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From the Private Secretary

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Miners' Pay

The Prime Minister has asked me to write to record her wish that Ministers and officials should take the greatest care to avoid giving any indication to the Coal Board about how the Government is reacting to the emerging NUM ballot results. She would also be grateful if your Secretary of State would ask the Coal Board to do their utmost to keep their own options fully open until Ministers have had an opportunity to consider the situation collectively.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Barnaby Shaw (Department of Employment).

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