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Dear Mr Rickett,

INDUSTRIAL ACTION PROGRESS REPORT

There are at present 4,552 staff involved in selective strike action, including 451 staff in the Inland Revenue who have been temporarily relieved from duty.

There have been few changes in the pattern of action affecting major departments since my last report. The main areas affected are still Ministry of Defence, Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise and DHSS, and to a lesser extent Scottish Courts, and the Department of Trade and Industry. There have been a few new developments:

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DVLC : The industrial action difficulties at DVLC were reported in a letter from Jim Buckley yesterday to you. Further discussions have been held today with the local unions at DVLC in an attempt to reach agreement on deliveries of mail and on the unloading of the nitrogen. I understand that the Secretary of State for Transport will be reporting the outcome of the discussions, and the management action proposed, to the Prime Minister later today.

FCO Passport Office : There has been an escalation of action at Liverpool and Glasgow; only a few staff with the necessary authority are available to issue passports. Applicants at all affected offices are being encouraged to make personal applications instead of using the mail. The action may spread to Newport next week.

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DES : 9 staff in the computer data control section at Darlington are on strike. No payments are feasible except those which can be made manually. The stoppage will affect preparatory work on teachers' pensions, statistical work and payments to some schools, but the effects are not expected to be serious.

Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce : 15 staff (out of 20) are on strike in the Been Imports/Exports Section. However staff still working can handle the issue of licences and the short-term effects of the action are expected to be minimal.

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4 administrative staff are picketing Gloucester prison and the Prison Officers and Post Office staff will not cross the line. This will affect the transfer of prisoners and the delivery of mail. The POA are intending to operate 'Sunday working' on Monday 11 May. This will mean no working parties and no transfer of prisoners to courts.

MOD : Following TRD action at Devonport Dockyard, the SW CCSU called for two days of strike action in the South West on 6 and 7 May. First reports suggest that there was very little impact on Departments. On a positive note the preparation of HMS Repulse for sea at the Clyde Base is largely going ahead to schedule.

Copies go as before.

Yours sincerely

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for J G COLMAN
Private Secretary

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SELECTIVE ACTION BY NON-INDUSTRIAL CIVIL SERVANTS

SUMMARY OF POSITION - 8 MAY 1981

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Department	Number on strike	Remarks
Customs & Excise	411	Strikes by computer, customs and other staff at Southend Computer Centre (307) ; South Coast Ports (58); Manchester Betting Duty Office (42), Doncaster LVO (4).
Ministry of Defence	795	Strikes by computer and other staff at 4 dockyards, 4 RN stores depots, 2 RN armaments depots, Clyde Submarine Base, Feltham and Taunton (Mapping), Bath, 5 Oil Fuel Depots.
Environment/Transport	8	Cartographers on strike at HQ, Marsham Street. <i>Driving examiners on strike at Wuxham.</i>
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	173	Passport Examiners at the London, Liverpool, Peterborough and Glasgow Passport Offices.
Dept. of Health and Social Security	325	230 staff on strike at Newcastle computer centre; 10 staff at North Fylde central Accounts Office; 85 staff on unofficial strike in Scottish local offices.
Home Office	10	Staff at Gloucester and Bristol Prisons.
Inland Revenue	2280	Staff on strike at Shipley, Cumbernauld and Worthing computer centres; staff at various Collection Offices and the mail sorting centre at Kew. (1829 on strike, 451 TRD)
Paymaster General's Office	28	Strike by 10 computer staff; 13 in Finance Branch, disrupting Government banking transactions; telephonists.
Property Services Agency	47	Strikes by maintenance engineers at RAF Brawdy, Wyton, Aberporth, Yeovilton, St Athans, Trowan, Swansea District Works Office, and Pendine.

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 Glasgöw Sheriff Courts.
Registers of Scotland	11	Strike by Administrative staff.
Employment	12	Strike by office staff at Barrhead UBO.
Education & Science	9	Data Control staff, Darlington Computer.
IBAP	15	Imports/Exports Section, Reading.
TOTAL	4552	