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Dear Edmund,

probably you are already waiting for a letter from me and I am very sorry for having kept you waiting for a long time. But the preparatory works for our reunion in November in Hamburg and Laboe demand a lot of time, therefore I postponed the letter to you from one day to the next one.

But let me tell you the ~~the~~ most important points now.

1. Unfortunately our Kormoran credit in the bank cannot bear the costs for a newspaper advertisement. We shall therefore send a telegram to Sydney which will be read to the assembly when the SYDNEY Association is gathered on November 19th. But nevertheless I want to thank you most sincerely for your efforts in trying to get an advertisement sent !

2. Did you already receive a letter from Mrs Veronica Young, New York? She works for the Kangaroo Film LTD and I gave her your name and address. If she had known your address before she started her tour to the U.S.A. - England -Australia she would most certainly have visited and interviewed you.

3. I received a newspaper clipping from Australia which will interest you. Commander Frederick Burnett, the elder son of the Commanding Officer of HMAS. Sydney, wrote in an article, " I do not believe there was anything dubious about the Sydney-HSK Kormoran action. HMAS Sydney's placing herself in such a controversial position at the start of the action was an error of judgement on the part of my father who perhaps was too confident about his ability to handle any situation. HMAS Sydney was his first war-time command. He could be considered relatively inexperienced in practical warfare".

Edmund, I must admire the upright character of the son.

4. Marina and I are looking forward to your coming in November. We hope you and we shall have a good and interesting time together during the Kormoran reunion. Do you agree with my arrangement for the hotel?

With our best greetings and wishes to Mrs Jones and you,

yours sincerely