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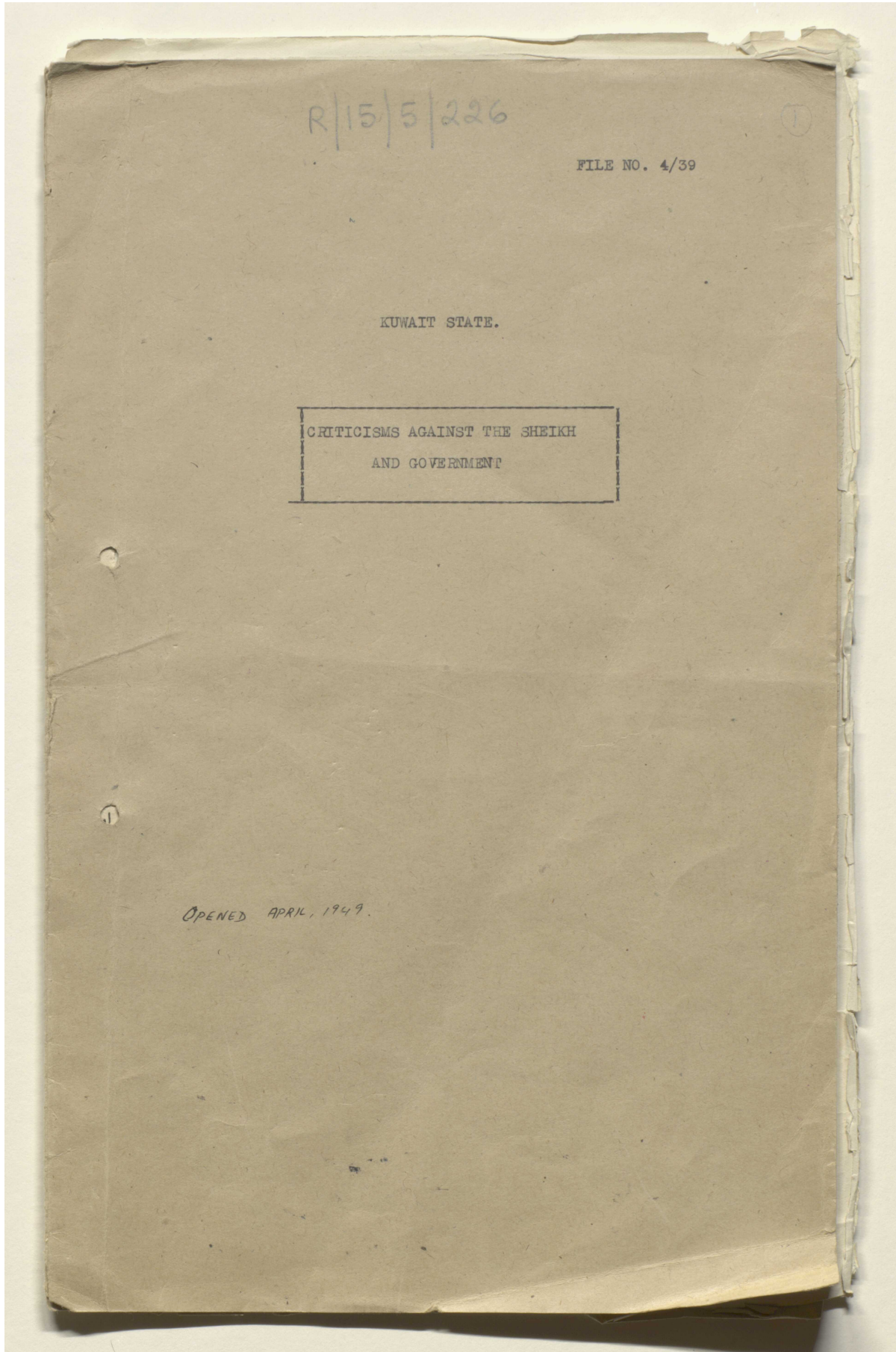
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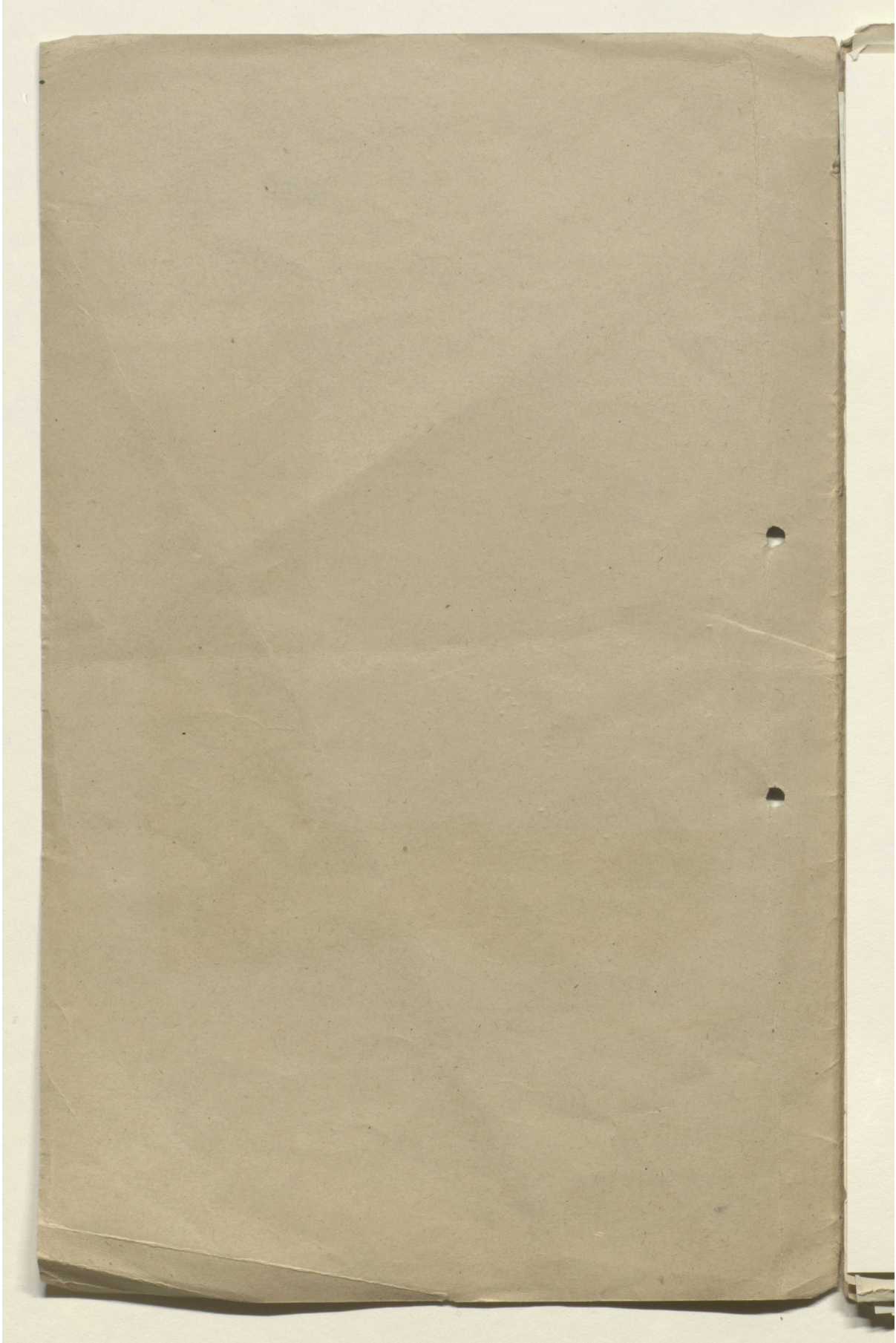
This file contains articles from the Arabic-language press that all concern the Ruler of Kuwait, Shaikh Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah.

The articles - most of which are critical of the ruler and his government - are from the following publications: *al-Arab* , *Rose al-Yusuf* , *al-Barid* and *al-Nas* .

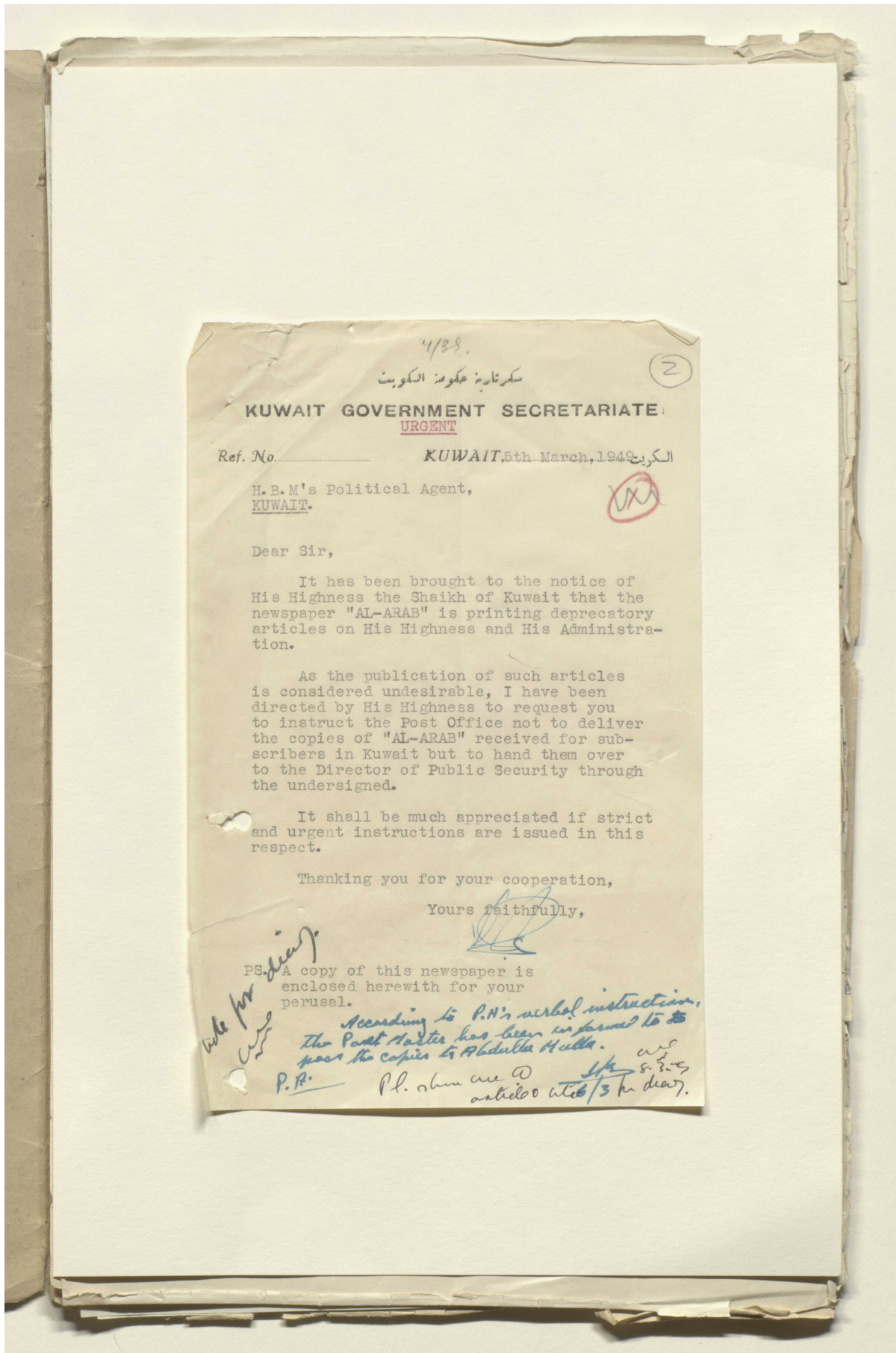
Except for one, an original Arabic article published in *al-Arab* on folio 3, the articles appear only in English translation.

