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REGION No. 4.

SELCA File No. 70/46

SUBJECT.

11/2/46 - 5. 11. 46

Proposed new offices for Road Transport Department.

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FORMER PAPERS.

CONNECTED FILES.

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Rough sketch of the area required by the Rd. Transport Dept.

D.S.C.A.D.

The Road Tpk Dept is now lodged in the Cycle + Carriage building in
Duta Road. Not only do the corners of the building suit to receive buses
but the site is suitable for vehicle inspection etc.

2. A new block of offices is to be constructed by PWD + it is
intended, on completion, to allot space therein to HQ. Road Tpk Dept.

The Selangor office (Registrar of Vehicles) requires new premises and
I consider a site at the corner of Macmillan + Spoh Roads (now occupied
by INA) would be suitable.

3. I understand INA will shortly leave and my idea is to approach
Admin. Comm. + ask for the corner block to be set aside for us. If
he agrees, we can put the Registrar into occupation as soon as the existing
building has been roofed.

4. As it will be necessary at some future date to put up a permanent
office on the site, I should like to have your views before proceeding further.

The site is State land.

Enob
Hdqd. Ch. B.M.A. Comd. Ctr.

24-1-46.

Chairman, U.L. C. Board

The people who are considering involving long term
town planning policy would appreciate the views of the town

Board on the subject

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Kecoo

51.1.45

D.S.C.A.O., Sel.

I enclose herewith for your information, an extract from the minutes of the Kuala Lumpur Town Board meeting held on the 11th February, 1946 on the proposal.

I am in agreement with the views expressed by the Board.

16.2.46.

all
H.H. Tunku Abu Bakar of Johore, Major,
Chairman, Town Board,
Kuala Lumpur.

Copies from Sel. A. 362

cc,

Thank you. Will you pl put copies of 36 and 36A in 7 of Feb +
B/P the latter on 25/2.

Intd. CN 19/2

④ Memo 631/46 (2) dt - 19/2/46 + encls. from CTB dt encls. - 20/2/46.

Ch. HC 4

④ H.A. submitted please. *19/2*

D.S.C.A.O.

Reference ④, please see the remarks of the Comm^r of Road Tpt accepting site E as a suitable location for the permanent office of the Registrar of Vehicles Selangor.

2. This is a long range project + Rd Tpt Dept will shortly be submitting details for their proposed development of the site.

3. The site is at present occupied by a saw mill. In view of the present shortage of timber I suggest this be allowed to stay for the present. The land is however S.L.

and I should be glad if, upon receipt of formal concurrence by all concerned, it could be officially earmarked for the purpose. I am negotiating for a temporary lease meanwhile.

[Signature]
7/3/46.

⑤ Letter to Col Noble re site for Registrar of Motor Vehicles

⑥ Letter to Chairman Town Board re same subject

⑦ Letter to Collector of Land Revenue

⑧ Memo to the C.F.A. sent 19/2/46. 101 V. 3 dt 5/4

CAMP AREA.

GUARD ROOM

ENTRANT ROAD TO CAMP AREA.

BARRACK ROOM.

STORE & BARRACK ROOM.

DERELICT HUT

LATRINE

OFFICE 1

OFFICE 2

MAXWELL ROAD

IPCH ROAD

Delet

To. IPOH →

I.N.A. CAMP.

AREA REQUIRED BY ROAD TRANSPORT DEPT. B.M.A. OUTLINED IN GREEN PENCIL.

OFFICES 1 & 2 REQUIRED FOR TEMPORARY ACCOMADATION.

STORE & BARRACK ROOM TO BE RETAINED AND CONVERTED INTO VEHICLE INSPECTION BAY.

~~SEMI-PERMANENT BUILDING TO BE APPROX AT SHADDED PORTION.~~

PERMANENT BUILDING TO BE AT RED SHADED AREA.

New file :- Proposed new offices for Road Transport Dept.

Extract from the Minutes of the Kuala Lumpur Town Board held on 11th February 1946.

6.

Proposed new offices for Road Transport Department.

The Chairman submits correspondence from the S.C.A.O., Selangor, on the subject of new offices proposed for the Road Transport Department on lot 9 sec.48, at the junction of Maxwell and Ipoh Roads. He points out that the site chosen is at the old I.N.A. Camp at Ipoh Road. On referring the matter to the Town Planning Department, he is informed that this site is zoned for special purposes and was approved by Government late in 1940 as an open space for recreational purposes and allotted to three clubs, namely the Selangor Eurasian Association, The Trade School, and the Java Peranakan Club. A preliminary survey was commenced but left incomplete due to the outbreak of war. Alternative sites suggested by the Town Planning Department are also put before the Board.

