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We, who are all present or retired members of the economic
staffs of British universities, are convinced that:

There is no basis in economic theory or supporting evidence
for the Government's belief that by deflating demand they will
bring inflation permanently under control and thereby induce an
automatic recovery in output and employment;

Present policies will deepen the depression, erode the
industrial base of our economy and threaten its social and
political stability;

There are alternative policies; and

The time has come to reject monetarist policies and
consider urgently which alternative offers the best hope of
sustained economic recovery.