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The Secretary
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Commission of Enquiry
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Sir,

SUBMISSION

I consider it important to establish the following facts during this enquiry.

Was Naval headquarters in Australia (Navy Office) aware that a German armed merchant vessel was operating in the vicinity of Australia's west coast and or the Indian Ocean just prior the Kormoran/Sydney engagement? Was it aware that this vessel was the Kormoran or perhaps a sister armed vessel (also in the Indian Ocean).

Was HMAS Sydney informed by signal that a German armed merchant vessel was loitering about the Australian coast and were details of the armament of this vessel included in the signal message? When was this information transmitted to HMAS Sydney? Is there evidence that this message was received and understood?

I am not sure how submissions are logged in and acknowledged? Would you please inform me.

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20 June 2008

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