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'File 5/6 PROPOSAL TO APPOINT A BRITISH AGENT AT SALALAH'

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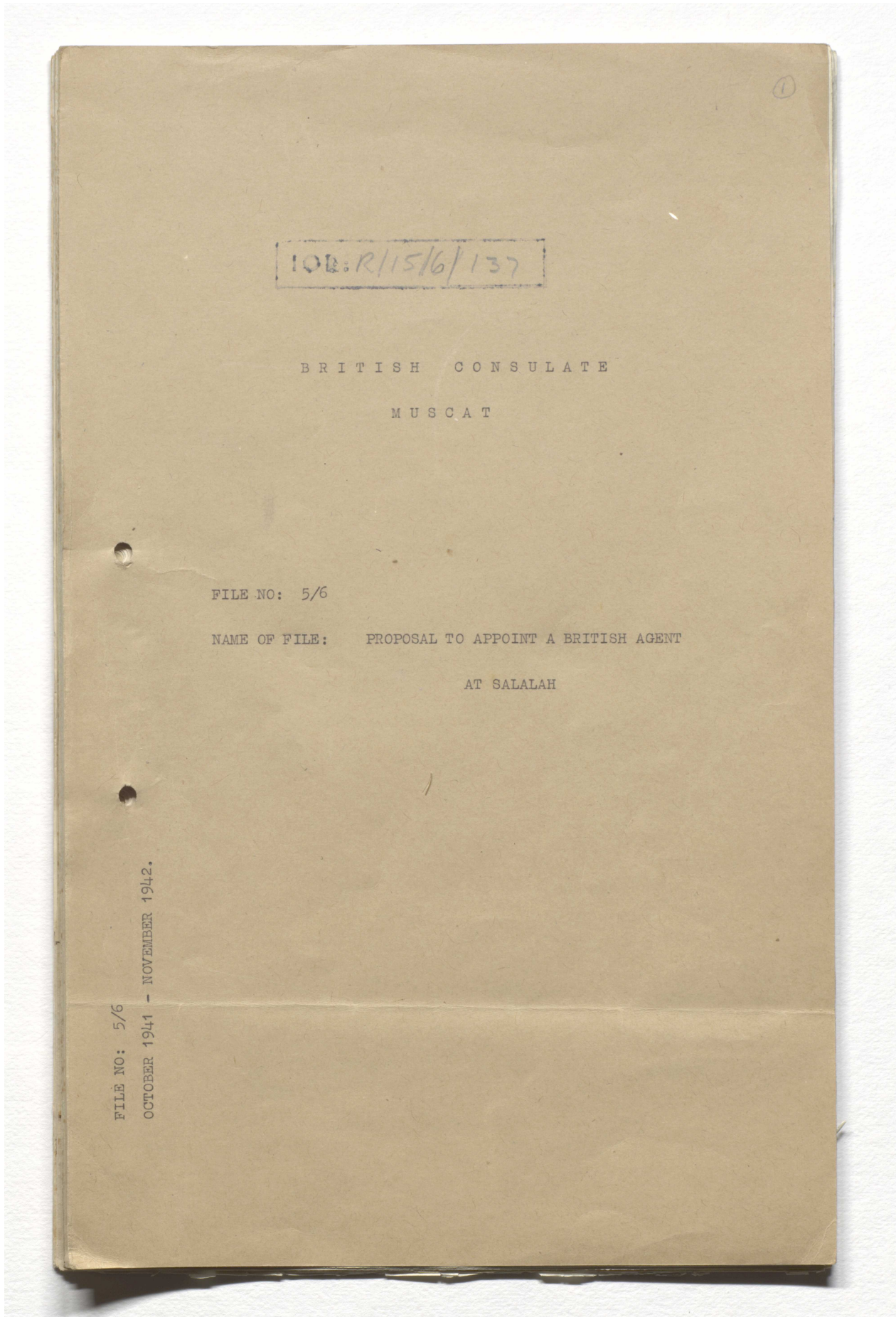


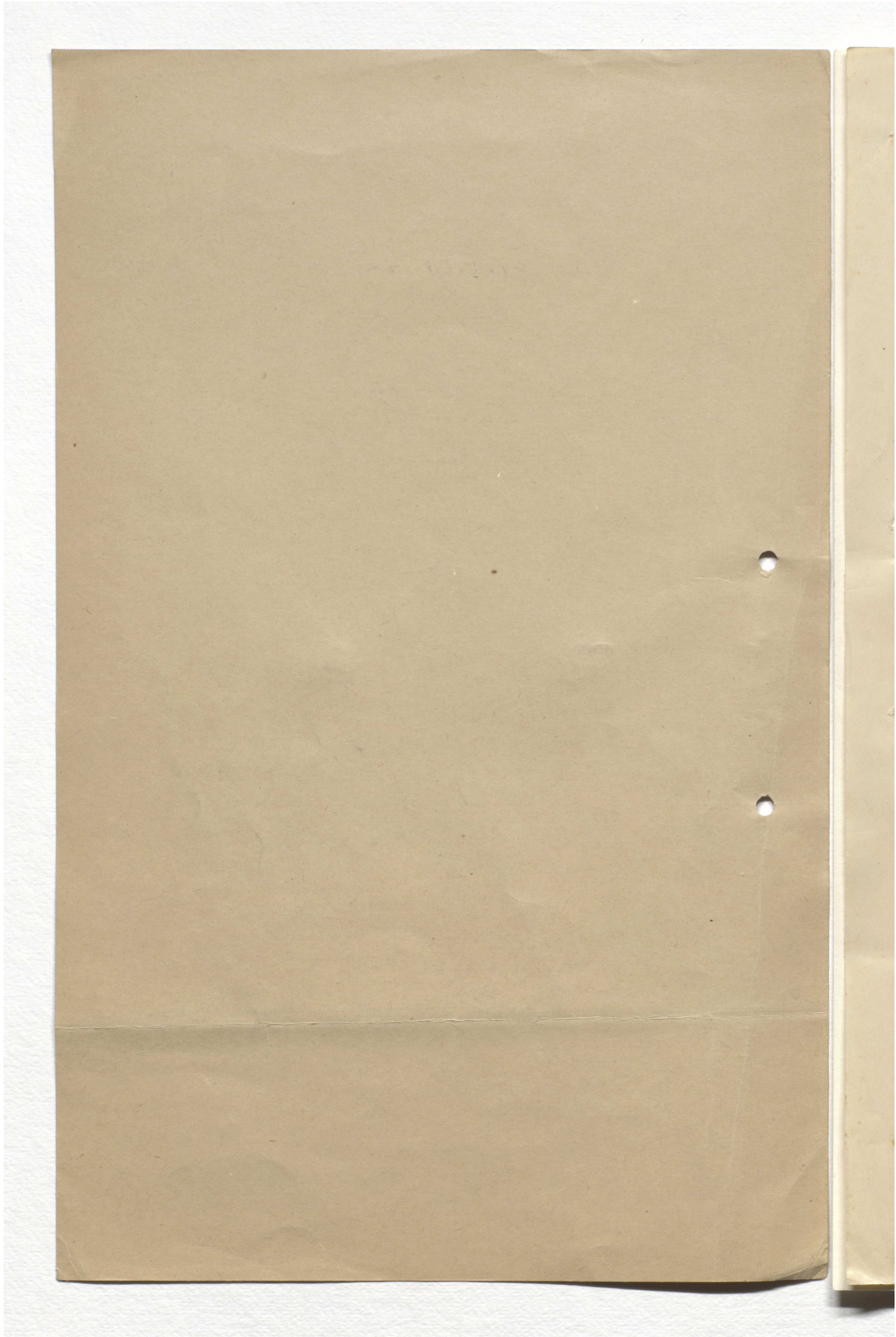
About this record

The file concerns proposals for the appointment of a British Agent at Salalah, the capital of the province of Dhofar in Muscat and Oman. The proposed appointment was considered necessary because of the prospective inauguration of an air route along the southern coast of Arabia, and because the Sultans of Muscat and Oman had recently shown a tendency to spend a great part of their time in Dhofar province.

The papers cover: a proposal by the Political Agent, Muscat, to the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf for the construction of a bungalow at Salalah to enable the Political Agent to visit the area at intervals, 28 October 1941; correspondence between the Political Agent, Muscat, and the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf (Lieutenant-Colonel William Rupert Hay) concerning recruitment to the post of British Agent at Salalah, including the suggested appointment of a Kuwaiti citizen, February-March 1942; and correspondence concerning the appointment of a Sub-Assistant Surgeon at Salalah, May-November 1942.

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No. C/623.

Political Agency, Muscat.

October 28th, 1941.

From

Captain J.B. Howes, M.B.E.,
Political Agent,
Muscat.

To

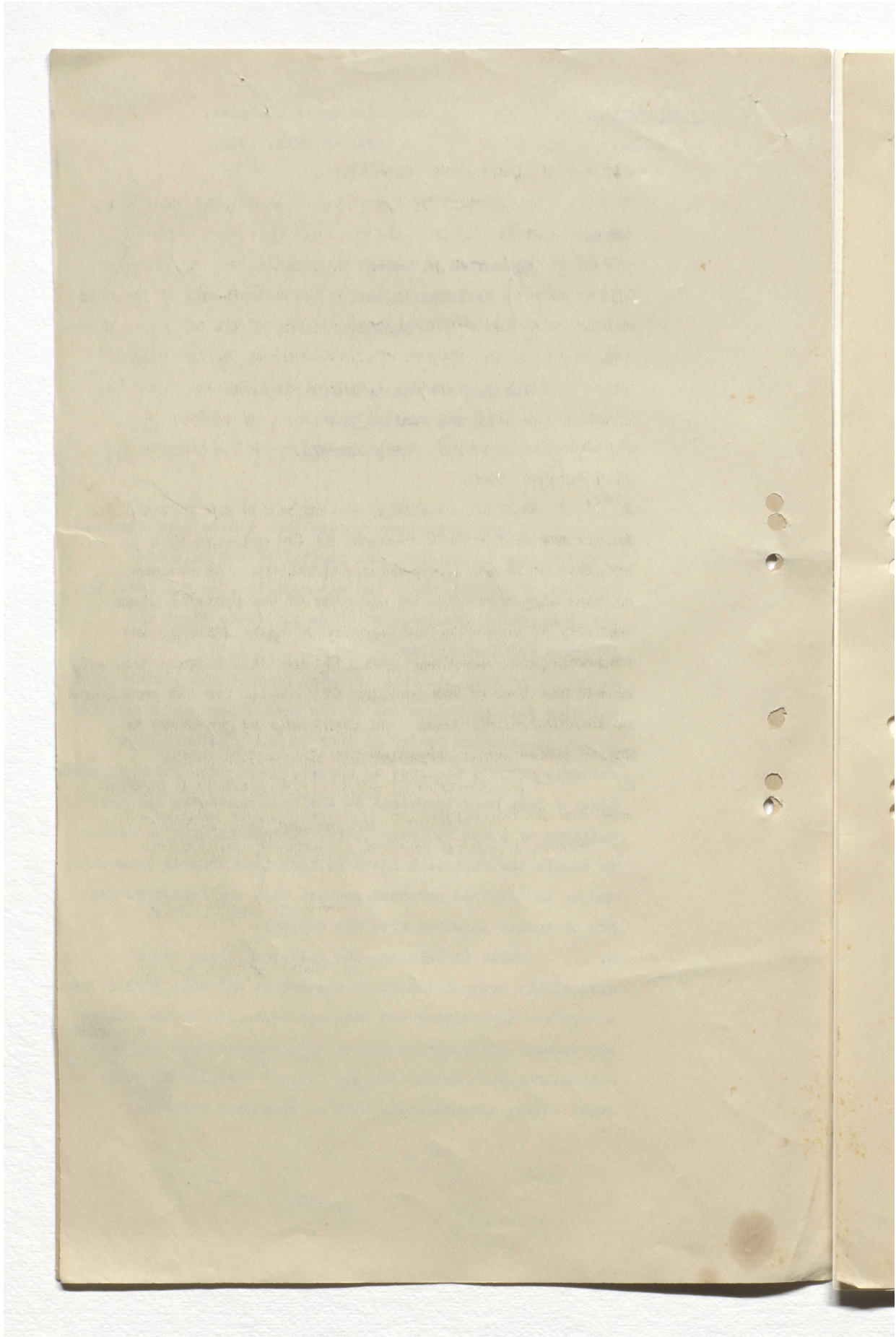
The Hon'ble the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,
Camp Bahrain.

Sir,

I have the honour to say that I have just returned from the tour to Salalah, the capital of the Sultan's province of Dhofar, which was necessitated, as you know, by the prospective inauguration of an air route along the southern coast of Arabia.

2. As this hitherto isolated part of the Muscat Agency now bids fair to become one of its most important areas, and as the province of Dhofar is that in which Sultans have recently shown a tendency to spend a great proportion of their time, I have been impressed by the real necessity for the building of a dak bungalow there, similar to that at Gwadar, to enable the Political Agent to tour this area at intervals, and so to maintain personal contact with the Sultan during his prolonged absences from his capital.

3. While in Salalah, the Political Agent could effectively control important matters at his main office, as a wireless transmitter and receiver belonging to the Sultan are already in operation there; and communication has been established with Muscat through Cable & Wireless Limited. Still better communication will be available when the



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Airways transmitter is installed.

4. The journey by sea to Salalah occupies only four days by launch; and it would be a pity if the beneficial effect of the recent provision of a launch for the Muscat Agency were to be lost, as far as the maintenance of personal contact with the Sultan and supervision of the air route are concerned, by the absence of accommodation for the Political Agent at Salalah. During my recent visit there, I was the guest of His Highness; but it would not, of course, be possible for Political Agents to depend on his hospitality as a regular thing.

