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Summary

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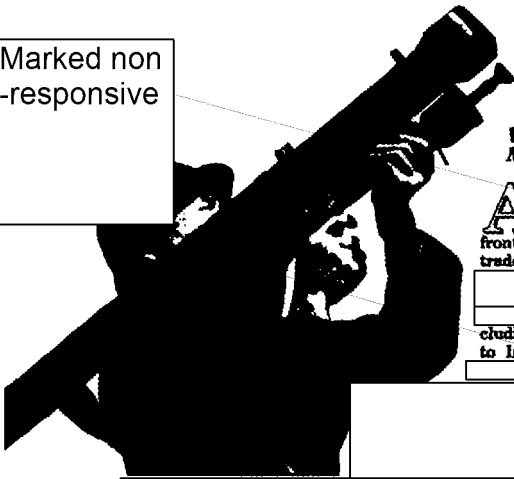
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Worldwide Arms Merchant

Arms sales to Iran thrust China to the forefront of the world arms trade.

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including about \$4 billion to Iran

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Outlook

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Faced with sharply reduced sales to Iran and in prospect of finding another sale to match the

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China will be more determined in its search to expand arms markets.

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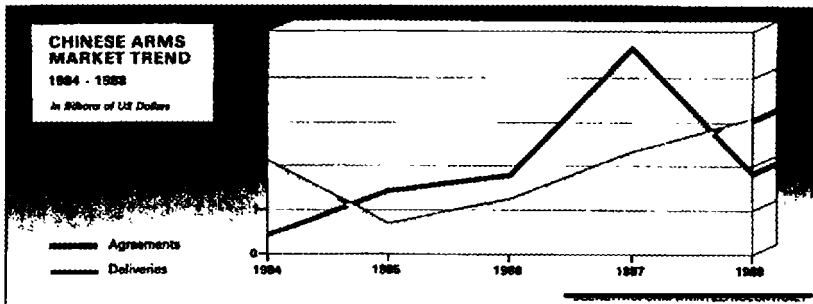
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China signed new agreements with Iran worth about \$800 million, primarily for ground and air defense equipment.

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recent years were highly profitable to China. However, the Iran-Iraq war will likely reduce China's sales. Potential customers are focusing on higher technology weapons, thereby reducing China's opportunities for sales. In addition, reduced sales to Iran and Iraq, plus the unlikely prospect of another sale to match the size of the

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