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The file contains correspondence from Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO) representatives regarding Indian nationals returning to India from Saudi Arabia or Bahrain. There is also a request from the Political Agent at Bahrain to the Adviser to the Government of Bahrain to keep under surveillance a man from Aden, suspect of having made communist speeches in Dhahran.



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BAHRAIN.

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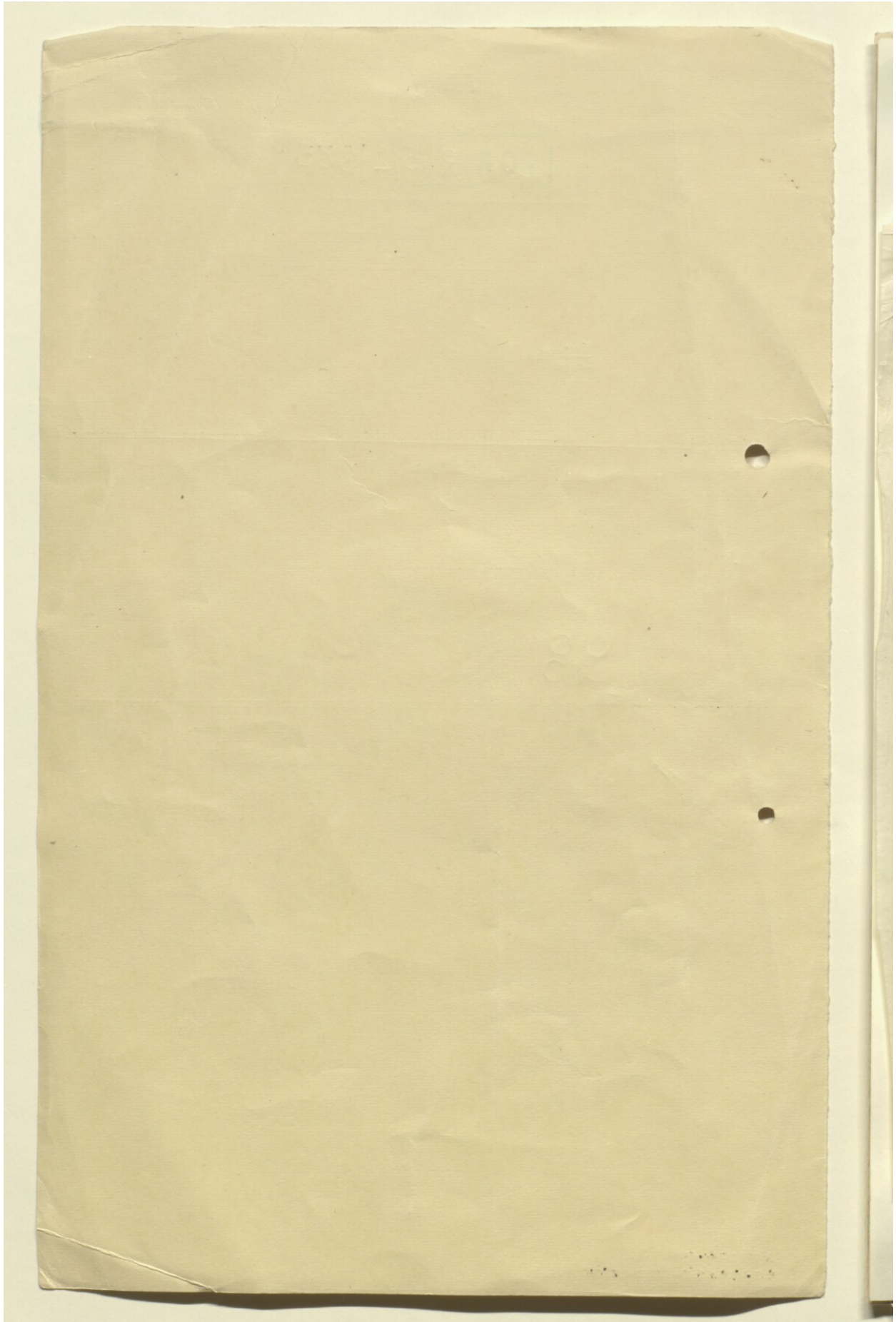
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ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY

Manama, Bahrein Island,  
December 22, 1945.