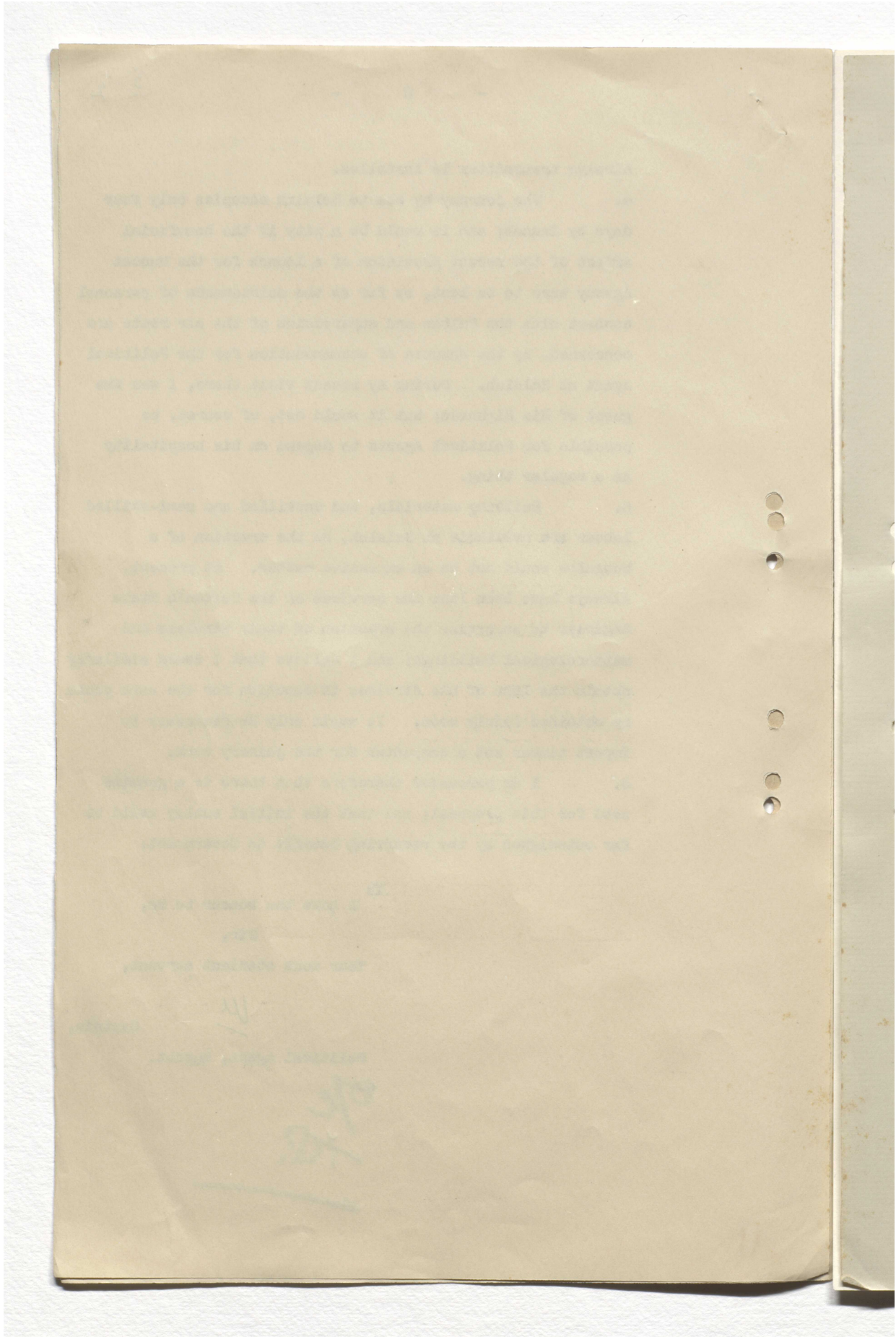
5. Building materials, and unskilled and semi-skilled labour are available at Salalah, so the erection of a bungalow would not be an expensive matter. At present, Airways have been lent the services of the Sultan's State Engineer to supervise the erection of their wireless and meteorological buildings; and I believe that I could similarly obtain the loan of his services if sanction for the work could be obtained fairly soon. It would only be necessary to import timber and a carpenter for the joinery work.

6. I am persuaded therefore that there is a genuine need for this proposal; and that the initial outlay would be far outweighed by the recurring benefit to Government.

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

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Captain,
Political Agent, Muscat.

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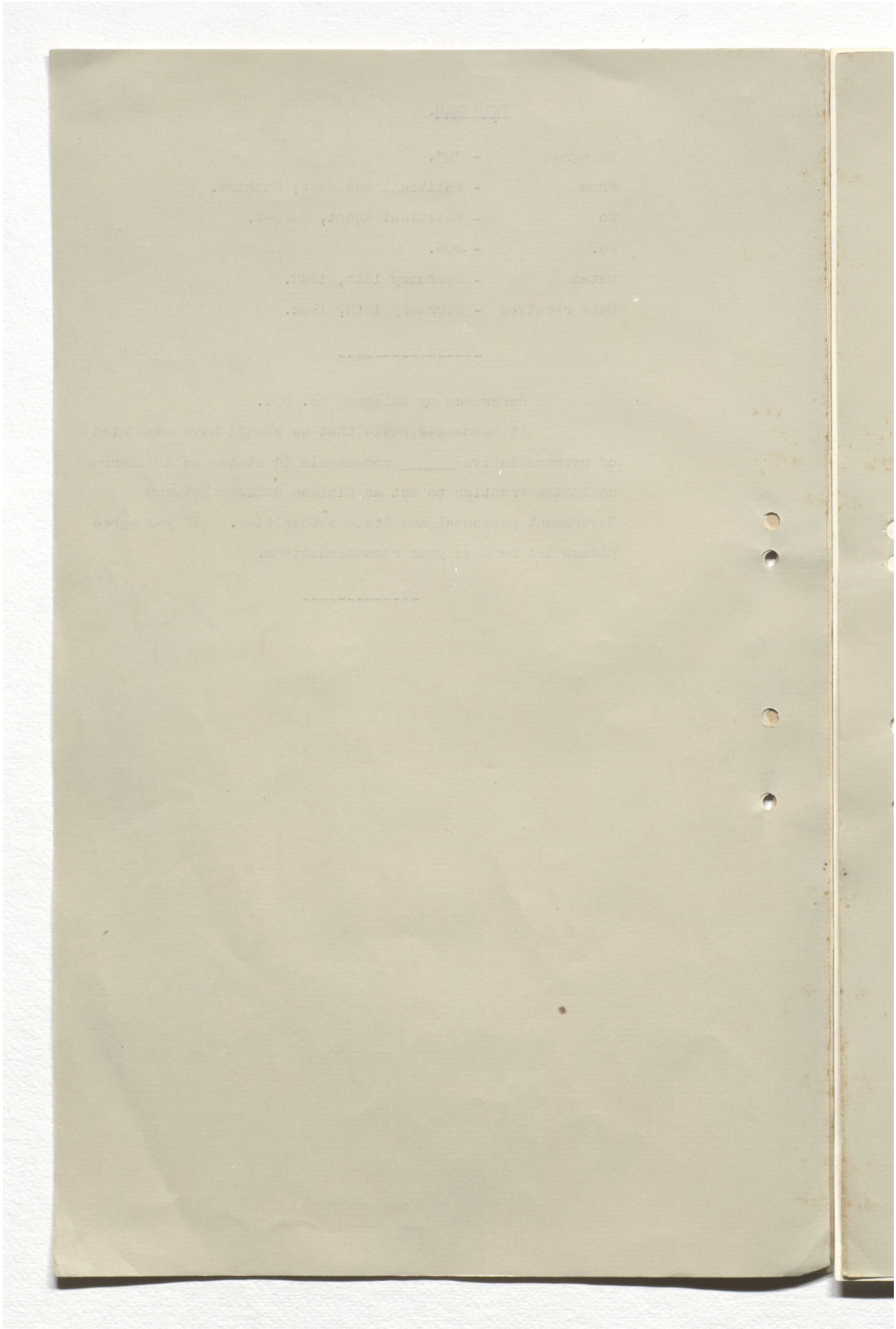
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Telegram - "Q".
From - Political Resident, Bushire.
To - Political Agent, Muscat.
No. - 305.
Dated - February 15th, 1942.
Date received - February 16th, 1942.

Reference my telegram No. 304.

It seems desirable that we should have some kind of representative _____ comparable in status to a Muharrar on Indian Frontier to act as Liaison Officer between Government personnel and State authorities. If you agree please let me have your recommendations.

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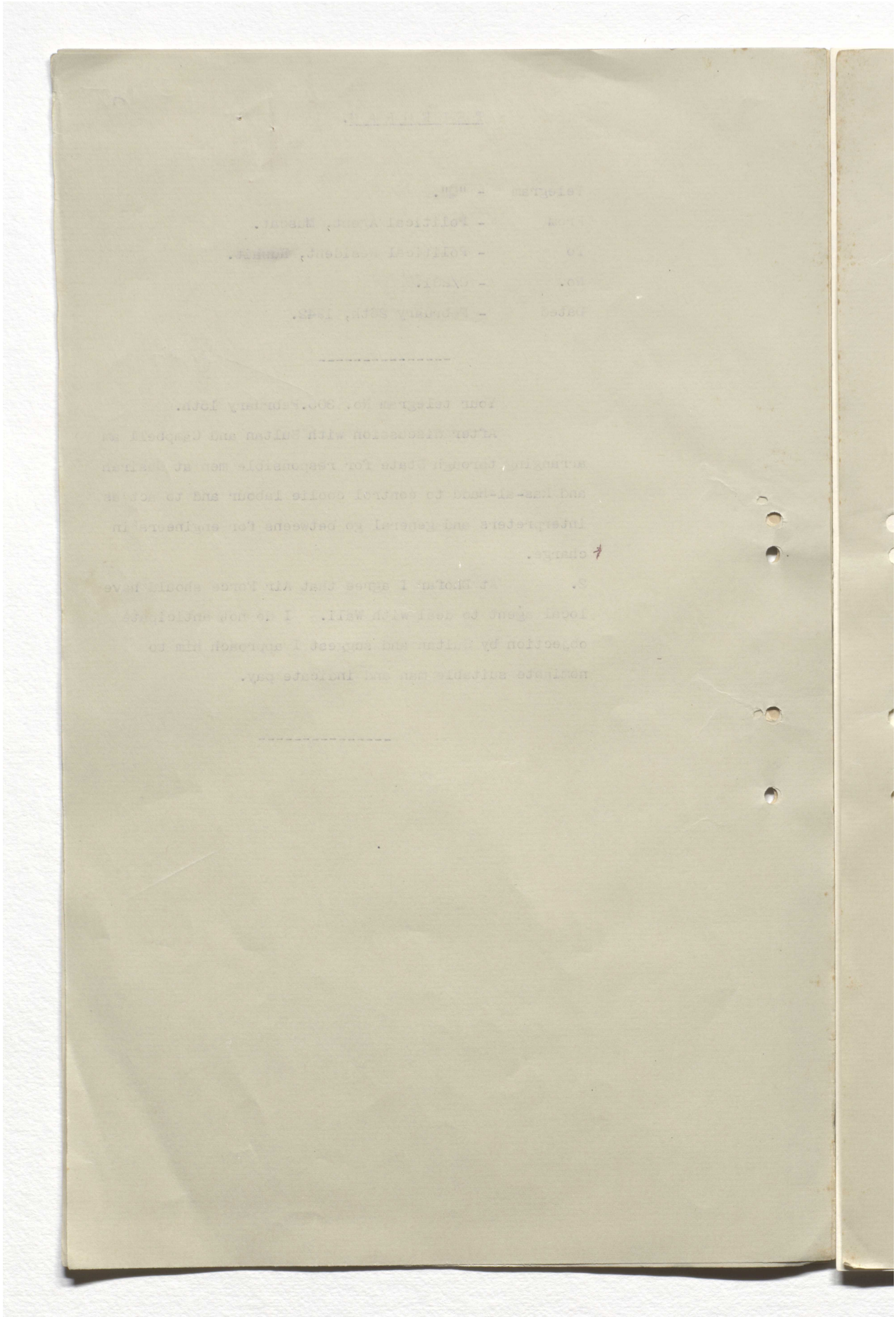
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TELEGRAM.

Telegram - "Q".
From - Political Agent, Muscat.
To - Political Resident, Kuwait.
No. - C/201.
Dated - February 26th, 1942.

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Your telegram No. 305. February 15th.

After discussion with Sultan and Campbell am arranging through State for responsible men at Masirah and Ras-al-Hadd to control coolie labour and to act as interpreters and general go betweens for engineers in charge.

2. At Dhofar I agree that Air Force should have local agent to deal with Wali. I do not anticipate objection by Sultan and suggest I approach him to nominate suitable man and indicate pay.

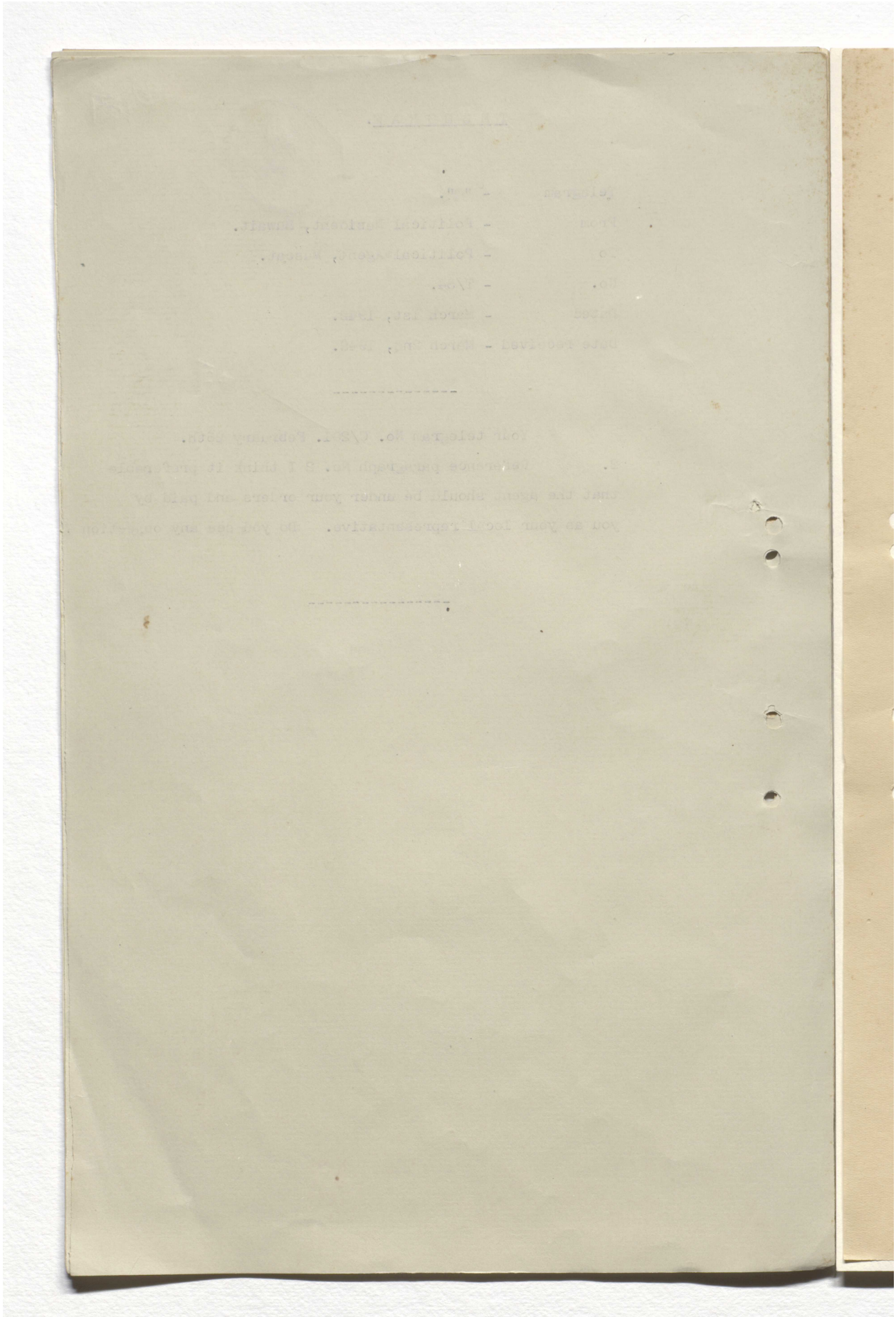


TELEGRAM.

