



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister (2)

You might like to be aware
of contingency planning on
oil burn.

Summary and recommendations
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You will no doubt wish to follow the usual structure of:

- reports
- discussion
- action to be taken, including handling of the media.

2. Depending on developments by Monday morning you may want to pursue the following points:

Latest information

- a. number of pits still working;
- b. extent of any sympathetic action (opencast, rail, sea);
- c. any power stations or major plants likely to close down shortly.

Issues

- a. Timing of: increased oilburn, and
NCB return to the courts,
in relation to prospects for a national ballot;
- b. cost of policing
(latest exchanges between Secretary of State for the
Environment and Nottinghamshire County Council);

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c. handling of the media.

Next meeting

3. Depending on developments you will wish to decide whether the next meeting should be on Tuesday or Wednesday and under your or the Lord President's chairmanship. If it can be arranged it may be convenient to have the meeting in the latter part of the morning, as more information is usually available by then.

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