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KUWAIT GOVERNMENT SECRETARIATE:
URGENT

Ref. No. KUWAIT, 5th March, 1949, الكويت

H. B. M.'s Political Agent,
KUWAIT.

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Dear Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of His Highness the Shaikh of Kuwait that the newspaper "AL-ARAB" is printing deprecatory articles on His Highness and His Administration.

As the publication of such articles is considered undesirable, I have been directed by His Highness to request you to instruct the Post Office not to deliver the copies of "AL-ARAB" received for subscribers in Kuwait but to hand them over to the Director of Public Security through the undersigned.

It shall be much appreciated if strict and urgent instructions are issued in this respect.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Yours faithfully,

(Handwritten signature)

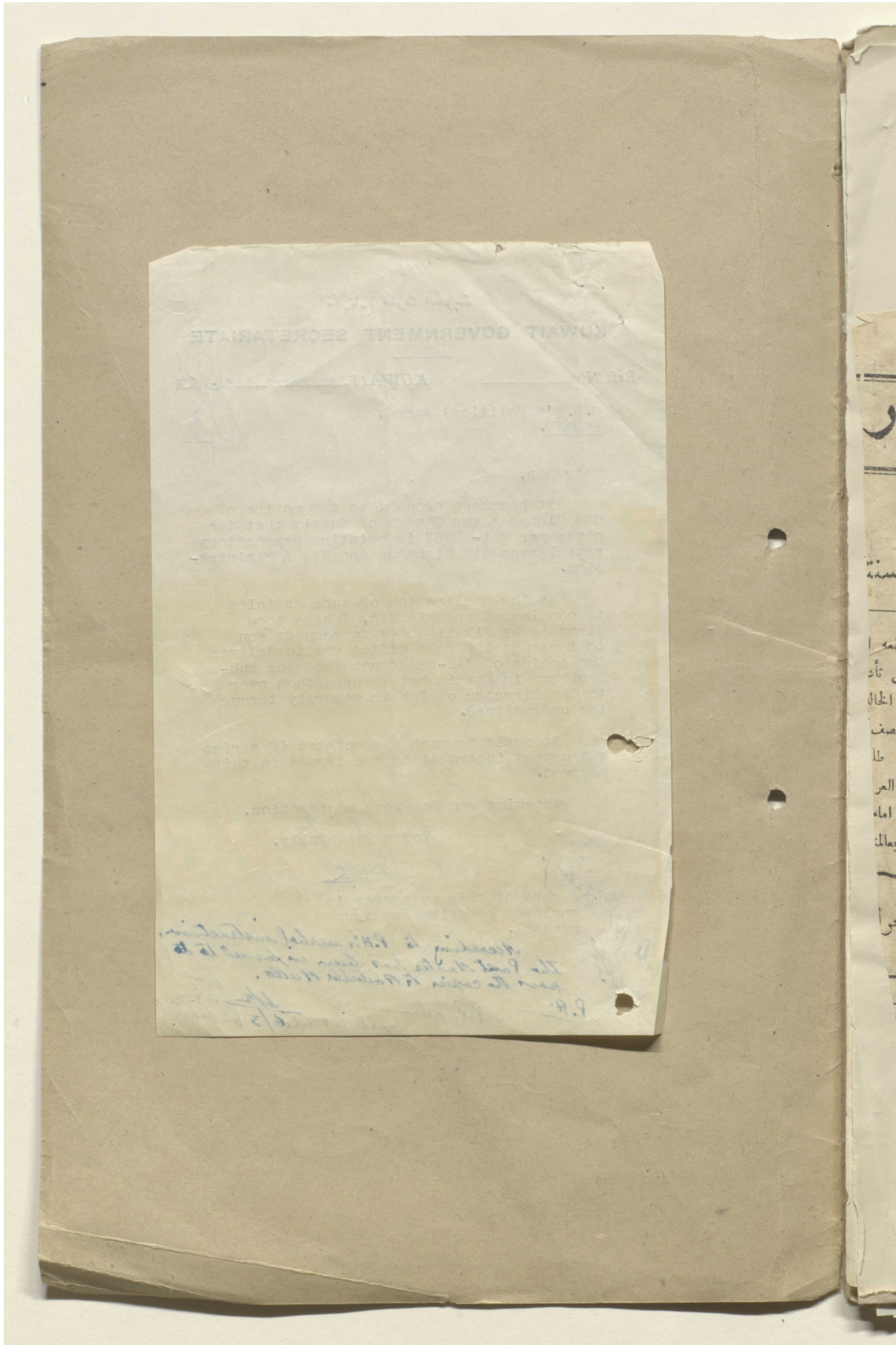
PS. A copy of this newspaper is enclosed herewith for your perusal.

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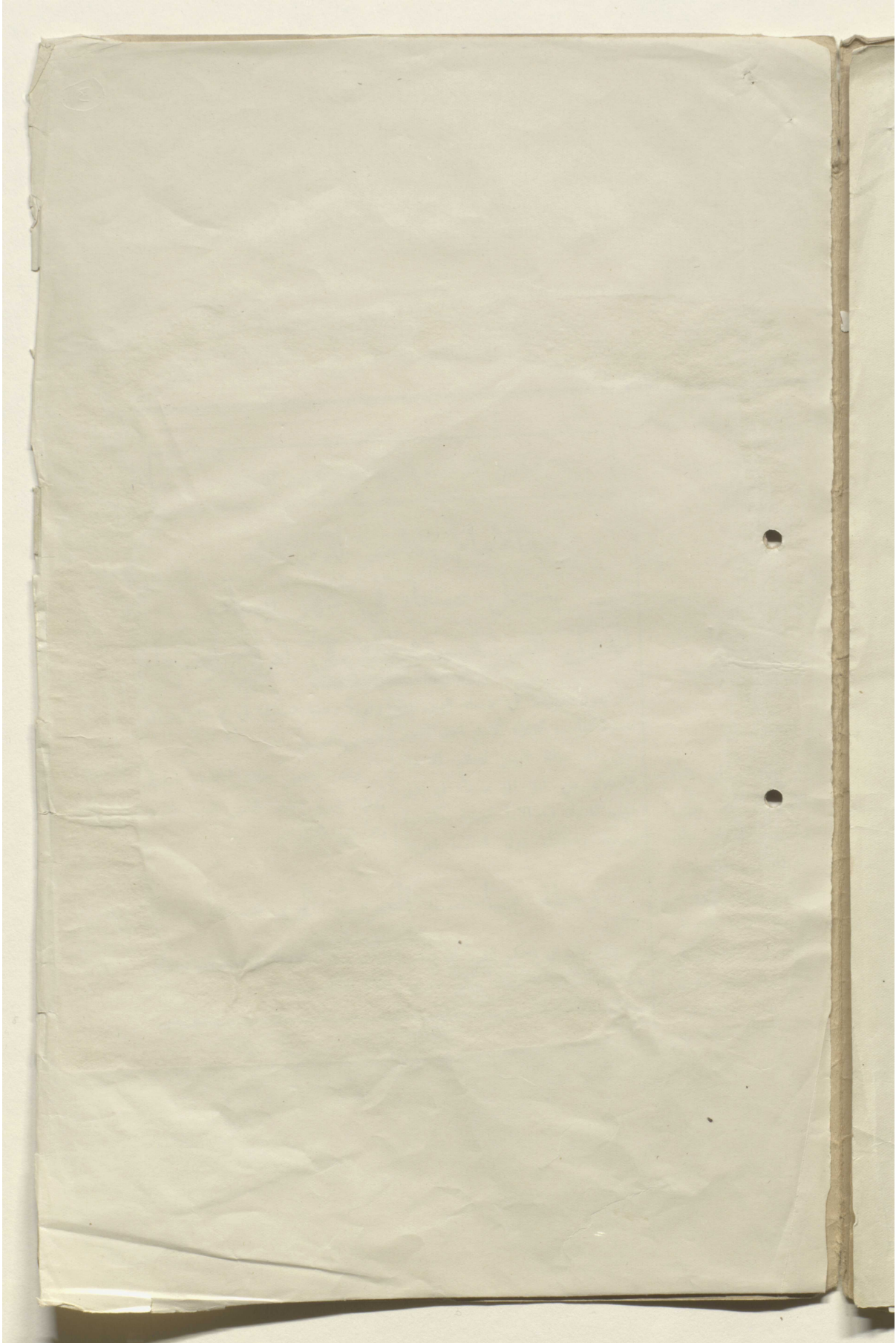
According to P.A.'s verbal instruction, the Post Master has been informed to pass the copies to Abdullah Hulla.

P.R. Pl. show me @ articles which are dear.

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1. Date of despatch 2. List of enclosures	Draft Letter Memorandum Telegram	File No. Serial No.
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No. Dated

Translation of an article published in "AL ARAB" newspaper of Paris (Editor- Yunis Bahri) dated 1st February, 1949.

AHMED AL JABIR AS SUBAH-SHAIKH OF KUWAIT.

He has ~~been~~ grown very old and become broken down with age. He has been ruling this Arab State for thirty years. He has made his subjects, whose number is 1000000, look like ghosts, who think that there is no other village beyond Abadan.

