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From the Secretary of the Cabinet: Sir Robert Armstrong KCB, CVO

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18th May 1982

Withstanding A Docks Strike

The Prime Minister has instructed that a study should be carried out immediately of withstanding a docks strike. We have, therefore, set up the Official Group on the Docks (MISC 78) for this purpose, under Peter Gregson's chairmanship. I am writing to invite you and copy addressees to nominate representatives to this new Group, preferably at Deputy or Under Secretary level.

The Group will need to complete its work in time for its report to be considered by Ministers before the Summer Recess, and I expect that Peter Gregson will therefore wish to convene an early first meeting. I should therefore be grateful if you could let me know by the end of this week who your representative will be.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Ken Barnes, Peter Baldwin, Brian Hayes, Peter Carey, Frank Cooper, Kerr Fraser, Clive Whitmore and John Sparrow.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Sir Douglas Wass, GCB



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From the Principal Private Secretary

20 May 1982

SECRET AND PERSONAL

WITHSTANDING A DOCKS STRIKE

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 18 May 1982 to Douglas Wass about the establishment of the Official Group on the Docks (MISC 78).

I should be grateful if John Vereker could be a member of Peter Gregson's Group.

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

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Sir Robert Armstrong, KCB, CVO,
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Sir Brian Hayes, K.C.B.
Permanent Secretary

21 May 1982

Dear Sir Robert

WITHSTANDING A DOCKS STRIKE

In response to your letter of 18 May to Douglas Wass, I should like to nominate George Jupe to represent MAFF on the Official Group on the Docks (MISC 78). He is the Under Secretary with responsibility here for Emergencies and Defence Planning.

Copies of this letter go to the other recipients of yours. Presumably other Departments with an operational interest, such as Home Office and Trade, will be brought in as necessary at a later stage.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Brian Hayes'.

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Sir Kenneth Barnes KCB
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MISC 78 GROUP

Sir Robert Armstrong copied to Sir Kenneth Barnes his letter of 18 May to Sir Douglas Wass. For this Department we should like to nominate Mr Matt Wake and Mr Ted Whybrew (Under Secretary and Assistant Secretary respectively, both of our Industrial Relations Division) as our representatives.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of those who received Sir Robert's letter.

yours ever
Peter McCarthy-Ward

Peter McCarthy-Ward
Private Secretary

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THE PERMANENT SECRETARY
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20 May 1982

Dear David,

WITHSTANDING A DOCKS STRIKE

Sir Peter Baldwin was grateful for a copy of Sir Robert Armstrong's letter of 18 May to Sir Douglas Wass about withstanding a docks strike.

Sir Peter would like to nominate Mr Giles Hopkinson, Under Secretary, Ports and Freight Directorate, to represent this Department on MISC 78.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Private Secretaries of those who received Sir Robert's letter.

Yours,

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Sir Peter Carey K C B
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Dear David

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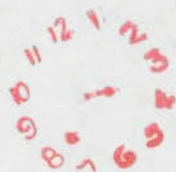
Sir Robert Armstrong copied to Sir Peter Carey his letter of 18 May to Sir Douglas Wass. Sir Peter wishes to nominate Mr Jack Leeming (Under Secretary - Industrial and Commercial Policy B Division) as the Department of Industry representative.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of those who received Sir Robert's letter.

Yours sincerely,

P L BUNN
Private Secretary

20 MAY 1982



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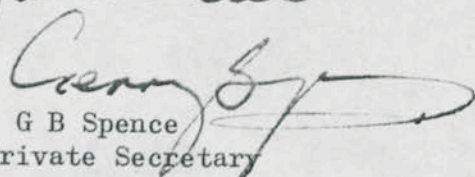
19 May 1982

Dear David

Withstanding a Docks Strike

Mr Sparrow has read a copy of Sir Robert Armstrong's letter of 18 May to Sir Douglas Wass and asked me to nominate Chris Beauman to represent the CPRS at MISC 78.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Private Secretaries of those who received Sir Robert's letter.

Yours ever

G B Spence
Private Secretary

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