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## Preface

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## Introduction

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Graham Frederick Thomas

(1921 - 2000)

1947	B.A. (Hons) University of Wales
1953	M.A. Wales
1950-1954	Sudan Government Service
1950-1951	Master, Ahlia Secondary School, Omdurman
1951-1954	Training Officer, Training Section, Civil Secretary's Office, Khartoum
1951-2000	Personal association with many political leaders in Sudan including the Mahdi family, continued for over 40 years. Personal adviser to Sadiq al-Mahdi Contributor to <i>The Observer</i> , <i>The Times</i> , <i>The Voice</i> , <i>al-Tadamon</i> , B.B.C. Overseas Service and Africa Network
1955-1959	H.M. Overseas Civil Service Kenya - Ministry of Education, Labour and Lands, Secretariat Nairobi
1960	Buckinghamshire Education Committee
1964-1976	Warden, Huntercombe Manor Residential College, Taplow
1982	Retired

(Florence) Ismay Thomas (née Hill)

(1920 - 1995)

### Accession details

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### Arrangement

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A number of the photographs in this collection appear in *Sayed Abd El Rahman Al Mahdi: a pictorial biography 1885-1959* by G.F. Thomas (Lama Publishing, 1986)

#### Form of citation

Material in the Sudan Archive is given a reference number, which is unique across the collections of papers. Usually it is not necessary to give the name of the person or organisation within which collection the item is found, although it may be convenient to do so.

The short form of citation should be GB-0033-SAD.*reference number*

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To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

## 1. Personal Papers

- SAD.316/1/1-137 1942 Sep 28-1969 Sep 15  
 Miscellaneous personal letters and papers from a variety of correspondents (colleagues in the Labour Party in the UK, fellow officials in the Sudan, etc) to Thomas, including H. Dalton, M. Foot M.P., Lord Huntingdon, H. Shawcross, M.W. Nichol and others on Thomas's campaign to stand as a Labour M.P. (SAD.316/1/7,15,18,21-28); A. Deakin, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, concerning the development of trade unionism in the Sudan (SAD.316/1/33-34); W. Padley on recent political developments in London (SAD.316/1/48); note by Thomas on a visit to Sayyid `Ali al-Mirghani (SAD.316/1/54-55); notes on Thomas's conversations with various people including Rt Hon J. Griffiths, Colonial Secretary, Rt. Hon. H. Marquand, Rt. Hon. J. Strachey, Rt. Hon. H. Wilson, F. Brockway M.P., and W. Padley (SAD.316/1/56); note by Thomas on his discussions with leaders of the Umma Party (SAD.316/1/60-61); F. Brockway, M. Nicholson, Ibrahim Ahmad, Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi and Muhammad `Ali Shawki regarding Sudanese independence (SAD.316/1/65,72,82,85,91); T. Driberg on Sudanisation (SAD.316/1/74); letters from Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi, mostly exchanges of greetings (SAD.316/1/85,88,92,97,99); N.R. Udal concerning the death of Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi (SAD.316/1/106); E. and H. Vasey regarding Blundell's New Kenya Group and hopes for the elections in Tanganyika (SAD.316/1/107,113); itinerary for the Duke of Edinburgh's visit to Huntercombe Manor (SAD.316/1/120-121)
- SAD.316/2/1-45 1949 Oct 12-1972 Oct 29  
 Personal letters from the Rt. Hon. Hugh Gaitskell, M.P. to Thomas, with one letter from Arthur Gaitskell, mostly arrangements for meetings, but with one letter concerning his political opinions on the role of Egypt in Sudanese independence (SAD.316/2/11-13)
- SAD.316/3/1-115 1951 Jan 17-1983 May 8  
 Personal letters from Sir James Robertson to Thomas, with some earlier letters written during Robertson's time as Civil Secretary in Sudan, including a proposal to send trade union officials in the Sudan to Ruskin College for formal education (SAD.316//3/1-2); the timing of Robertson's departure from the Sudan (SAD.316/3/18); Sudanese independence (SAD.316/3/19-30,33-36,43); Robertson's role as Governor-General of Nigeria (SAD.316/3/41,48-49,51-52,53-54); letter from Thomas to Robertson on the political situation in Khartoum as observed during a visit there (SAD.316/3/45-47); the Queen's visit to Sudan (SAD.316/3/60-61); Thomas's involvement in trying to broker a peace agreement in Sudan (SAD.316/3/60-61,69); his opinion on the mistakes made by the British Government prior to Sudanese independence (SAD.316/3/90-91); his decision to decline an invitation

to meet with Sadiq al-Mahdi (SAD.316/3/100-101); and opinions of the political situation in Sudan (SAD.316/3/102-103,107-108)

- SAD.316/4/1-41 1951 Jun 13-1982 May 17  
Personal letters from the Rt. Hon Harold Wilson M.P. to Thomas, referring to the Bevanite divisions within the Labour Party (SAD.316/4/1); Wilson's election to the National Executive Committee (SAD.316/4/3); his role in the selection of candidates for the 1964 general election (SAD.316/4/6); the attitude of the Sudanese towards the attendance of British ministers at the Anglo-Israel Association's Balfour dinner (SAD.316/4/9-10); as well as Thomas to M. Williams, Wilson's Personal Secretary, on Wilson's statement on the role of Egypt in sponsoring the terrorist attacks in Munich (SAD.316/4/18-19), with Wilson's reply (SAD.316/4/22)
- SAD.316/5/1-11 1953 Oct 6-1955 Sep 15  
Personal letters between the Rt. Hon. Clement Attlee, M.P. and Thomas. The Attlee letters are mostly short expressions of thanks. The two copy letters from Thomas to Attlee urge Attlee to take up the matter of Sudanese independence (SAD.316/5/7) and offer his support for Attlee's decision to expel Nye Bevan from the Party (SAD.316/5/10)
- SAD.316/6/1-195 1970 Apr-1979 Dec  
Miscellaneous personal letters from and to a variety of correspondents (prominent members of the Labour Party, former colleagues from Sudan, Sudanese leaders, etc), including a report of conversations between Thomas and members of the Egyptian Government and the Sudanese and British Embassies during a visit to Egypt (SAD.316/6/2-5); James Callaghan and D. Marquand to Thomas concerning the result of the recent election (SAD.316/6/10-11); Thomas to `Abd al-Gadir Hatim and Sayyid Mahmud Fahim on the death of President Nasser (SAD.316/6/13-14); Thomas to `Abd al-Gadir Hatim, the Rt. Hon. D. Healey, Sayyid Babiker Awadalla, Vice-President of Sudan, General Gaafar Nimeiry, President of Sudan, Rt. Hon. H. Wilson, M. Williams, Sayyid `Abdullahi al-Hassan, Sudanese Ambassador, and others, on the possibility of using his influence to help to resolve the situation in Southern Sudan (SAD.316/6/20-22,33,36,44-46,54,55-56,61-62,92,131); A. Douglas-Home to H. Wilson on the need to provide humanitarian aid for Southern Sudan (SAD.316/6/49-50); Thomas to E.A. Wood on the present situation with regard to masons in the Sudan (SAD.316/6/57-58); Thomas to Kamal Rifaat, Egyptian Ambassador, Thomas to M. Williams on Wilson's statement concerning Egyptian support for the Munich terrorist attacks (SAD.316/6/80,82-83); confidential note by Thomas for H. Wilson on his trip to Sudan and Egypt (SAD.316/6/94-109); E. Heath to Thomas concerning improvements in industrial relations in Britain (SAD.316/6/123-124); Thomas to F. Chappel, General Secretary of the Electrical Trades Union, concerning the provision of assistance to Sudanese trade unions (SAD.316/6/130); Thomas to M. Roberts, M.P. and to the Rt. Hon. J. Thorpe, with reply from Thorpe, regarding Sadiq al-Mahdi's

