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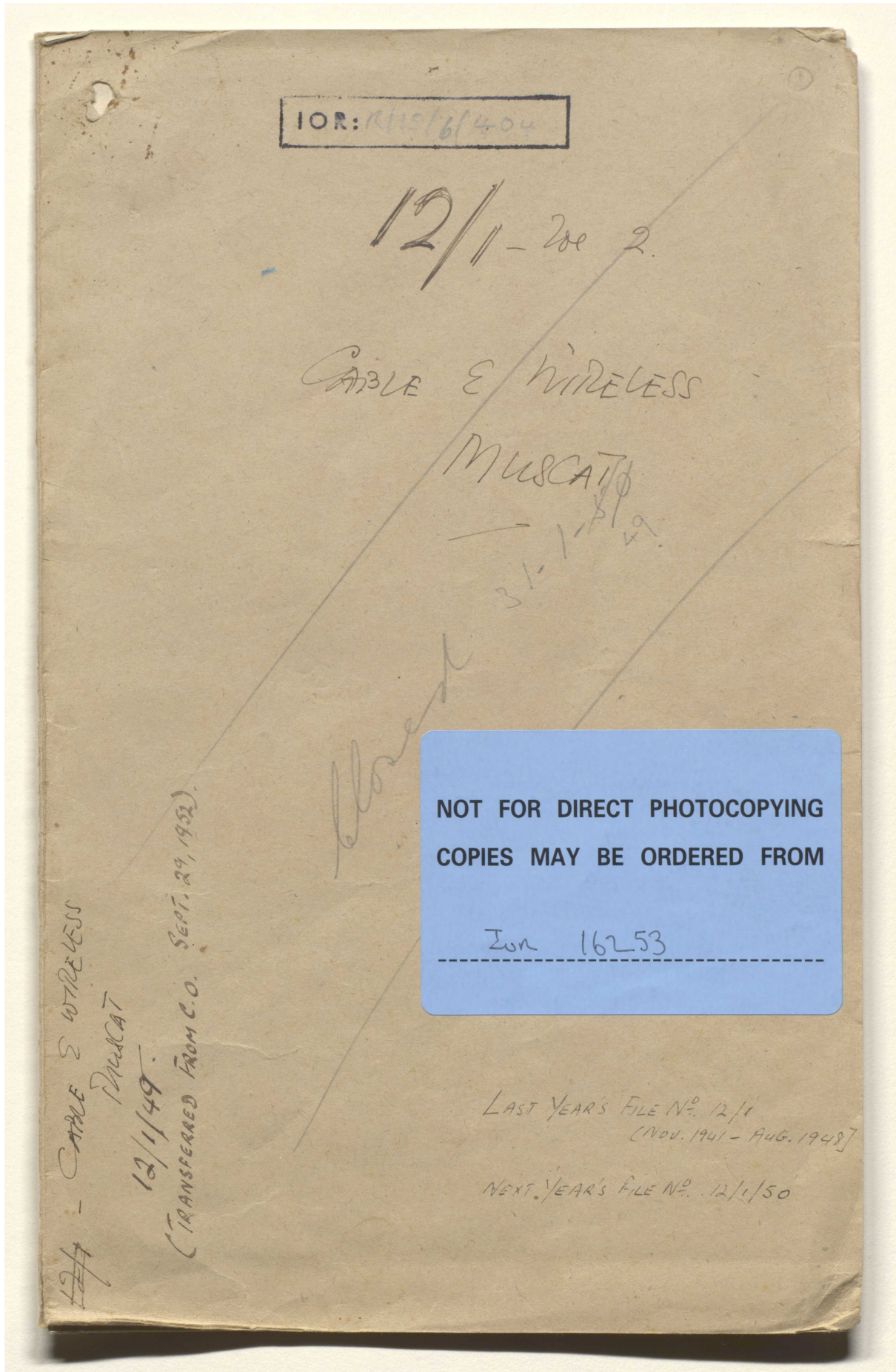
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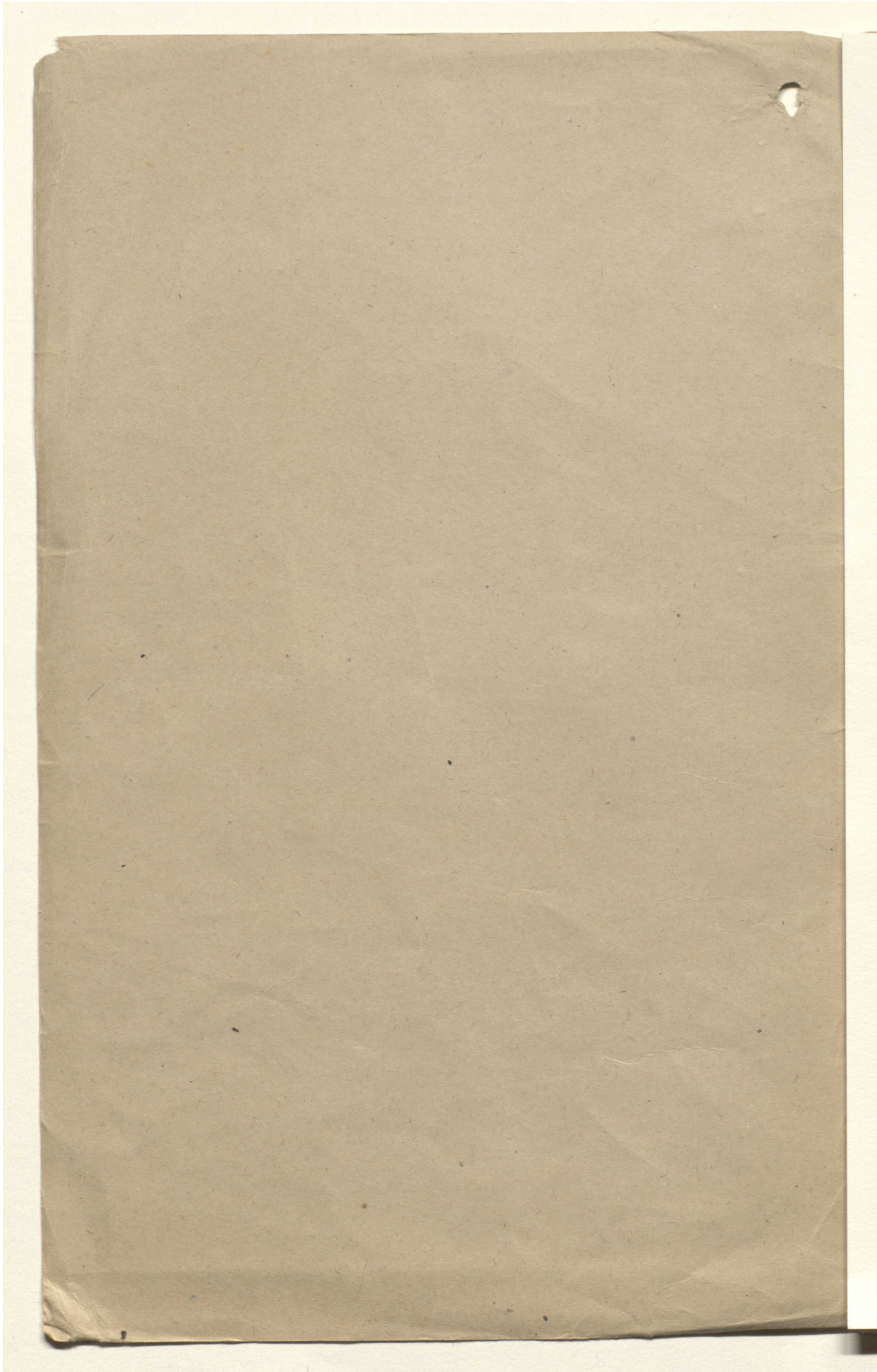


