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'File 2/27 British Consulate Muscat Air Facilities on the Arab Coast'

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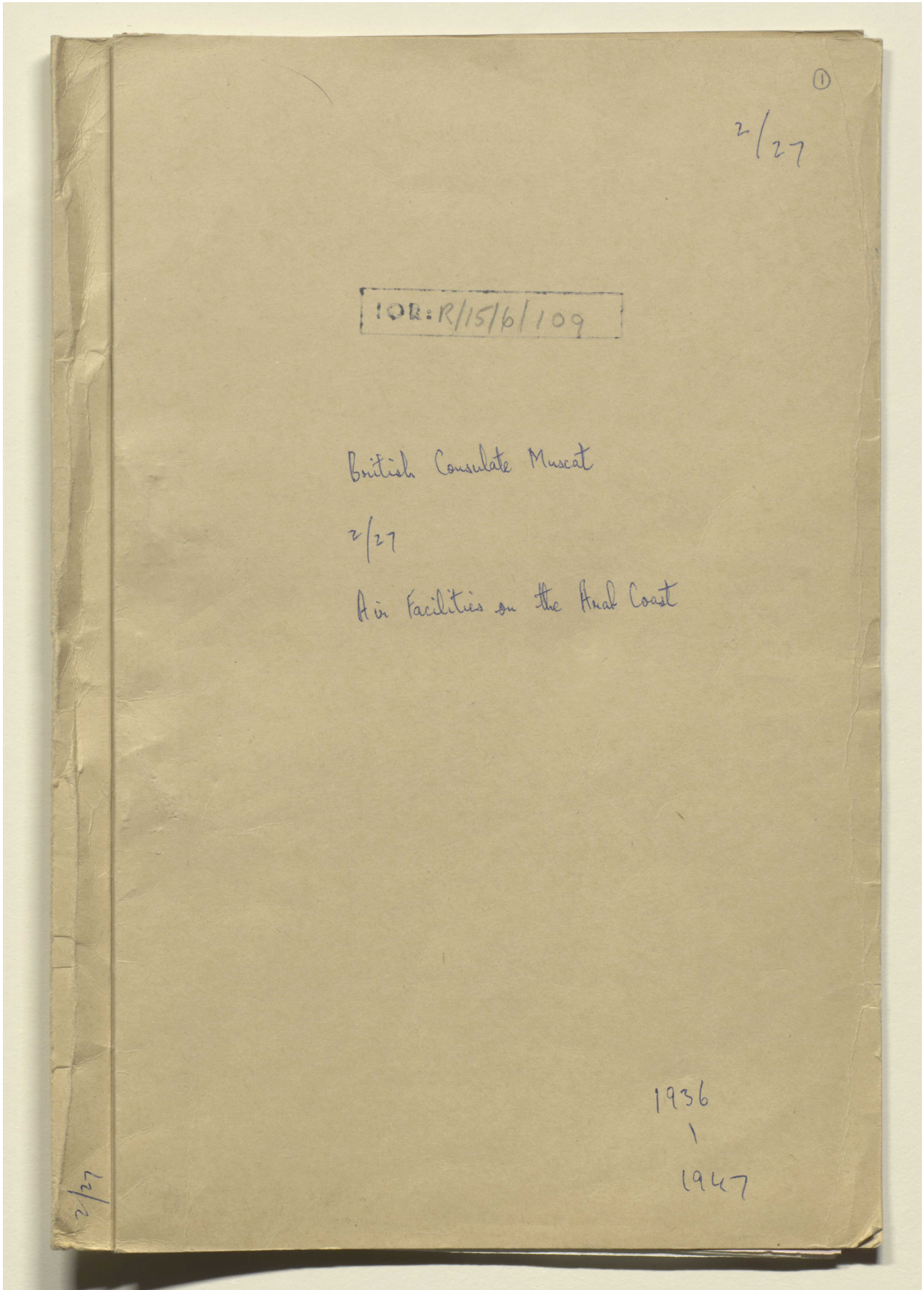


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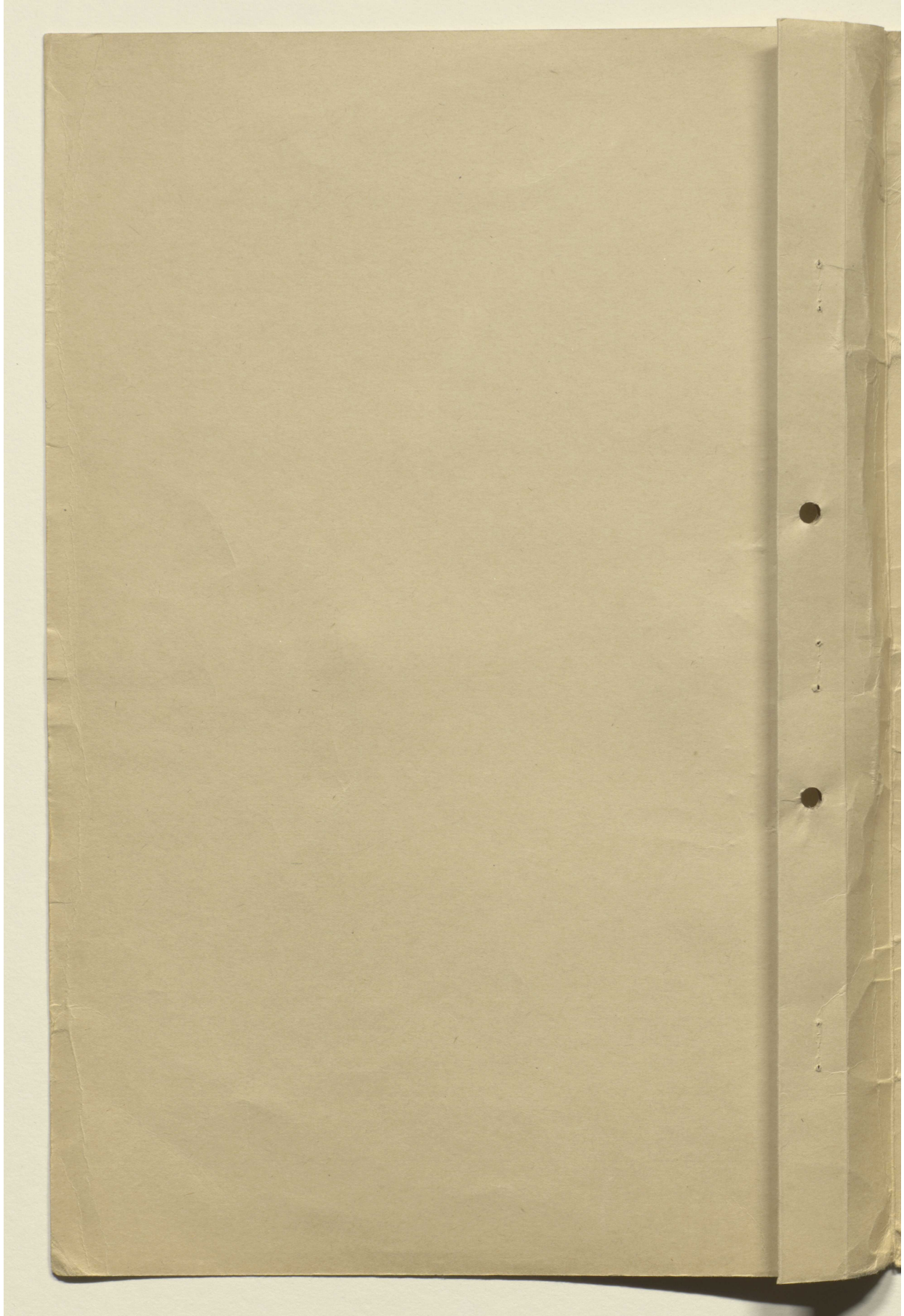
The file contains correspondence between the Government of India's External Affairs Department, the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf and the Political Agent, Muscat regarding the facilities granted by the Government of Muscat and Oman to the Royal Air Force before the signing of the Muscat Civil Air Agreement in October 1934.

The file also includes letters from the British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) to the Political Resident, Bahrain which contain information about its Baghdad-Bahrain trips.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 605-S of 1936.

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

The Political Agent,
Muscat.

**POLITICAL AGENCY AND
CONFIDENTIAL RECORD**
Dte. 30-7-1936
Reg. No. 213
H. B. M'S CONSULATE; MUSCAT.

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

British Consulate-General, BUSHIRE. Dated 17th July 1936.

