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PRIME MINISTER

LESSONS FROM THE MINERS' STRIKE

Sir Robert Armstrong's minute asked Ministers to indicate whether they were content with the follow-up action on physical endurance, law and order and other matters. Replies have now come in, and Ministers are content to proceed as suggested. The Attorney General's note attached raises three additional points which can be considered in the follow-up work.

I do not think a meeting is necessary to discuss the whole report. Further action could take place as follows:-

- (i) A discussion with Mr. Walker and the Chancellor on endurance. A meeting has been arranged for 16 July by which time the CEGB's assessment will be available.
- (ii) The industrial relations issues raised by the strike can be considered in the context of the NUM rule book, for which a meeting has been arranged next week.
- (iii) Misc 57, now under the chairmanship of Brian Unwin, should be asked to review progress in October on implementing the recommendations.

On reading the report, you felt that insufficient attention was being paid to the problems of the working miners. You have now set action going on this.

Content to proceed as suggested above?

AT Yes

17 June, 1985.