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Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

Prime Minister

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PRIME MINISTER

NEW TECHNOLOGY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE

I am glad to report that the union negotiators are now prepared to recommend to their national executives an agreement incorporating the text which we settled at E Committee on 18 February.

This is not the end of the road, but it was the first and the biggest hurdle. Most - if not all - the union executives are likely to agree. The CCSU will hold a council meeting on 17 March, at which the decision can be taken by a two-thirds majority if necessary; any dissidents will abide by the majority decision. All going well, we could have a National Whitley Council Agreement on the introduction of new technology in the non-industrial Civil Service operative from a date in the second half of March.

I am sending copies of this minute to members of E Committee, the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Social Services, the Chief Whip (Commons), and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Baroness Young

BARONESS YOUNG

23 February 1982

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From the Principal Private Secretary

25 February 1982

MANAGEMENT IN CONFIDENCE

Dear Jim,

NEW TECHNOLOGY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE

The Prime Minister has seen and noted the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's minute of 23 February 1982 about the negotiations with the Civil Service unions on an agreement on the introduction of new technology.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

Alvin Whittam.

Jim Buckley Esq.,
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's
Office.

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