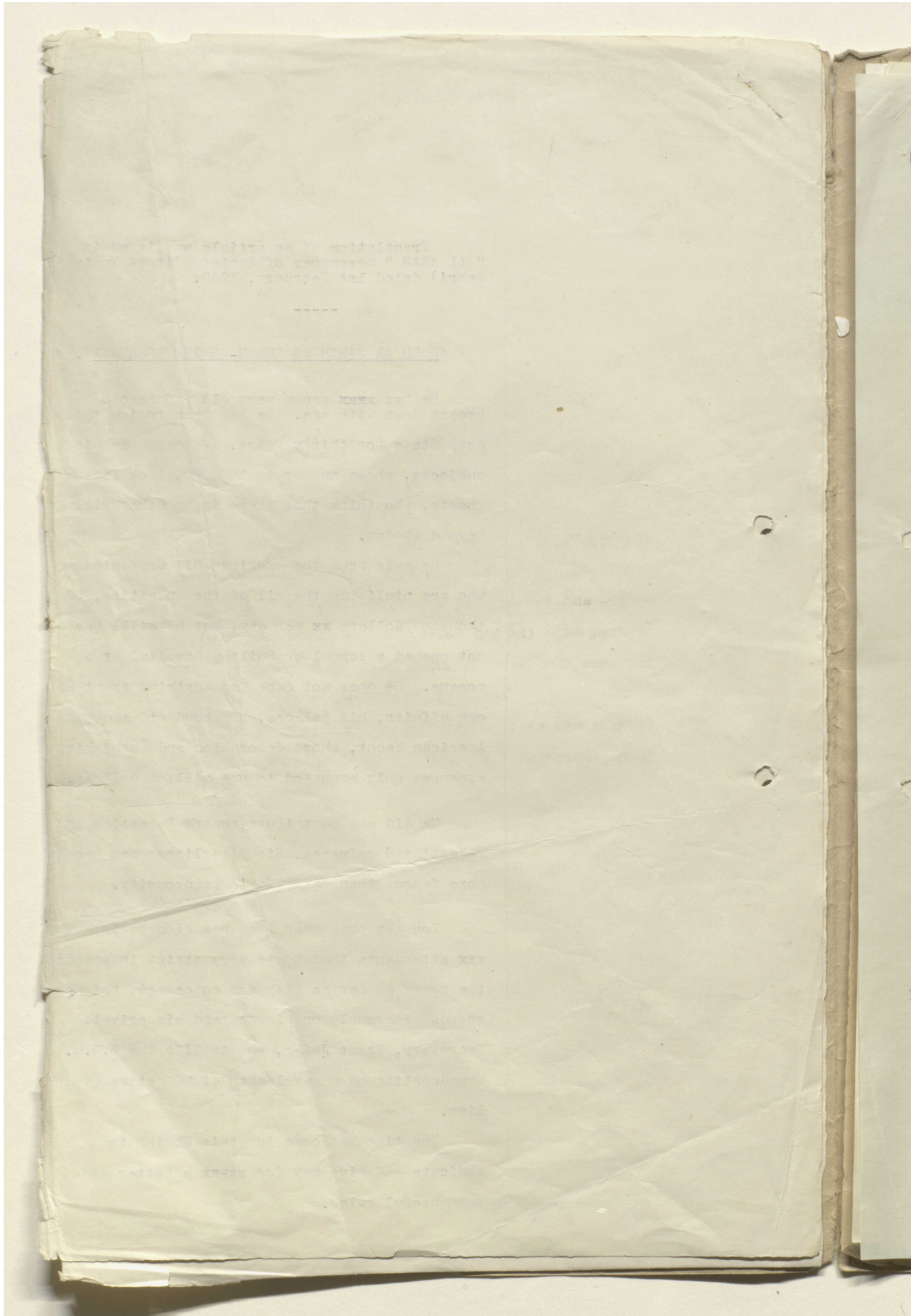
He gets from the American Oil Companies who are utilizing the oil of the Kuwaities, 50 thousand dollars ~~xx~~ per day, but he still has not opened a school or built a hospital or a mosque. He does not care for anything except his own affairs, his palaces, his bondmaid and his American Yacht, whose decoration and furnishing expenses only amounted to one million dollars.

He did not contribute toward Palestine and Palestinian refugees. His Miserliness has become more famous than Hatim Tay's generosity.

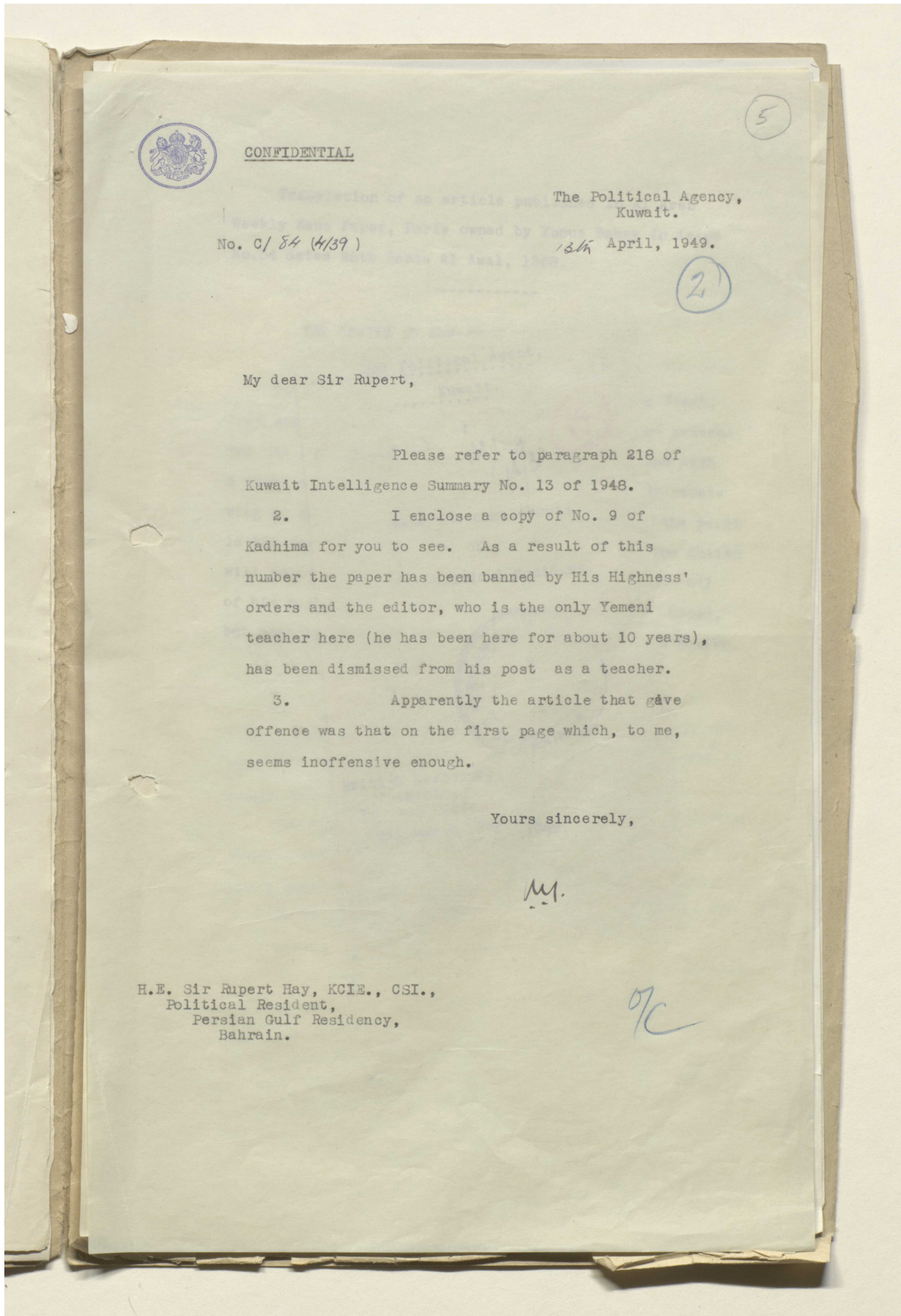
You may even hear from his closest friends ~~xxx~~ attendants that he is very strict in spending the money as far as they are concerned, but he spends generously on himself and his private Secretary, Izzat Jafar, who is like the B.B.C. broadcasting on a wavelength of 20 meters of lies.

The time has come for this Shaikh to abdicate and give way for ~~xxxx~~ a better and useful ruler.

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The Political Agency,
Kuwait.

No. C/ 84 (4/39)

13/4 April, 1949.

My dear Sir Rupert,

Please refer to paragraph 218 of
Kuwait Intelligence Summary No. 13 of 1948.

2. I enclose a copy of No. 9 of
Kadhima for you to see. As a result of this
number the paper has been banned by His Highness'
orders and the editor, who is the only Yemeni
teacher here (he has been here for about 10 years),
has been dismissed from his post as a teacher.

