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EZ2: SERIAL: (U) IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424

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COUNTRY: (U) CHINA (CH); IRAN (IR) ISRAEL (IS).

COMBINE: COMPLETE

SUBJECT: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 / PRC NORINCO - TANK
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (U)

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

SOURCE: <C/NF> (b)(3):50 USC 403-1(i)

(b)(3):10 USC 424

SUMMARY: ~~SECRET~~ PRC-IRAN TANK COOPERATION PROJECT IS
PROCEEDING. IRANIANS RAISE 125MM TANK AMMUNITION AS A
POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREA FOR THE PROGRAM. IRANIANS ARE
REPORTEDLY SATISFIED WITH THE ISRAELI DERIVED FIRE
CONTROL SYSTEM, AND ARE AWARE OF THE SOURCE OF TECHNOLOGY
TEXT: 1. ~~SECRET~~ (b)(1) 1.4 (c) THAT THE 125MM SMOOTH
BORE GUN TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW IRANIAN TANK IS
CAUSING SOME PROBLEMS FOR NORINCO. THE PROBLEM
REGARDS SOURCE OF AMMUNITION. APPARENTLY THE IRANIANS

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ARE BALKING AT HAVING TO RELY ON THE CHINESE TO SUPPLY
THEIR TANK AMMUNITION, AND HAVE RAISED THE AMMUNITION
SUPPLY PROBLEM RECENTLY. (b)(1),1.4 (c) THAT THERE IS
NO PROBLEM WITH THE ACTUAL AMMUNITION, AND WE CAN AND
WILL SELL THE IRANIANS AMMUNITION MANUFACTURING CAPA-
BILITY. (b)(1),1.4 (c) CHARACTERIZED THE PROBLEM AS BEING A
SMALL ONE, RAISED AT A TIME WHEN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS
ARE PREPARING TO ENTER A NEW PHASE. (b)(3):10 USC 424
(b)(1),1.4 (c) HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT NORINCO WOULD HAVE
TO PROVIDE A PROTOTYPE OF THE NEW TANK FOR IRAN TO
EXAMINE SOMETIME IN EARLY 1991, (b)(3):10 USC 424

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2. (b)(1),1.4 (c) RESPONDING TO A DIRECT QUESTION (b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 424,1.4 (c)
STATED THAT THE IRANIANS ARE "WELL AWARE OF THE U.S.
AND ISRAELI TECHNOLOGY THAT IS INCLUDED IN NORINCO'S
TANK (SPECIFICALLY THE FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM), AND DOES
NOT MAKE AN ISSUE OF THE FACT.

3. (b)(1),1.4 (c) THAT THE ISRAELI-BASED FIRE
CONTROL SYSTEM, PROVIDED BY SHAUL ((EISENBERG)) SEVERAL
YEARS AGO, WORKS "QUITE WELL, BOTH FROM STABLE FIRING
POSITIONS AND ON THE MOVE." (b)(1),1.4 (c) WAS UNABLE TO
QUANTIFY "QUITE WELL," BUT NOTED THAT THE IRANIANS
WERE SATISFIED WITH THE SYSTEMS FIRE ON THE MOVE
PERFORMANCE.

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

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