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(U) IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424

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COUNTRY: (U) IRAN (IR)

SUBJECT: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 IRANI MILITARY EQUIPMENT (U)

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B. //OPEN SOURCE// WIENER ZEITUNG, 31 JUL
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SUMMARY: (U) IRAN IS HAVING FEW PROBLEMS BUYING MILITARY
ITEMS TO SUSTAIN THE WAR EFFORT. THEY ARE ALSO DEVELOP-
ING THEIR OWN DOMESTIC MILITARY EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING
CAPABILITY.

TEXT: (U)

1. (U) (b)(1),1.4 (c)

IN GENERAL
THE IRANIANS ARE HAVING NO PROBLEMS SUSTAINING THE
WAR EFFORT. WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS THEY HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO IMPORT THE DESIRED MILITARY ITEMS. MOST OF
THE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN COMING FROM EUROPE. RECENTLY,
SOUTH AERICAN AND ASIAN STATES ALSO HAVE BECOME

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2. ~~(S)~~ IN ADDITION TO RELYING ON IMPORTS, IRAN NOW HAS A RESPECTABLE DOMESTIC MILITARY MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY. MANY OF THE NEWER MILITARY MANUFACTURING OR STORAGE FACILITIES ARE UNDERGROUND OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED FROM AIR RAIDS. (b)(1),1.4 (c)

[REDACTED] AS THE WAR CONTINUES IRAN IS BECOMING STRONGER AND MORE SELF RELIANT IN THE AREA OF WAR MATERIEL.

3. ~~(S)~~ A PROBLEM FOR THE IRANIANS HAS BEEN THAT NOT ALL EQUIPMENT IMPORTED PERFORMS SATISFACTORILY. FOR EXAMPLE, CLUSTER BOMB UNITS (CBU), PURCHASED FROM CHILE TENDED TO EXPLODE IN THE AIR AS THEY WERE BEING DISPERSED (b)(1),1.4 (c). ALONG THESE SAME LINES, THERE IS MASSIVE IRANI DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT BEING BOUGHT FROM THE PRC (SOURCE B). MOST OF THE RECENTLY ACQUIRED TRUCKS HAVE BROKEN DOWN. THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE SAM-3 MISSILE IS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY AND MOST OF THEM ARE DEADLINED. THE UNRELIABILITY OF CHINESE EQUIPMENT IS A REASON GIVEN WHY THE IRANIS HAVE NOT YET FIRED ONE OF THEIR 30 SILKWORM MISSILES AT A U.S. WARSHIP IN THE GULF; THEY DO NOT WANT TO SHOOT OFF ONE OF THE MISSILES ONLY TO SEE IT MISS ITS TARGET.

4. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c) IRAN IS HAVING SOME PROBLEMS WITH BUYING SPARE PARTS FOR THEIR US-MANUFACTURED EQUIPMENT ESPECIALLY IN THE ELECTRONICS FIELD. FOR EXAMPLE, THE RADAR SCOPES WHICH ARE PRODUCED BY VARIAN ASSOCIATES (CALIFORNIA) ARE NEARING THEIR MAX LIFE. BEING A CONTROLLED ITE, THEY MUST OBTAIN THEM FROM THE BLACK MARKET AND PAY INFLATED PRICES. TO DATE EFFORTS HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL, BUT A FEW SOURCES IN WEST GERMANY HAVE BEEN LOCATED. WHETHER THEY CAN BUY THEM FROM WEST GERMAN SOURCES HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED.

COMMENTS: ~~(S)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c)

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