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COUNTRY: (U) ISRAEL (ISR).

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SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES INDICATE INTEREST IN ISRAEL'S IRON DOME SHORT-RANGE ROCKET DEFENSE SYSTEM (U).

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SOURCE:

SOURCE A.

- 1. (U) DESCRIPTION -- //OPEN SOURCE//OPEN SOURCE. "JERUSALEM POST", A DAILY NEWSPAPER PRINTED IN JERUSALEM, ISRAEL IN ENGLISH. SOMEWHAT RIGHT-WING, ESPECIALLY IN THE OP-ED SECTION. DATE OF SOURCE: 20100310.
- 2. (U) CONTEXT STATEMENT -- ARTICLE WAS LOCATED IN ONLINE EDITION UNDER THE HEADLINE (QUOTE) NATO FORCES INTERESTED IN IRON DOME (UNQUOTE).

SUMMARY: (U) SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, TEXT PARAGRAPH 1, BELOW.

TEXT: 1. (U) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. THE ISRAEL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MOD) IS IN TALKS WITH A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHO ARE OPERATING IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SALE OF THE IRON DOME SHORT-ROCKET ROCKET DEFENSE SYSTEM. AFTER SUCCESSFUL INTERCEPTION TESTS IN JANUARY 2010, A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES SENT DELEGATIONS TO ISRAEL TO MEET WITH IRON DOME MANUFACTURER RAFAEL ADVANCED DEFENSE SYSTEMS.

2. (U) ACCORDING TO OPEN SOURCE, THE ISRAEL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MOD) IS IN TALKS WITH A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SALE OF THE IRON DOME SHORT-ROCKET ROCKET DEFENSE SYSTEM WHICH THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES (IDF) PLANS TO DEPLOY IN THE COMING MONTHS ALONG THE BORDER WITH THE GAZA STRIP.

3. (U) RECENT IRON DOME TESTING. IN JANUARY 2010, THE IRON DOME SYSTEM WENT THROUGH THE LATEST ROUND OF SYSTEM TESTS DURING WHICH IT

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SUCCESSFULLY INTERCEPTED SALVOS OF ROCKETS. THE ROCKET BARRAGES THAT THE SYSTEM SUCCEEDED IN INTERCEPTING INCLUDED A NUMBER OF ROCKETS THAT MIMICKED QASSAM AND LONGER-RANGE GRAD ROCKETS THAT ARE KNOWN TO BE IN HAMAS'S ARSENAL.

4. (U) EUROPEAN INTEREST. FOLLOWING THE ROUND OF TESTS IN JANUARY 2010, A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY FIGHTING IN AFGHANISTAN SENT DELEGATIONS TO ISRAEL TO MEET WITH IRON DOME MANUFACTURER RAFAEL ADVANCED DEFENSE SYSTEMS. ONE OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT SAID (QUOTE) ANYONE INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ TODAY IS INTERESTED IN THE SYSTEM (UNQUOTE).

5. (U) US FUNDING. ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT OFFICIALS SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD HELP ISRAEL FUND PROCUREMENT PLANS FOR THE SYSTEM, ESTIMATED AT TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND AT AROUND 50,000 USD PER INTERCEPTOR. IF APPROVED, THE BUDGET FOR IRON DOME WOULD LIKELY BE SEPARATE FROM THE THREE BILLION USD THAT ISRAEL RECEIVES IN ANNUAL MILITARY AID FROM THE US.

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