

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Aragan, Valletta, on Thursday, 24th September, 1964, at 8 p.m.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister
 The Hon. Minister of Industrial
 Development & Tourism,
 The Hon. Minister of Agriculture,
 Power & Communications
 The Hon. Minister of Justice
 The Hon. Minister of Works and
 Housing.
 The Hon. Minister of Labour &
 Social Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Education
 who was unwell, and
 The Hon. Minister of Health who
 was away from the Island
 on official business.

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Relations between Italy and Malta after
 Independence (Memo. No. 321)

(Prof. J. Cenova, Attorney General, and Dr. E. Duggi, Commissioner of Land, were in attendance).

The Cabinet was informed of a resolution which had been adopted by the Council of Italy at its sitting of the 16th September, 1964,

and asks that of a record of conversation that took place between the Hon. the Prime Minister and Mr. J.A. Roberts, Deputy Secretary General, Nato, on 23rd September, 1964, on the subject of the relations between Malta and Nato after Independence.

It was agreed that the following communication be sent to Mr. Roberts:

"The Government of Malta has taken note of the Resolution approved by the North Atlantic Council on 16th September, 1964, and asks the Secretary General to convey to the Council the sincere thanks of the Government of Malta for the congratulations extended to it on the occasion of Malta's Independence.

Pending the outcome of discussions to be held at the request of the Government of Malta between this Government and Nato on the possibility of future arrangements, the Government of ~~Malta~~ Malta confirms that the legal status of Nato headquarters, establishments, forces and installations will continue to be governed by the relevant laws, regulations and practices which have hitherto applied in Malta."

Edmund Olive,
Prime Minister

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Secretary to Cabinet.