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TEXT OF REPORT BY RADIO AUSTRALIA ON 6 MAY

AUSTRALIA'S FEDERAL ATTORNEY-GENERAL, DARYL WILLIAMS, SAYS AN AUSTRALIAN AL-QA'IDAH SUSPECT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED A LAWYER WHEN HE IS INTERVIEWED BY AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES LATER THIS MONTH. MAMDOUH HABIB, WHO WAS TAKEN INTO UNITED STATES CUSTODY IN AFGHANISTAN LAST MONTH, HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM AFGHANISTAN TO GUANTANAMO BAY. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, DARYL WILLIAMS, SAYS THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CAN HAVE ACCESS TO MR HABIB. BUT, HE SAYS, AT THIS STAGE, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT MR HABIB AND FELLOW AL-QA'IDAH SUSPECT **DAVID HICKS** DO NOT HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION. [WILLIAMS, IN PROGRESS] - GIVEN THAT THE MEN ARE IN UNITED STATES MILITARY CUSTODY AND THAT THE OBJECTS OF THE VISIT ARE FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES AND FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.

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