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Subject.

Removal of restrictions on the movements of Aminullah Khan, Sher Ahmed Khan and Abdul Qadar Khan, sons of Sardar Mohammad Yusaf Khan, Afghan refugees, Dehra Dun.

Previous References.

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Please note.

Sd. H.A.F. Metcalfe

Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan is an Afghan refugee residing at Dehra Dun, and receives an allowance of Rs 100/-p.m. from Govt. He is the son-in-law of the late ex-Amir Sardar Muhammad Yakub Khan. He has four sons namely (i) Sardar Ghulam Muhammad Khan, (ii) Sardar Amin Ullah Khan, (iii) Sardar Sher Ahmad Khan and (iv) Sardar Abdul Qadir Khan. The sons receive no allowance from Govt. For other particulars about all of them, please see Serial numbers 21-25 in the annual return of Afghan refugees residing in the U.P. at ~~Slip A.~~

2. As regards the point raised by Col. Wilberforce Bell in his d.o., dated 7.5.37 at ~~pages 1-3 ante~~, the position is briefly as follows:-

Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan.

In August 1936, Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan sought ~~—~~ permission of the G/I to visit Kabul to attend Jashan celebrations there. After consultation with the Afghan Govt. through our Minsiter, he was allowed to do so by us. In view of the fact that the Afghan Govt. had no objection to his visiting Kabul, we raised the question of the removal of restrictions on his his movements with the Minister, Kabul, who agreed to the course proposed in view of friendly relations with Sardar Shah Wali Khan and other members of the Royal family. We therefore issued necessary instructions to the U.P. Govt. for the permanent removal of restrictions on his movements in November 1936.

Sardar Ghulam Muhammad Khan. This man being of no political importance, the U.P. Govt. recommended removal of all restrictions on his movements in January 1932, and we agreed to this, without making any prior reference to the Minister, Kabul. He is not liked by his father on account of his undesirable habits. He applied for the grant of a maintenance allowance, but his applicatio was rejected.

Sardar Amin Ullah Khan and Sardar Abdul Qadir Kha

We do not appear to have any p.p. about them, but

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in the absence of any information to the contrary, they are apparently politically insignificant individuals.

Sardar Sher Ahmed Khan. As stated by Col. Wulberforce Bell, this man absconded from Dehra Dun in January 1931, and found his way to Chitral where he met his brother-in-law Prince Ghazi-ud Din, a son of the late Mehtar of Chitral. His escapade was however not connected with any political move; his objective being merely to get away from the strict attitude of his father towards him and from the unsatisfactory state of his official position in the Survey of India, where he served for a period of three years on a small pay of Rs 20/-p.m. He was eventually placed under custody and sent from Chitral to Peshawar enroute to Dehra Dun towards the end of January 1931. He is of no ~~political~~ political importance either.

3. It is not understood why surveillance is maintained on Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan during his visit to Patiala, as restrictions on his movements were permanently removed as long ago as November 1936. As regards the three sons mentioned by Col. Wilberforce Bell, namely Sardar Aminullah Khan, Sardar Sher Ahmad Khan, and Sardar Abdul Qadar Khan, in view of the friendly relations of their father with the present Royal family coupled with the fact that they themselves are politically unimportant, it seems unnecessary to continue to maintain surveillance over them as at present. Before proceeding further in the matter, we may therefore first consut the U.P.Govt. as in the draft submitted for approval, which D.I.B. may see after issue. Two routine drafts to A.G.G., Punjab States and Minister, Kabul are also added.

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(Ex. A.W/o No. D. 9 28.5.37)
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(Please see orig. from Kabul)

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Extract from d.o.letter from the Superintendent of the Dun, dated the 23rd August 1937.

