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PRIME MINISTER

Yes no

Prime Minister

Agree ?

DMS
16/1Civil Service Pay Negotiations 1984

I should be grateful to know whether you are content that the Ministerial and official machinery for handling the 1984 Civil Service pay negotiations should be the same as that in the last two rounds, allowing for changes in Ministerial and official responsibilities, ie:

- i. a Ministerial Group (MISC 66) composed as follows:

Chairman: Chancellor of the Exchequer with an understanding that you may wish to take the chair yourself on occasions

Members: Secretary of State for Defence
Secretary of State for Social Services
Secretary of State for Employment
Minister of State, Privy Council Office (Lord Gowrie)
Minister of State, Treasury (Mr Hayhoe)

- ii. an Official Group (MISC 67) under the chairmanship of Mr Peter Kemp, the Treasury Deputy Secretary in charge of the negotiations, who would also be available to attend the Ministerial Group as required.

2. This year the negotiations will probably not begin until the end of March when the results of the data collection exercise will be available to both sides. The unions may however wish to complete the negotiations by early May, before their annual conferences. Ministerial discussion is therefore likely to be concentrated in April but the official Group will be doing some preparatory work in February and March.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

16 January 1984

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CIVIL SERVICE PAY NEGOTIATIONS

The Prime Minister was grateful for Sir Robert Armstrong's minute of 16 January, and is content with the proposals set out in it for handling the 1984 Civil Service pay negotiations.

DAVID BARCLAY

17 January 1984

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