SUMMARY: The information is that a major Iranian offensive is in the offing. That Iran is short of air-to-air missiles, still buying some ammunition from North Korea, and interested both in the Exocet and an electrical decoy system for the Exocet.

TEXT: Provide the following information:

A. That a major offensive in the
IRAN-IRAQ WAR WAS "IN THE OFFING". WHEN PRESSURED FOR DETAILS, WOULD NOT NAME DATE OR PLACE.
A. THE IRANIANS WERE LOW IN GENERAL AMMUNITION SUPPLIES. WAS STILL GETTING AMMO FROM NORTH KOREA.
B. THAT KOREAN PRICES WERE EXPENSIVE, AND "YEAH, BUT WE'RE PAYING IT."
C. WAS FURTHER ASKED IF IRAN WAS BUYING ARMS FROM CHINA, HIS REPLY WAS "NOT ANYMORE."
D. THAT IRAN WAS INTERESTED IN THE EXOCET ANTI-SHIP MISSILE. HE STATED THAT PROCUREMENT WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM BECAUSE YOU CAN BUY THEM ANYWHERE.
E. THE BRITISH HAD AN ELECTRICAL DEVICE THAT WILL DETER EXOCET MISSILES. HE SAID IRAN WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SUCH A DEVICE.
F. IRANIAN CONCERN OVER REPORTS THAT IRAQ HAD SS-12 MISSILES. (NFI)
G. IRANIAN GOV'T CONCERN OVER KUWAIT'S BUYING OF TWO SHIPS, WITH SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES, FROM JAPAN. (NFI)

COMMENTS:

1. GENERAL

PROJ: (U) N/A
COLL: (U) NONE
INST: (U) 
PREP: (U)
APPR: (U)
EVAL: (U)
ENCL: (U) NONE
WARN: (U)
DECL: OADR

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