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2. The question of releasing the three sons of Sardar Mohammad Yusuf Khan from restrictions, is under examination by Government, and I have replied to the Govt. of the U.P. that I see no objection to this course. But in this connection, would it not be possible for the case of all these Afghan detenus to be reviewed in their entirety, instead of releasing them from restrictions periodically two or three at a time? Considerable anomalies exist at present, near releatives of the ex-Amir having been released, while less important persons such as grandsons of followers of the ex-Amir are subject to control and surveillance. As an instance a motor driver in Lahore in on our list and under surveillance, because his father gets Rs 15/-p.m. allowance as a follower of the late ex-Amir. There is considerable discontent amongst the young Sardars, though it has not so far manifested itself in hunger strikes as has happened in Naini Tal. But it seems to me that the time for a review of all these cases is due.

Para 1 Explain the question of sending employment for S. Md. Afzal Khan (dealt with in F. 267-N/37)

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(vide above)

with reference to A above, please see note pages 1-3 ante. Pls. 1.2.3.

pages ~~ante~~ which explain the position as regards the proposed removal of restriction on the movements of the three sons of S. Mohd Yusuf Khan, an Afghan refugee at Debra Dun. Further action will be taken on receipt of the U.P. Govt's reply to our dy. letter on pages 6-7 ante which is still awaited.

2. The question raised at B above

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is al- present- under consideration on another file & such action as is possible will be taken in due course.

27.8.37

The d.o. letter can be replied to as a whole when D.S. has found out on the question of finding employment for S. Md. Afzal Khan.

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Please see note in F. No. 27/-N/37 (Secret)

31.8.37

D. No. 3911-N/37 (*) (5).

Please see notes 1-34 & do Sr 1 2 3 correspondence at pages 1-9 ante, which explain the previous position. In view of what is stated in the note Sr 5. now we may remove all restrictions on the movements of the three Lohani and discontinue the maintain surveillance over them & their father of S. Mohd Jaunpuri Khan. Two drafts submitted. After issue, D/B. may see.

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D.O. No. F.1-P/36/C Simla

Dated the 7th May, 1937.

My dear Metcalfe

You are no doubt aware that there are at Dehra Dun certain Afghan refugees under the surveillance of the Political Officer there. Their names are Sardar Mohammad Yusaf Khan, and his sons, Aminullah Khan, Sher Ahmed Khan and Abdul Qadar Khan. All these Sardars are very friendly with His Highness of Patiala, and they have been on many occasions to my knowledge, and still are, invited to Patiala. On each such occasion the permission both of the Political Officer, Dehra Dun, and of myself has to be obtained and the surveillance over them is carried out to the extent that their arrivals and departures in Patiala have to be notified.

I understand that restrictions have been removed in the case of Sardar Mohammad Yusaf Khan, the father. If this is so, is there any further

necessity

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necessity for surveillance in his case? As regards the sons, one of them, Sher Ahmad Khan, bolted to Peshawar in 1931, and it is clear that his wanderings might have created diplomatic embarrassment. Things however have changed considerably since 1931, and the father was last August invited to Kabul for some State function. This would suggest that anything that he does is not likely to cause embarrassment to the Afghan Royal Family or Government. In these circumstances would it be possible to remove the restrictions and surveillance in the case of sons also.

The question has come before me in a recent case where His Highness of Patiala invited recently all the Sardars to Patiala, and the Political Officer at Dehra Dun while saying that he had no objection if I had not, asked me to arrange for surveillance to be maintained over all the Sardars while in Patiala. As they were the guests of His Highness this was a little difficult and I pointed out the position to the Political Officer. It would be almost ridiculous to write to the Maharaja and ask him to maintain surveillance over his

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guests unless there was a particularly cogent reason for it.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary to the Government of India

To

Sir Herbert Metcalfe, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., M.V.O.,
Secretary to the Government of India
External Affairs Department,
SIMLA.

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Faired Draft. (12) (8) (2) Issue 21-5-1937.

CONFIDENTIAL. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, 4.

D.O.No.D.1928-N/37.

The 27th May Simla, 1937.

Subject:- Surveillance over Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan and his sons, Afghan refugees at Dehra Dun.

Dear Ewyme,

Will you please refer to the communication cited in the margin (copy enclosed)?

