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The file contains correspondence from Secretary to the Government of India in the External Affairs Department, New Delhi to Office of the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Camp Shiraz concerning statistics on the wartime rationing and clothing system of the Anglo Iranian Oil Company at Abadan.

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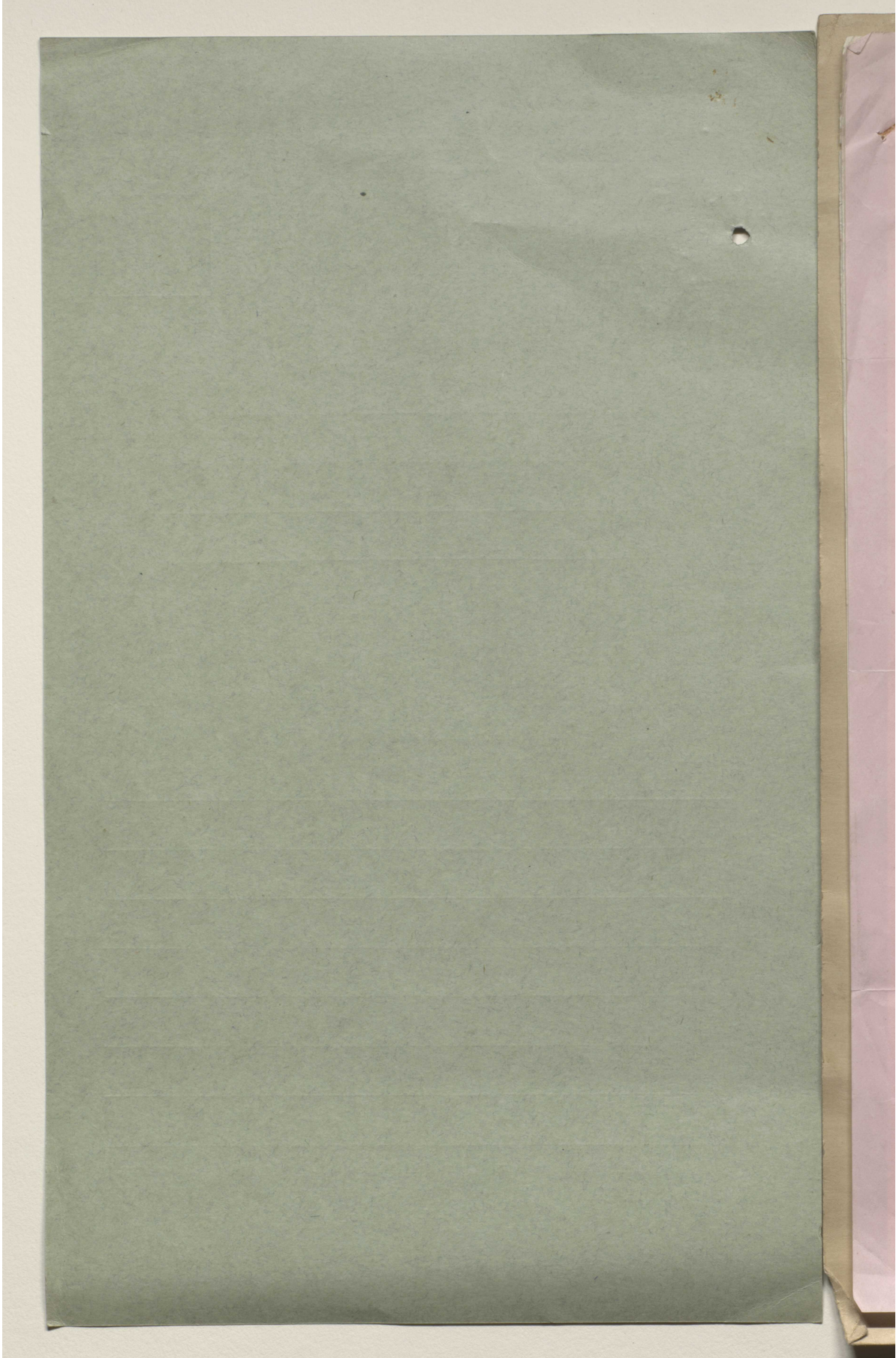
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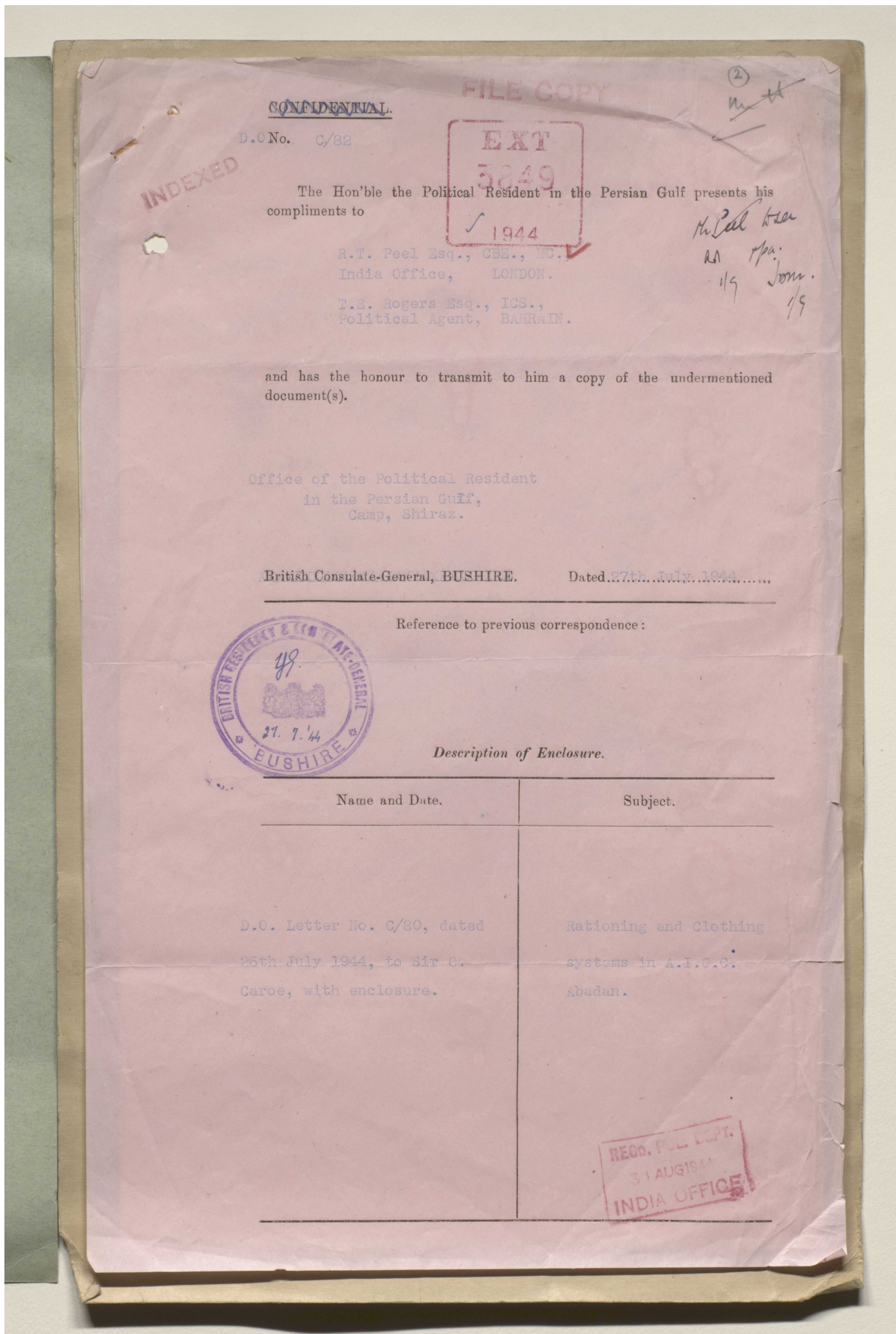
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The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

R.T. Peel Esq., CBE., MC.
India Office, LONDON.