3. Apparently the article that gave
offence was that on the first page which, to me,
seems inoffensive enough.

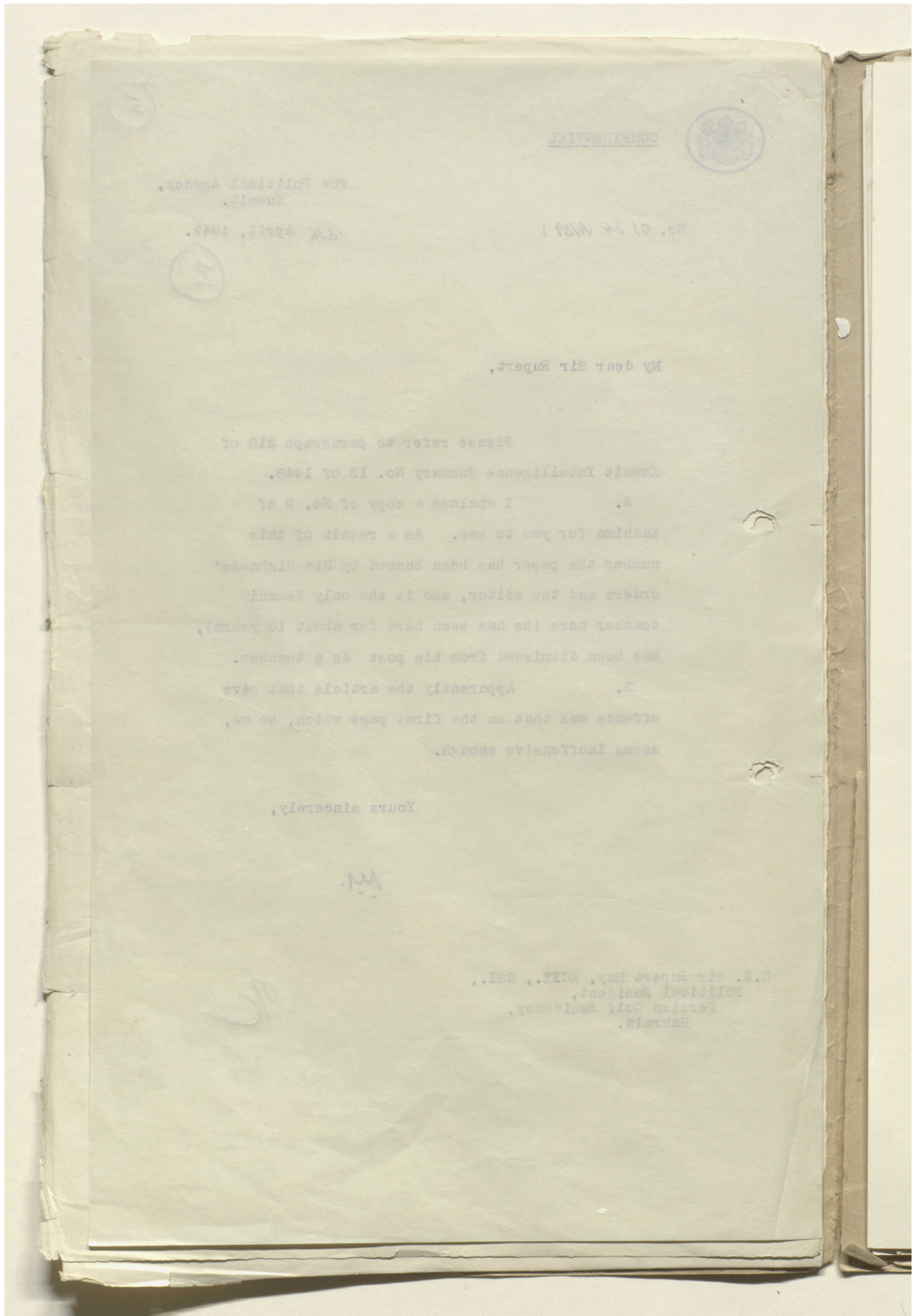
Yours sincerely,

M.

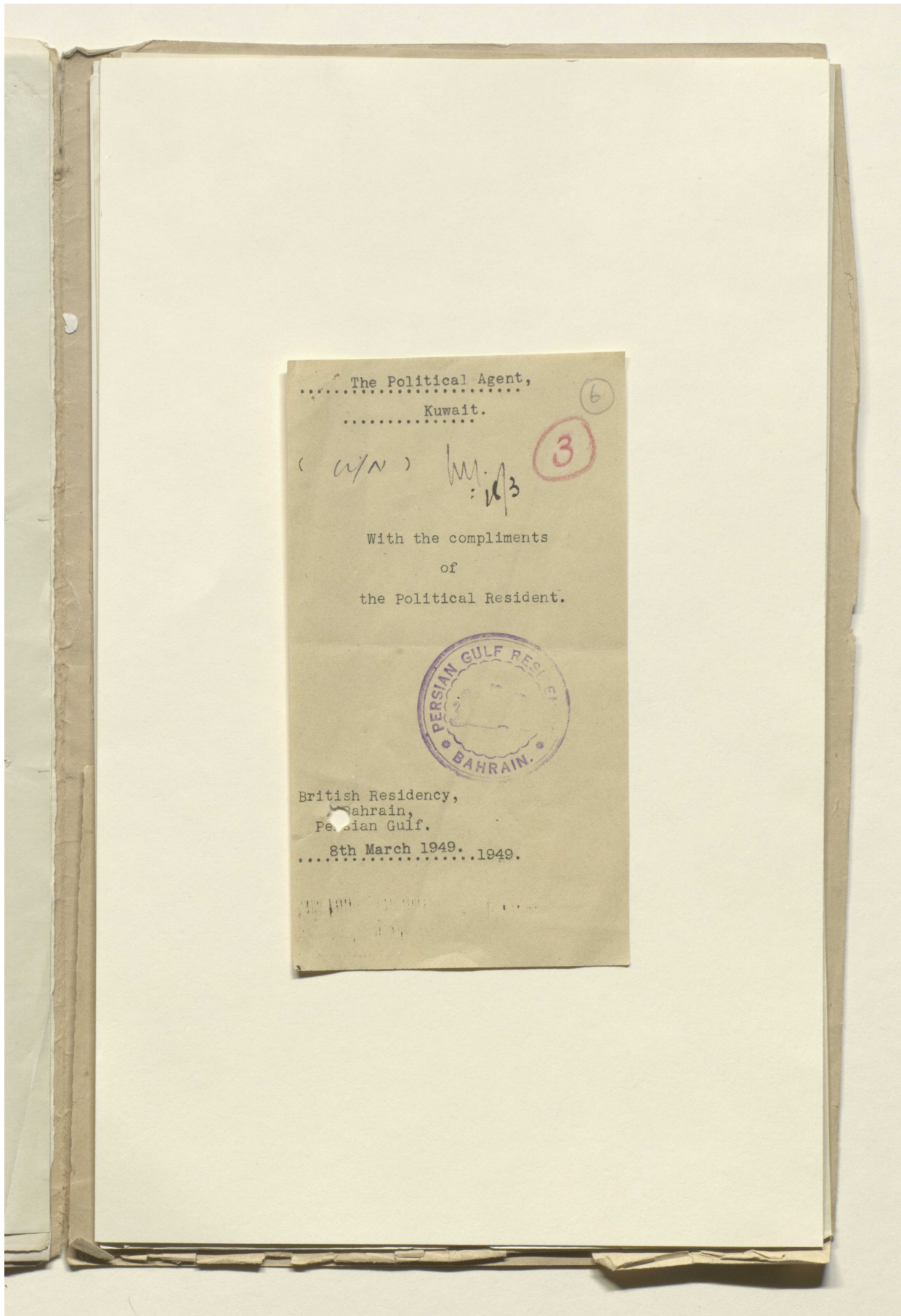
H.E. Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE., CSI.,
Political Resident,
Persian Gulf Residency,
Bahrain.

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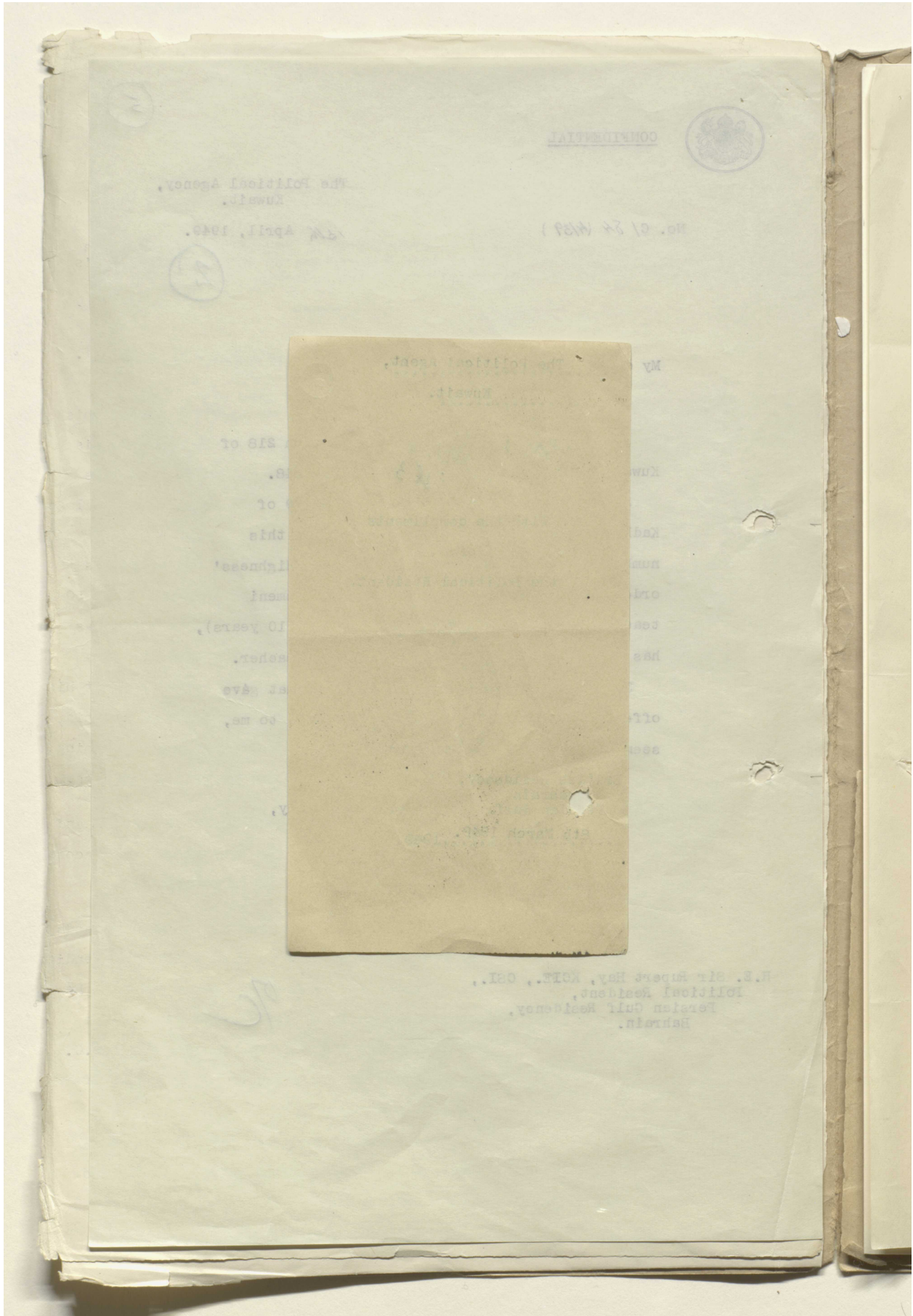
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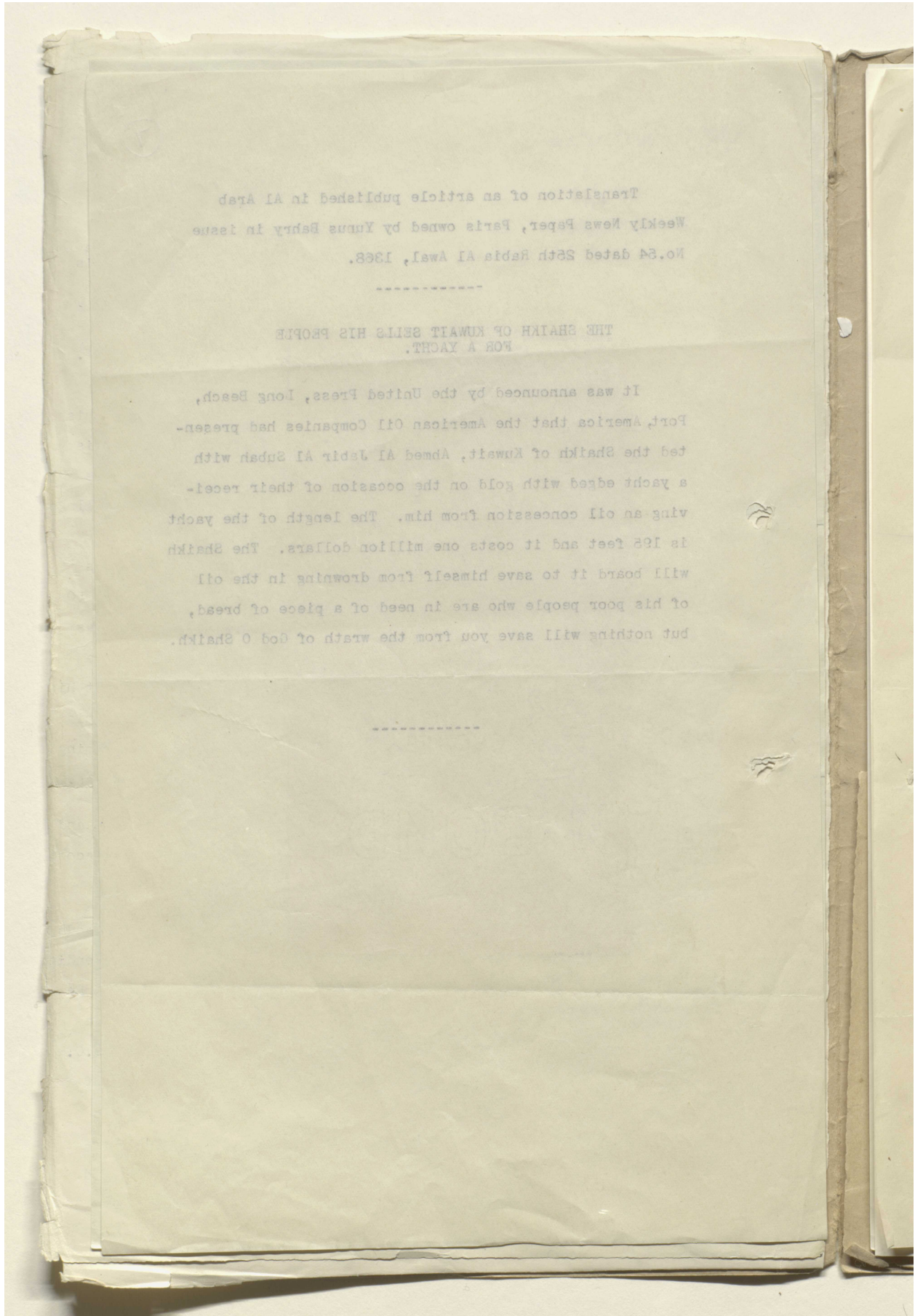
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Translation of an article published in Al Arab
Weekly News Paper, Paris owned by Yunus Bahry in issue
No.54 dated 25th Rabia Al Awal, 1368.

