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SUBJ: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 / ARMS DELIVERIES TO IRAN AND  
DEVELOPMENTS IN WEAPONS SELF-SUFFICIENCY (U)

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

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

SUMMARY: ~~(S/NF)~~ THE SWISS ARE RUMORED TO BE CONSIDERING DELIVERY OF 25 F-5 FIGHTERS TO IRAN. THE CHINESE HAVE PROVIDED 20 F-7 FIGHTERS OUT OF 60 PROMISED. 10-12 F-4 PHANTOMS HAVE BEEN STATIONED AT BANDARABAS TO CONDUCT AIR OPERATIONS IN THE GULF. IRAN IS NOW PRODUCING IN QUANTITY COPIES OF THE US TOW I AND SOVIET SAGGER ANTI-TANK MISSILES AND ASSEMBLING SILKWORM ANTI-SHIP MISSILES. ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO COPY THE SCUD-B, IRAN HAS ACQUIRED 50 OF THE MISSILES.

TEXT: 1. ~~(S/NF)~~ RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING IN TEHRAN THAT THE SWISS ARE GOING TO PROVIDE 25 F-5 AIRCRAFT TO IRAN. THESE AIRCRAFT WILL BECOME EXCESS TO SWITZERLAND'S NEEDS ONCE THE DECISION IS MADE ON WHICH OF THREE AIRCRAFT --- F-16, F-18, OR MIRAGE 2000 --- WILL BE SELECTED FOR THEIR OWN MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.

(b)(1),1.4 (c) DISMISSES THIS REPORT AS HAVING NO BASIS IN FACT, CLAIMING THAT A VERY RELIABLE (b)(1),1.4 (c) THAT IT WAS ACTUALLY A DELIBERATE PLANT BY THE CHINESE MILITARY ATTACHE TO DEFLECT ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE DELIVERY OF F-7'S FROM CHINA.

2. ~~(S/NF)~~ ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL COMBAT AIRCRAFT IN IRAN VARY FROM A LOW OF 50 (ACCORDING TO (b)(1),1.4 (c)) TO A HIGH OF 120 (ACCORDING TO (b)(1),1.4 (c))

TEHRAN). LAST OCTOBER, THE CHINESE WERE ESTIMATING 100 OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT. (b)(1),1.4 (c) THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEIR OLD AND NEW FIGURES REPRESENTS THE RECENT DELIVERY OF 20 F-7 AIRCRAFT FROM A TOTAL PACKAGE OF 60 PROMISED BY BEIJING. (b)(1),1.4 (c)

IRAN NOW HAS AROUND 70 COMBAT CAPABLE AIRCRAFT. 3. ~~(S/NF)~~ THE IRANIANS HAVE STATIONED 10-12 OPERATIONAL F-4 PHANTOM FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AT THE AIRFIELD IN THE VICINITY OF BANDARABAS. THEIR PURPOSE IS TO FLY COMBAT AIR PATROLS IN THE GULF TO PROTECT THEIR OWN TANKERS AND THOSE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TRANSPORTING IRANIAN OIL. ANOTHER MISSION IS TO ATTACK TANKERS AND SUPPLY SHIPS IN THE GULF ASSESSED AS HOSTILE TO IRANIAN INTERESTS. IRANIAN PILOTS, COINCIDENTALLY, HAVE RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED MUCH IMPROVED FLIGHT TECHNIQUES PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTH WHERE IRANIAN AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED CONDUCTING NAP-OF-THE-EARTH OPERATIONS. (b)(1),1.4 (c) THIS IS A DIRECT RESULT OF AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRAINED PILOTS GRADUATING FROM COURSES ABROAD.

4. ~~(S/NF)~~ WITH REGARD TO IMPROVED IRANIAN SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN ARMS, (b)(1),1.4 (c) DISCOUNTS AS IRANIAN PROPAGANDA REPORTS THAT IRAN CAN NOW BUILD ITS OWN COMBAT AIRCRAFT. ALSO IN THIS CATEGORY IS INFORMATION THAT IRAN HAS BUILT A SPACE SATELLITE THAT WILL BE LAUNCHED USING FRENCH BOOSTER ROCKETS. ON THE OTHER  
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HAND, (b)(1),1.4 (c) THAT THE IRANIANS HAVE BEEN  
ABLE TO COPY THE US ANTI-TANK TOW I MISSILE AND THE  
SOVIET ANTI-TANK AT-3 SAGGER, BOTH OF WHICH ARE NOW  
BEING PRODUCED IN QUANTITY. THE IRANIANS HAVE BEEN  
TRYING TO COPY THE SCUD-B SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE  
BUT HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL FOR LACK OF TECHNOLOGY.  
IRAN PRESENTLY HAS 50 SCUD-B SURFACE-TO-SURFACE  
MISSILES IN ITS INVENTORY.

5. ~~(S/NF/NN)~~ THOSE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE  
IRANIAN NAVY HAVE REPORTED THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE  
DELIVERED THE GABRIEL SHIPBORN SURFACE-TO-SURFACE  
MISSILE TO IRAN IN EXCHANGE FOR PERMITTING JEWS IN IRAN  
TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL. THESE SYSTEMS ARE TO BE  
INSTALLED ON THE 7 FAST ATTACK MISSILE BOATS IN THE  
IRANIAN NAVY. (b)(1),1.4 (c) INFORMATION  
HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED AND, AT THIS POINT, IS LITTLE  
MORE THAN A RUMOR. THE DEVELOPMENT IN SILKWORM MISSILE  
ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES, HOWEVER, HAS REACHED THE POINT  
WHERE IRAN NO LONGER REQUIRES ANY ASSISTANCE FROM CHINA  
TO PUT THE MISSILE TOGETHER FROM PARTS (NOTE -- (b)(1),1.4 (c))  
COULD NOT DEFINE "PARTS" IN ANY DETAIL). IRAN NOW HAS  
FROM 90 TO 100 TOTAL SILKWORM MISSILES IN ITS POSSESSION.

(b)(1),1.4 (c)

6. ~~(S/NF/NN)~~ IN THE MEHRAN AREA, IRAN WAS PREPARED TO LAUNCH A  
LIMITED OPERATION IN EARLY FEBRUARY 88 AND HAD ALREADY  
OCCUPIED FORWARD POSITIONS IN ATTACK FORMATIONS. THEIR  
INTENT WAS TO SURPRISE THE IRAQIS WITH AN ATTACK  
UNEXPECTED BECAUSE OF IRANIAN REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE IRAQIS INITIATED  
ONE OF THEIR PERIODIC PRE-PLANNED ARTILLERY BARRAGES  
ONTO SUSPECTED IRANIAN TARGETS. AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT,  
THE ROUNDS IMPACTED DIRECTLY ON AN IRANIAN ATTACK  
FORMATION JUST PRIOR TO INITIATING ITS ASSAULT CAUSING  
MORE THAN 300 CASUALTIES IN THE SPACE OF A FEW  
MINUTES. THE IRANIANS SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED OFF THEIR  
OFFENSIVE DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS THEY LOST  
AND BECAUSE THE ATTACK PLAN APPARENTLY HAD BEEN  
COMPROMISED. THIS INFORMATION WAS NOT MADE PUBLIC  
SINCE THE IRANIANS MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THEIR  
FAILURES QUIET, WHILE THE IRAQIS REMAIN IGNORANT OF  
THEIR SUCCESS.

COMMENTS: 1. ~~(S/NF/NN)~~

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