Telegram from Geoffrey George Arthur to UK missions regarding the WEU meeting on the Middle East (17 February 1969)

Caption: On 17 February 1969, Geoffrey George Arthur, British Ambassador to Kuwait, sends a telegram to United Kingdom main diplomatic missions in the Middle East, in Western Europe and in the United States regarding the anxiety caused in the Arab world by the motives of the recent Western European Union meeting on the Middle East held in London on 14 February. The British authorities reassure the United Arab Republic Ambassador that there was nothing special about the meeting except for the French refusal to attend it.

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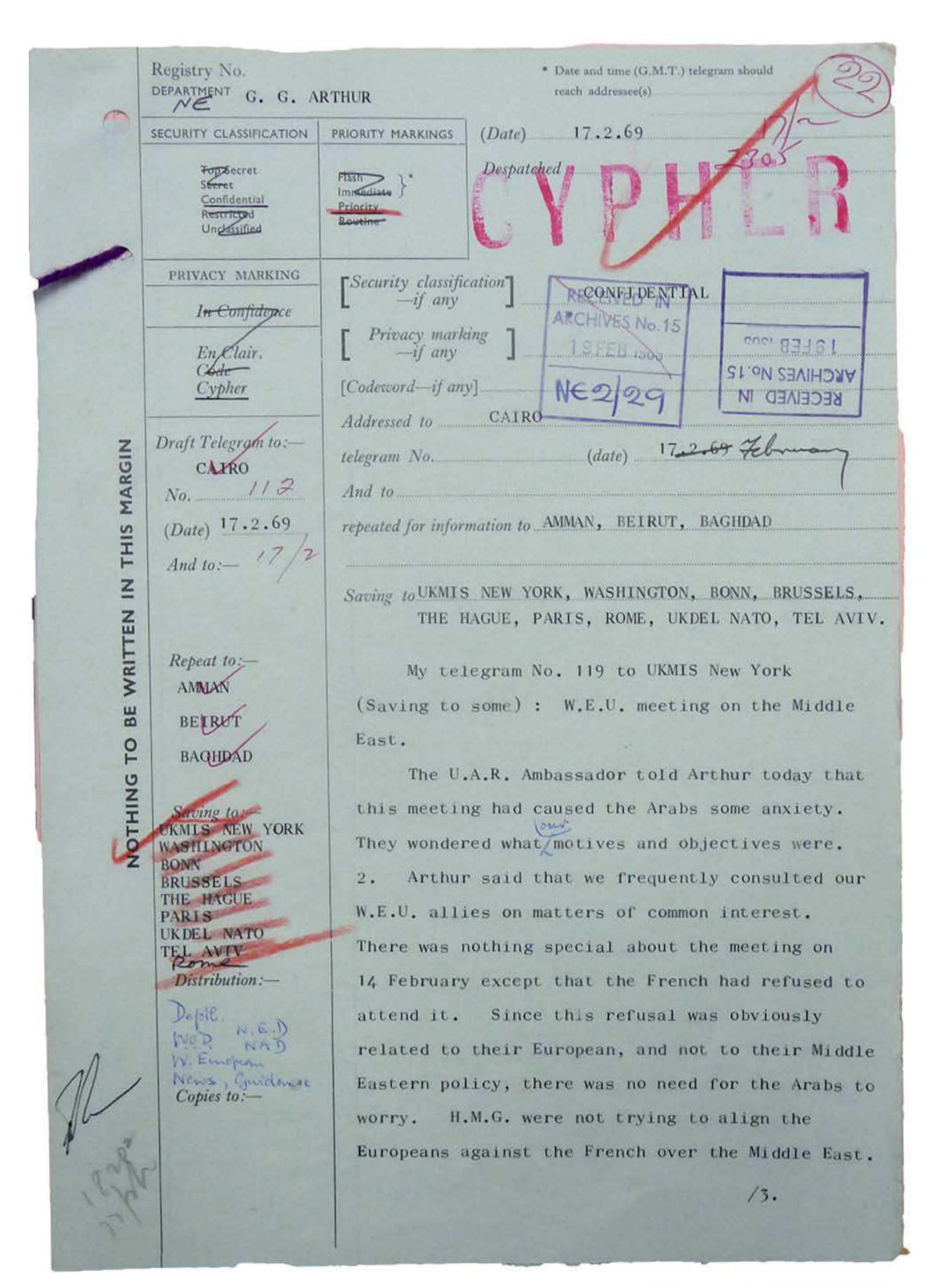
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- had not tried to put the responsibility for the present situation on to the Arabs on the grounds that they had refused direct negotiations with Israel. Arthur replied that the Europeans supported action in the United Nations on the basis of Security Council Resolution No. 242(67). He had not noticed any Zionists around.
- 4. The Ambassador said that his Government were in touch with other W.E.U. governments: he had spoken to their representatives in London before the meeting.

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