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Cairo.	1st. March, 1917.		<p>Correspondence, which has passed between the Residency and the Foreign Office during the months of January and February relating to the jurisdiction to be set up for Venizelists in Egypt, is received from the Residency, and submitted to the Commander-in-Chief. A Proclamation is attached calling on Venizelists who wish to come under the Commander-in-Chief's protection for judicial matters to declare themselves.</p> <p>Interview with Venizelists representatives, Mr. BOUBOULIS and Mr. SACTOURIS, and Dr. ROUSSOS of Alexandria. They explained that they were disappointed that it had not been possible to issue a Proclamation calling on Royalists to declare themselves as such rather than one calling on Venizelists to declare themselves. They were somewhat apprehensive as to the results of the election as they fear that Venizelists will see in the declaration that they were called on to make, the "thin end of the wedge" compulsory service.</p> <p>Lieutenant St. Quentin brought Lieutenant Cambon, who has been sent by the French Government to organize recruiting of Syrians in EGYPT to introduce him. He was informed that this question was still under consideration by the Commander-in-Chief.</p> <p>It has now been ascertained that the capture of the three Officers who escaped from Sidi Bishr was mainly due to the fact that they were not in possession of "Seaman's Passes" which have been recently instituted.</p> <p>An Officer was sent to El Arish with our Agent, who is proceeding to KERAK (referred to on 24th. February) in order to make arrangements for him to pass through our lines, and to facilitate the entry of his sub-Agents hereafter.</p> <p>Proclamation has been signed by the Commander-in-Chief regarding residents in the Canal Zone travelling to BALLAH, KANTARA and SUEZ.</p> <p>Foreign Officer telegram (forwarded from Residency) said that Colonel TALBOT had been informed by Italian Delegate of arrangements for exchange of prisoners of war captured on western frontier who are now on their way to the vicinity of GHEMINES.</p>	

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CAIRO.	2nd, 3rd and 4th March 1917.		<p>Two officers, Captain Hakki Effendi, and Lieut. Ahmed Nureddin sent to Intelligence, Salonika for secret duty.</p> <p>Question of requisiting crops and cattle in the event of an advance into Southern Syria. It was decided that this question could not now be settled.</p> <p>Note forwarded to High Commissioner for despatch to the Foreign Office on the Madam BACOS case. Commander-in-Chief informed High Commissioner that he could not agree to Madam BACOS' return to this country.</p> <p>Letter to the High Commissioner on the subject of recruiting of Syrians by the French. Commander-in-Chief said that while he was desirous of assisting the French as far as possible in this matter he could not allow it to prejudice the enlistment of Syrians for our Labour Corps. It was arranged that the French Authorities should keep us informed as to the progress of the recruiting of Syrians.</p> <p>ASHREF Bey arrived in Cairo from the Hedjaz. He is to be interrogated and then deported to MALTA.</p> <p>Proclamation received from High Commissioner calling on Venizelists who are unwilling to admit jurisdiction of the Royalist Consuls to apply for protection of Military Authorities. Venizelists to have their courts for administrative, commercial and other ordinary purposes, but to be under protection of the Commander-in-Chief as regards all legal matters. The Royalists should retain their Consular Courts.</p> <p>A refugee who left SIWA on the 25th. February, reports that the Oasis is now clear of Senussi, the last band of marauders having left for the west on the 19th. February. There has been very heavy rain and the roads are all flooded in parts and impossible for cars. There are rumours of Turkish Officers coming Eastwards with guns to join SAYED AHMED at JAGHBUB. This does not meet with MOHAMED IDRIS' approval, and the latter talks of sending troops to JAGHBUB to control the situation. The exchange of Italian prisoners is on the point of being settled with IDRIS, and it is hoped that AHMED may remain dormant at JAGHBUB until they are actually handed over.</p>	

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Cairo.	5th. and 6th. March, 1917.		<p>Application for introducing Theatres and Music Halls into the Canal Zone by Mr. Thorne refused.</p> <p>Copy of a book called "Arabic Philologu" received from "R" with the recommendation that the publication and circulation of this book should be stopped, and all copies in circulation collected. This has been passed to Chief Censor.</p> <p>Certain refugees from TOR have been granted permission to return to that place. Arrangements made for the Coast Guard cruiser "Nur El Bahr" to transport them from JEMSAH to TOR, and the Military Governor of Sinai has been informed.</p> <p>236 Armenian Prisoners of War passed through Egypt in transit from INDIA to CYPRUS at the request of the French Authorities.</p> <p>35 Greek Prisoners of War transferred from MAADI to GABARRY en route for SALONICA to join Venizelist Army.</p> <p>On the Western front interest centres on JAGHBUB which SAYED AHMED has been given six weeks from the 21st. February to evacuate with his army, after which date the British consider themselves free to attack the town so venerated by the Senussi brotherhood. MOHAMMED IDRIS has recorded his appreciation of the delay granted and has expressed a wish to send his brother with troops in order to control SAYED AHMED. There are manifest objections to a collection of forces at Jaghbub, some hostile and some professing friendship to us, and it would considerably complicate matters in the event of the stipulated evacuation not having been carried out.</p> <p>From captured letters MOHAMED SALEH, the G.O.C., of SAYED AHMED, is stated to have declared that camels would be commandeered if necessary and that good Musulmen should be prepared in accordance with the tenets of Mahomedan law to give up all they possess. This points to the possibility of their joining up with NURI and BAROUNI who are reported to be declaring a "jehad" in Tripoli.</p>	
	7th. March, 1917.		<p>The Commander-in-Chief interviewed Mr. XYDAKIS with reference to the Proclamation issued to Venizelists. He pointed out a Technical legal error which was referred to the High</p>	

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	Contd.		Question of lighting restrictions in connection with the opening of the summer resorts at Ras-el-Bar and Bouroulos was considered, and it was decided that the same lighting restrictions should apply to these places as are now in force at Port Said and Alexandria.	
			Meeting between "R", Captain Smith, Major Ryder and Major Deedes. With regard to the control of craft trading between Egyptian ports and the islands of Cyprus and Rhodes, it was decided to first establish a status of persons who were continually travelling between Cyprus and Egypt, and also to obtain all information possible regarding the members of the crew of the Khedivial S.S. "Kossier". The question of searching the S.S. "Kossier" has been postponed pending enquiries regarding the crew and class of passengers travelling by this mail. The advisability of sending an Officer to do the all round trip, was discussed.	
			A search was carried out at a house and tekia of KHOJA SAFER in Sharia Darb el Gamamiz. Papers were found in the house. A further search on the Tekia of KHOJA SAFER resulted in more papers being found. Papers were of interest but nothing incriminating.	
	8th. March		Letter received from Secretary, War Office, enclosing copy of a note verbale forwarded by the American Embassy re the shooting of a German Naval Lieutenant BENZ alias BAUEMKER, as a spy. This man jumped from a ship whilst passing through the Suez Canal at the time of the Turkish attack on the Canal, January, 1915.	
	1917.		Letter written to the High Commissioner enclosing an "inspired article" which it is proposed, subject to His Excellency's concurrence to insert in "La Bourse" to the effect that the Proclamation re Greeks wishing to adhere to the Venezelist Government is not to be interpreted as a form of pressure for forcing adherence to that Government.	
			Letter sent to High Commissioner informing him of the objections raised to the Proclamation by Mr. KYDAKIS, the Greek Minister.	

