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From the Private Secretary

12 December 1983

AUSTRALIA : HMS INVINCIBLE

I enclose a copy of a message which the Prime Minister has received from Mr. Colin Mason, Senator for New South Wales. I should be grateful for your advice on a draft reply as soon as possible.

A. J. COLES

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,
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MARGARET THATCHER
PRIME MINISTER
TEN DOWNING STREET
WHITEHALL, LONDON SW1,

DEAR PRIME MINISTER
ON BEHALF OF MILLIONS OF AUSTRALIANS DEEPLY OPPOSED TO
PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON OUR SOIL, REQUEST YOU TO ORDER
HMAS INVINCIBLE TO LEAVE SYDNEY AND STAY OUT PENDING ASSURANCES
THAT SHE DOES NOT CARRY NUCLEAR DEPTH CHARGES FREEFALL

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ATOM BOMBS OR OTHER NUCLEAR DEVICES STOP RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST
PROVOCATION OF THIS KIND COULD LEAD TO SUSTAINED AND EFFECTIVE
BOYCOTT OF BRITISH GOODS IN THIS COUNTRY.

COLIN MASON SENATOR FOR NEW SOUTH WALES

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