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23rd day of June 1975

SUBJECT

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1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:-

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2. On Thursday 19 June 1975 at the Albany Hotel, Station Yard, Twickenham, the Twickenham Branch of the International Socialists held a public meeting to discuss the railwaymen's pay claim. The meeting, which lasted from 8.30 pm to 9.35 pm, was attended by 15 people.

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Reference to Papers

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3. The Chairperson, Elise MUSTACE, opened the meeting and wasted no time in introducing the speaker Peter GOODY, a member of the National Union of Railwaymen and employed as a signaller by London Transport. It became obvious that GOODY was not used to public speaking and his rather hesitant delivery consisted of a brief history of the current pay claim together with the reasons for the railway board's offer being rejected by the N U R executive.

4. The meeting was opened for discussion and it was decided that the N U R should be pressed to produce a strike broadcast, giving the railwaymen's case, which would be distributed with the help of I S.

5. There then followed a discussion as to whether the strike would be total and the opinion was put forward that the men could be split down the middle. The main trouble was anticipated from the controlling staff in the signalboxes who had expressed their intention of working. A suggestion was then made that the IS and NUR members should man a picket line at Feltham Signal Box, (this box controlling the whole Twickenham area) to persuade the controllers to stop work. A concrete decision of this was postponed until after the strike took effect as it was pointed out that if no trains were running the men at Feltham would have nothing to control anyway.

6. The meeting ended with a collection being made, the proceeds of which were donated to the NUR strike fund.

7. References of persons present at the meeting:

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