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Leon Brittan

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Thank you for your letter of 23 December. I am glad that you can agree that aid to the NCB should be continued to enable National Smokeless Fuels Limited to hold down foundry coke prices until the end of 1983 on the basis which I suggested in my letter of 17 December. As I explained, NCB's EFLs could not accommodate the extra £8m involved, but I am prepared to find the offset from BGC's EFLs.

I see no difficulty about drafting the announcement in the way which you propose. I suggest that our officials should quickly prepare a draft which we can approve, with a view to an early announcement.

I am sending copies of this letter to those who received copies of the previous correspondence.

JOHN MOORE

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