

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET
BY THE PRIME MINISTER

FLORES COLLEGE BUILDING

On 30th September, 1969 Cabinet decided that this building "should be restored and re-developed to accommodate part of the office for Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs in addition possibly to the Water Works Department, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Labour and Emigration."

2. The Minister of Public Building and Works subsequently made arrangements for a team of the Central Volunteer Headquarters of the Royal Engineers in the United Kingdom to come to Malta to study the re-development of this building and to submit a preliminary design for the housing of the above-mentioned departments.

3. After studying the report and the design which have been submitted, the Minister of Public Building and Works considers that the proposed utilisation of the building can only be achieved if the present structure is demolished and that even the retention of the outer walls, which are in a dangerous state and are only still standing because of heavy buttressing, would impose severe limitations on the exploitation of this valuable site.

4. The Minister of Public Building and Works proposes that the entire existing structure should be demolished and to plan the development of the site to the best advantage, extreme care being taken to assimilate the new elevations with the present streetscape. Whilst the Director of Museum considers this building to be of some historical importance, the Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs concurs

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with the Commissioner of Land who agrees that its demolition is inevitable if the site is to be fully exploited.

5. Ministers may wish to consider whether or not the existing Flores College structure should be completely demolished to allow for the best possible development of the available site.

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