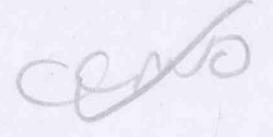
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SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT FOR STRIKERS

Thank you for your letter of 28 October.

I am content with your proposals both on the £15 deduction and on supplementary benefit for sick strikers. I believe it is right in both cases that the law should take its course. I agree however that you should continue to pay supplementary benefit to a sick striker already receiving it, on an extra statutory basis, although of course it will be necessary to exercise special care to ensure that this provision is not abused.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Willie Whitelaw, Leon Brittan, Nigel Lawson, Peter Walker, Michael Heseltine, George Younger, Norman Tebbit, Tom King, Nicholas Ridley , David Young and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

(aproved by the Chief Secretary) and signed in his absence)