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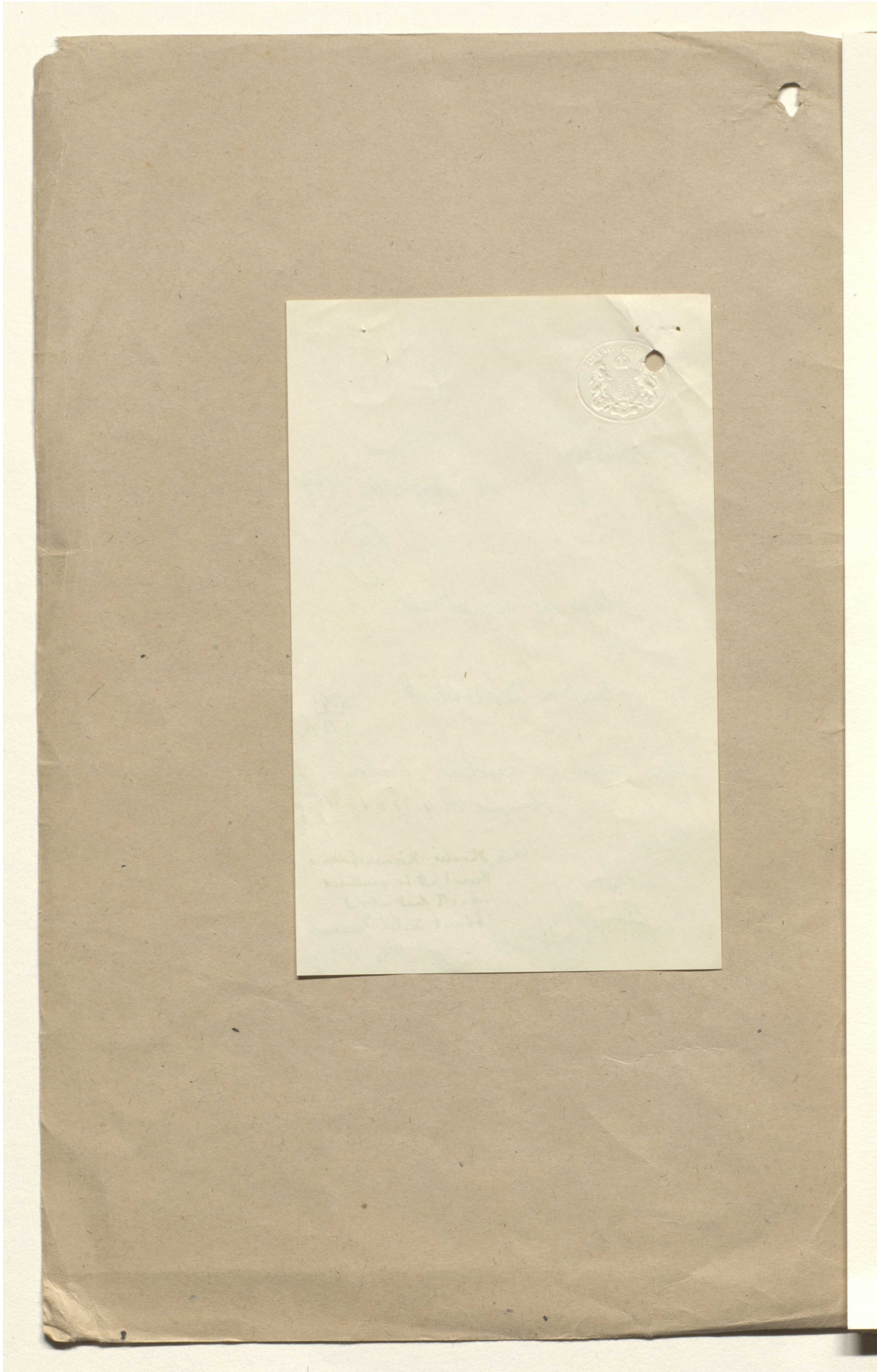
The file concerns the operations of Cable and Wireless Limited at Muscat.

Correspondence on two separate topics has been merged in the file: (1) Correspondence concerning Abdul Jalil Zawawi, a Cable and Wireless probationer, who had run away from the Company's school in Karachi and gone to Lahore. The Company wished to enlist the assistance of the Political Agent, Muscat in obtaining the boy's repatriation from Pakistan to Muscat; (2) Correspondence concerning a request by the Company for the Political Agent's help in reopening negotiations with the Sultan of Muscat [Sa'īd bin Taymūr Āl Bū Sa'īd] concerning a new draft telecommunications concession. The papers include a copy of a letter from the Overseas Telecommunications Department of the General Post Office to the Foreign Office, dated 9 November 1949, describing the state of negotiations over the concession.