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Cairo.	9th. March, 1917.		<p>The Turks having moved their aerodrome so far from the Sinai frontier the lighting restrictions for Cairo and Alexandria have been withdrawn by order of the Commander-in-Chief.</p> <p>Letter from Residency asking for further details regarding the control of lighting of huts and buildings at DAMIETTA and BORCULOS. We have applied to the G.O.C., Alexandria District, and Administrative Commandant, Port Said for copy of the regulations concerning the lighting control of Alexandria and Port Said, which will be forwarded to the Residency for their information.</p> <p>Letter from Aliens Registration Committee forwarding copy of a letter from Mr. HAZEL, Ministry of Interior, ZAGAZIG, in which he states that the situation is very calm as compared with January last, and that there is nothing at all being done to try and hinder recruiting for the Venizelist Army and hinting that it might be possible to allow Messrs PIKHTOS and ZERVONDES to return. These two men were arrested prior to deportation at the end of January.</p> <p>Letter to Major Ryder re the question of expulsion of Greek Royalist Shop Owners in the Canal Zone.</p>	
	10th. March, 1917.		<p>Letter received from Director General of Public Security giving the number of arms collected by the Egyptian Police in the different districts for the period of the second half of February.</p> <p>Letter received from "R" forwarding copy of a letter addressed to the Alexandria Branch with regard to the S.S. "Kossier" and that very full particulars should be obtained of the crew, and the ship and personnel carefully watched.</p> <p>Notice received from the Residency to the effect that no exemptions from Military Service will be granted by the Italian Government except in cases which are quite exceptional, and of the utmost importance to the Military Authorities, and stating that no further applications should be transmitted to the High Commissioner except that they fulfil these conditions.</p> <p>Letter received from G.O.C., Alexandria District, enclosing a note from C.R.E., Alexandria, asking for the total exemption of two Italian subjects from Military service, and giving a list of Italians who have not yet been called up. Particulars were forwarded to the Italian</p>	

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Cairo.	10th. March, 1917.		<p>Minister together with the list, and asking that exemption may be granted in the interests of the Military Authorities.</p> <p>Letter received from the E.M.S.I.B. stating that enquiries had been made into the case of Dr. KARBOUNIS, who has promised to volunteer for the Venizelist cause, and stating that he wished to keep a foot in with both parties.</p> <p>Letter received from E.M.S.I.B. forwarding copy of a letter sent to their Alexandria Branch re control of small trading craft, and asking for a report on the control of the same.</p> <p>A publication in the Press and in the "Officiel" Journal is put up by the Aliens Registration Committee for the Commander-in-Chief's approval. The object of the notice is to bring up to date the work of registration and to systematize the regulations governing the restrictions placed on Enemy Subjects in EGYPT. Covering letter to the Residency explaining object of notice, and asking for approval of the High Commissioner, is sent, and also one to the Serbian and Russian Agencies explaining why the term "enemy subjects" is used, and pointing out that the present notice will not, in any way, interfere with any concessions already accorded to "protected subjects".</p> <p>The French Authorities ask permission for Armenian Prisoners of War captured at BASRA to be brought direct to CYPRUS in lieu of going first to INDIA.</p> <p>It is decided that PORT SAID should not be used as a Summer resort for residents this year, but that Alexandria should be used for that purpose.</p> <p>Meeting between High Commissioner, Commander-in-Chief, in connection with the Venizelist Proclamation. It was decided not to issue to the Press the "Inspired Article" mentioned in the Diary on the 8th. March.</p> <p>Further meeting in the evening between Sir Milne Cheetham, Mr. BOUBOULIS, MAJOR DEEDES, on the subject of documents and archives which are required by the Venizelists from the Royalist Consulate. It was decided that Mr. BOUBOULIS should have an interview with Sir William</p>	

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	Contd.		Turkish aeroplanes came over our lines at the front, and dropped a letter addressed to a German Officer, Prisoner of War at Sidi Bishr. Letter was delivered to the latter, who was informed that if he would write a reply it would be returned to his friends by one of our aeroplanes.	
	11th. March 1917.		Letter from Arab Bureau asking for release on Parole of Lieutenant MOHAMMED MUNIR ABDULLAH and Lieutenant MUHIEDDIN MOUSTAFA two Prisoners of War recently arrived from INDIA. These two Officers have volunteered for service with the Sherif and have been accepted by him. Letter from the Armenian Patriarch asking for the release of 5 Armenian Prisoners of War, and stating that they will guarantee their conduct, and also that their maintenance will be provided for. The Passport Regulations for controlling the entry into and departure from EGYPT have been revised and a copy is attached as Appendix 1. The regulations after having been sent to the Residency for their information have been sent to "A" Office for their information, and copies forwarded to "I"(d) for insertion in the Press, and also to G.O.C., Alexandria District, Director of Public Security, and G.O.C., Eastern Force.	
	12th. March 1917.		About 200 camels were reported by armoured cars to be on their way to SIWA having been sent by MOHAMED IDRIS to purchase dates. All arms were removed from the party and the camels were allowed to proceed to the OASIS. Instructions have been given that no caravans are to be allowed to proceed Westwards from SIWA with foodstuffs of any description. Report received from the Director General of Coastguards re fishing control on the Northern coast of EGYPT. It is suggested that the Western Fishing zone be limited to 30 miles west of ADJAMY; that zones where night fishing is allowed by deep sea trawlers be defined and also	

