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Copies: APS/sigs - Miss Riddle
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Dear Michael,

You mentioned to me the concern in the House about possible deficiencies in equipment on HMS Invincible.

I understand that no equipment has been taken off HMS Invincible as a result of her sale to the Australian Government in late 1983. In fact she was planned to take part in exercises later this year for which she would need to be fully operational for air and sea operations. As with all ships some stores and equipment were needed in order to bring her to war readiness. I understand these requirements were filled.

Yours ever

Jerry

Jerry Wiggin

Rt Hon Michael Jopling MP

Do you wish me to assist in spreading this by a P. Q. or similar?
 JB.