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From the Private Secretary

4 June 1979

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The Prime Minister has read your letter of 1 June about the threatened London underground strike.

In view of the decision by the NUR to take strike action starting on 18 June, I would be grateful for a note which I could show to the Prime Minister assessing the implications of such a strike, and setting out what contingency plans already exist or are in preparation. This will no doubt need to be prepared in consultation with the Home Office. It would be helpful if this could be with me before the weekend.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Chilcot (Home Office), Ian Fair (Department of Employment), David Edmonds (Department of the Environment) and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

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Mrs. E. C. Flanagan,
Ministry of Transport.

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LTE could not possibly meet this unreasonable and costly claim within their present budget without swinging fare increases above those already planned and in the pipeline (ie 7.5% from 17 June). The GLC have made it clear that there is no possibility of an increase in their subsidy to London Transport.

My Minister has no formal locus in this dispute. London Transport is a GLC responsibility; and the GLC (as the Traffic Authority) and the Metropolitan and City Police have the responsibility for dealing with the traffic problems that would be caused by a strike (which could be serious). My Minister sees no reason for the Government to intervene in what is properly a matter for the LTE and the GLC. Indeed, to do so could be counter-productive. Neither GLC nor LTE is in any doubt about where the Government stands on cash limits and on financing pay settlements in the public sector. There is no reason to believe that they will act irresponsibly in dealing with what is bound to be a troublesome business.

I am copying this letter to John Chilcot, Ian Fair, David Edmonds, and Martin Vile.

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MRS E C FLANAGAN
Private Secretary

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THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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