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Cairo.	12th. March 1917.	Contd.	<p>zones for small boats; that the manifests on the small boats be abolished as these boats are all in possession of licenses, and that each fisherman must be in possession of an identity pass and thumbprint, anyone found without same to be immediately arrested. Enclosed with this report was forwarded copy of a letter from the Director of the Western section in which he asks that night fishing should not be forbidden in that Section as it would throw so many out of employment and inflict many hardships, and stating that certain limits for fishing in the Western Zone be fixed.</p> <p>Letter from the Acting Financial Adviser stating that the Englishman in charge of the Customs at Damietta has been transferred to Alexandria, and his place filled by a Syrian as suggested.</p> <p>Interview with the Editor of the Greek Paper "Ephimeris" at Alexandria, wishing to know what interpretation was to be placed on the Proclamation relating to Venizelists. He was informed that there was nothing to add to the text of the Proclamation which meant what it said.</p> <p>Mr. SACTOURIS, Venizelist Diplomatic Agent came to express his thanks to the Commander-in-Chief for issue of the Proclamation.</p> <p>Mr. XYDAKIS, Royalist Minister, came in the evening to say that many undesirable things had appeared in the Press exercising pressure on Venizelists to declare for the Commander-in-Chief's authority, and that school children and shop employees and other people were having pressure exerted on them. He called the Commander-in-Chief's attention to these facts as not being in conformity with the impartiality which the Commander-in-Chief said he would observe.</p> <p>Captain St. Quentin brought Commodore SARON to introduce him, with two other French Officers, who have been appointed Intelligence Officers to the French Admiral at Port Said.</p> <p>Turkish Prisoner of War (Officer) escaped from the Military Hospital at Abbassia.</p> <p>Covering letter written to the Residency and letters to the Serbian and Russian Diplomatic Agents in connection with the Notice which is being issued concerning Enemy subjects.</p> <p>Commander-in-Chief has called for a Report on Enemy subjects in Egypt with regard to Enemy trade.</p>	

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Cairo.	12th. March, 1917.	Contd.	A Committee has been formed consisting of Brigadier-General Clayton, D.C.C., P.I., Licensing Officer, and a representative of the Aliens Registration Committee.	
	13th. March 1917.		Letter from the President of the Council of Ministers asking that permission may be granted for 100 workmen of the Port Said Salt Association Ltd. ⁶ / ₂ be allowed to reside temporarily at Port Said as in previous years. OMBERTO MARSIGLIO the Italian Smuggler, whom the Commander-in-Chief ordered to be deported left the Country with his wife on board the S.S. "Port De Rodi" on the 2nd., inst, for NAPLES. Particulars of the Jewish National Fund sent from the Ministry of Finance. They state that the Tree Plantation Fund is one of the various methods of obtaining money. Letter received from the Italian Diplomatic Agency asking permission for a munition store to be established at Port Said in connection with the Arming of Merchant steamers, and giving a few particulars of what munitions will be stored there. Letter sent to Vice Admiral, East Indies and Egypt Station forwarding copy of Italian Ministers letter and asking for his views. Letter to High Commissioner enclosing copy of a Notice which it is suggested Mr. XYDAKIS should be allowed to publish in the Press regarding the Greek Proclamation, and asking for the High Commissioner's approval. A very improper article from the outside had appeared over the signature of Dr. ROUSIOS. As this was passed in error by the Censor it was felt that the neutrality which we wished to assume in this matter demanded that an opportunity should be given to Mr. XYDAKIS to deny the wrong interpretation placed on the Proclamation by Dr. ROUSIOS.	
	14th. March 1917.		Reply sent to the Director General of Coastguards saying that we concur to the fishing zone being fixed 30 miles to the west of ADJAMY, and also regarding suggestions for night fishing, and asking that zones be fixed in the western area both for deep sea trawlers and smaller craft. The cancelling of the manifests to apply only to small craft as the crews of the larger vessels are practically permanent. Also requesting that a copy of the	

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Cairo.	14th. March 1917. Contd.		<p>definite instructions issued on the subject of fishing control be forwarded to G.H.Q.</p> <p>Letter to Aliens Registration Committee forwarding history sheet of PAUL PIERRE MOSNER, whom the Commander-in-Chief has ordered for deportation, and asking that the Residency may be notified of the departure of this man.</p> <p>Report from the Administrative Commandant, Port Said, giving details of the lighting restrictions in force at Port Said, but stating that there have been no restrictions printed in book form on the subject.</p> <p>Note received from the Residency to the effect that the Passport Regulations have been approved, but the High Commissioner assumes that they will in no way effect the existing arrangements for the return of Italian and French soldiers. Copy of the regulations will be forwarded to the Foreign Office from the Residency as soon as published.</p> <p>Residency notified that with the High Commissioner's approval it is intended to release from Ras-el-Tin, Mr. V. GRABOUSKI who has been interned since September, 1915. This release is on condition that he proceeds to America.</p> <p>Note from the Residency approving of the issue of the letter to the Russian and Serbian Agencies on the subject of the registration of enemy subjects.</p> <p>An Agent reports that IDRIS' negotiations with the British are only to temporise so as to get provisions, whereas an offensive will be reorganized after the harvest in which RAMADAN EL SOWEHLI will join.</p> <p>A submarine arrived at YAHUDIA with L.T. 15,000 for IDRIS, and decorations for various individuals, and also L.T. 1,000 for RAMADAN SOWEHLI. EL SAYED IDRIS is said to have dismissed all the Sheikhs ZAWIA on the ground that they tamper with the discipline of his forces.</p>	

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CAIRO.	15th March 1917.		<p>High Commissioner agreed to modified form of Mr. Xydakis' note to the papers on the subject of the Proclamation. This note merely reaffirms the intention of the Proclamation i.e. setting up some judicial authority for Venizelists without any intention to influence them politically.</p> <p>Many applications are arriving from Greeks, natives of Cyprus, Local Subjects and others whose nationality is doubtful, asking in what manner the Proclamation affects their status. All such applications referred to the Residency.</p> <p>Letter written to the High Commissioner, Cyprus, asking if he would object to the A.P.M. Port Said, going to that Island to see what manner of control is exercised at the Port at that end as regards all sailings from Egypt.</p> <p>Telegram received from Malta to the effect that Benz, alias Baeumker, is still interned there.</p> <p>Letter from Alexandria District giving full details of the lighting restrictions enforced at Alexandria, and stating that the object of these restrictions is merely to obscure the coast-line. The Navy have expressed their satisfaction with the restrictions in force there.</p> <p>The Commander-in-Chief has sanctioned the release of five Armenian Prisoners of War, whom the Armenian Patriarch has guaranteed their conduct and maintenance.</p> <p>On the recommendation of the E.M.S.I.B. the Commander-in-Chief has sanctioned the release of KHALIL GREDLI, an Egyptian smuggler. This man's brother has been employed by the Alexandria City Police, and he is going to attempt to kidnap MOHAMMED ABOU MIZ, one of the principal agents for supplying submarines at Athens, and his brother's release was the condition of his helping in this undertaking.</p> <p>According to extracts from letter forwarded to us from the Deputy Chief Censor, it appears that the German Government has decided to allow the export of aniline dyes. Copies of the D.C.C.'s letter forwarded to E.M.S.I.B. and the Licensing Officer for information and action.</p>	

