REMAIINING MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL MAY BE OFFICERS. WE SPECULATE THE GROUP MAY BE PILOTS, MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL TRAINING FOR A POSSIBLE DELIVERY THROUGH JORDAN.

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**TEXT:**

That during the early stages of the IR/IZ war, several Chinese-built aircraft were delivered by sea to Aqaba, Jordan, assembled there, and later flown to Iraq. We speculate that the group of 20 RJAF officers cited in ref report are probably maintenance personnel, and may be training for a potential similar delivery.
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2.  ONLY ONE OR TWO OF THE OFFICERS PRESENT ARE LIKELY TO BE PILOTS. TWENTY PILOTS WOULD CONSTITUTE APPROXIMATELY 15 PER CENT OF CURRENTLY QUALIFIED RJAF CREWS. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THE RJAF WOULD ALLOW THAT MANY CREWS OUT OF JORDAN AT ONE TIME.  
COMMENTS:  

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