After discussion, the Board does not agree to the proposal to utilise this site for new offices for the Road Transport Department.

Lot No. 11

Ext. C.A. 70
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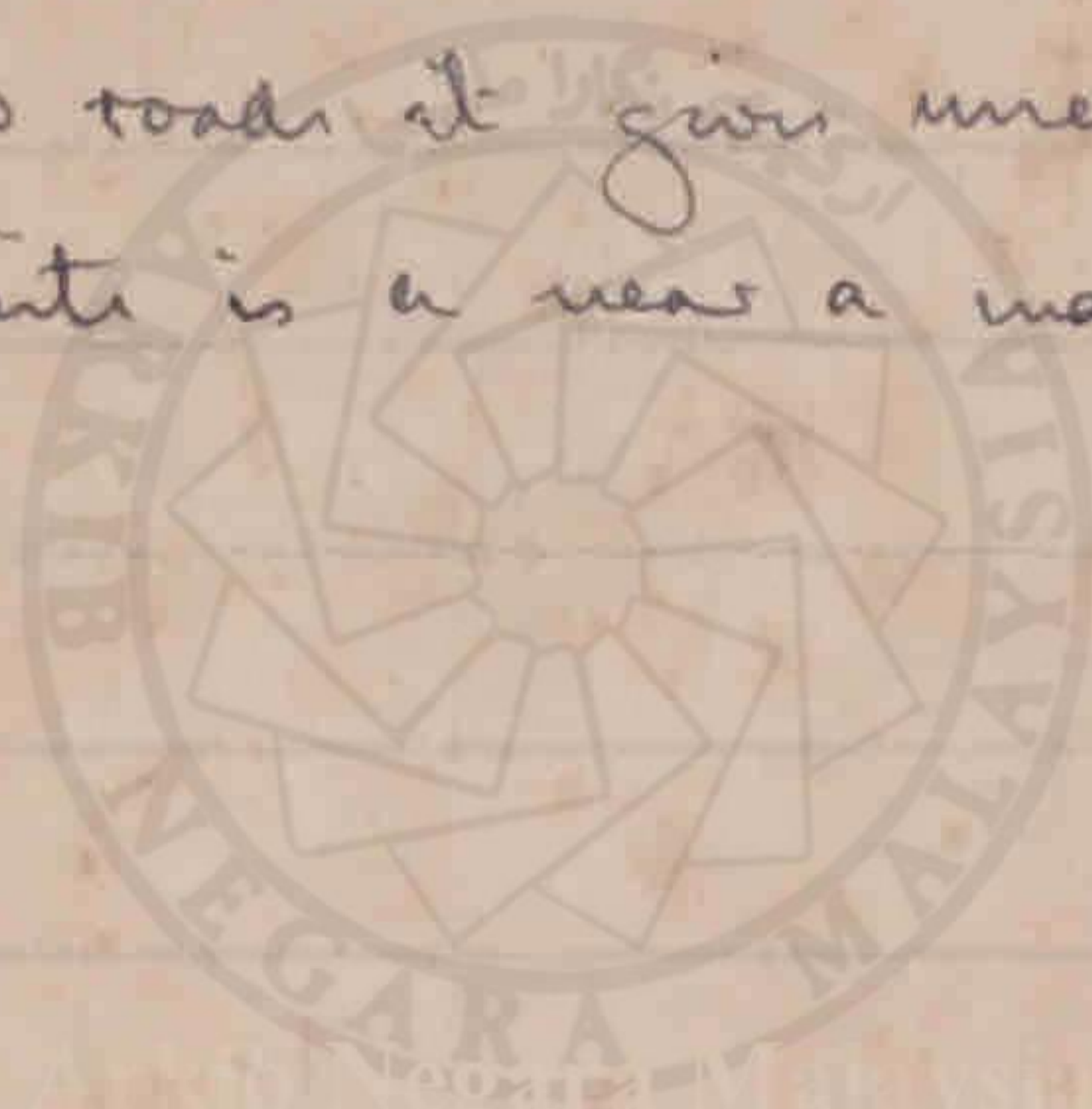
Lot 9 Section 48 at the junction of Main
& Spoh Roads is State Land.

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Ministry

The site is conveniently situated in an area among garages. At
the junction of two roads it gives unobstructed ingress and egress.
Furthermore the site is near a main road.

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10/11/46

C O P Y.