Telegram - "Q".
From - Political Resident, Kuwait.
To - Political Agent, Muscat.
No. - T/54.
Dated - March 1st, 1942.
Date received - March 2nd, 1942.

Your telegram No. C/201. February 26th.

2. Reference paragraph No. 2 I think it preferable
that the agent should be under your orders and paid by
you as your local representative. Do you see any objection ?



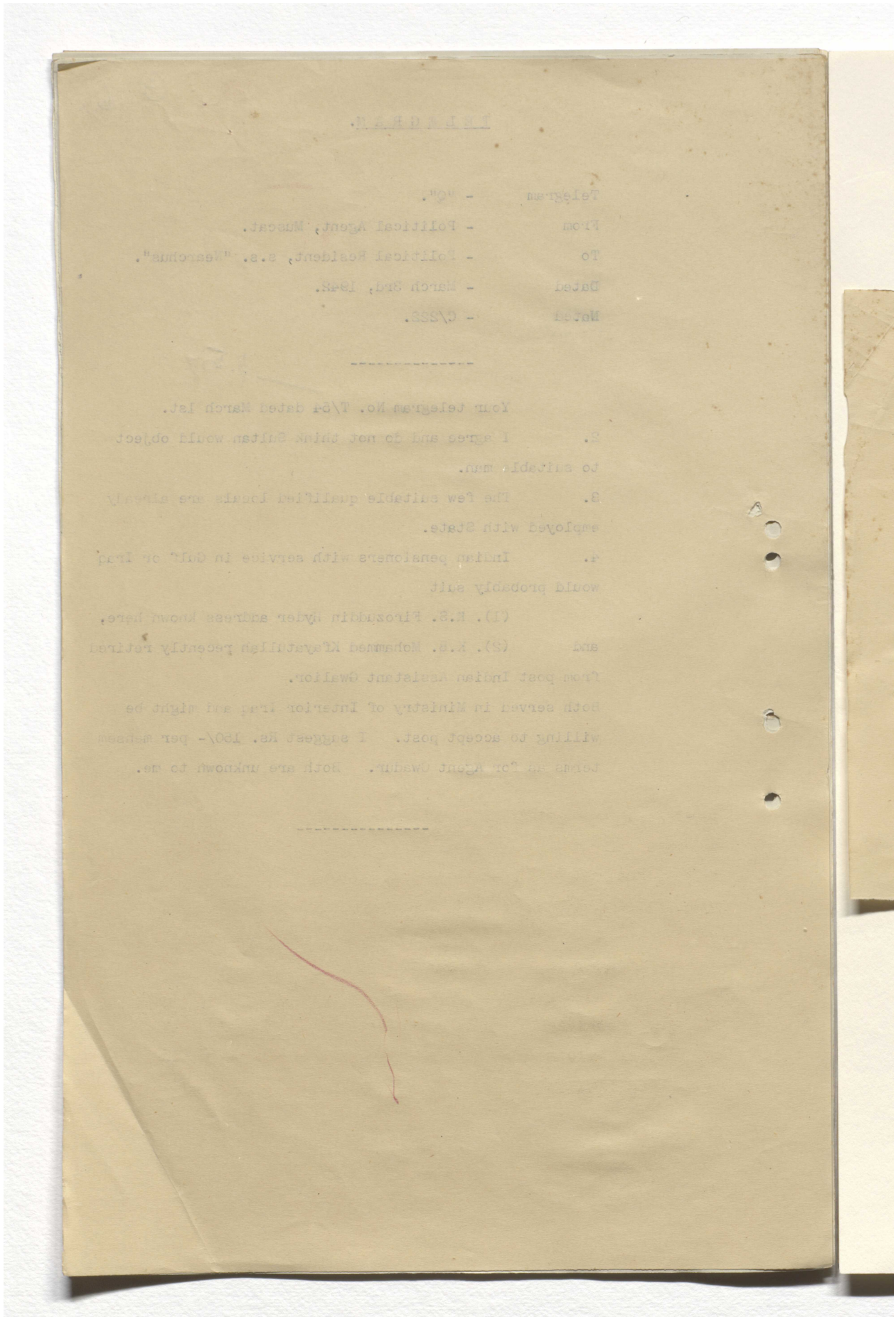
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Telegram - "Q".
From - Political Agent, Muscat.
To - Political Resident, s.s. "Nearchus".
Dated - March 3rd, 1942.
Noted - C/222.

Your telegram No. T/54 dated March 1st.

2. I agree and do not think Sultan would object to suitable man.
3. The few suitable qualified locals are already employed with State.
4. Indian pensioners with service in Gulf or Iraq would probably suit
- (1). K.S. Firozuddin Hyder address known here,
and (2). K.B. Mohammed Kfayatullah recently retired from post Indian Assistant Gwalior.
- Both served in Ministry of Interior Iraq and might be willing to accept post. I suggest Rs. 150/- per mensem terms as for Agent Gwadur. Both are unknown to me.
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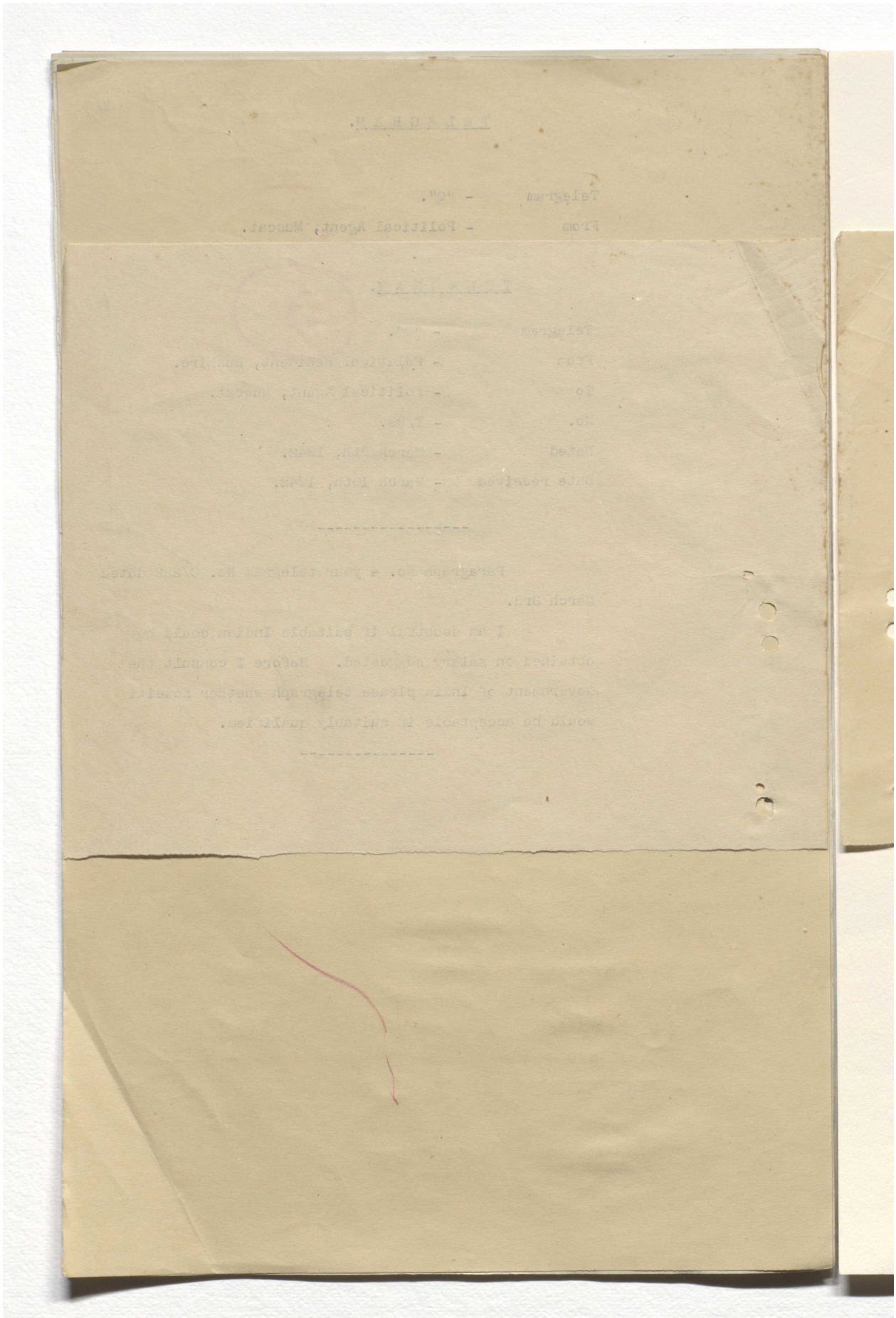
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TELEGRAM.

Telegram - "Q".
From - Political Resident, Bushire.
To - Political Agent, Muscat.
No. - T/99.
Dated - March 9th, 1942.
Date received - March 10th, 1942.

Paragraph No. 4 your telegram No. C/222 dated
March 3rd.

I am doubtful if suitable Indian could be
obtained on salary suggested. Before I consult the
Government of India please telegraph whether Koweiti
would be acceptable if suitably qualified.

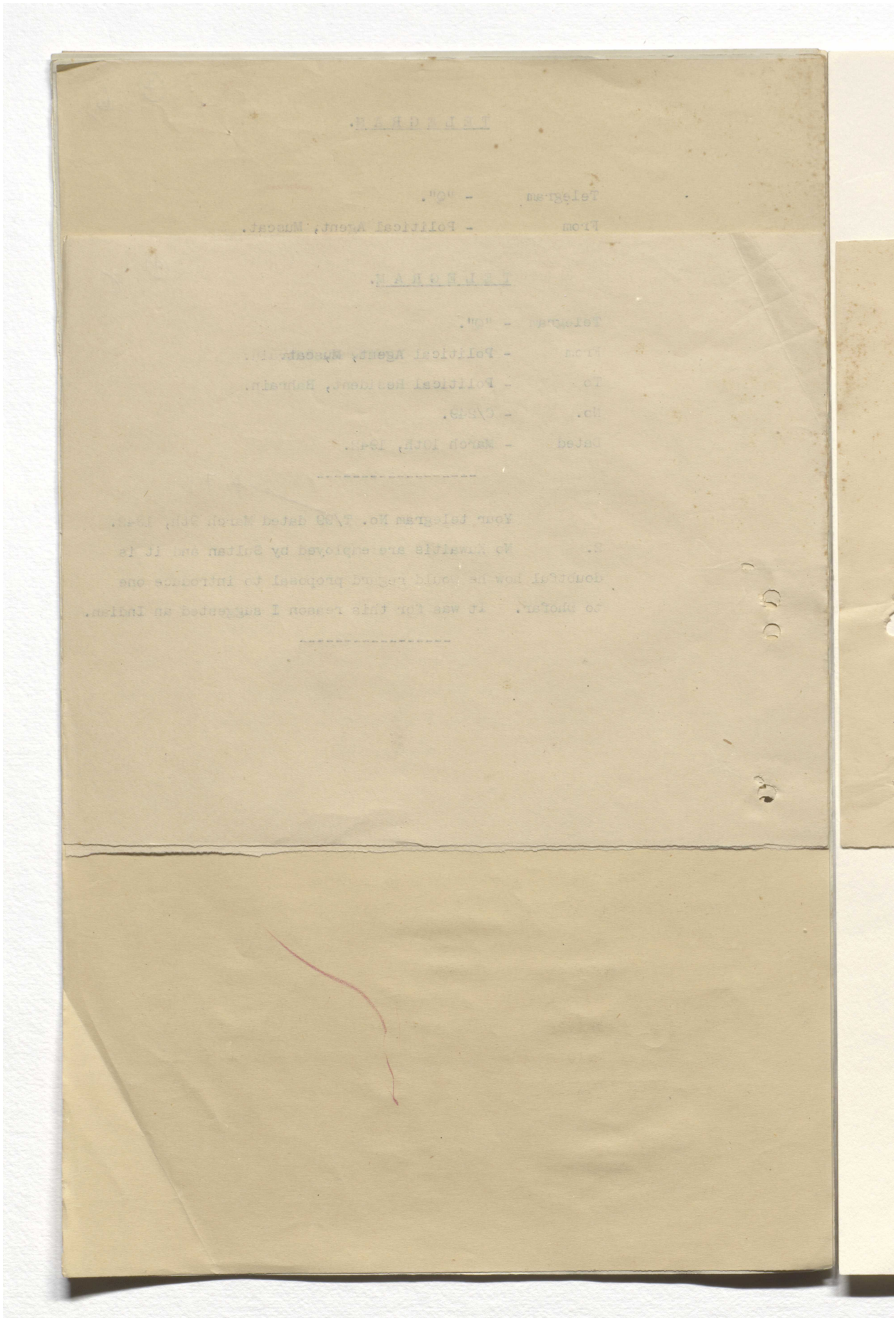


T E L E G R A M .

Telegram - "Q".
From - Political Agent, Muscat, Oman.
To - Political Resident, Bahrain.
No. - C/249.
Dated - March 10th, 1942.

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Your telegram No. T/99 dated March 9th, 1942.

2. No Kuwaitis are employed by Sultan and it is doubtful how he would regard proposal to introduce one to Dhofar. It was for this reason I suggested an Indian.



