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Dear Willie,

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Thank you for your letter of yesterday and its attached briefing note for the Prime Minister. I am sorry about the confusion over the figures.

In fact, all the figures in your note are correct with the single, slight qualification that grants to the coal industry (your point 9), which do indeed average about £550 million a year, are now expected to be about £520 million in 1982/83.

I attach a revised brief including all the points in yours, together with other material which the Prime Minister may find useful. I am assured that you may have confidence in the figures it contains.

Yours ever,

J D WEST
Private Secretary



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From the Private Secretary

1 March, 1983

South Wales Miners' Strike

I attach a note which I prepared as briefing for the Prime Minister for Question Time today. It is based largely on figures which Mr. John Moore used in the House yesterday. The other figures were obtained from your Department by the Parliamentary Section here. In short, all the figures that it contains came from your Department. When I showed this to the Prime Minister, she expressed a particular interest in using the figures in paragraphs 2, 6, 7 and 9, and we checked these again with your Department. The Prime Minister subsequently used most of these figures in the House. I should be grateful if you could check them once again to ensure that they are correct.

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