D.O.Letter from the Resident for the Punjab States, No.F.1-P/36/C, dated the 7th May 1937. Sa. 1.

2. As Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan is on friendly terms with the members of the present Royal Family of Afghanistan, the Government of India agreed in November 1936 to the permanent removal of restrictions on his movements; vide demi-official letter from the Government of India in the late Foreign and Political Department, No.F.652-N/36, dated 12.11.1936. It is therefore unnecessary to maintain surveillance over him during his visits to Patiala or elsewhere, and the Government of India would be grateful if the Political Officer, Dehra Dun could be informed accordingly. As regards his sons, namely (i) Amin Ullah Khan, (ii) Sher Ahmad Khan and (iii) Abdul Qadar Khan, whose names figure at S.Nos.23-25 in the annual return of Afghan refugees residing in the United Provinces, the Government of India observe that they are persons of no political importance, and that ....

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that it seems unnecessary to continue to maintain surveillance over them in view particularly of their father's friendly relations with the present Afghan Government. It is true that Sher Ahmad Khan absconded to Chitral in 1931, but it appears that his flight had no political significance; vide correspondence ending with demi-official letter from the Superintendent of the Dehra Dun to the Chief Secretary to the Government of the United Provinces, dated the 16th January 1931. In the circumstances, the Government of India propose to discontinue to maintain surveillance over the three sons mentioned above, and they would be glad to be informed if there is any objection to the course proposed.

3. It is noted that all restrictions have already been removed in the case of S. Muhammad Yusuf Khan's fourth son S. Ghuulam Muhammad Khan vide our memorandum No.247-F/32, dated the 23rd January 1932.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- W.R.Hay,

To

C.S.I.,
C. W. Gwynne, Esquire, CIE., CBE.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of the United Provinces.

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To

The Hon'ble Lt.Col.H.Wilberforce Bell, C.I.E., Resident for the Punjab States, Camp Simla.

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Surveillance over Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan and his sons, Afghan refugees, Dehra Dun.

Will you please refer to your d.o.letter of the 7th May 1937, No.F-1-P/36/C, to Sir Aubrey Metcalfe?

2. I am to enclose, for information, a copy of the communication cited in the margin. I am to add that as soon a decision is reached in the matter, a further communication will be sent to you.

Yours faithfully,
for C.R.Ray
D.S.

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MGIPC—S1—325 (CPS) DOF—(G-1432)—4-5-31—50,000 Pads.

(15) (4) Dept. No. 29/5/37

MEMORANDUM.

The papers specified below were transmitted to His Majesty's Minister, Kabul, for information, under cover of the Foreign Secretary's letter No. 9-K, dated the 29th May 1937.

Afghan refugees.

Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan and his sons, Afghan refugees in Dehra Dun.

D.O. letter from the Resident for the Punjab States, No.F.1-P/36/C, dated the 7th May 1937. In 1.

D.O. letter to the U.P. Govt., No. D.1928-M/27 dated the 27th May 1937. In 2.

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D.O.No. 521

U.P.Civil Secretariat,
Lucknow,
September 14, 1937.

Subject:- Surveillance over Sardar Mohammad Yusuf Khan and his sons, Afghan refugees at Dehra Dun.

Dear Hay,

Will you please refer to your d.o.letter no. D.1928-N/37, dated May 27, 1937, on the above subject. Inquiries have been made and the Provincial Government agree with the Political Officer, Dehra Dun, that there is no objection to the proposal to discontinue maintenance of surveillance over the three sons of Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan, namely (1) Amin Ullah Khan, (2) Sher Ahmad Khan and (3) Abdul Qadar Khan.

Yours sincerely,

Major W.R.Hay, C.I.E.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
in the External Affairs Department.

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D.O.No. F.292-N/37. (6)

External Affairs Department.
Simla,
The 23rd September 1937

Amin Ullah Khan, Sher Ahmad Khan and Abdul Qadir Khan, sons of Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan, an Afghan refugee.

