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Catalogue of the Sir Aurel Stein Papers in the British Museum Central Archives

The British Museum Central Archives contains two boxes of correspondence and papers relating to Sir Aurel Stein (1862–1943) and his expeditions to Chinese Central Asia and Persia, and the study, publication and division of the archaeological finds from these expeditions. The papers date from 15 February 1905 to 1 October 1948. This listing is designed to match the usual format for recording archives, and also to give a brief summary of the contents of the correspondence and papers.

Archival description

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Biographical History

Jeannette Mirsky, *Sir Aurel Stein, Archaeological Explorer*, University of Chicago Press, Chicago/London, 1977.
Annabel Walker, *Aurel Stein, Pioneer of the Silk Road*, John Murray, London, 1995.

Scope and content

Correspondence and papers relating to Sir Aurel Stein's expeditions in Chinese Central Asia and Persia, and the study, publication and division of the archaeological finds from these expeditions (15 Feb 1905–1 Oct 1948).

Correspondence to or from:

The following list contains those names that appear as authors of documents, or sender or addressee of correspondence. The personal details are not comprehensive. [BM = British Museum]

Allan, John (1884–1955), Dept of Coins & Medals, BM
Andrews, Frederick Henry (1866–1957), Stein Collection, BM
Atlee, A.E., India Office
Aveling, A. Francis, British Legation, Peking and Nanking
Baggallay, Lacy, British Legation, Gulhek
Bajpai, Girja Shankar (1891–1954), Secretary to Government of India (Dept of Education, Health & Lands)
Barnett, Lionel David (1871–1960), Dept of Oriental Books &

Manuscripts, BM

Binyon, Robert Laurence (1869–1943), Dept of Prints & Drawings (Oriental), BM
Broderick, St. John, Secretary of State for India, India Office
Campbell, Colin George (1852–1911), India Office
Davis, W.C., BM
Dodd, Charles E.S., British Legation, Tehran and Gulhek
Drake, Francis C., Secretary, Revenue Dept, India Office
Dryhurst, A.R., BM
Dumbell, P.H., Services & General Dept, India Office
Ellis, Leon H., American Legation, Peking
Esdaile, Arundell James Kennedy (1880–1956), Secretary, BM
Feroughi, Mirza Mohamed Ali Khan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Persia/Iran
Fitzmaurice, N., British Consulate-General, Kashgar
Fletcher, L., BM – Natural History
Gadd, Cyril John (1893–1966), Dept of Egyptian & Assyrian Antiquities, BM
Godley, John Arthur (1847–1932), Under-Secretary of State for India
Hart, Horace (1840–1916), Clarendon Press, Oxford
Heath, D.L., Treasury Chambers
Henderson, Arthur, Foreign Office
Hewlett, W. Meyrick
Hill, George Francis (1867–1948), Director and Principal Librarian, BM, from 1 January 1931
Hoernle, August Friedrich Rudolf (1841–1918), Advisor to the Government of India
Holderness, Thomas William (1849–1924), Permanent Under-Secretary of State, India Office
Howell, E.B., Foreign Secretary to Government of India
Hsu Mo
India Stores Depot
Ingram, E.M.B., British Legation, Peking
Johnson, Nelson Trusler, Peking
Joyce, Thomas Athol (1878–1942), Dept of British & Medieval Antiquities & Ethnography, BM
Keller, Carl Tilden (1872–1955), Vice-Chairman and Trustee, Harvard-Yenching Institute
Kenyon, Frederic George (1863–1952), Director and Principal Librarian, British Museum, from 13 August 1909
Kershaw, Louis (1869–1947), Assistant Deputy-Secretary of State for India, India Office
Lampson, Miles Wedderburn (1880–1964), British Legation, Peking
Lindsay, R [or H.?], British Embassy, Washington
Morley of Blackburn, Viscount (1838–1923), Secretary of State for India, India Office
Moss, G.S., British Consulate-General, Nanking

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Noble, Peter S.

Pelliot, Paul (1878–1945), Professor, Collège de France

Preedy, A., Works Department, BM

Sahni, Rai Bahadur Daya Ram, Director-General of
Archaeology, Simla

Rapson, Edward James (1861–1937), Professor of Sanskrit,
Cambridge University

Read, Charles Hercules (1857–1929), Dept of British &
Medieval Antiquities & Ethnography, BM

Reading, Marquess of (Rufus Daniel Isaacs) (1860–1935),
Foreign Office

Reay, Baron (Donald James Mackay) (1839–1921),
President, Royal Asiatic Society

Ritchie, R., India Office

Roberts, Charles, India Office

Ross, Edward Denison (1871–1940)

Sachs, Paul Joseph (1878–1965), Fogg Art Museum, Harvard
University

Scott, R.R.

Sharp, J., Dept of Education [Archaeology & Epigraphy],
Government of India

Sharp, H., Dept of Education, Government of India

Shattuck, Henry Lee (1879–1971), Treasurer, Harvard
College

Sheriff, G., British Consulate-General, Kashgar

Simon, John, Foreign Office

Smith, [?], Services & General Dept, India Office

Stewart, A.C., Secretary to the British Political Resident in
the Persian Gulf

Thomas, Frederick William (1867–1956), Librarian, India
Office

Thompson, Edward Maunde (1840–1929), Director and
Principal Librarian, BM, from 29 July 1888.

Thomas Cook & Son

Turner, E.J., Revenue & Statistics Dept, India Office

Wai-chiao-pu (= Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China)

Walpole, Horace, India Office

Wang, C.T., Minister for Foreign Affairs, China

Warner, Langdon (1881–1955), Fogg Art Museum, Harvard
University

Wellesley, Victor Alexander Augustus Henry (1876–1954),
Foreign Office

Whyte, F., Shanghai

Wu, Ma-shao, Hsing-cheng-Chang of Kashgar

Wylie, F.V., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
[T&P? Dept], New Delhi

Access

Open. Contact British Museum Central Archives for details.

Summary of contents

The aim of this listing is to give a brief summary of the contents of the correspondence and papers. It follows the format below:

Document reference number

Author, sender or addressee of the document, followed by the date

Contents of the document, followed by (number of pages)

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In some cases, correspondence was addressed to an official position (e.g. Secretary of State for India) rather than to a named individual. Where the personal name is known, it has been listed. Where there is any ambiguity, the official position given in the document has been listed. There is some inconsistency of names, e.g. H.M. Legation, H.B.M. Legation and British Legation, and these are listed as they appear in the documents. There are a few abbreviations: BM = British Museum; V&A = Victoria & Albert Museum; H.M. = His Majesty; H.B.M. = His Britannic Majesty.

Folder 1: CE32/23/1/1 – CE32/23/14

CE32/23/1/1

A. Godley (India Office) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 15 Feb 1905.

Cover note enclosing letter [CE32/23/1/2]. Asks if the BM would make a financial contribution to the expedition.

(1 page)

[India Office, R&S.223]

CE32/23/1/2

Government of India to St. John Broderick (Secretary of State for India), 12 Jan 1905.

On Stein's proposed deputation for archaeological research in Eastern Turkestan. Encloses letter from Stein to the Assistant Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, North-West Frontier Province [CE32/23/1/3]. (4 pages)

[Government of India: Department of Revenue and Agriculture: Archaeology & Epigraphy, no.2, 1905]

CE32/23/1/3

Stein to Assistant Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, North-West Frontier Province, 14 Sept 1904.

Stein's application for the Government's permission and assistance for a journey of archaeological and topographical exploration in Chinese Turkestan and western Gansu.

(5 pages)

[GCIPO-No.3320 R&A-12-I-1905-100-BND]

CE32/23/2

C.H. Read (BM) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 23 Feb 1905.

Supports Stein's proposed expedition and suggests ways in which the BM could contribute financially to the expedition.

(2 pages)

CE32/23/3

A. Godley (India Office) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 28 Feb 1905.

Government of India has decided to postpone Stein's expedition for one year and requests that correspondence and plans relating to the expedition remain confidential. Awaiting BM Trustees' views on funding for the expedition. (1 page)

[India Office R&S.500]

CE32/23/4

H. Walpole (India Office) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 5 Apr 1905.

Refers to E.M. Thompson's letter (15 Mar 1905) that the BM will support Stein's expedition (offering £2,000 in three annual instalments, towards the total cost of £5,000). In return, the BM will receive a proportional share of the finds. (1 page)

[India Office R&S.627]

CE32/23/5

A. Godley (India Office) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 24 July 1907.

Refers to letter from Secretary of State for India in Council regarding the intention of the Government of India that the finds from Stein's First Expedition should be distributed to the British, Calcutta and Lahore Museums. Kharoshthi and Chinese documents are to stay in London for study, decipherment and publication, and then to be sent to India. The Government of India recommends A.F.R. Hoernle as its representative in determining, in consultation with the BM, the distribution of the other objects. Asks if the BM agrees to this. (2 pages)

[India Office R&S.1952]

CE32/23/6

C.H. Read (BM) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 25 July 1907.

Suggests the BM Trustees should accept the India Office's suggestion concerning the distribution of finds. (2 pages)

CE32/23/7

Note attached to [CE32/23/8] about Hoernle's role in determining the distribution of the Stein collection. (1 page)

CE32/23/8

A.F.R. Hoernle (Oxford) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 11 Sept 1907.

Hoernle offers to go to London to look over the Stein Collection. (1 page)

CE32/23/9

Note by C.H. Read (BM), 12 Sept 1907.

Refers to Hoernle's letter regarding the distribution of finds from Stein's First Expedition. Hoernle to visit the BM the following week. (1 page)

CE32/23/10

Stein to Secretary to the Government of India Home Department, 26 Sept 1907.

Continues Stein's account of his visit to Dunhuang and subsequent surveying work in the western and central Nanshan mountains. (6 pages)

CE32/23/11

C.G. Campbell (India Office) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 5 Dec 1907.

Refers to Thompson's letter to Godley (15 Mar 1905) and to H. Walpole's reply [CE32/23/4], on the BM's proposed contribution of £2,000 towards Stein's Second Expedition. Payment of the first instalment (£666.13.4) is now late, and the second instalment should be paid together with the first. (2 pages)

[India Office, R&S.3457]

CE32/23/12

A. Godley (India Office) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 11 Dec 1907.

Replies to letter of 9 Dec 1907 on the proposed contribution of £2,000 by the BM Trustees to Stein's Second Expedition. The Secretary of State for India in Council suggests that payment should be made in two instalments of £1,000 each, in the financial years 1907-8 and 1908-9. (1 page)

[India Office R&S.3549]

CE32/23/13

E.M. Thompson (Director, BM) to The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, 20 Dec 1907.

Requests approval for the BM to pay £2,000 over to the India Office towards Stein's Second Expedition, in two instalments of £1,000 each, in 1907-8 and 1908-9. Suggests that the funds might come from the Grants-in-Aid (for Purchases and Acquisitions) of the BM Vote. (1 page)

CE32/23/14

Treasury Chambers, 3 Jan 1908.

Note written in pencil: 'See Treasury Series Reg No. 60/1908'. [22667/07]

Folder 2: CE32/23/15/1 – CE32/23/23/2

CE32/23/15/1

A. Godley (India Office) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 13 Nov 1908.

Cover note, enclosing a copy of the annotated papers relating to the examination and arrangement of the Stein Collection [CE32/23/15/2]. Concerns Stein's deputation to England. Refers to H. Walpole's letter [CE32/23/4]. An excess expenditure (above the original estimate of £5,000) required for Stein to complete his work is estimated, on the basis of 21 months' deputation to England, to be approximately £2,600-£2,800. Would the BM bear some of the additional costs, proportionate to its 2/5 share in the results of the expedition? Does the BM agree with Stein's suggestion that F.H. Andrews might be employed to help him again? (2 pages)

[India Office R&S.2574]

CE32/23/15/2

Government of India to Viscount Morley of Blackburn, Secretary of State for India, 17 Sept 1908.

On Stein's proposed deputation to England in connection with his archaeological explorations in Eastern Turkestan. Discusses the following: excess expenditure; that Stein be granted 6 months' leave and a further 21 months' deputation to England to work on the finds from his Second Expedition; his salary while on deputation; his outward fare to England. Urges BM to contribute to the excess expenditure totalling about £2,600–£2,800. Encloses letter and preliminary report from Stein [CE32/23/15/3], a letter to Stein (2 Mar 1908) and a letter from the Comptroller, India Treasuries (28 Aug 1908). (2 pages)

[Government of India: Home Department: Education: Archaeology & Epigraphy, no.27 of 1908.]

CE32/23/15/3

Stein (Camp An-shi, Kansu) to Secretary to the Government of India Home Department, 26 Sept 1907.

Refers to the Secretary's letter (Archaeology & Epigraphy, no.65, 10 Mar 1906). Stein submits a 'Brief Preliminary Report' on his explorations in Eastern Turkestan, with various requests concerning the conclusion of his work, the transport of objects, his preferred route through India, his request for deputation and leave in England, his proposal regarding the employment of F.H. Andrews, the finances of the current expedition and a request for a further 8,000 rupees for 1908–9. (14 pages)

[Government of India: Home Department: Education: Archaeology & Epigraphy, no.27 of 1908, enclosure]

CE32/23/16/1

T.W. Holderness (India Office) to C.H. Read (BM), 21 Nov 1908.

Cover note, enclosing the confidential passage omitted, at Stein's request, from his 'Brief Preliminary Report' [CE32/23/15/3]. (2 pages)

CE32/23/16/2

Confidential report by Stein

Concerning the cache of ancient manuscripts at Dunhuang. (5 pages)

CE32/23/17

Report by C.H. Read (BM), 4 Dec 1908.

