is a Ministers' council-chamber which can be reached by a private entrance at basement level, beneath the bridge leading to the chapel. Also in the basement, which is approached by a road beneath the entrance terrace, is a guardroom, various stores and preparation rooms in connection with the kitchen above, and a private film-theatre. At the end of the service wing, which contains staff living-quarters, is the garage, entered from the far (eastern) side. On the north side of the main building is a swimming-pool. The upper floor of the main building contains the private apartments, divided into two groups which are connected by a gallery overlooking the two-storey hall. The bedroom of the President's apartments have a balcony facing north, projecting beneath the roof of the verandah.

The building has a reinforced concrete frame and roof; the latter cantilevered outwards to form the roof of the verandah, which is also supported by the screen of greyish white marble along the north and south sides. The upright members forming the screen curve outwards at the level of the verandah floor, the outer edge of which they support, and then inwards again to the points at which they rest on the ground. Between the arches thus formed the ground continues underneath the verandah; so do the shallow pools of water on either side of the entrance.

The paved terraces and the walls of the chapel are of the same marble as the verandah screen. The chapel is lined internally with gold mosaic. The walls of the main building are of clear glass except at the western end, facing the chapel, where the glass has a greenish colour to counteract the glare from the low evening sun.