

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Aden

### FCO 141/1 to 141/37

The port and colony of Aden, now in the Republic of Yemen, was occupied by British Royal Marines in 1839. Perim Island and Little Aden were added in 1857 and 1868 respectively. The territory was administered as part of British India until 1937, when Aden became a British Crown Colony under the administration of the Colonial Office. In 1963 Aden joined the Federation of South Arabia along with the protectorates of East and West Aden but remained a colony until November 1967 when the British administration ended with the evacuation of British High Commission staff and the withdrawal of British forces.

The records of the Aden administration are arranged in this guide within subject areas. The material largely dates from 1962-1967.

#### **Resettlement and population**

FCO 141/1: Jewish community in Aden 1963-1967 (2 cm thick). File on the resettlement of the Jewish community, the repayment of loans and the issuing of passports.

FCO 141/2: Entry certificates and vouchers for Israelis 1963-1967 (3 cm thick). File on the issuing of Ministry of Labour vouchers and of transit entry certificates for travel to Israel via the United Kingdom.

FCO 141/4: Issue of British passports: general correspondence 1963-1967 (1 cm thick). Correspondence relating to the issuing and administration of passports, emergency certificates, identity and travel documents and alien embarkation permits. Discusses ordinances for the issuing of British passports by various states within the protectorates and allegations of irregularities.

*Related material is in CO 1055/1, CO 1055/134, CO 1055/190 and CO 1055/191.*

#### **Natural resources**

FCO 141/3: Oil exploration in Kamaran islands 1962-1967 (1 cm thick). File on the oil exploration permit granted to British Petroleum between 1962 and 1967 and its revocation. Contains copies of the renewal certificates for 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1966

*Related material is in CO 1055/65, CO 1055/67*

## **Staff and labour**

FCO 141/5-31: Personal files of High Commission staff including advisers, secretaries, stenographers, clerks, messengers, telephone operators, garage boys and drivers 1955-1967 (36 cm thick). Files contain administrative details regarding appointments, pensions, allowances, leave and repatriation.

*Related material in CO 1015/2397-2398*

## **Colonial and development welfare schemes**

FCO 141/33: Fisheries development in East Aden Protectorate 1963-1966 (1 cm thick). Papers on running and maintenance of buildings, motor boats and other vehicles, staffing, training and curing experiments.

*Related material is in OD 34/5, OD 34/12, OD 34/233, CO 1055/148*

FCO 141/34: Chicken Centre at Fuwa 1964-1967 (2 cm thick). Reports from the egg production unit at Fuwa between November 1964 and October 1966 covering capital expenditure, loans, revenue and salaries.

*Related material is in CO 1015/2585*

FCO 141/35: Geological Survey in the Protectorate 1961-1967 (2 cm thick). Papers on soil/mineral surveys including mapping by Directorate of Overseas Surveys, preliminary survey by Colonial Development Corporation (1961-1962 ) and provision of an expert for Agricultural Research Station.

*Related material is in CO 1055/86*

## **Colonial and development welfare schemes (continued)**

FCO 141/36: Mukalla Harbour Survey 1965-1967 (1 cm thick). Papers relating to the improvement of Mukalla harbour in co-operation with Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Ministry of Overseas Development.

*Related material is in OD 20/262*

FCO 141/37: Fisheries Development in East Aden Protectorate 1962-1967 (1 cm thick). Loans scheme for fishermen in Mushgass [Mushgash] area.

*Related material is in CO 1055/148*

# Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Anguilla

## FCO 141/38 to 141/268

Anguilla was first colonised by English and Irish settlers in 1650 and administered as part of the Leeward Islands. It was eventually united with St Kitts (St Christopher) and Nevis as an Associated State under the provisions of the West Indies Act of 1967, giving the Associated State of St Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla complete internal self-government while Britain remained responsible for defence and external affairs. This occurred against the wishes of many Anguillans and revolution in 1967 was the culmination of frustration amongst Anguillans that their needs were being ignored and they were underrepresented.

On 30th May 1967 the Anguillans declared themselves independent of the St Kitts Government and called for either reintroduction of direct British rule or Associate Statehood from the British for Anguilla alone. After much negotiation between the British and St

Kitts, and further revolution in 1969, Anguilla eventually came under full British rule in 1971 and was granted separate British Dependent Territory status (later UK Overseas Territory) in 1980.

The surviving records for the immediate period prior to Anguilla returning to British authority are arranged below within subject areas as far as possible. They focus on the period after the revolution of 1967 and the negotiations, administration and arrangements moving towards the Island leaving the St Kitts administration. Certain files have been reviewed in more detail, providing additional description, suggested related files where appropriate and indication of size and scope. Almost all the material dates from 1967-1971. There is a large amount of related material in The National Archives' series FCO 63.

### Political Affairs (General)

FCO 141/40: Talks between St Kitts and Anguilla, 1967-69 (2.5cm thick); Report written by Frank McDonald containing details of troops sent to Anguilla in 1969 ready to invade the "rebel" island of Anguilla. Photocopied images of Mr William Whitlock, Mr Stuart Roberts, Mr Desmond Kerr, Premier John Compton, 'Anguillan' John Hodge, Mr Karl T Hudson-Phillips and Frank McDonald. Also includes records of meetings between St Kitts and Anguilla in 1968, a discussion of possible outcomes of the crisis including processes for devolution of power. Records of meetings between the Foreign Secretary, St Kitts and Anguillan delegates.

FCO 141/45-49: Political affairs, 1967-69 (5 files, 12.5cm thick in total); Telegrams, letters and reports relating to British involvement in Anguilla between 1967 and 1970.

FCO 141/46-47: contains supporting letters and reports to telegrams in FCO 141/45. These include arrangements for Lord Caradon's visit, the fluctuating security situation in Anguilla, movements and actions of revolutionary leaders including increasing calls for the British

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Commissioner and military to leave, negotiations with St Kitts and fear of invasion amongst Anguillans from the island, reports of increasing violent incidents, reports from local newspapers on the views of Anguillans, the setting up of the Anguillan Council and the views of the UN on Anguilla's prospects.

FCO 141/45: also includes rumours of an assassination attempt on Billie Herbert and the withdrawal of British staff at the end of the first interim agreement in January 1969.

FCO 141/49: contains the corresponding inward telegrams from 1967-1969

FCO 141/48: covers further administrative discussions to and from London in March 1969 and the operation to reinstate the British Commissioner in Anguilla following the Temporary Provision Order of 1969.

*Related documents in FCO 63/174, 179-203, OD 28/145-49.*

FCO 141/51-54, 57-59

Political affairs, 1969 (7 files, each 2.5cm thick); Contain series of telegrams and memos discussing internal administrative affairs and security matters. Discussions and arrangements for various political visits to and from Anguilla, in particular Lord Caradon's visits and objections to them (FCO 141/57). Minutes of meetings of the Anguilla Council and the background to draft Orders in Council are included.

*Related material in FCO 43/89, FCO 63/198, FCO 63/199, FCO 63/200.*

FCO 141/57: contains detailed accounts of meetings between Dr Eric Williams, (Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tabago) and Harold Wilson (British Prime Minister) and Dr Williams and

Michael Stewart in July 1969. Also includes a printed copy of the Commonwealth Secretariat Background Paper 'St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla: Recent developments'.

*Related material in PREM 13/2433, PREM 13/2999.*

FCO 141/58: includes observations of Ronald Webster, revolutionary leader, and details call for a general election within Anguilla and a draft petition for independence from St Kitts.

*Related material in FCO 63/206, PREM 13/2517-2518, OD 28/145-149.*

FCO 141/136-138

Political affairs 1969-1970 (3 files, 3cm thick in total); Correspondence to and from London on the security situation in Anguilla between December 1969-February 1970 (136), February 1970-June 1970 (137), June 1970-October 1970 (138). Includes arrangements for the Wooding Commission, Naval assessments of the security situation, Official visits to encourage cooperation with the Wooding Commission, Webster and Bradshaw's ongoing complaints and objections to the situation, moves towards the 'official' negotiating period after the publication of the Wooding Report.

FCO 141/137: includes discussions of Bradshaw's potential Knighthood and implications.

## **Internal Security**

FCO 141/70, 153

Personalities 1969-1970 (2 files, 3.5cm thick in total); Personalities in Anguilla.

FCO 141/70: Contains separate file 'Statements on Arms'. Detailed

reports of defence actions by self-armed revolutionary groups and lists of those involved. Three photos of Anguillan men in revolutionary force – named in one photo. Details of members of the Council and 'Religious personalities' in Anguilla.

FCO 141/153: contains reports on individuals including John Gumbs and Wallace Rey and details of suspected unlicensed arms in Anguilla.

FCO 141/71, 148, 264

Internal security 1969-1971 (3 files, 4.5cm thick in total); Internal security. Consists of various reports and correspondence relating to forecasts of security required, preparations in case of severe public reaction to the outcome of negotiations and how this will be funded.

FCO 141/148: contains details of Operation Sheepskin, as well as combined situation reports and a series of routine reports in lead up to Wooding report including actions of the military and details of a Court Martial in Barbuda. Details included in reports on political, military, police and weapons.

*Related material in DEFE 24/1802, DEFE 11/886.*

FCO 141/264: includes separate file on 'Land Force Anguilla: standing orders for internal security operations' and arrangements for the protection of British staff and residents if required under Operation Roundup. Also includes details of Operation Long Stop.

*Related material in FCO 63/234, FCO 63/787, FCO 63/545, FCO 63/546, FCO 63/547, FCO 63/548.*

FCO 141/71: includes Staff list of Force Anguilla, Dec 1969. Discussion of presence and involvement of Royal Engineers on the Island. Security measures for UK citizens in times of crisis. Reports on policing levels in Anguilla and possible threats to security.

*Related material in DEFE 24/1802, DEFE 24/1803, DEFE 24/1808, DEFE 24/1809.*

FCO 141/84, 209

Security matters 1967-70 (2 files, 1/2cm thick in total); Security matters relating to the physical details of security at the Commissioner's Office.

FCO 141/209: relates to the discovery in 1970 that Webster has a copy of a confidential telegram from 1968 and discussion of a possible leak.

*Related material in BA 19/75, CAB 164/524.*

FCO 141/181: Large cache of illegal Anguillan arms hidden on French St Martin, 1970 (single sheet); memo of information from rumours of illegal arms having been moved from Anguilla to French St Martin.

FCO 141/208: Threat of a kidnapping of diplomatic officers, 1970. See 'Black Power'.

## Groups and Political movements

The majority of files relating to individual groups contain similar material including observations of meetings, reports from other countries, and information on and movements of key personalities involved.

FCO 141/67, 150, 208, 235

Black Power 1969-1970 (4 files, 4cm thick in total); Black Power Movement.

FCO 141/67: relates to the Black Power Conference, Bermuda, July 1969.

*Related material in DEFE 11/884, DEFE 11/885, CAB 148/91/23, CAB 148/92/18, PREM 13/2885.*

FCO 141/150: contains information on the establishment of organisation in the East Caribbean. Includes reports on outcome of Congress of African People 1970. Copy of 'Black Power in the Eastern Caribbean and the impact of outside influence upon it'.

*Related material in FCO 63/61, FCO 63/62, FCO 63/613, FCO 63/379.*

FCO 141/208: details request from FCO as to current threat of kidnapping of diplomatic staff and responses from Caribbean Commissioners confirming the Black Power movement is generally anti-violence.

FCO 141/235: includes reports on individuals being watched. Also includes reports 'Black Power in the UK' and 'Black Power in the Caribbean'.

*Related material in FCO 63/61, FCO 63/62, FCO 63/613, FCO 63/379. See also FCO 141/145.*

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FCO 141/68: The West India Committee, 1969 (1/2cm thick).

FCO 141/69: Constructive Democratic Movement, 1969 (Less than 20 sheets).

FCO 141/161: Communist policy and tactics, 1970 (1/2cm thick).

FCO 141/232: West Indianism, 1971 (1/2cm thick); See 'Radio Anguilla'.

## Wooding Commission and move to British Dependent Territory status

FCO 141/131-134 PARTS A-D

Appointment of the Anguilla Commission, Wooding Commission 1969-1970 (4 files, 4cm thick in total); Standard administration and correspondence relating to the set-up of the Commission and discussions surrounding the administration.

FCO 141/132: includes 'The Anguillan Case' background briefing paper and proceedings of the Commission hearing.

FCO 141/133: includes notes on Council members, 'Background paper for the Wooding Commission on the British Government's views' and Government expenditure tables.

*Related material in T 317/1215, T 317/1216, T 317/2464.*

FCO 141/143-146 PARTS A-D

Future British relations with Anguilla and St Kitts, 1970 (4 files, all 1-1.5cm thick); Contain general correspondence and discussion of the upcoming Wooding report and speculation over how Anguillans will receive it. References to the Christena ferry disaster and condolences expressed.

FCO 141/143: contains 'Notes on a possible Constitutional and Legal Structure for Anguilla if granted status of Crown Colony or the like'.

FCO 141/144: contains background information on members of the Wooding Commission and briefing notes on Anguillan politics, and attitudes of other Caribbean and interested countries to the Anguillan situation.

FCO 141/145: contains details and briefing notes for the visit of Minister of State, Joseph Godber. Also contains background notes on the Black Power movements in Anguilla and the Caribbean.

*Related material in FO 63/776-777.*

FCO 141/146: includes practical discussions of returning Anguilla to British rule and the possibility of Britain terminating all association with St Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla if a suitable solution cannot be agreed.

FCO 141/154-156 PARTS A-C  
Report of the Anguilla Commission, Wooding Commission, 1970 (3 files, each 2cm thick); Contains preparation leading up to the publication of the report including press reports, initial reactions from St Kitts and Anguillans and briefing notes for negotiation meetings with Mr Bradshaw.

FCO 141/154: is a copy of the Wooding Report.

*Related material is in DEFE 11/887, DEFE 25/384, DEFE 24/1805, DEFE 24/1806, FCO 44/193, FCO 44/194, FCO 44/404, FCO 63/1260.*

FCO 141/256-263 PARTS A-H  
Progress towards settlement of Anguilla problem, 1971 (8 files, 16cm in total); Contains reports on and briefing papers for ongoing negotiations with Mr Bradshaw and the Anguillan Council.

FCO 141/257: contains draft memorandums of agreement between Britain and St Kitts.

*Related material in CAB 148/102/30, CAB 148/116/9, FCO 63/244, FCO 63/773, FCO 63/774, FCO 63/531, FCO 63/532, FCO 63/533.*

FCO 141/78: Selection of Anguilla Commission, 1969 (2cm thick).

FCO 141/159: Future of the Associated States in West Indies, 1970 (1.5cm thick).

FCO 141/227: Constitutional documents, Anguilla Act 1971 (1/2cm thick).

### **Press, Communications, Events and Visits**

FCO 141/66: Publications, 1969 (1cm thick); Includes series of example publications including: 'Survey of British and Commonwealth Affairs', 'Overseas Challenge magazine: Bulletin for the National Council for the supply and training of teachers overseas', 'Britain's Associated States and Dependencies'.

FCO 141/50, 95, 212, 232: Radio Anguilla, 1967-71 (4 files, 1.5cm thick in total); Files relating to Radio Anguilla, its formation, funding, equipment and purpose. Also includes concerns raised regarding how British-orientated it is (FCO 141/232) and the use of the Radio by the British (FCO 141/50).

*Related material in FCO 43/104, FCO 63/239, FCO 63/784, FCO 26/381, FCO 26/382.*

FCO 141/60: Parliamentary questions, 1969

FCO 141/62,210: Press, radio and television reporters and visits 1969-70

FCO 141/44, 64-65: Press reports and cuttings, 1969



FCO 141/74-75: Visits by Ministers to the Caribbean, October 1969

FCO 141/76: Records of meeting with HM Commissioner, W H Thompson, September 1969

FCO 141/85,99: Communications including cipher, diplomatic bags, newspapers, 1969

FCO 141/98: HM The Queen's Birthday Parade, 1969

FCO 141/151: Unofficial visits to Anguilla, 1970

FCO 141/168: Proposed visit of undergraduates from Guild of Undergraduates, 1970

FCO 141/174-76, 164: Press and publicity, 1970

FCO 141/189: Messages of congratulations and thanks from HM Commissioner, 1970

FCO 141/196: Visit of Sir John Waldron, Met Police Commissioner, August 1970

FCO 141/211: Educational films for psychological operations, 1970

FCO 141/223: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Delegation, 1971

FCO 141/240: Visits by SLO Associated States to St Kitts and Anguilla, 1971

### **Administration, land and miscellaneous**

FCO 141/63: Miscellaneous letters, 1969

FCO 141/80,86,89,97,118,120,121,135,142,241: Civil Service and staff matters, 1969-71

FCO 141/82: Personal file of J A Cumber, HM Commissioner, 1969

FCO 141/42, 87: Administration and accounting matters, 1968-70

FCO 141/88: Stationery supplies, 1969

FCO 141/96: Honours and awards, 1969

FCO 141/100-101, 169-170 195-195, 246: Files relating to land transfers and matters including applications and disputes, 1969-71

FCO 141/116, 191, 219: The 1970 census, 1969-70;

FCO 141/219: questions raised whether census will proceed due to forms listing Anguilla as 'parish' in Kitts-Nevis state.

FCO 141/117, 139-141, 236, 265: Council meetings and administration, 1969-72

FCO 141/124: Registration of births, deaths and marriages, 1969 (Less than 10 sheets); Requests for adjustments in BMD registers on St Kitts and the process for this.

FCO 141/152: Monthly administration reports, 1969-70

FCO 141/167 : Weekly project reports, June-December 1970

FCO 141/177: Offshore exploration, 1970

FCO 141/178: FCO Counter Subversion Fund, 1970

FCO 141/192: Gambling matters; inquiry of whether there are casinos on Anguilla, 1970



FCO 141/217: Lack of triennial reports on the British community, 1970

FCO 141/254: National anthems, 1971 (1 sheet); Single letter requesting copies of the National Anthem score (not included in file).

