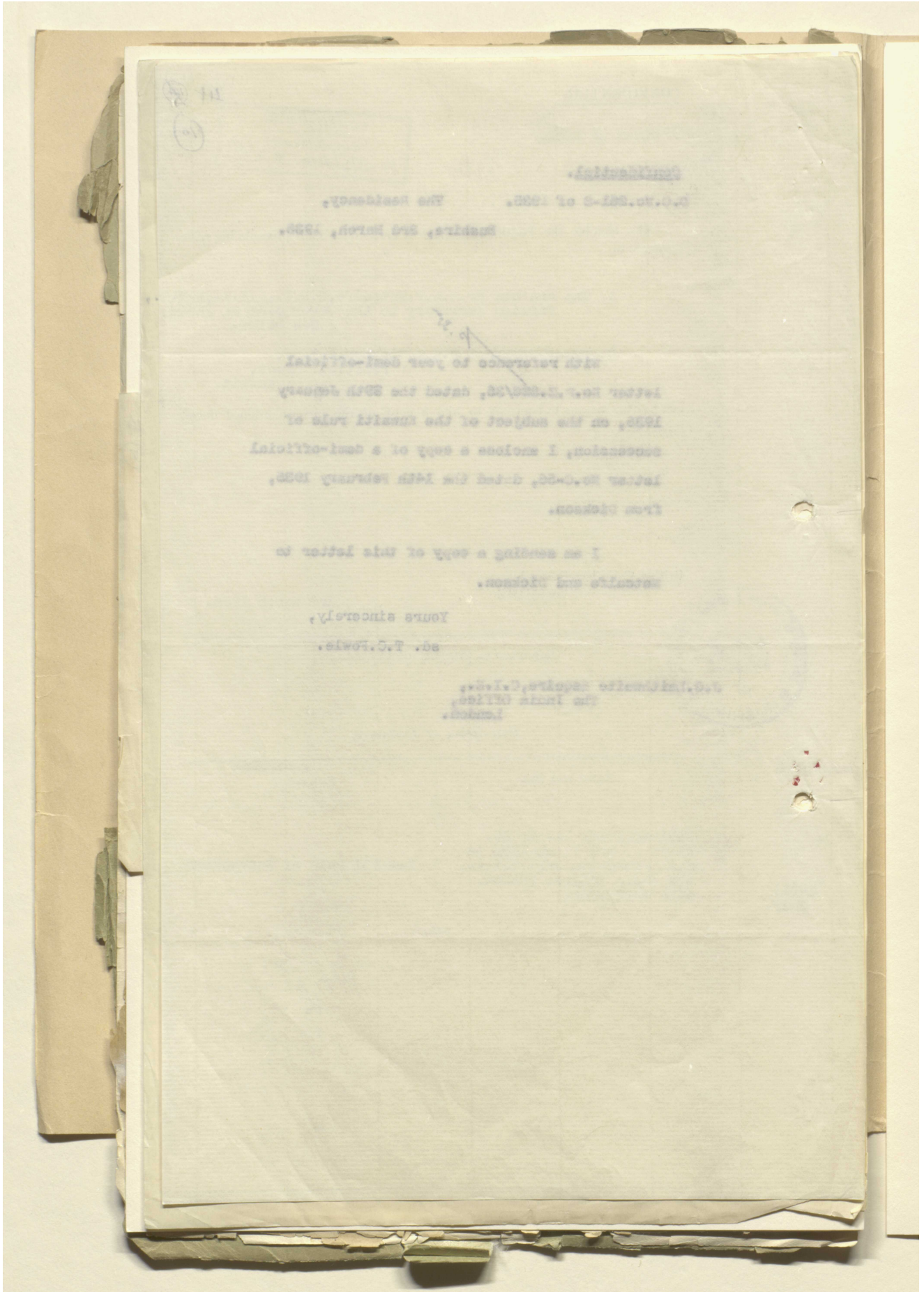
70.35  
With reference to your demi-official  
letter No.P.2.526/35, dated the 29th January  
1935, on the subject of the Kuwaiti rule of  
succession, I enclose a copy of a demi-official  
letter No.C-58, dated the 14th February 1935,  
from Dickson.

I am sending a copy of this letter to  
Metcalf and Dickson.

Yours sincerely,  
sd. T.C.Fowle.

J.G.Laithwaite Esquire, C.I.E.,  
The India Office,  
London.

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Telegram GTC. 43  
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②  
From Political Agent, Kuwait.  
To Publicity Officer, Bahrain.  
No.359.  
Dated 27th March, 1944.

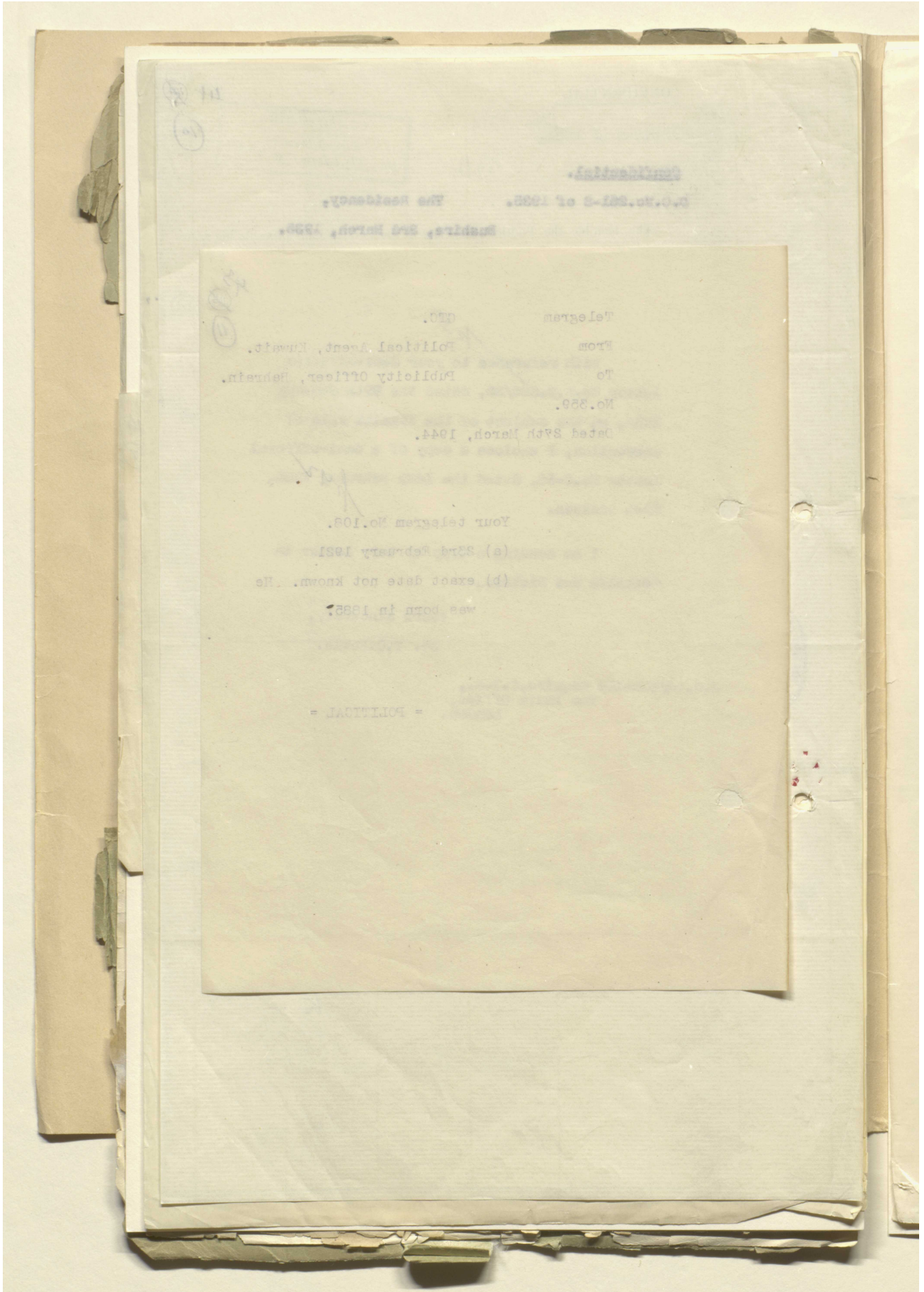
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Your telegram No.108.

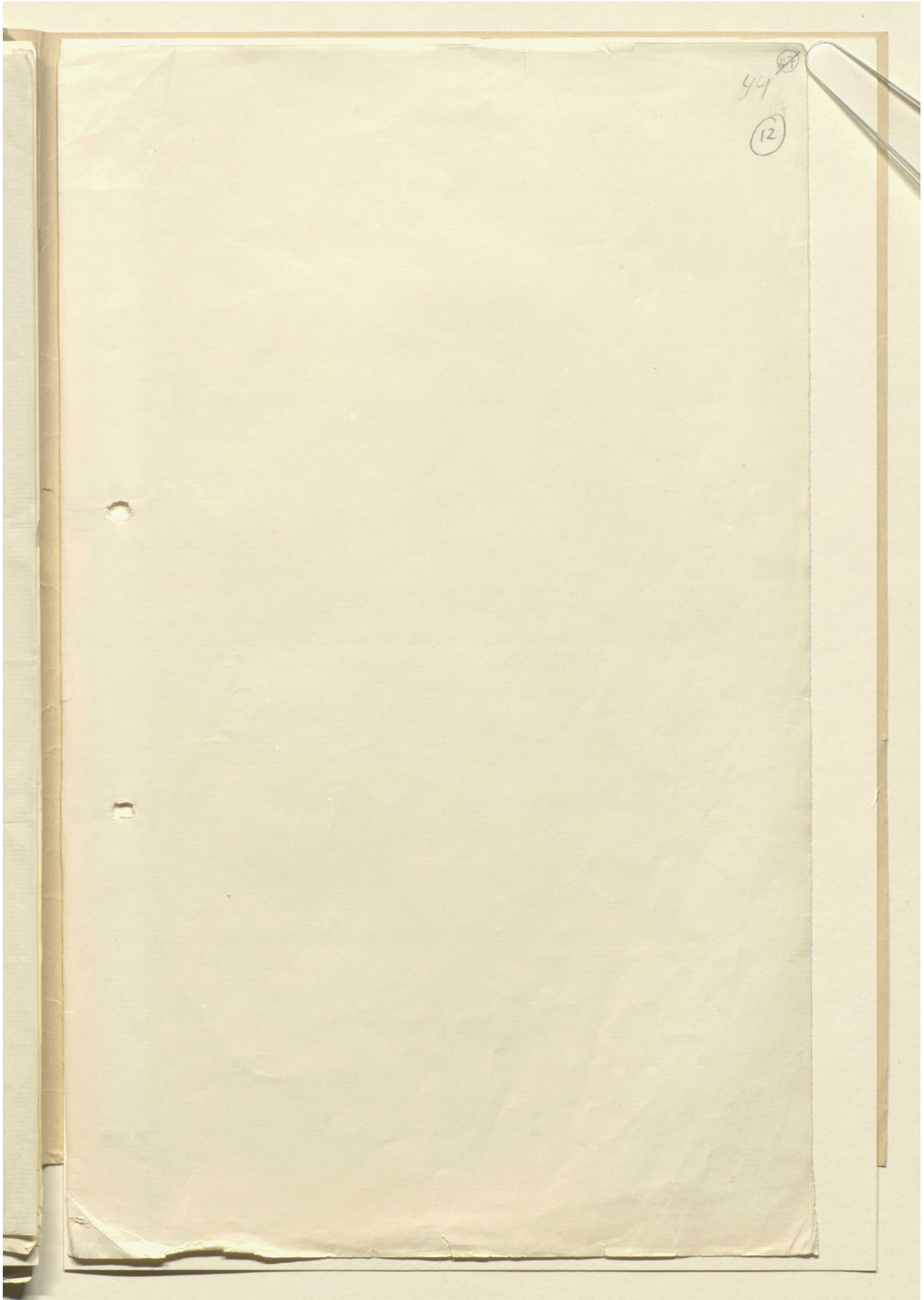
(a) 23rd February 1921

(b) exact date not known. He  
was born in 1885.

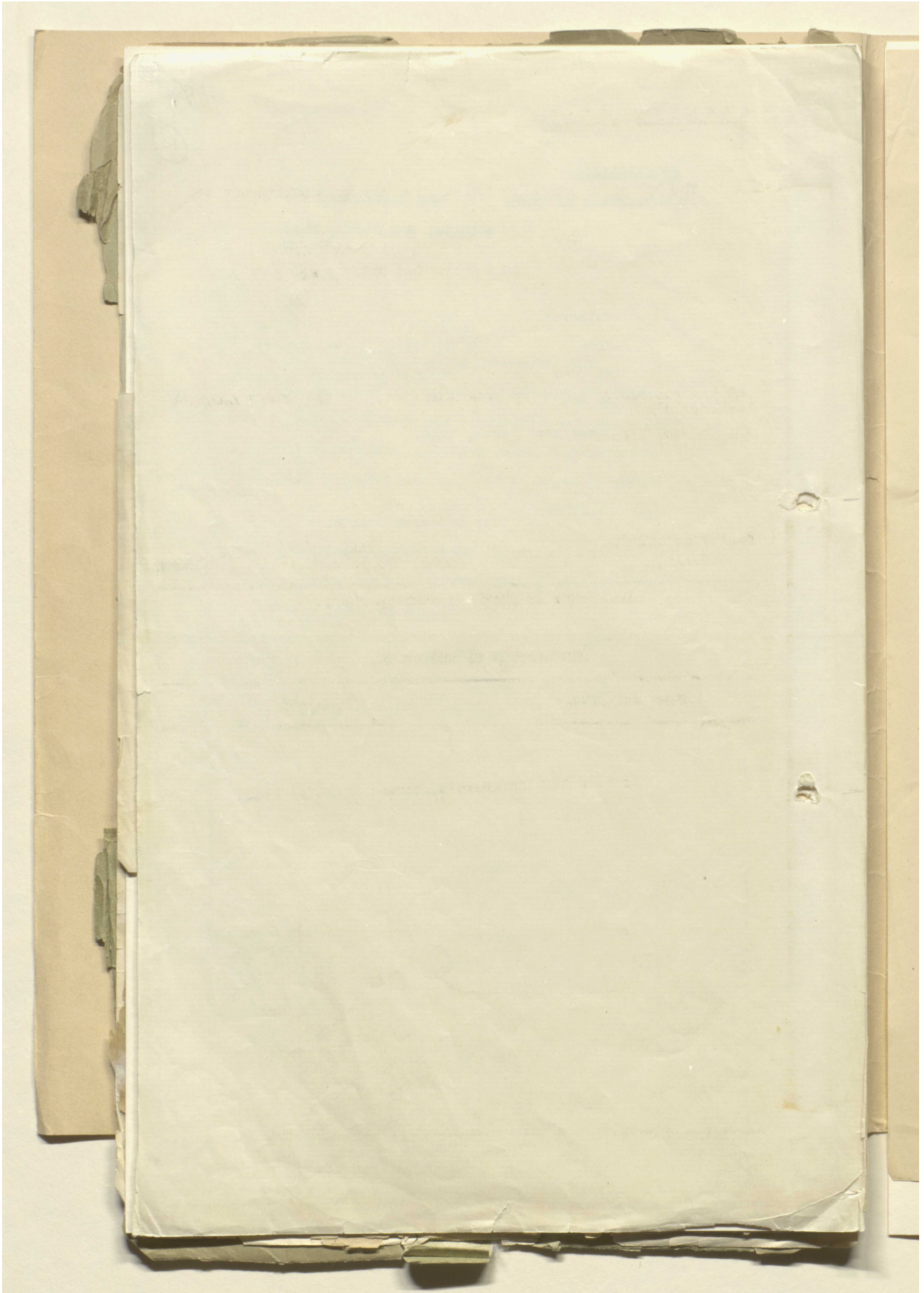
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د. بن سباح.

No. 1463

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The Political Agent at Kuwait presents his compliments to

The Hon'ble the Political Resident

in the Persian Gulf, Camp, SHIRAZ.

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

for information.

POLITICAL AGENCY,  
KUWAIT.

5th October, 1944.  
Dated the.....1944.

Reference to previous correspondence:

DESCRIPTION OF ENCLOSURE.