T.E. Rogers Esq., ICS.,
Political Agent, BAHRAIN.

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

Office of the Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf,
Camp, Shiraz.

British Consulate-General, BUSHIRE.

Dated 27th July 1944.....

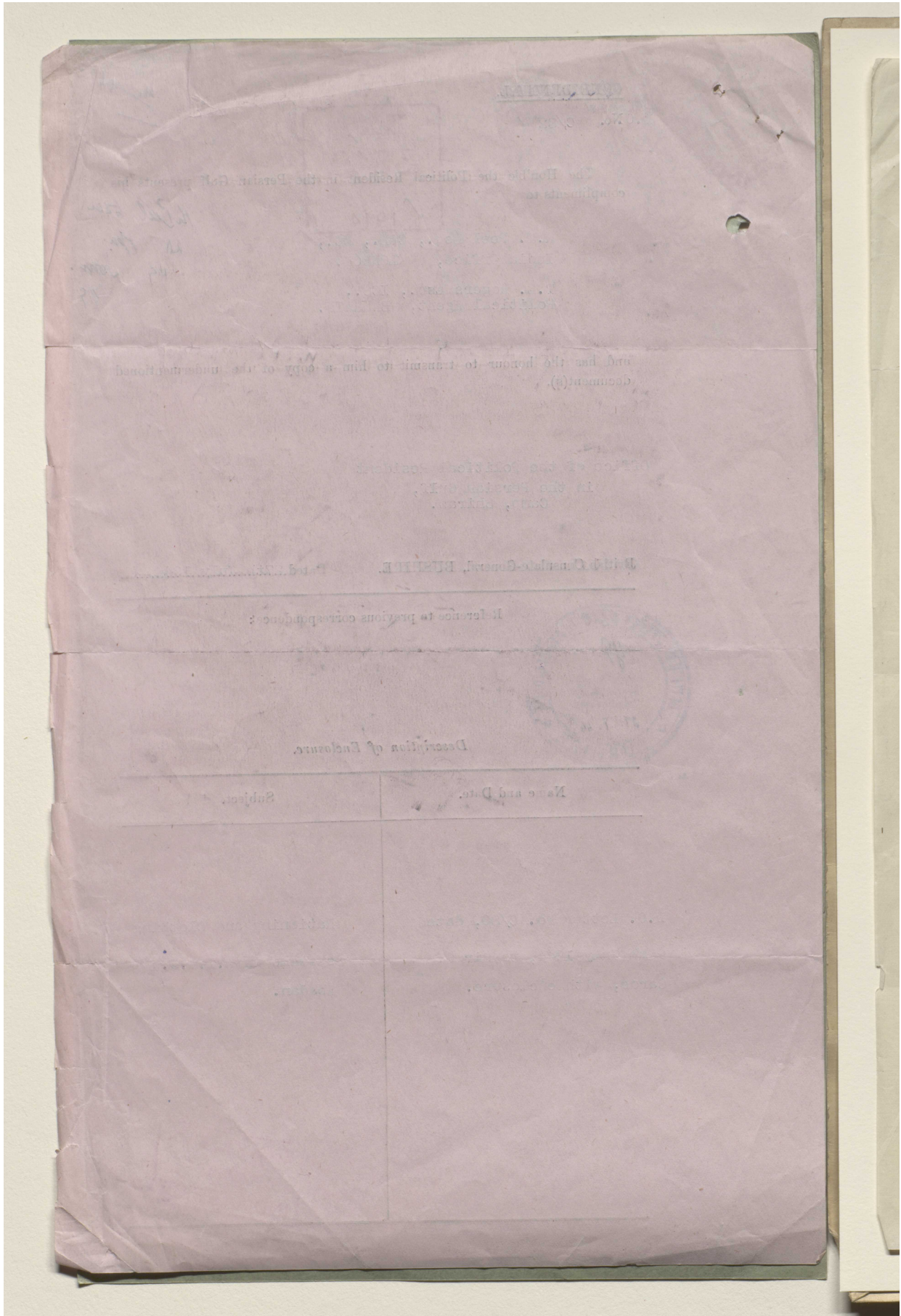
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Office of the Political
Resident in the Persian Gulf,
Camp, Shiraz,