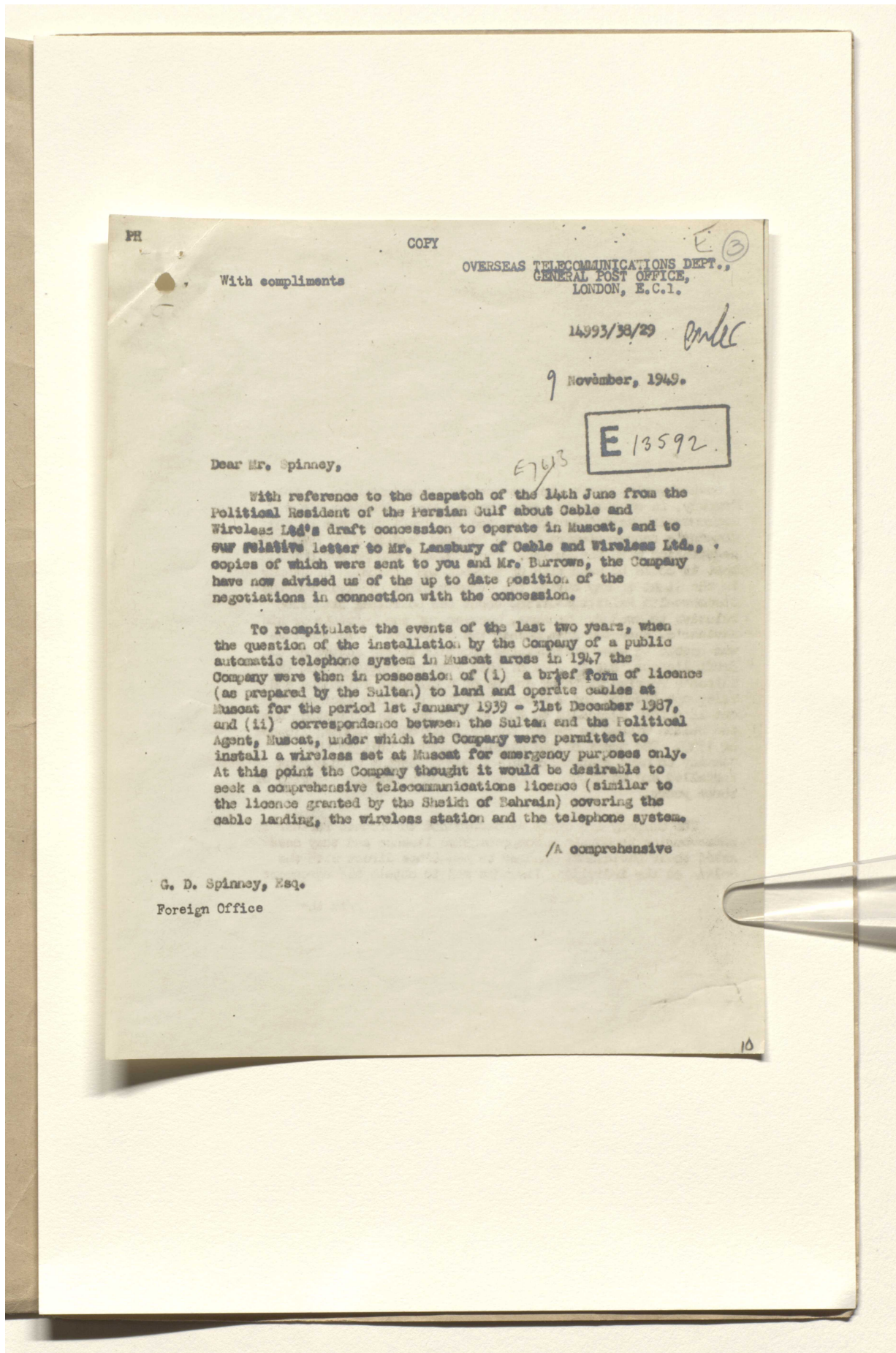


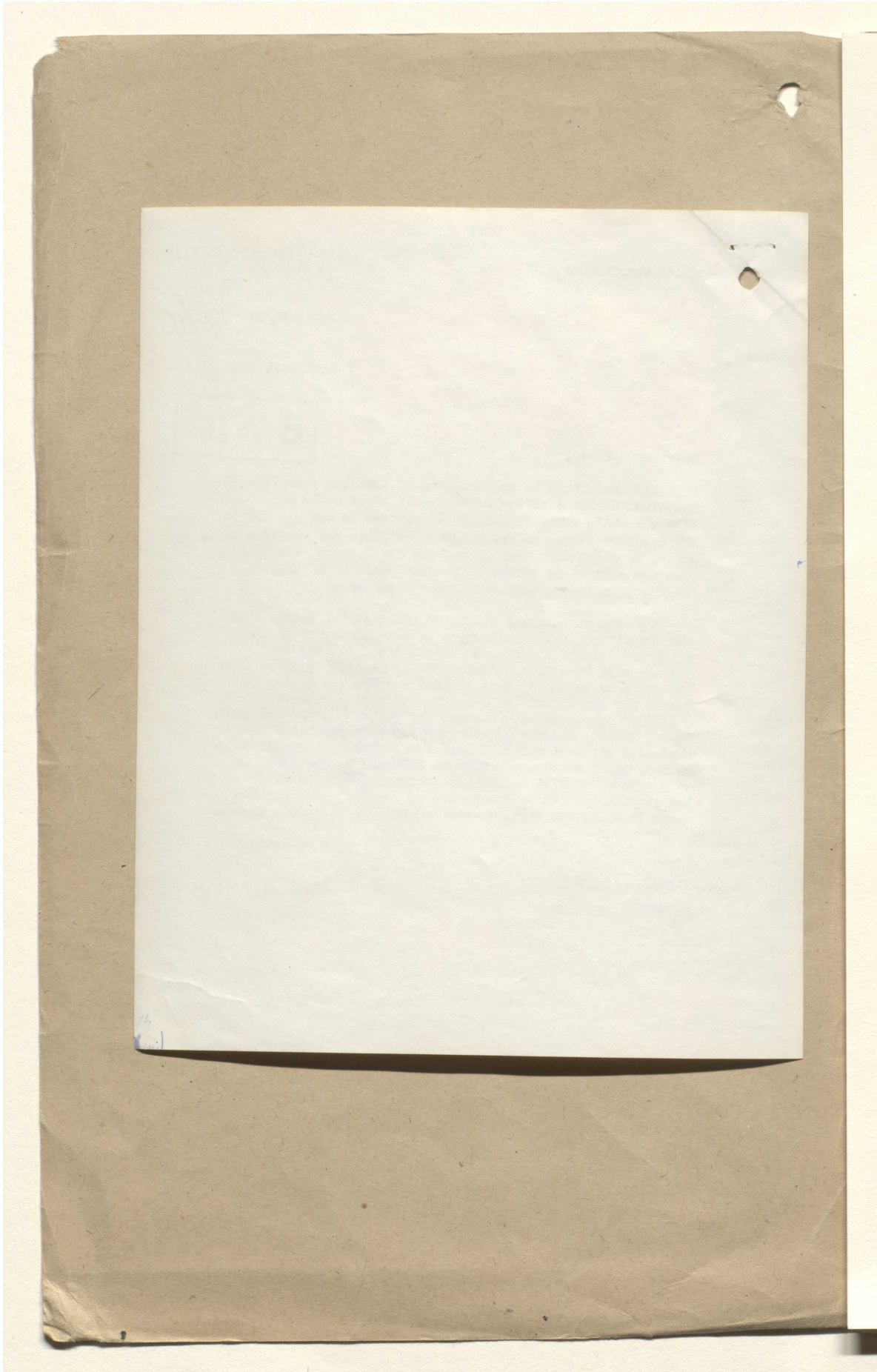


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E/13592/1433/91
16 November, 1949.
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With the compliments
of
Eastern Department. 3743
5-12-49.
Also copied to Residency, Bahrain.
Please see S.S 4, 7 & 8. S.S. 91/102
Agency,
Muscat
Early. any pps
seen, thanks. This confidence
should not be cluttered
up with that about
Abdul Jalil Zawawi
JMK. 5/12/49



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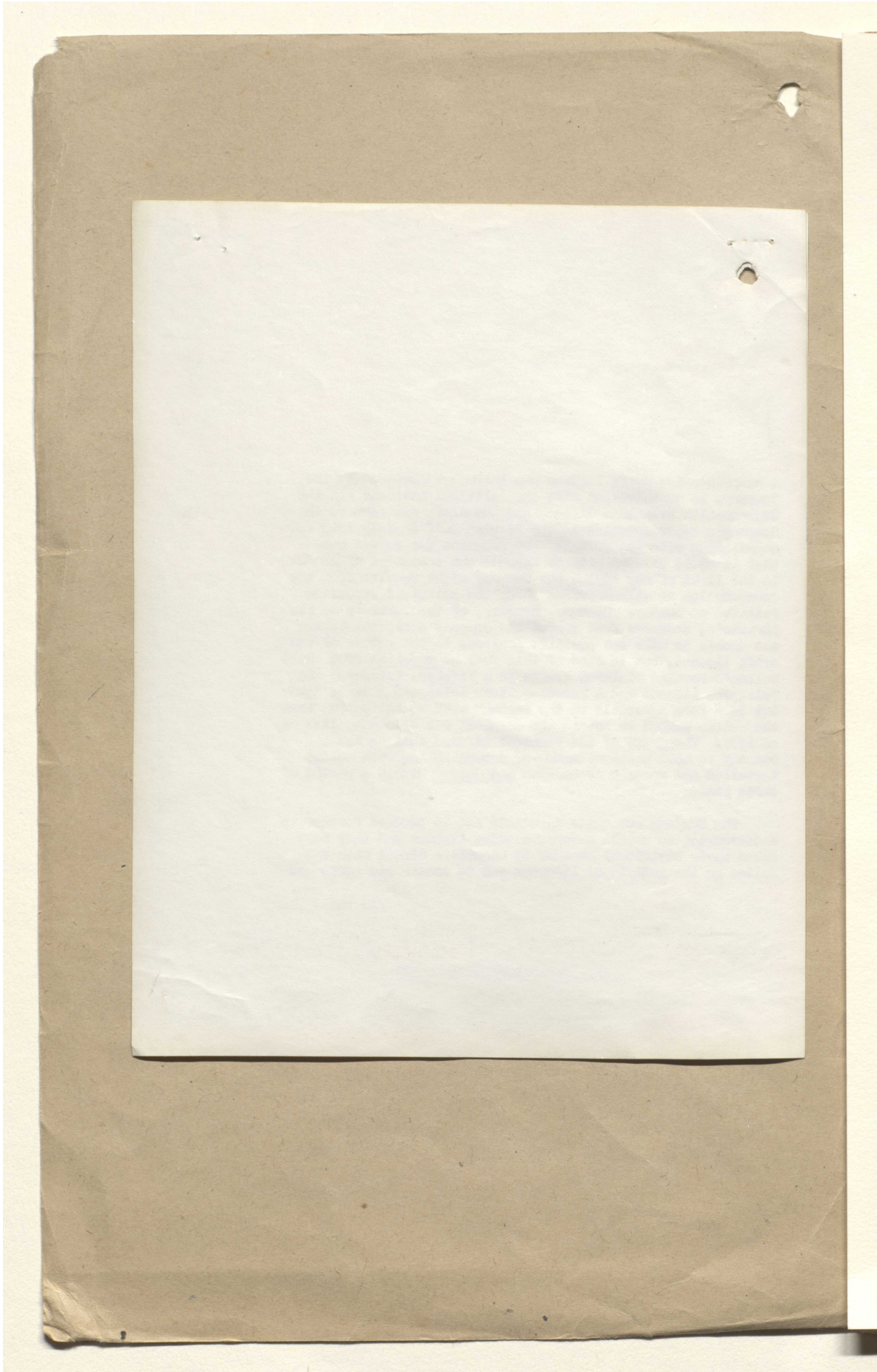


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A comprehensive draft licence was therefore prepared by the Company, in consultation with the Political Resident via the Commonwealth Relations Office, and the draft was sent to the Company's representative in the Persian Gulf in July 1948 for negotiation with the Sultan. The document was so set out that it could be used with or without the inclusion of Qadur in the light of any advice the Company might receive from the Commonwealth Relations Office about the political situation relative to Qadur. Because, however, of the Sultan's or his Adviser's, absence from Muscat the Company's representative was unable to make any positive progress in the matter of the draft licence, but in June of this year he received from the Sultan's Foreign Minister drafts of a Wireless Telephone and Telegraph Licence and a Muscat-Muttrah Telephone licence "made out in a form agreeable to the Sultan" with an intimation that the Sultan wished to retain the original cable landing licence of 1939. The draft of the Wireless licence obliges the Company to have stations capable of communicating with Muscat installed and working at Salalah and Qadur within a period of three years.

The Company are quite agreeable not to proceed further in endeavouring to obtain a comprehensive licence and they have asked their Divisional Manager to negotiate direct with the Sultan on the individual licences and to obtain his agreement

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to the omission of references to Gwadar and if possible Salalah from the draft Wireless licence. The Divisional Manager has also been instructed to keep in touch with the Political Agent on all matters concerning the licences. Do you wish to have a copy of the draft licence and the Company's detailed comments on it?