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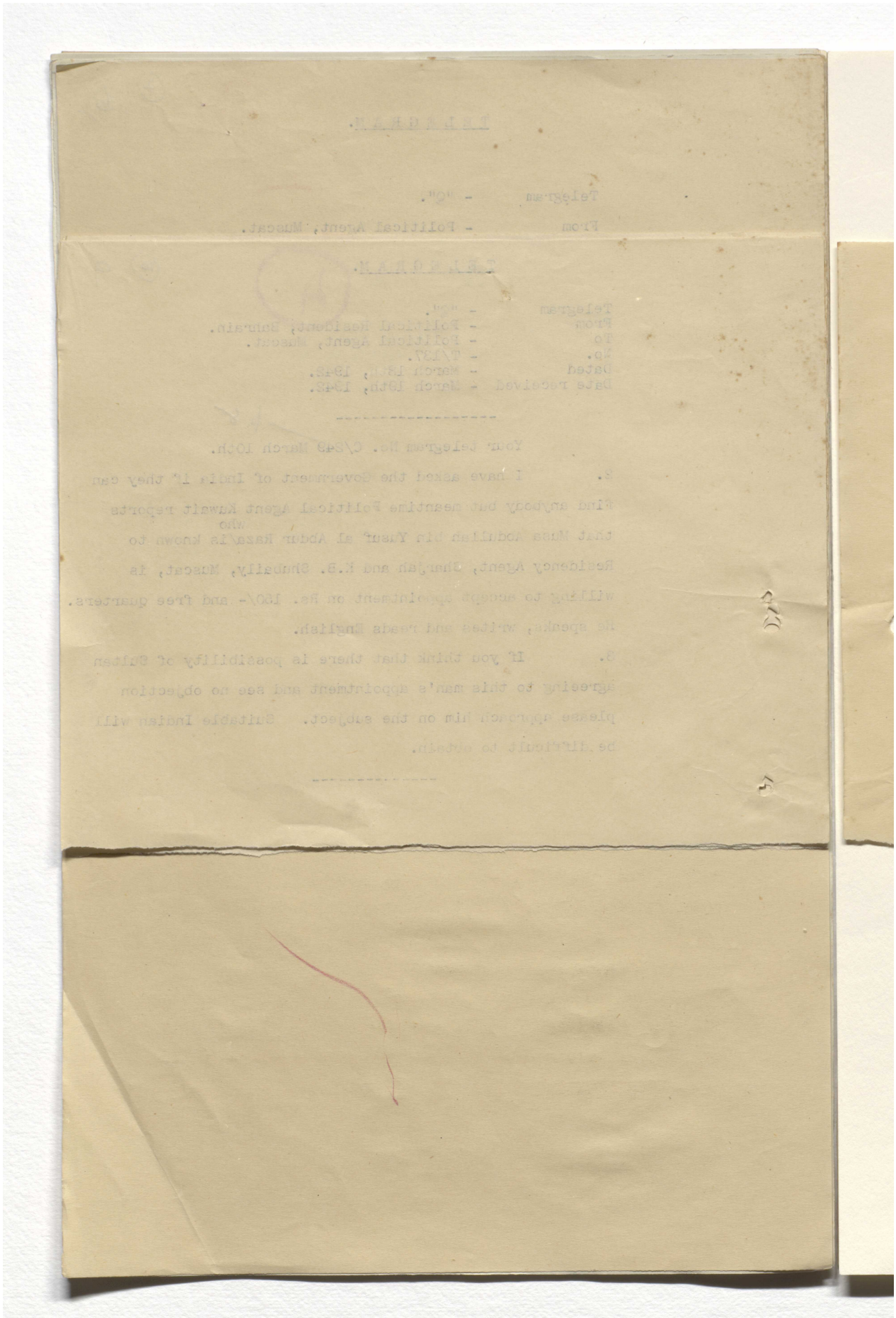
Telegram - "Q".
From - Political Resident, Bahrain.
To - Political Agent, Muscat.
No. - T/137.
Dated - March 13th, 1942.
Date received - March 19th, 1942.

Your telegram No. C/249 March 10th.

2. I have asked the Government of India if they can find anybody but meantime Political Agent Kuwait reports that Musa Abdullah bin Yusuf al Abdur Raza/^{who} is known to Residency Agent, Sharjah and K.B. Shubaily, Muscat, is willing to accept appointment on Rs. 150/- and free quarters. He speaks, writes and reads English.

3. If you think that there is possibility of Sultan agreeing to this man's appointment and see no objection please approach him on the subject. Suitable Indian will be difficult to obtain.

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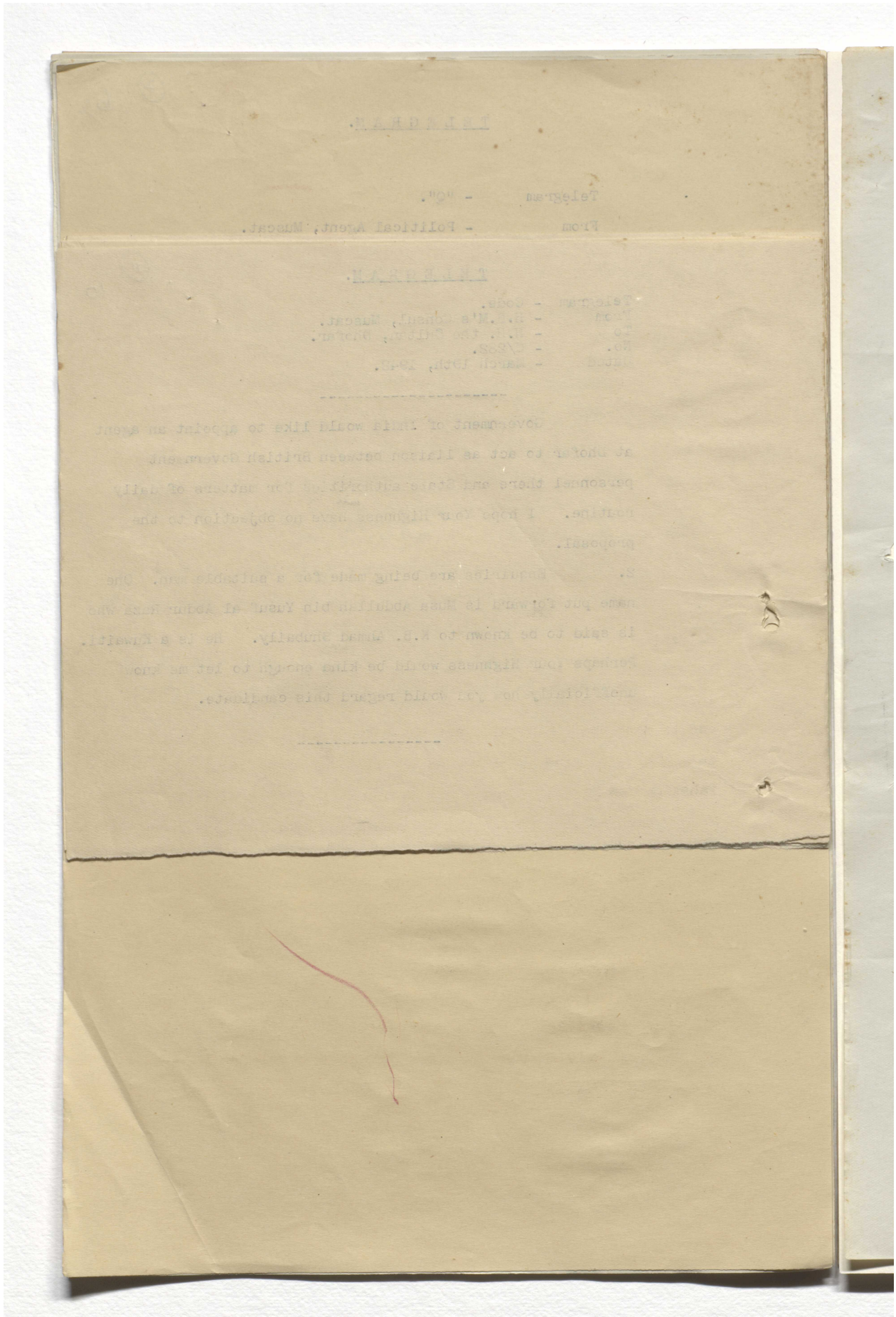


TELEGRAM.

Telegram - Code.
From - H.B.M's Consul, Muscat.
To - H.H. the Sultan, Dhofar.
No. - C/282.
Dated - March 19th, 1942.

Government of India would like to appoint an agent at Dhofar to act as liaison between British Government personnel there and State authorities for matters of daily routine. I hope Your Highness have no objection to the proposal.

2. Enquiries are being made for a suitable man. One name put forward is Musa Abdullah bin Yusuf al Abdur Raza who is said to be known to K.B. Ahmad Shubaily. He is a Kuwaiti. Perhaps Your Highness would be kind enough to let me know unofficially how you would regard this candidate.



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Department.

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NoC/101 of 1942.

Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf, 19
Camp, Bahrain, 42.
11th March,

To - The Secretary to the Government of India,
External Affairs Department,
New Delhi.

Repeated - The Political Agent,
Muscat. ✓

Reference ~~to~~ ^{our} my telegram No. 304 dated the 15th February 1942.

2. I think it very desirable that the Political Agent, Muscat, should have some kind of representative at Salalah to act as intermediary between British personnel and Sultan or his officials and to keep the Political Agent fully informed of what is going on. I have in mind something on the lines of a Political Naib Tahsildar or a Political Muhamir on the North West Frontier.

3. No Muscat subject is readily available and Political Agent thinks Sultan might object to a subject of another Arab State. Political Agent has therefore recommended that Indian should be employed, preferably some Indian pensioner with service in the Gulf or Iraq, and has suggested either Khan Sahib Firozuddin Hyder (address unknown) or Khan Bahadur Mohamed Kifayatullah who recently retired from post of Indian Assistant Gwalior. Both previously served in the Ministry of Interior, Iraq.

4. Although the climate of Salalah is I understand more agreeable than that prevailing in the Gulf proper, I am doubtful if an old man would be able to stand it for long and carry out the duties of the post efficiently, and I should prefer somebody who is

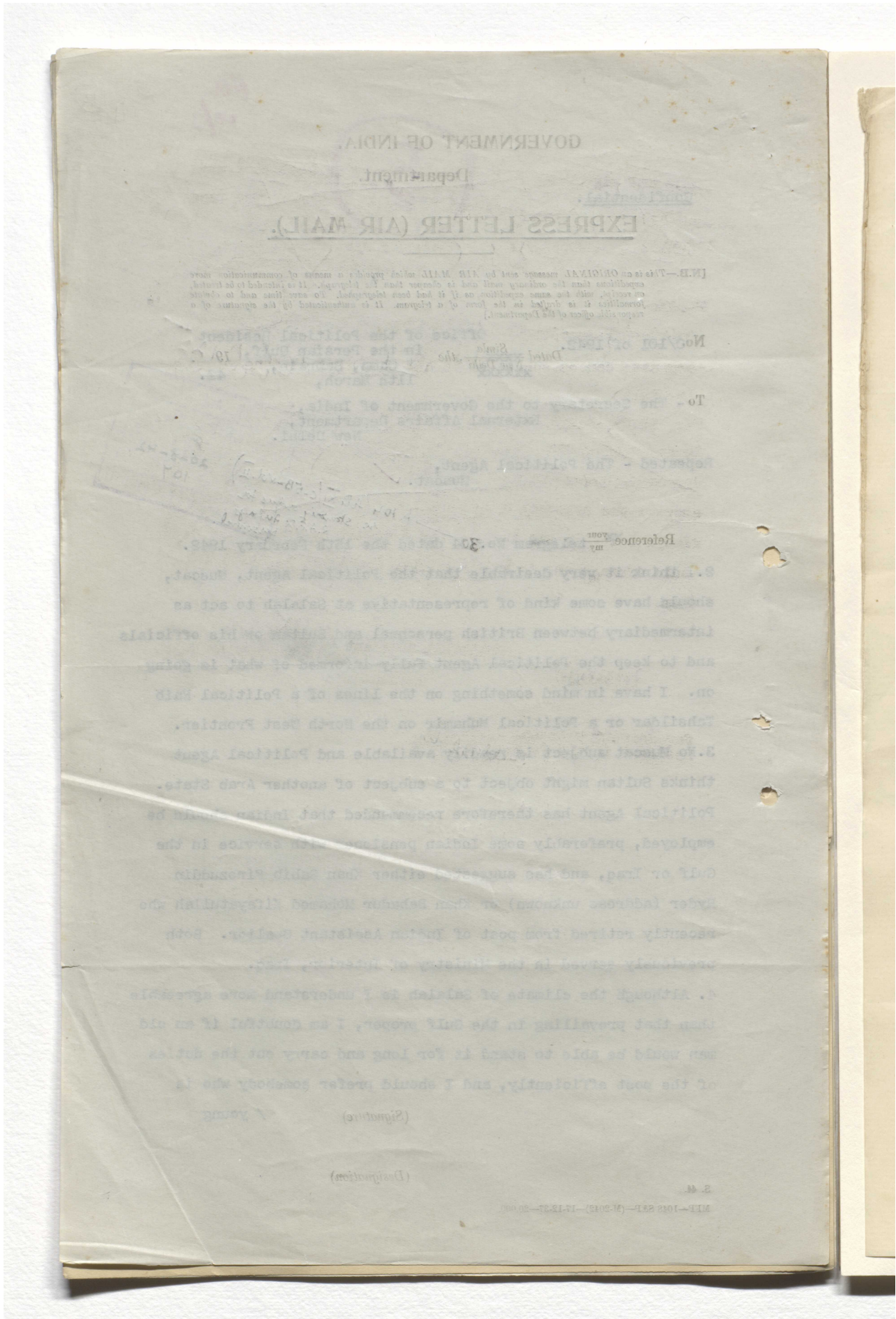
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young and vigorous. A good knowledge of colloquial Arabic is essential. I am wondering if any of Saiyid Siddiq Hasan's numerous sons possess the necessary qualifications.

5. Nothing has yet been said to the Sultan regarding the proposed appointment and I should be glad of the Government of India's approval in principle before he is approached. If any name can be suggested to him when this is done so much the better.

6. The Political Agent has suggested terms as for the British Agent, Gwadur, viz. Rs.150/- per mensem. This is less than our most junior Indian clerk receives. If Government of India approve the proposed appointment and are willing to try and find a suitable man to fill it, I should be grateful if they would arrange the terms and convey financial sanction for them.

