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'File 10/18 (10/17) Allegations of misbehaviour among BAPCO American employees in SS Bandra'

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About this record

The file contains a letter from the Political Agent at Bahrain to Bahrain Petroleum Company Limited (BAPCO), complaining about the disturbance provoked by American employees on British vessels and the response from BAPCO's General Manager.

The reference number 10/17 on the cover is amended and the file was then renumbered as 10/18.

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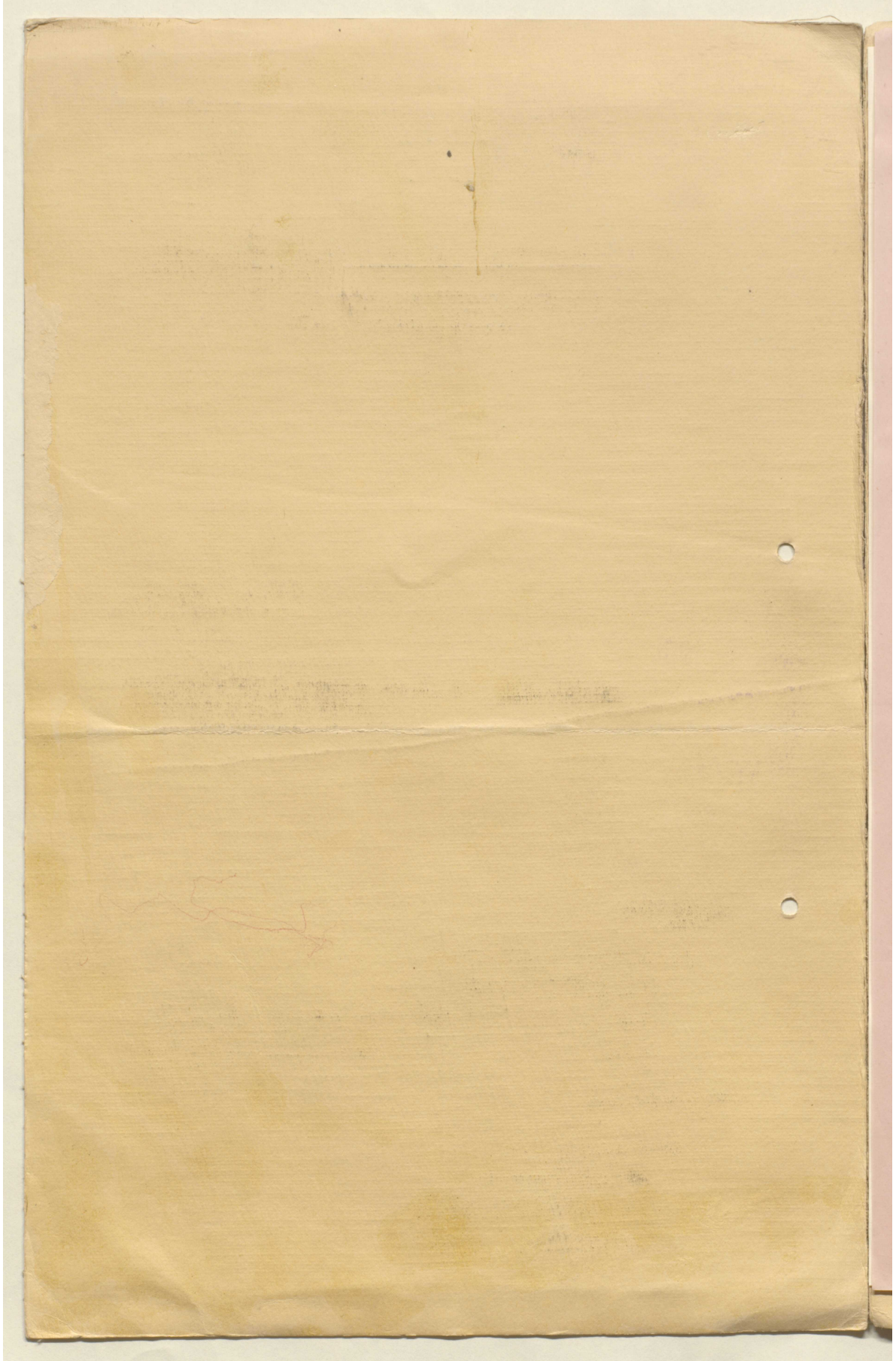
ALLEGED MISBEHAVIOUR OF BAPCO-AMERICAN
EMPLOYEES IN S.S. "BANDRA"

Previous References. Later References.

