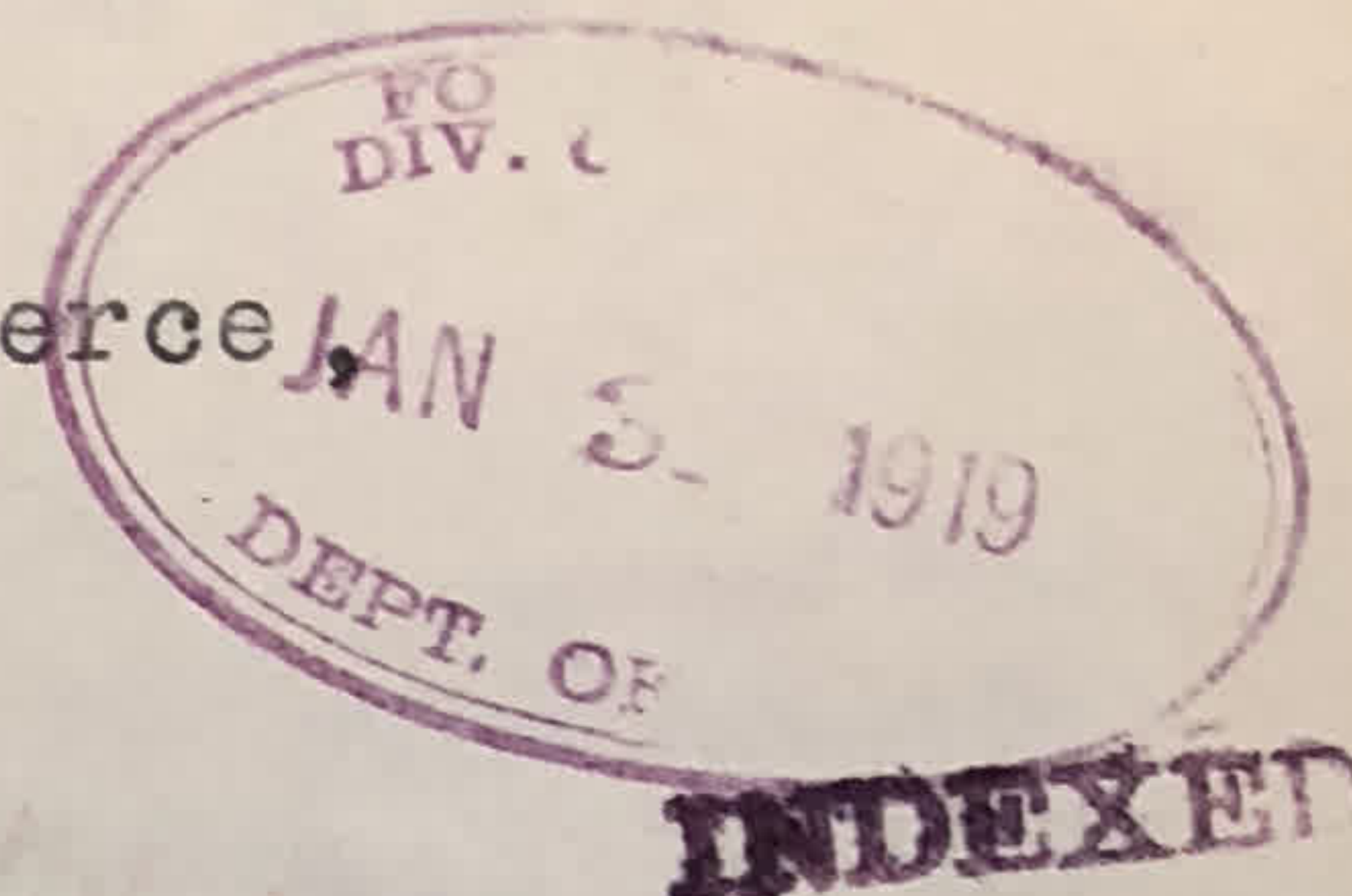


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Mr. B. S. Cutler, Chief,
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Sir:-

I have suggested to the American Chamber of Commerce here the taking up, at this time, of the proposal to institute in Shanghai an exposition of American manufactured products, particularly machinery and metal products. In my opinion the property recently purchased by the United States Government here at Shanghai would furnish a marvelous site for a building which will not only house the United States Government's need and provide residence for the officials, but also furnish ample room for this exposition. I believe that I would be able to interest our manufacturers in the United States to such an extent that we could secure the money necessary for this exposition and the building and I hope that on my next tour over the United States in the interest of trade and developments in China, I may be able to make this one of the features of the trip, as I am quite certain I would be able to secure sufficient support to warrant its successful consummation.

It is requested that no publicity be given to this matter at this time. In this connection, I may state that the British interests here in China are planning for the erection of an exposition building for the use of British manufactured products.

I hope the Bureau will sanction my including this proposal in the objective of my next tour over the United States.

Very truly yours,

William Arnold
American Commercial Attache.

March 12, 1919.

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 Memorandum for Mr. Eldridge:

I do not want to appear captious, but don't you think the State Department will resent the suggestion from this Department as to just how they should use their new building? The suggestion with regard to an exposition is all right, but should you include the suggestion that the new building provide for housing the consular officials? It looks to me as if it is telling them how to run their own business.

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S. Your point well taken. Too much mistake due to more adherence to Arnold's

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