

From: [REDACTED] s47F
Sent: Tuesday, 19 November 2013 12:32 PM
To: [REDACTED] s47F
Subject: FW: News.com.au - An Australian Customs patrol boat has sunk an asylum boat after towing it from Christmas Island [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

You guys seen this one?

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From: [REDACTED] s47F
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Subject: News.com.au - An Australian Customs patrol boat has sunk an asylum boat after towing it from Christmas Island

<http://www.news.com.au/national/an-australian-navy-patrol-boat-has-sunk-an-asylum-boat-after-towing-it-from-christmas-island/story-fncynjr2-1226763149645>



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 [REDACTED] s47F
Subject: RE: MEDIA ENQUIRY: questions [DLM=For Official Use Only]

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Thank you. The MO has been approached for comment and will provide it to the journalist.

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Importance: High

Hi Customs Media,

Response attached has been cleared by DCOM BPC and JATF CoS.

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Cc: [BPC Governance and Command Support](#)
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Hi [REDACTED] s4

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Questions and Answers

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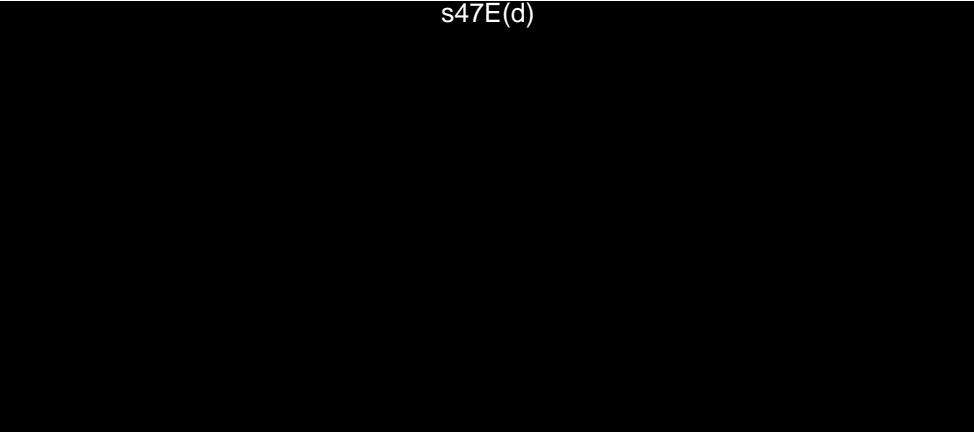
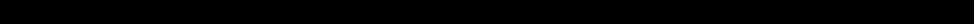
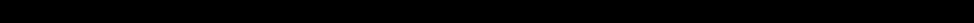
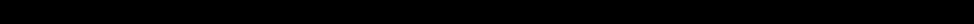

If asked: How was the vessel destroyed?

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Background (not to be read out)

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Questions and Answers

s47E(d)

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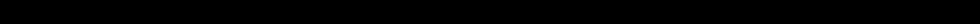
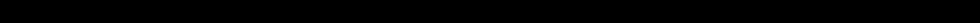
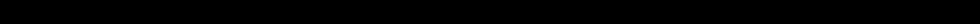

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