

✓ Sitting No. 40/69.

Cabinet Meeting held. at the Ambassade d'Anglais, Valletta, on Saturday, 17th May, 1969, at 11.30 am.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister  
 The Hon. Minister of ~~Public~~ Finance,  
 Customs & Ports.  
 The Hon. Minister of Public Building  
 & Works.  
 The Hon. Minister of Justice and  
 Parliamentary Affairs.  
 The Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry  
 and Agriculture.  
 The Hon. Minister of Health.  
 The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment  
 & Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Education, Culture  
 & Tourism who was away from  
 the Island.

OPM. 557/68  
 # (The Hon. Mr. G.  
 Azzopardo,  
 Mr. G. Agius and  
 Mr. M. Abela  
 were in  
 attendance)

Financial Assistance Agreements with Britain  
 # The Hon. Prime Minister  
 informed the Cabinet of the outcome of his  
 recent talks in London with the British  
 Government on the aid still due to Malta  
 under the Financial Assistance Agreement  
 of 1964. Ministers still maintained that  
 the latest offer made by the British Government  
 of a 50% grant and a 50% loan of the aid  
 still due, were unsatisfactory and agreed  
 that the Malta Government should continue to

press for a higher "grant" percentage. If the British Government remained adamant a study of the existing agreements with Britain should be made with a view to their revision.

OPM 298/68.

Electronics Factory (former General Instruments Europe)

The Hon. Minister of Public Building and Works informed the Cabinet of a letter he had received from the General Manager of the Malta Development Corporation on the question of the setting up of an electronics plant in the Maltese Islands by the General Instruments Europe. It was understood that the original site in Sgoz had been definitely discarded and that the Company was now proposing to set up the plant in Malta. The proposal was bound to have political repercussions as was shown from the written statement made by the four Government members of Parliament for Sgoz. The Hon. Prime Minister agreed to see those members of Parliament on the matter.

20<sup>th</sup> May, 1969.

*Osborne Phillips*  
Prime Minister

*Angela*

Secretary to Cabinet.  
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