

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET
BY THE HON. THE PRIME MINISTER

Grant of a Certificate of
Naturalization to Mr Eduardo Stellato

Mr Eduardo Stellato, an Italian national born at Naples on the 20th January, 1934, of Italian parents, has applied for a Certificate of Naturalization under the provisions of the British Nationality Act, 1948.

2. Mr Stellato is a shoemaker by trade. He first entered Malta on the 16th December, 1958, as a tourist, and returned to Naples on the 7th January, 1959. He came back to the Island on the 3rd March, 1959, to take up employment as shoemaker with Messrs Cardona Leathersgoods of Fleur-de-Lys Road, B'Kara and was eventually provided with an Aliens Licence for the purpose of employment, which he retained ever since.

3. On the 28th July, 1963, Mr Stellato married Miss Maria Lourdes Borg, a British subject born at Valletta and the purpose of his application is to enable him to take up residence on the Island together with his wife.

4. A previous application for a Certificate of Naturalization submitted on the 8th October, 1963, was refused as Mr Stellato did not then qualify by residence and as his knowledge of Maltese was considered to be rather scanty.

5. However, when filing his second application on the 26th March, 1964, Mr Stellato became qualified by residence having resided in Malta for an aggregate period of more than five years during the previous eight years and for a continuous period of twelve months immediately preceding the day of the application as required under section 1 sub-sections (a) and (b) of the Second Schedule to the British Nationality Act, 1948. Although applicant does not read and write either English or Maltese, yet he has learned the Maltese spoken language quite sufficiently to understand others and to make himself understood.

6. The referees produced by Mr Stellato are Mr Emanuel Fenech, a shoe manufacturer, Mr Robert A. Tua, a pharmaceutical chemist, Mr Paul Degiorgio and Mr Godfrey A. Craig, Assistant Secretary. They are all British subjects by birth, of good character and none of them is related to applicant.

7. Mr Stellato has never been convicted of any crime since his arrival in Malta and nothing is known against his character in general. He is very devoted to his wife. His intention of applying for Naturalization has been given publicity in the local press as required by law without eliciting any objection or any information of adverse nature.

8. Applicant has, therefore, all the qualifications stipulated as necessary for naturalization under the British Nationality Act. Hon. Ministers are, therefore, kindly requested to state whether they agree that His Excellency the Governor be advised to approve that the enclosed Certificate of Naturalization of Mr Eduardo Stellato be forwarded to the Secretary of State for approval, in terms of section 10(2) of the British Nationality Act, 1948.

25th July, 1964.

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