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Sir Robert Armstrong has sent me a copy of his minute to you of 28th January.

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I have one small point on the draft letter to Lord Plowden. Towards the end of (a) on page 2 the draft refers to "the pay of judges of the High Court 'and upwards'". Salaries at these levels are of prime importance but any review needs to cover the judiciary as a whole and, in particular, to consider the impact of any proposed changes on the pay of Circuit judges who are by no means easy to recruit. This is not to say that existing differentials should necessarily be preserved, but salaries for the superior judiciary cannot be reviewed in isolation. I should, therefore, prefer to see "the pay of the judiciary" substituted for the present wording.

I am sending a copy of this minute to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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2nd February 1981

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