

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET BY THE
HON. PRIME MINISTER

Registration in Malta as VP-MAA of aircraft
Douglas DC4 C54E, Constructor's Serial No. 10640,
at present registered as D-AMAX

1. Article 2 of the Colonial Air Navigation Order, 1961, which came into operation on the 8th December, 1961, states that the Governor shall be the authority for the registration of aircraft and that upon receiving an application for the registration of an aircraft and being satisfied that the aircraft may properly be so registered, the Governor shall register the aircraft, wherever it may be and shall include in the register certain particulars relating to the aircraft; the Governor shall furnish to the person or persons in whose name the aircraft is registered a certificate of registration.
2. Messrs Malta Metropolitan Airlines have applied for the registration in Malta of Douglas DC4 C54E Landplane, built by the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, Constructor's Serial No. 10640, at present of German nationality and bearing the registration marks D-AMAX. The aircraft is on charter by demise to Malta Metropolitan Airlines who, therefore, provide the crew themselves. The owners are Messrs Shackleton Aviation Limited of London.
3. Messrs Malta Metropolitan Airline is a company which has been constituted by a deed enrolled in the Acts of Notary J.F. Abela, LL.D., of the 9th March, 1963. The company, therefore, appears to comply with the provisions of Article 2(3)(d) of the Order which states that, amongst others, the owner of an aircraft may be a body incorporated in some part of the Commonwealth and having its principal place of business in any part of the Commonwealth.
4. The mere act of having the aircraft registered does not give the owners permission to fly it and the owners have still to obtain the necessary certificate of airworthiness and certificates of maintenance issued in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 of the Order.
5. The registration letters allotted to Malta begin with VP-MAA.
6. Hon. Ministers are asked whether they agree that H.E. the Governor be advised that Douglas DC4 C54E Landplane, Constructor's Serial No. 10640, be registered in Malta and allotted the registration marks VP-MAA.

8th May, 1963.