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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.

Happy Christmas to all - the lights are still on!

Yours ever

John

J S NEILSON
Private Secretary

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POWER STATION ENDURANCE

- 1 Coal deliveries to CEGB power stations last week were 0.72mt (including non-NCB sources). Coal burn was 0.93mt and stocks fell by 0.21mt. The Board's stocks last Sunday night (16 December) were 14.26mt with a further 0.71mt at Scottish power stations.
- 2 Total NCB deliveries last week were 0.96mt of which about 0.28mt went to customers other than power stations.
- 3 The average rate of 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	late March	mid May
0.40	early April	mid November
0.45	-	Autumn 1985

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