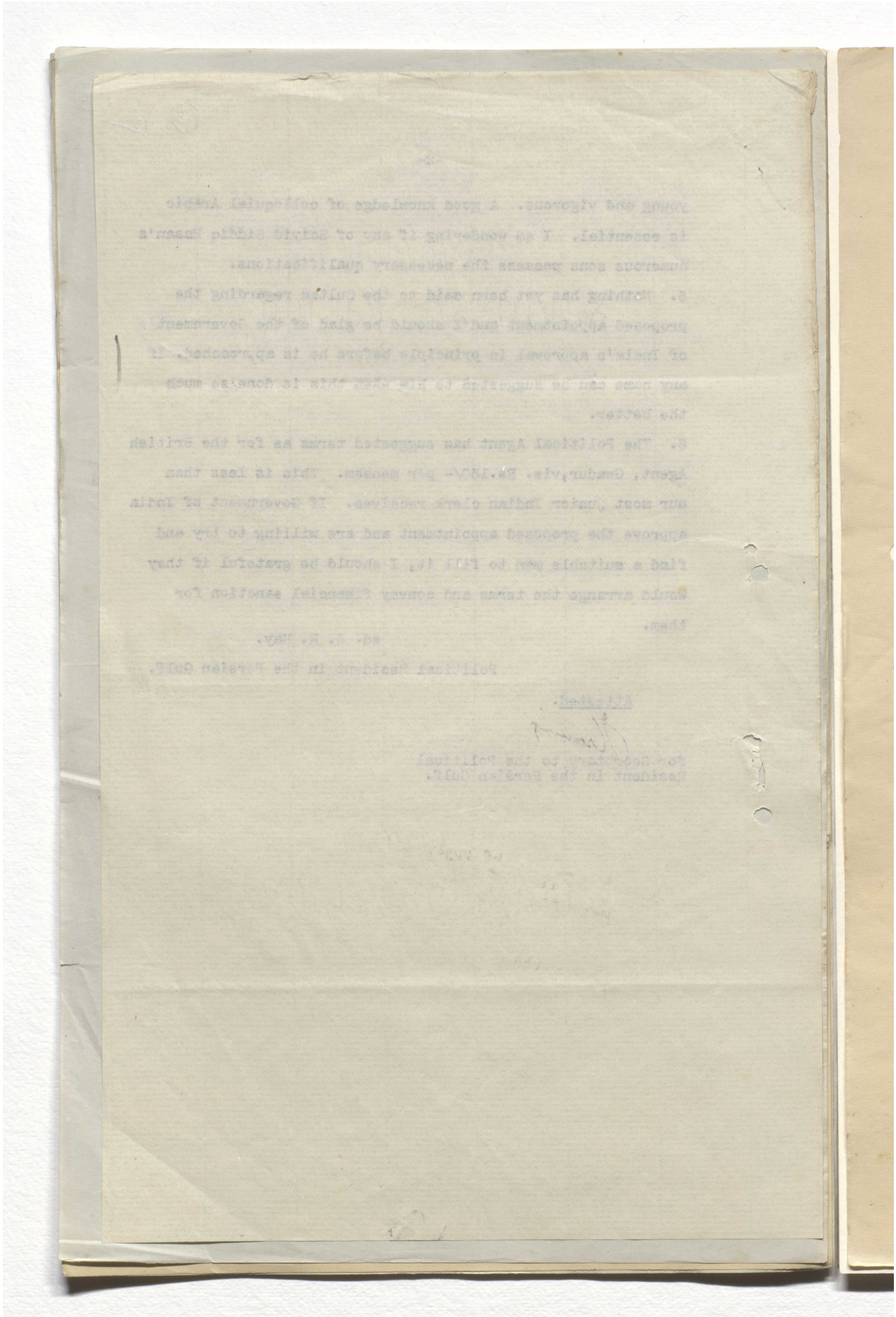
sd. W. R. Hay.

Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Attested.

Krowning
for Secretary to the Political
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

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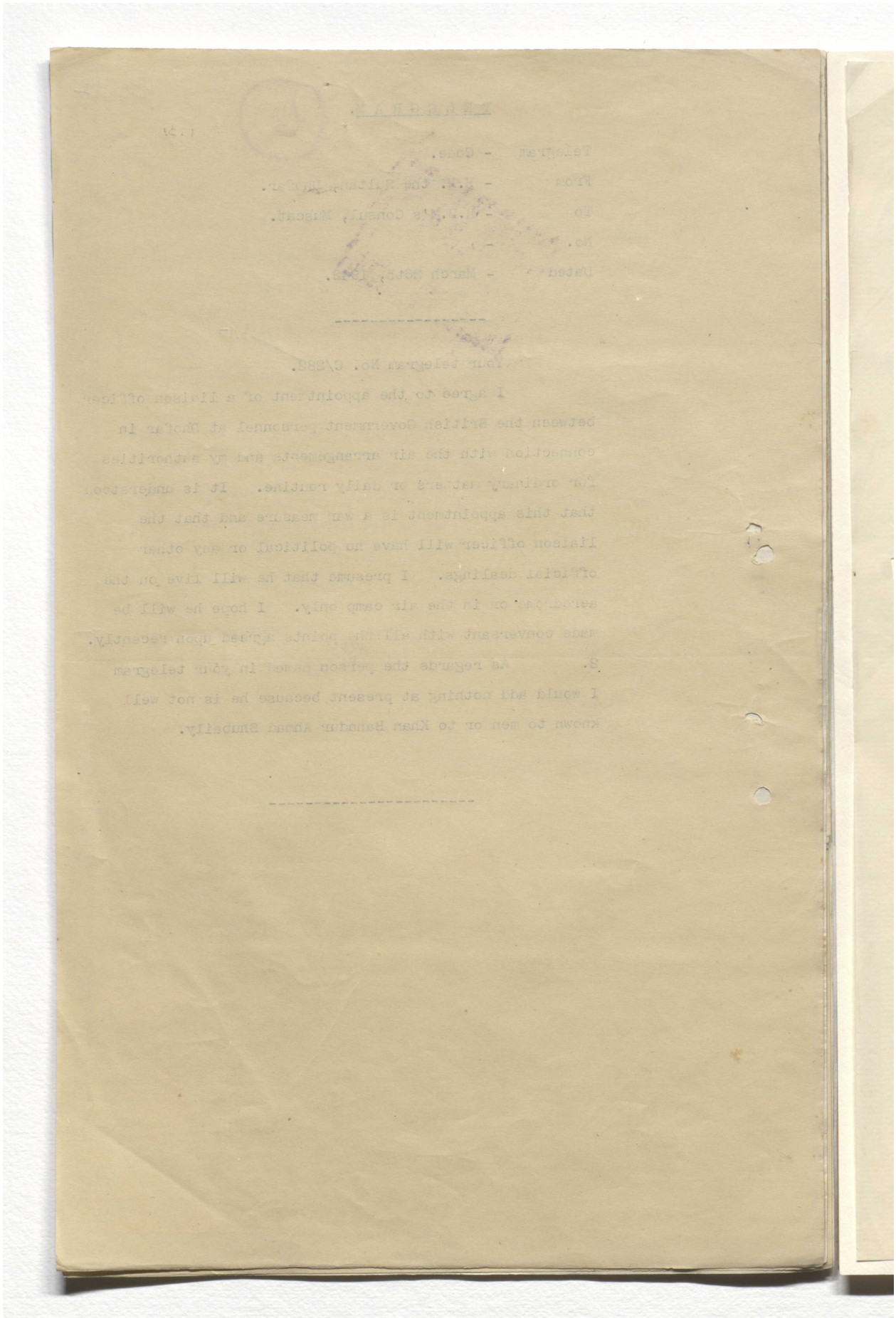
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To - H.B.M's Consul, Muscat.
No. -
Dated - March 26th, 1942.

Your telegram No. C/282.

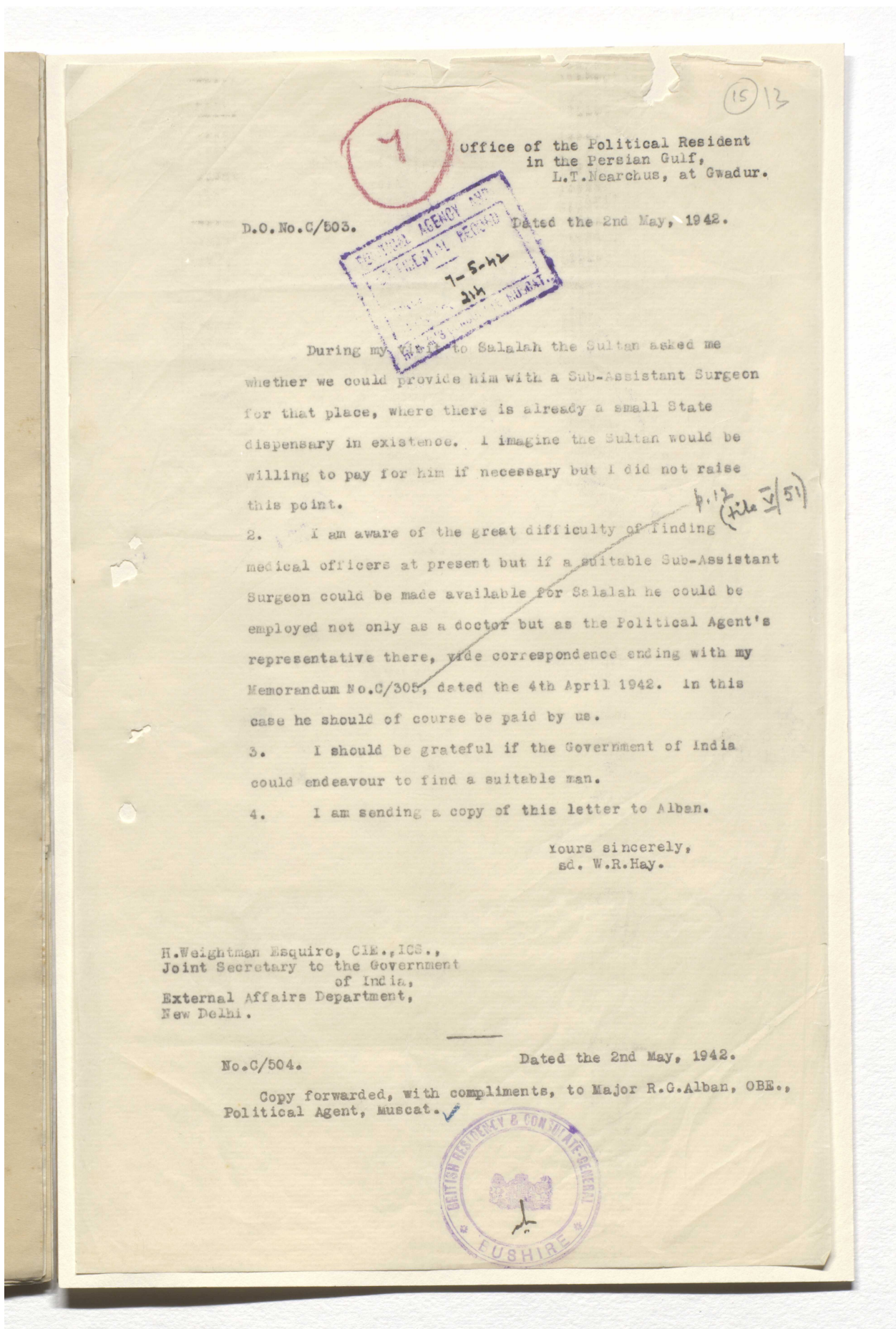
I agree to the appointment of a liaison officer between the British Government personnel at Dhofar in connection with the air arrangements and my authorities for ordinary matters or daily routine. It is understood that this appointment is a war measure and that the liaison officer will have no political or any other official dealings. I presume that he will live on the aerodrome or in the air camp only. I hope he will be made conversant with all the points agreed upon recently.

2. As regards the person named in your telegram I would add nothing at present because he is not well known to men or to Khan Bahadur Ahmad Shubaily.

