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Encl 2A

TO: RAAF HEADQUARTERS

FROM: TWO BASE PSO

GR108

M109 7 DEC FOR CASUALTY SECTION (.) FURTHER MY M106 AND

M107 6 DEC (.) ACCOMPANYING AIRCRAFT SAW A19-86

CRASH AND DINGY AFLOAT CONTAINING ONE MEMBER (.) SEAPLANE

IMMEDIATELY SENT SCENE CRASH AND PICKED UP ONLY SURVIVOR

LAC HENRY WHO WAS ADMITTED 1 MRS 2010 HOURS LOCAL TIME BUT

DIED OF INJURIES AT 2240 REPEAT 2240 HOURS (.)

INJURIES AS FOLLOWS (.) MULTIPLE LACERATIONS COMPOUND FRACTURE

(.) FIFTH METACARPAL PENETRATION WOUNDS BOTH KNEE JOINTS

MULTIPLE RETROPERITONEAL HAEMORRAGE (.) NO OTHER SURVIVORS

SEEN AND NO FURTHER NEWS (FUNERAL LAC HENRY TAKING PLACE

1500 HOURS LOCAL TIME TODAY 7 DEC ADELAIDE RIVER WAR SERVICE

CEREMONY

End 1A

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IMPORTANT SECRET NOT WT

TO RAAFHQ

FROM TWO BPSO

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MLO6 6 DEC FOR CASUALTY SECTION (.) (A) BRISTOL BEAUFIGHTER
A19-86 (B) 31 SQUADRON (C) EIGHT MILES SOUTH WEST TO WEST
PERON ISLAND (.) LOCATION SEE MY M97 4 DEC (.) 1710 HOURS
LOCAL TIME DAY 6 DEC (D) F/O KENNETH ALBERT GERDES 410322
PILOT CAPTAIN 413320 F/SGT MCMILLAN ANDREW KENNETH NAV (W)
BOTH MISSING BELIEVED KILLED (.) 61692 LAC BRAYBROOK HENRY KIETH
FLIGHT RIGGER DIED OF INJURIES AT LMRS AT 2230 HRS 6 DEC (.)
(F) STARBOARD ENGINE FAILED (.) BEYOND THAT CAUSE UNKNOWN
AIRCRAFT SEEN BURNING ON WATER (G) FOR GERDES FATHER MR A H 22
KARS ST FRANKSTON VICTORIA ALTERNATIVE ADDRESS CHALET A CARINYA
HEALESVILLE FOR MCMILLAN FATHER MR A D MCMILLAN 93 WELLINGTON
ST BONDI SYDNEY NSW FOR BRAYBROOK FATHER MR H G BRAYBROOK 1
JAMES ST WOOLLAHRA SYDNEY ALTERNATIVE ADDRESS 99 UNION ST
SOUTH LISMORE NSW (.) PRACTICE GUNNERY (.) KINNOT (.)
LAC BRAYBROOK PASSENGER TESTING EQUIPMENT WAS RESCUED BUT DIED
OF INJURIES AFTER BEING ADMITTED MRS (.) FUNERAL DETAILS WILL FOLLOW
WHEN KNOWN (.) GERDES AND MCMILLAN REMAIN CLASSIFIED MISSING
BELIEVED KILLED (.) ACKNOWLEDGE

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CORRECT GR6 L6 GR7...BRAYBROOK