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cc. Sir Keith Joseph
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You may not have seen the attached piece from last week's "Economist" which I read after our Monday meeting about dispersal of civil service.

The position within the civil service union is clearly even more disturbing than I had feared. Not only does the story cast doubt on the sufficiency of our offer of free postal ballots but it also underlines the dangers of further concentration within the civil service, not least on Red Clydeside.

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