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COUNTRY: (U) CHINA (CH); IRAN (IR).

SUBJECT: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 /TANK FAILURE (U)

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REQS: (U) [(b)(3):10 USC 424, (b)(3):50 USC 403-1(i)]

SOURCE: (U)

SUMMARY: (S/NF/NC) [b(3):1 1.4 (c)] THAT THE TEST OF THE TWO NORINCO TANKS IN IRAN ENDED IN FAILURE. CLUTCH PROBLEMS FORCED THE ENDING OF THE TRIALS. BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS.

TEXT: 1. (S/NF/NC) [b(3):1 1.4 (c)] HAD DETAILED TO NORINCO’S INVOLVEMENT IN TANK TRIALS IN IRAN. NORINCO HAD SHIPPED TWO TANKS TO IRAN TO ATTEMPT TO SELL A TURN KEY TANK FACILITY TO IRAN.

2. (S/NF/NC) [b(3):1 1.4 (c)] THAT THE TRIALS HAVE ENDED IN FAILURE FOR NORINCO. ONE OF THE TANKS SUFFERED RECURRING CLUTCH FAILURES WHICH HAVE SENT NORINCO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD TO TRY TO DESIGN A MORE RUGGED TANK FOR THE RIGOROUS TESTING IN IRAN. AS [b(3):1 1.4 (c)] SAID, YOU CAN MARK THIS ONE AS A LOSS ON THE ARMS SALE “WORLD CUP” TALLY.

3. (S/NF/NC) NORINCO WILL CONTINUE TO COMPETE FOR THE CONTRACT BUT DOES NOT EXPECT TO HAVE A TANK READY FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS.

COMMENTS: (S/NF/NC) [b(3):1 1.4 (c)]

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