



10 DOWNING STREET

Andrew

Today's Meeting
1800

OK for

pl Energy

pl G-p.

#15

S/Trade may be in
difficulties as he
has to be in the
House. But his office
will ring you as
will Transport. # S/S.
May be late.

C.R.

SECRET

12/7
43A

PRIME MINISTER

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

You expressed a wish to hold a small meeting early next week to discuss the handling of the two disputes. The options are:

- (a) to discuss the line to be taken at Wednesday's meeting between the NCB and NUM with Mr. Walker and Mr. MacGregor;
- (b) to discuss the handling of the two disputes with Mr. Walker, Mr. Ridley and Mr. King (but without Mr. MacGregor). *+ Leo + Norman.*

Mr. Gregson would be asked to attend on either basis.

My preference is for (b). I think you will need to consider both disputes and I think it would be unwise to meet Mr. MacGregor directly at this stage. Two meetings in eighteen weeks is defensible but if it became public that you had met him again, it would look as though you were meeting him before each meeting to give him his marching orders.

Is there anyone else you would like to invite - given the tensions of MISC 101 it is better to keep the group as small as possible?

You could meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, postponing the Plowden Group Dinner.

Must have Leo + Norman (Fisher)

Agree: (1) format (b) above with anyone else you wish to invite;

(2) Monday at 7 p.m.?

Yes not AT

12 July 1984