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The file consists of correspondence regarding a proposal for the certification of cash balances held by HM Consular Officers on behalf of the Government of India. This covers scenarios where consular officers obtained funds directly from the Government of India in advance of expenditure to be incurred on behalf of the Government. The proposal and arrangements for certification are discussed.

Correspondents include: the Foreign Office; India Office; Dominions Office; Colonial Office; and the Government of India, External Affairs Department.

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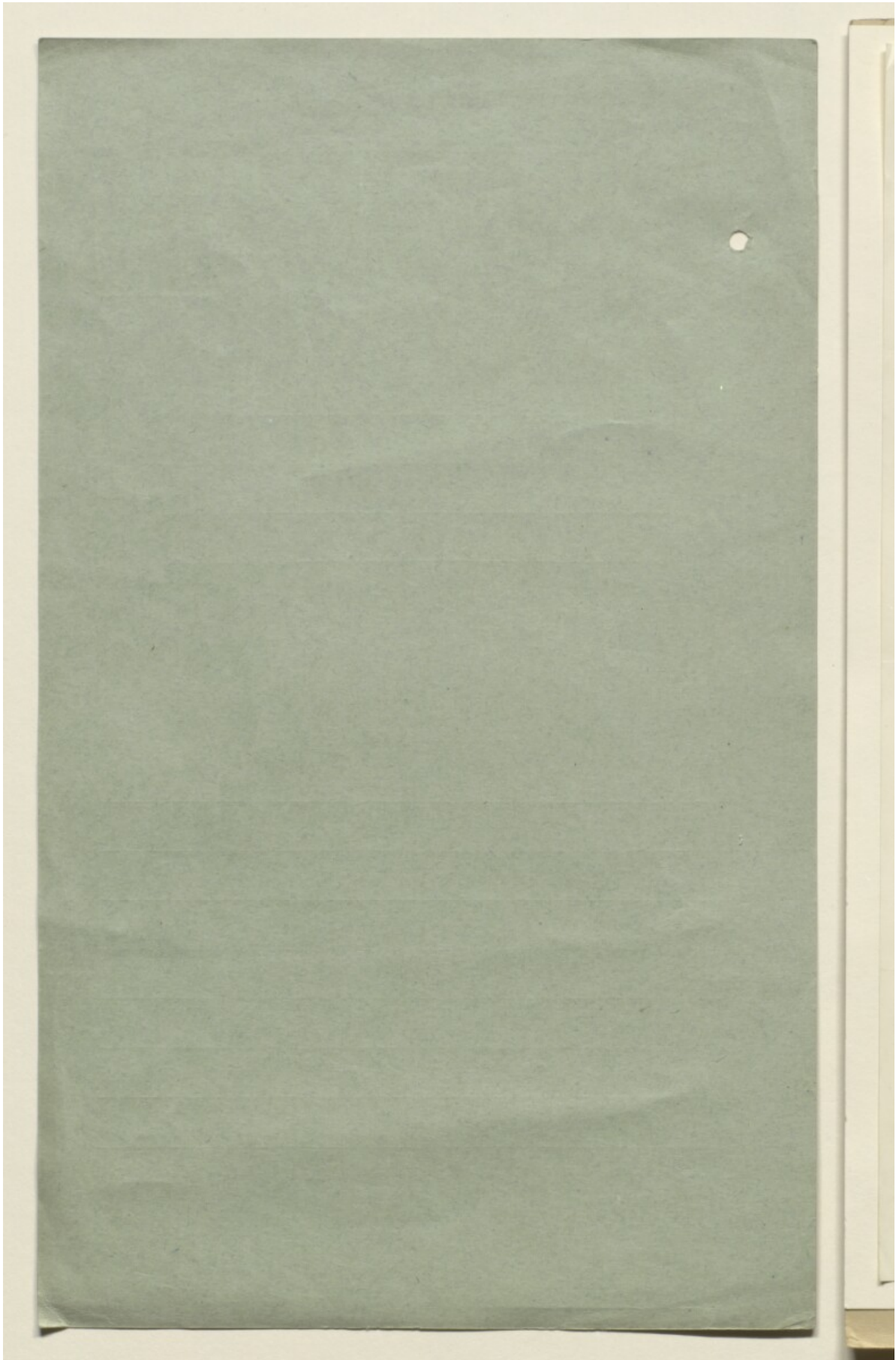
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7197. Reference to previous correspondence :-
Foreign Office, 20th October 1938
Letter to the Colonial Office of the (K. 9450/167/250)
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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.
and the following number quoted :-
6352/2/38

DOWNING STREET,
9 December, 1938.

Sir,
I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you,
for the information of the Messrs of Letland, copies of
the papers noted below.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
A. C. C. PARKINSON.

The Under Secretary of State.
India Office

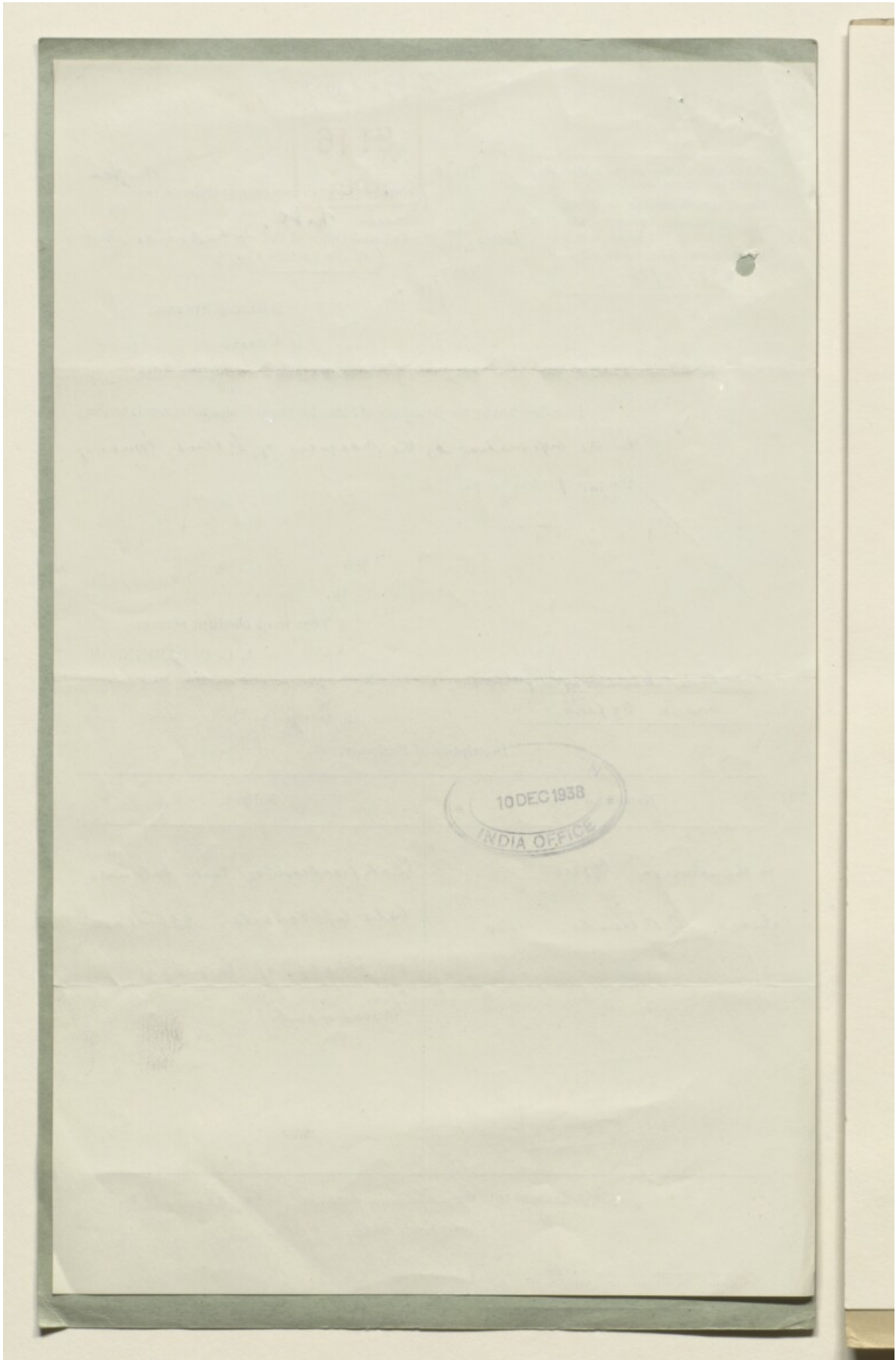
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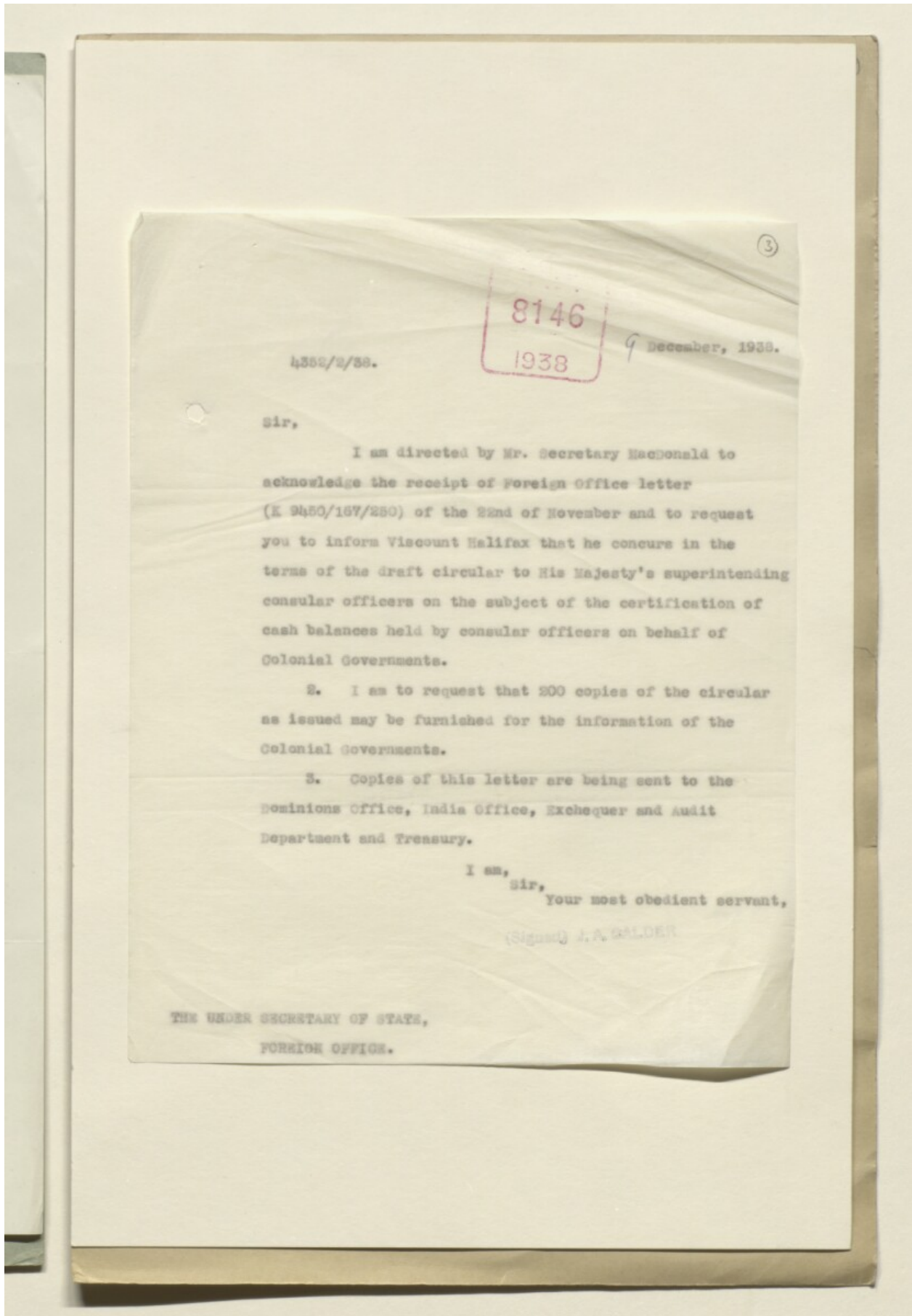
Name and Date.	Subject.
to the Foreign Office dated 9 December, 1938.	Certification of cash balances held by Consular Officers on behalf of Colonial Governments.

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INDIA OFFICE

Copy also sent to Dominions Office, Exchequer &
Audit Dept. Treasury.

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(*2276-2440) WL 9132-4040 5,000 5/38 T.S. 695





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9 December, 1938.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Macdonald to acknowledge the receipt of Foreign Office letter (K 9450/157/250) of the 22nd of November and to request you to inform Viscount Halifax that he concurs in the terms of the draft circular to His Majesty's superintending consular officers on the subject of the certification of cash balances held by consular officers on behalf of Colonial Governments.

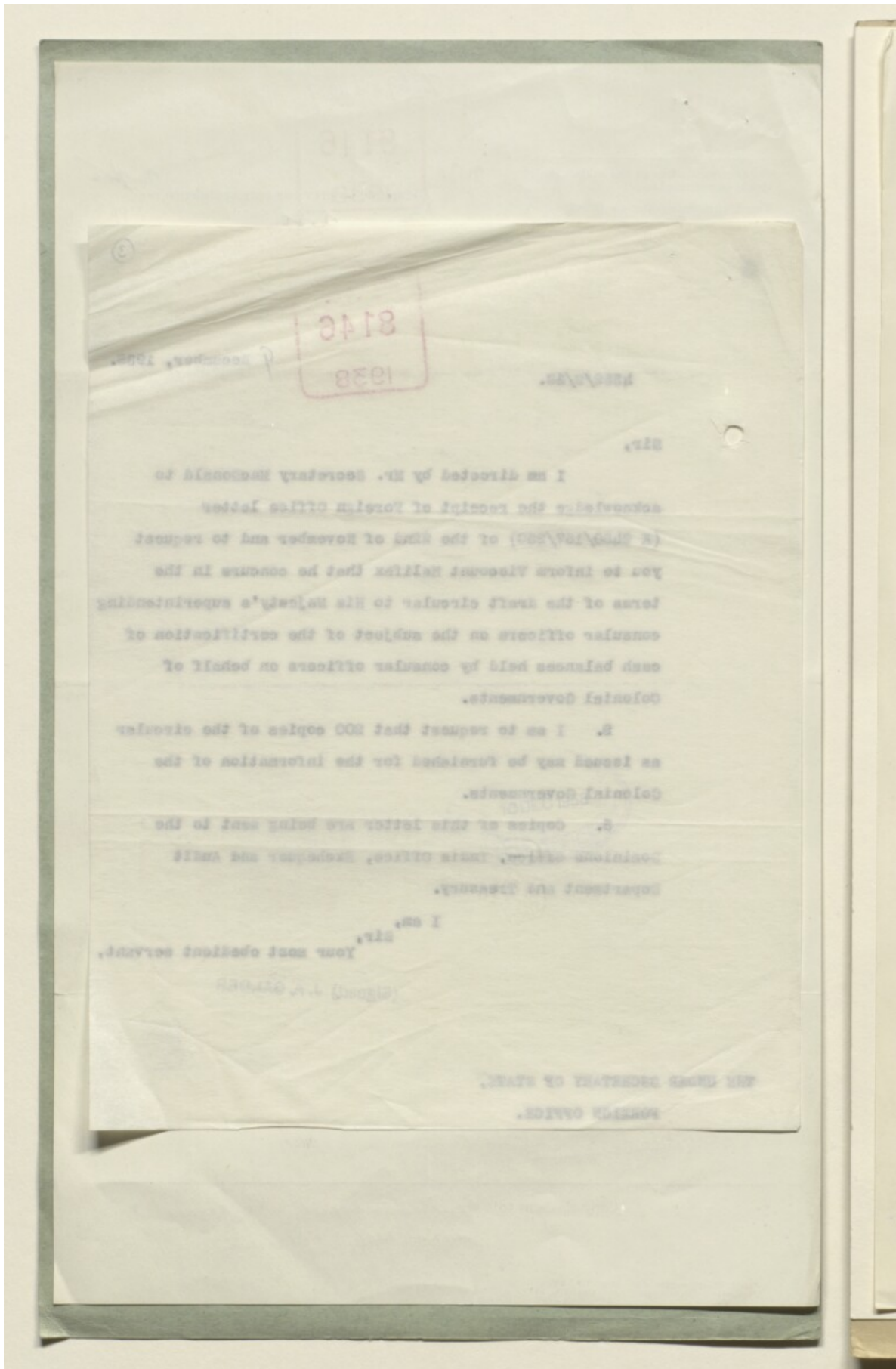
2. I am to request that 500 copies of the circular as issued may be furnished for the information of the Colonial Governments.

