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MR INGHAMcc Mr Hoskyns
Mr Duguid
Mr Gaffin
Mr PattisonCIVIL CONTINGENCIES UNIT

I mentioned yesterday that Mr. Hoskyns had suggested that it would be useful if I attended meetings of the Civil Contingencies Unit, because of my concern with industrial action in relation to pay; and we agreed that this would be appropriate, and that I would keep an eye also on the press arrangements during civil contingencies, up to the point at which a particular contingency arose which would require the presence of either you or Mr Gaffin.

It so happens that the meeting which will take place tomorrow is, unusually for the CCU, a meeting of Ministers only, called by the Home Secretary with the particular purpose of clearing the extent to which Ministers are prepared to make arrangements for the use of volunteers. The Cabinet Office are not prepared to let me attend for that, but have noted that I will be the No.10 representative on meetings of the CCU which are either mixed, or purely at official level.

(JOHN VEREKER)

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You'd better keep these papers,
but I'd be grateful if you
would note my continuing
interest in the CCU

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