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Dear Andrew

POWER STATION ENDURANCE

I attach the latest weekly report.

Copies also go to Margaret O'Mara and
Richard Hatfield.

*Yours
John*

J S NEILSON
Private Secretary

*Prime Minister (2)
To note the improved
endurance position.*

*AT
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POWER STATION ENDURANCE

1 Coal deliveries to CEGB power stations last week were 0.69mt (including non-NCB sources). Coal burn was 0.78mt and stocks fell by 0.09mt. The Board's stocks last Sunday night (25 November) were 14.56mt with a further 0.80mt at Scottish power stations.

2 Total NCB deliveries last week were 0.95mt of which about 0.30mt went to customers other than power stations.

3 The average rate of coal deliveries to CEGB power stations over the whole period of the strike has been 0.52mt per week. The average over the past eight weeks has been 0.70mt.

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4 Given the continuing high level of coal deliveries and the completion of further system modelling work the CEGB have now revised the range of endurance outcomes to the following:-

Future usable coal deliveries

System Endurance

	<u>80% Oil burn</u>	<u>100% Oil burn</u>
0.30mt/week	late Feb	early April
0.40	early March	mid June
0.45	-	Autumn 1985

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