

THE RELEASED FILES ON BRUNEI AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, UNITED KINGDOM IN 2008

1. Introduction

The National Archives has been acknowledged as one of the main institutions in the United Kingdom that preserved the files and records on Brunei. Most of these files and records had been released after 30 years of maturity and available for public to access and study. However, the files and records that are considered to be sensitive or contain controversial issues will be kept for more than 30 years and will be opened to a certain period decided by the institution concerned. Nonetheless, this is subjected to the earlier agreement and requirement by the institutions or agencies which created such files or records. Most of the files and records in this institution concerning Brunei are listed with hundreds of categories and accessible to the researchers as well as allowed for copying or purchasing subject to certain terms and conditions prior to any loan and purchase.

The files and records are generally catalogued by this institution according to the classes or series of records where they are listed. A standard reference consists of letters/numbers like FCO 15/218. For the most part of the files or records on Brunei can be accessed under the classification of Colonial Office (CO); Foreign Office (FO); Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO); Dominions Office (DO); Cabinet Office (CAB); Ministry of Defence (DEFE); War Office (WO); HM Treasury (T); Prime Minister's Office (PREM); and Air Ministry (AIR).

The research conducted by Brunei History Centre in 2008 focuses on Brunei released to the public from the covering dates between 1977 to 2008. There are **45 released files** on Brunei, which include FO (14 files); FCO (11 files); DEFE (5 files); WO (4 files); OD (3 files); ED (3 files); CM (2 files); T (1 file); CAOG (1 file) and BW (1 file). Eight of those released files have been closed or retained by the National Archives. One of the file has been retained up to 70 years by the national archives even though they had reached 30 years of maturity specifically **FCO 15/2186** (Leading Personalities in Brunei). This file will be released and opened to the public in 2048. The other closed files are **FO 93/214/5** (Exchange of letters between the British High Commissioner and the Minister of Communication Brunei Darussalam, about Air Services between the Territory of the United Kingdom including Hong Kong and the Territory of Brunei Darussalam); **FCO 15/2273** (Negotiations with Sultan of Brunei); **FCO 15/2275** (Negotiations with Sultan of Brunei); **FCO 15/2277** (UK policy towards Brunei); **FCO 15/2187** (Political Relations between Brunei and Malaysia); **BW 91/989** (Correspondence with Organiser of Technical Education and others dealing with recruitment matters and compilation of Notes for Newcomers, Brunei Independence, 1983, and termination of British Council/TETOC recruitment services); **OD 70/30** (Brunei).

The researchers were able to study the released files particularly FCO 15, FCO 24 and DEFE 24. These files include the subject of the negotiations talks between Brunei and Her Majesty Government (HMG) on the discussions of Gurkhas withdrawal in Brunei; the termination of 1959/1971 treaty agreements and the proposed new Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation; Brunei and Malaysia relationship; and Brunei Annual Review 1975 and 1976.

The documents of these files contain memorandums, letters, telegrams, minute of meetings, press released, cutting papers, drafts, notes and reports. Most of these files were studied and summarised. The summary of the documents are not comprehensive but it is useful as a preliminary reference for students and the public especially in writing the modern history of Brunei notably the history of Gurkha Battalion in Brunei and the process of negotiations talks in 1976 and 1977 until the successful signing of treaty of friendship and cooperation in 1978. These files can be accessed at Brunei History Centre in the digital format in the form of DVD. The summary of contents of these files are as follows:

1. **FCO 15/2269** (Brunei: Annual Review for 1976). Confidential. File No: FAR 014/1. Dated 1977. This file contains correspondences (letters, telegrams, drafts, reports and notes, etc.) which include:
 - 1.1. Brunei Annual Report for 1976 from the British High Commissioner of Brunei to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.
 - 1.2. A letter from Mr. J. A. Davidson, the British High Commission, contains the summary and detail of Brunei Annual Review for 1976 (12 pages). The report also include Brunei Calendar of Events 1976.
2. **FCO 15/2270** (Internal Situation in Brunei). Unclassified. File No: FAR 014/3. Dated 1977. This file contains correspondences (letters and reports) which include:
 - 2.1. A letter dated 17 January 1976 from Mr. J. A. Davidson, the British High Commission