Dear Mr. Gwynne,

With reference to your demi-official letter No. 521, dated the 14th September 1937, I am directed to say that the Central Government have decided to remove all restrictions on the movements of Amin Ullah Khan, Sher Ahmad Khan and Abdul Qadir Khan, sons of Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan, an Afghan refugee in the United Provinces. I am therefore to request that steps may kindly be taken to ensure the freedom of their movements and the discontinuance of surveillance at present maintained over them during their visits to places outside their place of residence.

2. I am to add that as restrictions on the movements of Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan himself have already been permanently removed (vide Hay's demi-official letter No. F. 652-N/36, dated the 12th November 1936), it is unnecessary, as in the case of his sons, to maintain surveillance

over him....

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over him during his visits to Indian States or elsewhere.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- K.P.S. Menon,

To

C.W. Gwynne, Esquire, C.I.E., O.B.E.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of the United Provinces.

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External Affairs Department.

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D.O. No.F.292-N/37. Simla, The 23rd September 1937

Surveillance over Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan and his sons, Afghan refugees in Dehra Dun.

Dear Col. Wilberforce-Bell,

Will you please refer to Hay's demi-official letter No.2 of the 27th May 1937, No.D. 1928-N/37 ?

2. I am to enclose, for information, a copy of the communications cited in the margin.

- D.O. letter from the United Provinces Government No. 521, dated the 14th September 1937. No.5
- D.O. letter to the United Provinces Government No. 292-N/37, dated the 23rd September 1937. No.6

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- K.P.S. Menon.

To
The Hon'ble Lieut.-Colonel H. Wilberforce-Bell, C.I.E.,
Resident for the Punjab States,
Camp Simla.

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MEMORANDUM.

The papers specified below were transmitted to His Majesty's Minister, Kabul, for information, under cover of the Foreign Secretary's letter No. 26-K, dated the 24-9-1937.

Afghan refugees

Sardar Mohd Yusuf Khan & Ali Jan Afghan refugees in Dehra Dun

Do. Delhi to Ali Asl. Gen. No. 521-G/37 dt 2/37 No. 5.

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No.Q/501/R&W/6/71
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
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New Delhi, the 4/9/71

MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Transfer to the National Archives of India/weeding of old secret records.

It has been decided that all classified files/records which are in our custody for more than 25 years and are considered fit for further preservation should be retired to the National Archives of India. However, before doing so, it is necessary, according to the standing instructions on the subject, to determine afresh the security classification of these records. It may be mentioned, in this connection, that only such files/records as on a fresh review, are found to be no more of secret nature can, as per rules, be transferred to the National Archives of India.

2. 31 old Secret files are sent herewith. WANA is requested kindly to arrange for their scrutiny and recording of their present security classification. The downgrading of the security class-ification of these records will require the approval of an officer not lower than a Deputy Secretary.

In order to facilitate simultaneous weeding of these old(secret) records, the Divisions/Sections are requested that in addition to recording their instructions about the downgrading of these files they may also kindly indicate against each file whether it should be destroyed or retained further. Decisions to this effect also require approval of an officr not lower than a Deputy Secretary.

3. In the event of any doubt about the downgrading or transfer of any of these files to the National Archives of India, the Divisions/Sections are advise to consult Historical Division and obtain their expert advice before arriving at a final decision. The records of this Ministry while in possession of the National Archives of India will be accessible to foreign scholars etc., subject to the specific instructions issued by Historical Division in this regard.

4. This matter may kindly be treated as urgent and the files returned to us within 15 days of their receipt by the Sections/Divisions.

Randhir Singh

(Randhir Singh)
Under Secretary (GA)

To Section Officer, WANA

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27. 349(2)-N/37 Liquidation of debts incurred by Sardar Ghausuddin Khan. Immunity from attachment of the maintenance allowance of -Afghan detenees- —do—

28. 351-N/37 Retirement of K.B.Ihsanullah, I.V.C. at British Legation Jedda-Suggestion that the system of registration by Indian pilgims of their passes and return tickets - —do—

29. 354-N/37 Question of abolition of Military titles for officers of Indian Political service. NAI To be downgraded as Secret.