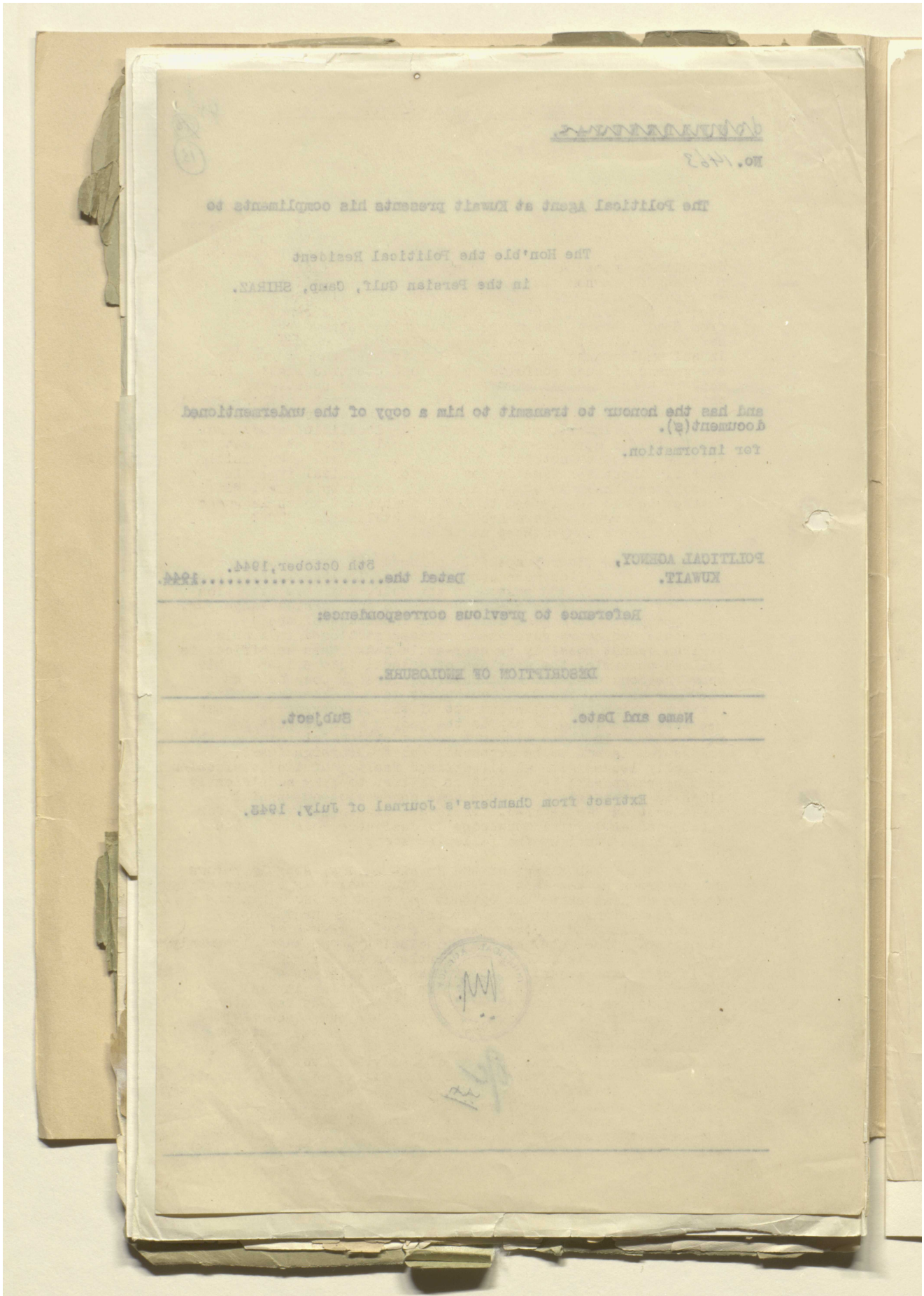
Name and Date.

Subject.

Extract from Chambers's Journal of July, 1943.



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D.O No. C/456.

POLITICAL AGENCY,  
KUWAIT.

the 14th May, 1945.

Subject : Precedence amongst the As-Subah.

*My dear Colonel,*

An incident occurred on my taking over here which may be worth reporting.

2. Jackson fixed a time for Shaikh Abdullah Salim to call and meet me and a time about an hour later for Shaikh Abdullah Mubarak to do so. The latter, when he heard of the arrangement, protested vigorously on the grounds that he had called before Shaikh Abdullah Salim on Pelly's arrival, but was told that the arrangement would have to stand. On the appointed day, however, Abdullah Salim failed to appear until after Abdullah Mubarak had called. He made his call two hours after the time fixed and offered no explanation or apology. I have not yet been able to discover how Abdullah Mubarak achieved his end.

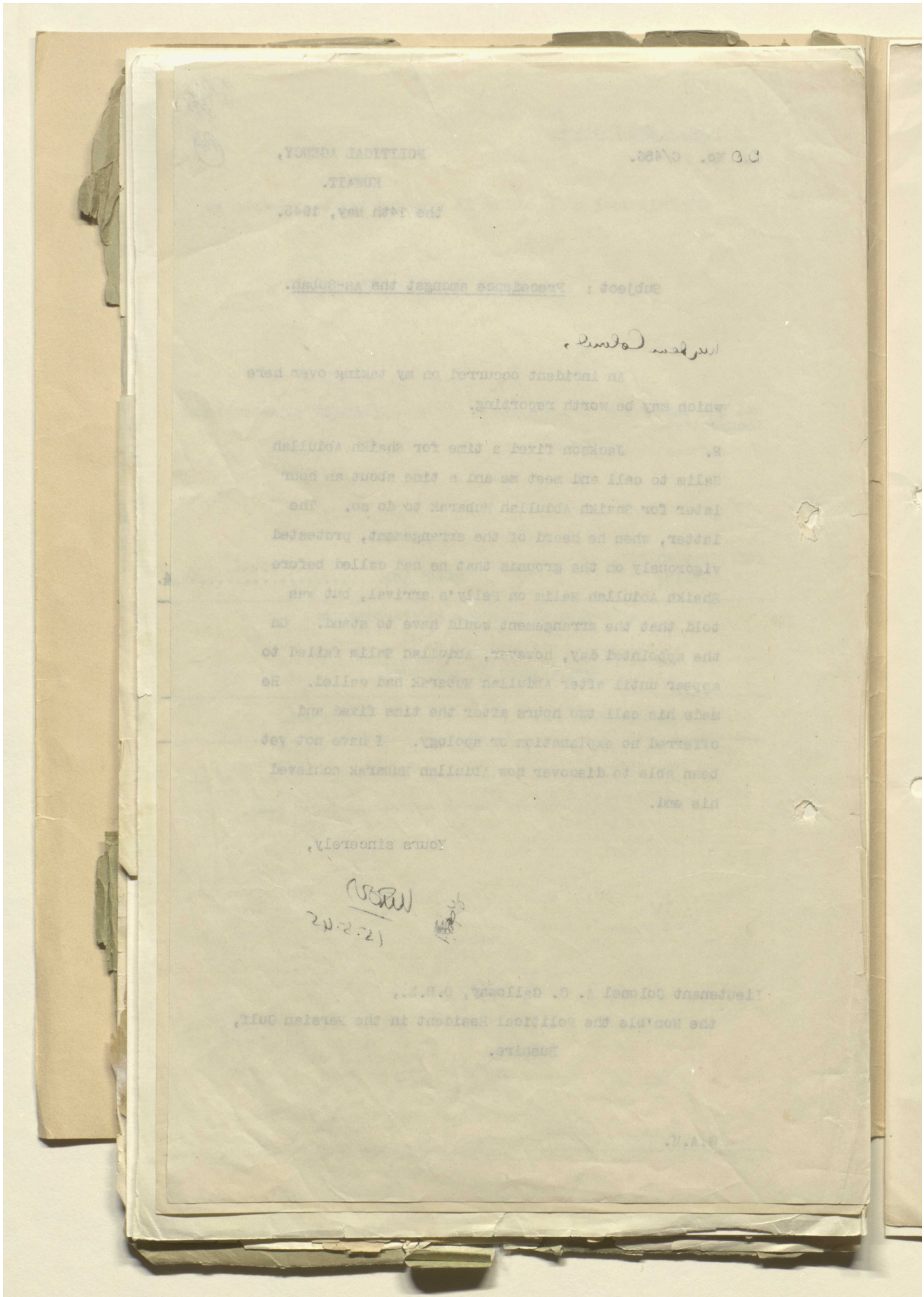
Yours sincerely,

*dc*  
*W. G. Galloway*  
*15.5.45*

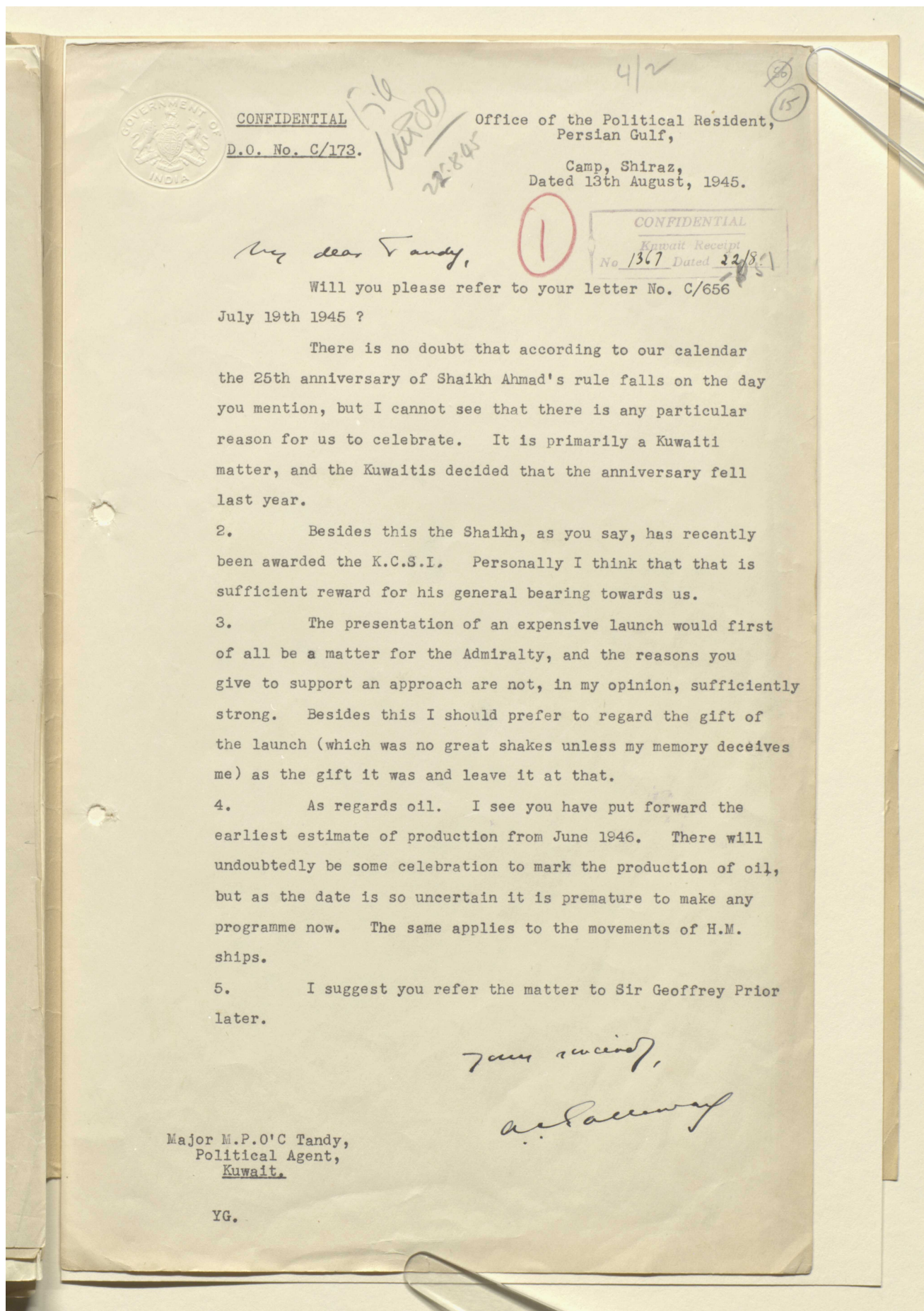
Lieutenant Colonel A. C. Galloway, O.B.E.,  
the Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,  
Bushire.

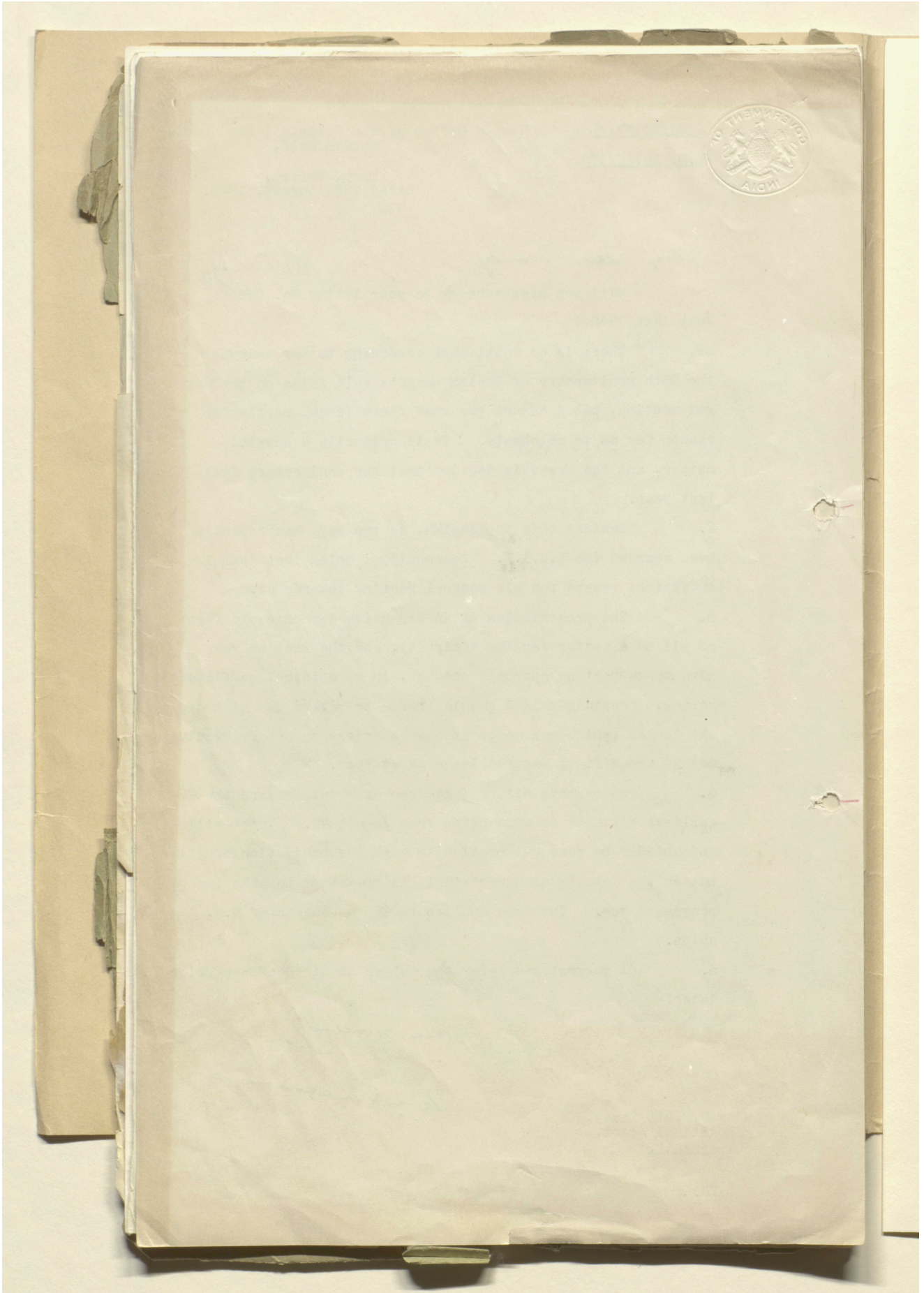
G.A.M.

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Telegram 'S'(Indiv)  
From Secro, London  
To Political, Kuwait.  
No.48.  
Dated 17th, received 18th February, 1948.

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B.B.C. wish to know date accepted locally to  
celebrate anniversary of accession of the Shaikh of Kuwait.

B.B.C. records show February 23rd at

2. Our records show that Salim died on February  
21st Shaikh Ahmed arrived Kuwait March 24th and accepted by  
Subah family same day and by meeting of notables on 25th.

