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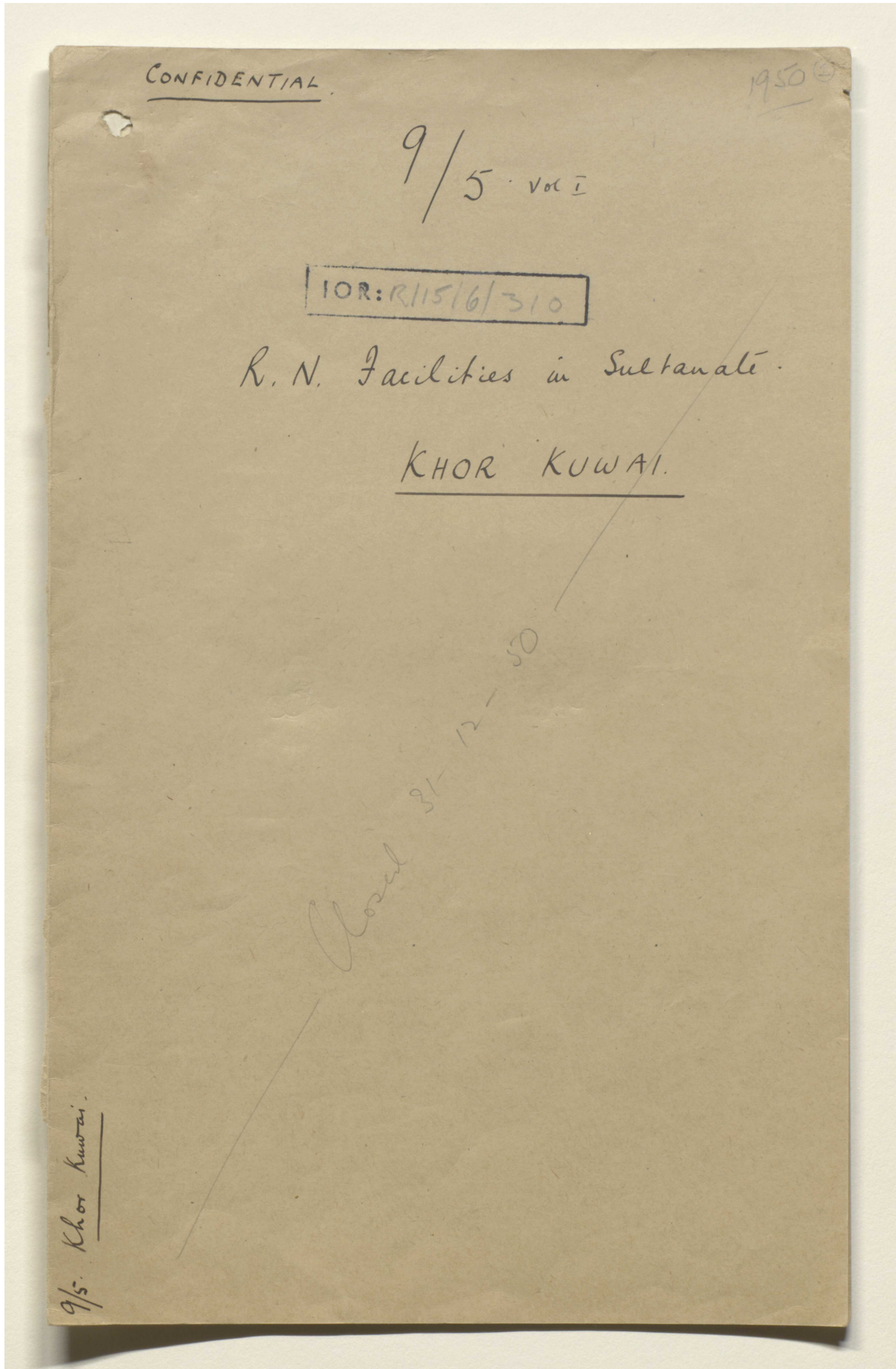
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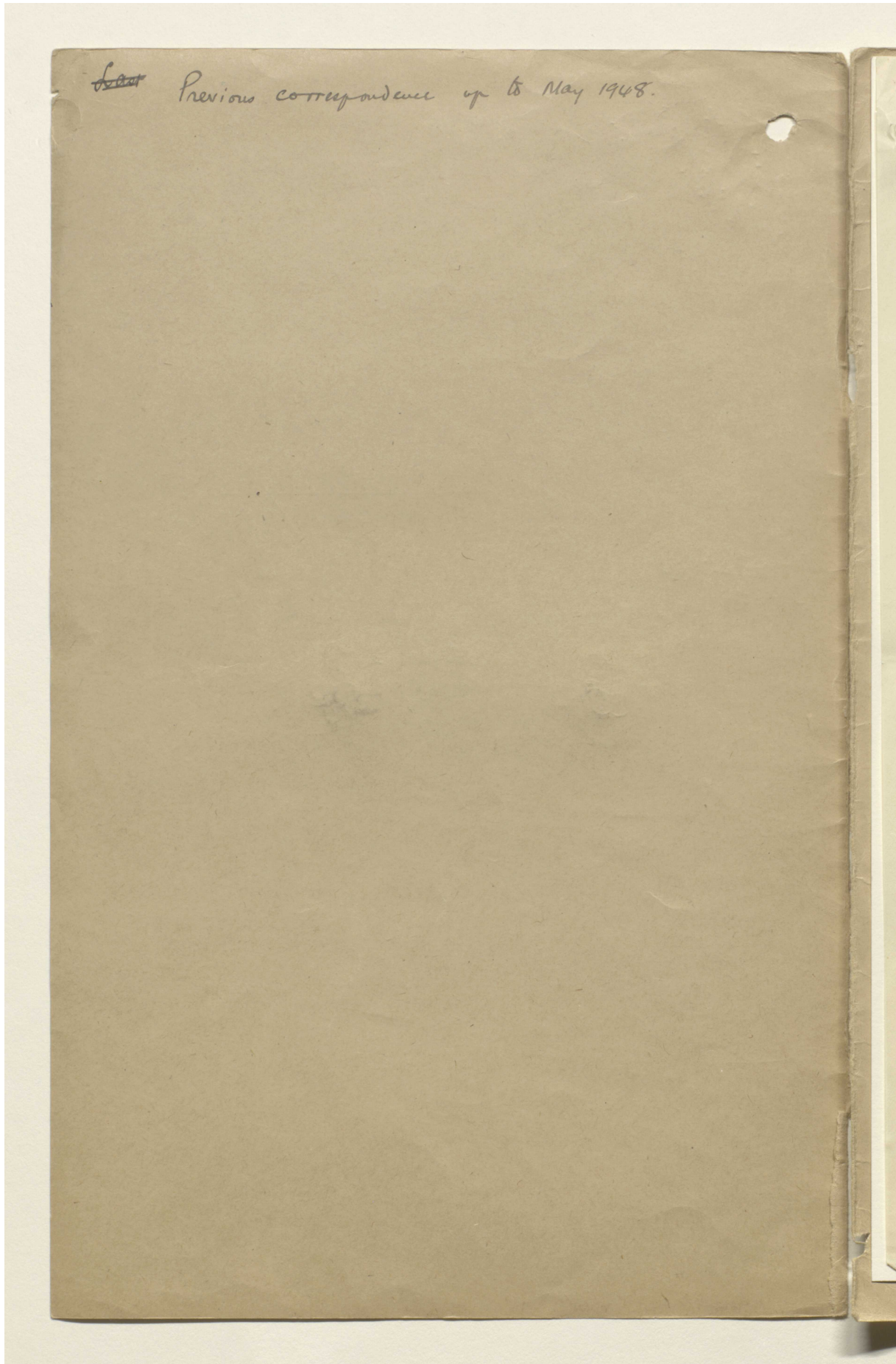
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About this record

Correspondence concerning the selling of Royal Navy property following the decision to evacuate the naval base at Khor Kuwait. The papers cover the offer of the property to the Sultanate of Muscat and the discussion of prices and particulars. The correspondence is between: the Senior Naval Officer in the Persian Gulf; the British Residency, Bahrain; the Political Agent, Muscat; and Basil Woods Ballard, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sultanate of Muscat and Oman.