wish to meet with members of the British Government  
(SAD.316/6/132-136)

SAD.316/7/1-63 1972 Mar 3-1994 Jun 10  
Personal letters between Thomas and members of the Mahdi family, chiefly Sadiq al-Mahdi, including Wali al-Din al-Mahdi, with reply from Thomas, on the difficulties of pursuing his studies in England owing to the difficult political situation involving his family in Sudan (SAD.316/7/1-4); Sadiq on his visit to the UK, the publication of his work on Islam in the modern world, and his views on British politics and the attitude of the political parties towards the Middle East (SAD.316/7/5-12); Sadiq concerning accusations made against him by the Sudan Embassy in Britain of mobilising Sudanese students against the political regime in Sudan (SAD.316/7/15-19); Sadiq on his agreement with Nimeiri and the economic situation in Sudan (SAD.316/7/21-23); and Sadiq on the rejuvenation of the Umma Party and negotiations in the peace process (SAD.316/7/43-48)

SAD.316/8/1-85 1980 Apr 30-1993 May 10  
Miscellaneous personal letters from and to a variety of correspondents (prominent members of the Labour Party, former colleagues from Sudan, Sudanese leaders, etc), including Callaghan to Thomas concerning a meeting with Sadiq al-Mahdi (SAD.316/8/1); notes by Thomas on discussions with certain Sudanese leaders, 1984 (SAD.316/8/6-7); Thomas to the *Guardian* on the misrepresentation of Sudanese history (SAD.316/8/17-22); Mansour Khalid to Thomas thanking him for his support in organising the House of Commons meeting to protest against the hanging of Mahmud Muhammad Taha (SAD.316/8/23); Thomas to the Rt. Hon. M. Thatcher appealing for assistance in restoring democracy to the Sudan (SAD.316/8/50-53); letters from a number of politicians to Thomas concerning the overthrow and detention of Sadiq al-Mahdi (SAD.316/8/60-75)

## 2. Papers of Human Rights and Political Pressure Groups in Sudan

- SAD.316/9/1-5 [1980s]  
Official statement from the Sudan Government concerning discussions on constitutional reform
- SAD.316/9/6-27 1982 Feb  
Handwritten report by Thomas, entitled "Report on the situation in the Sudan, February 1982"
- SAD.316/9/28-31 1983 Nov 30  
An open letter from the Islamic Sudanese Movement to the British Government and Members of Parliament entitled "Why Britain should not aid Nimeiry"
- SAD.316/9/32-46 1983 Nov  
Statement no. 1 from the Sudanese National Movement calling for the overthrow of President Nimeiri
- SAD.316/9/47-48 1983 Nov  
Open letter from the African Nationalists Front to President Nimeiri on the imposition of *sharia* law on non-Muslims in southern Sudan
- SAD.316/9/49-55 1983 Nov  
Petition submitted to the High Court in Sudan by two magistrates declaring *sharia* law unconstitutional
- SAD.316/9/56-63 1984 Apr  
Statement by the Sudan Patriotic Movement on the political situation in Sudan
- SAD.316/9/64-87 1985 May  
Copy of a pamphlet by the Republican Brothers, entitled "Political intrigue and the mock trial"
- SAD.316/9/105-109 1986  
Amnesty International report for Sudan, January-December 1985
- SAD.316/9/88-98 1986 Feb  
Memorandum by Amnesty International to the Government of the Republic of the Sudan concerning an Amnesty International mission to Sudan from 26 November to 5 December 1985
- SAD.316/9/99-104 1986 Apr 8  
English translation of the Commission of Relief and Rehabilitation Act, 1406 A.H.
- SAD.316/9/110-147 1988 Jul 12  
Policy statement by Dr John Garang, Chairman of the SPLM and Commander-in-Chief of SPLA
- SAD.316/9/148-149 1989 Jul 27  
Statement by the Sudanese Front for Defence of Freedom and Democracy condemning the military dictatorship in Sudan

- SAD.316/9/150 1991 Nov 15  
Press release from Amnesty International concerning the hanging of Ibrahim Dubara Mongho
- SAD.316/9/151-158 1991 Dec 24  
Report compiled by a special task force monitoring the activities of the NIF in the Horn of Africa, entitled "What the National Islamic Front (NIF) of the Sudan is doing in the Horn of Africa"