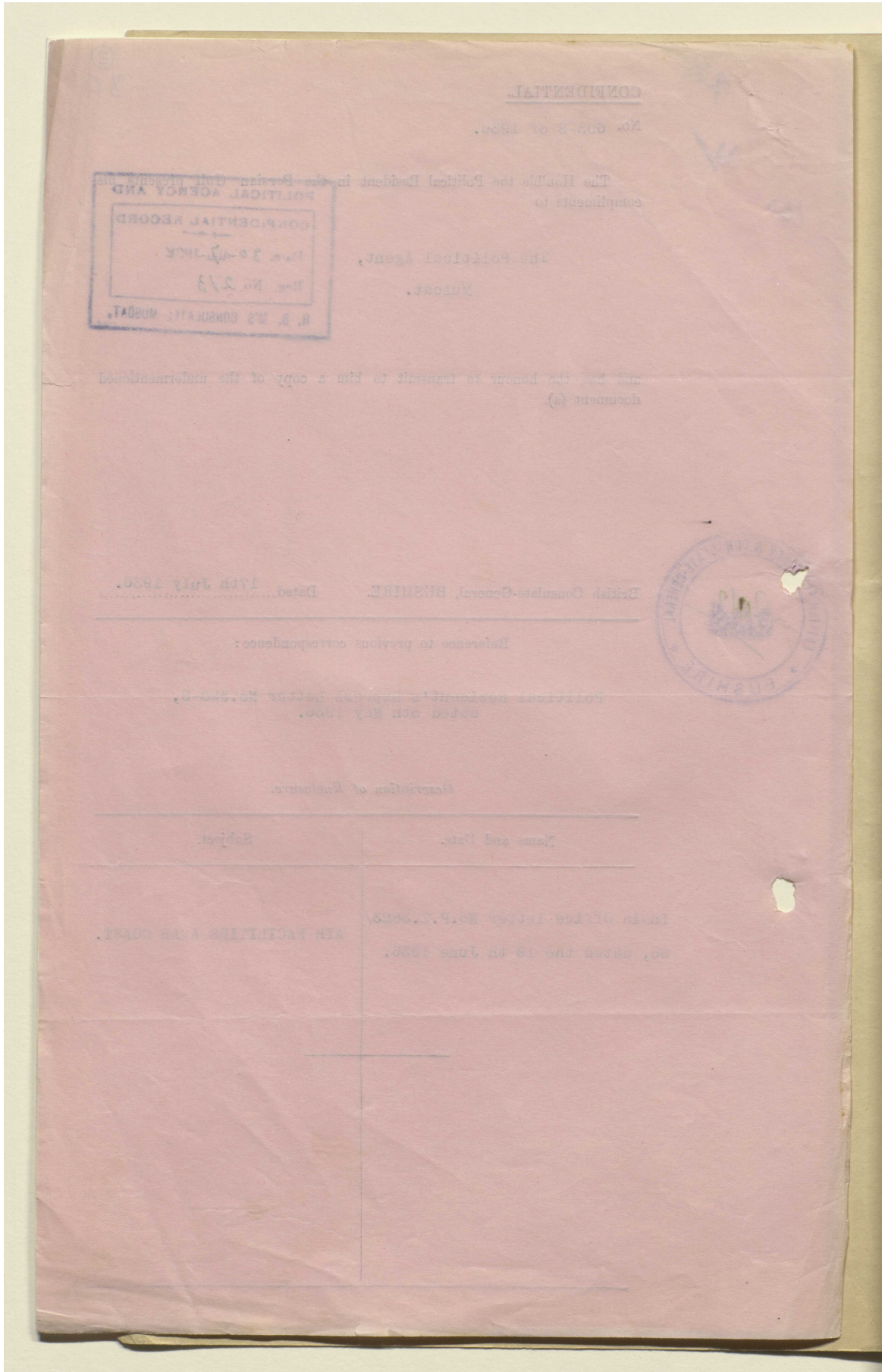
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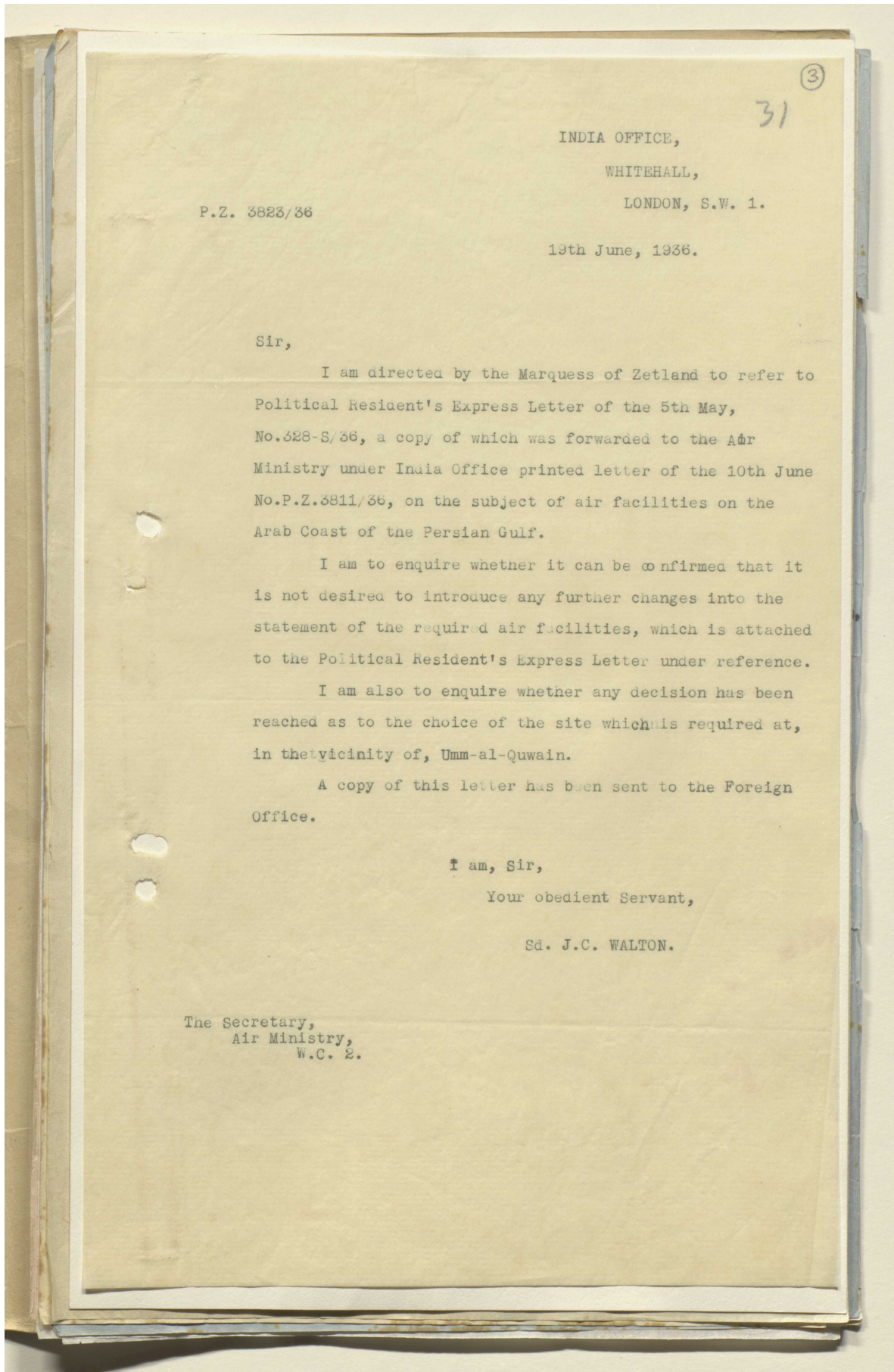
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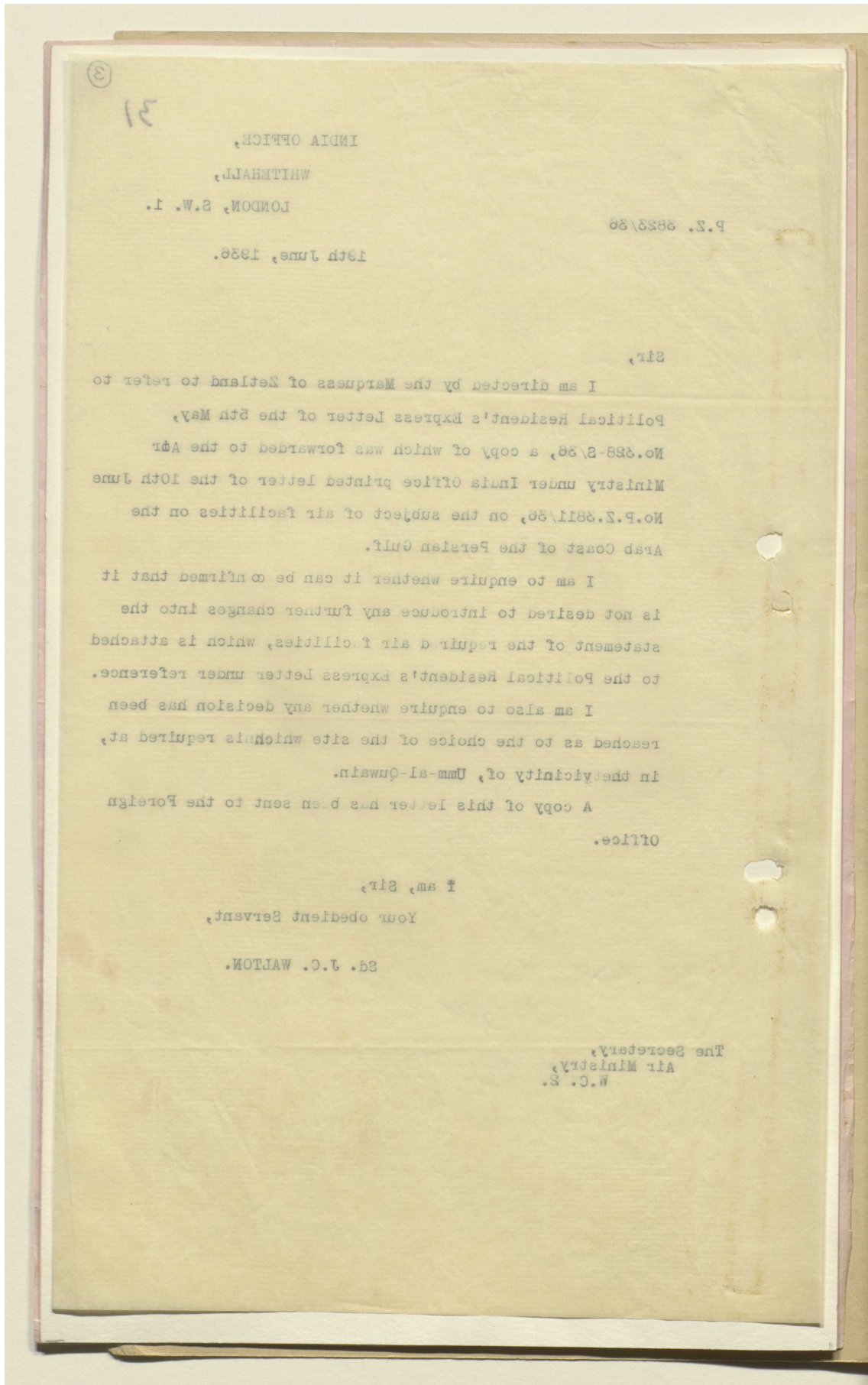
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No. C/109 of 1938.

Reg. No. T/8
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The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

The Political Agent,
Muscat.

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

British Consulate-General,
H.M.S. Bideford, ^{BUSHIRE} At Sea. Dated 23rd February 1938.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Government of India, External Affairs Department, New Delhi letter no. D.O. No. D-5167-N/37 of the 31st January 1938.	Facilities afforded by the Muscat State to the Royal Air Force before signature of the Muscat Air Agreement.

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No. 0/109 of 1938.

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

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Muscat.

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

British Consulate-General,
H.M.S. Ridsford, Al Bala.
BUSHIRE

Dated 23rd February 1938.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure:

Subject.	Name and Date.
Facilities afforded by the Muscat State to the Royal Air Force before signature of the Muscat Air Agreement.	Government of India, External Affairs Department, New Delhi letter no. D.O.No. D-8157-N/37 of the 31st January 1938.

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Confidential.

D.O.No.D.5167-N/37.

External Affairs Department.
New Delhi,

The 31st January 1938.

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Facilities afforded by the Muscat State
to the Royal Air Force before signature
of Muscat Air Agreement.

Dear Sir Trenchard,

Please refer to Appendix III to Muscat Civil Air Agreement, dated the 25th October 1934, about arrangements for use of Aerodromes by Military Aircraft.

It is stated by the Sultan of Muscat "that the conclusion of the said agreement will not affect the present position regarding the existing service facilities for the Royal Air Force in my territory." Would you kindly let us know where these facilities are defined ?

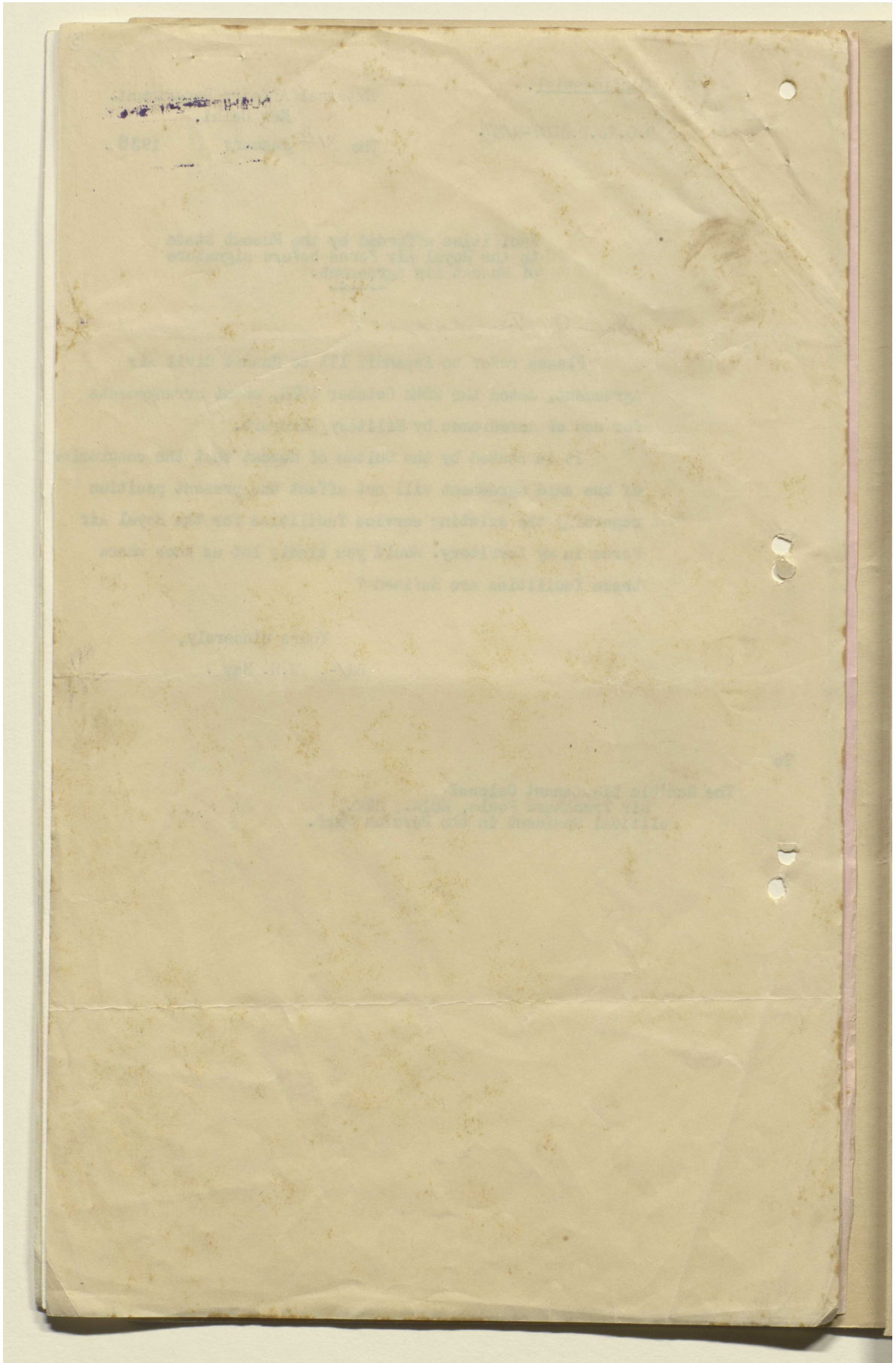
Yours sincerely,

Sd/- W.R. Hay .

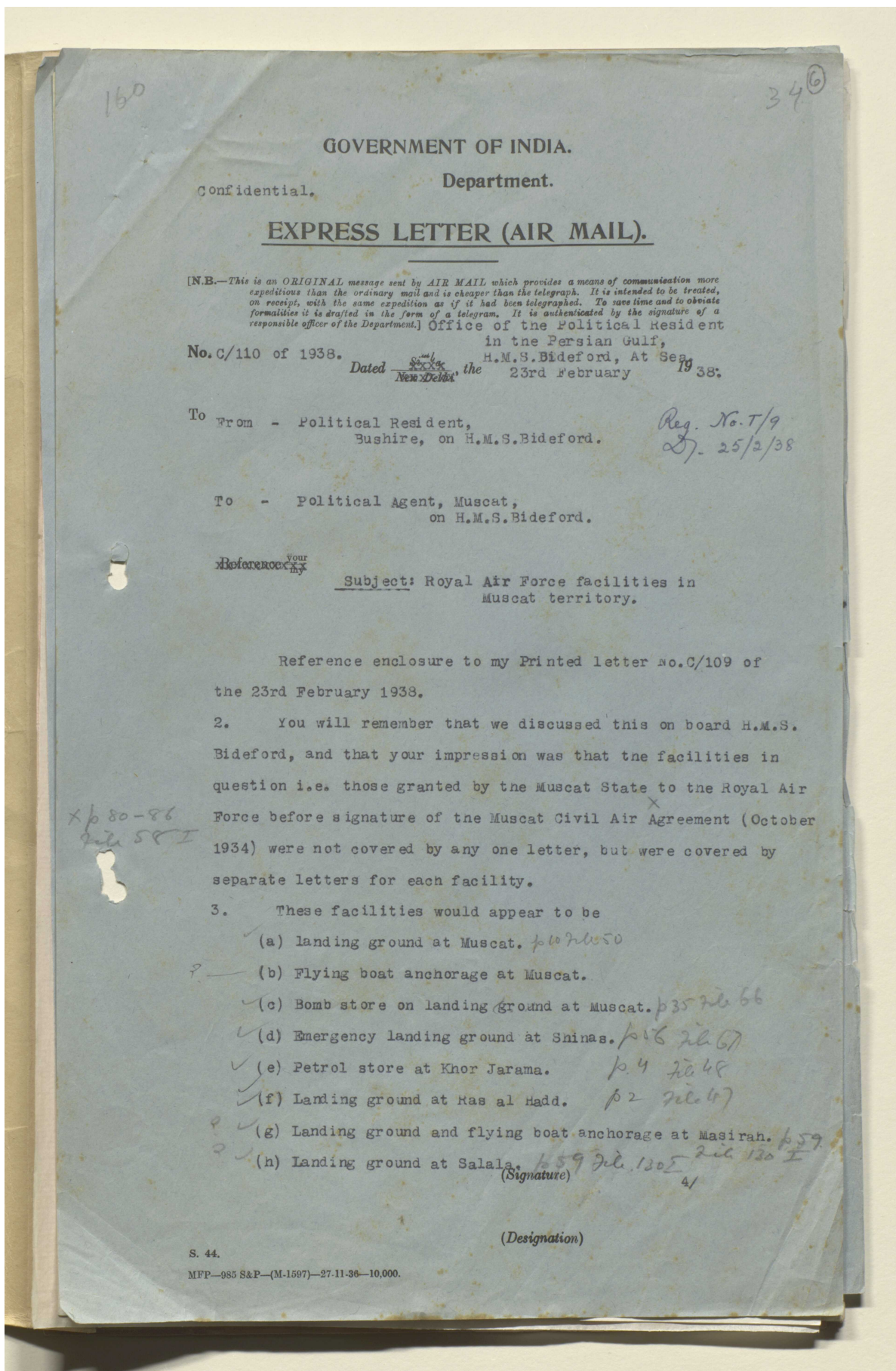
To

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Colonel
Sir Trenchard Fowle, KCIE., CBE.,
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