- to Mr. P. A. B. Thomson, the South East Asian Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) with regards to his report on his visit to Kuala Belait.
3. **FCO 15/2271** (Australian attitude over Brunei). Secret. File No: FAR 020/345/1. Dated 1977. This file contains correspondences (letters, telegrams, drafts, reports and notes, etc.) which include:
- 3.1. A letter from Mr. R. A. Longmire, South East Asian Department of Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) dated 13 October 1977 on his respond to the Australia's attitude towards Brunei.
 - 3.2. A minute from Mr. R. A. Longmire Esq to Mr. Simons on his respond to Mr. Richardson's letter regarding the Australia attitude towards Brunei.
 - 3.3. A letter from Mr. T. L. Richardson, United Kingdom Mission to United Nations (UN) with regard to his conversations with Mr. Geoff Forrester of Australian Mission in the UN on his views towards Brunei such as his opinion of democracy in Brunei and should joined Malaysia.
 - 3.4. A background brief on Brunei for the Secretary of State's meeting with the Australian Foreign Minister, Mr. Peacock, 26-29 September 1977 regarding the UN criticising the lack of democracy in Brunei.
 - 3.5. A background brief on Brunei for the visit of Minister of State for Defence, Dr. John Gilbert to Oman, New Zealand and Oman on Brunei.
 - 3.6. A letter from Mr. B. L. Blader, the British High Commission in Canberra dated 21 April 1977 with regards to Australian attitude Brunei for serving the interest of their relationship with Malaysia.
 - 3.7. A letter from Mr. Simon in respond to Mr. B. L. Blader's views in his letter dated 21 April 1977.
 - 3.8. A letter from R. A. Longmire dated 11 February 1977 in respond to Mr. R. J. Dalton regarding the Australian attitudes towards Brunei and Malaysia relations.
 - 3.9. A letter from Mr. R. J. Dalton, United Kingdom Mission to UN dated 20 January 1977 reporting his talks with Mr. Geoff Forrester, the Australian Mission to UN regarding Mr. Geoff Forrester's attitudes towards Brunei.
4. **FCO 15/2272** (Political relations between Brunei and Malaysia). Secret. File No: FAR 20/353/1. Dated 1977. This file contains correspondences (letters, telegrams, drafts, reports and notes, etc.) which include:
- 4.1. A telegram from Mr. Norris, the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur to the South East Asian Department (FCO) dated 4 January 1977 with regards to the position of Brunei citizens in Malaysia who were carrying out military exercise in Libya.
 - 4.2. A letters from Mr. J. A. Davidson, the British High Commissioner in London to Mr. Simons dated 4, 11 and 18 January 1977 respectively regarding Tun Mustapa's audience to His Majesty and His Highness Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien at Istana.
 - 4.3. A report by Mr. E.R.G Kidd on his presence during Tun Mustapa's audience at Istana.
 - 4.4. A telegram from Mr. Simons, the South East Asian Department to Mr. T.H. Gee, Kuala Lumpur dated 28 February 1977 on his view about the prospect of the meeting between Dato Hussien On, Malaysia new Prime Minister and His Highness Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien.
 - 4.5. A telegram from Mr. C.A. Mundro, the British High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur to FCO dated 1 March 1977 with regards to Malaysia's attitudes towards British policy in Brunei.
 - 4.6. A telegram from Mr. Norris to FCO dated 5 January 1977 regarding the new prospect of relationship between the new Malaysian Prime Minister and Brunei.
 - 4.7. A letter from Mr. Davidson to Mr. Longmire dated 4 October 1977 concerning Malaysia invitation to Brunei in the Polo Tournament in Kuala Lumpur.
 - 4.8. A telegram from Mr. Davidson to Kuala Lumpur dated 17 October 1977 concerning Pahang Polo Tournament, which the Sultan was unable to play at the tournament.
 - 4.9. A telegram from Mr. Owen, the South East Asian Department to the British High Commissioner in Brunei dated 11 October 1977 with regards to Dato Hussein Onn audience with Royal Highness Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien

- for the first time in London on 9 October 1977. This event demonstrated the relations between Brunei and Malaysia was back on track due to the tension during the Prime Minister of Tun Abdul Razak.
- 4.10. A letter from Mr. Davidson, the British High Commissioner in Brunei to Mr. Simons (FCO) dated 29 November 1977 with regards to Sultan standpoint on Brunei relations with Malaysia and its prospect in the future.
 - 4.11. A telegram from Mr. Hawley, the British High Commission Office in Kuala Lumpur to FCO office in London regarding Brunei and Malaysia attitude.
 5. **FCO 15/2274** (Negotiations with Sultan of Brunei). Secret. File No: FAR 020/84/1 (Part B, 107-108). Dated 1977. This file contains correspondences (letters, telegrams, drafts, reports and notes, etc.) which include:
 - 5.1. A letter from Private Secretary at 10 Downing Street with regards to the retention of the Gurkhas in Brunei which include a prohibition against the use of Gurkhas for the defence of Brunei or in the internal security role.
 - 5.2. A telegram from Mr. Richard regarding his views on Azahari's petition.
 - 5.3. A telegram from Mr. Davidson regarding his audience with the Sultan on the question of negotiations talks.
 - 5.4. A letter from Mr. David Owen with regards to HMG's proposal to Brunei for early termination of existing agreements and by replacing with their replacement of new treaty of friendship and cooperation.
 - 5.5. A telegram regarding the acceptance of HMG's proposal of new treaty.
 - 5.6. A telegram from Mr. David Owen to concerning the revised draft of Article 2 of the proposed treaty.
 - 5.7. A revised draft of Article 2 of proposed new treaty.
 - 5.8. A draft exchange of letter between the British High Commissioner and the Sultan concerning the question of nationality and the re-draft of the Article 2 of the proposed treaty of friendship and cooperation.
 - 5.9. An annex draft message from Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State to Sultan of Brunei.
 - 5.10. A telegram to Sultan of Brunei with regards to the summary of official discussions on 9 June in London.
 6. **FCO 15/2276** (Negotiations with Sultan of Brunei : Briefs and Records of Conversations, June 1977). Confidential. File No: FAR 020/548/1. Dated 1977.
 - 6.1. A briefs and records of conversations between Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State and the Sultan of Brunei on 9 June 1977.
 7. **FCO 15/2278** (UK policy towards Brunei). Confidential. File No: FAR 20/548/2 PART B. Dated 1977. This file contains correspondences (letters, telegrams, drafts, reports and notes, etc.) which include:
 - 7.1. A telegram from Mr. Norris, the British High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur to FCO, London and British High Commissioner in Brunei dated 26 January 1977 with regards to newspaper published by Bernama concerning the new treaty of friendship and cooperation between Brunei and Great Britain.
 - 7.2. A telegram from the British High Commission Office in Kuala Lumpur dated 28 July 1977 concerning the statement from Bernama's editor that the article published by Bernama was inspired by Tun Abdul Rahman Yaakub.
 - 7.3. A telegram (dated 4 August 1977) from Mr. J.M. Cresswell, the British High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur to the British High Commissioner in Brunei and Singapore with regards to Brunei and Malaysia Press Report concerning the new treaty of friendship and cooperation between Brunei and United Kingdom will introduce the ministerial system of government.
 8. **FCO 24/2261** (Brunei: annual review for 1975). Confidential. File No: FWB 014/2. Dated 1976. This file contains correspondences (letters, telegrams, drafts, reports and notes, etc.) which include:
 - 8.1. A letter to Mr. Thomson from Mr. P. G. de Courcy-Ireland, South-West Pacific Department relating to the evidence to support the contention that Rahman Yaakob recruited Azahari on behalf of the Federal Government.
 - 8.2. A letter from Mr. J.A. Davidson, the British High Commissioner in Brunei with regards to

