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Dear Ms Morrison and Mr Atkins

Thank you for your letter dated 25 March 2015 to the Attorney-General, Senator the Hon George Brandis QC, regarding Mr David Hicks and his recently quashed conviction in the United States. The Attorney-General has asked that I reply to you on his behalf.

As you are aware, the US Court of Military Commissions Review vacated Mr Hicks' conviction for providing material support for terrorism on the basis that the offence was not a viable charge in military commissions for conduct alleged to have occurred prior to 2006. The Australian Government notes that the review by the Court was about the validity of the US law under which Mr Hicks was convicted, not about whether he carried out the activities of which he was accused.

The Australian Government's dealings with Mr Hicks have, at all times, been in accordance with Australian law.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Gifford', written over a horizontal line.

Cameron Gifford
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