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From the Private Secretary

11 January 1982

Civil Contingencies: Publicity Arrangements

The Lord President circulated on 11 December proposals for a simplified system for handling publicity during a major industrial dispute or other civil emergency.

Since, as I understand it, no objections have been raised by members of E Committee, and since the Prime Minister herself is content, I am writing to confirm that these proposals are now approved by Ministers.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the other members of E Committee, Muir Russell (Scottish Office), John Craig (Welsh Office), David Clark (DHSS) and Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office); and to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

M. C. SCHOLAR

David Heyhoe, Esq.,
Lord President's Office.

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1. MR WINGFIELD

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2. MR SCHOLAR

Prime Minister

Bernard's paper proposes

a simplified procedure for handling publicity in an industrial dispute / emergency, placing responsibility primarily with the lead Department in each case. Agree (write as at x ?

cc Mr Wade Gery
Brig. Budd
Mr Moyes

Yes no

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In this memorandum the Lord President of the Council recommended adoption of a simplified system, as proposed by Mr Ingham, for handling publicity during a major industrial dispute or other civil emergency.

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2. The Lord President said that unless contrary views were put forward by any member of E Committee before Christmas he would assume that these proposals were agreed. No objections have been made, but to put the matter beyond all doubt - and assuming the Prime Minister herself is content - I suggest that Mr Scholar should write to the Lord President's Private Secretary to confirm that the proposals are now approved. Copies of the letter should go to the Private Secretaries of members of E Committee and of the Secretaries of State for Scotland, Wales, Social Services and of the Chief Whip.

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7 January 1982

I agree,

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