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From the Private Secretary

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Prime Minister

I have arranged a meeting for Thursday on "Aspects of the Coal Dispute" with SS/Energy, Chancellor and N. Gregson. This will consider the paper on costs of the dispute and replenishment of stocks which N. Walker promised at the last meeting.

I believe, however, that this paper, which should arrive early next week, will provide a catalyst for a proper discussion about NCB's game plan. What is it negotiating about? What concessions can it make which don't concede the closures needed?

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