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**Letter from British Embassy in Bucharest, R.  
Hanbury Tension to P. A. Rhodes, Foreign Office**

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**Summary:**

Tension reports on friendly overtures by Romanian diplomatic officers.

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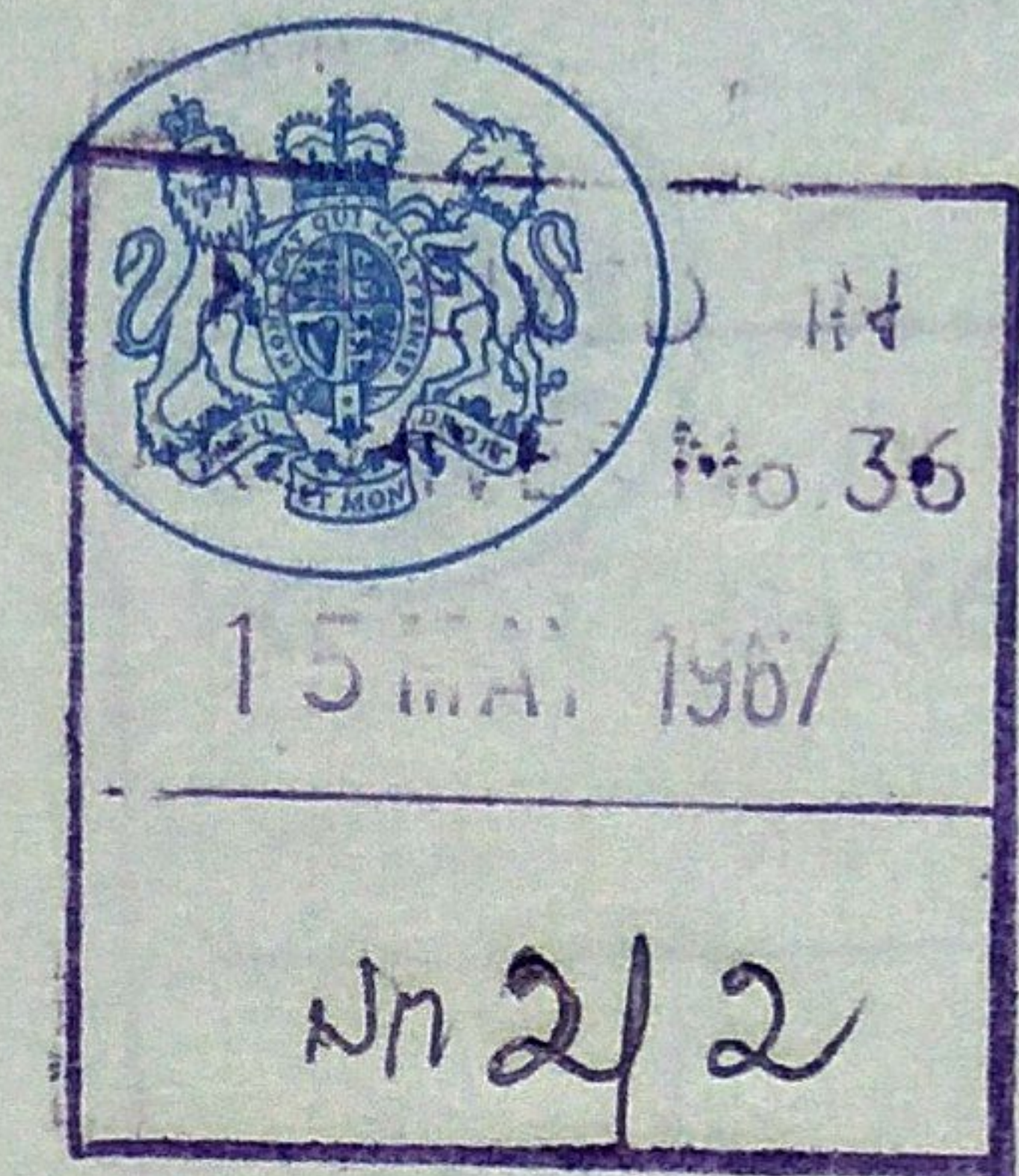
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Further to the correspondence about Rumanian diplomatic efforts in the U.N. and at Geneva (your letter of 26 April to Anthony Acland) it is perhaps worth noting a new departure at this end. Yesterday the Assistant (acting Head) of the North American and North European Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and one of the desk officers treated John Birch and myself to lunch at just about the most expensive restaurant in the suburbs of Bucharest, for no other purpose than to appear friendly. This is certainly a new departure and suggests that funds (and if yesterday's lunch is anything to go by, fairly substantial funds) have been made available for a Rumanian diplomatic offensive here too. As the Rumanian idea of lunch is to munch away steadily from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., it could make for difficulties if these occasions crop up too often, but this is hardly likely.

2. I am sending copies of this letter to Teddy Youde at New York and Anthony Acland in Geneva.

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