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Rear Admiral G. Dennis Vaughn
Director of Naval Reserve
OPNAV NO95
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350

Dear Admiral Vaughn,

I want to bring you up to date as much as possible about the plans on the upcoming reunion. Things are happening fast and furious, so I will try not to leave to much out.

Enclosed you will find a letter from Captain B. L. Swan, AM, RANEM who is president of the HMAS Melbourne Association. As you can tell from the letter there is an enormous amount of planning going on for the 30th Memorial Services in Sydney, Australia.

Also, Cal Rankin, who is in charge of the Living Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery has done an extensive amount of work. I understand his daughter Susan, has been a key player in this process. I will enclose a copy of the FAX that he sent me. As you can see, a great deal of planning has also been done here.

In your letter of 7 October, 1997, you had four (4) items that you said you would pursue.

*The Melbourne Association's reunion of June, 1999, with a wreath laying on 3 June. You would explore opportunities for senior U.S. Navy's presence through our foreign liaison offices in the Pentagon.

*The possibility of using the name Frank E. Evans again after her distinguished service and the sacrifice paid by her crew members. You would pursue the naming process from Washington to see how we might get a DDG named Frank E. Evans.

*You were to visit the Naval Historical Center to see if a complete roster would exist for the ship's logs and records.

*You suggested that a luncheon could be arranged for a small group at one of the executive dining rooms in the Pentagon.

If there are further developments in these areas, please let me know.

Also included, is a letter to the ship's company advising about the reunion. I want to again invite you to join us for all of the festivities, but would like for you and your wife to be our guest for the Saturday evening dinner. It's not very often our association gets the honor of having dinner with a Rear Admiral. But what makes it so special is you were and still are a Frank E. Evans Sailor.

Sincerely,

J.C. Campbell