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Dear Andrew

I attach the latest weekly report on coal
and power station statistics.

Copies also go to Margaret O'Mara and
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*Yours ever
John*

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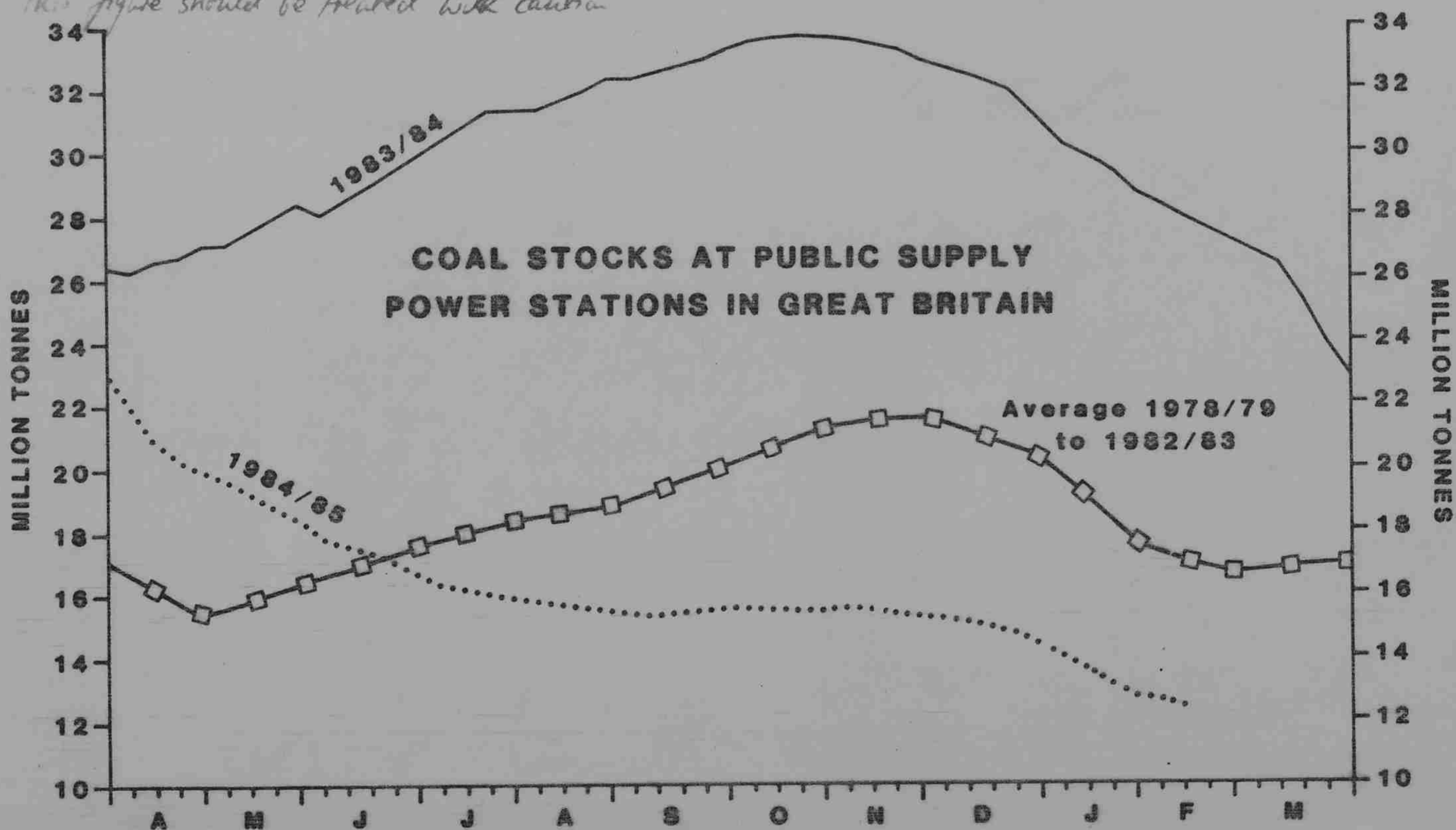
WEEKLY COAL AND POWER STATION STATISTICS (1)

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Week ending 11.2.84 : 19.1.85 26.1.85 2.2.85 9.2.85