Refers to a letter from the India Office [CE32/23/15/1] and the accompanying reports by Stein [CE32/23/15/2 and 3]. The results of the Expedition have fully justified the expense of £2,000 incurred by the Trustees. Read recommends that the BM contribute to the excess expenditure; supports the suggestion that F.H. Andrews be employed for two years to work on the Stein Collection. Encloses the confidential part of Stein's report [CE32/23/16/2], noting the importance of the finds at Dunhuang. (3 pages)

CE32/23/18

Thomas Cook & Son (Shipping and Forwarding Dept) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 12 Jan 1909.

Ninety cases of antiquities have arrived from Bombay, and

will be delivered to the BM on 13 Jan 1909. Handwritten note: 'Cases sent to N.H.M. [Natural History Museum] 14 Jan?'. (1 page)

CE32/23/19

Handwritten note

'This letter [CE32/23/20/1] noted by Mr Dalton and Dr Barnett, 19 February 1909'. (1 page)

CE32/23/20/1

T.W. Holderness (India Office) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 16 Feb 1909.

Refers to A. Godley's letter [CE32/23/15/1]. Forwards to BM Trustees a letter from the Government of India (Home Dept, 28 Jan 1909) and an enclosure on Stein's explorations. (1 page)

[India Office R&S.439]

CE32/23/20/2

Government of India to Viscount Morley of Blackburn (Secretary of State for India), 28 Jan 1909.

On Stein's deputation to England in connection with his archaeological explorations in Eastern Turkestan. Refers to Lord Morley's telegram (10 Nov 1908). Forwards copy of letter from Stein. Agrees with Stein's proposal for a period of deputation in England to work on the Collection. Refers to the despatch of 17 Sept 1908 [CE32/23/15/2] and states that a further grant of 6,000 rupees has been sanctioned for the cost of transport, Stein's pay for October and November 1908 and his fare to England. Encloses a letter from Stein (14 Dec 1908), and list of references. (1 page)

[Government of India: Home Department: Education: Archaeology & Epigraphy, no.2 of 1909]

CE32/23/20/3

Stein to Under-Secretary to the Government of India Home Department, 14 Dec 1908.

Refers to Under-Secretary's letter (Archaeology & Epigraphy, no.289, 26 Nov 1908) and to the publication of Stein's lectures to the Royal Geographical Society. Refers to his report enclosed in his letter of 26 Sept 1907 [CE32/23/15/3]; gives an outline summary of the types and quantity of the finds from his Second Expedition; information about the length of his deputation to England, his request for help from F.H. Andrews, and an outline schedule of the work. List of references includes extracts from learned journals and reviews of Ancient Khotan in Europe. (6 pages)

[Government of India: Home Department: Education: Archaeology & Epigraphy, no.2 of 1909, enclosure]

CE32/23/21

D.L. Heath (Treasury Chambers) to BM Trustees, 14 Apr 1909.

Refers to E.M. Thompson's letter (3 Apr 1909) proposing to make a further contribution to Stein's Expedition. The Treasury sanctions an additional sum of £1,000 out of the Vote for the BM 1909–10 Subhead C. Handwritten note in pencil: 'Wrote India Office 19 Apr'. (1 page)

[Treasury Chambers 7402/09]

CE32/23/22

T.W. Holderness (India Office) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 23 Apr 1909.

Refers to Director's letter (19 Apr 1909) concerning BM's final payment of £1,000 towards Stein's Expedition, and sends a receivable order for the same. Handwritten note in pencil: 'Receivable order sent on 24 Apr 1909'. (1 page)
[India Office R&S.951]

CE32/23/23/1

A. Godley (India Office) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 9 June 1909.

Cover note, enclosing a letter from Stein [CE32/23/23/2]. Godley states that Lord Morley is not in a position to judge the force of Stein's complaints about the accommodation offered at the BM, and that the V&A cannot accommodate Stein in the galleries of the Oriental Museum in the Imperial Institute Road, as Stein suggests. (2 pages)
[India Office R&S.1192]

CE32/23/23/2

Stein (Natural History Museum) to Under-Secretary of State for India, 20 May 1909.

Refers to Stein's meeting with T.W. Holderness on the accommodation offered to Stein at the BM. Stein has complained about the conditions, and Holderness inspected the accommodation on 3 May 1909. The Collection was originally delivered to the Natural History Museum, where Stein had started to unpack them. Having spoken with Cecil Smith (Director, V&A), in the hope that accommodation for the Collection might be found in the Indian Museum, Stein now suggests that more suitable accommodation might be found in the Cross Gallery at the V&A (Stein attaches a letter from Smith [17 May 1909]) or that he might be allowed to remain in the Natural History Museum. (13 pages)

Folder 3: CE32/23/24–CE32/23/35/3

CE32/23/24

L. Fletcher (BM Natural History) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 10 June 1909.

Replies to Thompson's letter, explaining that the Natural History Museum cannot offer accommodation for the Stein Collections for almost three years. Offers help within reason, but not for more than a few months. (2 pages)

CE32/23/25

Handwritten note

Gives the measurements of the BM board room at 897 square feet. (1 page)

CE32/23/26

Handwritten note by W.C. Davis (BM), 10 June 1909.

'Dimensions of rooms in Basement prepared for Dr. Stein Includes 3 rooms, 2 arched rooms, distance of floor below level of the roadway, height of garden wall facing the windows, width of roadway. Total area of the five rooms is 2,390 feet 3 inches'. (1 page)

CE32/23/27

Handwritten note by W.C. Davis (BM), 10 June 1909.

'Rooms in the East Basement, prepared for Dr. Stein'. Includes area of floor space, with shelving. Total area available is 4020 square feet. (1 page)

CE32/23/28/1

A. Godley (India Office) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 21 June 1909.

Cover note to [CE32/23/28/2]. Refers to his previous letter (9 June 1909) on the Stein Collections. (1 page)
[India Office R&S.1382]

CE32/23/28/2

D.J.M. Reay (President, Royal Asiatic Society) to Under-Secretary of State for India, 17 June 1909.

The Council of the Royal Asiatic Society asks the Secretary of State to urge the authorities concerned to resolve the issue of the accommodation of the Stein Collections so that Stein can get on with his work. (2 pages)

CE32/23/29

Stein (Natural History Museum) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 24 July 1909.

Requests instructions for the removal of the Stein Collection from the Natural History Museum to the BM in Bloomsbury. Requests that these instructions also be sent to F.H. Andrews as Stein will soon be on leave, and asks if the BM can provide any glass-covered cases. Handwritten note in pencil: 'D.P.L. [Director and Principal Librarian] wrote to Sir T.W.H. [T.W. Holderness] & to Dr. Stein, 27 July 1909'. (2 pages)

CE32/23/30

Letter in shorthand addressed to T.W. Holderness (India Office), 27 July 1909. (2 pages)

CE32/23/31

A. Godley (India Office) to E.M. Thompson (Director, BM), 4 Aug 1909.

Replies to Thompson's letter (3 July 1909) about the accommodation of the Stein Collection. Lord Morley acknowledges the BM's consideration in this matter and requests that Stein might be allowed to occupy the basement rooms for a period not exceeding 2½ years from the present date. As Stein is on six months' leave, instructions have been given to F.H. Andrews regarding the removal of the Collection from the Natural History Museum to the BM in Bloomsbury. Requests that the BM might allow Andrews to use any available racks or cases. (2 pages)
[India Office R&S.1702]

CE32/23/32/1

C.G. Campbell (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 10 Sept 1909.

Cover note, enclosing a letter from F.H. Andrews [CE32/23/32/2]. He notes that the Secretary of State for India in Council will sanction the expenditure for glass doors and trays, on condition they remain his property. If this is agreeable, please inform Andrews directly. Handwritten note in pencil: 'written to Andrews 18 Sept... the doors can

be screwed and easily removed when desired, without injury to Museum property'. (1 page)
[India Office R&S.1918]

CE32/23/32/2

F.H. Andrews (BM) to Under-Secretary of State for India, 24 Aug 1909.

Refers to Godley's letter (10 Sept 1909) [CE32/23/31] and Andrews' letter of 5 Aug 1909. He has inspected the cases made available by the BM, and finds them of limited use. Recommends that glass doors be fitted to the newspaper racks, also the purchase of at least 100 light handling trays, at a total cost of £120. (2 pages)

CE32/23/33

Memorandum from A. Preedy (BM), 15 Sept 1909.

Details the fittings and furniture made available for the Stein Collection. (2 pages)

CE32/23/34

F.H. Andrews (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 20 Sept 1909.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (18 Sept 1909). Thanks him for permission to fit glass doors, and confirms no damage will be done to BM property. (1 page)

CE32/23/35/1

C.G. Campbell (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 4 Nov 1910.

Refers to E.M. Thompson's letter (19 Apr 1909) regarding the Stein Collection, and forwards a letter from Stein [CE32/23/35/2] with an enclosure by Pelliot [CE32/23/35/3]. Requests BM Trustees' opinion on Stein's proposal that Paul Pelliot should prepare an inventory of the Chinese manuscripts from Dunhuang, and on Pelliot's memorandum. Lord Morley proposes that 'Indian revenues' should pay for the preparation of the inventory, and requests that BM Trustees consider the cost of printing it (Pelliot insists it should be printed). If BM agrees, then the Government of India might agree to a readjustment of the shares of the finds from the Expedition, so that more Chinese manuscripts would stay at the BM, and more Tibetan manuscripts would be sent to India. (3 pages)
[India Office R&S.2130]

CE32/23/35/2

Stein (BM) to Under-Secretary of State for India, 17 Sept 1910.

Refers to the Under-Secretary's letter (22 July 1910) asking for results of the Expedition. Stein writes about the preparation of inventories of manuscripts that are incurring, or are likely to incur, expenditure. Requests that (1) Eduard Chavannes be paid £50 towards his work on the Chinese woodslips; (2) Paul Pelliot be permitted to prepare an inventory of the Chinese manuscripts from Dunhuang; that he receive payment (£200) for this work to compensate him for loss of salary while on leave to work on the inventory; that the BM Trustees publish the inventory; (3) that Rev. A.F. Francke prepare an inventory of the Tibetan manuscripts, and be paid for doing so (£20 per month, or £60 total). Stein

is trying to engage Miss C.M. Ridding (Cambridge University Library) on an inventory of the Tibetan manuscripts. He notes that scholars in all the other languages and scripts have provided their expertise free of charge. (12 pages)

CE32/23/35/3

'Notes', by Paul Pelliot (in French) on the preparation of an inventory of the Chinese manuscripts from Dunhuang. He estimates it would take at least a year, and he would be willing to do it on condition he could work on the documents in Paris, that the inventory would be published, that he would be paid an indemnity of 5,000 francs to compensate him for loss of salary while working on the inventory, and that he would be able to publish some of the documents himself. He could start work in October. (3 pages)

Folder 4: CE32/23/36–CE32/23/58

CE32/23/36

L.D. Barnett (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 7 Nov 1910.

Acknowledges receipt of Lord Morley's letter with enclosed communication from Stein, referred to him by Kenyon. Supports Lord Morley's suggestion regarding the Chinese and Tibetan manuscripts. Confirms that Pelliot is uniquely qualified to prepare an inventory of the Chinese manuscripts from Dunhuang. In exchange for undertaking to print Pelliot's inventory and for surrendering any claim to the Tibetan manuscripts, the BM would be able to keep all the Chinese manuscripts and prints from Dunhuang. (2 pages)

CE32/23/37

L.D. Barnett (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 19 Dec 1910.

Acknowledges receipt of a letter from Mr Ritchie referring to Stein manuscript(s). Agrees with the proposal that any Chinese and Tibetan duplicates might be exchanged. (1 page)

CE32/23/38

R. Ritchie (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 16 Dec 1910.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (17 Nov 1910). Confirms that Lord Morley has sanctioned the arrangement proposed in Campbell's letter [CE32/23/35/1] and accepted by the BM Trustees. He has instructed Stein to forward the Tibetan manuscripts from Dunhuang to the India Office. When they have been examined, any duplicates may be offered to the BM in exchange for any Chinese duplicate manuscripts from Dunhuang. Would the BM Trustees agree to the exchange of duplicates? (2 pages)

[India Office R&S.2465]

CE32/23/39

A.R. Dryhurst (BM) to L.D. Barnett (BM), n.d.

Attached to [CE32/23/40/1]. Questions why Pelliot should be given exclusive rights to the Chinese manuscripts for two years; whether Stein is a sufficient Chinese scholar to make such claims about Pelliot's competence; and states a dislike for granting exclusive rights to outsiders. (1 page)

CE32/23/40/1

Stein (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 26 Jan 1911.

Refers to letter from Under-Secretary of State for India [CE32/23/40/2]. Requests that he submits Pelliot's proposals to the BM Trustees, and quotes from Pelliot's letter to Stein (15 Dec 1910). Pelliot is the right person to prepare the publication, and his requests are reasonable. (2 pages)

CE32/23/40/2

Under-Secretary of State for India to Stein (BM), 11 Jan 1911.

Refers to Stein's letter (20 Dec 1910). Agrees to Pelliot's request giving him the right to publish certain documents and to supply Chinese scholars with photographs of any documents of interest to them. But, Pelliot's request for priority over the bulk of the Chinese manuscripts from Dunhuang is a matter for the BM Trustees to consider. (1 page)

CE32/23/41

L.D. Barnett (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 31 Jan 1911.

