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*Dear Andrew*

I attach this week's report on power  
station endurance.

*Yours  
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## POWER STATION ENDURANCE

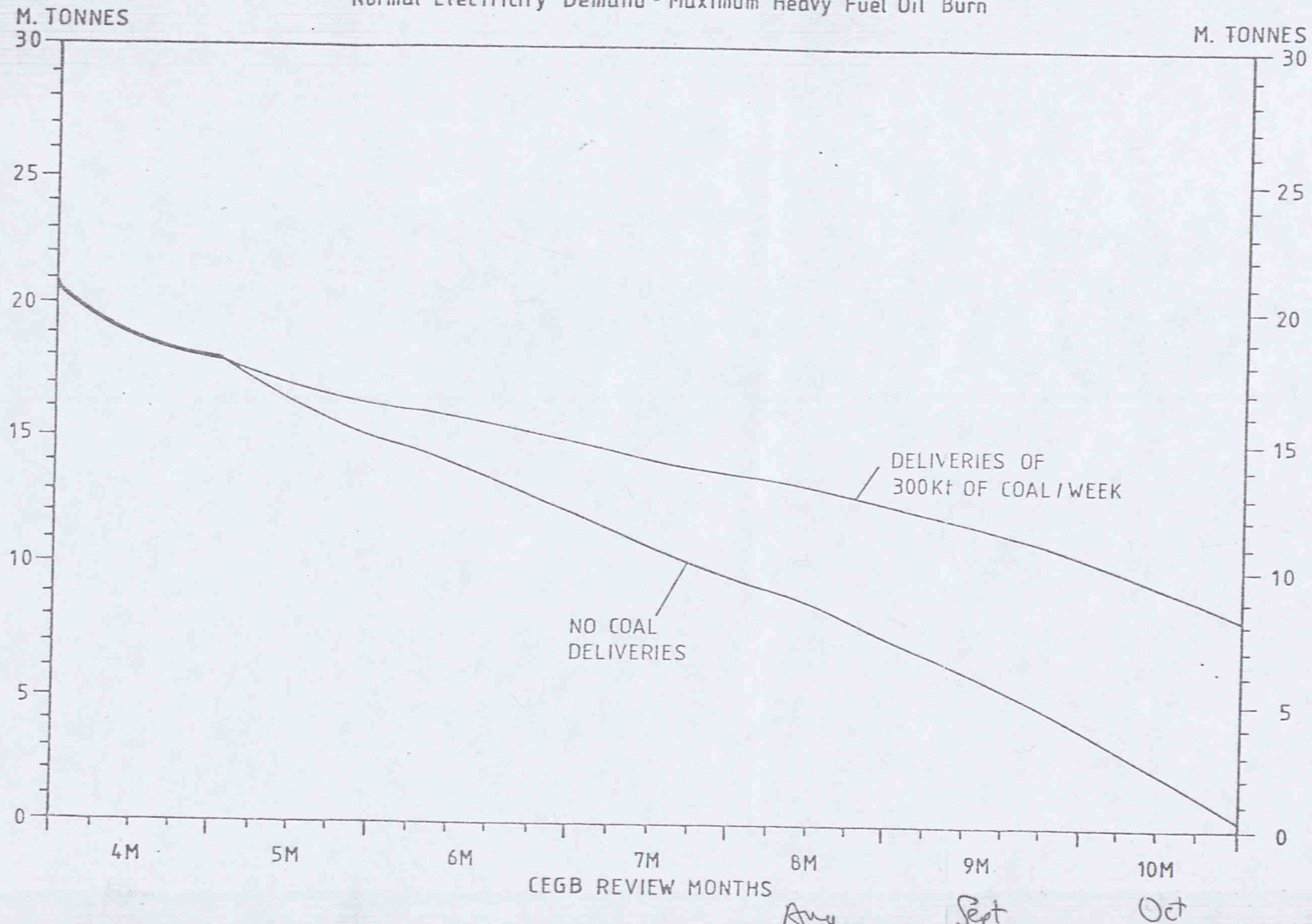
1. Firm figures for last week are not yet available because of the Bank Holiday. Provisional estimates from the CEGB are: 0.4 mt coal received, 0.65 mt burned, giving a stock draw of 0.25 mt. Coal stocks last Sunday night would have been about 17.7 mt (with just under 2 mt more in Scotland). The attached diagram shows the CEGB's forecasts for power station stocks on the basis of further deliveries of zero and 0.3 mt a week.
2. NCB total deliveries last week were 0.6 mt so that 0.2 mt went to customers other than power stations.
3. The range of endurance outcomes may be indicated as follows:

<u>Coal deliveries</u>	<u>Oil burn (% of max)</u>	
	<u>80%</u>	<u>100%</u>
0	late Sept	late Oct
0.3 mt/week	mid Nov	mid Dec

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# Indicative Profile of Estimated CEGB Power Station Coal Stocks

Normal Electricity Demand - Maximum Heavy Fuel Oil Burn



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Aug Sept Oct