### 3. Diaries

- SAD.323/1/1-136 1950 Nov 16-1953 May 26  
 Original manuscript version of Ismay Thomas's Sudan journal, later published as Thomas, G.F. (ed) *The Sudan Journal of Ismay Thomas* (Lewes, 2000), covering the journey to Khartoum (SAD.323/1/1-6); impressions of Omdurman and the Girls' Training College (SAD.323/1/8-9); thoughts on female circumcision (SAD.323/1/9); insight into the lives of women (SAD.323/1/10v-11); watching a demonstration lesson by a student teacher (SAD.323/1/12); meeting Sir James and Lady Robertson (SAD.323/1/12v-13); visit to the Blue Nile cinema (SAD.323/1/14); visit to Jabal Auliya dam (SAD.323/1/15v-17); visit to the Legislative Assembly (SAD.323/1/17v-19); celebrations for the birth of the Prophet (SAD.323/1/20-21); visit to the Coptic Church (SAD.323/1/23v-24v); sanitation (SAD.323/1/26v-27); picnic with Sudanese hosts (SAD.323/1/27-28); visit to a Sudanese farm (SAD.323/1/31); tea with Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi (SAD.323/1/32v-33); attending two weddings (SAD.323/1/33v-35,35v-36); trip to Egypt (SAD.323/1/37v-58); trip to Barakat with John Gaitskell, then on to the Sennar dam and Aba Island where they were guests of the Mahdi family (SAD.323/1/61v-72); visit to Sayyid `Ali al-Mirghani (SAD.323/1/74-74v); tea with S.A.R. (SAD.323/1/77-77v); results of the British general election (SAD.323/1/78v-79); Maulid al-Nabi celebrations (SAD.323/1/81v-83v); trip to Port Sudan and Suakin (SAD.323/1/84-89v); visit to the south (SAD.323/1/95v-105); home on leave (SAD.323/1/105v-109v); trip by S.A.R. to England and Egypt (SAD.323/1/109v-111); trip to Kassala (SAD.323/1/114-115); signing of the self-government agreement (SAD.323/1/115-115v); inspection trip to Gedaref (SAD.323/1/115v-117v); preparation of hand work exhibition (SAD.323/1/118-118v); departure of Sir James Robertson (SAD.323/1/119v-120v); inspection trip to Kassala (SAD.323/1/121v-123v); visit to Sayyid `Ali al-Mirghani (SAD.323/1/124); round of social engagements prior to departure from the Sudan on leave (SAD.323/1/124v-127); journey home through Egypt (SAD.323/1/127v-136)
- SAD.320/1/1-352 1964-1969  
 Diary (Vol. I) by Thomas, kept during his time as First Warden of Huntercombe Manor Residential College, Taplow, mostly concerning events at the college, opinions on British politics and world affairs, and meetings with prominent British and Sudanese ministers, including his appointment as First Warden (SAD.320/1/1); lunch with Princess Margaret, the Archbishop of Canterbury and other dignitaries (SAD.320/1/10-11); a visit by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to Huntercombe Manor (SAD.320/1/75-79); attendance at a party held by James Callaghan, Chancellor of the Exchequer (SAD.320/1/143-145); meetings with M.P.s and the Sudanese Prime Minister, Muhammad Ahmad Mahjub, concerning financial assistance for the Sudan (SAD.320/1/248-249)

SAD.320/2/1-354 1969 Oct 8-1972 Jul 31

Diary (Vol. II) by Thomas, kept during his time as First Warden of Huntercombe Manor Residential College, Taplow, mostly concerning events at the college, opinions on British politics and world affairs, and meetings with prominent British and Sudanese ministers, including attendance at a party held by the Sudanese Ambassador and conversations with dignitaries on the current political situation in the Sudan (SAD.320/2/3-4)

SAD.320/3/1-348 1972 Sep 8-1979 Jul 26

Diary (Vol. III) by Thomas, kept during his time as First Warden of Huntercombe Manor Residential College, Taplow, mostly concerning events at the college, opinions on British politics and world affairs, and meetings with prominent British and Sudanese ministers, particularly members of the Mahdi family, including a meeting with the Sudanese Vice-President, General Muhammad al-Badir, on the political situation in Sudan (SAD.320/3/16-19); a private conversation with Dr Ahmad Amis, Director of the Arab League, concerning relations between Cairo and Khartoum (SAD.320/3/24-26); attendance at an Anglo-Sudanese reception for the Sudanese Prime Minister, Gafar Muhammad al-Nimayri (SAD.320/3/47-48); attendance at a dinner at 10 Downing Street (SAD.320/3/49-54); a conversation with Sadiq al-Mahdi on the situation in Sudan (SAD.320/3/155-159); Sadiq al-Mahdi's account of the failed coup d'état (SAD.320/3/235-239); memories of Tom Driberg who has just died (SAD.320/3/239-242); and Thomas's attempts to protect Sadiq from extradition following the failed coup d'état (SAD.320/3/243-246,252-253,254-255,259-264); assassination of David Holden (SAD.320/3/273-274); visit to Khartoum, December 1977 (SAD.320/3/274-280); Sadiq's increasing isolation (SAD.320/3/284-286); visit to Tangier (SAD.320/3/286-289); James Buxton's assessment of the situation in Khartoum (SAD.320/3/292); discussions with an intermediary from Nimayri, urging Sadiq al-Mahdi to return to Khartoum to join the Politbureau (SAD.320/3/296-304); floods in the Gezira (320/3/307); Thomas's meeting with Joseph Lagu (SAD.320/3/321-322); reports of discussions between Sadiq and Nimayri, including the proposal that Nimayri would eventually hand over power to Sadiq (SAD.320/3/335-339)

SAD.320/4/1-32 1977-[1980s]

Loose extracts of Thomas's diary entries, mostly involving Sadiq al-Mahdi, and including a note by Ismay Thomas on the reburial of Imam al-Hadi `Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi, who had been killed in the attack on Aba Island in 1970 (SAD.320/4/28-29)

SAD.320/5/1-250 1980 Feb 6-1984 Mar 23

Diary (Vol. IV) by Thomas kept during his time as First Warden of Huntercombe Manor Residential College, Taplow, mostly containing family and personal news, opinions on British politics and world affairs, and descriptions of meetings with prominent British and Sudanese ministers, including American pressure for Sadiq al-Mahdi to return to the Sudan (SAD.320/5/1-2); his involvement in the campaign to

free Sadiq from imprisonment in Sudan (SAD.320/5/202-205,213-214,25v,4v); and news from Sara (Sadiq's wife) on the bombing of their house by Numeiri (SAD.320/5/247-249)

SAD.320/6/1-183 1984 Apr 6-1985 Sep 27

Diary (Vol. V) by Thomas kept during his time as First Warden of Huntercombe Manor Residential College, Taplow, mostly containing family and personal news, opinions on British politics and world affairs, and descriptions of meetings with prominent British and Sudanese ministers, particularly members of the Mahdi family, including re the death of General Neguib and his memories of him (SAD.320/6/5757-60); a message from Sadiq in Kobar Prison (SAD.320/6/62-63); and the overthrow of Nimayri (SAD.320/6/133-137)

SAD.320/7/1-162 1985 Oct 3-1986 Oct 11

Diary (Vol. VI) by Thomas during his time as First Warden of Huntercombe Manor Residential College, Taplow, mostly containing family and personal news, opinions on British politics and world affairs and meetings with prominent Sudanese ministers.

SAD.321/1/1-183 1986 Oct 12-1987 Nov 14

Diary (Vol. VII) by Thomas during his time as First Warden of Huntercombe Manor Residential College, Taplow, mostly containing family and personal news, as well as opinions on British politics and world affairs and meetings with prominent British and Sudanese ministers, and including references to Sadiq's (now Prime Minister of Sudan) visit to England (SAD.321/1/1-6). Also includes attached press cuttings and invitations.