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CAIRO.	15th March, Continued.		<p>Director General of Public Security informed that under the new passport regulations the position of French and Italian Reservists entering Egypt will be the same as hitherto.</p> <p>Report received from Alexandria Police giving full details of the case of COUTSOVILIS, who is at present interned at Giza. He is stated to have been an enemy agent and particularly actively employed in supplying enemy submarines.</p> <p>Letter written to the Adviser, Ministry of the Interior, regarding treatment of smugglers in the Canal Zone, and suggesting that any known smugglers should be placed under very strict police supervision, and asking that a general nominal roll of all smugglers in the Canal Zone be called for, and a copy forwarded to this Branch.</p> <p>Letter forwarded to the Residency giving full particulars of the Light restrictions at Port Said, and enclosing a copy of printed orders issued to the Canal Company, and Shipping Agencies of that town.</p> <p>Copy of a letter sent to Col. Symes at the Residency by General Clayton regarding the question of trade between the different ports on the Red Sea passed to us. We replied to the effect that trade should be allowed, and outlined the details of the supervision to be enforced, and suggested that Naval Patrols should occasionally stop the vessels and inspect the cargoes and crews.</p> <p>Correspondence received from the War Office regarding the attempts by the enemy to encourage disaffection in Southern Egypt. Copies forwarded to the Sudan Agency, Adviser, Ministry of the Interior, Director General of Public Security, Eastern Mediterranean Special Intelligence Bureau, Residency and Delta District and Western Force.</p>	

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Cairo.	16th. March, 1917.		<p>Letter from E.M.S.I.B. giving the number of Port Police at ALEXANDRIA. This is in connection with the recommendation of granting rewards for arrests made in contravention of the Regulations. Question now under consideration is that of amalgamation of the different Police services at the Port of ALEXANDRIA placing them under the M.C.O. A Committee has been formed to discuss this matter and its recommendations are awaited.</p> <p>Letter from E.M.S.I.B. re the position of Greek Shop Owners in the Canal Zone in which they state that it seems hardly fair to turn the shops act to advantage for turning the Royalist Greeks out of the Zone and suggesting that the Policy in the Zone should be the same as elsewhere but that action will be taken on more slender grounds there than in other districts.</p> <p>Letter received from the Italian Diplomatic Agency informing us that exemption from Military service would almost probably be granted to the majority of the Italians employed at the Electric Light Station, Alexandria, and stating that some of them have never been called up, and most probably never will be, but in the case of one it is regretted that in view of the orders received this request cannot be granted. Engineer in Chief informed on these decisions.</p> <p>Copy of Lighting regulations in force at ALEXANDRIA forwarded to the Residency with the remark that new regulations are now under discussion.</p> <p>Report received from the Intelligence Officer, Suez, on the control of fishing in the Gulf of Suez and the Red Sea in which he gives full particulars of the regulations in force both at TOR and SUEZ.</p> <p>All fishermen are in possession of identity certificates which contain photo, and full particulars of holder; a fishing permit is issued by Intelligence Officer, Suez to the Reis stating the number of the boat, names of the crew, and locality available for. This permit is renewable monthly. Each boat carries its license. Boats are supervised by the Coastguard Administration when at work. Trading dhows are allowed to ply in the Gulf of Suez within certain limits. The following documents are however requisite :- photographic identification for each man, license for the boat, and permit issued by Intelligence Officer at Suez.</p> <p>All movements of trading vessels in the Red Sea are controlled by H.M.S. "Slieve Foy" which is</p>	

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Cairo.	16th March 1917.		<p>notified by wire of the departure of every dhow or vessel from Suez.</p> <p>Correspondence received from the War Office by Reaidency forwarded to us re to trial by Military Court of two Italians (COLONNA and UGHI) for stealing Military property. The Italian Government do not propose to further discuss whether the theft falls under the three categories of crimes falling within the jurisdiction of the Military Courts. The Italian Government adds that it did not expect to have Martial Law applied to Italians until the negotiations had been concluded.</p> <p>Report sent to "I"(b) Canal Zone re the suggestion that 100 workmen of the MOUDRRIEH of KENEH be allowed to come to Port Said for the collection of the salt for the Saltworks Association, and giving an outline of the restrictions that they should be placed under. It is suggested that a representative of the Port Said Salt Association should be seen and the procedure made clear to him.</p> <p>Translation of a letter written by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Commandant Suez Canal Police as regards the procedure that they should adopt re issuing passports to Greeks. The following should be treated as Greeks i.e, persons recognized as such in certificates approved by this Ministry, or persons whose names are entered in the lists of the Special Commission together with their male issue. Other, outside these two categories should be treated as Local Subjects.</p> <p>Draft regulations as regards small trading craft, such as Dhows and other sailing vessels permitted to trade between Egyptian, Sudanese, and Hedjaz Ports. These comprize :- Registration of Dhows, Issue of identity certificates, control of cargoes and license.</p> <p>Additions made to regulations regarding departure of women and children from Egypt extending the danger zone to all destinations east as well as west of SUEZ.</p> <p>Letter to D.M.I. concerning AARSHSOHN asking that authority be given for the payment to him of £500 part of a sum of £1,500 claimed by him for travelling and other expenses in connection with his organization in the past.</p> <p>Italian/</p>	

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Cairo.	16th. March,		Italian Government ask permission to place an ammunition dump at Port Said to supply ships who have expended ammunition en route to East.	
	1917.		<p>Lieut. St. Quentin informs us that his Government have asked him to ascertain if the Military Authorities in Egypt would allow Port Said to be used as the base of three French battalions which it is intended to employ eventually in the occupied area in Palestine. Decided to wait until the matter was raised officially.</p> <p>Letter written to High Commissioner, Cyprus from the Commander-in-Chief asking if the former would allow A.P.M., Port Control, Port Said to proceed to Cyprus there to inspect the measures taken to control sailings between the Island and Egypt.</p>	
	17th. March,		Letter from the Administrative Commandant, Port Said, to the effect that sailing vessels plying between Alexandria, Port Said, Rhodes and Cyprus are kept under very strict supervision by the Naval Authorities and the Customs, and all crews have identity documents. No case has yet occurred where the customs have established shortages at the Port of disembarkation. Guarantees are secured by the customs to the extent of 50% of the cargo, and everything seems to be in order.	
	1917.		<p>All fishermen at Port Said are in process of obtaining identity documents, and there are large areas strictly prohibited to local fishermen.</p> <p>The five Greek from ZAGAZIG and MANSOURAH, together with EMANUEL SCLAVOS, from the Soudan, embarked on the 16th., inst., for deportation to Greece via SALONICA.</p> <p>Correspondence forwarded from the Residency regarding the deportation through Italy of Austrians and Germans, and suggesting that for the future it would be best for the Residency to bring such cases to the notice of the Italian Government through the Italian Agency. The Residency also call for a statement regarding the existing procedure for deportations to these countries. In this connection the Aliens Registration Committee advise us that the present procedure is that Germans and Austrians are sent via GENOA, and are given third class tickets, the former to BALE on the German Frontier, and the latter to BUCHS on the Austrian frontier.</p>	