### **External affairs**

FCO 141/162: Relations between Barbuda and Antigua, 1970

FCO 141/163: St Kitts and Nevis political affairs, 1970

FCO 141/165: Guyana and Venezuela relations, 1970

FCO 141/222: Anguilla and the United Nations, 1971

FCO 141/224: West Indian affairs, 1971

FCO 141/229: Elections in St Kitts, May 1971

FCO 141/251: Dominica Defence Force camp in St Lucia, 1971

### **Military matters**

FCO 141/72-73, 233, 243: Military matters, situation reports, 1969-71

FCO 141/214-215: Military visits to Anguilla, 1969-70

FCO 141/179: Military flights, 1970

FCO 141/182,: 253 Royal Engineers, 1969-71 (See also FCO 141/71)

FCO 141/213: Correspondence including accommodation, stranded vessels, 1970

### **Security Committee and Intelligence Reports**

FCO 141/147, 230: Security Committee minutes, 1970-71

FCO 141/77,183-184,252: West Indies and Caribbean area intelligence reports, 1969-71

FCO 141/247: East Caribbean regional watch lists, 1970-72

### **Legislation and migration**

FCO 141/41: Visitors from St Kitts to Anguilla, 1969

FCO 141/157: Possible future legislation and constitution, 1970

FCO 141/190: Emigration from Anguilla to UK, 1970

FCO 141/193: Immigration procedure; health controls, 1969-70

FCO 141/103, 202, 248: Prohibited immigrants and deportations, 1969-71

FCO 141/216: Anguilla: relaxation of restrictions of aliens, 1970

### **Law and Order**

FCO 141/149: Emergency instructions and Public Orders, 1970

FCO 141/43: CID investigations of Anguilla crimes, magistrates' papers, 1968

FCO 141/90-91: Judiciary matters, 1969

FCO 141/171: Civil actions and complaints, 1970

FCO 141/197: W Richardson and W O Richardson vs. Attorney General, 1970-71

FCO 141/199: Prison accommodation in Anguilla, 1970

FCO 141/200: Legal matters; probate, 1970

FCO 141/201: High Court sessions in Anguilla, 1970

FCO 141/92,115,172,267-268: Legal and judicial appointments and duties, 1969-1972

FCO 141/93-94: Police matters and security checks, 1969

FCO 141/102, 104, 173, 198, 249: Police training administrative matters, 1969-71

FCO 141/180: Use of CS gas, 1970

FCO 141/203-205: Police investigations and summaries, 1970

FCO 141/206-207, 244-245: Establishing a police force, 1970-72

*Related material in MEPO 2/11464, MEPO 31/26, MEPO 31/31*

## **Finance, economics and trade**

FCO 141/122, 166: Banking matters, 1969-70

FCO 141/123: Financial and treasury matters, 1969

FCO 141/186: Trade and commerce, 1970

FCO 141/220: Current economic situation and prospects in St Kitts and Nevis, 1970

FCO 141/221,237: Business and taxation arrangements between UK and Anguilla, 1971

FCO 141/255: International monetary negotiations, 1971

## **Development and social care**

FCO 141/105-109, 266: Aid and Development projects, 1967-71

FCO 141/110: Voluntary Service Overseas, Oxfam 1968-69

FCO 141/111, 112, 185: Water, electricity supplies and telephones, 1968-70

FCO 141/113: Report of the British Development Division in the Caribbean, May 1969

FCO 141/114, 218: Public Works Department plant and appointments, 1969-1970

FCO 141/127: Dental Services in Anguilla, 1969

FCO 141/79, 128-130, 187. 188, 219, 242: General medical matters and administration including applications for posts and appointments, 1969-71

FCO 141/250 National disaster relief in the Caribbean, 1971

## **Transport and Infrastructure**

FCO 141/55-56: Postal service stamps, 1969

FCO 141/81, 83: Transport matters, 1969

FCO 141/119, 238, 239: Aviation and airport matters, 1969-71

FCO 141/125, 126: Administration of travel permits, passports and visas, 1969

### **Annual Reports and Conferences**

FCO 141/38-39, 226: Bridgetown conferences on Anguilla, March 1969 and  
September 1971

FCO 141/61, 160, 225: United Nations General Assembly 24th session, 16  
December 1969

FCO 141/158, 231, 234: Annual review and key personalities for 1970, 1971

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Bahamas

### FCO 141/269 to 141/292

The Bahamas is a nation consisting of more than 3,000 islands. Following a period of sporadic occupation by Spain, English settlements were established in the mid seventeenth century on the islands of Eleuthera and New Providence and the Bahamas became a Crown colony in 1717. In 1776 the Bahamas surrendered to American forces and were captured by Spain in 1782 but they were recaptured by British forces in 1783 and were officially restored to Great Britain later that year under the Treaty of Versailles. In 1973 the Bahamas became an independent state within the Commonwealth.

#### **Gambling Commission**

FCO 141/269-287: Records of the Commission of Enquiry into Casino Gambling which was convened between 22 March and 5 September 1967 (8 cm thick). The opening document, FCO 141/269 consists of documents in camera, while the remainder are transcripts of the sessions of the Commission. The report of the Commission is not included.

*Related material is in CO 1031/5258-5259*

FCO 141/288-290: Personal files of temporary staff employed to record the sessions of the Commission of Enquiry into Casino Gambling, 1967 (1cm thick). The three files concern Mrs Inge Tuckey, Confidential Clerk to the Commission, Mrs E Newton (formerly Bosville), Stenographer, and Mrs Barbara Gibbs, Confidential Personal Assistant. The paperwork consists mostly of recommendations to appoint, employment papers and termination of appointment notices.

#### **Internal Security**

FCO 141/291: Threat of kidnapping and terrorist attacks, 1969-1973 (1cm thick). This document consists largely of FCO circulars intended for transmission to all colonies. The circulars outline key precautions against and methods of dealing with a terrorist attack and guidance to British businessmen overseas and were sent in light of the kidnapping of Jasper Cross by the Front de Liberation du Quebec in 1970. The papers include a memo signed by Alex Douglas-Home announcing that the prime minister and secretary of state were taking a close interest in the kidnapping of Mr Cross and a letter from Mitchell Sharpe, Canadian Secretary of State for

(FCO 141/291 continued)

External Affairs to L M Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bahamas, thanking him for allowing a Canadian armed forces aircraft to stop over in Nassau following its flight to Havana, where the abductors had fled.

*Related material is in DO 127/133-139; FCO 7/1763-1770*

## **Administrative, Finance and Miscellaneous**

FCO 141/292: Bahamas registry and general administrative procedures 1971-1973 (2cm thick). This file consists of 68 circulars and memos on topics including the supervision of the economic departments of the Bahamas, management training courses, the West Indian Department, correspondence for schoolchildren, the Indian suspect index, reproductions of the Bahamas, registry procedures, applications for new passports, the 1971 census of population, the Yearbook of the Commonwealth and the transfer of official publications to the Public Record Office of the Turks and Caicos islands.

*Related material in CO 1067/1-2*

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Basutoland (Lesotho)

### FCO 141/294 to 141/456

Most of these files date from the late 1940s to the early 1960s, as the British government considered the future constitution of Basutoland, although there is also some earlier material. Many of them concern constitutional developments during the 1950s, including the establishment of a legislative assembly in the late 1950s and the legislative election in 1960.

At the same time, the British government considered the incorporation of Basutoland into South Africa, a position which became increasingly less tenable as the Nationalist Party consolidated its power after the 1948 election and eventually declared a republic. The files hold evidence of the attitude of the British government and political parties in Basutoland to this question.

The files include a substantial body of reports on political activity and

parties, as well as reports on individual chiefs and headmen, including some material on crime. There is also material relating to the participation of baSotho soldiers in the Second World War.

There is also substantial material on the Chief designate Constantine Bereng Seeiso and the role of the British authorities in his education and their promotion of him as Chief designate.

The files should provide an important source for an understanding of political rivalries in Basutoland before the pre-independence general election of 1965.

The files complement material already held at The National Archives in series in DO 35, DO 119 and CO 1048.

### Politics and constitutional development

FCO 141/294-295: Constitutional reform in Basutoland (1953-59) – concerns the development of representative government through the establishment of a legislative assembly.

FCO 141/318: Basutoland Constitutional Commission; attitude of Basutoland Congress Party (1962); concerns relations with South Africa.

FCO 141/320: Constitutional Review Commission (1961-1962); discussion of form of constitution leading up to independence (2cms).

FCO 335-335 and FCO 141/339: constitution (1958-1961); implementation of constitution of 1959 includes notes on political opposition (6 cms).

FCO 141/337: draft standing orders for the Basutoland Council (1959); (1cm).

FCO 141/338: constitutional development in Basutoland (1958-1959); discusses the report of the commission on the constitution (1 cm).

FCO 141/340: draft Basutoland (Constitution) Order in Council (1959); including copy of draft (2 cms).

FCO 141/342-343: Administrative Reforms Committee and Moore Report (1952-1955); includes responses to the Moore Report, which failed to recommend the establishment of a legislative council (6cms).

FCO 141/351: revision of the Constitution; Basutoland National Council Standing Orders (1959-1962); draft of constitution (3cms).

FCO 141/356-358: Administrative Reforms Committee; Basuto objections to the Moore Report (1955-1956); notes of meetings and policy documents; hostility to the recommendations and demands for legislative assembly (8 cms).

FCO 141/366: Executive Council; development of Ministerial system and departmental reorganisation (1969-1962); documents on 'Africanisation' before independence (1 cm).

FCO 141/368: administrative reforms; Constitutional and Chieftainships Committees (1960-1962); concerns Basutoland Council and Executive Committee (1.5 cms).

FCO 141/369: district council meetings to consider the Report of the Administrative Reforms Committee; Youth League; Basutoland Congress Party (BCP) (1953-1961); includes official report and reactions, note of chiefly meeting, intelligence report (3 cm).

FCO 141/386: Basutoland Council, 33rd session (1938); includes transcript, list of chiefs (2 cms).

FCO 141/395-396: relationship between Resident Commissioners, High Commissioner's Office and Commonwealth Relations Office (1958-1960); revision of relationships in relation to constitutional reform and responsible government (2.5 cms).

FCO 141/405-406: Constitutional discussions, (1958); includes report on constitutional reform and chieftainship affairs (7 cms).

*Related material in files DO 35/7222-7236.*

### **Paramount chieftancy – accession of Moshoeshe II**

FCO 141/401: meetings between the Resident Commissioner and the Paramount Chief and his advisers 1953-1957); (0.5 cm).

FCO 141/402: honorific title of the Paramount Chief; correspondence (1960-1962); (0.5 cms).

FCO 141/403: Paramount Chief's estate; legal action by Chieftainess Mantsebo, former Regent (1960); concerns dispute over certain property (0.5 cms).

FCO 141/404: visit of Chief Moshoeshe II, Paramount Chief of Basutoland, to Germany, July 1962 (1962); correspondence and draft of speech (1 cm).

FCO 141/407-410, 412 and FCO 141/417-427: Paramount Chief designate, Constantine Bereng Seeiso Griffith (1942-1961); education of the designate, relations with family members and the public (approximately 20 cms).



FCO 141/416: succession to paramount chieftaincy (1926-1938); concerns politics of succession (2.5 cms).

FCO 141/428-429: recognition of Constantine Bereng Seeiso Griffith as Paramount Chief of Basutoland (1960-1962); (4 cms).

FCO 141/430: Paramount Chief Moshoeshoe II's wedding, 23 August 1962 (1962) (1 cm).

*Related material in DO 35/4081 and DO 35/4362-66.*

### **International – relations with South Africa**

FCO 141/319: report by Owen Lewis on his visit to the Middle East and the discussions at the African Manpower Conference, August 1942 (1942).

FCO 141/321: South Africa becoming a Republic outside the Commonwealth; position of the Protectorates (1961-1962); perceptions of likely effects for Basutoland of South Africa secession from the Commonwealth (2cms).

FCO 141/322: relations with South Africa (1961-1962); (2cms).

FCO 141/323: future relations with Republic of South Africa (1962); (2cms).

FCO 141/331: opposition to the appointment of South African Mr A G T Chaplin as Resident Commissioner (1956); (1.5 cms).

FCO 141/344: future of the High Commission Territories (1958-1963); discusses the possibility of incorporation into South Africa (2cms).

FCO 141/345: proposed transfer of the government of the High Commission Territories to the Union of South Africa (1934-1938) (2cms).

FCO 141/346: proposed transfer of the government of High Commission Territories to the Union of South Africa (1938-1942); (1 cm).

FCO 141/347: notes on various aspects of the administration of the High Commission Territories likely to arise in connection with transfer (1949-1954); reports on likely problems of incorporation into South African in the light of the election of the Nationalist Party in 1948 (1.5 cms).

FCO 141/348-350: proposed transfer of the government of the High Commission Territories to the Union of South Africa (1949-1954); includes details of opposition from Basuto African Congress (4cms).

FCO 141/383: visit by the Secretary of State to Basutoland, 3-5 February 1951 (1951); on claims by Union of South Africa to the High Commission Territories (0.5 cms).

FCO 141/385: movement of persons between South African and the High Commission Territories (1962); (0.5 cms).

FCO 141/440: United Nations Human Rights Commission (1947-1960); implications of United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

FCO 141/441: position of Basutoland in relation to Union of South Africa (1909-1910); (1cm).

FCO 141/455: High Commission Territories relations with Ghana (1961) (0.25 cms).

FCO 141/456: delegation to the USA (1961-1962).

## Other High Commission Territories

FCO 141/389: future of the High Commission Territories (1938-1961); includes details of a tour by Joint Advisory Committee (2 cms).

## Reports on chiefs, news and intelligence reports

FCO 141/296-299, FCO 141/352-354, 141/363-365 and FCO 141/370-375: monthly news reports of the High Commission Territories (Tergos reports) (1950-1960); these reports contain observations on activities by the various political parties and some individuals in the lead up to the first general election, as well as more general material on economic and social conditions (30 cms).

FCO 141/359-362: monthly intelligence reports (1947-1959); compiled by Resident Commissioners on political activity, organisations and more general news (8cms).

FCO 141/400: handing over reports and notes for districts in Basutoland (1954-1961); includes reports on political activity and identification of specific problems of administration (4 cms).

FCO 141/431-433 FCO 141/435-439, FCO 141/443-444 and 446: Chieftainship, Berea District; Leribe District; Butha Buthe District; Mokhotlong District; Mhales Hoek District; Maseru District; Mafeteng District; Quthing District; Qacha's Nek District; Quthing and Qacha's Nek Districts (Chief Theko Makaola); confidential reports on Chiefs and Headmen (various dates by district, 1941-1961); contains pro forma reports on individuals, policy documents, reports on particular topic, crime, some material on ritual murder, ('medicine murder'), for example Qacha's Nek.

*Related material in CO 1048/260, DO 35/7332, DO 119/1406, PREM 8/1309, DO 35/4154-4158.*

FCO 141/442: complaints against Chief Theko Makhaola of Qacha's Nek (1956-1960); 0.5 cms).

FCO 14/445: complaints against Chief Theko Makhaola of Qacha's Nek (1954-1955); fraudulent collection of fines.

*Related material in DO 35/4544-4545 and DO 157/10-11.*

## Anderson Ganyile

FCO 141/327-329, FCO 141/332-334: South Africa and Anderson Ganyile case (1961-1962); Anderson Ganyile was a Pondo (Transkeian leader) wanted in South Africa and in hiding in Basutoland. He was kidnapped by the South African Police and returned to South Africa. Includes a statement by Ganyile concerning his arrest (6 cms).

*Related material in CO 1098/332.*

## Social and economic conditions

FCO 141/293: Co-operatives (1946-1962); concerns the development of co-operative movement and involvement of the Roman Catholic Church (2.5cms).

FCO 141/323-325: trade unions (1954-1962); covers Trade Disputes Bill, strike in 1961 (3cms).

FCO 141/378: St Charles Mission, Ngoajane; Father Bechard's complaints 1946-1949; complaints about initiation ceremonies (0.5 cms).

FCO 141/380: Sir P Ashley-Cooper's criticisms and suggestions (1954); comments on co-operative movement.

FCO 141/381: co-operative stores in Mokhotlong District (1951-1952).

FCO 141/382: Maseru strike, 1961; press coverage (1961) (0.5 cms).

FCO 141/384: Congress of Trade Unions (0.5 cms).

FCO 141/390: minutes on conferences on Basutoland 1942-1944 and confidential reports by High Commissioner on Territories (1942-1945); development of agriculture (1 cm).

FCO 141/393: disturbances at the Leloaleng Technical School near Quthing (1958); brief file.

FCO 141/397: commentary on memorandum presented by the Basutoland Chamber of Commerce (1956-1957); interests of traders in context of a possible Act of Union with South Africa (0.5 cms).

FCO 141/367: Chamber of Commerce; future of European trading (1960-1962); attitudes of European businesses and traders (1 cm).

## **Missionaries and educations**

FCO 141/394: missionary activities in Basutoland (1940-1961); activities of Roman Catholic and Dutch Reformed Church (2 cms).

FCO 141/454: Pius XII Catholic University College (3cms).

## **Taxation/revenue**

FCO 141/379: imposition and collection of War Levy throughout Territory (1941-1945); (0.5 cms).

Colonial administration records (migrated archives) guidance

## **Policing/crime/resistance**

FCO 141/355: reports by Deputy Inspector General of Colonial Police (1954-1962); primarily establishment issues.

FCO 141/389: control and removal of natives between the High Commission Territories and South Africa (1954-1961); (1 cm).

FCO 141/411: conduct and behaviour of certain Chiefs and officials of the Native Administration (1947-1950); illegal activities of chiefs, confiscation of cattle (brief file).

FCO 141/414: unrest in Leribe District; conduct of Chief Motsoene (1936-1937); activity against the paramount chief (0.25 cms).

FCO 141/415: appeal to HM The King by the Paramount Chief (1959); concerns ritual murders ('medicine murders') in late 1940s (0.25 cms).

FCO 141/434: proposed dismissal of Chiefs and Headmen convicted of serious crimes (1954-1956); notes on some individual crimes, lists of accused and deposition of chiefs.

FCO 141/330: subversive activity (1956-1962); (2cms).

## **Military – participation in the Second World War**

FCO 141/300: complaints from African Auxiliary Pioneer Corps (AAPC) (1943-1944); concerns the treatment of wives of absent soldiers.

FCO 141/301: compilation of war diaries of colonial units (1942-1948); administrative file, rather than war diaries themselves.

FCO 141/302: Maseru Centre, progress report (1941-1949); contains reports on recruiting, brief file.

FCO 141/303: affairs of the High Commission Territories groups of the African Pioneer Corps (1944-1945); includes reports on the activities of individual companies, particularly in Italy and the Middle East (1cm).

FCO 141/304: grant of commissions to certain African troops (1942-1946); mentions and reports on individuals.

FCO 141/305: summary of Captain Vollet's tour of the Bechuanaland Protectorate, August-September 1942 (1942); brief file.

FCO 141/306: issue of rifles to the African Auxiliary Pioneer Corps (AAPC) (1943-1946);

FCO 141/307: purchase of leopard skins for the Basuto Regimental Band (1943-1944).

FCO 141/308: command and welfare of African Pioneer Corps troops (1943-1946); details of some troops who were lost at sea.

FCO 141/309: general tour reports of the Basuto Corps (1945-1946); reports on individual companies and some details of casualties (1cm).

FCO 141/310: report by Major Germond on matters relating to the African Auxiliary Pioneer Corps (AAPC) in the Middle East (1943); brief file.

FCO 141/311: report on the sinking of SS Erinpura on 1 May 1943 and Basuto casualties (1943); includes statements by survivors (0.5 cms).

FCO 141/312: medical standard of recruits for the African Auxiliary Pioneer Corps (AAPC) (1944); brief file.

FCO 141/313: victory parade celebrations in London, 1946 (1946); includes press cuttings on individuals who attended (0.5 cms).

FCO 141/314: statistics of African Pioneer Corps (High Commission Territories) (1944-1946).

FCO 141/315: discharge of Private A Bohloko from African Auxiliary Pioneer Corps (AAPC) (1944); brief file.

FCO 141/316: units of the African Auxiliary Pioneer Corps (AAPC); administrative matters (1944-1945); brief file.

FCO 141/317: African Auxiliary Pioneer Corps (AAPC); native labour units (1941-1943); concerns recruitment and associated problems (2 cms).

FCO 141/387: memorandum on special measures taken during the Great War (1914-1924); brief file.

## **Honours**

FCO 141/341: honours awarded to Africans; honours index (1934-1963); name index – many pages are retained (1 cm).

## **Africanisation of the Government Service**

FCO 141/447-448: selection and training of Basuto for the Civil Service (1955-1961); includes name lists of graduates working on Basutoland (1.5 cms).

FCO 141/449-450: Africanisation of the Government Service (1955-1961); (1.5 cms).

FCO 141/451-453: Africanisation of the Government Service; junior service staffing (1955); (1.5 cms).

### **Administration/general**

FCO 141/377: Expatriate Civil Service Association, Maseru (1961-1962); concerns the command paper 'Service with Overseas Governments' (1 cm).

FCO 141/391: articles in 'native' newspapers (1944-1961); (0.5 cms).

FCO 141/392: subversive publications (1961-1962); on communist literature, includes lists of banned books.

FCO 141/398: organisation, procedure and staff of the Executive Council (0.5 cms); subsequent to establishment of Executive Council.

FCO 141/399: Basutoland: Order of Precedence (1960-1962).