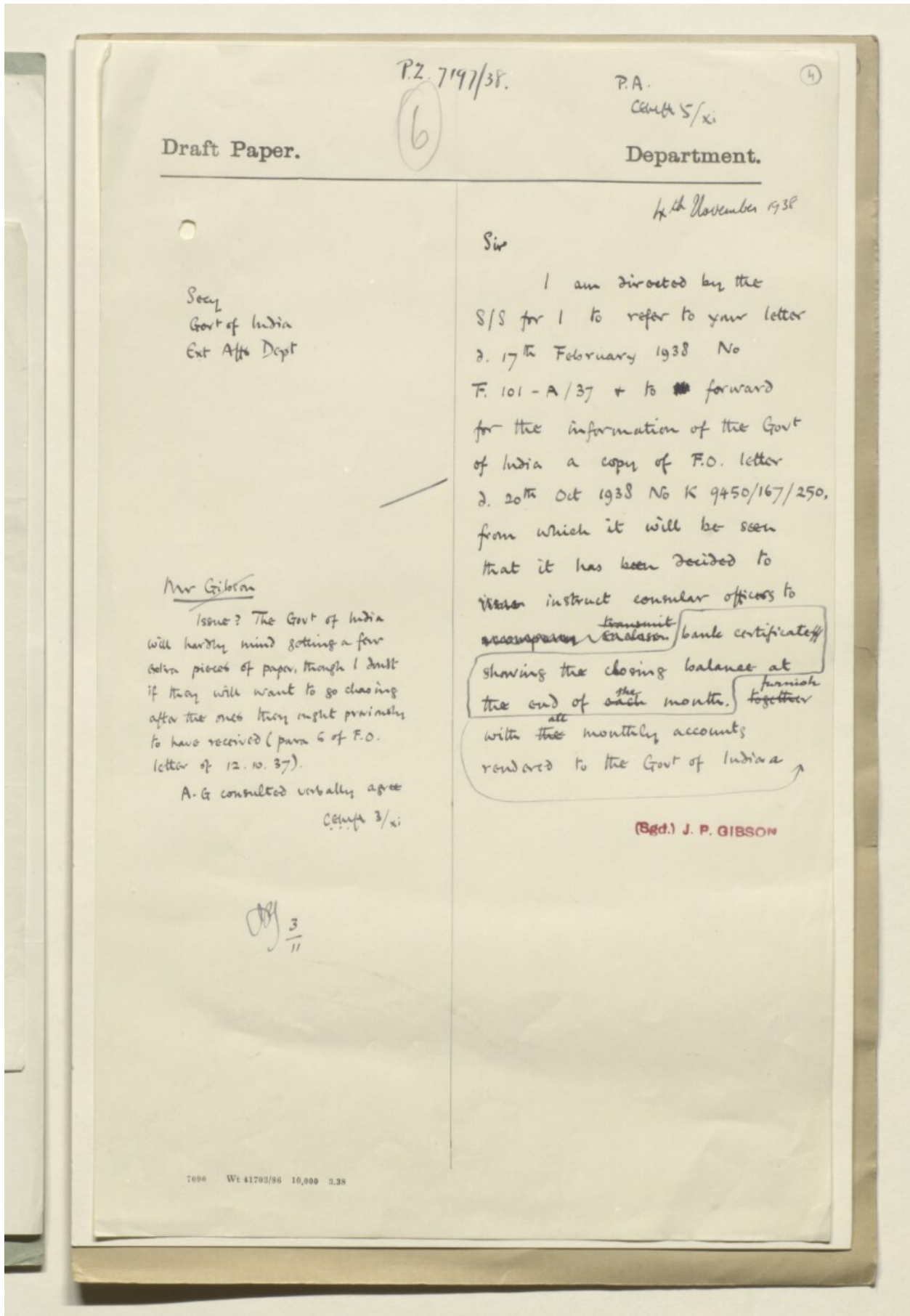
3. Copies of this letter are being sent to the Dominions Office, India Office, Exchequer and Audit Department and Treasury.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. A. GALDER

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.





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Draft Paper.

Department.

Secy
Govt of India
Ext Affs Dept

14th November 1938

Sir

I am directed by the
S/S for I to refer to your letter
d. 17th February 1938 No
F. 101 - A/37 + to forward
for the information of the Govt
of India a copy of F.O. letter
d. 20th Oct 1938 No K 9450/167/250,
from which it will be seen
that it has been decided to
instruct consular officers to
~~transmit~~ ^{transmit} ~~enclosure~~ bank certificates
showing the closing balance at
the end of ^{the} each month, ^{furnish} together
with ^{all} the monthly accounts
rendered to the Govt of India

Mr Gibson

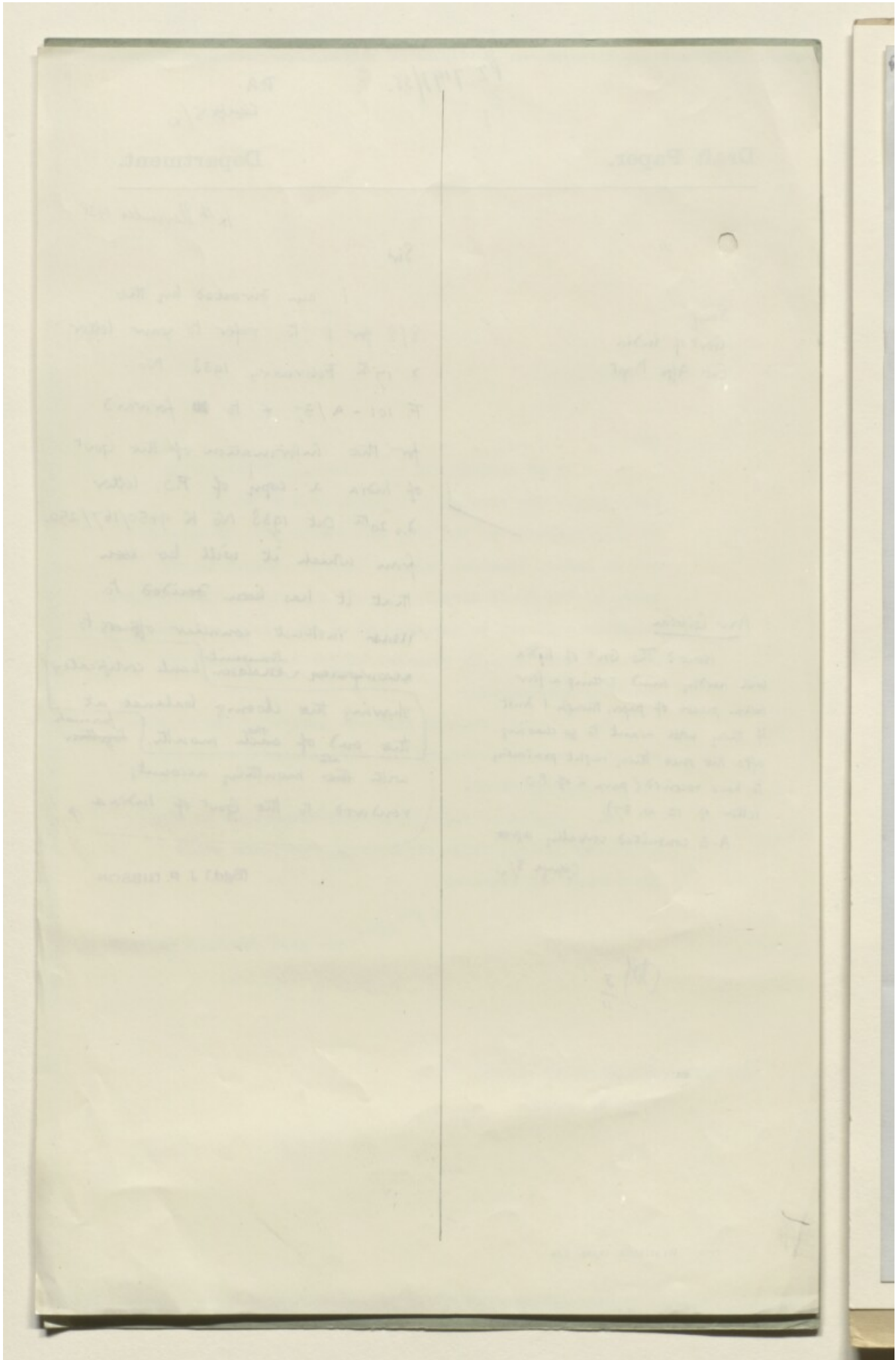
Issue? The Govt of India
will hardly mind getting a few
extra pieces of paper, though I doubt
if they will want to go chasing
after the ones they might previously
to have received (para 6 of F.O.
letter of 12.10.37).

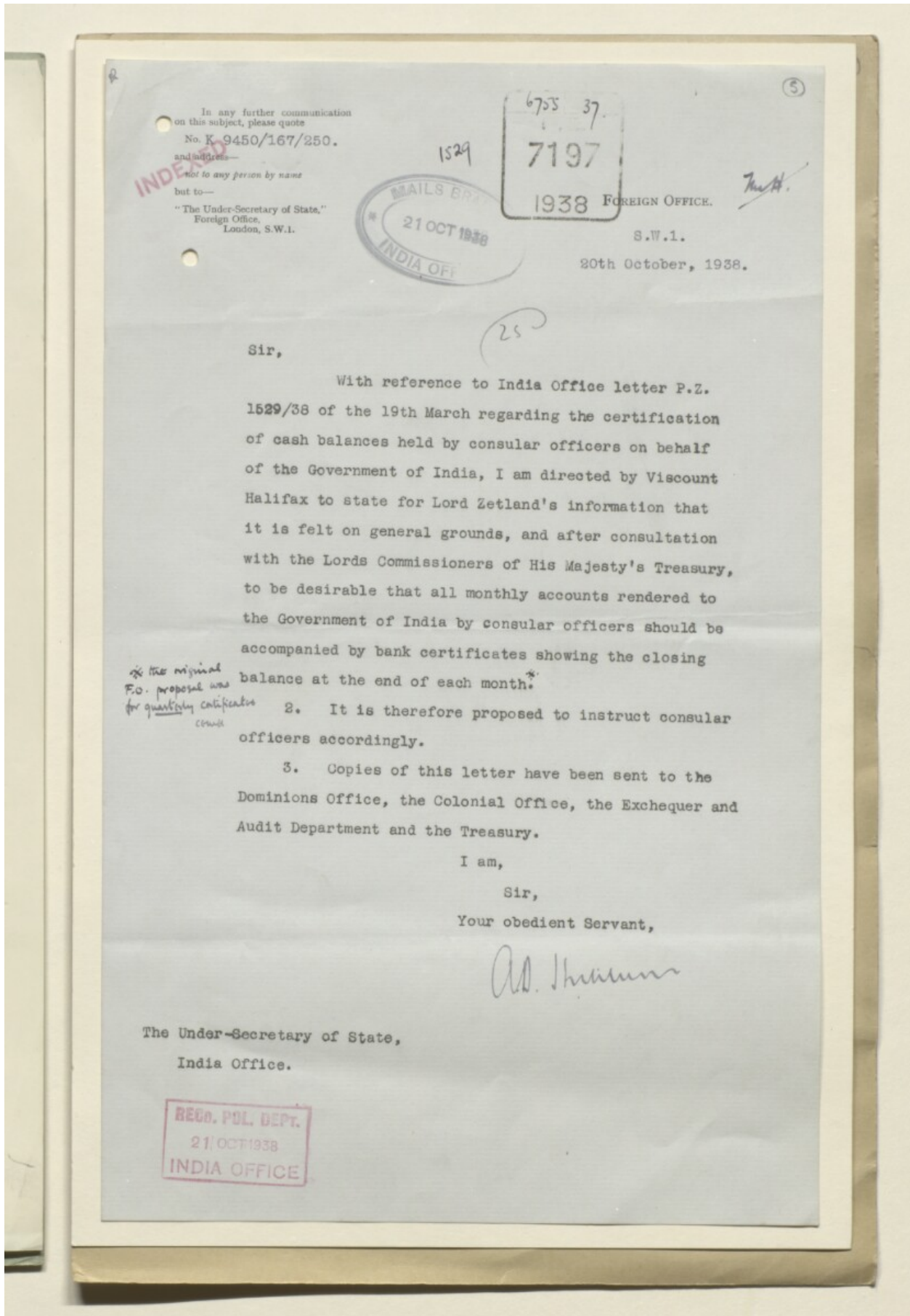
A.G. consulted verbally agree

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(Sgd.) J. P. GIBSON





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1938 FOREIGN OFFICE.

S.W.1.
20th October, 1938.

Sir,

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With reference to India Office letter P.Z. 1529/38 of the 19th March regarding the certification of cash balances held by consular officers on behalf of the Government of India, I am directed by Viscount Halifax to state for Lord Zetland's information that it is felt on general grounds, and after consultation with the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, to be desirable that all monthly accounts rendered to the Government of India by consular officers should be accompanied by bank certificates showing the closing balance at the end of each month*.

* The original F.O. proposal was for quarterly certificates

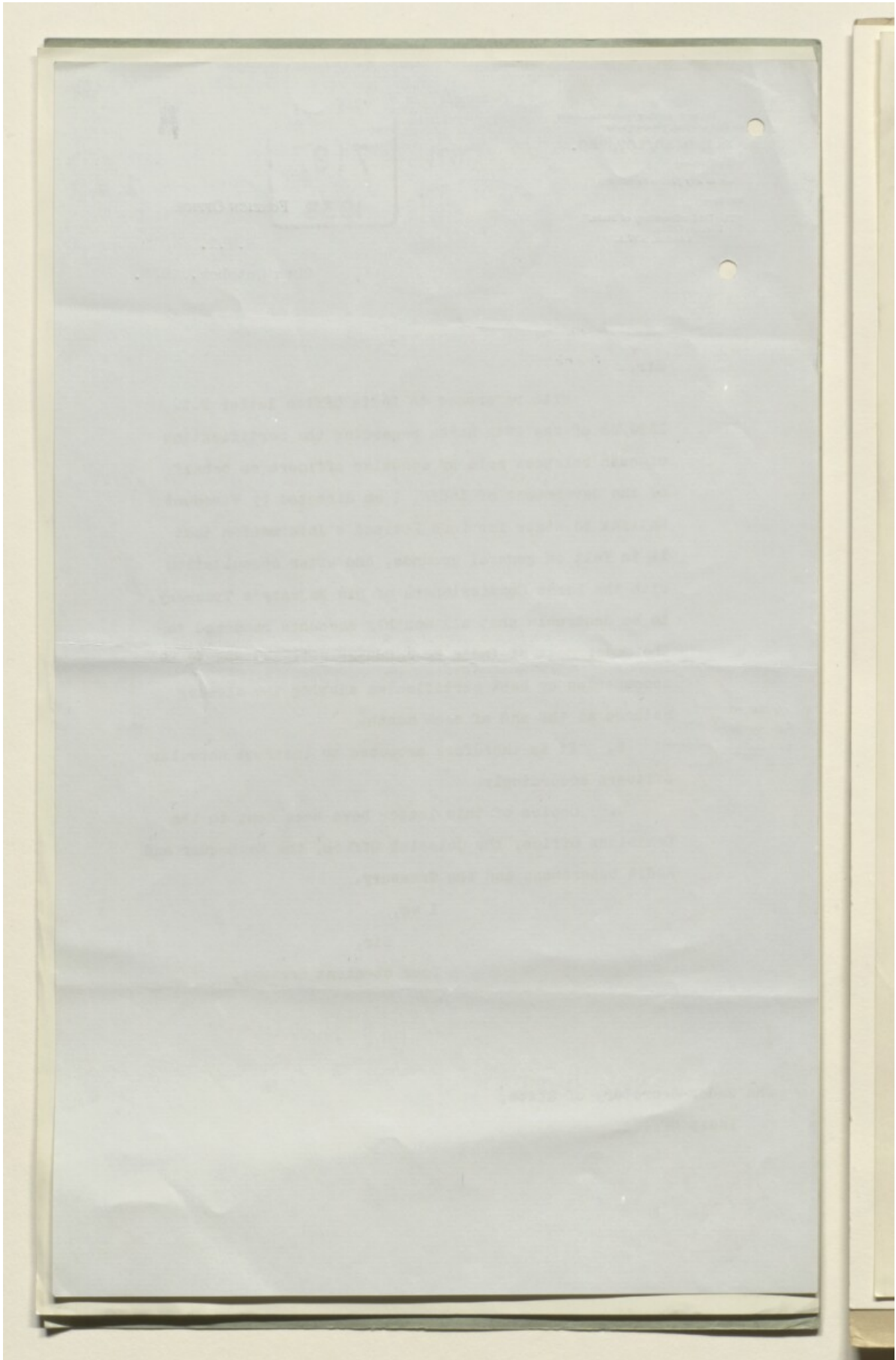
2. It is therefore proposed to instruct consular officers accordingly.
3. Copies of this letter have been sent to the Dominions Office, the Colonial Office, the Exchequer and Audit Department and the Treasury.