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2/9/5/50.

H.B.M.'s Consulate,

MUSCAT. 11th October, 1950.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Admiralty are not intending to maintain the Naval Base at Khor Kuwait, and that the present caretaker party will shortly be removed. However, they will still moor their oil barge in the harbour and make use of the privilege of sending ships to Khor Kuwait for recreation and exercises without asking permission of the Sultan of Muscat.

2. It will be appreciated, therefore, if you will kindly inform the Sultan accordingly and ask him if he wishes to take over the property and the following items :-

- (1) 3 27 K.W. A.C. diesel generators.
- (11) 1 45 K.W. D.C. diesel generator.
- (111) 1 Distilling Plant, capacity 30 tons per day.
- (IV) 6 Wooden W.T. masts (3 x 110 ft., 3 x 80 ft).
- (V) 1 Local built boat.
- (VI) 1 Pattern 9A coal range (200 - 280 mm).
- (VII) 2 Coal burning hot water boilers.
- (VIII) Assorted electrical fittings.
- (IX) Assorted steel and wooden electric power & supply poles.

3. If so, would His Highness be prepared to make an offer to buy the property and the above mentioned equipment.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd/- F.C.L. Chauncy.

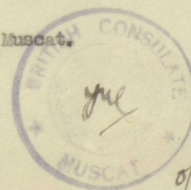
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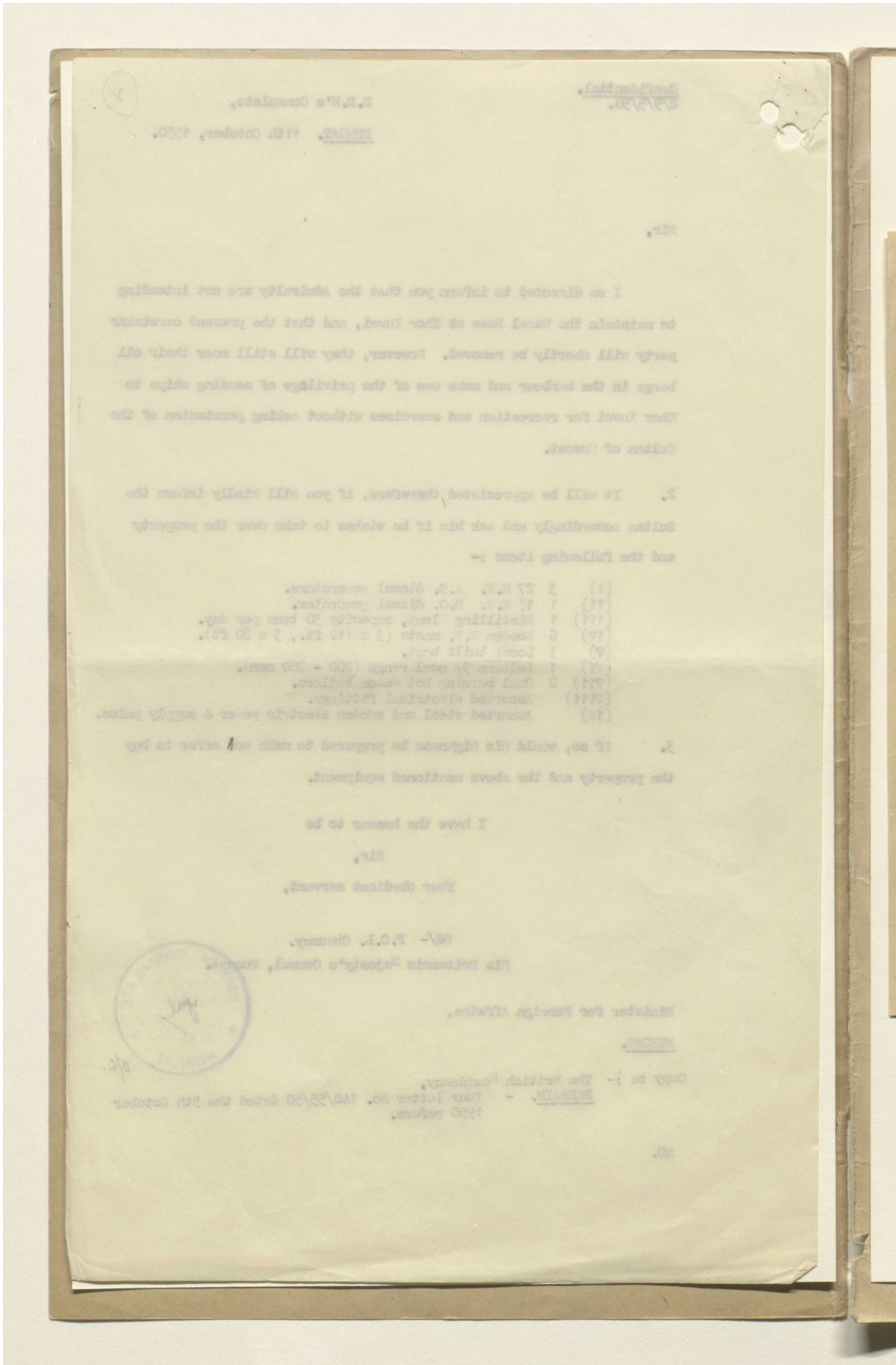
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Copy to :- The British Residency,
BAHRAIN. - Your letter No. 140/55/50 dated the 5th October
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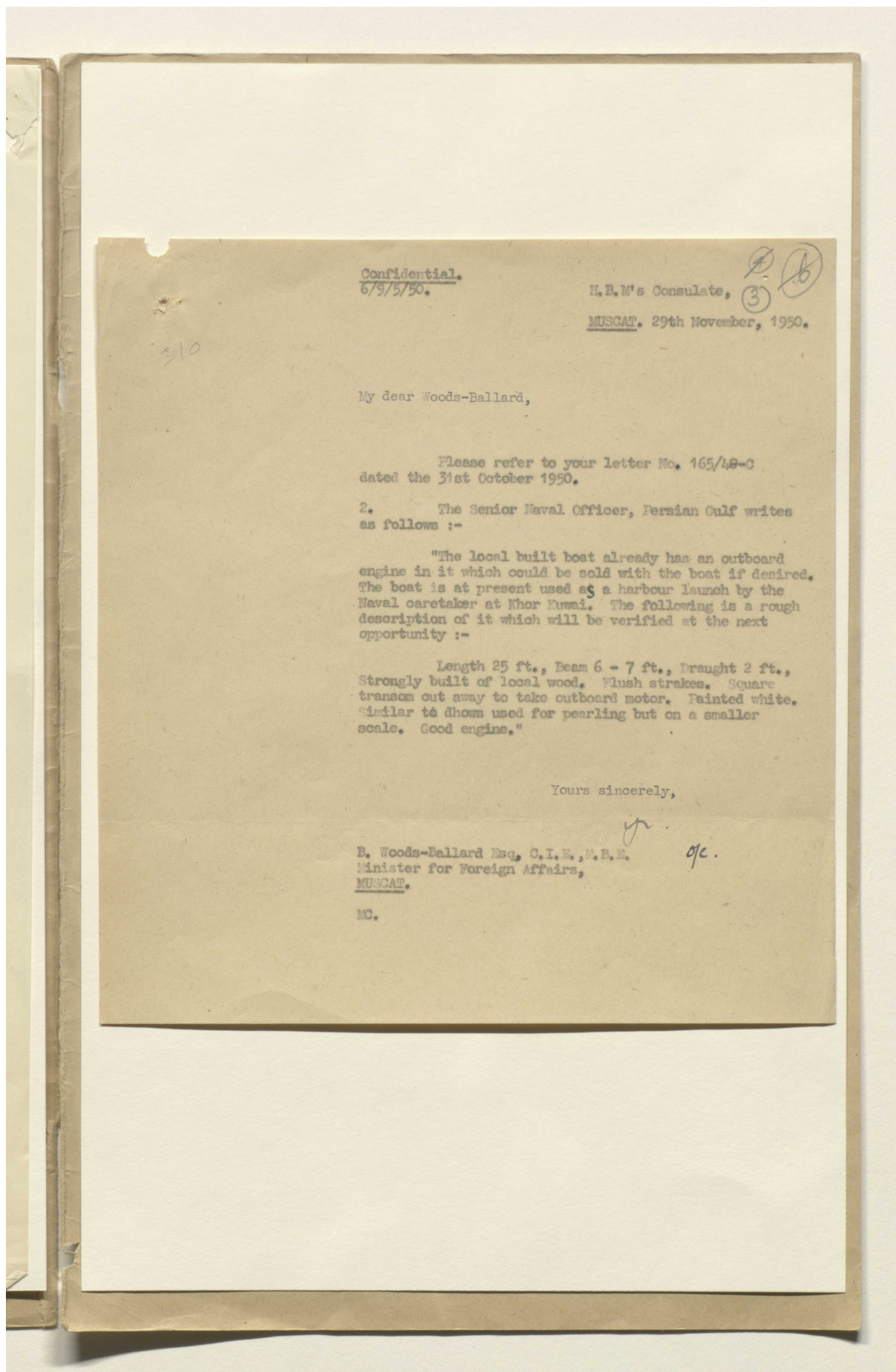
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H.B.M.'s Consulate, (3) (6)
MUSCAT. 29th November, 1950.

