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12 May 1983

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cc Mr P Middleton
Mr P Lazarus
Sir K Couzens
Mr M Quinlan
Mr C Whitmore
Sir W Fraser
Mr J Sparrow
Mr R Butler

Mr Gill
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Mr Winkett (with papers)

Dear Robert,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 9 May to Ken Couzens about withstanding a strike in the oil distribution industry.

Jack Leeming will represent this Department on this study, as he has on the other similar studies.

I am sending copies of this letter to the recipients of yours.

Couzens etc
Brian

BRIAN HAYES



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Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO 12 May 1983
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Dear Robert.

WITHSTANDING A STRIKE IN THE OIL DISTRIBUTION
INDUSTRY

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of
9 May to Ken Couzens.

I should like my Department to be represented
on the MISC 63 Group by Matt Wake, the Under
Secretary for the relevant industrial relations
division here, with Ted Whybrew (Assistant
Secretary) as his alternate.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of
yours.

Yours sincerely,

Michael

MICHAEL QUINLAN



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From: John Sparrow
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12 May 1983

Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO
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Dear Robert,

Withstanding a Strike in the Oil
Distribution Industry

Thank you for your letter of 9 May seeking
nominations for MISC 63.

I have asked Graham Hart (233 5029) to represent
the CPRS on the Group. It would be helpful if David
Pascall (233 8270) could also receive the working
papers.

I am sending copies of this letter to the
recipients of yours.

*Yours sincerely,
John.*

John Sparrow

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11 May 1983

Dear Richard,

WITHSTANDING A STRIKE IN THE OIL DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY

Sir Robert Armstrong sent Mr Lazarus a copy of his letter of 9 May to Sir Kenneth Couzens. I am replying in Mr Lazarus' absence overseas.

This Department's nomination for membership of Misc 63 will be the Under Secretary in charge of the Freight Directorate. At present the post is held by G Hopkinson, (212-8187) but from 23 May he will be succeeded by A P Brown (212-7319). I should however mention that we already have plans for reorganisation of work which would lead to a further change, but these depend on the outcome of the election.

Copies of this letter go to the Private Secretaries of the recipients of Sir Robert Armstrong's letter.

*Yours sincerely,
David Harris*

DAVID HARRIS
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12 MAY 1983



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SIR KENNETH COUZENS KCB
PERMANENT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE

11 May 1983

Dear Robert

WITHSTANDING A STRIKE IN THE OIL DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY

Thank you for your letter of 9 May about the Official Group on Oil Tankers Drivers (MISC 63).

As Ivor Manley indicated to Peter Gregson yesterday, the Department of Energy representative on the Group will be John Wiggins, supported by Desmond Scarr.

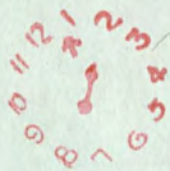
I am sending a copy of this letter to the other recipients of your letter.

Yours ever

Ken

Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO
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cc- H. Gregson
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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Permanent Secretary to the Management and Personnel Office

Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO

9 May 1983

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cc- Mr Butler (No 10)

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Withstanding a Strike in the Oil Distribution Industry

The Prime Minister agreed some time ago that, as part of a series of studies of withstanding strikes in key industries, there should be a study of the oil distribution industry. The Official Group on Oil Tanker Drivers (MISC 63) has been established under Peter Gregson's chairmanship for this purpose and I am writing now to seek nominations to the group from you and copy addressees. I should be grateful for nominations at about Under Secretary level.

I think the group should aim to submit a first report to Ministers before the summer Parliamentary Recess. I gather that Peter Gregson has already been in touch with Ivor Manley about the work of the new MISC group. I imagine that he will want to convene an early meeting. I should therefore be grateful if departmental nominations could be sent to me by close of business on Thursday 12 May.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Peter Middleton, Peter Lazarus, Brian Hayes, Michael Quinlan, Clive Whitmore, Kerr Fraser, John Sparrow and Robin Butler.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Sir Kenneth Couzens, KCB

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