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There have been referred to me the submission of Mr Lyndon Pelly of 15 February 2004 to the Committee in its Military Justice Inquiry and the Hansard record of his evidence to the Committee on 22 April 2004. I wish to place on record my denial of allegations which he has made against me, as I understand them, that as Counsel assisting the HMAS Westralia Board of Inquiry, I lied, was motivated to manipulate the evidence and to protect Navy's position, and did not act in an honourable manner. I gave evidence during a previous inquiry into Military Justice by this Committee, on 24 July 1998, and there dealt with my role at the BOI. At all times I gave of my honest best. I am particularly surprised at Mr Pelly's attack on me as after the BOI Report was published I spent time meeting with him and corresponding with him to help him as to concerns he was then raising with Navy.

If the Committee would like any further information or other assistance from me, I would be pleased to help.



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