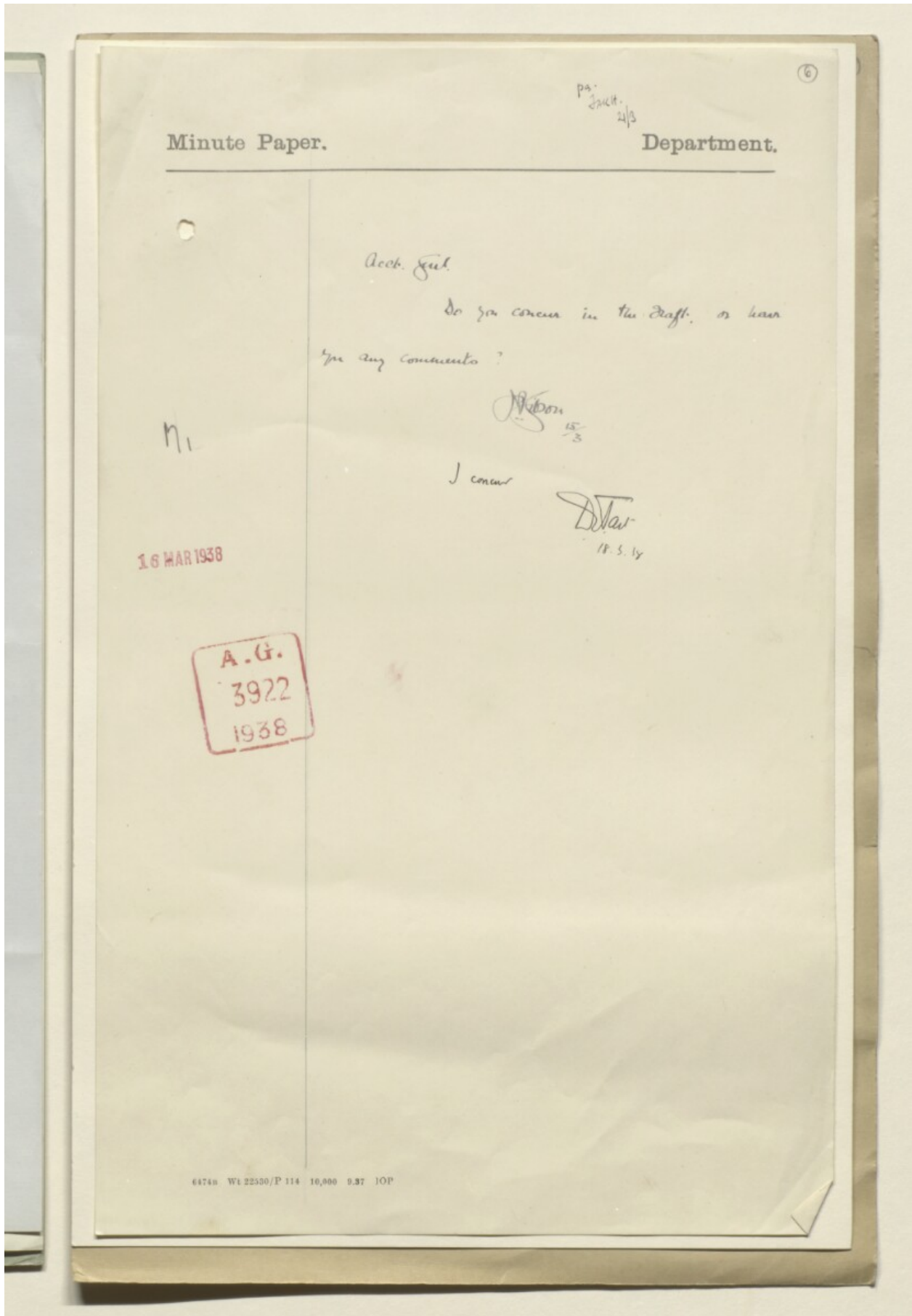
I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

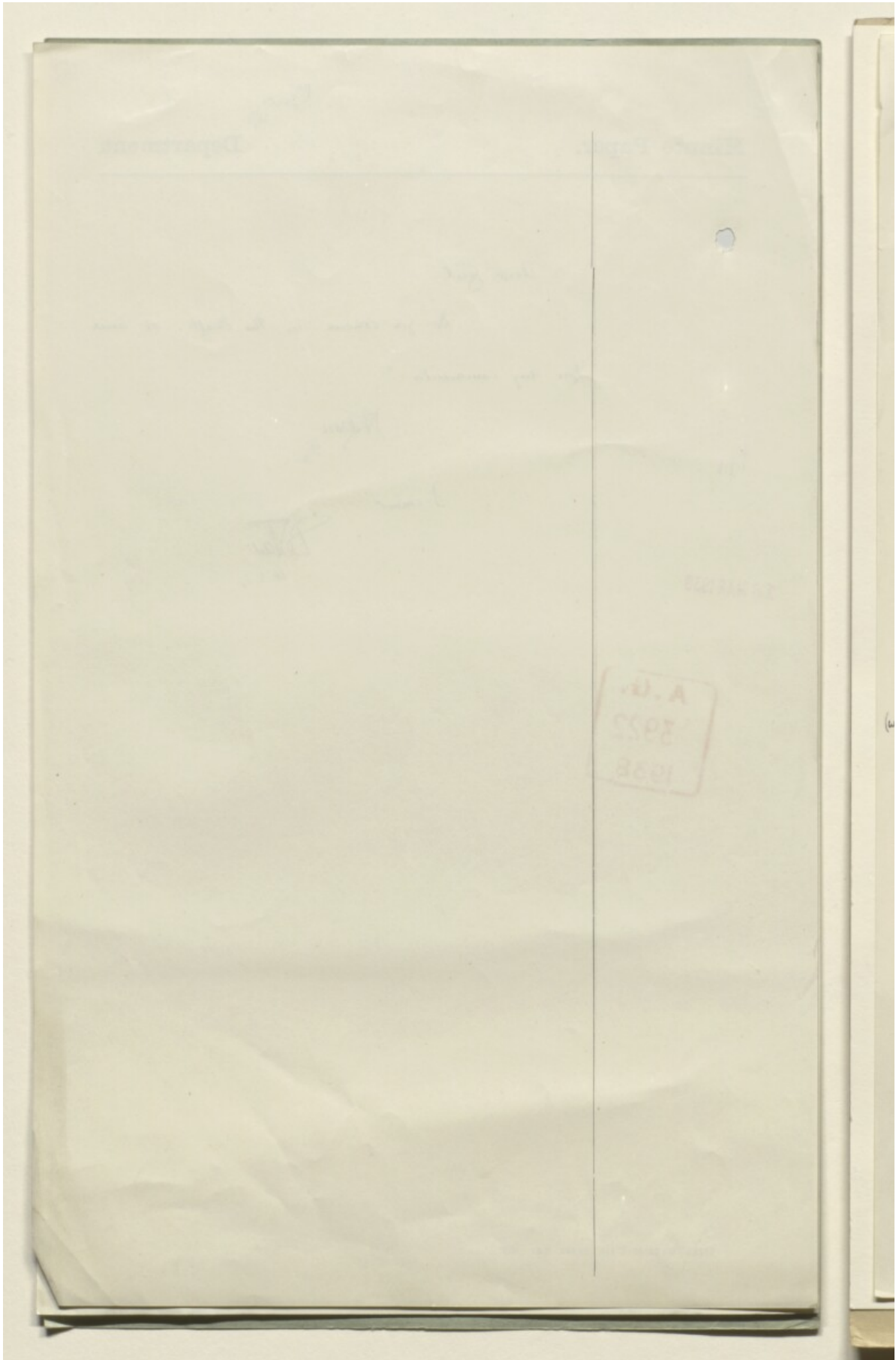
Ad. Ishikawa

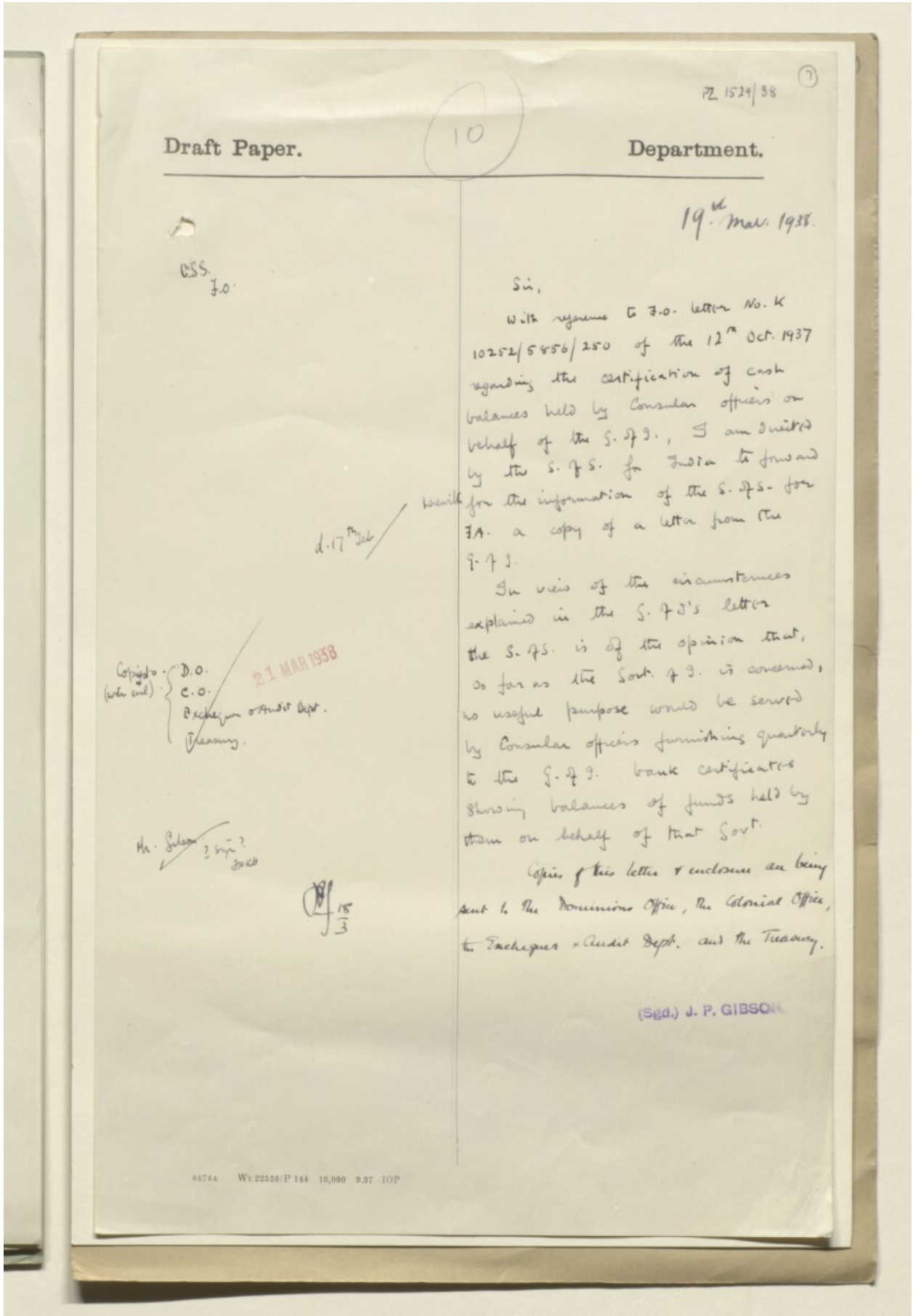
The Under-Secretary of State,
India Office.

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21 OCT 1938
INDIA OFFICE









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Draft Paper.

Department.

19th Mar. 1938.

U.S.S.
F.O.

Sir,

With reference to F.O. letter No. K 10252/5856/250 of the 12th Oct. 1937 regarding the certification of cash balances held by Consular officers on behalf of the S. of I., I am advised by the S. of I. for India to forward for the information of the S. of I. for F.A. a copy of a letter from the S. of I.

d-17th Feb

is sent

In view of the circumstances explained in the S. of I.'s letter the S. of I. is of the opinion that, so far as the S. of I. is concerned, no useful purpose would be served by Consular officers furnishing quarterly to the S. of I. bank certificates showing balances of funds held by them on behalf of that Govt.

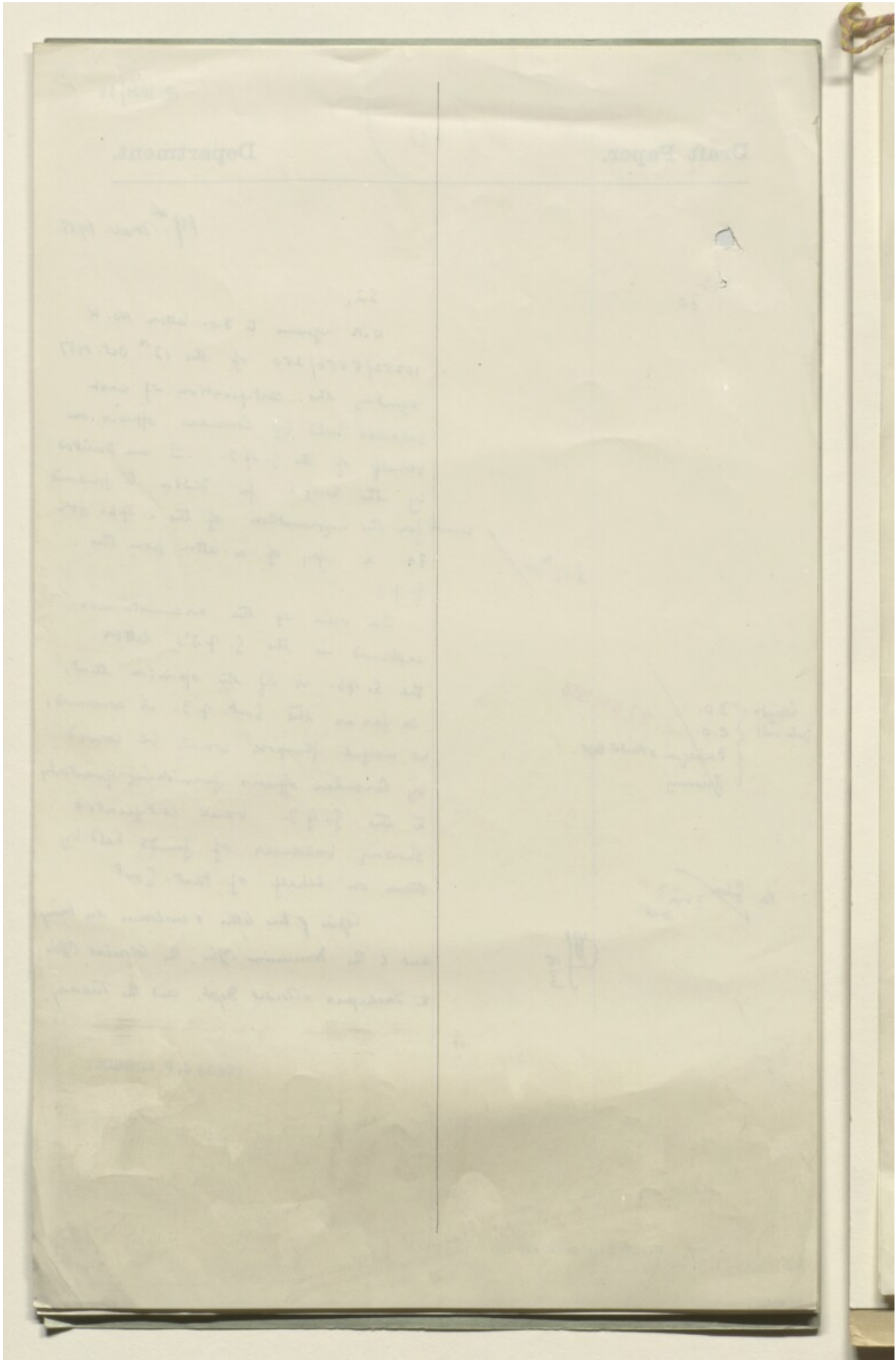
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Exchange & Audit Dept.
Treasury.
21 MAR 1938