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Cairo.	17th. March, 1917.		<p>Letter received from the Coastguard Administration to the effect that as the lighting restrictions for the camps at Ras-el-Bar and Bouroulos is a Police matter the Authorities have been notified of the restrictions to be enforced viz:- similar to those in force at Alexandria and Port Said.</p> <p>Letter from Brigadier General Clayton forwarding a statement by AHMED TEWFIK who gives an account of the desertion to the enemy of the Infantry Policeman TAHA MOHAMMED, whom it is proposed to try by Military Court. Papers forwarded to "A".</p> <p>Letter from War Trade and Licensing Officer asking that any regulations for sending parcels to prisoners of war in enemy countries may be communicated to the Central Prisoners of War Committee.</p> <p>A copy of a letter from the War Office to the Residency has been transmitted to us re the control of American Muleteers as exercised in England. The War Office state that owing to the low class of men from which they are recruited it is practically impossible for the Consular Authorities to ascertain their bonafides. The difficulty has been overcome in the United Kingdom by insisting that all the muleteers shall be landed on arrival and placed in seamen's homes until such time as a vessel leaves taking them back when they are all compelled to return. The Home Authorities recommend that this practice be carried out in Egypt.</p> <p>Letter to the Residency re the funds for Indigent Turks, and submitting a fresh claim for assistance in the person of NUREDDIN Pasha. It is pointed out that the recipients from this fund are in all cases refugees from Turkey who have come to Egypt to escape the tyranny of the Committee. The fact was emphasized that persons in as needy circumstances as the recipients might, if we did not come to their assistance, well take advantage of any other source of obtaining same, which may probably be that of the enemy. Also in other cases the needy circumstances are solely due to the fact of the pro-Entente sympathies of the recipient. Many of the recipients are made use of by the Military Authorities. It is suggested that the advantage of obtaining rather than losing these adherents might well be worth while demanding a further increase of the grant.</p> <p>Correspondence received from the American Diplomatic Agency regarding a certain IHSAN Bey from Mitylene, who they state is apparently a prisoner of war at Alexandria. They enquire whether it is true that he is a prisoner, and also if the fact that he is shortly to return to Turkey</p>	

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Cairo.	17th. March,		via Switzerland is true. This question is in consequence of a telegram received from BEHA Bey at Constantinople to his brother IHSAN Bey at Alexandria, which has been sent to the American Diplomatic Agency for transmission.	
	1917.			
	18th. March		An application was received some time ago for the issue of flour to the Italian Troops at Rhodes. This was passed to "Q", and they reply that the matter was one for the civil authorities who appear to have stopped the export for the present, and request that the matter be taken up with them.	
	1917.			
			Letter from the War Office enclosing copy of a letter from the War Department, Washington, concerning the case of MAX POLLAK in which it is stated that POLLAK has a cousin a first Lieutenant in the English Egyptian Army at the Suez Canal; three cousins in the French Army, and that he desires to go to America where his friends are prosperous and responsible people, Any money necessary for his transfer to America would be forthcoming. The War Office request that we should verify the statement if possible and forward any recommendations that we may like to offer.	
			Letter from the Director General of Coastguards Administration forwarding small plan with day and night fishing zones indicated thereon, and asking for our approval of same, which has been given.	
			Residency forward us a copy of telegram sent to War Office asking if they have any objection to the release, on condition that he proceeds to America, of V. GRABOUSKI, at present interned at Ras-el-Tin.	
			Letter from Naval G.S.O., Ismailia, regarding two men said to have been handed over to the Police at Port Said by a French Naval rating. It is stated that these two men were liberated the same night, and as they were Egyptians the fact was not mentioned at an enquiry which was held. Colonel O'Sullivan points out that these two Enemy Agents are still at large and there seems to be a collaboration between them and the Police. The actual enquiry was not a Military One but was presided over by the local Police. Colonel O'Sullivan states that he has spoken to the Officer who attended the enquiry on behalf of the Military, and this Officer seems to be more convinced than ever that the French sailor's statement was true. Colonel O'Sullivan asks for details of the case, and these have been forwarded.	

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Cairo.	18th. March, 1917.		<p>Correspondence forwarded to us from Brigadier General Clayton that has been received from the department of Public Health regarding the exhumation and transport to France of the body of the late Mr. BRACCO from TOR. They require to know if the Military Authorities have any objection.</p> <p>War Trade and Licensing Officer forwards us correspondence regarding the business of Messrs PADOVA & Coy. This arises from the fact that Messrs J. GROSSFIELD & SONS Ltd., of England have written to the High Commissioner asking if they have anything against this firm as their interests in Egypt are in the hands of this firm.</p> <p>Letter to the War Office regarding Lieutenant BENZ (alias BEAUMKER). This is the man about whom the War Office have written us stating that it appears that the German Government has been informed that he was arrested by the British Authorities at Port Said and after making a fruitless attempt to escape was shot as a spy. Lieut. BENZ was found wandering about in civilian clothing near the British post at Tel-el-Amar after jumping from a Dutch ship, S.S. "Sindoro" whilst passing through the Canal.</p> <p>A telegram was sent to the War Office on 30th. January, 1915, requesting that Lieut. BENZ effects might be examined on arrival of the Dutch vessel in England, and the evidence of the Captain and Officers of the vessel taken regarding him to which telegram no answer has as yet been received. Subsequent to this BENZ was interned at Alexandria. His transfer to Malta was arranged, but while on board ship at Alexandria in order to proceed to Malta he jumped overboard and swam to a Greek ship the Master of which handed him over to us. BENZ was tried by a Military Court and sentenced, after his sentence had been served he was transferred to Malta for internment and it has been ascertained that he is still there.</p>	
	19th. March, 1917.		<p>Mr. GREG, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, wishes to pay his respects to the Commander-in-Chief.</p> <p>The following information has been obtained about his appointment from Sir Milne Cheetham. Up to date there has been no Englishman in the Foreign Affairs Department here. This defect is to be remedied. In addition the Residency have more work of this nature than they can manage and will pass much of it to Mr. GREG, the latter continues, of course, to be under the High Commissioner. Mr. GREG will consequently have dealings with the Military Authorities occasionally.</p>	