- 1975 annual review and background on Brunei which include the question of detainees in Brunei; Rahman Yakob relationship with Federal Government and Azahari.
- 8.3. A letter from Mr. P.G. de Courcy-Ireland, South-West Pacific Department, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London with regards to the Annual 1975 on Brunei which include his view and comment about Sir Omar and his relationship with the Sultan, the relationship between Brunei and Kuala Lumpur and the question of Rahman Yakob with Azahari.
 - 8.4. A letter from Mr. P.A.B. Thomson on his view and comment regarding the Brunei Annual Review 1975.
 - 8.5. A letter from Mr. J.A. Davidson, the British High Commissioner in Brunei with regards to the full report of Brunei Annual Review for 1974 which includes the authority of the state, relation with Britain, Brunei and her neighbours, Brunei and the United Nations and the internal scene.
 - 8.6. A letter from Mr. J. A. Davidson to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the summary of Brunei Annual Review for 1975.
9. **FCO 24/2262** (Leadership of Brunei People's Party-PRB). It contains correspondences (letters, telegrams, drafts, reports and notes) which include:
 - 9.1. A telegram from the British Commission in Brunei dated 3 January 1976 with regards to Haji Zaini's statement to general public that he decided to suspend his support to Partai Rakyat Brunei (PRB) and released his post as Vice-President of Partai Rakyat Brunei.
 - 9.2. A Political Intelligence Report by Mr. E.R.G Kidd (Acting the High Commissioner in Brunei) regarding the outside support of PRB.
 - 9.3. A letter from Mr. C.A. Mundro, the British High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur dated 20 January 1976 concerning the relationship between Brunei and Malaysia.
 - 9.4. A report from Special Branch dated 30 March 1976 regarding Haji Zaini's application of Brunei Passport.
 10. **FCO 24/2263** (Political relations between Brunei and Malaysia). Confidential. File No: FWB 20/353/1 PART A. Dated 1976. This file contains correspondences (letters, telegrams, drafts, reports and notes, etc.) which include:
 - 10.1. A telegram (dated 13 January 1976) from the British High Commissioner in Brunei regarding the Brunei Legislative Council criticising on the neighbour country that interfered in Brunei internal affairs.
 - 10.2. A letter from Mr. C.A. Munro, the British High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur to Mr. Thomson, the South East Asian Department, London with regards to Malaysia attitude towards Australia's view that Brunei should be part of Malaysia federation.
 - 10.3. A minute of meeting between Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State and Tengku Rithauddeen, the Malaysian Foreign Minister dated 12 and 14 January 1976 in Kuala Lumpur.
 - 10.4. The notes of Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State press conference with the reporters on Brunei's issue.
 - 10.5. An extract of an article: *Perjuangan Parti Rakyat yang Pertama dan yang Kedua* published in Sarawak Gazette dated 30 November 1975 with the translation in English.
 - 10.6. A letter from Mr. Thomson to Mr. Harris (dated 24 February 1976) with regards to the article. He argued on the a few statement in the article, which was not true.
 11. **FCO 24/2264** (Political relations between Brunei and Malaysia). Confidential. File No: FWB 20/353/1 PART B. Dated 1976. This file contains correspondences (letters, telegrams, drafts, reports and notes, etc.) which include:
 - 11.1. A letter (dated 5 March 1976) from Mr. Eric Norris, the British High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur regarding the concern of Malaysia on Brunei relationship with Singapore in the military cooperation.
 - 11.2. A letter from Mr. Eric Norris (dated 5 March 1976) regarding his meeting with Zaiton, Senior Officer at Malaysian Foreign Affairs on the issues of relations between Brunei and Malaysia. The important points of their conversations were the withdrawal of Gurkha in Brunei; Brunei suspicious towards Malaysia for supporting the UN resolution and the publicised of Haji Zaini's resignation.
 - 11.3. A letters from Mr. Thomson to Mr. Simons and Mr. Male dated 23 and 24 March 1977