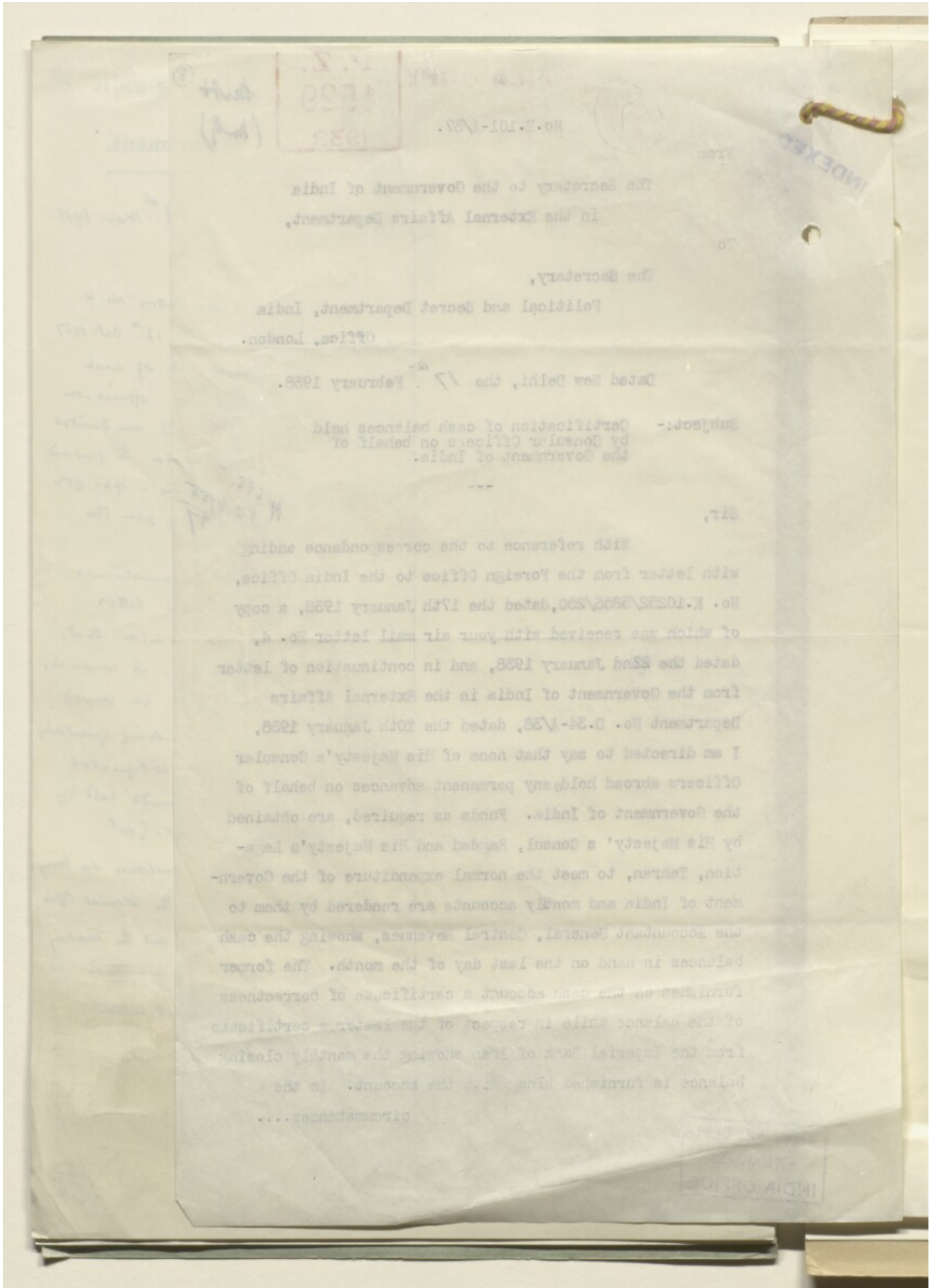
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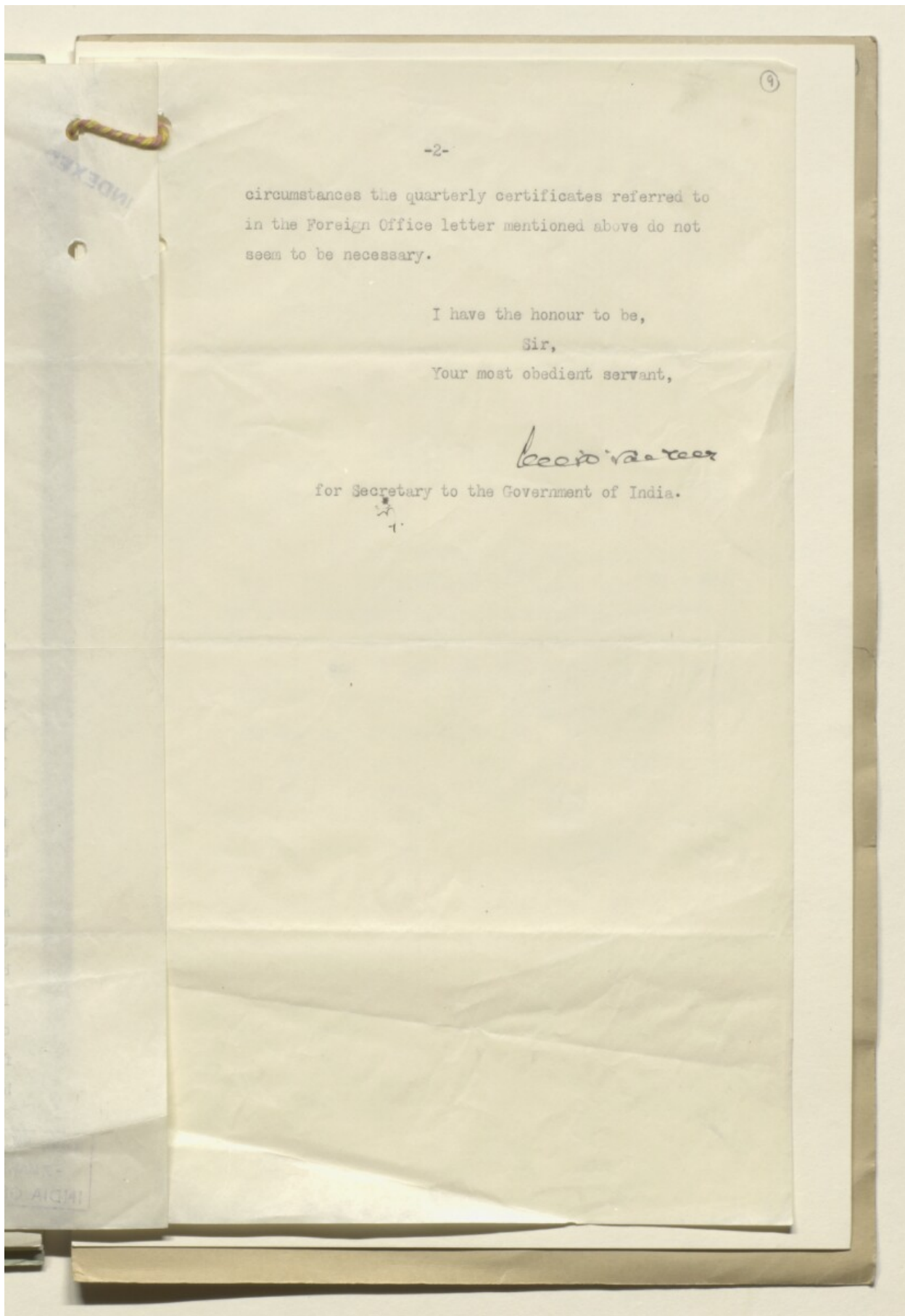
J.P.G.
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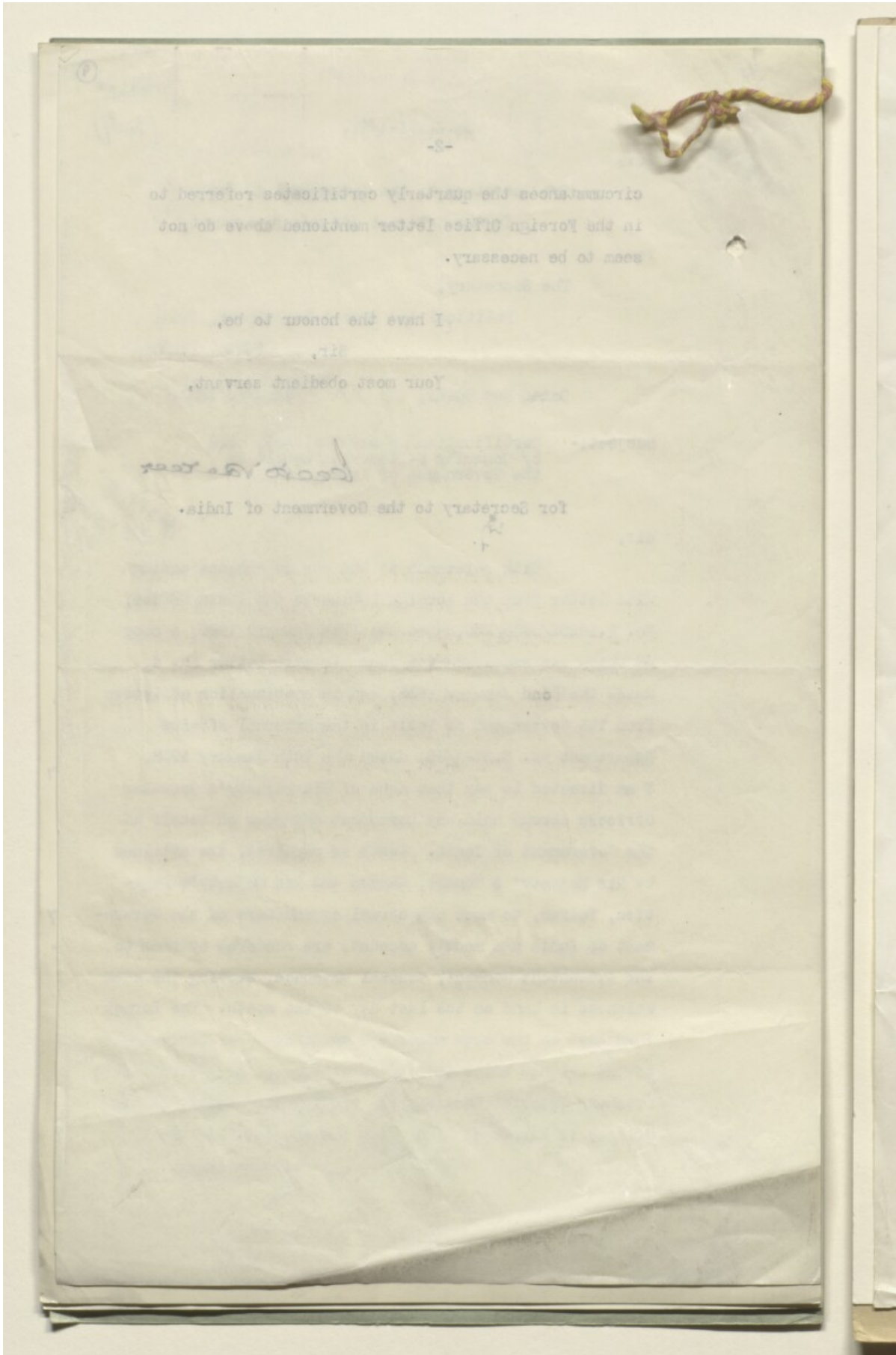
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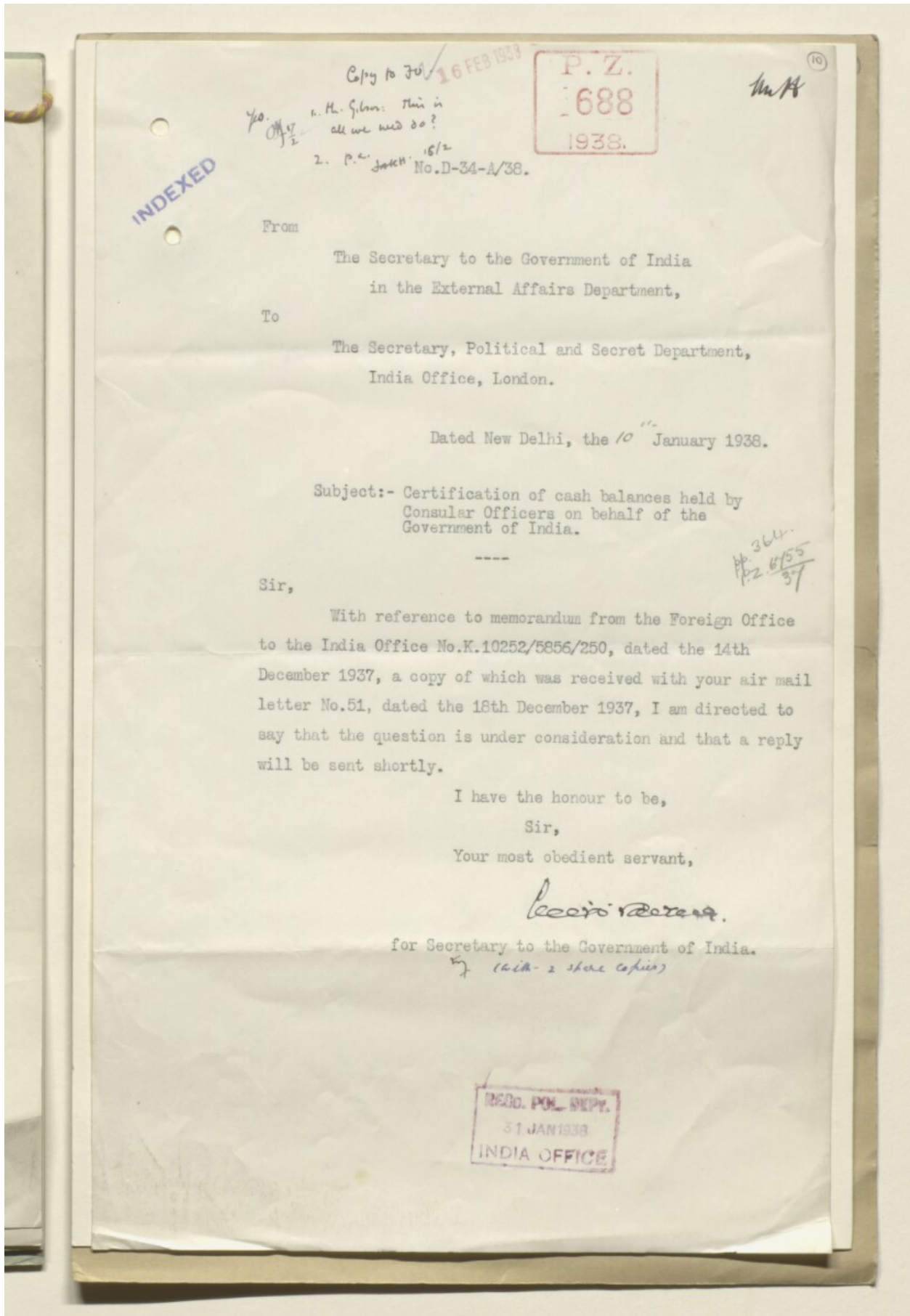
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H. Gilson: This is all we need do?
P. A. J. 16/2
No. D-34-A/38.

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From
The Secretary to the Government of India
in the External Affairs Department,
To
The Secretary, Political and Secret Department,
India Office, London.

Dated New Delhi, the 10th January 1938.

Subject:- Certification of cash balances held by
Consular Officers on behalf of the
Government of India.

P. 364.
PZ 6755/37

Sir,

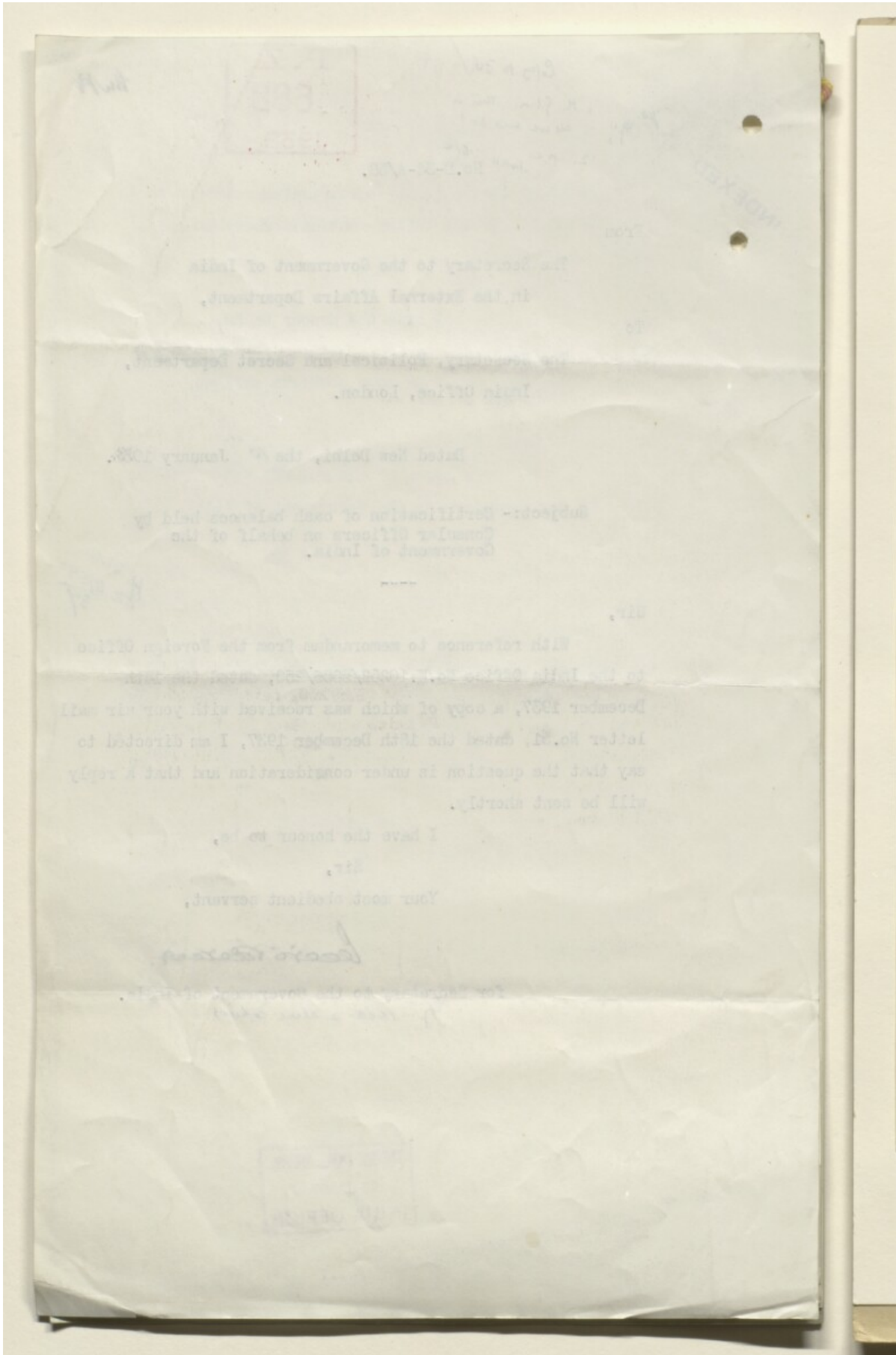
With reference to memorandum from the Foreign Office to the India Office No.K.10252/5856/250, dated the 14th December 1937, a copy of which was received with your air mail letter No.51, dated the 18th December 1937, I am directed to say that the question is under consideration and that a reply will be sent shortly.

