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Dear Andrew

POWER STATION ENDURANCE

I attach the latest report.

Copies also go to Margaret O'Mara and
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Yours sincerely
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POWER STATION ENDURANCE

1. Coal deliveries to CEGB power stations last week were 0.43 mt (including non-NCB sources), with many working pits on holiday. Coal burn was 0.44 mt leaving a stock draw of only 13000 t. CEGB coal stocks last Sunday night were 14.7 mt with a further 1.3 mt at Scottish power stations.
2. Total NCB deliveries last week were 0.53 mt, of which about 0.14 mt went to customers other than power stations.
3. The average rate of coal deliveries to power stations over the whole period of the strike has been 0.43 mt per week. The average over the past 6 weeks has been 0.47 mt.
4. The range of endurance outcomes has been revised by the CEGB as follows:-

<u>Average coal deliveries</u> (mt/week)	<u>Oil burn (% of Max)</u>	
	<u>90%</u>	<u>100%</u>
0	mid Nov	late Nov
0.4	late Jan	mid Feb
0.5	late Feb	September*

7 | N.B. The CEGB are still refining the calculations on which these endurance estimates are based with a view to a fuller presentation in future.

* This reflects what Sir Walter Marshall has told you but X is a substantial reservation

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