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Dear Caroe,

When I went to Abadan recently I was shown over the A.I.O.C. rationing and clothing system and collected some statistics which may interest you.

2. Their European labour is of course in an infinitely better position than Government of India employees in the Gulf, as apart from air conditioned quarters and clubs, they have fresh fruit, meat and vegetables brought from South Africa and Australia in tankers. I was taken through immense cold storage chambers where I saw mountains of bacon, cheese and other perishables which are unobtainable elsewhere.

3. Apparently some nutrition expert from England, has recently visited Abadan and decided that their Persian labour (almost certainly the best fed labour in the Middle East) are under nourished and solemnly recommended a kilo of cheese per head a month! This is being obtained from Australia, and the first consignment was actually on the way.

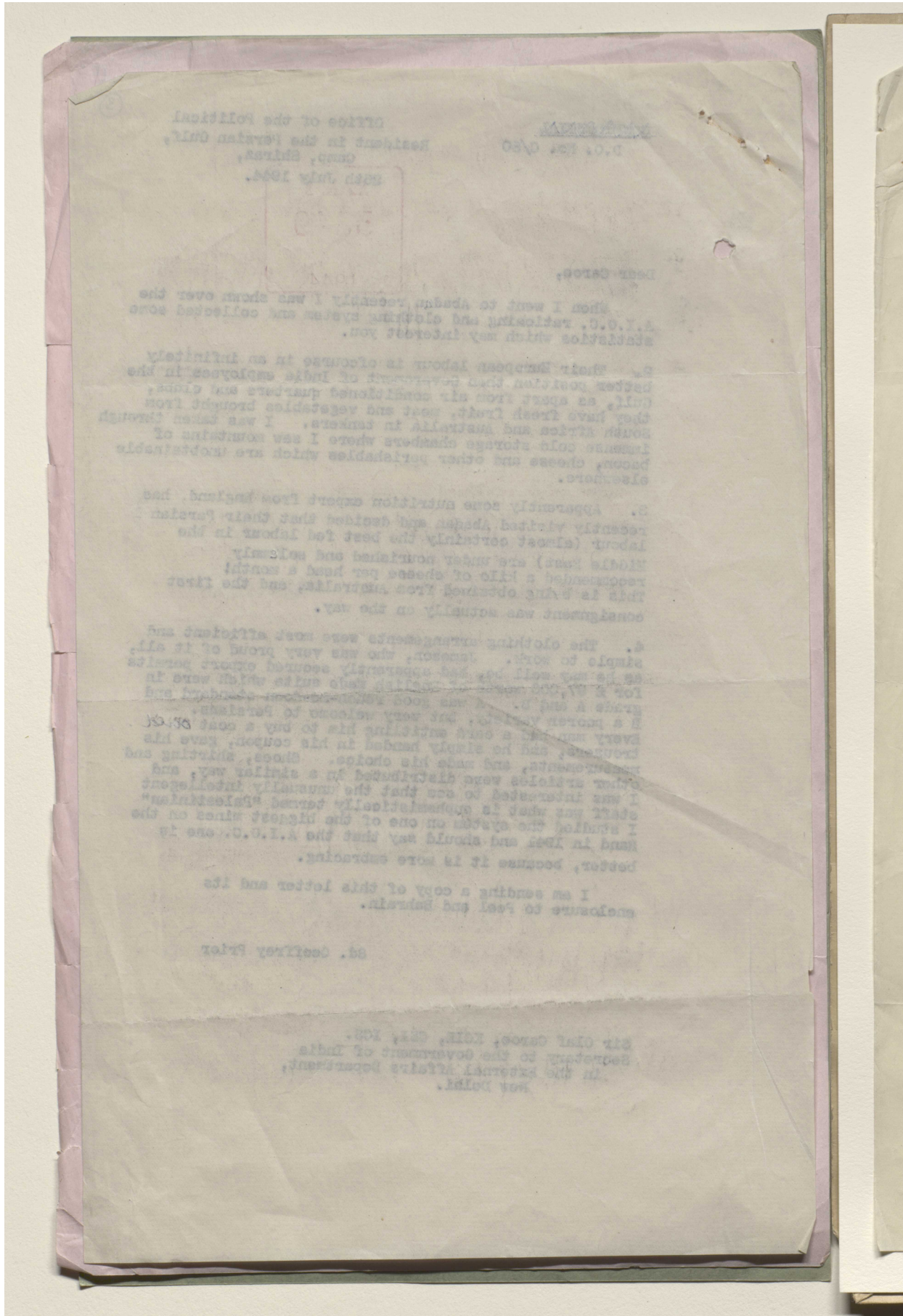
4. The clothing arrangements were most efficient and simple to work. Jameson, who was very proud of it all, as he may well be, had apparently secured export permits for £ 97,000 worth of English made suits which were in grade A and B. A was good reach-me-down standard and B a poorer variety, but very welcome to Persians. Every man had a card entitling him to buy a coat and trousers, and he simply handed in his coupon, gave his measurements, and made his choice. Shoes, shirting and other articles were distributed in a similar way, and I was interested to see that the unusually intelligent staff was what is euphemistically termed "Palestinian". I studied the system on one of the biggest mines on the Rand in 1941 and should say that the A.I.O.C. one is better, because it is more embracing.

