

Memorandum for Cabinet By The  
Hon. Minister of Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs AND  
The Hon. Minister of Public Building and Works

ALLOCATION OF AREA FOR THE BUILDING OF EMBASSIES

Following agreement, in principle, by the Hon. Ministers at a Cabinet meeting held on the 15th April, 1965, that a specified site around Kingsgate was most suitable for the purpose of the construction of Embassies, and following further consideration of this subject at a Cabinet meeting on the 19th May, 1965 the four foreign Governments which had shown interest in this matter were duly invited to state whether they agreed in principle to construct a Chancery within the allocated area.

The position now is that of the four Governments (Italy, France, Germany and United States of America) only the Government of the United States of America has shown any interest. In the meantime the British Government which had not been interested originally, has now asked to be considered.

The British and United States of America Governments would each like one half of the site lying to the North of Kingsgate, shown as Plots A, B, C in the revised plan available on request with the Secretary to Cabinet.

The rental value of each half of the said site has been estimated by the Department of Public Works to be £482 10s Od.

Hon. Ministers are invited to agree to the requested allotment of land at the estimated rental value.

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