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MISC 101(84) 31st Meeting: Coal

Depending on developments over the weekend, you may wish to pursue the following points:

- i. Secretary of State for Energy
 - number of pits and miners working
(in particular is there increased attendance at Bilston Glen? can anything more be done to support the "return to work" movement?)
 - rumours of further NCB/NUM talks
(in particular what is now the status of the NCB's last offer?)*
 - NUM Special Delegate Conference on 10 August
(what is this intended to achieve? does it have implications for our own tactics?)
- ii. Home Secretary
 - law and order *Industry*
- iii. Secretary of State for Trade and Industry
 - British Steel Corporation
(how is the problem of loading iron ore at Immingham being handled?)
- Holiday*
Jobs - iron-ore - lorries - railways.
iv. Secretary of State for Trade and Industry
 - latest assessment of the industrial relations situation at British Rail

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v. Attorney General

- the likely outcome of the case brought by haulage companies against the South Wales NUM.

Next meeting

2. Although we have a meeting of MISC 101 provisionally arranged for 5.00pm on Wednesday 1 August, it may be sufficient - unless something new seems likely to come up - to have the next discussion under the Industrial Affairs item at Cabinet the following day.

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