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Dear Andrew

POWER STATION ENDURANCE

I attach the latest weekly report.

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

Yours ever

John

J S NEILSON
Private Secretary

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POWER STATION ENDURANCE

1 Coal deliveries to CEBG power stations last week amounted to 0.61mt (including non-NCB sources). Coal burn was 1.09mt and stocks fell by 0.48mt. Oil burn reached the highest level achieved since the strike began. The Board's stocks on Sunday night (20 January) were 12.55mt with a further 0.66mt at Scottish power stations.

2 Total NCB deliveries last week were estimated to amount to some 0.84mt of which about 0.27mt went to customers other than power stations.

3 The average rate of deliveries to CEBG power stations over the whole period of the strike has been 0.53mt. The average over the past eight weeks has been 0.57mt, but this period includes the Christmas and New Year holidays when deliveries are traditionally low.

4 The CEBG's estimate of the range of endurance outcomes is as follows:-

Future usable coal deliveriesSystem Endurance

	<u>80% Oil burn</u>	<u>100% Oil burn</u>
0.30mt/week	early May	mid October
0.40	early June	late December
0.45	-	Winter 1985/6

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