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Dear Mike,

INDUSTRIAL ACTION PROGRESS REPORT

... There are at present 4548 staff involved in selective strike action. Details of the number of non-industrial civil servants on strike yesterday are given in the attached Annex. You will see that since the 23 April the numbers on strike have progressively risen by about 1000.

The pattern of action in major Departments remains unchanged. In the Ministry of Defence some Navy Department operations are seriously affected but the defence capability is being maintained. Customs and Excise staff remain on strike at the Southend VAT Centre, Northern Ireland land boundary, some south and west coast ports, and the Manchester Betting Duty Office. Action continues at the Inland Revenue computer centres at Shipley, Cumbernauld and Worthing, and at various Collection Offices. Staff are still out at the Edinburgh and Glasgow Sheriff Courts, the Department of the Registers of Scotland and the Scottish Office Computer Centre.

The official industrial action is being supplemented by unofficial strikes involving CPSA grades in Scottish offices of the DHSS. These strikers are not receiving official strike pay; nor do they have the backing of the CPSA at national level. The Livingston Computer Centre is particularly badly affected with the absence of 8 Senior Data Processors virtually halting all payments.

New developments include

- i. Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Action by staff at three Passport Offices, but staff at the Peterborough Office have voted not to strike.
- ii. Inland Revenue. A strike by Inland Revenue staff at the Kew mail sorting centre.

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iii. PSA. The withdrawal of air conditioning maintenance staff at DVLC Swansea.

iv. CAA. The decision of Air Traffic Control Officers to support the civil servants dispute; staff are being withdrawn at different airports each day but so far a reduced service is being maintained.

Yours ever,
Jeremy Colman

JEREMY COLMAN
Private Secretary

PS Copies as before.

SELECTIVE ACTION BY NON-INDUSTRIAL CIVIL SERVANTS
SUMMARY OF POSITION - 28 APRIL 1981

Department	Number on strike	Remarks
Customs & Excise	728	Strikes by computer, customs and other staff at Southend Computer Centre (278), West Coast ports (214), NI Land Boundary (174), Manchester Betting Duty Office (42), London Airport (12), Glasgow (2), and Workington (6).
Ministry of Defence	602	Strikes by computer and other staff at 4 dockyards, 4 RN stores depots, 2 RN armaments depots, Clyde Submarine Base, Liverpool computer, Feltham and Taunton (Mapping), Bath, 5 Oil Fuel Depots.
Environment	7	3 driving examiners on strike at Kidderminster and 4 cartographers at HQ, Marsham Street.
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	114	Passport Examiners at the London, Liverpool and Glasgow Passport Offices.
Dept. of Health and Social Security	422	230 staff on strike at Newcastle computer centre; 10 staff at North Fylde central Accounts Office; 120 staff on unofficial strike in Scottish local offices; 8 staff at Livingston computer centre; 54 Glasgow.
Home Office	6	Staff picketing Horfield Prison, Bristol.
Inland Revenue	2159	Staff on strike at Shipley, Cumbernauld and Worthing computer centres; staff at various Collection Offices and the mail sorting centre at Kew. (1825 on strike, 334 TRD)
Paymaster General's Office	28	Strike by 10 computer staff; 13 in Finance Branch, disrupting Government banking transactions; telephonists.
Property Services Agency	43	Strikes by maintenance engineers at RAF Brawdy, Wyton, Aberporth, St Athans, and Swansea District Works Office.

Departments	Number on strike	Remarks
Depts. of Trade and Industry	168	Strike by staff who handle search facilities and 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.
TOTAL	4548	