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From the Private Secretary

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The Prime Minister was interested by the maps which you kindly sent with your letter of 19 December.

The maps seem to suggest that in percentage terms the growth in employment (particularly self employment) and in net new businesses has been spread more evenly through the country than public perception would recognise: the growth has not been heavily biased towards the South East as people often imply.

BC / It would be very helpful if you could confirm that this conclusion can legitimately be drawn from the maps and, if so, to let me have a paragraph which could be drawn upon for a suitable speech or for use in answering Questions.

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in percentage terms the growth in  
employment (particularly self employment)  
and let new businesses is spread much  
more evenly through the country than public perception would  
recognise. Worth pursuing after  
Christmas to see what, more precisely,  
can be said. JWS 23/12

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Thanks on Mr

Dear David

Not quite -  
I did.

We spoke earlier this week about the regional employment data,  
which the Prime Minister requested from Mr Trippier following last  
week's meeting of the Sainsbury Group. You said that the  
Prime Minister had asked for further information on the percentage  
rate of employment change in the regions and the number of  
business starts and stops.

I now enclose three maps which display:

- (i) Percentage change in civilian employment June 1983 to June 1985. This shows the same information as the map already sent to the Prime Minister but expressed as a percentage of the June 1983 figures, rather than in thousands.
- (ii) Number of business starts and stops 1980 to 1983. This is based on VAT registration and deregistration figures.
- (iii) Business starts and stops 1980 to 1983 as a percentage of the number of businesses at the end of 1979.

I hope this is useful. Please let me know if we can be of any further help.

