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MR. BOURNE

## COAL LIBERALISATION

We spoke earlier today about your note to the Prime Minister dated 6 September. I told you that Department of Energy were under the impression that their earlier proposals had already been agreed.

I have now checked back on the file and that is indeed the case. I attach a note from John Wakeham dated 2 August, and Andrew Turnbull's subsequent letter of 3 August, in which you will see the Prime Minister specifically accepted the tonnage and manning proposals.

So I see no point in putting anything further to the Prime Minister on any of this at this stage.

Plc 6.

(PAUL GRAY)

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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

3 August 1989

**SUPPORT FOR THE UDM  
AND COAL LIBERALISATION**

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 2 August. She was content with the action proposed on transport differentials and was content, also, that the limit on men working underground at licensed mines should be set at 150.

(ANDREW TURNBULL)

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