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PRIME MINISTER

MISC 101(84)38th Meeting

You will wish to deal first with coal and then with docks.

Coal

2. On coal, after the usual reports, you will wish to focus the discussion on:

- the latest position in the NCB/NUM talks;
- the Daily Mirror report that the NUM will have a ballot on the outcome of the talks.

Docks

3. On docks, you will wish to ask for the usual reports on:

- the number of ports and dockers working (with particular reference to attendances at Tilbury, following the management ballot);
- the effects of picketing and TGWU efforts to broaden support for the dispute (eg the visit by Mr Connolly to Grimsby and Immingham today; and the attempts to secure support for the strike from lorry drivers);
- any news of civil action in the courts.

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Next meeting

4. A meeting of MISC 101 has been provisionally arranged for 5.00 on on Wednesday 12 September; and there will be a discussion under the Industrial Affairs item at Cabinet on Thursday 13 September.

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10 September 1984

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