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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 0.73mt (including non-NCB sources). Coal burn was 0.98mt and stocks fell by 0.25mt. The Board's stocks on Sunday night (24 February) were 11.12mt with a further 0.49mt at Scottish power stations.

2 Total NCB deliveries last week were estimated to amount to some 1.00mt of which about 0.33mt 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 0.63mt, but this period includes the New Year holiday 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	mid June	early November
0.40	late July	mid December
0.42	-	January 1986

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