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SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ORGANISATION TO COVER THE COAL STRIKE DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

It now looks likely that the coal strike will continue during August. The Prime Minister will want to know that a satisfactory organisation is in place at Ministerial and official level to deal effectively on a daily basis with issues arising from the coal strike during the holiday period. The organisation will need to include arrangements under Ministerial supervision to put over the Government's position effectively in the media and respond quickly to outside events.

In the light of the information which your office will be collecting about Ministerial movements during the holiday period, could you please advise the Prime Minister by Friday 27 July on arrangements covering August. We will need to consider subsequently the period from 14 to 27 September when the Prime Minister is due to be abroad on an official visit.

I am copying this minute to Bernard Ingham who will be letting you have a note on his proposals for the media arrangements.

RLB

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