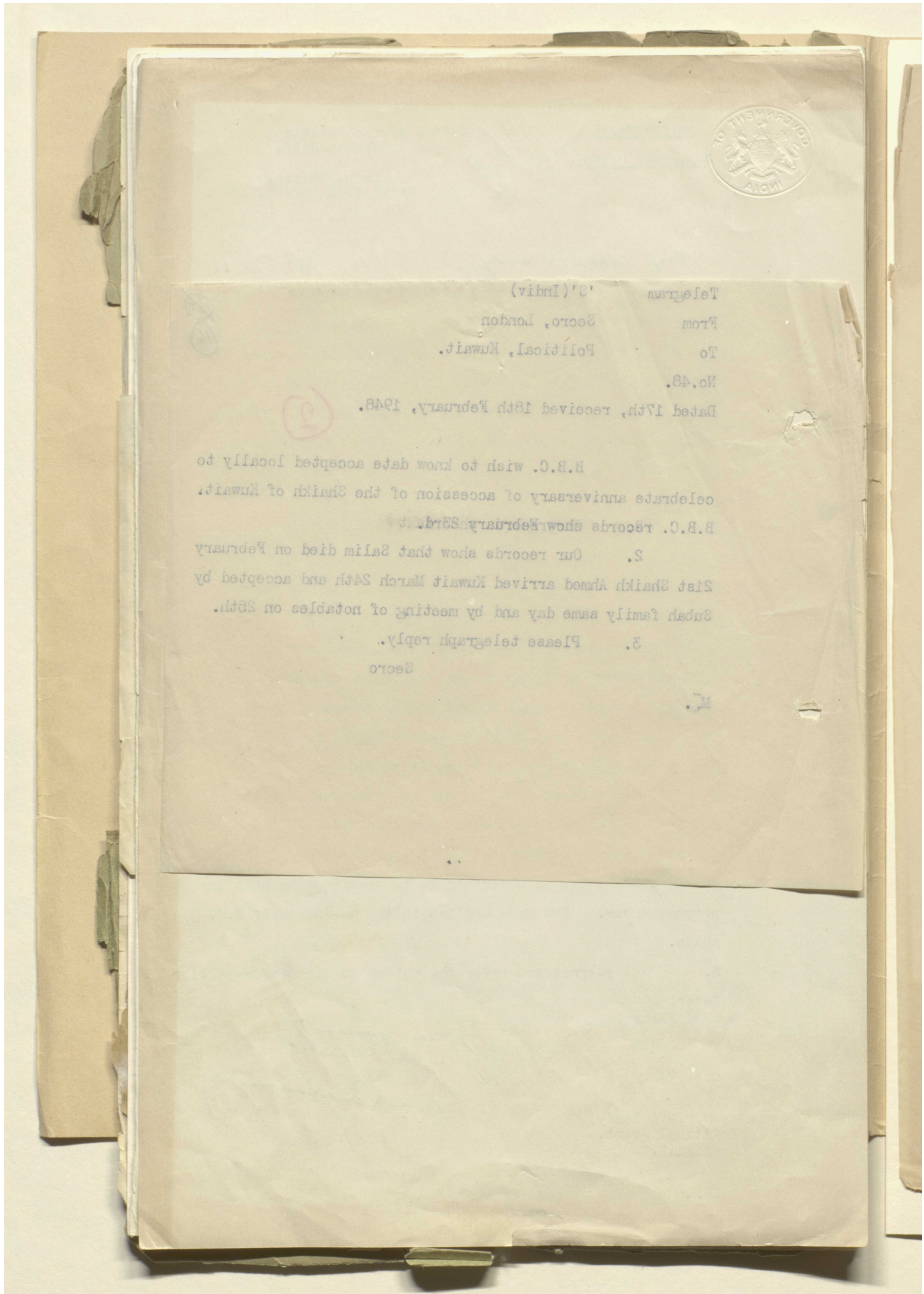
3. Please telegraph reply.

Secro

M.



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Telegram (S)6. (17)  
From Political, Kuwait.  
To Secro, London  
Repeated Repgu, Bahrain  
No.153.  
Dated the 18th February, 1948. (3)

IMPORTANT.

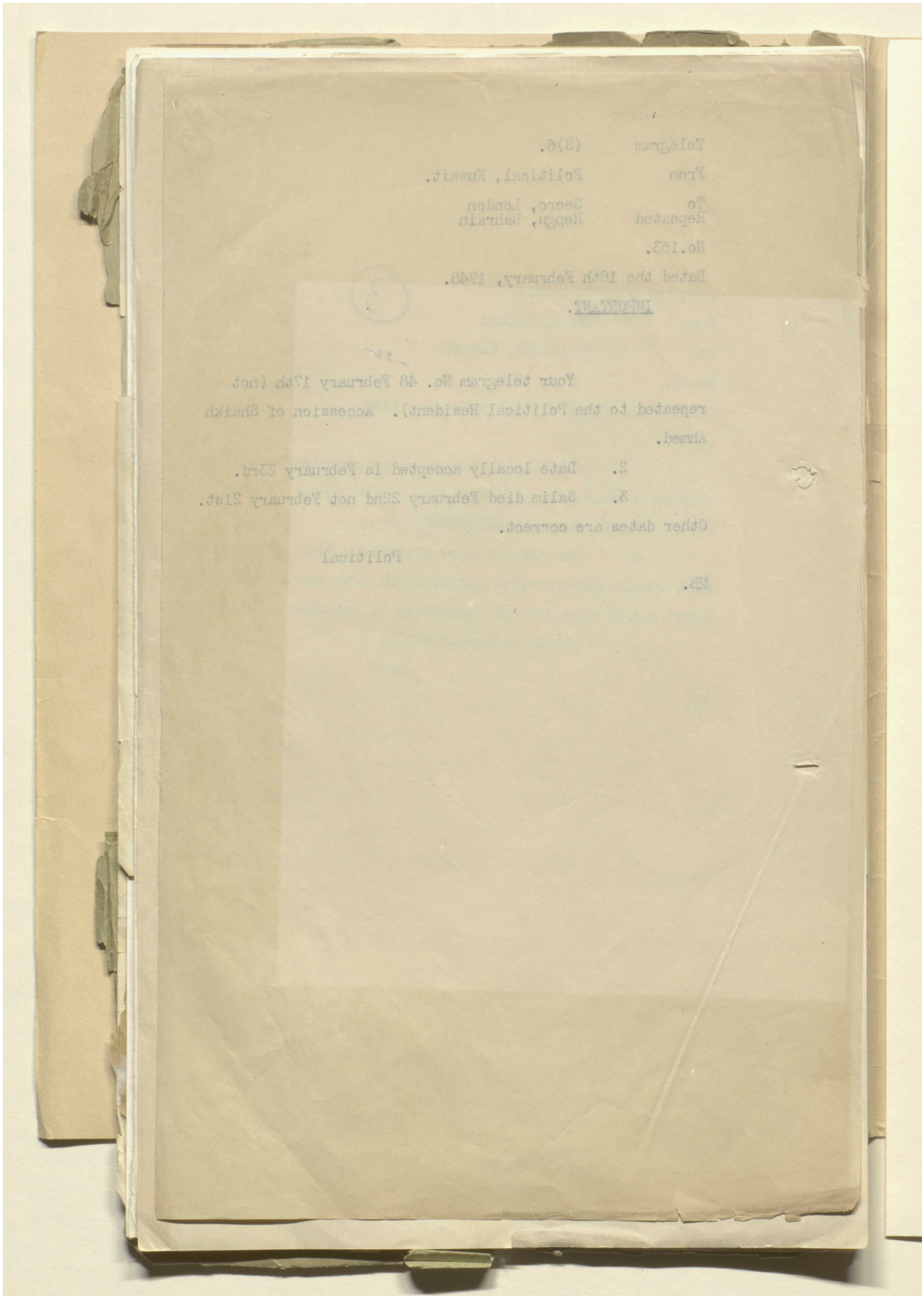
Your telegram No. 48 February 17th (not  
repeated to the Political Resident). Accession of Shaikh  
Ahmed.

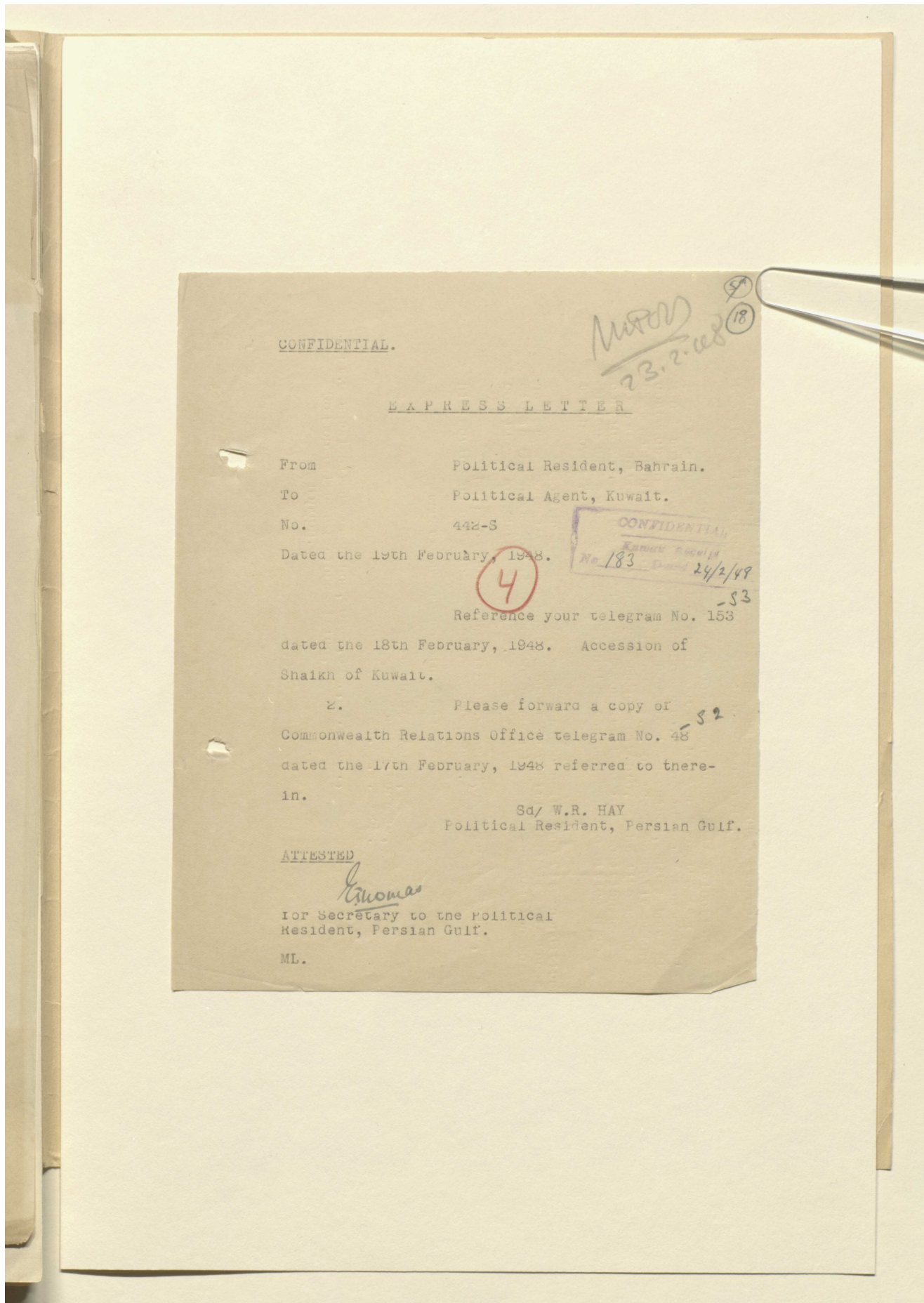
2. Date locally accepted is February 23rd.
  3. Salim died February 22nd not February 21st.
- Other dates are correct.

Political

MB.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

*M. P. M.*  
*23.2.48* <sup>52</sup> <sup>18</sup>

EXPRESS LETTER

From Political Resident, Bahrain.  
To Political Agent, Kuwait.  
No. 442-S  
Dated the 19th February, 1948.

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Kuwait Receipt  
No. 183 Dated 24/2/48  
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Reference your telegram No. 153 dated the 18th February, 1948. Accession of Shaikh of Kuwait.

2. Please forward a copy of Commonwealth Relations Office telegram No. 48 dated the 17th February, 1948 referred to therein. -52

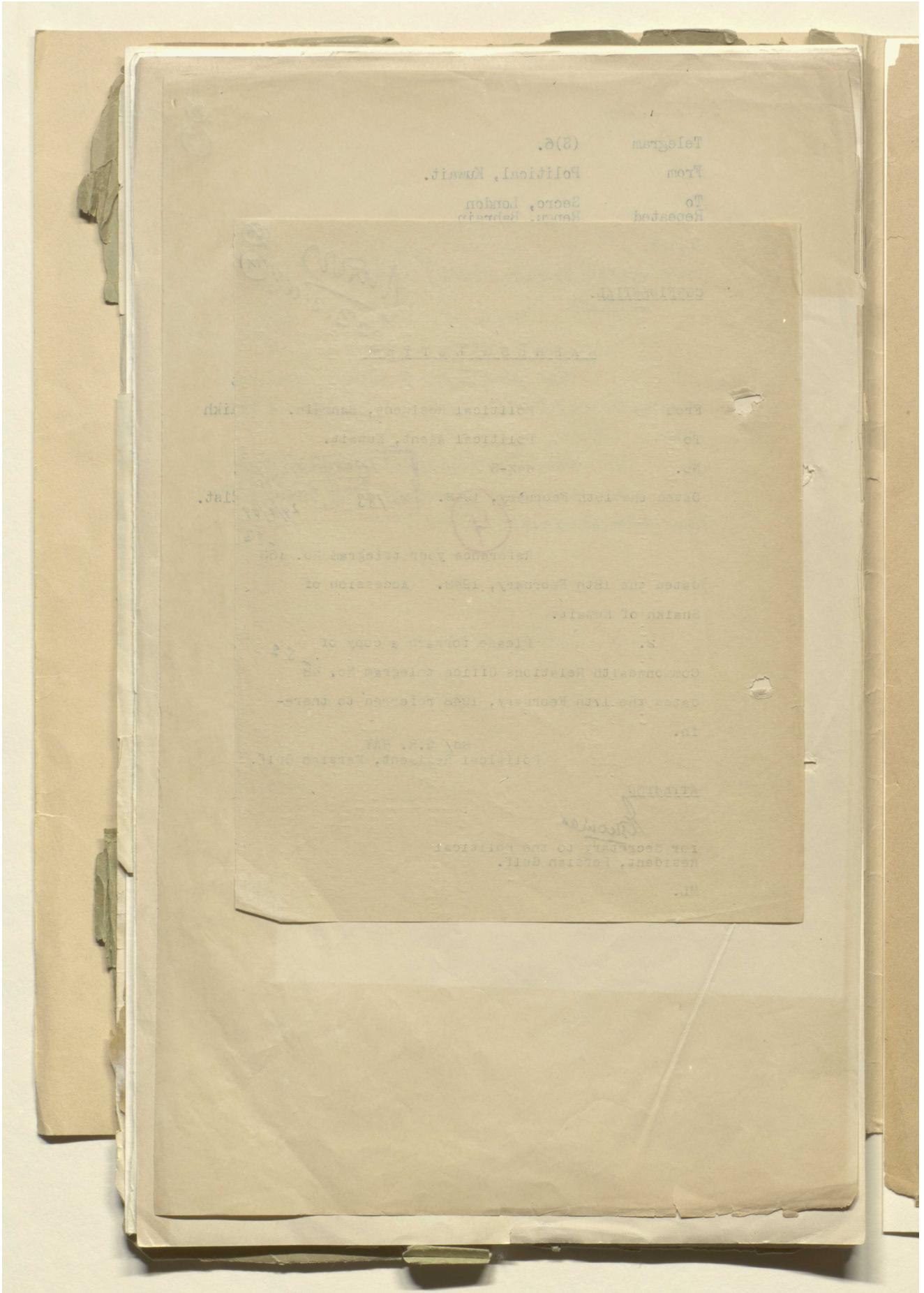
Sd/ W.R. HAY  
Political Resident, Persian Gulf.

ATTESTED

*E. Thomas*  
For Secretary to the Political Resident, Persian Gulf.