S.C.A. 70/46

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Tel. No. 3271 K.L.
Ref. No. 51/1268/BMA.

Claims & Hirings,
Oriental Building,
Java Street,
Kuala Lumpur.
15th February, 1946.

To: S.C.A.O.,
Region No.4, Selangor,
B.M.A. (M)
KUALA LUMPUR.

Subject: No.274 Batu Road, Kuala Lumpur.

Copy of letter dated 8 Feb 46 from The Cycle & Carriage Co.(1926) Ltd. is forwarded for information and necessary action.

2. About 2/3rds of the premises are requisitioned and occupied by the B.M.A. Road Transport Department. The balance of No.274 Batu Road has now been de-requisitioned and is occupied by Lee Bah Chee, who is working for the B.M.A. Road Transport Department under contract. The Workshop at the rear of No.274 Batu Road is occupied by 1092 I.E.M.E. Workshops Section.

Sgd/-
Major,
DAD Claims & Hirings, Kuala Lumpur.

Copy to -
The Cycle & Carriage Co.(1926) Ltd.
Orchard Road, Singapore.

Original filed in S.C.A. 70/46

/IMY.

C O P Y.

Sd. C. A. P. J.

(30)

The Cycle & Carriage Co (1926) Ltd.

Singapore, 8th February, 1946.

Claims & Hirings Officer,
Kuala Lumpur.

Dear Sir,

Requisition No. HD/31/1368/BMA.
274, Batu Rd. K.L.

We shall be pleased if you will kindly arrange to release the above property to us by the end of March.

We expect our shipments of motor vehicles to arrive by then, and will require our premises for the operation of our business of motor importers, distributors, and repairers.

Yours faithfully,

The Cycle & Carriage Co. (1926) Ltd.,

Sd.
Director.

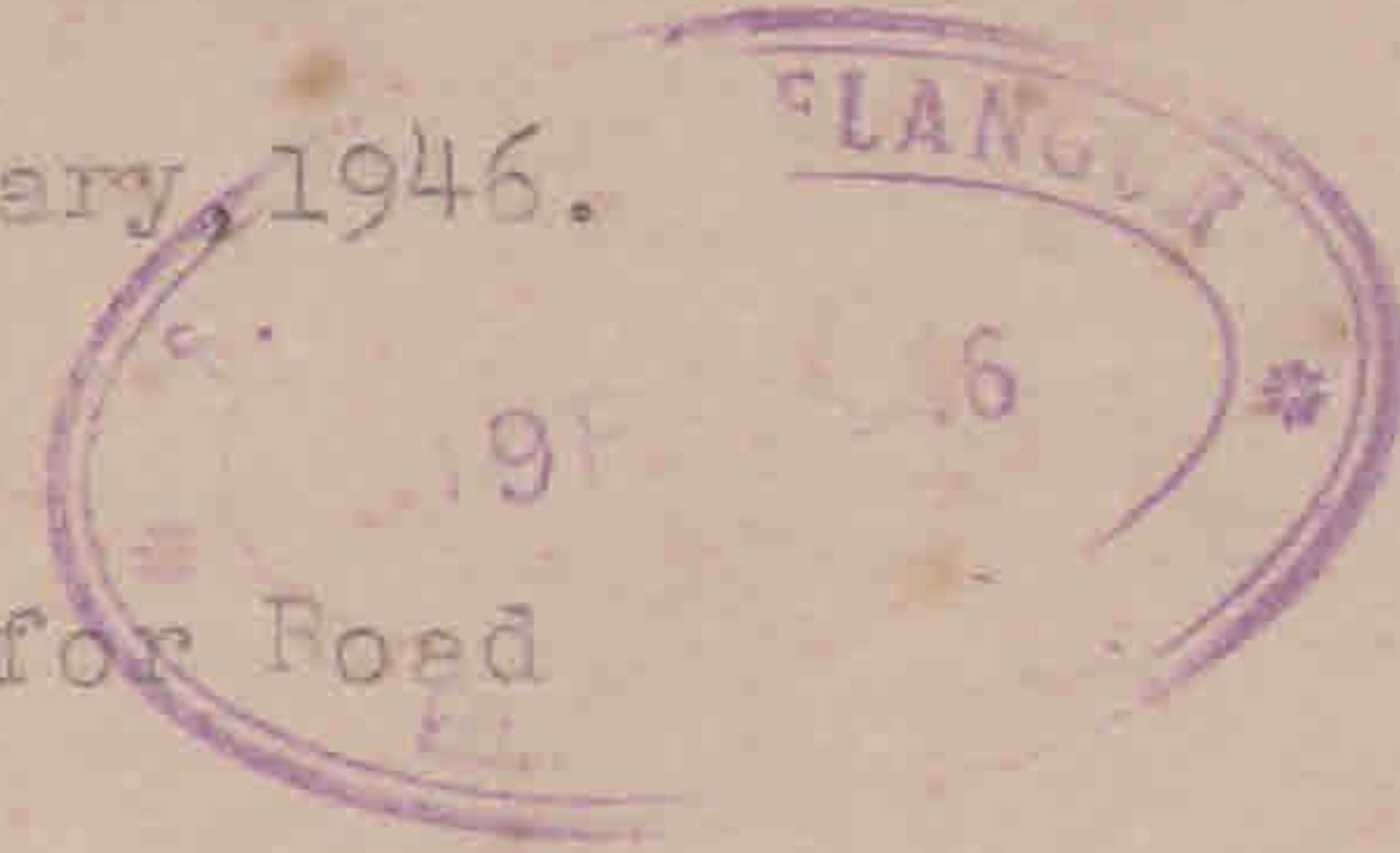
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Tel. No. 4205/6
in SBKL. 631/46

