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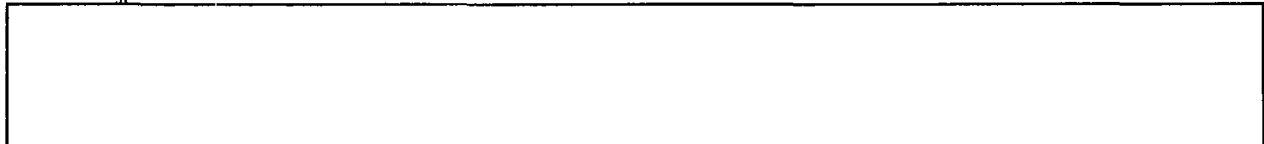
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Subject: military commission announcement

Dear Mr Ambassador

Please find attached the text of the press release on  
military commissions that I foreshadowed yesterday  
which went out late Monday Washington time.  
I have also attached ~~over~~ an accompanying  
ministerial statement to the Australian parliament.



Yours sincerely

Andrew Shearer

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