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Rina Ansteth  
Latest situation  
report - not  
too bad, though  
the position in  
Scotland (where  
ambulance are  
also already taking  
10 June 1981  
industrial action)  
looks troublesome.

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Dear Tim,

INDUSTRIAL ACTION PROGRESS REPORT

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The total number of those involved in selective strike action is now 5,046. On the whole the same areas as hitherto continue to be hit by selective action, with signs of escalatory action affecting DHSS and DE. Details are shown below (and in the attached Annex) of the effects on individual departments of selective action and, where ascertainable, of short-term protest action.

DHSS/DE

Unemployment Benefit Service (DE)

Livingston and Reading Computer Centre are both out indefinitely. The present assessment is that the vast majority of claimants will be getting their payments this week without serious delay. Scotland, however, presents a rather bleak picture with 38 offices refusing to undertake the contingency arrangements or refusing to carry on with the manual processing of claims that have been dealt with clerically to date. It has been made clear to the CPSA that they have until close of play today to bring into line those members who are refusing to undertake contingency arrangements. If they do not do so TRD procedures will be applied.

Child Benefit (DHSS)

The Washington Child Benefit computer is also out, as a result of strike action by 100 staff.

Other new developments

Short-term protest action yesterday affected 5 DE local offices, 4 of which are now back at work.

CAA

It appears that no action has been planned for today or tomorrow.

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There were, however, some difficulties at West Drayton Air Traffic Control Centre yesterday, and locations are still being picketed. CAA management have written to their trade union side offering to pay the 7% increase from 1 April if staff undertake to withdraw from industrial action.

#### Inland Revenue

The situation remains much as previously reported, though 6 CPSA staff at Kew Mail Sorting and Distributing Centre are now taking industrial action.

#### MOD

985 industrials at ROF Bishopton and 865 at Rosyth Dockyard had to be laid off with pay (on the guaranteed minimum working week) towards the end of last week. As from today, PSA engineers at RAF West Drayton and RAF Bulmer have gone on indefinite strike. Consultation is going on with PSA management to ensure that emergency cover is maintained.

#### Customs and Excise

Selective action affecting the Channel ports continues. In addition, some 60 staff at these ports staged protest strikes yesterday. The data processors at London Airport are now on indefinite strike. Manual fallback arrangements are likely to be used.

#### DVLC

49% of staff supported protest action yesterday but have now returned to work. Picketing continues however, and further attempts to get mail in will be taken.

Copies as before.

*Yours ever,  
Jeremy*

JEREMY COLMAN  
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~~cc~~ J. Vercher  
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**with compliments**

This should have been  
attached to J. Colman's letter  
of 10/6 - Industrial Action Progress  
Report.

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SELECTIVE ACTION BY NON-INDUSTRIAL CIVIL SERVANTS  
SUMMARY OF POSITION - 9 JUNE 1981

Department	Number on strike	Remarks
Customs & Excise	550	Strikes by computer, customs and other staff at Southend Computer Centre; Dover/Folkestone/Sheerness/Shoreham/Newhaven/Harwich/Felixstowe/Ipswich; Manchester Betting Duty Office, London and Gatwick airports.
Ministry of Defence	1004	Strikes by computer and other staff at 4 dockyards, 4 RN stores depots, 2 RN armaments depots, Clyde Submarine Base, Royal Ordnance Factories, Feltham and Taunton (Mapping), Bath, Oil Fuel Depots, REME Longmoor
Environment/Transport	69	Senior Data Processors at DVLC;
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	291	Passport Examiners at the London, Liverpool, Peterborough, Newport and Glasgow Passport Offices; Belfast Agency, typing staff at London
Dept. of Health and Social Security	455	230 staff on strike at Newcastle computer centre; 10 staff at North Fylde central Accounts Office; staff at Reading Computer Centre (59) Livingston Computer Centre (56), and Washington Computer Centre (100).
Home Office	8	Staff at Exeter Prison
Inland Revenue	2110	Staff on strike at Shipley, Cumbernauld and Worthing computer centres; staff at various Collection Offices; staff at mail sorting centre, Kew (1769 on strike, 341 TRD)
Paymaster General's Office	27	Strike by 12 computer staff; 12 in Finance Branch, disrupting Government banking transactions; telephonists.
Property Services Agency	73	Strikes by maintenance engineers at RAF Brawdy, Pendine, Aberporth, St Athans, Trewn, Cardiff-DWO, Cumbernauld, RAF Bulmer and West Drayton

Departments	Number on strike	Remarks
Depts. of Trade and Industry	163	Strike by staff who handle search facilities at Companies House, London and Cardiff; telephonists at Cardiff
Scottish Office	25	Staff at the Scottish Computer Centre and 1 CPSA member involved in organising industrial action.
Scottish Courts Administration	235	Strike by staff at Edinburgh and Glasgow Sheriff Courts.
Registers of Scotland	11	Strike by Administrative staff.
MAFF	17	Staff at Guildford Computer Centre.
Employment	8	Computer staff at Reading
TOTAL	5046	