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From the Private Secretary

23 December 1982

Assured by Mr

West that this dispute settled with Tony  
and no delay in coal deliveries

Dear Julian,

MIS 17/1

Power Station Endurance

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's undated minute and the minute of 13 December from the Chancellor of the Exchequer concerning the recent report by the Official Group on Coal (MISC 57) on power station endurance.

The Prime Minister recognises that Ministers' decision to opt for the maximum feasible rate of deliveries of coal to the power stations after the Christmas holidays and to aim for higher stocks next autumn may require difficult and complex negotiations with the Electricity Boards and the NCB about the implications for their EFLs. She is however concerned that the urgent action which has been agreed following the MISC 57 Report should not be delayed - especially the action to accelerate coal deliveries after the Christmas holidays, but also any early action which needs to be taken to improve endurance next autumn. She therefore very much hopes that the clarification of the implications for EFLs and the discussion of this with the industries can be pressed ahead quickly and handled in a way which will not delay progress on these matters.

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I am sending a copy of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Home Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretaries of State for Defence, Scotland, Industry, Transport and Employment, and to Mr. Sparrow and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Scholar

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