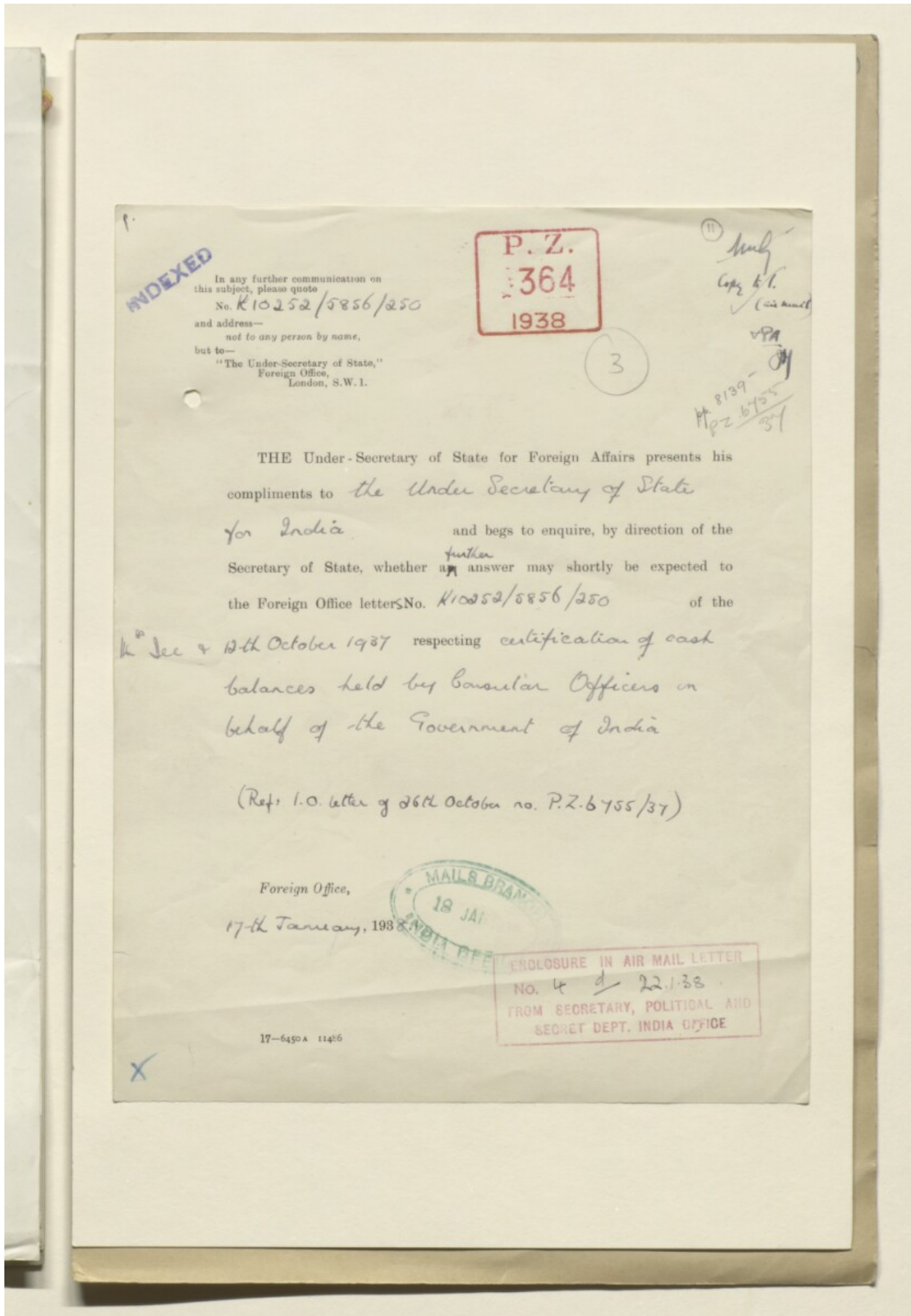
I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]

for Secretary to the Government of India.
(with 2 spare copies)

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INDIA OFFICE





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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for India and begs to enquire, by direction of the Secretary of State, whether a further answer may shortly be expected to the Foreign Office letter No. K10252/5856/250 of the

17th Dec & 12th October 1937 respecting certification of cash balances held by Consular Officers on behalf of the Government of India

(Ref: I.O. letter of 26th October no. P.Z. 6755/37)

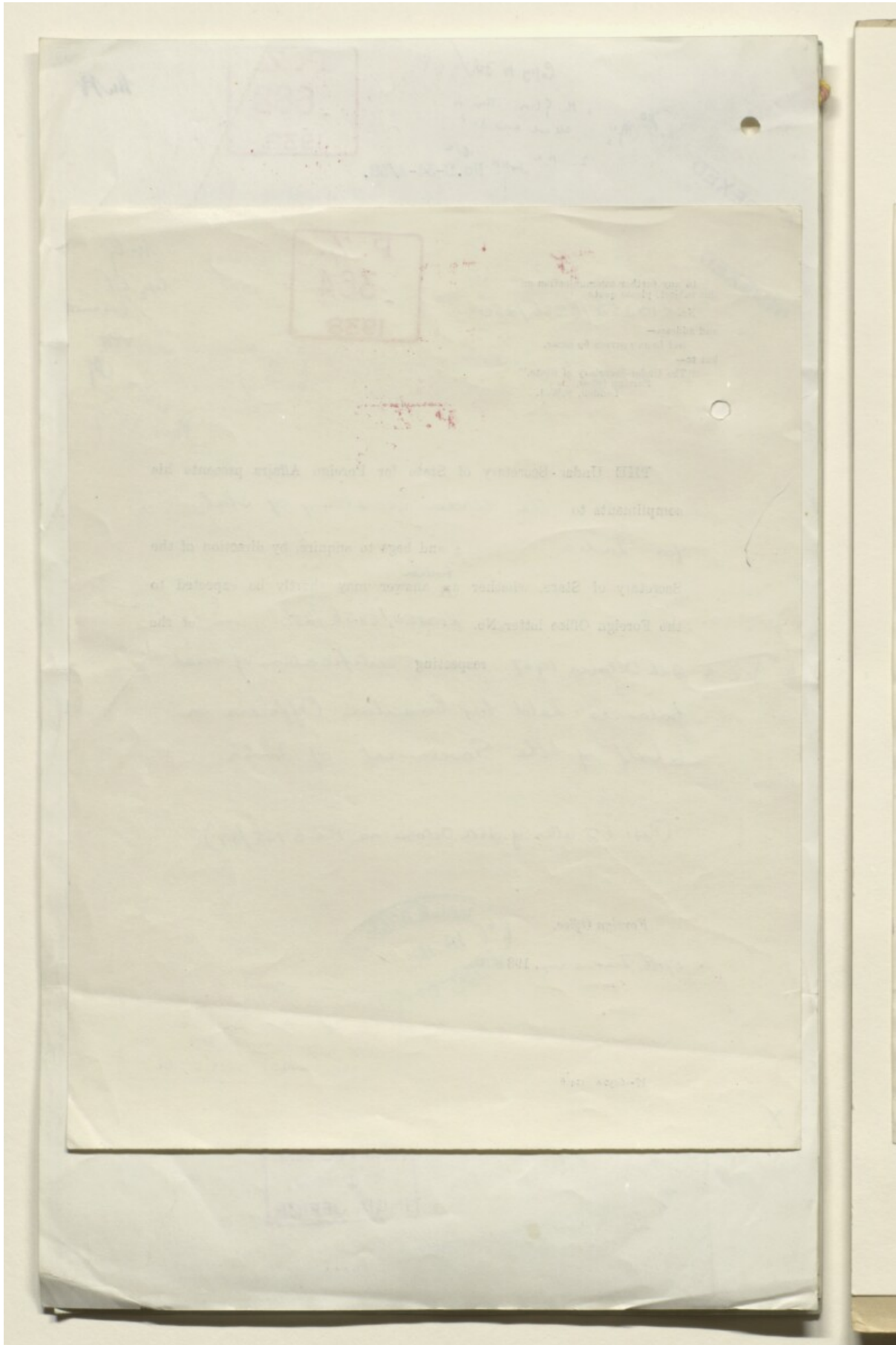
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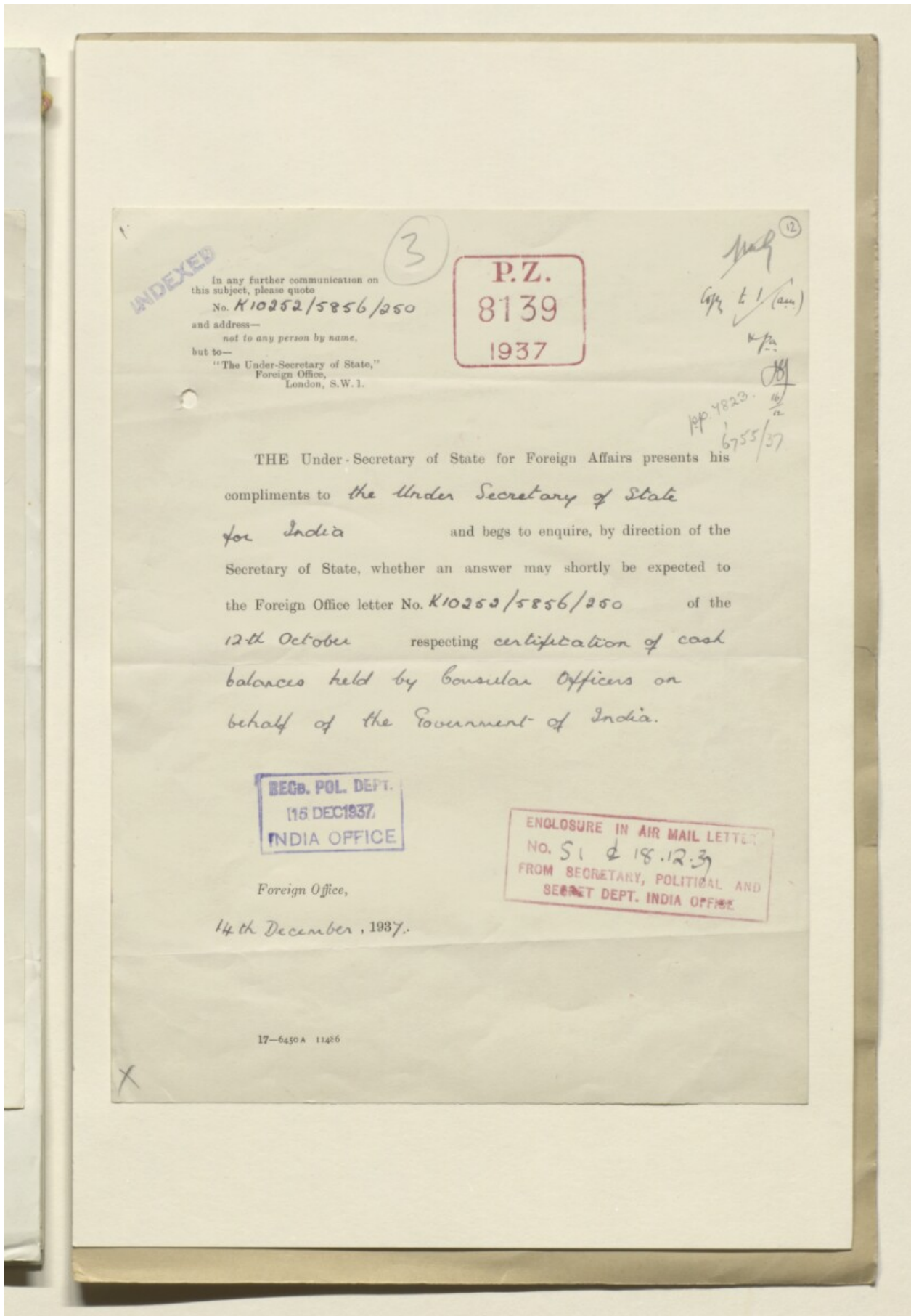
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18 JAN 1938
INDIA OFFICE**

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NO. 4 d 22.1.38
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"The Under-Secretary of State,"
Foreign Office,
London, S.W. 1.

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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to *the Under Secretary of State for India* and begs to enquire, by direction of the Secretary of State, whether an answer may shortly be expected to the Foreign Office letter No. *K10252/5856/250* of the *12th October* respecting *certification of cash balances held by Consular Officers on behalf of the Government of India.*

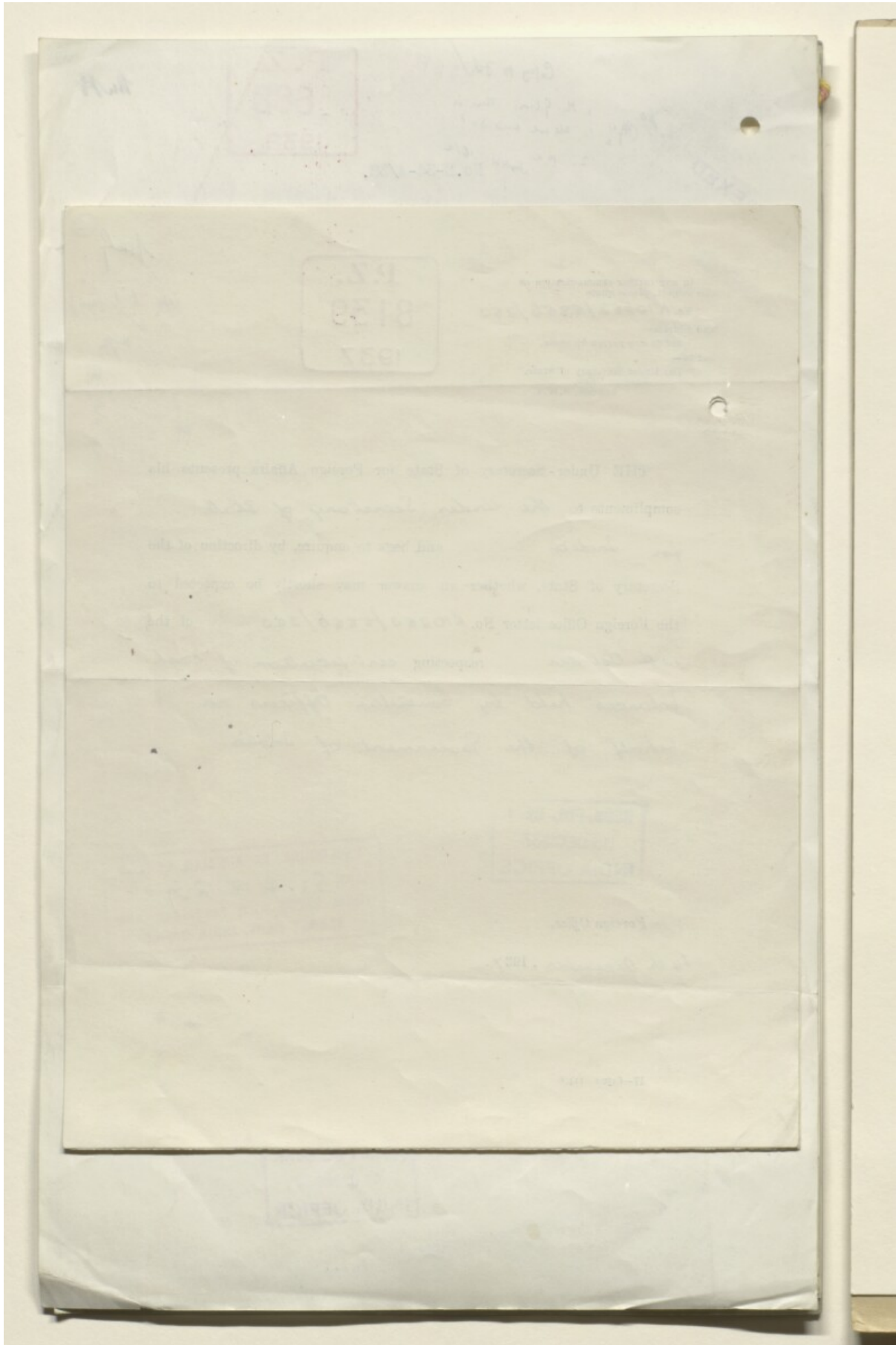
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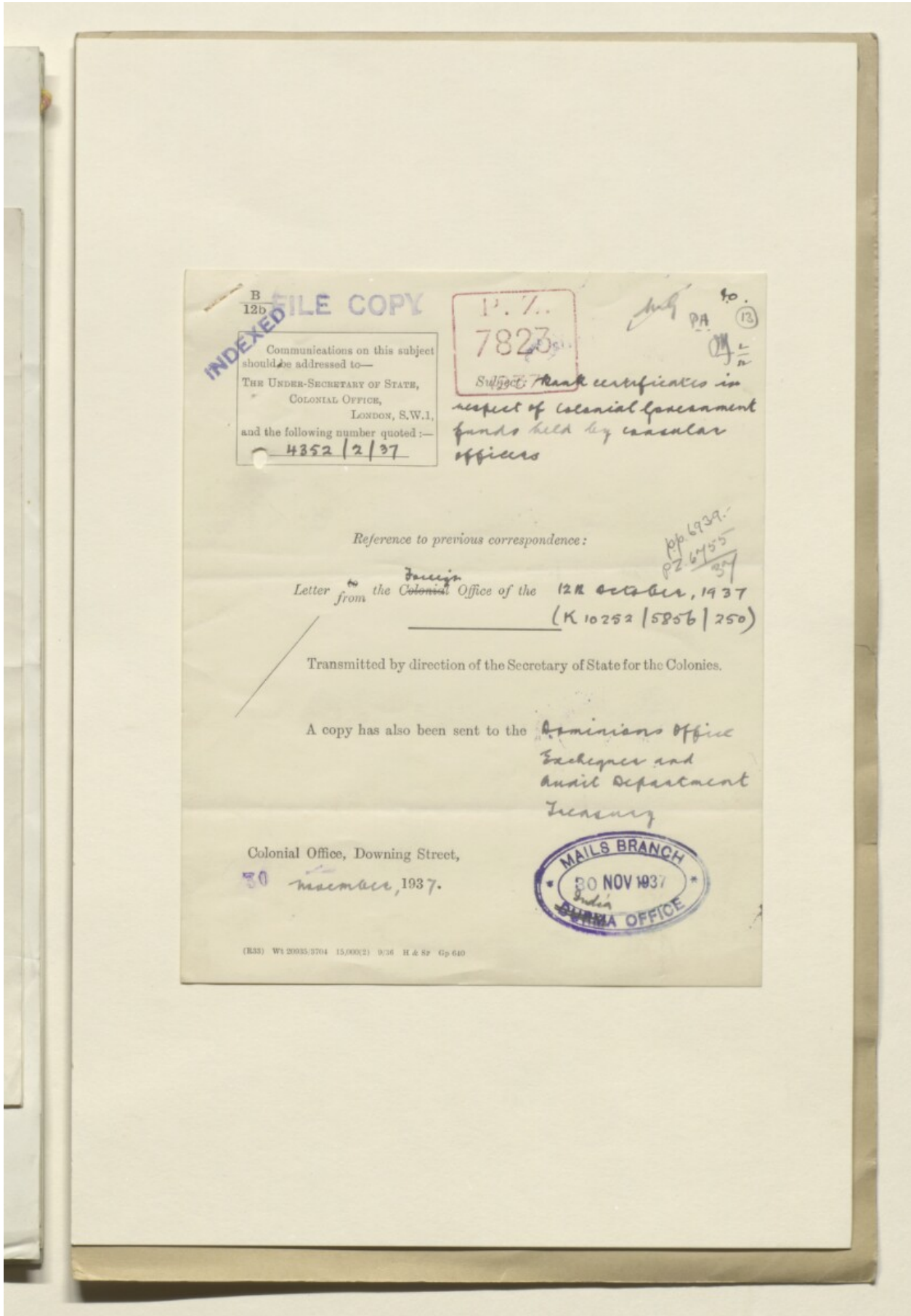
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NO. *51 & 18.12.37*
FROM SECRETARY, POLITICAL AND
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Foreign Office,

14th December, 1937.

