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From the Private Secretary

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POWER STATION ENDURANCE

The Prime Minister had a word with your Secretary of State after Cabinet this morning about the threat of industrial action by the NUM.

The Prime Minister said her impression was that even under the present NUM rule book, it would still be possible for the Executive to secure authority for a strike, area by area. It was disturbing that Mr. Scargill seemed to have regained or retained some measure of credence. It would be important to help the UDM over the new rule book if possible; and most important to keep a close eye on developments.

Your Secretary of State explained that he and the Department were indeed keeping a very close eye on developments.

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