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From the Private Secretary

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Merseyside

The Prime Minister is becoming increasingly concerned about the industrial and employment situation on Merseyside: the recently announced closure of the Tate & Lyle refinery there is the latest blow to hit the area. The Prime Minister would be grateful if you would let her have a note setting out any ideas you might have for an initiative, or set of initiatives to provide some hope to the area.

I attach some notes which DOE have prepared in response to a letter from the Leader of the Liverpool City Council which may be of some help. I also enclose, if you have not seen it already, a copy of the record of the Prime Minister's meeting with the Chairman of Tate & Lyle yesterday.

I am sending a copy of this minute to Sir Robert Armstrong.

T. P. LANKESTER

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