Acknowledges receipt of Stein's letter. Confirms that Pelliot's request for exclusive rights for about ten documents is reasonable; that Pelliot has a magnificent reputation among sinologists; and that the fee to be paid to Pelliot by the India Office is in indemnification for the loss of his official salary while he catalogues the manuscripts in the Stein Collection. (2 pages)

CE32/23/42

Stein (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 4 Aug 1911.

On the photography for *Serindia*. H. Hart, Controller of the Clarendon Press, has offered to provide a portable photographic studio. Stein is taking leave, so if the BM agrees to this, could it please inform Mr Hart directly. Handwritten note in pencil: 'Referred to Mr Preedy for report, 7 Aug. 1911'. (4 pages)

CE32/23/43

A.R. Dryhurst (BM) to H. Hart (Clarendon Press, Oxford), 9 Aug 1911.

Approves the installation of a temporary photographic studio. (1 page)

CE32/23/44

H. Hart (Clarendon Press) to A.R. Dryhurst (BM), 10 Aug 1911.

On the installation of the temporary photographic studio. It is necessary to raise the studio five feet. Hart proposes to consult with the Clerk of Works on Tuesday. All expenses will be met by Hart. (1 page)

CE32/23/45

A. Preedy (BM) to A.R. Dryhurst (BM), 11 Sept 1911.

'For Mr Dryhurst's information. A. Preedy, 11-9-11 (11 Sept the Studio in use). (1 page)

CE32/23/46

W.C. Davis (BM) to A. Preedy (BM), 11 Sept 1911.

'11-9-11. Mr Preedy. The temporary Photographic Studio is now finished. The blinds were fixed on Friday last. Mr Dryhurst asked me about it last week & I told him when the blinds were fixed it would be completed. W.C.D. 11-9-11'. (1 page)

CE32/23/47

A. Preedy (BM) to W.C. Davis (BM), 25 Aug 1911.

'Mr Davis. This work will be completed by the time I go on leave. Please let Mr Dryhurst have a report on completion. A.P. 25-8-11'. (1 page)

CE32/23/48

Memorandum by A. Preedy (BM), 16 Sept 1911.

'Redrainage of White Wing'. The temporary Photographic Studio is in the way of proposed operations. Asks if it might be removed, temporarily or permanently. Additional note by A. Preedy: 'Removal completed, Friday, 27 Sept 1912'. (2 pages)

CE32/23/49

Stein (Camp, P.O. Srinagar, Kashmir) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 1 July 1913.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (4 June 1913). Stein writes about Pelliot's delay on the inventory of the Chinese manuscripts from Dunhuang. He offers his views on the BM exhibition of the Stein Collection in spring 1914, suggesting the material should be arranged by site, that Petrucci be consulted on the Dunhuang paintings, that frescoes be arranged as they were in their original settings, Andrews to advise on background colour, Miss Lorimer to supervise the arrangements if she had assistance. Stein is pleased at Andrews' appointment as Director of Industrial Art Education in Kashmir. On the division of finds, Stein points out the lack of adequate facilities in India to preserve the fragile material, and notes the difficulty in allotting the 3/5 share belonging to the Government of India. Offers three solutions: that the Government of India claim the 3/5 share and deposit it temporarily in the institution best suited to their preservation; to present its share as a free gift to that institution; or to cede the share against appropriate monetary compensation. The ideal institution would be the BM as it would keep the Collection in one place and accessible to researchers. Stein still working on *Serindia*. His Third Expedition has been sanctioned and he must set out at the end of July 1913. Miss Lorimer to continue working on the Collection and *Serindia* in London, if the India Office agrees to her continued employment after Andrews leaves in Sept. (15 pages)

CE32/23/50/1

L.D. Barnett (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 2 Aug 1913.

Encloses a report [CE32/23/50/2] on the problems with Pelliot's inventory. Suggests that Giles might be able to complete it. (2 pages)

CE32/23/50/2

L.D. Barnett (BM) to BM Trustees, 11 Aug 1913.

Has received a letter from Pelliot (31 July 1913) about the delay in completing the inventory of the Chinese manuscripts. BM Trustees to decide whether to change the arrangements for the inventory. Copy of Pelliot's letter. (1 page)

CE32/23/51/1

T.W. Holderness (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 22 Aug 1913.

Cover note, enclosing letter from F.H. Andrews to BM Trustees [CE32/23/51/2], regarding the arrangements to be made after his departure for Kashmir. The Marquess of Crewe asks for BM Trustees' opinions on the proposed exhibition and if they would agree that the Collection be kept together, in the charge of D.L. Barnett, until *Serindia* is completed. (2 pages)
[India Office R&S.2939]

CE32/23/51/2

F.H. Andrews (BM) to Under-Secretary of State for India (India Office), 12 Aug 1913.

Andrews to leave for Kashmir in Sept 1913. He submits his proposals (approved by Stein) for the future care of the Stein Collection, continuance of the cataloguing work, management of matters relating to *Serindia*, and the proposed exhibition. Suggests that the Stein Collection should remain in the charge of L.D. Barnett, that Miss Lorimer should take over most of his duties and that her pay should be raised to £20 per month. (6 pages)

CE32/23/52

T.W. Holderness (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 4 Dec 1913.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (23 Oct 1913). Confirms that the Secretary of State for India in Council agrees to the special exhibition of the Stein Collection at the BM in 1914. The Secretary is consulting with the Government of India on the ultimate division of the Collection. (1 page)
[India Office R&S.3924]

CE32/23/53

F.C. Drake (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 15 July 1914.

Replies to Kenyon's letter (1 July 1914) about the division of the Stein Collection. The Secretary of State for India has not yet heard the views of the Government of India and is therefore not ready to discuss the matter with the BM Trustees. (2 pages)
[India Office R&S.2556]

CE32/23/54

Government of India to the Marquess of Crewe, Secretary of State for India (India Office), 20 Aug 1914.

On the division of the Stein collection of Central Asian antiquities. Refers to the Revenue despatch no.142, (26 June 1914) and subsequent correspondence (3 July 1914), and to Stein's letter to Kenyon [CE32/23/49]. There is strong disagreement with Stein's suggestions on the grounds that

the museums of India have adequate facilities to receive the Stein Collection. Ultimately, the Government of India's 3/5 share of the Stein Collection is to go a new museum in Delhi, but temporarily the Collection will go to Lahore where a new gallery is being built. Would the BM agree to having F.H. Andrews (now in Kashmir) as its representative regarding the division of finds, and to his determining the division together with J.H. Marshall, the Director-General of Archaeology in India? (3 pages)

[Government of India: Department of Education: General: Archaeology & Epigraphy, no. 6 of 1914] [277DE-33-15-8-14-GCBP Simla]

CE32/23/55

T.W. Holderness (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 8 Oct 1914.

Further to [CE32/23/54], the Secretary of State for India in Council proposes to nominate F.C. Drake to discuss with the BM Director the division of finds from the Stein Collection. The Government of India does not accept Stein's views about the inadequacy of facilities in the Indian museums. Its portion of the Stein Collection will be housed initially at Lahore, where a new gallery is being created specially to receive the Stein Collection in April 1915. (2 pages)
[India Office R&S.3617]

CE32/23/56

A.R. Dryhurst (BM) on meeting with F.C. Drake (India Office) at the BM, 12 Oct 1914.

Proposed that L. Binyon, E.D. Ross and T.A. Joyce make a provisional division, to be sent to the Government of India, who could then consult with F.H. Andrews and J. Marshall. Drake agreed, and promised to ask T.W. Holderness for approval. Division of finds refers to the paintings and miscellaneous objects, as the manuscripts have been allocated already: Chinese to the BM, Tibetan to the India Office. Notes the contribution of the BM in terms of the restoration and mounting of the paintings. Miss Lorimer has asked for a further eight months. Stein is due back in spring 1915. (2 pages)

CE32/23/57

L.D. Barnett (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 21 Oct 1914.

Makes several proposals regarding the division of material to be allocated to the Dept of Printed Books and MSS: (1) Chinese; (2) Khotanese and Kuchari; (3) Sogdian, Uighur and Turki; (4) Sanskrit and Prakrit; (5) Tibetan. (2 pages)

CE32/23/58

Copy of CE32/23/57. (2 pages)

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CE32/23/59

L. Binyon (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 31 Oct 1914.

Waiting for news from the India Office. Binyon is leaving for New York, so passing on Petrucci's address. Petrucci is waiting for instructions. (2 pages)

CE32/23/60

C. Roberts (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 16 Nov 1914.

Refers to previous letter [CE32/23/55] and to the meeting between F.C. Drake and F.G. Kenyon [CE32/23/56] about the arrangements for the division of the Stein Collection from the Second Expedition. Lord Crewe agrees that representatives of the India Office and the BM should draw up a preliminary distribution list, to be sent to the Government of India for approval. E.D. Ross to represent the India Office on the fabrics and paintings, but owing to Ross' urgent duties at the War Office, Petrucci is to act under his supervision. F.W. Thomas to represent the India Office on manuscripts, including any undistributed manuscripts from the First Expedition – refers to correspondence ending with E.M. Thompson's letter (31 July 1907). Ross, together with Binyon, to prepare list of the archaeological objects. Requests advice on the terms of employing Petrucci. (3 pages)
[India Office R&S.3617]

CE32/23/61

L.D. Barnett (BM) to A.R. Dryhurst (BM), 19 Nov 1914.

Refers to letter from India Office [CE32/23/60]. On the distribution of the Stein Collection. Has already submitted to BM Trustees a detailed proposal for the allocation of the Stein manuscripts. Pleased to hear that the manuscripts from the First Expedition to be assigned to the BM. (2 pages)

CE32/23/62/1

Report by L. Binyon (BM), 3 Mar 1915.

On Petrucci's lists for the division of paintings in the Stein Collection. Binyon has examined Petrucci's lists and proposed modifications, which have been agreed by E.D. Ross. Binyon submits his correspondence with Ross, and a copy of Petrucci's report. (1 page)

CE32/23/62/2

L. Binyon (BM) to E.D. Ross (War Office), 3 Feb 1915.

Binyon's proposed modifications to the list drawn up by Petrucci. General principle is that the more Indian pieces should be destined for India, and the more Chinese ones for the BM. (4 pages)

CE32/23/62/3

E.D. Ross (War Office) to L. Binyon (BM), 26 Feb 1915.

Refers to Binyon's letter [CE32/23/62/2]. He finds Petrucci's list with Binyon's modifications acceptable. (2 pages). Petrucci's report and list: 'Rapport sur la division des peintures, des fresques, et des dessins de la Mission Stein entre l'India Office et le British Museum'. (34 pages)

CE32/23/63/1

Copy of CE32/23/62/1. (1 page)

CE32/23/63/2

Copy of CE32/23/62/2. (3 pages)

CE32/23/63/3

Copy of CE32/23/62/3. (1 page)

CE32/23/64/1

Note by C.H. Read (BM), 12 Mar 1915.

Cover note for report by T.A. Joyce [CE32/23/64/2] on the division of miscellaneous categories of the Stein's Second Expedition. Recommends that the fragile stucco pieces should stay in England, and a larger proportion of other objects be allotted to the Indian Government. (1 page)

CE32/23/64/2

Report by T.A. Joyce (BM), 12 Mar 1915.

'Stein Collection. Report on the distribution of the miscellaneous objects'. Nine categories: textile fabrics, stuccos (including fragments of frescoes), wooden architectural details, smaller objects of wood and horn, objects of bronze, seals and intaglios of various materials, clothing, coins, inscribed tablets. (2 pages)

CE32/23/65

Copy of CE32/23/64/2. (2 pages)

CE32/23/66

Two hand-written lists.

'Fabrics from Ch'ien-fo-Tung, British Museum' and 'Fabrics from Ch'ien-fo-Tung, India Office' (8 pages)

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CE32/23/67

Two typed lists.

'Fabrics from Ch'ien-fo-Tung, British Museum' and 'Fabrics from Ch'ien-fo-Tung, India Office' (8 pages)

CE32/23/68

E.J. Turner (India Office) to Assistant Secretary, BM, 19 May 1915.

Refers to F.G. Kenyon's letter (18 Mar 1915) about the division of the Stein Collection. Asks for a copy of Petrucci's report, to send to India immediately. (2 pages)

CE32/23/69/1

Note by C.H. Read (BM), 26 May 1915.

Cover note, enclosing T.A. Joyce's report [CE32/23/69/2]. (1 page)

CE32/23/69/2

Report by T.A. Joyce (BM), n.d.

'Supplementary report on the division of the Stein Collection (miscellaneous archaeological objects) between the India Office and the British Museum'. This report is supplementary to an earlier report of 12 Mar 1915. (8 pages)

CE32/23/70/1

J. Allan (BM) to A.R. Dryhurst (BM), 1 June 1915.

Cover note and short report 'The coins in the Stein Collection'. (2 pages)

CE32/23/71

E.J. Turner (India Office) to A.R. Dryhurst (BM), 29 May 1915.

Acknowledges receipt of Petrucci's report. (1 page)

CE32/23/72

E.J. Turner (India Office) to A.R. Dryhurst (BM), n.d.

Acknowledges receipt of Dryhurst's letter (31 May 1915) regarding the division of the Stein Collection, and of three packets of slips [= descriptive notes of the objects in the collection]. (1 page)

CE32/23/73

E.J. Turner (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 1 Sept 1915.

Refers to [Kenyon's?] letter (18 Mar 1915). Stein has asked that the Stein Collection should be kept together in the BM and accessible for reference until *Serindia* is completed. The Government of India agree to postpone the removal of those pieces allocated to India on condition that the BM Trustees agree to house it. (2 pages)

[India Office R&S.4620/1915]

CE32/23/74

E.J. Turner (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 7 Sept 1915.

