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Dear Andrew

POWER STATION ENDURANCE

I attach the latest report covering the
Christmas period 17 to 30 December.

Copies also go to Margaret O'Mara and
Richard Hatfield.

*Yours sincerely
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M F REIDY
Private Secretary



POWER STATION ENDURANCE

1 Coal deliveries to CEGB power stations over the two weeks 17 to 30 December amounted to 0.72mt (including non-NCB sources). Coal burn was 1.27mt and stocks fell by 0.55mt. The Board's stocks on Sunday night (30 December) were 13.71mt with a further 0.69mt at Scottish power stations.

2 Total NCB deliveries over the period amounted to some 0.97mt of which about 0.30mt went to customers other than power stations.

3 The average rate of deliveries to CEGB power stations over the whole period of the strike has been 0.53mt. The average over the past eight weeks has been 0.62mt.

4 The CEGB's estimate of the range of endurance outcomes is as follows:-

Future usable coal deliveries

System Endurance

	<u>80% Oil burn</u>	<u>100% Oil burn</u>
0.30mt/week	late March	mid June
0.40	late April	early November
0.45	-	Winter 1985/6

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