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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN ATTORNEY-GENERAL SAYS GUANTANAMO DETAINEE
TRAINED WITH AL-QA'IDAH

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TEXT OF REPORT BY RADIO AUSTRALIA ON 10 JULY

AUSTRALIA'S ATTORNEY-GENERAL, DARYL WILLIAMS, SAYS HIS
GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS BELIEVED SUSPECTED TALEBAN FIGHTER DAVID
HICKS HAD SIGNIFICANT TRAINING WITH THE AL-QA'IDAH TERROR NETWORK.
MR WILLIAMS WOULD NOT SAY IF THAT BELIEF WAS BASED ON INFORMATION
RESULTING FROM INTERROGATIONS, BUT HE CONFIRMED MR HICKS HAD BEEN
INTERVIEWED BY AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES SEVERAL TIMES.

MR HICKS, WHO HAS BEEN DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO BAY IN CUBA SINCE
DECEMBER 2001, HAS BEEN MADE ELIGIBLE TO BE TRIED BY A UNITED
STATES MILITARY COMMISSION. MR WILLIAMS SAYS THE INTENTIONS OF
AL-QA'IDAH ARE CLEAR.

[WILLIAMS] THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT PEOPLE WHO TRAIN WITH
AL-QA'IDAH WERE JOINING AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAD THE INTENTION OF
KILLING NOT ONLY AMERICANS BUT OTHER PEOPLE WHOSE FORM OF
GOVERNMENT OR IDEOLOGY OR RELIGION THEY DIDN'T SUPPORT. [END OF
RECORDING]

MR WILLIAMS ALSO SAYS THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO THE
UNITED STATES THAT IT OPPOSES THE DEATH PENALTY IN RELATION TO MR
HICKS.

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