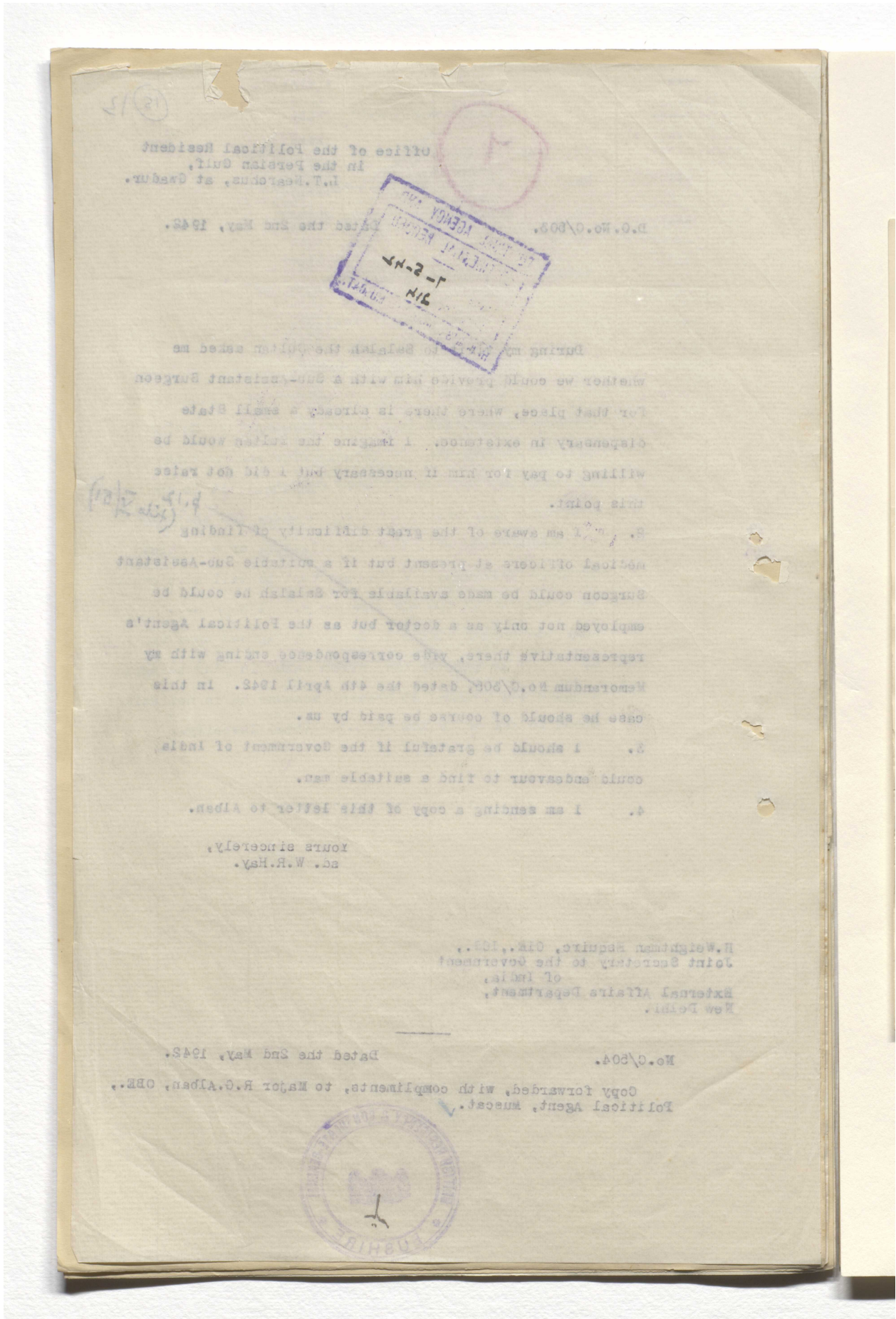
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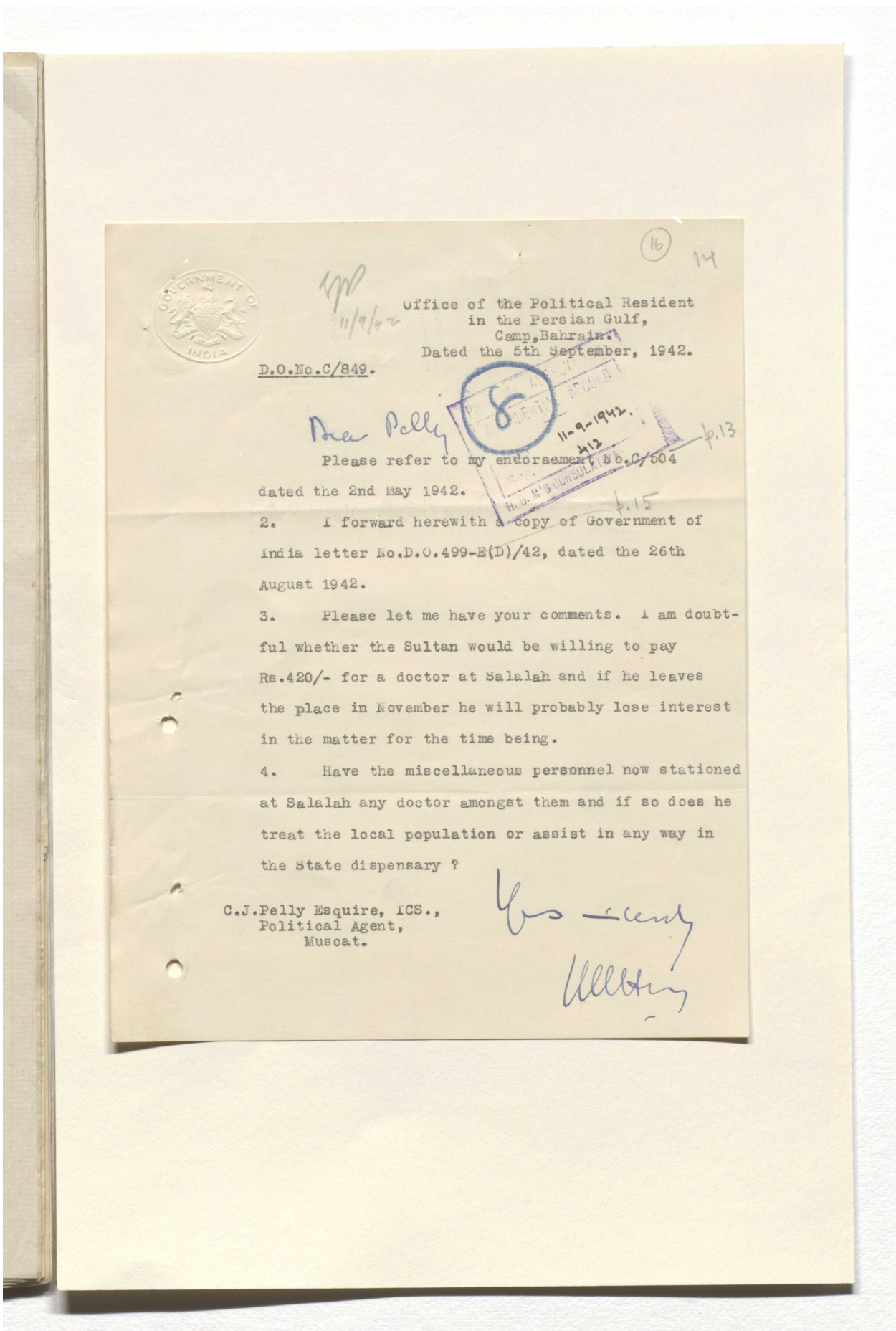


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Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,
Camp, Bahrain.
Dated the 5th September, 1942.

D.O.No.C/849.

Dear Pelly

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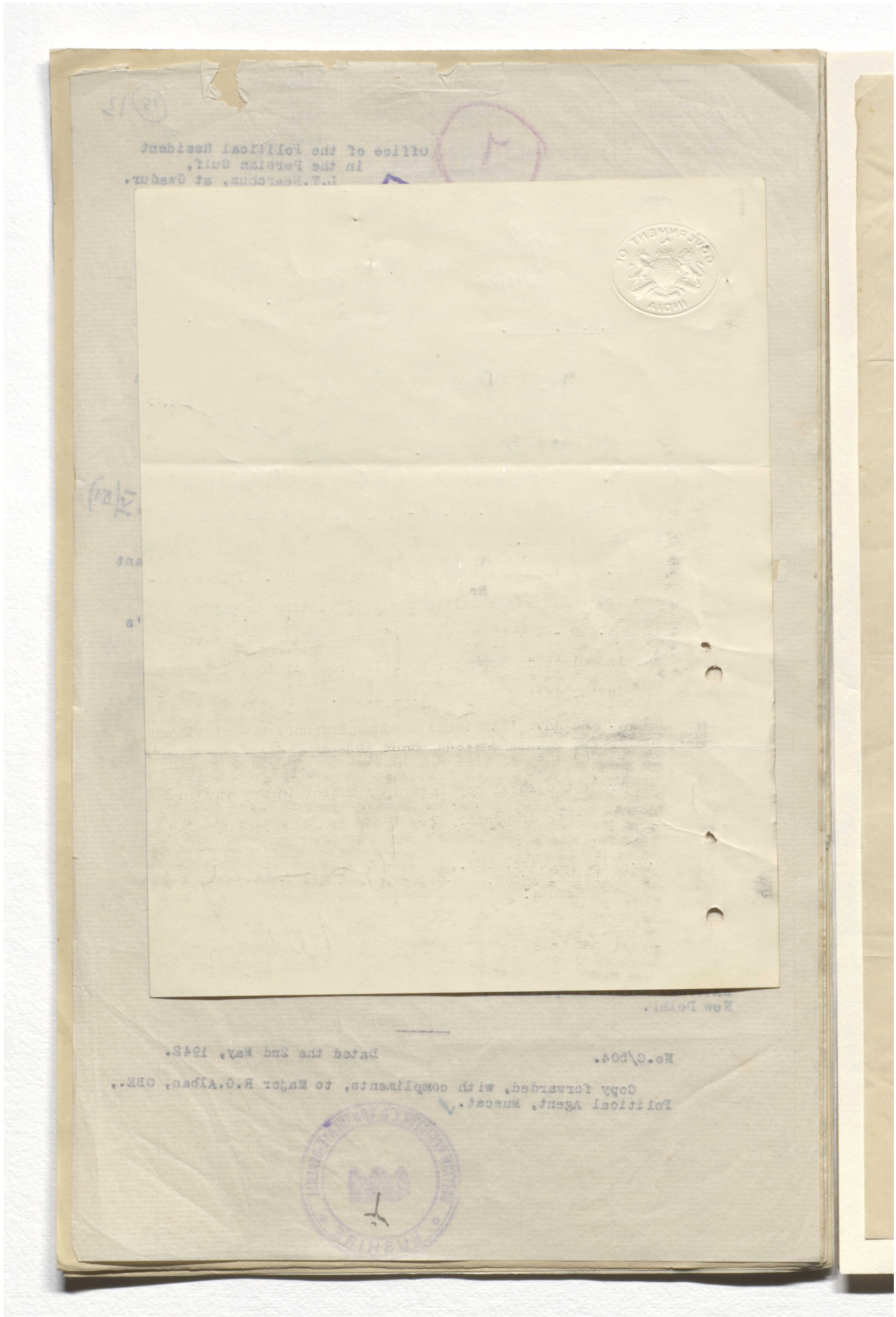
Please refer to my endorsement
dated the 2nd May 1942.

2. I forward herewith a copy of Government of India letter No.D.O.499-E(D)/42, dated the 26th August 1942.
3. Please let me have your comments. I am doubtful whether the Sultan would be willing to pay Rs.420/- for a doctor at Salalah and if he leaves the place in November he will probably lose interest in the matter for the time being.
4. Have the miscellaneous personnel now stationed at Salalah any doctor amongst them and if so does he treat the local population or assist in any way in the State dispensary ?

C.J.Pelly Esquire, ICS.,
Political Agent,
Muscat.

Yours sincerely
W.H.H. King

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BY AIR MAIL.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT,

New Delhi,

D.O.No. 499-E(D)/42. b.13

The 26th August 1942.

My dear Hay,

Will you please refer to your demi-official letter No.C/503 of the 2nd May about providing a doctor for the Sultan at Salalah? As you rightly remark there is an appalling dearth of doctors these days and a whip round all the provinces failed to produce anyone. We then had to try the Army in order to see if they would release a man from military service and we have only just heard of a possible name. Following your suggestion we had obtained financial sanction to meeting the cost of the doctor's appointment on the main ground that he would be of very great political value and could function as the Political Agent's representative in Salalah. Meanwhile, however, things have been moving fairly fast in those parts with the development of the southern Arabian air route and, particularly in view of the American complication there now, it seems inevitable that an officer of the Political Service will have to be stationed at Salalah for a long time to come. Although the Sultan was apparently rather dubious about this when Pelly first went there, we imagine that he will now be only too thankful to have one of our people on his door-step in order to act as a responsible go-between with such American personnel as may be located on aerodromes in Muscat territory or may be passing through along the air reinforcement route. It follows that there is no longer any real justification for the Government of India to pay the salary of a doctor, and if we could still induce the Army to release a man for Salalah in spite of the disappearance of the "political representative" content of such an arrangement, His Highness the Sultan would definitely have to pay the salary himself. Doctors are vastly more expensive than they used to be, and the particular person recommended to us, namely Jemadar Mohammed Amin, draws pay at the rate of Rs. 270 a month and would have to receive a special pay of Rs. 150 to cover loss of items such as free rations, field service batta, etc., etc.; and apart from this he would require free quarters.

2. In the light of the above what are your views? Would the Sultan be likely to meet charges of this order or would it be better to tell him that civilian doctors are quite unobtainable these days, adding that while it might be possible to get one released from military employment for him the charges would be very heavy and unless he were particularly anxious to have a man there would be a good deal of reluctance at this stage of the war to release even one doctor from essential military duties.

To
The Hon'ble Lieutenant Colonel W.R. Hay, CIE.,
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- H. Weightman.

S.P. 26/8.

BY AIR MAIL

D.O. No. 100-100/100

The 20th August 1945

New Delhi

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

To The Honble Lieutenant Colonel W.R. HAY, C.I.E.,
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Yours sincerely,
34/- H. Weighman.

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Will your please refer to your last official letter No. 1003 of the 2nd May about providing a doctor for the Sultan at Salalah

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Political Agency, Muscat.
The 14th September 1942.

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Please refer to your demi-official letter No. C/849 dated the 5th September 1942 regarding the Sultan's request for a Sub-Assistant Surgeon at Salalah.

2. May I in the first place suggest that this question now be stripped of its "political representative" content entirely? You will remember that I have given to you my opinion separately as to the need for such ^a representative at Salalah during the forthcoming cold weather. I have to add in connection with the proposal for a doctor that I am of the opinion that any non European - I will almost say ^{any} non Political service - representative would be valueless at Salalah in view of the new circumstances there referred to in paragraph 1 of the enclosure to your letter. ^{NO} ~~Any~~ non European could ~~not~~ cope with the problems occasioned at times by the conduct of the Europeans and Americans on the South Arabian air route.

3. In the light of these remarks I think it will be better to reply to the Sultan's request as suggested by Mr. Weightman in paragraph 2 of this letter.