SAD.321/2/1-164 1987 Nov 12-1990 Dec 28

Diary (Vol. VIII) by Thomas during his time as First Warden of Huntercombe Manor Residential College, Taplow, mostly containing family and personal news, as well as opinions on British politics and world affairs and meetings with prominent British and Sudanese ministers. Also includes attached press cuttings.

#### 4. Unpublished Articles, Speeches and Conference Papers

- SAD.324/1 [1960s]  
Magnetic tape reel-to-reel recording of a speech by Sir J. Robertson delivered at Huntercombe Manor
- SAD.321/3/1-99 [1980s]  
Dissertation by F. Ismay Thomas, probably for a Masters degree, entitled "Sudan society: a sociological study of the Sudan with special reference to education"
- SAD.321/4/1-28 1981 Nov 29-Dec 2  
Paper by Hassan Ahmad Ibrahim, Associate Professor of the Department of History in the University of Khartoum, entitled "Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi: a master of manipulation 1900-1926", presented to the International Conference on the History of the Mahdiyya, Khartoum
- SAD.321/4/56-68 1983 Sep  
Article by C. Legum entitled "Nimeiry's Islamic reforms open up uncertain future for Sudan"
- SAD.321/4/29-55 1985  
Two draft articles (handwritten) by G.F. Thomas entitled "A hundred years of Mahdism: the Mahdi and Mahdism today"
- SAD.321/4/69-90 1985 Apr  
Transcript of an address to the Royal Institute of International Affairs, London, by Dr. Mansour Khalid, entitled "What went wrong in the Sudan and the way ahead"
- SAD.321/4/91-95 1986 Dec 6  
Notes from a speech by Thomas to 200 members of the Mahdi family concerning the Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman a- Mahdi appeal fund
- SAD.321/4/96-97 [1987]  
Transcript of a broadcast by F. Nicoll for the BBC concerning Sadiq al-Mahdi
- SAD.321/4/98-116 1988  
Paper by M.K. Shawki, entitled "Desertification in the Sudan: what is being done and what should be done", presented to the Royal Geographical Society / Royal Botanic Gardens / The Society for International Development conference on "Strategies for the arid lands"

## 5. Papers relating to the Mahdi Family

- SAD.321/5/1-67 1975 Nov-[1990s]  
Papers relating to Sadiq al-Mahdi:
- SAD.321/5/1-15 1975 Nov  
[Speech?] by Sadiq al-Mahdi entitled "Afro-Arab horizons"
- SAD.321/5/16-18 198[6] Aug 24  
Transcript of a speech by delivered by Sadiq al-Mahdi at Omdurman, entitled "The application of particular legislations mars the issue of Da'Wah"
- SAD.321/5/19-33 1986 Oct 15  
Speech by the Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher to Sadiq al-Mahdi and the Sudanese Delegation at 10 Downing Street, London, with personal handwritten comments by Thomas on a brief exchange with Margaret Thatcher
- SAD.321/5/34-43 1987  
Paper by Sadiq al-Mahdi, entitled "Sudan's peace initiative: a working paper for peace"
- SAD.321/5/44-45 [ca. 1988]  
Memorandum on the problems inherited by the newly elected government of Sadiq al-Mahdi and steps taken to improve the country's economy
- SAD.321/5/46-57 1992 Aug  
Open letter from Sadiq al-Mahdi to the Sudanese Prime Minister, Lieutenant-General Umar Hassan al-Bashir, summarising steps taken by him since his removal from power and urging al-Bashir to adopt his blue-print for peace
- SAD.321/5/58-66 1992 Aug  
Letter from Sadiq al-Mahdi to Bona Malwal, enclosing his "Blue-print for a just peace in the Sudan, August 1992"
- SAD.321/5/67 [1990s]  
Appeal, possibly from the Umma Party, calling for support for the campaign to release Sadiq al-Mahdi from detention
- SAD.321/5/68-108 [ca. 1915-1917]  
Contemporary copies of internal memoranda between government officials about the movements of `Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi and members of his extended family, and his requests for plots of land
- SAD.321/5/109-112 [1970s-1980s]  
Family tree for the Mahdi family, with notes by G.F. Thomas on articles in *Africa Analysis* on Sadiq al-Mahdi
- SAD.321/6/1-102 1986-1987  
Research notes and typescript profiles by Thomas of notable Sudanese, many of them published in *Al-Tadamon* and including Muhammad Salah Shingitti (SAD.321/6/4-5); Sayyid `Ali al-Mirghani (SAD.321/6/6-21); Ismail al-Azahri (SAD.321/6/22-26); `Abdullah Bey Khalil (SAD.321/6/27-29); Muhammad Ahmad Mahjub (SAD.321/6/29-30); Mirghani Hamza (SAD.321/6/31-33); Mubarak Zarroug (SAD.321/6/34-35); Babiker Badri (SAD.321/6/36-38); Dr Ali

Badri (SAD.321/6/39-42); Dardiri Muhammad Osman (SAD.321/6/43-45); Ga'far Muhammad Numeiri (SAD.321/6/46-61); Hassan al-Turabi (SAD.321/6/63-72); the Mahdi family (SAD.321/6/73-93); Sayyida Rahma al-Mahdi (SAD.321/6/94-97), with a draft introduction by Thomas to "Sudanese portraits" (SAD.321/6/98-102)

