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Dear Madam

POWER STATION ENDURANCE

I attach the latest weekly report.

Copies also go to Margaret O'Mara and
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*Yours sincerely
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POWER STATION ENDURANCE

1 Coal deliveries to CEGB power stations last week amounted to 0.69mt (including non-NCB sources). Coal burn was 0.99mt and stocks fell by 0.30mt. The Board's stocks on Sunday night (13 January) were 13.03mt with a further 0.67mt at Scottish power stations.

2 Total NCB deliveries last week were estimated to amount to some 0.92mt of which about 0.27mt 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 0.52mt. The average over the past eight weeks has been 0.58mt, but this period includes Christmas and New Year holidays when deliveries are traditionally low.

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	mid April	early July
0.40	early May	mid November
0.45	-	Winter 1985/6

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