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Lord President, Home Secretary and  
Attorney General have to leave at 11.30 am  
(to discuss the ILCA question)

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Coal: MISC 101(84)27th Meeting

You will want to deal both with the coal dispute and with the dock strike. Although there are connections it would be better to treat them as two separate items as far as possible.

Coal

2. Depending on developments, you will wish to invite reports as follows:

i. from the Secretary of State for Energy

- on the handling of the NCB/NUM talks both as to substance and as to presentation and publicity
- getting the miners back to work

ii. from the Home Secretary

- on law and order

iii. from the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

- on the position of the British Steel Corporation

iv. from the Secretary of State for Transport

- on coal movements.

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Docks

3. You will wish to invite reports as follows.

- i. from the Secretary of State for Transport
  - on the extent of the action
  - on progress, if any, in the talks between employers and unions
- ii. from the Secretary of State for Employment
  - on the scope for resolving the dispute with particular reference to the future of the National Dock Labour Scheme
- iii. from the Secretaries of State for Energy and Trade and Industry
  - on the likely impact of the strike on power station endurance, steel production, and industry generally.

Next meeting

4. The next meeting of MISC 101 has been arranged for Wednesday 18 July at 6.00pm.

*Conferences*

*1) Monitoring Broadcast  
Pg 2) Policy vs compliance*

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*3) Planning to other  
gov. of N.C.B.  
Directorate Meeting  
Parliament  
4) C.I.T. - on Docks  
Shipping*

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*5) Address in press  
summary of Docks  
letter*

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