

III. RESULTS OF EXAMINATION :

SUSPECT TO KNOWN COMPARISONS

1. Comparisons were made of certain of the suspect documents with genuine documents of the purported authors (hereinafter referred to as “known exemplars”). Suspect to known comparisons were made for the following 46 suspect documents: III.13, III.18, III.21, III.31, III.34, III.48, III.49, III.54, III.69, III.71, III.76, III.77, III.78, III.79, III.95, III.96, III.100, III.101, III.105, III.116, III.117, III.119, III.122, III.127, III.128, III.140, III.141, III.145, III.151, III.167, III.175, III.179, III.180, III.186, III.187, III.194, III.201, III.202, III.214, III.215, III.216, III.224, III.241, III.242, IV.59, IV.66. In the following sections and in Appendix 2 these documents have been grouped to facilitate explanation of our findings.

2. The known exemplars were submitted to us by Messrs. Freshfields in the form of colour photographs or photocopies of the original documents, reproductions of documents in books and journals, as well as black-and-white photocopies.

3. These known exemplars came from a variety of sources, including:

- The Records and Documents Section, Ministry of Cabinet Affairs and Information (Manama, Bahrain);⁷
- The Historical Documents Centre (Manama, Bahrain);
- Archives of the Ministry of Justice and Islamic Affairs (Manama, Bahrain);⁸
- Center for Documentation and Research, the Cultural Centre Abu Dhabi (Abu Dhabi, UAE);⁹

⁷ With respect to the known exemplars from the Records and Documents Section in Bahrain, Mr. Amin and Dr. Sobhi compared the photocopies submitted for examination (colour and black-and-white) to the underlying originals. In every case, they were satisfied that the photocopies were true and complete reproductions of the originals, and have certified them as such. In addition, all of these photocopies were certified by the Head of the Section as having been made from a genuine original document in the custody of the Records and Documents Section.

⁸ The known exemplars provided by the Bahrain Ministry of Justice and Islamic Affairs were certified as genuine historical documents by the Minister of Justice and Islamic Affairs. Mr. Amin and Dr. Sobhi were provided with an opportunity to examine the underlying original documents of the colour photocopies submitted and, on that basis, have certified that the photocopies are true and complete reproductions of the original documents.

⁹ Most of the known exemplars provided by the Centre for Documentation and Research in Abu Dhabi, were submitted in the form of colour photographs of the original documents. We have been informed that the stamp appearing on the back of all of the photographs was placed there at the direction of the Director of the Centre to certify that they were taken from historically authentic originals.

- India Office Library and Records, British Museum (London, England);
- Several recognised primary document compilations and journals, including: Archive Editions, Records of Bahrain - Primary Documents (1820-1960) (1993); Archive Editions, Records of the Emirates - Primary Documents (1820-1958) (edited by Penelope Tuson) (1990); Archive Editions, Records of Qatar - Primary Document (1820-1960) (edited by Penelope Tuson) (1991); Hawar According to Historical Documents (compiled by Dr. Ali Aba Hussain, Director, Bahrain Historical Documents Centre) (1987); Dr. Ali Aba Hussain, Fasht al Diebel According to Historical Documents (1994), and *Al-Watheekah* (Volume Nos. 19, 28 and 29) published by the Bahrain Historical Documents Centre. In most cases the editors of these books and journals have indicated where the originals of the documents reproduced in the books are held.
- Private document collections.

4. Our findings regarding the 46 suspect documents for which a suspect to known comparison was made are summarised below.¹⁰ Detailed reports for these documents are provided in Appendix 2. Representative examples of the known exemplars examined are included in Appendix 4.

Mr. Amin and Dr. Sobhi having examined the photographs, have certified that the colour photocopies made thereof are true and complete reproductions of these photographs.

¹⁰ Certain suspect documents were included under more than one purported source, which accounts for the discrepancy between the number of documents included in the examination and the total of the numbers of documents indicated in parentheses next to each group of documents.