FCO 141/413: communications between District Commissioners and the Paramount Chief (1947-1958); on the nature of this correspondence; brief file.

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Bechuanaland (Botswana) FCO 141/1022 to 141/1286

The bulk of these files, which cover the period between 1949 and independence, concerns the politics and administration of the Bamangwato reserve following the marriage of Seretse Khama to Ruth Williams in 1947.

As a result of the interracial marriage, his accession to the chieftainship of the Bamangwato was thrown into doubt. He returned to the Bechuanaland Protectorate and by June 1949 had won the support of the Bamangwato chiefs. Subsequently, the Regent, Tshekedi Khama left the reserve and applied for a judicial enquiry into Seretse Khama's chieftainship.

Eventually the British Government decided to forbid Seretse Khama from living in Bechuanaland, which produced a political crisis in the reserve. The administration attempted to rule directly through officials and

then by appointing other chiefs to the paramountcy Seretse Khama returned to the Protectorate in 1956, having renounced the chieftainship.

These files complement material held in catalogue series DO 119. Many papers in these files were produced and received by the Resident Commissioners at Serowe and Mafikeng. Many of them were copied and sent to the High Commissioner in South Africa, records which have already been returned to the United Kingdom.

Other files concern the more general administration of the Protectorate during the 1950s and early 1960s, while there is a substantial series of police intelligence reports and reports from District Officers and Commissioners.

### **African politics and colonial administration**

FCO 141/1022-1154: Bechuanaland: Bamangwato Reserve affairs: as a result of Parliamentary statement of 8 March 1950, excluding Seretse Khama from the Bechuanaland Protectorate (1950); exclusion of Tshekedi Khama from Reserve and matters arising from discussions in London, May 1951 with The Secretary of State; as a result of Parliamentary statement of 8 March 1950, excluding Seretse Khama from Bechuanaland Protectorate; subsequent to Judicial Enquiry in 1949; affairs subsequent to House of Commons debate, June 1951; subsequent to UK general election; subsequent to permanent banishment of Seretse Khama; designation of Seretse Khama as chief; judicial enquiry; allegations made against Tshekedi Khama; meetings between Tshekedi and Seretse Khama and the Earl of Howe, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, August 1956; Seretse's renunciation of the Chieftainship and arrangements for his return as a private person (1950-1956). These detailed files include many policy documents on the administration of the

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Bamangwato Reserve and discussion of the use of direct and indirect rule. They include: documents relating to Seretse Khama's return to Bechuanaland in 1949 and his subsequent banishment, including observations on African responses; reports by visiting 'observers', including the South African historian W. Macmillan; policy on Seretse Khama's proposed return; police intelligence reports and reports from district officers; detailed accounts of chiefly meetings (kgotlas), appointment of Keaboka Kgamane and Raseboloji as chiefs; and accounts of political disturbances, particularly in 1952. The files also contain correspondence and reports relating to the return of Seretse Khama to the Bechuanaland Protectorate following his renunciation of the chieftainship, including details of his activities, reception by Africans, reports of meetings and so forth. This is a substantial collection of material, amounting to over two metres of files.

*Related material in DO 119/1279-1369 and DO 35/4281-4288 and DO 35/4298-4310*

FCO 141/199: Uganda; politics and security (1953-1954). This file concerns local responses to the deposition of the Kabaka of Buganda.

FCO 141/1252: World Youth Festival, Moscow, 1957 (1956-1958); brief file.

FCO 141/1276: political refugees; discussions with Divisional Commissioner (1956-1960); concerns political refugees from the Union of South Africa.

FCO 141/1278-1279: Bamangwato tribal affairs; correspondence with Divisional Commissioner, South (1955-1960).

FCO 141/1280: Molefi Pilane, Chief of Bakgatla; correspondence with Divisional Commissioner, South (1959-1959); concerns the proposed deposition of the chief.

## **Constitutional affairs**

FCO 141/1106: reconstitution and reorganisation of local government in the Bamangwato Reserve (1951-1952)

FCO 141/1245-1246: Bamangwato Reserve, establishment of tribal councils (1956-1957). Correspondence and reports on administrative reforms, particularly the establishment of tribal councils in the Bamangwato Reserve.

FCO 141/1232: African Advisory Constitution (1956-58): includes some notes of meetings.

FCO 141/1242: Bechuanaland: European Advisory Council; discussions with members of Council (1955-1956).

FCO 141/1248: Report by H Gilchrist of the High Commission of Australia on the Bechuanaland Protectorate (1956-57): general report on conditions in Bechuanaland.

FCO 141/1266: designations; title for Basutoland Paramount Chief (1946-1960); brief file.

## **Intelligence reports**

FCO 141/1120-1128 (1953-1955); FCO 141/1236 (1954-1959) Police intelligence reports, Serowe and other districts; the files include details of the political activities of individuals and political organisations, reports of political meetings, as well as more general information about social conditions and practices.



FCO 141/1202-1231 and 1233: news reports on the High Commission Territories submitted by High Commissioners (1954-1960): Tergos reports, i.e., summary news reports submitted by the High Commissioner to the Commonwealth Relations Office, largely based on reports submitted by District Commissioner and Officers. They focus on the political activities of individuals and organisations, notes of meetings, but also contain more general observations on social and economic conditions.

FCO 141/1281-1283: Divisional intelligence reports from Divisional Commissioner South (1955-1961); observations on political activity and more generally on social and economic conditions. These intelligence reports constitute a substantial body of material, amounting to around 40cms of files.

### **Social and economic conditions and practices**

FCO 141/1195-1197: control of sale of intoxicating liquor to African Chiefs and other important Africans (1946-1959). Policy on the sale of alcohol and some observations on the use of alcohol in the Protectorate.

FCO 141/1140: Co-operative Society; Tshekedi Khama (1954-1955). Short file on the Co-operative movement in Bechuanaland.

FCO 141/1141-1145: Bamangwato Reserve affairs, Tshekedi Khama, social and economic relations (1955-1959). Documents discussing possible economic development, possible inclusion of

Bechuanaland in the Union of South Africa, some reports by District Commissioner; address by Tshekedi Khama on economic development.

FCO 141/1246: racial disturbances in UK (1958); circular only.

FCO 141/1258: pensionable status of married women (1958); brief file.

### **Finance/taxation/development**

FCO 141/1155: excessive profits duty and trade profits special levy: possible imposition in the Bechuanaland Protectorate (1941-1945).

FCO 141/1251: loan offer made by Anglo-American to lend money to Basutoland or Bechuanaland Protectorate (1957); brief file.

FCO 141/1254: Commission for Technical Cooperation in Africa South of the Sahara; report of 12th session (1957); brief file.

FCO 141/1264: liberalisation of dollar imports into the UK (1959); primarily circulars.

FCO 141/1273: Taxation Committee: plans for increase in revenue (1960); proposals for the extension of licensing.

FCO 141/1285: trading licences; discussions with Divisional Commissioner, South (1957-1961).

### **Crime/policing**

FCO 141/1105: Bamangwato Reserve affairs; alleged arson cases.

FCO 141/1233: prohibited and undesirable immigrants (1954-1956); a few pages only.

FCO 141/1241: gold smuggling in High Commission Territories (1955); a few pages only.

FCO 141/1253: Bamangwato Reserve affairs; alleged discontent regarding recovery of Matimela cattle stock (1957); brief file.

FCO 141/1267: control of firearms, arms and ammunition in the Territory (1952-1958); includes some lists of persons found in possession of firearms.

FCO 141/1274-5: arms, ammunition and explosives; consultations with Divisional Commissioner, South (1958-61); includes some details of persons found illegally in possession.

## **Military and other infrastructure**

FCO 141/1156-1157 (1937-1949); FCO 141/1171-1172 (1955-1962) Annual audit of military and air resources (including telegraphy and wireless stations).

## **International**

FCO 141/1259: Tshekedi Khama and the American Leadership Fellowship (1959); brief file.

FCO 141/1261-1262: Declaration of Human Rights approved by United Nations, 1948 (1949-1951).

## **Honours and medals**

FCO 141/1167-1169: (1939-1951) These contain some details of individual recommendations for the Colonial Police Medal and birthday and new year honours.

## **General/administrative**

FCO 141/1201: Government of India scholarships (1954-1957).

FCO 141/1235: telegraph code used by members of European Advisory Council (1953-1959); includes examples of code words.

FCO 141/1237: Bechuanaland: Colonial Administrative Service; attachments and secondments to the Colonial and Commonwealth Relations Offices (1949-1956).

FCO 141/1239: Bechuanaland: Treasurer; creation of new post, duties (1948-1950)

FCO 141/1240: banishment on restriction orders made under Bechuanaland Protectorate Maintenance of Peace Proclamation (Cap 39), list of orders in force (1955); few pages only.

FCO 141/1243: financial assistance to British subjects and others in connection with their evacuation in the event of war (1955-1956).

FCO 141/1244: appointments of Police Commissioners of High Commission Territories (1956).

FCO 141/1247: Middle East crisis, 1956 (1956-1957).

FCO 141/1250: offers transfers to officers in the service (1957); brief file.

FCO 141/1255: employment of Afrikaans speaking officers (1958); brief file.

FCO 141/1257: effect of Afrikaner farmers' entry into Bechuanaland Protectorate (1958); brief file.

FCO 141/1260: practical forensic trials; poison gases (1943); brief file.

FCO 141/1263: Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Mr P C Gordon-Walkers proposed visit to South Africa High Commission Territories, December 1950 (1951); brief file.

FCO 141/1265: intention of Toivo Herman Ja-Toivo to leave South West Africa (1959); brief file.

FCO 141/1286: public relations (1957-1961)

## Colonial administration records (migrated archive): British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) FCO 141/1354-1362, 1404-1408, 1411-1463, 1465-1544

BIOT was created in 1965 from islands formerly under Mauritian and Seychellois administration to ensure the long-term maintenance of defence facilities in the Indian Ocean on British sovereign territory. Early plans to build a transit air base on Aldabra were shelved in 1968 following defence economies. In 1971 the United Kingdom agreed to the building of a US base on Diego Garcia; this involved the involuntary resettlement of the inhabitants of this island and others in the Chagos archipelago.

In 1976 the Aldabra, Farquhar and other islands were returned to the Seychelles on that colony's independence. From 1965 to 1976 the administration of BIOT was undertaken from Mahe in the Seychelles. The governor of the colony was also the Governor of the Seychelles and the Commissioner was also a member of the Seychelles colonial administration.

Much of the day-to-day administration of BIOT was undertaken by the colony's Administrator, also based at Mahe, but undertaking regular tours to the various islands. On the independence of the Seychelles the administration of BIOT left the Indian Ocean, and has since been conducted from the United Kingdom.

The records of the BIOT administration are arranged in this guide within subject areas based, as much as is practical, on the non-standard registration system used by the Administrator's personal secretary. The first four subject areas have been reviewed in more detail, providing additional description and an indication of size and scope. Almost all the material dates from 1965-75.

### Reports and official tours

FCO 141/1422, 1421

Background reports and handover notes 1959-69.

FCO 141/1422: (3cm thick) consists of various reports, memoranda and other correspondence providing background to the creation of BIOT, US/UK co-operation, surveys and discussions, Seychelles politics and BIOT, the coconut industry, and a report on a visit to the Maldives in 11/68.

FCO 141/1421: is a short file (c. 20 sheets), consisting of two handover notes from 1969, on the administrator's taking leave and on his return. Each gives summaries of current issues with cross references to BIOT former file references.

*Related material (general FCO briefs on BIOT) is in FCO 32/124, FCO 40/611, 691.*

FCO 141/1419 and 1517: official tours 1967-1974.

FCO 141/1419: (3cm thick) consists of reports of various tours by the Administrator, Commissioner and other officials of the islands within BIOT; most are 4

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to 8 pages long and provide an itinerary, a narrative of the visit and sections relating to specific subjects.

*Related material is in FCO 32/727.*

FCO 141/1517: (1 cm thick) consists only of correspondence relating to the planning and travel arrangements for tours. Note that tour reports can be found across various files, particularly those relating to particular islands (see below).

## **Defence and intelligence**

FCO 141/1404, 1357, 1355, 1436: defence facilities on Diego Garcia 1966-76.

FCO 141/1404, 1357 and 1355: (7cm thick in total) are overlapping files including US plans for constructing the naval base, its progress, conservation matters, discussions with the US and UN, extracts from Hansard, copies of Chiefs of Staff papers, newspaper cuttings, reactions from India, plans to deal with publicity and negotiations with Mauritius over resettlement. Later material relates to satellite communications and the British role in the US Navy communications station.

*Related material is in CO 1036/1331, 1342, 1616, 1700; FO 371/184522-184530; FCO 16/236; FCO 31/134, 899-901, 1237, 640, 641; FCO 32/482, 483, 485, 717-719; FCO 46/15, 16, 342-346, 638-647, 730-735, 866, 1048, 1049, 1190-1202, 1286-1291; FCO 68/660; FCO 83/13-15.*

FCO 141/1436: (2cm thick) covers correspondence from the British military

Colonial administration records (migrated archives) guidance

representative on Diego Garcia from 1971. It includes regular reports of proceedings and travel arrangements.

*Related material is in FCO 83/6.*

FCO 141/1480: intelligence reports 1971-73, including Defence Intelligence Staff questionnaires on logistics and cipher telegrams reporting Soviet naval and maritime movements.

*Related material is in FCO 46/359, 651 and 652.*

FCO 141/1420: Soviet naval presence and reporting 1969-72. A short file largely covering policy and process for reporting Soviet naval vessels.

## **Resettlement and population**

FCO 141/1415-1418: resettlement 1965-76 (10 cm thick in total). Consecutive files relating to re-settlement of population of Chagos; includes discussions with Diego Garcia's freeholder (Moulinie & Co.), early re-settlement planning and proposals for re-settlement on other BIOT or Seychelles islands, correspondence with Mauritius, 'BIOT working papers' from FCO, lists of certain Chagossians, removal of inhabitants on other islands, a report of the announcement of resettlement to the islanders, Prime Ministerial discussions on Diego Garcia, report of the arrival of the initial US party, report by Seychelles special branch on BIOT in Seychellois politics, compensation claims including Michael Vencatassen's claim at the Queen's Bench.

*Related material is in CO 1036/1643, 1344; FCO 46/352, 353, 358; FCO 32/128, 725; FCO 31/915, 1246, 1247, 1922; FCO 83/18-22, 136, 137; FCO 40/612, 692-697, 737; OD 26/28, 283.*

*Related material on Vencatassen's claim is in FCO 31/2191-2194.*

FCO 141/1492: low cost housing for resettled on Seychelles 1968 (2cm thick): proposals and brochures for low cost pre-fabricated housing for workers on outer islands.

## General policy

FCO 141/1428: political matters including United Nations 1965-73 (1 cm thick); includes reports of UN discussions on BIOT, a review of foreign policy by the Foreign Secretary (1968, 16 pages), cuttings and papers on relations with India and Mauritius, and on BIOT and Seychellois politics.

*Related material dealing with the UN is in CO 936/947; FCO 58/121, 122, 880, 502, 349-355.*

FCO 141/1406 and 1405: formation and future of BIOT 1965-75 (4cm thick in total).

FCO 141/1406: includes copies of initial US-UK discussions in 1964-65, first discussions with Seychelles government, correspondence relating to compensation to freeholders, and a copy of the draft Statutory Instrument creating BIOT in 1965.

*Related material is in FCO 32/484.*

FCO 141/1405: covers discussions over the future of BIOT as Seychelles moved towards independence. Includes correspondence on the return of Aldabra and other former Seychelles islands, the disposal of the MV Nordvaer and plans for administering the smaller colony from London.

*Related material is in FCO 40/608, 609, 674, 684-687, 731, 732, 738 and FCO 86/85.*

FCO 141/1354: Anglo-American agreement 1966-72 (3cm thick). Papers and correspondence relating to the exchange of notes on BIOT (1966) and on Diego Garcia (1972); includes copies of these two documents.

*Related material is in FCO 46/17, 18; FCO 40/405, 406; FCO 83/9-12, 183; FO 93/8/401, FO 93/8/424*

FCO 141/1411: Parliamentary questions and their answers relating to BIOT 1965-75 (1 cm thick).

FCO 141/1429: discussions with US State Department 1968. Very short file (3 sheets of paper) relating to visit of Robert Remoke of US State Department to UK.

FCO 141/1427, 1425: Correspondence from Foreign Secretary etc. 1966-76 (10 cm thick in total). Routine material including travel arrangements, circulars and bulletins; also includes copies of legislation and material (in French and English) relating to the European Development Fund (3 cm thick).

## Islands

FCO 141/1488, 1532, 1358, 1457, 1458: purchase, lease and transfer of islands 1962-75

FCO 141/1467, 1466, 1407, 1472, 1529, 1474, 1473, 1471, 1525: Aldabra: including proposed air base, nature reserve and Royal Society research station/visits 1966-75

FCO 141/1432, 1468, 1435, 1434: Chagos archipelago 1968-75.

FCO 141/1438: des Roches Islands 1967-75

FCO 141/1485: Farquhar Island 1968-74

FCO 141/1454: Nelson Island 1966-68

For Diego Garcia, see Defence and Intelligence above, or Chagos archipelago also above.

### **Legislation, law and order and immigration**

FCO 141/1412, 1451, 1542: legislation – emergency powers, fugitives, orders in council.

FCO 141/1446: legal and judicial arrangements.

FCO 141/1487: statute law revisions.

FCO 141/1489, 1430, 1469, 1483: civil cases, drugs, criminal investigations, firearms

FCO 141/1456: reports and investigations of deaths (accidental and suicides) 1967-75.

FCO 141/1486, 1413, 1414: immigration – applications and control

### **Commerce, trade and natural resources**

FCO 141/1476: commerce 1966-74.

FCO 141/1437, 1449, 1521: fisheries, guano and copra 1965-72.

FCO 141/1520: Food and Agricultural Organisation of UN, Indian Ocean Fishery Survey 1969-74.

### **Transport, communications and postal service**

FCO 141/1470: civil aviation 1967-68.

FCO 141/1433: clearance for aircraft and ships 1967-75.

FCO 141/1431: radio communications 1967-75.

FCO 141/1362: Lt. Cdr Canter (British Military Representative) on Diego Garcia 1971-74.

FCO 141/1462: shipping 1969-74.

FCO 141/1501, 1504-1510, 1535, 1536: cargo vessel for islands/MV Nordvaer 1965-76.

FCO 141/1519: International Telecommunications Union 1968.

FCO 141/1495, 1531A, 1531B: postal administration and accounts 1967-76.

FCO 141/1493, 1494, 1530, 1511-1515, 1527, 1526: stamps 1968-76

### **Surveys, science and flora and fauna**

FCO 141/1423, 1424, 1359, 1361, 1425: surveys – Aldabra, Diego Garcia, Farquhar 1964-74.

FCO 141/1426: hydrocarbon survey 1968-76.

FCO 141/1453: meteorology 1970-76.



FCO 141/1461: seabed and oil pollution 1968-76.

FCO 141/1481: flora and fauna 1966-76, see also Islands (Aldabra) for Royal Society research station.

### **Publications, publicity and tourism**

FCO 141/1482, 1484, 1497, 1496: requests for information and publications.

FCO 141/1463, 1524: press visits and filming.

FCO 141/1518: tourism (Royal Society research station)

### **Staff and labour**

FCO 141/1502, 1460: appointment of commissioner and administrator 1965-1970.

FCO 141/1459: staff on Diego Garcia 1971-76.

FCO 141/1426, 1498: National Provident Fund and Overseas Service Aid Scheme 1968-76.

FCO 141/1523: personal file: Miss I Knight, personal secretary 1971-73.

FCO 141/1490: labour – ration scales 1969.

FCO 141/1499: medical services 1967-76.

