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## CEGB POWER STATION ENDURANCE

1. Coal stocks at CEGB power stations this weekend (7/8 April) are expected to be about 19½ mt.
2. NCB coal production this past week has been about 0.5 mt. Deliveries to power stations, which have been affected by problems on the railways, are estimated at about 0.35 mt. Coal burn this week is about 1.6 mt.
3. CEGB oil burn has now reached 50 per cent of maximum. A further 25 per cent is planned next week. Arrangements for oil supplies have been made for April and into May. Price perturbation on the spot market thus far has been fairly modest.
4. Power station endurance has not changed significantly since last week's report. The objective of six months endurance from the start of the strike should be attainable with no further coal deliveries provided that maximum oil burn can be sustained and that power station staff work according to their duties. Continued coal supplies are a bonus.

Coal Deliveries (tonnes per week)	Oil burn (% of max)	Endurance (months from start)	Endurance (end of period)
0	100	6	late September
0	50	5	<u>late August</u>
0.5	100	11	February 1985
0.5	50	8	November

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*Dear Andrew*

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As discussed on Friday I attach a further report for the Prime Minister.

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