30. 357-N/37 Sanctions to be applied in the event of the breach of Muscat Air Navigation Regulations.

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Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan is an Afghan refugee residing at Dehra Dun, and receives an allowance of Rs 100/-p.m. from Govt. He is the son-in-law of the late ex-Amir Sardar Muhammad Yakub Khan. He has four sons namely (i)Sardar Ghulam Muhammad Khan, (ii) Sardar Amin Ullah Khan, (iii) Sardar Sher Ahmad Khan and (iv) Sardar Abdul Qadir Khan. The sons receive no allowance from Govt. For other particulars about all of them, please see Serial numbers 21-25 in the annual return of Afghan refugees residing in the U.P. at Slip A.

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As regards the point raised by Col. Wilber-force Bell in his d. o., dated 7.5.37 at pages 1-3 ante, the position is briefly as follows:-

Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan.

In August 1936, Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan sought permission of the G/I to visit Kabul to attend Jashan celebrations there. After consultation with the Afghan Govt. through our Minsiter, he was x allowed to do so by us. In view of the fact that the Afghan Govt. had no objection to his visiting Kabul, we raised the question of the removal of restrictions on his his movements with the Minister, Kabul, who agreed his h to the course proposed in view of friendly relations with Sardar Shah Wali Khan and other members of the Royal family. We therefore issued necessary instructions to the U. P.Govt. for the permanent removal of restrictions on his movements in November 1936.

Sardar Ghulam Muhammad Khan. This man being of no political importance, the U.P. Govt. recommended removal of all restrictions on his movements in January 1932, and we agreed to this, without making any prior reference to the Minister, Kabul. He is not liked by his father

on account of his undesirable habits. He applied for
the grant of a maintenance allowance, but his applicatio
was rejected.
Sardar Amin Ullah Khan and Sardar Abdul Qadir Kha
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in the absence of any information to the contrary, they
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Sardar Sher Ahmed Khan. As stated by Col.
Wulberforce Bell, this man absconded from Dehra Dun in
January 1931, and found his way to Chitral where he
his brother-in-law Prince Ghazi-ud Din, a son of the late
Mehtar of Chitral. His escapade was however not connected
with any political move; his objective being merely to
get away from the strict attitude of his father towards
him and from the unsatisfactory state of his official
position in the Survey of India, where he served for a
period of three years on a small pay of Rs 20/-p.m. He
was eventually placed under custody and sent from Chitral
to Peshawar enroute to Dehra Dun towards the end of
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January 1931. He is of no plotical importance either.
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It is not understood why surveillance is
maintained on Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan during his visit
to Patiala, as restrictions on his movements were per-
manently removed as long ago as November 1936. As regards
the three sons mentioned by Col. Wilberforce Bell, namely

Sardar Aminullah Khan, Sardar Sher Ahmad Khan, and Sardar Abdul Qadar Khan, in view of the friendly relations of their father with the present Royal family coupled wit the fact that they themselves are politically unimportant it seems unnecessary to continue to maintain surveillance over them as at present. Before proceeding further in the therefore matter, we may first consut the U.P.Govt. as in the draft submitted for approval, which D.I.B.may see after issue. Two/routine drafts to A.G.G., Punjab States and Minister, Kabul are also added.