### **Administrative, finance and miscellaneous**

FCO 141/1441-1444, 1439, 1440, 1479, 1528, 1477: territory estimates and audited accounts 1965-76.

FCO 141/1522: Crown Agents' accounts 1974-75.

FCO 141/1465, 1408, 1533: routine administration 1966-76.

FCO 141/1478: flags and badges 1966-70.

FCO 141/1450: honours and awards 1968-72.

FCO 141/1503, 1534, 1538-1541, 1543: miscellaneous ledgers, registers, employee/pay lists and telegram registers 1956-76.

FCO 141/1544: file lists and registry codes.

## Colonial administration records (migrated archive): Brunei

### FCO 141/1545-1594, 12277-12281 (1915-55)

Originally comprising of Sarawak, Labuan and North Borneo, the Sultanate of Brunei was placed under British protection in 1888. From 1906, the sultan acted on the advice of the British Resident who reported to the Governor of the Straits Settlements.

During the Second World War, Brunei was occupied by Japanese forces. During the post-war period matters common to Brunei, Sarawak and North Borneo were dealt with by a Commissioner-General for the United Kingdom in South East Asia. In 1948, the Governor of Sarawak was appointed High Commissioner for Brunei. In 1963, Brunei declined to become part of the Federation of Malaysia and became a fully independent sovereign state in 1983.

The British residents in Brunei from 1915 to 1955 were: Ernest Maundrell (1915-16), Geoffrey Cator (1916-21), Lucien Allen (1921-23), Eric Pretty

(1923-26, 1927-28, 1948-51), Oswald Venables (1925-26), Patrick McKerron (1928-31), Thomas Carey (1931-34), Roland Turnbull (1934-37), John Black (1937-40), Ernest Pengilly (1940-41), William Peel (1946-48), John Barcroft (1951-54), John Gilbert (1954-58).

The records listed below derive from two groups of the migrated archives, FCO 141/1545-1594 comprising a discrete group of Brunei material, and FCO 141/12277-12281 a single box within a larger group containing Sarawak and North Borneo material.

FCO 141/12277-12281: A collection of bound confidential despatches including a detailed report on the Brunei-Sarawak Treaties and a diplomatic history of Brunei and the Limbang, 1915-21

FCO 141/1545: This file reports on the work of the Special Bureaux within the Education Department in Hong Kong. The Bureaux were established to counter communist propaganda and to check communist activity in schools in cooperation with Special Branch, 1949

FCO 141/1546: A report compiled by JIC(FE) assessing the likely consequences of an official recognition of the Chinese communist government. The file also includes a report by the Chief of Police Brunei on the events to celebrate Chinese nationalist day on 1 October 1950.

FCO 141/1553: Proposals to establish a British Information Central Bureaux to cover the whole of the Far East with plans to initiate and coordinate a full dress anti-communist and pro-democratic propaganda campaign, 1948.

FCO 141/1558: Details the visit of Malcolm MacDonald, High Commissioner for UK in South East Asia, and other dignitaries for the occasion of His Highness The Sultan's Silver Jubilee, September 1949.

FCO 141/1564: Proposed expansion of the Special Branch of the Sarawak Constabulary into Brunei, 1955.

FCO 141/1568: Details the current procedures for initiating legislation in Brunei including proposals for a constitution, 1952.

FCO 141/1573, 1575: These two small files examine the claim for war damages submitted by HH The Sultan to cover the loss of his possessions, including a number of gold crowns and jewellery, during the liberation of Brunei by the allies, 1955.

FCO 141/1589: Details the proposed visit of the Sultan to Britain and arrangement for an audience with King George VI. The visit was cancelled due to the death of the Sultan in June 1950.

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Cyprus

### FCO 141/2340 to 2529

Formerly part of the Ottoman Empire, Cyprus was handed over to Britain by Turkey for administrative purposes in 1878 though not formally ceded. Responsibility for Cyprus affairs was transferred from the Foreign Office to the Colonial Office on 6 December 1880.

Following the outbreak of the First World War, and the decision of the Ottoman Empire to join the war on the side of the Central Powers, Cyprus was annexed to the British crown. The annexation was recognised by both Turkey and Greece under the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne and in 1925 Cyprus became a British Crown Colony. Cyprus became an independent republic on 16 August 1960 and a member of the Commonwealth on 13 March 1961.

The first tranche of records relating to the administration of Cyprus covers the years 1909 – 1939. The records are arranged below within subject

areas based on the non-standard registration system used within the Commissioner's private office.

These records complement material in record series CO 67. The high commissioners and governors of Cyprus between 1909 and 1939 were: Sir Charles King-Harman (1904-11), Sir Hamilton Goold-Adams (1911-15), Sir John Clauson (1915-20), Sir Malcolm Stevenson (1920-26), Sir Ronald Storrs (1926-32), Sir Reginald Stubbs (1932-33), Sir Herbert Palmer (1933-39) and Sir William Battershill (1939-41). All the records are from the Governor's office/secretariat.

#### Law and Order

FCO 141/2352, 2353, 2367, 2368, 2373, 2379, 2462, 2463, 2534 Files (1912-36), relating to disturbances and demonstrations.

FCO 141/2352 and 2353: relate to disturbances at Limassol in May 1912

FCO 141/2367 and 2368: relate to local disturbances in 1915,

FCO 141/2373: relates to disturbances in churches in 1917

FCO 141 /2379: relates to demonstrations at Larnaca on the name day of Eleftherios Venizelos, Prime Minister of Greece in December 1918.

FCO 141/2462 and 2463: cover the revision of the guidance on the roles of officials, police and military in the event of rioting (1932)

FCO 141/2534: relates to incidents on the King's birthday.

FCO 141/2357, 2383, 2440, 2540, 2581

Files (1913-38), relating to judicial and court matters.

FCO 141/2357 and 2440: relate to the reorganisation of the courts and judiciary respectively (1913, 1930).

FCO 141/2383: covers the appointment of the Chief Justice in 1919.

FCO 141/2540: covers the appointment of justices of the peace in 1936

FCO 141/2581: on the transfer of district judges (1938).

FCO 141/2354, 2366, 2388, 2397, 2402: files (912-26), relating to the police.

FCO 141/2354: covers the Commission of Enquiry on the Constitution of Cyprus Military Police in 1912

FCO 141/2366: on the establishment of bicycle police

FCO 141/2388: numbers of policemen

FCO 141/2397: the taking over of the Limassol Ordnance Depot in 1921

FCO 141/2402: the increase in number of British officers in the Cypriot police force in 1926.

FCO 141/2516, 2530: files (1920-36) relating to prisons

FCO 141/2516: contains the minutes of Athalassa prison board meetings.

FCO 141/2530: the provision of consecrated ground within prison precincts for the burial of executed murderers.

FCO 141/2342: Inquest on George Papadopoulos of Nicosia including the position of doctors in relation to the Ottoman Penal Code regarding breaches of professional confidence, 1910

FCO 141/2369: internment of persons suspected of communication with the enemy, 1916

FCO 141/2497: assassination of Mr Triantafyllides Nicosia, member of the Advisory Council, 1934.

*Related material in CO 67/253/10, 253/11*

FCO 141/2603: libel action against the Governor by Ioannis Kyriakides, 1938.

*Related material in CO 67/290/17, 303/3*

FCO 141/2340, 2380, 2409, 2446, 2474, 2514, 2529, 2545, 2575, 2576, 2599, 2604: legislation, orders in council 1907-37

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## Politics

FCO 141/2445, 2459, 2464-2647: reports on political developments 1926-32.

FCO 141/2401, 2414, 2430, 2629: memorials and petitions on union with Greece, and on political liberties 1925-39.

FCO 141/2404, 2455, 2606: communism, 1926-38.

FCO 141/2343: subscriptions for Greek national purposes collected in Cyprus, 1910.

FCO 141/2360, 2385, 2438: union with Greece, 1914-30.

FCO 141/2384, 2386: peace celebrations and return of King Constantine to Greece, 1920.

FCO 141/2394, 2457: anniversary of Greek Independence Day, 1922-32.

FCO 141/2395, 2400: Pan-Cypriot Assembly, 1921-23.

FCO 141/2398: political agitation by Muslims in Cyprus, 1922.

FCO 141/2410: documents and correspondence from Turkish Times in house of Chief Cadi, 1927.

FCO 141/2532: formation of trades unions, 1936.

FCO 141/2543: policy towards Kemalism including the question of the wearing of the fez, 1936.

FCO 141/2555: visit of Prince Andrew of Greece to Cyprus, April 1937.

FCO 141/2595: restriction on activities of Evcaf, 1938.

## Religious Affairs

FCO 141/2344, 2372, 2436, 2461, 2482, 2483, 2527: Archbishop of Cyprus (and locum tenens) 1910-35.

FCO 141/2345, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2381, 2452, 2453: Bishops of Kitium, Kyrenia and Paphos 1910-31.

FCO 141/2458, 2522: Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople 1932-35.

FCO 141/2511-2513, 2602: Assyrian Church 1934-38.

FCO 141/2428, 2557: Islam on Cyprus 1928-37.

FCO 141/2347: suggestions by members of Legislative Council for alleviating supposed injustices to the Christian population, 1911.

FCO 141/2374: proposed substitution of the term 'Orthodox' for 'Greek Christian', 1917.

FCO 141/2417: charitable activities of the Greek Church in Cyprus among the poor; repairs to Leper Farm church, 1928.

FCO 141/2521: memorandum on administration of church property and finances, 1934.

FCO 141/2554: report on the Christian Cypriot Brotherhood of St Barnabas, Famagusta, 1936.

## Government

FCO 141/2591: Cyprus Committee (London), 1938.

FCO 141/2349 - 2351, 2393, 2416, 2423, 2441, 2444: Greek and Turkish members of Legislative and Executive Councils, 1912-31.

FCO 141/2361: vote against government by an official member of the Legislative Council, 1915.

FCO 141/2478-81: Advisory Council minutes, 1933.

FCO 141/2421-22: proposals for constitutional reform, 1929.

FCO 141/2630: memorandum by the Chief Justice on the functions of the Judiciary and the Executive, 1939.

FCO 141/2362, 2510, 2585, 2585: district administration, reports and conferences 1915-39.

FCO 141/2403, 2429, 2454: government posts – creation, administration in absence of governor, appointment of Cypriots to senior posts 1926-31.

FCO 141/2525: administrative memoranda, 1936.

FCO 141/2633: reports by Public Information Officer, 1939.

## External affairs and defence

FCO 141/2363: arrangements in regard to Evkaf Department on annexation of Cyprus, 1915.

FCO 141/2375, 2473: foreign consuls in Cyprus 1917-32.

FCO 141/2348, 2387: recruitment into Turkish and Greek armies respectively, 1911-20.

FCO 141/2418, 2419, 2420: Defence Scheme, 1928-30.

FCO 141/2431: expenditure on Cyprus Military Police, 1929.

FCO 141/2476: stationing of troops in Cyprus, Imperial defence, grants-in-aid and Turkish debt charge, 1933.

FCO 141/2546, 2631, 2362, 2634: recruitment of Cypriots into British forces and formation of units, 1936-39.

FCO 141/2592, 2593, 2637: Royal Navy bombardment ranges 1938-39.

FCO 141/2594: emergency measures, 1938.

### **Finance, revenues and payments**

FCO 141/2341, 2518: grants-in-aid from British Government, 1879-1910.

FCO 141/2346, 2358, 2405, 2442, 2443, 2601: estimates 1912-1939.

FCO 141/2406, 2411, 2434: taxation and tariffs 1926-29.

FCO 141/2407, 2541, 2583: banks and Cyprus government 1926-38.

FCO 141/2371: cheque Turkish Government through United States Minister at Athens for payment to Cadi of Cyprus of his salary, 1916.

FCO 141/2408: claim by Ibn Saud to the revenues of Haramain Waqfs, 1927.

FCO 141/2528: application by British Government for refund of payments from Cyprus revenue to Turkish debt, 1935.

### **Transport and Communications**

FCO 141/2364, 2392, 2426, 2427, 2460, 2496, 2498, 2500, 2501, 2537-2539, 2558, 2559, 2574, 2597, 2635: newspapers (articles, publishing, suppression, censorship, government support) 1915-40

FCO 141/2424, 2425, 2432, 2515: aerodromes and harbours, 1928-29.

FCO 141/2577-80: establishment of a broadcasting station in Cyprus, 1937.

### **Commerce, trade, natural resources and antiquities**

FCO 141/2439: 'A brief study of the resources of Cyprus and the possibility of their rapid development', by R E Fisher, 1930.

FCO 141/2365, 2499, 2605, 2628: mines, mining companies and geological surveys, 1915-39.

FCO 141/2412, 2596: forests and forestry, 1928-38.

FCO 141/2526: olive development, 1935.

FCO 141/2531, 2582, 2584, 2600: water supplies and irrigation, 1936-38.

FCO 141/2355, 2370, 2544, 2556: land purchase, registration and rents of property 1912-37.

FCO 141/2573: employment of labour, 1937.

FCO 141/2598: import of gramophone records of Greek national anthem, 1938.

FCO 141/2638: marketing of Commanderia wine in the UK, 1939.

FCO 141/2415, 2475, 2520, 2533, 2535: antiquities 1928-36.

FCO 141/2517: deportation of British subjects from the colonies; Law Number 17 of 1936; report of departmental committee, 1934.

## **Education**

FCO 141/2356, 2519, 2536: reports on education in Cyprus, 1913-36 (2536 also includes town planning)

FCO 141/2359: construction of schools 1913.

FCO 141/2382: British Boys Scouts Association, 1919.

FCO 141/2396, 2437, 2509: Muslim and Turkish education 1921-34.

FCO 141/2399: memorial protesting against the proposed amendment of the Education Law for Greek Christian elementary schools, 1923.

FCO 141/2433: assumption of control of elementary school teachers by the Education Department, 1929.

FCO 141/2468: English lessons for Greek and Turkish school teachers, 1932.

FCO 141/2469-72: secondary education in Cyprus, 1932.

FCO 141/2494-95: payments of pensions to schoolmasters in Cyprus by the Greek Government, 1933.

## **Immigration**

FCO 141/2389-91: immigration of Jews, Maltese and Assyrians into Cyprus, 1920.

FCO 141/2523-24: Cypriot community in London, including question of passport facilities, 1935.



## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Kenya

FCO 141/5502-5530, 5646A-5650, 5706-5717, 6086-6123, 6291-6294, 6349-6359, 6383-6392, 6405-6408, 6412-6413, 6620-6738, 6766-6782, 6918-6921, 6949-6965, 7049-7061, 7071-7084, 7089-7136, 7164-7169

The 1886 Anglo-German Agreement placed the region largely within Kenya's modern borders in an area of British influence, and the Imperial British East Africa Company was set up to exploit this. In 1895 the East Africa Protectorate was established taking over from the defunct IBEA Company and in 1920 the Colony of Kenya was created, with the coastal strip (originally a protectorate of the Sultan of Zanzibar) remaining a British protectorate. Following the Mau Mau uprising the 1950s Kenya obtained independence in 1963.

The records are arranged below within subject areas based, as much as is practical, on the organisation of the colony's government and on its file registration systems. All subject areas have been reviewed, providing additional description and an indication of size and scope.

Note that it was administrative practice in Kenya to attach correspondence to both inner sides of the file docket. The left hand side usually contained telegrams and other official communications and the right hand side other correspondence, internal reports and memoranda. Some files have been housed in new dockets as part of the transfer process and occasionally these two groups of correspondence have been placed together on the right hand side thus creating two chronological runs one after another in the same file. All records are treasury-tagged files except where stated.

Most of the records date from the period 1952-63, with a small number (55 volumes or files) from 1907-1952.

The guide is arranged under the following headings:

1. Meeting minutes and memoranda: Colonial and inter-colonial governance
2. Governor's Office
3. Chief Secretary's Office
4. Secretariat
5. Ministry of African Affairs
6. Ministry of Defence
7. Other records

## **1. Meeting minutes and memoranda: colonial and inter-colonial governance**

### **Conferences of Governors of British East African Territories**

FCO 141/5502-5514: bound hardback volumes (45cm thick in total, 1932-39) of typed meeting minutes and memoranda. Each volume is between 2 and 5cm thick.

*Related material in CO 822/44/2, 44/3, 48/5, 48/6, 48/7, 60/8, 60/9, 60/10, 65/3, 65/4, 65/5, 65/6, 65/7, 71/2, 78/2, 84/21, 93/11, 93/12.*

FCO 141/5515-5517: bound hardback volumes (6cm thick in total, 1935-39) similar to above, but relating to the Transport Policy Boards at such conferences.

*Related material in CO 822/67/11, 80/7, 86/13, 97/4*

### **Proceedings of East Africa High Commission**

FCO 141/6405 – 6408: (10cm thick in total, 1954-61) containing proceedings of the East Africa High Commission; agenda, minutes and background papers covering the 19 - 32 meetings.

*Related material in CO 822/1202-1207 and CO 822/1866-1869.*

### **Minutes of Executive and Legislative Councils of Colony of Kenya**

FCO 141/5518-5530: bound hardback volumes (33cm thick in total, 1939-50) of typed meeting minutes and memoranda. Each volume is between 100 and 220 pages long. Volumes have subject indexes at the front until 1946. FCO 141/5518 is a duplicate of CO 544/58, the rest partially fills the gap in ExCo minutes in CO 544

FCO 141/6704-6707, 6383-6392: files (c.13cm thick in total, 1955-61) containing proceedings of the Kenya Legislative Council. Issues include votes and procedures, private members motions, the composition of nominated members from the Northern Frontier District, the election of the speaker, forthcoming legislative programme, written questions to the Council, extension of voting rights and the future role of European elected members.

*Related material in CO 544.*

## **2. Governor's Office**

The records below are those of the Governor's private office. The governors of Kenya in the post-war period were: Sir Philip Mitchell (1944-52), Sir Evelyn Baring (1952-57), Sir Frederick Crawford (1957-59), Sir Patrick Renison (1959-63) and Sir Malcolm MacDonald (1963).

### **Older records**

FCO 141/5646A, 5646B, 5647, 5650: (1907-37) files on various subjects. Thin files with fewer than 15 sheets of paper each, relating to the local currency, railway construction, oaths taken by governors and native disturbances in Nyanza respectively.

FCO 141/5648 and 5469: (2cm thick in total, 1930-37) files relating to the possible purchase of the Kenya Protectorate from Zanzibar, including the status of Zanzibar treaties with France and the United States.

FCO 141/6349: (1cm thick, 1941-43) relating to death of Duke of Aosta (former Italian Viceroy in Abyssinia), mostly covers the drill and order of service for his funeral and publicity/propaganda matters in communicating his death.

*Related material: CO 323/1857/18.*

FCO 141/6350-6356: (15cm thick in total, 1927-44) relating to Ethiopia/Kenya relations and border issues (FCO 141/6350 includes a map of the border area). Subjects covered include internal Ethiopian politics, subversive activities and border raids by Ethiopians and British policy towards Ethiopia.

### **International organisations/conferences**

FCO 141/7059, 7057

Two files (4cm thick in total, 1958-63) covering Kenyan matters at or relating to the United Nations, including the visits of various UN committees and officials to Kenya, correspondence and reports from UK representatives at the UN concerning Kenya, the impact of publicity of certain resolutions (including 1654 and 1810) and the UN Special Fund.

FCO 141/7059: includes a copy of the report of quadripartite talks between Britain, France, Belgium and Portugal over Africa in September 1959.

FCO 141/7057: includes a list of all UN officials resident in east and central Africa.

*Related material: CO 936/699.*

FCO 141/7058, 7060: two files (c. 30 sheets of paper in total, 1963) covering a regional cartographical conference and a meeting of the International Olympic Committee respectively in 1963.

Both cover problems of South African (and in the former case Portuguese as well) attendance at these events and possible related disturbances.