*pps please*  
*h.s.*  
*23/12*

Letter No. PA-263



Bahrain Receipt  
No. 7121 Date 23.12.45

His Britannic Majesty's Political Agent,  
Manama, Bahrein Island,  
Persian Gulf.

ATT: CAPTAIN R.E.R. BIRD

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the verbal conversation I had with you several days ago over Indian National employees returning to India from Saudi Arabia.

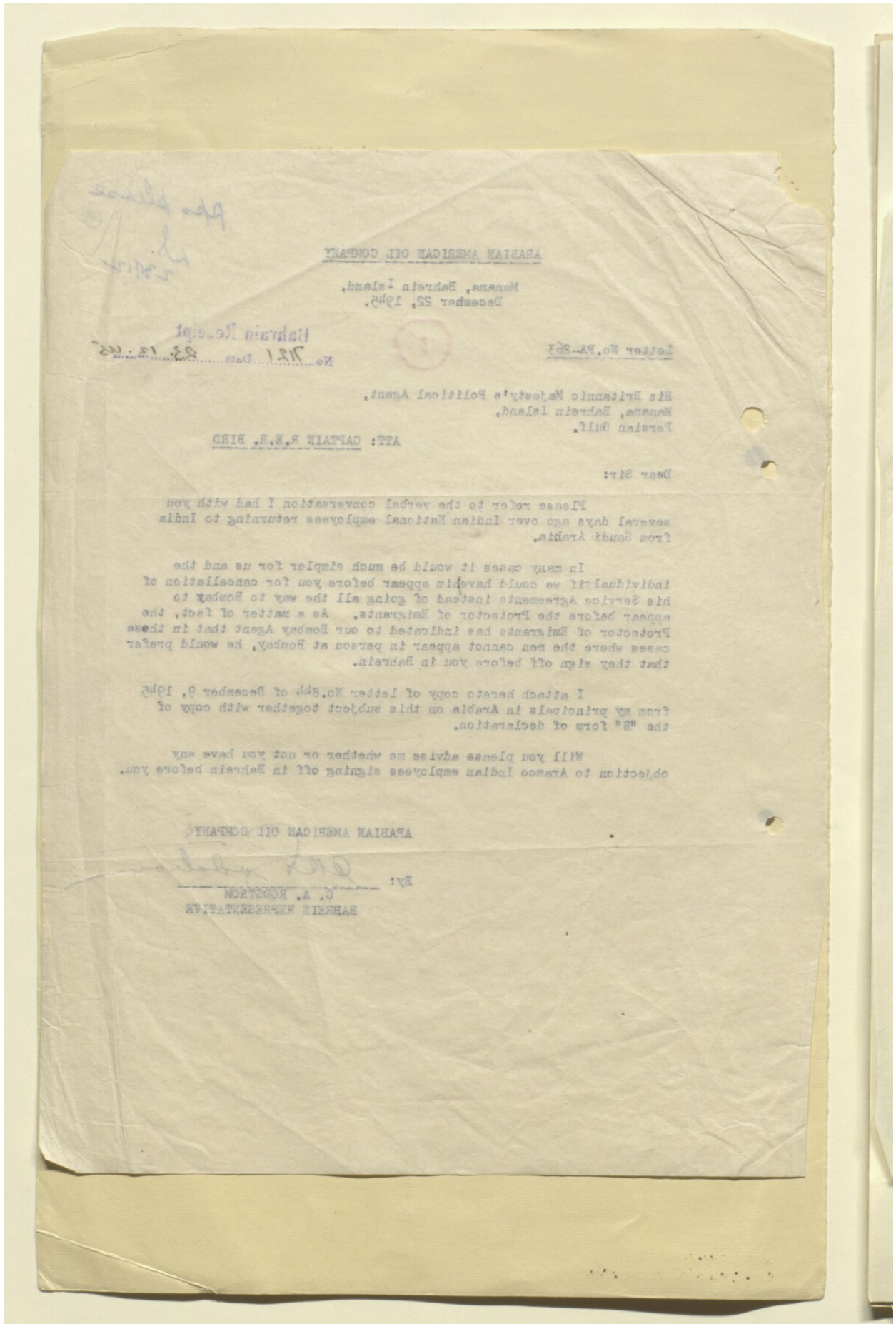
In many cases it would be much simpler for us and the individual if we could have him appear before you for cancellation of his Service Agreements instead of going all the way to Bombay to appear before the Protector of Emigrants. As a matter of fact, the Protector of Emigrants has indicated to our Bombay Agent that in these cases where the men cannot appear in person at Bombay, he would prefer that they sign off before you in Bahrein.

