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KENYA
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Passports

Mr Barkat Ali % Mohd Bux

Previous				
		298	24/1	Mr Pash
		98	4/2	Mr Pash
		P89	7/2	98
		Mitashin	9/2	Mr. Pash
		98	22/2	Mr Chadwick
		P89	7	P98
		Mr Pashin		Mr. G. Radwick
		P98	27/2	Mr. Pash
		P89	7	Mr Chadwick
297	28/9	Mr Pashin	6/1	Mr. Pash
299	28/9	P298	8/2	Mr. Pash
2	19/10	98	11/2	98
208	24/10	P89	12	Mr Pash
298	28/10	Mr Pashin	13	Mr KE Robinson
297	29/11	98	14/1	98
299	29/11	298	17/1	Mr. K. E. Robinson
Mitashin	17/12	98	17/5	W. Casey
303	19/12	Mr. Blackburn	17/5	R. 98
298	10/12	Mr. Pash	17/5	
717	/	98	22/5	
P98	10/1	298	23/5	
P89	4/1	98	1/6	
Mr Pashin	12	Mr. Blackburn	1/6	
9	7/1	Mr. Casey	1/6	

L.S.
Passports
Nominal

Governors Deputy 545
Requests application for passport received from
Mr. Barhat Ollé 1/2 Mohel Boud be referred to H.O. 2/9/38

Pl. see S.F. 5 attached

? This is not the same man.

J Jackson 29/7

28/7

apparently not.

(2) To H.O. show draft, enclosed
copy of app., and advise
whether there is any objection.

H. Stanley

29/7/38
at once

~~DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE~~

To H.O. (with 1) cons 2870-38 29/11

B.11 No reply to no. 2. ? Continue to wait.

J Jackson 29/7

29/11

? Wait a fortnight: if nothing in fact
received in that bringing up to
Dept.

Charles White 29/11

Remind now

J.P. Pasmin
5/12

at once

3 To: Home Office B/6 (Cont) - 10.12.38

B.U. No reply received to No 3.
J. Jackson R98
10/1

? remind again.
Clarke, while 4/1
J. P. Pannini
14/1
as usual

4 To: H.O.
B/6. Cons. 24.1.39

B.U. No reply received to No 4.
J. Jackson R98
4/2/39

? want 6/1 2/2/39
Clarke, while 7/2
J. P. Pannini
9/2
as usual

B.U. as directed above
J. Jackson R98
24/2/39

? now remind again
Clarke, while 24

ready: after
this please let
me have copy of
the other 44 in
series all together

3. Governor 116
18/2/39
Requests early reply to No 1 - would be glad if
steps could be taken to expedite procedure.

I had thought of saying something to H.O.
at the end of § 2 before the Dept
came in (see marginal note opposite)

38278/14/38
- /151 -
- /181 -
- /191 -
- /201 -
- /211 -

Dept cannot attached, in drafting
which X- in (2) on 38278/38 and
the typical cases noted in the margin
were borne in mind

Clarke, while
2/2

To: H.O. (4/10.5) Cons. 8.3.39
4/4/39
Clarke

Register
copy of
38278/14/38

B.U. No reply to No 6
J. Jackson R98
4/4/39

? remind
Clarke, while
12/4

J. P. Pannini
13/4
as usual

To: H.O. B/6 Cons. 17.2.39

Still no reply to No. 6.

WJ Formoy
12/5

? Remind again, making

5th reminder since E (2)

was sent!

WJ Pedler

17.5.39.

Yes: by letter inquiring when
~~the date~~ a reply may be
expected to Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6 and
7

F.J. Pedler

17.5.39

at once

To: H.O. — 23.5.39.

No reply to No 8

WJ Formoy
1/6

Mr Formoy.

Your note in the "further action"
square in draft of B. Had you
any particular follow-up in mind?
(With Whit intervening, we can
scarcely regard the lapsed time as
a "full week")

F.J. Pedler

1.6.39

I think that the time has come for
some one to get in touch with the
person in the case at the H.O. and to
get on looking them while we do it
but get an answer. Perhaps Mr Chadwick
will do this?

Formoy
15.39

Phoned Mr. Drinkwater's Secy at Abbey 5656.

FJ Pedler
7/6

Phoned him again today. He says the matter
is now actively going ahead in the A
Division of the main Home Office. Their no. is
A 7635. I then spoke to Mr.
Howard of A division. He said my
man was Mr. Sheppard, but took a
message for him.

B.U. 9/6 if nothing is on

F.J. Pedler
6/6
at once

BU note your minute above, nothing
has been received

WJ Formoy
9/6

Mr Chadwick

Would you pl. phone Mr. Sheppard
today and every second day until we
get a letter

FJ Pedler
9/6

I spoke to Mr Sheppan
this morning. He informed
me that the matter of
Mr. Ali is now well
under weigh, and that
we may expect a letter
very shortly. I asked
him to inform me as
soon as this letter ^{was} sent
the H.O. Copying Dept.