- regarding his respond to the discussions and views of Mr. Eric Norris and Zaiton of improving the relations between Brunei and Malaysia.
- 11.4. A letter from Mr. C.A. Munro, the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur to Mr. Thomson FCO, London concerning Malaysia attitudes towards Brunei.
 - 11.5. A letter from Mr. Davidson, the British High Commissioner in Brunei dated 11 May 1976 to Sultan of Brunei with regards to Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State readiness to resume talks in London in the second week of June.
 - 11.6. A letter from British Prime Minister to Malaysia Foreign Minister (dated 22 Jun 1976) regarding Brunei readiness to discuss with Malaysia in London.
12. **FCO 24/2265** (UK policy towards Brunei). Confidential. File No: FWB 020/548/1 (Part A 1-38). Dated 1976. This file contains correspondences (letters, telegrams, drafts, reports and notes) between Brunei and United Kingdom/HMG which include:
- 12.1. A letter from Mr. A. R. Rushford, the Deputy Legal Adviser with regards to the some significant point of the negotiations during Lord Goronwy-Roberts talks with the Sultan in Brunei on 5, 7 and 8 January 1976.
 - 12.2. A minute from Mr. A. C. Galsworthy, Private Secretary to Lord Goronwy-Roberts stating the report from Lord Goronwy-Robert, Minister of State conversations with the Mr. Spies of the American Embassy with regards to HMG policy on Brunei and their anxiety to see Brunei and Malaysia back on the friendly footing.
 - 12.3. A report of Secretary of State visit to Brunei and Malaysia on 4-9 January and 9-16 January 1976 respectively in discussing of the withdrawal of Gurkha battalion in according to the Defence White Paper and the terminating of 1972 treaty. He also had a discussion with the Malaysia Government that HMG were serious in their intention towards Brunei and he obtained from them an unqualified assurance that they did not intend to attack Brunei.
 - 12.4. A minute from Mr. P. A. B. Thomson with regards to the Parliamentary Questions by Lord Brookway, House of Lords on the subject of implementation of the UN call for elections in Brunei and for the lifting of the ban on all political parties; and House of Lords Parliamentary question on the Brunei.
13. **FCO 24/2266** (UK policy towards Brunei). Secret. File No: FWB 020/548/1(Part 38-88). Dated 1976. This file contains correspondences (letters, telegrams, drafts, reports and notes) between Brunei and United Kingdom/HMG which include:
- 13.1. A letter from Mr. Malcolm MacDonald dated 27 April 1976 to Sir Omar stating that he offered to help Sir Omar in connection with the discussions with British Government. He also invited Sir Omar and His Highness to visit his home at Raspit Hill during their stay in London. He also gave some views and suggestions in the connection of the negotiations talks between Brunei and HMG. Besides, that he also mentioned about his conversation with new Prime Minister of Malaysia, Datuk Hussein Onn with regards to relations between Brunei and Malaysia.
 - 13.2. A letter from Mr. A.M. Simons to Mr. Kellock dated 21 April 1976 with regards to the draft Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation (with the attachment of the draft).
 - 13.3. A letter from Mr. P. A. B. Thomson, South East Asia Department with regards to Colonel Roberts' audience with the Sultan.
 - 13.4. A letter from Mr. P. A. B. Thomson discussing the amendment of draft Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation.
 - 13.5. A letter from Mr. P. A. B. Thomson concerning Mr. Cortazzi, Secretary of State's visit to Japan (with the attachment of Brunei Brief for Mr. Cortazzi on HMG's policy on Brunei and view of the Brunei question at the UN).
 - 13.6. A letter from Mr. R. L. L. Facer dated 7 April 1976 on his comment and suggestion after the withdrawal of Gurkha battalion.
 - 13.7. A letter from Mr. P. A. B. Thomson with regards to his respond on the draft of Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation.
 - 13.8. A brief draft on Brunei for Secretary of State's visit to Hong Kong and South Korea which include the negotiations talks with the Sultan for his for a date for withdrawal of the Gurkha batallion and termination of the 1959 Agreement as amended in 1971 in place of proposing Agreement on a Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation.
 - 13.9. A letter from Mr. R. L.L. Facer in the Ministry of Defence commenting the draft