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Cairo.	19th. March, 1917.		<p>Letter from Intelligence, Salonika, three Agents arrived and arrangements made for their employment.</p> <p>Letter from the Governor of Malta adding five more names to the list of Turkish civilians wishing to be exchanged to Turkey.</p> <p>Administrative Commandant, Port Said, informs us that no difficulty will be met with in finding storage accommodation for Munitions for the Italian Government, which would be stored in a bomb proof shelter and guarded by British troops. We are already storing and guarding a few fittings of the Italian Navy.</p> <p>Letter from Vice-Admiral Commanding Eastern Mediterranean Squadron informing us that S.N.O. Malta has been instructed to send J. TINIAKOS one of the Soda smugglers back to Mitylene.</p> <p>Letter from Salonika re to smuggling of hashish on transports proceeding to Egypt informing us that the activities of VICTOR FOLEY who was deported from Egypt in 1914 are being watched. Salonika suggests that if a consignment of hashish received in Egypt be returned to Salonika it might give some clue as to the sender. Orders issued for next consignment to be returned to Salonika.</p> <p>Director General of Coastguards Administration informs us that the work of connecting up the posts on the coast between Alexandria and Port Said is being proceeded with, and every assistance will be given to the Inspector General of State Telegraphs.</p> <p>Letter from Captain Smith, Port Said, informing us that the Naval Commander-in-Chief proposes to appoint a R.N.O. at FAMAGUSTA. Captain Smith suggests that the R.N.O. should be instructed to discuss matters with Captain Scott or Lieutenant Watkins as to the general control of these sailings.</p> <p>K. KARICAS, C. RAFTOPOULOS and George ENFTHATHIADES, who were temporarily interned at Ras-el-Tin pending sailings for Greece left for that country on the 17th.</p> <p>Consulting Agriculturist asks for exemption from service with Commandant Romieu's battalion of one of the Refugees from Port Said, who has signed a contract to undertake work in connection with silk worm breeding.</p>	

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Cairo.	19th. March,		Letter to Residency regarding repatriation of Enemy subjects through Italy enclosing list of names of persons whose deportation is ordered, but has not yet taken place and asking that their cases may be submitted to ROME as soon as possible as they have been notified of their intended departure.	
	1917.			
	20th. March,		Residency forward us copy of letter which it is suggested should be sent to the Greek Minister on the subject of the delivery of the registers etc., for the use of the Salonika representatives, and asking that arrangements for handing over documents to the Consuls of the Salonika Government may be made direct without intervention on behalf of the Military, but if the Greek Minister considers it essential such application will be accompanied by a formal communication from some authorized military authority.	
			Aliens Registration Committee point out to us the difficulties which refrain Greeks from signing themselves as Venizelists under the Proclamation. Most of the Greeks in Egypt being emigrants from Greece would gladly accept British protection, and if they could obtain the status of either a British subject or Local Egyptian Local Subject they would be perfectly indifferent to what party prevailed in Greece. Aliens Registration Committee furthermore state that the Proclamation is not clearly understood, and unless some clearer interpretation is given it is doubtful whether 10,000 out of the 120,000 Greeks in Egypt will signify their assent to it.	
			Vice Admiral Commanding East Indies and Egypt Station informs us that there is no objection to the establishment of a Munition store for the Italian Government at Port Said.	
			Telegram from High Commissioner, Cyprus agreeing to the proposals re the control of sailing between Egypt and Cyprus, and offering every assistance.	
21st. March,			Report received from E.M.S.I.B. regarding PAUL CHATIR in which they state that it is very undesirable that he should remain at large. There is no evidence of any overt act of espionage, and his internment may lead to a claim for compensation which is worth while risking.	
	1917.		Question raised regarding para 8 of the Passport Regulations re Local Subjects from Deep Sea vessels trading with British and other Ports, who are only in possession of local passports. Replied stating no objection to their landing provided they have the local passports, and that same are in order.	

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Cairo.	21st. March 1917.		<p>Summary of evidence received from E.M.S.I.B. on the case of C. MILETICH which discloses an Offence under Clause 5 of the Proclamation of 14th. May, with a technical difficulty of proving that the passport has been sent to America. It is suggested that if the Servian Authorities would take MILETICH he would be better employed in the Servian Army than in confinement in Egypt.</p> <p>An interview took place with Mr. XYDAKIS who stated that from the 22nd. the Venizelists had the intention of sending small Committees round the town, shops and other places where there are employees, exert pressure on Greeks to vote for them. He pointed out that this was contrary to the spirit of the Commander-in-Chief's remarks to him and to the letter of the Proclamation. He was asked how he proposed that we should stop this peaceful persuasion. He said have up the Venizelists and warn them. Letter sent to Director General of Public Security asking him to keep us informed of any movement as described above.</p> <p>Letter sent to Italian Diplomatic Agent, Cairo, saying that there was no objection to the establishment of an ammunition depot at Port Said, and that if he would put himself in touch with the Administrative Commandant, Port Said, every facility would be given. Vice Admiral, East Indies and Egypt Station notified of above.</p> <p>Letter to Intelligence (b), Port Said, pointing out that recruiting of Syrians by the French was quite in order, but asking for all correspondence between the French Authorities and Intelligence (b), Port Said on the subject to be passed through this Office.</p> <p>Crew of a Greek ship on a round trip, Marseilles, Port Said and back refuse to return to the former place. Commandant Port Said decides to retain the crew pending further enquiry.</p> <p>Maitre Roussos and M. Bouboulis had an interview with the Commander-in-Chief and complained of the over and dosgraceful nature of the Royalist Propaganda. Commander-in-Chief pointed out that the other side said just the same thing of the Venizelist propaganda. Commander-in-Chief said he would have up and cause to be warned anyone proved to have wilfully misrepresented in public or abused the Proclamation. After a first warning he would consider more serious steps. This action he said he would take impartially against both sides.</p> <p>Maitre Roussos and M. BOUBOULIS respectfully pointed out that though they expected the Commander-in-Chief to observe neutrality they expected it to be a benevolent neutrality towards themselves, and believed such to be the intention of the home authorities.</p>	