ML.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 0/161

The Political Agent, Kuwait presents his compliments  
to:-

The Secretary to the  
Hon'ble the Political Resident in the  
Persian Gulf, Bahrain.

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

THE POLITICAL AGENCY,  
KUWAIT.

Dated the 25th of February, 1948.

REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE:  
Residency express letter No. 442-S of February 19th, 1948.

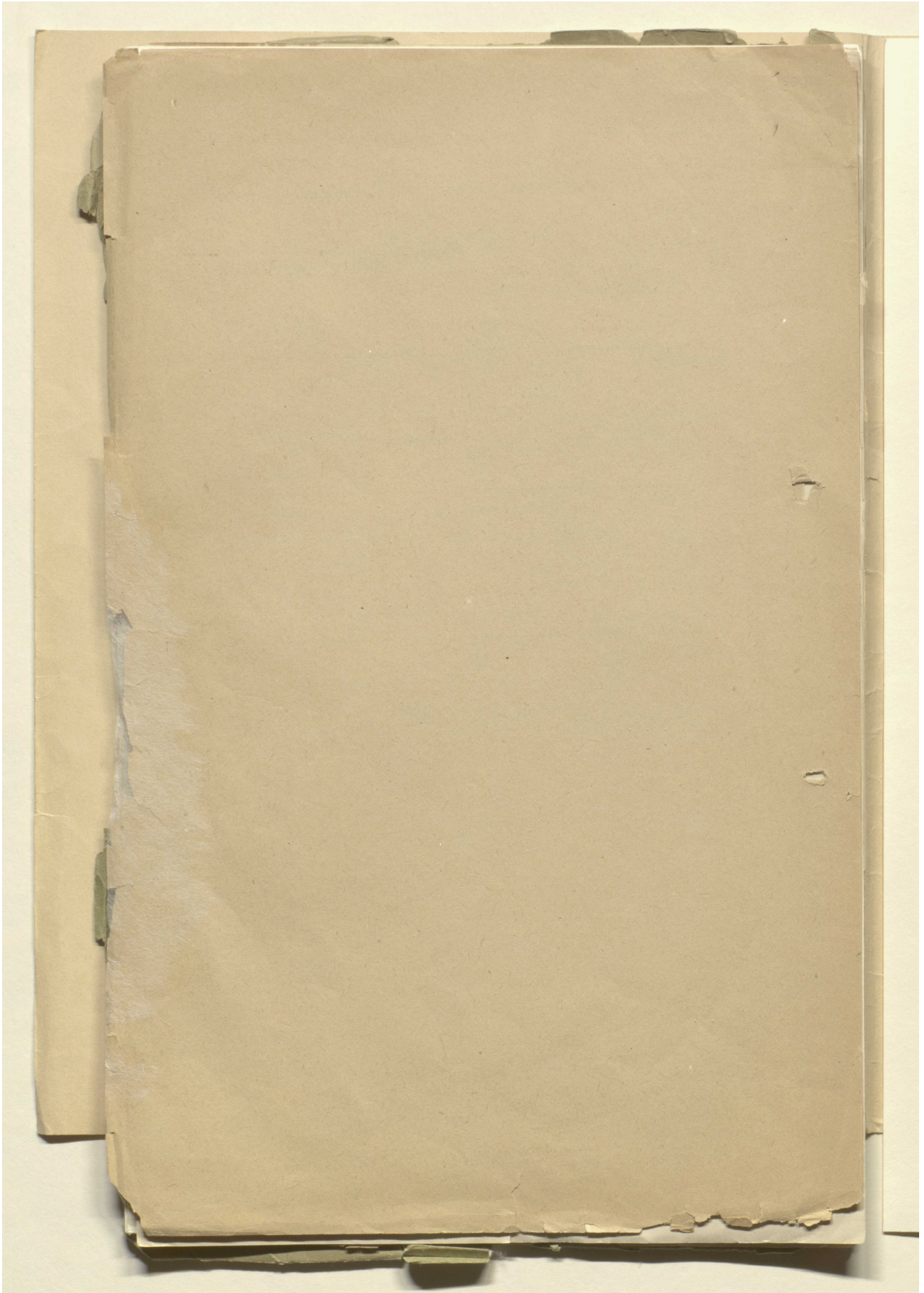
DESCRIPTION OF ENCLOSURE(S)

NAME AND DATE	SUBJECT
Telegram No. 48 of February 17th, 1948 from C.R.O., London to Political, Kuwait.	Shaikh's Ahmed's accession.

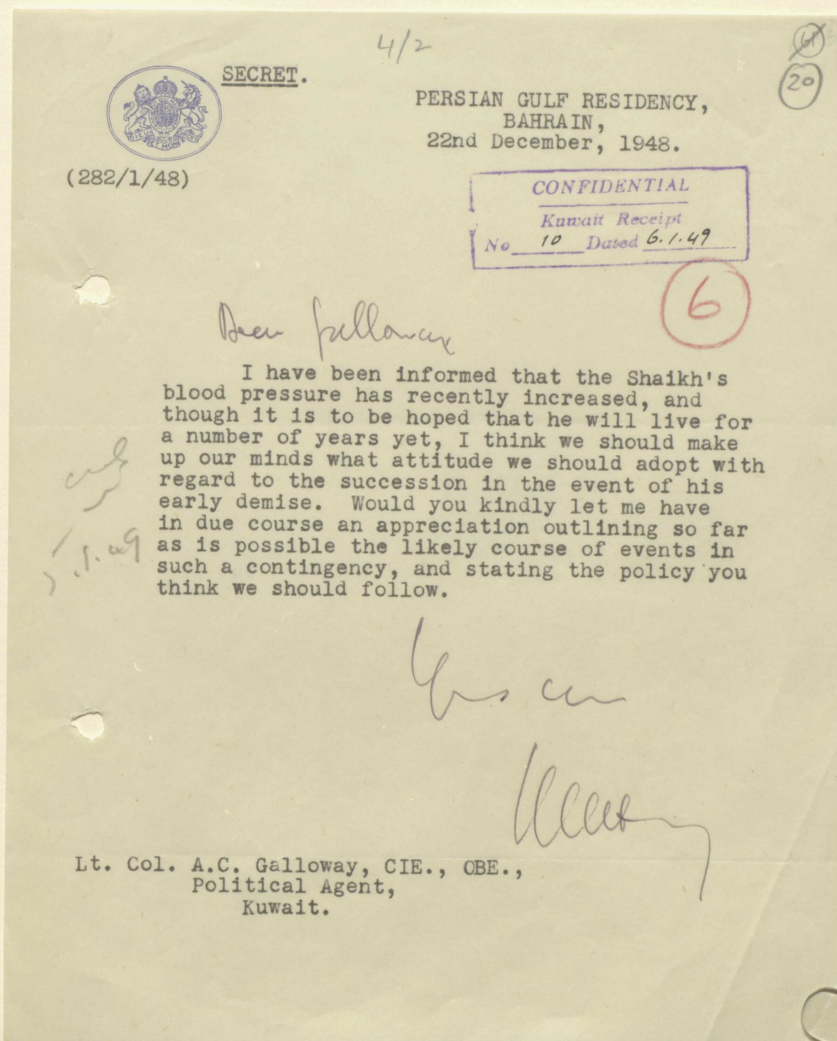
M.B.



BR.-

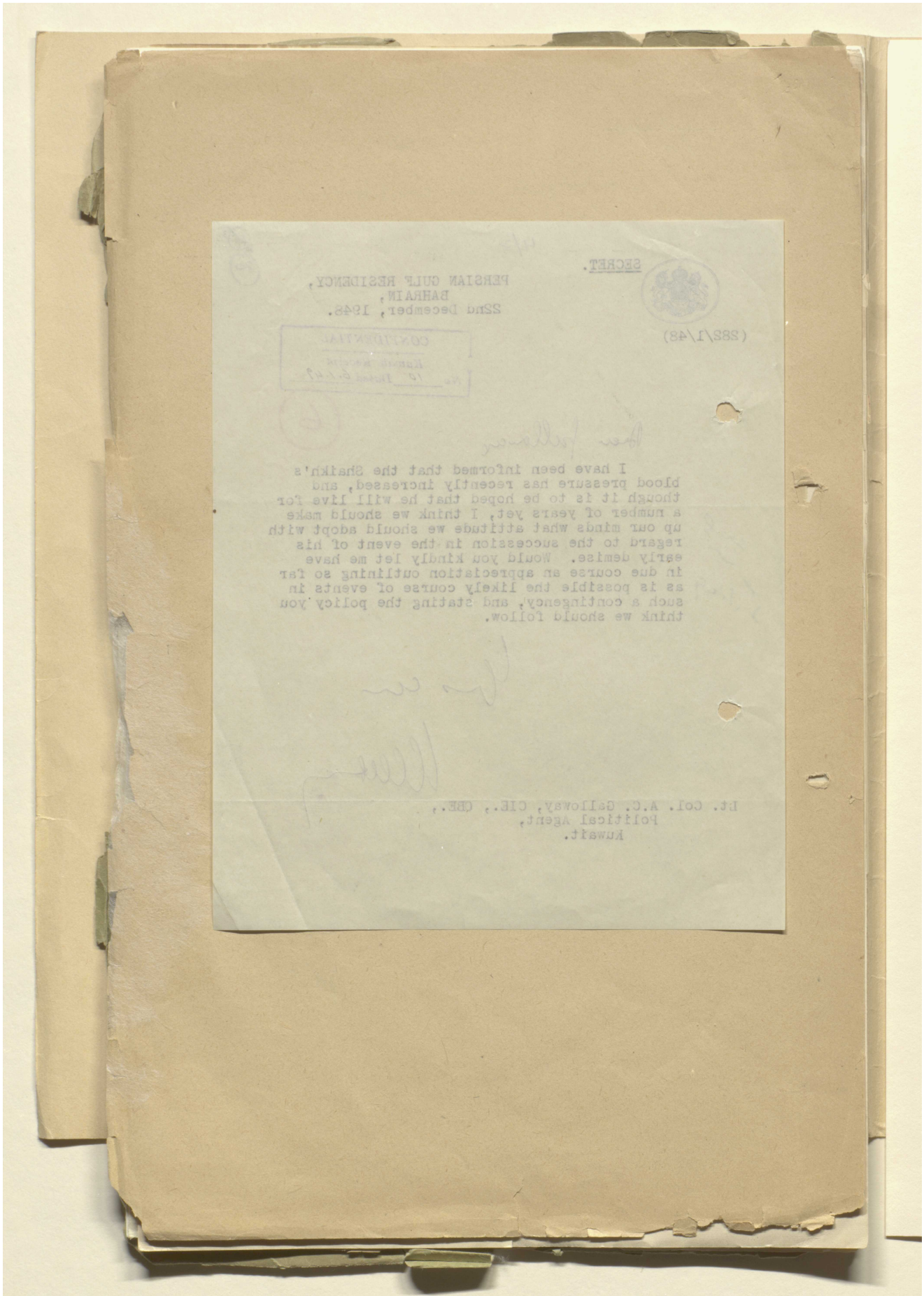


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SECRET	CONFIDENTIAL
Kuwait Receipt	
No. 64 Dated 3.2.49	


Lt. Col. A. C. Holloway, C.I.E. O.B.E.  
Political Agent  
Kuwait

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2.2.49

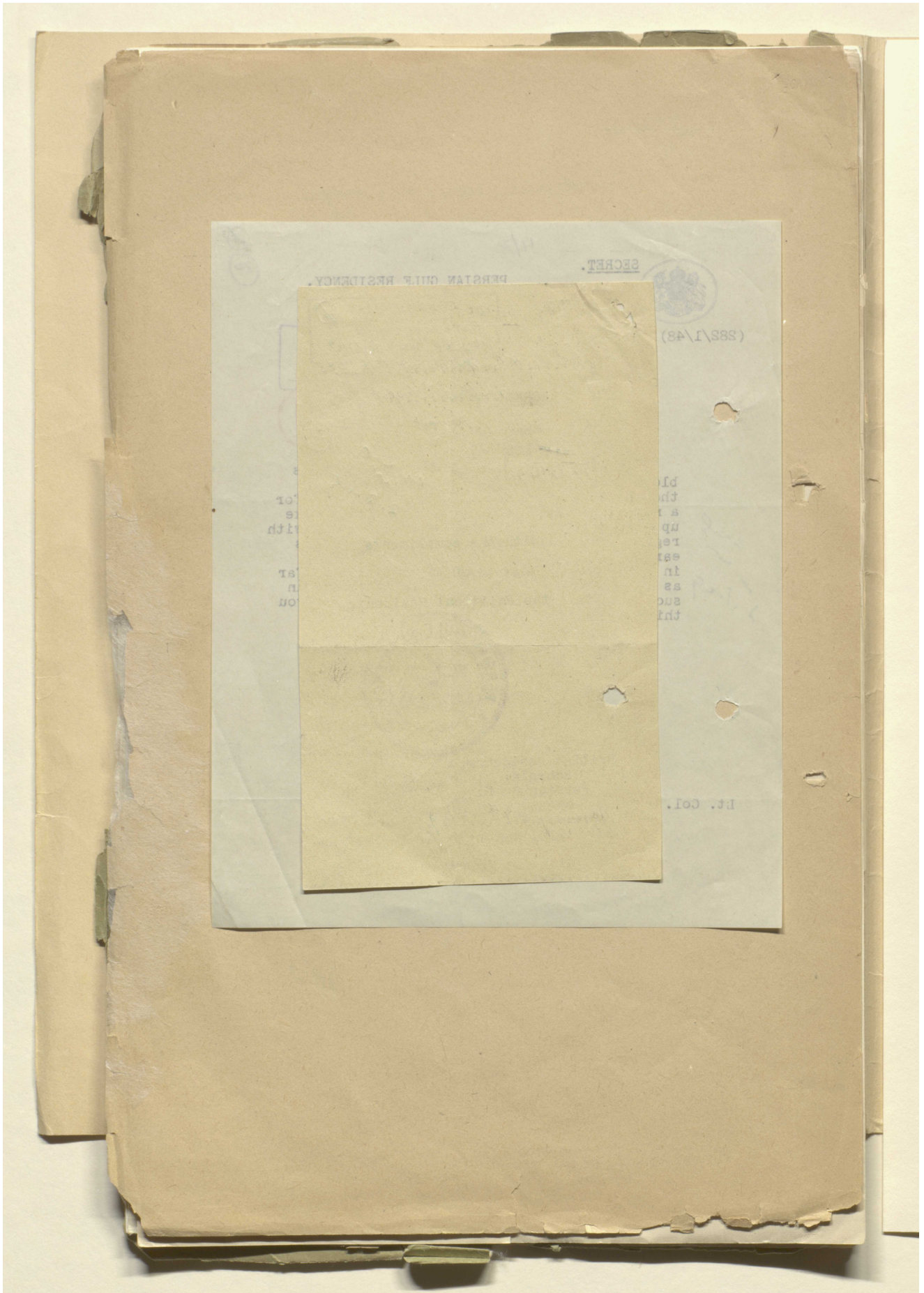
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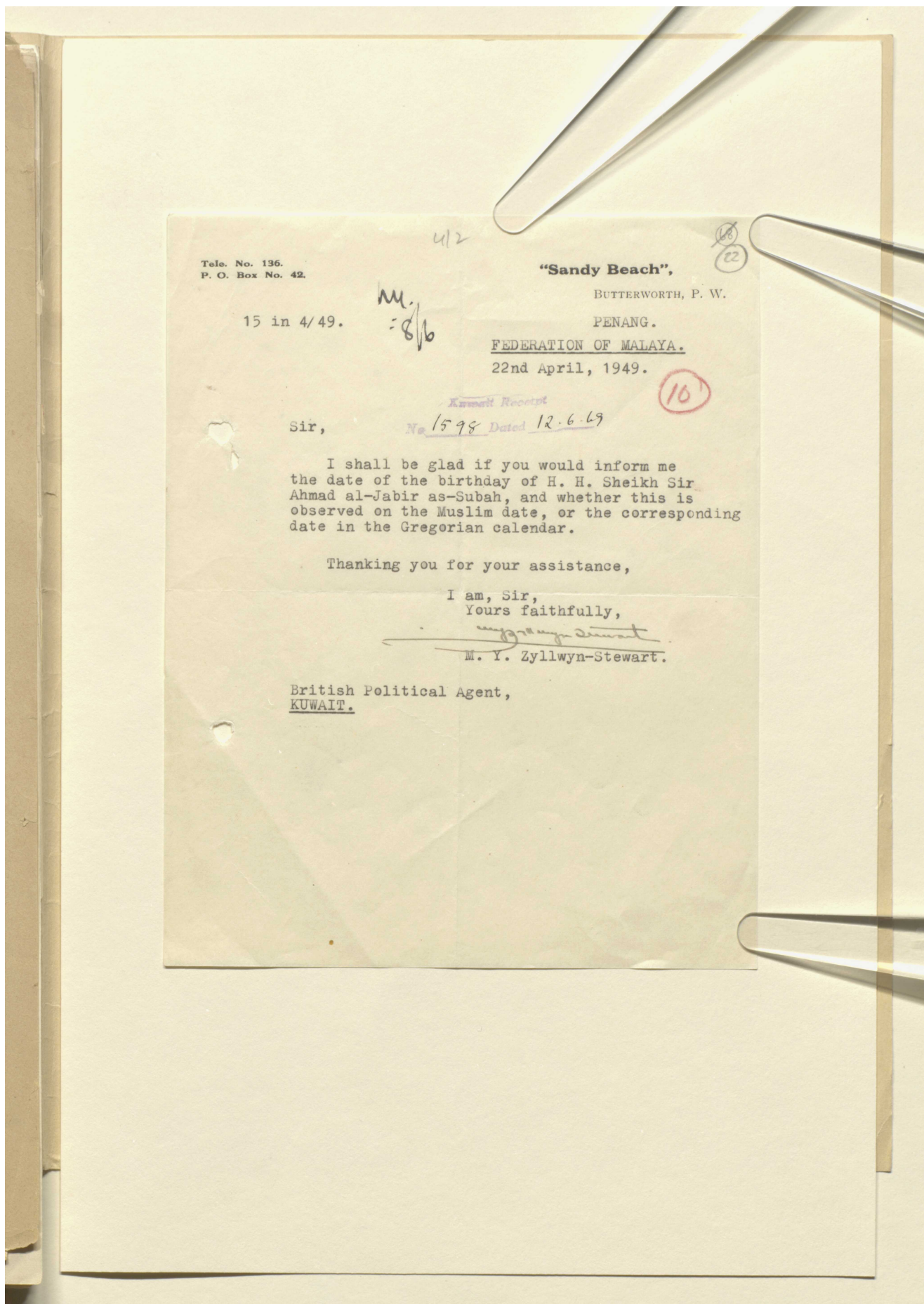
With the compliments  
of  
the Political Resident.



