

Dear Mr. J. Abernethy
 Senior Deputy State Coroner
 44-46 Parramatta Rd
 Glebe, 2037

Re. Death of Scott Stuart MUIR
 Coroner's Ref. No. 0409/97
 Attn. Sgt. Delvicio

I have concern about the investigation of my son's death
 Although time elapsed now mitigates against a successful resolution
 I earnestly request the following aspects be further investigated

① Statements of Colin Plant and Archibald Price

Both these security officers stated they relieved a Sean Williams and a Warren White ~~not~~ who worked the preceding shift. Messrs Williams and White should be required to lodge formal statements with particular reference to vehicular and human activity during their shift.

Both also mention a Peter Ward and a Ray Compton took over from them. Messrs Compton and Ward should be requested to lodge statements along the same lines as Messrs Williams and White.

② Statement of John Straube.

Mr. Straube states his colleague Mr. Lance Neilson "went out about 6 to 8 times to do a routine patrol". It would seem obvious that

any investigation would require a comprehensive statement from Mr Neilson as an integral component of its completion. In addition none of the security staff appear to have been questioned about how sailors returned to the Ranganni. If cabs were involved have cab companies been canvassed as to whether any staff might assist the investigation.

③ Statement of Shawn Kelly
Mr Kelly is adamant that Scott was last seen heading towards the Orient Hotel. He is also certain that Scott agreed he would go to the Orient. Surely staff at the Orient should be canvassed in the same manner as the Observer Hotel staff as it is very likely Scott attempted to enter the Orient at some time during the evening. In any case I would request this aspect be followed. LK

④ Statement of Nathan White.
Mr. White states that Scott may have tried to contact a friend at the "Jackson on George" Hotel. I request that staff at this hotel be canvassed and treated in the same manner as the Observer Hotel staff.

⑤ S/C Lane's Brief.
S/C Lane advises Det. Sgt. Rogerson and he interviewed Captain Stuart Wright and some of the crew of the Ranganni. Det. Sgt. Rogerson's brief

however is not included. Nor is there any comprehensive summary of how many crew went ashore, how and when they returned, how many went ashore in relation to how many were interviewed etc. etc. etc. I would ask that this matter be followed up with particular reference as to whether any sailors showed any indication of being in a fight that night. A statement should also be obtained from Captain Stuart Wright.

Spc Lane also mentions a staff member at the "Fortune of War Hotel" made vague comments about the possibility of Scott's presence in that hotel. As Scott was only in the area on the night of his death this aspect should be followed through with other staff at this hotel.

Spc Lane has not indicated whether Police records have been checked to ascertain if Police were called out to any allegations in the area at the time in question. I would ask that this aspect be investigated and commented on specifically.

From my first contact with Spc Lane he has been adamant Scott's death was caused by a fall. Spc Lane also ~~indicated~~ appears even now unable to reconcile himself to the findings of the Senior Deputy Coroner.

In these circumstances I would request that if at all possible the concerns outlined above be handled by specialised homicide investigatory staff.

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