- Agreement of Friendship and Cooperation.
- 13.10. A letter from Mr. D.E. Love in the Department of Trade commenting on the proposed draft Agreement of Friendship and Cooperation.
 - 13.11. A letter from Mr. P. A. B. Thomson regarding the Law Officer's opinion on the reviewing of 1959/1971 Treaty.
 - 13.12. A letter from Mr. S.F.Dumphreys, the Far East and Pacific on commenting the proposed Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation.
 - 13.13. A letter from Mr. A. R. Rushford Esq, the Deputy Legal Adviser, the FCO on his views of termination of the 1959 Agreement.
 - 13.14. A minute from Mr. S. L. Hutchison regarding Mr. MacDonald called on Lord Goronwy-Roberts to report his visit to Malaysia and Singapore. One particular point of Mr. MacDonald report was Mr. Lee Kuan Yew had urged him (Mr. MacDonald) strongly to do whatever he could to persuade the Sultan and Sir Omar that the HMG were firm in their intentions towards Brunei.
 - 13.15. The record of meeting between the Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Commanding Officer of the Royal Brunei Malay Regiment on 11 March 1976 at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on the question of Gurkha withdrawal.
 - 13.16. A minute from Mr. P.A.B. Thomson to Miss Rausan, National and Treaty Department for commenting the proposed Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation.
 - 13.17. A Supplementary Brief for Mr. Cortazzi on Anglo/US Talks on Asia in relating to Brunei question at the UN.
14. **FCO 24/2268** (UK policy towards Brunei). Secret file No: FW B 020/548/1, Part D(130-157), dated 1976. This file contains correspondences (letters, telegrams, drafts, reports and notes) between Brunei and United Kingdom/HMG which include:
- 14.1. The White Papers 4/65 published by the Legislative Council.
 - 14.2. Brunei and United Nations Resolution 3424 discussed in the House of Lords.
 - 14.3. A Communique Talk between Sultan of Brunei and The Commonwealth Secretary on the issue of Election of Legislative Council and the Introduction of Ministerial System of Government;
 - 14.4. Negotiations Talks on the Withdrawal of Gurkha Battalion in Brunei.
 - 14.5. Sultan's attitude to the word 'advise' clauses in the various agreements with Brunei.
15. **FCO 24/2269** (UK policy towards Brunei: Press coverage and records of negotiations held in Brunei, January 1976). Secret file No: FW B 020/548/1, dated 1976. This file includes correspondances (letters, telegrams, drafts, notes and newspapers extracts) between Brunei and United Kingdom/HMG which include:
- 15.1. A four (4) pages of Verbatim Record of questions and answers at the Press Conference given by the Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Lord Goronwy-Roberts at the British High Commission on 14 January 1976 on the subject of British position in the withdrawal of Gurkha Battalion as stated in the Defence Review of 1974; internal and external affairs of Brunei with the withdrawal of Gurkha.
 - 15.2. The Records of Conversation between Sultan of Brunei and Minister of State of The Foreign and Commonwealth Office held at the Istana Darul Hana, Bandar Seri Begawan on 5, 7 and 8 January 1976 on the question of withdrawal of Gurkha in Brunei; internal and external affairs of Brunei with the withdrawal of Gurkha; the reviewing of the existing treaty between Britain and Brunei.
16. **FCO 24/2270** (Negotiations with Sultan of Brunei). Secret file No: FW B 020/548/1, Part A(1-78), dated 1976. This file includes correspondances (letters, telegrams, drafts and notes) between Brunei and United Kingdom/HMG which include:
- 16.1. A subject of confirmation the date for the resumption of negotiations talks in London; reaction of Her Majesty Government (HMG) with the Sultan of Brunei decision to decline HMG invitation to come to London for further talks in June.
 - 16.2. A text of messages to Sultan of Brunei from the Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Lord Goronwy-Roberts regarding his disappointment of the postponed of the negotiations talks as the result of Sultan's refusal to come to London for resumption of talk.
 - 16.3. A draft of minute with regards to the decision date of Sultan's visit to London to