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Cairo.	21st. March		Further complaint from the Italian Government that five deportees who have been repatriated to Austria not having sufficient funds were sent back from Switzerland to Italy. In order to obviate a recurrence of this in the future steps have been taken to see that sufficient money over and above the price of fares is given to deportees before they leave.	
	1917.			
	22nd. March		Ministry of Interior forward us the usual half monthly return giving the number of firearms seized during the first half of March. The number is 7,413 making a total of 35,528 since October, 1916.	
	1917.		Application from the Grand Rabinat of Cairo for the release of 20 Jewish Prisoners of War interned at Maadi in which he guarantees their good conduct, and also that they will be provided for and enabled to get a living by their profession.	
			Pamphlets printed in Arabic and Turkish regarding the British occupation of BAGDAD during the capture of which we bridged the TIGRIS three times and giving the apporximate casualties of the enemy sent to Intelligence Officer, El 'Arish., General Staff, Intelligence, Salonika., Arab Bureau., Desert Column., Middle East Brigade and Eastforce for distribution to the enemy by aeroplane and other means.	
			Letter from Intelligence, El Arish, suggesting of the abolition of the sealing system for natives of the Egyptian Labour Corps. This system has been the means of causing several cases of relapsing fever owing to lice getting on the cords and in the crevices of the seal. It is now suggested that the identity discs be carried and the loss of same be punishable with a fine. This has been passed to the Provost Marshal for his opinion.	
			DIMITRI TRIFILIS who was detained temporarily at Ras-el-Tin proceeded with other Greeks on the 17th., inst.	
			Letter to Major Ryder regarding the question of Greeks wishing to be put on the same status as British subjects, or Local Egyptian Subjects in which it is suggested that these people should make their application direct to the Residency.	
			Residency forward us a copy of a letter sent from the High Commissioner to the Vice Admiral Commander-in-Chief, East Indies and Egypt Station regarding the seaside camps at BOROULOS and Ras-el-Bar., in which it is stated that the matter is in the hands of the Ministry of the	

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Cairo.	22nd. March, 1917.		Ministry of the Interior, and the Military Authorities have undertaken to inspect the working of the Regulations.	
			Telegram to War Office regarding the salaries of Liaison Officers and other incidental expenses in connection with Sir Mark SYKES Political Mission.	
	23rd. March, 1917.		Application received from PHILIPPIDES Bey late Mamur Zapt of Cairo (under suspension) for a trial by Court Martial as he states that he has been accused of being a spy for the enemy. The Commander-in-Chief replied that he could not interfere with the course of justice.	
			Letter from E.M.S.I.B. enclosing copy of the decisions of the Council of Ministers dismissing BAKRI Bey and his brother from the service of the Egyptian Government.	
			Residency forward a copy of their despatch to the Foreign Office asking for an increase of the Indigent Turks Fund to £150 per month.	
			Copy of telegram from Foreign Office to Residency informs us that after April 1st., all persons entering Spain must be in possession of passports visaed by Spanish Diplomatic or Consular Officials.	
	24th. March 1917.		Telegram received from Salonika to the effect that there is no Interpreter named PANTCHEFF with that Force. This is in reply to a telegram sent from here that this man's brother was on the Bulgarian General Staff, and that PANTCHEFF had been reported to have crossed over to their lines repeatedly.	
			Letter received from E.M.S.I.B. regarding SAYED HAMED who has been in the employ of the Shepherds Hotel for the last 8 or 10 years. He boasts about his relations with the German magnates, and using insulting remarks about British Officers in general. Mr. BAEHLER the late Manager of Shepherd's Hotel sent SAID HAMED both to Switzerland and to Germany. SAID HAMED is a gambler and belongs to the Nationalists party; in general he appears to be a bad character.	
			Letter received from the Representatives of the Salonika Government regarding the conduct of the Royalist Greeks in respect to the Proclamation issued on 5th. March, with special remarks as to the notice that Mr. XYDAKIS was allowed to publish. In reply a letter was sent to	

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Cairo.	24th. March, 1917.		<p>the Greek Minister and also to the Salonika Agents to the effect that that any attempt to misrepresent the Proclamation or the use of any insulting language regarding the British Forces would be dealt with rigorously and impartially.</p> <p>The crew of the Greek vessel ANDREAS GERAKIS was taken off and replaced by a fresh crew (See entry Diary 21/3/17). The mutineers who are meanwhile in detention at Port Said are to be sent to Salonika by order of the Commander-in-Chief.</p> <p>Examination of documents of Political Prisoner ATA Bey HUSNI.</p> <p>Telegram to D.M.I., London, regarding the proposed establishment of an Intelligence Agency at LEROS, and suggesting that Captain John Thompson might be appointed to this position.</p>	
	25th. March, 1917.		<p>Letter from Director General of Coastguards suggesting that the night fishing zones should be confined to ADJAMY in the west and ROSETTA Lighthouse in the east, and asking for our approval. The suggestions have been approved.</p> <p>Report received from E.M.S.I.B. regarding Mr. FENIGOLD and his house at JAFFA (the BELLA VISTA Hotel). Mr. Fenigold is a refugee from JAFFA and very Anglophile. His house was requisitioned at the arly part of the war for billeting German and Austrian Officers.</p> <p>Specimens of fishing permits and trading permits as issued by the Authorities at SUEZ have been sent to us by Intelligence Officer, Suez, and passed to Arab Bureau, with a view to applying similar permits to vessels trading between Egyptian and Hedjaz Ports.</p> <p>Residency forward us a copy of a letter regarding five Austro-Hungarian female subjects who have been sent through Italy and Switzerland, and again returned to Italy. These women are among the survivors from the Italian steamship "TORINO".</p> <p>Letter received from the Commander-in-Chief, East Indies and Egypt Squadron to the effect that a R.N.O. is proceeding to FAMAGUSTA. It is the intention of the Vice Admiral that before proceeding to his post that the R.N.O. should put himself in communication with our Intelligence Service at Cyprus. The Vice Admiral asks for any suggestions we have to make which will be carefully considered.</p>	

