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THE BAN ON CIVIL SERVICE RECRUITMENT

I have seen a copy of the minute dated 17 July from the Lord President about the future of the three months recruitment freeze. As far as my Department is concerned I agree with his analysis. I believe that we should proceed as he proposes and that this should make it easier for us to make more substantial manpower reductions in the medium term in relation to functions.

I am copying this minute to Cabinet colleagues, the Minister of Transport and Sir John Hunt.

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