

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET BY THE HON. MINISTER OF PUBLIC BUILDING & WORKS

Erection of a hotel at M'Xlokk

In September 1966, Baron L. Bonnici-Testaferrata of Balzan applied for a permit to erect a 450 bed hotel on a site in Marsaxlokk Bay indicated on attached plan. The main difficulties which arose with regard to this project were two, namely:

- (1) Whether its proximity to the proposed Free Port would adversely affect such a development; and
 - (2) Whether the site applied for belonged entirely to applicant.
2. The views of the United Nations Physical Planning Adviser were sought. He stated that if the Free Port installation would not prejudice the development of the eastern side of Marsaxlokk Bay, and if the hotel were projected wholly on privately owned land, not only did he find no objection, but he strongly recommended the project.
3. The Director of Public Works drew attention to the fact that the Free Port might harm this project owing to the industrial and commercial development which would take place so near to the site. The United Nations Physical Planning Adviser then agreed that it would be premature and not adviseable to allow this type of development within the Free Port Area.
4. The Town Planning Board are not averse the erection of a hotel in this area provided its erection is on wholly ~~favourite~~ *private* land, the site coverage does not exceed 20 % and that the height does not exceed 3 storeys.

Hon. Ministers are kindly requested to **decide** whether further consideration should be given to this application and permit issued.

14th October, 1968.