British Residency,  
Bahrain,  
Persian Gulf.  
January 27<sup>th</sup> 1949.

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Tele. No. 136.  
P. O. Box No. 42.

M. = 8/6  
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"Sandy Beach",

BUTTERWORTH, P. W.

PENANG.

FEDERATION OF MALAYA.

22nd April, 1949.

Kuwait Receipt

No 1598 Dated 12.6.69  
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Sir,

I shall be glad if you would inform me the date of the birthday of H. H. Sheikh Sir Ahmad al-Jabir as-Subah, and whether this is observed on the Muslim date, or the corresponding date in the Gregorian calendar.

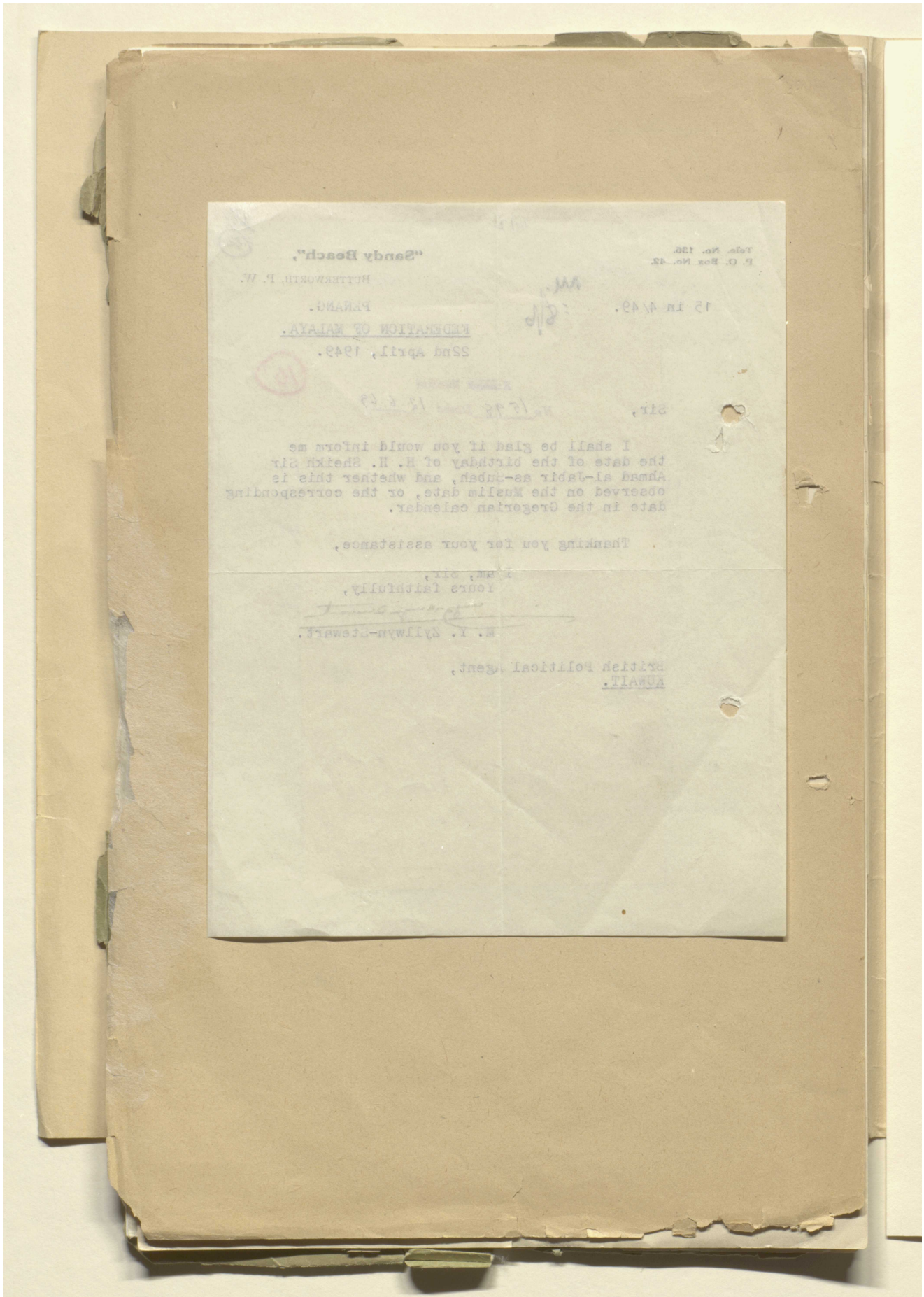
Thanking you for your assistance,

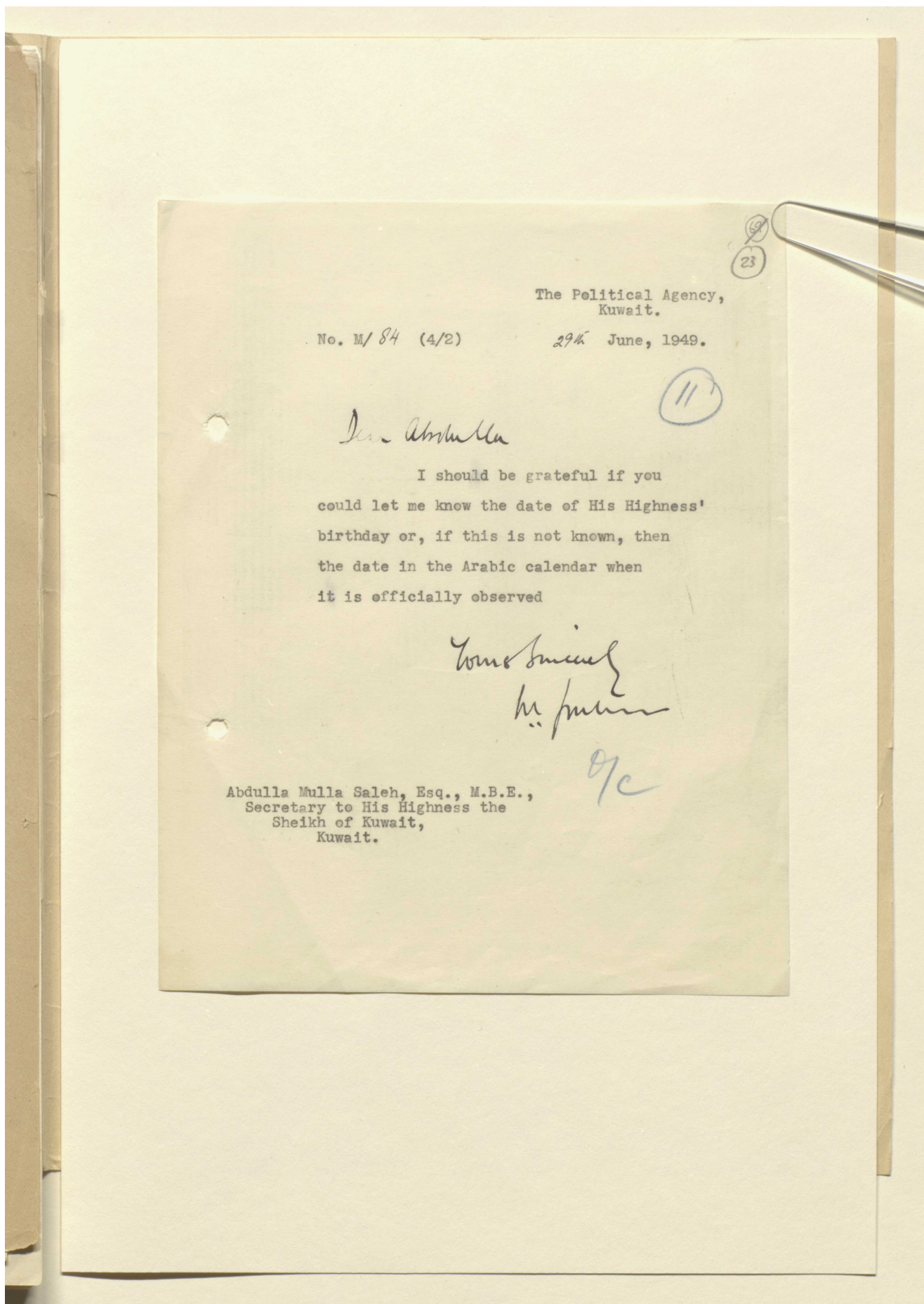
I am, Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

*M. Y. Zyllwyn-Stewart*  
M. Y. Zyllwyn-Stewart.

British Political Agent,  
KUWAIT.

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The Political Agency,  
Kuwait.

No. M/ 84 (4/2)

29th June, 1949.

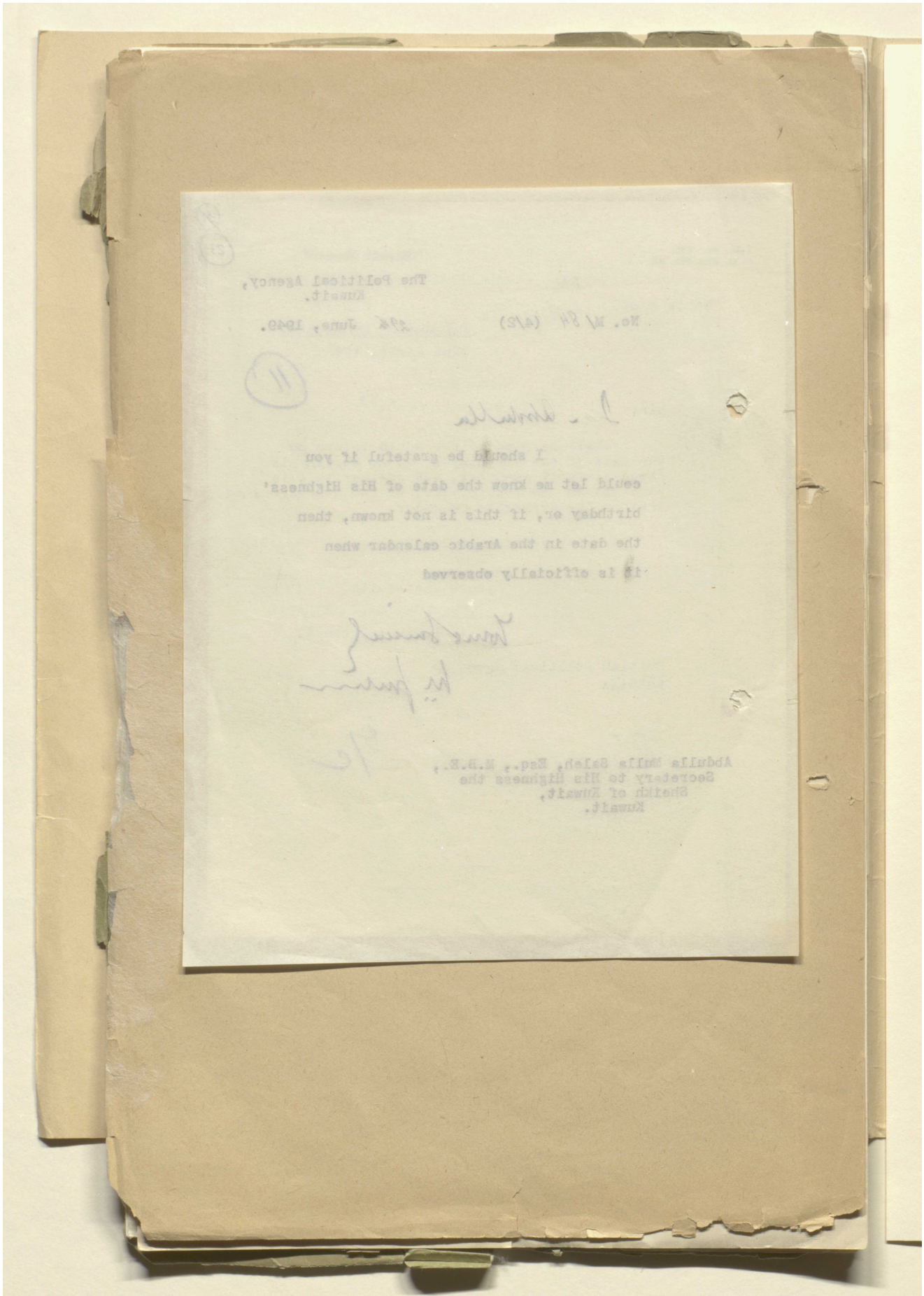
Mr. Abdullah

I should be grateful if you  
could let me know the date of His Highness'  
birthday or, if this is not known, then  
the date in the Arabic calendar when  
it is officially observed

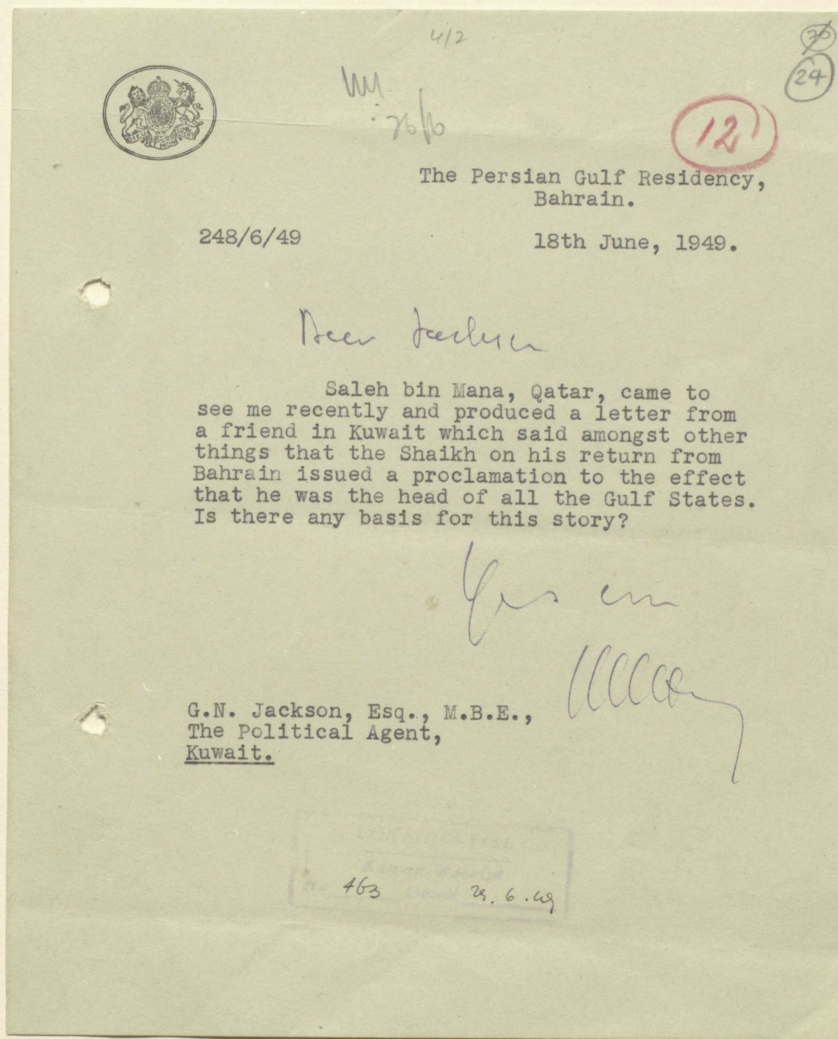
Yours sincerely  
*[Signature]*

Abdulla Mulla Saleh, Esq., M.B.E.,  
Secretary to His Highness the  
Sheikh of Kuwait,  
Kuwait.

