



10 DOWNING STREET

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THE PRIME MINISTER

My dear Admiral.

It was a great pleasure for me to take part in the Falklands dinner at Northwood yesterday, ^{x on 1st Nov.} and I am writing to thank you, and through you Commander Edridge and the Mess Committee of HMS Warrior, for your hospitality. It was a particular pleasure for me that so many of those who had taken part in the Falklands operation were present, together with representatives of our NATO colleagues who so willingly shouldered extra burdens while their British colleagues were engaged in the campaign and generally gave us such magnificent and unstinting support.

It was a memorable evening and Denis joins me in sending best wishes to everyone involved in the vital work undertaken at Northwood.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

Admiral Sir William Staveley, KCB