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PRIME MINISTER

Coal: MISC 101(84)6th meeting

You will no doubt wish to stick to the normal format:

- reports;
- discussion; —
- action to be taken.

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2. Depending on developments by the time of the meeting, you may wish to focus on three topics in particular:

- ✓ i. Is there evidence of an increase in the numbers of miners working and pits operating normally?
- ✓ ii. What is the extent of sympathetic industrial action by the rail unions, TGWU and National Union of Seamen; and what should be the policy on seeking injunctions in the courts against such action?
- ✓ iii. What is the latest information about the effects on the steel industry and other main coal using industries?

Next meeting

3. In the light of the situation you will wish to consider whether the next meeting should be on Tuesday or Wednesday, preferably not earlier than mid-morning so that sufficient information is available.

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