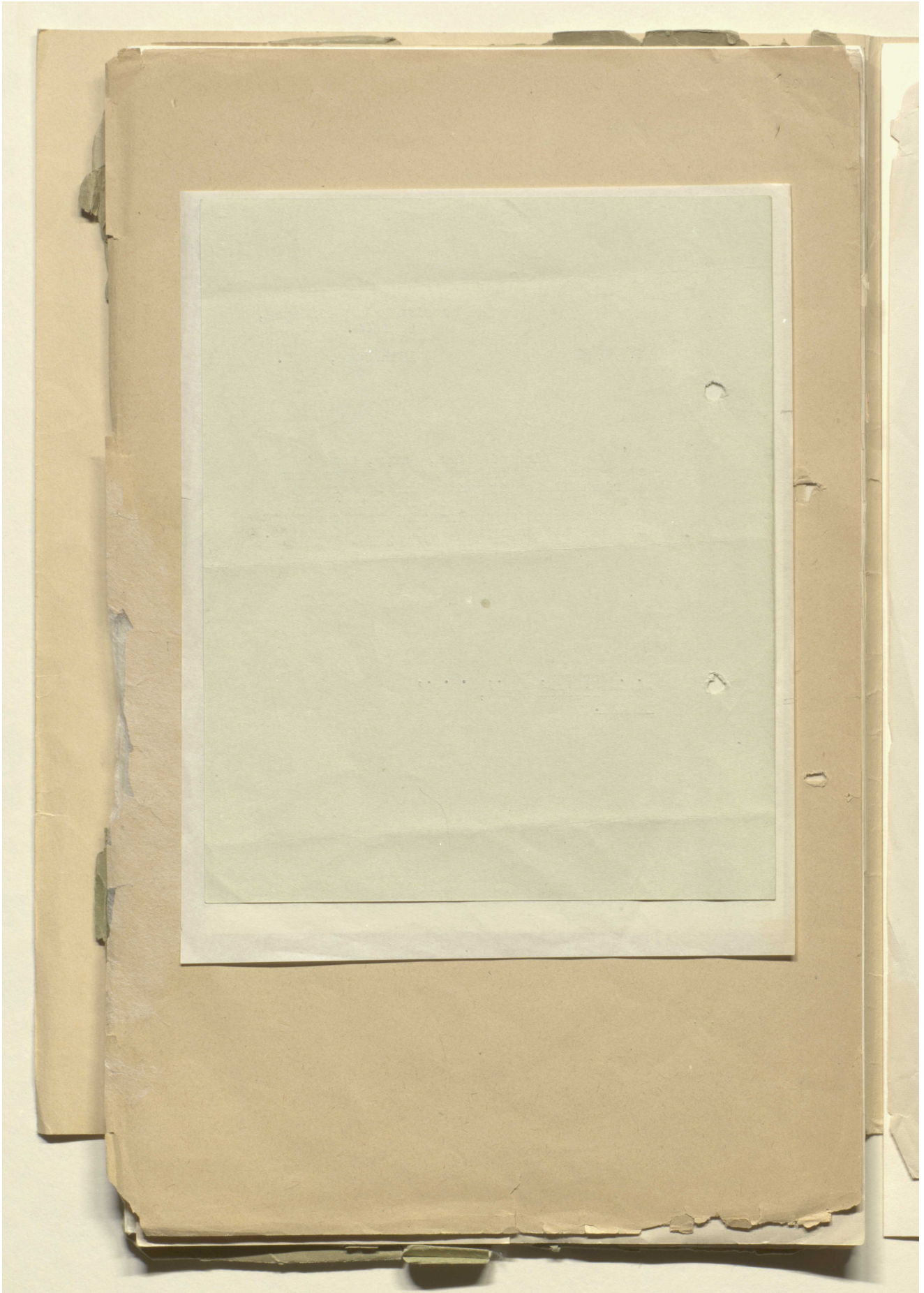
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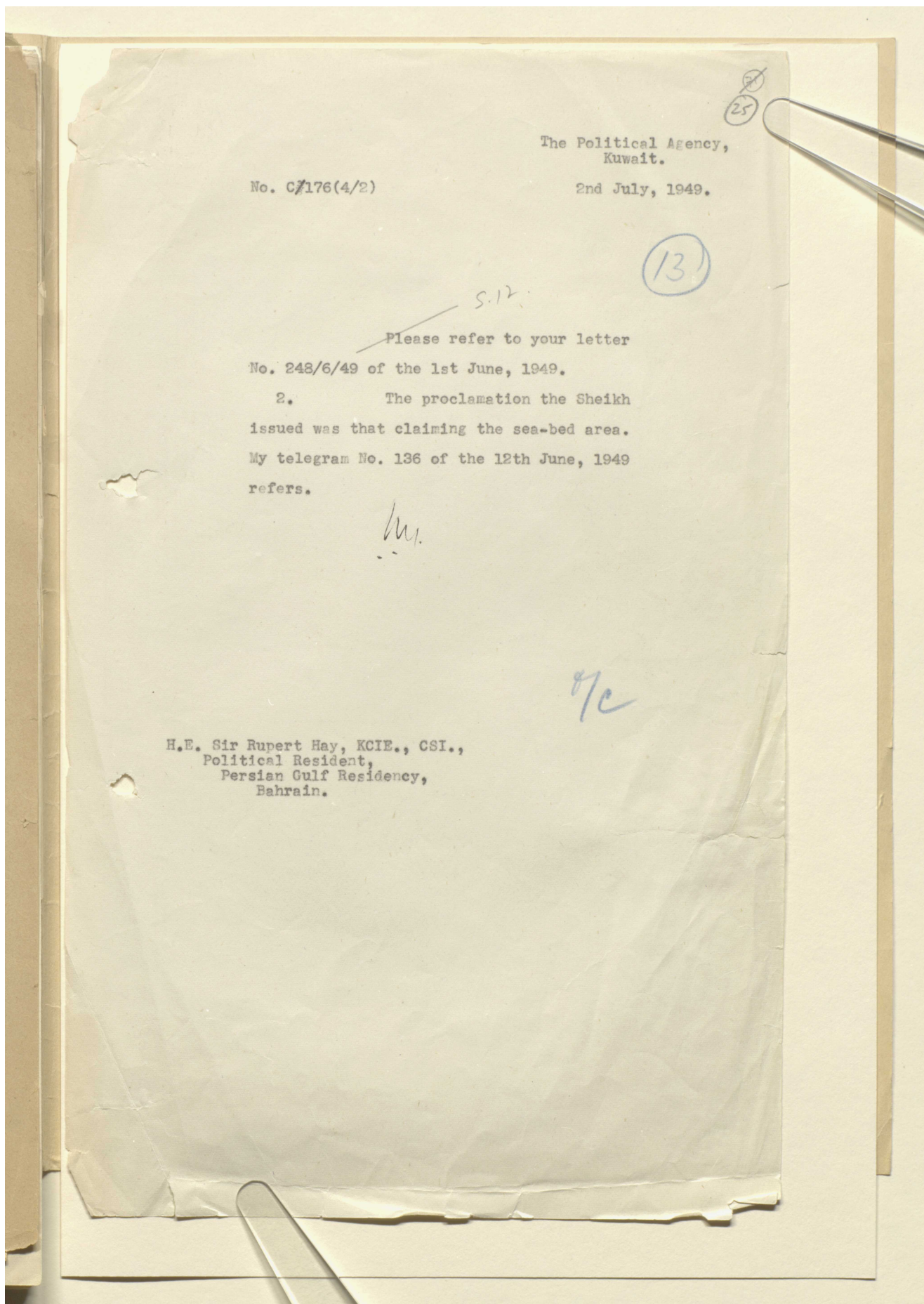
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The Political Agency,  
Kuwait.

No. C/176(4/2)

2nd July, 1949.

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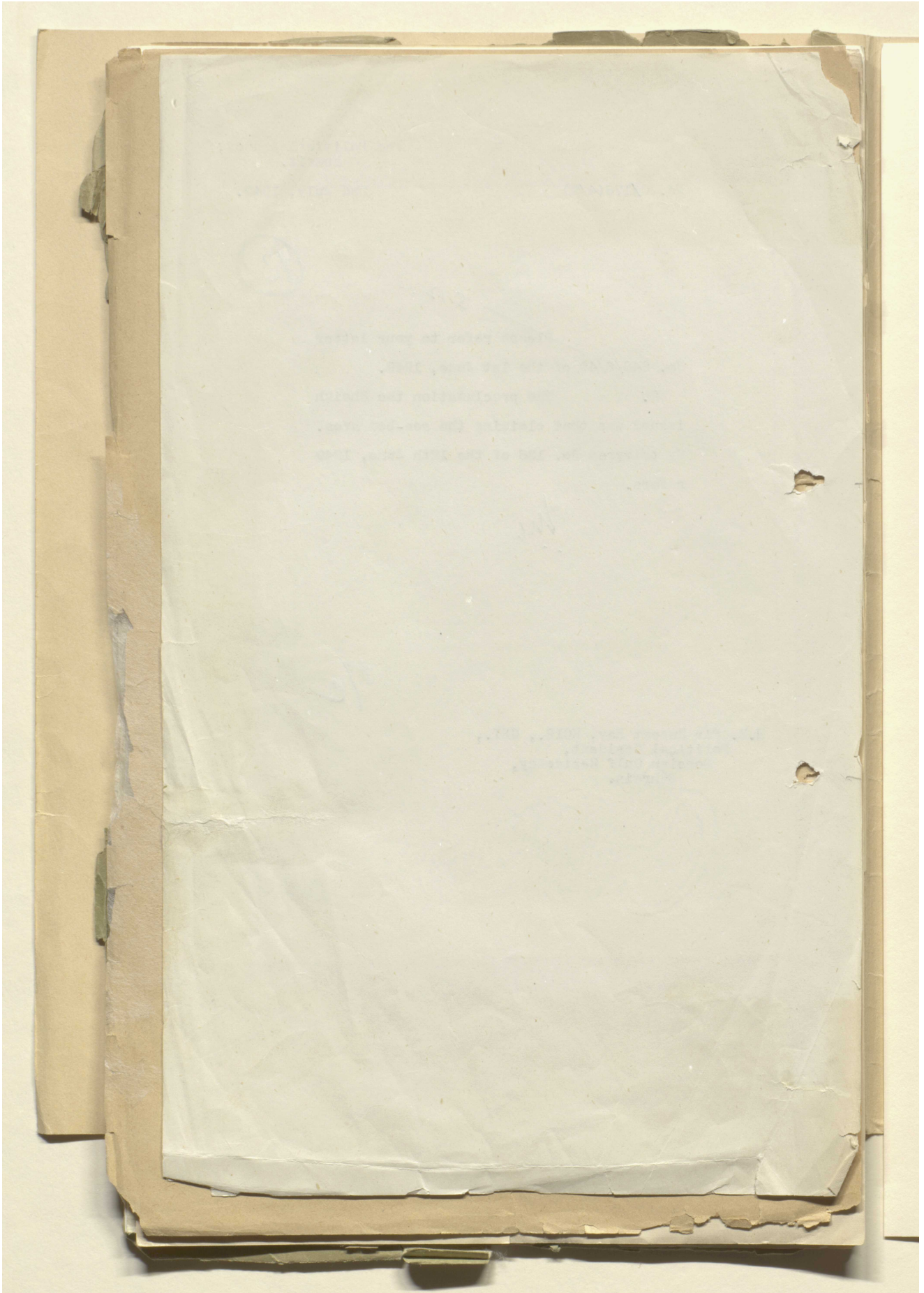
Please refer to your letter  
No. 248/6/49 of the 1st June, 1949.

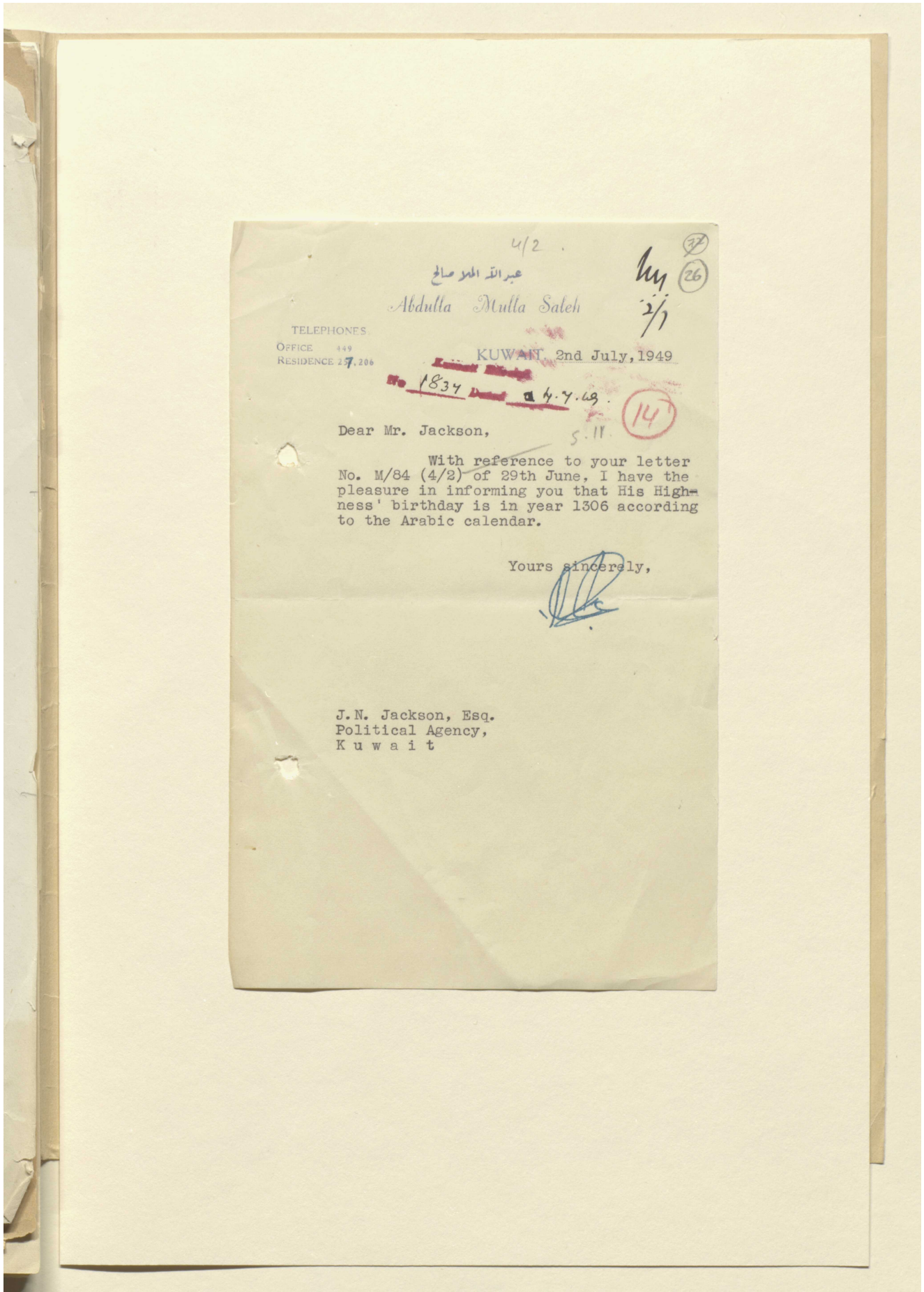
2. The proclamation the Sheikh  
issued was that claiming the sea-bed area.  
My telegram No. 136 of the 12th June, 1949  
refers.

