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From the Private Secretary

Prime Minister

You queried the endurance figures, in particular how stocks of 18 mt could last until early October if they were being run down at 0.8 mt (with Notts coal) or 1.1 mt (without it).

Policy Unit have been over the figures with the Department and are satisfied that CEGB have done their sums correctly. First, CEGB argue that most of the stock is usable. Secondly, coal burn will decrease still further over the summer. Finally, we have only just got to maximum oil burn.

Nevertheless, for your reassurance, I think we should have the expected profile of coal burn set out, against which to measure progress. I will set this in hand.

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