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SUBJ: REPORTS OF AL-QA'IDAH OPERATIVES IN AUSTRALIA SAID NOT NEW

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TEXT:

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AUSTRALIA SAID NOT NEW

TEXT OF REPORT BY RADIO AUSTRALIA ON 15 DECEMBER

THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SAYS REPORTS THERE ARE TWO HIGHLY
TRAINED MEMBERS OF AL-QA'IDAH OPERATING IN THE COUNTRY ARE
CONSISTENT WITH INFORMATION IT HAS ALREADY RELEASED. SAMANTHA
HAWLEY REPORTS. [HAWLEY] THE NEWSPAPER REPORT SAYS THE INFORMATION HAS
COME DIRECTLY FROM THE TWO AUSTRALIANS BEING HELD IN GUANTANAMO BAY IN
CUBA. SUSPECTED TALEBAN FIGHTERS **DAVID HICKS** AND MAMDOUH HABIB ARE
REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD INTERROGATORS ABOUT TWO MEN WITH STRONG LINKS
TO AL-QA'IDAH LIVING IN AUSTRALIA. A SPOKESWOMAN FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL
DARYL WILLIAMS SAYS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED IT
BELIEVES THERE ARE PEOPLE WITH LINKS TO THE TERRORIST NETWORKS AL-QA'IDAH
AND JEMAAH ISLAMIYAH IN THE COUNTRY. SHE SAYS NO NEW INFORMATION HAS COME
TO HAND AND INVESTIGATIONS ARE ONGOING.

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