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The Rt. Hon. James Prior MP
Secretary of State for Employment

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GREEN PAPER ON THE REFORM OF TRADE UNION IMMUNITIES

I understand from my Private Secretary that you are not proposing any formal inter-departmental consideration of the Green Paper by officials.

You know of my continuing interest in the subject (despite my best endeavour to restrain my enthusiasm!) Keith Joseph, John Nott and Patrick Jenkin have also recorded their respective concerns. I think therefore that it would be helpful if officials could at least have an opportunity to comment on the draft before it is circulated at Ministerial level. I am sure that you will consider this a reasonable request in view of the great importance and political sensitivity of the contents of the Green Paper.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, members of E Committee and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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GEOFFREY HOWE

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