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Dear Secretary of State,

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT FOR STRIKERS

attached

Thank you for your letter of 28 October.

2 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.

3 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.

Yours Sincerely,

Peter Rees

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

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