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COUNTRY: [redacted]

DOI: [redacted]

SUBJECT: JUDGEMENT [redacted] THAT SYRIAN  
MILITARY PREPARATIONS ARE DEFENSIVE IN NATURE

ACQ: [redacted]  
SOURCE: [redacted]

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IN HIS OPINION,

RECENTLY REPORTED SYRIAN PREPARATION ON THEIR FRONT LINES WITH ISRAEL ARE DEFENSIVE AS OPPOSED TO OFFENSIVE IN NATURE.

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THE SYRIAN OFFICER EXPRESSED SERIOUS

FEARS OF AN ISRAELI ATTACK INTO SYRIA. HE SAID THAT EVERY YEAR DURING SEPTEMBER THE SYRIAN ARMY SENDS UNITS TO THE FRONT LINE AFTER UNDERGOING TRAINING MANEUVERS. NORMALLY THESE UNITS ARE SENT IN ROUTINE UNORGANIZED FASHION, BUT BECAUSE OF SYRIAN FEARS OF AN ISRAELI ATTACK, THIS YEAR THE SYRIANS ARE SENDING THEIR UNITS TO THE FRONT LINE, SECRETLY IF POSSIBLE, AND TO TACTICALLY APPROPRIATE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE SYRIAN OFFICER STATED, WE ARE "MASSING" BECAUSE OF OUR FEARS.

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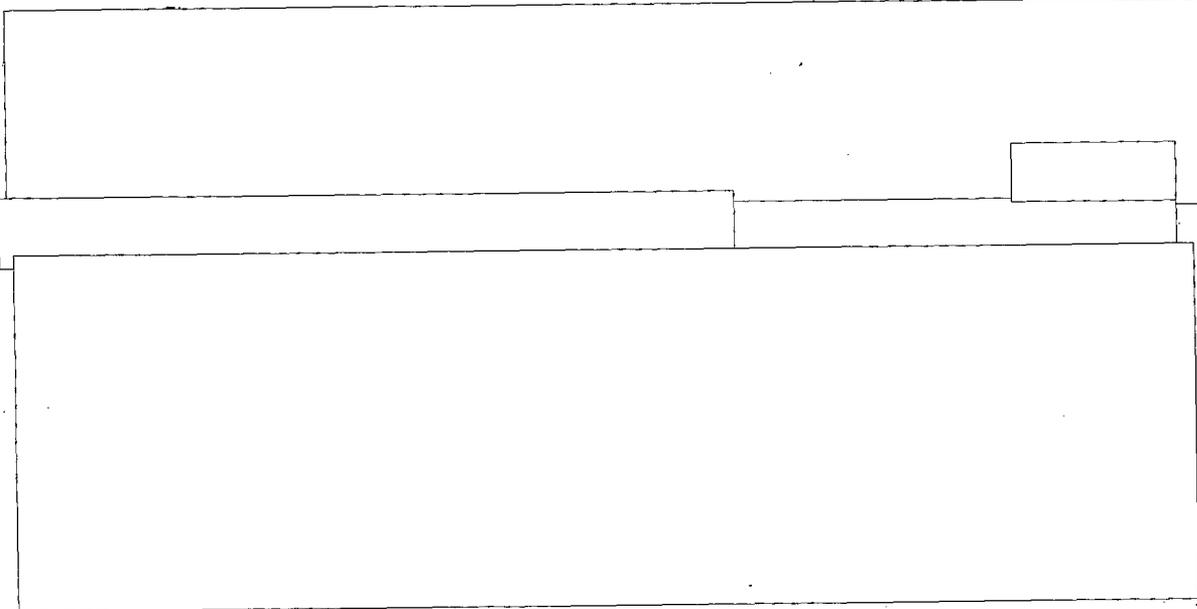
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"FRANKLY, I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE SYRIANS SO SCARED."

6. [redacted] DISSEM: EMBASSY, DEFATT AT [redacted] SENT TO

[redacted] USUN, USCINCEUR,

CINCUSNAVEUR, USAFE, USAREUR, COMSIXTHFLT,

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