

From : ADMIRAL SIR JOHN FIELDHOUSE, GCB

307



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FLEET
NORTHWOOD, MIDDLESEX
HA6 3HP

Telephone No: Northwood 26161

12th October 1982.

My dear Prime Minister,

I apologise for giving
you another piece of paper
to read but have to thank
you for your great personal
kindness last night in
entertaining so many of
your Falklands team and
their essential supporters. For
your most generous words for
the task force, both in
the wing & today at lunch,

In sum I can thank you
on behalf of every man &
woman in that great team.

Finally I thank you with all
my heart for your unwavering
support throughout the operation,
without which the whole business
of command and leadership
would have been infinitely
more difficult. I believe
you would recognize the degree
of appreciation and esteem in
which you are held, at all
levels, from your reception
at lunch today. It could not
have been more spontaneous or
more genuine.

Yours truly,
Earl J. Hill