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COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.
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Subject: Bank certificates in respect of colonial government funds held by consular officers

Reference to previous correspondence:

Letter from ^{Foreign} the Colonial Office of the 12th October, 1937
(K 10252/5856/250)

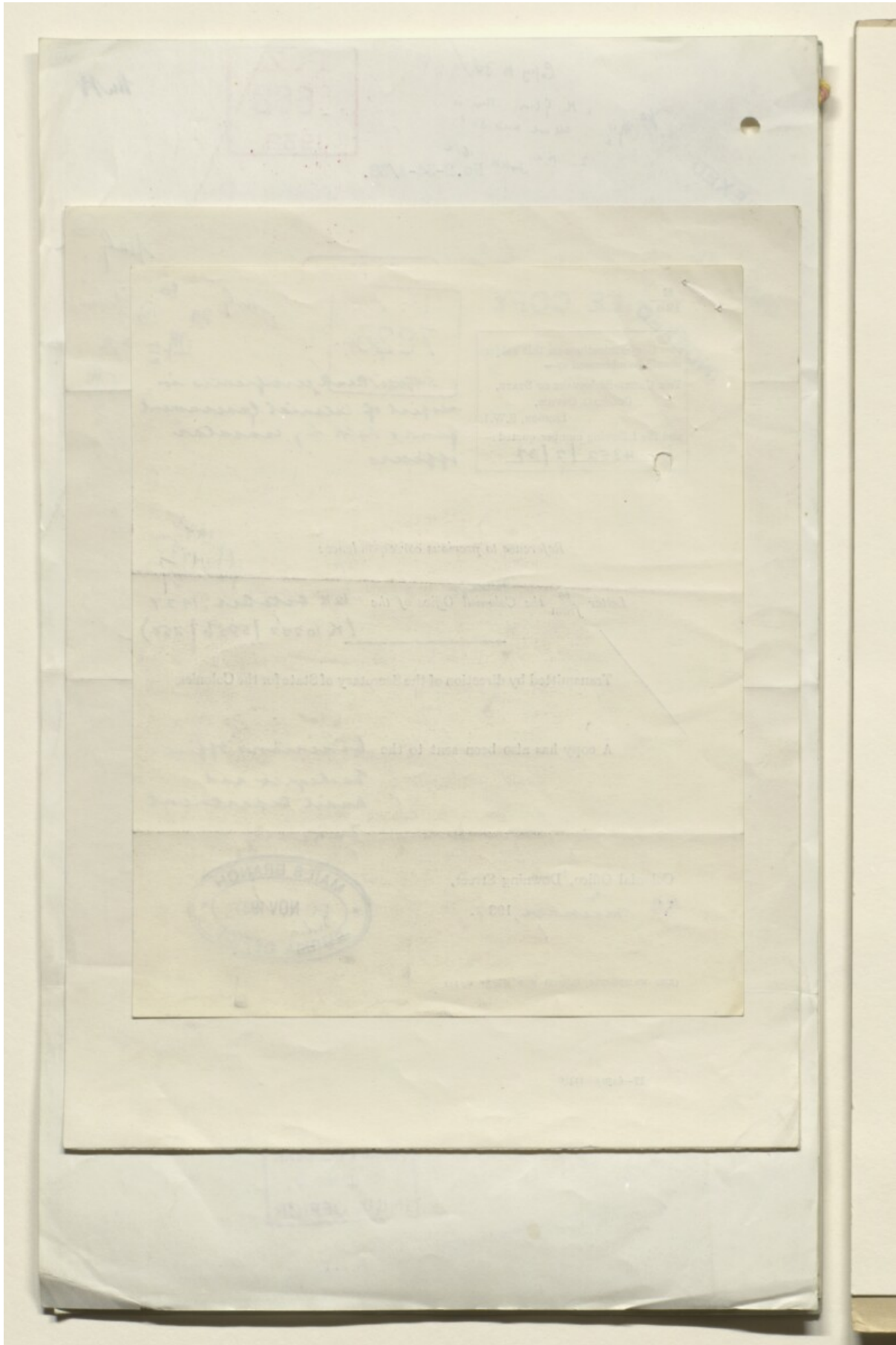
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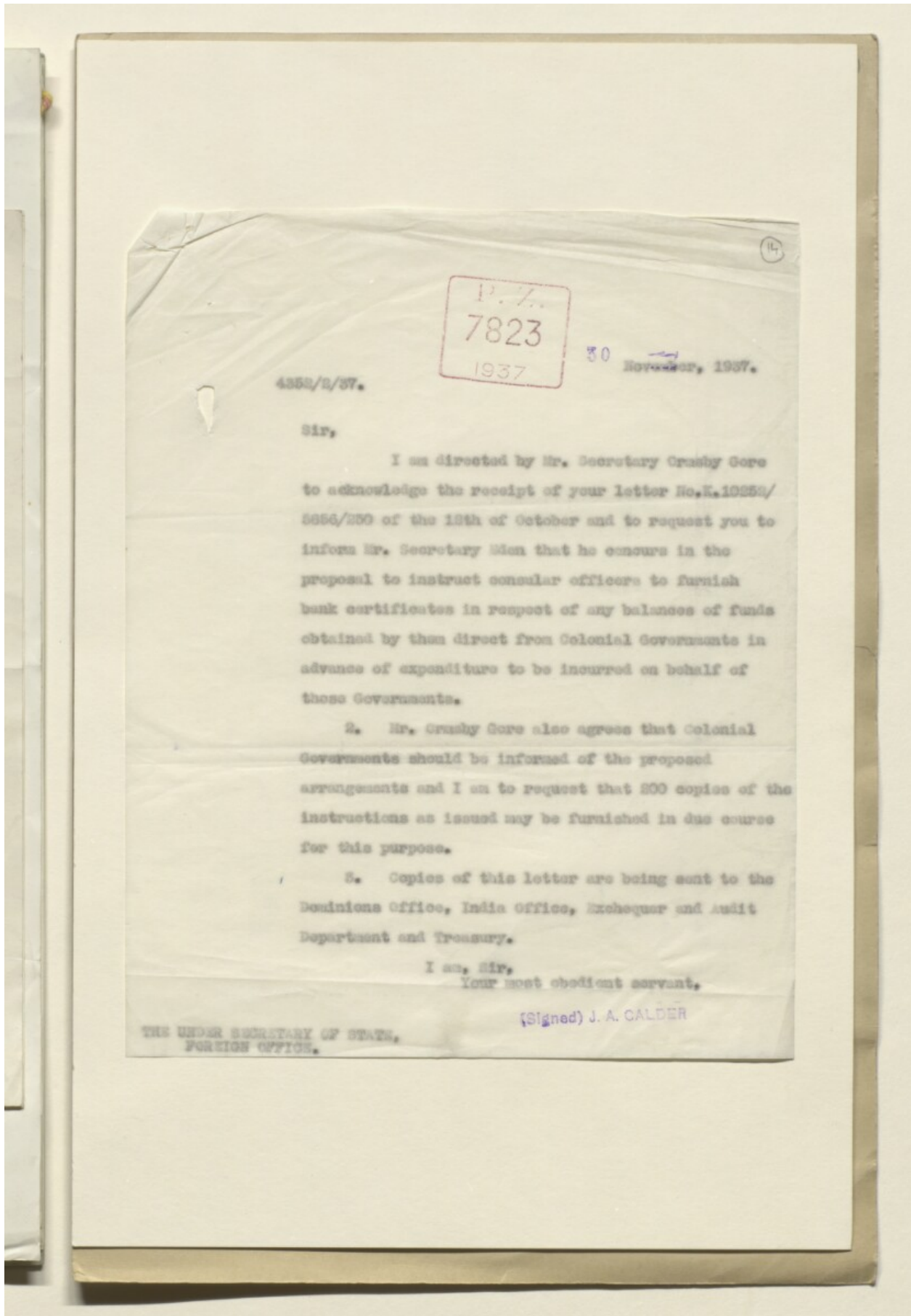
A copy has also been sent to the Administrations Office
Exchequer and Audit Department
Treasury

Colonial Office, Downing Street,
30 November, 1937.

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30 November, 1937.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Crosby Gore to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.K.10252/2656/200 of the 18th of October and to request you to inform Mr. Secretary Eden that he concurs in the proposal to instruct consular officers to furnish bank certificates in respect of any balances of funds obtained by them direct from Colonial Governments in advance of expenditure to be incurred on behalf of those Governments.

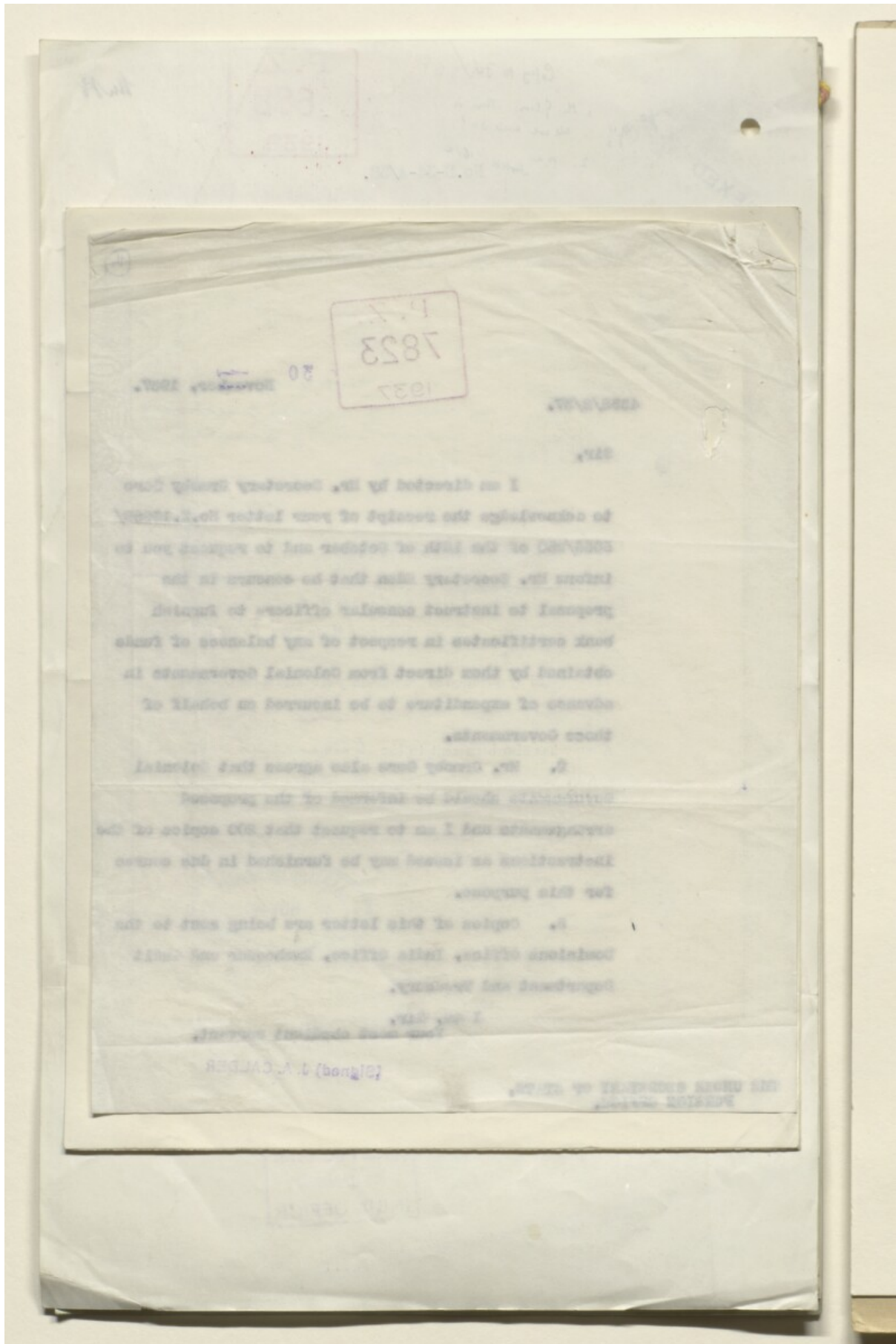
2. Mr. Crosby Gore also agrees that Colonial Governments should be informed of the proposed arrangements and I am to request that 200 copies of the instructions as issued may be furnished in due course for this purpose.

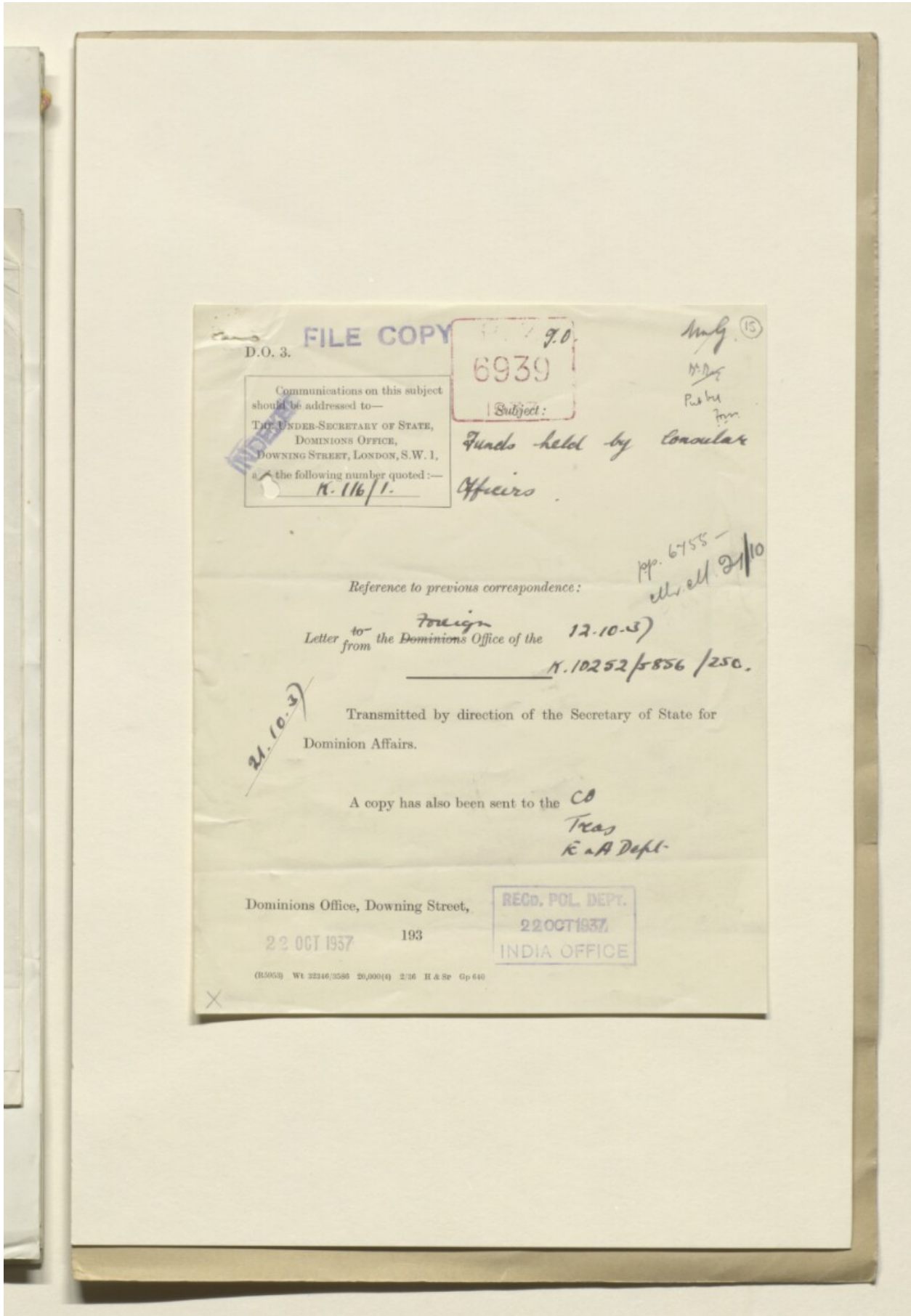
3. Copies of this letter are being sent to the Dominion Office, India Office, Exchequer and Audit Department and Treasury.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. A. CALDER

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.





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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE,
DOMINIONS OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W. 1.
the following number quoted:—
K. 116/1.