Yours sincerely

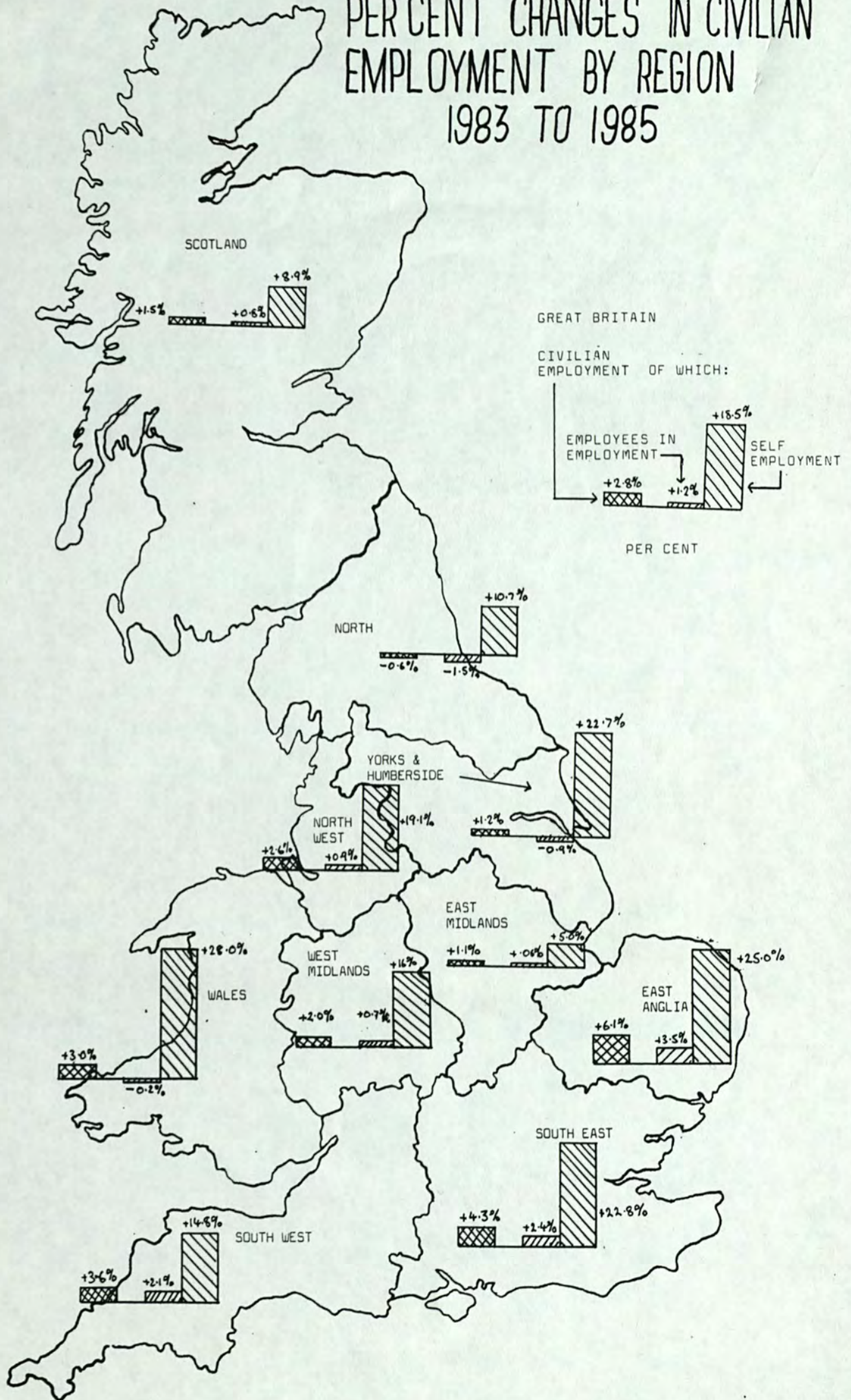
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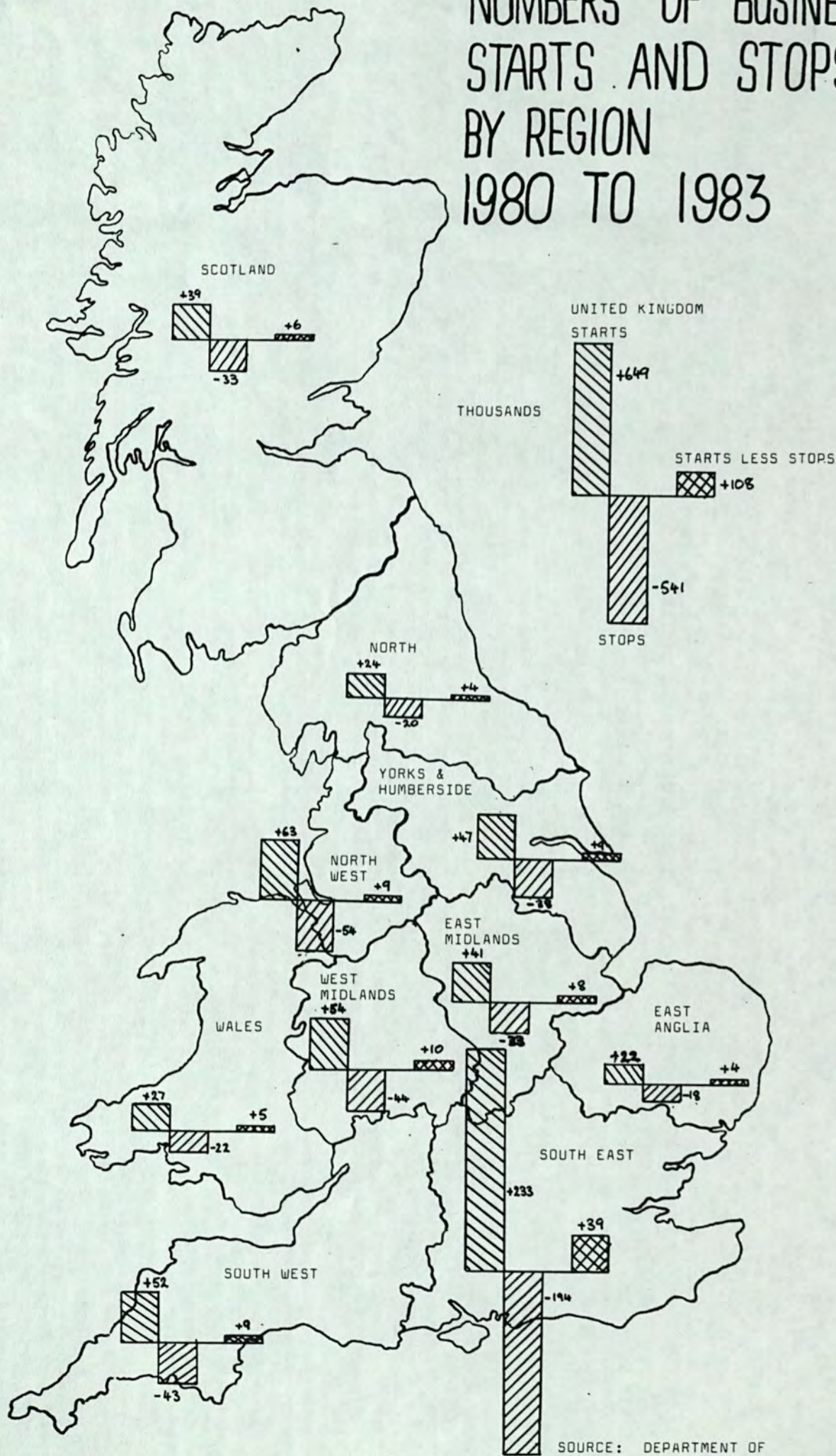
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# PER CENT CHANGES IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT BY REGION 1983 TO 1985



# NUMBERS OF BUSINESS STARTS AND STOPS BY REGION 1980 TO 1983



# BUSINESS STARTS AND STOPS 1980 TO 1983 AS PERCENT OF ALL BUSINESSES AT END 1979 BY REGION

