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

PASS: (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424, (b)(3):50 USC 403-1(i)

COUNTRY: (U) CHINA (CH); IRAN (IR); UNITED KINGDOM (UK).

SUBJECT: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 /CHINESE ATTEMPT TO SELL

PATROL BOATS TO IRAN (U).

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REQS: (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424, (b)(3):50

SOURCE: (U) USC 403-1(i)

SUMMARY: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ A CHINESE TRADING FIRM IS PROBABLY
ATTEMPTING TO SELL PATROL BOATS TO THE IRANIAN NAVY.
IN EARLY 1988, AN ESTABLISHED BRITISH CORPORATION WAS

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APPROACHED BY THE CHINESE TO ACT AS MIDDLEMAN IN THE
DEPL, BUT THE BRITISH FIRM REJECTED THE CHINESE APPROACH
ON THE SPOT.

TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NF/PROPIN)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c) THAT IN EARLY
1988, A CHINESE OVERSEAS TRADING CORPORATION APPROACHED
RACAL MARINE SYSTEMS LTD. IN HONG KONG SEEKING THE UK
FIRM'S ASSISTANCE IN SELLING FAST PATROL BOATS TO IRAN.
(b)(1),1.4 (c) DID NOT DISCLOSE THE NAME OF THE CHINESE TRADING
COMPANY, BUT WHEN QUESTIONED, INDICATED THAT IT WAS
NOT POLYTECHNOLOGIES WHO MADE THE REQUEST. THE TYPE
OF FAST PATROL BOAT BEING OFFERED FOR EXPORT WAS NOT
DISCLOSED.

2. ~~(C/NF/PROPIN)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c) VIEW IS THAT THE CHINESE
OFFER WAS REJECTED OUT OF HAND BY RACAL. THE CORPORATION
DECLARED THAT IT WOULD NOT GO ALONG WITH THE
CONTINUING ARMS TRADE BETWEEN CHINA AND IRAN.
COMMENTS: ~~(C/NF/PROPIN)~~ (b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 424,1.4 (c)

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