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SUMMARY: CHINA SEEKING TO BUILD A TWO METRIC TON HELICOPTER. PLA DISSATISFIED WITH FRENCH DAUPHIN. CHINA SELLING F-7 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT TO BOTH IRAN AND IRAQ.

TEXT: 1. THE PLA IS LOOKING FOR A GOOD TWO METRIC TON HELICOPTER. CATIC IS WORKING WITH THE FRENCH TO BUILD A HELICOPTER COMPARABLE TO THE NEW MCDONNELL DOUGLAS (MD) "MDX" HELICOPTER. MD ASKED CATIC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MDX PROGRAM, BUT CATIC "BEGGED OFF" CLAIMING THAT THEY HAD INSUFFICIENT FUNDS, AND THAT THE "NOTAR" (NO TAIL ROTOR) CONCEPT WAS UNWORKABLE. WHILE THAT THE CHINESE WOULD NOT PURCHASE A LIGHT HELICOPTER IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, HE EXPECTED THE PLA TO PURCHASE A LIGHT SCOUT/ATTACK HELICOPTER IN THE 1990 TO 1992 TIME FRAME.

2. THE PLA NAVY IS DISSATISFIED WITH THE DAUPHIN HELICOPTER. PAYLOAD CONSTRAINTS AND THE SIZE OF THE CABIN AREA LIMIT THE AIRCRAFT'S ABILITY TO CONDUCT AN ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE (ASW) MISSION. SIMILARLY, POLYTECHNOLOGIES, INC. HAS TOLD SOURCE THAT THE GAZELLES WERE ONLY THE "FIRST BUY" AND THAT THEY ARE ALREADY LOOKING AT OTHER MODELS OF ATTACK HELICOPTERS. SPECIFICALLY OF INTEREST TO POLY IS THE ITALIAN MANGUSTA AGUSTA A129.

3. THAT THE CHINESE WERE SELLING F-7 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT TO BOTH IRAN AND IRAQ. COULD PROVIDE NO OTHER INFORMATION ON THE SALES.

4. BEIJING WILL HOST A HELICOPTER EXHIBITION FROM MARCH 17 TO MARCH 22, 1989.

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