- resume negotiations talks.
- 16.4. A letter from Mr. R.L.L. Facer containing the report of the negotiations talks with the Sultan on 5, 7 and 8 January 1976 in Brunei notably the question of withdrawal of Gurkha in Brunei;
 - 16.5. A text of Joint Communiqué issued on 9 January 1976 relating the negotiations talks in Brunei on 5, 7, and 8 January 1976 between Sultan of Brunei and The Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Lord Goronwy-Roberts on the question of Gurkha in Brunei and the revision of existing treaty between Britain and Brunei; and Brunei agreed to resume talks in London.
 17. **FCO 24/2271** (Negotiations with Sultan of Brunei). Confidential. File No: FWB/548/2 (Part B 79-). Dated 1976. This file contains only one letter from Mr. J.A Davidson to Mr. M. Simon Esq, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office dated 5 January 1976 regarding Mr. Kellock's status as the Constitutional Adviser to the Sultan and his possible successor.
 18. **DEFE 24/ 1464.** (Far East Forces: Brunei). Secret. Ministry of Defence. File No: D/DS6/7/16/35 Vol. XIV. This file includes correspondances (letters, telegrams, drafts and notes) between Brunei and HMG which include:
 - 18.1. A letter from Mr. J. S. Wall, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to Mr. Bryan Cartledge Esq, 10 Downing Street with regards to the Gurkhas remain in Brunei with a specific conditions of their presence in Brunei.
 - 18.2. A letter from Mr. Fred Mulley, the Ministry of Defence with regards to Gurkhas future in Brunei with the successful agreement on a new treaty under which the State of Brunei will assume its full inter-national responsibility as a Sovereign and Independent State at the end of 1983.
 - 18.3. A press release with the regards of Brunei and Britian agreed to sign a new treaty.
 - 18.4. A record of meetings at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office dated 19, 20, 21, 27 and 29 of June 1978 chaired by The Rt Hon Lord Goronwy-Roberts with HH the Sultan of Brunei and HH Sir Omar Ali Saifuddien on the negotiations talks for new treaty agreement.
 19. **DEFE 24/1822** (Military Strategy Overseas. 1974 Defence Review: Singapore, Mauritius, Brunei and Hong Kong). Secret. Ministry of Defence. File No: D/DS8/39/21/Pt.C. Dated 1975. This file contains correspondences (letters, telegrams, drafts, reports and notes) which include:
 - 19.1. A letter from Mr. Denis Healey, the Treasury Chambers, dated 20 May 1975 with regards to military withdrawal from Brunei.
 - 19.2. A brief paper on Military Withdrawal from Brunei for Secretary of State of Defence dated 19 May 1975.
 - 19.3. A minute from Mr. A. J. H. Ward regarding his respond and comments on the Annex B to D/DS6/16/35 dated 23 April 1975 concerning the military withdrawal from Brunei.
 - 19.4. A letter from Mr. B R Hawtin dated 18 April 1975 with regard to his respond and comment on the military withdrawal from Brunei.
 - 19.5. A document from Cabinet Defence and Overseas Policy Committee on Brunei Military Withdrawal.