Refers to [Kenyon's?] letter (2 Sept). Confirms that Stein's suggestion is solely to keep the Collection at the BM until *Serindia* is completed, and has no reference to the proposal made by Stein in 1913 that the bulk of the collection should be kept for an indefinite period at the BM [CE32/23/49].

(1 page)

[India Office R&S.5471/1915]

CE32/23/75/1

L. Kershaw (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 12 Apr 1916.

Refers to the correspondence ending with E.M. Thompson's letter (31 July 1907). Encloses a copy of the division of manuscripts from Stein's First Expedition for the BM and Government of India, for approval. (1 page)

[India Office R&S.1433]

CE32/23/75/2

List of the proposed division of manuscripts from Stein's First Expedition for the BM and Government of India.

'First Expedition of Sir Aurel Stein': Sanskrit, Khotanese and Kuchean manuscript fragments from Dandan-Uiliq, Niya and Endere. (3 pages)

CE32/23/75/3

Continuing from CE32/23/75/2.

Kharoshthi documents from Niya. (20 pages)

CE32/23/76

From L.D. Barnett (BM), 17 Apr 1916.

Refers to L. Kershaw's letter [CE32/23/75/1]. Agrees with the proposed division of manuscripts from Stein's First Expedition. (1 page)

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CE32/23/77/1

L. Kershaw (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 25 May 1916.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (15 May 1916) about the division of the Stein Collection. Encloses a copy of a Register of Khotanese and Kuchean MSS showing the division between the India Office and the BM, as proposed by Hoernle.

Mentions Mr Sana Ullah. (1 page)

[India Office R&S.2433]

CE32/23/78

L.D. Barnett (BM) to BM Trustees, 29 May 1916.

Agrees with the proposed division of finds in the register of Sanskrit, Khotanese and Kuchean manuscripts, prepared by Hoernle, which was enclosed with the letter from Under-Secretary of State for India [CE32/23/77/1]. (1 page)

CE32/23/79

A.R. Dryhurst (BM) to Under-Secretary of State for India, India Office, 12 July 1916.

Refers to Kershaw's letter [CE32/23/77/1]. BM Trustees accept the division of Khotanese and Kuchean manuscripts prepared by Hoernle. Asks if the Government of India accepts the proposed division of other objects (books, paintings and archaeological objects). (2 pages)

CE32/23/80/1

L. Kershaw (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 16 Nov 1916.

Refers to correspondence ending with Kershaw's letter [CE32/23/77/1]. Government of India agrees to a division on the basis of Kershaw's letter (18 Mar 1915), excluding the manuscripts, and the reports enclosed with that letter and A.R. Dryhurst's letter (31 May 1915), subject to suggestions made by F.H. Andrews. But, the Government of India does not agree with the distribution of manuscripts proposed by E.D. Ross and F.W. Thomas, and wishes to postpone the division to the end of 1919. Mr Chamberlain suggests that Sir John Marshall settle the matter next time he is in England. Asks if the BM would agree to house the Stein Collection until the war is over. (2 pages)

[India Office R&S.3082/16]

CE32/23/80/2

F.H. Andrews (Director, Technical Institute, Srinagar) to Director General of Archaeology in India, 12 Oct 1915.

Andrews suggests modifications to the reports about the division of objects. (3 pages)

CE32/23/81

L.D. Barnett (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 24 Nov 1916.

Refers to the letter from the Under-Secretary of State for India [CE32/23/80/1]. Barnett regrets that the Government of India does not accept the proposed division of finds from the Second Expedition, that it does not clarify its objections and wishes to postpone a new decision until the end of 1919. Doubts if J. Marshall could improve upon the existing work

of E.D. Ross, F.W. Thomas, A.F.R. Hoernle and L.D. Barnett.
(1 page)

CE32/23/82/1

L. Binyon (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 29 Nov 1916.

Encloses a report [CE32/23/82/2]. Suggests that the BM might agree to house the Stein Collection on condition that the division arranged in England be put into immediate effect. Suggests rejecting Andrews' modifications, also negative about Sir John Marshall. Inconveniences: (1) the BM would be unable to register the material allocated to it; (2) Stein would be unable to indicate in his report where the collections are. The BM has conserved and mounted objects, thereby enhancing the collection, many items of which are destined for India. Furthermore, the BM has trained Mr Sana Ullah. (2 pages)

CE32/23/82/2

L. Binyon (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 25 Nov 1916.

Binyon's objections to Andrews' proposed modifications. (4 pages)

CE32/23/83

C.H. Read (BM) to A.R. Dryhurst (BM), 21 Nov 1916.

Needs to speak to T.A. Joyce before he can comment on the India Office letter. Does not understand how F.H. Andrews fits into the picture. (4 pages)

CE32/23/84/1

C.H. Read (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 30 Nov 1916.

Refers to the India Office letter [CE32/23/80/1]. Objects to Andrews' involvement on the grounds that the India Office and BM invited specialists to draw up the lists together, and that those decisions should stand. Encloses T.A. Joyce's remarks on Andrews' objections [CE32/23/84/2 and 3]. (2 pages)

CE32/23/84/2

T.A. Joyce (Cricklewood) to C.H. Read (BM), 27 Nov 1916.

Cover note for T.A. Joyce's remarks on Andrews' objections [CE32/23/84/3]. (1 page)

CE32/23/84/3

T.A. Joyce (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 27 Nov 1916.

Joyce's objections to Andrews' proposed modifications. (4 pages)

CE32/23/85

L. Binyon (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 5 Dec 1916.

Binyon recalls that there are some woodcuts from the Stein Collection in his forthcoming publication on Chinese woodcuts. He had also suggested to Lord Crewe that the BM had not benefited from the geographical results of Stein's expeditions, and that this should be considered in the division of finds. (4 pages)

CE32/23/86

T.W. Holderness (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 27 Sept 1917.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (12 Dec 1916). Government of India agrees to the division of frescoes, paintings, textiles and other miscellaneous articles, with the modification suggested by the BM Trustees. Asks if the BM could draw up revised distribution lists. Agrees to the division of manuscripts (except Kharoshthi) proposed by E.D. Ross, F.W. Thomas, L.D. Barnett and A.F.R. Hoernle. The Kharoshthi tablets have been in the possession of E.J. Rapson, and should now be allocated to an institution. Government of India thanks BM for housing the Stein Collection until the end of the war. (2 pages)
[India Office R&S.2552/17]

CE32/23/87

From L. Binyon (BM), 5 Oct 1917.

Refers to letter from the India Office [CE32/23/86]. Binyon to prepare a new list of paintings incorporating the modifications proposed. (1 page)

CE32/23/88

Report by C.H. Read (BM), 4 Oct 1917.

'Stein Collection'. Memorandum on the proposals contained in India Office letter of 27 Sept [CE32/23/86]. Read accepts the proposals of the Government of India, and will prepare new lists. (1 page)

CE32/23/89

Memorandum by L.D. Barnett (BM), n.d.

Refers to letter from the Secretary of State for India. Also refers to his other documents relating to the division of finds (21 Oct 1914 [CE32/23/57], 13 Mar 1915, 13 May 1916). Certain parts of the Stein Collection are not at the BM, namely manuscripts sent to P. Pelliot, E.J. Rapson and A.F.R. Hoernle. L.D. Barnett to get them back. (1 page)

CE32/23/90/1

L. Binyon (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 1 Dec 1917.

Cover note. Encloses two revised lists showing the division of objects (paintings, drawings, woodcuts, frescoes), incorporating the modifications requested. (16 pages)

CE32/23/91

A.R. Dryhurst (BM) to C.H. Read (BM), 8 Dec 1917, and Read's reply.

Refers to Read's memorandum [CE32/23/88]. Has received revised lists from Binyon, and requests revised lists from Read. Read replies that he is too busy, but T.A. Joyce may be able to prepare revised lists, if he is available. (2 pages)

CE32/23/92

C.H. Read (BM) to A.R. Dryhurst (BM), 17 Dec 1917.

Read has written to T.A. Joyce to see if he is free to come and prepare the revised lists. (1 page)

CE32/23/93

E.J. Turner (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 25 Feb 1918.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (16 Oct 1917). Suggests removal of the Indian share of the Stein Collection from the BM. If agreeable, packing could commence in early March: India Office to supply labour and packing cases, but hopes for co-operation from BM. As E.J. Rapson is still working on the Kharoshthi tablets, Turner suggests that all the Kharoshthi tablets should remain at the BM until the Rapson's work is published. (2 pages)

[India Office R&S.538]

CE32/23/94

Memorandum by C.H. Read (BM), 27 Feb 1918.

Stein Collection. Refers to India Office letter [CE32/23/93]. No objection to the removal of the Indian share. Refers to the slip catalogue of specimens, also to lists of textiles in T.A. Joyce's reports. (1 page)

CE32/23/95

L.D. Barnett (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 1 Mar 1918.

Has spoken to Miss Lorimer; also confirms he is willing to retain the manuscripts from the Stein Collection. (1 page)

CE32/23/96

L. Kershaw (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 3 June 1918.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (8 Mar 1918) agreeing to the early division of the Stein Collection and removal of the Indian share (excluding the Kharoshthi tablets). Miss Lorimer to co-operate with the Keepers of the BM departments. The materials and labour from the India Office are ready. New register of documents. (30 pages)

[India Office R&S.846/18]

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CE32/23/97

L. Binyon (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 21 June 1918.

Working with Miss Lorimer, Binyon has discovered some minor paintings that are not on the list prepared by Petrucci. Requests that the India Office be asked for a representative, namely E.D. Ross, to work with him on the allocation of these paintings. (2 pages)

CE32/23/98

L. Kershaw (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 23 July 1918.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (13 July 1918) about the unallocated paintings at the BM. Miss Lorimer to represent the India Office in making the allocations. (1 page)

[India Office R&S.2479/18]

CE32/23/99

Report by L. Binyon (BM), 31 July 1918.

The unallocated paintings have now been allocated. (1 page)

CE32/23/100

Report by L. Binyon (BM), 1 Oct 1918.

Report on the work done in the last two months in the Oriental Sub-dept of the Dept of Prints and Drawings. Regarding the Stein Collection, 297 items have been allocated to the Oriental sub-dept (comprising 23 frescoes, 230 paintings on silk, paper or linen, 21 drawings and 23 woodcuts). (1 page)

CE32/23/101

E.J. Turner to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 21 Jan 1919.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (16 Jan 1919) regarding the removal of the Indian share of the Stein Collection. The India Office hopes to remove the cases soon. (1 page)

[India Office R&S.319/19]

CE32/23/102

F.W. Thomas (Library, India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 5 Feb 1919.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (16 Jan 1919). Requests instructions for the delivery of the cases. (1 page)

CE32/23/103

The Superintendent, India Stores Depot to the BM, 12 July 1919.

'Please send to bearer the cases numbered 1 to 37 containing the Stein Collection destined for India'. (1 page)

CE32/23/104

Receipt from India Stores Depot, 12 Feb 1919.

Nineteen cases of the Stein Collection destined for the India Office have been received. (1 page)

CE32/23/105

Receipt from India Stores Depot, 12 Feb 1919.

Eighteen cases from the BM have been received for the India Office, along with 1 case for Miss Lorimer. (1 page)

CE32/23/106

A.E. Atlee (BM) to the Assistant Secretary, BM, 12 Feb 1919.

Thirty-eight cases containing the Stein Collection have been removed to the India Office. Receipt attached. (2 pages)

CE32/23/107/1

F.W. Thomas (Library, India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 26 Feb 1919.

Refers to Thomas' letter [CE32/23/102]. The 37 cases of the Stein Collection have been removed from the BM. There is still some India Office property at the BM which Thomas proposes to remove. Encloses list of Sanskrit manuscripts belonging to the BM [CE32/23/107/2]. Questions the whereabouts of two Kharoshthi manuscripts. Encloses list of fragments found among A.F.R. Hoernle's papers, the distribution of which needs to be determined. (2 pages)

CE32/23/107/2

'Extra MSS. papers etc. belonging to the Stein Collection'.

(1 page)

CE32/23/108

L.D. Barnett (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 4 Mar 1919.

Refers to Thomas' letter [CE32/23/107/1] and responds to the matters raised. (1 page)

CE32/23/109/1

A.E. Atlee (BM) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 31 May 1919.

The property belonging to the India Office has now been removed from the premises used to house the Stein Collection. Encloses list of the items removed [CE32/23/109/2]. (1 page)

CE32/23/109/2

List by A.E. Atlee (BM), 31 May 1919.

'List of articles removed from the Stein Room at the British Museum by the India Office'. (1 page)

CE32/23/110/1

L. Kershaw (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 23 Jan 1920.

Forwards copy of letter from Government of India [CE32/23/110/2]. Stein due to arrive in London soon. Stein had requested the manuscripts from his Third Expedition might be housed temporarily in the India Office library. However, the India Office has insufficient space – could they be accommodated at the BM? (2 pages)
[India Office R&S.170/20]

CE32/23/110/2

J. Sharp (Government of India) to Secretary, Revenue and Statistics Dept, India Office, 6 Dec 1919.

Encloses copy of correspondence with Stein [CE32/23/110/3 and CE32/23/110/4] regarding the transport to London of the manuscripts from his Third Expedition. (1 page)
[Government of India: Department of Education (A&E), D.O. no.689, 6 Dec 1919]

CE32/23/110/3

Stein (Srinagar, Kashmir) to H. Sharp (Secretary to the Government of India, Dept of Education), 24 Oct 1919.

