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*Dear Robert,*

CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR AN OIL TANKER DRIVERS' STRIKE

I have seen a copy of your minute of 3 July to the Prime Minister enclosing the report of the Working Group of the Civil Contingencies Unit on the use of service drivers in the event of an oil tanker drivers' strike.

I very much welcome the Working Group's conclusion that it should be possible to achieve a much higher level of oil deliveries by service drivers. Given the reliance of the rural and remote areas of Scotland on road haulage and private transport, there would be considerable advantage, from my point of view, if these higher levels could be achieved during any strike by oil tanker drivers.

I am, therefore, content that the work proposed in your minute should proceed.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretaries of State for Energy, Defence, Employment, Trade and Industry and Transport.

*Yours sincerely,  
George Younger.*

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