

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET
BY THE HON. PRIME MINISTER

Grant of Certificate of Naturalisation
to Mr Giacomo Matina

Mr Giacomo Matina, an Italian national born at Lampedusa on the 2nd December, 1932, of Italian parents, has applied for a Certificate of Naturalisation under the provisions of the British Nationality Act, 1948.

2. Mr Matina is a Fisherman by trade. He first entered Malta in April 1951 as a member of the crew of the locally registered motor fishing vessel "Madonna di Pompei" and was employed as a fisherman on this boat until November 1952. At that time he was engaged to Miss Carmela Abela, a Maltese girl, whom he eventually married at Zejtun Parish Church on 15th February, 1958. An application for permanent residence was not entertained then.

3. In April 1957 Mr Matina returned to Malta as a fisherman on the motor fishing vessel "Rocky". Apart from very short absences, when he was forced to leave, he has managed to remain on these Islands ever since, earning his living as a fisherman on different fishing vessels. He has three children all born in Malta and his wife runs a grocery shop at Zejtun to help him make both ends meet.

4. Mr Matina has sufficient knowledge of the Maltese language; he can speak well and write fairly well. He applied for Naturalisation as he considers himself to belong to the Island and as he is anxious to settle here for good with his family and to follow his trade of a fisherman.

5. The referees named by Mr Matina in his application are Captain Seraphin Carmel Xuereb, M.B.E., the Hon. Dr. Alexander Cachia Zammit, M.D., Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, Dr. John I. Borg B.Sc., M.D., and the Very Rev. Mgr. Michael Spiteri ex Archpriest of Zejtun. They are all British subjects by birth of good character and none of them is related to applicant.

6. Mr Matina has never been convicted of any crime since his arrival in Malta and nothing is known against his character in general. He is devoted to his family and has no associates other than some casual friends. His intention of applying for Naturalisation has been given publicity in the local Press as required by law without eliciting any information of adverse nature.

7. Applicant has, therefore, all the qualifications stipulated as necessary for naturalisation under the British Nationality Act, 1948.

8. Hon. Ministers are asked whether they agree that His Honour the Governor's Deputy be advised that the enclosed Certificate of Naturalisation be forwarded to the Secretary of State for approval in terms of Section 10(2) of the British Nationality Act, 1948.

4th November, 1963.

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