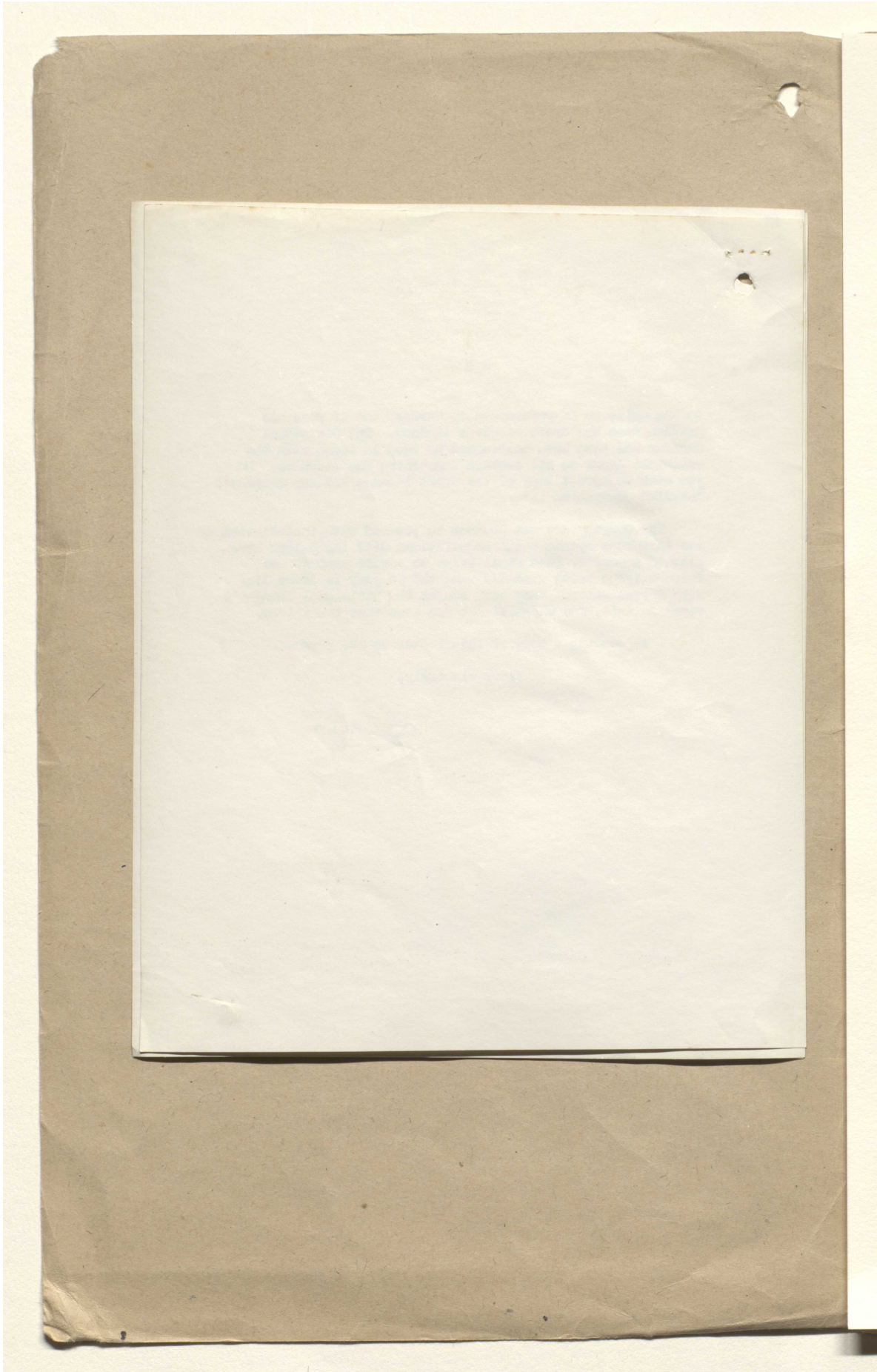
The Company are not anxious to proceed with installation of the telephone system until negotiations with the Sultan have reached a more or less final stage to ensure against new onerous terms being demanded once the Company is proceeding with installation. They have sought the Divisional Manager's views on this, and we shall let you know what transpires.

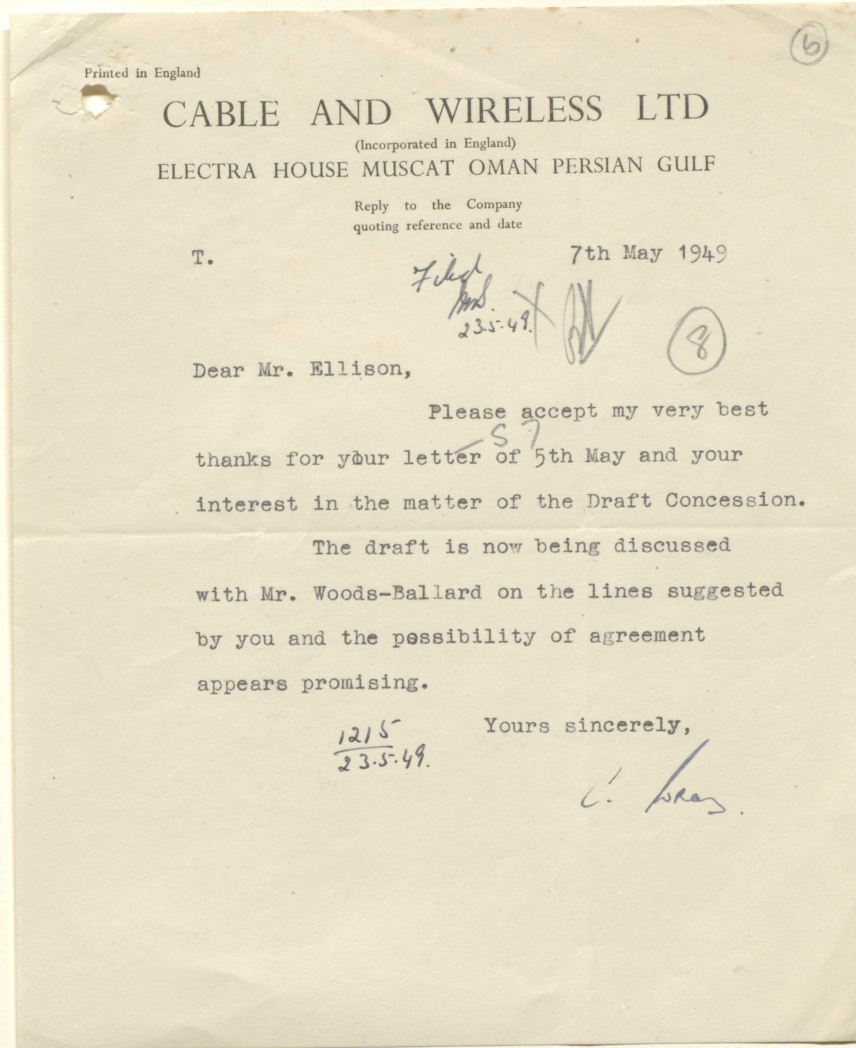
I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Burrows.