I attach hereto copy of letter No. 844 of December 9, 1945 from my principals in Arabia on this subject together with copy of the "B" form of declaration.

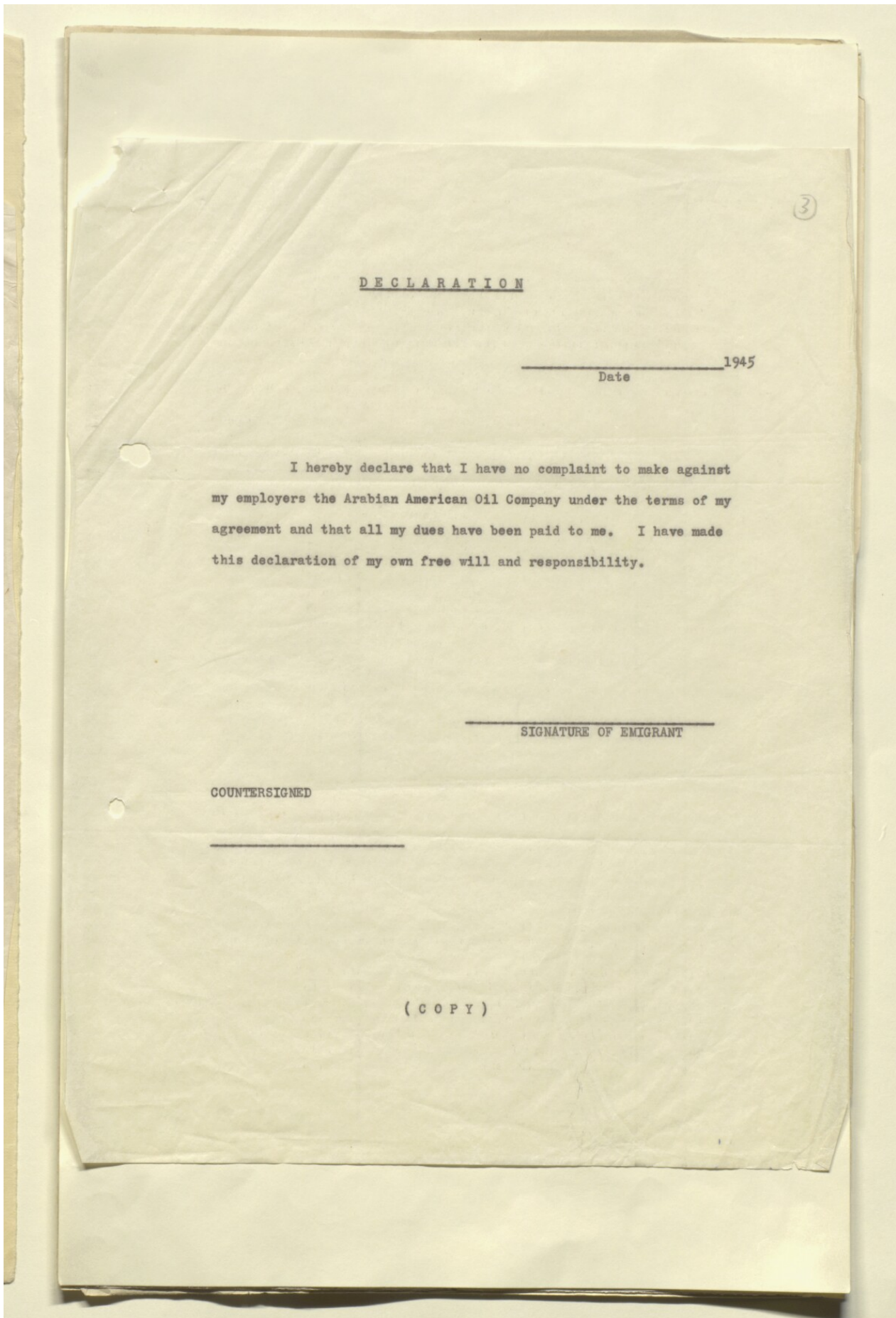
Will you please advise me whether or not you have any objection to Aramco Indian employees signing off in Bahrein before you.

