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PRIME MINISTER

Cabinet: Industrial Affairs: Coal and the Docks

It will probably be convenient to deal briefly with the docks first and then move on to a more extended discussion about coal.

Docks

2. You will wish to invite reports from:

- Steel union
IOA.
Government
Following
savings done*
- i. the Secretary of State for Transport on how complete the return to work has been since the calling off of the strike on Tuesday;
(there have been reports of some difficulties with tally clerks at Tilbury and tugboatmen at Bristol)
Pay claim.
- ii. the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the exchanges between the British Steel Corporation and the TGWU about Hunterston and supplies to Ravenscraig.

Coal

3. You will wish to ask for reports from:

- i. the Secretary of State for Energy on:
- the number of pits and miners working;
 - coal movements;
 - probable next moves following the breakdown of the NCB/NUM talks;
- ii. the Secretary of State for Employment on:
- speculation about the role of ACAS;

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- the activities of the TUC (with particular reference to the forthcoming meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee);
 - the forthcoming meetings between the NUM and the transport and electricity supply unions;
- iii. the Home Secretary on:
- law and order generally;
 - the recent decision of the South Yorkshire Police Authority about horses and dogs.

Next meeting

4. A meeting of MISC 101 has been arranged for 4.15pm on Tuesday 25 September.

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