### **Somalia and Northern Frontier District**

FCO 141/7125-7136

Twelve files (33cm thick in total, 1960-63) relating to the legal position of the Northern Frontier District, the decision to formally integrate it into Kenya on independence and Somali claims to it.

FCO 141/7125-7130: relates to the future of the district and negotiations with the Somalis, later files include regular situation and incident reports on border raids and other incidents in the district.

FCO 141/7131: covers British policy from April 1963 to independence and raids by Somalis.

FCO 141/7132-7133: covers talks in Rome over the district, including notes and telegrams back to Nairobi.

FCO 141/7134: covers British military and police operations in the area prior to independence to forestall Somali raids or attempts at annexation; includes details of RAF and police radio communication networks, and civilian official concerns about the involvement of the police and military in civil power.

FCO 141/7135-7136: covers intelligence and other material on internal Somaliland Protectorate and Somalia politics; includes correspondence on Jomo Kenyatta and Ronald Ngilas' visits to Somalia, Soviet activity in Somalia, and the breaking off of diplomatic relations by Somalia in 1963. See also material under Ministry

of Defence, Intelligence and Security below (FCO 141/7116-7120).

*Related material: CO 822/2003-2006, 2035-2036, 3030-3038.*

### **Kenyan political organisations**

FCO 141/7111, 7112, 7114: three files (3cm thick in total, 1961-63).

FCO 141/7111: covers the prohibition by Kenyatta's provisional government of a visit by the Conservative MP (and KADU sympathiser and adviser), F.M. Bennett.

FCO 141/7112: includes newspaper cuttings, intelligence reports and other material on KADU.

FCO 141/7114: contains material on the Kenya Land Freedom Army and other Kikuyu organisations, including a 21 page 'Report on Kikuyu Subversive Activities' dated 1961.

*Related material: CO 822/2114, 2390, 2390, 3275.*

### **Kenyan Independence**

FCO 141/7074-7075, 7082: three files (4.5cm thick, 1962-63).

FCO 141/7074: relates to Ugandan and Tanganyikan attitudes towards Kenyan independence, including Obote's time in Kenya, talks on the East African Federation and the Tanganyikan attitude towards Zanzibar. FCO 141/7075 covers the East African Federation in more detail and the future of the Kenya Protectorate. FCO 141/7082 relates to the negotiation of the Karasuk boundary with Uganda.

FCO 141/7076-7080: five files (10cm thick in total, 1962-63) covering discussions and talks on the independence constitution, including papers on divorce law and Commonwealth membership (FCO 141/7076), preliminary and preparatory talks (FCO 141/7077-7079), the Independence Conference (FCO 141/7078, 7079) and a general file including notes of informal discussions alongside the talks and conference, material on the withdrawal of the British military and telegrams to Nairobi giving bulletins of progress in the Independence Conference (FCO 141/7080).

FCO 141/7081, 7083, 7084: three files (2cm thick in total, 1962-63) relating to the issue of citizenship in independent Kenya; the agreement for public officers; and pre-independence financial talks respectively.

*Related material to all the above: CO 822/2033, 2235-2249, 2366-2391, 2736.*

### **Formation of KANU Government**

FCO 141/7109-7110: two files (11cm thick in total, 1963) covering the inauguration of the new government, the processes established for co-operation between the governor and the new government, Special Branch weekly reports to the governor on the new government, ministerial appointments, the East African Federation, administrative changes and the handover of power.

*Related material: CO 822/2390, 3065, 3166, 3167.*

## **Arab affairs**

FCO 141/7071-7073, 7113: four files (11cm thick in total, 1961-63).

FCO 141/7071: includes the report of the Robertson Commission on the future of the Kenya Coastal Strip (see CO 894 for the papers of the commission; the report was published as Cmnd 1565 of 1961) and related correspondence and papers on the future of the Strip.

FCO 141/7072 and 7073: include intelligence reports on Arab views on the Coastal Strip and on the Movement for Coast Autonomy, reports and papers relating to the Coastal Strip conference, and an appeal on the election result in the Bamba constituency, Kilifi County Council (FCO 141/7073 only).

FCO 141/7113: relates the visit of the Aga Khan to Kenya and his support for Ismailis in Kenya and South Africa.

*Related material: CO 822/804, 1295, 2002; CO 894/1-14*

## **Land settlement and resettlement**

FCO 141/6918-6919

2 files (approx 3cm thick each, 1962-63) on the subject of Land settlement schemes: includes discussions and agreements surrounding British financial support to Kenya on independence, in terms of the purchase of European-owned farms and the settlement of Africans. Also contains lists of 'compassionate cases'; photocopied maps showing numbered farm plots; newspaper clippings; Kikuyu resettlement and issues.

FCO 141/6919: also includes reports of problems in various districts and gangs causing 'security issues'.

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FCO 141/6920: thin file (less than 40 pages, 1962-63) on abandoned farms. Lists estates abandoned and legal discussions surrounding the scheme to buy and issues of squatters.

FCO 141/6921: (3cm thick, 1961-63) files on land and tribal tensions; includes details of political organisations, observations of tribal groups and individuals, reports on illegal squatting and security measures in place, details of tensions in difference provinces and a map of the Rift valley area.

## **Education**

FCO 141/7051-7053: three files (0.5cm thick in total, 1962-63).

FCO 141/7051: includes intelligence reports on Kenyan students studying in Communist countries and in Egypt (covering disturbances in the latter by Kenyan students).

FCO 141/7052 and 7053 are temporarily retained.

*Related material: CO 822/1828.*

## **Finance and economics**

FCO 141/7049: one file (7 cm thick, 1962-63). Includes material on the World Bank economic mission, proposals for an African Development Bank, the 1962-63 development estimates and the 1963-64 forecast estimates, the 1962-63 financial statement and the impact of financial economies.

*Related material: CO 822/2248.*

FCO 141/7054: one file (2 cm thick, 1962-63). Contains material on two separate subjects – the Economy Commission Report and the Economic Commission for Africa – probably placed in the

same file in error. The material relating to the former includes recommendations for savings in government, and material on the latter includes the report of the Kenyan delegate to the 5th ECA meeting in Leopoldville in April 1963.

*Related material: CO 852/2359.*

### **Miscellaneous**

FCO 141/7055: (1.5cm thick, 1962-63) covers visit of Secretary of State for the Colonies Duncan Sandys, includes the organisation of the visit, itinerary and press arrangements (including lists of journalists invited to functions).

*Related material: DO 121/237, 238.*

FCO 141/7056: (4 sheets of paper, 1957) appointment of new head of road authority.

FCO 141/6719: (4 sheets of paper, 1961) co-ordination of technical and financial aid.

### **3. Chief Secretary's Office**

Known until 1938 as the Colonial Secretary, the Chief Secretary was the senior 'executive officer' or civil official in the colony's administration, in charge of the central secretariat in Nairobi and by extension of the provincial and district officials. The 1945 administrative reforms reduced the powers of the Chief Secretary by spreading the responsibility for different parts of the administration across the other members of the governor's Executive Council, although the Chief Secretary retained his position on the executive (and therefore continued to deal with a wide range of matters) and was given particular responsibility for development.

### **Overseas affairs**

FCO 141/6718: one file (1.5cm thick, 1954-61) covering immigration and passports for Africans, including granting and withdrawal of passports, and travel to the Eastern Bloc.

FCO 141/6720, 6721, 6725, 6727: four files (6.5cm thick in total, 1955-61) covering Somalia, Somaliland and Ethiopia. Includes regular reports of internal politics in these territories/countries, intelligence digests, reports on Somalian independence, Somalia-Somaliland union talks, visits by Somali government ministers, over-flight arrangements and telegrams reporting Ethiopian Coup.

*Related material: CO 822/827, 1304, 1305, 2021-2023; FO 371/118695, 125681, 138053, 138357, 146991.*

FCO 141/6728, 6726, 6729: three files (5.5cm thick in total, 1959-61) covering Anglo-Belgian talks on the Congo (in FCO 141/6728), intelligence and political reports on the Congo, reports on refugees, situation reports on fighting, the evacuation of British subjects by air and the transport of UN troops to the Congo via East Africa.

*Related material: CO 822/2072, 2073, 2075.*

FCO 141/6723: (2cm thick) covering police and security measures at Nairobi airport.

FCO 141/6722: thin file (c. 15 sheets): diplomatic and consular representation

FCO 141/6724: thin file (c. 10 sheets): Commonwealth Assistance Plan

### **International organisations/conferences**

FCO 141/6736: treasury-tagged file (1 cm thick, 1955-61) covering Kenya and the United Nations. Includes reactions to events in the Congo, and reports assessing the implications of increasing influence of Africa and Asia in the United Nations.

*Related material: CO 936/699.*

FCO 141/6730, 6731, 6737: three treasury-tagged files (4 cm thick in total, 1950-61) covering US organisations.

FCO 141/6730: covers the International Co-operation Administration

FCO 141/6737: covers the US Peace Corps

FCO 141/6731: relates to co-operation with US Information Services.

FCO 141/6732: thin file (6 sheets of paper, 1961) on Committee of African Organisations (a small London-based organisation)

FCO 141/6733: file (1cm thick, 1958-61) on international conferences 'held under doubtful auspices', i.e. alleged communist or 'neo-communist' conferences.

FCO 141/6734: (2.5cm thick, 1954-61) on Afro-Asian activities, including the 1957 Afro-Asian Conference in Cairo, the 1960 Afro-Asian Conference in Conakry, passport applications to attend, newspaper cuttings and intelligence reports on the Afro-Asian movement.

*Related material: DO 35/6100, FO 371/129198, 129199.*

FCO 141/6735: (20 sheets of paper date) on Ghanaian Bureau on African Affairs, its conference in Accra in 1960 and the attendance of Mboya and Odinga.

*Related material: DO 35/9392.*

FCO 141/6697: (0.3cm thick date) containing report on Conference of Independent African States 1960.

*Related material: FO 371/146635, 146637, 146698.*

FCO 141/6698: (1.5cm thick date) includes report on Postal, Telegraph and Telephone International Regional Conference held in Nairobi 1959, and details of registration of this organisation under the Societies Ordinance.

*Related material: CO 822/1350.*

FCO 141/6699: (0.5cm thick) containing material on the World Assembly of Youth.

*Related material: DO 35/8205; FO 371/1123-1126.*

FCO 141/6641: thin file (less than 40 pages, 1959) Convention of African Associations,

FCO 141/6658-6662

5 files (less than 40 pages each, 1959-60) concerning the Kenya Independence Associations, 1959-1960; Society of Kenya, Federal Independence Party, United Party, New Kenya Group, Kenya Federal Party; includes reports on meetings, leading figures and actions.

FCO 141/6622: thin file (less than 40 pages, 1957-58) covering visits to Kenya by the League of Empire Loyalists, 1957-1958.



FCO 141/7099: (1cm thick, 1958-61) file on the African Leaders' Conference; general observations of individuals and conference; includes details of issues discussed and disagreements between speakers. Copies of memos circulated at the conference included.

## Political Organisations

FCO 141/6623-6640, 6644-6657, 6663-6664, 6667-6676: 50 thin files (c. 28cm, thick in total, 1957-61) on African Political Associations, 1957-61. Most are less than 40 pages unless stated otherwise. Files reporting on the backgrounds, meetings and beginnings of various associations. Observations and confidential reports on individuals involved and key messages.

FCO 141/6636: is a larger file (approx. 2cm thick) on the Nairobi People's Convention Party, including copies of texts issued by the group and memos on the illegal/objectionable aspects of the group.

FCO 141/6654: contains details of the Pan African conference.

FCO 141/6646-6649 are specifically related to Muslim Associations.

FCO 141/6644-6645 are specifically related to Indian Associations.

FCO 141/6642-6643 cover Somali Associations.

FCO 141/6663-6664 relate to Arab Associations.

FCO 141/6621, 6665, 7095-7098: 10 files (less than 40 pages each unless otherwise stated, 1959-61)

FCO 141/6621 relates to the Tea Plantation Workers' Association, reports and observations.

FCO 141/6665 relates to the Kenya National Union of Teachers.

FCO 141/7095-7096: are larger files (4cm thick each) include discussion of control of the holding of public meetings.

FCO 141/6666: thin file (less than 40 pages, 1959-60) concerning Joint East and Central African Board and Royal Commonwealth Society.

FCO 141/7093, 7100-7102: Kenya African National Union, 1960-61 (4 files, approx. 8cm thick in total); Reports on meetings taking place, and those leading and speaking including their actions and links with other groups. Files include petitions to government regarding the treatment of members and the right to belong. Details different branches of the organisation including geographical and membership type i.e. Youth and Women.

FCO 141/6712, 6711: two files (4cm thick in total, 1951-61) on the Luo Union.

FCO 141/6711: consists of a 71 page report plus appendices on the Luo Union by Special Branch extracted from FCO 141/6712 (formerly within folios 108 and 109).

FCO 141/6712: includes a petition from the Luo Union to the Kenyan government, an appeal for educational funds, a copy of the rules of the Luo Union, accounts and reports of their activities, a summarised version of contents of FCO 141/6711, and a photograph of the Luo Union stamp.

*Related material: CO 822/848*

FCO 141/6717: one file (1 cm thick, 1954-60) on the Somali Youth League; includes material on their activities in Kenya as well as intelligence and political reports on Ethiopia and Somalia. See also Somali Youth League files under Ministry of Defence, Intelligence and Security below.



## Information and Propaganda

FCO 141/6357-6359: files (5cm thick in total, 1953-59) relating to the use of radio.

FCO 141/6357: largely consists of complaints and comments about radio broadcasts

FCO 141/6358: largely consists of the control of radio transmitters in the event of general war (largely listing transmitters, their frequency, location and ownership or control)

FCO 141/6359: largely consists of the use of radio by candidates in elections.

## Education

FCO 141/6700: file (0.3cm thick date) containing material on the Royal Technical College and of East Africa and the University College of East Africa.

*Related material: BW 90/71, 1005-1015.*

FCO 141/6701: (7 sheets of paper date) file contains correspondence covering European concerns over multi-racial education, including the situation at Hill School, Eldoret and its relations with the Afrikaner community.

FCO 141/6702: (1cm thick date) file includes material on Kenyan students in the United Kingdom (including an 18 page list of students holding bursaries or granted loans to study in UK), and correspondence on those destined for 'communist education establishment[s].'

FCO 141/6703: (3cm thick date) file containing material on the African-American Student Foundation and its links with Kenyan students. Includes list of Kenyans studying in USA (6 pages long).

## Kenya Civil Service

FCO 141/6412-6413: two files (11cm thick in total) covering the Fleming Commission and Report on salaries (1960), including a copy of that report (16 pages plus appendices), a commentary on the report by the Permanent Secretary to the Chief Secretary's Department (38 pages), and a further commentary by the Chief Secretary and the Minister for Finance and Development (28 pages plus appendices). Also includes correspondence on recruitment policy, the future of the Kenya civil service and the service with overseas governments.

*Related material: CO 822/1951, 1952*

## 4. Secretariat

The central secretariat was, until the Second World War, a small body of officials supporting the Chief Secretary and the Executive and Legislative councils. After the reforms of 1945 the old secretariat was split out and divided into what would become, by 1955, separate ministries reporting directly to members of the Executive Council.

## Intelligence reports

FCO 141/5706-5710, 5712-5717

Files (22cm thick in total, 1938-44) varying between 1cm and 3cm in thickness each (with one file of only a few sheets of paper: FCO 141/5709). Consists of regular monthly reports for give names districts and provinces, secret intelligence reports during wartime and small quantities of related correspondence and memoranda. The main reports are structured under headings including: administrative, political and general, labour, revenue and expenditure, public health, public works and communications, agricultural and

meteorological, veterinary, land administration and surveys, trade, townships, forests, post and telegraph, military, judicial, police, prisons, game, births marriages and deaths, anthropological and tours made by officers. Reports vary in scale and detail from district to district and province to province, ranging from four pages long to over 30, although most are four to ten pages. The secret intelligence reports (which are found only in the Coast Province file, FCO 141/5706, from June 1938 onwards) are narrative reports divided into sections on German, Italian and Arab affairs, with only a sporadic mention of 'African' matters.

*Related material: WO 230/81 (northern frontier district only)*

FCO 141/5711: (c. 30 pages, 1939-42) file consisting of specific ad hoc intelligence reports in largely narrative form on Kikuyu affairs, including an account of the breaking up of a secret meeting of the Kikuyu Central Association.

*Related material: CO 533/506/7, 518/6, 529/8*

## **5. Ministry of African Affairs**

The ministry of African Affairs began as the office around the Chief Native Commissioner. The term African affairs replaced that of 'Native' by 1946, and by 1955 the office was renamed the Ministry of African Affairs. The earliest files in this area (both relating to Arab matters) began as Secretariat files.

### **External affairs**

FCO 141/6291: (3cm thick, 1956-60) file covering Egypt, including a report on the Egyptian/Communist interest in Kenya (9 pages plus appendices), Afro-Asian Conference in Cairo, African Liberation Committee, Muslim reactions to the Suez crisis and the 'Kenya Office' in Cairo.

FCO 141/6292: (1cm thick, 1957-60) file covering Somaliland/Somalia, including intelligence and political reports on these two territories/countries. Similar to material under Chief Secretary's Office above.

### **Collective punishment under emergency regulations**

FCO 141/6086-6123: thin treasury-tagged files (11cm thick in total, 1954-56). Case files covering forfeiture orders (confiscation of property by the colonial government as a collective punishment). Most files consist of 10 to 15 sheets of paper, including a copy of the forfeiture order itself and a report giving the details of the seizure. Most of this information (names of whose property had been seized, number of cattle etc. seized, location) duplicates that which can be found in the rules and regulations supplements to the Kenya Gazette in CO 542, but some additional information is given including the reasons for the issuing of the order (which can range from under 30 words to more than a sheet of paper). Most seizures relate to support given to Mau Mau rebels in various forms, but also to squatting on land (with the seizure of crops rather than livestock).

*Related material: Gazette supplements in CO 542; policy papers respecting the formulation of the collective punishment policy can be found in CO 822/501.*

### **Exile settlements**

FCO 141/6293, 6294: two files (8cm thick in total, 1953-61) including draft bills and ordinances, correspondence on the resettlement of Kikuyu, legal powers for 'hard-core' Mau Mau custody, legislation for post-emergency detention, exile settlements, specified persons who may need 'control' exercised over them if they enter Kenya, appointments of special officers and assistant special officers under the Detained and Restricted Persons Ordinances.

*Related material: CO 822/797, 798.*

## Arab affairs

FCO 141/6713: file (2cm thick, 1945-61) including an interview with an Arab delegation in Mombasa (August 1945), reports and assessments of Arabs in Coast Province, Arab policy, personality reports on prominent Arabs, reactions of Arabs to 1957 Zanzibar elections, the status of Arab officials, UAR activity directed at Kenya and the effects of Arab nationalism on Kenyan Arabs.

FCO 141/6708: file (2cm thick, 1943-59) including material on the Arab Central Association (including a petition from the ACA signed by 3600 members), Afro-Arab Youth League and the Arab Youth Cultural Society.

*Related material for both files above: CO 822/804, 1295, 2002.*

## Education

FCO 141/6715 and 6716: two files (0.3 cm thick in total, 1956-61)

FCO 141/6715 covers Kenyan students in Ethiopia (including reports of their attitudes and extracts from articles written by a student)

FCO 141/6716 covers African students in the USA (including correspondence on the American Leadership Grant)

## 6. Ministry of Defence

The Ministry of Defence, reporting to the Minister of Internal Security and Defence, was a further creation of the emerging ministerial system developed between 1945 and 1955. The ministry had responsibility for security and defence matters.

