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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Admiral Merino,

Thank you for your letter of 24 August. I was grateful to you for raising the subject of ballistic missile proliferation and I share your concern. It is a matter which we take very seriously.

The United Kingdom is a member of the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) which aims to control the transfer of Ballistic Missile Technology. Our MTCR partners are also concerned about the Condor project. The deployment of this missile in South America or the Middle East could, as you point out, have a seriously destabilising effect in these regions.

I can assure you that we will take every appropriate opportunity to persuade those involved in the project to end their participation.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Admiral Jose T. Merino

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