Refers to Stein's letter (6 Oct 1919) regarding arrangements for the accommodation and study of the manuscripts found on his Third Expedition. (4 pages)

CE32/23/110/4

H. Sharp (Secretary to the Government of India) to Stein, 6 Dec 1919.

Government of India agrees to Stein's proposals for the transport to London and study of the manuscripts of his Third Expedition. Encloses a copy of [CE32/23/110/2]. (1 page)
[India Office: Department of Education (A&E), no.327, 6 Dec 1919]

CE32/23/111

L. Kershaw (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 11 Feb 1920.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (30 Jan 1920). The manuscripts

from Stein's Third Expedition will be housed temporarily in the India Office until further arrangements are made.

(1 page)

[India Office R&S.727/20]

CE32/23/112

Telegram, received London, 10 Feb 1920.

'KA 855 E DELHI SUB 55 4 N GVT THE DIRECTOR BRITISH MUSEUM BLOOMSBURY LN 'WHAT ARE DIMENSIONS OF GALLERIES IN WHICH SIR AUREL STEINS COLLECTIONS ARE EXHIBITED STOP WHAT ARE THE SIZES AND NUMBERS OF THE CASES STOP ARE ANY STEPS TAKEN TO PRESERVE TEMPERATURE OR HUMIDITY OF GALLERIES UNIFORM IF SO SEND PARTICULARS STOP PLEASE CABLE ANSWER TO FIRST QUESTION CHIEF ENGINEER'. (1 page)

CE32/23/113

[?] (for Secretary, Revenue and Statistics Dept, India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 14 Feb 1920.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (11 Feb 1920). Reports that the telegram [CE32/23/112] has been sent to the Government of India for communication with the Chief Engineer, Delhi. (1 page)

[India Office R&S.1262/20]

CE32/23/114

A.R. Dryhurst (BM) to L.D. Barnett (BM), n.d.

Attached to [CE32/23/115]. Asks for Barnett's observations on [CE32/23/115]. Barnett confirms 'all right'. (1 page)
[Reg no. 801]

CE32/23/115

L. Kershaw (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 17 Feb 1920.

Refers to correspondence ending with India Office letter (22 Jan 1920) regarding the Stein Collection at the BM. All the India Office property has now been removed, except for the Kharoshthi documents mentioned in [CE32/23/93] and some minor items. Duplicates of Dunhuang material should be treated as per [CE32/23/38]. Thanks the BM for housing the Stein Collection for so long. (1 page)

[India Office R&S.240/20]

CE32/23/116

Handwritten note by L.D. Barnett (BM), n.d.

Attached to [CE32/23/117/1]. 'Agreed. Report will follow in a few days'. (1 page)

CE32/23/117/1

P.H. Dumbell (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 7 Sept 1927.

On the distribution of the Kharoshthi tablets found by Stein and currently housed at the BM. Encloses copy of [CE32/23/117/2]. (1 page)

[India Office R&S.3972/27]

CE32/23/117/2

E.J. Rapson (Cambridge) to Secretary, Revenue & Statistics Dept, India Office, 20 Aug 1927.

Refers to letter from the India Office [R&S.3346/17]. On the distribution of the Kharoshthi tablets. (3 pages)

CE32/23/118

L.D. Barnett (BM) to BM Trustees, 14 Sept 1927.

Refers to Rapson's letter [CE32/23/117/2] and note from the India Office [CE32/23/117/1]. Barnett agrees with Rapson's proposals for the distribution of the Kharoshthi manuscripts and that P.S. Noble may help with the process. (1 page)

CE32/23/119

P.S. Noble (Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 10 Sept 1927.

Requests permission to start work on the distribution of the Kharoshthi manuscripts. The manuscripts are currently with J. Allan, Dept of Coins and Medals, BM. (3 pages)

CE32/23/120

P.S. Noble (Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire) to A. Esdaile (Secretary, BM), 15 Sept 1927.

Refers to Esdaile's letter (13 Sept 1927). Noble has agreed with Barnett to postpone visiting the BM until the Christmas vacation. (2 pages)

CE32/23/121

P.H. Dumbell (India Office) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 2 Mar 1928.

Refers to Dumbell's letter (India Office S&G.81/28, 7 Sept 1927). Asks if Rapson's proposed distribution of the Kharoshthi documents has been officially accepted by the BM. (1 page)

[India Office S&G.81/28]

Folder 9: CE32/24/1 – CE32/24/20

CE32/24/1

Abstract of E.J. Rapson's lecture on the Kharoshthi inscriptions discovered by Sir Aurel Stein in Chinese Turkestan, International Congress of Orientalists, Oxford, Aug 1928. (6 pages)

CE32/24/2

Letter from [?] Smith (Secretary, Services & General Dept, India Office) to A. Esdaile (Secretary, BM), 27 Apr 1929.

On matters relating to the preparation of a complete photographic record of the Kharoshthi documents in the Stein Collection at the BM. (1 page)

[India Office S&G.656/29]

CE32/24/3

L.D. Barnett (BM) to BM Trustees, 7 May 1929.

Refers to Smith's letter [CE32/24/2]. Smith's proposal refers to the Kharoshthi documents from Stein's First and Second Expeditions. Barnett supports the proposal and makes recommendations about BM's co-operation in this. (2 pages)

CE32/24/4

E.J. Rapson (Cambridge) to L.D. Barnett (BM), 18 May 1929.

Fully supports the proposal to make a photographic record of the Kharoshthi documents. Encloses a copy of his lecture to the International Congress of Orientalists, Oxford, Aug

1928 [CE32/24/1]. (2 pages)

CE32/24/5

Stein (Oxford) to C.T. Keller (Harvard), 18 July 1929.

Refers to Keller's cable (15 July 1929). Harvard may offer financial support for Stein's Fourth Expedition. (5 pages)

CE32/24/6

[?] Smith (Secretary, Services & General Dept, India Office) to A. Esdaile (Secretary, BM), 19 July 1929.

Refers to [CE32/24/2]. Asks for BM's response on the proposal to make a complete photographic record of the Kharoshthi documents in the Stein Collection. (1 page)

[India Office S&G.656/29]

CE32/24/7

[?] Smith (Secretary, Services & General Dept, India Office) to A. Esdaile (Secretary, BM), 26 Aug 1929.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (25 July 1929). Thanks BM for helping to get estimates for a complete photographic record of the Kharoshthi documents. Too expensive, so will not proceed. (1 page)

[India Office S&G.3654/29]

CE32/24/8/1

Stein (Hotel Carezza, Prov. Alto Adige) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 27 Sept 1929.

On Harvard's interest in Stein's proposed Fourth Expedition. Encloses copies of Stein's correspondence with L. Warner [CE32/24/8/2] and C.T. Keller [CE32/24/8/3]. (2 pages)

CE32/24/8/2

L. Warner (Harvard) to Stein, 15 Aug 1929.

On Harvard's interest in Stein's proposed Fourth Expedition. Hopes for co-operation with the BM. Stein to present the Lowell Lectures in winter 1929. (2 pages)

CE32/24/8/3

C.T. Keller (Harvard) to Stein, 15 Aug 1929.

On Harvard's interest in Stein's Fourth Expedition and offer of financial support. (1 page)

CE32/24/9

Stein (Oxford) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 12 Nov 1929.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (9 Nov 1929). BM interested in supporting Stein's Fourth Expedition. (1 page)

CE32/24/10/1

P.J. Sachs (Harvard) to Stein (Explorers Club, New York), 4 Jan 1930.

On Harvard's contribution (\$100,000) to Stein's Fourth Expedition. Encloses [CE32/24/10/2; CE32/24/10/3 and CE32/24/10/4]. (4 pages)

CE32/24/10/2

H.L. Shattuck (Harvard) to the President and Fellows of Harvard College.

'Form for subscription. Stein Asiatic Exploration Fund'. (1 page)

CE32/24/10/3

'Sir Aurel Stein's Estimate of Expenses'

The expenses total \$100,000. (1 page)

CE32/24/10/4

Draft letter addressed to P.J. Sachs (Harvard), prepared for Stein to sign, n.d.

Acknowledges receipt of Sachs' letter [CE32/24/10/1] and confirms that both sides understand the arrangement. (1 page)

CE32/24/11/1

Stein (Oxford/Cambridge, Mass.) to P.J. Sachs (Harvard), 9 Jan 1930.

Concerns the arrangements for Stein's Fourth Expedition. (3 pages)

CE32/24/11/2

F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM) to Stein, 9 Nov 1929.

BM agrees to collaborate with Harvard University on Stein's Fourth Expedition. (1 page)

CE32/24/12

Stein (Oxford) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 12 Feb 1930.

Thanks Kenyon for BM's support. Stein leaving on 8 March for Shanghai via Boston and Vancouver. (2 pages)

CE32/24/13/1

Stein (Budapest) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 20 Feb 1930.

Encloses cablegram [CE32/24/13/2]. Sir Frederick Whyte, Shanghai, has stressed that Stein must have the full support of the British Foreign Office in order to proceed. Asks if BM would write to the Foreign Office. (2 pages)

CE32/24/13/2

F. Whyte (Shanghai) to Stein, 12 Feb 1930.

Cablegram: '2.55 P.M./12TH AUREL STEIN CARE PRESIDENT CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE OXFORD FULL SUPPORT FOREIGN OFFICE YOUR TURKESTAN JOURNEY ESSENTIAL STOP CAN ASSURE YOU CONFIDENTIALLY SUPPORT OF BRITISH LEGATION AND HOPE TO OVERCOME INDIGENOUS OBSTACLES WHICH ARE CONSIDERABLE PLEASE WRITE TO ME EARLY FULL PLANS VIA SIBERIA DUPLICATE SUEZ WHYTE MAJESTIC HOTEL SHANGHAI'. (1 page)

CE32/24/13/3

Stein (Oxford) to V. Wellesley (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office), 12 Feb 1930.

On the Fourth Expedition. Stein says he has been warned of possible obstruction from nationalist groups in China. (3 pages)

CE32/24/14

Handwritten note, n.d.

'Is this payment to be reported in the Minutes. I think not. We had authority, and the payment merely carries that out'. (1 page)

CE32/24/15

H.L. Shattuck (Treasurer, Harvard) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 21 Mar 1930.

BM agreed to contribute £1,000 towards the expenses of the Fourth Expedition. Shattuck proposes arrangements for making the payments to Harvard. (1 page)

CE32/24/16

Stein (Shady Hill, Cambridge, Mass./Shanghai) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 22 Mar 1930.

Refers to Kenyon's letter (10 Mar 1930). Thanks Kenyon for asking the Foreign Office to secure the support of H.M. Minister at Peking. (1 page)

CE32/24/17

A. Esdaile (Secretary, BM) to H.L. Shattuck (Treasurer, Harvard), 26 Apr 1930.

Refers to Shattuck's letter [CE32/24/15]. Agrees with the proposed means of payment. Encloses draft for £1,000. (1 page)

CE32/24/18/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 13 May 1930.

Refers to BM correspondence (27 Feb 1930). Encloses telegram from H.M. Legation Peking [CE32/24/18/2]. (1 page)

[Foreign Office L.3274/713/405]

CE32/24/18/2

Telegram from M.W. Lampson (Shanghai), 9 May 1930.

Stein has been issued with a Chinese passport 'for investigation of historical traces including relics of art and writing'. (1 page)

CE32/24/19/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 25 June 1930.

Cover note. Refers to BM letter (27 Feb 1930) and Foreign Office letter (12 May 1930). Encloses letters from H.M. Legation, Peking (2 May and 13 May 1930), on Stein's expedition to Chinese Turkestan. (1 page)

[Foreign Office L.4349/713/405]

CE32/24/19/2

From British Consulate-General, Nanking, 2 May 1930.

Cover note forwarding copies of [CE32/24/19/3, CE32/24/19/4 and CE32/24/19/5]. (1 page)

[L.4349/713/405 – Tour Series no.103 – copy to Peking T.S. no.182]

CE32/24/19/3

Minutes of meeting, Nanking, 29 Apr 1930.

C.T. Wang, M.W. Lampson and E. Teichman met to discuss Stein. (2 pages)

CE32/24/19/4

M.W. Lampson to C.T. Wang, 29 Apr 1930.

Aide-mémoire containing outline plan of Stein's plans. (1 page)

Wang

CE32/24/19/5

Minutes of meeting, Nanking, 1 May 1930.

C.T. Wang, Hsu Mo, M.W. Lampson and E. Teichman met. Wang met Stein at this meeting. (4 pages)

CE32/24/19/6

Stein (Nanking) to E. Teichman, 27 Apr 1930.

Details of Stein's plans. Stein is looking for a Chinese academic and topographer for the Expedition, and an Indian from the Corps of Bengal Sappers and Miners. M. Bramlette, graduate of Yale University, is to be his assistant. Archaeological proceeds should be studied first in Europe or USA and then distributed appropriately, including China. (7 pages)

CE32/24/19/7

H.M. Minister, Peking to H.M. Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 13 May 1930.

Cover note. Refers to previous correspondence. Encloses [CE32/24/19/8] (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.4349/713/405, 618 (9/58R)]

CE32/24/19/8

Report by M.W. Lampson (Nanking), n.d.

Reports that F. Whyte brought Stein to see him. Stein asked for further support for his Fourth Expedition. (1 page)
[Minister Tour Series P.L. no.151 of 28/4/30]

CE32/24/20

[?] (for Secretary, Services and General Dept, India Office) to A. Esdaile (Secretary, BM), 10 July 1930.

