

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET
BY THE HON. PRIME MINISTER

Government War Headquarters

This Headquarters is situated underground at Targa Gap, beneath the Civil Defence Headquarters and School. Its purpose is to provide a relatively safe place from which the Government could continue to function under war conditions, and at the same time to provide a centre from which the Defence effort would be coordinated.

2. However, the accommodation available is limited and occupancy must therefore be selective. Furthermore, prudence dictates that not all members of the Government should be housed in one place, and that there should be a 'reserve' headquarters which would be able to carry on should anything happen to the headquarters at Targa Gap. A second location has therefore been selected at Zebbieh which, with the necessary improvements, will be adequate for the purpose.

3. The Government essentially consists of the Governor General and the Cabinet, but in view of the need for dispersal, it is proposed that Ministers should be located as follows :-

<u>At Targa Gap</u>	<u>At Zebbieh</u>
Prime Minister and Minister of Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs	Minister of Finance, Customs and Port
Minister of Public Building and Works	Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs
Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture	Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism
Minister of Health	
Minister of Labour, Emigration and Welfare	

4. The Ministers suggested for the War Headquarters are those with departments that would have enhanced responsibilities under war conditions and which have representatives at CD Main Control. The whole Cabinet would, however, meet at the War HQ as long as circumstances permit. As this may not always be possible it is desirable that in War Ministerial responsibilities should be duplicated between Ministers in the two locations.

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5. Operations

The War operations that devolve on the Government are considered to be the following:-

- (a) to agree the defence policy with Allied Forces in Malta and maintain liaison with them either directly or through a subordinate HQ
- (b) to decide the priorities of action both Civil and Military
- (c) to receive and collate operational intelligence reports from subordinate HQ's, i.e.

HQ Malta Land Force
CD Main Control
Police HQ

- (d) to disseminate operational intelligence as required.

These functions would devolve on the HQ at Targa Gap but should this become inoperative for any reason they would have to be implemented by the HQ at Zebbieh.

6. General condition of Targa Gap underground HQ

The installation of an air conditioning plant, for which funds have been provided during the current financial year, will render Targa Gap habitable. However, furniture and office equipment, messing and kitchen equipment, essential stores and provisions, catering and domestic staff requirements still have to be provided.

7. General condition of Zebbieh underground HQ

In its present state, Zebbieh is not habitable, and unless funds are provided there will be no office or messing accommodation, and no essential services whatsoever.

8. Proposed Staff to occupy both H. Qs.

The personnel considered necessary is shown in Appendix
.... A and B herewith.

9. Hon. Ministers are requested to consider (a) their staffing requirements bearing in mind the very limited accommodation available at both underground H. Qs., and (b) the provision of funds to enable the C.D.C. to make both underground H. Qs. habitable should the need arise to occupy them.

1st October, 1968.

ZEBBIEN STAFF

Deputy Governor General	1	
Deputy Aide-de-Camp	1	
Personal Assistant	1	3
Minister of Finance, Customs and Port	1	
Permanent Secretary	1	
Private Secretary	1	
Confidential Clerk	1	4
Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs	1	
Permanent Secretary	1	
Private Secretary	1	
Confidential Clerk	1	4
Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism	1	
Permanent Secretary	1	
Private Secretary	1	
Confidential Clerk	1	4
Clerical and Typing Pool		4
Messengers		2
<u>OPERATIONS STAFF</u>		
Duty Officer	1	
RT Operators/Telephonists	3	
Orderly	1	
Despatch Rider	1	6
Duty Officer	1	
RT Operators/Telephonists	3	
Orderly	1	
Despatch Rider	1	6
Police Liaison Officer		1
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>		
Camp Commandant	1	
Exchange Operator	1	
Engine Room Attendant	1	3
<u>CATERING AND DOMESTIC STAFF</u>		
Cooks	2	
Cooks' Mates	2	
Batmen/Waiters	3	
Fatiguemen	2	9
Guard Duties		8
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TARGA GAP STAFF

His Excellency the Governor General	1	
Secretary	1	
Aide-de-Camp	1	
Personal Assistant	1	
Assistant to Secretary	1	5
The Hon. the Prime Minister	1	
Administrative Secretary	1	
Secretary to Cabinet	1	
Assistant Secretary (Defence)	1	
Private Secretary	1	
Confidential Clerk	1	6
Minister of Public Building and Works	1	
Permanent Secretary	1	
Private Secretary	1	
Confidential Clerk	1	4
Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture	1	
Permanent Secretary	1	
Private Secretary	1	
Confidential Clerk	1	4
Minister of Health	1	
Permanent Secretary	1	
Private Secretary	1	
Confidential Clerk	1	4
Minister of Labour, Emigration and Welfare	1	
Permanent Secretary	1	
Private Secretary	1	
Confidential Clerk	1	4
Clerical and Typing Pool		4
Messengers		2
<u>OPERATIONS STAFF</u>		
Civil Defence Commissioner	1	
Duty Officer	1	
RT Operators/Telephonists	3	
Orderly	1	
Despatch Rider	1	7
Army Liaison Officer	1	
Duty Officer	1	
RT Operators/Telephonists	3	
Orderly	1	
Despatch Rider	1	7
Police Liaison Officer		1
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>		
Camp Commandant	1	
Exchange Operator	1	
Engine Room Attendant	1	3
<u>CATERING AND DOMESTIC STAFF</u>		
Cooks	2	
Cooks' Mates	2	
Batmen/Waiters	3	
Fatiguemen	2	9
Guard Duties		12

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