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Dear A. Mr,

DOCK STRIKE : EFFECT ON POSTAL SERVICES

My Secretary of State has asked me to let you know that we have been informed by the Post Office that there is no longer an effective overseas surface (sea) mail service. Surface mail is currently accumulating at the main sorting depot and the Post Office (following withdrawal of freight services through Dover) will announce this evening that customers are advised not to post overseas surface mail.

2 The air mail service is not yet seriously affected but there could be some disruption to it if there is a significant switch from surface to air mail following the Post Office's announcement. The Post Office have been able to charter a certain amount of extra air freight but this cannot be increased as there is now very little spare capacity.

3 I am copying to Private Secretaries to members of Cabinet, PS/Mr Gummer and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours etc,

ANDREW D LANSLEY
Private Secretary

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