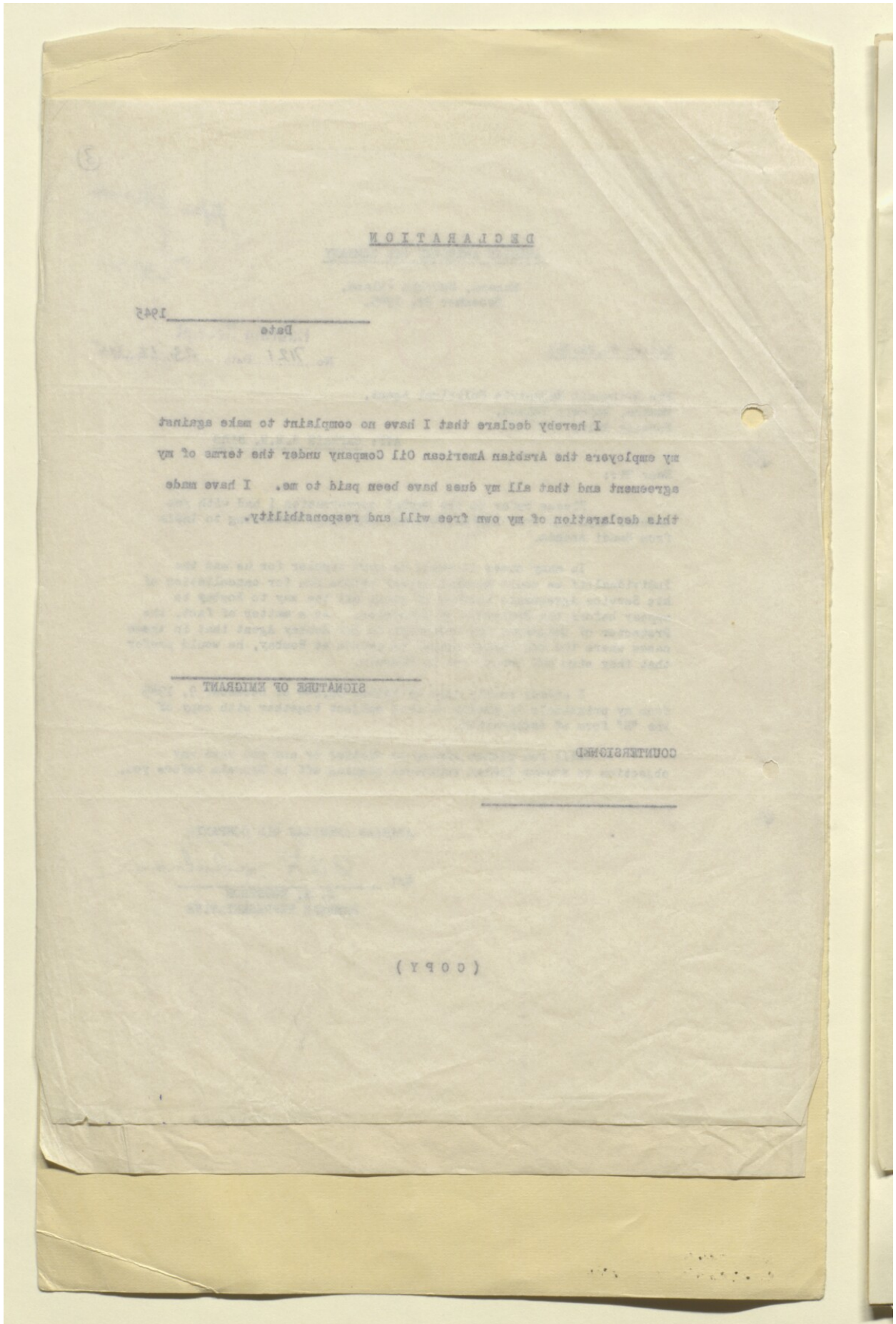
ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY