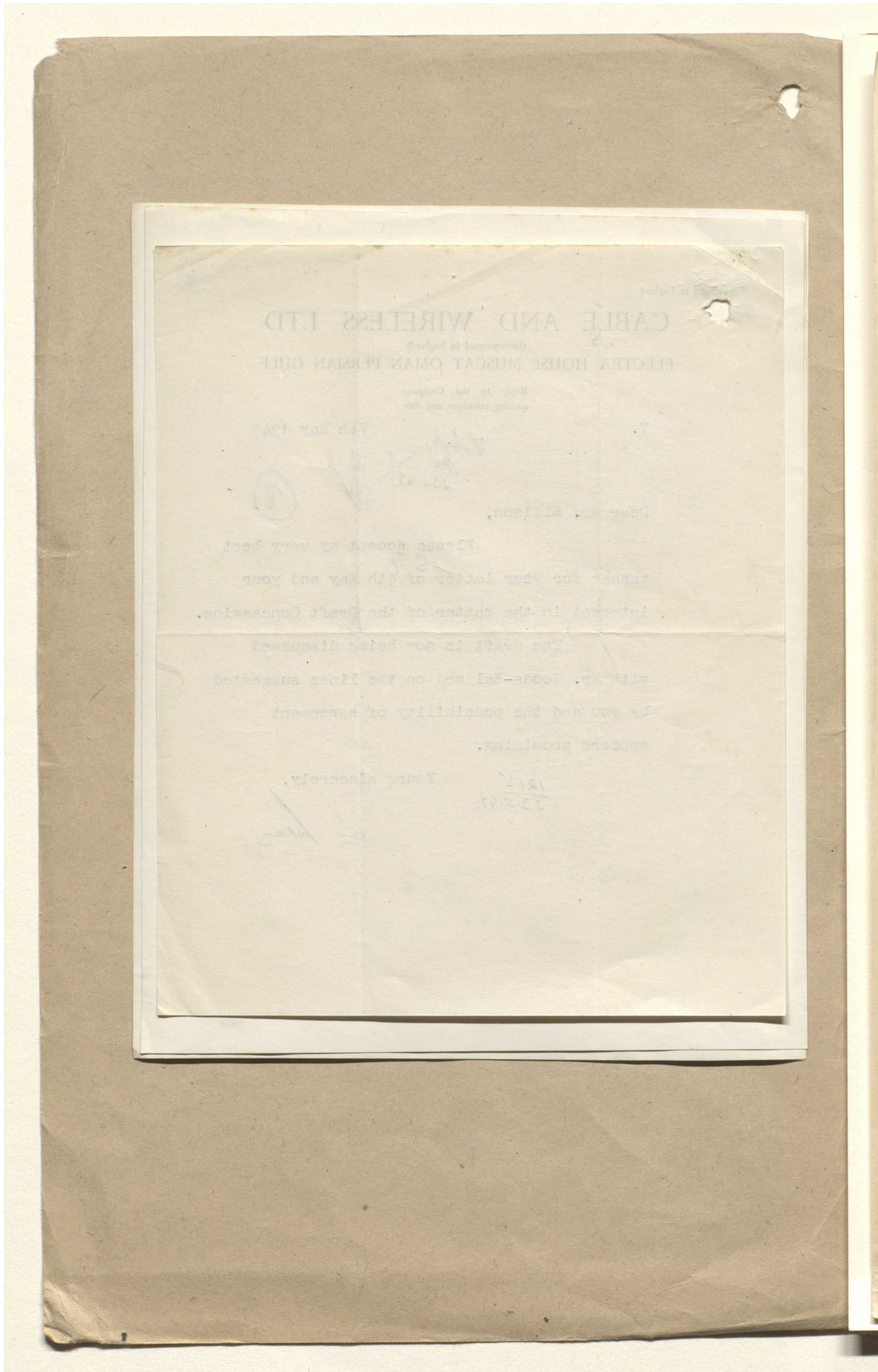
Yours sincerely,

Bridger

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7/12/1/49.

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The British Consulate,

Muscat.

May 5, 1949.

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Dear Wray,

I have spoken to His Highness about the draft Concession. He maintains that as far as present facilities are concerned, no new agreement is necessary, since the old one does not expire till 1980. He is quite willing to make a short simple agreement about any new concessions which are required (e.g. use of wireless, or installation of telephones) but still seems to think the proposed draft contains a lot that is unnecessary.

I think this is a matter that might very well be thrashed out between you and Woods-Ballard, who should be in a better position than I am to approach His Highness.

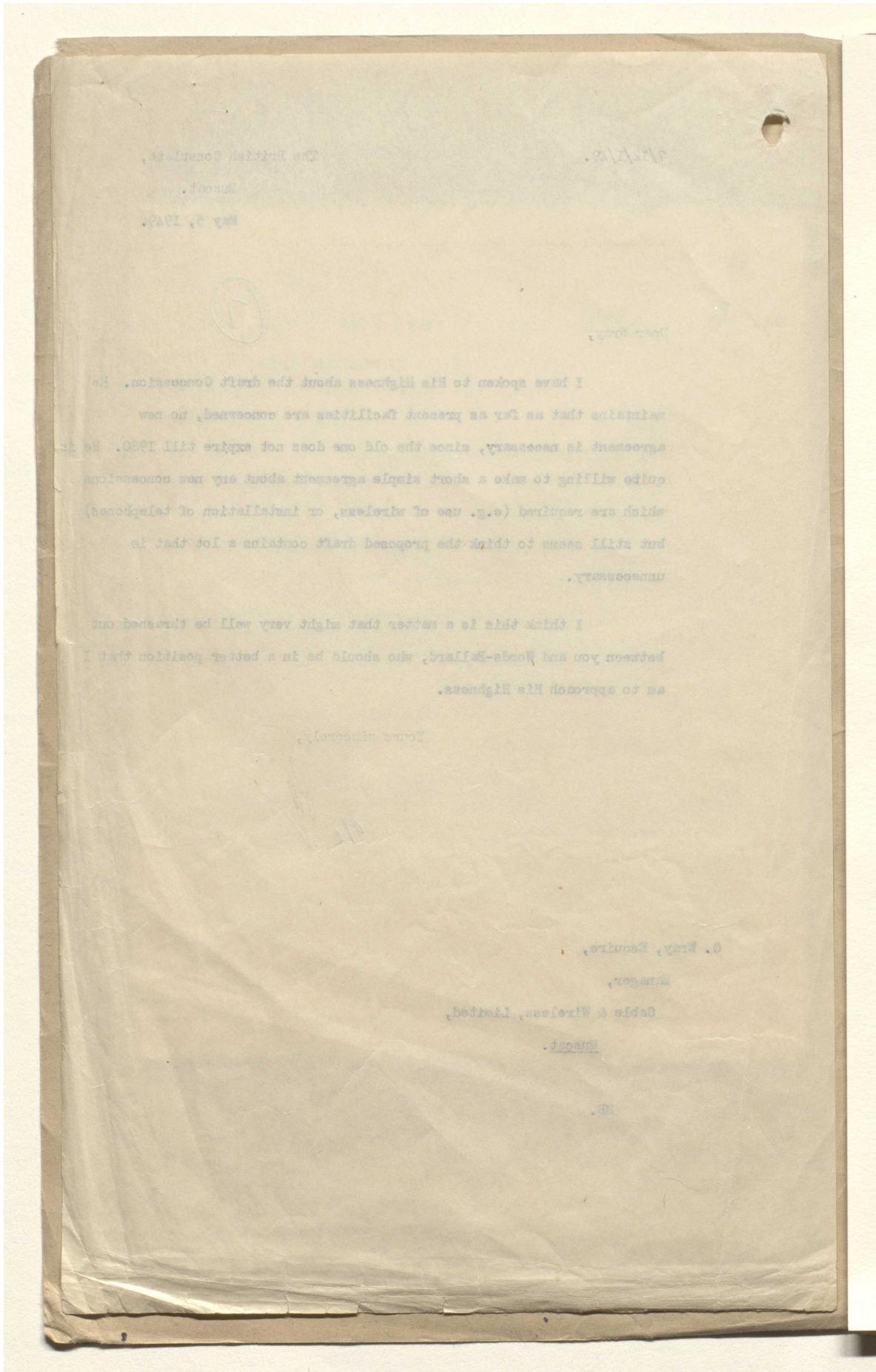
Yours sincerely,

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C. Wray, Esquire,
Manager,
Cable & Wireless, Limited,
Muscat.

MB.

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CABLE AND WIRELESS LTD
(Incorporated in England)
ELECTRA HOUSE MUSCAT OMAN PERSIAN GULF

13A/18. Reply to the Company
Ref 13/222 quoting reference and date

2nd May 1949

His Britannic Majesty's Consul
&
Political Agent, ⁶
MUSCAT.

*I have informed
Mr Abdul Bari
verbally. They
await further
communication
from the company.
File?*

Dear Sir,

The contents of your letter 5/12/1/49
dated April 9th was duly forwarded to The
Divisional Manager, Karachi .

