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THE PRIME MINISTER

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*Dear Bob,*

I am sorry not to have replied before now to your letter of 6 January. You will have heard me refer to the subject of benefits for strikers in the House last week. I hope that I left you in no doubt of our intention to take action to fulfil our manifesto pledge.\*

I am most grateful for your kind good wishes.

\* At first it seemed as if we could not distinguish members & non-members of the inst. I was not prepared to deem strike pay in respect of non-members, because it would have been wrong to do so. I now understand that we shall be able to distinguish them. Yours sincerely  
*Margaret*

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