

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET
BY THE PRIME MINISTER

Setting up of an English Library
in Malta - Mrs Margaret M. Briggs.

L-Arkiyi! Nazzjonali ta' Malta

On the 20th May, 1969, Mrs Margaret M. Briggs was granted permission to take up permanent residence in Malta on the usual condition that she would not take up any employment (including self-employment, managerial post or directorship), trade, business, profession, vocation or calling.

2. Mrs Briggs has now submitted an application to set up an English Library. Books would be donated or else paid for out of subscriptions, and assistance in running the Library would come entirely from voluntary helpers amongst British residents. The profits of this venture would be devoted entirely to the Home for the Handicapped. The accounts would be audited by any Maltese Firm of Accountants which may be nominated by Government.

3. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Culture and Tourism has recommended the request both from its philanthropic aspect as well as the educational benefits which the community at large would derive from the proposed Library Service.

4. Ministers are invited to consider whether a licence should be granted to Mrs Briggs to operate an English Library explicitly for philanthropic purposes.

21st May, 1971.