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16 July 1984

Mrs [REDACTED]

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Dear Michael,

I attach a note from the police on intimidation and a note on numbers arrested and of police injured. I hope that these prove useful for the Chancellor's speech. I should say that the numbers of cases of intimidation may not be too accurate since they are collected by different forces on different bases, so I am led to understand. It would be better, therefore, to make broad brush assertions and give examples. I am afraid that most of these are, however, not the stuff of which tragic tales are easily made. But the overall picture is extremely damning.

You kindly agreed to let our people see the speech before it is issued. This is, of course, particularly important in the light of the Prime Minister's meeting on these matters this evening.

I hope that this gives you what you need. If we can help further, of course we will.

Yours,

Robin
[REDACTED]

Michael Portillo Esq

Sds

See conclusions
on last 2 pages,
in particular

NATIONAL REPORTING CENTRE
NEW SCOTLAND YARD
12th JULY 1984

FROM: MR. D. HALL
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PRESIDENT A.C.P.O.

This is v. helpful. CD on for me on how best to report this

(1) with dates of events

(2) information as to charges, INTIMIDATION
or of local events, as well as incidents.

LB 12/7/84

Forwarded for your information, is a report regarding intimidation which has occurred in Force Areas directly connected with the mining dispute. A breakdown of such incidents reported to the police in these areas is itemised on a Force basis.

NORTHUMBRIA

In this Force area since the commencement of the dispute, all collieries have been closed as a result of the solidarity shown in support of the NUM action. Few incidents of intimidation have been reported, owing to few persons returning or openly showing a will to return to work. Last Friday, a letter was sent to all employees offering them the opportunity and facility of transport, to return to their place of employment. In view of the content of this letter being readily available to members of the NUM Executive representing this area, substantial picketing occurred at all collieries on the following Monday. It is well known that such large numbers will always attend in the North East areas to thwart any attempt to return to work.

Particular hostility has always been shown to female members of COSA working at Philadelphia Workshops, but this is confined to verbal abuse at the site.

At Ashington Coal Company, a watchman was threatened after confronting two men who stated that they intended to damage machinery.

A transport organiser at the NCB Area HQ, received a threatening telephone call from a person who stated 'he would receive a visit' unless the transport was stopped.

A coach hire company at Westerhope, Newcastle, received a telephone call threatening to set fire to his property, if he participated in the transportation of miners to work.

A haulage contractor at Bedlington, who transports coal, received a telephone threat and a few days later all his lorry windscreens were smashed when the vehicles were parked overnight.

Plant machinery has been tampered with at private open cast sites.

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17 cases have been reported of damage to property.

4 private cars have had their paint work scratched and tyres slashed, and a police vehicle has been bombarded with missiles.

5 Heavy Goods Vehicles have had brake pipes cut, dials and wipers smashed and stones thrown through their windscreens.

Washing plant equipment has been damaged and coal screen belts have been cut. A bulldozer has had sugar placed in the fuel system and a mechanical digger valued at £38,000 was unlawfully taken from a site and deliberately crashed into a tip.

A further case of intimidation, involved a dog of an unconforming miner being beaten unconscious. On one occasion a haulier was asked to make contributions to a strike fund and threatened with removal from a list of approved persons who are allowed to transport coal. 9 further cases of threats to cause damage and 3 cases of threats of violence have been recorded.

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From: [REDACTED]
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31 July 1984

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MINERS' DISPUTE: LETTER FROM DURHAM POLICE AUTHORITY

You asked for advice on the letter of 16 July to
the Home Secretary from Durham police authority.
... I attach a draft PS reply.

[Handwritten signature]

[REDACTED]
31 July 1984

F1 Division

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DRAFT LETTER

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LETTER DRAFTED FOR SIGNATURE BY PS to S of S
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The Home Secretary has asked me to thank you for your letter of 16 July on behalf of the Durham Police Committee about the costs of policing the miners' dispute. Your Committee asks the Home Secretary to remove the threshold of a penny rate product before the special grant announced on 11 May is paid.

All police authorities are faced from time to time with unforeseeable demands and are expected to absorb their share of the costs. The scale of the costs falling on some authorities as a result of the miners' dispute convinced the Home Secretary that the Home Office should bear a greater share than usual. The threshold of a penny rate ensures that this additional assistance will go only to those police authorities whose expenditure has been exceptional and exceeds the level which they could be expected to absorb. He understands this will

result in some re-ordering of priorities and that there will be some reductions in expenditure on other police activities in the current financial year. He looks to police authorities and chief constables to consider how the necessary charges can best be made in their area.

