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RE: CONFIDENTIAL

COUNTRY: (U) CHINA (CH); IRAN (IR);
SOVIET UNION (UR).

SUBJECT: COMPLETE
JAGUAR TANK UPDATE (U)

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SUMMARY: CMEC TRYING TO SELL JAGUAR TANK TO IRAN BUT NEEDS US MILITARY SANCTIONS ON CHINA LIFTED FIRST. JAGUAR SAID TO MEET IRANIAN MBT REQUIREMENTS. TEXT: 1. (C/NF) WAS TOLD IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS AT A RECENT NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION HOSTED BY CHINA NATIONAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT IMPORT AND EXPORT CORPORATION (CMEC), THAT "NOW IS THE TIME TO RESTORE CLOSE MILITARY-
RELATING TO THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS AS EVIDENCE THAT CHINA IS A 'RESPONSIBLE AND DESERVING PARTNER.'

Was also told that CMEC has been discussing the sale of the Jaguar tank with Iran. The Jaguar meets all of Iran's requirements for a tank, and CMEC would like to close a deal with Tehran to have the Jaguar assembled in Iran.

Comments: 1. (C/MF/NC)
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