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Cairo.	25th. March		<p>Residency forward a copy of a note received from the Italian Diplomatic Agent in which the latter states that he has telegraphed to ROME for permission to be accorded to the 16 persons to pass through Italy on their way to the Enemy Countries.</p> <p>Proclamation regarding Greeks signed by the Commander-in-Chief and sent to "A" Office for publication and handing over to the Bank.</p>	
	26th. March		<p>The Commander-in-Chief ordered the internment of KHALIL SUKKA a well known smuggler who has been so convicted several times, and also has been convicted for theft. This man tried to bribe two French sailors to aid him in smuggling hashish.</p> <p>The Commander-in-Chief ordered the internment of BAKRY Bey the late Harbour Master at Alexandria, and his brother, at Maadi. These men were strongly suspected of assisting the enemy by taking advantage of their positions for passing letters etc., through to the Ex-Khedive. They were deported to Malta in December last and the Governor thereof now suggests internment in lieu of their being left at large.</p> <p>Letter received from Governor, Malta, acknowledging receipt of statements made by two political prisoners regarding Dr. SAADI NEDJET. These statements will be produced at the trial of HADJI ALI ISSA who was charged with causing the death of the above mentioned Doctor. The result of the trial will be communicated to us.</p> <p>Letter received from War Office in reply to our enquiries, stating that there is an existing agreement with the Austro-Hungarian Government for the repatriation of Priests and Doctors who were on British territory prior to October, 1914. War Office add, however, that the repatriation is exceedingly difficult through England at the present time and except for urgent reasons of health cannot be undertaken.</p> <p>Letter received from the War Office regarding the amount of £100 given to BENJAMIN MELAMED a Roumanian subject to cover the cost of his repatriation expenses to Roumania, and asking to what funds this has been charged.</p> <p>Letter received from War Office regarding an application by the French to transmit money to the HEDJAZ and SYRIA for political purposes.</p>	
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Cairo.	26th. March		At a meeting held at G.H.Q., at which the R.N.O. FAMAGUSTA was present certain measures were put forward in connection with Port Control and traffic between Egypt and Cyprus Ports. These suggestions will be submitted to the Vice Admiral, Commander-in-Chief, East Indies and Egypt Squadron by the R.N.O. in view of the fact that most of these measures concern the Navy.	
	1917.		Letter from the War Trade and Licensing Officer informing us of the amount of money transmitted through the American Diplomatic Agency for distribution to families in the Ottoman Empire. The amount for December was L.E.2789.972 m/m, and for January L.E.2564.102 m/m. February totals will be communicated later.	
	27th. March		Despatch received addressed by Residency to Foreign Office regarding the procedure for deportation of undesirables, from Egypt.	
	1917.		Correspondence from the Residency re three Serbians who had been called up for service. One failed to embark for Salonika, and two to be medically examined. Serbian Agency ask that all these men be despatched to Salonika.	
			M. XYDAKIS replies to the Commander-in-Chief's letter asking for access to Archives etc., required by the Venizelists. The reply contains questions on various technical points. Matter referred to Sir William Brunyate through Residency. Greek Minister is evidently attempting to gain time for delay in giving access to the Archives is prejudicial to the Venizelists.	
	28th. March		Residency forward us copy of correspondence received from London with reference to the counterfeiting of official diplomatic stamps, and the precautions taken by the Censorship to avoid such practices in the future. Residency suggest that the same precautions that are in force in England should be introduced into Egypt i.e. names of persons authorized to sign Official envelopes should be submitted to the Censor together with copies of their signatures.	
	1917.		E.M.S.I.B. forward us a copy of a secret report regarding means of conveying information by passports in order to enable the various Military Control Officers to determine whether a person is suspected or not.	

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Cairo.	28th. March,		Arab Bureau forward us copy of correspondence with Civil Secretary, Khartoum, Director General Coastguards Administration, Cairo, and Director General of Customs Administration, Alexandria, regarding the opening up of trade between Suez and the Hedjaz Ports with respect to the registration and control of dhows etc.	
	1917.			
	29th. March,		A suggestion is put forward by E.M.S.I.B. that the area controlled by Bombashi FOSTER SMITH on the Northern Coast of EGYPT between EDKU on the West to EZBET EL GHASSULA on the East is too large, and that another official should be appointed to assist him. The Director General of Coastguards Administration has been approached on the subject and it has been suggested that this beat should be divided as follows - EDKU on the West to EL AYASH on the East for one Officer, and EL AYASH to EZBET EL GHASSULA on the East for the other.	
			Letter received from Administrative Commandant, Port Said, stating that he has received a Petition from the 17 Greeks of the S.S. "ANDREAS GERAKIS" who state that they are all Venizelists. The Venizelist Consul at Port Said confirms the fact that they are Greek subjects.	
	30th. March,		Letter received from the Ministry of the Interior regarding the inspections legislated for under the Regulations for the sale of gunpowder etc., in Egypt. Instructions are laid down that the powder store of the Salt and Soda Company be inspected quarterly, and that the shops of arms and ammunition merchants are to be inspected twice yearly. Any irregularities traced in sales of these articles are very severely dealt with. The Ministry of the Interior proposes to notify us of any discrepancies that are traced in the quarterly and half yearly inspections. Included in this Report is a statement of the sales of gunpowder etc., for the years 1913, 14, 15, and 16.	
	1917.		E.M.S.I.B. forward us correspondence regarding false passports obtainable at the Office of ENRICO MULLER at BARCELONA, who has stamps of all Allied Consulates and all means of changing papers including, it is believed, stamps for falsifying Spanish documents. E.M.S.I.B. also forward us information regarding the falsification of nationality certificate by a Spanish seaman who obtained a certificate from the American Consul at BILBAO. A further reports was received from E.M.S.I.B. regarding the attempts of Aliens to return to their respective countries. It is pointed out that crews of neutral vessels torpedoed in Spanish waters returning to SCANDINAVIA or HOLLAND should be particularly watched as it is suggested that German organizations in Spain will endeavour to use them for carrying letters	
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Cairo.	30th. March 1917.		<p>Residency forward us a copy of a telegram despatched by the Foreign Office to WASHINGTON regarding the repatriation of Turkish women and children and civilian Officials. They ask the United States Government to ascertain whether the Porte will guarantee the immunity of the vessels. It is also suggested that British women and children in Turkey should be brought back.</p> <p>Residency send us correspondence received from Home regarding Madam BACOS in which she pleads to be allowed to return to EGYPT, and if this cannot be granted, that she may receive some financial assistance, as she states she is not in a position to maintain herself in Italy on her present income.</p> <p>Residency forward us a copy of a reply sent to the War Office with reference to their enquiries regarding the death of the wife of Dr. ISMAIL LUTFY Bey in which it is pointed out that this lady was accidentally killed by a stray rifle bullet at TAIF Hospital which fact Colonel AHMED, Commandant of the Hedjaz has written confirming. His children are at the Citadel, and will be repatriated to Turkey with the women and children as soon as arrangements are completed.</p>	
	31st. March 1917.		<p>Residency forwarded us a copy of their reply to the Italian Diplomatic Agency regarding the five women who were sent back to Italy from SWITZERLAND without funds. It explained to the Italian Agency that these women were provided with second class accommodation to BUCHS on the Austrian frontier, and given a sum of at least £20 each, in order to cover any extra expenditure. This money they must have lost when the S.S. "TORINO" was submarined.</p> <p>Letter received from the Ministry of the Interior re the forming of Committees by the Greek Venizelists to obtain the names of adherents to the Salonika Government. The representatives of these Committees leave a blank form with each Greek in order that he may fill it in, or not, and no pressure of any kind is used. (This is in connection with the Commander-in-Chief's Proclamation of 5th. March). The Ministry further point out that there are certain Greek Royalists who are endeavouring to counteract the above movement and mar its progress, and names of six of these persons are given.</p>	

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Cairo.	31st. March, 1917.		MOHAMED FAKHREDDIN a Turkish Officer Prisoner of War recently released on parole, and a volunteer for the HEDJAZ, whose services the King of MECCA has refused, is ordered by the Commander-in-Chief to be reinterned. He has been much in the company of ATA Bey HUSNI, and it is considered on political grounds undesirable for him to remain at large.	

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