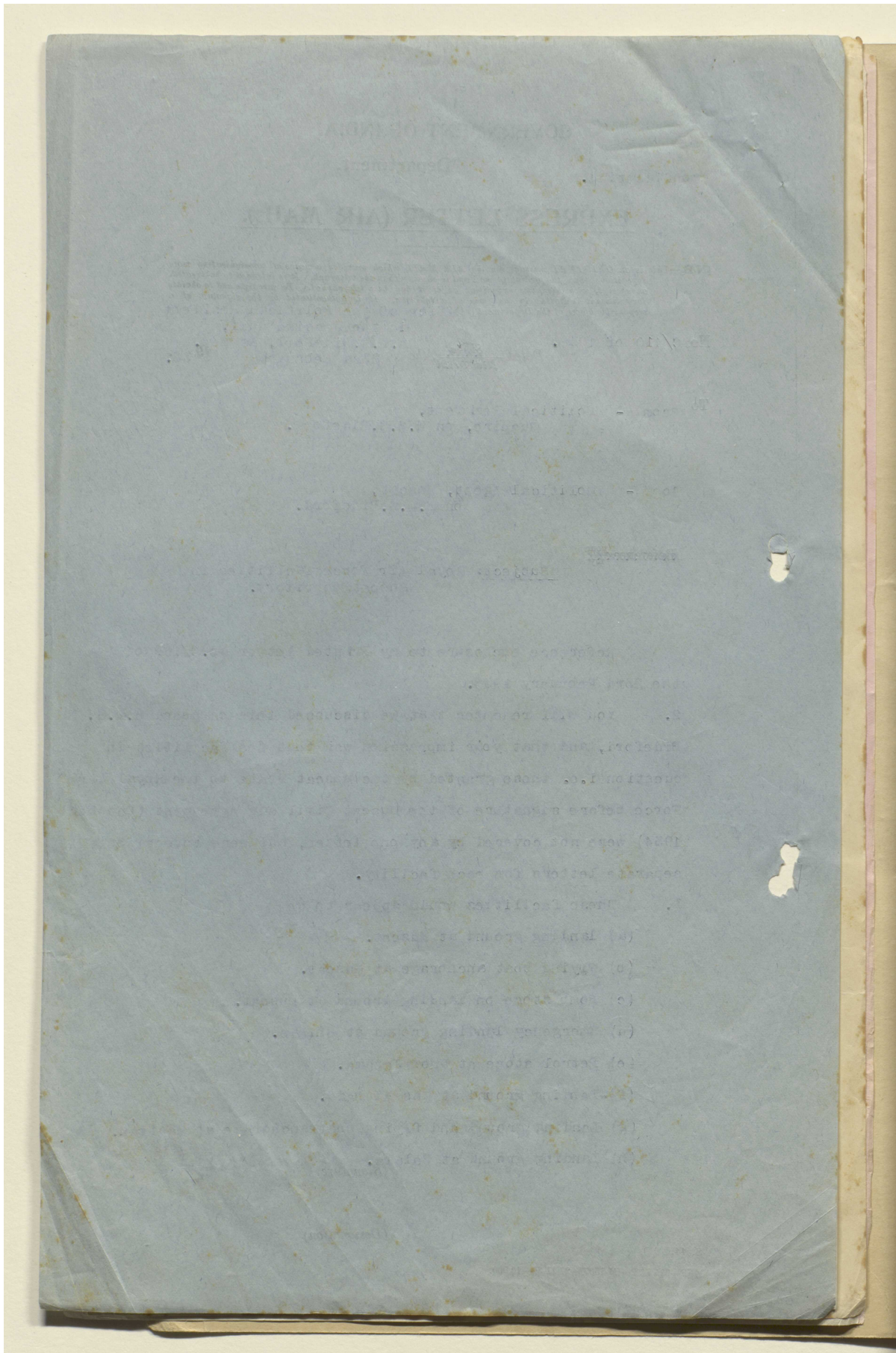
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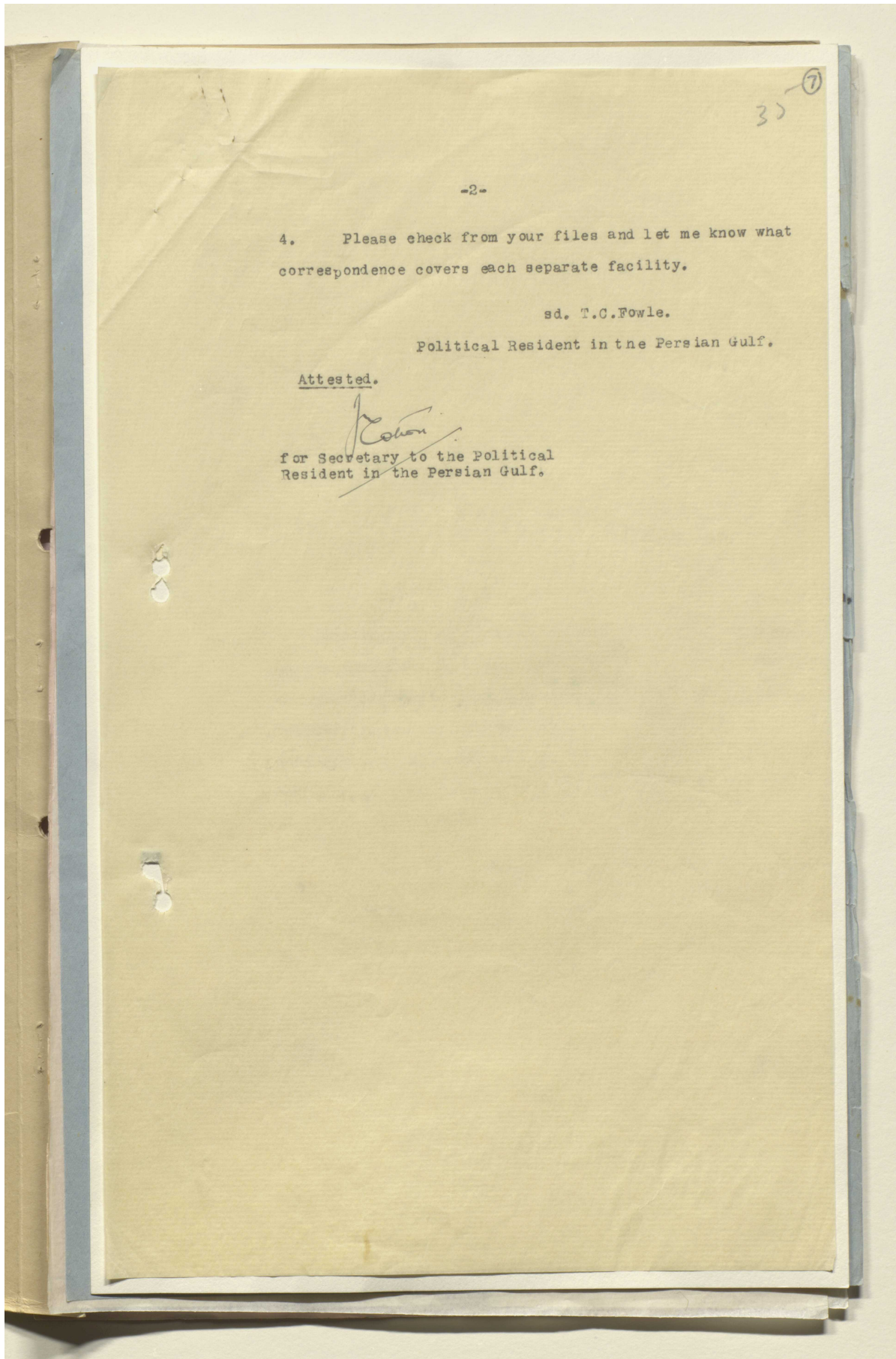
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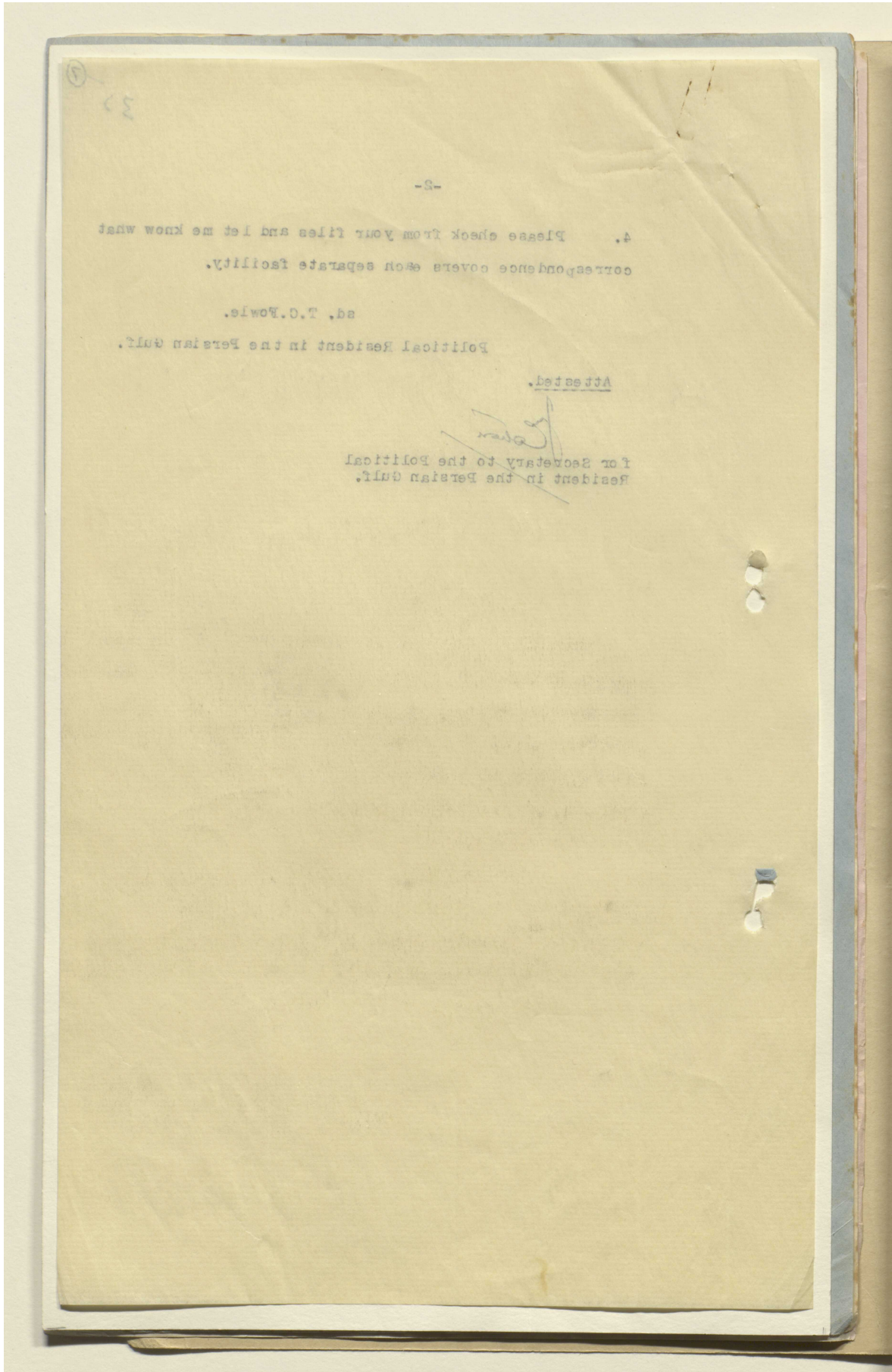
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
Department.

EXPRESS LETTER (AIR MAIL).

[N.B.—This is an ORIGINAL message sent by AIR MAIL which provides a means of communication more expeditious than the ordinary mail and is cheaper than the telegraph. It is intended to be treated, on receipt, with the same expedition as if it had been telegraphed. To save time and to obviate formalities it is drafted in the form of a telegram. It is authenticated by the signature of a responsible officer of the Department.]

No. **C/65 of 1938.** Dated ^{Muscat} ~~New Delhi~~ the **3rd May 1938.** 19 .

To
**Political Resident,
Dushire.**

Subject :- Royal Air Force facilities in Muscat territory.

Reference ^{your} ~~my~~ **Express Letter C/110, dated the 23rd February 1938.**

2. A search through the Agency records confirms my impression, as previously stated, that the various Royal Air Force facilities enjoyed in Muscat territory prior to the signing of the Muscat Civil Air Agreement are covered not by a single letter but by various letters although in certain instances, as will be seen from the attached list, no actual letter from the Sultan or the Muscat Government granting the particular facility can be traced as having been received in this office.

3. In addition to the items given in para 3 of your letter quoted above the following facilities were granted by the Muscat Government to the Royal Air Force

- (1) Landing ground, Flying Boat Anchorage and petrol store at Murbat.
- (2) Landing ground at Khur Ghadam.