My dear Woods-Ballard,

Please refer to your letter No. 165/49-C dated the 31st October 1950.

2. The Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf writes as follows :-

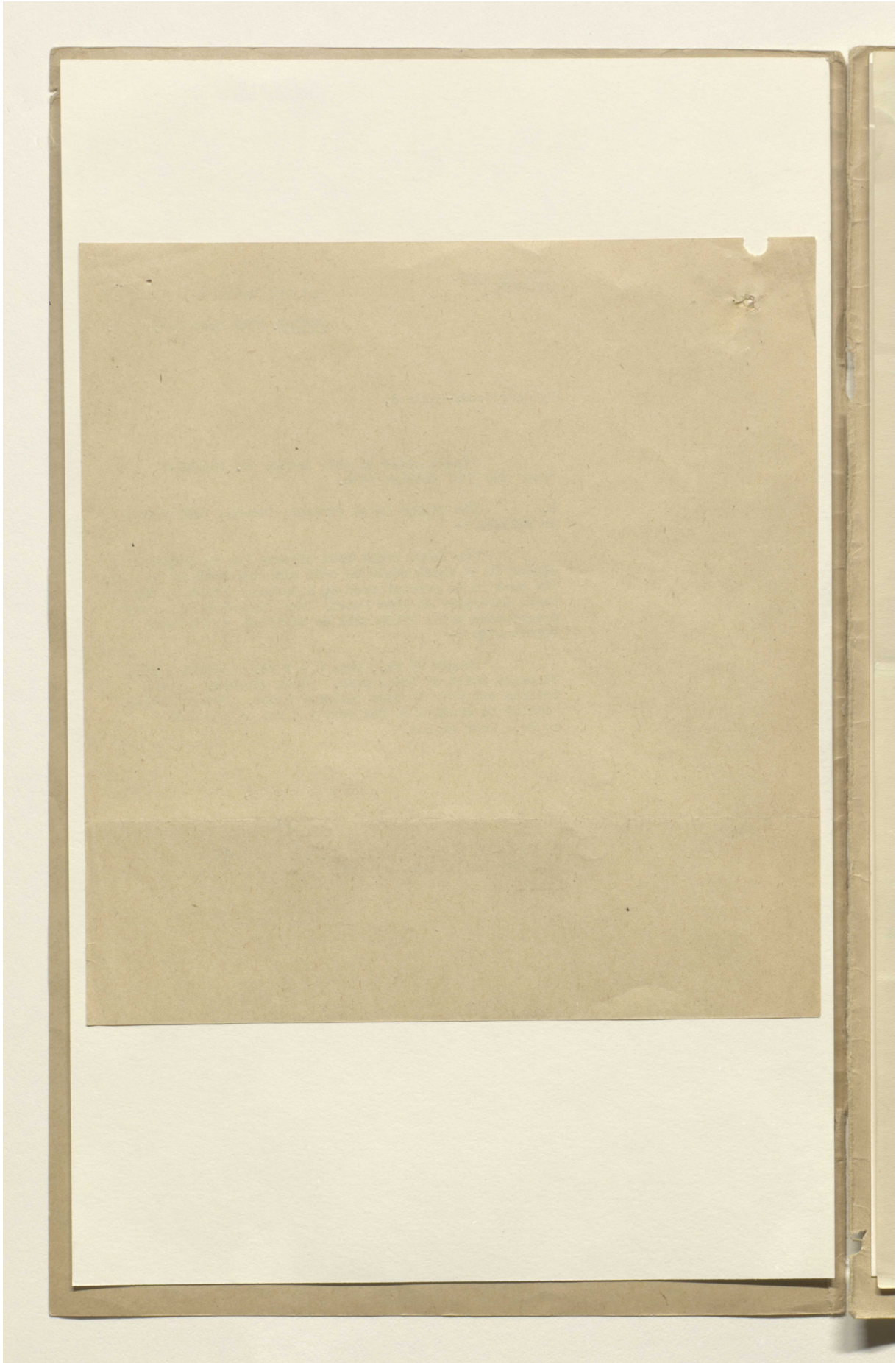
"The local built boat already has an outboard engine in it which could be sold with the boat if desired. The boat is at present used as a harbour launch by the Naval caretaker at Khor Kuwait. The following is a rough description of it which will be verified at the next opportunity :-

Length 25 ft., Beam 6 - 7 ft., Draught 2 ft., Strongly built of local wood. Flush strakes. Square transom cut away to take outboard motor. Painted white. Similar to dhows used for pearling but on a smaller scale. Good engine."

