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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 February, 1982.

Dear Mr. Murray,

Thank you for your letter of 4 January.

I note what you say about the importance you attach to investment in modernisation as contributing to the development of an efficient and competitive coal industry. On the particular question of Belvoir, however, I have nothing at present to add to what I said to you in my letter of 12 October.

Yours sincerely,

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The Rt. Hon. Lionel Murray, O.B.E.

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Michael Scholar  
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14 January 1982

Dear Michael

As requested in your letter of 8 January, I enclose a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to Mr Len Murray.

Yours ever

David Lumley

DAVID LUMLEY  
Private Secretary



DRAFT REPLY TO RT HON LIONEL MURRAY OBE

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*From the Private Secretary*

8 January, 1982

I attach a letter from Mr. Len Murray about the Vale of Belvoir coalfield. We have acknowledged the letter.

I would be grateful if you would let me have a draft reply by Friday, 22 January.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Edmonds (Department of the Environment), Terry Matthews (Chief Secretary's Office, Treasury) and Gerry Spence (CPRS).

M. C. SCHOLAR

Dr. David Lumley,  
Department of Energy

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*From the Private Secretary*

8 January, 1982

I am writing on the Prime Minister's behalf to thank you for your letter of 4 January about the Vale of Belvoir coalfield, which I am placing before the Prime Minister. A reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

M. C. SCHOLAR

The Rt. Hon. Lionel Murray, O.B.E.

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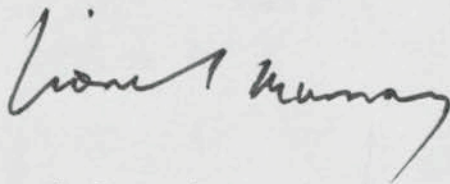
Dear Prime Minister

Vale of Belvoir Coalfield *PPS*

The TUC Fuel and Power Industries Committee have considered your letter of October 12 in reply to my letter of August 27 about the Vale of Belvoir Coalfield. They have asked me to let you know their concern about the delay to the Government's announcement about the Vale of Belvoir Coalfield.

As you state, the Government wants an efficient and competitive coal industry. The TUC believes that the development of new capacity is fundamental to the achievement of the aim. The Department of the Environment has been considering the Belvoir decision for many months. This delay is extremely damaging and appears indefensible to the people working in the industry.

Yours sincerely



General Secretary .