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Prime Minister

Sir Robert Armstrong sent me a copy of the report about contingency planning for 'an oil tanker drivers' strike which he submitted to you under cover of his minute of 20 September, with copies to other Ministers.

I am content with the conclusions in paragraph 11 of the report.

I am sure that there are many decisions which could only be taken at the time of an emergency. It will certainly be necessary to find a great many staff to administer the scheme, and we shall need to decide then whether all their normal work can simply be postponed, so that we have the resources to cope adequately with the accounting problems described in the report. But whilst there are these undoubted and major problems, I entirely agree that we must carry on with the detailed planning.

I am sending copies of this minute to all the other Ministers to whom Sir Robert sent copies of his report, and to Sir Robert.

N.R.
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