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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

CIVIL SERVICE 1983 PAY NEGOTIATIONS

Thank you for your minute of 21 December (ref. A082/0587).

The Prime Minister has seen your minute and agreed that there should be similar arrangements for the 1983 Civil Service Pay negotiations as for 1982 and in particular that two groups on the lines of MISC 66 and 67 should be re-activated as proposed in your minute. This would again be on the understanding that the Prime Minister may wish to take the chair of MISC 66 at some point in its deliberations.

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MR. BUPLER

Yes Mr

Prime Minister

1  
Agree, on the understanding  
that (as last year) you may wish  
to chair MISC 66 when matters  
come to a head?

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Civil Service 1983 Pay Negotiations

24.12.

The Council of Civil Service Unions is likely formally to submit its 1983 pay claim for the non-industrial Civil Service early in January. We need to consider what machinery should be established at both Ministerial and official level to formulate the Government's offer and to oversee the pay negotiations.

2. Last year, the Ministerial Group on Civil Service Pay Negotiations (MISC 66) was established with the following composition:-

Chancellor of the Exchequer (Chairman)  
Secretary of State for Defence  
Secretary of State for Social Services  
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Lady Young)  
Secretary of State for Employment  
Minister of State, Treasury (Mr. Hayhoe)  
Mr. J. Sparrow

The Prime Minister took the chair of this Group on at least one occasion.

3. A parallel group was established at official level (MISC 67) under the chairmanship of Mr. Le Cheminant. It consisted of representatives of those Departments whose Ministers were members of MISC 66 (including the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise) and also the No.10 Policy Unit.

4. I think there would be advantage in having similar arrangements for the 1983 pay negotiations. I therefore recommend that the above two Groups should be reactivated for the 1983 negotiations, subject to the formal substitution of Lord Privy Seal for Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in respect of Lady Young.

5. I should be grateful to know that the Prime Minister would be content with this.

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Robert Armstrong

21st December 1982

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