By: *C. E. Rodstrom*  
C. E. RODSTROM  
BAHRAIN REPRESENTATIVE













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ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY

Dhahran, Saudi Arabia  
December 9, 1945

No. 844

MR. C. A. RODSTROM  
Arabian American Oil Company  
M a n a m a

CANCELLATION OF AGREEMENTS

A | As you know Indian Nationals returning to India from Saudi Arabia or Bahrein are required either to appear before the Protector of Emigrants for cancellation of their Agreements or to forward to him through our Bombay Agent a "B" Form of Declaration in the event they are unable to appear at Bombay. Most of the latter cases arise in instances of Indians proceeding to their homes via Karachi; in such instances these men are handed a "B" Form of Declaration before they leave Saudi Arabia with instructions to have this countersigned by a British Official authorised to do so on their arrivals in Karachi and forward to our Bombay Agent to enable him to complete the Emigration formalities. Because of the difficulty in getting Indians disembarking at Karachi to complete these formalities the Protector of Emigrants has requested in the instance of the Bahrein Petroleum Company that the "B" Declaration be completed in Bahrein before the Political Agent. From the attached correspondence it will be seen that the matter has been under consideration by the Government of India and the Political Agent.

Our Bombay Agent now writes us enquiring if we would be able to adopt the same procedure. We would appreciate your contacting the Political Agent in regard to this matter. If the procedure can be instituted we suggest, if agreeable to the Political Agent, that we continue to withhold Rupees 25- 0 - 0 from the settlements of Indians returning home, this sum to be repaid them by your office upon the presentation to you of the "B" Declaration properly completed and countersigned by the Political Agent. This Declaration will then be sent to us for forwarding to India.

ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY

SGD. By: J. G. HOSMER





DECLARATION

ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY

Dhahran, Saudi Arabia  
December 9, 1947

No. 211

MR. C. A. ROBERTSON  
Arabian American Oil Company  
M a n a m a

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ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY

By: J. G. HOSMER S.D.



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URGENT  
CONFIDENTIAL  
No. C/L.70

THE POLITICAL AGENCY, BAHRAIN.  
Dated the 8th July, 1948.

To.

The Adviser to the Bahrain Government,  
Bahrain.

Subject:- Syed Hasshin Siddik. (2)

Memorandum:-

Syed Hasshin Siddik, Adenese, who was to have been deported by plane by the Arabian American Oil Company is believed to have left for Bahrain by native boat on the 7th July. He is reported to have made inflammatory and communistic speeches to the Adenese workers in Dhahran. He is of medium build and wears spectacles.

2. I should be grateful if the Bahrain Government would take steps to prevent his landing in Bahrain or keep him under proper surveillance should he have already landed here.

Sd/- C.J.PELLY.

Political Agent, Bahrain.

