

✓ Sitting No. 49/65.

Cabinet Meeting Held at the Auberge d'Aragon, Valletta, on Wednesday, 11th August, 1965, at 11 a.m.

Presents: Hon. Prime Minister
 Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism
 Hon. Minister of Justice
 Hon. Minister of Works & Housing
 Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare.
 Hon. Minister of Health

Absent: Hon. Minister of Education
 Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power & Communications.
 who were unwell.

OPM. 534/51.

Malta's Relations with NATO (Memo. No. 394)
 (Mr. F. Amato Janci' was in attendance)

The question of Malta's relations with NATO was again discussed. Hon. Ministers agreed to the terms of a Resolution (shown below) which NATO might take on the future arrangements for Malta. The Secretary for External & Commonwealth Affairs was asked to take the matter up with the General Secretary of the North Atlantic Treaty

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THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

- (1) TAKES NOTE of the Prime Minister of Malta's letter of 28th May, 1965;
- (2) RECALLS that, in its Resolution of 16th September, 1964, it declared itself ready, after the proclamation of independence, to examine with the Government of Malta the problems which might be raised by the presence of NATO establishments, forces and installations in Malta; and FURTHER, that the Government of Malta on 26th September, 1964, confirmed that, pending the outcome of discussions on the possibility of future arrangements, the legal status of NATO Headquarters, establishments forces and installations would continue to be governed by the relevant laws, regulations and practices which had applied in Malta prior to its independence;
- (3) RECOGNISES the faith of its Members and of Malta in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and their desire to live in peace with all peoples and all governments;
- (4) CONFIRMING the deep interest of the Members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation in ^{ensuring} the security of Malta, AFFIRMS the readiness of its members to discuss at any time any matters which may concern the relationship between NATO and Malta, including ^{the} ~~the possibility of establishing~~ ^{ment} further arrangements with Malta; ~~and~~ to consult with the Government of Malta whenever, in the opinion of the Government of Malta, the territorial integrity, political independence, or security of Malta is threatened, ^{and}
- (5) INSTRUCTS the Secretary-General to communicate this Resolution to the Government of Malta.

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Commonwealth Study Conferences.

The Hon. Prime Minister informed the Cabinet of a letter he had received from the British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Wilson, on the subject of the proposal to hold Commonwealth Study Conferences. It was agreed that the matter merited further study.

Independence Anniversary Celebrations.

Hon. Ministers agreed that celebrations to commemorate the first anniversary of the grant of Independence to Malta be held.

Confirmation of Written Opinion.

The files mentioned hereunder were circulated to Hon. Ministers whose written opinion was as follows:-

OPM. 504/65. H.E. the Governor-General was advised

- 1) to direct under Article 69 of the Colonial Air Navigation Order, 1961, the operator and/or the commander of the aircraft bearing registration markings G-A-28 not to permit that aircraft to make

- any flight until this direction has been revoked by the Governor-General or by an authorised person, and
- ii) to authorize the Director of Civil Aviation, the Commissioner of Police and any gazetted police officer for the purposes of the provisions of the Colonial Air Navigation Order, 1961, in relation to the aircraft bearing registration markings G-F-28 at present in Malta

OPM. 499/64. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to approve the appointments as in Rds 43a and 42a in file.

Land 582/65. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Almona required in connection with the extension of the Milk Marketing Undertaking Depot.

Edward Durell
Prime Minister.

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Edgar Bugeja
Secretary to Cabinet
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