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I would like to make it clear that I agree with Geoffrey Howe and Michael Heseltine that while Deeside may have a strong case for EZ treatment, we must avoid a direct association between EZs and steel closures or we risk a total alteration in the original experiment. The time has come, as Michael says, to make our final choice of EZ sites so that it will be clear thereafter that EZ status is not an option when remedial measures for steel closure areas are being considered.

I am copying this minute to Geoffrey Howe, Jim Prior, Michael Heseltine, George Younger, Nicholas Edwards and Humphrey Atkins.

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