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*Dear Secretary of State*

MINERS' DISPUTE: POLICING COSTS

Thank you for your letter of 17 May.

I am content that you should announce a special grant, analogous to that in England and Wales, but with the threshold set at 0.67p. This will allow for revaluation taking place more recently North of the Border than South of it.

There is, I note, a good chance, as things stand now, that no extra grant will be payable. If the strike continues, I hope that Chief Constables can be helped, through use of your Inspectors and in other ways, to keep additional costs to a minimum.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of MISC 101, Patrick Jenkin and Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Yours sincerely*

*Jr. Gier*

*Jr.* PETER REES

*[Approved by the Chief Secretary]*