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SERIAL: (U) IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424
COUNTRY: (U) CHINA (CH); IRAN (IR); NORTH KOREA (KN).
SUBJECT: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 /PRC 6 JUN 88 STATEMENTS
ON SILKWORM DELIVERIES (U).
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DOI: (U) 880606
REQS: (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424
SOURCE: (U) XINHUA NEWS BULLETIN, 7 JUN 88.
SUMMARY: (U) PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY RESPONDS TO U.S.
PRESS REPORTS OF A MAY 88 SHIPMENT OF SILKWORMS TO
IRAN VIA NORTH KOREA BY REAFFIRMING THAT CHINA HAS
TAKEN STRICT MEASURES TO STOP DELIVERIES TO IRAN VIA
THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET.

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TEXT: 1. (U) THE CHINESE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE XINHUA NEWS BULLETIN CARRIED THE FOLLOWING 6 JUN 88 REPORT REAFFIRMING ACTIVE MEASURES TO STOP SILKWORM DELIVERIES TO IRAN VIA THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET. ((QUOTE)) "SILKWORM MISSILES STOPPED FROM ENTERING IRAN, SAYS FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN." "LONG AGO CHINA TOOK STRICT MEASURES TO STOP SILKWORM MISSILES FROM ENTERING IRAN VIA THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET," A CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID HERE THIS MORNING. THE SPOKESMAN MADE THE STATEMENT WHEN ASKED TO CONFIRM A REPORT BY THE WASHINGTON TIMES ON JUNE 3 THAT CHINA SENT A SHIPMENT OF SILKWORM MISSILES TO IRAN THROUGH NORTH KOREA IN MAY AS DISCLOSED BY A HIGH-RANKING U.S. OFFICIAL. "THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS WELL AWARE OF THIS FACT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID, "AND I DON'T KNOW WHY THIS U.S. OFFICIAL IS STILL SPREADING THIS RUMOR." ((END QUOTE)).

2. (U) THE XINHUA CHINESE VERSION OF THIS ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE 7 JUN 88 ISSUE OF "PEOPLE'S DAILY" (RENMIN RIBAO). THE CONTENT WAS BASICALLY THE SAME. THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER "CHINA DAILY" DID NOT CARRY THIS STORY IN ITS 7 JUN 88 EDITION.

COMMENTS: (b)(3):10 USC 424 THIS PUBLIC STATEMENT AFFIRMS THE OFFICIAL POLICY LINE THAT CHINESE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN STRICTLY ADHERING TO SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER WU'S VISIT TO THE U.S. IT IS CHARACTERISTIC THAT THIS STATEMENT MADE BY A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN RESPONDS TO A SPECIFIC REPORT, WHICH ALLEGES A MAY 88 DELIVERY VIA NORTH KOREA, WITH A GENERAL STATEMENT ABOUT TAKING "STRICT MEASURES." THE FRAMEWORK FOR PLAUSIBLE DENIAL REMAINS INTACT WITHOUT DENYING A SPECIFIC REPORT OF DELIVERY.

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