Yours sincerely,

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E. Woods-Ballard Esq., C.I.E., M.B.E.
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
MUSCAT. *q/c.*

MC.





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Office of the Senior Naval Officer,
Persian Gulf.

No. I/P.G. 007.

16th November, 1950.

HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S CONSUL AND POLITICAL AGENT,
MUSCAT.

(Copy to : The Political Resident Persian Gulf.)

DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT AT KHOR KUWAI.

Kindly refer to your compliment slip 4/9/5/50 dated 1st November, 1950 enclosing letter No. 165/40-C dated 31st October from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sultanate of Muscat and Oman.

2. The local-built boat already has an outboard engine in it which could be sold with the boat if desired. The boat is at present used as a harbour launch by the Naval caretaker at Khor Kuwai. The following is a rough description of it which will be verified at the next opportunity:-

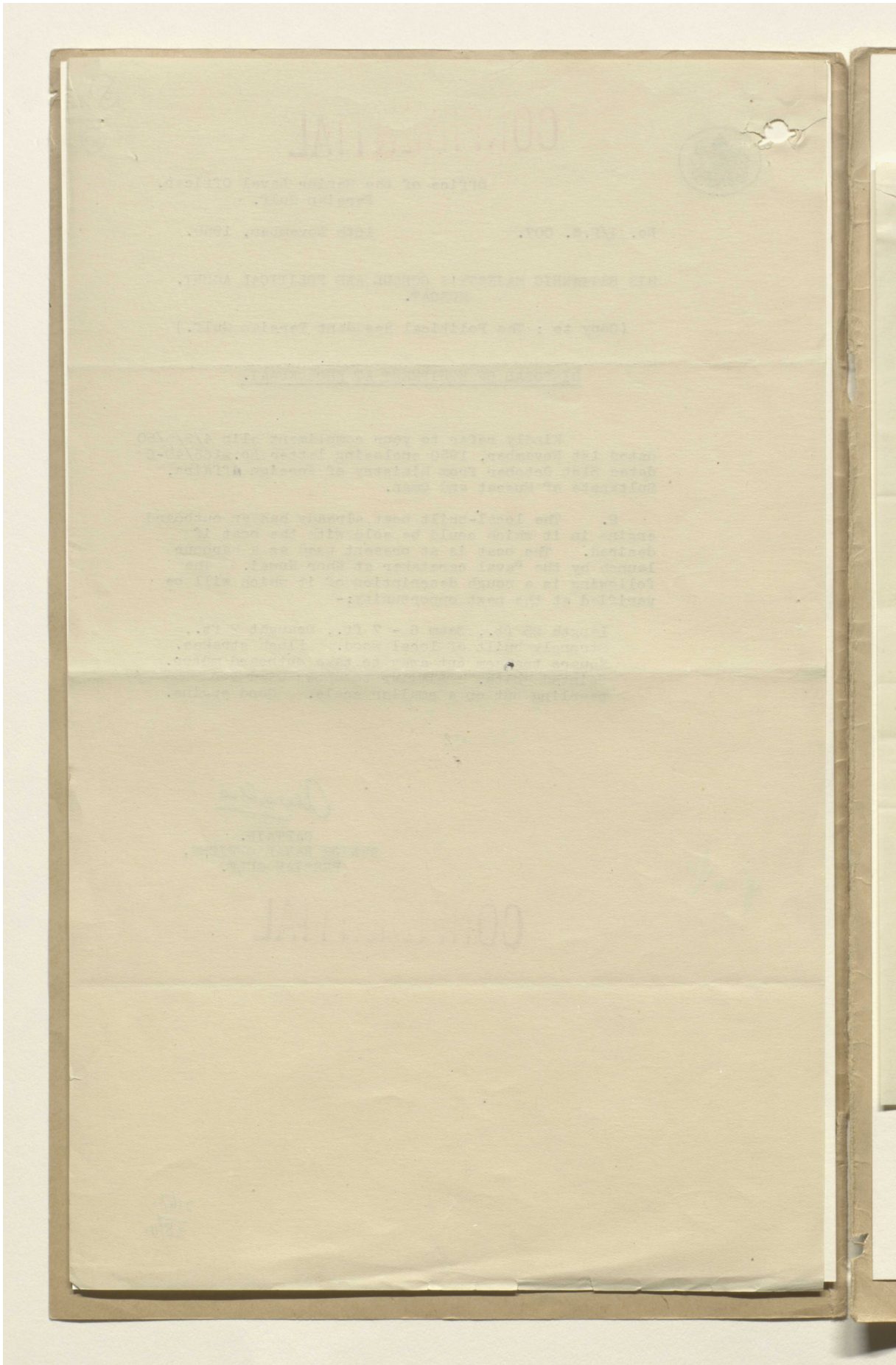
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CAPTAIN.
SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER,
PERSIAN GULF.

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No. 165/40-C.

SULTANATE OF MUSCAT & OMAN

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MUSCAT

No. 31st. October 1950.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 2/9/5/50,
dated the 11th. October 1950, about the Naval Base at Khor Quwai.

