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Excellent delivery to power stations producing a big stock draw down

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Dear Andrew

POWER STATION ENDURANCE

I attach the latest weekly report.

Copies also go to Margaret O'Mara and
Richard Hatfield.

Yours ever

John

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POWER STATION ENDURANCE

- 1 Coal deliveries to CEGB power stations last week were 0.72mt (including non-NCB sources). Coal burn was 0.75mt and stocks fell by 0.03mt. Oil burn reached the highest level achieved since the strike began. The Board's stocks last Sunday night (2 December) were 14.53mt with a further 0.76mt at Scottish power stations.
- 2 Total NCB deliveries last week were 0.95mt of which about 0.26mt went to customers other than power stations.
- 3 The average rate of coal deliveries to CEGB power stations over the whole period of the strike has been 0.52mt per week. The average over the past eight weeks has been 0.71mt.
- 4 The CEGB's estimate of the range of endurance outcomes is as follows:-

Future usable coal deliveries

System Endurance

	<u>80% Oil burn</u>	<u>100% Oil burn</u>
0.3mt/week	early March	late April
0.40	mid March	late July
0.45	-	Autumn 1985

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