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The question of releasing the three sons of
Sardar Mohammad Yusuf Khan from restrictions, is under

F. 169-3) examination by Government, and I have replied to the Govt. of the U. P. that I see no objection to this course.
But in this connection, would it not be possible for the case of all these Afghan detenus to be reviewed in their entirety, instead of releasing them from restrictions periodically two or three at a time? Considerable anomalies exist at present, near releatives of the ex-Amir having been released, while less important persons such as grandsons of followers of the ex-Amir are subject to control and surveillance. As an instance a motor driver in Lahore in on our list and under surveillance, because his father gets Rs 15/-p.m. allowance as a follower of the late ex-Amir. Ther is considerable discontent amongst the young Sardars, though it has not so far manifested itself in hunger strikes as has happened in Naini Tal. But it seems to me that the for a review of all these cases is due.
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Simla
Dated the 7th May, 1937.
You are no doubt aware that there are at
Dehra Dun certain Afghan refugees under the surveillance
of the Political Officer there.
Their names are
Sardar Mohammad Yusaf Khan, and his sons, Aminullah Khan,
Sher Ahmed Khan and Abdul Qadar Khan.
All these
Sardars are very friendly with His Highness of Patiala,
and they have been on many occasions to my knowledge,
and still are, invited to Patiala. On each such
occasion the permission both of the Political Officer,
Dehra Dun, and of myself has to be obtained and the
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surveillance over them is carried to the extent
that their arrivals and departures in Patiala have to
be notified.
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I understand that restrictions have been
removed in the case of Sardar Mohammad Yusaf Khan, the
father.
If this is so, is there any further
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necessity for surveillance in his case? As regards

the sons, one of them, Sher Ahmad Khan, bolted to
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might have created diplomatic embarrassment.
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however have changed considerably since 1931, and the
father was last August invited to Kabul for some State
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function.
This would suggest that anything that he
does is not likely to cause embarrassment to the Afghan
Royal Family or Government.
In these circumstances
would it be possible to remove the restriction and
surveillance in the case of sons also.
The question has come before me in a cent
case where His Highness of Patiala invited recently all
the Sardars to Patiala, and the Political Officer at
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Dehra Dun saying that he had no objection if I had
not, asked me to arrange for surveillance to be
maintained over all the Sardars while in Patiala.
As
they were the guests of His Highness this was a little
difficult and I pointed out the position to the Political
Officer.
It would be almost ridiculous to write to the
Maharaja and ask him to maintain surveillance over his

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guests unless there was a particularly cogent reason for
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To
Sir Herbert Metcalfe, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., M.V.O.,

Secretary to the Government of India
External Affairs Department,
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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT,
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1937.
Subject: Surveillance over Sardar Muhammad
Yusuf Khan and his sons, Afghan
refugees at Dehra Dun.
Dear Ewynne,
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Will you please refer to the communication cited in
the margin
D.O.Letter from the Resident for the Punjab States,
No.F.1-P/36/C, dated the 7th May 1937.
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(copy enclosed)?
2. As Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan is on friendly terms with the members of the present Royal Family of Afghanistan, the Government of India agreed in November 1936 to the permanent removal of restrictions on his movements; vide demi-official letter from the Government of India in the late Foreign and dated 12.11.1936
Political Department, No.F.652-N/36/. It is therefore unnecessary to maintain surveillance over him during his visits to Patiala or elsewhere, and the Covernment of India would be grateful if the Political Officer, Dehra Dun could be informed

his
accordingly. As regards, sons, namely (i) Amin Ullah Khan, (ii) Sher Ahmad Khan and (iii) Abdul Qadar Khan, whose names figure at S.Nos.23-25 in the annual return of Afghan refugees residing in the United Provinces, the Government of India observe that they are persons of no political importance, and that ....

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that it seems unnecessary to continue to maintain surveillance over them in view particularly of their father's friendly relations with the present Afghan Government. It is true that Sher Ahmad Khan absconded to Chitral in 1931, but it appears that his flight had no political significance; vide correspondence ending with demi-official letter from the Superintendent of the Dehra Dun to the Chief Secretary to the Government of the United Provinces, dated the 16th January 1931. In the circumstances, the Government of India propose to discontinue to maintain surveillance over the three sons mentioned above, and they would be glad to be informed if there is any objection to the course proposed.

3. It is noted that all restrictions have already been removed in the case of S. Muhammad Yusuf Khan's fourth son S. Ghuulam Muhammad Khan vide our memorandum No.247-F/32, dated the 23rd January 1932.

