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Bf 18.2.80Working Paper on Secondary IndustrialAction

The Prime Minister has read the draft working paper enclosed with your Secretary of State's minute of 14 February. She has also read the letter of 15 February from the Secretary of State for Trade.

The Prime Minister has asked me to say that she agrees with both of Mr Nott's comments. That is to say, paragraph 15 of the draft ought to be amended to cover Nawala type incidents, and the last sentence of paragraph 11 should be deleted. In addition, she is unhappy with the last part of the second sentence of paragraph 16, and has suggested that it be changed to - "... and so are commercially affected by the dispute".

Although the Prime Minister has not yet had an opportunity to consider the Chancellor's comments in detail (his minute of 15 February refers), she hopes that Mr Prior will consider them carefully in finalising the draft. I understand that the Solicitor-General has also commented. It would be helpful if Mr Prior could put round a revised draft this evening.

I am sending copies of this letter to Private Secretaries to members of Cabinet, Minister of Transport, the Attorney-General, the Solicitor-General, the Lord Advocate and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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