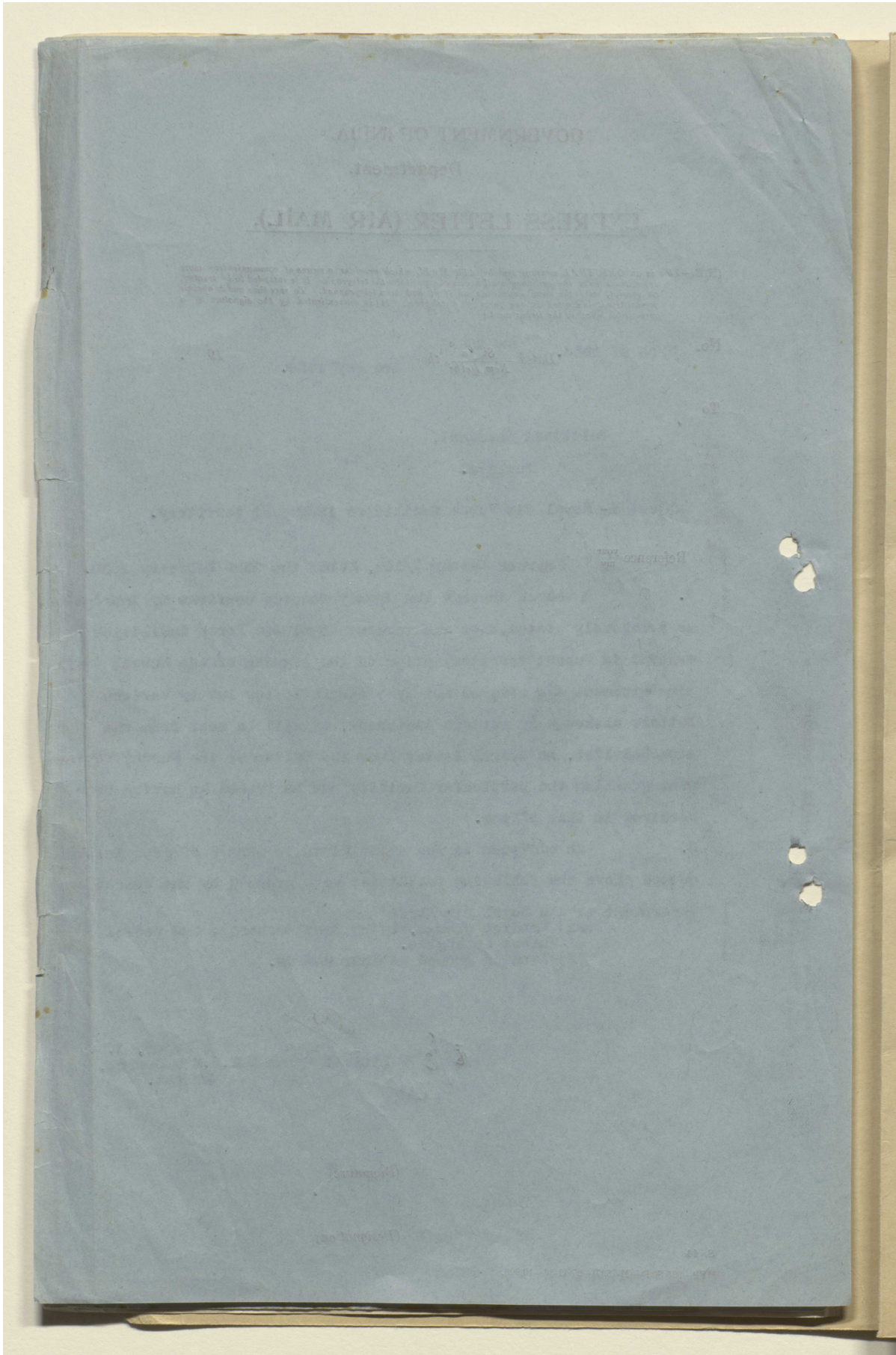
W.P.
D/C Political Agent & H.B.M.'s Consul,
Muscat.

(Signature)

(Designation)

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List of facilities granted by Muscat Government to Royal Air Force prior to signing of the Muscat Civil Agreement in October 1934.

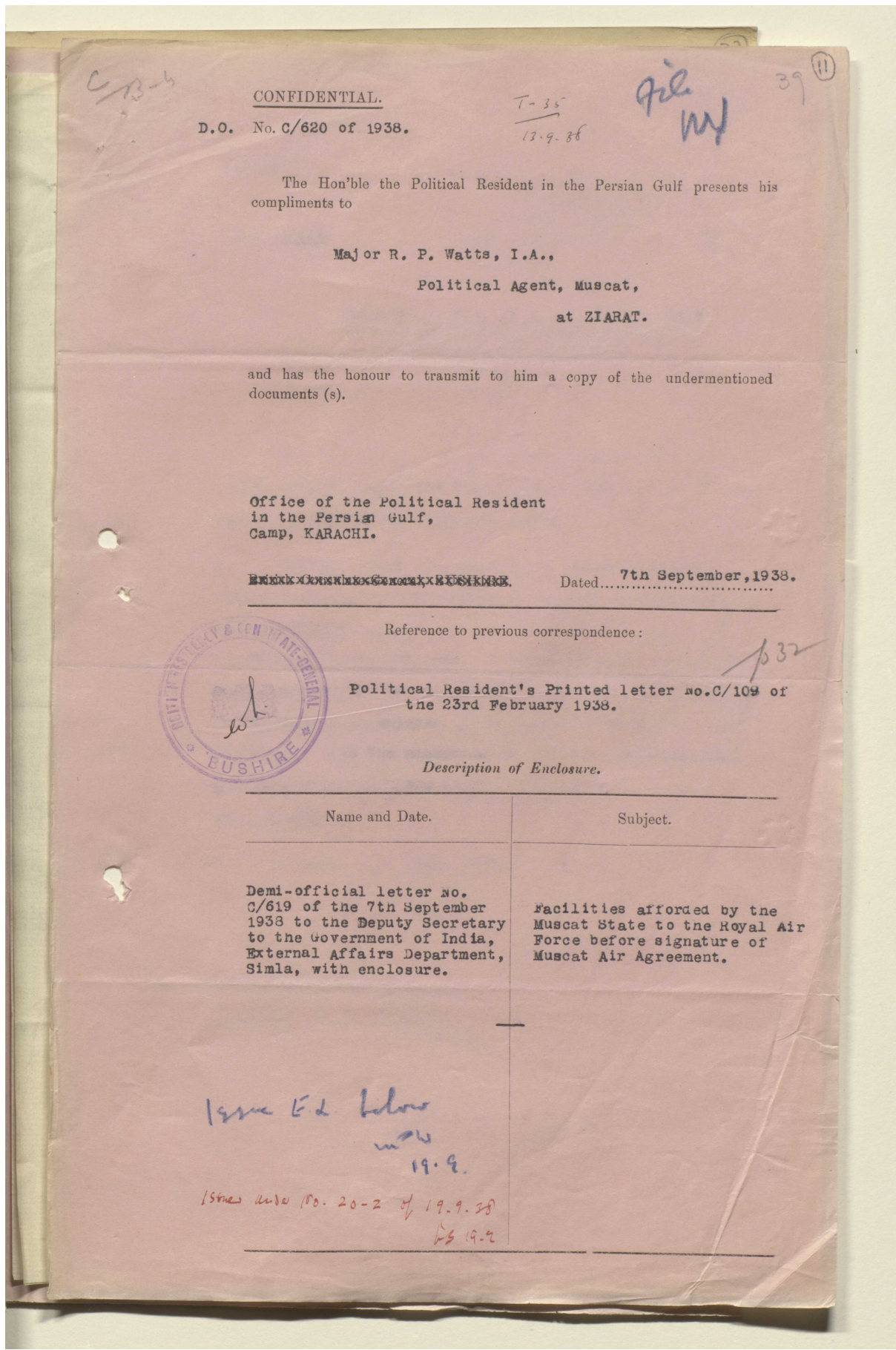
Place	Facility	Whether permission granted by Muscat Government by letter.	Under what letter forwarded to Bushire.	Remarks.
(a) Shinas	Emergency Landing Ground.	Yes. Sultan's letter dated 26th May 1934. <i>p. 56 p. 66-67</i>	No. C. 139 dated 29th May 1934. <i>p. 57 p. 66-67</i>	
(b) Sohar	Emergency Landing Ground.	Yes. Sultan's letter dated 26th May 1934. <i>p. 56 p. 66-67</i>	No. C. 139 dated 29th May 1934. <i>p. 57 p. 66-67</i>	
(c) Muscat	Landing Ground.	Yes. Council of Ministers' letter No. 88 dated 13th November 1929. <i>p. 10 p. 50</i>	No. 1250 dated 13th November 1929. <i>p. 12 p. 50</i>	
(d) Muscat	Flying Boat Anchorage.	No.	-	No formal written authority on record.
(e) Muscat	Petrol Store.	Yes. Sultan's letter dated 24th May 1934.	-	
(f) Muscat	Bomb Store.	Yes. Sultan's letter dated 16th April 1934. <i>p. 35 p. 66-66</i>	No. C. 150 dated 16th May 1934. <i>p. 34 p. 66</i>	
(g) Zhor Jarama	Petrol Store, and Flying Boat Anchorage.	Yes. Sultan's letter dated 1st March 1932. <i>p. 4 p. 66-68</i>	No. C. 90 dated 25th April 1932. <i>p. 12</i>	Letter actually makes no mention of anchorage.
(h) Ras al Hadd	Emergency Landing Ground.	No. But see remarks column.	-	D.O. letter to Political Agent from Saiyid Said dated 21st April 1930, states no objection to ground being laid out. <i>p. 27 p. 47</i>

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List of facilities - - continued.

Place.	Facility.	Whether permission granted by Muscat Government by letter.	Under what letter forwarded to Bushire.	Remarks.
(i) Masirah Island.	(a) Landing Ground (b) Flying Boat (c) Anchorages. (c) retrol Store.	-	-	Agreement made with Sheikh with concurrence of Sultan vide correspondence ending with Muscat Agency letter No. C-116 of 31st May 1932 to the Political Resident, Bushire.
(j) Khor Gharim.	Emergency Landing Ground.	-	-	Sultan in his letter dated 8th November 1933 to the Political Agent gave permission for reconnaissance of coast between Murbat and Masirat for purpose of marking emergency landing grounds.
(k) Murbat.	Landing Ground Flying Boat. Anchorages. retrol Store.	-	-	No correspondence traceable.
(l) Salalah	Landing Ground.	-	-	No correspondence traceable.

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D.O. No. C/620 of 1938.

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

Major R. P. Watts, I.A.,
Political Agent, Muscat,
at ZIARAT.

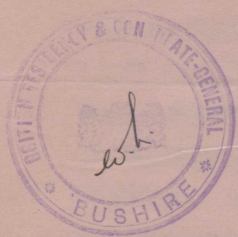
and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned documents (s).

Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,
Camp, KARACHI.

~~British Consulate General, ZIARAT.~~ Dated... 7th September, 1938.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Political Resident's Printed letter no. C/109 of
the 23rd February 1938.

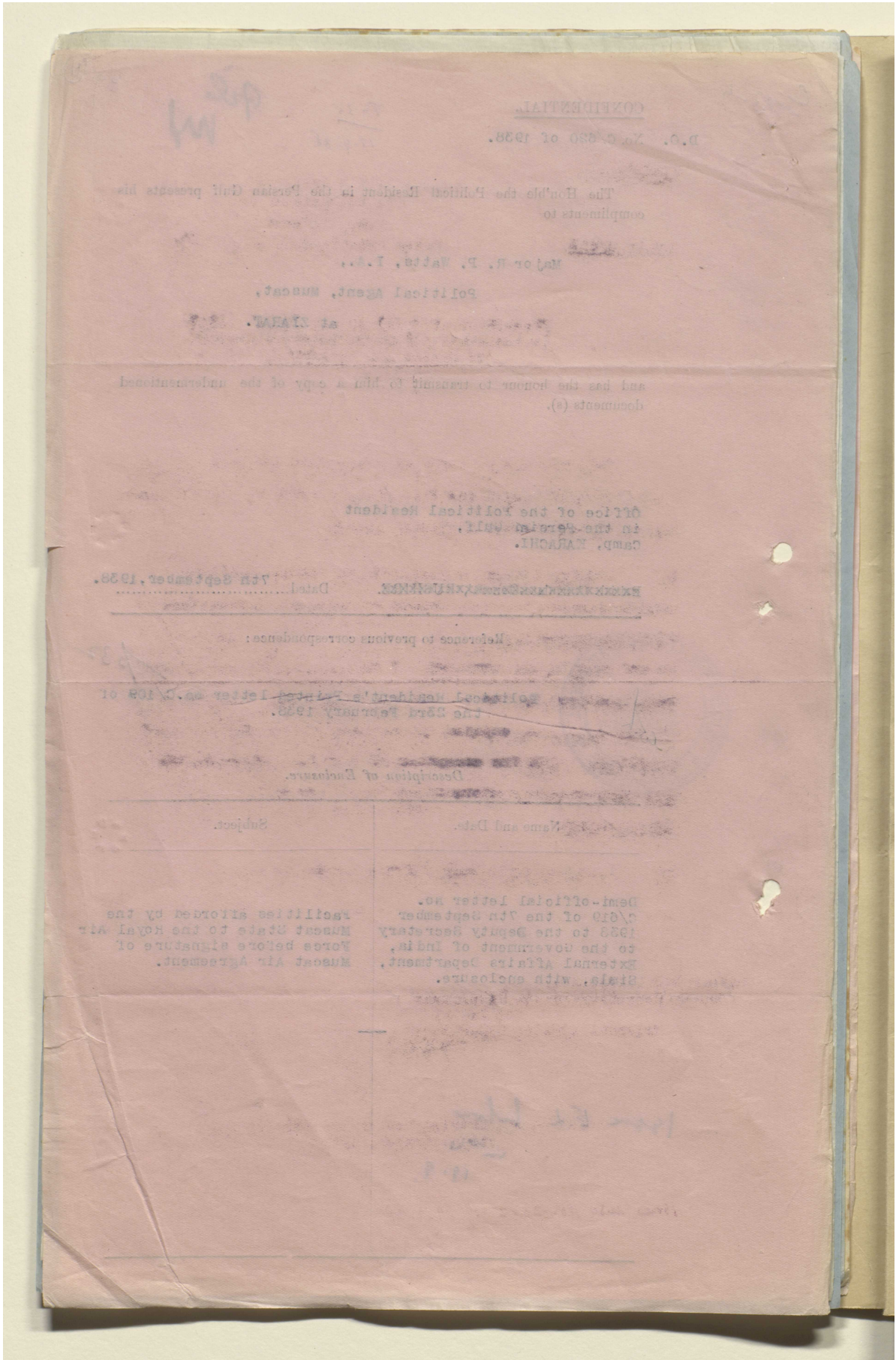


Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Demi-official letter no. C/619 of the 7th September 1938 to the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, External Affairs Department, Simla, with enclosure.	Facilities afforded by the Muscat State to the Royal Air Force before signature of Muscat Air Agreement.

