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PRIME MINISTER

STRIKERS AND SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT

Prime Minister SOCIAL SERVICES.

I have asked  
that Sir Keith's  
proposals be  
considered by Cabinet.

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I agree with Jim Prior that the question of timing in relation to the announcement of these proposals needs to be discussed at Cabinet. More importantly, however, while the general issues raised in Keith Joseph's minute of 28 November have, of course, been discussed at E(EA), I nevertheless feel strongly that Cabinet should consider them.

I am very concerned that the proposals of the ad hoc group will provide the unions with an irresistible argument to attract members.

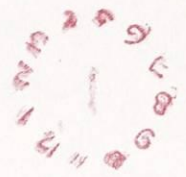
If you are involved in a strike - whether or not of your own creation - you will lose the first £10 of Supplementary Benefit so why not pay the union dues as an insurance premium and let the unions stand behind you?

I am copying this to Cabinet colleagues, Norman Fowler, Michael Jopling and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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4 December 1979



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