

Robert Winston

Dear friends

Sorry that I haven't been in touch with you sooner for we have been flat out over here trying still to get things together.

I have put a quick newsletter together and sent it out to all the boys that we have addresses for and so far that adds up to 150 and still growing. The reason for this news letter was to let the boys know that we have a politician on our side. (copy of newsletter inside) As you can see we are asking them to sign the page that has the three points on it that we are trying to get for them, with more names behind us the stronger we are and the harder we can fight. If you or any of the others would like to put your name down then please feel free to fill in the form.

I will be attending the Annual General Meeting of the H.M. A.S Melbourne Association on the 18th of March at the Naval Aviation Museum Nowra. Hope to be able to get a few more names for our list.

The portfolio is now twice as thick as what was presented to you last year, we have added two photo albums with 100 pages in each, this has been with the help of one of your lads which we appreciate very much indeed. When we have finally put the portfolio together along with the photo albums and they will be put on video tape with a number in a corner so if you would like to order any section of the portfolio that will make it that little bit easier.

Has any over there started to put together a portfolio together from the stories that were printed about the accident.

How is the video tape that was taken of the third re-union coming a long, for we would like to purchase a copy when it is ready.

Please let Me know when, where exactly, cost and what events that will be happening at the next re-union so I can let the boys know in case some would like to come over for it.

Thank you to the ones who sent us Christmas cards, and keeping in touch to let us know what you are up to. One said that he has written to his Congressman to try and get something done, in the mean time one of our boys said that he heard that you Government did offer a ships company accommedation. The only reason we can see why they didn't take it was that the whole crew gets it and that starts at the Captain down, so if that was the case it would have cleared the skipper of any wrong doings there for they couldn't have that.

Catch up with you later after we do some more stirring and digging.

Yours Sincerely,

Bob Winston

Greg Ellis

\*\*\*\*\* VERY IMPORTANT \*\*\*\*\*

The next and most important part of this news letter:

As you are aware alot of things happened on the night of 3rd of June 1969. We are trying to do something about this and need your help now.

**A) Proper treatment of any of the boys who were, and still are, affected from that night.**

**B) Commendation for the ships company for their work carried out on that night.**

**C) Clear Captain Stevenson's name.**

These are our main aims and to do this we need you're help for we have a person who is willing to help us get this done.

All you have to do is sign at the bottom of this page.

Do not let Captain Stevenson know about this as we are hoping to get this and then let him know, Joe knows about it and is behind us.

**I SUPPORT WHAT IS WRITTEN ON THIS PAGE.**

NAME PRINTED.....

SIGNATURE.....

I am an Ex-American Sailor and would like to back up my friends in Australia on what they are doing.

Thank you for this opportunity to help.