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The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

- (1). Rear Admiral Cosmo M.Graham, D.S.O., R.N.,
Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf Division.
- (2) Major R.G.W.Alban, O.B.E.,
Political Agent, Bahrain. ✓

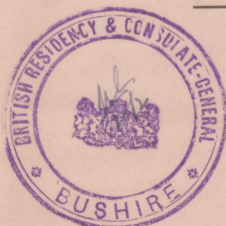
and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned document (s).

British Consulate-General, BUSHIRE.

Dated...20th February 1941.

Reference to previous correspondence:

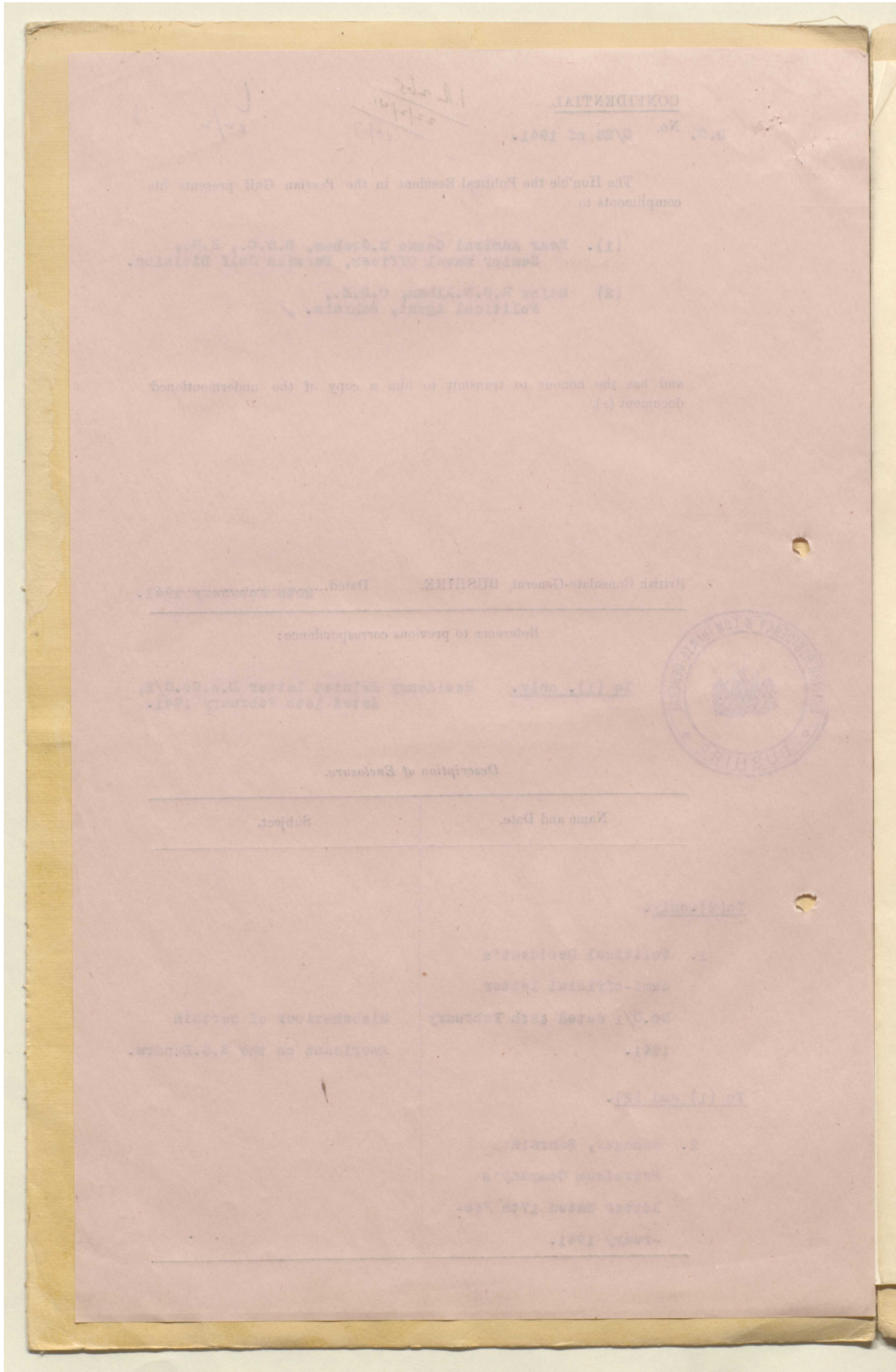
To (1). only. Residency Printed Letter D.o.No.C/2,
dated 16th February 1941.



Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<u>To(2).only.</u>	
1. Political Resident's demi-official letter No.C/1 dated 16th February 1941.	Misbehaviour of certain Americans on the S.S.Bandra.
<u>To (1) and (2).</u>	
2. Manager, Bahrain's Petroleum Company's letter dated 17th Feb- -ruary 1941.	

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Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf.

Camp, Bahrain.

D.O.No.C/1

Dated the 16th February 1941.

Dear Lipp,

On the night of the 14th February the S.S.
"Bandra" was kept in an uproar till 4.30 a.m. by a
party of drunken Americans returning from leave in
Persia, and last night an even greater disturbance
was caused by a body of intoxicated Americans proceed-
-ing on leave who behaved in a disgraceful manner until
an even later hour.

If you are unable to guarantee the behaviour
of your American employees on British vessels, it would
be better if you arranged to ship them on your own steamers
in future.

As I cannot say whether the men at fault were
employees of the Bahrain Petroleum Company or the Califor-
-nia Arabian Standard Oil Company I enclose a copy of this
letter for the Manager of the California Arabian Standard
Oil Company.

M.H.Lipp, Esquire,
Bahrain Petroleum Company.

Copy sent to S.N.O. under d.o.P.L.No.C/2
dated 16.2.41 "for information".

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in SS Bandra' [2v] (6/10)

Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf.
Camp, Bahrain.
Dated the 14th February 1941. D.O.No.2/1

Dear Sir,

On the night of the 14th February the S.S.
"Bandra" was kept in an uproar till 4.30 a.m. by a
party of drunken Americans returning from leave in
Persia, and last night an even greater disturbance
was caused by a body of intoxicated Americans proceed-
ing on leave who behaved in a disgraceful manner until
an even later hour.

If you are unable to guarantee the behaviour
of your American employees on British vessels, it would
be better if you arranged to ship them on your own steamers
in future.

As I cannot say whether the men at fault were
employees of the Bahrain Petroleum Company or the Califor-
nia Arabian Standard Oil Company I enclose a copy of this
letter for the Manager of the California Arabian Standard
Oil Company.

M.H.Lipp, Manager,
Bahrain Petroleum Company.

Copy sent to S.N.O. under D.O.P.I.No.2/3
dated 18.2.41 for information.

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in SS Bandra' [3r] (7/10)

The Bahrain Petroleum Company Limited.

Awali, Bahrain Island, Persian Gulf.

Dated February 17th, 1941.

Lieut-Colonel C.G. Prior, C.I.E.,
The Honourable the Political Resident, Persian Gulf.

Dear Colonel Prior,

I regret that any American should act in the manner described in your letter and wish to apologise for their disgraceful behaviour.

No American employees of the Bahrain Petroleum Company have been on leave in Persia for over the past year so the men you referred to who were creating the disturbance on the night prior to the 15th were not from our organisation. As for the men leaving on the vessel the night of the 15th February, there were no Americans from this organisation but one British subject was going on short leave to India.

Of the total of 225 employees of the Bahrain Petroleum Company we average from 40 to 50 Americans and we endeavour to arrange that they do not leave or arrive in Bahrain in large groups.

I will guarantee the behaviour of the American employees of the Bahrain Petroleum Company to the best of my ability and will take steps to discipline any member of the Staff of this Company who is guilty of such acts of rowdyism.

I will also bring this matter to the attention of our Directors in New York and ask them to be more cautious in the selection of Americans they send abroad.

I greatly appreciate your calling this to my attention and although the occurrences were not attributable to any employees of this organisation I do feel that these conditions cannot be allowed to continue and I will do all within my power to correct such an embarrassing situation.

Yours very truly,

sdp. M.H. Lipp

General Manager
The Bahrain Petroleum Company Limited

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The Bahrain Petroleum Company Limited,
P.O. Box 100,
Aali, Bahrain Island, Persian Gulf.
Bahrain.
Dated February 17th, 1941.

Lieut-Colonel G.G. Prior, C.I.E.,
The Honourable the Political Resident, Persian Gulf.

Dear Colonel Prior,

I regret that any American should act in the
manner described in your letter and wish to apologise for
their disgraceful behaviour.

No American employees of the Bahrain Petroleum
Company have been on leave in Persia for over the last year
so the men you referred to who were crossing the distance
on the night prior to the 13th were not from our organisation.
As for the men leaving on the vessel the night of the 13th
February, there were no Americans from this organisation but
one British subject was going on short leave to India.

Of the total of 228 employees of the Bahrain
Petroleum Company we average from 40 to 50 Americans and
we endeavour to arrange that they do not leave or arrive in
Bahrain in large groups.