## Intelligence and Security

FCO 141/6778-6782: four files (11cm thick in total, 1947-60) relating to the Somali Youth League. Includes intelligence reports on SYL, copies of the rules and statutes of the Somali Defence Leagues, extracts from reports on activities of SYL by informants, reports on political situation in Somalia, restriction orders placed on SYL members and discussions over possible legalisation of SYL following independence of Somaliland.

*Related material: CO 1015/1764.*

FCO 141/7090: (1.5cm thick, 1959-62) contains material on Chinese Communist activity in Africa, including the training of terrorists and guerrillas, propaganda, reports by the East Africa Regional Intelligence Committee and by the US government.

FCO 141/7091: (0.5cm thick, 1961-62) relates to the security threat from Egypt and later the United Arab Republic, includes correspondence and meetings with the British ambassador in Cairo and Foreign Office confidential prints on the UAR.

FCO 141/7092: (1cm thick, 1958-62) relates to US interests in Africa and Kenya. The file includes correspondence with the British embassy in Washington, reports on US anti-colonial organisations and the US peace-corps, Anglo-American talks on colonial affairs in November 1960, and reports of the Attaché for Colonial Affairs at the British Embassy in Washington from November 1960 to March 1962.

FCO 141/7094: file (0.5cm thick, 1961-63) on Oginga Odinga. Includes intelligence reports on, correspondence and other material on communist sympathies/links and on his financing.

*Related material: DO 213/205*

FCO 141/7116-7120: five files (11 cm thick in total, 1959-63) relating to the future of the Northern Frontier District, includes material similar to or related to that in FCO 141/7125-7136 (see under Governor's Office above)

FCO 141/7121-7124: four files (3cm thick in total, 1961-63) relating to communist activity in Africa, communist visitors to East Africa and Kenyan visitors to communist countries; includes maps, reports, intelligence summaries and other correspondence.

*Related material: CO 1027/375, 555; FO 1110/1692.*

## **Jomo Kenyatta**

FCO 141/6766-6771: six files (1954-61, 10cm thick in total) on Kenyatta. Includes copies of intercepted correspondence, restriction orders on, press cuttings, communications from within prison, Operation Leg Bye (release of Kenyatta from prison but subject to restriction orders), variation of and possible relaxation of restriction orders, confession of Kenyatta's son at a screening centre, claims by Kenyatta for property and personal effects taken following imprisonment, health of Kenyatta and complaints regarding the restriction orders.

FCO 141/6772: one file (1961-62, 1.5cm thick). Release of Kenyatta and regular intelligence reports on. Includes 28 page report: 'The Return of Jomo Kenyatta: A review of the African Political Scene March – November 1961'.

*For related material on all Kenyatta files, see: CO 822/1247, 1848-1850, 1910-1914, 1917, 2930; CO 1066/4; KV 2/1789; PREM 11/3413.*

## **Kenya Defence Schemes**

FCO 141/7107-7108: two typed documents (5cm thick in total, 1961-62) setting out in detail the planned defence of Kenya, with numerous appendices, in the event of global war.

*Related material: earlier versions can be found in WO 276/158, 278.*

FCO 141/7089: a file (2cm thick, 1960-62) covering the more detailed elements of the defence schemes, including the 'key points index': a series of lists of radio transmitters, transport hubs and other vulnerable points; also includes amendments.

## **7. Other records**

The first group of records under this heading come from other ministries in the Kenyan government. The second group, although it contains a mix of material from the Ministry of Defence and the Governor's Office, has been treated as a single group dealing with matters of information and records security and migration. The last group covers five official reports at the end of the Kenya listing.

### **Records of other or unknown departments**

FCO 141/7103: 'Permanent Secretary's File,' (2cm thick, 1962-63) containing reports, notes of meetings, correspondence, newspaper cuttings and other material on the relief of distress for 'needy'/'indigent' Europeans, mostly elderly widows of farmers unable to sell their farms due to the pre-independence collapse in the agricultural property market; includes a name list of over 100 farm widows (including acreage and value of farms).

FCO 141/7104: file (Ministry of Labour, 0.5cm thick, 1960-61) covering international trade union development and its relationship to Kenyan trades unions.

FCO 141/7105 file (Ministry of Labour and Housing, 0.5cm, 1960-61) detailing a proposed International Co-operation Administration Labour Programme and its possible links with the Kenyan Federation of Labour.

*Related material: CO 822/1842*

FCO 141/7106 file (Cabinet Office, 1cm thick, 1960-62) covering training opportunities for Kenya civil servants outside Kenya, including a 22 page report (plus appendices) entitled 'Report on Training Opportunities for Kenya Civil Servants in Israel'.

*Related material: CO 822/2693*

FCO 141/7050: file (Cabinet Office, 3cm thick, 1959-63) covering educational policy and includes material on education of African and Indians, the Education (Amendment) Bill 1960, extracts from the Council of Ministers minutes relating to education, the education of Army children at Kenyan boarding schools, teachers' salaries (including the Lawrence Report on Teachers' Salaries – 65 pages), and the creation of a committee on education policy.

*Related material: CO 822/1706, 1707, 1768, 2635, 2636, 2848-2850.*

FCO 141/6738: file (3 cm thick, 1958-61) containing minutes, reports and memoranda of the Commission for Technical Co-Operation in Africa, including correspondence relating to Kenyan involvement.

*Related records: CO 859/1237-1239, 1397.*

### **Censorship, ciphers, document security and migration of archives (various departments) 1946-1963**

FCO 141/6963-6965: three Ministry of Defence files (3 cm thick in total 1946-63). Covers plans for censorship in the time of general war, the visit of a British Post Office official regarding censorship, discussions (and rejection) of possible banning of letters sent in Kikuyu in 1953, costs of censorship and provisional regulations for censorship.

FCO 141/6962: one file (2 ½ cm thick, 1957-63). Covers security of diplomatic bags at airports and Queen's Messengers.

FCO 141/6960: one Governor's Office file (2 cm thick, 1960-63). Includes correspondence concerning teleprinters, telex machines (including a list of subscribers to such services in East Africa), telegram costs and the use of typex machines. Includes telegrams ordering regular changes to ciphering pads and tables, and the destruction of cipher material on independence.

FCO 141/6957-6959: three Ministry of Defence files (3cm thick in total 1961-63), relating to security and classification of correspondence. Includes material on microfilming policy, fireproof safes, security in government offices, security instructions, use of South African pilots to fly classified mail and the trial of an official for not taking reasonable care of documents. Also includes material on the use of security classifications (and the creation of new classifications including 'Watch', 'Personal', 'Guard' and 'Delicate Source'), the protection of Special Branch documents by restricting access to 'European descent' officials only, destruction policy for certain records, the report of Operation Legacy (Ugandan records migration

in 1962) and Kenyan government comments on, and the development of Kenyan records migration policy (including the move of material to the Governor's Office following the election of the KANU government).

*Related material: FCO 31/211*

FCO 141/6961: Coast Province administration file (1 cm thick, 1962-63). Relates to preservation of records of historical interest in districts of Coast Province. Includes lists of records and the correspondence on the movement of such records to a central site for indexing and copying.

*Related records: CO 822/2740.*

### **Official reports**

FCO 141/7164-7169: six typed official reports (11cm thick, 1959-62) ranging from 23 to 118 pages in length, see catalogue for titles.

*Related material: CO 896/1 to 5 contains the papers of the Northern Frontier District Commission (whose report is in FCO 141/7169).*

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Malaya

### FCO 141/7225-7794

The Malay peninsula first came under British influence and then increasing British control in the early 19th century. From 1895 Pahang, Perak, Selangor and Negri Sembilan were formally federated as the Federated Malay States under a High Commissioner in Singapore, each with a British Resident, whilst the other states of Malaya (Johore, Kedah, Perlis, Kelantan and Trengganu) remained 'unfederated' with British Advisers.

Following Japanese occupation from 1942, and then British military rule 1945-46, the Malayan Union was created (under a Governor) bringing together all the Malayan states and the settlements of Penang and Malacca, formerly part of the former Straits Settlements Colony.

Local opposition resulted in the Union's dissolution and its replacement with the Federation of Malaya (under a High Commissioner).

The Federation became independent within the Commonwealth in 1957. From 1948 to 1960 the Federation, with the support of British and Commonwealth armed forces, fought a guerrilla war against communist fighters of the Malayan National Liberation Army. The two main political groups in Malaya in the post-war period were the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) and the Malayan Chinese Association (MCA).

With the exception of some files from the archives of the states residents and advisers, almost all the material dates from 1948 to 1957, with the majority dating from 1954 onwards.

#### 1. Governor/High Commissioner's Office

The Governors/High Commissioners from 1946 were: Sir Gerard Gent (1946-48), Sir Henry Gurney (1948-51), General Sir Gerald Templer (1952-54), and Sir Donald McGillivray (1954-57). The records below are almost all of the KHY or KHO (Honours) series.

##### Conferences

FCO 141/7355: file (c. 20 sheets of paper, 1916-55) containing the conferences of residents for 1916 and 1941.

FCO 141/7486, 7523: files (3cm thick in total, 1955-57) containing the agendas and proceedings of the conferences of rulers, and related correspondence.

FCO 141/7470: file (3cm thick, 1955-57) containing agendas, papers, minutes and briefs for the joint conferences of ministers.

##### Constitutional development, politics and political intelligence

FCO 141/7474, 7270, 7469: files (3.5cm thick in total) on the constitutional revision talks in London (1955-1956)



FCO 141/ 7465, 7473, 7466, 7471, 7448, 7495, 7447, 7499, 7500  
Files (c.14cm thick in total, 1955-57) on constitutional development.

FCO 141/7465, 7473, 7466, 7471: contain papers relating to the constitutional commission, its establishment, submissions and petitions to, and recommendations.

FCO 141/7448 and 7495: cover the establishment, work and recommendations of the public service and judicial commissions respectively

FCO 141/7447: (5 sheets of paper only) the setting up of a post-independence police board

FCO 141/7499: covers the London financial talks.

FCO 141/7500: covers general matters in the period after the London constitutional talks including papers on the final drafts of the constitution and bringing it into force, the setting up of a Federation armed forces council and the Prime Minister's department.

FCO 141/7234, 7233: files (8cm thick in total) covering the UK-Malaya Defence agreement, working party on agreement on external defence and mutual assistance (1956-57)

FCO 141/7522, 7527, 7477, 7359: files (9cm thick in total, 1956-57) covering Merdeka (independence) celebrations planning.

FCO 141/7367: file (0.5cm thick, 1947-56) concerning the political situation in Borneo, Sarawak and Brunei, including material on Anthony Brooke, popular reception of administrative changes in 1948 and political intelligence on Brunei and Sarawak.

FCO 141/7472: file (0.5cm thick, 1953) containing responses to a letter from the Secretary of State for the Colonies asking about the growth of anti-colonial activity in British colonies.

FCO 141/7413: file (2cm thick, 1955) concerning federal elections; includes two copies of the report on elections to the federal legislative council, notes on Chinese grievances, translations of communist-supporting articles, the writ of election (with seal) and lists of constituencies and places for counts.

FCO 141/7510: file (1.5cm thick, 1955) on Singaporean and Malayan attendance at the Afro-Asian conference.

FCO 141/7485: file (1.5cm thick, 1955-57) concerning Malayanisation of the Malayan civil service prior to independence.

FCO 141/7306: file (3cm thick, 1953-57) containing copies of monthly political intelligence reports sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the High Commissioner, each is 5-7 pages long and summarises political developments, particularly in relation to the UMNO and MCA.

FCO 141/7511, 7450: files (6cm thick in total, 1955-56) containing British advisors' and residents' monthly reports from each of the Malayan states. Each report is usually 2-3 pages long and contains material under the following headings: political, emergency and other.

### **The emergency**

FCO 141/7521, 7286, 7225: files (5.5cm thick in total, 1955) concerning the planning, announcement and publicity for the amnesty for communist fighters.



FCO 141/7259: file (1cm thick, 1956-67) of monthly subversive activity reports from December 1956 to July 1957. Each is c. 10 pages long consisting of a short appreciation by the Director of Intelligence followed by the report proper covering the Malayan Communist Party (organisational developments and terrorist activity) and then non-terrorist subversive activities.

FCO 141/7422: file (1.5cm thick, 1956-57) containing some papers of the Emergency Operations Council, including a copy of Directive 1 (14 pages and appendices), the appointment of a new Chief of Staff to the High Commissioner, the agenda and papers of the 25th meeting of the EOC, and an appreciation of the Emergency situation dated June 1957 (9 pages).

FCO 141/7475: file (0.5cm thick, 1956) covering the commission of enquiry into an incident at Semenyih, includes the allegations made, press statements and a short note entitled 'trouble at Semenyih'.

### **External affairs**

FCO 141/7488: South East Asia Treaty Organisation (1954-57)

FCO 141/7262, 7264, 7269, 7263, 7418, 7489-7492, 7505: Malayan representation abroad (1955-57)

FCO 141/7496: commissioner for New Zealand in South East Asia (1955-56)

FCO 141/7498, 7481: relations with USA and Singapore respectively (1953-57)

FCO 141/7420: external affairs (1956-57)

### **Chinese Affairs**

FCO 141/7272, 7278: Chinese affairs (1954-56)

FCO 141/7478: Malayan Chinese Association (1952-54)

### **Economics, trade, transport, finance and labour**

FCO 141/7368, 7493: central bank (1956-57)

FCO 141/7437: exchange control (1955-57)

FCO 141/7276: external financial assistance (1955-57)

FCO 141/7228: membership of UN Econ Commission for Asia and the FE (1956-57)

FCO 141/7277: development plan 1956-60, Colonial Development Corporation (1956-57)

FCO 141/7483: United Nations technical assistance (1956-57)

FCO 141/7229, 7412, 7417: labour and trades unions (1955-57)

FCO 141/7260: Exco papers on trade and industry (1956-57)

FCO 141/7279: civil aviation and marine (1955-57)

FCO 141/7479, 7279, 7484, 7453: industries/sectors: rubber, civil aviation/ marine, fisheries, rice respectively (1954-57)

### **Education**

FCO 141/7482: students returning to China (1950-55)

FCO 141/7480: implementation of educational policy (1954-57)

FCO 141/7509: Chinese schools (1954-56)

FCO 141/7271: indiscipline in Chinese schools in Penang (1955-56)

FCO 141/7273: University of Malaya (1955-57)

FCO 141/7334: report of the education committee (1956)

### **Honours and awards**

FCO 141/7239: Recommendations for Imperial Service Medal and Imperial Service Order (1946-57)

FCO 141/7326: Recommendations for George Medal (1951-57)

FCO 141/7387: Recommendations for Colonial Prison Service Medal (1956-57)

FCO 141/7414: Recommendations for Queen's Fire Service Medal (1954-57)

FCO 141/7416: Recommendations for General Service Medal (1955-57)

FCO 141/7525, 7232, 7231 (closed), 7421, 7443, 7280, 7281, 7457, 7235, 7382  
Recommendations for Colonial Police Medal and Queen's Police Medal - New Year's, Queen's Birthday honours and others (1953-57)

FCO 141/7226, 7446, 7440, 7324, 7230, 7452, 7227, 7456, 7236, 7383, 7512, 7282, 7449, 7284, 7475

Recommendations medals other than those above – New Year's, Queen's Birthday honours and others (1953-57)

FCO 141/7287: honours to military personnel (1956-57)

FCO 141/7325, 7327, 7329, 7332: insignia and medals received (1957)

FCO 141/7530-7532: statutes of Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Imperial Service Order and Order of the British Empire respectively (1955)

FCO 141/7328: presentation of honours at King's House (1957)

FCO 141/7283, 7285, 7385, 7386, 7331, 7411, 7455, 7458  
Honours and awards policy and miscellaneous (1946-57)

FCO 141/7415: possible cancellation of CPM to policeman (1956-57)

### **Other**

FCO 141/7514: British Council (1953-57)

FCO 141/7381: miscellaneous correspondence (reading list for constitutional conference and correspondence regarding appointments) (1956-57)

FCO 141/7476: table of precedence (1956-57)

FCO 141/7487: compensation scheme for public service (1956-57)

FCO 141/7779-7784, 7786, 7787: incoming personal telegrams (1955-57)

FCO 141/7785, 7788-7794: outgoing personal telegrams (1955-57)

## **2.Chief Secretary**

The Chief Secretary, a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, was the senior civil official in the Federation government and responsible for all the main civil departments with the exception of finance and the law.

## **Constitutional development, politics and political intelligence**

FCO 141/7341: file (3cm thick, 1950-53) concerning proposed amendments to Federation of Malaya agreement; includes draft amendments, discussions and correspondence and amending bills, orders and proclamations.

FCO 141/7439: thin file (c. 10 sheets of paper, 1957) relating to the proposed membership of Commonwealth by Federation of Malaya. Includes correspondence with the Tunku and the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

FCO 141/7371, 7304: files (1.5cm thick in total, 1954-55) covering the withdrawals of UMNO and MCA members from government, including the reporting of the withdrawals, correspondence and meetings with UMNO and MCA, and negotiation of their return.

FCO 141/7377 (Perak), 7379 (Trengganu), 7339 (Perlis), 7322 (Kedah), 7319, 7317 (both Negri Sembilan), 7528, 7314 (both Selangor), 7315 (Pahang), 7372 (Kelantan)  
Files (10cm thick in total, 1953-57) containing monthly political intelligence reports from the Mentri Besars (state secretaries) of the states, most are 1 to 5 pages long covering political and general matters (those of Selangor tend to be between 15 and 30 pages long).

FCO 141/7501, 7539: files (4.5cm thick in total, 1956-57) containing weekly reports ('federal summaries') covering developments largely relating to the emergency.

FCO 141/7459: file (2cm thick, 1956-57) containing miscellaneous political intelligence reports including reactions to the London constitutional talks, Malayan Communist Party propaganda and trades union developments.

FCO 141/7373, 7374, 7529: files (5.5cm thick in total) containing monthly political intelligence reports from the Defence and Internal Security Branch, Singapore (7373, 7374) and the Resident Commissioner, Penang (7529). Each report is generally 2-8 pages long.

FCO 141/7538: file (0.5cm thick in total) containing fortnightly political intelligence reports from the Governor of Singapore to the Secretary of State for Colonies.

FCO 141/7378: file (1cm thick) containing monthly reports from the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (see also below).

FCO 141/7391/1, 7391/2: files (5cm thick in total, 1949-51) concerning the Penang Secession committee (largely consisting of European, Indian and Chinese businessmen), including discussions and correspondence with the committee, petitions from the committee and press extracts.

FCO 141/7375: file (30 sheets of paper, 1957) relating to disturbances in Penang between Malays and Chinese, resulting in attacks on, and use of firearms by, policemen.

FCO 141/7419: file (0.5cm thick, 1954-56) relating to a petition by the UMNO and MCA protesting at the constitution of the Malacca settlement council and the elections to it. Includes response to petition and statistics of population, registered voters and their ethnicity.

## **The emergency and anti-communist measures**

FCO 141/7308: file (c. 20 sheets of paper, 1954-55) relating to measures to facilitate voluntary surrender of communists; including discussions and correspondence with the Tunku and planters' representatives.

FCO 141/7460, 7307, 7309: files (1.5cm thick in total, 1952-56) relating to the countering of communism and counter-propaganda (1952-56). 7460 contains a print of extracts of a lecture by the Head of the Information Research Department, 7307 concerns US co-operation in countering communism (and contains comments on US attitudes to the British in Malaya), and 7309 concerns comments on drafts of The Appeal of Communism in Asia by Dr Lucien Pye.

FCO 141/7461, 7462: files (c. 20 sheets of paper in total, 1954-55) relating to the alleged move of Malayan Communist Party headquarters, and expressions to be used by government officials for MCP activities respectively.

