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PRIME MINISTER

Cabinet: Industrial Affairs: Coal

You will wish to invite reports from:

- i. the Secretary of State for Energy
on the NCB/NUM talks
(it is now public knowledge that they will
be on Friday)
on any evidence of a drift back to work;
- ii. the Home Secretary
on law and order
(there has been heavy picketing again today
at Orgreave with Mr Scargill in attendance)
on the injunction being sought by the
Merseyside Police Authority against its Chief
Constable to prevent him from sending
reinforcements under the mutual aid arrangements
to the police forces dealing with picketing;
- iii. the Secretary of State for Transport
on the prospects for continued movement of coal
and oil
(Mr Scargill will be making a renewed effort to
seek help from the rail unions, and will try to
exploit the Daily Mirror story about the
Government's involvement in the rail pay
negotiations).

2. The next meeting of MISC 101 has been arranged for
Tuesday 12 June at 5.15 pm.

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