Issue E.2 below
19.9.
Issue under No. 20-2 of 19.9.38
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Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,
Camp, Karachi.

D.O.No.C/619.

Dated the 7th September, 1938.

Facilities afforded by the Muscat State
to the Royal Air Force before signature
of Muscat Air Agreement.

Will you please refer to Hay's demi-official letter
No.D.5167-M/37, dated the 31st January 1938, to Sir Trenchard
Fowle, on the subject mentioned above.

2. The facilities in question are not defined in a
single document but are covered by separate correspondence
with the Muscat Authorities in respect of each facility
as and when it was arranged. I enclose a list, which has
been confirmed by the Air Officer Commanding, Iraq Command,
of the facilities enjoyed by the Royal Air Force in Muscat
territory. With the exception of item (1), Shuwaimiyah,
all were accorded before signature of the Muscat Civil
Air Agreement.

3. I am sending a copy of this letter to Watts.

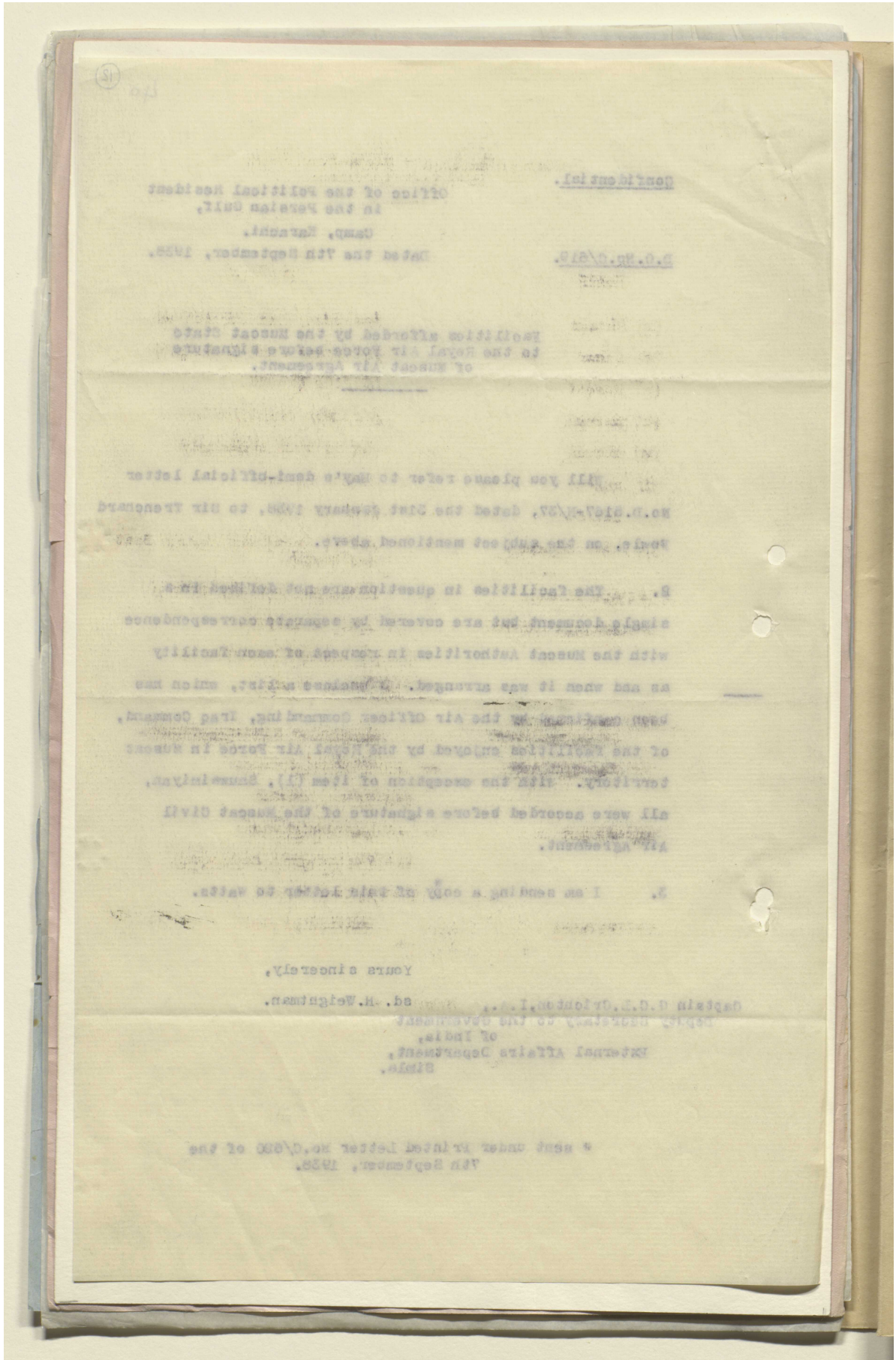
Yours sincerely,

Captain G.C.L.Crichton, I.A.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government
of India,
External Affairs Department,
Simla.

sd. H.Weightman.

* sent under Printed Letter No.C/620 of the
7th September, 1938.

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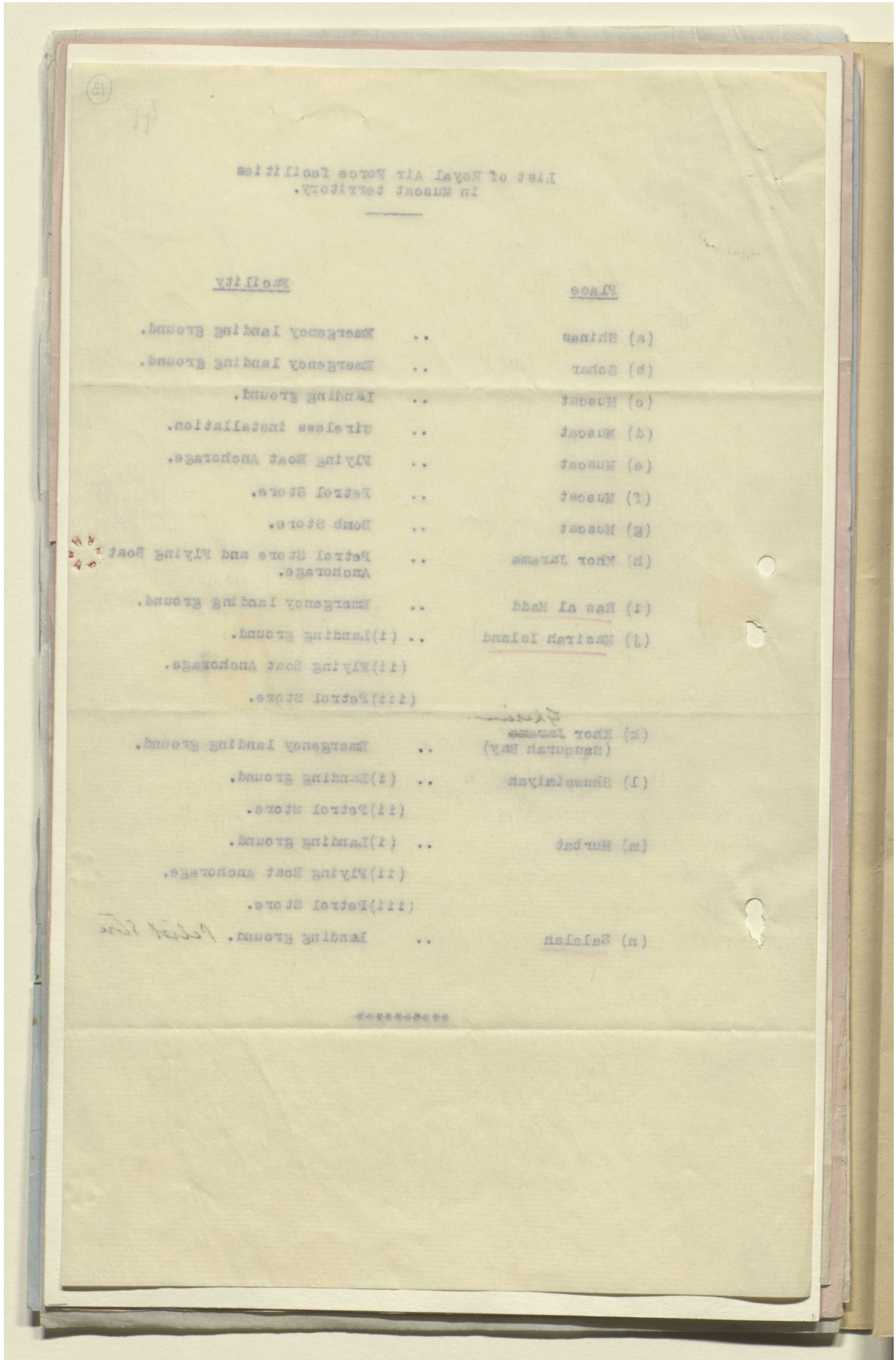
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List of Royal Air Force facilities
in Muscat territory.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Facility</u>
(a) Shinas	.. Emergency landing ground.
(b) Sohar	.. Emergency landing ground.
(c) Muscat	.. Landing ground.
(d) Muscat	.. Wireless installation.
(e) Muscat	.. Flying Boat Anchorage.
(f) Muscat	.. Petrol Store.
(g) Muscat	.. Bomb Store.
(h) Khor Jarama	.. Petrol Store and Flying Boat Anchorage.
(i) <u>Ras al Hadd</u>	.. Emergency landing ground.
(j) <u>Masirah Island</u>	.. (i) Landing ground. (ii) Flying Boat Anchorage. (iii) Petrol Store.
(k) ^{<i>Khaw</i>} Khor Jarama (Sauqurah Bay)	.. Emergency landing ground.
(l) Shuwaimiyah	.. (i) Landing ground. (ii) Petrol Store.
(m) Murbat	.. (i) Landing ground. (ii) Flying Boat Anchorage. (iii) Petrol Store.
(n) <u>Salalah</u>	.. Landing ground. <i>Petrol Store</i>

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EXPRESS LETTER.

Political Agent, Muscat,
at Ziarat.

Political Resident,
at Bahrain.

Confidential.

20 -Z.

19th September 8

Reference enclosure to your demi-official letter No.619 of 7th September 1938 to the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, External Affairs Department, Simla, copy forwarded to me under your printed letter D.O. No.C/620 of 7th September 1938.

2. There is a small error therein to which I think your attention should be drawn.

Item (K). The name of the place where this emergency landing ground is situated is Khor Charim not Khor Jarama.

3. For your information I would mention that a petrol store has recently been constructed for the use of the Royal Air Force at Salalah though it has not yet been ^{stocked} stored with petrol. Sanction for this facility was of course accorded by the Sultan after the signature of the Muscat Civil Air Agreement.

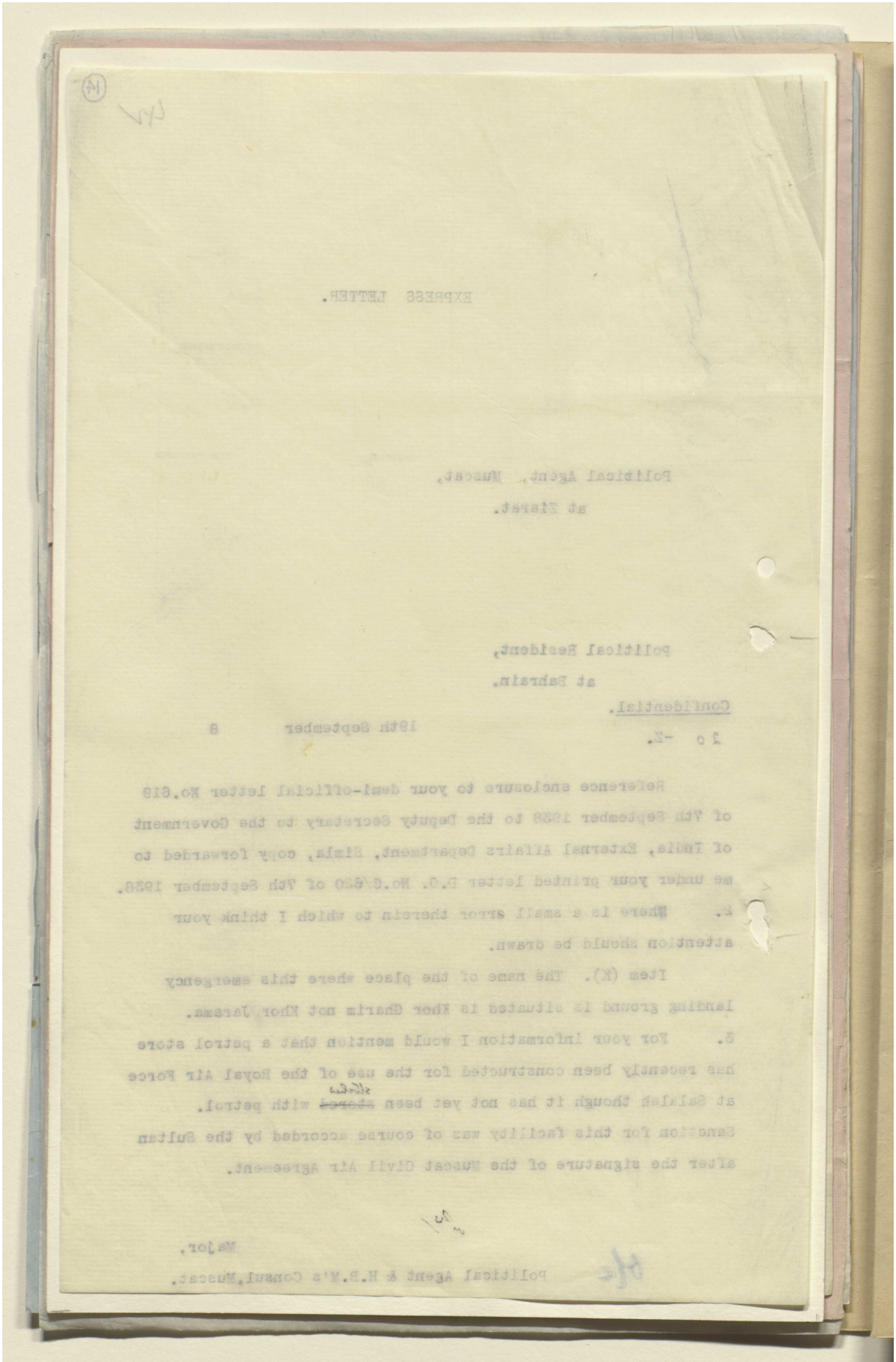
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Major,

Political Agent & H.B.M's Consul, Muscat.

