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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service
Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO

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5 October 1983

### Withstanding a Strike in the Gas Industry

The Prime Minister agreed some time ago that, as part of the series of studies of withstanding strikes in key industries, there should be a study of the gas industry. An Official Group on the Gas Industry (MISC 98) is therefore being established under Peter Gregson's chairmanship with representatives from the following Departments:

Treasury
Department of Energy
Ministry of Defence
Scottish Office
Department of Employment
Department of Trade and Industry
No 10 Policy Unit

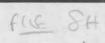
I am writing to seek nominations for the Group at about Under Secretary level to reach me by the end of this week (7 October).

I am sending copies of this letter to Peter Middleton (Treasury), Clive Whitmore (Defence), Kerr Fraser (Scottish Office), Michael Quinlan (Employment), Brian Hayes (Trade and Industry) and Robin Butler (10 Downing Street).

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Sir Kenneth Couzens KCB

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#### 10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Withstanding a Strike in the Gas Industry

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 5 October to Ken Couzens (A083/2780). I would like to nominate David Pascall of the No. 10 Policy Unit for Peter Gregson's Official Group.

图.E.R. BUTLER

7 October, 1983

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10 October 1983

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Dear Losert,

#### WITHSTANDING A STRIKE IN THE GAS INDUSTRY

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 5 October to Ken Couzens.

- 2. I should like Tom Burgner, the Under-Secretary in charge of the Public Enterprise Group, to be the Treasury representative on MISC 98, with Steve Robson, the Assistant Secretary in charge of the Energy Division as his alternate.
- 3. I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

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#### WITHSTANDING A STRIKE IN THE GAS INDUSTRY

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 5th October to Ken Couzens about the establishment of MISC 98.

I should like to nominate Barry Miller, the Head of Defence Secretariat 6, as the Ministry of Defence member of the Group.

I am sending copies of this letter to Peter Middleton (Treasury), Kenneth Couzens (Energy), Kerr Fraser (Scottish Office), Michael Quinlan (Employment), Brian Hayes (Trade and Industry) and Robin Butler (10 Downing Street).

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Sir Robert Armstrong, GCB, CVO, Cabinet Office, 70 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2AS.

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7th October 1983

Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO Cabinet Office 70 Whitehall London SW1A 2AS

Dear Roberty

# Withstanding a Strike in the Gas Industry

In Ken Couzens's absence I am replying to your letter of 5th October about the setting up of the Official Group on the Gas Industry (MISC 98) which will have the remit to study withstanding a strike in the gas industry.

I would like to nominate Graham Campbell, the Under Secretary in charge of Gas Division, as the Department's member on this Group. I should be grateful if the Secretariat could arrange for a second copy of MISC 98 papers to be sent to Ivor Manley in view of his co-ordinating role in the Department for handling such strikes.

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

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Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO 7 October 1983 Cabinet Office Whitehall London SW1

Dear Sir Robert

WITHSTANDING A STRIKE IN THE GAS INDUSTRY

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 5 October to Ken Couzens.

I should like this Department to be represented on MISC 98 by Matt Wake, the Under Secretary responsible for the relevant industrial relations division here.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours succeedy

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