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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 ever
John*

J S NEILSON
Private Secretary



POWER STATION ENDURANCE

1 Coal deliveries to CEGB power stations last week were 0.70mt (including non-NCB sources). Coal burn was 0.76mt and stocks fell by 0.06mt. The Board's stocks last Sunday night (9 December) were 14.47mt with a further 0.72mt at Scottish power stations.

2 Total NCB deliveries last week were 0.94mt of which about 0.28mt 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 0.53mt. The average over the past eight weeks has been 0.71mt.

4 The CEGB's estimate of the range of endurance outcomes is as follows:-

Future usable coal deliveries

System Endurance

	<u>80% Oil burn</u>	<u>100% Oil burn</u>
0.30mt/week	early March	early May
0.40	late March	late September
0.45	-	Autumn 1985

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