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From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

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Told Nigel that the S is hoping
Customs will impound lorries so that
he can make propaganda.



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Dear Tim,

The French Communist Trade Union, the CGT, plans to bring some 35 lorries of food and other goods to this country next weekend for distribution to the striking miners. The lorries are expected to be accompanied by about 800 supporters and the whole group plans to arrive at Dover at 6.00 pm on Saturday, 13 October.

We understand that after arrival supporters will travel to the local town of Aylesham where they will receive hospitality and then return to Dover to catch the 11.00 pm ferry back to France. The lorries will be subject to examination by Customs and Excise and then travel to Aylesham (possibly not until Sunday) to offload their cargo. The leader of the CGT, M Henri Krasucki, intends to travel with the group and meet some NUM officials, possibly including Mr Scargill, on arrival. Both the CGT and the NUM have been liaising with Customs and Excise and the Ports authorities about the arrangements for the visit.

We are arranging for immigration officers to travel on the ferry when it crosses from France so as to examine the passengers on the ship before arrival and lessen the difficulties of disembarkation at Dover. They will be examined by the immigration officers in the normal way, and some may be refused admission under normal immigration procedures. The Home Secretary takes the view, however, that he would not be justified in seeking to exclude the whole party unless there was clear evidence that public disorder was planned. The police do not foresee public order problems and neither they nor the Security Service have any information to suggest that disruption is intended. The police take the view that an attempt to prevent the supporters entering would be more likely to precipitate than avert public order problems.

Yours ever,
Nigel

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