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SUMMARY: (S/NF) IRAN CONSTRUCTING A SILKWORM MISSILE FACTORY WITH CHINESE ASSISTANCE. NORTH KOREAN WORKERS AND TECHNICIANS INVOLVED IN THE FACTORY CONSTRUCTION. DETAILS OF THE IRANIAN CHIEF OF STAFF'S VISIT TO CHINA.

TEXT: 1. (S/NF) CHINA IS PROVIDING THE TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW TO BUILD A SILKWORM MISSILE FACTORY IN THE IRANIAN CITY OF ABADAN. AN OLD CONTRACT, UNDER WHICH CHINA WOULD CONSTRUCT THE FACTORY HAD LAPSED AND LITTLE PROGRESS WAS MADE IN SETTING UP THE FACTORY UNTIL THE RECENT VISIT OF IRANIAN PRESIDENT ((RAFSANJANI)) TO BEIJING. DURING THIS VISIT THE CONTRACT WAS RENEGOTIATED. THIS FACTORY WILL PRODUCE AN EXTENDED RANGE SILKWORM MISSILE.

2. (S/NF) NORTH KOREAN WORKERS AND TECHNICIANS WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THIS FACTORY. NORTH KOREANS ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MISSILE FACTORY (TYPE UNKNOWN) IN SYRIA THAT IS FINANCED LARGELY WITH IRANIAN FUNDS.

3. (S/NF) THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE NERVE AND BLOOD AGENTS. IN MAY 1992 NORTH KOREANS DELIVERED A SHIPMENT OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS TO IRAN BUT NO DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHAT TYPE OF AGENT WAS SHIPPED TO IRAN.

4. (S/NF) DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO CHINA PRESIDENT

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RAFSANJANI, ACCOMPANIED BY THE IRANIAN CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF, VISITED XINJIANG FOR TWO DAYS. WHILE IN XINJIANG, THE CHINESE EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN TO RAFSANJANI ABOUT OUTSIDE ISLAMIC INFLUENCE ON THE DOMESTIC SITUATION IN XINJIANG. RAFSANJANI MADE NO PROMISES TO THE CHINESE ON THIS MATTER. HE DEPARTED FOR IRAN FROM XINJIANG.

5. (S/NF) THE CHIEF OF THE IRANIAN GENERAL STAFF CONTINUED HIS VISIT IN CHINA BY SPENDING SEVERAL DAYS IN SHENZHEN AND IN NANJING BEFORE RETURNING TO BEIJING ON 18 SEPTEMBER. THE CHIEF WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A SENIOR OFFICER FROM THE LOGISTICS DEPARTMENT AND ONE FROM THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT. WHILE IN BEIJING THE CHIEF MET WITH ((CHI)) HAOTIAN, VISITED AN INFANTRY DIVISION, ATTENDED A WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION, AND VISITED THE PLA NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY.

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