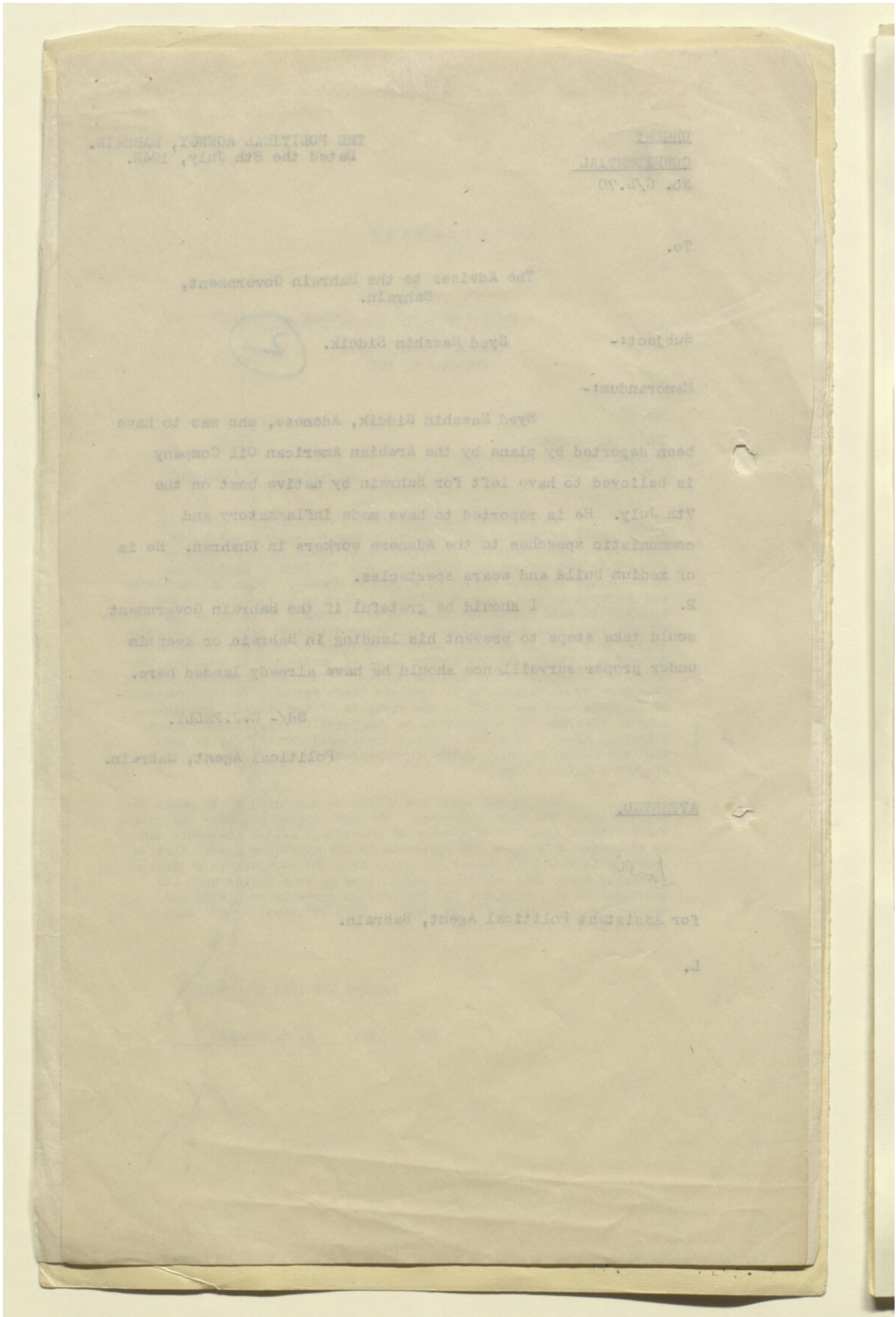
ATTESTED.

*Jawi*

for Assistant Political Agent, Bahrain.

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Immediate.

No. 1858-15 of 1367  
Office of the Adviser to  
the Government, Bahrain  
Dated, 5th Ramadhan 1367  
July 11, 1948

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H. B. M's Political Agent,  
Bahrain.

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Memorandum:-

Reference your memorandum No.C/L.70 dated 8th July 1948, your memorandum reached me after the man had landed in Bahrain. He held a British passport and came with the Aramco employees and was presumed to be one of the Aramco's employees. His passport was sent to the Agency by the Passport Officer as usual.

