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Dear Secretary of State,

**ENERGY SAVING CAMPAIGN**

Thank you for your letter of 14 August.

I can see that additional expenditure on advertising at the start of the winter might help endurance and that this could be useful if the miners strike were to last through the Autumn. The case for a campaign looks a good deal less strong if the strike ends earlier.

I would be willing to agree to the additional expenditure if the strike does last through the Autumn and if you take steps to secure all the necessary savings from within the cash limits on your departmental expenditure. The state of the contingency reserve is such that we cannot use it to meet any part of this expenditure.

If the strike ends earlier I suggest we reconsider the case for additional spending.

I am copying to the Prime Minister, the Lord President, the Chancellor and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours Sincerely  
 Paul Rees

PETER REES

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(Approved by the Chief Secretary  
 and signed in his absence)

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