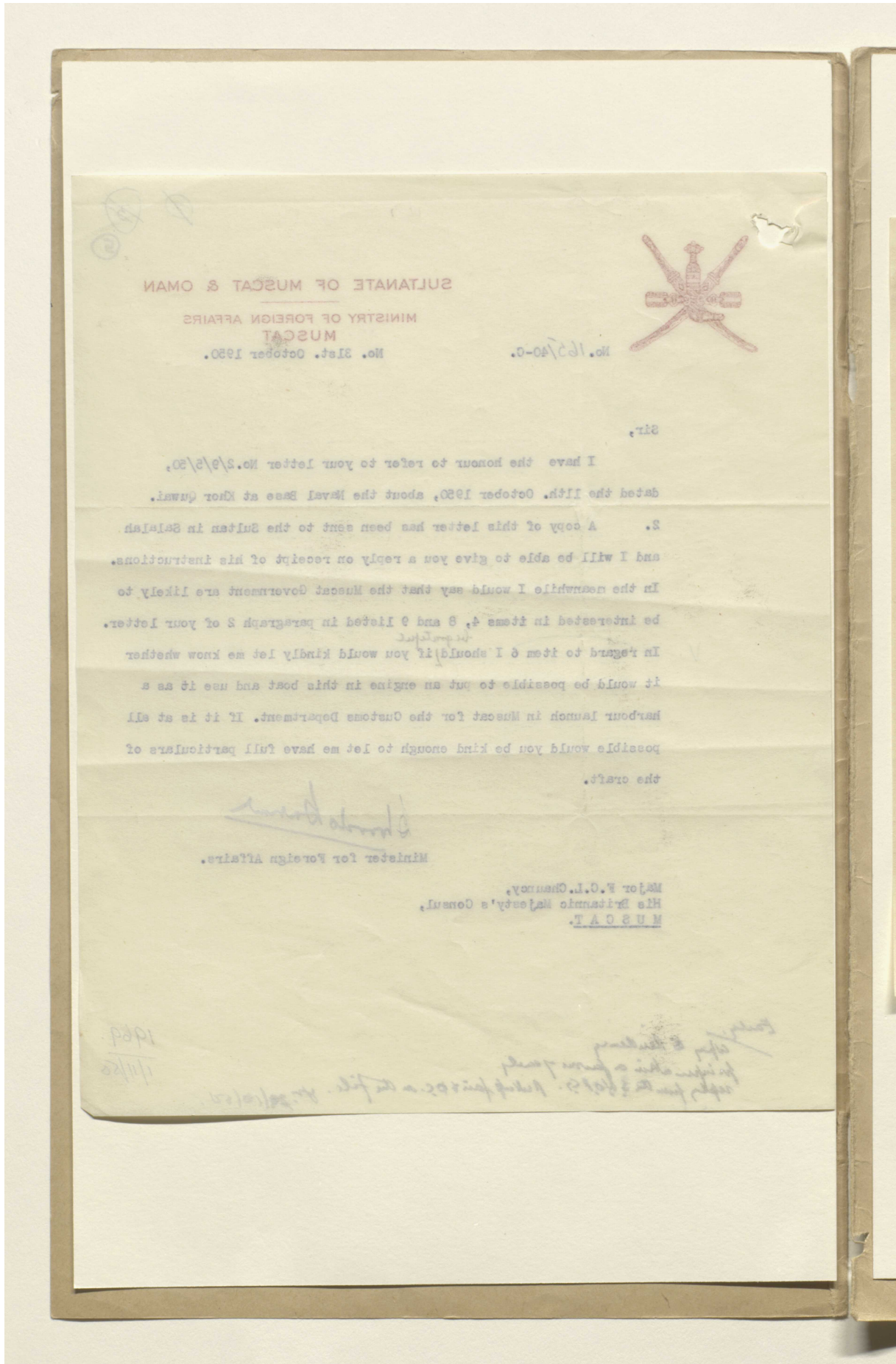
2. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Sultan in Salalah
and I will be able to give you a reply on receipt of his instructions.
In the meanwhile I would say that the Muscat Government are likely to
be interested in items 4, 8 and 9 listed in paragraph 2 of your letter.
In regard to item 6 I should ^{be grateful} if you would kindly let me know whether
it would be possible to put an engine in this boat and use it as a
harbour launch in Muscat for the Customs Department. If it is at all
possible would you be kind enough to let me have full particulars of
the craft.

Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Major F.C.L. Chauncy,
His Britannic Majesty's Consul,
MUSCAT.

*Early copy to Residency
for information a few days
reply from the 3/10/50. Put up fair & OS. on the file. yr. 28/10/50.*

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H. B. M.'s Consulate and
Political Agency,

MUS-CAT. 4th December, 1950. (6)

My dear Captain Wallis,

Please refer to your letter No. I/P.C. 007
dated the 16th November 1950.

The Muscat Government have asked me to
ascertain what you would consider a fair offer for
the craft in question, plus its engine.

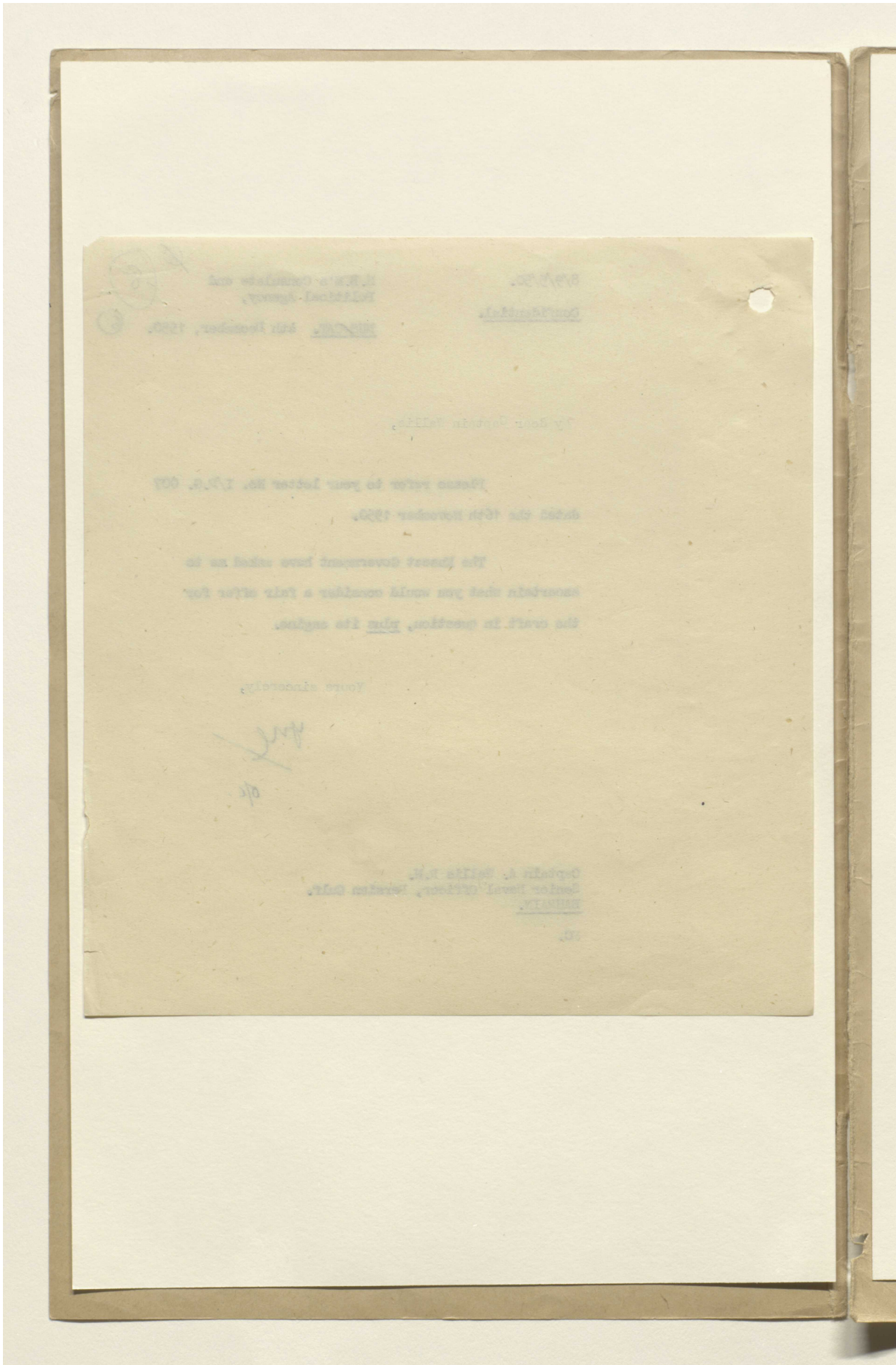
Yours sincerely,

me
o/c.