TOWN BOARD OFFICES
KUALA LUMPUR
19th February, 1946.

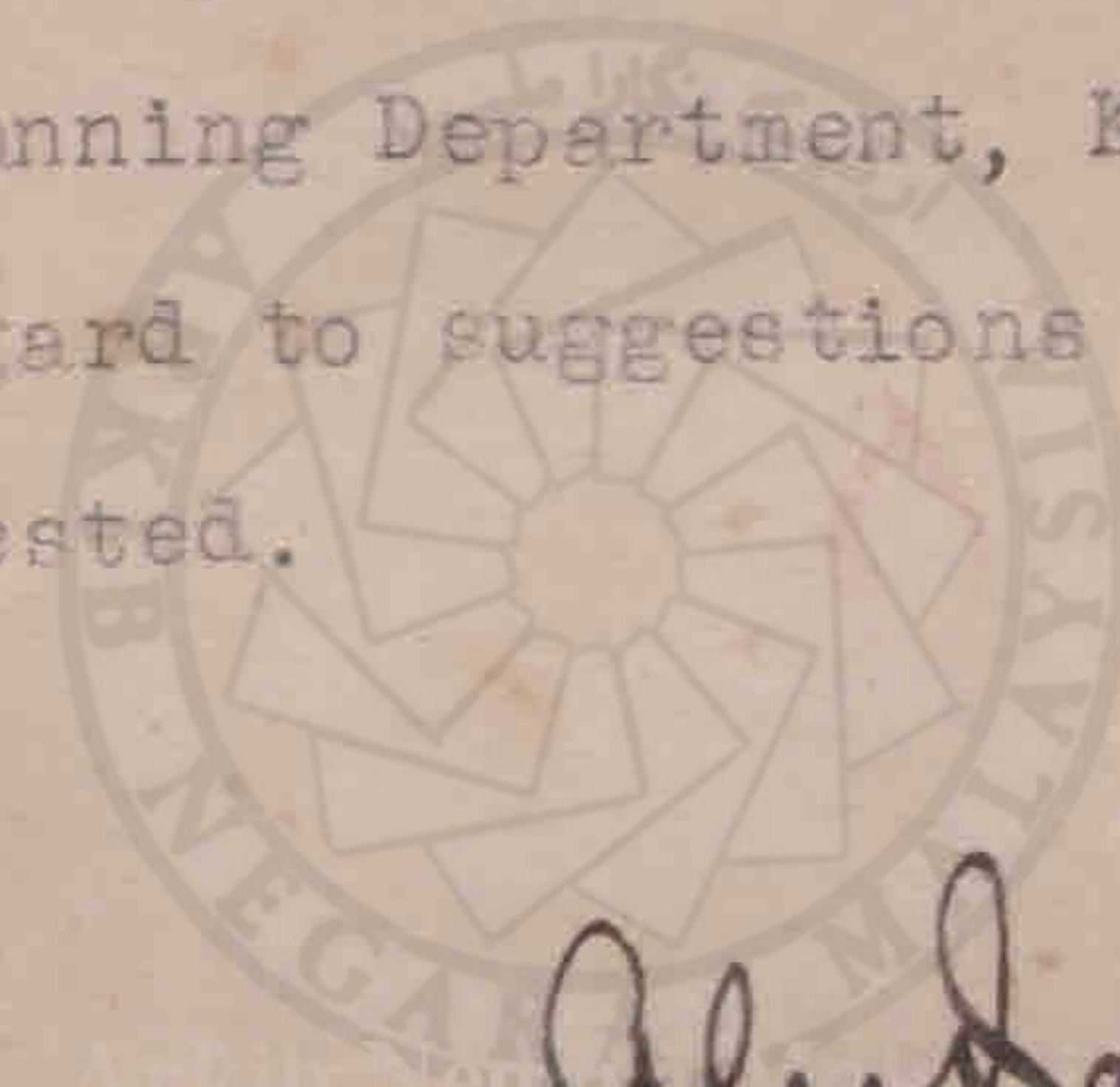
Sel:CA. 70/46 (4)

