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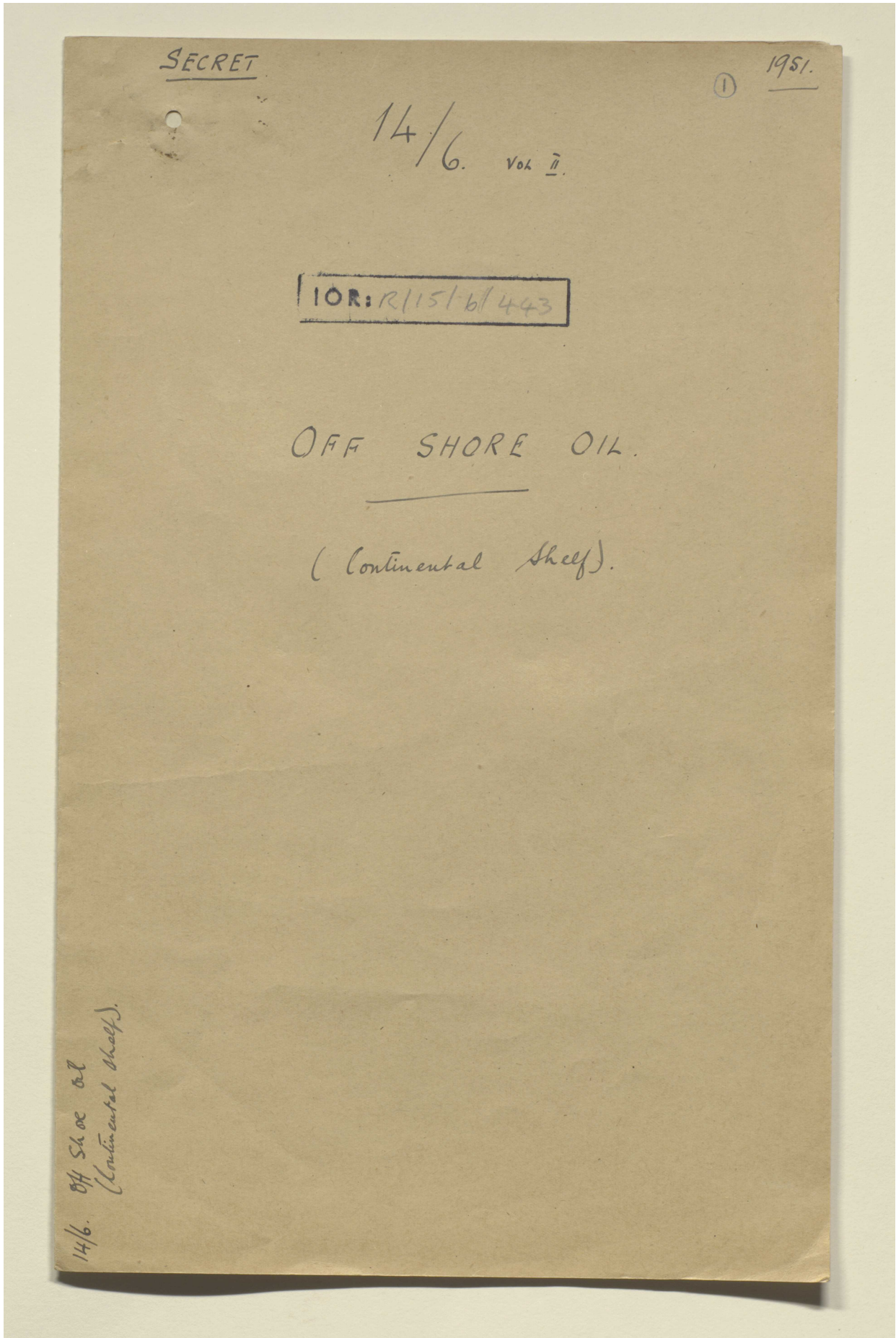
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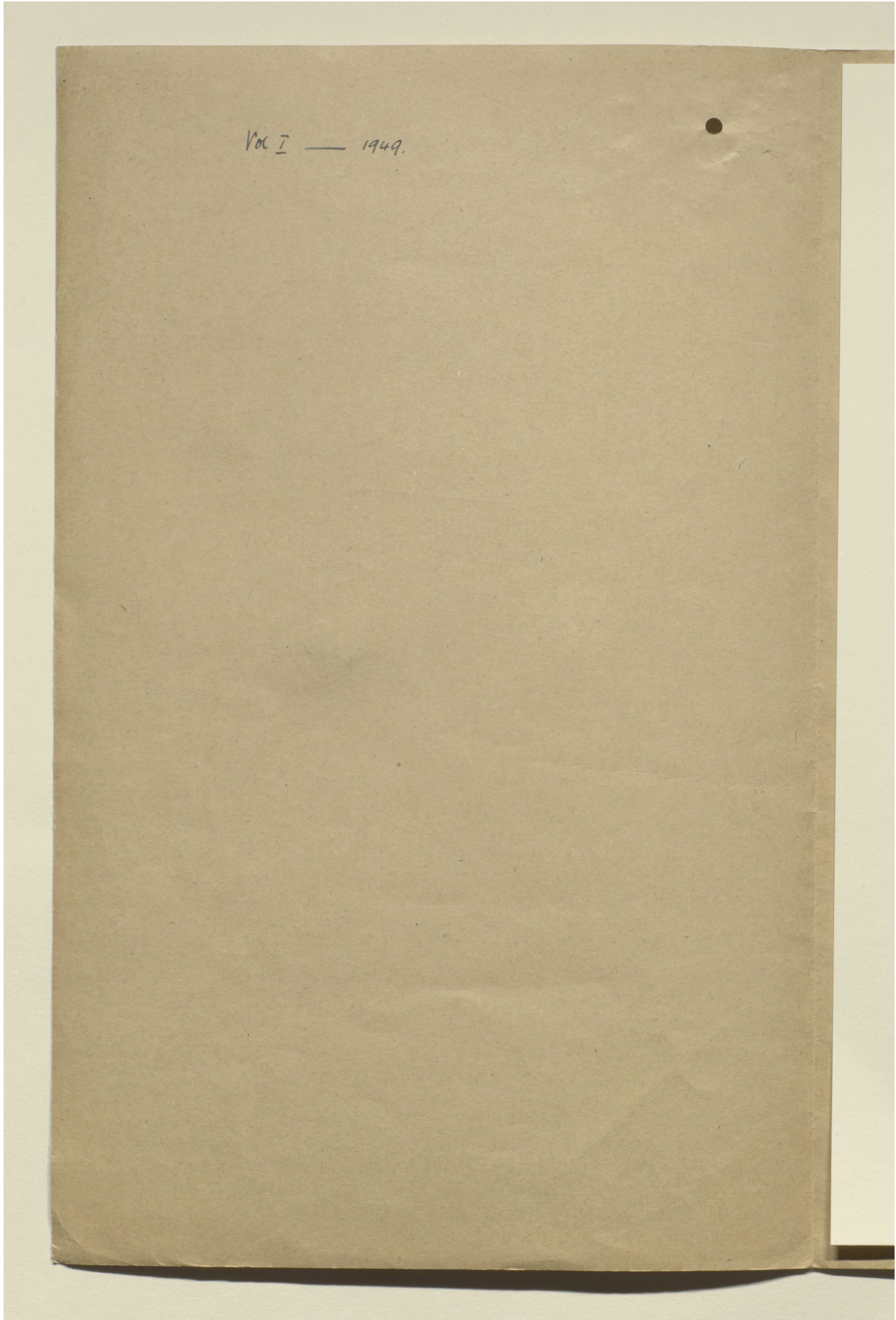


