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 The Secretary
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 Commission of Inquiry
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References: 1. My letter dated 28 May 2008 with enclosure.
 2. ek119228 HMAS SYDNEY II
 COI/OUT/2008/77 dated 5 June 2008.

Dear Sir,

As a result of more recent research would you please amend my submission enclosure (Reference 1) as follows:

a. Page 3 paragraph 4 penultimate sentence:

“It is of interest that both ATLANTIS and KORMORAN spent 4 days together in April 1941 before the latter moved into the Indian Ocean, and which was a few weeks before KORMORAN changed to her final disguise: the STRAAT MALAKKA.”

b. Page 4 penultimate paragraph:

“In addition the hidden diary of Lt von Malapert, KORMORAN’s radio officer, that was confiscated from him in the ship conveying German POW’s back to Germany in 1947, was apparently returned to its owner after only 8 pages were transcribed into English. These 8 microfiche recorded pages are from 19 November 1941 and do not reveal any of his prior onboard communications experiences. It may be useful to know whether the British Admiralty kept a full copy of this diary since they appear to have been the intermediary agency.”

Should the Commission wish I would be pleased to speak to it about matters that are currently receiving some incorrect public conjecture, eg.

- . HMAS SYDNEY II’s radio capabilities and effects of action damage
- . SIGINT (signal intelligence)
- . the roles of members of a major unit’s Command Team
- . classified publications, amendments and compromises
- . communications ruses de guerre.

I wish to advise I shall be absent in Europe between 18 August and 5 November 2008.

Yours sincerely,

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