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From the Principal Private Secretary

2 August 1985

Mr. Ian MacGregor telephoned me this afternoon and suggested that it would be a great help to him if the Prime Minister were to give a brief audience to , working miners from the Notts. area. They were marvellous people and would give a more favourable view of the way in which the working miners had been treated than some of the Prime Minister's other sources. But, more widely, if she were to receive them it would give a great boost to those who were seeking to escape the embrace of Mr. Scargill and the NUM in the Notts. area.

I should be grateful if you could let me have your Secretary of State's advice on whether the Prime Minister should try to fit in a brief meeting with before she goes on holiday. Mr. MacGregor said that his Secretary would be able to fix up such a meeting at short notice, but he envisaged that should see the Prime Minister with one or two of their colleagues but without his own presence.

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