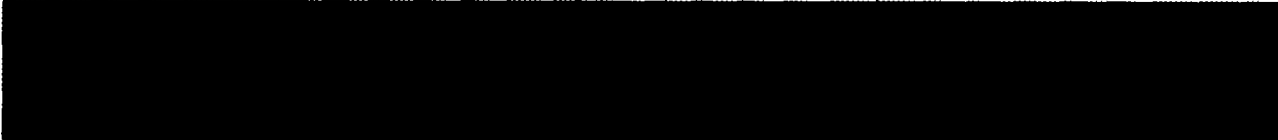


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SALES AND DEVELOPMENT OF AERIAL REFUELING
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SUMMARY: ~~(S/NF)~~ STATUS OF CHINESE AIRCRAFT SALES TO IRAN AND BURMA, AND CHINESE ATTEMPTS TO DEVELOP AERIAL REFUELING CAPABILITY DISCUSSED. POSSIBLE LINK BETWEEN IRANIAN SALES AND AERIAL REFUELING.

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TEXT: 1. ~~(S/NF)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c) RECENTLY DISCUSSED [REDACTED] CHINESE COMBAT AIRCRAFT TRANSFERS TO IRAN AND BURMA AS WELL AS STATUS OF CHINESE ATTEMPTS TO DEVELOP AERIAL REFUELING CAPABILITY. (b)(1),1.4 (c) CLEARLY INDICATED THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED CAME FROM (b)(1),1.4 (c)

2. ~~(S/NF)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c) THE CHINESE CONTRACT WITH IRAN FOR TRANSFER OF F-7 AIRCRAFT TOTALS USD 2 BILLION AND INCLUDES 200 AIRCRAFT, 20 TO 30 OF WHICH ARE FT-7'S. DELIVERY OF THE FT-7'S HAS BEGUN IN RECENT WEEKS AND WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY IRANIAN AIR FORCE 747 AIRCRAFT IN GROUPS OF SIX AIRCRAFT AT A TIME.

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[REDACTED] FURTHERMORE ON 901225, RO OBSERVED AN IRANIAN AIR FORCE BOEING 747 WITH REFUELING BOOM PARKED IN THE SAME AREA (RAMP IN FRONT OF OLD PASSENGER TERMINAL) AS THE MID-DECEMBER OBSERVATION. THE AIRCRAFT WAS CLEARLY MARKED WITH AN IRANIAN FLAG AND THE NUMBER 5-8103 ON THE TAIL, THE LETTERS EP-SHC ON THE UPPER FUSELAGE, AND THE LETTERS IRIAF ON THE NOSE. NO ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AROUND THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF [REDACTED] OBSERVATION (FROM APPROX 0300 TO 0530Z).

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3. ~~(S/NF)~~ CONCERNING RECENTLY REPORTED TRANSFERS OF F-7 AIRCRAFT TO BURMA, (b)(1),1.4 (c) THAT CATIC IS NOT BROKERING THE SALE AND THAT THEREFORE, THE AIRCRAFT FOR BURMA ARE USED PLA AIR FORCE (PLAAF) F-7'S UNDOUBTEDLY SOLD AT VERY LOW PRICES. (b)(1),1.4 (c) FURTHER BELIEVES THAT THE DEAL WITH BURMA MAY INCLUDE A "SQUADRON" OF F-6 AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS A "SQUADRON" OF F-7'S.

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4. ~~(S/NF)~~ FINALLY, (b)(1),1.4 (c) THAT (b)(1),1.4 (c) (b)(1),1.4 (c) HAVE TOLD HIM THAT CHINA NOW HAS FOUR F-8 AIRCRAFT MODIFIED WITH AERIAL REFUELING CAPABILITY CURRENTLY BASED AT CANGZHOU AIR BASE, (b)(3):10 USC 424 (b)(3):10 USC 424 NEAR TIANJIN. CANGZHOU, (b)(1),1.4 (c) (b)(1),1.4 (c) IS A PRIMARY FACILITY FOR CONDUCTING OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION OF NEW EQUIPMENT. IN ANSWER TO (b)(1),1.4 (c) FURTHER QUERY AS TO WHETHER CHINA HAS ALSO ACQUIRED OR DEVELOPED AN AERIAL REFUELING TANKER AIRCRAFT, (b)(1),1.4 (c) REPLIED "NOT YET, WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR ONE."

COMMENTS: 1. ~~(S/NF)~~ (b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 424,1.4 (c)

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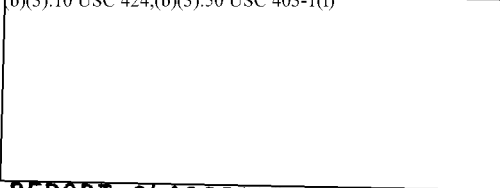
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