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Discussed at lunch with
NCB Executive 24/6

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PRIME MINISTER ②

A meeting has been fixed for
16 July to discuss endurance.
I will investigate X which is
inconsistent with reports from D/Energy 20/6

I saw Walter Marshal last night. He is keen to get rid of
the Electricity Council, as he finds Philip Jones'
interventions disrupt contingency planning and putting over
the CEGB case. Peter Walker is not keen, and the politics
of abolition of the Council are not very exciting.

He was complaining about the slow build-up in coal
deliveries and production from the NCB post strike. He is
now operating normally, with full coal burn, and in
consequence restocking is not going as quickly as he would
like.

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He believes Scargill will not strike this winter, but
understands your wish to see reasonable levels of stock
rebuilt; and is keen to get to the position where he has
12 months of stock as soon as possible.

He is continuing work on oil capacity, and is building on
the lessons of the strike about the amount of oil you can
burn in coal stations.

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