## 6. Photographic Material

(a) The Mahdiyyah and the reconquest of the Sudan

- SAD.747/3/1 Flag of the *Mahdiyyah*. Inscription in Arabic reads:  
 In the name of the most compassionate and merciful  
 Thou living, Thou existing and most glorious  
 source of generosity  
 There is no God but God  
 Muhammad is the messenger of God  
 Muhammad al-Mahdi is the Khalifa of the messenger of God  
 [1880s-1890s]  
 Copy of a drawing of a Koranic school during the time of the Khalifa  
 `Abd Allahi
- SAD.747/3/3 1899 Nov 24  
 Body of a *shaykh* of the Kenana lying on the battlefield of Umm  
 Debeikerat
- SAD.747/3/4-5 1898 Sep 2  
 Captured *amir* after the Battle of Omdurman
- SAD.747/3/6 1898 Sep 2  
 Captured Mahdist *amirs* wearing patched *jibbabs* after defeat in the  
 Battle of Omdurman
- SAD.747/3/7 1926  
 Amir `Uthman Diqnah, in captivity, shortly before his death
- SAD.747/3/8 1898 Apr 8  
 Military policeman standing in front of a group of Hadanduwah men  
 holding knives and sticks, after the battle of the Atbara
- SAD.747/3/9 1898 Sep 4  
 Carriages and carts in the courtyard of the Khalifa's house after the  
 Battle of Omdurman
- SAD.747/3/10 [1898 Sep 4]  
 Door at the main entrance to the Mahdi's tomb after bombardment by  
 British forces following the battle of Omdurman
- SAD.747/3/11 1898 Sep 4  
 People gathered in front of the gallows around the body of the last  
 man hanged by the Khalifa
- SAD.747/3/12 1898 Sep 2  
 Two British soldiers resting on the battlefield at Karari after the battle  
 of Omdurman, flags in background
- SAD.747/3/13 1898 Sep 4  
 Trooper of the 21st Lancers and Private G. Barnfield, Queen's  
 Company, Grenadier Guards, holding Gordon's telescope in the ruins  
 of the old Governor-General's palace
- SAD.747/3/14 1898 Sep 8  
 Grenadier Guards and Cameron Highlanders cheering Queen  
 Victoria's telegram, read by Major-General Gatacre
- SAD.747/3/15 1898 Sep 4  
 Sirdar's Egyptian aide-de-camp raising the Egyptian flag next to

Lieutenant Staveley and Captain Watson raising the British flag over the ruins of government buildings, during a service in memory of General Gordon

(b) Sudanese personalities

SAD.747/4/1-40 1919-1959

Photographs of Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi:

- SAD.747/4/1 1919  
Members of a delegation of Sudanese notables visiting England for an audience with King George V. Featuring (standing, from left to right): Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi and Sayyid Sharif al-Hindi. Seated, from left to right: Sayyid 'Ali al-Mirghani and Shaykh al-Tayyib Ahmad Hashim, the *mufti*
- SAD.747/4/2-3 1919 Jul 28  
Members of a delegation of Sudanese notables visiting England for an audience with King George V. Featuring (seated, from left to right): Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi, Sayyid 'Ali al-Mirghani, Sayyid Sharif al-Hindi and Shaykh al-Tayyib Ahmad Hashim, the *mufti*. Also featuring (standing): Ibrahim Farah of the Ja'aliyin; 'Ali al-Tum of the Kababish; Shaykh Isma'il al-Azhari, qadi of Darfur; Shaykh Abu al-Qasim, president of the Board of Ulema; Ibrahim Musa; Shaykh 'Awad al-Karim 'Abd Allah abu Sinn, nazir 'umum of the Shukriyah
- SAD.747/4/4 1926  
Group of Sudanese notables with the Prince of Wales, during his 1926 visit to the Sudan. Featuring: Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi (seated to the right of the prince) and Sayyid 'Ali al-Mirghani (seated to the left of the prince)
- SAD.747/4/5 1926 Feb 14  
Governor-General, Sir Geoffrey Archer, visiting Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi at his house on Aba Island, with a crowd of *ansar* followers in the background
- SAD.747/4/6 1935-1938  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi standing next to A. D. Dodds Parker, District Commissioner, with Sayyid 'Abd Allahi al-Fadl and Sayyid Ya'qub, probably Blue Nile Province
- SAD.747/4/7 1930-1939  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi sitting with an unidentified guest in the garden of his house
- SAD.747/4/8-9 1952 Oct  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi addressing a group of people gathered to greet him on his return from a visit to London
- SAD.747/4/10 1925-1935  
Formation of the Dairat al-Mahdi, with Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi seated centre
- SAD.747/4/11 1930-1949  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi visiting al-Muwasaat Hospital, with Dr. Ahmad al-Naqib Pasha, Director General of the hospital, standing on the right

- SAD.747/4/12 1930-1949  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi during a visit to Cairo, accompanied by (from left to right) Muhammad Thu al-Figar Bay; Hamdi Seif al-Nasr Pasha, Minister of Agriculture; and Husayn 'Uthman Pasha
- SAD.747/4/13-16 1930-1949  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi surrounded by Egyptian government officials and dignitaries during a visit to Cairo
- SAD.747/4/17 1937 Aug  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi standing with a group of people including Fu'ad Abazza Pasha, Mustafa Abuleila, Sayyid Yaqub al-Helu and Sayyid 'Abd Allahi al-Fadl, during a visit to Alexandria
- SAD.747/4/18 1937 Aug  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi sitting with a group of Egyptian government officials and dignitaries including Sayyid 'Abd Allahi al-Fadl; Rashwan Pasha, Minister of Agriculture; Muhammad Shingetti; Shawki and Mustafa Abuleila, during a visit to Alexandria
- SAD.747/4/19 1930-1949  
Portrait of Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi
- SAD.747/4/20 1930-1939  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi standing in a shop with a group of Egyptian and Sudanese officials and dignitaries during a visit to Cairo. Featuring: Fu'ad Pasha Abazza, Chairman of the Royal Egyptian Agricultural Society (third right); Sayyid 'Abd Allahi al-Fadl, Sayyid Yaq'ub al-Helu and Muhammed al-Mahdi, son of the Khalifa 'Abdallahi (far right)
- SAD.747/4/21 1930-1939  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi greeting Prince 'Umar, uncle of King Faruq of Egypt
- SAD.747/4/22 1953-1954  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi and Muhammad Shingetti arriving to meet President Muhammad Neguib of Egypt
- SAD.747/4/23 1937  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi with al-Houdeibi, chairman of the Muslim Brothers of Egypt
- SAD.747/4/24 1937 Aug  
Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman at Misr Bank, Egypt. On his left is Fu`ad Sultan Pasha (Director, Bank of Egypt), with Sayyid `Abd Allahi al-Fadl, Sayyid Yaq`ub al-Helu and Miralai `Ali Musa
- SAD.747/4/25 1958-1959  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi greeting President Ibrahim Abboud, possibly Aba Island
- SAD.747/4/26 1946  
Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman at the formation of the Umma Club, Omdurman in 1946, with L. to R. (seated) Ahmad Yusuf Hashim, Sayyid Sadiq, `Abd Allah Khalil; standing behind Amin al-Tum, Hasan Mahjub and `Abd al-Halim Muhammad
- SAD.747/4/27 1930-1940  
Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman with Shaykh Babikr Badri

