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My Dear Prime Minister

Thank you very much for your letter. I have very much enjoyed the past two years as one of your Defence Ministers and appreciate the opportunity I have been given to serve the Government and the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

While much remains to be done we have made considerable progress in the last two years to cheaper more cost-effective ships and a more efficient support system that is so vital to the fleet. I do hope that progress will continue and the mix of fleet surface and submarine will not be

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in her own hand and there
was no copy B.

altered or distorted over the critical
decade or more that lies ahead for
the Alliance.

Again my thanks

Yours ever

Keith