

✓ Sitting No. 34/66.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Aragon, Valletta, on Thursday, 22nd September, 1966.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister
 The Hon. Minister of Finance,
 Customs & Ports.
 The Hon. Minister of Public
 Building & Works.
 The Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry
 & Agriculture.
 The Hon. Minister of Health.
 The Hon. Minister of Education,
 Culture & Tourism.
 The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment
 & Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Justice &
 Parliamentary Affairs
 who was away on official
 business.

The Minutes of Meetings
 Nos. 31 to 33/66 were read & confirmed.

OPM. 629/62. Uniforms of the Executive Staff of the Courts
 (Memo. No. 624)

(Mr. E. Cuschieri, Administrative Secretary, was

in attendance)

The Cabinet reaffirmed its decision taken on the 2nd August, 1966, that the proposals in the Remonstrance should not be considered so long as the Staff concerned persisted in the industrial action taken to exert pressure on the acceptance of their claim for a change of uniforms.

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SPM. 397/59

La Bali Reservoir (Memo. No. 659)

Hon. Ministers considered the proposals in Remonstrance No. 659. Before taking a decision on this matter they wished to see the report of Mr. Eldvan, F.A.O. Hydrologist, on the natural ground water resources and storage in the Mean Sea Level Aquifer.

OPM. 403/66.
(Reconstructed)

Excelsior Hotel at Suez Suez Road.

(Mr. S. Hargrave, Director of Public Works, was in attendance)

The Cabinet considered the submissions of the Director of Public Works at Pds 4 and 5 in file. It was agreed that the plans and elevations of the Excelsior Hotel should be approved as submitted provided the Company sign a legally binding undertaking that any concrete work on the exterior elevations shall be treated to simulate Franka Stone on the vertical walls and coralline

limestone where the long horizontal concrete
beams exist. Samples shall be submitted
for the approval of the Director of Public
Works before the works are taken in hand.
The Company shall also bind itself never
to change the treatment of the outside
walls and/or the exposed frame members
or to paint over such walls or members.

OPM. 1288/55

Routine NATO Exercise

(Mr. E. Cuschieri, Administrative Secretary,
was in attendance)

The Cabinet was informed
that it was intended to hold a routine
NATO exercise in the Central Mediterranean
from the 25th September to the 1st October, 1966.
This exercise was one of a series held
annually by the Mediterranean NATO Area
Commanders. It was agreed that NATO
Authorities be informed that the arrangements
would be acceptable to the Government
of Malta subject to:

- (a) an assurance that in future
these exercises would be held after 15th
November, in order to safeguard the
interests of the local fishing industry, and
- (b) adequate compensation would be
paid for any damage to or loss of fishing
floats, lines and other equipment, suffered
as a result of these exercises.

Anthony Dimech
Prime Minister

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Secretary to Cabinet.
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