COAL	PRODUCTION	deep mines+	1.68 :	0.64	0.68	0.73	0.76
	(m. tonnes)	opencast+	0.24 :	0.28	0.27	0.27	0.29
		TOTAL	1.92 :	0.93	0.95	1.00	1.04
COAL	PRODUCTIVITY(2)	'overall' o.m.s	2.29 :	o o	o o	o o	o o
	(tonnes/manshift)	'production' o.m.s	9.88 :	o o	o o	o o	o o
UNDISTRIBUTED STOCK							
	(m. tonnes)	TOTAL	23.19 :	20.51	20.57	20.53	20.81
STATIONS	COAL STOCKS	(m. tonnes)	27.99 :	13.18	12.80	12.68	12.45
	COAL CONSUMPTION	"	1.87 :	1.13	1.05	0.78	0.89
	COAL RECEIPTS	"	1.49 :	0.61	0.66	0.65	0.66
STATIONS	OIL STOCKS(3)	"	1.31 :	1.15	1.11	1.07	1.08
	OIL CONSUMPTION(3)	"	0.06 :	0.66	0.61	0.65	0.60
	OIL RECEIPTS(3)	"	0.06 :	0.55	0.50	0.55	0.57
POWER	ELECTRICITY SUPPLIED (4) (GWh)		:				
	Nuclear	"	926 :	1,146	1,170	1,213	1,140
	Other Steam	"	4,466 :	4,930	4,742	4,348	4,477
	TOTAL	"	5,392 :	6,076	5,912	5,561	5,617
	TOTAL - temperature corrected	"	5,504 :	5,291*	5,667	5,778	o o

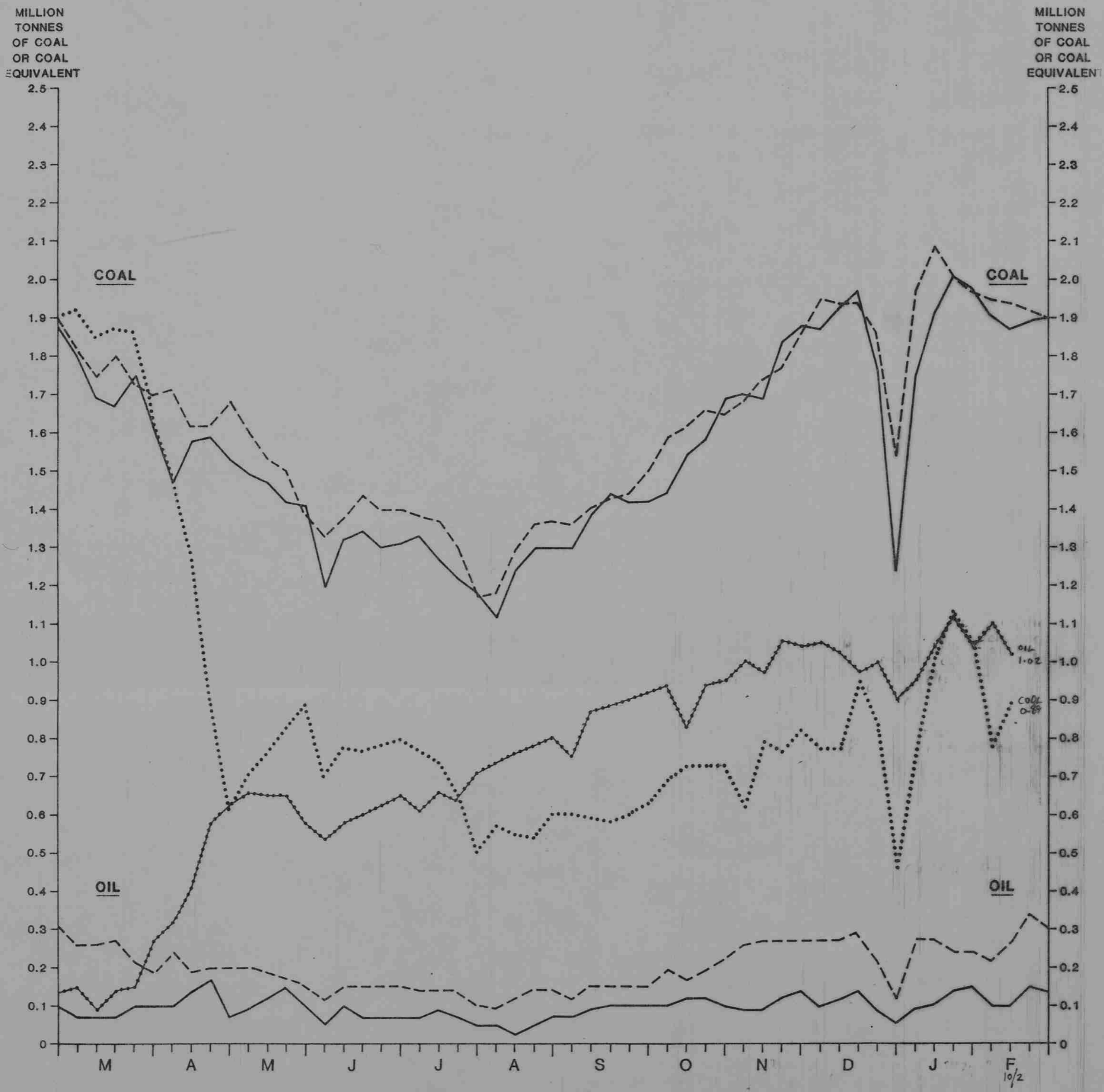
(1) Great Britain unless otherwise stated. All latest figures are subject to revision.
 (2) NCB mines only. (3) Oil-fired boilers only. (4) Steam stations only.
 data not yet available. + includes licensed production.* N.B. Abnormally large correction
 this figure should be treated with caution



