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The Secretary  
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Commission of Inquiry  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am the editor of *Warship* magazine; *Headmark*, the Journal of the Australian Naval Institute, and a military and maritime historian. I made a submission to the 1999 Inquiry concerning the alleged relationship between the sinking of the *Sydney* and the Japanese submarine *I-124*, sunk outside Darwin Harbour. I had published a book on the submarine in 1997.

I am forwarding proofs of two of my recent articles on the *Sydney-Kormoran* engagement to the present Inquiry. They are sent in the spirit of dismissing the "conspiracy theories" surrounding the battle. Also included is an article, published earlier this year, before the finding of the wrecks, discussing what the wrecks of the ships might tell us. There is some Battle Damage Assessment contained in it which may assist the Inquiry.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tom Lewis', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Dr Tom Lewis. OAM

20 June 2008