

MEMO TO CABINET

Mr A.W. Spreckley,
General Manager, Dent Allcroft & Co. Ltd

On the 7th March, 1967 following consultation with the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Welfare, Mr Spreckley was granted permission to remain in Malta for a period of one year to the 26th February, 1968 as General Manager with the Malta branch of Dent Allcroft & Co. Ltd. The permit provided for the training of a Maltese employee of the firm who would eventually replace Mr Spreckley.

The U.K. Company made representation with regard to the permit issued to Mr Spreckley and stated that unless the work permit issued to Mr Spreckley were to be made to apply for as long as he remains the Company's General Manager in Malta they would be shelving the expansion plans intended to commence leather glove production in Malta.

Mr Spreckley is the only expatriate employed by the Company. Dent Allcroft & Co. Ltd are a limited liability company incorporated in the U.K. with an established place of business in Malta and it would seem normal and reasonable for the General Manager to be a person on secondment from the Head Office with contacts at Head Office. Such expatriates are the connecting link between the two establishments and their principal responsibilities are looking after the Company's investments and interests and fostering and expanding its activities.

Hon. Ministers may wish to consider whether the permit to cover Mr Spreckley's stay in Malta should (a) be one to hold good for as long as Mr Spreckley continues to be the General Manager of the Company (b) require the training of an understudy.

10th October, 1967.