

PREC: R 240924Z May 02  
FROM: FBIS RESTON VA  
UNCLAS  
WARNING: TOPIC: INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL, TERRORISM  
SERIAL: SEP20020524000047  
COUNTRY: AUSTRALIA, AFGHANISTAN, CUBA

SUBJ: Lawyer expresses growing concern for Australian held at  
Guantanamo Bay

SOURCE: Melbourne Radio Australia in English 0600 GMT 24 May 02  
TEXT:

[FBIS Transcribed Excerpt] Lawyer expresses growing concern for Australian held at Guantanamo Bay  
Excerpt from report by Radio Australia on 24 May The lawyer for alleged Australian Taleban fighter,  
David Hicks, says he is increasingly concerned about his client being denied legal representation.  
Mr Hicks and Sydney man, Mamdouh Habib, have been interviewed by officers of the Australian Federal  
Police and the security service, ASIO [Australian Security Intelligence Organization], at Guantanamo  
Bay in Cuba. Adelaide lawyer Stephen Kenny says Mr Hicks has been told that he would get back to  
Australia sooner if he revealed everything he knows.

[Kenny] That is clearly an improper thing for people to be asking when they are interviewing him in these  
circumstances and we are extremely concerned about it. He has been held in a cage now for five months  
and he is being interviewed in circumstances we say are quite inappropriate.[End of recording]...  
[Description of Source: Melbourne Radio Australia in English -- government-funded overseas service of  
the Australian Broadcasting Corporation]

THIS REPORT MAY CONTAIN COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL. COPYING AND  
DISSEMINATION IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE COPYRIGHT  
OWNERS.

16