Captain A. Wallis R.N.
Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf.
BAHRAIN.

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No. 4/9/5/50.


HIS Majesty's Consul & Political Agent Muscat presents his compliments to The Residency, BAHRAH and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

British H. B. M's. Consulate & Political Agency
..... MUSCAT.

1st November, 1950.

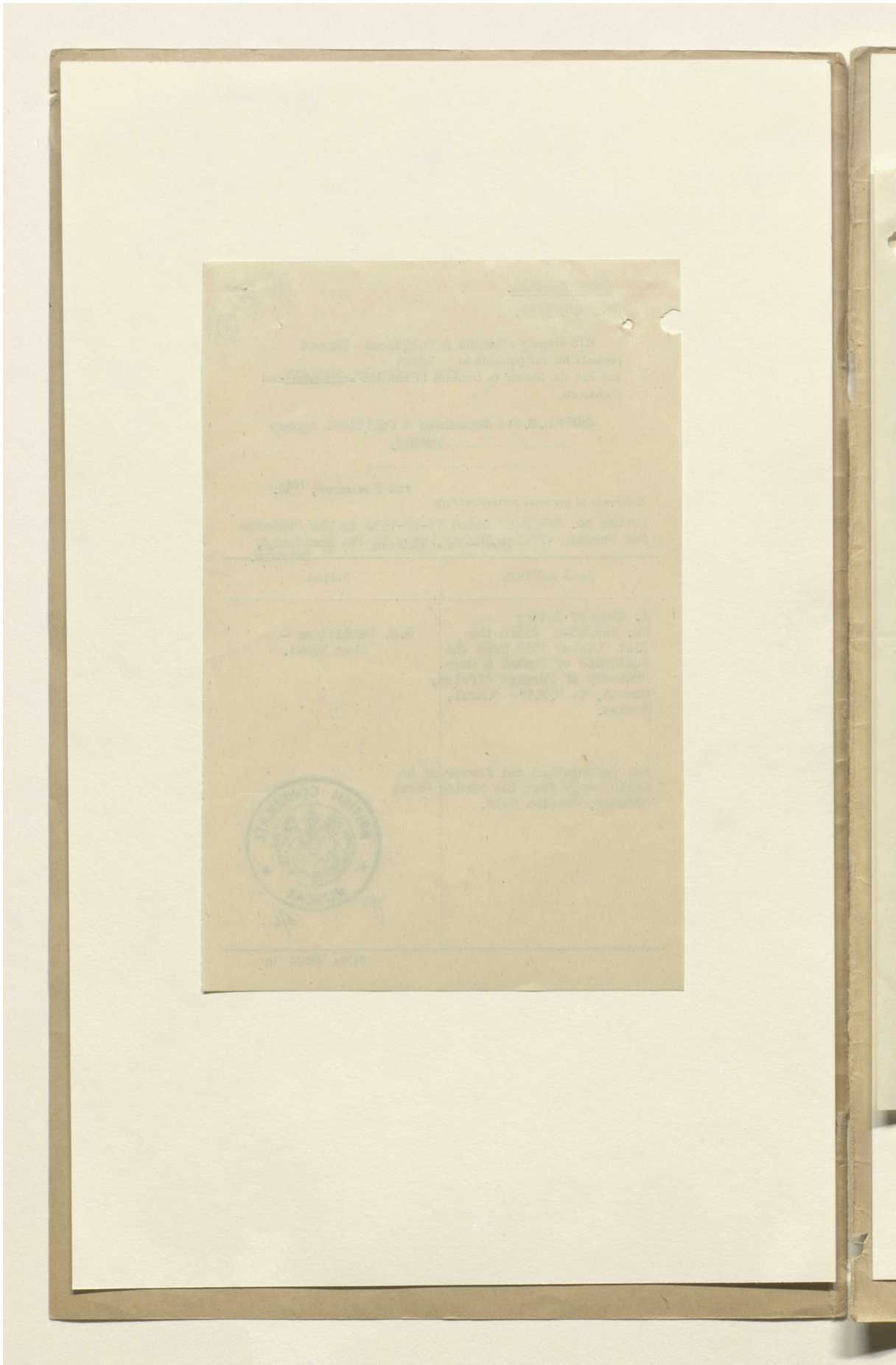
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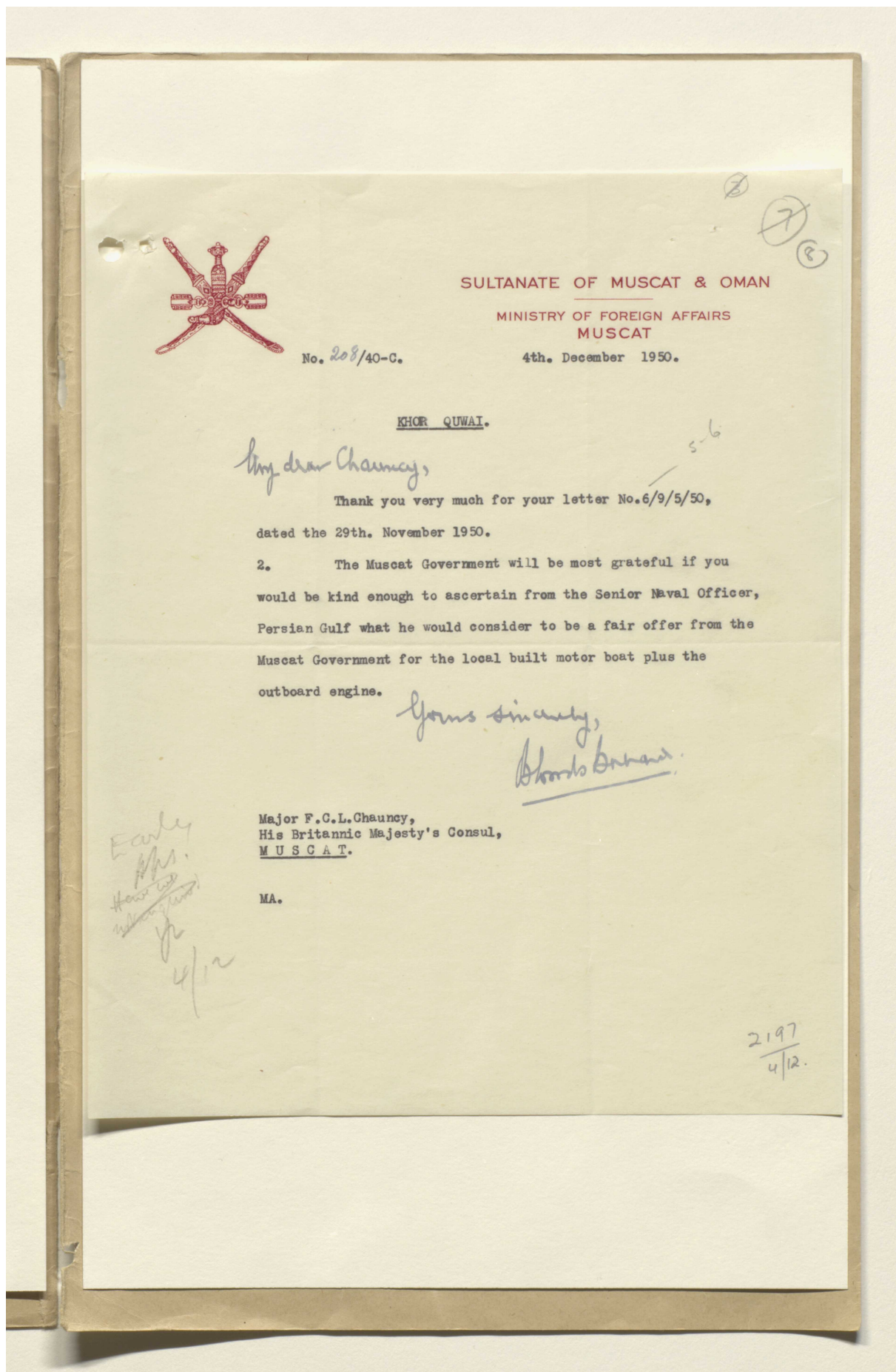
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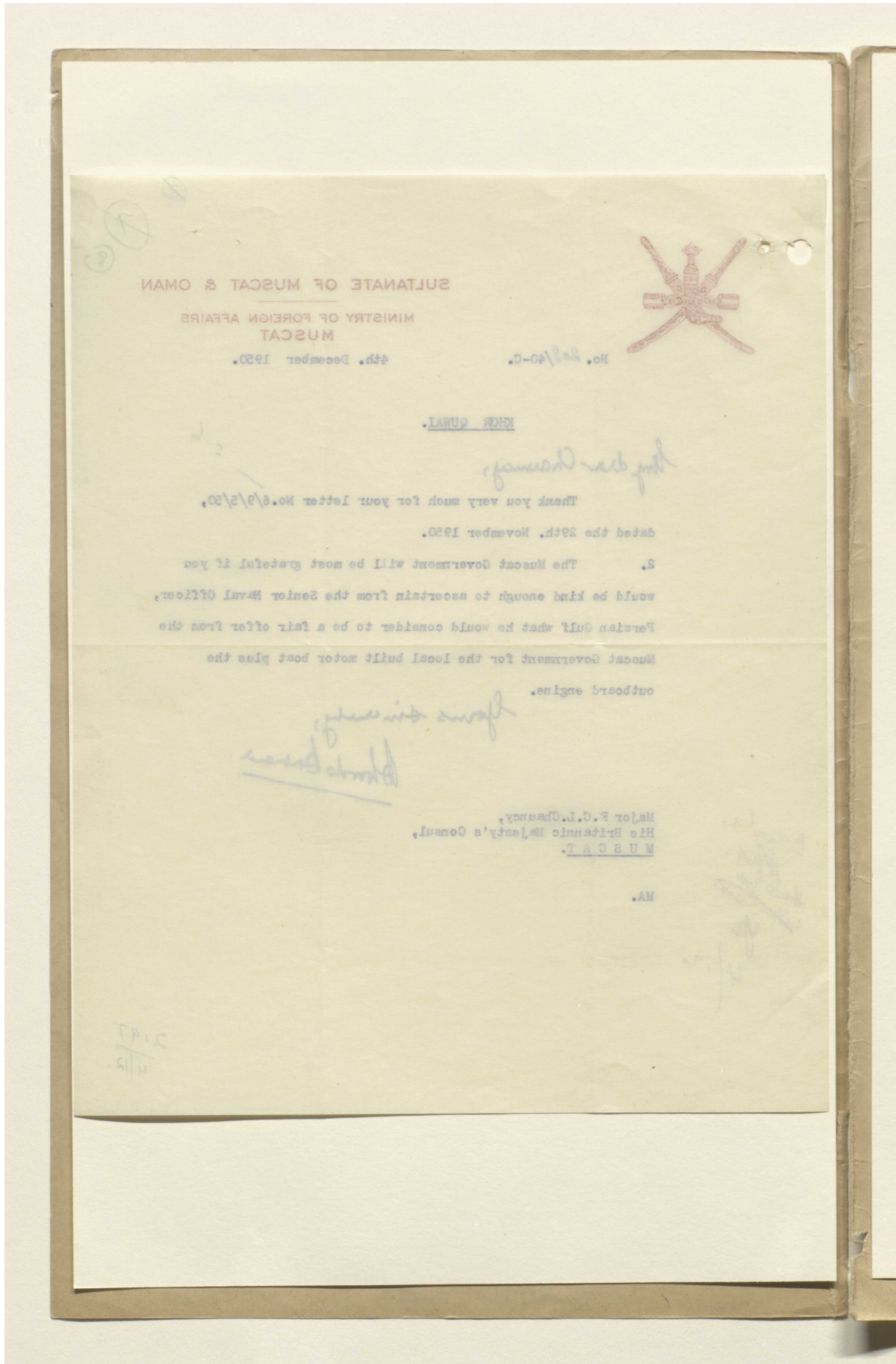
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For information and favour of an early reply from the Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf.	 o/c.