Subject: Proposed new offices for Road
Transport Department.
S.C.A.C. Sel. 70/46.



(4A)

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the memorandum put up by the Officer in Charge, Town Planning Department, Kuala Lumpur, with regard to suggestions of the above as requested.



H.H. Tunku Abu Bakar of Johore, Major.
Chairman, Town Board,
Kuala Lumpur.

Col Noble
K.M.

The Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
Selangor,
Kuala Lumpur.

COPY

Chairman, T.B., K. Lumpur.

This area is zoned for special purposes. Late in 1940 this site was approved by Government as an open space for recreation purpose and allotted to three Clubs, namely, A. The Selangor Eurasian Association, B. The Trade School and C. The Java Peranakan Club

2. A Requisition for Survey Plan was prepared by this Department to that effect and sent to the Land Office. As the records of the Town Planning Department are lost, a search was made in the Survey Office and it has been found that a preliminary survey was commenced but left incomplete due to the outbreak of War.

3. Considering the many requirements that are necessary for a Vehicles Centre, I am of the opinion that this site may not be suitable for a permanent building. Both the Ipoh and Maxwell Roads are not suitable for the testing of vehicles as the former is a main trunk road with heavy traffic and the latter leads to the Trade School and high class residential area.

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4. In the absence of a Town Planner, I venture to suggest four alternative sites marked D, E, F & G on the enclosed plan No. 207 for your consideration in case the Government wishes to select a suitable site for a permanent building.

5. Site D is at the junction of Lornie Road and a surveyed road reserve that runs through the Hokkien and Cantonese Cemeteries to the Sungei Besi Road. This road will be constructed and metalled in due course. It is an ideal site with a wide road frontage and a future side road. Few pedestrians use the Lornie Road and there are no cross roads intervening to cause congestion of traffic during the testing of vehicles. If this site is selected, it will be necessary to negotiate with the Hokkien Cemetery Authorities to acquire the triangular piece of land marked "X" in exchange for that marked "Y" and hatched green. It may also be necessary to do some excavation at the back portion of the area. Lots 51, 143, 144, 218 and 220 to the south west of the proposed site are State Land and may be utilised for Government Quarters and other buildings.

6. Site E is at the terminus of Brickfields Road near the Klang River bridge. During the Japanese occupation some temporary attap sheds were erected here and used as timber stores but now some of these sheds have been converted into living quarters and others are used as saw-mills. This area is open land. The back portion is slightly above the road level and the front portion is below it due to the existence of an anti-malarial drain. I think that the cutting from the high ground will be sufficient to fill in the low land in levelling the site. There was also a proposal for a road along the Klang River bund. On completion of the levelling and the proposed road, the area will be an attractive site for any type of public building.

7. Site F is that portion of land immediately opposite site E. Before the Klang River deviation most of the area belonged to private owners and it was acquired by Government at a considerable expense. It adjoins a proposed open space planned by this Department and a proposed road will connect the Brickfields Road at this point to Ang Seng Road. This land is fairly flat and level with

the road. It is undeveloped and overgrown with blukar and vegetation. If this site is considered suitable, very little levelling will be necessary, besides which, a large area will be available for other buildings.

8. Both sites E and F are only a few chains away from Lornie Road.

9. Site G is at the junction of Circular and Kampong Pandan Roads. This area was used for hutted camps before the Japanese occupation. Later, the Japs demolished the huts and erected somewhat permanent godowns for the storage of their military equipments etc. These godowns are now occupied by H.M. Forces and those which are on the proposed site can be converted into offices etc., for the Transport Department with slight additions and alterations. It has a wide road frontage and a side road which are free from heavy traffic and could conveniently be used for testing purposes. Land is also available in the vicinity for quarters for European Officers and Asiatic employees.

9.2.46

Sd.....
Officer in Charge,
Town Planning Department,
Kuala Lumpur. *[Signature]*