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No. C/709 of 1938.

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

1. C.A.G.Savidge Esquire,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
External Affairs Department, Simla.
2. Major R.P.Watts, I.A.,
Political Agent, Muscat,

and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned documents (6).

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H. B. W.'S CONSUL - MUSCAT.

Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,
Camp, Bahrain.

~~British Consulate General, BUSHIRE~~ Dated... 27th September 1938.

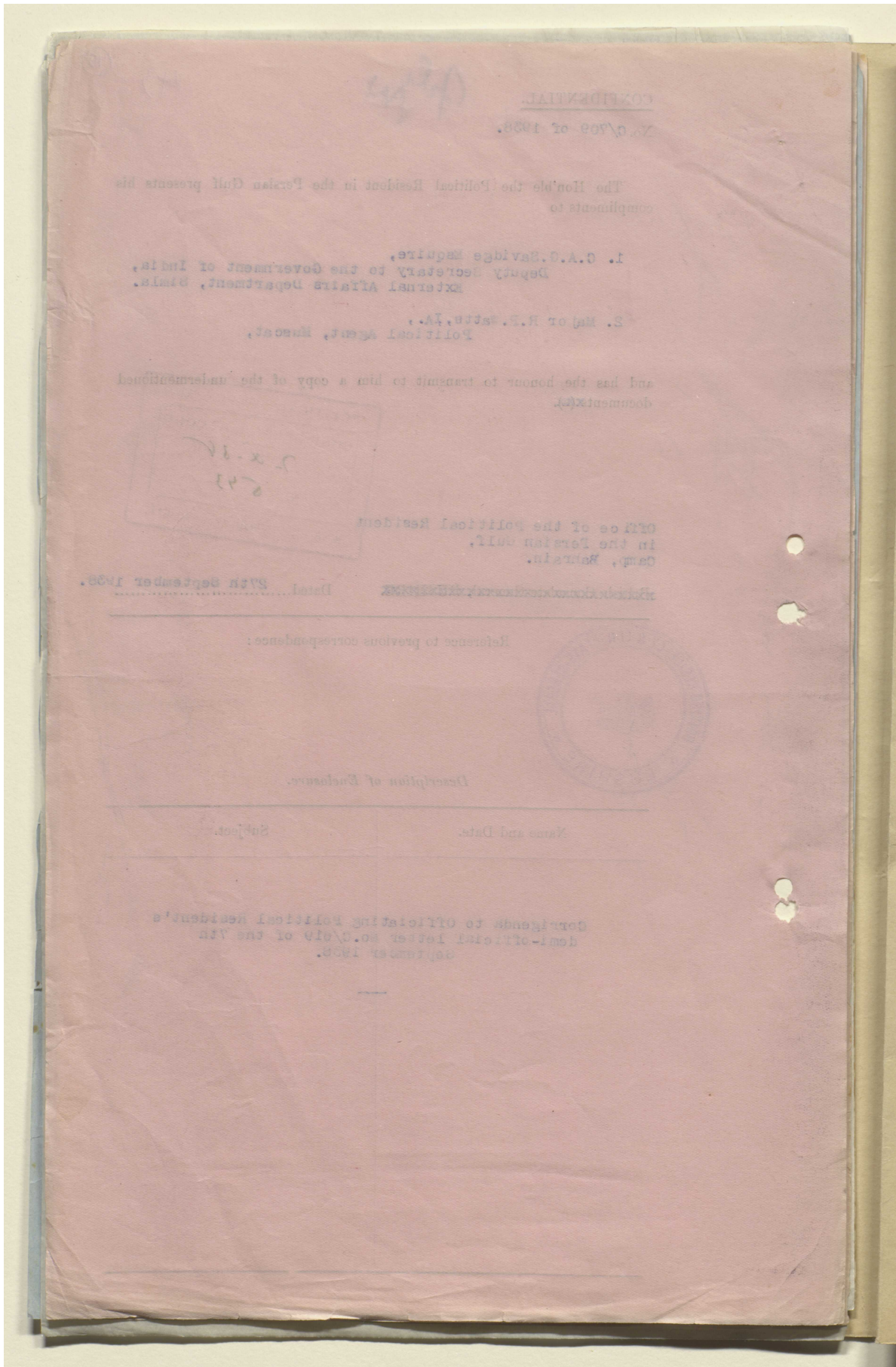


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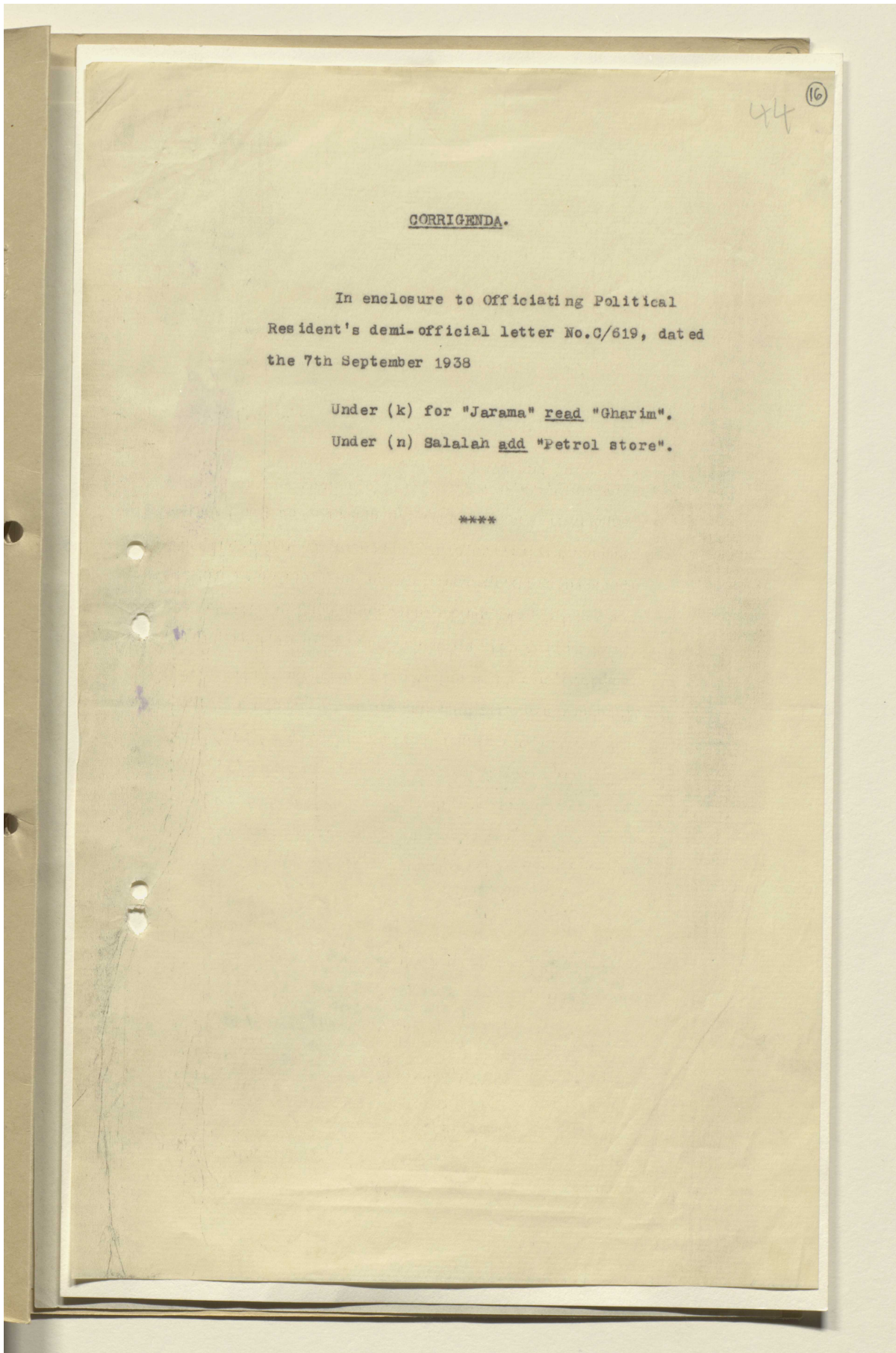
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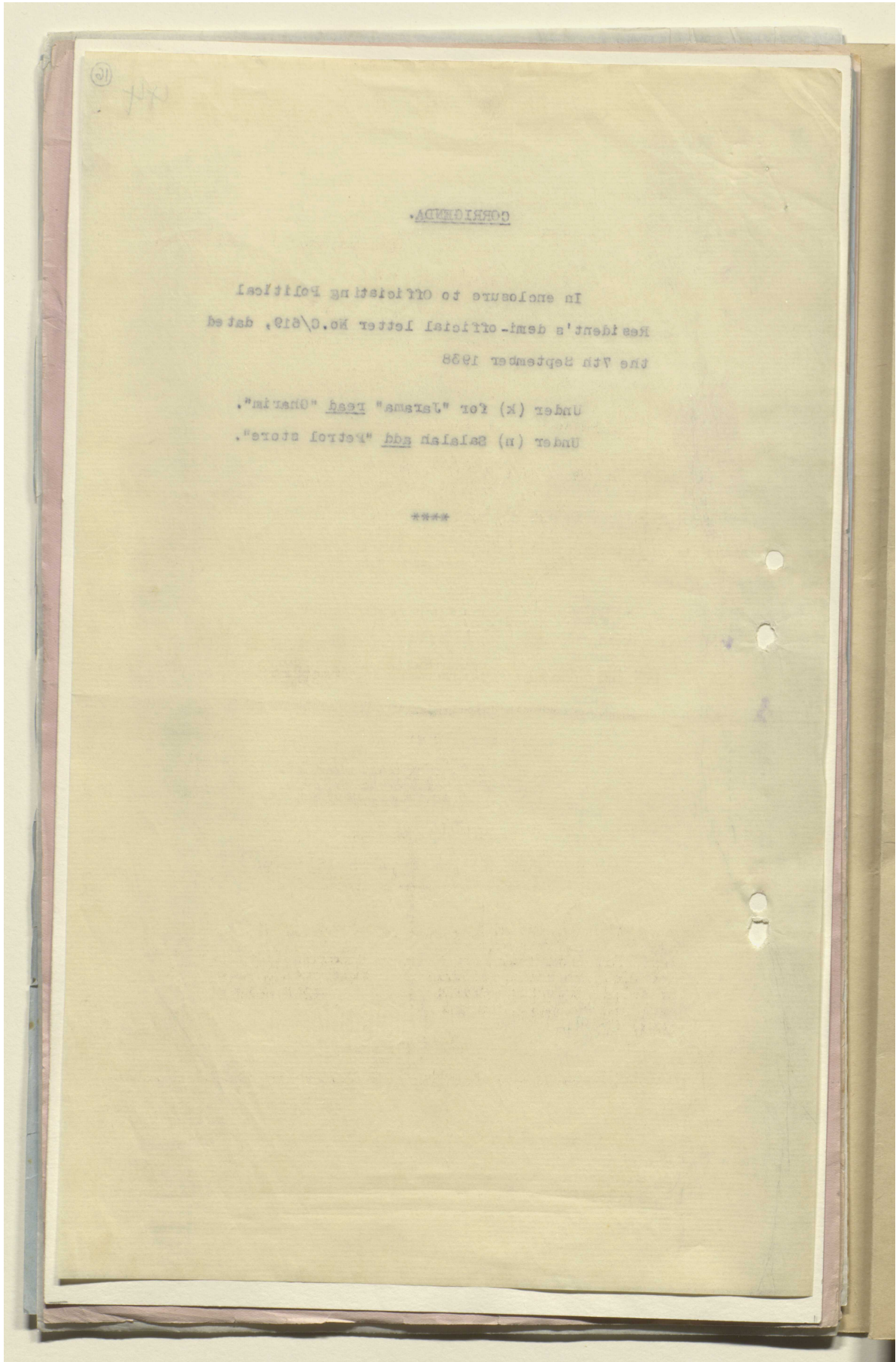
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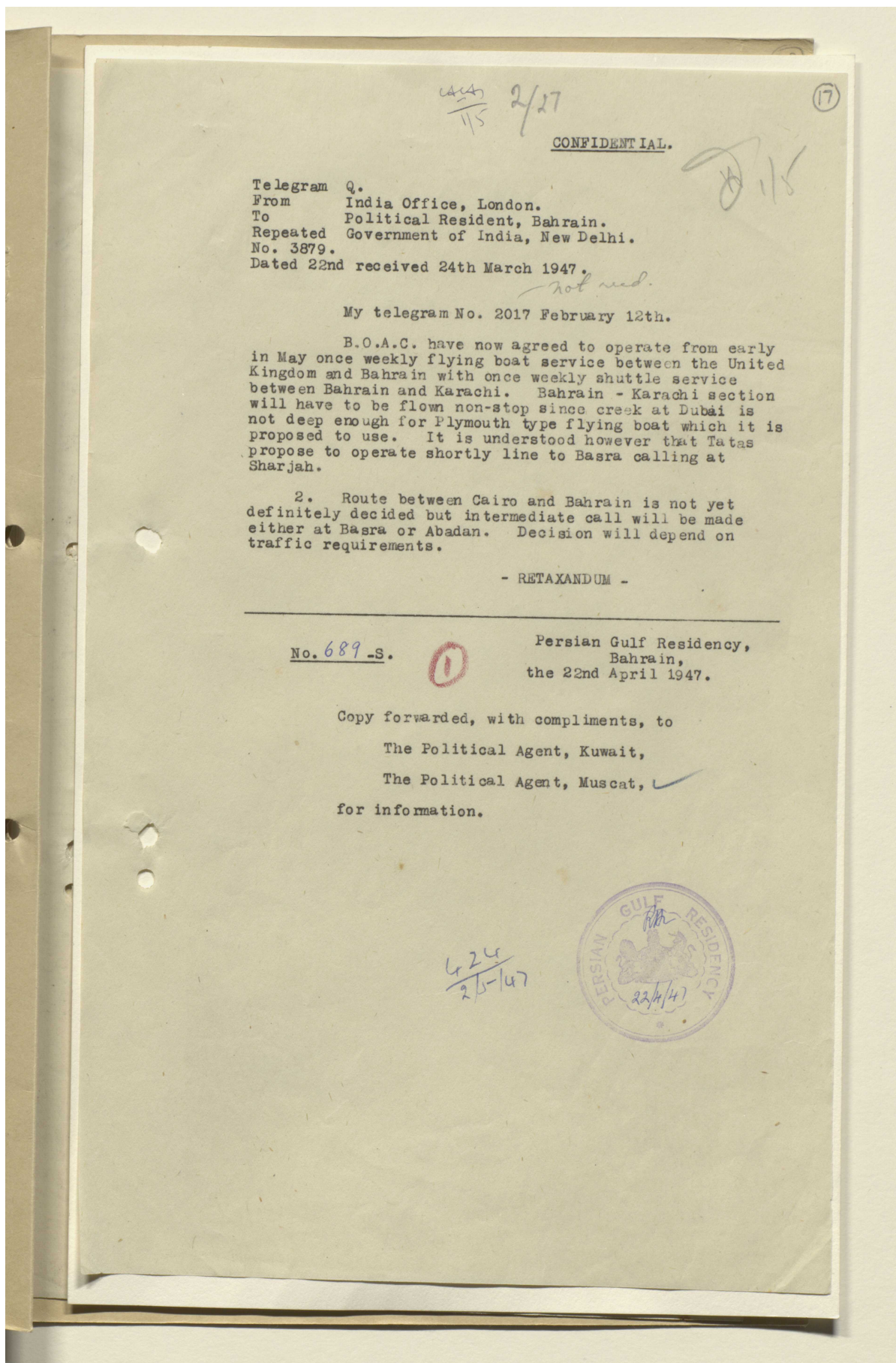
