

MEMO TO CABINET BY THE MINISTER OF COMMONWEALTH AND
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Broadcast Relay Station at Delimara Point

On the 17th August, 1966, the Ministry of Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs informed the British High Commission that the Maltese Government was ready to discuss the terms under which the Broadcasting Relay Station at Delimara should continue to operate. Accordingly a draft which could be used for the Exchange of Notes required in this connection was forwarded to the British High Commission.

On the 4th December, 1968, the British High Commission pointed out that there were certain amendments which the British Government would like to have made. (These were incorporated in a redraft). The proposals as submitted respectively by the Maltese and British Governments are contained in the Appendix to this Memorandum.

The conditions governing the occupation and use of the site by the British Government were studied by an ad hoc committee composed of the then Acting Secretary, Ministry of Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs, the Deputy Crown Advocate General, and representatives of the Administrative Secretary and the Commissioner of Lands.

With regard to the proposals set out by the Maltese Government and by the British High Commission the recommendations made by the ad hoc Committee are included in the Appendix.

It was also agreed that a Notice be issued in the Government Gazette proclaiming the reversion of the site in question to the Malta Government when final agreement on the terms for its occupation and use would be reached between the Maltese and British Governments.

Hon. Ministers are accordingly requested to agree to the recommendations made by the above Committee as set out in the Appendix to this Memorandum.

Maltese Language

English: Provisions

Summary

1. That the British Government should continue to occupy and use for the purposes of maintaining thereon a relay broadcasting station the land shown coloured in red in the attached map subject to the payment of a recognition fee of £2 per acre (to include any licence fees) to the Government of Malta with effect from the 21st September, 1963;

e. The United Kingdom Government will continue to occupy and use for the purposes of maintaining thereon a relay broadcasting station the land shown coloured in red in the attached map subject to the payment of a recognition fee of £2 per acre (to include any licence fees) to the Government of Malta with effect from the 21st September, 1963;

2. That the occupation and use of the said land and of its associated installations by the British Government should not be for so long as they also to continue that use subject to the rights of the Government of Malta to terminate such occupation and use on three months' notice being given in writing;

b. The occupation and use of the said land and of its associated installations by the United Kingdom Government will continue for so long as they also provided that the Government of Malta on termination such occupation and use on three months' notice being given in writing;

The Malta Government wishes to avoid a further expenditure of £20,000 per annum for immediate termination of the use of the site in the event of any infringement of the conditions of the proposed understanding.

3. That the British Government should not have the right to exercise or use or any part of the said land to be occupied and used by any other person, body, authority or organization;

c. The United Kingdom Government will not exercise or use or any part of the said land to be occupied and used by any other person, body, authority or organization;

No exercise of visas.

4. That the British Government should have the right to continue to exercise on the said land a station to relay broadcasts in Arabic and Arabic; that the British Government should not broadcast in any other language or language and apart from normal news items, broadcasts from the station should not be concerned with the internal affairs of Malta nor be of a nature likely to affect adversely the friendly relations of Malta with any other country;

d. The United Kingdom Government will continue to exercise on the said land a station to relay broadcasts in Arabic and Arabic; that the United Kingdom Government will not broadcast in any other language or in the Maltese language, and apart from normal news items, broadcasts from the station will not be concerned with the internal affairs of Malta;

The Malta Government proposal to stand. The Malta Government proposal to stand.

5. That subject to paragraphs 6 and 9 of this Note and to star consultations with the Government of Malta, the British Government should have the right to extend the present installation sited on the said land and continue to generate their own electricity for it; the British Government should retain the right to the use of a section of the said land for the line and the British Army, Royal Air Force, between Sgħajra and Dellejra;

f. Subject to sub-paragraphs (g) and (h) of this Note and to star consultations with the Government of Malta, the United Kingdom Government will be permitted to extend the present installation sited on the said land and continue to generate their own electricity for it; the United Kingdom Government will continue to retain the use of a section of the said land for the line and the British Army, Royal Air Force, between Sgħajra and Dellejra for the purposes of maintaining them;

The Malta Government proposal, "for the purpose" to the words "of maintaining them" in clause "e" proposed by the British Government.

6. That the British Government should have the right after obtaining the consent of the Malta Government to refer to change the power and the base of the station;

g. The United Kingdom Government may, after consulting with the Government of Malta, change the power and the base of the station;

The Malta Government proposal to stand.

7. that broadcasts from the station should be subject to the provision of the Radio Broadcasting Ordinance 1961;

8. that the Government of Malta should be responsible internationally for the frequencies used by the broadcasting organization (which frequencies are:) and should notify such frequencies to the International Telecommunication Union; that the British Government and the Government of Malta should consult and co-operate in the matter of frequencies through the appropriate telecommunications committee in Malta and, in the case of serious or urgent matters of frequencies telecommunication systems or electrical systems no action should be taken by the British Government without the prior consent and agreement of the Government of Malta;

9. that the British Government should comply with any request of the Government of Malta to assist in the maintenance of the station under the preceding paragraph;

10. that it should be open to the British Government to employ British staff; that the British Government should ensure that the station should be operated in a manner which is not prejudicial to the efficiency of the station;

6. The United Kingdom Government will be responsible internationally for the frequencies used by the broadcasting organization and will notify such frequencies to the International Telecommunication Union; that the Government of Malta should consult and co-operate in the matter of frequencies through the appropriate telecommunications committee in Malta;

7. It shall be open to the United Kingdom Government to employ United Kingdom based staff. They shall be employed on terms to be agreed between the Government of Malta and the Government of the United Kingdom.

8. The Government of the United Kingdom will notify the Government of Malta of the frequencies of the telecommunication systems or electrical systems no action should be taken by the British Government without the prior consent and agreement of the Government of Malta;

9. The Government of Malta understands and agrees to the provisions of the Radio Broadcasting Ordinance 1961, and will ensure that the station is operated in accordance with the provisions of that Ordinance.

10. If the United Kingdom Government so requests the Government of Malta shall provide the United Kingdom Government with such information as may be required for the purpose of the station and shall ensure that the station is operated in accordance with the provisions of the Radio Broadcasting Ordinance 1961.

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in conflict of view.

acceptable with the following modifications:-

(1) additional sentence to make it necessary for personnel to obtain work permit.

(2) Final sentence of para 9 shall not be necessary

acceptable with the addition of the words "on the land" after the word "receiver" in line 2.

is acceptable.

11. that unrestricted access to the land should be allowed at all times to all staff and employees engaged in operating the stations;

11. The Government of Malta will also make good access at all times to all staff and employees engaged in operating the stations;

In recognition of views.

12. that officials of the Government of Malta, GMI attached to their posts, should have the right to inspect the installations used on the said land for the purposes of the arrangements proposed in this Order;

12. The United Kingdom Government will provide on request so far as the provisions of this Order relating to the arrangements proposed by the Ministry of Defence in relation to the said land such other information relating to the programme proposed by the Ministry of Defence as the station may be reasonably required.

The Maltese Government proposals to be included.

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