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POLICE PAY ARRANGEMENTS

Michael Scholar's letter of 24 January indicates that you are not inclined to pursue at present the options identified by the Official Committee on Public Service Pay for changes in police pay arrangements.

2. I myself see some advantage in proposal (a) in paragraph 8 of Mr Gregson's minute of 14 January but I accept that now is not the time to pursue it further. However, I think that we shall need to return to it later. The present arrangement, with its automatic index link, is very difficult to reconcile with our wider emphasis on the role of market forces in determining pay. The proposed modification would at least enable us to show that market factors were not neglected in this case. It would also give some room for manoeuvre on the size of police pay settlements and their distribution between grades.

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3. All I would ask for the present is that we should avoid public statements which would limit our ability to make progress when the time is right.

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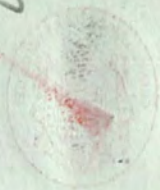
4. I am copying this minute to the Home Secretary, the Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Employment, and to Mr Sparrow and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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G.H.
28 January, 1983

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