THE SHAIKH OF KUWAIT SELLS HIS PEOPLE
FOR A YACHT.

It was announced by the United Press, Long Beach,
Port, America that the American Oil Companies had present-
ed the Shaikh of Kuwait, Ahmed Al Jabir Al Subah with
a yacht edged with gold on the occasion of their recei-
ving an oil concession from him. The length of the yacht
is 195 feet and it costs one million dollars. The Shaikh
will board it to save himself from drowning in the oil
of his poor people who are in need of a piece of bread,
but nothing will save you from the wrath of God O Shaikh.

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Translation of an article published in Al Arab
Weekly Newspaper, Paris owned by Yunus Bahry in issue
No.55 dated 3rd Rabia-Al Thani, 1368.

AMIR OF KUWAIT SHAIKH AHMED AL JABIR AL SUBAH

A Shaikh who has become very old and weak, has ruled
this Arab State for 30 years and has made of his people,
who total 100,000, phantoms who believe that there is no
village beyond Abadan.

He receives from the American Oil Companies, who are
benefiting from the oil which belongs to the people of
Kuwait, 50 thousand dollars per day, but no school has been
opened nor has a hospital nor a mosque been built and he
cares not but for himself, his palaces, his concubines and
his American yacht which alone with its decorations and
furnishings is worth one million dollars.

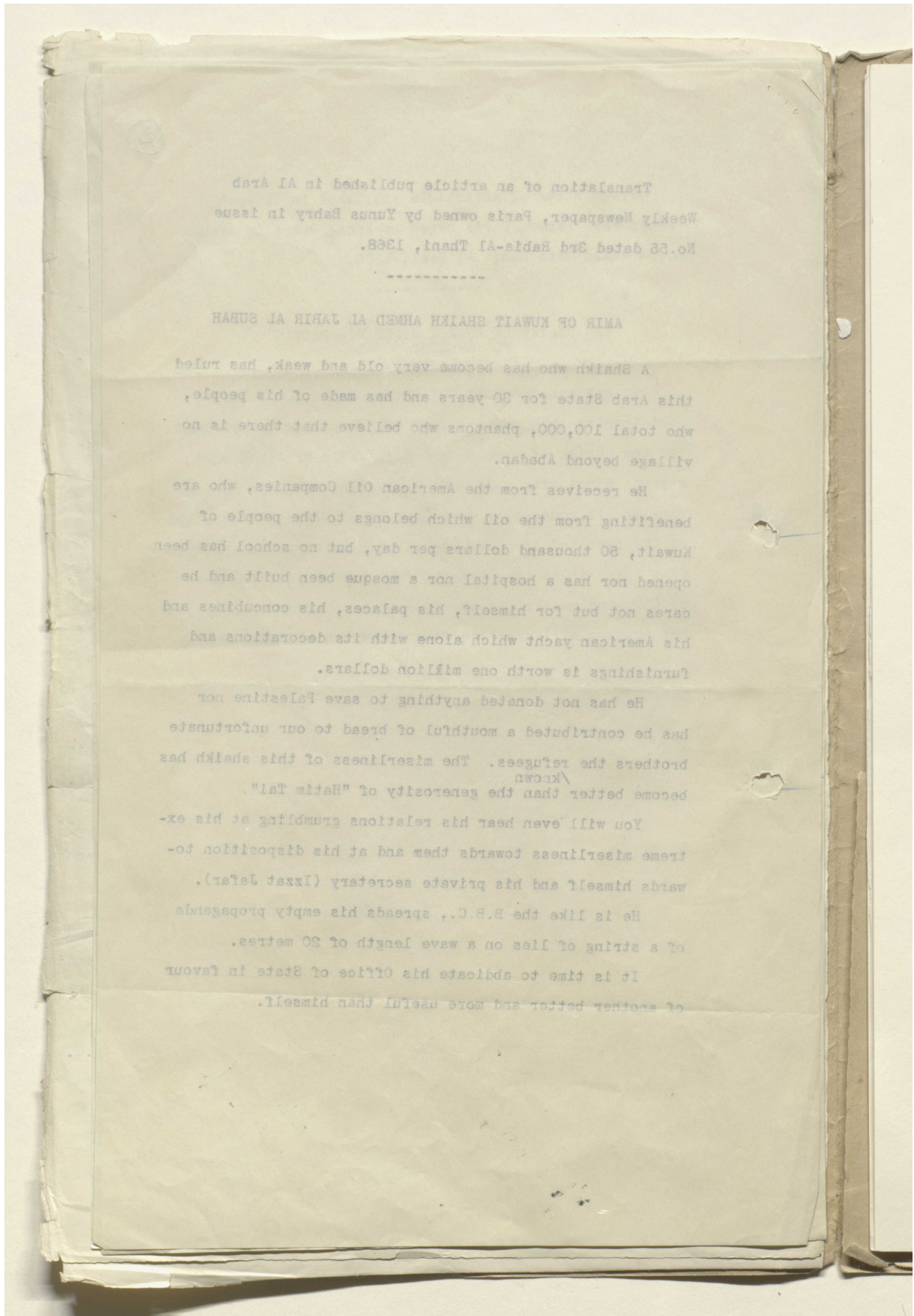
He has not donated anything to save Palestine nor
has he contributed a mouthful of bread to our unfortunate
brothers the refugees. The miserliness of this shaikh has
become better than the generosity of "Hatim Tai".
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You will even hear his relations grumbling at his ex-
treme miserliness towards them and at his disposition to-
wards himself and his private secretary (Izzat Jafar).

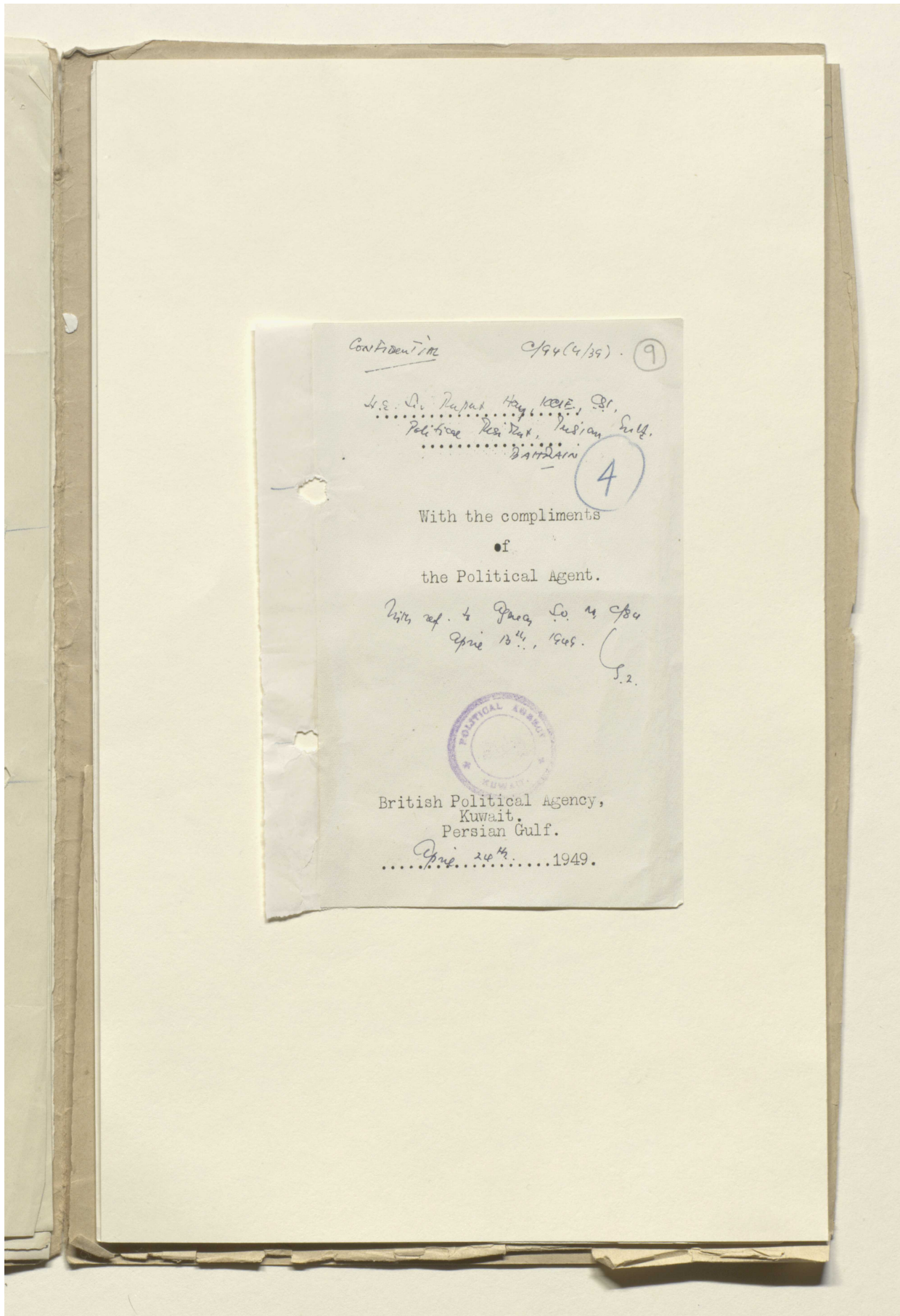
He is like the B.B.C., spreads his empty propaganda
of a string of lies on a wave length of 20 metres.