Jy. Chandrasekhar
9/6.

I spoke to Mr
Sheppan this morning.
He told me that
Mr. B. Ali had received
a number of letters
and that the situation
had now gone very
high in H.O. It
was in the hands of
an Asst. Secretary whom
last night, he had
urged to reply as we
have requested.

Jy. Chandrasekhar
13/6.

9. N.O. A 7635 16.6.39.
Ref 2. Enc. 3 copies of a report regarding Barchat with
states that there is no objection to the issue of passport
facilities for visiting the U.K. Explain the delay in replying.

7 Sent contents of Para 1.
Copy of (9) and
1 sent to
Kenya of (1).
Requesting Gov. to
inform Mr. B. Ali
that his application
is in order, and
complement this
with a copy of (9)
marked 'Confidential'
in view of the
remarks contained
in Para 2.

Incidentally,
this ^{is} an outrageous
method of protecting
oneself against
criticism on grounds
of departmental
technicality.

Jy. Chandrasekhar
15/6.

Send substance of A in No. 9 to
Kenya, expressing regret that, despite
numerous reminders to the appropriate
authority, the matter has been so long
delayed. (That is about as far as
we can diverge from the principle that
H.M.S. is one & indivisible.)

And receive. F.J. Poth
15/6
at once

Receivable
to P.O. Secy

17 JUN 1939

Mr. Robinson
GD

Please see No. 9, second paragraph. A most unsatisfactory state of affairs. You may wish to have a copy in general papers with a view to taking the matter up with H.O.?

Inq. 100.

FJ Reddy
22.6.39

I discussed with Mr. Dugg. We have tried to have the paper up with the before but without success.

For the present, put by

2.6.39 - 2 weeks.

W. Robinson

22.6.39

above

It is decided above

Mr. Colony

W. Robinson

I don't think that it is worth our taking this up in writing, particularly as I understand the yr. has been raised before in the office but higher authority has not felt it desirable to press the H.O.

? Put by

Yes. G. Colony

W. Robinson

22/6/39 at me

GD

GD



HOME OFFICE,
WHITEHALL.

14th June, 1939.

Any communication on the
subject of this letter should be
addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
ALIENS DEPARTMENT,
HOME OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1

and the following number quoted:
A.7635.

RECEIVED
15 JUN 1939
C. O. REGY

Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare to express his regret for the delay in answering your letter of the 28th October last and subsequent reminders (36278/22/38) regarding the application of Mr. Barkat Ali for passport facilities for travel to the United Kingdom. I am to enclose three copies of a report received regarding this man, and to say that there is no objection to the issue to A Barkat Ali of passport facilities for the purpose of visiting the United Kingdom.

I am to add that, as regards the reasons for the delay, the Department has, over the last eighteen months, been almost overwhelmed by applications from persons in central-Europe to be admitted to this country on the grounds of their being British subjects. In view of the dangerous conditions in which many of these cases are living, their claims to be of British nationality receive prior examination. Moreover, in accordance with the general principle that the admission of British subjects from India should not, in the interest of all concerned, be too greatly facilitated, Sir Samuel Hoare is of the opinion that delay in investigation of such cases has some value in deterring some applicants from proceeding with plans to come to the United Kingdom.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. I. Wall.

The Under Secretary of State,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

7th December

8.

Re. BARKAT ALI - Indian.

for your information the result of my enquiries respecting the attached letter and enclosures from the Home Office (Ref. A. 7635).

I visited the address, 37, Lower Hastings Street, Leicester, with a view to interviewing Ali Mohamed, but I was informed that he had moved from that address and his whereabouts were unknown.

Enquiries later revealed that he was living at 50, Lower Hastings Street, Leicester, at which address I saw him on the 6th instant.

Ali Mohamed is an Indian aged 50 years. He was born at Sulwan, Jullundur, Punjab. He is married and has three children. His wife and children are in the Punjab, India. He is a weaver by occupation and sells scarves, ties and handkerchiefs. He is in possession of a Federal Certificate No. 5537 issued by this force on the 9th June 1938, and has previously held certificates issued by this force for several years past. He speaks English moderately well. Ali Mohamed arrived in this country about eight years ago and has lived in Leicester since then. He is at present renting one room at 50, Lower Hastings Street and he pays the rent of 5/- per week regularly. He is regarded by his landlady as a good tenant and is no trouble. The room is poorly furnished and is in keeping with the meagre requirements of a man of Mohamed's race, and position.

Mohamed states that his average weekly profit amounts to between £1 and £10.00, after deducting the rent of the room. He deposits his profits with the Leicester Permanent Building Society, Welford Place, Leicester. I have had sight of a Deposit Account Pass Book, No. D.20104, of the Leicester Permanent Building Society in Ali Mohamed's name. This shows a balance of £408.10.4d standing to the credit of Mohamed at 30th September 1938. This represents his total wealth, together with about £50 worth of stock.

