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SUMMARY: (CONF) OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS ON LIFE TODAY IN IRAN TO INCLUDE ARM DELIVERIES, THE TANKER WAR AND SOME POLITICAL COMMENTS

TEXT: 1. [b(3):1,1-4 (c) ASSESSMENT AND 8701191773
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OBSERVATION ON IRANIAN ARMS PURCHASE/PRODUCTION/DELIVERIES, IRAN-IRAQ TANKER WAR, LIFE IN IRAN TODAY AND SOME POLITICAL CHANGES AND COMMENTS.

**iranian arms purchase/production/delivery.**

That Iran was not experiencing any problems in obtaining arms and equipment on the world market. Major countries providing arms equipment or spare parts were listed as China, Soviet Union, and North Korea. Recent major equipment deliveries and most in the news is the Chinese Silkworm (Hy-2), Cruise missile. The Chinese Hy-2 missile, support equipment and spare parts are delivered by Chinese merchant ships and the next delivery of missiles was expected in late October or early November in addition to the standard or basic Hy-2. That the more advanced Chinese versions of this missile the C801, C802, C803 and C804 were enroute to Iran.

The C801 thru C804 were described by as a much improved variant of the silkworm (Hy-2). The C801 thru C804, primarily anti-ship missiles, will increase significantly Iranian capabilities and represents a much greater threat to US Navy forces in the Gulf. The "C" series missiles were as similar to Exocet, with either or both IR and radar guidance. Range of the C801 thru C804 was given as 45 to 60 km with an effective range of 40-45 km.

(1) **attack on kuwait.** That it was a pair (not a single shot) of Styx missiles captured from the Iraqis that were used in the attack of the Kuwaiti Oil Rig. Such a range shot would in his opinion require a minimum of two missiles to ensure success, although all reports and information available mention only one missile. Further, except for the more permanent silkworm sites at Bandar Abbas the Iranians were using a "shoot-and-scoot" tactic to minimize counter-attack or force a preemptive strike that could be used for political/propaganda purposes.

(2) **Domestic arms production.** That Iranians were continuing to produce mines in at least two locations in Iran (locations not provided). These mines were being stored at Bandar Abbas for future use. It was the collective opinion of the foreign community in Tehran that the Revolutionary Guard "Navy" would be given approval for increased mining and anti-shipping attacks if current UN peace initiative fails. Anti-shipping attacks would be carried out by small high speed boats (converted pleasure boats in some cases). These boats and their crews have been shown extensively on Iranian television. Future naval actions in the Gulf in would be carried out primarily by the Revolutionary Guards vice the Iranian navy in end of message.

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Response to a question about the recently publicized 8701191774
IRANIAN SUBMARINE: It was very primitive and may have been built/assembled in Iran. The capabilities of this submarine, always referred to as one sub, were assessed by ASI as similar to the WWII Japanese "kaiten" than more modern and sophisticated Western or Soviet mini subs. The submarine had at most a three or four man crew and could conduct only visual attacks. Believed that the sub might have a limited capability to operate with snorkel at a depth of a few feet below the surface. The submarine could carry externally two torpedos or mines. [9x1i.4c] stated that publicity on the submarine had ceased and its current location was unknown.

(3) ARMS DELIVERIES: In addition to the countries mentioned above, other European and Middle Eastern countries were continuing to supply war matériel and parts (especially for American equipment) in exchange for oil and un efforts to reduce the flow of arms and equipment to Iran, but no slow down of deliveries as yet has been noted in Iran. Iran uses either oil or hard currencies to pay for these equipment. A practice that makes them commercially very attractive. [9x1i.4c] had no information or knowledge of Libyan arms deliveries to Iran.

B. IRAN/IRAQ TANKER WAR: That both Iran and Iraq continue to attack each other's tankers. But in Iran was holding back somewhat, while the un peace proposal/plan is under consideration. Again if the current peace efforts breakdown, escalation of the tanker war by Iran should be expected. Also stated that Iran had positioned two or three already damaged tankers at Krag Island to act as decoys. If (false targets for Iraqi exocet missile attacks. [9x1i.4c] That this tactic was enjoying some success and complicating Iraqi targeting.

(1) HAWK MISSILES: That Hawk missiles still were deployed around Tehran and Karg Island. In addition, that Hawk missiles recently had been deployed to Bandar Abbas.

C. LIFE IN IRAN: That the basic necessities and many luxury items still are available on the open economy. Those items not available on the open economy were readily available on the black market, especially if you purchased them with US dollars. [9x1i.4c] has not experienced nor heard of any shortage of food, clothing or fuel and that everyday life in Tehran was not at all unpleasant. Traffic during rush hours was heavy and streets remained congested for several hours. Also because of the lack of entertainment a drive in the family was now a favorite form of entertainment. Availability and low cost of gasoline has created rush hour traffic conditions on weekends. Iraqi air raids had all but ceased in Tehran. There was a general concern of possible Iraqi raids in retaliation for the Kuwaiti attack, however. Prior to his departure, none had occurred. [9x1i.4c] the car searches conducted occasionally by the Revolutionary Guards looking for alcohol now searched as well for video tapes. The lack
OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT HAS CREATED QUITE A MARKET FOR HOME VIDEOS. THE MUHALLAS WERE OPPOSED TO INTRODUCTION OF WESTERN TV OR MOVIES INTO THE COUNTRY AND HAD SOUGHT THE REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS HELP IN ELIMINATING THIS LATEST WESTERN (READ AMERICAN) EVIL. EVEN SO, IRANIANS CONTINUED TO TRADE/RENT/BUY/SELL THESE VIDEO TAPES AMONG THEMSELVES. (1) THAT RECRUITMENT OF YOUNG MEN FOR REVOLUTIONARY GUARD UNITS TO FIGHT AGAINST IRAQ HAS END OF MESSAGE

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MOST PROBABLE AREA OF RENEWED FIGHTING WOULD BE AT BASRAH. (b)(3): 10 USC 424

IS OF THE OPINION THAT IN AN ANTICIPATED WINTER OFFENSIVE, IRAN WILL TRY AND CAPTURE BASRAH.

D. (b)(3): 10 USC 424

POLITICAL CHANGES (b)(3): 10 USC 424

IS THAT EVEN IF KHOMEINI WERE TO DIE TODAY IT WOULD BE YEARS BEFORE THE MUHALLA/RELIGIOUS HOLD ON THE GOVERNMENT WOULD WEAKEN. THE RUTHLESS PURGES INCLUDING THE MASS EXECUTIONS OF THE EARLY 80'S HAD ENSURED A CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES. IN (b)(3): 10 USC 424


THAT OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT EXISTED BUT THAT IT WAS UNORGANIZED AND THEREFORE UNLIKELY TO BE EFFECTIVE. (b)(3): 10 USC 424

THAT TWO LEADERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS THAT FORMERLY REPORTED THROUGH (RAFSANJANI) HAD BEEN GIVEN SEATS ON THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. THIS WAS VIEWED BOTH AS A LESSENING OF CONTROL BY RAFSANJANI AND STRENGTHENING OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS. AS AN ASIDE, (b)(3): 10 USC 424

THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, ALL IRANIAN CONTACT WITH LIBYA WAS THROUGH THE REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS. ALL DELEGATIONS OR VISITORS FROM IRAN TO LIBYA WERE HEADED BY AND CONSISTED MAINLY OF REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS. FURTHER, ALL LIBYANS VISITING TEHRAN ALWAYS WERE SHOWN C. V. OR PICTURED IN THE PRESS AS BEING GREETED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS.' THE OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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