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MY TELNOS PERSONAL 91, 92 AND 93.

1. THE GIBRALTAR GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THE TRANSFER TO THEM OF TWO SPECIFIC SITES, THAT IN QUEENSWAY FROM DOCKYARD NORTH GATE TO THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND THAT FROM NAPIER BATTERY ALONG THE LITTORAL TO ROSIA BAY AND TO THE WEST OF NUFFIELD POOL.

2. THE QUEENSWAY BID COVERS THE NAAFI WAREHOUSE/OFFICES/FLATS: MOD STORES AND SCOUTS CLUB: THE WATERMANSHIP TRAINING CENTRE/SLIPWAY THE QUEENSWAY SPORTS CLUB AND THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE. THEIR INTENTION IS THOUGHT TO BE TO MAKE THIS AREA AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT AS HOLIDAY FLATS OR A HOTEL. THE PSA MARITIME SECTIONS COMPRISE THREE BRICK BUILDINGS WITH AN AREA OF 1600 SQUARE FEET AND BERTHING FOR THE DREDGER, HARBOUR LAUNCH, DIVING BOAT AND THREE BARGES. THE SEA SCOUTS CLUB, THE FIRST FLOOR OF ONE BUILDING, COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 500 SQUARE FEET. MOD HAVE REGARDED A WATER SIDE BERTH AS ESSENTIAL FOR THE MARITIME SECTION AS NO OTHER BERTH COULD BE OFFERED TO THE PSA. THE ESTIMATED COST OF RE-PROVISION HAS BEEN £60,000. THE SERVICES DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE SURPLUS BUILDINGS LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE THE SEA STORES AT QUEENSWAY WHICH CONSIST OF 45,000 SQ FT OF COVERED AND OPEN AREA. RE-PROVISION HAS BEEN ESTIMATED AT £1 MILLION.

3. THE ROSIA BAY JETTY COMPLEX IS ENVISATED AS A MULTI-PURPOSE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT EMBRACING PARSONS LODGE, THE ROSIA BAY OFFICERS' SWIMMING CLUB AND NAPIER BATTERY (EXCLUDING FORTRESS HEADQUARTERS). THE ROSIA MOLE IS USED FOR OPERATIONAL DIVING AND AS A BASE FOR NAVAL CONTROL OF SHIPPING ACTIVITIES IN TIME OF TENSION AND WAR. IT IS BOUNDED BY THE OPERATIONALLY ACTIVE FORTRESS HEADQUARTERS AND IS ALSO USED FOR TWO SWIMMING CLUBS FOR SERVICE AND UK BASED CIVILIAN FAMILIES. THE MOLE REQUIRES CONSTANT UP-KEEP AND IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR PSA PLAN TO SPEND £80,000 FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE SWIMMING CLUBS ARE CONSIDERED BY SERVICE COMMANDERS TO BE AN IMPORTANT MORALE FACTOR TO THOSE SERVING IN GIBRALTAR.

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4. THE GIBRALTAR PAPER IS SILENT ON THE QUESTION OF RE-PROVISION FOR THESE FACILITIES. AS YOU KNOW THE NORMAL PRACTICE WOULD BE THAT ITEMS NOT SURPLUS TO DEFENCE REQUIREMENT WOULD BE RE-PROVISIONED AT GIBRALTAR GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

5. WHATEVER MAY HAVE BEEN GIBRALTAR'S RECORD ON THE EFFICIENT USE OF LAND MADE AVAILABLE, THE FACT IS THAT GIBRALTAR MINISTERS ARE NOW CONVINCED BOTH THAT THEIR PROGRAMMED FOR ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND ITS PRESENTATION AS PART OF THE OVERALL PACKAGE NEGOTIATED WITH HMG ARE VITAL.

6. MY SERVICE COMMANDERS HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN GIVEN DETAILS OF THE GIBRALTAR GOVERNMENT APPROACH BUT I SHALL HAVE TO TELL THEM VERY SOON. THEY ARE BOUND TO TAKE THE VIEW THAT BOTH FOR OPERATIONAL AND MORALE REASONS THE PROPOSALS ARE UNWELCOME. IN MY DUAL AS GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR THE INSTRUCTIONS REACHING ME TO BE AGREED BETWEEN THE FCO AND THE MOD

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