It is time to abdicate his Office of State in favour
of another better and more useful than himself.

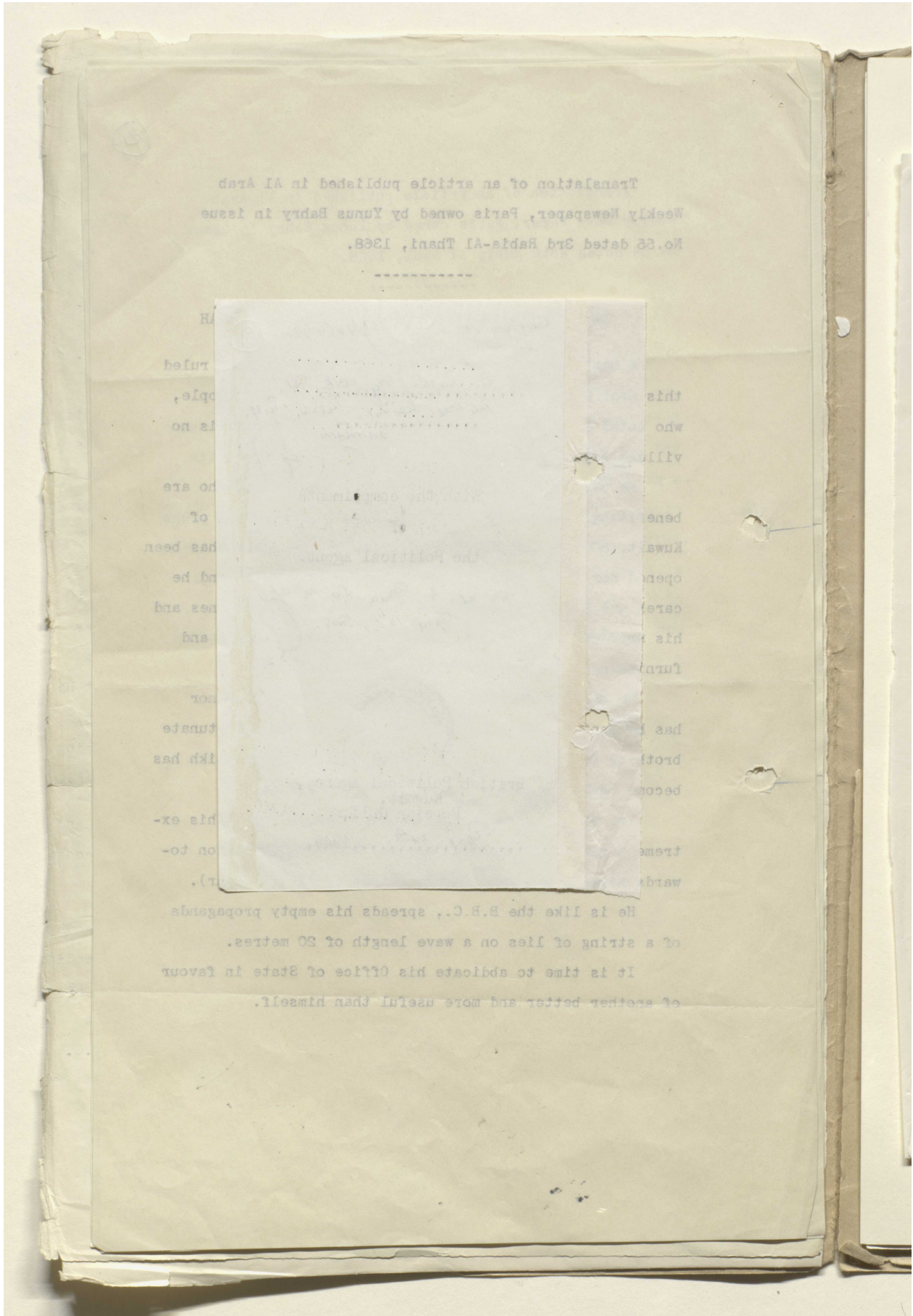
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Translation of an article published in "Rose al Yusuf"
magazine (Egypt) dated 23rd March, 1949.

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IRAQ CLAIMS TO ANNEX KUWAIT TERRITORY
(Rose al Yousuf Magazine No.1084)

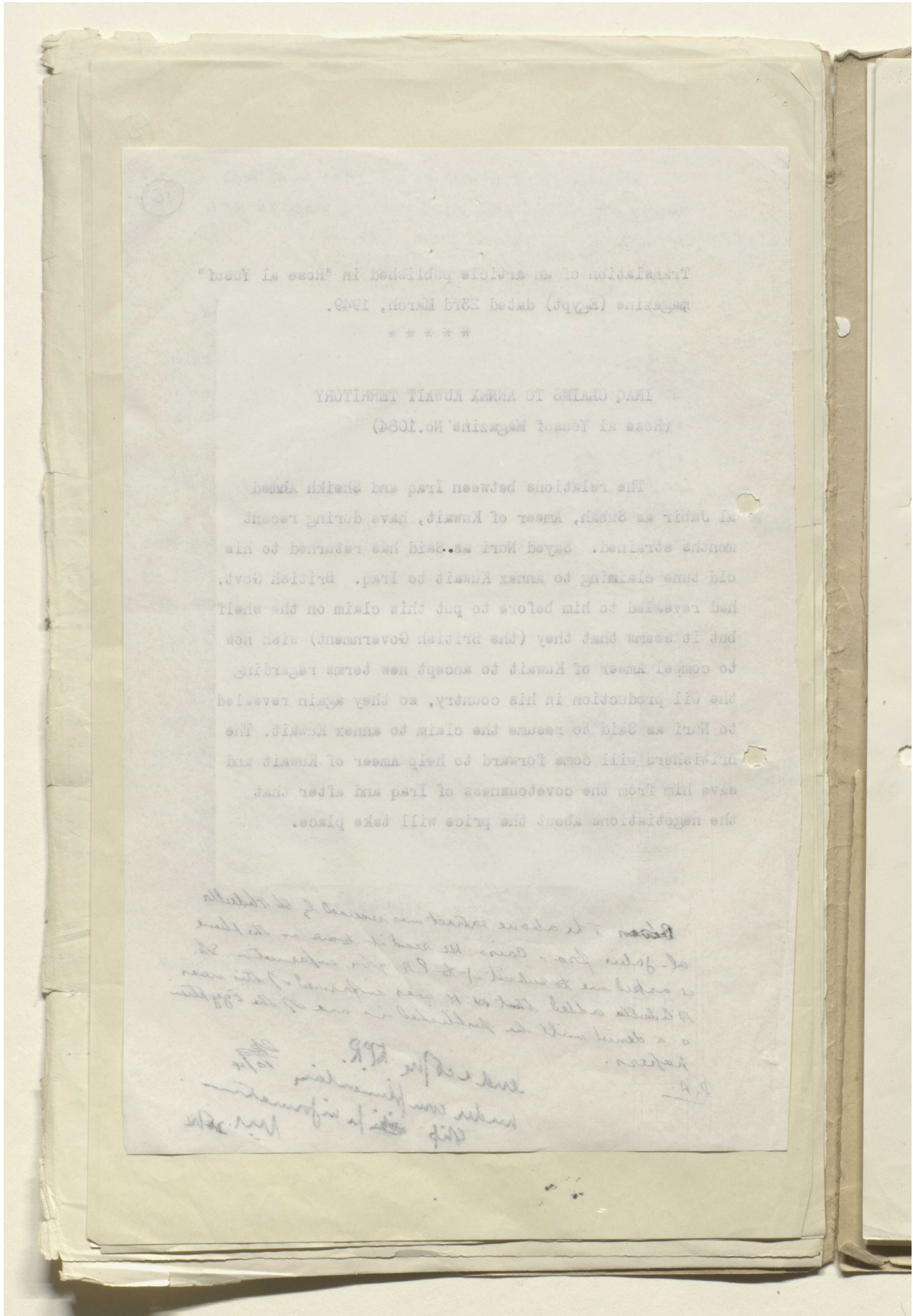
The relations between Iraq and Sheikh Ahmed al Jabir as Subah, Ameer of Kuwait, have during recent months strained. Sayed Nuri as-Said has returned to his old tune claiming to annex Kuwait to Iraq. British Govt. had revealed to him before to put this claim on the shelf but it seems that they (the British Government) wish now to compel Ameer of Kuwait to accept new terms regarding the Oil production in his country, so they again revealed to Nuri as Said to resume the claim to annex Kuwait. The Britishers will come forward to help Ameer of Kuwait and save him from the covetousness of Iraq and after that the negotiations about the price will take place.

Reason - the above extract was received by Sh. Albidulla al-Jabir from Cairo. He read it to me on the phone & asked me to submit it to P.A. for information. Sh. Albidulla added that P.A. was informed of this news & a denial will be published in one of the Egyptian papers.

