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 Please correct.

Dear David

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I regret that two errors have been discovered in the Second Report on Lessons of the Miners' Strike - sent to the Prime Minister under cover of Sir Robert Armstrong's minute of 25 November.

N Would you please delete that part of paragraph 5 d i which appears on page 4 of the report and substitute the revised text attached. Would you also amend the sub-paragraph number at the top of page 3 to read iii instead of iv.

I copy this letter and attachment to the Private Secretaries of the Lord President, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Home Secretary, Secretaries of State for Energy, Defence, Scotland and Wales, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Secretaries of State for Transport and Employment, the Attorney General and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely
Brigadier J A J Budd

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d. Conclusion

i. For the short term, the main weapon against militancy is the lack of enthusiasm among NUM members for further industrial action. Many of the pit closures proposed by the Board since the end of the strike have been achieved by simple agreement with unions locally; even traditionally militant areas have shown little heart for resistance, and opposition has been left to local authorities. Since the end of the strike 17 pits have closed and 4 pairs of pits have merged, all by agreement with the unions locally. A further 4 closures and 2 mergers have been agreed. 11 closures and one merger are at various stages in the Colliery Review Procedure. By contrast, the speed of closures over recent years can be deduced from the number of collieries at the end of each financial year.

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