To
C.S.I.,
C. W. Gwynne, Esquire CIE., CBE.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of the United Provinces.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- W.R.Hay,

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Bell, Resident for the Punjab
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MEMORANDUM.

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The papers specified below were transmitted to His Majesty's Minister, Kabul, for infor-
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U.P.Civil Secretariat,
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September 14,1937.
Subject: Surveillance over Sardar Mohammad Yusuf Khan and his sons, Afghan refugees at Dehra Dun.
Dear Hay,
Will you please refer to your d.o.letter no. A 2 D.1928-N/37, dated May 27, 1937, on the above subject. Inquiries have been made and the Provincial Government agree with the Political Officer, Dehra Dun, that there is no objection to the proposal to discontinue maintenance of surveillance over the three sons of Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan, namely (1) Amin Ullah Khan, (2) Sher Ahmad Khan and (3) Abdul Qadar Khan.
Yours sincerely,
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Major W.R.Hay, C.I.E.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in the External Affairs Department.

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Amin Ullah Khan, Sher Ahmad Khan and Abdul Qadir Khan, sons of Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan, an Afghan refugee.
Deg Mr. Gwynne,

With reference to your demi-official letter No.
521, dated the 14th September 1937, I am directed to say
that the Central Government have decided to remove all
restrictions on the movements of Amin Ullah Khan, Sher
Ahmad Khan and Abdul Qadir Khan, sons of Sardar Muhammad
Yusuf Khen, an Afghan refugee in the United Provinces. I
an therefore to request that steps may kindly be taken to
ensure the freedom of their movements and the discontinuance
of surveillance at present maintained over them during
their visits to places outside their place of residence.
2. I am to add that as restrictions on the movements
of Sardar Muhammad Yusuf Khan himself have already been
permanently removed (vide Hay's demi-official letter No.
F. 652-N/36, dated the 12th November 1936), it is nece-
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over him during his visits to Indian States or
elsewhere.
Yours sincerely,
Sd/- K.P.S. Menon,
To
C.W. Gwynne, Esquire, C.l.E., O.B.E.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
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and his sons, Afghan refugees in Dehra Dun..
Dear Col. Wilberforce – Bell,
Will you please refer to Hay's demi-official letter
of the 27th May 1937, No.D. 1928-N/37 ?
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I am to enclose, for information, a copy of the
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Government, No. 292-N/37, dated the
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Yours sincerely,
Sd/- K.P.S. Menon.
The Hon'ble Lieut.-Colonel H. Wilberforce-Bell,
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Subject: Transfer to the National Archives of India/weeding of old secret records.

It has been decided that all classified files/records which are in our custody for more than 25 years and are considered fit for further preservation should be retired to the National Archives of India. However, before doing so, it is necessary, according to the standing instructions on the subject, to determine afresh the security classification of these records. It may be mentioned, in this connection, that only such files/records as on a fresh review, are found to be no more of secret nature can, as per rules, be transferred to the National Archives of India.

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old Secret files are sent herewith. WANA is requested kindly to arrange for their scrutiny

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and recording of their present security classification. downgrading of the security class-ification of these records will require the approval of an officer not lower than a Deputy Secretary.

In order to facilitate simultaneous weeding of these old (secret) records, the Divisions/Sections are requested that in addition to recording their instructions about the downgrading of these files they may also kindly indicate against each file whether it should be destroyed or retained further. Decisions to this effect also require approval of an officr not lower than a Deputy Secretary.

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In the event of any doubt about the downgrading or transfer of any of these files to the National Archives of India, the Divisions/Sections are advise to consult Historical Division and obtain their expert advice before

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arriving at a final decision.

while in possession of the National Archives of India will be accessible to foreign scholars etc., subject to the specific instructions issued by Historical Division in this regard.

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This matter may kindly be treated as urgent and the files returned to us within 15 days of their receipt by the Sections/Divisions.
Ranchi Smich
(Randhir Singh)
Under Secretary (GA)
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