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SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 AUSTRALIAN ISSUE-MOTIVATED GROUPS PLAN TO CONDUCT RALLIES ADJACENT TO THE U.S. CONSULATE IN SYDNEY CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF **DAVID HICKS** AND THE CLOSURE OF THE GUANTANAMO DETENTION FACILITY (U)

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SUMMARY: (U) AUSTRALIAN ISSUE-MOTIVATED GROUPS ARE CALLING FOR A LARGE PROTEST RALLY ADJACENT TO THE U.S. CONSULATE IN THE SYDNEY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ON 11JAN07. THE FOCUS OF THE RALLY WILL BE IN SUPPORT OF GUANTANAMO **DETAINEE**, AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN, AND ALLEGED TALIBAN SOLDIER **DAVID HICKS**, AND FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE DETENTION FACILITY AT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.

TEXT: 1. (U) (b)(3):50 USC 3024(i) THAT A LARGE ANTI-WAR RALLY IS PLANNED FOR 11JAN06 AND WILL FOCUS ON SUPPORTING GUANTANAMO **DETAINEE**, AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN, AND ALLEGED TALIBAN SOLDIER **DAVID HICKS**, AS WELL AS CALLING FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE DETENTION FACILITY AT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA. THE ISSUE MOTIVATED GROUPS (IMG) "STOP THE WAR COALITION"

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AND "JUSTICE FOR HICKS & HABIB CAMPAIGN" ARE SPONSORING AND ORGANIZING THE RALLY. THE RALLY IS IN RESPONSE TO A WORLD-WIDE CALL FOR PROTEST ACTIVITY ON THE FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST DETAINEES TO GUANTANAMO BAY (11JAN02).

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2. (U) [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT "STOP THE WAR COALITION" ORGANIZED A SIMILAR ANTI-WAR RALLY ON 09DEC06 [REDACTED] (b)(3):10 USC 424 THE 09DEC06 RALLY WAS PEACEFUL AND HAD APPROXIMATELY 400 PARTICIPANTS. PARTICIPANTS MARCHED ON THE U.S. CONSULATE IN THE SYDNEY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD), STOPPED TO ASSEMBLE AND CHANTING SLOGANS, AND WERE IN PLACE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR BEFORE DISBURSING. THIS PROTEST ACTIVITY TOOK PLACE ON A SUNDAY WHEN THE CONSULATE WAS CLOSED.

3. (U) THE 11JAN07 RALLY IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 1730 AT THE SYDNEY TOWN HALL ON GEORGE STREET, AND THEN PROCEED TO THE U.S. CONSULATE IN THE MARTIN PLACE SECTION OF THE CBD. AGAIN, THE ACTIVITY IS SCHEDULED FOR A PERIOD WHEN THE CONSULATE IS CLOSED.

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[REDACTED] THAT APPROXIMATELY 200-300 PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE RALLY

COMMENTS: 1. (U)

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DISSEM. (U) NONE.

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