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*From the Private Secretary*

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Power Station Endurance in the Medium Term

The Prime Minister was grateful for your minute of 21 July, to which was attached a report by MISC 57 on the scope for extending power station endurance in the medium and longer term.

The Prime Minister has noted the options identified in the report. She understands that the Secretary of State for Energy intends to bring forward the NCB Corporate Plan to colleagues for discussion in late September or early October. On this basis, the Prime Minister agrees to defer decisions on the options in the report until then.

I am sending copies of this minute to Tony Rawsthorne (Home Office), John Kerr (HM Treasury), Julian West (Department of Energy), Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Muir Russell (Scottish Office), Barnaby Shaw (Department of Employment) and Jonathan Spencer (Department of Trade & Industry); for the usual tightly limited circulation.

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