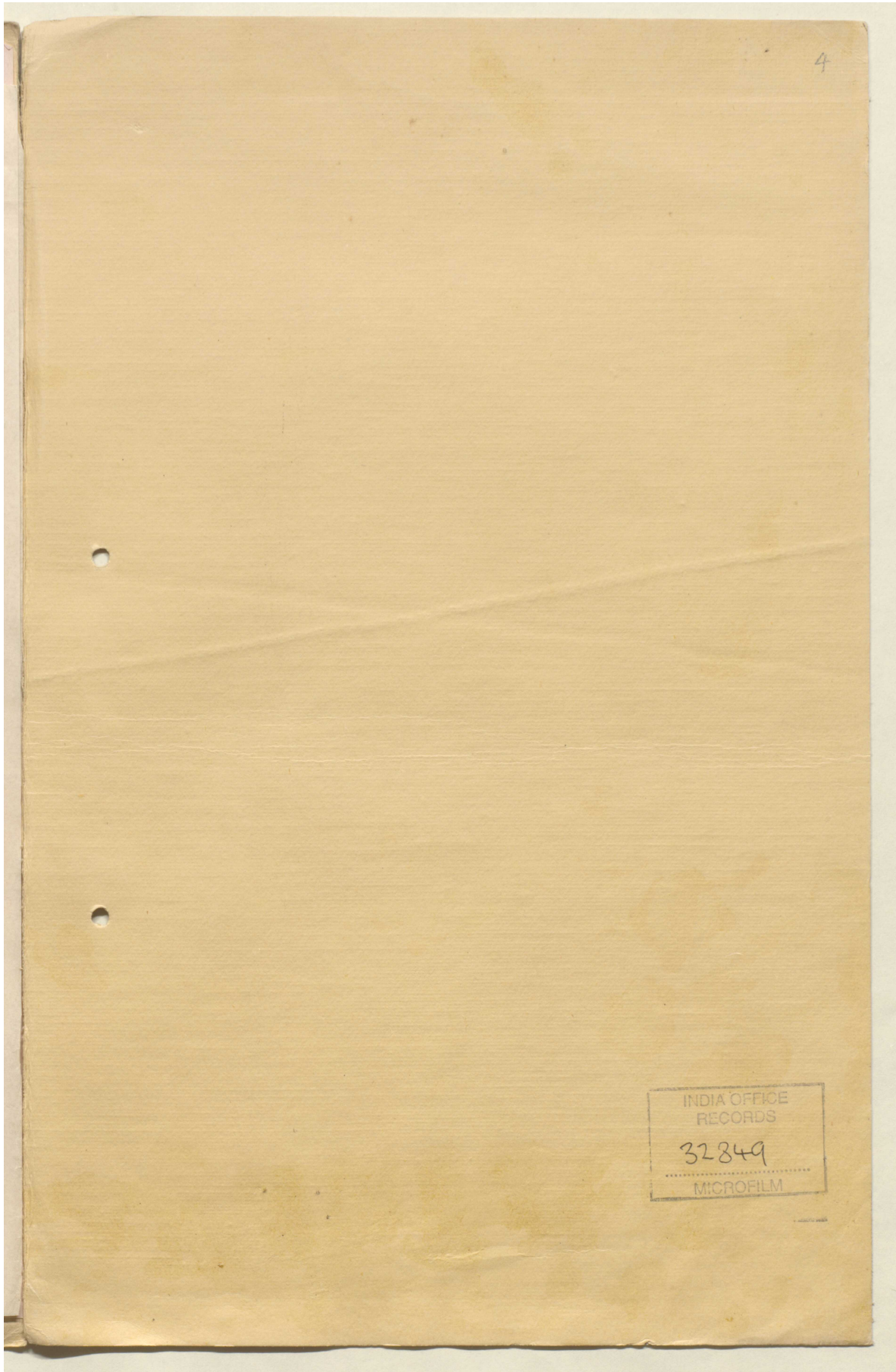
I will guarantee the behaviour of the American
employees of the Bahrain Petroleum Company to the best of
my ability and will take steps to discipline any member of
the staff of this Company who is guilty of such acts of
indiscretion.

I will also bring this matter to the attention
of our Directors in New York and ask them to be more cautious
in the selection of Americans they send abroad.

I greatly appreciate your calling this to my
attention and although the occurrences were not attributable
to any employees of this organisation I do feel that these con-
ditions cannot be allowed to continue and I will do all
within my power to correct such an embarrassing situation.

Yours very truly,
M.H. Lipp
General Manager
The Bahrain Petroleum Company Limited

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