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Prini Amish

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The Financial Treatment of Strikers and their Families

In the light of your informal group's meeting on 28th February I have had the attached paper prepared setting out the package as provisionally agreed. A further meeting of your Ministerial group to discuss this has been arranged for Monday, 10th March, at 6.00 pm. A final paper could then go to Cabinet for decisions on 13th March.

2. At the meeting on 28th February it was suggested that Lord Cockfield might be asked to look at the proposals and inform the group of his reactions. I am therefore copying this minute to him as well as to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the other Ministers who attended the meeting - the Home Secretary, the Secretaries of State for Industry, Employment, Social Services and Trade and the Chief Secretary, Treasury.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

6th March, 1980