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THE BAN ON CIVIL SERVICE RECRUITMENT

The Prime Minister has considered the Lord President's minute of 17 July, and also the Chief Secretary's minute of 20 July on the above subject.

The Prime Minister has agreed that the ban on Civil Service recruitment should be lifted from mid-August, and that this should be announced by means of a Written Answer before the House rises. However, the Prime Minister has emphasised that this should not imply that there can be any letting up on the drive to find staff economies.

I am sending copies of this letter to Private Secretaries to Members of the Cabinet, the Minister of Transport and Sir John Hunt.

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