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cc: Mr Mountfield
Mr Vile

*Submit to Energy.
Howell will be
ready to report.*

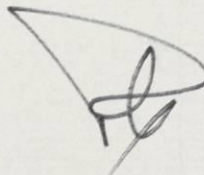
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SUPPLIES OF COAL TO POWER STATIONS

When we spoke on Friday you told me that, so far as you were aware, the Prime Minister had had no recent reports from Mr Howell about the supply of coal to power stations in the coming winter. I promised to dig out the reference when the Prime Minister made the request. It is to be found in the minutes of the E meeting held on 24 July (E(79) 6th Meeting, Item 3) when the Prime Minister, in summing up, said:-

"It was important that every effort should be made to ensure adequate supplies of coal to the power stations and the Secretary of State for Energy should keep her in touch with the progress being made."

2. I imagine that an up to date report would be germane to the discussion of the Secretary of State for Energy's paper on Coal Industry Strategy due to be taken at E this Thursday.



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