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I have spoken to Catherine McLoughlin and Michael Reidy to ask that either of them should see Sir Terence. They point out that it is not helpful to have the link between

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When Mr. Walker came to see you to discuss endurance, he said that the energy efficiency campaign of his Department could augment the efforts of the CEGB. He reported that Sir Terence Beckett would be urging CBI members to back the energy efficiency campaign enthusiastically. He also said that Sir Terence would contact the Chief Executives of the main energy users on a confidential basis to point out that the support for this campaign could make a crucial contribution to the outcome of the coal dispute.

see energy efficiency campaign made so crudely.

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My understanding was that confidentiality was desirable in order not to taint the campaign, which was justified fully in its own right, with being part of the Government's efforts to defeat the miners.

As you will see from the letter, Sir Terence has unhelpfully and overtly connected the campaign with the dispute. I understand Mr. Walker had difficulty in restraining Sir Terence, even to this extent.

I have drafted a reply to Sir Terence which avoids making the connection. I think it would be helpful if Mr. Walker had a further word with him to explain that his approach is likely to blow the cover for the campaign.

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