2. He made no local contacts and no speeches while he was here, he went about with some persons from Aden who live here.

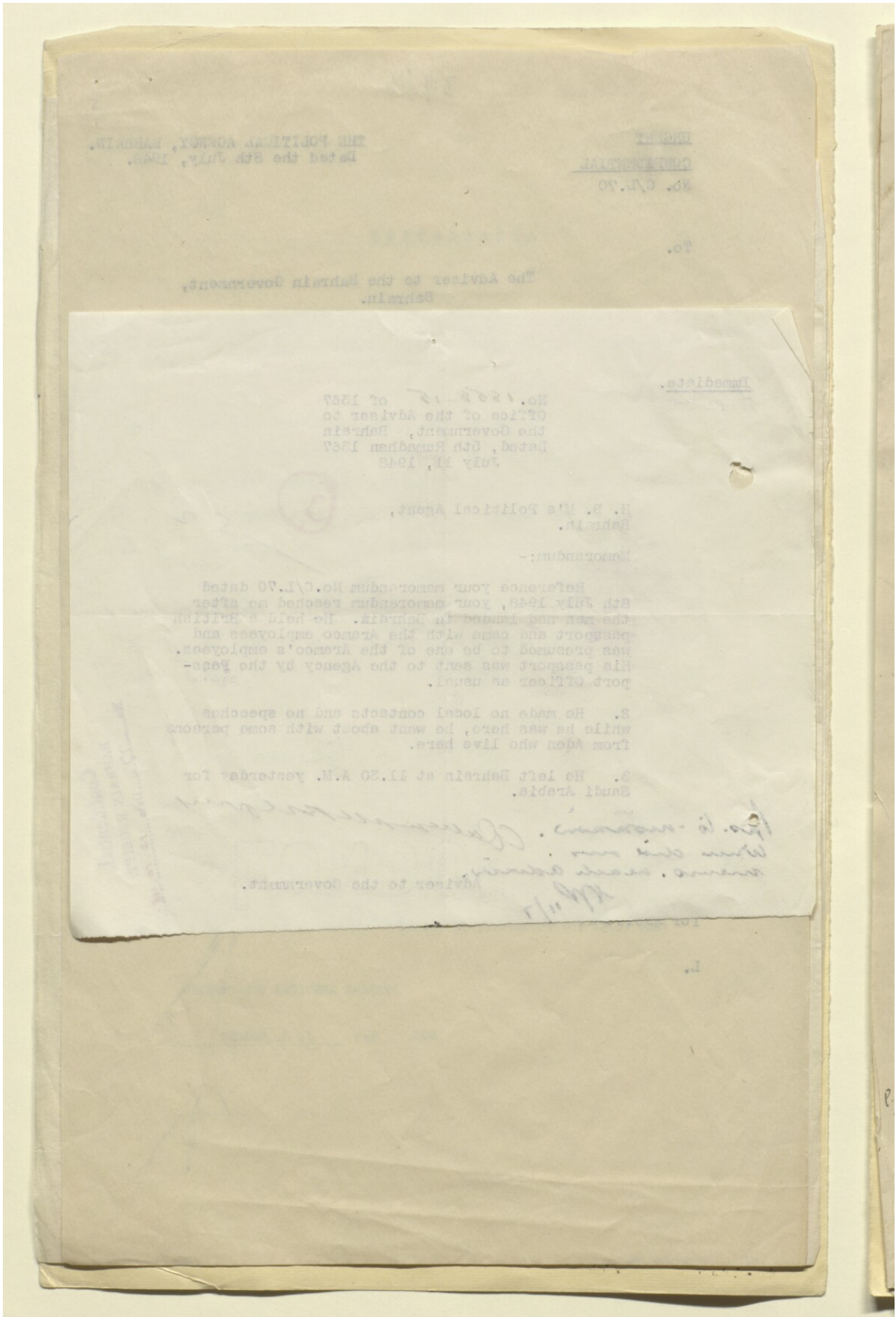
3. He left Bahrain at 11.30 A.M. yesterday for Saudi Arabia.

*Info. to - memos. When did our memo. reach adviser. 11/7*

Adviser to the Government.