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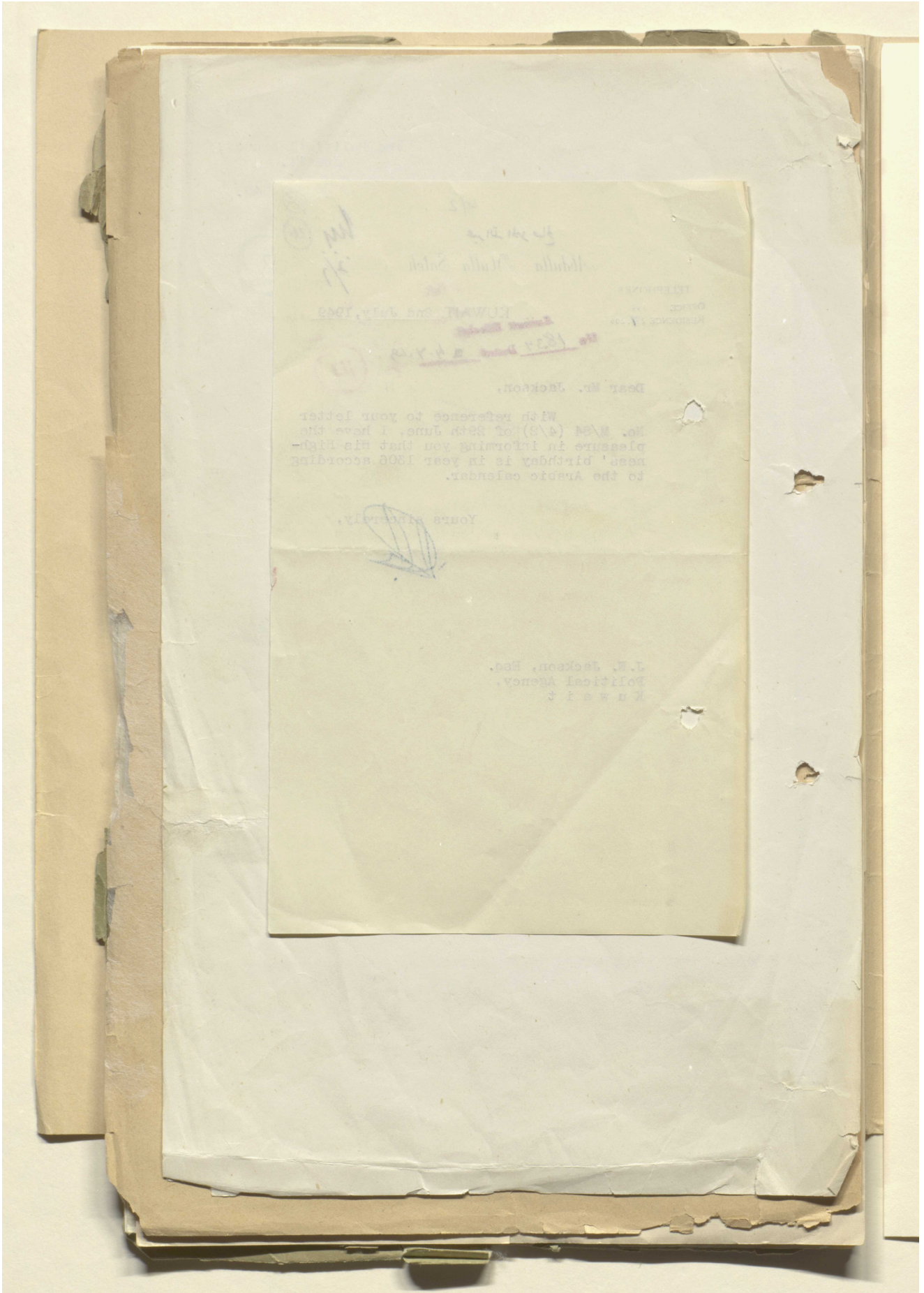
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Political Resident,  
Persian Gulf Residency,  
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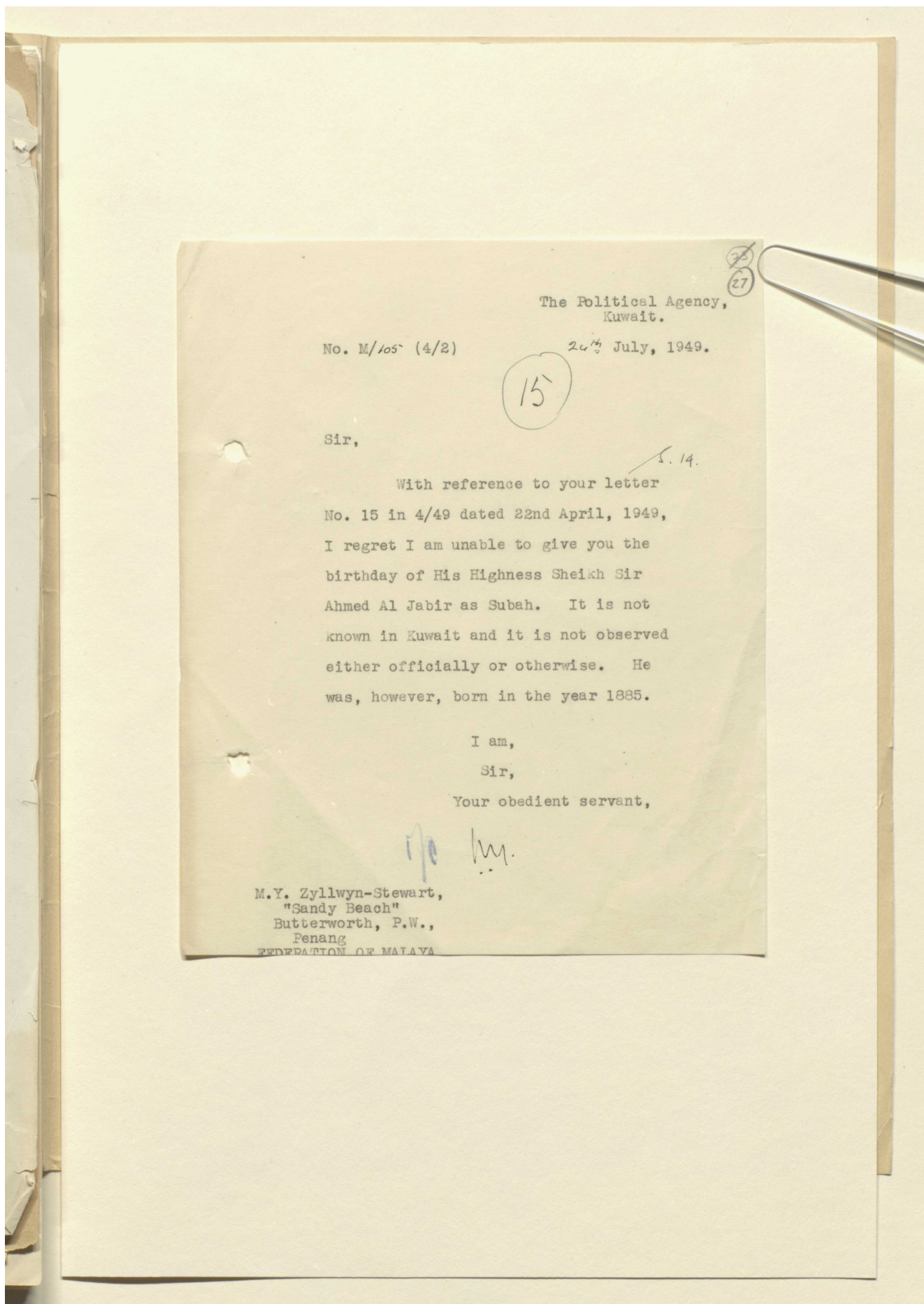




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The Political Agency,  
Kuwait.

No. M/105 (4/2)

26<sup>th</sup> July, 1949.

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Sir,

S. 14.

With reference to your letter  
No. 15 in 4/49 dated 22nd April, 1949,  
I regret I am unable to give you the  
birthday of His Highness Sheikh Sir  
Ahmed Al Jabir as Subah. It is not  
known in Kuwait and it is not observed  
either officially or otherwise. He  
was, however, born in the year 1885.

I am,

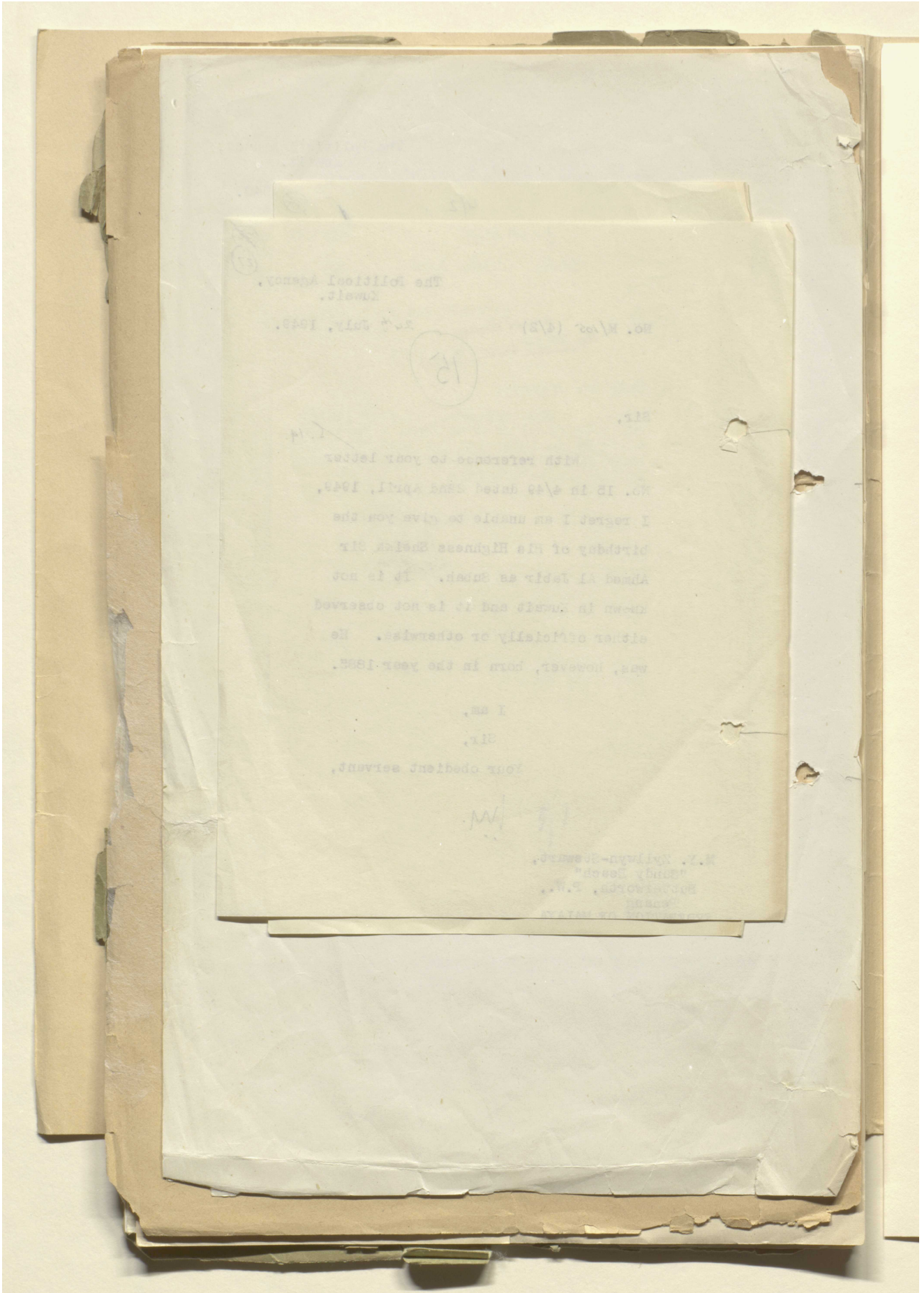
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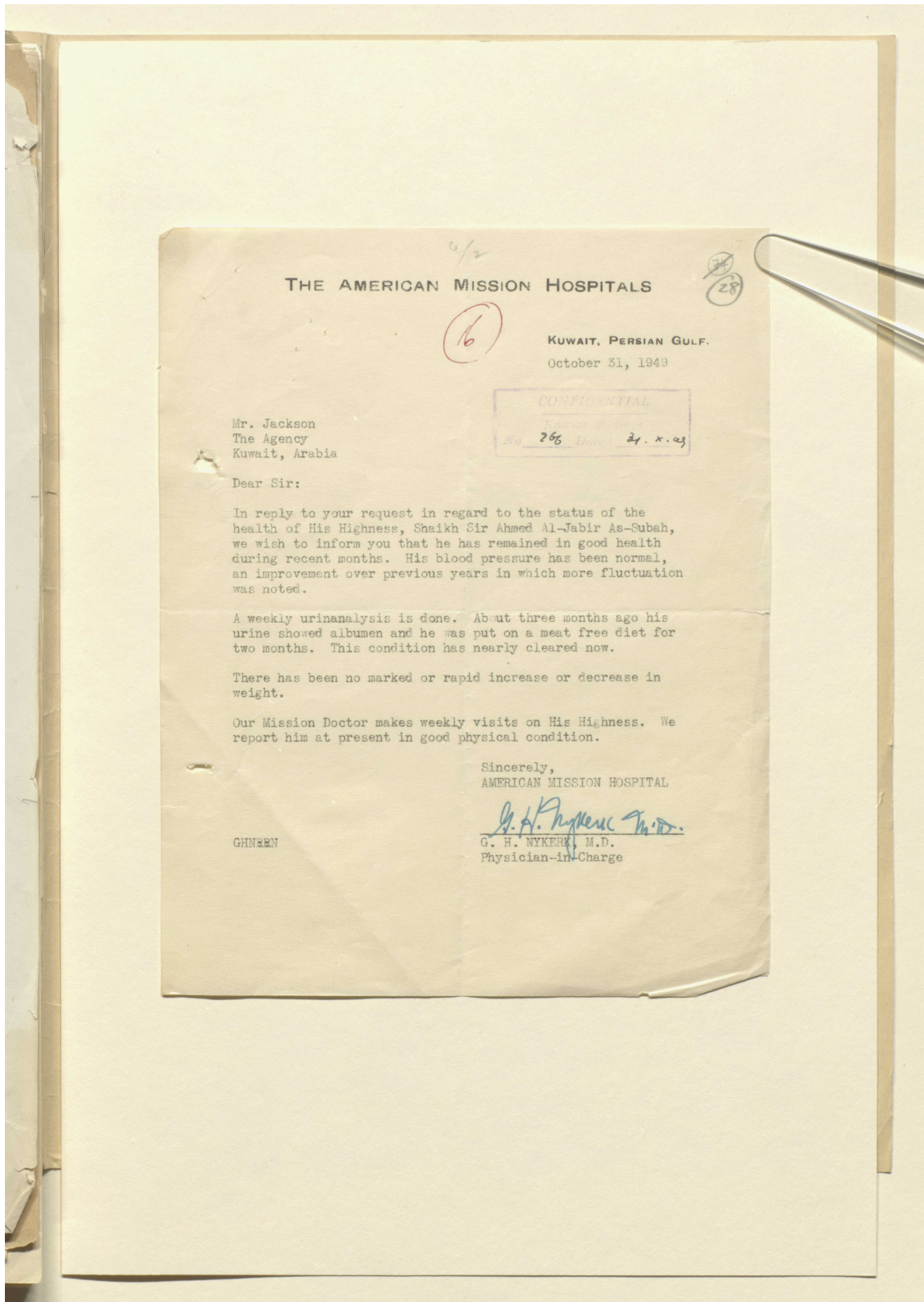
Your obedient servant,

