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Mrs Jane Fjaelberg, Chairman of the "Miners' Wives Back to Work Campaign" telephoned this afternoon.

She was very anxious to get a message to the Prime Minister to say that she, and hundreds of others whom she has received telephone calls from, feel that there should not be a rushed settlement in the Coal dispute, and that the NCB ought to wait until there are more miners back at work. They believe that by the beginning of March there will be a majority of miners back at work, and that this would give the NCB a trump card.

However, whatever happens, they also feel very strongly that the NCB should publicise their moves more - both in terms of what the agreement was before Scargill rejected it, and of anything which they might propose to do now. Although the NCB advertise in "Coalnews" - this does not, obviously, reach a national audience and they think it is important that the NCB should make their terms clear to as wide an audience as possible.

I said that I would pass on her message. If you need any further information, her telephone number is 0443-203064. (I understand that she spoke to the Prime Minister in September).

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