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I have seen Geoffrey Howe's minute of 26th March. I am content that when Departmental assessments of the consequences of industrial action by rail, postal and telecommunications workers have been received, the Civil Contingencies Unit should consider the matter and report.

I am sending copies of this minute to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Industry, Employment, Energy, Environment, Trade, Transport, Scotland, the Chancellor of the Duchy and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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