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'File 9/5 I R. N. Facilities in Sultanate: Khor Kuwai' [9r] (17/22)

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BRITISH RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN.
5th October, 1950 *(9)*

Dear Chauncy,

I am ~~desire~~ ^{desire} to forward a copy of a letter No.P.G. 234/102/50 from the Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf, about Khor Kuwai Base and to ask you to inform the Sultan of Muscat as requested.

Would you also ask the Sultan if he is prepared to make an offer for the property and material listed in para 2?

I am to ask you to let us know as soon as the Sultan has been informed of the proposal of the Royal Navy to abandon the Khor Kuwai as a base.

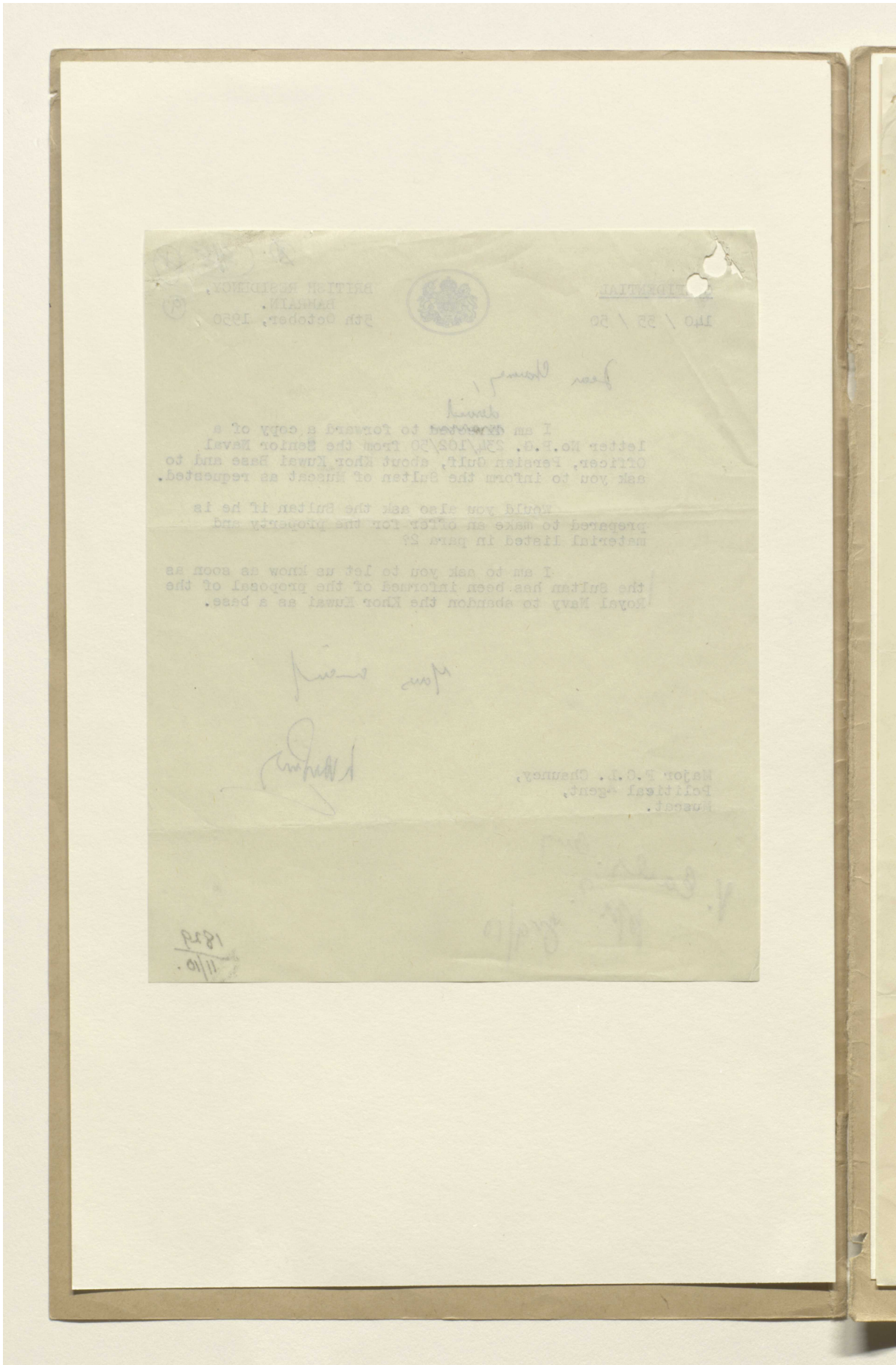
Yours sincerely
K. H. [Signature]

Major F.C.L. Chauncy,
Political Agent,
Muscat.

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'File 9/5 I R. N. Facilities in Sultanate: Khor Kuwait' [10r] (19/22)

Office of the Senior Naval Officer,
Persian Gulf.

8th. August, 1950.

No. P.G. 234/102/50

THE POLITICAL RESIDENT, PERSIAN GULF, BAHRAIN.

KHOR KUWAI BASE.

I am to inform you that the Admiralty are not intending to maintain the Naval Base at Khor Kuwait, and that the present caretaker party will shortly be removed. However, we shall still moor our oil barge in the harbour and make use of the privilage of sending ships to Khor Kuwait for recreation and exercises without asking permission of the Sultan of Muscat.

2. I should be grateful if you would inform the Sultan of the above and ask him if he wishes to take over the property and the following items:-

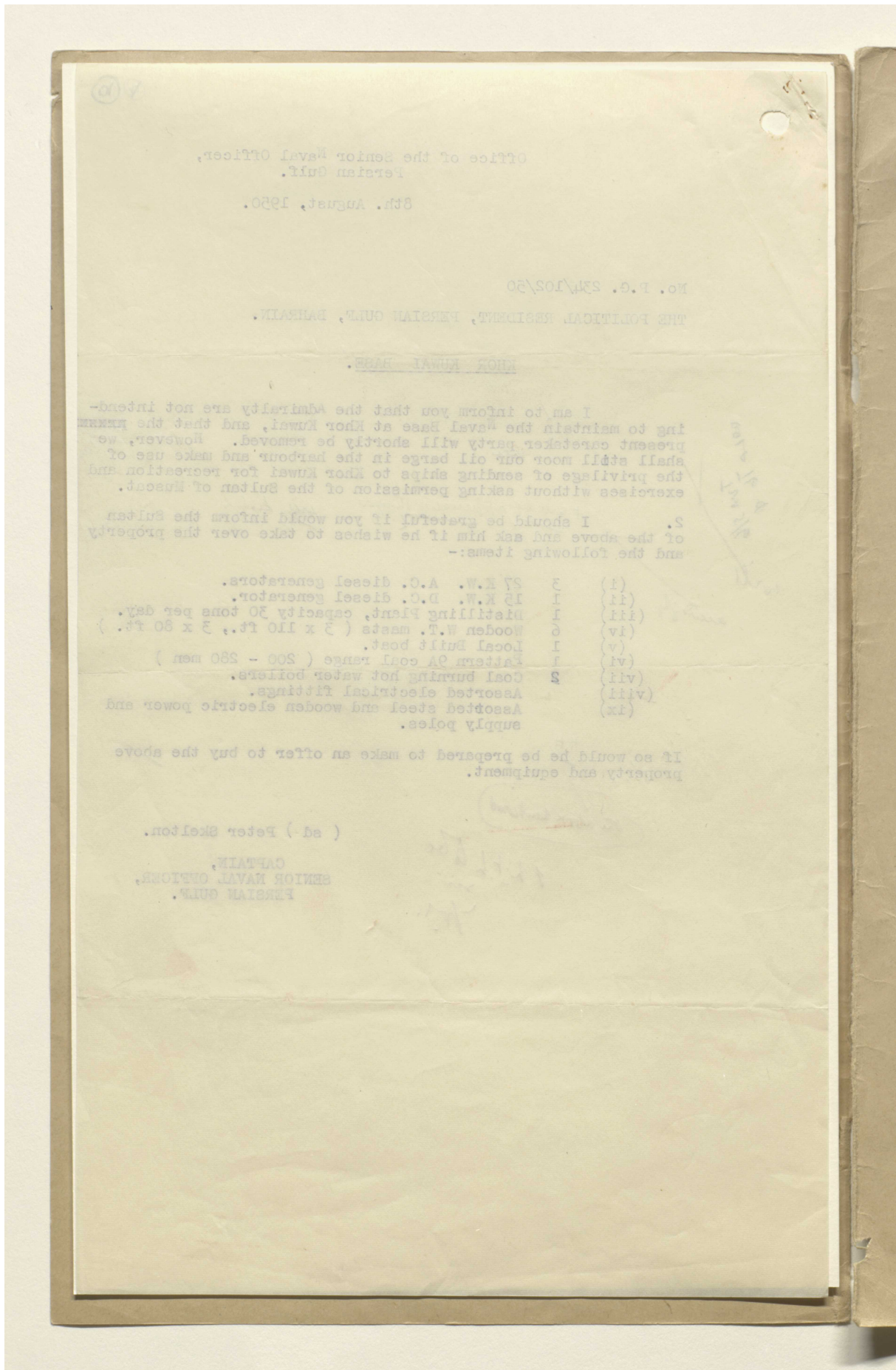
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If so, would he be prepared to make an offer to buy the above property and equipment.

(sd) Peter Skelton.

CAPTAIN,
SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER,
PERSIAN GULF.

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