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Dear Prime Minister,

It was kind of you to reply. I appreciate the problem of access to Labour Government papers but may I suggest alternative sources to which, I imagine, you have legitimate access.

The First Sea Lord at the time I wrote about was Admiral Lewin and the Admiral i/c Fleet was Sir Henry Leach. Knowing both excellent men I feel sure that they would have near-total recall of the situation.

Please do not bother to reply to this note. And please, in all our interests, take some time off. There are many of us who believe you are indispensable but nobody, in spite of your extraordinary energy, is indestructible.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Chapman Pincher*

Prime Minister.

I suggest that you take up Mr Pincher's  
mistaken view to reply, given the tricky nature  
of the subject. Agree?

*MB*

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