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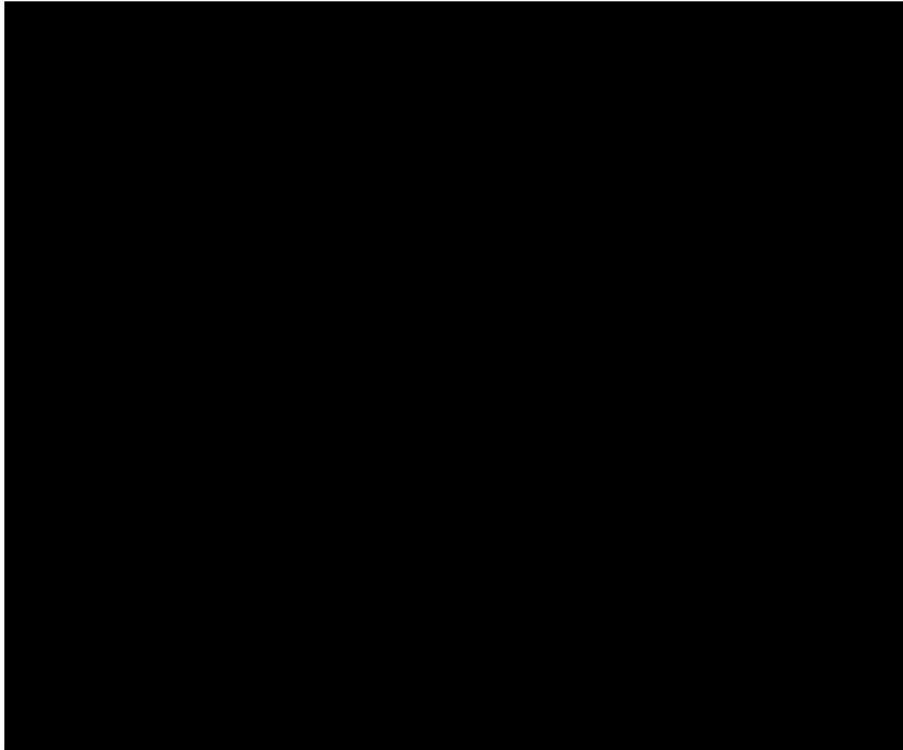
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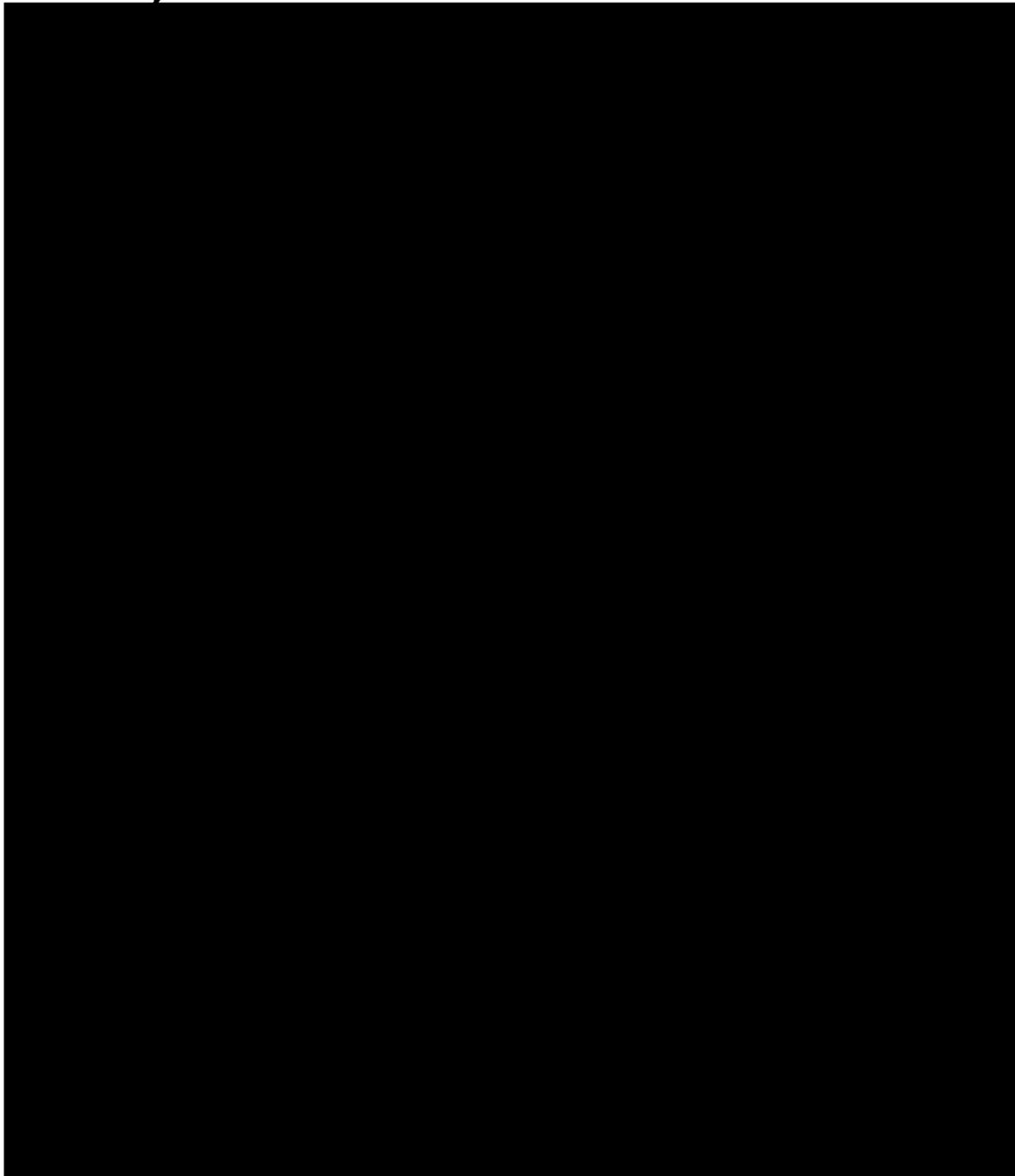
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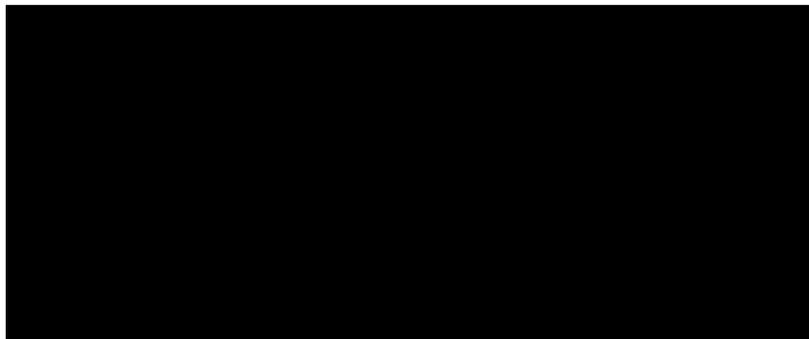
Situation Report