FCO 141/7463: file (c. 40 sheets, 1955) containing a paper for Joint Intelligence Committee, Far East (JIC(FE)(55)8(final)) – probable attitude of Chinese in South East Asia and Hong Kong to outbreak of general war.

FCO 141/7438, 7340: files (c. 0.5cm thick in total, 1955-56) containing Reviews of Emergency Situation in Malaya: March 1956, and end of 1955 respectively.

### **Defence and external affairs**

FCO 141/7536: closer political association between Singapore and Federation (1951-53)

FCO 141/7303: Anglo-American co-operation in SE Asia (1952)

FCO 141/7338, 7298, 7291, 7292: SEATO – Pacific charter, Manila conference, Malayan membership, committees, (1954-57)

FCO 141/7392, 7398, 7369, 7342, 7343: external relations with Siam, Thailand,

Indonesia and Egypt respectively (1948-56)

FCO 141/7393: exchange of information between Federation and FRG consulate (1953-54)

FCO 141/7394: US consulate to consulate general (1954-55)

### **Chinese Affairs**

FCO 141/7537: report on overseas Chinese by Secretary of Chinese Affairs (1951-52)

FCO 141/7300: monthly review of Chinese affairs (1955-56)

FCO 141/7363, 7365: Chinese affairs, questionnaire and responses (1955-56)

FCO 141/7395: Malayan Chinese Association (1949-51)

### **Other**

FCO 141/7399: Anglican missionary work among Malays in settlements (1948-52)

FCO 141/7376: education policies 1955-60 (1954-55)

FCO 141/7295: instructional visits to Malaya (1955)

FCO 141/7370: speech made by Sultan of Johore at his Diamond Jubilee (1955)

FCO 141/7464: colonial students in India (1954-56)

FCO 141/7513: future of BBC operations in South East Asia (1956-57)

### **3. Ministry for External Defence**

#### **UK-Malaya Defence agreement**

FCO 141/7275, 7535, 7534, 7310, 7320, 7318, 7396, 7311, 7508, 7507, 7323, 7515, 7258, 7445, 7441, 7388, 7442, 7364, 7312, 7533A, 7533B, 7526, 7506, 7519, 7517, 7518, 7261, 7266, 7516, 7267, 7301: UK-Malaya Defence Agreement, discussions (mostly 1956-57, some material back to 1954)

FCO 141/7503: text of agreement (plus annexes A to G to FCO 141/7506)

#### **Censorship and security**

FCO 141/7274: censorship planning (1952-57)

FCO 141/7497: code-words (1953-56)

FCO 141/7333: security clearance of maps and charts (1957)

#### **Other**

FCO 141/7321: Defence scheme (preface and part 1) for Fed of M, Singapore (1951)

FCO 141/7268, 7265: Treatment of shipping in war (1952-53)

FCO 141/7297, 7296, 7294, 7290, 7289, 7288, 7293: evacuation and protection of British subjects in China, Burma, Siam, Indo-China, Indonesia (1948-57)

FCO 141/7316: former RN personnel in Royal Malay Navy (1957)

FCO 141/7397: External Defence Committee meeting (1957)

FCO 141/7504: Malayan Defence Planning Co-ordinating Staff Committee (1957)

Colonial administration records (migrated archives) guidance

FCO 141/7502: miscellaneous letters – recommendations for posts (1957-58)

#### **Secretary for Chinese Affairs**

FCO 141/7588-7621, 7632-7769: three overlapping bound sets of the Monthly Review of Chinese Affairs (1930-39)

FCO 141/7622-7631, 7770-7778: two overlapping bound sets of the Monthly Review of Chinese Affairs (1946-55)

FCO 141/7557-7582: indexes to above (1931-38)

FCO 141/7583-7587: card index of Chinese individuals (1951-55)

FCO 141/7540-7556: nominal index to Chinese Affairs records (1930-39)

#### **Ministry of Manpower**

FCO 141/7247: file (single sheet of paper, 1951-52) minute sheet only for records relating to Malaya-Borneo defence council.

FCO 141/7347: manpower, general (1951)

FCO 141/7348: constitution of official committees (1951-52)

FCO 141/7362: Singapore manpower advisory committee – commerce and industry (1951-52)

FCO 141/7366: notes of meetings with Secretary for Defence and Internal Security, Singapore and army authorities (1953)

FCO 141/7252, 7253: pioneer and labour units (1951)

FCO 141/7254, 7255, 7346: armed forces manpower (1949-55)

FCO 141/7256: RN – dormant war appointments (1950-51)

FCO 141/7257, 7360, 7361: reserves mobilisation of reserves (1951-58)

FCO 141/7354: manpower requirements for European shipping firms (1951)

FCO 141/7302: British European manpower (1951)

FCO 141/7305: maintenance of essential services in war (1949-50)

## **States and settlements records**

See introduction for information on the various states and settlements.

### **Johore**

FCO 141/7426: position of Johore military forces under Federation agreement (1948-54)

FCO 141/7436: committee to discuss problems arising under 1948 Treaty of Federation (1948-49)

FCO 141/7429: Sultan, Diamond Jubilee (1954-56)

### **Negri Sembilan**

FCO 141/7241, 7240, 7248: position and functions of BA, abolition of BA, communities liaison committee (1948-55)

FCO 141/7242: rewards for persons who assisted during the war (1948-51)

FCO 141/7249, 7243, 7244, 7245: files on individuals (1945-52)

### **Pahang**

FCO 141/7349: British adviser monthly diary (1948-49)

FCO 141/7353: Senior Civil Affairs Officer Monthly report on Pahang (1945-46)

FCO 141/7345: British adviser secret notes (1950-52)

FCO 141/7356: British adviser, personal reports to High Commissioners (1954-56)

FCO 141/7357: British adviser, miscellaneous correspondence (1954-56)

### **Penang**

FCO 141/7404, 7400, 7403, 7402, 7433, 7410, 7407, 7406, 7405  
controller of posts, Penang, censorship reports and planning (1939-56)

FCO 141/7401, 7409: Penang censor, working from Penang Education  
Department (1953-55)

### **Perlis**

FCO 141/7454: British adviser, transfer of sovereignty from Siam (1909)

FCO 141/7467: development of arbitrators, treaties of friendship (1909-58)

### **Selangor**

FCO 141/7253: appointment of Raja Muda of Selangor (1884-1947)

FCO 141/7358: application to be appointed Raja Muda (1913-16)

FCO 141/7389: procedure on death of ruling sultan (1914-38)

FCO 141/7434: Report on Malayan Civil Service Administration (1929)

FCO 141/7428: report of 'Pyramid committee' on Malayan civil service (1932-37)

FCO 141/7351: question of Malayan currency, report by Basil Blackett (1934)

FCO 141/7435: nominations of unofficial members of Selangor State Council (1938-41)

FCO 141/7337: Raja Bendahara, settlement of debts (1938-42)

FCO 141/7423, 7424, 7430: Sultan of Selangor, Tengku Alam Shah (1938-47)

FCO 141/7390: reappointment of unofficial members of Exco and Legco (1941)

FCO 141/7350, 7432: Tengku Musa-Eddin bin Sultan Suliman Shah of Klang (1943-51)

FCO 141/7336: administration and status of Neth East Indies (1938)

FCO 141/7335: civilian manpower for defence (1941)

FCO 141/7427: constitution of Malayan Union (1946)

FCO 141/7384: education and training for children of Sultan of Selangor (1948-50)

FCO 141/7352: correspondence with British Resident, Brunei concerning jewellery belonging to Sultan of Brunei (1949-50)

FCO 141/7431: intermeddling by F W Douglas in affairs of Sultan (1949-53)

## **Other**

### **Allied Land Forces, South East Asia**

FCO 141/7344: Force 136 casualties and compensation (1945-46)

## **Records**

FCO 141/7380: files taken over from High Commissioner and Chief Secretary's Office (1958)

FCO 141/7444: list of files, handwritten, pages 8 to 12 (1956)

FCO 141/7524: Ministry of External Defence - disposal of surplus records (1956-57)



## Colonial administration records (migrated archive): North Borneo (Sabah/ Malaysia)

FCO 141/12282-12311, 12797-12798, 12801, 12804-12905, 13000-13013, 13015-13030, 13032-13099

North Borneo was administered by the British North Borneo Company under charter from 1882 until the Japanese conquest in 1942. After Japanese and then British military administration, North Borneo became a crown colony (incorporating the settlement of Labuan) in 1946.

In 1963 North Borneo was renamed Sabah and incorporated into the new state of Malaysia (combining independent Malaya, and the colonies of Singapore, Sabah and Sarawak). From 1962 to 1966 British and commonwealth forces fought alongside the Malaysian armed forces to defeat Indonesian incursions into Sabah and Sarawak in a conflict known as the Indonesian confrontation.

The governors of North Borneo from 1946 to 1963 were: Sir Edward Twining (1946-49), Sir Herbert Hone (1950-54), Sir Roland Turnbull (1954-59) and Sir William Goode (1959-63)

The records have been arranged by subject using the original registry systems where practical. Most of the records date from the last years of British rule, in particular from 1958 to 1963.

### Political affairs, tours and visits

FCO 141/12812: internal political situation in North Borneo 1963

FCO 141/12804: memorandum from political parties, 1962

FCO 141/12285, 12287, 12286, 12297, 13067, 12283  
Chinese in North Borneo and South East Asia, 1953-61

FCO 141/12289-92: reviews of local press 1955-59

FCO 141/13001: Khoo Siak Chew's suitability as a member of  
Legislative Council and his financial standing 1957-  
58

FCO 141/12293 (various residents); 12298 (West Coast resident);  
12294, 13066 (Sandakan resident); 12300, 12301, 13065 (Interior  
resident); 12302, 12296, 13070 (Tawau resident); 12295, 13069  
(Labuan district officer): monthly informal diaries all 1960-65, except  
12293 which begins in 1946.

FCO 141/12308, 12310-1: District Liaison Officers' reports 1958-63

FCO 141/13091: post reports on Malaya, North Borneo, Sabah and  
Sarawak 1963



FCO 141/13016: race relations 1962-63  
FCO 141/13022 : fostering of potential leaders 1958-63  
FCO 141/12284: reports of tours made by Government officers, 1953  
FCO 141/13084 (L B Walsh-Atkins, Junior Minister, CRO); 13076 (Andrew Cohen, Technical Co-operation); 13077 (Lord Landsdowne); 13080 (Indonesian Consul General); 13095 (Mr Foggon, labour adviser); 13073 (Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysian Prime Minister): visits 1960-63

### **Constitutional development and Inter-Governmental Committee on Malaysia (IGC)**

FCO 141/12806: Committee on Greater Malaysia; summary of developments since 20/1/1962

FCO 141/13088, 13089, 13085, 13050, 13049: Committees on trade 1962

FCO 141/13028: internal security in Borneo Territories, transfer of responsibility to Malaysia 1962

FCO 141/12797-12798, 13046, 13059, 13086, 12807: Cobbold Commission 1961-63

FCO 141/13006: paper for the Malaysia Commission of Enquiry on political parties 1962

FCO 141/12832, 12818, 12813-16, 12827, 12831, 12833, 12837  
IGC plenary meetings, 1962-63

FCO 141/12825, 12846-12849, 12808, 12811, 12819-24, 12826  
IGC Constitutional Sub-Committee and Constitutional Public Services Sub-Committee, 1962

FCO 141/12836, 12852, 12855, 12856, 12860-4 : IGC Fiscal Sub-Committee, 1962

FCO 141/12838-12840, 12842, 12844: IGC Public Services Sub-Committee, 1962-63

FCO 141/12857-12859, 12865-12871: IGC Legal and Judicial Sub-Committee, 1962

FCO 141/12817, 12841, 12878, 12880, 12872-12877, 12879, 12881-12905:  
IGC Departmental Organisation Sub-Committee, 1962-63

FCO 141/12845, 12843, 12851, 12853, 12854, 12850A, 12850B:  
preparation of IGC Report and Malaysia Bill, 1962-63

FCO 141/12830 (membership); 12834, 12835 (administration); 12829  
(financing): IGC general matters, 1962-63

### **Malaysia**

FCO 141/12577, 12575, 12578, 12576: Malaysia, defence and security 1963

FCO 141/13048, 13051: Malaysia and Singapore 1963

FCO 141/13044, 13010, 13011, 13018: Malaysia and Brunei 1962-63

FCO 141/13062, 13063, 13083, 13032: Malaysia and Indonesia 1963

FCO 141/13093A, 13099, 13064, 13075: Malaysia, financial support and  
technical assistance (UK and IBRD)  
1963

FCO 141/13074: payment of Cession monies by North Borneo Government  
1963

FCO 141/12809, 13035, 13092, 13058: creation of Malaysia, planning and  
implications, 1962-63

FCO 141/12307 : Malaysia Solidarity Consultative Committee 1961

FCO 141/13082 : Malaysia Day celebrations 1963

## **External relations**

FCO 141/13056 (constitutional changes), 13021 (political intelligence reports); 13038, 13053, 13030, 13061, 13054 (emergency and revolt); 13042 (papers on); 13017, 13019 (Partai Ra'ayat Brunei [Brunei People's Party]): Brunei 1957-63  
FCO 141/13055 (British embassy, Jakarta), 13033, 13081, 13096, 13079 (representation in Jesselton etc.): Indonesia, 1958-63

FCO 141/13000, 13090, 12805, 12305, 12828: Malaya, 1958-62

FCO 141/12282: (Anthony Brooke); 12288 (murder of governor): Sarawak, 1946-61

FCO 141/13037: Proceedings of East African Conference, 1961

FCO 141/13071: Joint Consultative Preparatory Committee for Pan Bornean Congress 1960

## **Defence**

FCO 141/13072: training area for commando type groups in Borneo (Labuan) 1951-57

FCO 141/13024, 13026, 12299: RAF, RAAF, Royal Navy 1952-62

FCO 141/13029A: Army local training areas for 'Bristle' 1961-62

FCO 141/13015: North Kalimantan National Army (Tentara Nasional Kalimantan Utara) 1962-63

Colonial administration records (migrated archives) guidance

FCO 141/13078 : Anglo-Indonesian naval liaison over piracy 1960-62

## **Internal security**

FCO 141/13007, 13008: North Borneo Special Branch who's who reports 1950-62

FCO 141/13041, 13043: Local Intelligence Committee meetings and Special Branch monthly reports 1962-63

FCO 141/13052, 13029B: Local Intelligence Committee: six monthly reviews for Joint Defence Advisory Committee, and Interior residency LIC minutes respectively 1961-63

FCO 141/12306: extracts from District Intelligence Reports 1959-63

FCO 141/13057, 13036: review of external intelligence and assessment of security threat 1963

FCO 141/13087, 13045, 13047: general reports by Joint Intelligence Bureau (Australia) 1963

FCO 141/13020: security information regarding candidates for Legislative Council and other public bodies 1956-59

FCO 141/12999, 13027, 13002: political organisations and intelligence 1961-63

FCO 141/12309, 13040: left wing and communist organisations 1960-62

FCO 141/13005: activities of the United National Kadazan Organisation (UNKO) 1961-62

FCO 141/13009, 13013, 13003, 13012  
files on individuals - OKK Mohammed Yassin bin Haji Hashim, Datu Mustapha Bin Datu Harun, G S Sundang, OKK Sedomon respectively, 1954-63

FCO 141/13004: Donald Stephens; incident at Sandakan Recreation Club on 4 September 1960 1957-60

### **Immigration and land transfer**

FCO 141/13023: Hong Teck Guan; activities and application for naturalisation 1957-59

FCO 141/13068: index of visa warnings 1950-62

FCO 141/12303: admission of missionaries from China 1951

FCO 141/12304: control of land alienation and transfer in Brunei and North Borneo 1952-57

FCO 141/13093B: Interior Resident, Keningau; retirement of G S Sundang 1948-61

### **Administrative and miscellaneous**

FCO 141/12801, 13097, 13098, 12810: accommodation, expatriate officers, routine expenditure 1962-63

FCO 141/13025, 13034, 13039: destruction and disposal of classified documents, 1962-66

FCO 141/13094: miscellaneous telegrams 1963

## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Sarawak (Malaysia)

Sarawak became a British colony in 1946, following the recapture of the territory from the Japanese. This was controversial within Sarawak and produced an anti-secessionist movement over the following decade. Anthony Brooke, the descendant of the first 'white rajah', James Brooke, also made claims for sovereignty.

The British government appointed a Commissioner to oversee matters common to Sarawak, Brunei and North Borneo and the Cobbold Commission investigated possible political association. Sarawak became independent in 1963, almost immediately joining North Borneo (Sabah), Singapore and the Federation of Malaya to form the independent federation, Malaysia.

Most of the records derive from the Governor's Office and have been arranged in former registry order where practical. The governors of

Sarawak from 1946 to 1963 were: Sir Charles Aden-Clarke (1946-49), Sir Duncan Stewart (1949), Sir Anthony Abell (1949-59), Alexander Waddell (1959-63).

### Political affairs

FCO 141/12405 (Angkatan Semangat Anaknegeri Sarawak); 12371, 12404 (Malay National Union of Sarawak); 12913 (proposed Sarawak National Socialist Party); 12938 (Sarawak United Front); 12696 (Malaysian Solidarity Consultative Committee); 12699 (Malayan People's Socialist Front): political parties and organisations 1947-63

FCO 141/12312: commission of enquiry on political rights – Limbang Karaja'an, 1947-58

FCO 141/12644, 12649, 12661, 12684, 12676, 12666, 12694: communist conferences, activities, sympathisers and literature 1953-63

FCO 141/12342, 12343, 12345, 12348, 12425, 12329, 12331, 12341, 12346, 12393, 12344, 12440, 12335, 12340: anti-Cession activities 1946-1950

FCO 141/12409, 12413, 12491, 12412: murder of Duncan George Stewart, governor, trial and governor's personal file, 1949-1962  
FCO 141/12411: personal file of governor (Anthony Foster Abell), 1951-59

FCO 141/12321, 12325, 12316, 12317, 12529, 12530, 12355, 12319, 12925, 12336, 12337, 12330, 12323, 12492, 12339, 12315, 12432, 12744, 12441: claims, banishment and activities of Anthony Brooke, 1941-63

FCO 141/12358, 12359 (Bertram Brooke); 12976 (Charles Vyner Brooke); 12314 (Peter Brooke): Brooke family, activities 1940-63

FCO 141/12349, 12352, 12384, 12353, 12354, 12357, 12351, 12356, 12350: claims of Gerard MacBryan regarding throne of Brunei and estate 1946-57

FCO 141/12320, 12391, 12392: Datus, 1946-50

FCO 141/12660: Malay and Dayak nationalism, 1954-61

FCO 141/12677: Afro-Asian activities 1959-62

FCO 141/12631: HM Government's attitude to race relations, 1952-53

FCO 141/12691: racialism in Sarawak, 1960-63

### **Tours, visits and general governmental**

FCO 141/12410, 12748: tours by the Governor 1950-59

FCO 141/12318, 12982: tours by other officials, 1947-56

FCO 141/12416, 12414 (Duchess of Kent); 12933 (Stanley Priddle, labour adviser); 12967 (CV Narasimhan, UN official); 12761 (labour MPs); 12989 (Sir Saville Garner, PUS, CRO); 12940 (Malaysia Commission); 12678 (Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malayan Prime Minister); 12994B (Regional Information Office): visits 1952-63

FCO 141/12919: personalities 1960-63

FCO 141/12434, 12397, 12396, 12399, 12398: newsletters to and from Residents, 1946-59

FCO 141/12395: Residents' conference 1950-51

FCO 141/12686: Governor's periodic assessments of Sarawak, 1960

FCO 141/12965: handover notes, 1953-62

FCO 141/12538-12540: cypher correspondence with the Secretary of State and others 1955-63

FCO 141/12802: in telegrams, 1963

### **Constitutional development**

FCO 141/12438A, 12516, 12333, 12378, 12369, 12385, 12334, 12324, 12338, 12332, 12493: cession of Sarawak to British rule – including planning, financial settlement, draft instruments, Rajah's message to people of Sarawak, Colonial Office statement on cession, 1941-50.