- SAD.747/4/28 1951  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi arriving at the newly-restored Mahdi's tomb
- SAD.747/4/29 1954-1959  
Isma'il al-Azhari, Prime Minister (1954-56), with Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi
- SAD.747/4/30-32 1957 Jul  
Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman with `Abd Allahi al-Fadl al-Mahdi, `Abd Allah Khalil (P.M. 1956-1958) and Pandit Nehru (P.M. of India) during Nehru's visit to Khartoum, 12-13 Jul 1957
- SAD.747/4/33 1954-1956  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi greeting Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia during his visit to Khartoum, with Isma'il al-Azhari, Prime Minister, standing on the left
- SAD.747/4/34 1939-1959  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi with King Frederick, the Kabaka of Uganda
- SAD.747/4/35 1958-1959  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi greeting President Tito of Yugoslavia, with President Ibrahim Abboud greeting Sayyid 'Ali al-Mirghani in the background
- SAD.747/4/36 1958-1959  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi with President Tito of Yugoslavia
- SAD.747/4/37 1959  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi presenting the sword of honour to 'Abd Allah Khalil, Prime Minister, 1956-1958
- SAD.747/4/38 [ca. 1959]  
Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman in old age with family and friends
- SAD.747/4/39 [ca. 1959]  
Portrait of Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi in old age  
Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman in old age
- SAD.747/4/40 [ca. 1959]  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi in old age, on a cotton estate
- SAD.319/9/1 1954  
Egyptian Prime Minister, Muhammad Neguib, and Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi coming down the steps of an aeroplane
- SAD.319/9/2 1954  
Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi with Egyptian Prime Minister, Muhammad Neguib, in the background
- SAD.747/5/1-8 [ca. 1971-1979]  
Photographs of President Numayri:
- SAD.747/5/1 1971  
G.F. Thomas delivering Rt. Hon. Harold Wilson's letter to Numayri
- SAD.747/5/2 1971  
President Numayri greeting G.F. Thomas in Khartoum
- SAD.747/5/3 1971-1979  
President Numayri with Sharif Tohami (left) and a group of military officers

- SAD.747/5/4 1972  
President Numayri with Graham and Ismay Thomas, Khartoum
- SAD.747/5/5 1973 Mar 26  
President Numayri talking to G.F. Thomas and his wife, Ismay,  
at a social event during a visit to London
- SAD.747/5/6 1977 Dec 28  
President Numayri with Graham and Ismay Thomas in Khartoum
- SAD.747/5/7 1971-1985  
President Numayri laying a foundation stone
- SAD.747/5/8 1971-1985  
President Numayri examining a scale model for an agricultural  
project

- SAD.747/6/1-3 [1960's]  
Sayyid Sadiq al-Mahdi, grandson of Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman and Prime Minister of the Sudan 1966-67 and 1986-1989
- SAD.319/9/14 1986-1989  
Prime Minister Sadiq al-Mahdi (far left), when P.M., in conversation with Ansar leaders (colour)
- SAD.747/6/4 1930-1960  
Mahbula, widow of the Mahdi and mother of Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman with three grand-daughters seated at her feet
- SAD.747/6/5 1915-1939  
Portrait of Sayyid 'Ali al-Mirghani, leader of the Khatmiya *tariqa*
- SAD.747/6/6 [ca. 1947]  
Portrait of Ibrahim Ahmad, Minister without Portfolio, 1947, Director of the Sudan Bank and later Vice-Chancellor, Khartoum University
- SAD.747/6/7 1958-1969  
'Abd al-Rahman Abdoun, Minister of Irrigation in the 1950s and later a member of the Supreme Council, receiving an honorary degree
- SAD.747/6/8 1960-1969  
Muhammad Nugaddala, Secretary-General Umma Party
- SAD.747/6/9 1960-1971  
Portrait of Amir al-Sawi, Sudanese ambassador to London, later head of the Cabinet Office
- SAD.747/6/10 1971  
H.E. Amir al-Sawi, Head of the Cabinet Office with G.F. Thomas during the latter's visit to Khartoum
- SAD.319/9/3 1972  
H.E. Amir al-Sawi, Head of the Cabinet Office with G.F. Thomas during the latter's visit to Khartoum
- SAD.747/6/11 [ca. 1971]  
General Muhammad al-Baghir, first Vice-President of Sudan, with G.F. Thomas
- SAD.747/6/12-13 1965-1980  
Portrait of Ustaz Mahmud Muhammad Taha, leader of the Republican Movement, who was imprisoned under the government of President Numayri and hanged at Kober Prison, Khartoum, 18 January 1985
- SAD.319/9/5 1988  
Ahmad Ali al-Mirghani, President fo Sudan 1986-1989
- SAD.319/9/6 1989  
Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir, President of Sudan since 1989, at a press conference at the Salam Palace, Kuwait (copy of newspaper photograph)
- SAD.319/9/7 [1980s]  
Mahmud Fahim in Southern Sudan, surrounded by female dancers
- SAD.319/9/8-12 [1980s-1990s]  
Amnesty International photographs of political prisoners:

- SAD.319/9/8 [1980s-1990s]  
Kamal al-Awad al-Jazuli
- SAD.319/9/9 [1980s-1990s]  
Muhammad Sayyid Ahmad, a Ba'athist and former journalist with  
*Al Dustur*
- SAD.319/9/10 [1980s-1990s]  
Dr `Ali Fadl, later sentenced to death
- SAD.319/9/11 [1980s-1990s]  
al-Sakhi `Ali al-Mahi
- SAD.319/9/12 [1980s-1990s]  
al-Haj `Abd al-Rahman `Abdallah Nugdallah, sentenced to death  
October 1991, sentence commuted to life imprisonment in  
December 1991 and later reduced to 10 years' imprisonment

- SAD.319/9/13 1990 Feb  
Mubarak al-Mahdi and Col. Dr John Garang shaking hands after signing the agreement between the SPLM and the Umma Party. Also includes Ahmad Ogail, Umma Party M.P. and representative in London and Deng Allour, SPLA Commander and representative in Addis Ababa (colour)
- (c) British Officials
- SAD.319/9/16?? 1951  
Graham and Ismay Thomas, Omdurman
- SAD.747/7/1 [ca. 1951-1952]  
Rt. Hon. James Griffiths and his wife, with Ismay Thomas and Sir James Robertson (Civil Secretary) during the former's visit to the Sudan as Colonial Secretary (1951-52)
- SAD.747/7/2 1950-1954  
Graham and Ismay Thomas seated on the verandah of their house in Omdurman
- SAD.747/7/3 [ca. 1950-1952]  
G. F. Thomas conducting the first supervisory training course at the Labour Department, Civil Secretary's Office. Featuring Mahmud al-Faqi, a distinguished Arabic poet (to right of Thomas), and D. C. Scott (to immediate left of Thomas)
- (d) Ansar
- SAD.747/7/4 1930-1960  
*Ansar* at prayer, with a mosque in the background
- SAD.747/7/5 1950-1965  
*Ansar* at a public gathering
- SAD.747/7/6 1959 Mar  
*Ansar* at the funeral of Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman al-Mahdi
- SAD.747/7/7 1965  
*Ansar* gathered for `Id celebrations
- (e) Towards independence
- SAD.747/8/1 1944  
Northern Advisory Council, presided over by Sir Hubert Huddleston, Governor-General. Douglas Newbold seated to his right. Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman and Sayyid `Ali al-Mirghani seated in front row.
- SAD.747/8/2 1947  
The Executive Council, presided over by Sir Robert Howe, Governor-General
- SAD.747/8/3 1948-1950  
Sir Robert Howe, Governor-General addressing the Legislative Assembly
- SAD.747/8/4 1952 Oct 29  
Egyptian and Sudanese government officials and dignitaries at negotiations in Cairo. Featuring, seated, from left to right: Salah Salim;

