MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET BY THE HON. PRIME MINISTER

Exemption of Aeroplane VP-MAA from the payment of certain fees

The Director of Civil Aviation has telegraphed from England that he has arranged with the Air Registration Board to undertake a complete examination of aeroplane VP-MAA and its maintenance schedule with a view to our validating its American certificate of airworthiness.

- 2. The owners are prepared to pay direct any charges due to the Board in respect of the examination and this would relieve us of having to pay the Air Registration Board any charges but it appears that we should in that case grant an exemption from the payment of the fee in respect of the issue of the validation of the Certificate of airworthiness by us.
- 3. The Senior Crown Counsel has been consulted and has advised that such exemption can be granted under Article 79 of the Colonial Air Navigation Order, 1961.
- 4. Hon. Ministers are asked whether they agree that in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 79 of the Colonial Air Navigation Order, 1961, the Governor exempts Douglas DC-4 C 54 E aeroplane (landplane) registration marks VP-MAA from the provisions of the Order, in so far as is concerned the payment of fees under sub-paragraph (1) of para 6 of the Thirteenth Schedule in respect of the validation of its American Certificate of airworthiness provided Messrs Metropolitan Airlines pay any charges as are claimed by the United Kingdom Air Registration Board in connection with any examination of the aircraft, its maintenance schedules, engines, radio apparatus and other equipment.

3rd June, 1963.