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Depending on developments over the weekend you may wish to concentrate particularly on two issues:

- i. the NCB's efforts to secure the support of the workforce
 - the latest position on the letter to individual miners
 - the possibility of a management ballot
(is Mr MacGregor genuinely contemplating this option and, if so, is it a sensible move?)
- ii. the NUM's efforts to step up sympathetic action by other unions
 - what are the latest prospects for continued deliveries to the major steel works?
 - is there any evidence of a deterioration in coal and oil movements to power stations?

Home Sec has now written to CST to propose an upper limit for each authority of 3/4's of a penny rate. See attached letter

2. If time permits it may also be worth asking the Home Secretary about press reports that friction is building up among the county councils about delays in apportioning extra policing costs among different police authorities.

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3. The next opportunity for a discussion will be under the Industrial Affairs item at Cabinet on 21 June.

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