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From the Private Secretary

23 July 1985

THIRD TRANCHE COAL

Sir Walter Marshall intends to raise the issue of electricity generated from third tranche coal at his meeting with the Prime Minister - a copy of his letter is attached. I should be grateful for a brief on this issue, which should indicate not only the benefits to intensive users of electricity, but also the difficulties such a proposal might raise for existing policies towards nationalised industry prices. Could this reach me by close of play on Friday, 26 July?

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*From the Chairman
Sir Walter Marshall, CBE, FRS*

22 July 1985

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister

I am due to see you on Monday 29 July primarily to discuss my role in the House of Lords. Peter Walker knows I am seeing you on that subject and has suggested I take the opportunity to talk with you about my proposals concerning electricity prices to intensive users. This is intimately linked to the use of a third tranche of coal from the NCB. I understand you have heard something of these plans from the NCB but you may not be aware of the fact that they are proposals which have arisen on the CEGB's initiative and to which I personally attach great importance. I would, therefore, welcome the opportunity of speaking to you about the merit of the scheme before the Government makes any final decisions on the matter.

Yours sincerely

W Marshall