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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR AN OIL TANKER DRIVERS' STRIKE

The Prime Minister has seen the report of the Official Group on Oil Tanker Drivers (MISC 63), attached to your minute of 3 July (A084/1884).

She has noted the contents of the report and in particular that contingency planning is now in hand to prepare a more flexible plan by the autumn. She agrees that further work on legal aspects and on the possibility of obtaining oil delivery vehicles without recourse to requisitioning should now be put in hand.

I am copying this minute to Mr. Taylor (Home Office), Mr. Peretz (H.M. Treasury), Mr. Reidy (Department of Energy), Mr. Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Mr. Graham (Scottish Office), Mr. Normington (Department of Employment), Mr. McCarthy (Department of Trade and Industry) and Miss Nichols (Department of Transport).

AT

ANDREW TURNBULL

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26 July 1984