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(U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR J. THOMAS SCHIEFFER. REASON:  
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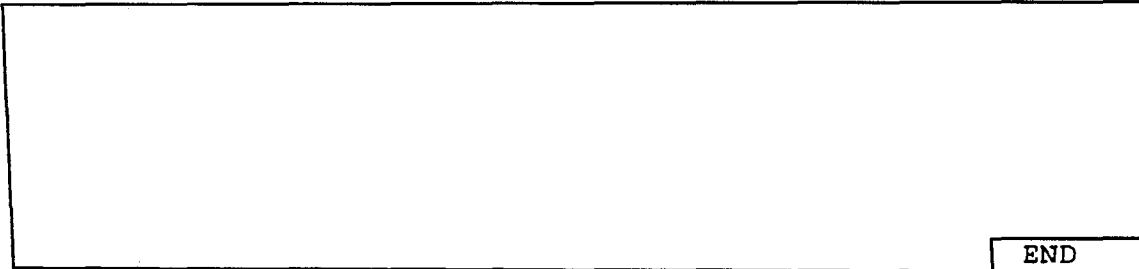
1. (C) SUMMARY: OPPOSITION SHADOW FOREIGN MINISTER KEVIN  
 RUDD SUGGESTED IN A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR SCHIEFFER TWO  
 WAYS IN WHICH THE U.S. APPROACH TO THE WAR ON TERRORISM COULD  
 DETER CRITICS AND STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT:

-- BY PROVIDING CLEAR EVIDENCE OF IRAQ'S INVOLVEMENT IN  
 TERRORISM; AND

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-- BY ALLOWING A COURT TO JUDGE WHETHER THE GENEVA  
CONVENTIONS WERE APPLICABLE TO AL-QAEDA DETAINEES.



