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Dear Nigel,

Thank you for your letter of 29 November reporting that staff at the National Savings Bank, Glasgow, who had been suspended from duty, had returned to work. This is a satisfactory outcome of the firm stance taken by management.

As you say, it would not be sensible to attempt to predict the likely effect of the events you describe on future union activities. Nevertheless the action taken at the National Savings Bank must have demonstrated to the CPSA, and to other Civil Service unions, our readiness to take a firm line in answer to various forms of industrial action.

I am copying this, together with your letter, to the Prime Minister, E(CS) colleagues, and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours
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