Confidential  
BAHRAIN RECEIPT  
No. 22  
Date 12/10/48





THE POLITICAL AGENT, BAHRAIN.  
Dated the 8th July, 1948.

MEMORANDUM  
No. C.A. 70

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Adviser to the Government.

RECEIVED  
POLITICAL AGENT  
BAHRAIN  
JULY 17 1948

*Handwritten notes:*  
The man is -  
When this man  
arrived, he had  
2/17/48



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(7)

(1)

Letter No. PA-263 dt. 22/12/45 from Aramco, Bahrain.

1. APA may please see PPS  
at p. 72 and 87 of F. 10/3.

2. We have often laboured  
point that Saudi Arabia is not  
in our jurisdiction and I  
suggest we refer matter to P.R.  
before we agree to procedure  
proposed by Aramco.

JANE  
31/12

3. ~~APA~~  
It will mean a lot of extra  
work to this office and I do  
not think it is a burden  
we need accept.  
Pl draft to PR

hd 31/12

CC

4. DFA. JANE  
5/11

5. ~~APA~~  
Please retype the draft and  
I will then put it up to the PA.

hd 5/11

CC

6. DFA hd 6/11

PA.  
We do not  
collect any  
fee. JANE  
7/11.

PA sorry. I am afraid I am not  
to reverse opinion. What fee should we  
collect under each act for each signature?

PT6





daily the consular duties?

APG

and

6.1.46

We should not be signing of employees in our capacity as Consular Officers but would merely be relieving the Emigration authorities in Bombay / Karachi of some of their work.

8.

We should have endless trouble with dissatisfied Indian employees of Aramco who already spend their time petitioning every authority they can remember.

9.

We have told the G. O. I. that complaints of Indians in S. Arabia are not our responsibility in the past and I can see no end to our troubles if we accept this work now.

10.

In any case, the P. of Emigrants has not asked us to do it - he would be the correct authority to do so.

I will speak if you wish.

11.

PA

7.1.46

12.

APG

and

7.1.46

Spoken

You may care to insert para (3)

7.1.46

13.

PA

Pl. see A of enclosure to Paul

14.





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I put up wd. Do we actually do the  
copying of the AAPC? (8)

wd  
15.1.46

15. APA

Pages 72 & 87 of file 1073 below  
refer as also noting paras 12  
et seq of same file.

Has IA signed off any Bakco  
employees yet? W 16/11

~~IA~~

16.

So far I have been <sup>contin-</sup> signing the 'A' form,  
a specimen of which is submitted below. A sum  
of Rs. 2/8/- is recovered and Court fee stamp of that  
amount ~~is~~ affixed to the 1st copy.

~~APA~~

W 17/11

W  
16/1/46

17.

PA

If P.A. agree we  
may now file the same

W  
9/5

PA

18.

Yes. I have discussed with P.R. &  
he agrees that if we attempt to get a party  
in the court (this being a Saudi case)  
react in Bahrain. file.

wd  
13.5.46





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Issued Memo No. c/L-20 dt. 8.7.48 to Adm.

(3)

Memo. No. 1858-15 dt. 11.7.48 from Advertiser

Pps to-morrow. When did our memo reach Adviser. 19.

Itd. C.J.P.  
18/7/

below. The Adviser on pear book is submitted  
is not accusing us of delay; he is informing us that he was forced to adopt the 2nd  
of the two alternative courses of action we suggested.

ADA's routine note containing Mr Crow's report of the men has unfortunately been mislaid. It should be pointed out that all oil companies, and especially Aramco, grow hysterical when faced with a rebel or agitator. The latter always delivers "inflammatory" speeches and are, as a matter of course, "communistic".

File?

PA

lee  
12/7

Papers may be filed. I have informed Mr. Crow who tells me that Syed Hasshin Siddik has been sent from Dhahran back to Aden. I agree with the remarks and the attitude of the Oil Companies towards the so-called "agitators"; but the attitude of American capital towards labour doubtless explains this. No further action.

Itd. C.J.P.  
12-7-48.

lee  
12/7

