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*Dear Andrew,*

ENDURANCE

I attach the latest weekly report.

Copies also go to Margaret O'Mara and  
Richard Hatfield.

*Yours  
John*

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POWER STATION ENDURANCE

- 1 Coal deliveries to CEGB power stations last week were 0.69mt (including non-NCB sources). Coal burn was 0.74mt and stocks fell by 0.05mt. Oil burn reached the highest level achieved since the strike began. The Board's stocks last Sunday night (18 November) were 14.65mt with a further 0.83mt at Scottish power stations.
- 2 Total NCB deliveries last week were 0.94mt of which about 0.28mt went to customers other than power stations.
- 3 The average rate of coal deliveries to CEGB power stations over the whole period of the strike has been 0.51mt per week. The average over the past eight weeks has been 0.70mt.
- 4 The CEGB's estimate of the range of endurance outcomes is as follows:-

Future usable coal deliveries

System Endurance

	<u>90% Oil burn</u>	<u>100% Oil burn</u>
0.30mt/week	late Feb	early March
0.35	early March	mid March
0.40	early March	end March
0.45	mid March	late April
0.50	-	Autumn 1985

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