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I have seen in the press a number of disturbing reports about picketing at Highlands Fabricators' offshore construction yard at Nigg, Easter Ross.

It would appear that large numbers of pickets have been allowed to congregate outside the entrance; that the highway has been obstructed; and that there have been cases of intimidation and possibly violence against those seeking to return to work.

I wonder if you could say if this is an accurate description of what has been occurring at Nigg. If it is indeed so and picketing on such a scale has been permitted by the police without arrests being made or other steps taken to disperse the pickets and allow access to the yard comparisons will be made with the failure of the police to act against similar incidents in the 1970s. That would be most unfortunate to say the least of it.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Energy.

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