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Honorable William L. Clayton

Assistant Secretary of State

29 NOV 1945

Dear Mr. Clayton:

Reference is made to letter AV 811.798906/10-1645 dated November 1, 1945, regarding air transport facilities utilized by the U S Army Air Transport Command in Iraq.

The transfer of the Air Transport Command Detachment from Habbaniyah to Baghdad is not required for military operations. It would lengthen the route between Cairo and Abadan, and would have no operational advantages. Construction of buildings and the installation of facilities at Baghdad with labor performed by military personnel would cost approximately \$65,000; if labor is performed by natives with military supervision, an additional \$35,000 expenditure would be required. These estimates do not include expenses for dismantling equipment at Habbaniyah and moving personnel and material to Baghdad, or housing for the Air Transport Command Detachment.

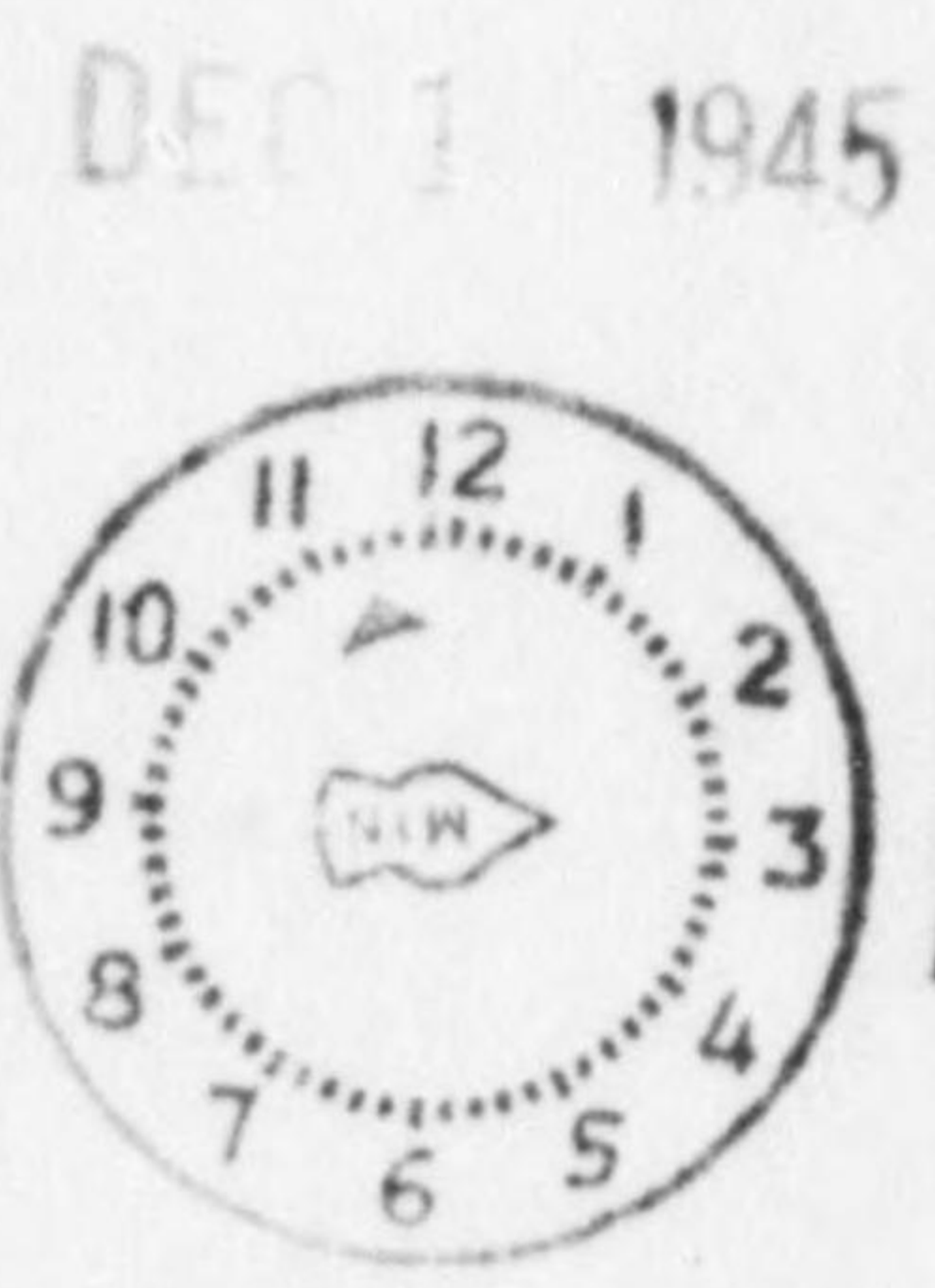
In view of the circumstances, it is regretted that the War Department cannot justify the transfer of the Air Transport Command operations from Habbaniyah to Baghdad. However, if the funds required to defray the expense of the proposed transfer are provided by other government agencies, the War Department will be in a position to offer its full cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON
Secretary of War

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