Subject:

Funds held by Consular Officers

M. J. J.
P. S. J.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Letter to Foreign from the Dominions Office of the 12.10.37

K. 10252/5856/250.

21.10.37

Transmitted by direction of the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

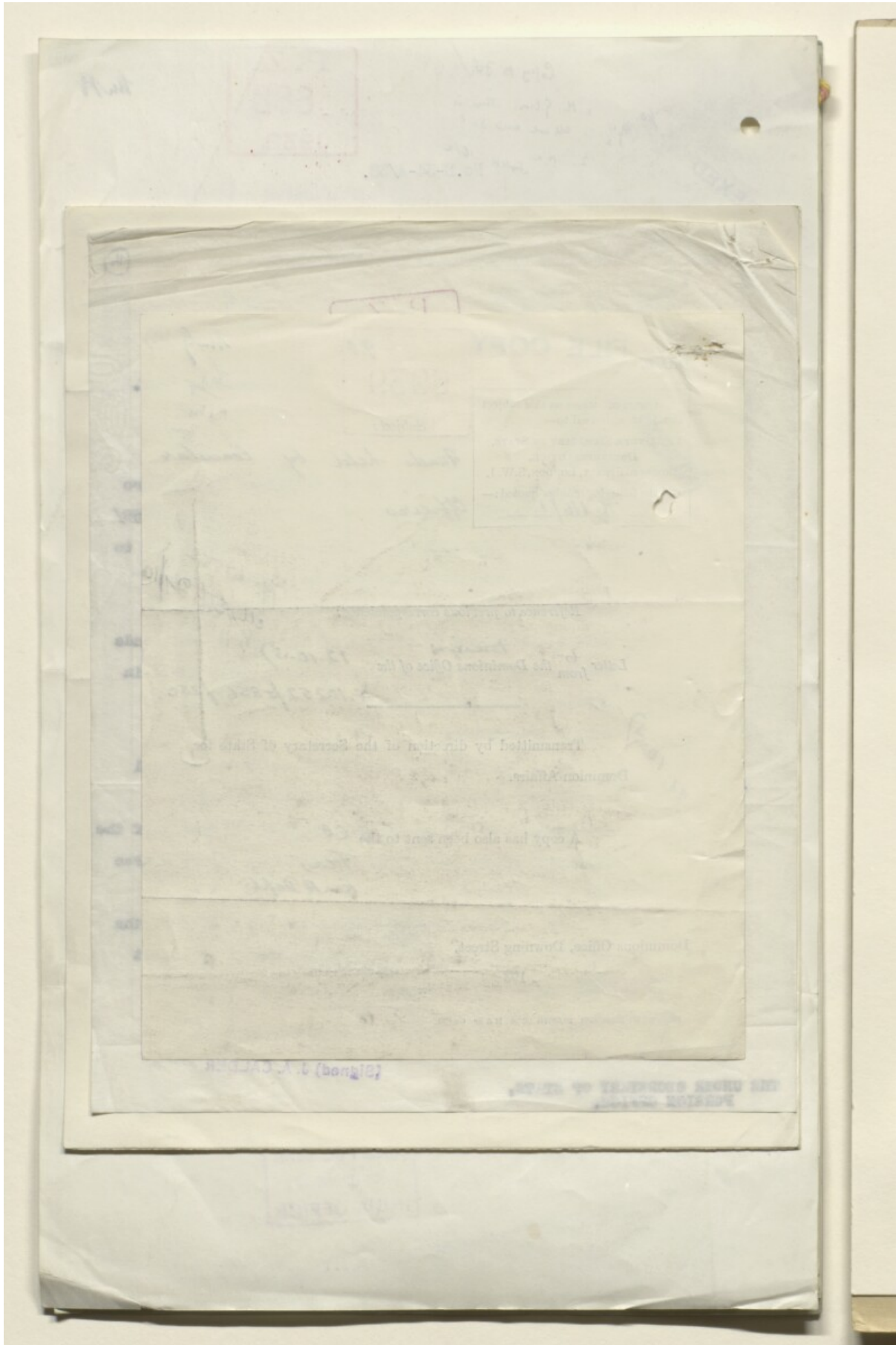
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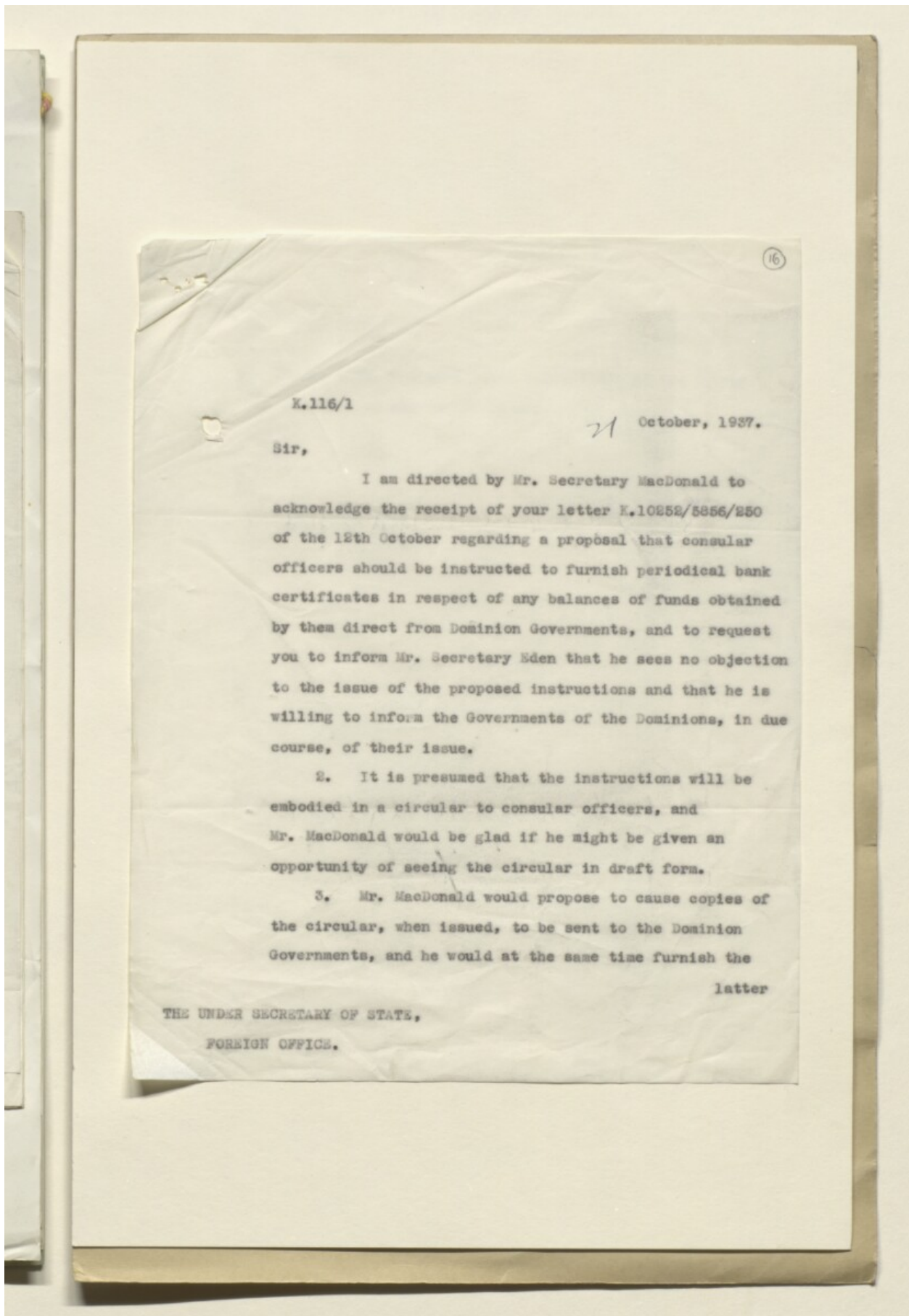
Dominions Office, Downing Street,

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21 October, 1937.

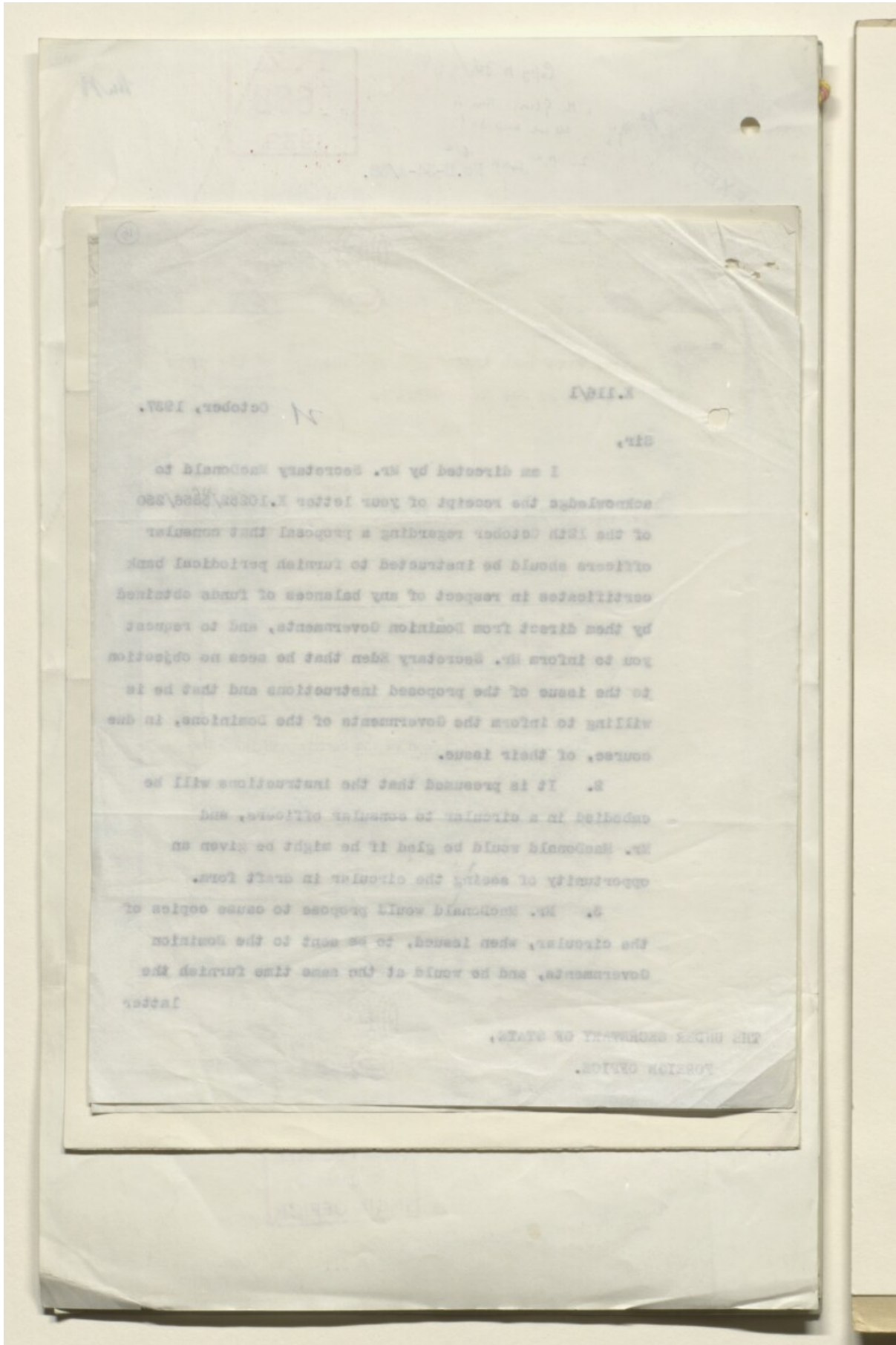
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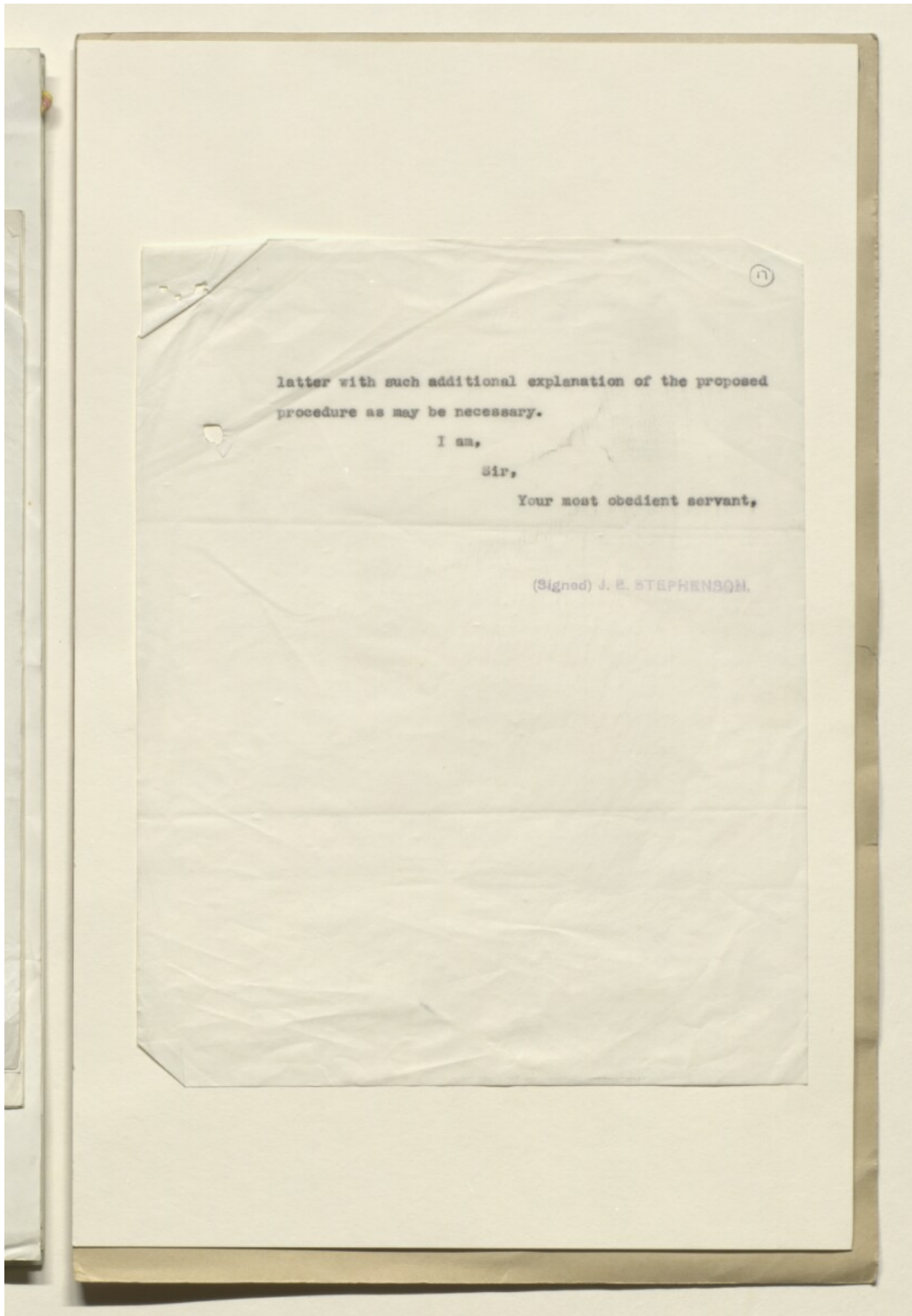
I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to acknowledge the receipt of your letter K.10252/5856/250 of the 12th October regarding a proposal that consular officers should be instructed to furnish periodical bank certificates in respect of any balances of funds obtained by them direct from Dominion Governments, and to request you to inform Mr. Secretary Eden that he sees no objection to the issue of the proposed instructions and that he is willing to inform the Governments of the Dominions, in due course, of their issue.

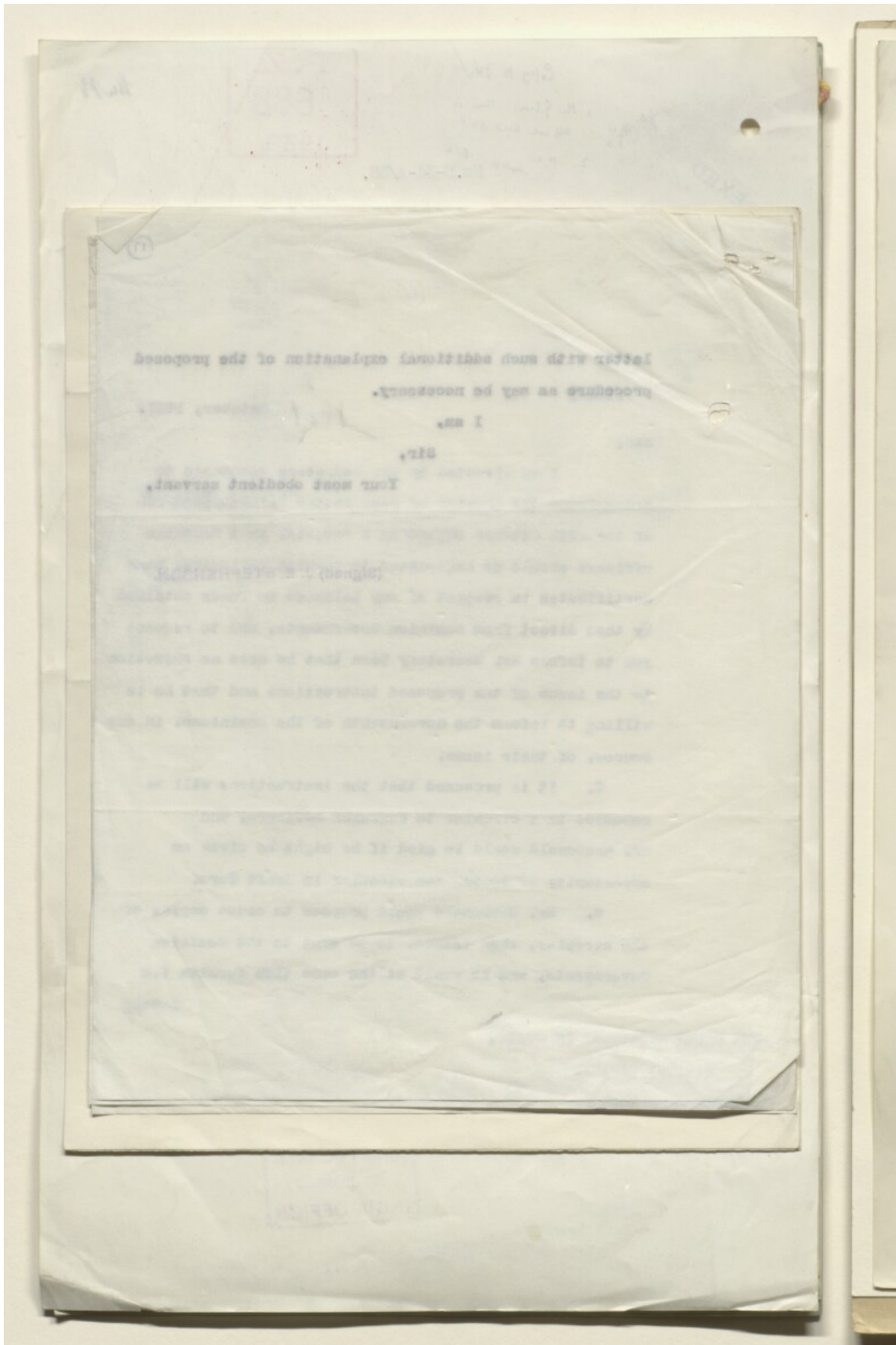
2. It is presumed that the instructions will be embodied in a circular to consular officers, and Mr. MacDonald would be glad if he might be given an opportunity of seeing the circular in draft form.

