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Sent: Wednesday, 23 January 2008 10:27 PM
Subject: RE: PS Re: HMAS Sydney Board of Inquiry

Jim,

I was hoping to make one more visit to the NHB before the search begins and I will try to locate the two extra pages. Would you please send me the 2nd FOI reply letter so I am fully in the picture about the reference to the extra pages.

Regards,

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David

The reply I received from the MOD Navy UK officer explaining the mistake they made in their first reply to my FOI request was followed up by myself and they provided a further reply -much more details, explaining the error they had made.

Their later reply contained the same information you sent to me about the Eldridge report so it wasn't sent to you. The only difference was they added that the Admiralty had added two pages of notes to the Eldridge report in their file which formed the basis of the file which was used in incorporating the Sydney/Kormoran engagement in Battle Summary No13.

It's more than likely it was this information that was used by Mason, when he wrote that the Sydney was under the direct control of the Admiralty and intercepted the Kormoran 300 miles west of Carnarvon.

cheers
Jim

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