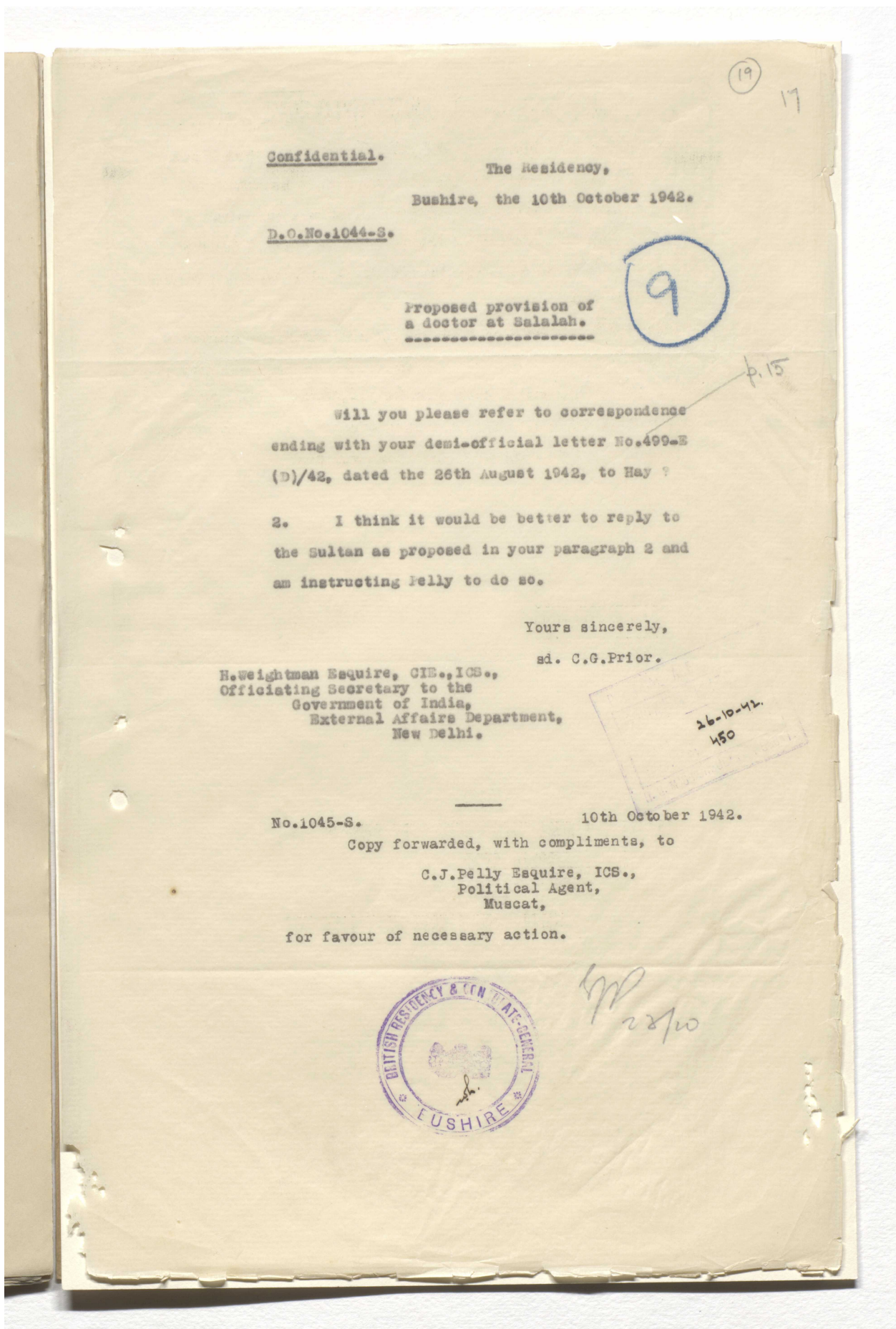
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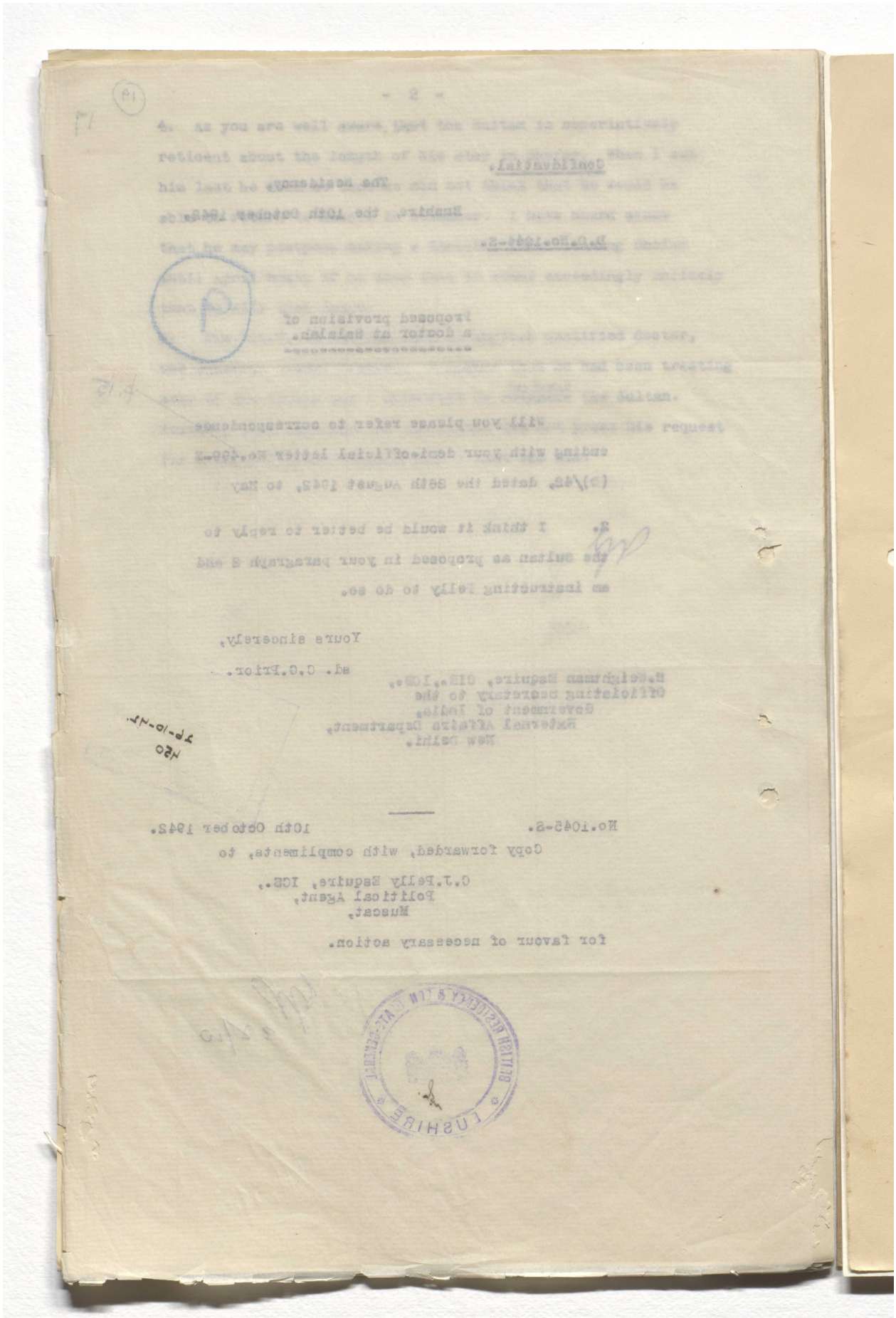
4. As you are well aware, ~~that~~ the Sultan is superlatively reticent about the length of his stay in Dhofar. When I saw him last he told me that he did not think that he would be able to return to Muscat in November. I have heard since that he may postpone making a decision about leaving Dhofar until April next; if he does this it seems exceedingly unlikely that he will then leave.

5. The R.A.F. at Salalah have an English qualified doctor, one Squadron Leader Traynor. I gather that he had been treating some of the locals and I know that he ^{has treated} ~~releases~~ the Sultan. Possibly this explains why the Sultan did not press his request for a Sub-Assistant Surgeon when I last saw him.

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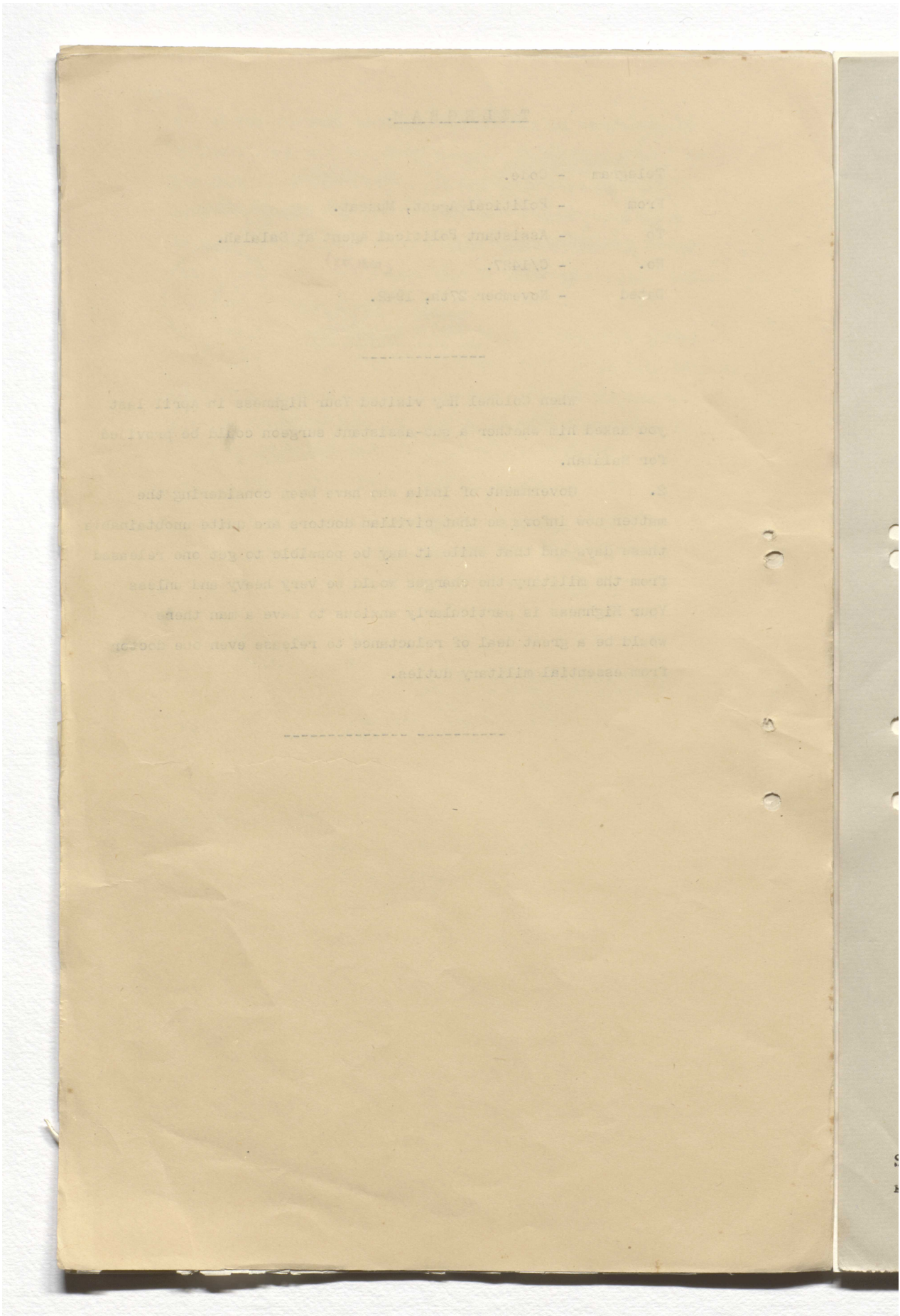


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TELEGRAM.

Telegram - Code.
From - Political Agent, Muscat.
To - Assistant Political Agent at Salalah.
No. - C/1427. (1031/27).
Dated - November 27th, 1942.

When Colonel Hay visited Your Highness in April last you asked him whether a sub-assistant surgeon could be provided for Salalah.

2. Government of India who have been considering the matter now inform me that civilian doctors are quite unobtainable these days and that while it may be possible to get one released from the military the charges would be very heavy and unless Your Highness is particularly anxious to have a man there would be a great deal of reluctance to release even one doctor from essential military duties.