Refers to Smith's letter [CE32/24/6]. Secretary of State for India in Council has decided that the Indian share of the Kharoshthi documents should be sent to India immediately. (1 page)
[India Office S&G.2714/30]

Folder 10: CE32/24/21/1 – CE32/24/32/3

CE32/24/21/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Director, BM, 14 Aug 1930.

Cover note. Refers to BM letter (27 Feb 1930) and Foreign Office letter (8 Aug 1930). Encloses despatch from H.M. Legation Peking [CE32/24/21/2]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.5756/713/405]

CE32/24/21/2

H.M. Minister, Peking to H.M. Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 12 June 1930.

Cover note. Refers to despatch to Foreign Office (22 May 1930). Encloses [CE32/24/21/3] and [CE32/24/21/4]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.5756/713/405, no.788 (19/58R)]

CE32/24/21/3

M.W. Lampson (British Legation, Peking) to Foreign Secretary, India, 12 June 1930.

Lampson reports on his telegram sent to India. The Wai-chiao-pu has issued a travelling passport to Stein, and has

advised on Chinese opposition. (2 pages)

CE32/24/21/4

Wai-chiao-pu to H.M. Minister, 26 May 1930.

Refers to Stein's travel plans [CE32/24/19/4]. Stein's Chinese passport allows him to travel, but if he wishes to collect antiquities and remove them from China, he should submit full plans to the Academia Sinica. Please convey this to Stein, and reply to this letter. (1 page)

CE32/24/22/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Director, BM, 26 Aug 1930.

Cover note. Refers to BM letter (27 Feb 1930), and Foreign Office letter (14 Aug 1930). Encloses despatch from H.M. Legation, Peking [CE32/24/22/2]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.6093/713/405]

CE32/24/22/2

H.M. Minister, Peking to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, 10 July 1930.

Cover note. Refers to letter to Foreign Office (13 June 1930). Encloses [CE32/24/22/3]. (1 page)
[H.M. Minister, Peking, no.964 (22/58R)]

CE32/24/22/3

Ministry of Education Gazette, 7 June 1930.

'Translation. Ministry of Education Gazette, vol. 2, no.23, dated June 7th, 1930: Telegram No.114 dated May 31st, 1930 to the Chairman of the Kansu and Hsinking Provincial Governments. The British subject Ssu-tai-no alias Ssu-tan has under the pretext of travelling obtained an ordinary passport from the Wai-chiao-pu for travelling in Hsinking and Inner Mongolia. Should he in the course of his journey search for and collect archaeological objects and remove them from the district you are requested to make immediate investigations and to stop him and further you are requested to issue instructions that this matter should receive special attention. Wai-chiao-pu'. (1 page)

CE32/24/23/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 21 Jan 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter (15 Jan 1931). Encloses [CE32/24/23/2]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.335/713/405]

CE32/24/23/2

Telegram, E.M.B. Ingram (British Legation, Peking), 17 Jan 1931.

Refers to earlier telegram. Reports growing agitation against Stein's expedition and that the Wai-chiao-pu has cancelled Stein's travel pass. (2 pages)
[Telegram no.26R]

CE32/24/24

Handwritten note, n.d.

'Stein. Any records regarding agreement as to distribution of finds? Try Minutes Index. This will have to be reported to Trustees. Mr Hobson, Mr Binyon, Mr Barnett: Please make a

joint report'. (1 page)

CE32/24/25

National Commission for the Preservation of Antiquities, Peiping, China.

'Statement regarding Sir Aurel Stein's Archaeological Expedition in Chinese Turkestan'. Chinese opposition to Stein's expedition, signed by Chang Ch'i (Member, State Council of the National Government; Chairman of the Commission); Tsai Yuan-pei (President, Academia Sinica, Nanking); Li Yu-Ying (President, National Academy, Peiping); Yi Pei-Chi (Director, Palace Museum, Peiping); W.H. Wong (Director, National Geological Survey of China, Peiping); Fu Szu-Nien (Director, National Research Institute of History and Philology, Peiping); Chu Chia-Hua (President, National Central University, Peiping); Philip L. Yuan (Professor Geology, National Tsing Hua University; Field Director, Scientific Mission to the North-western China); J.S. Lee (Director, National Research Institute of Geology, Shanghai); Li Tsung-Tung (Secretary-General, Palace Museum; Director, Division of Historical Research, National Academy, Peiping); Siu Ping-Ch'ang (President, National Teachers College for Women, Peiping); Ma Heng (Professor of Archaeology, National University, Peiping); Li Chi (Head, Division of Archaeology, National Research Institute of History and Philology, Peiping); Fu Liu (Professor, National University, Peiping; President, National University for Women, Peiping); T.L. Yuan (Acting Director, National Library, Peiping); Chen Yuan (Professor, Yenching University, Peiping); Shen Chien-Shih (Professor, National University, Peiping); T.K. Yu (Administrative Secretary, Palace Museum, Peiping); Hwang Wen-Pi (Lecturer, National University, Peiping). (4 pages)

CE32/24/26/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 28 Jan 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter (21 Jan 1931). (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.420/146/405]

CE32/24/26/2

From E.M.B. Ingram (British Legation, Peking), 20 Jan 1931.

Refers to Kashgar correspondence (16 Jan 1931). Chinese central government wants Stein sent back to India. Stein is currently beyond Keriya; he must proceed to Urumchi. (1 page)
[Telegram no.29]

CE32/24/27/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 3 Feb 1931.

Cover note. Refers to BM letter (30 Jan 1931) and Foreign Office letter [CE32/24/26/1]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.567/146/405]

CE32/24/27/2

Telegram from Foreign Office to H. Lindsay (Washington), 2 Feb 1931.

Refers to previous telegram. Urges Lindsay to persuade US Government to instruct US Minister at Peking to join Mr Ingram's protest to the Wai-chiao-pu. (1 page)
[Telegram no.73R]

CE32/24/28

Handwritten note, n.d.

'FO agenda. Previous papers, please'. (1 page)

CE32/24/29/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 9 Feb 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter (3 Feb 1931). Encloses [CE32/24/29/2]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.846/146/405]

CE32/24/29/2

Telegram from E.M.B. Ingram (British Legation, Peking) to Diplomatic Mission no.32, 6 Feb 1931.

Refers to Ingram's previous telegram (no.26) to the Foreign Office. Urges colleagues to ask the Chinese government to reverse its decision to send Stein to Urumchi and on to India, on the grounds that Stein had received official approval in Nanking, and had given assurances that he would remove nothing from China without Chinese permission. (1 page)
[Telegram no.46R]

CE32/24/30/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 11 Feb 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter [CE32/24/29/1]. Encloses [CE32/24/30/2 and 3]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.789/146/405]

CE32/24/30/2

H.M. Chargé d'Affaires, Peking to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, 19 Jan 1931.

Cover note. Refers to telegram to Foreign Office [CE32/24/23/2]. Encloses [CE32/24/30/3]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.788/146/405, via Siberia, no.115 (4/58R)]

CE32/24/30/3

E.M.B. Ingram (British Legation, Peking) to Diplomatic Mission, Nanking, 17 Jan 1931.

On the cancellation of Stein's travel passport. Includes translation of note from the Wai-chiao-pu (8 Jan 1931) along with Ingram's reply. Requests that the reply be handed in person to the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Nanking. (1 page)
[British Legation, Peking, no.50 (4/58R)]

CE32/24/30/4

Wai-chiao-pu (Nanking) to H.M. Minister, 8 Jan 1931.

Translation of Memorandum from the Wai-chiao-pu, giving the reasons leading to the cancellation of Stein's travel passport. (2 pages)
[Translation - RHS 14/1 - ESB 15/1]

CE32/24/30/5

Memorandum from British Legation, Peking, 17 Jan 1931.

E.M.B. Ingram's response to [CE32/24/30/4]. (3 pages)
[Copies to Foreign Office (via Siberia), India, Kashgar, Nanking, Dip.Mission Singapore]

CE32/24/30/6

E.M.B. Ingram (British Legation, Peking) to A. Henderson (Foreign Office), 13 Jan 1931.

Refers to Legation despatch (no.1747, 26 Nov 1930) and previous correspondence concerning Stein's expedition to Chinese Turkestan. Encloses statement issued by the National Commission for the Preservation of Antiquities [CE32/24/30/7] and a copy of the attack on Stein prepared by the Chinese Kuo Wen news agency [CE32/24/30/8]. Waiting for Stein to meet Chairman of the Sinkiang Government before taking any further action. (2 pages)
[Via Siberia, no.94 (58/58L), copies to Nanking, Dip.Mission, Kashgar, India]

CE32/24/30/7

National Commission for the Preservation of Antiquities, Peiping, China.

Statement regarding Sir Aurel Stein's archaeological expedition in Chinese Turkestan. (5 pages)
[Enclosure no.1 in despatch no.94 to F.O. of 13 Jan 1931]

CE32/24/30/8

News release prepared by the Chinese Kuo Wen news agency, 27 Dec 1930.

Refers to the petition from the National Commission for the Preservation of Antiquities. (2 pages)
[Enclosure no.2 in despatch to F.O. no.94 of 13 Jan 1931]

CE32/24/31/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 13 Feb 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter (9 Feb 1931). Encloses [CE32/24/31/2, CE32/24/31/3 and CE32/24/31/4]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.953/146/405]

CE32/24/31/2

Telegram from R. Lindsay (Washington), 6 Feb 1931.

US State Dept is telegraphing US Minister at Peking, instructing him to contact E.M.B. Ingram. (1 page)
[L.861/146/405 – Telegram no.79R]

CE32/24/31/3

Telegram from R. Lindsay (Washington), 6 Feb 1931.

Concerning the US Minister, Peking, and his unwillingness to act without specific instruction. (1 page)
[L.863/146/405 – Telegram no.80]

CE32/24/31/4

Telegram from R. Lindsay (Washington), 10 Feb 1931.

The US Minister, Peking, is speaking to Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, and suggesting that the cancellation of Stein's travel passport is due to a misunderstanding, which he hopes may be resolved. (1 page)

[L.953/146/405 – Telegram no.80]

CE32/24/32/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 18 Feb 1931.

Cover note. Encloses [CE32/24/32/2] and [CE32/24/32/3]. (1 page)
[L.1035/146/405]

CE32/24/32/2

Telegram from E.M.B. Ingram (British Legation, Peking), 12 Feb 1931.

On Ingram's meeting with C.T. Wang. Wang to reconsider the situation. (1 page)
[L.1035/146/405 – Telegram no.59R]

CE32/24/32/3

Paraphrase of telegram from E.M.B. Ingram (British Legation, Peking), 12 Feb 1931.

US Minister has contacted Minister for Foreign Affairs referring to Stein's assurances not to remove anything without Chinese consent and requesting that Stein be allowed to continue. Ingram urges all institutions to send similar assurances to the National Commission for the Preservation of Antiquities. (1 page)
[L.982/146/405]

Folder 11: CE32/24/33/1 – CE32/24/46/6

CE32/24/33/1

H.M. Chargé d'Affaires, Peking to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, 18 Feb 1931.

Cover note. Encloses letters from the Diplomatic Mission, Nanking [CE32/24/33/4] and the US Legation [CE32/24/33/5]. (1 page)
[Peking, no.275 (16/58R)]

CE32/24/33/2

G.S. Moss (H.M. Diplomatic Mission, Nanking) to E.M.B. Ingram (British Legation, Peking), 10 Feb 1931.

Moss met with C.T. Wang to discuss Stein, 9 Feb 1931. Chinese opposition is very strong. Wang is in a difficult position. Moss to request another meeting with Wang, but may be referred to Hsu Mo. (2 pages)
[Nanking, no.8 (13/80A) Copy to Nanking]

CE32/24/33/3

Memorandum about meeting, Nanking, 9 Feb 1931.

G.S. Moss met C.T. Wang to discuss Stein, Nanking, 9 Feb 1931. Moss asked for the decision to cancel Stein's travel passport to be reversed. Gave Ingram's Memorandum [CE32/24/30/5] to Wang. Wang stressed the eminence of the Chinese scholars who opposed Stein's expedition. (2 pages)

CE32/24/33/4

G.S. Moss (British Consulate General, Nanking) to C.T. Wang (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), 10 Feb 1931.

Refers to Ingram's Memorandum which outlines the misunderstanding. Stein has undertaken not to remove

anything without the consent of the Chinese government.
Looking forward to positive resolution to the problem.
(3 pages)

CE32/24/33/5

L.H. Ellis (US Legation, Peking) to E.M.B. Ingram (British Legation, Peking), 11 Feb 1931.

Encloses [CE32/24/33/6]. (1 page)
[U.S. Legation, Peking, L.2020/146/405]

CE32/24/33/6

Paraphrase of telegram from N.T. Johnson (Peking) to Dept of State, USA, 9 Feb 1931.

Suggests that Chinese authorities may be afraid to oppose the eminent Chinese scientific bodies associated with the National Commission for the Preservation of Chinese Antiquities. Suggests Harvard-Yenching Institute recognise these bodies and approach them directly. (1 page)

CE32/24/33/7

N.T. Johnson (Peking) to C.T. Wang (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), 11 Feb 1931.

The cancellation of Stein's travel passport was surely the result of a misunderstanding. (2 pages)
[Peking, no.250]

CE32/24/33/8

E.M.B. Ingram (British Legation, Peking) to L.H. Ellis (US Legation, Peking), 12 Feb 1931.