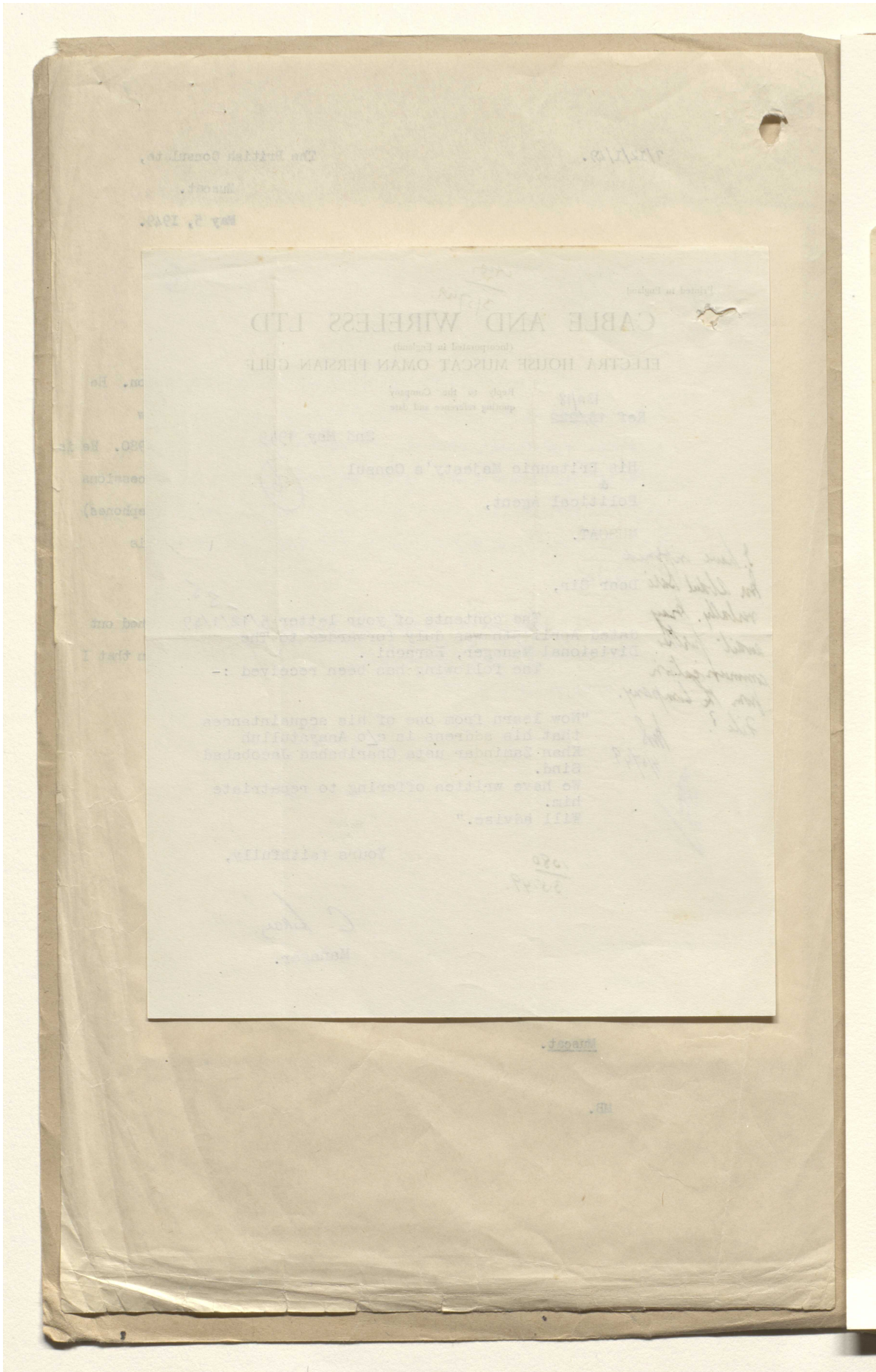
The following has been received :-

"Now learn from one of his acquaintances
that his address is c/o Anayatullah
Khan Zamindar usta Charibabad Jacobabad
Sind.
We have written offering to repatriate
him.
Will advise."

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3.5.49.*

Yours faithfully,

C. L. Gray.
Manager.



5/12/1/49.

The British Consulate,

Muscat.

April 9, 1949.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. 13A/13 of the 4th April, 1949 about Abdul-Jalil.

I do not understand why your Karachi office seems loath to seek the assistance of the police in tracing the boy. That, in my opinion, is the course most likely to lead to results.

I suggest that it would be well to recommend this step to them by telegram.

I am,

Sir,

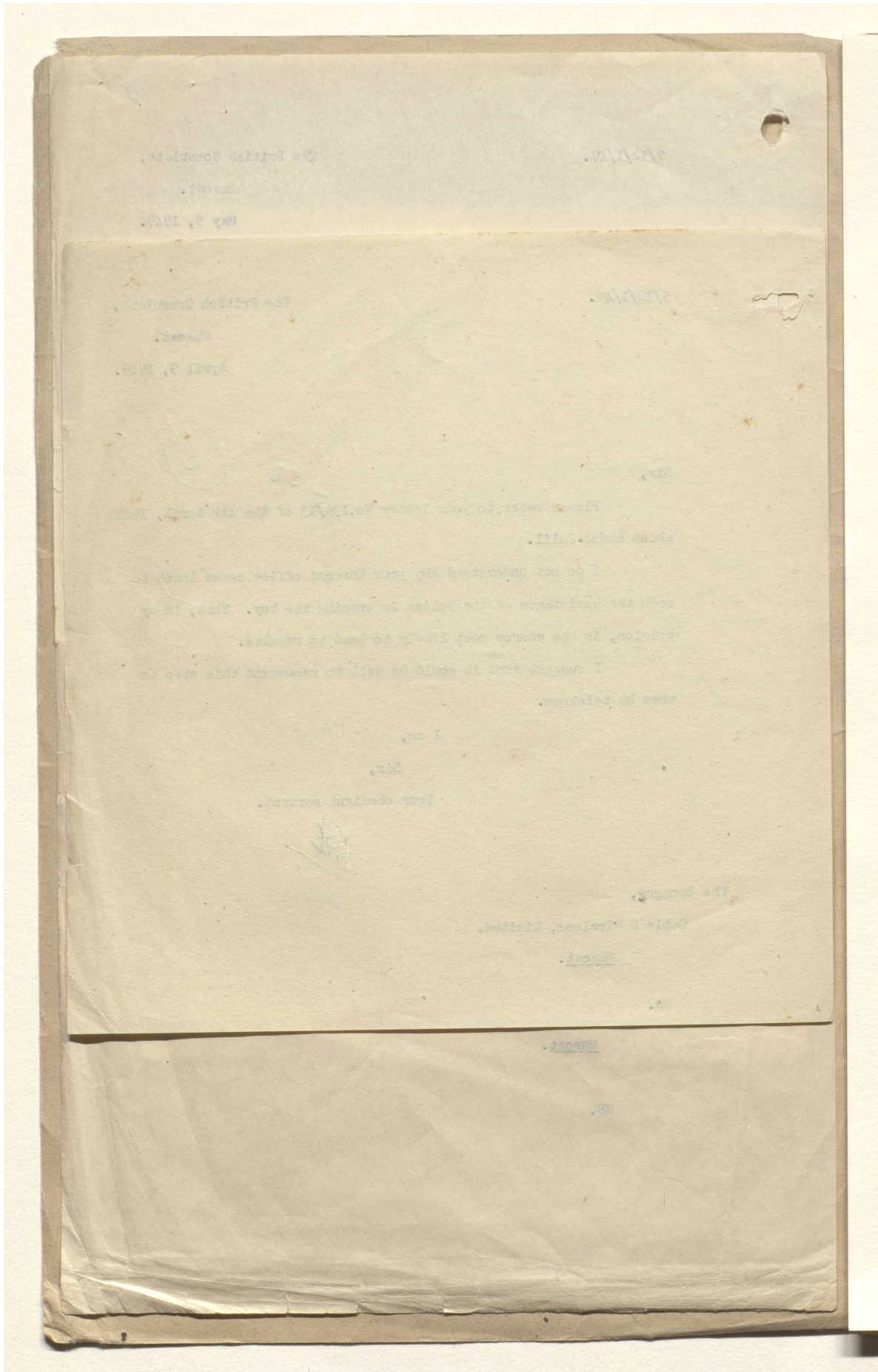
Your obedient servant.

The Manager,

Cable & Wireless, Limited,

Muscat.

MB.



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CABLE AND WIRELESS LTD
(Incorporated in England)
ELECTRA HOUSE MUSCAT OMAN PERSIAN GULF

Reply to the Company
quoting reference and date

Ref: 13A/14

5th April 1949

His Britannic Majesty's Consul
and Political Agent,
MUSCAT.

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6.4.49. (4)

Dear Sir,

The Draft Concession regarding
telecommunications, submitted by Messrs. Cable and
Wireless to H.H. The Sultan of Muscat, is held up
at the present time. I should be grateful for your
good offices for the reopening of discussions with
the Sultan and eventual agreement on the subject.
Messrs. Cable and Wireless are anxious that
agreement should be reached at an early date.

