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## THE BAN ON CIVIL SERVICE RECRUITMENT

I have seen a copy of the minute dated 17 July from the Lord President about the future of the three months recruitment freeze. Whilst I can see advantages in extending it for a further period I think it might prove an obstacle to the more substantial manpower reductions in the medium term which are related to functions. So long as the functions exercise is in no way diminished in its urgency and importance I tend to agree with the Lord President.

I am copying this minute to Cabinet colleagues, the Minister of Transport and Sir John Hunt.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'J' and 'N' in a stylized, cursive font.

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