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From the Private Secretary

9 September 1981

Dear Julian,

Power Station Endurance

The Prime Minister has now considered your Secretary of State's minute of 2 September on the above subject; she has also seen the Chancellor of the Exchequer's minute of 7 September.

The Prime Minister agrees that officials should examine the use of Service drivers and, if necessary, the requisitioning of specialist vehicles to replenish power station stocks for those ancillary materials where stocking capacity falls short of our objective. The Prime Minister also agrees that Mr. Howell should set in hand the necessary action to maintain the present high rate of coal deliveries throughout November and December in consultation with the Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary of State for Scotland.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Kerr (HM Treasury), John Halliday (Home Office), Godfrey Robson (Scottish Office), Richard Dykes (Department of Employment), Anthony Mayer (Transport), Gerry Spence (CPRS) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Handwritten initials

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