I am sending a copy of this letter and its enclosure to Peel and Bahrain.

Sd. Geoffrey Prior

Sir Olaf Caroe, KCIE, CSI, ICS.
Secretary to the Government of India
in the External Affairs Department,
New Delhi.

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FACTS ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

1. Issue of flour and bread against ration cards to 110,000 persons.
2. Issue of Rice, Soap, Tea, Sugar, Dates, Cigarettes, Clothing etc. against ration cards to 72,000 persons (employees and their dependents.)
3. 5,200 customers served daily at Company Shops except Fridays.
4. Sales per week £10,000 (excluding clothes, material etc.)
5. 180,000 yards of cotton print sold for £17,000 to 16,000 persons last week
6. Free issues per week valued at £6,000.
7. Annual value of sales approximately £900,000.
8. Distribution expenses approximately 6% on sales.
9. 40 tons of flour issued daily from Company Shops.
10. Employees and employee's dependents ration cards are issued half yearly.
11. General public ration cards are issued quarterly.
12. 360,000 lbs. of vegetables produced from gardens in 14 months of which 140,000 lbs. cabbage, 47,000 lbs. cauliflower, 25,000 lbs. beetroot, 27,000 lbs carrots, 21,000 lbs. tomatoes, 23,000 lbs. turnips, 9,000 lbs. lettuce, 8,500 lbs green peas, 8,500 lbs. cucumber and 31,000 lbs. spinach.
13. 475,000 pounds of first quality fish caught and retailed in 13 months and 208,000 pounds of second quality. In addition 1,030,000 Soboor caught and retailed to the general public.
14. Between 1st January 1944 and 18 March 1944, 3,341 sheep and 71 oxen weighing 133 tons were purchased, butchered and retailed.
15. 400 pints of milk having a fat content of approximately 5½ % are produced and retailed daily.
16. 10,500 pounds of butter made from buffalo cream has been made available to Staff since the inception of the Food Organisation.
17. 2,000 hatching eggs have been imported from Palestine and incubated in the incubator or under fowls.
18. Livestock now comprises 67 Cows, 3 Bulls, 64 Calves, 1 Horse, and 120 pigs. Also approximately 300 rabbits.