Continued.....

Mohamed informs me that Barkat Ali is his brother-in-law. Should Barkat Ali be allowed to travel to this country he will be instructed in the routine of a pedlar's work by Mohamed. During this instruction, Barkat Ali will be entirely dependent upon Mohamed who undertakes to be completely responsible for him. When Barkat Ali knows sufficient to carry on with the work alone, Mohamed intends to return to India to his wife and children.

In my opinion Mohamed is genuinely desirous of Barkat Ali coming to this country for the purpose of continuing the work which Mohamed is contemplating retiring from on account of his age.

I respectfully suggest that a copy of this report (in triplicate) be forwarded to the Under Secretary of State, Home Office, together with the original correspondence forwarded with the Home Office letter of the 18th ultimo.

This report has been delayed on account of the difficulty in interviewing Mohamed, due to his change of address and the uncertain hours of his occupation.

Yours, sir,

Your obedient servant,

John W. May

Detective Constable.

Detective Superintendent Ashburner.

Sir,

Respectfully submitted.

Ashburner

Det. Superintendent.

The Chief Constable.

Detective Department.

JWM.

City Police Headquarters.

Leicester, 7th December

1938.

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Mohamed states that his average weekly profit amounts to between £1 and £1.10.0d, after deducting the rent of the room. He deposits his profits with the Leicester Permanent Building Society, Welford Place, Leicester. I have had sight of a Deposit Account Pass Book, No. D.20104, of the Leicester Permanent Building Society in Ali Mohamed's name. This shows a balance of £405.12.4d standing to the credit of Mohamed at 30th September 1938. This represents his total wealth, together with about £50 worth of stock.

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Re. BARKAT ALI - Indian.

Continued.

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I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

John W. May

Detective Constable.

Detective Superintendent Ashburner.

Sir,

Respectfully submitted.

Ashburner.

Det. Superintendent.

The Chief Constable.

C. O.

Miss Macpherson 20/5/39

Mr. R. Edwards 20/5/39

Mr.

Mr.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Perms. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

C.D.
22 MAY
23

Downing Street.

2 May, 1939.

Sir,

I am etc. to request you

~~to draw attention of the Secretary Sir Samuel~~

~~to note that it would be appreciated~~

~~if you could be informed when~~

~~reply may be expected to the~~

letters from this Department

mentioned below on the subject of

the application of Mr. Baskat

All s/o Mohd Bux of Nairobi for

passport facilities to enable him

to proceed to this country ~~to~~
~~request when a reply may be expected~~

C.O. letter - 28th October, 1938.

DRAFT.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

HOME OFFICE.

FURTHER ACTION.

*B. is again 4
off. is no mind to*

1 June

C.O. letter - 10th December, 1938

" " - 24th-January, 1939

" " - 8th March, 1939.

" " - 17th April, 1939.

I am, etc.

Lpd. House Company



RECEIVED
27 FEB 1939

18 February 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Sir Armigel de V. Wade's despatch No.546 of the 21st September, 1938, regarding an application made by Mr. Barkat Ali for passport facilities to proceed to the United Kingdom and to state that I should be glad to learn at an early date whether the Home Office has any objection to his admission.

2. While it is appreciated that the procedure laid down in the enclosures to despatch No.195 of the 5th April, 1938, from Mr. Ormsby Gore (now Lord Harlech) must be followed in each case of this nature, I would observe that a period of over five months usually elapses between the time at which an application is made to the local Passport Control Officer and a decision can be conveyed to the applicant. I should be glad, therefore, if such steps as possible could be taken in the interests of applicants to ensure that a decision is reached in each case with the minimum of delay.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. Brooks-Pfham
AIR CHIEF MARSHAL
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MALCOLM MacDONALD, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Copy to H.O. (6)

300 352 76/38

KENYA
No. 545



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI
KENYA

15
END

RECEIVED 2/ September, 1938.
24 SEP 1938
O. REGY

Sir,

38274/a/38

With reference to the despatch No.195 of the 5th April last from Mr. Ormsby-Gore (now Lord Harlech) regarding the procedure for dealing with applications by certain classes of British subjects resident in the Colonial Empire for facilities to proceed to the United Kingdom, I have the honour to inform you that an application has been received from Mr. Barkat Ali s/o Mohd Bux, a resident of Nairobi, for an endorsement to proceed to England.

2. Mr. Barkat Ali has resided in Kenya for the past eleven years and is desirous of proceeding to England to assist his brother Mr. Ali Mohamed, a cloth merchant of 57, Lower Hastings Street, Leicester.

The applicant, who is illiterate, is a mason by profession and is in possession of £40.

3. It will be appreciated if the application can be referred to the Home Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Adm Wade

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

Copy No 2

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
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