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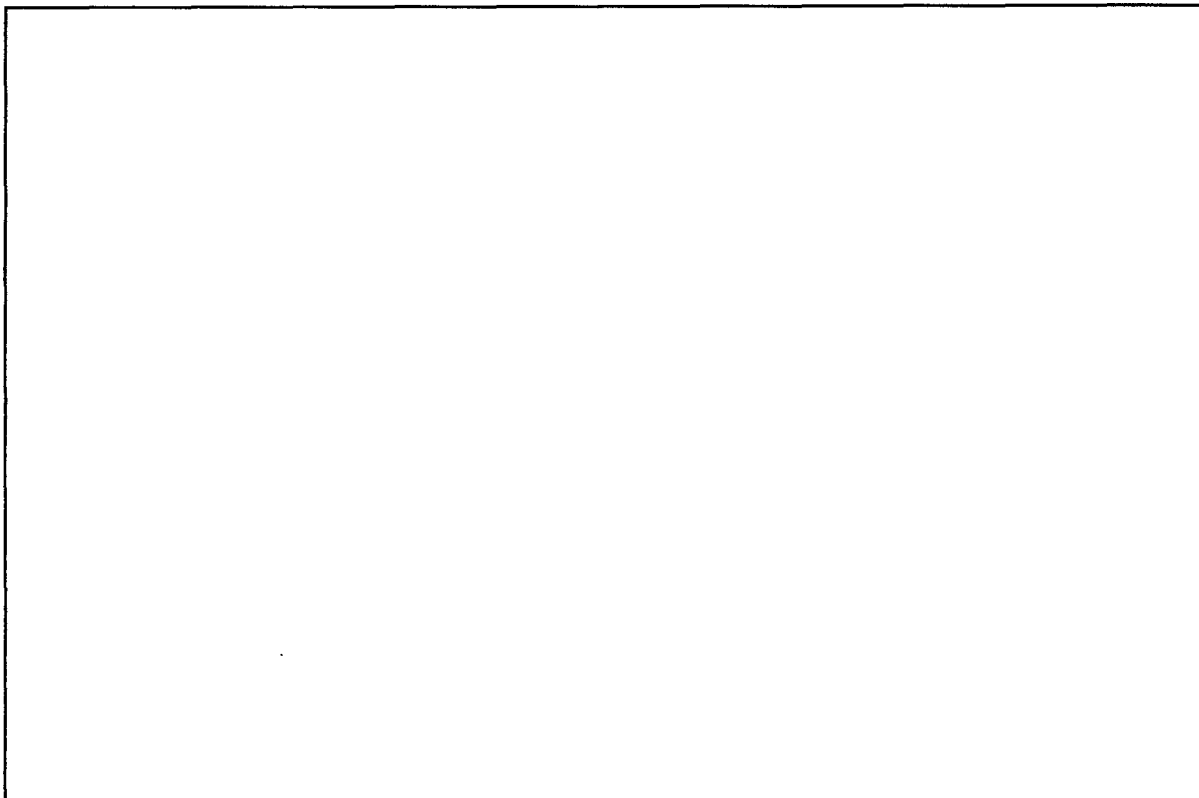
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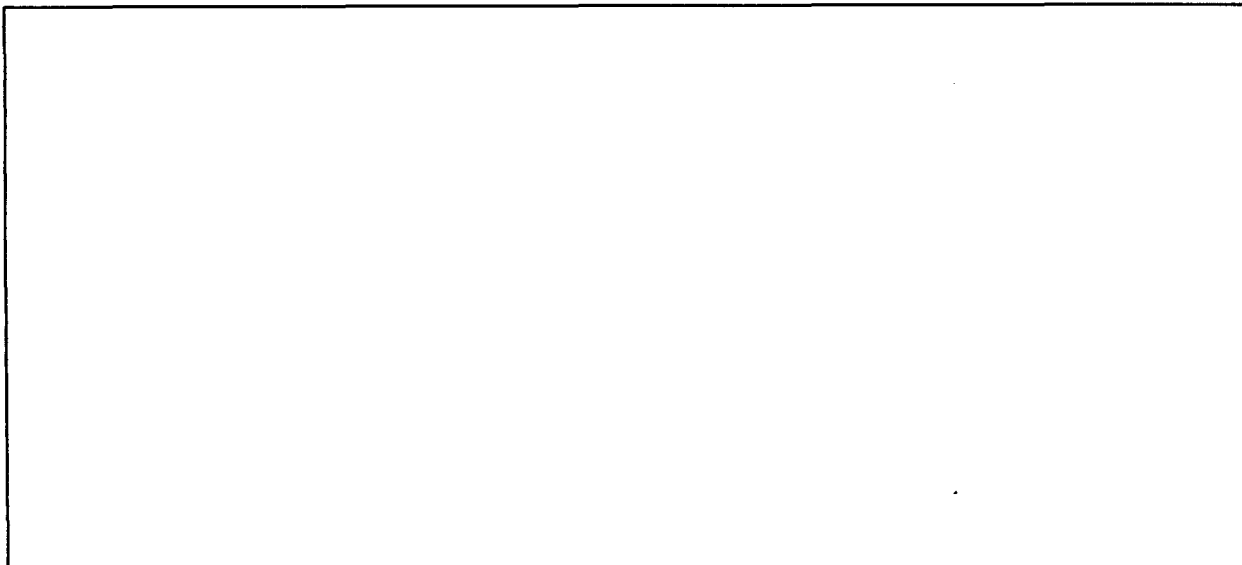
2. (U) THE AMBASSADOR MET ALONE WITH AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY  
(ALP) SPOKESMAN FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (SHADOW MINISTER) KEVIN  
RUDD AT HIS INVITATION FOR AN HOUR AT RUDD'S BRISBANE HOME ON  
JANUARY 31. THIS WAS THEIR SECOND MEETING SINCE RUDD BECAME  
SHADOW FOREIGN MINISTER IN NOVEMBER.