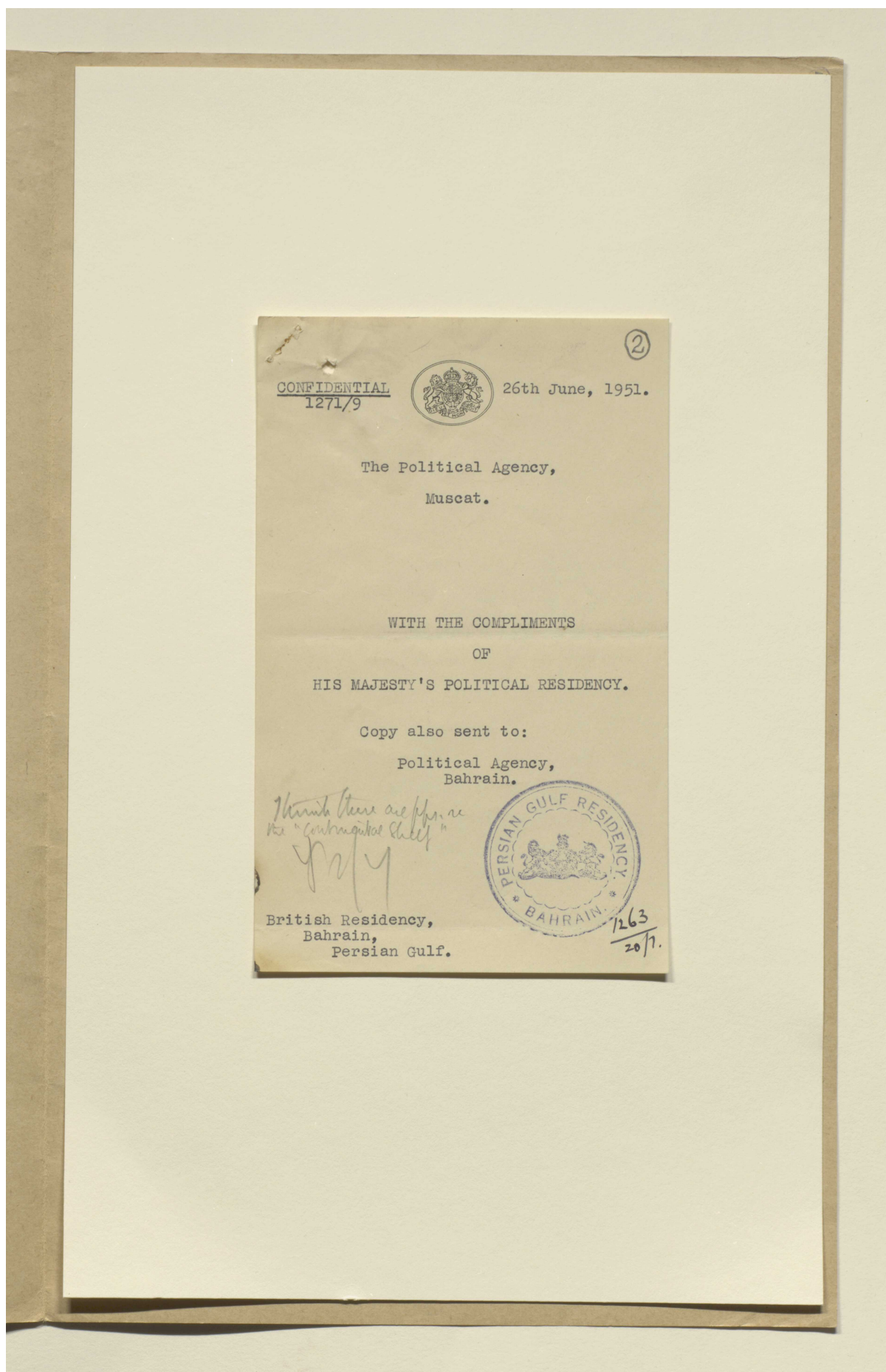
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This file contains correspondence discussing the Ruler of Kalba's suggestion that he should issue a proclamation regarding his rights concerning offshore oil and the position of Petroleum Development (Trucial Coast) Limited in this regard.