The Missile War

Iraq launched at least five missiles from three separate locations yesterday at Tehran, Qom, and probably Esfahan. Iran launched one missile this morning from western Iran toward Baghdad and at least one missile yesterday from the Maragheh area toward Mosul. Baghdad has now fired at least 50 missiles; Tehran, 20. [REDACTED]

Iranian Assembly Speaker Rafsanjani announced in an address on Monday that an examination of unexploded Scuds shows that Iraq had reduced the warhead weight to 350 pounds (160 kilograms) and increased the fuel capacity in order to reach Tehran. He claimed the Iraqis had probably received technical assistance from the US or France in making these modifications. Rafsanjani stressed that Iran's response would be made "on the war fronts." [REDACTED]

Comment: The expansion of the missile war to the cities of Mosul and Esfahan and Rafsanjani's comments point not only to a continuation of the current missile exchange but also to increased Iranian military pressure against Iraq on the ground. Tehran may be attempting to hit an Iraqi missile factory under construction near Mosul. [REDACTED]



Comment: This is the first even partially successful Iraqi ship attack since 15 February, despite almost daily attempts, and Tehran will almost certainly respond in kind. Iraq may be planning to use the high-flying TU-22s, which only deliver free-fall bombs, to avoid Iranian air defenses while attacking large, stationary targets such as Khark Island. [REDACTED]

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