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Secretary

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Ms Jackie Morris  
Committee Secretary  
Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Morris

**Evidence given in relation to Mr Mamdouh Habib**

I acknowledge your letter dated 25 July 2007.

I have viewed the Four Corners program and reviewed the evidence I gave at the Estimates hearings in relation to Mr Mamdouh Habib.

I do not see any inconsistency in my evidence. The evidence I gave in my position as Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department was a correct statement of my understanding and instructions in relation to Mr Habib and his whereabouts.

Similarly, I do not see any inconsistency between my responses set out in your letter and the evidence quoted from Mr Richardson and the answer to a question on notice provided by the Australian Federal Police.

If there are specific assertions made by the Four Corners program which are of concern to the Committee, I would be pleased if you would direct my attention to those particular matters.

Yours sincerely

Robert Cornall AO  
Secretary