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Cabinet: Industrial Affairs: Coal

You will wish to invite reports from:

(i) The Secretary of State for Energy on:

the number of pits and miners working;

coal movements;

the contacts between the NUM and NCB;

the current attitude of NACODS (Mr McNestry is reported as having said that, if the NCB continues with its present line about the basis for starting talks, the NACODS agreement may have to be reopened);

the NCB's thinking on the new independent advisory body (the Cabinet last week asked for a report by 31 January (CC(85) 3rd Conclusions, Minute 4).

(ii) The Home Secretary on law and order.

(iii) The Secretary of State for Employment on current TUC attitudes.

(iv) The Secretary of State for Transport on BR's latest contacts with the rail unions (on 29 January BR agreed to postpone discussion of the blacking of coal traffic

until it was clear whether an early settlement between the NUM and NCB was likely).

- (v) The Attorney General on any significant developments on civil actions. *Can he clarify respective roles of receiver and sequestrator in obtaining access to NUM funds in Luxembourg and in paying fine. Are costs of sequestrator recoverable?*
2. The next meeting of MISC 101 is at 11.15 am on Monday 4 February.

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for ROBERT ARMSTRONG

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