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NATIONAL COAL BOARD: 1983 PAY OF FULL-TIME MEMBERS

You wrote to me on 27 November about 1983 pay increases for the full-time members of the National Coal Board.

I agree with your proposal for a 5.2 per cent increase from 1 November 1983 in the salaries of the full-time NCB Board members on that date, with the exception of Messrs MacGregor and Cowan.

I leave you to judge how best to announce these increases.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of E(NI) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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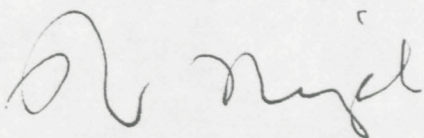
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NCB - SALARIES OF FULL-TIME BOARD MEMBERS

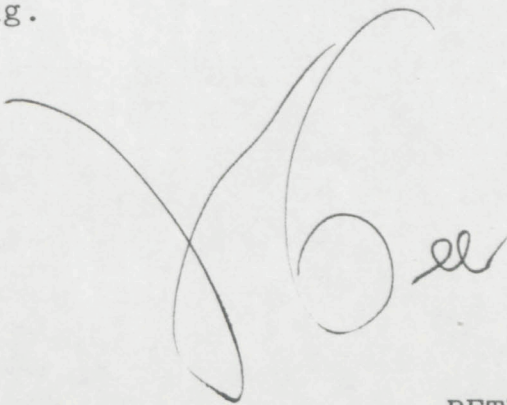
Though there have been some exchanges between officials, I have not hitherto approached you about the salaries of full-time members of the NCB. The review date in question is November 1983. Mr MacGregor and the part-time members of his Board made recommendations to me earlier this year, but it seemed inappropriate to pursue matters at the time.

I propose that we should grant the full-time NCB Board Members a simple increase of 5.2% on their November 1983 salaries. This figure has the short term merit of reflecting the offer made to manual workers and that accepted by management staff - though there is, of course, no underlying reason for parity. Indeed, a settlement on this basis falls well short of the recommendations made to me for this review.

I propose no change to the salary you settled with Mr MacGregor with effect from 1 September 1983; nor to the Deputy Chairman's salary, which was fixed on a personal basis on his reappointment from 1 January 1984.

I should be glad to have your agreement.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of E(NI) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.



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