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Mr. Lamont will attend in place of Mr. Tebbit; and the Attorney General will attend also.

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PRIME MINISTER

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Cabinet: Industrial Affairs: Coal

You will wish to invite reports from:

- i. the Secretary of State for Energy on:
  - (a) the number of pits and miners working *Mudman*
  - (b) coal movements *- Record - 500,000 ton.*
  - (c) the NACODS strike  
(in particular the latest assessment of the likely response by deputies in working areas)
- ii. the Secretary of State for Employment on:  
efforts by the TUC to restart negotiations
- iii. the Home Secretary on:  
law and order  
(in particular the recent attacks on the police station at Grimethorpe)
- iv. the Secretary of State for Social Services on:  
social security benefits for striking miners  
(arising out of the Panorama programme about payments to cover mortgage interest being used for other purposes)

Next Meeting

2. The next meeting of MISC 101 is at 10.30 am on Tuesday 23 October.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

17 October 1984

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