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cc Mr Butler ✓
Miss Janet Lewis-
Jones
Miss Christopherson
Miss Jean Caines

From the Press Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ORGANISATION TO COVER COAL STRIKE DURING HOLIDAYS

This is the note promised by Robin Butler in his minute to you of July 20.

It will be necessary during August to maintain close coordination at Information level of the principal Departments concerned in the coal strike:

- Department of Energy
- Treasury
- Home Office
- Department of Trade and Industry
- Department of Transport
- Department of Employment
- Scottish Office
- Welsh Office

I intend to be away for the whole of August - August 3 to September 2 inclusive. But I shall be available on the telephone August 2-18 inclusive.

My deputy at No 10, Miss Christopherson, is moving to Department of Energy as Head of Information from August 1, but will be available to cover No 10 during the second half of August when her successor, Miss Jean Caines, will also be away.

Accordingly, I have asked Miss Christopherson to take formal responsibility for co-ordinating the Government Information/PR response from August 3, subject of course to any Ministerial meetings on the issue.

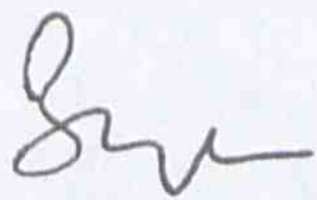
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Miss Caines will attend all the meetings on behalf of No 10 until August 17.

Miss Christopherson will hold meetings of Heads of Information/Chief Press Officers regularly, and will make recommendations for action to the Minister with coordinating responsibility and, as required, to the Prime Minister.

Subject to your agreement, I would propose to write as attached to Heads of Information of the Departments concerned.



BERNARD INGHAM
24 July 1984

DRAFT LETTER TO HEADS OF INFORMATION

It will be necessary during August to maintain an active information group for coordinating the Government's information/public relations effort in connection with the miners' strike.

I have asked Romola Christopherson, my current deputy who becomes Chief Information Officer at Department of Energy from August 1, to take the lead in this. She will call required meetings for this purpose throughout August.

Miss Christopherson will be supported by Miss Jean Caines, her successor at No 10. She will make recommendations for action on behalf of the Information Group to Ministers responsible for coordination during the holiday period.

I very much hope that you will ensure that your Department is represented at the most senior Press Officer level available. It is important that the Government mounts an effective information effort during the holiday.