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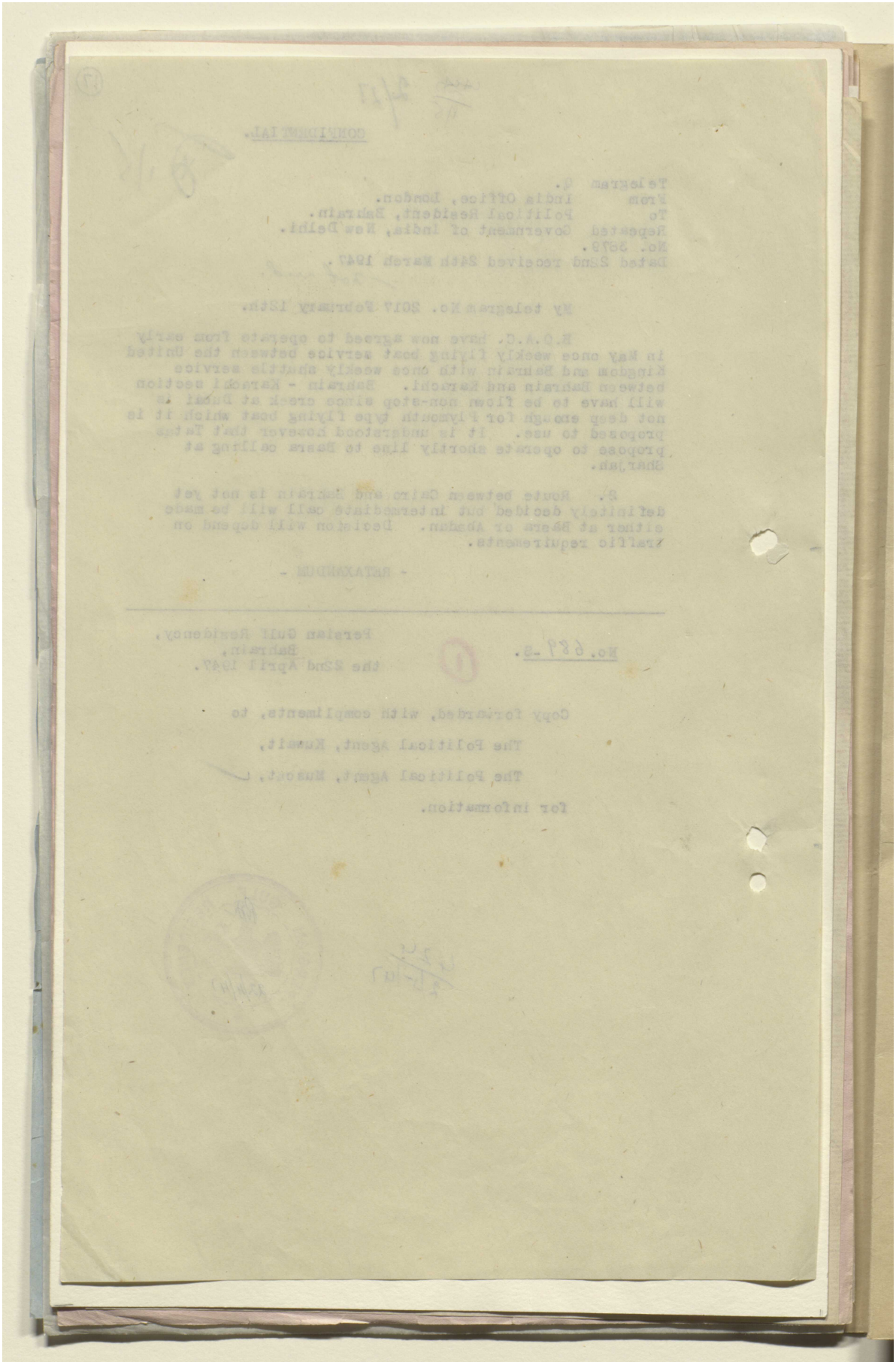
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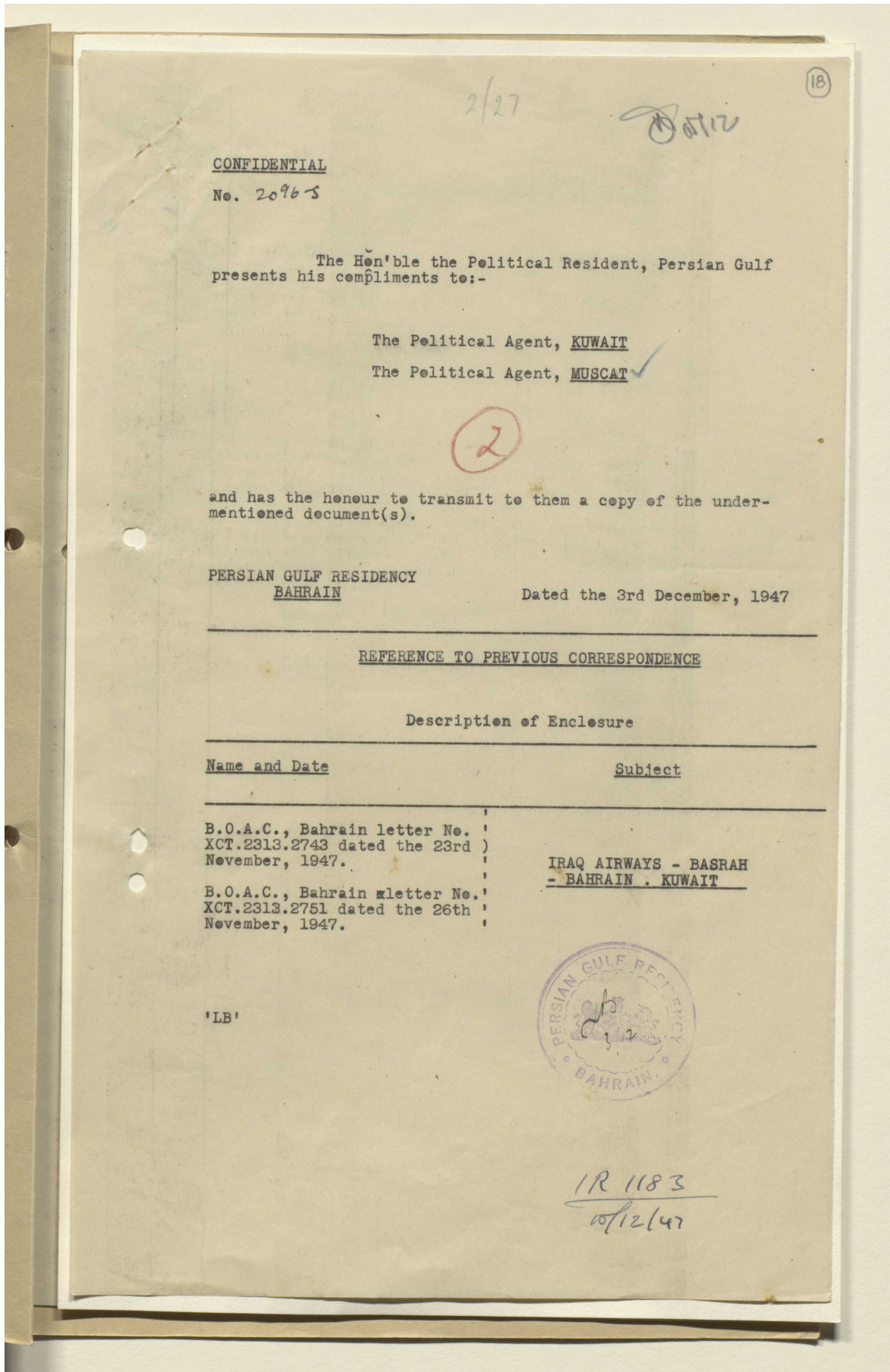
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No. 20965

The Hon'ble the Political Resident, Persian Gulf
presents his compliments to:-

The Political Agent, KUWAIT

The Political Agent, MUSCAT ✓

and has the honour to transmit to them a copy of the under-mentioned document(s).

PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY
BAHRAIN

Dated the 3rd December, 1947

REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Description of Enclosure

Name and Date

Subject

B.O.A.C., Bahrain letter No. XCT.2313.2743 dated the 23rd November, 1947.

IRAQ AIRWAYS - BASRAH
- BAHRAIN . KUWAIT

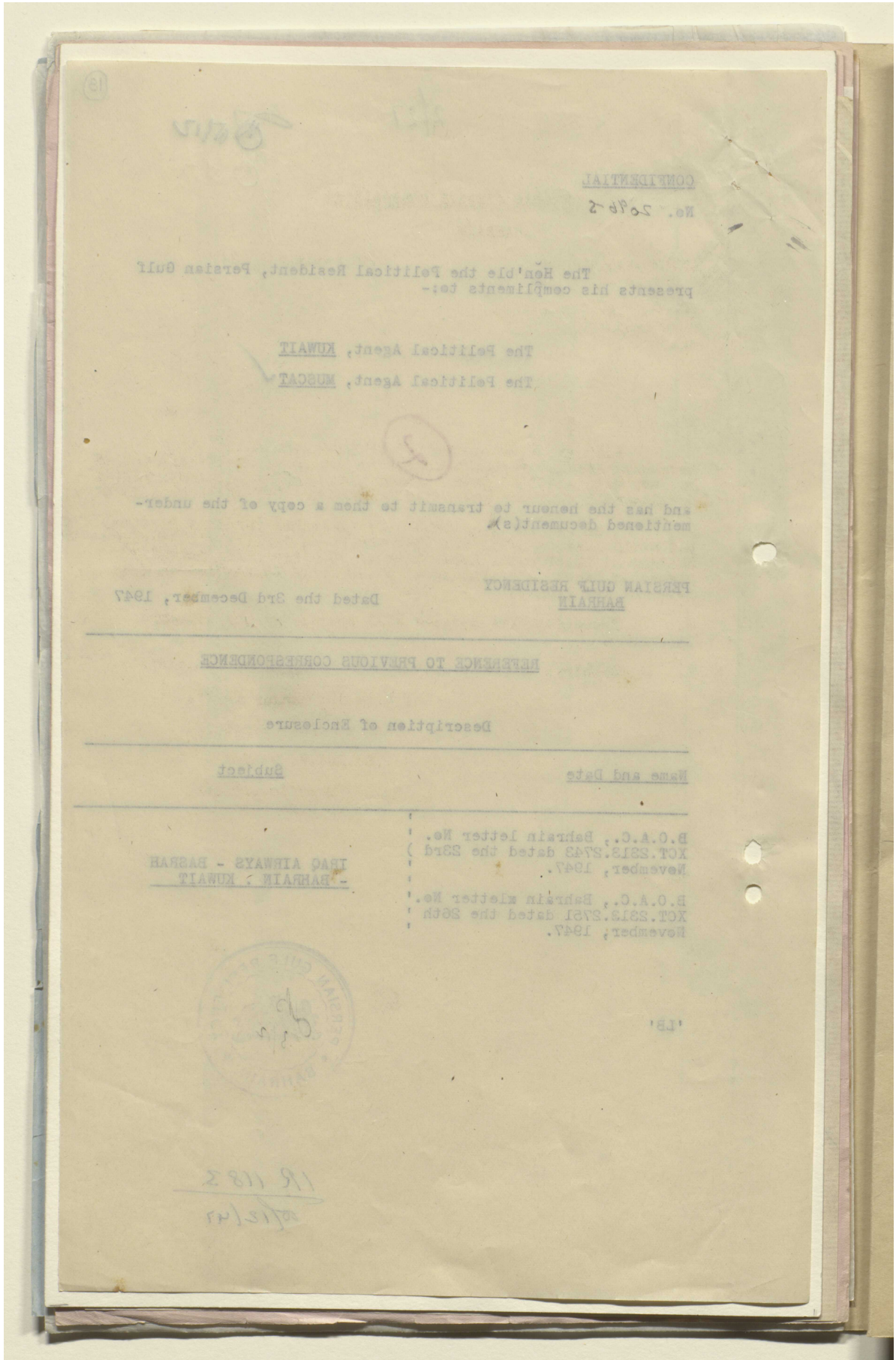
B.O.A.C., Bahrain letter No. XCT.2313.2751 dated the 26th November, 1947.

