

Cabinet meeting held at the Auberge d'Argon, Valletta, on Thursday, 7th January, 1965, at 10.30 am.

Presents: Hon. Prime Minister
 Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power +
 Communications.
 Hon. Minister of Justice
 Hon. Minister of Works and Housing.
 Hon. Minister of Labour + Social Welfare.
 Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: Hon. Minister of Industrial Development
 + Tourism who was away from
 the Island on official business.
 Hon. Minister of Education who was
 on leave.

The minutes of meeting No. 1/65
 were read and confirmed.

OPM. 508/65. Draft Convention on the Protection of Foreign
 Property (Memo. No. 324)

The Cabinet considered
 a draft Convention which was prepared
 by a Committee of the Organisation for
 Economic Co-operation and Development. The
 aim of the Convention was to codify recognised

principles relating to the protection of foreign property with a view to fostering schemes designed to facilitate investments in developing countries.

Hon. Ministers agreed to the several articles of the draft Convention with the exception of article 3 regarding the payment of compensation for the taking of property, which payments should be made, in the case of Malta, in accordance with the relative section of the Malta Independence Constitution. It was agreed also that the *Commodore Advocate* General be asked to submit to Cabinet a draft reply in this sense to the British High Commissioner.

OPM. 1356/63. Parking Meters in Valletta. (Memo. No. 350)

It was agreed that before the question of parking meters was considered, the Director of Public Works should be asked to submit detailed information regarding his proposals for increasing the parking capacity of Valletta.

OPM. 303/64. Abolition of mule and donkey racing (Memo. No. 309)

It was agreed that this matter be considered further at a

later date.

Confirmation of written opinion.

The file mentioned hereunder was circulated to Hon. Ministers whose written opinion was as follows:

Land. 265/64. H.C. The Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of lands at Brixhel, limits of Għasmi, required in connection with the erection of a factory.

Anthony Oliver
Prime Minister

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Secretary to Cabinet.

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