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~~Dear Prime Minister,~~ *Dear Theresa,*

On 29th April, the United Kingdom's Continuous At Sea Deterrence (CASD 50) passed an historic milestone: 50 years of Operation Relentless, where at least one nuclear submarine is deployed at all times. In NATO we appreciate this enormous commitment to our shared security by generations of Royal Navy submariners and their families, by scores of dedicated support personnel in the United Kingdom's Armed Forces and Civil Service, and by partners in industry. Please accept this letter as a sign of our thanks and gratitude, and I congratulate the United Kingdom on reaching this significant moment in its history.

NATO Allies face a highly complex and demanding international security environment. Our goal is to maintain peace and security for all our nations and people. The commitment the UK has made, and continues to make, is a vital contribution to NATO's overall deterrence effort, including against the most extreme potential threats. This helps protect all NATO Allies.

This year we also celebrate the 70th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The United Kingdom was one of our founding members and was also NATO's original host nation. I am looking forward to returning to the United Kingdom for our Leaders Meeting later this year. I know that the United Kingdom will continue to stand on the frontline of our deterrence and defence, and that NATO Allies, united and strong, will face the future together.

Yours sincerely,


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