COAL CONSUMPTION AND OIL CONSUMPTION (OIL FIRED)
AT PUBLIC SUPPLY POWER STATIONS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Key

- COAL } March 84 to February 85
- OIL } March 84 to February 85
- March 83 to February 84
- Average 1977/78 to 1981/82



1. It is of crucial importance for the parties concerned in the current dispute to concentrate attention on the future success of the Industry and in so doing to commit themselves to reconciliation and restoration of relationships.
2. The NUM recognise that it is the duty of the NCB to manage the Industry efficiently and to secure sound developments in accordance with their responsibilities and the NCB recognise that the NUM represents and advances the interests of its members and their employment opportunities.
3. The parties undertake that immediately upon a return to normal working, discussions will commence upon the revision of the Plan for Coal, such revision to be completed within six months. In order that this programme, which is of vital importance to the Industry, the mining communities and the country, is carried through with the utmost effectiveness the parties specifically and mutually commit themselves to giving maximum priority to this period of conciliation and reconstruction and providing the necessary resources. The TUC undertake to provide assistance if called on by either the NUM or the NCB. The issues that could be included in discussions are attached as an annex.
Nothing in this paragraph will prevent any party from referring collieries to the Review Procedure.
4. The parties accept that it is of value to outline, at this stage, the procedures that flow from a commitment to modify the Colliery Review Procedure.
5. The existing Colliery Review Procedure has the objective of periodically reviewing at colliery and Area level the performance and future investment opportunities of pits with representatives of Unions. ^{knownly} ~~The~~ ^{(as requested} ~~parties accept the need to modify the Procedure.~~ ^{with NCB)} After a return to normal working, there will be urgent talks about the early establishment of a modified Procedure and about the constitution, membership and role of the independent reference body which is to be incorporated into the Procedure.
6. Proposals about the future of pits will be dealt with through the modified Colliery Review Procedure. In accordance with past practices, those pits which are exhausted or facing severe geological difficulties will be closed by joint agreement. [Any other colliery shall be considered within the modified Colliery Review Procedure]
7. Under the modified Colliery Review Procedure the independent body will constitute a further consultative stage after the National Appeal stage to consider reference from any of the parties to the procedure where agreement is not reached in the usual steps at colliery and Area level. All parties are committed to give full weight to the view of the proposed Independent Review Body.
8. At the end of this procedure the Board will make its final decision. The parties accept this is not intended to constitute a no strike agreement.

1. Parties to the dispute have already been prepared to agree that, with a view to establishing a developing and expanding coal industry equipped to meet future energy requirements, they will jointly discuss Plan for Coal and any proposed revision.
2. The parties undertake to commence talks urgently after a return to normal work on Plan for Coal and any proposed revision. The parties will agree before the return to work on a target date of six months by which time this plan will be completed. The parties will be ready to hear the views of other interested parties on Plan for Coal.
3. Discussion about Plan for Coal will include the following but is not thereto limited.

Market and output prospects, national energy needs and increased sales of coal.

- (1) To existing markets
- (2) New markets.
 - (a) industrial markets
 - (b) conversions from other fuels
 - (c) support for industrial conversion plans
 - (d) domestic uses and equipment development
- (3) New uses for coal
 - (a) liquefaction
 - (b) gasification
- (4) Marketing programmes
 - (a) Plans for marketing
 - (b) Programmes to support marketing by NUM.
- (5) Reserve Position
 - (a) Exploration programmes
 - (b) Development and expansion of existing pits where market and production opportunities are identified.
- (6) Productivity
 - (a) Improvement in performance at pits
 - (b) Investment in equipment for improved safety and performance.
- (7) Closure and Community Responsibility
 - (a) Mobilisation of local authorities and industry as well as MSC NCB Enterprise Company to develop retraining and new job creation
 - (b) UK and EEC restructuring resources and how obtained
 - (c) Programmes for voluntary redundancy and early retirement and the terms available
 - (d) Transfer and relocation allowances
 - (e) Retraining programmes.