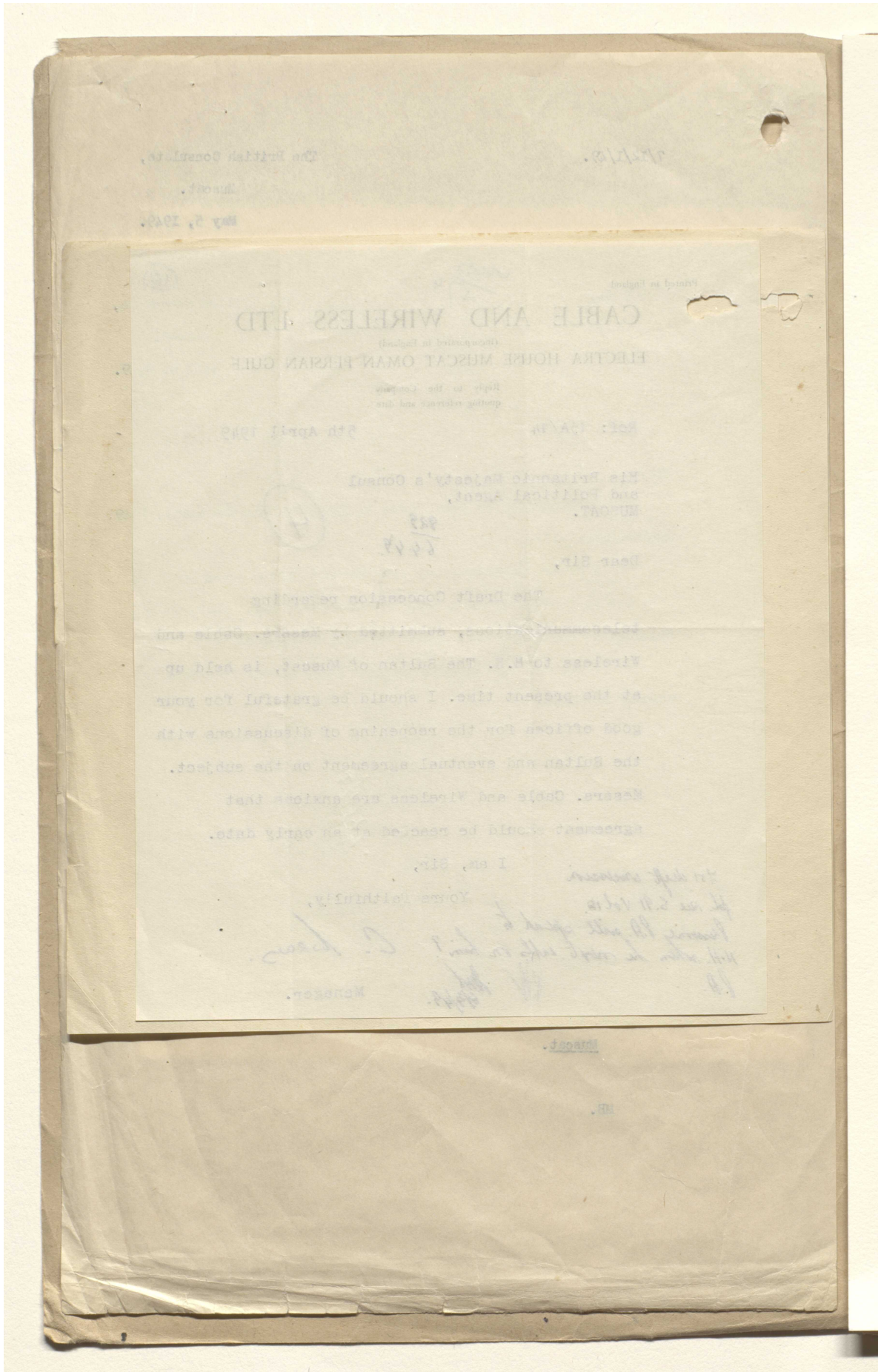
I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

C. Brown.

Manager.

*For draft concession
pl. see S. 91 Vol 10.
Presumably P.A. will speak to
H.H. when he next calls on him?
P.A. *[Signature]* *6/4/49.**



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CABLE AND WIRELESS LTD

(Incorporated in England)
ELECTRA HOUSE MUSCAT OMAN PERSIAN GULF

Reply to the Company
quoting reference and date

Ref: 13A/13

4th April 1949

His Britannic Majesty's Consul
and Political Agent,
MUSCAT.

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6.4.49.

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Dear Sir,

In connection with the disappearance of Abdul Jalil Zawawi, son of Abdul Bari, I beg to give the following extracts from correspondence with the Divisional Manager of Messrs. Cable and Wireless in Karachi.

1st March 1949.

From Manager Muscat to Divisional Manager.

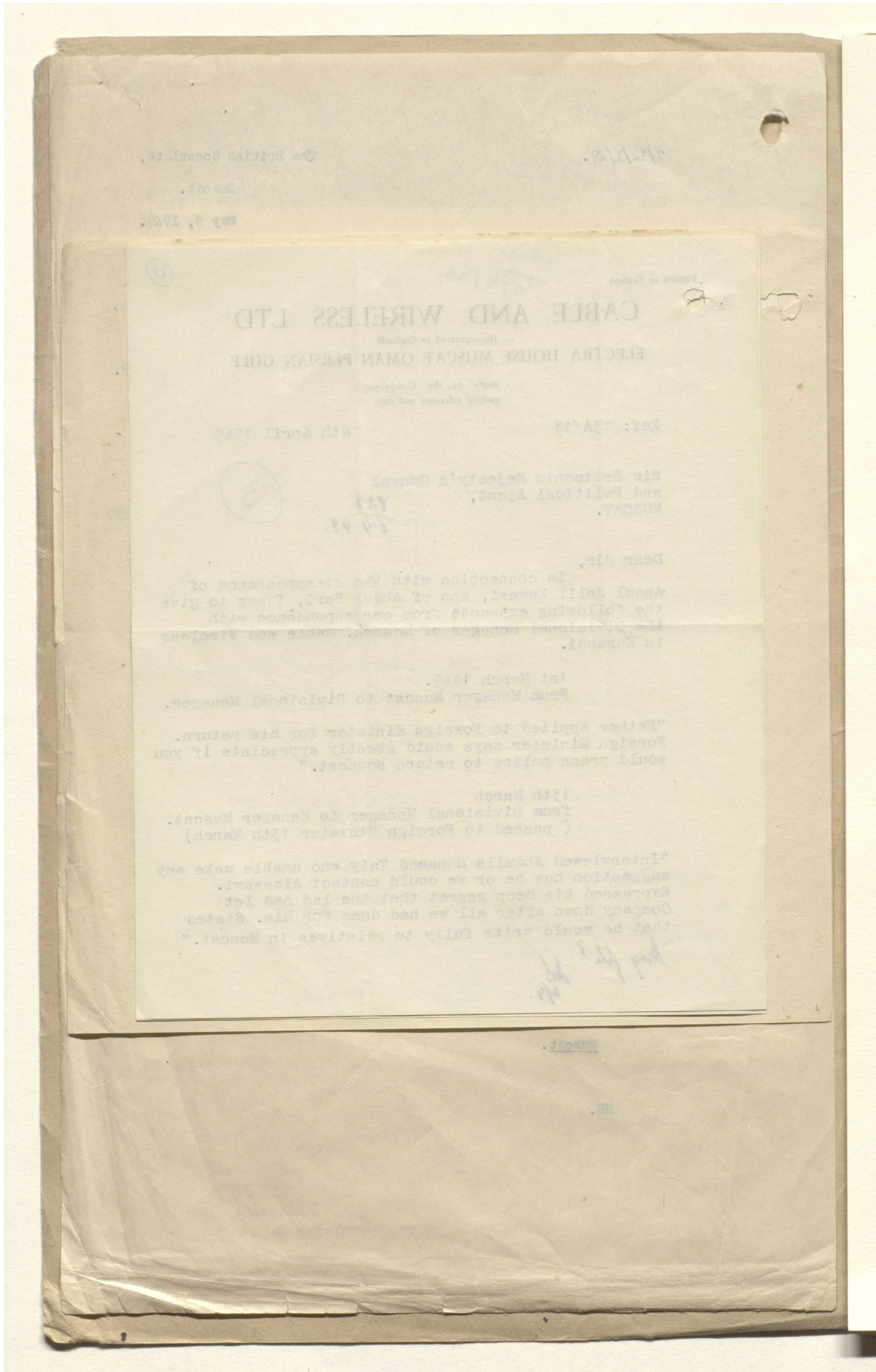
"Father applied to Foreign Minister for his return. Foreign Minister says would greatly appreciate if you would press police to return soonest."

13th March

from Divisional Manager to Manager Muscat.
(passed to Foreign Minister 13th March)

"Interviewed Abdulla Mohamed Taiy who unable make any suggestion how he or we could contact Alzawawi. Expressed his deep regret that the lad had let Company down after all we had done for him. Stated that he would write fully to relatives in Muscat."

