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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EMPLOYMENT

NATIONAL DOCK STRIKE

Thank you for your minute of 2 August reporting the end of the national dock strike. When we embarked on the abolition of the Dock Labour Scheme we knew there was a risk that a serious and damaging strike could occur, but thorough preparatory work and the masterly way in which the dispute was handled and the Dock Work Bill was taken through Parliament prevented this happening. This was a textbook case of the importance of good planning and careful organisation.

I should like to record my congratulations to all those in your Department, in other Departments around Whitehall and in the Cabinet Office who made this outcome possible.

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7 August 1989

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