

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE HON. MINISTER
OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE
HON. MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING

Allocation of area for the building of Embassies

Each of the representatives of France, Germany, Italy and the U.S.A. have had difficulty in finding suitable accommodation for their chanceries. They have each asked the help of the Ministry of Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs in this respect.

The solution which offers itself is to allocate part of the devastated area around Kingsgate for the purpose of the construction of embassies. The area with frontage on Queensway appears to be suitable and permits of one embassy being erected on the right of Kingsgate and three on the left as shown in the sketch plan available on request with the Secretary to Cabinet.

The Governments concerned would be granted the land in perpetuity at a pepper corn rent and they would be required to build the embassies at their expense within the period of say 3 years to plans which would have to be approved by the Malta Government. Such an arrangement would reduce the cost of reconstructing the area, would give a measure of dignity to the area and would solve a very real problem for the embassies.

Hon. Ministers are invited to agree to the proposal.

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