

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET
BY THE HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER

Salaries (Anomalies) Commission

In terms of the agreement reached between the Official and Staff Sides on the setting up of the Salaries (Anomalies) Commission, the latter have forwarded to the Establishments Division copies of the counter-submissions made orally by the Staff Associations and individual officers.

2. These counter-submissions, which incidentally consist of over 1500 typewritten pages, have been forwarded under a covering note stating that they are being sent "for information". They contain, however, a number of inaccuracies which run counter to what has already been stated by the Official Side, and which the Commission may or may not have noticed. If the Establishments Division were to submit to the Commission comments on these counter-submissions, the Commission will, in terms of the agreement, forward copies of such comments to the Unions and Associations, who, in their turn, will no doubt want to submit further comments, thereby setting up an interminable process which would unduly delay the report of the Commission, for which the Government will no doubt be blamed.

3. On the other hand, if no reply is sent to the Commission, the Establishments Division might be appearing to be withholding its co-operation in not bringing to the notice of the Commission its views on the Staff Associations' remarks.

4. It is therefore proposed to inform the Commission that the Government does not intend to comment on the counter-submissions of the Staff Associations but that, should the Commission require from the Government any clarification or information on any point, the Establishments Division would be only too pleased to comply.

5. Hon. Ministers are asked to state whether they agree that the Commission should be informed as proposed in the preceding paragraph.

17th April, 1969.

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