May file?
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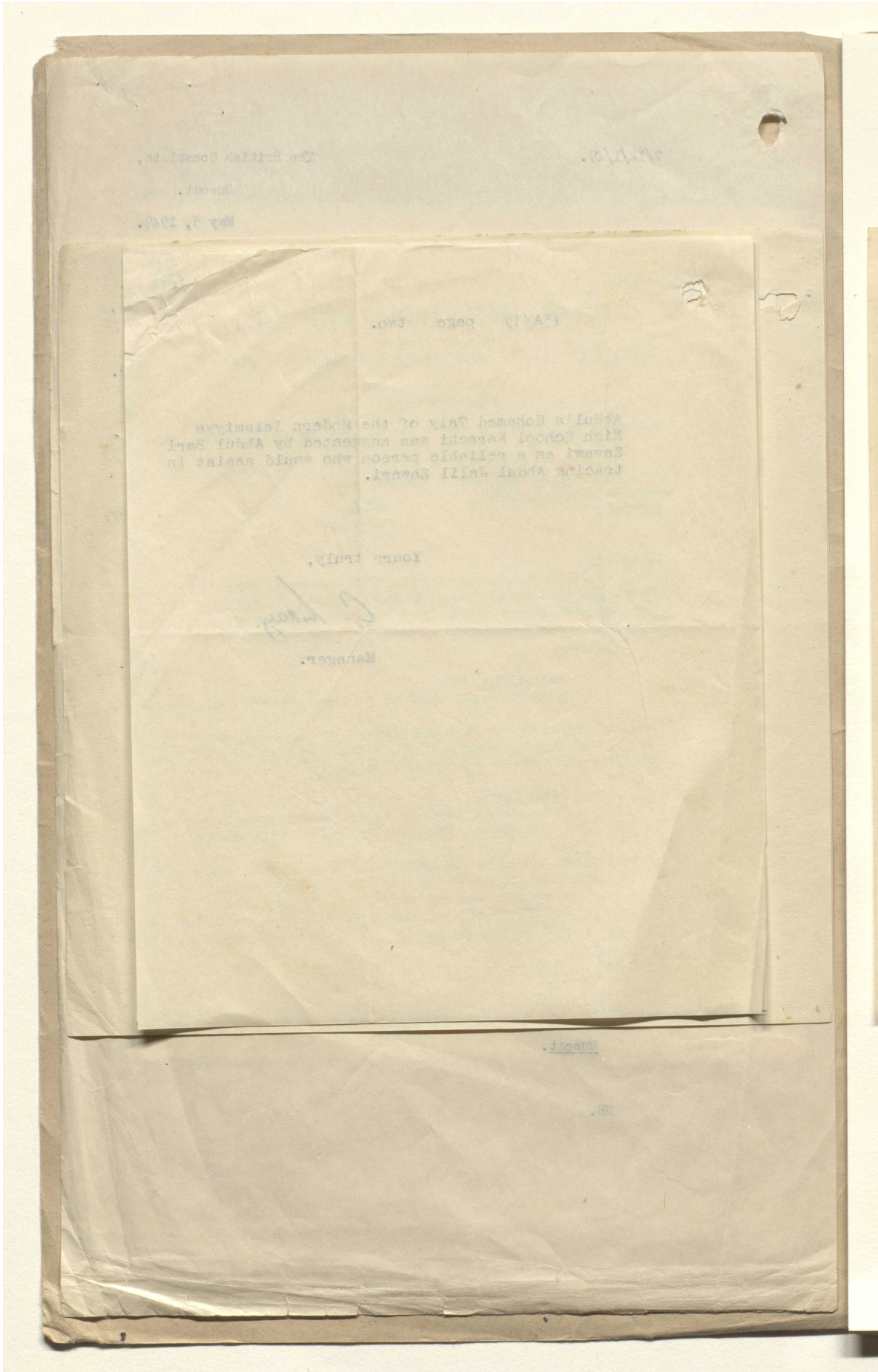
Abdulla Mohamed Taiy of the Modern Islamiyya High School Karachi was suggested by Abdul Bari Zawawi as a reliable person who would assist in tracing Abdul Jalil Zawawi.

Yours truly,

C. Gray.

Manager.

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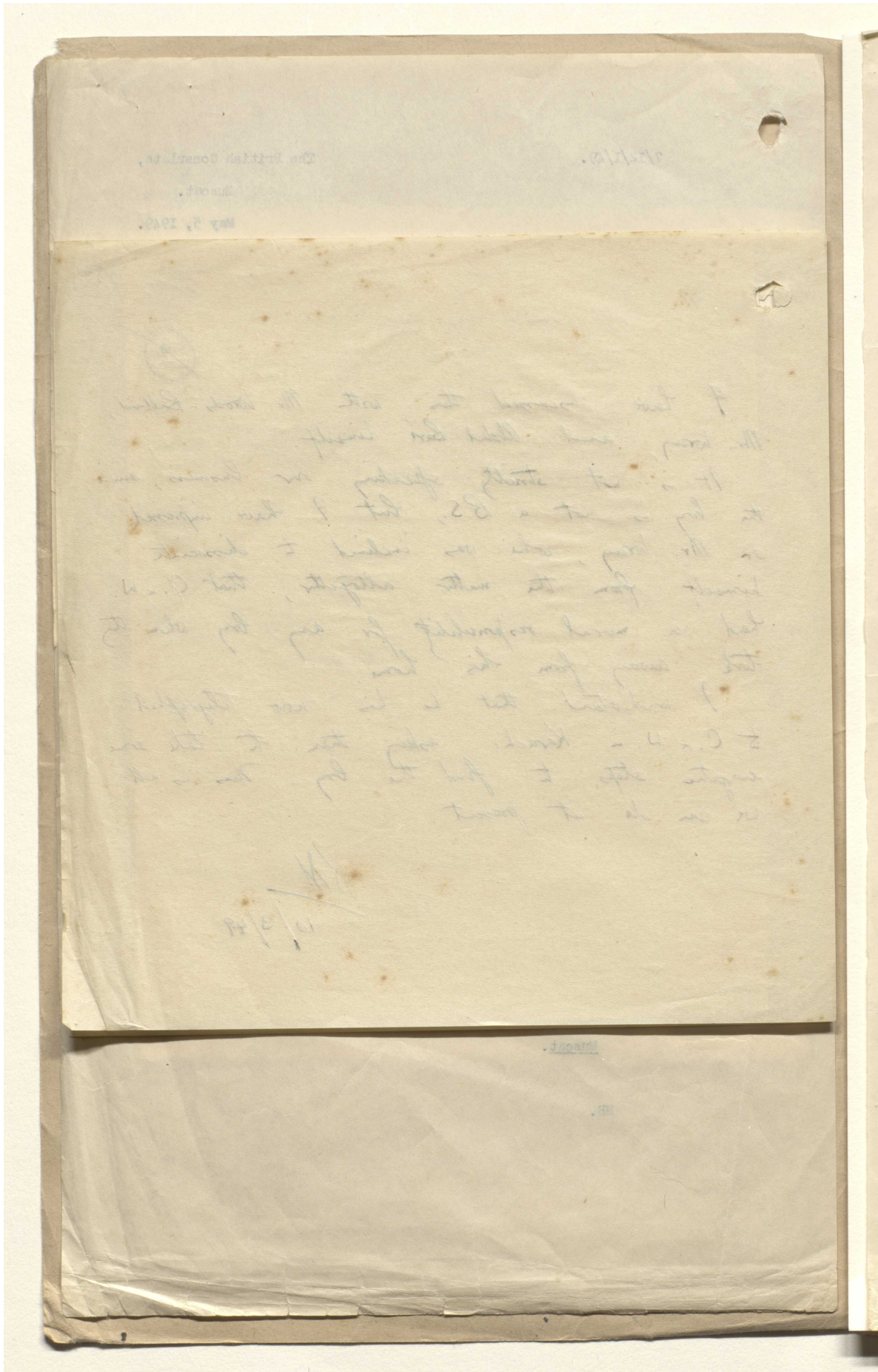
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I have discussed this with Mr. Woods-Ballard,
Mr. Wray, and Abdul Bari himself.

It is not strictly speaking our business, since
the boy is not a B.S., but I have impressed
on Mr. Wray, who was inclined to dissociate
himself from the matter altogether, that C. & W.
had a moral responsibility for any boy whom they
took away from his home.

I understand that he has now telegraphed
to C. & W. in Karachi asking them to take some
urgent steps to find the boy. This is all
we can do at present.

J.M.
10/3/49



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Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

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February 21, 1949.

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Sir,

One Abdul Jalil son of Abdul Bari Zawawi, State Food Grain Controller, was accepted by Cable & Wireless as a probationer sometime in October 1948. Two months later he was sent to Karachi for training and remained attending the Company's school there until he failed to report on the 4th. February 1949. The boy had been receiving Rs.180/- P.M. as salary. It was subsequently discovered that he had run away to Lahore.

As the boy is likely to become destitute in the near future and his father fears for his safety I would request that the Pakistan authorities may be asked to institute enquiries regarding the whereabouts of Abdul Jalil and if possible arrange for his return to Muscat.

I am,

Sir,

Yours Obedient Servant,

B. Woods Ballard
(B. Woods Ballard.)

His Britannic Majesty's Consul,

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