Refers to Ellis' letter [CE32/24/33/5], which had enclosed a paraphrase of Johnson's telegram [CE32/24/33/6] and a copy of his note regarding Stein to the Wai-chiao-pu. (1 page)

CE32/24/34/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 9 Mar 1931.

Cover note. Refers to BM letter (17 Feb 1931). Encloses letter from H.M. Legation, Peking [CE32/24/31/2]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.1355/146/405]

CE32/24/34/2

H.M. Chargé d'Affaires to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 8 Feb 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter (19 Jan 1931). Encloses [CE32/24/34/3]. (1 page)
[Peking, no.226 (10/58R) via Siberia]

CE32/24/34/3

G.S. Moss (Diplomatic Mission, Nanking) to M.W. Lampson (H.M. Minister, Peking), 22 Jan 1931.

Refers to Lampson's despatch (17 Jan 1931). Encloses report on a meeting between W.M. Hewlett and the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Chinese opposition to Stein's expedition [CE32/24/34/4]. (1 page)
[Diplomatic Mission, Nanking, no.1 (3/80A), copy to Nanking]

CE32/24/34/4

Memorandum by W.M. Hewlett, 21 Jan 1931.

On a meeting of Hewlett, Frank Lee, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs and G.S. Moss, to discuss Stein and the serious Chinese opposition to his Expedition. (1 page)

CE32/24/35/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 10 Mar 1931.

Cover note. Refers to BM letter (17 Feb 1931). Encloses [CE32/24/35/2]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.1607/146/405]

CE32/24/35/2

Telegram from E.M.B. Ingram (British Legation, Peking), 9 Mar 1931.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs agrees not to cancel Stein's travel passport. Stein to send him a Memorandum giving objectives of expedition, detailed programme regarding localities to be visited and time-table. (1 page)
[Peking, telegram no.91R]

CE32/24/36/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 8 Apr 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter [CE32/24/35/1]. Encloses [CE32/24/36/2 and 3]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.2112/146/405]

CE32/24/36/2

H.M. Minister, Nanking to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 3 Mar 1931.

Cover note. Refers to telegram from Peking to Foreign Office (12 Feb 1931). (1 page)
[H.M. Minister, Nanking, L.2112/146/405, no.11 T.S.]

CE32/24/36/3

Memorandum by E. Teichman, 2 Mar 1931.

'Waichiaopu interview, Nanking'. On the meeting of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, C.T. Wang, M.W. Lampson and E. Teichman, on Stein, Nanking (2 Mar 1931). Stein's travel passport will not be cancelled, but Stein to forward to the Chinese learned bodies a Memorandum giving a detailed programme of his expedition, and make assurance that he will not remove anything without the agreement of the Chinese government. (2 pages)

CE32/24/37

News cutting from *The Times*, 30 Mar 1931

'China and her treasures. Hampering the Scientist', by Peking Correspondent, Colin Malcolm McDonald. (2 pages)

CE32/24/38/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 18 Apr 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter (8 Apr 1931). Encloses [CE32/24/38/2] and [CE32/24/38/3]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.2415/146/405]

CE32/24/38/2

Telegram from M.W. Lampson (Peking), 10 Apr 1931.

Lampson spoke to Minister for Foreign Affairs (31 Mar 1931) about the obstructions placed in Stein's way. Lampson feels he has exhausted possibilities of semi-official protests and appeals, and it is now up to Stein and the local authorities in Sinkiang. (1 page)

[Peking, telegram no.113R]

CE32/24/38/3

Telegram from Foreign Office to M.W. Lampson, 16 Apr 1931.

Approves Lampson's suggestions in [CE32/24/38/2].

(1 page)

[Telegram no.56 (tour) R]

CE32/24/39/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 29 April 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter (18 Apr 1931).

Encloses [CE32/24/39/2] and [CE32/24/39/3]. (1 page)

[Nanking L.2669/146/405 – via Siberia – no.73 T.S.]

CE32/24/39/2

H.M. Legation, Nanking to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, 31 Mar 1931.

Cover note. Encloses [CE32/24/39/3]. (2 pages)

[Nanking L.2669/146/405]

CE32/24/39/3

Memorandum from M.W. Lampson (Nanking), 31 Mar 1931.

Lampson met C.T. Wang (31 Mar 1931), and told him of the opposition Stein had met at Keriya. Wang told Lampson of the difficulties that Stein's case had given rise to. (1 page)

[Nanking L.2669/146/405]

CE32/24/40/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to G.F. Hill (Director BM), 4 May 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter (29 Apr 1931).

Encloses [CE32/24/40/2]. (1 page)

[Foreign Office L.1935/146/405]

CE32/24/40/2

Telegram from A.F. Aveling (British Legation, Peking), 29 Apr 1931.

Stein arrived in Kashgar (25 Apr 1931). Unless he receives definite promise for work on his next stage, he would prefer to leave for India at once. If he receives a definite promise, he will send a signed proposed programme. (1 page)

[Peking L.2866/146/405, telegram no.132R]

CE32/24/41

R.R. Scott to BM Trustees, 30 Apr 1931.

Refers to A. Esdaile's letter (21 Jan 1930) about the proposed annual contribution of £1,000 towards Stein's Expedition.

(1 page)

[E.25497]

CE32/24/42/1

Under-Secretary of State for India (India Office) to the A. Esdaile (Secretary, BM), 1 June 1931.

Cover note. Encloses [CE32/24/42/2]. (1 page)

[India Office P.Z.3932/31]

CE32/24/42/2

India Office to Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office, 10 July 1931.

Refers to Government of India's letter [CE32/24/42/3], and India Office letter (23 June 1931). On Stein's proposed archaeological investigations in southern Persia. (1 page)

[India Office P.Z.3932/31]

CE32/24/42/3

E.B. Howell (for Secretary to the Government of India) to Under-Secretary of State for India (India Office), 4 June 1931.

Encloses [CE32/24/42/4]. (1 page)

[India Office P.Z.3932, no. D.1658/N/31]

CE32/24/42/4

Stein (Camp, Korla/Srinagar) to E.B. Howell (Secretary to the Government of India), 19 Mar 1931.

Stein is abandoning his expedition in Chinese Turkestan, and now proposes investigations in southern Persia (Nov 1931–spring 1932). Stein asks if H.M. Legation agrees with his plans and if they would approach the Persian government. (4 pages)

CE32/24/43/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 14 July 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter (25 June 1931).

Encloses [CE32/24/43/2] and [CE32/24/43/3]. (1 page)

[Foreign Office L.4533/146/405]

CE32/24/43/2

Foreign Office to C.E.S. Dodd (Tehran), 13 July 1931.

Asks Dodd to approach the Persian government about Stein's proposed archaeological investigations in southern Persia. Encloses copy of Stein's Archaeological Memoir No.37. (1 page)

[Foreign Office no.387, L.4533/146/405]

CE32/24/43/3

Foreign Office to C.E.S. Dodd (Tehran), 10 July 1931.

Telegram. Refers to [CE32/24/42/3]. Asks Dodd to approach Persian government for permission for Stein's expedition. (1 page)

[Telegram no.109R]

CE32/24/44/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 4 Aug 1931.

Cover note. Refers to [CE32/24/43/1]. Encloses [CE32/24/44/2] and [CE32/24/44/3]. (1 page)

[Foreign Office L.4763/1456/405]

CE32/24/44/2

British Legation (Tehran), to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 13 July 1931.

Refers to [CE32/24/43/3]. Encloses documents relating to Stein's proposed archaeological survey in Persia. (1 page)
[Tehran L.4763/146/405, no. (?)]

CE/32/24/44/3

C.E.S. Dodd (British Legation, Gulhek), to Mirza Mohamed Ali Khan Feroughi (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), 13 July 1931.

Requests permission for Stein's proposed archaeological investigations in southern Persia. (4 pages)

CE32/24/45/1

L.D. Barnett (BM) to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 20 Aug 1931.

Stein asked Barnett to give Hill a copy of Stein's confidential memorandum. Encloses [CE32/24/45/2]. (1 page)

CE32/24/45/2

Memorandum by Stein (British Consulate-General, Kashgar), 10 May 1931.

'Memorandum by Sir Aurel Stein on statements of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the "National Commission for the Preservation of Antiquities", Peiping, communicated by H.B.M.'s Legation, Peking, through H.B.M.'s Consul-General, Kashgar'. (14 pages)

CE32/24/46/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 15 Sept 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter (17 Aug 1931). Encloses [CE32/24/46/2]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.5593/146/405]

CE32/24/46/2

H.M. Legation (Peking) to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 22 July 1931.

Refers to telegram to Foreign Office [CE32/24/38/2]. Encloses [CE32/24/46/3 and CE32/24/46/6]. (1 page)
[Peking no.1062 (48/58R)]

CE32/24/46/3

G. Sheriff (British Consulate-General, Kashgar) to H.M. Minister, Peking, 14 May 1931.

Encloses [CE32/24/46/4]. (1 page)
[Kashgar no.129-C]

CE32/24/46/4

Stein (British Consulate-General, Kashgar) to G. Sheriff (British Consulate-General, Kashgar), 11 May 1931.

Encloses memorandum by Stein [CE32/24/46/5]. Stein asked that the memorandum be communicated to the Wai-chiao-pu and the National Commission for the Preservation of Antiquities. (2 pages)

CE32/24/46/5

Same as [CE32/24/45/2]. (13 pages)

CE32/24/46/6

M.W. Lampson (British Legation, Peitaiho) to Stein (Srinagar, Kashmir), 19 July 1931.

Refers to [CE32/24/46/4]. Lampson refuses to communicate Stein's memorandum to the Wai-chiao-pu and National Commission for the Preservation of Antiquities. Advises Stein not to take it any further. (4 pages)

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CE32/24/47/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 30 Sept 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter [L5598/146/405]. Encloses [CE32/24/47/2]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.60610/146/405]

CE32/24/47/2

M. W. Lampson (British Legation, Peitaiho) to A. Henderson (Foreign Office), 11 Aug 1931.

Forwards [CE32/24/47/3]. Stein abandoned his Expedition and left for India (18 May 1931). Lampson summarises the events leading to the abandonment. Lampson has advised Stein not to reply to published allegations against him. Stein left finds from the expedition at H.M. Consulate in Kashgar, and their disposal is being discussed with the Chinese government. (4 pages)
[Peitaiho no.1174 (52/58R)]

CE32/24/47/3

From G. Sheriff (British Consulate-General, Kashgar) to H.M. Minister, Peking, 21 May 1931.

Stein left for India on 18 May. There was misunderstanding or misinformation among Sinkiang officials about the status of Stein's travel passports, whether they were cancelled or not. (2 pages)
[Kashgar no.140-C]

CE32/24/47/4

A.F. Aveling (Nanking) to M.W. Lampson (H.M. Minister, Peking), 18 July 1931.

On the objects left by Stein at the Consulate-General in Kashgar. (1 page)
[Nanking no.25]

CE32/24/48/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 23 Oct 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter (7 Oct 1931). Encloses [CE32/24/48/2]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.6394/146/405]

CE32/24/48/2

H.M. Legation (Tehran) to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 7 Oct 1931.

Encloses documents relating to Stein's archaeological expedition to Persia. (1 page)
[Tehran L.6394/146/405, no.569; to the Government of India despatch no.342]

CE32/24/48/3

C.E.S. Dodd (British Legation, Gulhek), to Foreign Secretary to the Government of India (Simla), 7 Oct 1931.

On Stein's proposed investigations in Persia. Encloses [CE32/24/48/4]. (2 pages)
[Gulhek no.3242]

CE32/24/48/4

Persian Minister for Foreign Affairs to H.M. Chargé d'Affaires, 13/Mehr/1310, 6 Oct 1931.

English translation. Persian government agrees to Stein's proposals. Also agrees that finds may be taken abroad for study on condition that they are returned to Persia. Advises that Stein would be travelling with Persian officials. (1 page)
[no.13984/6101225]

CE32/24/49/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 7 Oct 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter [CE32/24/43/3]. Encloses [CE32/24/49/2]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.6137/146/405]

CE32/24/49/2

Lacy Baggallay (for H.M. Chargé d'Affaires, Gulhek) to the Marquess of Reading (Foreign Office), 21 Sept 1931.

Feroughi has passed Stein's case on to the Minister of Education. Monsieur Godard informed him that the Council of Ministers were hesitating to grant facilities to a British explorer and to the Swedish archaeologist, Arne. (1 page)
[Gulhek L.6137/146/405, no.516]

CE32/24/50/1

Handwritten note by R.L. Hobson (BM), 26 Oct 1931.

'I am not passing this to Binyon as he is on the point of undergoing an operation. R.L.H. 26/10/31'. (1 page)

CE32/24/50/2

Under-Secretary of State for India to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 23 Oct 1931.

Cover note. Encloses [CE32/24/50/3]. (1 page)
[India Office P.Z.6003/31]

CE32/24/50/3

G. Sheriff (British Consulate-General, Kashgar) to H.M. Minister, Peking, 29 July 1931.

On the disposal of objects left by Stein at the Consulate-General, Kashgar. Instructions have been given locally in Sinkiang without consultation with Nanking. Encloses [CE32/24/50/4]. (1 page)
[Kashgar no.248-C]

CE32/24/50/4

Hsing-cheng-Chang of Kashgar to H.B.M.'s Consul-General, Kashgar, 20 July 1931.