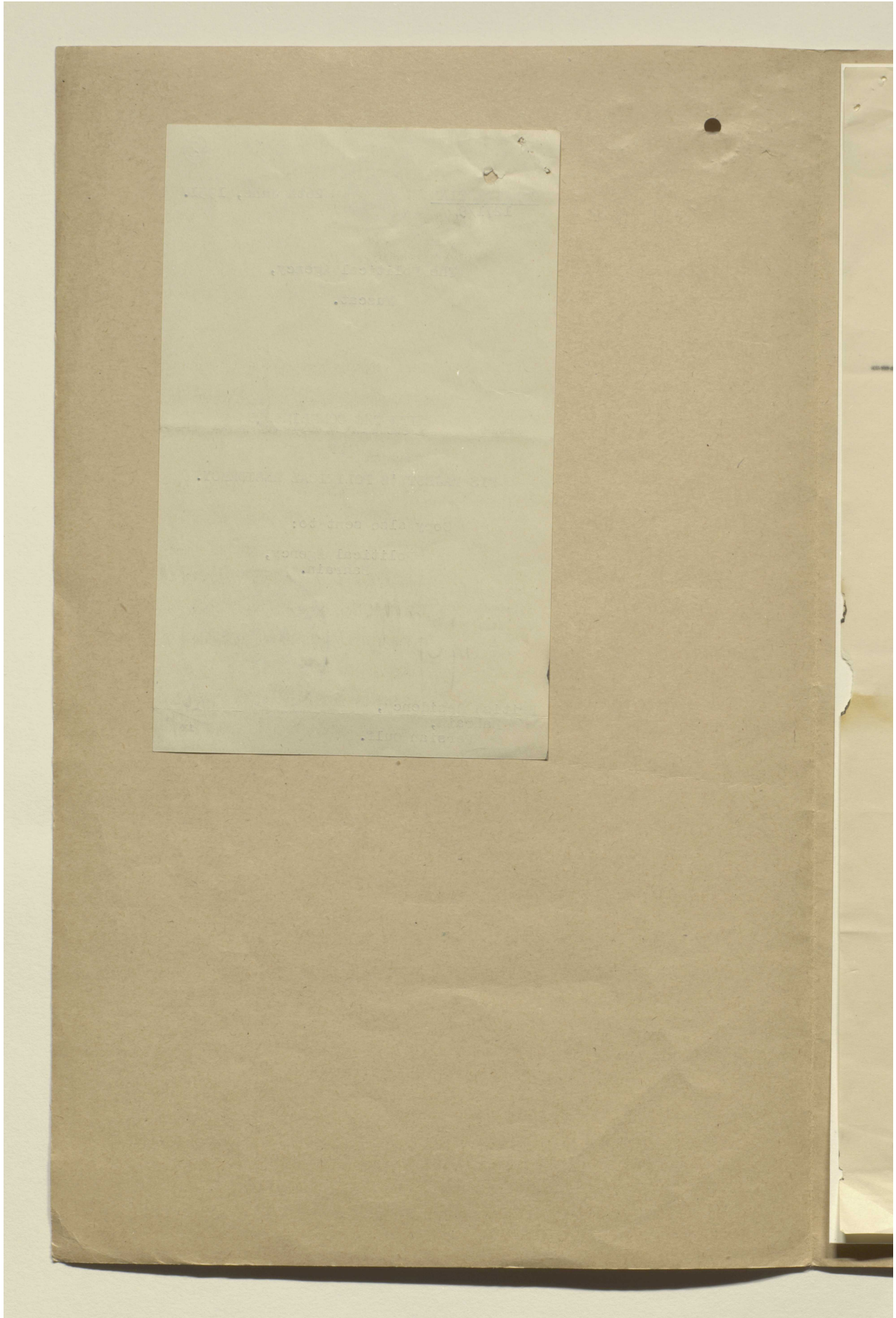
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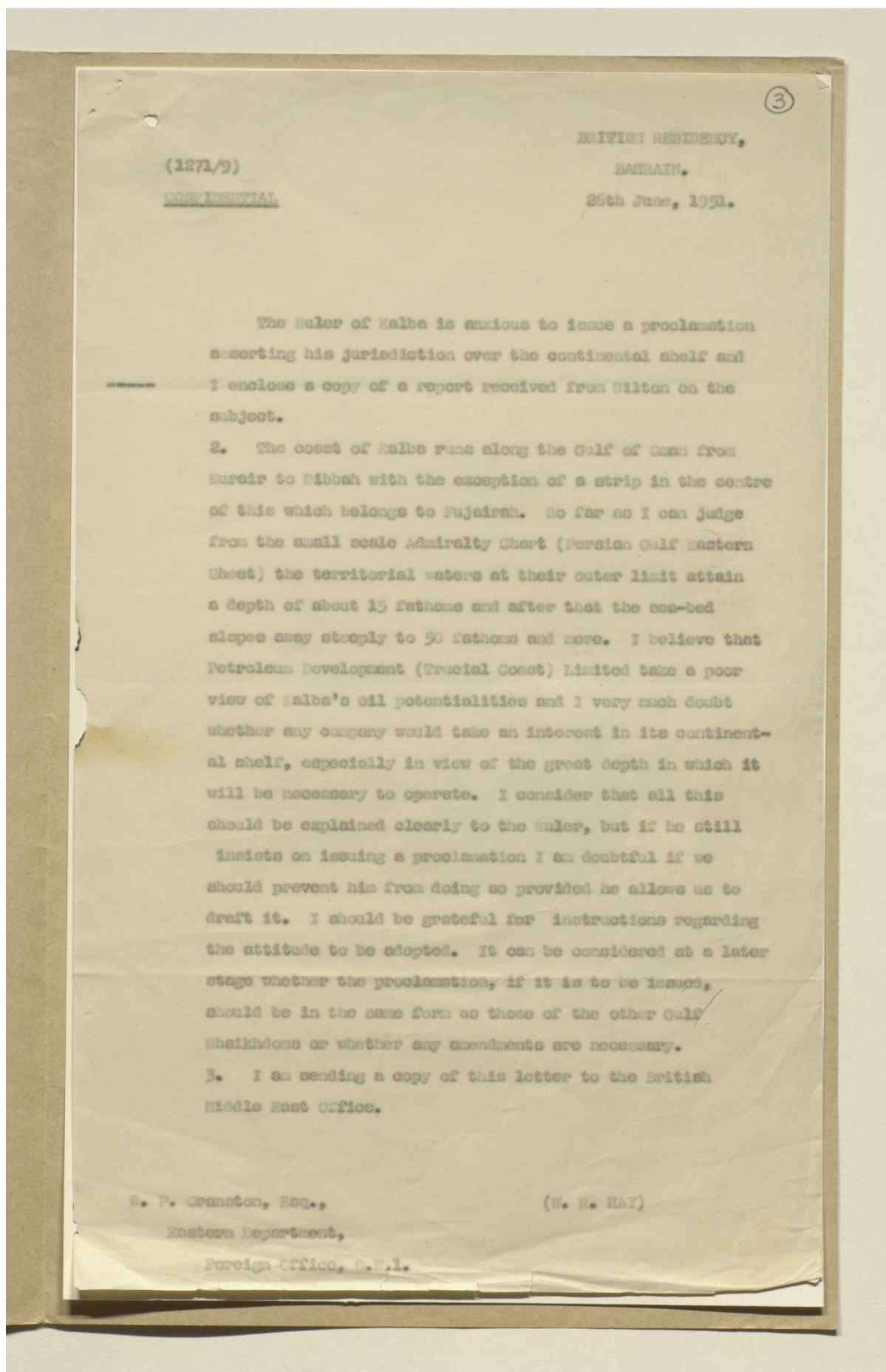


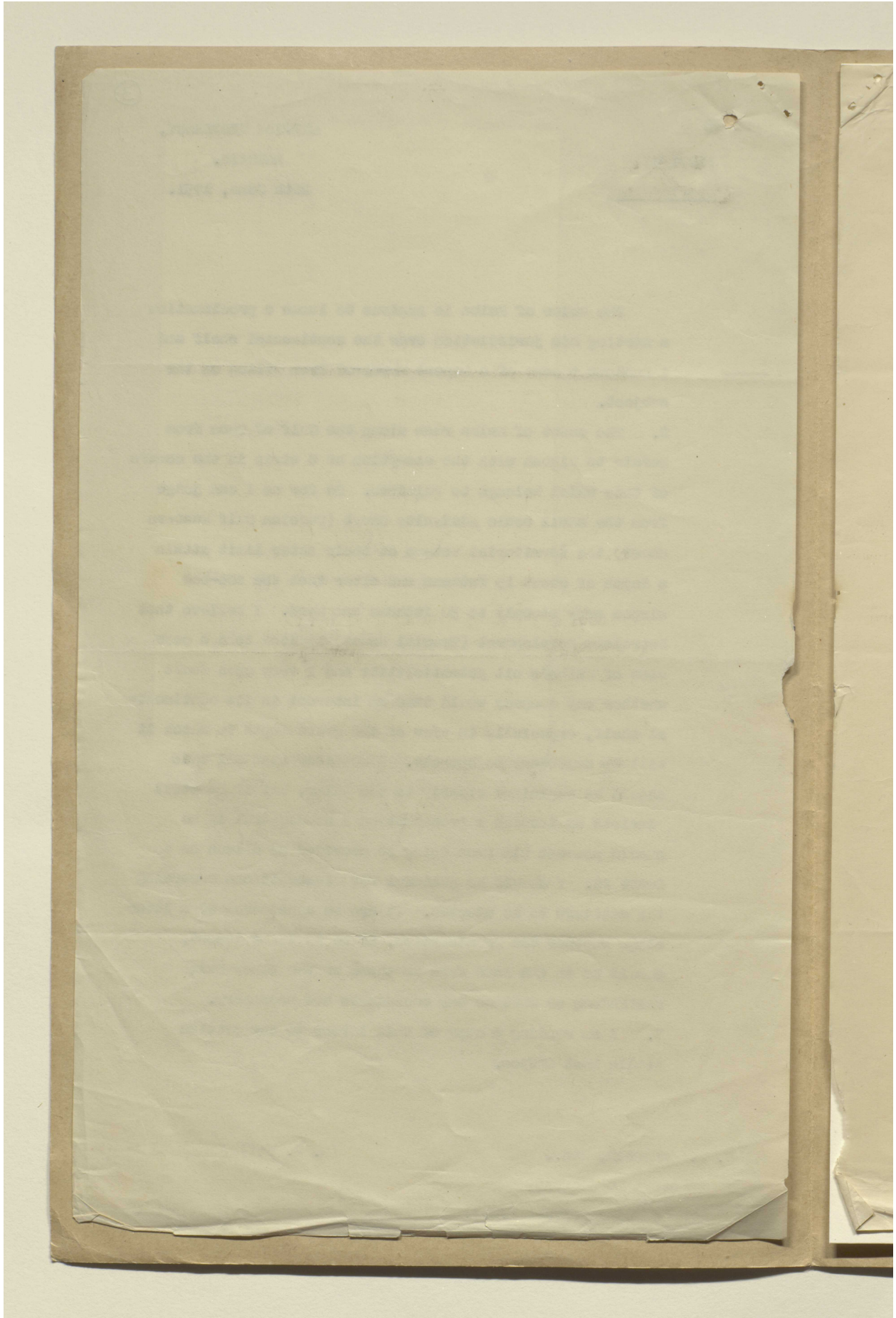




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British Agency,
Sharjah.

26th May, 1951.

Dear Pinhey,

Shaikh Hamad of Kalba has approached Petroleum Development (Trucial Coast) with regard to his "Continental Shelf" and they referred him to me. I spoke to Shaikh Hamad and told him that at present he had no Continental Shelf in law, having issued no proclamation, and as far as I know, none in fact, owing to the great depth of the sea-bed close in to his coast. He asked whether he might be allowed to issue a proclamation now, and I repeated my opinion that it was not worth his while to do so. However, he insisted that I should ask you, and I finally agreed to do so.

2. Petroleum Development (Trucial Coast) have not, of course, disclaimed all interest, and have merely said that should it ever be decided that Kalba has a Continental Shelf, they would have to refer the matter to their head office.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) A. J. Wilton.

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