

Copy to David Wright (C.O.)

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Mr. Hand's letter at  
Erag A should allow  
Mr. Edwards' concern.

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I have seen a copy of David Howell's minute to you of 27 January.

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I must say that I am very perturbed by the indication that shortly after 10 February the NCB's Area Directors will be giving the unions details of the pits the NCB have decided to close. I do not believe that it is right that this should be done before the Government has this information and before we have had an opportunity to consider and discuss the implications.

/ I am sending copies of this minute to E Committee members.

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2 February 1981