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TO: COMMISSION OF INQUIRY:

Thank you for the opportunity to again explain what I noticed in the days prior to the sinking of HMAS Sydney.

Who were the naval personnel who were offloaded prior to HMAS Sydney leaving Fremantle? I was pleased to see some of these personnel on Channel 10, by luck, when I was "dial twisting".

Who/what was the mystery ship, which was intercepted by HMAS Sydney out from Fremantle? This was a long interception.

The attempt to fly HMAS Sydney's aircraft, which took much time, when it returned to HMAS Zealandia, has not been disclosed.

The wonderful ceremonial parade around HMAS Zealandia as HMAS Sydney handed over escort duties to HMS Durban was not shown on ABC Television. HMAS Sydney travelled in a south-west direction after leaving for Fremantle, instead of south-east.

There are, or are there, no log books from HMAS Zealandia or HMS Durban?

I could ask a lot of other questions - I received no help from the Inquiry with a visit to my home.

I now hope that the truth will be released from this Inquiry and the cover-up will be told after so many years. I would really appreciate answers to my queries. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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P.S. I would appreciate it if you would read the following story, which I have included, of my coming home.