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Dear Prime Minister

The Staff Side of the Cabinet Office Whitley Council met today to consider, amongst other items, the current problems in negotiating a pay settlement for the non-industrial civil service which would be acceptable to all parties involved in those negotiations.

Representatives of all the constituent staff associations reported upon their members' fears that, yet again, the national agreement governing civil service pay was about to be breached by one of the parties to that agreement, and expressed their grave concern about the apparently imminent imposition of a discriminatory and "hidden" incomes policy upon one section of the public sector, by the use of cash limits which ignore the evidence submitted by the independent Pay Research Board.

The Staff Side therefore instructed me to write to you to seek an urgent meeting with ourselves to discuss the problems involved in the pay negotiations while they are still at the stage where measures can be taken to find acceptable solutions.

I would be grateful if arrangements could be made for such a meeting to be held at an early date.

Yours sincerely

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