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Dear David

As discussed, please find enclosed photocopies of four AusSAR files:

1. Aus 98/4372 Sydney-Hobart General Operations
2. Aus 98/4381 Winston Churchill
3. Aus 98/4382 Business Post Naiad
4. Aus 98/4384 Sword of Orion.

As you are aware, the first 18-24 hours could be regarded as a single large operation with many interlinking elements. That is particularly true of the assignment of scarce rescue assets. Accordingly, I have taken the liberty to include the general operations file because it may have relevant amplifying information.

The spreadsheet contains a synopsis of each of the 3600+ phone calls received and made by AusSAR during the Sydney-Hobart operations. Preparing it is time-consuming because an analyst must listen to each call. The record is almost complete but the calls still to be processed could be relevant to your investigation, since they relate to search suspension for a Winston Churchill sailor. Therefore I propose to complete the analysis before sending it on to you.

With regard to the details AusSAR would like to receive from CYCA, I propose to respond after attending a meeting with NSW Police at Merimbula on 26 August.
Yours sincerely

John Young
Manager Operations
AusSAR

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