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From the Director: Sir John Boreham, K.C.B.

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Dear Richard.

INDEX OF PRODUCTION - MONTHLY STATISTICS

You wrote to say that your Secretary of State would like the other Ministers in your Department to receive advance copies of the Index of Industrial Production each month. I have arranged for this but Sir John Boreham has asked me to make sure that all your Ministers are reminded that the arrangements set out in the No.10 minute dated 22 June 1979 were deliberately strict so as to guard against leaks before publication. The Government must be forever on guard, he says, not to give any grounds for suspicion either that it is unable to protect sensitive material or that the substance and timing of statistics could be influenced for short term political gains.

I am copying this letter to Clive Whitmore and Shirley Carter.

Yours
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