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My Dear Margaret

I appreciated the chance to talk with you.

Your agreement that a decision on the INVINCIBLE can be deferred to the end of February is very helpful. Would you also thank Mr Nott for his co-operation. Our Parliament is dispersed for its long Christmas vacation, which makes very difficult any wider discussion with backbench members on issues of some public interest - which this is. Our Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee has taken a close interest in the Defence re-equipment programme which is currently under way and of which this is part.

I am myself about to start on a short break through the Christmas period. We look forward, as I am sure you do, to 1982 being a year of progress.

Warm personal regards,

Yours truly
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