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NAVY OFFICE—COPY OF MESSAGETO C.E.A.S.FROM A.C.N.B.P.L. CODE  
CY/11111 RAN (OUT)METHOD OF  
TRANSMISSION

W/T

T.O.O. 220345/SEPT'45

SECRETIMMEDIATE

PERSONAL FOR COMMODORE COLLINS.

FOLLOWING SIGNAL WAS MADE TO YOU 130517Z/SEPTEMBER BEGINS:

PERSONAL FOR COMMODORE COLLINS FROM FIRST NAVAL MEMBER.

THE RUMOUR THAT CREW OF HMAS "SYDNEY" MAY HAVE FALLEN INTO THE  
HANDS OF THE JAPANESE HAS BEEN REVIVED HERE. THE MINISTER  
DESIRES THAT YOU SHOULD MAKE SUCH ENQUIRIES AS YOU ARE ABLE TO  
ASCERTAIN WHETHER JAPANESE CAN GIVE ANY LEAD AS TO THE FATE OF  
HMAS "SYDNEY" AND HER CREW. REQUEST YOU REPORT RESULT BY SIGNAL  
REDS.

MINISTER STATED IN REPLY TO QUESTION IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THAT HE HAD MADE A SIGNAL TO YOU ASKING YOU TO MAKE ENQUIRIES  
AND THIS WAS BASIS OF A.B.C. STATEMENT.

REQUEST YOU WILL REPORT BY SIGNAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY 130517Z  
WHICH WAS PASSED TO N.P.M. FOR YOU AT 0716Z/13.

YOUR 210347 REPERB.

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