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Lieutenant M. Vesper
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Dear Lieutenant Vesper

The document I had completed and planned to post did not contain any reference to radio direction finding equipment installed in the Modified Leanders, and, following your phone call, I have now addressed this issue. I hope the enclosed paper will be of assistance to you and any others involved in the inquiry.

Insofar as Hobart was concerned D/F was rather a non event as you will note from my comments and I believe this would have been the situation with both Sydney and Perth. It certainly didn't get much attention during training at the Signal School and when instructing, apart from mentioning it, my classes did not receive instruction on the topic. I guess by 1945 radar had virtually replaced D/F as a shipboard tool but the shore based signal intelligence activities no doubt relied heavily on D/F in their specialist work.

If I can be of any further assistance don't hesitate to give me a bell and if out, the recorder is always connected and I would call back.



Trusting the outcome of the Sydney inquiry brings to a close the many years of uncertainty experienced by families of those lost.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. Gordon Johnson'.

(A. Gordon Johnson)