Muhammad Shingetti; unidentified; 'Abd Allahi al-Fadl al-Mahdi; President Neguib; 'Abd al-Rahman Ali Taha; A.R. Abdoun. Standing, second left: Muhammad Ahmad Mahjub, later the Sudanese Prime Minister.

- SAD.747/8/5 1952  
British troops leaving the Sudan
- SAD.747/8/6 1953 Feb 20  
Celebrations held by Sudanese political parties near the Mahdi's tomb and the Khalifa's mosque in Omdurman after the signing of the Anglo-Egyptian Agreement on 12 February
- SAD.747/8/7 1953 Feb 14  
Celebrations after the announcement of the signing of the Anglo-Egyptian Agreement on self-government and self-determination, 12 February 1953
- SAD.747/8/8 1953 Feb 17  
Front cover of *Documents concerning constitutional development in the Sudan and the agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom ... and the Egyptian Government concerning self-government and self-determination for the Sudan*. Egypt no 2 (1953) Cmd. 8767
- SAD.747/8/9 1954 Jan  
Sir Robert Howe inaugurating the first parliament
- SAD.747/8/10 1954 Jan 1  
Isma`il al-Azhari, Babikr Badri and other notables at the opening of the first Sudanese parliament
- SAD.747/8/11 1954  
First Sudanese parliament in session
- SAD.747/8/12 1954  
Sudanese Parliament in session. Featuring: Isma'il al-Azhari (left front bench, wearing a white suit); to his left, Muhammad Zaruq; and Sayyid Siddiq al-Mahdi (on right front bench, nearest camera)
- SAD.747/8/13 1955 Dec 19  
Copy of declaration of independence of the Sudan from Egypt and Britain
- SAD.747/8/14 1956 Jan 1  
Sayyid Isma'il al-Azhari, Prime Minister, and Sayyid Muhammad Ahmad Majhub, Leader of the Opposition, watching the lowering of the British and Egyptian flags outside the former Governor-General's palace, at a ceremony to mark the independence of Sudan from Britain
- SAD.747/8/15-16 1956 Jan 1  
Lowering of the British and Egyptian flags outside of the former Governor-General's palace, at a ceremony to mark the independence of Sudan from Britain
- SAD.747/8/17-18 1956 Jan 1  
Independence Day celebrations around Kitchener's statue
- SAD.747/8/19 1956 Jan 1  
Group of Sudanese dignitaries including Sayyid 'Abd al-Rahman

- al-Mahdi and Sayyid 'Ali al-Mirghani outside the former Governor-General's palace, after a flag-raising ceremony to mark the independence of Sudan from Britain
- SAD.747/8/20,22-23 1956  
British troops at Khartoum central railway station, preparing to leave Sudan after independence
- SAD.747/8/21 1956  
British troops standing in front of the restored Mahdi's tomb watching a march past by the Sudanese army, prior to their departure after independence
- SAD.747/8/24-25 1956-1958  
Members of the Supreme Council L.to R. Ahmad Muhammad Salih, Ahmad Muhammad Yassin, Dardiri Muhammad Osman, `Abd al-Fatah Mograbi, Sersio Ito
- (f) Post-independence
- SAD.319/9/4 1985 Apr 9  
Sudanese people celebrating on the streets of Khartoum following the overthrow of President Nimayri
- SAD.319/9/15 [1980s]  
Members of the Electoral Commissioners (colour)
- (g) General
- SAD.747/9/1 1951  
Sudan Government steamer (in use since 1903), travelling between Wadi Halfa and Shellal
- SAD.747/9/2 [1956?]  
Sudanese and British soldiers standing guard at the entrance to the former Governor-General's palace
- SAD.747/9/3 [1956?]  
Sudanese soldiers standing guard at the entrance to the former Governor-General's palace, later the People's palace
- SAD.747/9/10 1956-1960  
Removal of Lord Kitchener's statue, Khartoum, after independence
- SAD.747/9/11 [ca. 1960]  
Sudanese pupils painting in an art class
- SAD.319/9/17 [1960s]  
Colour postcard of Gamhoria Avenue, Khartoum (G. Karakashian, no. 204)
- SAD.319/9/18 1967 May 19  
H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and G.F. Thomas during the Duke's visit to Huntercombe Manor
- SAD.747/9/4-5 [1970-1988]  
Tomb of the Mahdi, Omdurman, after restoration (colour)
- SAD.747/9/6 1988  
Destruction in Khartoum after the floods

- SAD.747/9/7 1988  
People wading through flood-damaged streets in Khartoum
- SAD.747/9/8 1988  
Carcass of cow during the 1988 famine
- SAD.747/9/9 1970-1988  
Prize bull
- SAD.319/9/19 1973 Feb  
Aerial view of Abu Simbel in Egypt (colour)
- SAD.319/9/20 [ca. 1973]  
Statue of Rameses II at Abu Simbel, Egypt (colour)

