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PRIME MINISTER

ENERGY PRICES

I have seen a copy of David Howell's minute to you of 31 December in which he sets out his preliminary views of the possibilities of helping industry on energy prices in the recession.

2. I agree with David's general approach. It seems to me to be both positive and sensible and I welcome his proposal for a full discussion of his final recommendations in E Committee when he returns from the Gulf.

3. I am sending a copy of this minute to David Howell, Sir Keith Joseph and Sir Robert Armstrong.

(G.H.)
6 January 1981

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PRIME MINISTER
To see. You will
be seeing the Chancellor
and Mr Howell next
Monday.
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