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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 March 1982

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Yours sincerely,

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24 February

Dear Mike,

on previous part 2

With your letter of 3 February you enclosed one from Geraint Morgan MP criticising British Rail management, citing the present rail dispute and the recent allegations of malpractice within British Rail in support of this view. I attach a draft reply which the Prime Minister may wish to send to Mr Morgan.

Yours,

Anthony Mayer

R A J MAYER
Private Secretary



DRAFT REPLY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEND TO GERAINT MORGAN ESQ MP

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