*M.Y.*

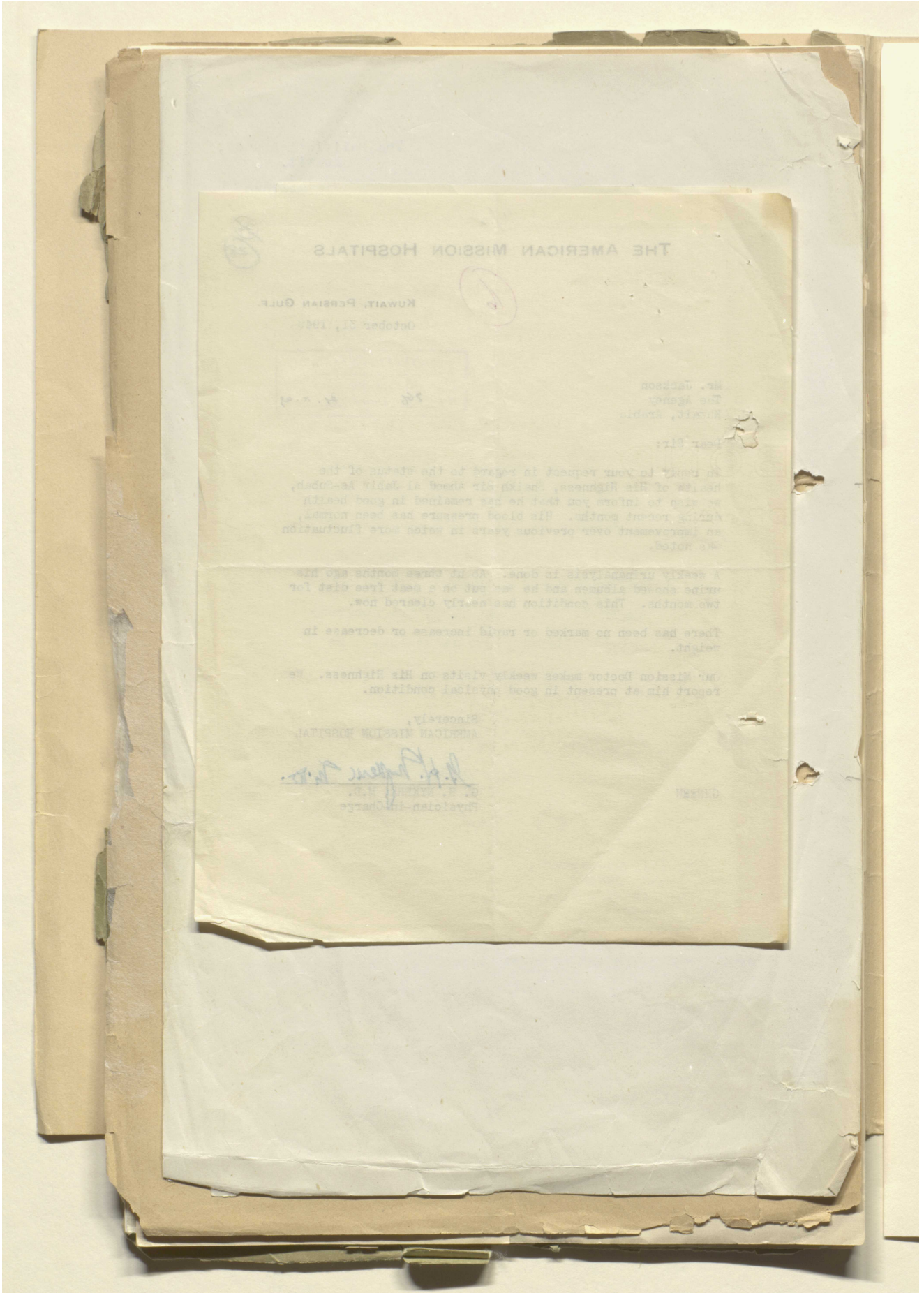
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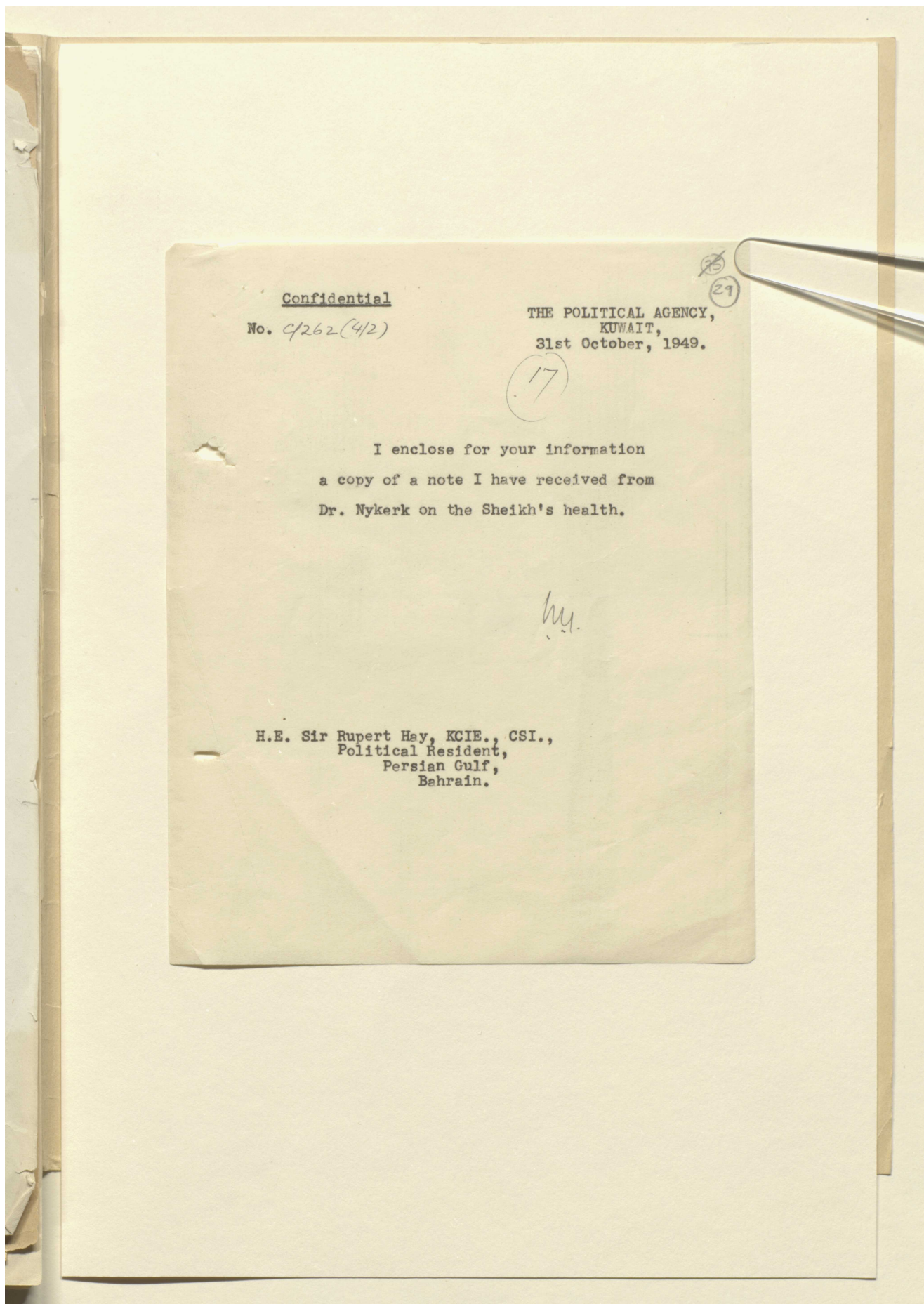
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THE POLITICAL AGENCY,  
KUWAIT,  
31st October, 1949.

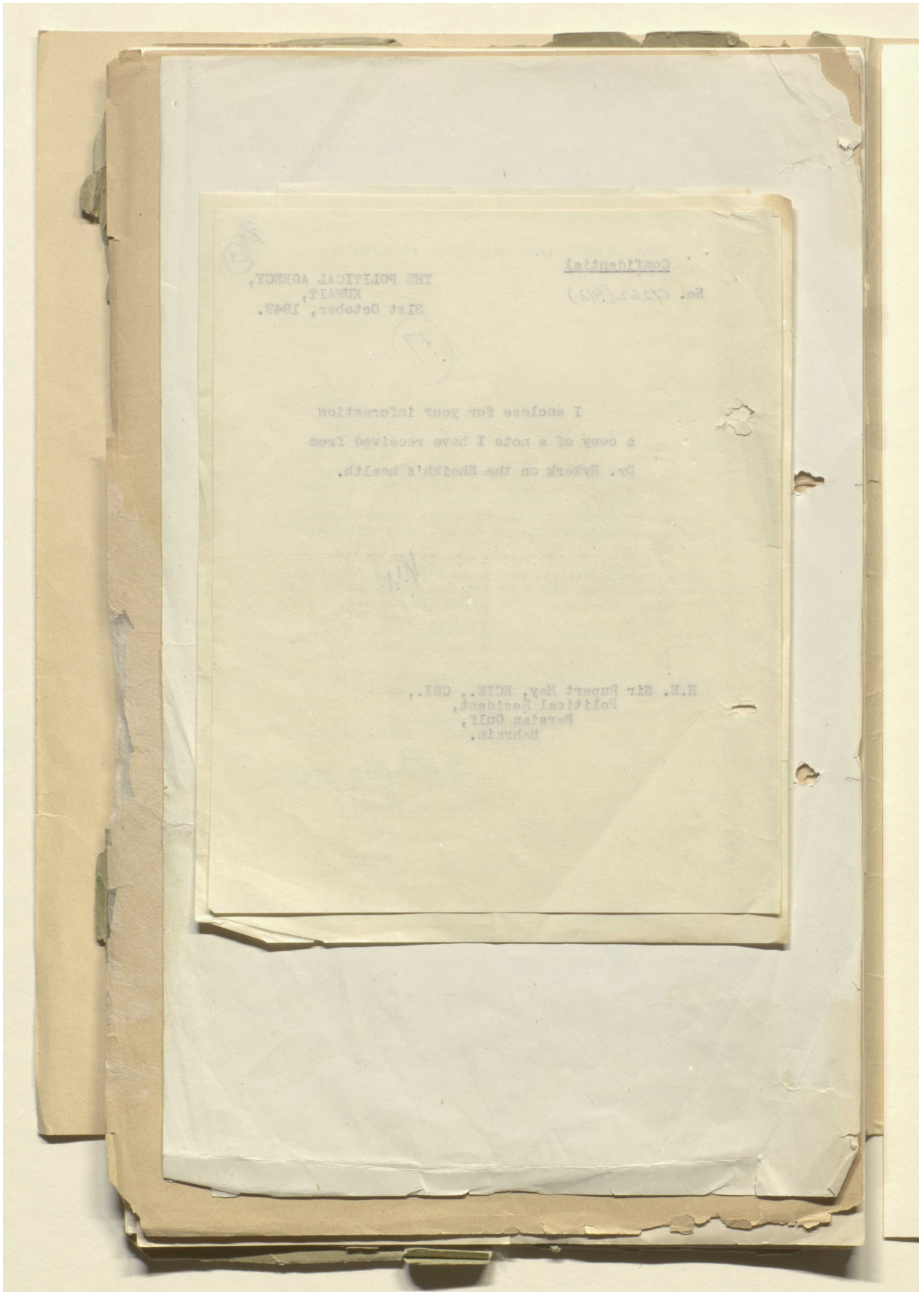
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I enclose for your information  
a copy of a note I have received from  
Dr. Nykerk on the Sheikh's health.

hy.

H.E. Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE., CSI.,  
Political Resident,  
Persian Gulf,  
Bahrain.

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No. C/282(4/2)

Political Agency,  
Kuwait.  
December 8, 1949.

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Sir,

I have the honour to report that on the occasion of my first visit alone to the Sheikh of Kuwait ( I had seen much of His Highness in company with Mr. Jackson at the time of the visit to Kuwait of the Sheikh of Bahrain ) I was about to leave, having concluded the business that took me to him, when His Highness motioned me to remain.

2. He then said that Mr. Jackson had been his good friend, that he had been friends with all the Political Agents, Knox, Dickson and all of them. He wished to assure me that he regarded His Majesty's Government as his father and that it was his constant desire to be in the closest harmony with His Majesty's Government and to benefit by their advice and guidance.

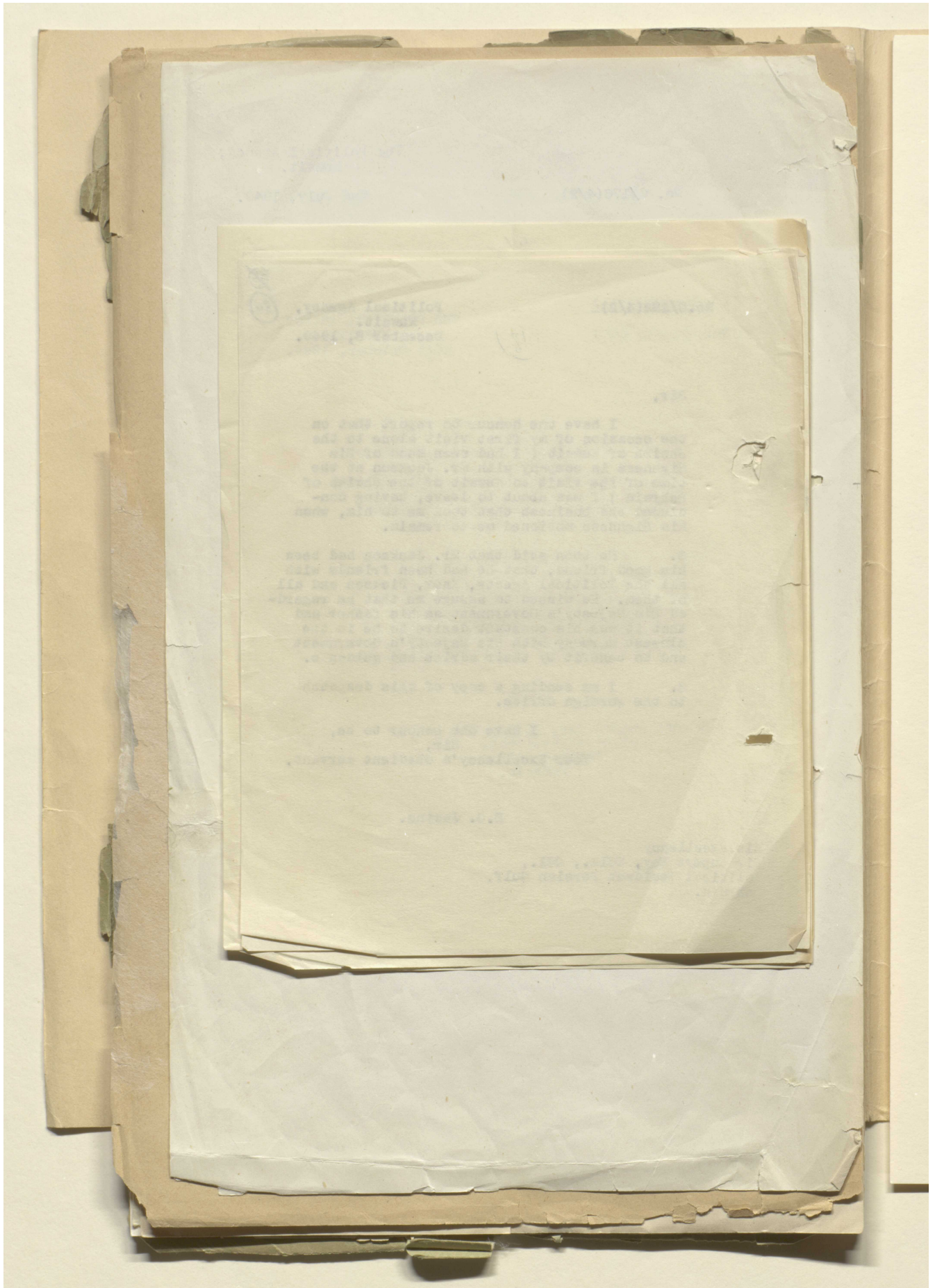
3. I am sending a copy of this despatch to the Foreign Office.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your Excellency's obedient servant,

H.C. Jakins.

His Excellency  
Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE., CSI.,  
Political Resident Persian Gulf,  
Bahrain.

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No. F/158(4/2)

His Majesty's Political Agent at Kuwait  
presents his compliments to The Eastern Department  
and has the honour to transmit to them the under-mentioned  
documents.

British.....Political Agency,  
Kuwait.

December 10....., 1949.

Reference to previous correspondence:

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