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The Secretary  
 HMAS SYDNEY II Commission of Inquiry  
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26 May 1908.

Dear Sir,

HMAS Sydney II Commission of Inquiry.

With reference to the invitation to make a submission to the Commission of Inquiry.

I enclose the following documents:

The Sydney – Kormoran battle: A Summary of the Evidence.

Annex A The Sydney – Kormoran Battle.

- Part 1. The battle according to Captain Detmers – The German Story.
- Part 2. The “Official” account of the battle – The cover-up.
- Part 3. What probably happened – The true story.

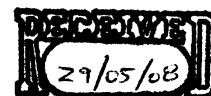
Annex B Extracts from “The Commander’s Handbook on the Law of Naval Operations”.

In his submission to the Inquiry into the Circumstances of the Sinking of HMAS SYDNEY dated 8 Dec 1997, the Minister for Defence wrote: “The only first hand accounts are those provided by the crew of the KORMORAN. Everything else is pure speculation”. See Submissions Volume 8, Page 1840. There is a mass of evidence that contradicts the Minister’s conclusion.

I was pleased to hear that the Commission is to review the findings of the Government Inquiry.

I am, Sir,  
 Your obedient servant,

*T. Whittaker*



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