P.A.

*Send a copy to A.P.R.
under confidential
slip ~~with~~ information
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Mr. 28/4*

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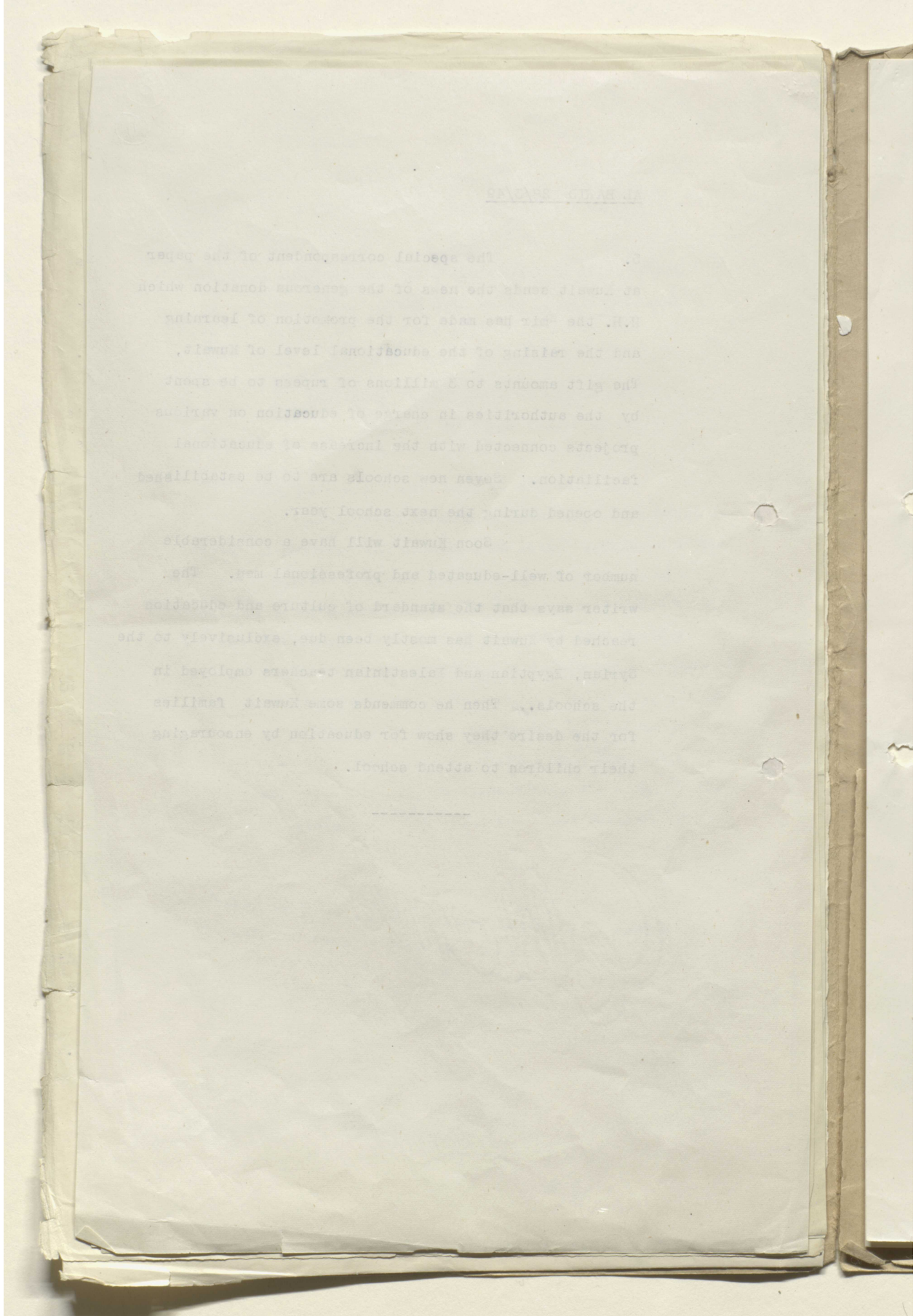
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5. The special correspondent of the paper at Kuwait sends the news of the generous donation which H.H. the Amir has made for the promotion of learning and the raising of the educational level of Kuwait, The gift amounts to 3 millions of rupees to be spent by the authorities in charge of education on various projects connected with the increase of educational facilities. Seven new schools are to be established and opened during the next school year.

Soon Kuwait will have a considerable number of well-educated and professional men. The writer says that the standard of culture and education reached by Kuwait has mostly been due, exclusively to the Syrian, Egyptian and Palestinian teachers employed in the schools. Then he commends some Kuwait families for the desire they show for education by encouraging their children to attend school.

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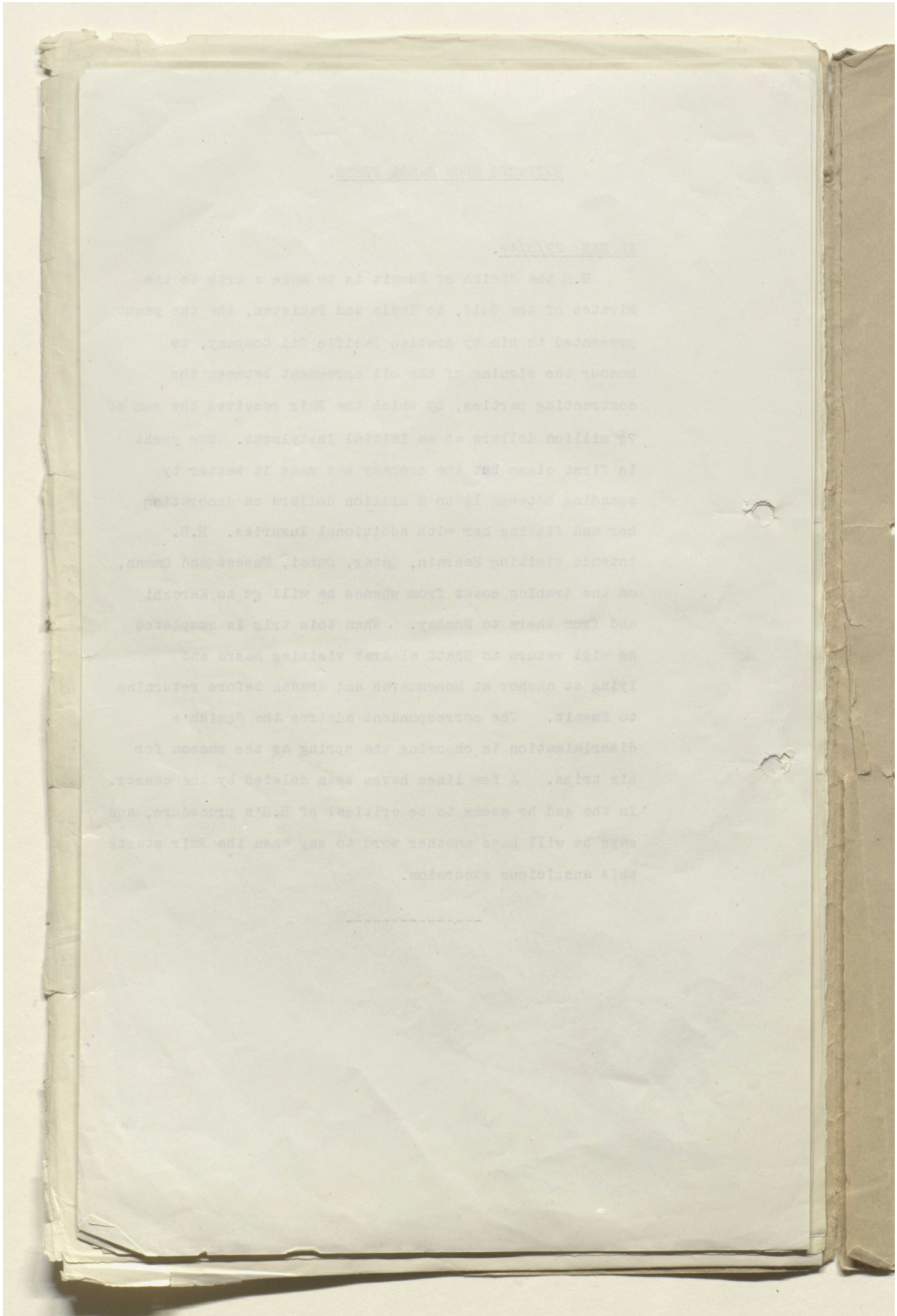
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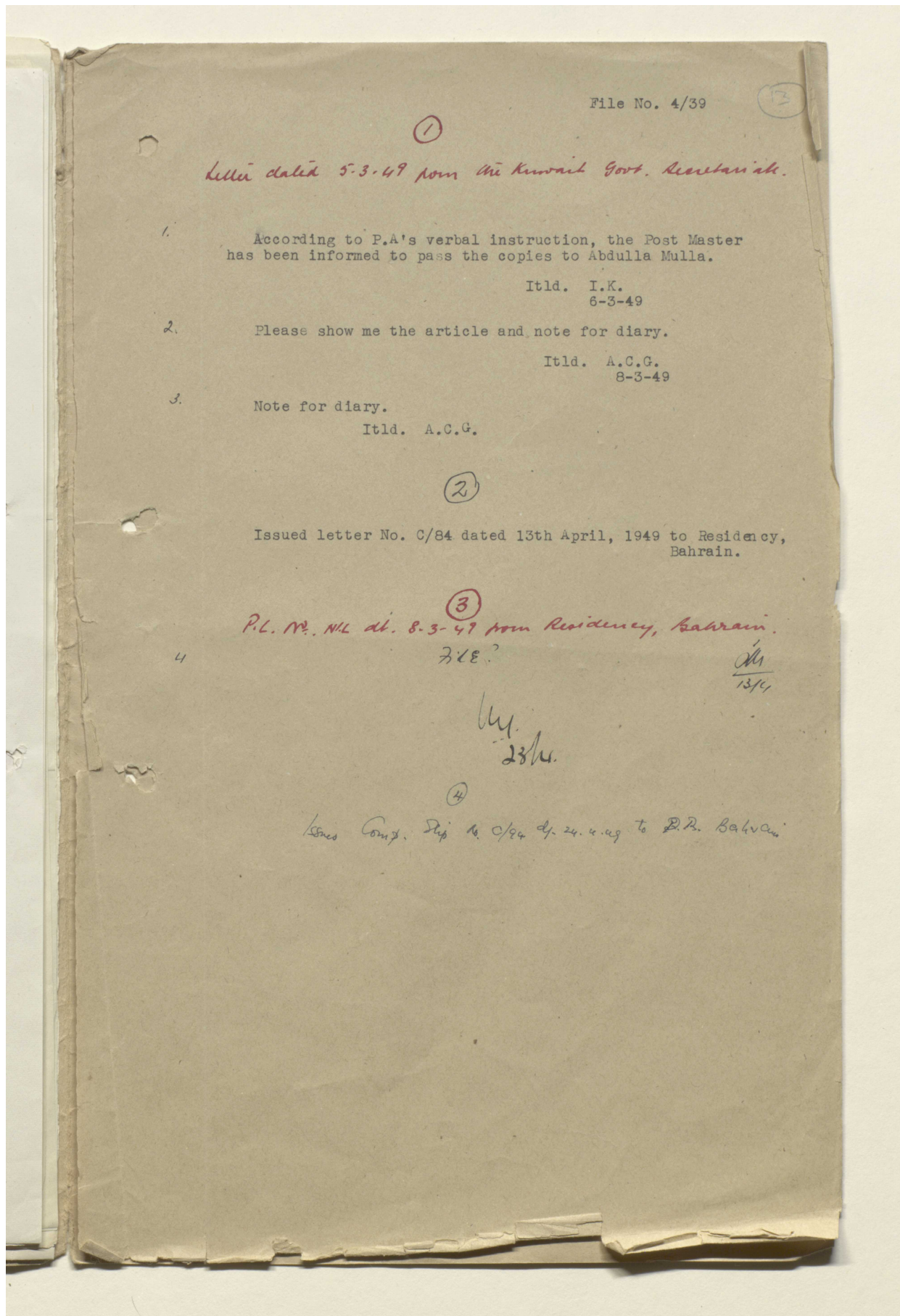
AL NAS 29/3/49.

