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Dear Admiral Ueda,

I have nearly completed the article about HMAS SYDNEY, which was sunk off Carnarvon in Western Australia by the German raider KORMORAN on November 19, 1941.

It seems clear that no Japanese submarine was involved in this attack.

First, because Japan did not open hostilities until December 8, 1941.

Second, because most of Japan's 46 I-class submarines were in Japan at the time or on their way to Hawaii.

However, I would be most grateful if you or any of your members had any information about the location of *I-59* and *I-60* on November 19, 1941. Were they home-ported at the time? Or were they on patrol?

Also, I wonder if anyone knows where the mine-laying submarines *I-121*, *I-122*, *I-123* and *I-124* were on November 19?

I am able to show where 40 of the I-class submarines were on November 19 but I am not sure about these six. I am sure that none of them were in the Indian Ocean at the time. But if it is possible to give their exact location it will kill off the rumours that have circulated in Australia for many years about Japanese involvement.

I apologise for troubling you on yet another matter but would be most indebted to you for any help you might be able to provide.

With best wishes,

David Jenkins