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PRIME MINISTER

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WITHSTANDING OIL TANKER DRIVERS STRIKE

I refer to Sir Robert Armstrong's minute of 13 October.

I agree that our objective should be to be able to withstand a long strike. From my point of view there would be considerable advantage in being able to obtain something like 70% of normal road-borne deliveries, in view particularly of the high level of dependence of large areas of rural Scotland on road haulage and private transport.

Like the Home Secretary, I think that we would be well advised to look again in the present context at the provisions of the Emergency Powers Act.

I therefore support the proposal that the Civil Contingencies Unit should be asked to undertake the necessary work.

I am copying this minute to the other recipients of Sir Robert Armstrong's note.

Gay.

G.Y.

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