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LESSONS OF THE MINERS' STRIKE

Note by the Secretaries

1. The Group is scheduled to meet on Tuesday 2 April to discuss the construction and content of a report to Ministers on the lessons to be learned from the 1984/85 strike in the mining industry.
2. Replies to the Chairman's letter of 27 February indicated a preference for discussion before a draft report was prepared and the material provided by individual departments, in response to Misc 57(85)1, was not conducive to the preparation of a single document to provide a basis for discussion. Departmental contributions have therefore been circulated as separate papers - Misc 57(85) 3 to 7 inclusive.
3. Following discussion on 2 April, it is intended to prepare a first draft report which will be circulated to members of the Group for comment in writing. Comments will be incorporated into a second draft which will be discussed at a further meeting, probably in the second half of May. It is hoped to submit the Group's report to Ministers in early June.

Signed J A J BUDD
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