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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*

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POWER STATION ENDURANCE

1 Coal deliveries to CEGB power stations last week amounted to some 0.62mt (including non-NCB sources). Coal burn was 1.15mt and stocks fell by 0.53mt. The Board's stocks on Sunday night (17 February) were 11.37mt with a further 0.52mt at Scottish power stations.

2 Total NCB deliveries last week were estimated to amount to some 0.85mt of which about 0.27mt 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 0.54mt. The average over the past eight weeks has been 0.54mt, but this period includes the Christmas and New Year holidays when deliveries are traditionally low.

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

<u>Future usable coal deliveries</u>	<u>System Endurance</u>	
	<u>80% Oil burn</u>	<u>100% Oil burn</u>
0.30mt/week	early June	late October
0.40	mid July	mid December
0.43	-	January 1986

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