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PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Channon asked whether you would be prepared to meet the Civil Service Staff Side, if they sought a meeting before Cabinet discussed Civil Service pay and cash limits.

Mr. Kendall has now written asking if he and Mr. Gillman can see you.

This is a very bad week, but it would be possible to fit in half-an-hour on Wednesday, either just before lunch or in the afternoon. A refusal to see them would do nothing to help the atmosphere surrounding the forthcoming negotiations. Agree to a short meeting on Wednesday? *Yes*

+ Mr Channon *[Signature]*

Prime Minister.

25 February 1980

I suggest before lunch. This will leave the whole of the afternoon clear for Thursday's speech.

Set up for Wednesday 27 Feb: at 11.30. all parties informed. *[Signature]* 26/2

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25th February 1980

Dear Prime Minister

Civil Service unions are fast approaching the date for detailed pay negotiations, and we have represented our general position to Paul Channon, Minister of State CSD. In the course of our discussions with him, I did say that we possibly would request to see you at an appropriate point in the proceedings, and he promised to pass this request to you.

I have to apologise for burdening you at this time, but as Minister for the Civil Service I think it important that you have from us an account of our general attitude before final decisions are taken by Government which could influence individual union pay negotiations.

I therefore request a short private and informal meeting with you. I would be accompanied by Mr Gillman, the National Staff Side Chairman.

I am sincerely sorry about the timing of this request, but I believe I would be wrong if I delayed a submission.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely,


W L KENDALL
Secretary General