## 7. Newspaper Cuttings

- SAD.321/7/1-61 1951 Aug-1979  
 Cuttings from a variety of newspapers, covering the changing political landscape of the Sudan, by Tom Driberg (SAD.321/7/1); typescript copies of press articles by R. Russell entitled "Sudanese reactions to British proposals" (SAD.321/7/2-4) and "Sadat, Numeiri, and King Khalid" (SAD.321/7/6); G.F. Thomas article for *Voice* on the situation in the Sudan, 1973 (SAD.321/7/8); *Daily Telegraph* obituary of Percy Tottenham (SAD.321/7/10); the *International Herald Tribune* concerning the possibility of a Libyan-backed coup in Khartoum (SAD.321/7/11); the *Voice* on the situation in Egypt (SAD.321/7/12); "Nile journey" by Alan L. Beales, from unknown publication (SAD.321/7/14-15); the *Guardian* concerning negotiations between Sudan, Libya and Ethiopia (SAD.321/7/16); the *Voice* relating to the reception of Sadiq al-Mahdi on his return to Khartoum (SAD.321/7/17); handwritten copy of a newspaper article by Thomas on the political situation in Sudan after the government reshuffle (SAD.321/7/18-26); *The Times*, *Financial Times* and *ABECOR Country Report* on the economic possibilities in Sudan (SAD.321/7/27-31,38-39,41-43); *Voice* on Thomas's visit to the Sudan and interview with President Numayri (SAD.321/7/32-37); Thomas's profile of Sadiq al-Mahdi in the *Voice* (SAD.321/7/49); draft of an [editorial] from Sadiq al-Mahdi on the Middle East peace process (SAD.321/7/44-56); cuttings from the *Guardian* on the Sudan's relationship with Egypt, and the Sudan as a tourist destination and the dismissal of the Vice President (SAD.321/7/57-58); *Guardian* and *Financial Times* relating to the dismissal of Vice-President Major `Abd al-Gasim Muhammad Ibrahim (SAD.321/7/59-60); Thomas's tribute to Shaykh Babikir Badri (SAD.321/7/61)
- SAD.322/1/1-8 1982-1985  
 Scrapbook with cuttings from a variety of newspapers, including *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Guardian*, mostly on the overthrow of President Numayri. Also includes two letters, one from David Owen, M.P. to I. Thomas concerning Sadiq al-Mahdi (SAD.322/1/1) and the other David Steel, M.P. to G.F. Thomas about the current situation in the Sudan (SAD.322/1/7)
- SAD.322/2/1-47 1982 Nov-1988 Dec 3  
 Cuttings from a variety of newspapers, including *Sudanow* on Sudanese-Egyptian integration (SAD.322/2/1); obituary of Sir James Robertson from *The Times* (SAD.322/2/4); typescript copy of a broadcast for "Africa Network" on the public protest meeting in Britain for Mahmud Muhammad Taha (SAD.322/2/5-6); *Observer News Service* concerning the financial crisis in Sudan (SAD.322/2/7-13); *Guardian*, *London Review of Books* and *The Times* on the overthrow of President Numayri (SAD.322/2/14-16); the *Observer* regarding the Sudan elections (SAD.322/2/17-18,20); obituary of Makkawi Suliman Akkrat from *The Times* (SAD.322/2/19); *The Times*, *Sudan Times*,

*Independent* and the *Observer* on the civil war in Sudan and the peace negotiations (SAD.322/2/22-23,32,43,45,47); *Sudan Times* concerning the challenge of democracy for Sudan (SAD.322/2/24-25); *Sudan Times* regarding Sadiq al-Mahdi's view on Islam in the Sudan (SAD.322/2/26); letter from Thomas to the editor of the *Financial Times* concerning the number of human rights organisations in the Sudan (SAD.322/2/28); *The Times* relating to the collapse of the coalition government in Sudan (SAD.322/2/30); famine in Sudan (SAD.322/2/31); *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Sunday Times*, *Observer* and the *Sunday Telegraph* on the impact of flooding in the Sudan (SAD.322/2/33-42); *Independent* on the conflict in Ethiopia (SAD.322/2/46);

- SAD.322/3/1-33 1985-1986  
Scrapbook with cuttings from a variety of newspapers, including *The Times*, *Independent*, the *Financial Times*, and the *Sunday Telegraph*, mostly on the civil war and the political situation in Sudan. Also includes letters from Yusuf Badri to Thomas concerning current support for the different political parties, the recent meeting of the Umma Congress and discussions on constitutional amendments (SAD.322/3/7-8,31), correspondence between Thomas and Richard Luce, Denis Healey, David Owen, Roy Jenkins and Crispin Tickell on the situation in Sudan (SAD.322/7/10-17,21-26).
- SAD.322/4/1-11 1986-1987  
Copies of and cuttings from *Al-Tadamon*, containing articles on Sudan, particularly members of the Mahdi family, and including articles by and featuring Thomas
- SAD.322/5/1-90 1989-[1990s]  
Cuttings from a variety of newspapers, including *The Times*, the *Independent*, the *Observer*, the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Sudan Times* on the civil war in Sudan and the peace negotiations (SAD.322/5/1-3, 41, 72-74, 76-78); *The Times*, the *Guardian* *The Daily Telegraph*, the *Financial Times*, and others, on the overthrow of Sadiq al-Mahdi (SAD.322/5/5-23,25-41); obituary of `Abd al Salaam al-Khalifa from *The Times* (SAD.322/5/47); letter to the *Independent* from Sir David Steel appealing for the Sudan Government to apply the Charter of Human Rights to all political detainees (SAD.322/5/49); the *Independent*, *The Times* and the *Observer* concerning famine in Sudan (SAD.322/5/52,78,82-90); `Umar al-Bashir's order for women to wear Islamic dress (SAD.322/5/71); *Washington Post* on Sudanese plans to sell beef to Iraq whiel receiving food aid (SAD.322/5/75); the *Independent* concerning the rise of Islamism in Sudan (SAD.322/5/79); and *The Times* relating to the arrest of Ilich Ramirez S??nchez ( "Carlos" ) in Khartoum (SAD.322/5/80)

## 8. Miscellanea

- SAD.322/6/1 [1950s]  
Teachers' syllabus and record book for a Girls' Elementary School  
(no entries)
- SAD.322/6/2-3 1967 May 10  
Printed menu for a luncheon in honour of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke  
of Edinburgh at Huntercombe Manor
- SAD.322/6/4-10 1967 Nov 7  
Order of Service for the funeral of Earl Atlee, former Prime Minister  
(1945-1951)
- SAD.32/7/1-35 1969 Jul 22-1990 Jan 31  
Invitations to Thomas and his wife to attend social functions, mostly  
from Sudanese ministers and foreign ambassadors
- SAD.322/6/11-13 1973 Mar 28  
Printed menu card for a dinner at 10 Downing Street in honour of H.E.  
Major-General Gaafar Muhammad al-Numayri, President of Sudan
- SAD.322/6/14-15 1983 Sep 30  
Order of service for the funeral of Sir James Robertson
- SAD.322/6/16-17 1984 Mar 22  
Printed menu card for a Founders dinner at the Oriental Club
- SAD.322/6/18-23 1985 Jun 26  
Order of service for the funeral of Lord George-Brown (1914-1985)
- SAD.322/6/24 [1980s]  
Promotional leaflet for Khartoum Safari Tours

## 9. Printed Material

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