Requests that the objects left by Stein at the Consulate-General, Kashgar, should be handed over immediately. (1 page)
[no.138]

CE32/24/50/5

G. Sheriff (H.B.M. Consul-General, Kashgar) to His Honour Mr Ma-shao Wu, Hsing-cheng-Chang of Kashgar, 27 July 1931.

Refers to [CE32/24/50/4]. States that the objects are of limited historical value without details of the contexts in which they were found. Recommends he contact the Central Government of Nanking for advice. (1 page)
[Kashgar no.243-C]

CE32/24/50/6

H.B.M. Consul-General, Kashgar to H.M. Minister, Peking, 28 July 1931.

Radiogram. The Chairman of Sinkiang has not consulted with Nanking on the disposal of the finds left by Stein in Kashgar. Requests that the Nanking authorities be asked to telegraph the Chairman with instructions. (1 page)
[Radiogram no.42]

CE32/24/51

H.L. Shattuck (Treasurer, Harvard) to F.G. Kenyon (Director, BM), 10 Nov 1931.

Reminder, asking for second instalment (£1,000) of BM contribution towards the expenses of Stein's expedition. (1 page)

CE32/24/52/1

Handwritten note by G.F. Hill (Director, BM).

'Agenda-slips for this (which I think I have already written) may require modification'. (1 page)

CE32/24/52/2

G.F. Hill (Director, BM) to H.L. Shattuck (Treasurer, Harvard), 23 Nov 1931.

Reply to [CE32/24/51]. Hill advises that this year's contribution will be paid. Warns that the situation may change: the financial support from the BM came from H.M. Treasury, from the BM's purchase grant. If no finds may be taken out of China and Persia, then future backing may be difficult. (2 pages)

CE32/24/53/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 17 December 1931.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter (19 Nov 1931). Encloses [CE32/24/53/2]. (1 page)
[Foreign Office L.7370/146/405]

CE32/24/53/2

H.M. Minister, Nanking to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, 20 Nov 1931.

Cover note. Encloses [CE32/24/53/4]. (1 page)
[Nanking L.7370/146/405, no.197 T.S. via Siberia – copies to Peking no.347 T.S.]

CE32/24/53/3

H.M. Legation (Nanking) to Wai-chiao-pu, 20 Nov 1931.

Memorandum on the disposal of the objects left by Stein at the Consulate-General, Kashgar. (1 page)

CE32/24/54

H.L. Shattuck (Treasurer, Harvard) to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 9 Dec 1931.

Refers to [CE32/24/52/2]. (1 page)

CE32/24/55/1

Under-Secretary of State for India, India Office to A. Esdaile (Secretary, BM), 15 Dec 1931.

Cover note. Refers to India Office letter. Encloses letter (12 Nov 1931). (1 page)

[India Office P.Z.1423/31]

CE32/24/55/2

Stein (Government House, Lahore) to F.V. Wylie (Deputy Secretary to the Government of India), 6 Nov 1931.

On the objects left at the Consulate-General, Kashgar. Stein had kept his word and not taken any objects out of China, but he had taken photographs of the manuscripts before he left Kashgar. Thanks Wylie and Howell for their help. (2 pages)

CE32/24/55/3

N. Fitzmaurice (British Consulate-General, Kashgar) to H.M. Minister, Peking, 5 Oct 1931.

The Kashgar Taoyin had asked Fitzmaurice to hand over the objects left by Stein in Kashgar. Fitzmaurice said he was waiting for an answer from Nanking on the disposal of the objects. Encloses [CE32/24/55/4] and [CE32/24/55/5]. (1 page)

[Kashgar, no.326-C]

CE32/24/55/4

Taoyin of Kashgar to N. Fitzmaurice (Kashgar), 29 Sept 1931.

English translation. Requests that the antiquities left by Stein at the British Consulate be handed over to the Taoyin of Kashgar. (1 page)

[Letter no.173]

CE32/24/55/5

N. Fitzmaurice (H.B.M. Consul General, Kashgar) to the Taoyin of Kashgar, 3 Oct 1931.

Refers to [CE32/24/55/4]. Fitzmaurice waiting for decision from Nanking before he can hand over any objects. (1 page)

[Kashgar no.91]

CE32/24/55/6

N. Fitzmaurice (Consul-General, Kashgar) to H.M. Minister, Peking, 2 Nov 1931.

Telegram. The Taoyin of Kashgar wants the objects handed over, but Fitzmaurice would rather do this voluntarily than be forced to do so. (1 page)

[Kashgar, telegram no.343]

CE32/24/56/1

Under-Secretary of State for India to A. Esdaile (Secretary, BM), 3 Dec 1931.

Cover note. Encloses [CE32/24/56/2]. (1 page)

[India Office P.Z.7871/31]

CE24/56/2

N. Fitzmaurice (Consul-General, Kashgar) to H.M. Minister, Peking, 22 Oct 1931.

'Sir Aurel Stein's Expedition'. Encloses copy and translation of telegram from the Taoyin of Kashgar. Fitzmaurice would rather hand the objects over in a friendly way than be forced to do so. (2 pages)

[Kashgar no.346-C; no.347-C copy forwarded to the Foreign Secretary to the Government of India]

CE24/56/3

From the Taoyin of Kashgar, 14 Oct 1931.

Telegram. English translation. Requests that the objects be handed over. (2 pages)

[Kashgar no.178]

CE32/24/57/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 26 Jan 1932.

Cover note. Encloses [CE32/24/57/2]. (1 page)

[Foreign Office L.352/352/405]

CE32/24/57/2

H.M. Minister, Peking to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, 15 Dec 1931.

Cover note. Encloses [CE32/24/57/2]. (1 page)

[Peking no.1830 (72/58R)]

CE32/24/57/3

Wai chiao pu to H.M. Minister, 3 Dec 1931.

Memorandum requesting that H.M. Consul General at Kashgar hand over the antiquities to the Sinkiang provincial authorities for transportation to Peking for examination there by the National Committee for the Preservation of Antiquities. Also requests a copy of the list of antiquities prepared by A.F. Aveling. (1 page)

[L.H.L.10/18]

CE32/24/58/1

Under-Secretary of State for India to A. Esdaile (Secretary, BM), 8 Feb 1932.

Cover note. Encloses letter from Government of India (14 Jan 1932). (1 page)

[India Office P.Z.659/32]

CE32/24/58/2

N. Fitzmaurice (Consul-General, Kashgar) to H.B.M. Minister, Peking, 24 Nov 1931.

Fitzmaurice has handed over the antiquities to the Taoyin of Kashgar. They will be forwarded to Urumqi, where the finds of the Hedin expedition have already been deposited. (2 pages)

[Kashgar no.383-C. no.384-C copy forwarded to the Foreign Secretary to the Government of India]

CE32/24/59/1

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 18 Feb 1932.

Cover note. Refers to Foreign Office letter. Encloses

[CE32/24/59/2]. (1 page)

[Foreign Office L.778/352/405]

CE32/24/59/2

M.W. Lampson (British Legation, Peking) to J. Simon (Foreign Office), 22 Dec 1931.

On the antiquities left by Stein in Kashgar. Outlines the recent situation. On 12 Nov Lampson had instructed Maurice to hand them over to the local authorities. Fitzmaurice handed them over on 21 Nov. (2 pages)

[Peking no.1796 (69/58R). Copied to Sub-Legation, Kashgar, India]

CE32/24/59/3

Memorandum, 4 Nov 1931.

On the antiquities left by Stein in Kashgar. A.F. Aveling had met with C.T. Wang (17 July 1931) and conveyed to him Stein's request that some manuscripts be sent to Europe temporarily for study by specialists. (1 page)

CE32/24/60

Stein (Oxford) to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 21 July 1932.

Six cases of objects from Persian Baluchistan have arrived at Tilbury Dock. Asks Hill to send letter to P&O, who are dealing with the consignment, and ask for customs checks to be delayed until the cases are on BM premises. (1 page)

CE32/24/61

H.L. Shattuck (Treasurer, Harvard) to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 29 Sept 1932.

On the reduction in expenses for Stein's Expedition. Requests that the BM does not send the third instalment. There may be some refund due to the BM. (1 page)

CE32/24/62/1

Handwritten note.

'Regarding Stein, Sir A. Antiq[uitie]s from Baluchistan 1927/28. Loan of selection to BM for exam[ination]'. (1 page)

CE32/24/62/2

Stein (Camp, P.O. Gandarbal, Kashmir) to G.S. Bajpai (Secretary to the Government of India), 26 May 1933.

On temporary loan to the BM of specimens of ceramics found on Stein's explorations in Baluchistan, 1927-28, for examination by specialists. (4 pages)

CE32/24/63

Secretary, General Dept, Office of the High Commissioner for India, to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 16 June 1933.

Last year Miss J. Joshua at the BM finished cleaning and preserving fragments from Stein's Third Expedition. Expresses gratitude to the BM and its staff for help. (1 page) [G.44802/286.1.1]

CE32/24/64/1

A.C. Stewart (Secretary to the Political Resident, Persian Gulf) to F.H. Andrews (Stein Collection, BM), 2 Sept 1933.

Forwards a bill of lading for the cases of ceramics shipped to the BM by Stein (27 Aug 1933). Encloses [CE32/24/64/2]. (1 page)

[no.1897]

CE32/24/64/2

Bill of Lading issued by Steam Navigation Company Limited, Bushire, 28 Aug 1933.

Two cases of merchandise have been shipped by H.B.M.'s Consul-General on board the ship Varela, from Bushire to Bombay, and thereafter to London. (1 page)

CE32/24/65/1

Stein (Camp, P.O. Srinagar, Kashmir) to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 5 Sept 1933.

On the ceramic specimens from Stein's explorations of Baluchistan and Makran, on loan to the BM. Asks if BM could meet the freight/charges. Persian Government has approved Stein's plans for his next journey. Hopes Mr Hobson (BM) can arrange accommodation and the temporary exhibition of the finds from 1927-28 and 1932 to coincide with the International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Science, London, July-Aug 1934. (2 pages)

CE32/24/65/2

G.S. Bajpai (Secretary to the Government of India) to Stein, 2 Aug 1933.

Refers to Stein's letter [CE32/24/62/2], regarding the loan of ceramics from Baluchistan to BM. Not willing to loan those on permanent display in the Central Asian Antiquities Museum, Delhi, but willing to loan other pieces, selected by the Archaeological Dept, to the BM for one year. (1 page) [D.O. letter no.F.42-1/33-F]

CE32/24/65/3

Typed copy of two letters from Rai Bahadur Daya Ram Sahni (Director General of Archaeology, Simla) to Stein, 4 Aug 1933.

On the loan of ceramic specimens to the BM. Rai Bahadur Daya Ram Sahni and Mr Moneer selected 596 pieces in Delhi on 14 July 1932, for immediate despatch to the BM. Cost of transport (and packing for return journey) to be paid by BM. 26 Aug 1933.

Refers to Stein's letter (11 Aug 1933), which enclosed copy of Stein's letter to G.S. Bajpai (10 Aug 1933). Stein suggested extending loan to BM to two years. The specimens selected by Stein have been despatched. (1 page)

CE32/24/66/1

Stein (Oxford) to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 27 Apr 1935.

On the finds from Stein's explorations in southern Persia. Encloses [CE32/24/66/2]. The Persian Minister for Education suggests that the finds be divided into two equal shares between the Persian government and the supporters of the expeditions. Sachs due to arrive in London in June/July. Persian Minister to visit the collection at the BM on 1 May. Of the other finds, a small number is to be allotted to the Iranian Legation; the rest is for Stein to decide. Stein hopes BM will accept it. Hopes Andrews can continue to help him. (2 pages)

CE32/24/66/2

Iranian Minister, London to Stein, 27 Apr 1935.

On the division of the finds. Suggests that Stein make the selections. To save freight costs, only pieces with historical importance or artistic value should be selected for Iran.

(1 page)

[Letter no.459]

CE32/24/67

P.J. Sachs (Harvard) to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 11 June 1935.

Wishes to arrange a meeting with G.F. Hill and F.H. Andrews (both BM) and Sachs and his colleague (both Harvard) on 12 Aug 1935 to arrange for the division of finds from Stein's explorations in Persia and the shipment of the American share. (1 page)

CE32/24/68

G.F. Hill (Director, BM) to P.J. Sachs (Harvard), 27 June 1935.

Agrees to meeting on 12 Aug. (1 page)

CE32/24/69

F.H. Andrews (Westcliff on Sea) to G.F. Hill (Director, BM), 25 June 1935.

Agrees to meeting on 12 Aug. (1 page)

CE32/24/70

Report by C.J. Gadd (BM), 1 Oct 1948.

Dr Bahrami of the Tehran Museum visited the BM on 9–10 Aug to make the division of antiquities from Stein's explorations in Western Iran, 1935–36. (1 page)

Postscript

The Stein Collection, displayed at the British Museum in 1914, was one of the first exhibitions displayed in the new Edward VII Galleries in the British Museum extension. The British Museum Central Archives holds a number of press cuttings relating to the opening of the extension, which have been listed below. There are also several volumes of archives relating to the extension; in particular, there is a collection of governance and administrative papers [British Museum Extension General Papers, 2 vols (vol. 1 covers 1894–1909; vol. 2 covers 1909–1914)]. The book *The Buildings of the British Museum, Illustrated from Prints and Drawings* was prepared by order of the Trustees on the occasion of the Opening of King Edward the Seventh's Galleries, May 1914 (London, 1914), in a limited edition of 101 copies. An exhibition catalogue was also published: *Guide to an Exhibition of Paintings, Manuscripts, and Other Archaeological Objects, collected by Sir Aurel Stein, K.C.I.E., in Chinese Turkestan*. (London: British Museum 1914).

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