In his further announcement of 28 June the Home Secretary undertook to keep the position under review, but he does not have it in mind to reconsider the question of the threshold.



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16th July, 1984

Dear Home Secretary,

Miners' Industrial Dispute - Policing Costs

The Durham Police Committee at a recent meeting received a report showing the financial effect of the miners' industrial action upon the Police budget.

Briefly the financial position is that up to the end of June the additional expenditure, as a result of the dispute, amounted to £471,051 and the on-going cost of additional over-time and policing the Durham coalfield is £37,000 per week. There is no provision whatsoever in the Police budget for this expenditure. In addition further expenditure of £157,519 is rechargeable to other authorities relating to Durham officers seconded to their Forces.

You have announced that a special payment of 40% of additional costs, over and above the normal 50% police grant, will be paid on expenditure over the product of a 1p rate (1% of rateable value). This expenditure threshold, before the special grant is payable, in Durham amounts to £590,518.

As you know even before the dispute police authorities were having to cut expenditure to meet budget requirements with no possibility of funds being held in reserve for any unforeseen expenditure which might arise. As you can see from the figures mentioned above over £590,000 has to be spent before the Committee qualifies for the special grant.

The Rt. Hon. Leon Brittan, M.P.,
Home Secretary,
Home Office,
Queen Anne's Gate,
London.
SW1H 9AT

16th July, 1984

If the Police Committee were required to make expenditure reductions to meet this high level of expenditure it would be disastrous for effective policing in Durham.

The main areas whereby the Committee can save this amount is manpower and even in this area a number of vacancies already remain unfilled and concern has been expressed at the present level by which the Force is currently under establishment. The Committee are particularly concerned as this will have a detrimental effect upon both moral and the efficiency of the Force.

Accordingly they have instructed me to write to you and ask for the removal of the 1p rate product threshold from the special grant payment in view of the serious budget consequences.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Dawson

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ARREST OF MR BOB CLAY, MP

In connection with this afternoon's meeting of [REDACTED] the Home Secretary may like to know that Mr Bob Clay, MP for Sunderland North, was arrested this morning and charged with an offence under section 5 of the Public Order Act (conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace).

2. The circumstances reported to us by the police were that some 500 pickets were attempting to prevent lorries entering and leaving an open cast coal mine called Deerness, near the village of Tow Law in Durham. A group of 16 people more vigorous than the rest in their efforts to interfere with access to the site were arrested, and Mr Clay turned out to be among them. According to preliminary reports, he was not particularly one of the ring-leaders. Following these arrests, the nearby police station in which they were held has been picketed. We understand that Mr Clay and others will appear before Bishop Auckland Magistrates court this afternoon where it is likely that he will be bailed.

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16 April 1984

3. The Numbers of Arrests

Between the 14 March and 29 May there were a total of 2,689 arrests made in England and Wales in connection with the current dispute. The following tables give information on the numbers arrested by force area, and by the offences charged:-

<u>Police Force Area</u>	<u>Number of arrests made</u>
Cleveland	5
Derbyshire	235
Durham	138
Essex	207
Greater Manchester	22
Hampshire	7
Humberside	9
Kent	48
Lancashire	25
Leicestershire	29
Merseyside	41
Northumbria	40
North Wales	21
Nottinghamshire	1226
South Wales	60
South Yorkshire	292
Staffordshire	195
Warwickshire	83
West Yorkshire	6
	<u>2689</u>

4. Charges

<u>Offence</u>	<u>Number of charges brought</u>
Section 5 of the Public Order Act 1936 (behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace)	1208
Obstruction of a police officer	806
Obstruction of the highway	348
Criminal damage	109
Assault on a police officer	176
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	82
Grievous bodily harm	6
Riot	57
Theft	57
Resisting arrest	8
Offensive weapons	9
Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act	7
Burglary	1
Handling stolen property	1
Drug offence	1
Breach of bail conditions	4
Attempted criminal damage	3
Drunkenness	31
Other offences	36
	<u>2950</u>

∟NB: The excess of charges over the number arrested is accounted for by multiple charges.∟

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EVENTS DURING NUM DISPUTE

9 - 24 August 1984

9 August

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10 August

11 August

12 August

13 August

14 August

600 pickets at Philadelphia Workshop in Northumbria. Vehicles used to block the road and missiles thrown at police. 11 PSUs brought situation under control. 22 arrests for public order offences, assault and resisting arrest.

