



10 DOWNING STREET

PREME MINISTER

Peter Walker rang to say that Mr. MacGregor had telephoned him and said that he was very pleased with Mr. Walker's letter. Mr. Walker has a meeting with Mr. MacGregor tomorrow morning to take him through the issues.

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As you will know, the Cabinet regularly meets on a Thursday morning. At this morning's meeting, I reported to my colleagues the current situation and negotiations in the coal mining dispute.

The Cabinet recorded its unanimous support for you and your colleagues in your patient but firm insistence both that the National Coal Board must continue to be able to close pits on economic grounds and that any words agreed with the National Union of Mineworkers as a basis for ending the current dispute must make this clear. The Cabinet wanted you to know that you have their wholehearted backing in your efforts to achieve these objectives in these long and arduous negotiations.

PETER WALKER