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PRIME MINISTER

Lord Tonypandy

Lord Tonypandy telephoned today. He asked me to let you know that, if you felt it would help, he would be very willing to offer his services as a mediator in the coal dispute. He recognised that the Government might not wish to be involved directly, but he wondered whether the NCB and the NUM might find his experience helpful.

I undertook to pass his message on to you, and said that I knew you would be very grateful for his offer.

But I did not give him any encouragement that you would wish to take it up.

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18 May 1984

Thankyou