200 pickets in Keadby Village trying to assemble at Howdendyke Wharf. 17 intercept points established and

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estimated 500 vehicles prevented from reaching the destination. 13 arrests for possession of offensive weapons.

15 August

16 August

17 August

18 August

20 August

700 pickets and 15 working miners at Wearmouth Colliery. Entrance for the miners effected but 40 arrests and 3 police injuries.

At Ellington in Northumbria 250 pickets and two working miners. Entrance effected: 8 arrests.

In Durham a picket of 1,000 at Easington Colliery prevented the safe entrance of the one miner wanting to return to work. One working miner at Allerton Bywater where 50 pickets used 2 NCB vans as a barricade.

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20 PSUs contained the situation.

21 August

2,000 pickets at Brodsworth but safe entry achieved for the one working miner at 1215 hours. 40 PSUs deployed.

22 August

At Wearmouth, 1,000 pickets were in violent confrontation with police. 24 PSUs secured safe entry for the 15 miners wanting to work. 9 arrests. 300 pickets at Ellington Colliery, contained by 6 PSUs.

500 pickets at Easington: the single miner again did not try to cross the picket line.

23 August

At Wearmouth 1,500 pickets arrived at the Colliery to try to prevent the entry of the 15 working miners, when police had effected their entrance, 300 pickets tried to intimidate residents in the village.

10 arrests for public order and 6 for arson. 28 PSUs deployed. 2,000 pickets gathered at Markham Main and when dispersed some joined a movement towards Howdendyke Wharf.

Only 30 pickets actually reached the Wharf and an estimated

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24 August

1,000 pickets at Wearmouth: damage and attacks on the police. 15 miners reporting for work able to enter.

250 pickets at Easington but the miner wishing to work was secured a safe entry.

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SITUATION REPORT AS OF 0700 HOURS

FRIDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER 1984

Pit figures
Normal 45
Some coal 11
Some men 34
Idle 84

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20 new faces
N Days Subk 669
Wesley 383
200 BG
78 Beshan
64 Merton
2000

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NORTHUMBRIA

28 workers reported at Whittle Colliery, an increase of one over the previous day. 300 pickets who had built and set alight to barricades across the road were hostile towards the Police.

At Wearmouth Colliery, 29 persons reported for work, but despite a picket of 200, no disorder occurred. At Eppleton Colliery, 100 pickets were in attendance, to greet one miner on his arrival. At this location, the entrance was also blocked with concrete and rubbish. This was ignited and it was necessary for the fire brigade to attend to extinguish the fire.

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Approximately 1,000 pickets were active in this force area and their distribution was as follows:-

Merton Colliery	3 workers	400 pickets
Vane Tempest Colliery	5 workers	500 pickets
Hawthorne Coke Works	2 workers	50 pickets
Tursdale Workshops	5 workers	200 pickets
Easington Colliery	3 workers	100 pickets
Seaham Colliery	1 worker	10 pickets

DURHAM (contd)

One miner reported at Seaham Colliery for the first time and an increased number of miners also reported at Merton and Tursdale.

Disorder occurred at Merton Colliery, where the pickets were aggressive towards the Police. Missiles were thrown and concerted pushing against the Police lines took place before the working miners attended. 14 arrests were effected and one officer sustained slight injury.

Some disorder also occurred at Vane Tempest, but this was to a lesser degree, and only one arrest was necessary at this location.

NATIONAL REPORTING CENTRE

9TH NOVEMBER 1984

SYNOPSIS OF PSU COMMITMENT AND INFORMATION RELATING TO ARRESTS,DAMAGE AND INJURY

<u>PSU COMMITMENT</u>	<u>P.S.U.s</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>
Derbyshire	45	1,035
Durham	5	115
Humberside	15	345
Kent	6	138
Leicestershire	7	161
North Yorkshire	23	529
Nottinghamshire	53	1,219
South Yorkshire	52	1,196
Warwickshire	5	115
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TOTALS	211	4,853
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CUMULATIVE TOTALS

Persons Arrested	7714
Police Injured	1075
Damage to Property	As indicated in the report
Pickets and Sites (Collieries)	30 sites picketed by 722
Pickets and Sites (Secondary)	51 sites picketed by 577

