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The Commissioner came over yesterday. He telephoned me on Friday and asked if we could get Archives to open on Saturday. I telephoned and asked, but did not receive a response before close of business Friday. He wants to have a look at the Cape Otway Logs. I think that is a good idea.

I will give you a brief on the NAA material when I return – suffice to say it was a necessary exercise, and resolved a number of unanswered questions.

Many of the potential witnesses are dead-ends, and some are just dead. I have conducted only one interview (with Mrs. Baynton), and intend interviewing Mr. Buis on Monday (subject to the Commissioner's requirement to visit NAA). I am also still pursuing one potential member of the November 1941 crew of Cape Otway.

Paul

Regards

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Subject: Fw: HMAS Sydney update #560-

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From: [David Angwin](#)

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: State Secretary WA
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2008 6:03 PM
Subject: HMAS Sydney update #560-

Major William Gaynor,

As per our conversation.

It looks like the Men were from primarily the 13th Brigade; 28th Battalion.

Whoever was available at the time.
Several Platoons only, not the full Battalion.
A sapper unit used as well.
A bulldozer used to cut the second rd in, and to excavate the Crayfish Bay site.
RAAF recon from Geraldton to do a body count.
My 'letters' [copies & unsigned] say lime was used.

The UK MOD intell source says ' dont expect much left of the bodies '
If they had the time and resources to load a dozer in, then they had plenty of lime available to load in as well.
Lime used to sanitize, deodourise and destroy the bodies.
UK in charge of the burials.
It looks like they worked hard to eliminate the evidence.

I want to find the soldiers before the COI.
COI will hunt them down hard.
ASIO already roughed them up in 1999.

If found, I'll go through the 1943 RAAF photos and the long letter I have.
And go through the logistics that were used.

I dont want them to think I'm talking out my arse.

Whats best for the 1941 Dig Team is for them to decide on the Consecration of the unmarked Wargraves.
The People are in place already to do this.

They get the last punch in, and finish the task from 1941.
Am ok to trial sealing off one site to test the Families wishes, and 20 million Australian opinions.
I'm confident of being able to take the 1941 Dig Team survivors right to the sites.

All outcomes were always going to be hard.
This may be the best one.
RSL seals it off.

Everything at 111 and 26 is other Nations problems.
Let them sort it out.

Please return your opinion soon, so the COI can be notified of any intent.
I sense I'm running short on time.

Kind Regards.

David Angwin.

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Commander Jack Rush QC

Please give me an indication of when the HMAS Sydney COI gets the Confidential submissions from the 1999 Parliamentary Enquiry -37; 93; 103; 116; 136; 149; 186; 195 :