



SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL POST

Week beginning 20 August 1979

<u>Approx No</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Comment</u>
147	Personal Hardship	53 Housing 42 Money 14 Education 11 Pensions 9 Miscellaneous 8 Tax 6 Employment 6 Planning appeals etc 5 Disability 3 Legal
98	Pensions	Delay in payment of increase, inadequacy of pensions, tax on widows' pensions
67	Rhodesia	Anti proposals for new referendum 1 Pro
49	London Airport	Objections from all possible sites for Third London Airport
35	Immigration	6 Anti further immigration against new Citizenship laws
31	Prime Minister	Letters of support and good wishes
26	Trade Unions	Curb on trade union powers. AEU members unhappy about strike
26	Public Expenditure	14 Anti cuts in public expenditure 12 Anti cuts in BBC World Service
25	Prices	Protests about rising food prices, electricity and gas
22	Cars	Anti proposals to tax company cars
21	Cruelty to animals	Anti experiments on live animals
20	Law and Order	Referendum for return of capital punishment. Harsher sentences
20	Northern Ireland	For withdrawal of troops. Anti American interference

16	VAT	Complaints about VAT on sanitary wear, cleaning material
15	National Health Service	Complaints about hospital closures
13	Social Security	Abuse of social security
12	HM Government	Anti Government policy

Total for the week

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Correspondence



10 DOWNING STREET

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THE PRIME MINISTER

A fair number of people write in suggesting that you should appear on television at regular intervals to explain Government policies. Sometimes they are bewildered themselves; sometimes they feel that others need convincing. Even if you do not feel that personal appearances are the answer, their letters reflect an anxiety that the Government is not getting its message across. We would be foolish to ignore these feelings.

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16th August 1979

cc - Rt Hon Angus Maude MP
Mr Ian Gow MP
Mr Richard Ryder
Mr Gordon Reece