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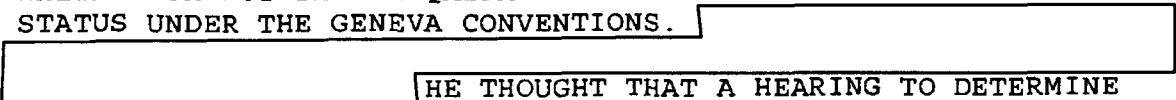
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AUSTRALIAN OPPOSITION SUPPORTS THE ALLIANCE, BUT WORRIES  
ABOUT EXPANDING THE WAR ON TERROR TO IRAQ





HOWEVER, TO MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN HANDLING OF THE AL-QAEDA DETAINEES, IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO SHOW THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED DUE PROCESS AS WELL AS HUMANE TREATMENT. HE ARGUED THAT THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS PROVIDED A MEANS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE AL-QAEDA DETAINEES SHOULD BE AFFORDED POW STATUS UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS.



HE THOUGHT THAT A HEARING TO DETERMINE THEIR STATUS WOULD ENABLE THE U.S. TO PROVIDE CONVINCING ANSWERS TO CRITICS ABOUT THE WAY THE U.S. WAS HANDLING THESE

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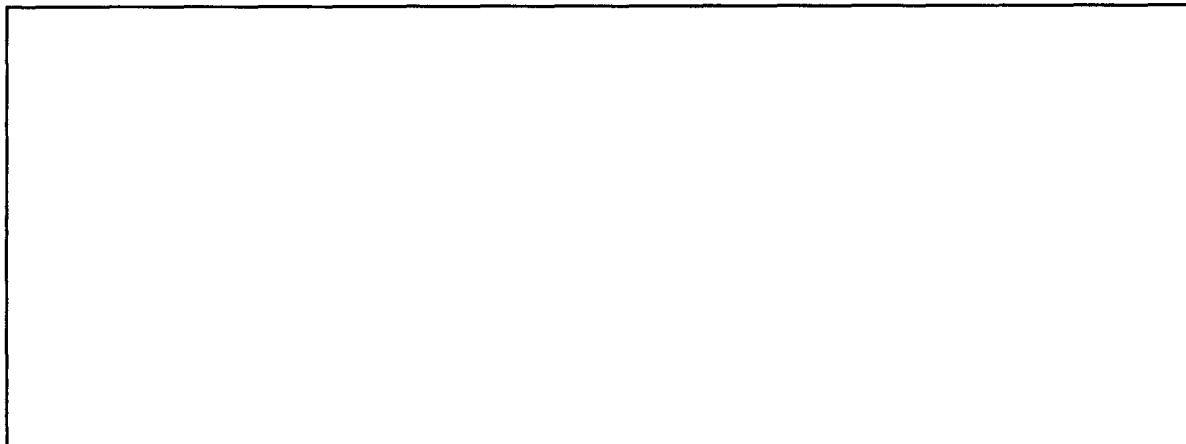
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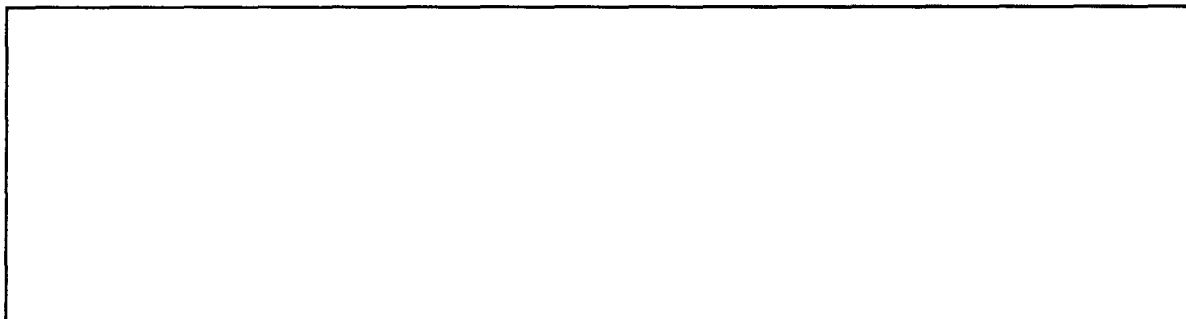
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