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From the Principal Private Secretary

MR HATFIELD

May I raise a general point on the reports which we receive from your office on events surrounding the coal miners' strike.

When the Prime Minister asks for specific action to be taken, I will of course continue to convey this to you. But it would be reassuring to know somebody is charged with taking action when the contents of the report appear to call for this. The situation report of 15 January - (Box 500) POLF299-24/SB(844)/F2N/1 - is an example of a report on which consideration of some action appears to be called for, for example, in connection with the efforts of the sequestrator. Can you please reassure the Prime Minister that, in the absence of action by us, these reports do not simply lie unpursued?

Returned to RTA

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