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Prime Minister ①

You have two meetings:

(i) Sir Robert and Peter Gregson come on Monday to brief you. They will cover not just endurance, but handling of the present pay claim and of future closures. They will want to discuss the arrangements for monitoring progress - See Para 6 of Mr Gregson's minute of 21 Sept

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(ii) The meeting on Tuesday to discuss endurance in the medium term. Sir Robert's minute of 26 October serves as brief and paper so no need to read the report by officials. The key issue is whether to invest large sums to improve endurance permanently or whether to rely largely on high coal stocks. You will need to decide beforehand how much of the strategy background you want Peter Walker to display at the meeting

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