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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

TEACHERS PAY

I have shown the Prime Minister your minute of 17 January in which you ask about the Home Secretary's attendance at MISC 122. You were inclined to recommend against the Home Secretary becoming a member of the MISC on the assumption that there would be a discussion in Cabinet in due course.

The Prime Minister agrees with your recommendation that Mr. Hurd should not join MISC 122 and that teachers pay should come to Cabinet in due course.

N. L. WICKS

21 January 1986

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Prime Minister

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MR WICKS

Yes not

Hurd not to joinMISC 122 on the
assumption TeachersTeachers' Pay

Pay will come to

attaches

At Cabinet on 16 January the Home Secretary said that he thought that teachers' pay was such a major issue for the ^{Cabinet?} Government that he hoped that Cabinet would be given an ^{N.C.U.} opportunity to discuss it. The Prime Minister indicated that it ^{20.1} would be discussed in MISC 122, and would come to Cabinet thereafter. The minutes record accordingly.

2. The Prime Minister also suggested that the Home Secretary should be invited to join MISC 122, on the ground that the Home Office was one of the Departments concerned with local authority matters and finance. Mr Hurd did not appear to be pressing for this, and the Home Office does not have a direct departmental interest in teachers' pay. It is in any case rather late on in the deliberations of MISC 122 to introduce another member; we are adding the Secretary of State for Employment, but of course the Paymaster General has also been a member for some time.

3. For these reasons, and on the assumption that there will be a discussion in Cabinet in due course, I am inclined to recommend against inviting the Home Secretary to be a member of MISC 122 at this stage. But I will of course do so, if the Prime Minister thinks that there are strong political reasons for doing so.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

17 January 1986



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