FCO 141/12361, 12553, 12555, 12559, 12558-12559, 12561, 12564-12565, 12697

Closer political association/co-ordination between the Borneo Territories 1955-62

FCO 141/12373, 12374, 12757, 12754, 12755: constitutional reform and development, 1946-63

FCO 141/12959, 12963: Eden Hall conferences 1960-63

FCO 141/12671: formation of Sarawak government, 1963

### **Incorporation into Malaysia**

FCO 141/12711, 12714, 12703, 12705, 12936: briefs and information on Malaysia 1962-63

FCO 141/12742: proposed new currency notes for the Federation of Malaysia, 1962

FCO 141/12708; 12718: Report of the Commission of Enquiry, North Borneo and Sarawak, 1962 (Cobbold Commission); publication 1962

FCO 141/12799: miscellaneous reports, including Indonesian activities, development in Sarawak and Cobbold Commission Report 1962-63

FCO 141/12706A, 12562-12563, 12566-12567, 12573-12574, 12794: Greater Malaysia – discussions and public opinion towards, 1961-63

FCO 141/12709: Malaysia, press statement by Tunku Abdul Rahman, Prime Minister of Malaya, 11 March 1962

FCO 141/12716, 12688: Inter-Governmental Committees (IGC), 1962-3

FCO 141/12672, 12937, 12935: Malaysia, agreement, assurances and initialling conference 1963

FCO 141/12657: Malaysia; appointments of Heads of State 1963

FCO 141/12651: timetable for formal establishment of Malaysia 1963

FCO 141/12998: British representation in post-Malaysia period 1962-63

FCO 141/12960 Malaysia publicity and information 1963

FCO 141/12706B, 12568-12572, 12704: Malaysia, internal security and defence 1961-63

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FCO 141/12947-12478, 12958, 12734, 12795-12796, 12605, 12606, 12655, 12707, 12579, 12959, 12957, 12974: United Nations 1953-63

FCO 141/12541, 12679: consular and diplomatic representation in Malaya, Singapore and British Borneo Territories 1953-63

FCO 141/12915, 12720: tripartite talks - Malaya, Indonesia and the Philippines, 1963

FCO 141/12675: Singapore, political reports, 1959

FCO 141/12929, 12930, 12939: Philippines 1962-63

FCO 141/12422, 12433, 12653-12654, 12670, 12645-12647, 12740: Indonesia, 1949-63

FCO 141/12408: foreign nationals in China; evacuation to Sarawak 1948-49

FCO 141/12921: Netherlands New Guinea 1960-61

FCO 141/12962: South East Asia Treaty Organisation (SEATO) questionnaire for information on social welfare, 1961

FCO 141/12986: reports on labour affairs in South East Asia 1958-62

FCO 141/12994A: Australian National University research officers 1961-63

FCO 141/12632: Foreign Office despatches on Vietnam 1963

FCO 141/12437, 12429B, 12420, 12991, 12922: Japan – reparations, war criminals, economic expansion 1946-59

FCO 141/12750, 12760, 12956: United States – aerial survey, Voice of America, Peace Corps 1954-63

### **External affairs - North Borneo**

FCO 141/12753: North Borneo constitutional development 1961-63

FCO 141/12378: financial settlement between HM Government and Borneo Governments 1948-50

FCO 141/12995: visit by labour delegation from Federation of Malaya to Borneo Territories, January 1962 1961-62

FCO 141/12996: Borneo Bulletin and Straits Times 1962

FCO 141/12702: political parties and activities in North Borneo 1961-62

### **External affairs - Brunei**

FCO 141/12368: future of Brunei 1946-50

FCO 141/12322, 12328: E E F Pretty, British Resident, Brunei 1947-51

FCO 141/12380: succession to throne of Brunei 1950

FCO 141/12313, 12628: Brunei claims to sovereignty over other territories 1951-63

FCO 141/12381: gifts from Brunei 1953-55

FCO 141/12360: emoluments of Brunei Ministers 1950-58

FCO 141/12687: relations with Brunei 1960-63

FCO 141/12689: Brunei politics 1960-63

FCO 141/12719: Brunei talks with the Sultan and his advisers, London, July 1963

FCO 141/13060, 12713, 12715: Brunei Revolt, 1962-63

FCO 141/12710, 12712: Brunei and Malaya 1962-63

FCO 141/12621: Brunei, East Sarawak and Labuan Executive Committee (BESLEC); meetings and minutes 1962-63

### **Political and intelligence reports**

FCO 141/12629, 12630, 12692: monthly intelligence reports/telegrams, 1960-63

FCO 141/12593-12598, 12609-12612: Special Branch monthly reports, 1953-62

FCO 141/12690: Director of Broadcasting, political intelligence reports, 1959-63

FCO 141/12643: Malaya; fortnightly summaries/intelligence reports, 1962-63

FCO 141/12674, 12681-12683: Singapore, political/intelligence reports, 1960-63

FCO 141/12680: Brunei, political/intelligence reports, 1959-62

FCO 141/12663, 12673: Indonesia, political reports, 1957-62

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FCO 141/12907: Security Intelligence Far East (SIFE), 1961-62

FCO 141/12964: Joint Intelligence Bureau, 1962

FCO 141/12533: Sarawak Internal Security Committee, 1952-54

FCO 141/12669: North Borneo Local Intelligence Committee, 1963

FCO 141/12656, 12636: Borneo Joint Territories Intelligence Committee, 1963

FCO 141/12547-12550: Joint Defence Advisory Committee (Borneo), 1961-62

FCO 141/12640, 12607: Borneo Security Council (BOSC), 1962-63

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FCO 141/12427: miscellaneous correspondence, including reports on security at the Secretariat, Kuching 1950-51

FCO 141/12625: security and intelligence course at Kuching; Special Branch training 1953-56

FCO 141/12627: US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) representative 1963

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FCO 141/12571: piracy in Sulu Islands 1957-63  
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FCO 141/12386: Brunei oil production forecasts 1955  
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FCO 141/12752: UK Homicide Act 1957, 1960-62

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Salaries Commission; Chairman's papers; salary scales, cost of living data;  
submission of evidence, various government departments and offices 1947  
FCO 141/12418: wives of senior service officers accompanying their husbands  
on visits to Dayak houses 1948

FCO 141/12394: participation in political activities by Government servants  
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replacement of expatriate staff by locally recruited officers, 1956-63

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FCO 141/12969: placing work orders and allocation of fund by Federation  
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## **Other**

FCO 141/12426: miscellaneous correspondence, including defence, manpower,  
discipline 1945-46  
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## Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Seychelles

### FCO 141/1293-1353, 1356, 1363-1403, 1409-1410, 1464

The Seychelles are an archipelago of islands in the Indian Ocean. They became a colony in their own right in 1903 having been under Mauritian jurisdiction from their capture from the French by the British in the Napoleonic wars. Three island groups were detached in 1965 to form part of the British Indian Ocean Territories, but were re-incorporated into the Seychelles on independence in 1976.

The records are with a few exceptions those of the Governor's Office<sup>1</sup>. The governors of the Seychelles from 1939 have been: Sir Arthur Grimble (1936-42), Sir Marston Logan (1942-47), Sir Selwyn Selywn-Clarke (1947-51), Sir William Addis (1953-1958), Sir John Thorp (1958-62), Earl of Oxford

and Asquith (1962-67), Sir Hugh Norman-Walker (1967-69), Sir Bruce Greatbatch (1969-73), Sir Colin Allan (1973-76). From 1964 the two main political parties on the Seychelles were the Seychelles Democratic Party (SDP) led by James Mancham and the Seychelles People's United Party (SPUP) led by France-Albert Rene.

All the records date from the period 1940 to 1976. The records below have been placed in subject groups based, as far as possible, on their registry codes. The records in the first five groups have been described in more detail to aid research. Three files are closed under the Freedom of Information Act<sup>2</sup>.

#### Constitutional development

FCO 141/1296, 1295, 1294, 1293, 1300, 1343, 1372, 1371, 1370, 1373, 1365-1366, 1369, 1368, 1396, 1395: files (33.5cm thick in total, 1951-76) covering the constitutional development of the islands.

FCO 141/1296 covers 1951 to 1963 and includes the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Constitutional Development in the Smaller Colonial Territories (1951) and material relating to creation of the 1963 Constitutional Instrument.

The remaining files contain material from 1965 to 1976 on constitutional and independence negotiations and discussions, including: discussions on the colony's future, land settlement, universal suffrage, drafting 1967 constitution, the operation of the 'committee' system of government, the 1970-71 constitution and constitutional conference, visits by UK government ministers, political objectives of the main parties, the establishment of the governor's security council (1974), the development of the 1975 interim constitution, the report on the 1974 election, 1974-75 constitutional discussions and conference, the Seychelles (Amendment) Order 1975, resolving issues outstanding from the constitutional conference, discussions over republic status on independence, position papers on final constitution, Seychelles Independence Order 1976, the report on the disputed election in

1. A handful of files came from the Secretariat: FCO 141/1297, 1324, 1325, 1330, 1331, 1336, 1376. Most, possibly all, of these were transferred to the Governor's Office at some time (probably in the late 1960s-early 1970s). A further file, FCO 141/1404, has been treated as a British Indian Ocean Territory file as it has a registry number from the BIOT rather than Seychelles registry system (See BIOT note).

2. FCO 141/1374, 1379, 1403

the Preslin electoral area, and Hansard extracts covering the passage of the Seychelles Independence Bill through the UK Parliament.

Note that FCO 141/1373 is a thin file (2 sheets of paper) containing duplicates of material in FCO 141/1370 (folios 163 and 164).

*Related material: CO 1023/46, 47; CO 1036/36, 37, 329, 647-649, 1115-1118, 1595, 1677, 1678; FCO 32/159, 160, 765, 766, 771, 773, 776; FCO 57/161; FCO 83/101, 165; FCO 86/202, 228, 229, 307; FCO 40/397, 473, 583, 591-593, 595, 599-601, 671, 675, 676, 679, 726.*

## **Elections and politics**

FCO 141/1342: file (1cm thick, 1963-70) including transcripts and translation of political speeches and broadcasts, largely from the 1963 general election.

*Related material: CO 1036/1059*

FCO 141/1328, 1307

Files (1.5cm thick in total, 1967-71) covering elections from 1967 to 1970.

FCO 141/1328 contains material on the 1967 general election, the 1969 Victoria district council election, and the 1970 general election (including formal election 1970 election report, correspondence on the election, a special branch report on a SPUP post-election party, and correspondence on the policies of James Mancham and the SDP).

FCO 141/1307 contains material on SPUP allegations of irregularities in the Preslin electoral area and subsequent investigations.

*Related material: FCO 32/165*

FCO 141/1353: file (1cm thick, 1968-69) relating to political future of Seychelles. Largely consists of records of discussions with

Mancham and Rene concerning co-operation in government and resolution of the ultimate status of the Seychelles, also includes material on visit of Mancham to London in 1969.

FCO 141/1397: file (1cm thick, 1971-76) contains accounts of the meetings of the legislative assembly.

*Related material (for prior to 1966): CO 440.*

FCO 141/1321, 1320, 1319, 1364, 1363, 1367: files (8cm thick in total, 1973-75) covering 1974 general election.

FCO 141/1321, 1320, 1367: relate to the 1974 election and include newspaper cuttings, discussions and correspondence with politicians, voter registration numbers, the electoral results, alleged arson attacks following the election, police operational instructions for the election, campaign literature, the 1974 election report and further comments by the chief electoral officer, the diversion of HMS Leopard to the Seychelles during the elections, and Seychelles supreme court judgements on disputed election results.

FCO 141/1319 contains 6 duplicate copies of the 1974 election report. FCO 141/1363, 1367 also relate to the 1974 elections, and include transcripts and translations of campaign speeches, SDP and SPUP election literature, discussion of electoral boundaries, procedures and preparations, analysis of the 1970 results and statistics on voters in 1970 and 1974, and material relating to the visit of the electoral commission.

*Related material: FCO 40/587-590*

FCO 141/1394: file (2cm thick, 1973-75) covering the Chief Minister's visit to Africa in 1973 to counter SPUP and OAU claims of a liberation struggle and lack of democracy in Seychelles; includes the visit itinerary, organisation of meetings and reports of discussions with African politicians.

FCO 141/1390: thin file (c. 10 sheets of paper, 1975) respecting Prime Minister's wish to have Government House (the Governor's residence) as the residence of the Prime Minister.

## Political organisations

FCO 141/1299: file (1.5cm thick, 1940-47) combining two separate dockets relating to the Taxpayers and Landowners Association. The first docket (1940-41) includes copies of letters from the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies complaining of a whispering campaign against him and requesting a transfer to the Gambia. The second docket (1944-47) includes material on the appointment of landowners on the Governor's Legislative Council, official attitudes towards the landowners and grievances by the TLA relating to membership of LegCo.

*Related material: CO 530/541, 574*

FCO 141/1351, 1352: files (2.5cm thick in total, 1958-59) relating to political organisations led by Harry Payet (Seychelles Archipelago Action Group, Seychelles People's Convention Party, Movement for the Return of the Seychelles to France and Nationalist Movement for Seychellois ex-Servicemen); includes transcripts and translations of speeches, correspondence, records of meetings with the governor

and petitions from Payet.

FCO 141/1345: file (1.5cm thick, 1964-75) relating to the Seychelles People's United Party. Includes correspondence with the SPUP, SPUP election literature, a list of persons convicted of unlawful assembly in May 1974, translations and transcripts of speeches 1974-75, judgements on disputed election results, a copy of a SPUP pamphlet calling for new elections (27 pages) and the attorney general's commentary on that pamphlet (17 pages plus appendices), the constitution of the SPUP, a special branch report on names, positions and salaries of SPUP staff and report on the SPUP womens' league.

*Related material: CO 1036/1570*

FCO 141/1341, 1340, 1387, 1386, 1385, 1388

Files (9cm thick 1970-76) relating to the Organisation of African Unity. Includes reports of meetings of OAU council of ministers, summits of heads of state of east and central Africa, 10th anniversary celebration of the OAU, and a report of the administrative secretary general on decolonisation. Also includes papers on the organisation of the OAU and its African Liberation Committee, SPUP links to the OAU, the visit of Mancham to Africa 1973, Mancham's visit to Kenya in March 1974, Mancham's address to OAU and acceptance of funds, Mancham's social and private life, the finances of the SPUP, the visit of a Libyan delegation to the Seychelles (October 1975) and the possibility of Idi Amin attending Seychelles independence celebrations.

*Related material: FCO 31/1533, 1536, 1540; FCO 40/474, 586*

FCO 141/1350: file (2cm thick, 1969-76) on the Afro Brothers organisation. Includes correspondence on the establishment of the Afro Brothers in 1974, reports on black power groups in the West Indies (1970 – 15 pages, 1973 – 25 pages), survey of black power movements in the USA, Caribbean and UK (1969 – 30 pages), record of a meeting with the Seychelles Afro Brothers,

special branch report on race relations 1974, report of visit of official from FCO Information and Research Department 1974 and two special branch reports on Afro Brothers 1975 (the second has a list of Afro Brothers members).

## **Political deportees from Cyprus**

FCO 141/1331, 1330 files (5cm thick in total, 1955-57) relating to Cypriot political deportees – Archbishop Makarios, Bishop Kyprianos and two priests. The material includes the announcement of their arrival, preparations, accommodation, allowances, parole for the deportees, correspondence between the Governor and Makarios, the possible installation of listening devices in Makarios' residence, visits of officials to the Archbishop to discuss the Radcliffe proposals for resolving the Cyprus issue, and the departure of the deportees in 1957.

*Related material: CO 1036/5; CO 926/347, 448, 449, 833*

## **Defence and security**

FCO 141/1389: file (1cm thick 1974-75) on Indian Ocean policy. Includes Anglo-US discussions on the Indian Ocean, material on French naval interests in the Seychelles, Indian Ocean arms limitation, and the US tracking station on Mahe.

*Related material: FCO 31/1626, 1627; FCO 37/1404; FCO 46/1206-1211, 1294-1300; FCO 66/630-639, 787-789*

FCO 141/1349, 1356: files (5cm thick, 1973-74) largely of telegrams and other correspondence relating to increase of US presence/facilities.

*Related material: FCO 46/1190-1202, 1286-1291*

FCO 141/1347: file (2cm thick, 1963-75) on naval policy, including visits of British and other warships, their impact, countering Soviet naval presence and visit of HMS Warspite (nuclear powered submarine) and safety precautions.

*Related material: FCO 46/1207, 1208, 1294, 1296*

FCO 141/1382, 1383, 1384: files (5cm thick in total, 1972-75) including contingency plans for evacuations of Uganda (Operation Zealous), Mauritius, Tanzania and Mozambique, and for reinforcement of Mauritius and Seychelles.

*Related material: DEFE 70/613*

FCO 141/1348: file (1.5cm thick, 1957-74) covering internal security. Includes material on the appointment of the Colonial Office Security Intelligence Adviser (1957, 1964), the reorganisation of Security Liaison Officers (SLOs) in East Africa and the Indian Ocean, security prior to a Royal visit, Mancham's attitude towards law and order issues, the reorganisation of the police, possible stationing of Gurkhas on Seychelles, bomb explosions, the political parties and the trades unions, a report by the commissioner of police on the police force (1973) and the report of an SLO visit 1974.

*Related material: CO 1035 for CO security department records (for other colonies).*

FCO 141/1339: file (1cm thick, 1973-74) covering security inspection by FCO security department officer, includes material on implementation of recommendations.



## **Legal system, law and order**

- FCO 141/1306: Justice/law and order 1948-66
- FCO 141/1301: Court of Justice Appeals 1951-63
- FCO 141/1305: Land tenure 1974-75
- FCO 141/1297: Classification of titles of land ordinance 1960-61
- FCO 141/1336, 1337, 1380: Special Branch 1975 (FCO 141/1380 contains the Austin report on policing and is an appendix to FCO 141/1336)
- FCO 141/1391: Prison security 1975
- FCO 141/1393: Petition – roads issue 1974

## **Communications and transport**

- FCO 141/1375: US Satellite tracking station in Mahe 1966-75
- FCO 141/1393: naval control of shipping 1975

## **Commerce and industrial matters**

- FCO 141/1344: W & C French Ltd Contractors 1970-75
- FCO 141/1378, 1314, 1327: Strikes and labour disputes 1969-73

## **Society and religion**

- FCO 141/1310: fertility and family planning 1957-64
- FCO 141/1338: British nationality law 1972-75
- FCO 141/1346: British ex-patriot community 1973-74
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- FCO 141/1298: Coetivy and Farquhar, status 1959-61
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## **Personal files**

- FCO 141/1313, 1315: Tyndale Biscoe L'Estrange 1952-60
- FCO 141/1302: Charles Collet 1947-49
- FCO 141/1335, 1334, 1333, 1332: Paul Gobine 1963-69
- FCO 141/1318: M D Lyon, Chief Justice 1948-57
- FCO 141/1316: P de Speville 1948-52
- FCO 141/1322: Dr Maxime Ferrari 1949-76
- FCO 141/1402: F A Rene, leader of SPUP 1965-75
- FCO 141/1401, 1400, 1399: James Mancham, leader of SDP 1971-75
- FCO 141/1323: John Thorp, terms of employment 1957-62
- FCO 141/1323: C A Roach 1954-57
- FCO 141/1325: Sir William Addis, Governor 1953-57

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- FCO 141/1381: no description
- FCO 141/1398: number not used
- FCO 141/1317: New Year's Honours 1968 – temporarily retained

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