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BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION

BAHRAIN

XCT.2313.2743

23rd November, 1947

The Political Resident,
Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.

Sir,

Further to my letter XCT.2313.2682 dated the 10th November, 1947, I have the honour to advise you that information has now been received from Baghdad that the Iraqi Airways Viking Service will commence operation as from the 27th November, 1947.

2. I am enclosing herewith the timetable for this Service, but would like to point out that the first Service will arrive Bahrain at 13.20 hours Local Time on 28th November, and will nightstop Bahrain, departing at 07.30 hours Local Time on 28th November for Kuwait.

3. Thereafter the Service will operate to the attached timetable.

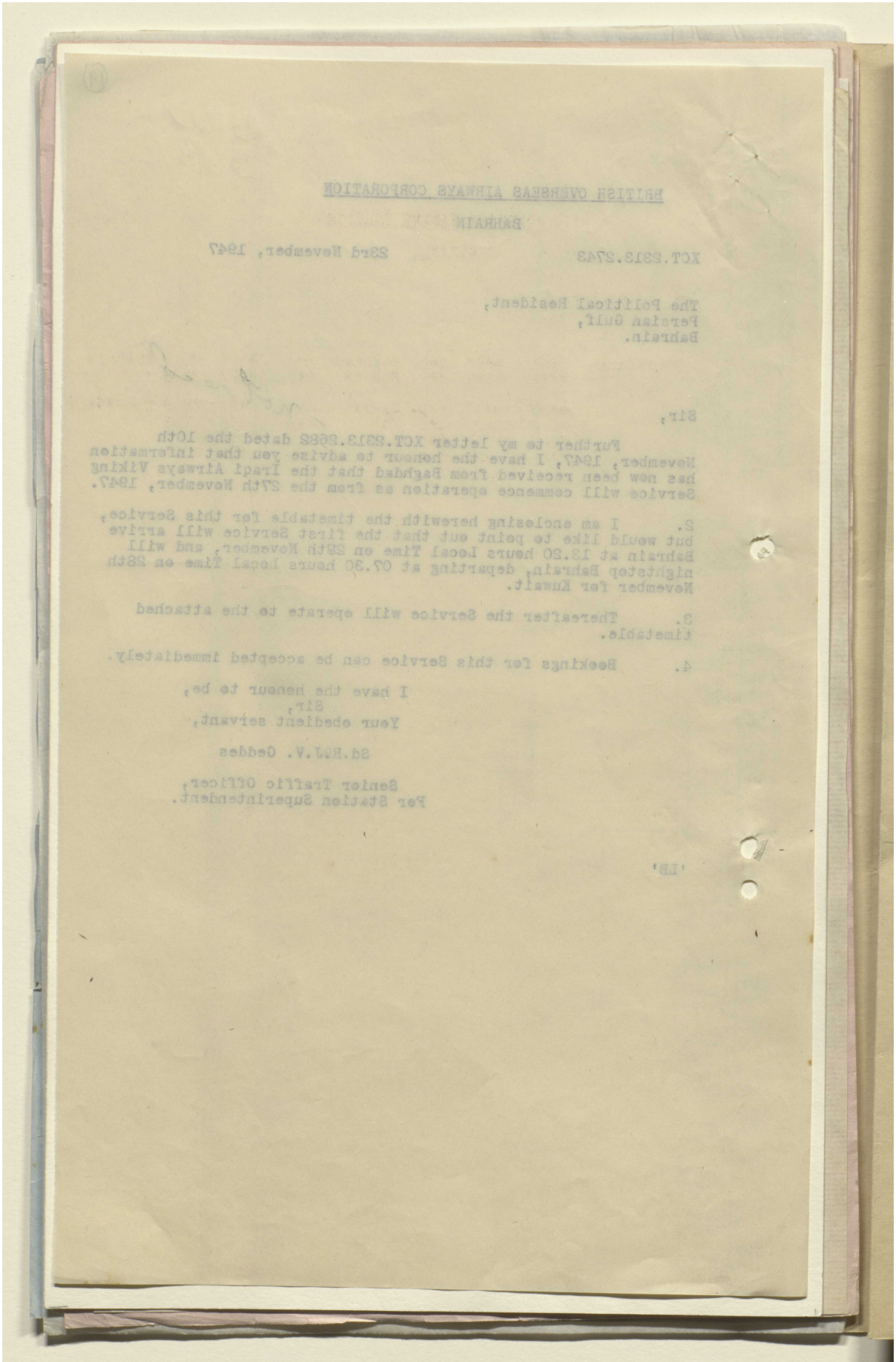
4. Bookings for this Service can be accepted immediately.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Sd. R. J. V. Geddes
Senior Traffic Officer,
For Station Superintendent.

'LB'

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IRAQI AIRWAYS VIKING SERVICE

TIMETABLE

BAGHDAD/BAHRAIN

Thursdays	0345	0645	dep. Baghdad	arr.	1010	0710	Fridays
	0520	0820	arr. Basrah	dep	0830	0530	
	0620	0920	dep. Basrah	arr	1625	1325	Thursdays
	0700	1000	arr Kuwait	dep	1545	1245	
	0745	1045	dep Kuwait	arr	1500	1200	
	0920	1320	arr Bahrain	dep	1420	1020	

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BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION
BAHRAIN

XCT.2313.2751

26th November, 1947

The Political Resident,
Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.

Sir,

encl 1

Further to my letter No.XCT. 2313.2743 dated 23rd November, 1947, I have the honour to advise you that all passengers for Basrah and Baghdad should be in possession of a valid cholera inoculation certificate.

2. Please note that two inoculations are required for cholera within an interval of seven days. The certificate is only valid six days after the second inoculation and if it is less than six months old.

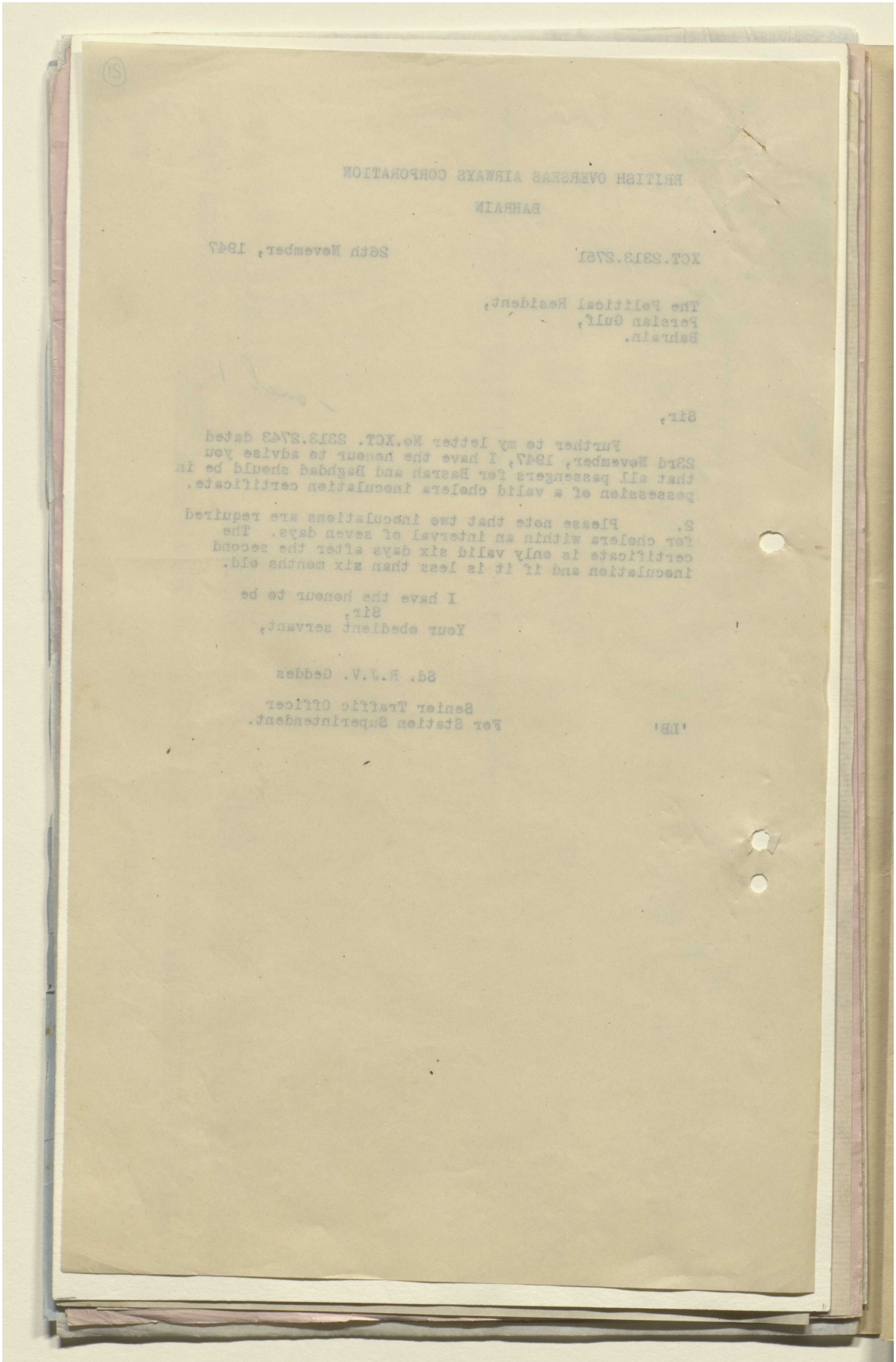
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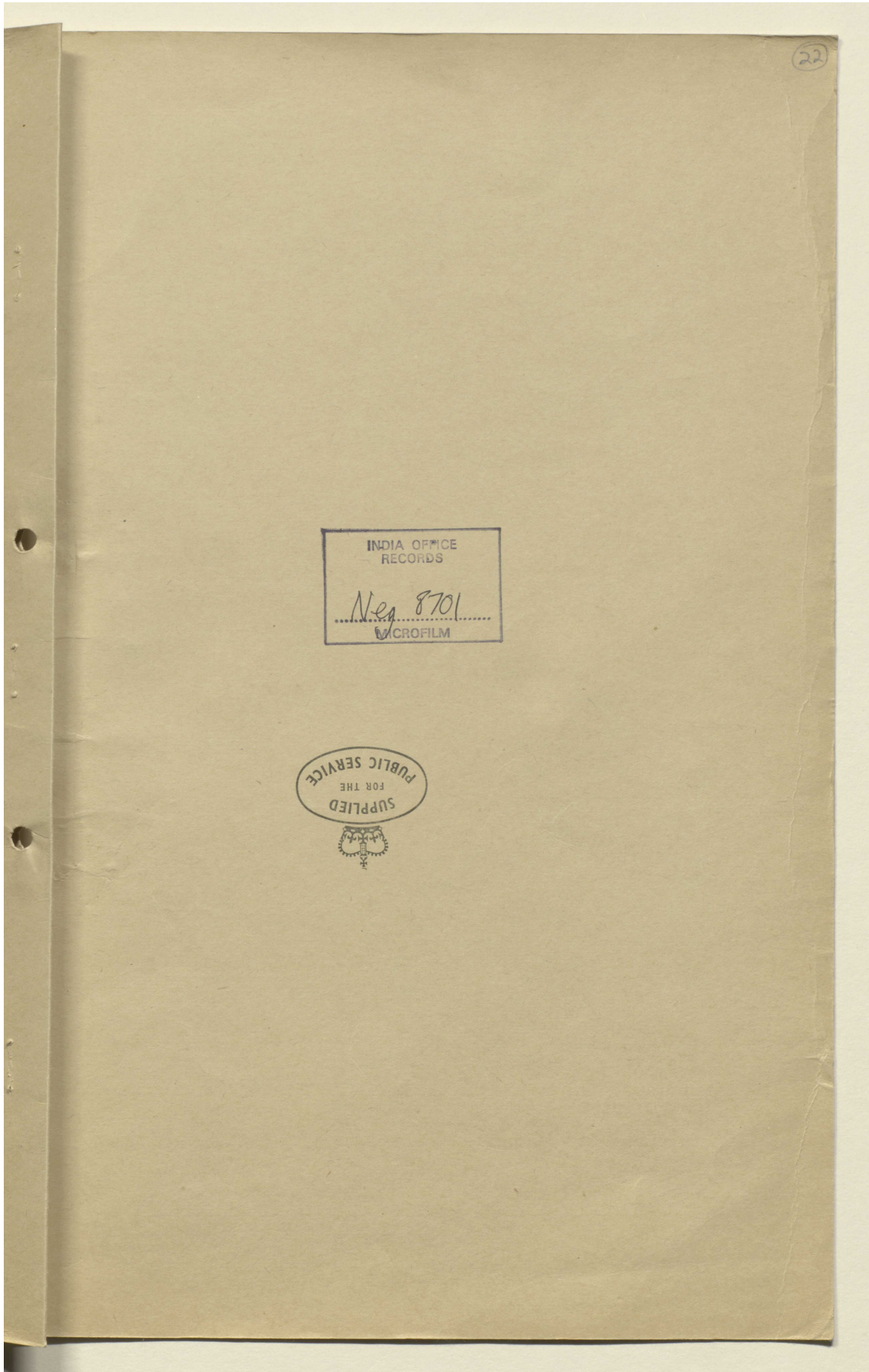
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For Station Superintendent.

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