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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

21 November 1984

COAL FIRING SCHEME

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 13 November and the Chief Secretary's minute of 19 November. She agrees that it makes sense to defer the review of the future of the Scheme for about six months when it should be possible to see more clearly the supply and demand balance after the strike. She believes, however, that in the context of the Government's case on the mining dispute, it would be better to leave the Scheme open, accepting such applications as there are up to the previously agreed commitment ceiling.

I am copying this letter to Richard Broadbent (Chief Secretary's Office, H.M. Treasury) and Callum McCarthy (Department of Trade and Industry).

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