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The Honourable Mr T.R.H. Cole AO, RFD, QC
HMAS Sydney II Commission of Enquiry
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Dear Mr Cole

On behalf of the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Russ Shalders AO, RAN, I am forwarding a copy of a report compiled by Mr John Perryman on his involvement in the search for HMAS *Sydney II* which I hope you will find useful in your enquiry. John is currently the Senior Naval Historian at the Sea Power Centre – Australia (and a Lieutenant in the RAN Reserve) and was instrumental in coordinating Navy's involvement with the Finding *Sydney* Foundation. He deployed in MV GeoSounder for the search and was intimately involved in both the research prior to the search and the physical search itself.

John compiled the enclosed report based on his personal experiences and I hope it will prove useful in your investigations.

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