H.H the Sheikh of Kuwait is to make a trip to the Mirates of the Gulf, to India and Pakistan, the the yacht presented to him by Arabian Pacific Oil Company, to honour the signing of the oil agreement between the contracting parties, by which the Emir received the sum of 7½ million dollars as an initial instalment. The yacht is first class but the company has made it better by spending between 1½ to 2 million dollars on decorating her and fitting her with additional luxuries. H.H. intends visiting Bahrain, Qatar, Dubai, Muscat and Omman, on the Arabian coast from whence he will go to Karachi and from there to Bombay. When this trip is completed he will return to Shatt al Arab visiting Basra and lying at anchor at Mohemmerah and Abadan before returning to Kuwait. The correspondent admires the Sheikh's discrimination in choosing the spring as the season for his trips. A few lines have been deleted by the censor. In the end he seems to be critical of H.H's procedure, and says he will have another word to say when the Emir starts this auspicious excursion.

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Letter dated 5-3-49 from the Kuwait Govt. Secretariat.

1. According to P.A's verbal instruction, the Post Master has been informed to pass the copies to Abdulla Mulla.

Itld. I.K.
6-3-49

2. Please show me the article and note for diary.

Itld. A.C.G.
8-3-49

3. Note for diary.

Itld. A.C.G.

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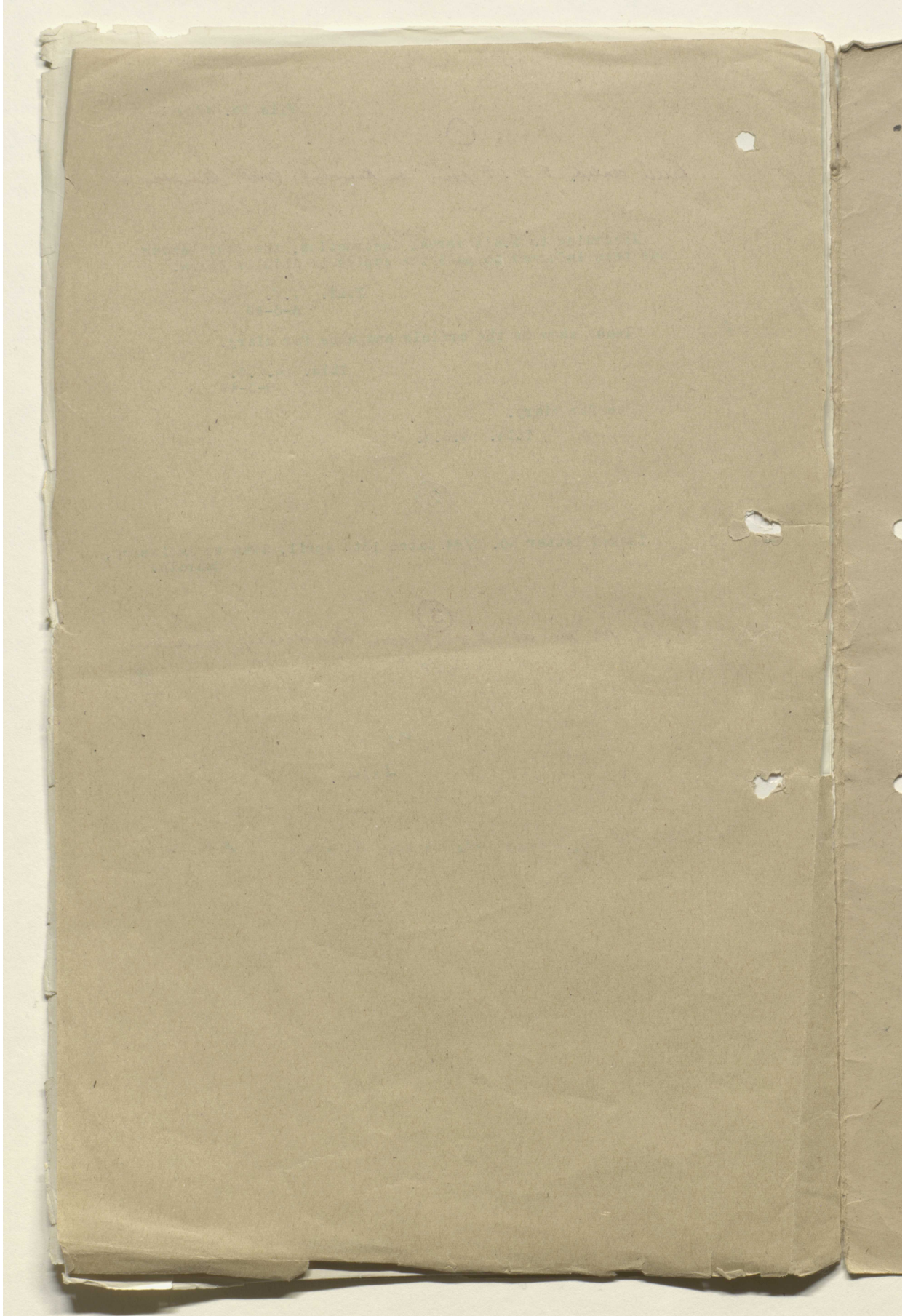
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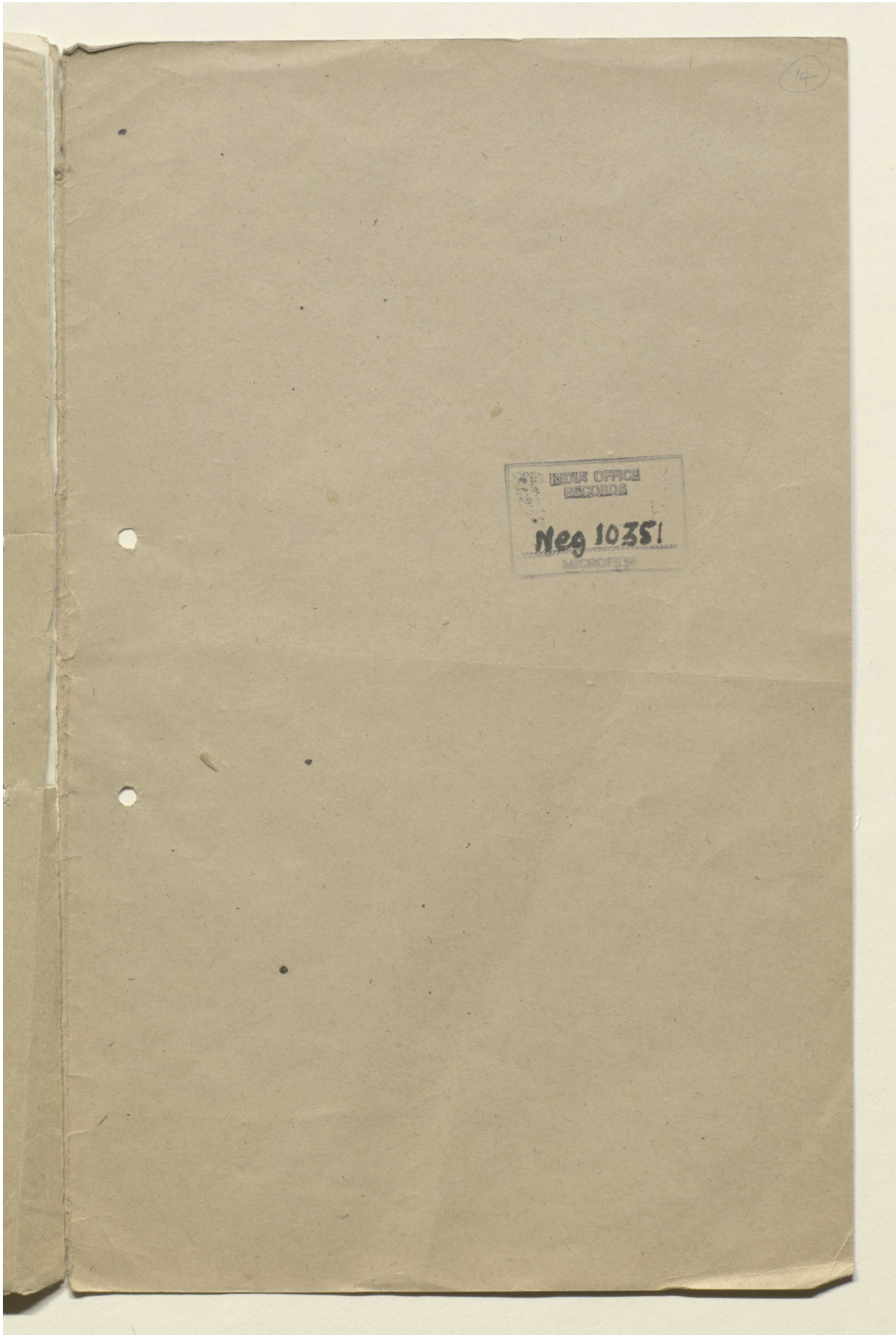
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