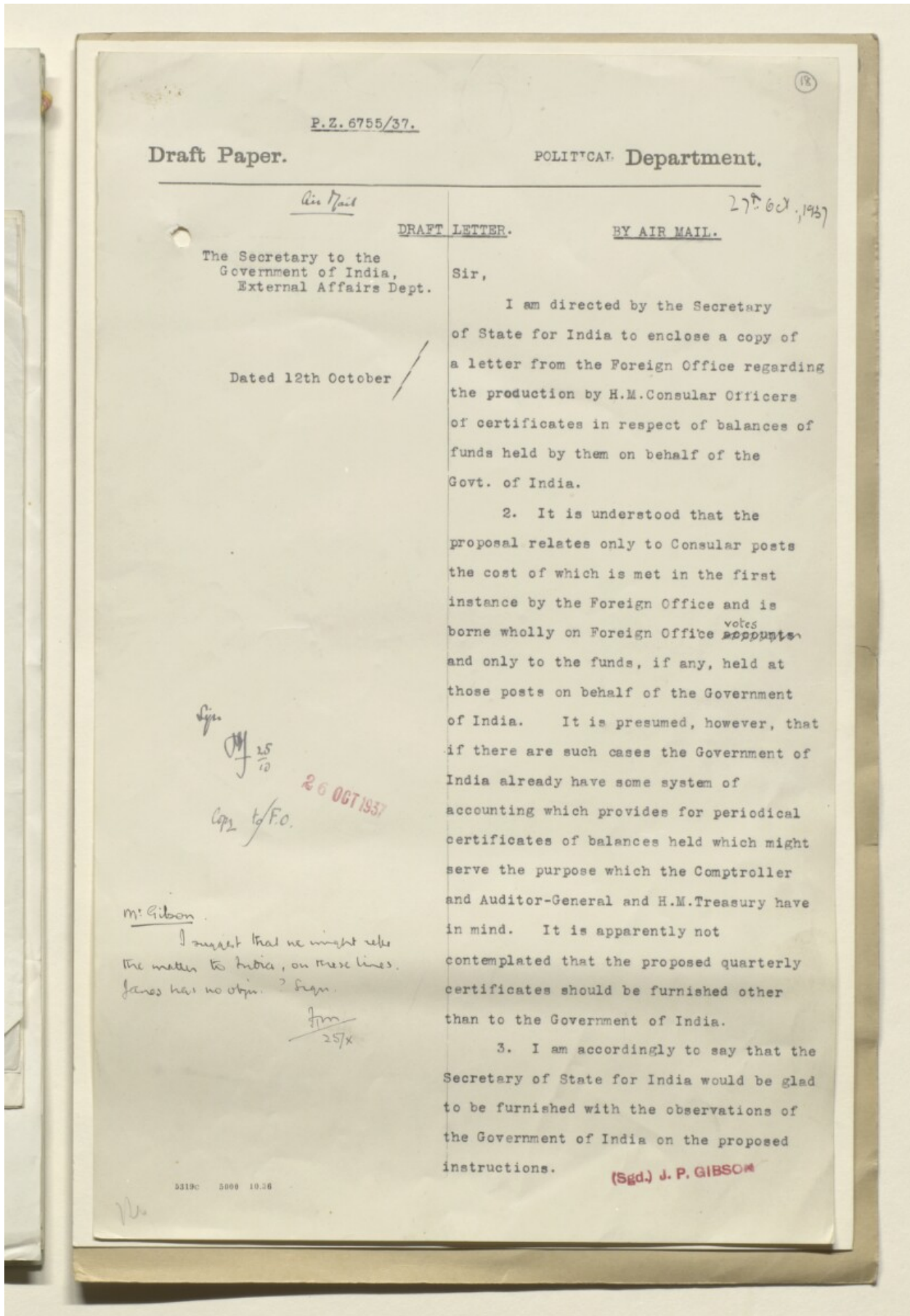
3. Mr. MacDonald would propose to cause copies of the circular, when issued, to be sent to the Dominion Governments, and he would at the same time furnish the
letter

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.









P.Z. 6755/37.

Draft Paper.

POLITICAL Department.

Air Mail

27th Oct, 1957

DRAFT LETTER.

BY AIR MAIL.

The Secretary to the
Government of India,
External Affairs Dept.

Sir,

Dated 12th October

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to enclose a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office regarding the production by H.M. Consular Officers of certificates in respect of balances of funds held by them on behalf of the Govt. of India.

2. It is understood that the proposal relates only to Consular posts the cost of which is met in the first instance by the Foreign Office and is borne wholly on Foreign Office ^{votes} ~~accounts~~ and only to the funds, if any, held at those posts on behalf of the Government of India. It is presumed, however, that if there are such cases the Government of India already have some system of accounting which provides for periodical certificates of balances held which might serve the purpose which the Comptroller and Auditor-General and H.M. Treasury have in mind. It is apparently not contemplated that the proposed quarterly certificates should be furnished other than to the Government of India.

3. I am accordingly to say that the Secretary of State for India would be glad to be furnished with the observations of the Government of India on the proposed instructions.

(Sgd.) J. P. GIBSON

Sign
J.P.G.
25/10

Cop 2 to F.O.

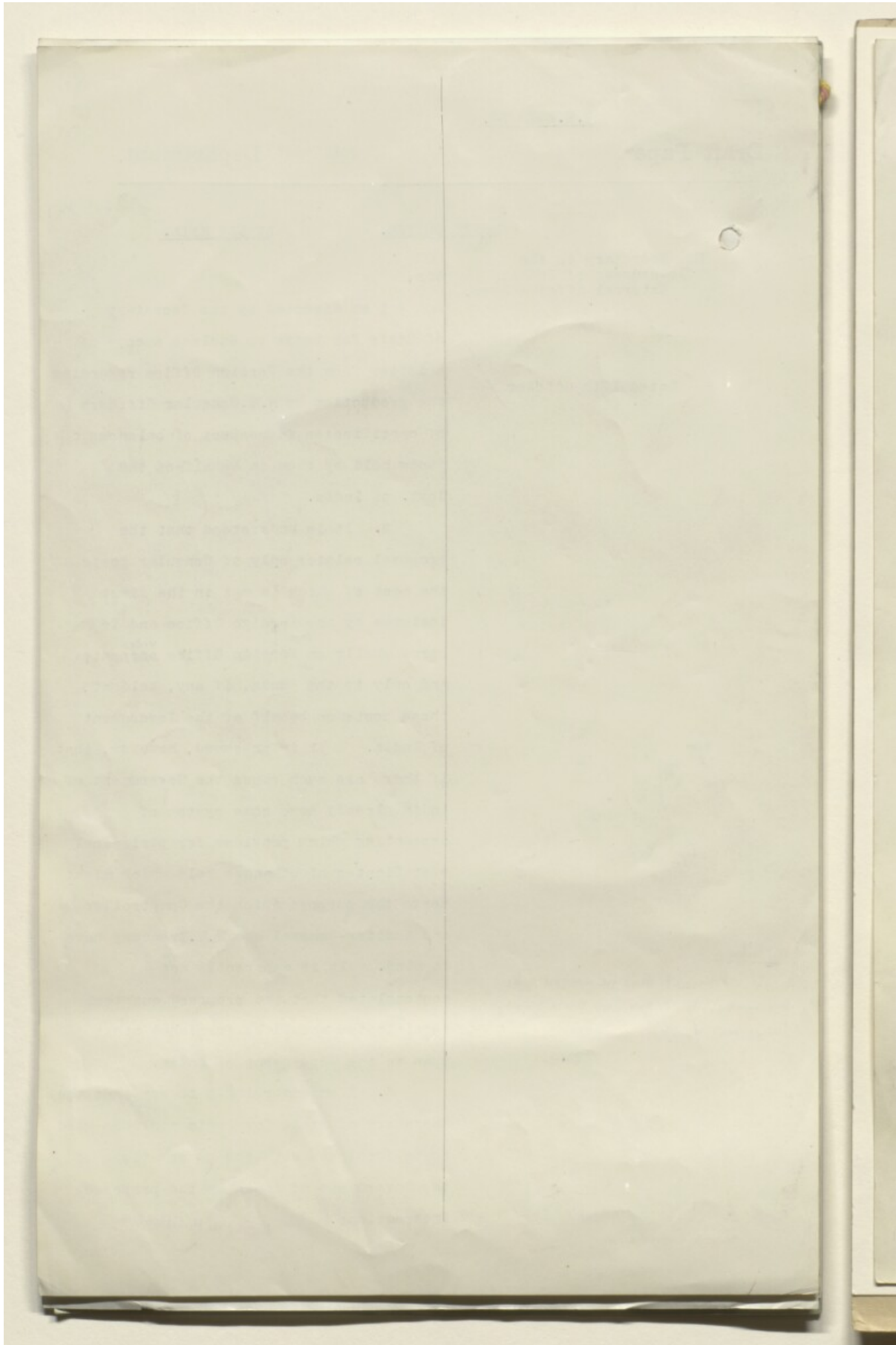
26 OCT 1957

M. Gibbon

I suggest that we might refer the matter to India, on these lines. Jones has no obj. ? Sign.

J.P.G.
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Minute Paper.

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Department.

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Accountant-General.

Have you any comments to make on this proposal of the Major Office? I presume it is unnecessary to consult the Govt. India before expressing concurrence.

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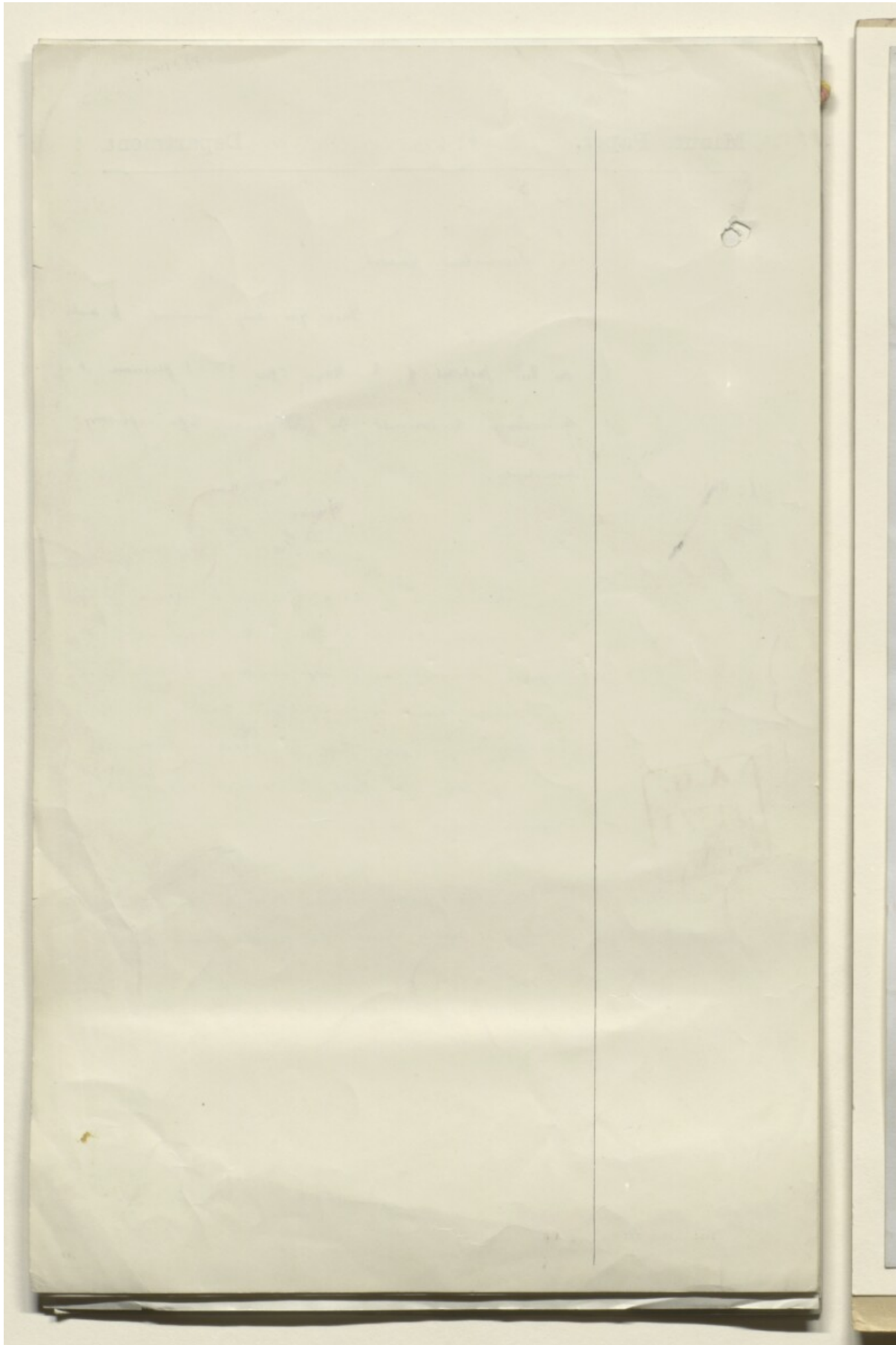
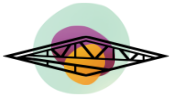
There seems to be no objection to agreeing without first consulting the Govt. of India; the arrangement is obviously designed as a safeguard. Whether there are concrete cases is doubtful; it has been ascertained from the Foreign Office that they have no information on the subject, also that the scheme applies only to Consular Officers on their visits and therefore not, e.g., to the posts in India itself. The matter arose out of a case of a Consular Officer making considerable payments on behalf of his wife, whence he received funds direct.

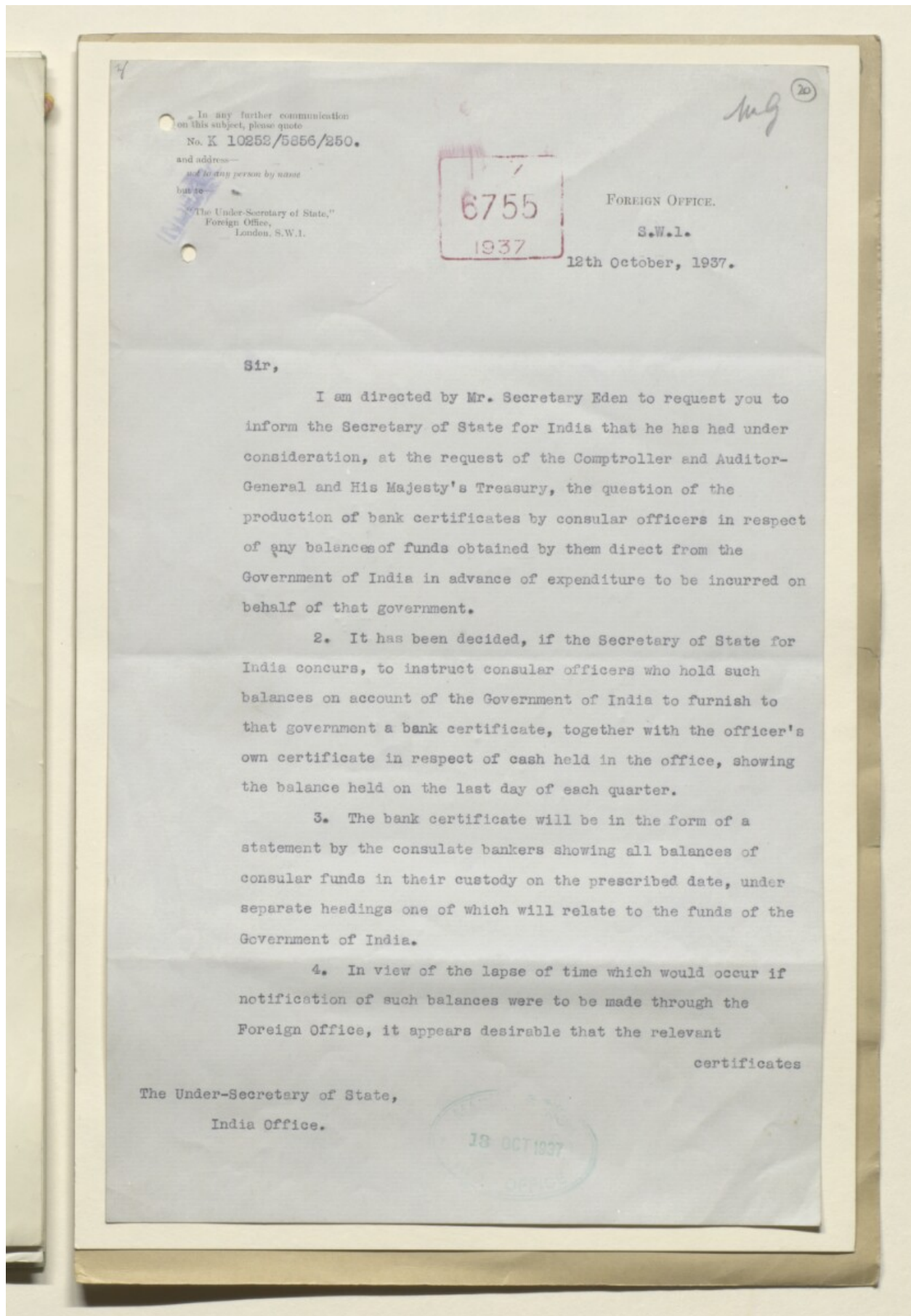
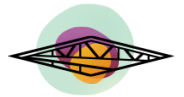
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"The Under-Secretary of State,"
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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1937

FOREIGN OFFICE.

S.W.1.

12th October, 1937.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Eden to request you to inform the Secretary of State for India that he has had under consideration, at the request of the Comptroller and Auditor-General and His Majesty's Treasury, the question of the production of bank certificates by consular officers in respect of any balances of funds obtained by them direct from the Government of India in advance of expenditure to be incurred on behalf of that government.

2. It has been decided, if the Secretary of State for India concurs, to instruct consular officers who hold such balances on account of the Government of India to furnish to that government a bank certificate, together with the officer's own certificate in respect of cash held in the office, showing the balance held on the last day of each quarter.

3. The bank certificate will be in the form of a statement by the consulate bankers showing all balances of consular funds in their custody on the prescribed date, under separate headings one of which will relate to the funds of the Government of India.

4. In view of the lapse of time which would occur if notification of such balances were to be made through the Foreign Office, it appears desirable that the relevant

certificates

The Under-Secretary of State,
India Office.

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