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Dear David,

CIVIL SERVICE NUMBERS

You may like to let the Prime Minister know that at 1 July 1986 there were 596,961 civil servants in post. This represents an overall reduction of approximately 135,000 (18.5%) since 1 April 1979 and compares with 136,000 (18.6%) this time last year.

The new total is 2,596 more than at 1 April; but still 3,478 below the 1 April 1987 manpower target. It reflects increases in the last quarter in the Manpower Services Commission (1474); the DHSS (1376) and the Department of the Director of Public Prosecutions (888 for the new Crown Prosecution Service). The largest reduction took place in MOD (711). The overall net increase was not unexpected given the announced increases for the Employment Group (Budget measures) and for DHSS.

In the April-June quarter an increase in non-industrials of 3,607 was partially offset by a reduction in industrials of 1,011.

We propose to publish the figures next week by means of a Treasury Press Notice.

Yours,

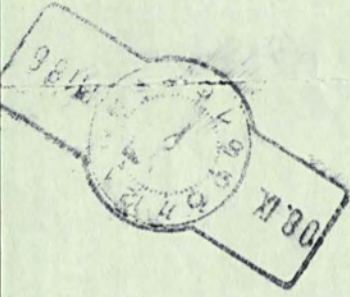
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