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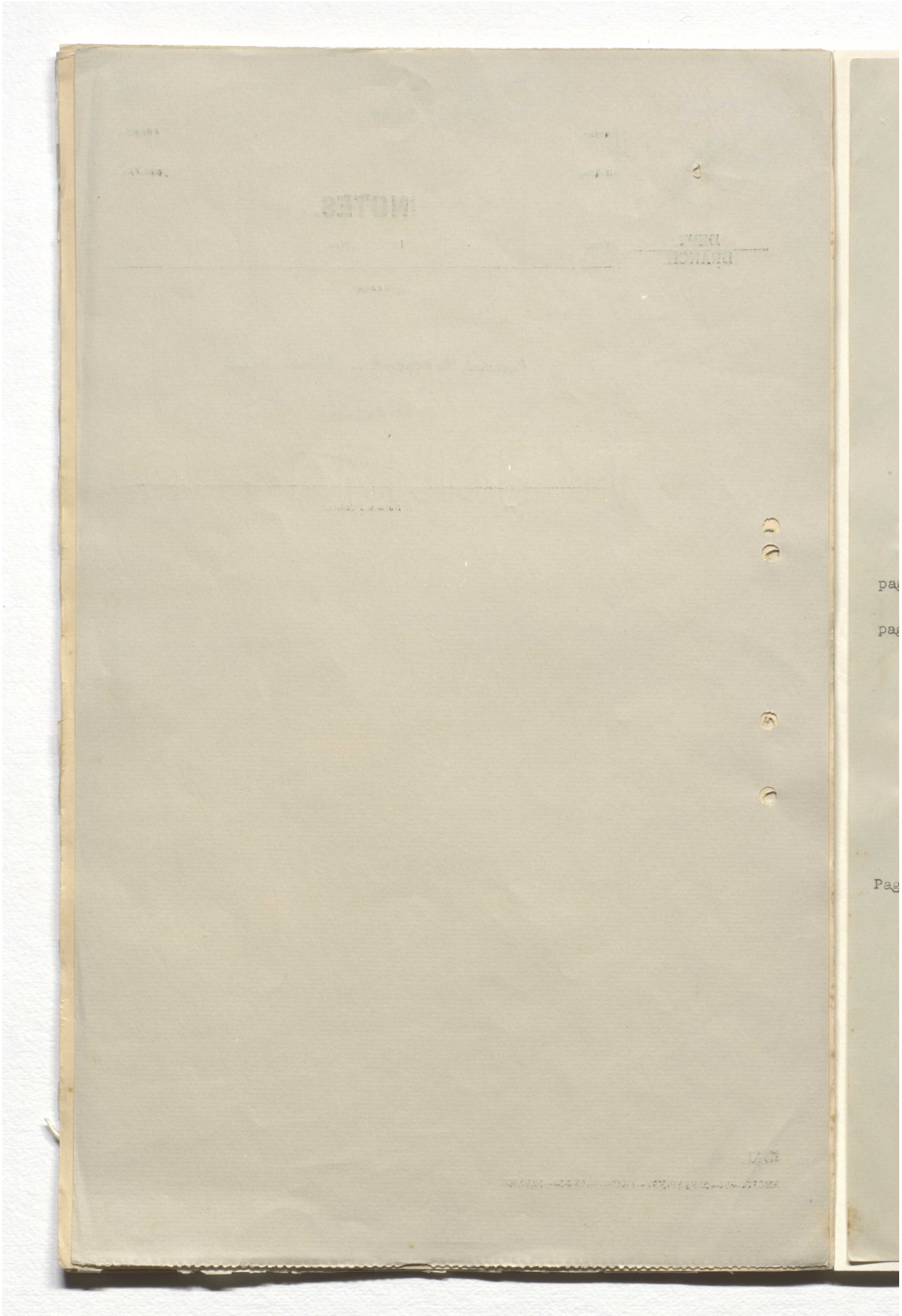
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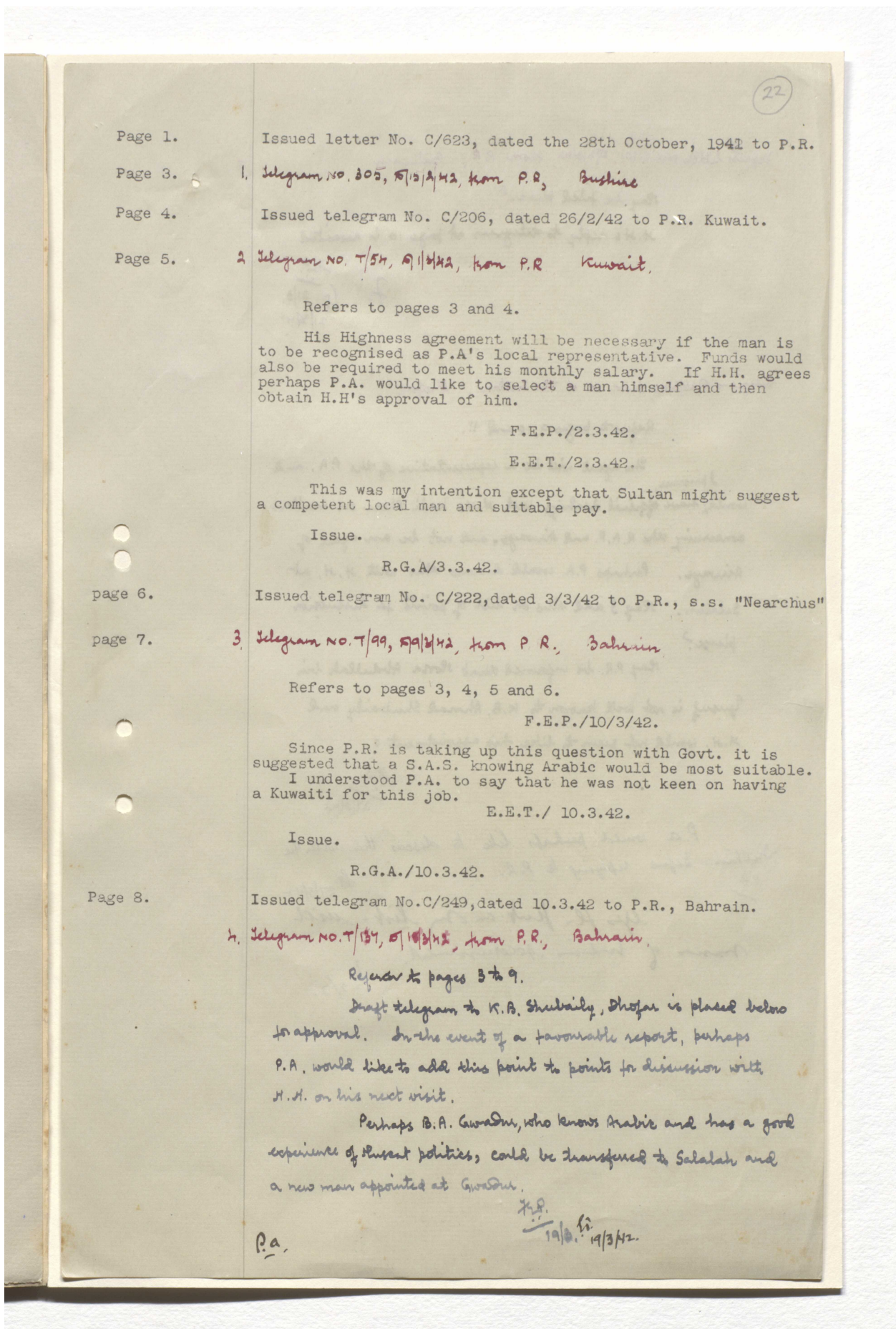
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Express letter No. 2/101, 27/1/42, from P.R., Bahrain.

May be filed please?

H.H.'s reply to telegram at page 10 is awaited

7. ^{H.P.}
21/3.
2/1/42

Telegram 2/26/3/42 from H.H. the Sultan, Dhofar

Refers to pages 9, 10 and 11.

I presume, the agent will be a representative of the P.A. and would have official dealings with H.H.'s wali there on matters concerning the R.A.F. and Airways, and not be an agent of Airways. Perhaps P.A. would discuss this with H.H. at Salalah. May I add this on list of points for discussion please?

May P.R. be informed that Hossa Abdullah bin Yusuf is not well known to K.B. Ahmad Shubaily and H.H. would not seem to like his appointment.

H.P.
27/3/42

P.A. would perhaps like to discuss this with the Sultan before replying to P.R.

P.A.

27/3/42

Yes H. put a my list - with name of Indian recommended.

2/3.

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7. Endorsement No. C/504, 2/5/42, from the Hon'ble the Political Resident. (23)

H.H. wants an S.A.S. for Dhofar. Asked me to try and find one. Perhaps Lakhra would do if Mr. Campbell does not want him, or after work is finished. Please put up.

R.G. A/ 7.5.42.

P.R. has already taken up the matter, vide the P.U.C., and has suggested that the S.A.S. should be P.A.'s representative.

May be tried please?

X.P.
7/5/42.

P.A.

From what I know of D' Lakra, I do not think he will be a success as P.A.'s representative at Salalah.

X.P.
7/5/42

Thanks
L
7/5.

8. D.O. letter No. C/849, 2/9/42, from the Hon'ble the Political Resident, Bahrain.

P.U.C. 8

Refer to page 13.

I believe Dr. Haas services have been terminated with effect from 20th Sept., but he is probably not a suitable man for the post for more than one reason.

There is nothing on record to show when M.H. intends returning to Muscat. In this connection please see page 12 of file VIII/D-1. From what I could gather at Salalah, M.H. will not return before April next when he will consider staying another summer there.

There is a R.A.P. doctor there since April.

X.P.
7/11/42.
L
11/9/42

P.A.

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Endorsement No. 1045-5, 5/10/42, from the Political Agent, ^{Resident} Bushire 9.

P.U.C.9

Refers to pages 14-16.

H.H. is due to return to Salalah on or about the 8th of November. May telegraph to A.P.A. to inform H.H. on return?

X.S.
27/10/42
27/10/42

P.A.

In this case I think it better
reply to H.H. direct. Put
me up A. when he returns
to Salalah.

X.P.
27/10/42

According to ~~H.H.~~ A.P.A.'s signal (submitted separately), H.H. is now
not due to return to Salalah for at least another month. May
keep it pending till then, or should a telegram be issued to him
at Bombay?

X.S.
11/11/42

P.A.

Keep pending.

X.P.
12/11/42

Re: P.A.'s note above.

H.H. is now in Salalah according to A.P.A.'s telegram.

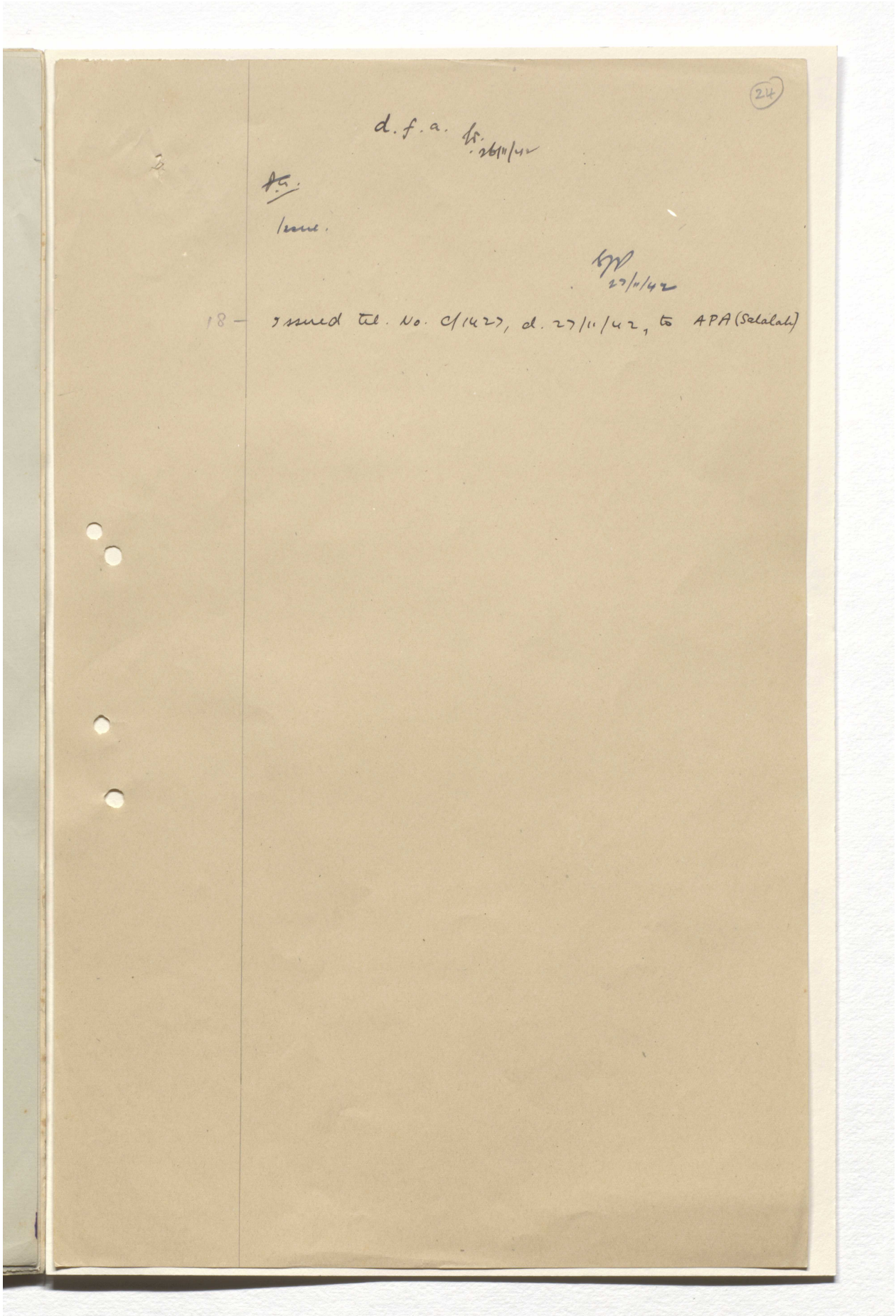
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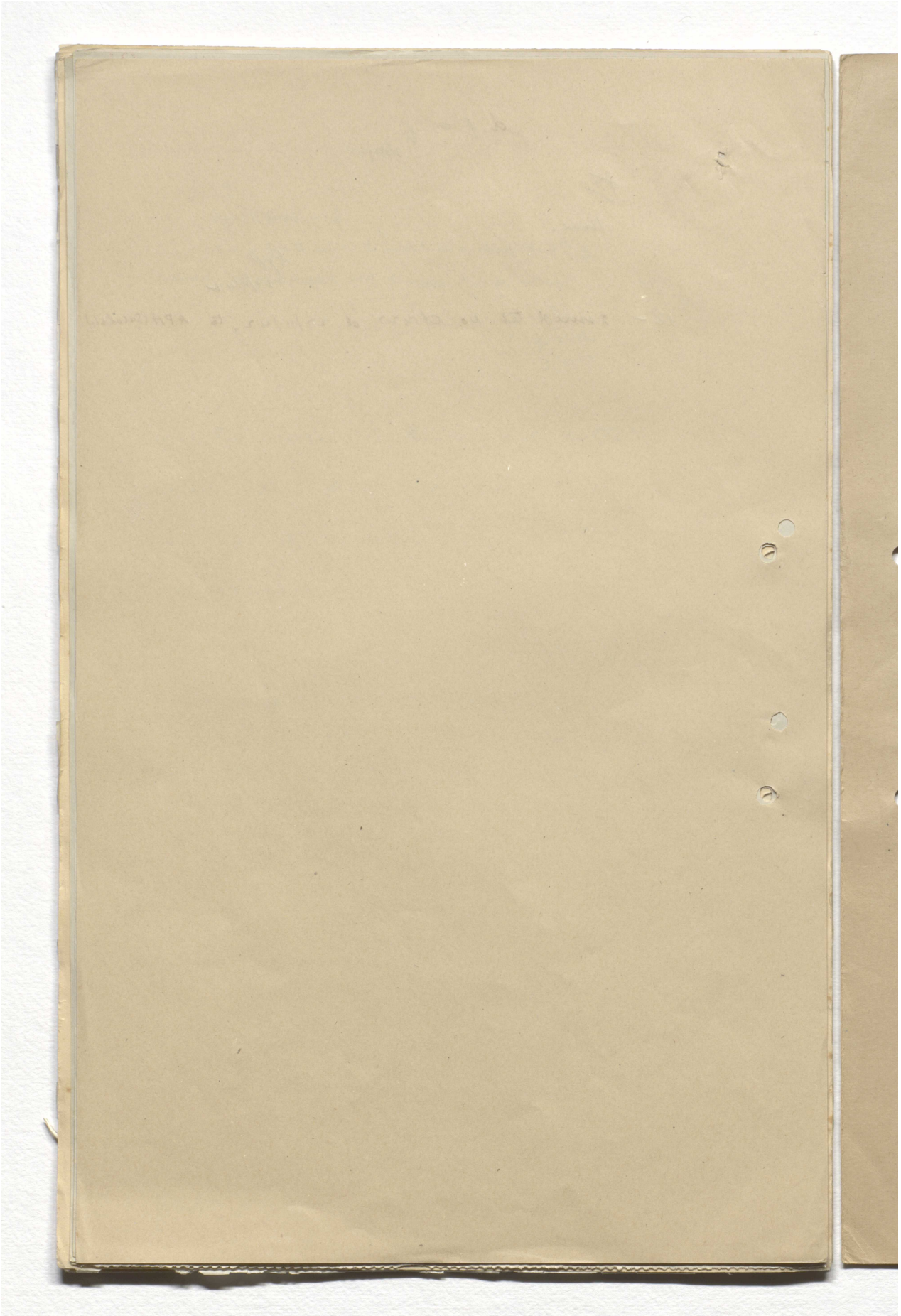
P.A.

Accept A.

X.P.
26/11/42

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