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Dear Air Chief Marshal Houston,

By Instrument of Appointment dated 9 March 2010, pursuant to Regulation 109 of the Defence (Inquiry) Regulations 1985, you appointed me to constitute a Commission of Inquiry and, pursuant to Regulation 112, appointed me President of the Commission of Inquiry.

I was appointed to 'inquire into the alleged incidents of unacceptable behaviour, as defined in applicable Defence Instructions, or other behaviour which could compromise the safety and effectiveness of the crew onboard HMAS Success that were brought to the attention of command between March and May 2009, and issues associated with the subsequent management of such allegations and of personnel allegedly involved'.

As arranged, I deliver Part One of my report, dealing with the deployment to Asia and its immediate aftermath, accompanied by a succinct executive summary of that part of my report.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Gyles'.

**Roger Gyles AO QC**  
President

7 January 2011

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