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DAILY DISPOSITION OF POLICE SUPPORT UNITS PER HOST FORCE

	S 4/11	M 5/11	T 6/11	W 7/11	TH 8/11	F 9/11	SA 10/11	TOTALS	
								PSUs	OFFICERS
FORCE	42	45	45	45	45	45	45		
DERBYSHIRE	-	-	-	-	5	5	5		
DURHAM	23	20	20	20	15	15			
HUMBERSIDE	-	6	6	6	6	6			
KENT	7	7	7	7	7	7			
LEICESTERSHIRE	23	23	23	23	23	23			
NORTH YORKSHIRE	38	53	53	53	53	53			
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	52	52	52	52	72	52			
SOUTH YORKSHIRE	12	3	3	7	7	5			
WARWICKSHIRE	197	209	209	213	233	211			
<u>TOTALS</u>									

PSU'S 45,222
OFFICERS 1,040,106

SCHEDULE OF SECONDARY SITES
AND EXTENT OF PICKETING
AS AT 0700 HOURS 9TH NOVEMBER 1984

FORCE	LOCATION	PICKETS NUMBERS	MOOD	WORKERS CROSSING		SITE
					PICKET LINE	
AVON & SOMERSET	Bridgwater/Hinkley Point	3	Peaceful	Yes		Power Station
	Bristol/Coal Pit Heath	2	Peaceful	"		Coal Yard
	Bristol/Oldbury	7	Peaceful	"		Power Station
CHESHIRE	Fiddlers Ferry	2	Peaceful	"		Power Station
	Alfreton	30	Non Violent	"		NCB Workshops
DERBYSHIRE	Alfreton/Woodlinkin	2	Peaceful	"		Open Cast Mine
	Chesterfield/Wingerworth	10	Non Violent	"		NCB Workshops
	Derby/Drakelow	10	Non Violent	"		Power Station
	Derby/Willington	4	Peaceful	"		Power Station
	Chester Le Street/ Lumley 6th Sedgefield/Steetley	4 8	Peaceful Non Violent	" "		Open Cast Mine Quarry
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	Dursley/Berkeley	4	Peaceful	"		Power Station
	Uskmouth	4	Peaceful	"		Power Station
GWENT	Fawley	3	Peaceful	"		Power Station
	Goole/Howdendyke	8	Non Violent	"		Coal Import Wharf
HUMBERSIDE	Grimsby/Westgate	3	Peaceful	"		Coal Import Wharf
	Immingham/Eastfield Road	2	Peaceful	"		Railway Bridge
	Immingham/Westgate	4	Peaceful	"		Docks
	Scunthorpe/Grove	2	Peaceful	"		Coal Import Wharf
	Dover/Corrals Faversham Kingsnorth	2 2 6	Peaceful Peaceful Peaceful	" " "		Coal Depot Railway Station Power Station

SCHEDULE OF SECONDARY SITES
AND EXTENT OF PICKETING
AS AT 0700 HOURS 9TH NOVEMBER 1984

FORCE	LOCATION	PICKETS NUMBERS	MOOD	WORKERS CROSSING		SITE
					PICKET LINE	
LANCASHIRE	Chorley/Ellerbeck	10	Non Violent	Yes		Coal Washing Plant
MERSEYSIDE	Birkenhead/Cammel Laird	35	Non Violent	"		Shipyard
NORTHUMBRIA	Ashington	30	Noisy	"		NCB Workshops
	Boldon	4	Peaceful	"		Coal Stock Site
	Gateshead/Derwenthaugh	4	Peaceful	"		NCB Coke Works
	Hetton	10	Non Violent	"		NCB Workshops
	Monkton	6	Peaceful	"		Coke Works
	Philadelpia	100	Noisy	"		NCB Offices
	South Shields/Whitburn	15	Non Violent	"		NCB Offices
	Stella North	3	Peaceful	"		Power Station
	Stella South	3	Peaceful	"		Power Station
	Wardley	6	Peaceful	"		Stock Site
NORTH YORKSHIRE	Selby/Drax	9	Non Violent	"		Power Station
	Selby/Eggborough	4	Peaceful	"		Power Station
SOUTH WALES	Aberthaw	17	Non Violent	"		Cement Works
	Barry/CEGB	3	Peaceful	"		Power Station
	Port Talbot/BSC	8	Non Violent	"		Steel Works
	Ryans Tip/Gelli	2	Peaceful	"		Coal Reclamation Site
SOUTH YORKSHIRE	Doncaster/Thorpemmarsh	4	Peaceful	"		Power Station
	Rotherham/Treeton Bridge	2	Peaceful	"		Railway Siding
STAFFORDSHIRE	Cannock/Kingswood	20	Hostile	"		Open Cast Site
	Rugeley/Rugeley	12	Non Violent	"		Museum
	Stone/Meaford	5	Peaceful	"		Power Station