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Dear Tim,

INDUSTRIAL ACTION PROGRESS REPORT

4952 staff are currently involved in selective industrial action. The principal departments affected are as previously reported. Significant new developments are, as usual, shown below by Department and a table showing total numbers on strike is attached.

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ACTION WITHIN DEPARTMENTS

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE

200 -
250,000

A further 12 computer staff are on strike, which will affect the payment of some ~~150,000~~ public sector pensions per week. Contingency arrangements are being urgently considered.

SCOTTISH OFFICE

Following the breakdown last week of the agreement with the Trade Union Side which had been keeping certain essential computer services going, management are investigating alternative means by which these services can be provided manually. Teachers' superannuation, payments to farmers and Scottish Office staff salaries are the three main areas involved.

INLAND REVENUE

The rolling programme of TRD action against Collectors-in-Chief refusing to provide returns of work to central management continues. In addition, in some cases where the Collector-in-Chief of an office has been TRD'd, action is now being taken against their subordinates where they too have refused cooperation. Manchester, the West Midlands and the Eastern counties are among the areas most affected at the moment, but actual numbers involved this week are not yet available.

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Yesterday 9 staff at the Development Land Tax Office in Middlesborough were given first TRD notices for blacking work. All are now working normally.

EMPLOYMENT/DHSS

The three benefit computers at Washington, Livingston and Reading are still out, but the backlog of work on manual benefit payments which had occurred at some offices in Scotland due to unofficial strike action has now almost been cleared.

Department of Employment staff at Coventry and Leeds are now refusing to work on fresh claims but it is hoped that intervention by CPSA officials will rectify the position.

ORDNANCE SURVEY

Mail deliveries are being maintained by the use of a private contractor. This has led to "blacking" action by messengerial grades and TRD action will be taken if staff persist in their refusal to work normally.

ECGD

Picketing action at Llanishen is affecting the despatch of mail to policy-holders. Counter measures will be introduced if the balance of advantage which presently lies with management, slips away.

Copies as before.

*Yours ever,
Jeremy*

JEREMY COLMAN
Private Secretary

SELECTIVE ACTION BY NON-INDUSTRIAL CIVIL SERVANTS
SUMMARY OF POSITION -23 JUNE 1981

Department	Number on strike	Remarks
Customs & Excise	435	Strikes by computer, customs and other staff at Southend Computer Centre (308); Dover/Folkestone/Sheerness (83); upon-Tyne (1); Manchester Betting Duty Office (43).
Ministry of Defence	1014	Strikes by computer and other staff at 4 dockyards, 4 RN stores depots, 2 RN armaments depots, Clyde Submarine Base, Royal Ordnance Factories, Feltham and Taunton (Mapping), Bath, Oil Fuel Depots.
Environment/Transport	69	Senior Data Processors at DVLC.
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	312	Passport Examiners at the London, Liverpool, Peterborough, Newport and Glasgow Passport Offices; staff at Hayes Record Centre
Dept. of Health and Social Security	455	230 staff on strike at Newcastle computer centre; 10 staff at North Fylde central Accounts Office; staff at Reading Computer Centre (59) Livingston Computer Centre (56), and Washington Computer Centre (100).
Home Office		
Inland Revenue	2116	Staff on strike at Shipley and Cumbernauld computer centres; staff at various Collection Offices.
Paymaster General's Office	39	Strike by 12 computer staff; 12 in Finance Branch, disrupting Government banking transactions; telephonists and strike by 12 staff affecting pension payments
Property Services Agency	44	Strikes by maintenance engineers at RAF Brawdy, Pendine, Aberporth, St Athans, Treow, Cardiff DWO, Cumbernauld and Carlisle. Shoeburyness, Z

Departments	Number on strike	Remarks
Depts. of Trade and Industry	163	Strike by staff who handle search facilities at Companies House, London and Cardiff; telephonists at Cardiff
Scottish Office	25	Staff at the Scottish Computer Centre and 1 CPISA member involved in organising industrial action.
Scottish Courts Administration	235	Strike by staff at Edinburgh and Glasgow Sheriff Courts.
Registers of Scotland	11	Strike by Administrative staff.
MAFF	18	Staff at Guildford Computer Centre.
Employment	8	Computer staff at Reading.
Ordnance Survey	8	8 Reprographic staff.
TOTAL	4952	