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1. Developments in Malta over the weekend require alterations to the Background brief PMVE(83)C44. These are:
- (a) The point to make at paragraph 5 should now read "Pleased that the matter has been resolved."
  - (b) The background note in paragraph 10 should now read: "Anthony Price is a British soldier who went absent without leave (AWOL) from his unit in February and was arrested in Malta in April. Eventually charged with conspiracy against the Government on what appeared to be trumped-up charges. We made efforts during the period of detention without charge to have him dealt with under the normal judicial procedures and, once he had been charged, to secure his release or early trial. The Maltese have now released Price, following certain assurances about Maltese security that we were able to give them."

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