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PRIME MINISTER

c. Mr. Alison

WORKING MINERS

This is just to report progress on Woodrow Wyatt's letter and your request for a meeting with the Secretary of State, David Hunt, Ian MacGregor and Michael Eaton.

David Hunt and Michael Eaton have been given instructions by their respective bosses to sort out this matter in the way you want, and Michael Eaton has told David Hunt that he is quietly arranging transfers to Selby for the people on the lists which Woodrow Wyatt has provided.

I said that our confidence had been shaken by a report that [redacted] had nevertheless been given his redundancy papers last Friday. David Hunt is taking this up with Michael Eaton tonight and will report tomorrow morning. David Hunt will also then give me his advice on whether you should personally take a meeting: he fears that this might leak out and thinks that it is better to do good by stealth so that the militants do not get the impression that their tactics are working and make life more difficult for others. But he takes the point that we must be absolutely assured that each individual case is being dealt with satisfactorily.

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David Hunt phoned back to say that [redacted] has not been given his cards. He is bound for Selby, but by a convoluted route involving a first transfer to a pit in North Yorkshire. David Hunt is meeting Michael Eaton tomorrow to go through each case and will then be ready to come in and brief you on each. Would you like me to please arrange for him to come in?

10 June 1985

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