

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET BY THE
HON. THE PRIME MINISTER

Grant of a Certificate of Naturalization to
Miss Noel Ducaine known as Mary Elizabeth Galea

Miss Noel Ducaine, known as Mary Elizabeth Galea, of unknown nationality, has applied for a Certificate of Naturalization under the provisions of Section 10 of the British Nationality Act, 1948.

2. Miss Galea was born in Alexandria, Egypt, on the 23rd August, 1940, of unknown parents. She was found in an orphanage in Alexandria on the morrow and was baptized in the name of Noel Ducaine. This name was given by the men who acted as 'godparents' and who were serving on the French Warship "Noel Ducaine".

3. In February, 1943, the child was adopted in Alexandria by Lorenzo Galea and Catherine formerly Maniscalco, his wife, both British subjects, and at their request she was given the names of Mary Elizabeth Galea.

4. In 1945, she was brought to Malta by her adoptive parents; a couple of years later, however, her father died and the child spent the best of her life in local orphanages until she was 17½ years of age. Her mother died in St. Vincent de Paul Hospital about five years ago and Miss Galea earned her living as a domestic servant. She was not aware of her adoption until she applied for a passport, and has always considered herself as Maltese.

5. Miss Galea is known to be of good character and has never been convicted. She speaks and understands Maltese. The referees named in her application, the Rev. Maurice Grech, the Rev. Gaetano Zammit, Prof. Dr. Walter Ganado, M.D., and Mr John Baptist Galea are all British subjects by birth, of good character and none of them is related to her.

6. The usual press notices as required by law have been published and no adverse information has been received in connection with her application.

7. Applicant has therefore all the qualifications necessary for the grant of a certificate of naturalization as stipulated by the British Nationality Act. Hon. Ministers are therefore kindly asked whether they agree that His Excellency the Governor be advised to approve that the enclosed Certificate of Naturalization of Miss Noel Ducaine known as Mary Elizabeth Galea be forwarded to the Secretary of State for approval, in terms of section 10(2) of the British Nationality Act, 1948.

25th March, 1963.