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Dear Brian,

I received a call from Ron Baker Sunday, the 10 th of May about 3:00 pm our time. It was great to hear from him and from the HMAS Melbourne Association.

He suggested I let you know of the plans the Frank E. Evans Association has pertaining to the 30th Memorial Service.

- We expect to have a large group in attendance at your 3rd of June, 1999 Memorial Service. In September, I will be able to provide you a specific number of people planning to make the trip to Australia.
- I would like to formally request a church service at the Garden Island Naval Dockyard Chapel after the laying of the wreath in Sydney. The service would be most fitting for the occasion should you be able to make the necessary arrangements.
- Ron noted that the Frank E. Evans crest could be displayed in the chapel along with the crests of other ships. If you could furnish me with more details concerning size, style and type of materials that the others are made of it would be most helpful. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to display our ships crest.

I spoke with Bob Winston about 3 weeks ago. He wanted to know if we would need any special facilities to hold our annual meeting while we are in Australia. After consulting with Ken Adams, Nick Nichols and Cal Rankin, we decided we would not be in need of such a place. If we hold any meeting, it will probably be only a one day meeting after we return, just to bring everyone up to date on the trip to Australia. Extend to Bob and others our "Thanks" for their concern in thinking of our association.

As Ron has probably advised you, Admiral G. Dennis Vaughan, who was the engineering officer aboard the Frank E. Evans in the 1962-63 time frame, is working to see if we can get representation of senior U.S. Navy officials at the wreath laying through our foreign liaison offices in Washington, DC.

Brian, if you could possibly arrange it, we would be most delighted to have you in attendance for our reunion this August in Alexandria, VA. We have invited Senator John Warner of Virginia to be the keynote speaker for our Saturday evening dinner. Senator Warner was the Assistant Secretary of the Navy in 1969 at the time of the accident. We will be asking for his help on a number of items that we have in the planning stages. Your presence would be received most warmly by our membership and would make for a great occasion.

Best regards to the HMAS Melbourne Association and to all of our good friends in Australia.

With warm regards,

J. C. Campbell