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MR INGHAM

cc Mr Turnbull

GIST OF A STATEMENT ISSUED BY MR MACGREGOR READ OVER THE TELEPHONE BY PETER WALKER (N.B. Not the exact text but Mr Walker's recollection of it)

"Over the weekend I was approached by people representing the TUC and the miners union who informed me that Mr Scargill and the NUM were willing to enter negotiations upon closure of uneconomic pits. I welcomed this decision and I am organising talks at a convenient time with both parties and hope talks will be successful so as to end this strike in the interests of those working in the mining industry."

Mr Walker, not Mr MacGregor, has given an interview to "The World at One".

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