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SUBJECT: EAST ASIA BRIEF OCPAS EAB 92/002 FOR 03 JANUARY 1992.

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CHINESE ARMS DELIVERIES FELL FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR IN 1991, AND THE VALUE OF NEW CONTRACTS PLUMMETED FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. CHINA PROBABLY WILL HAVE A HARD TIME RECOUPING ITS LOSSES IN AN INCREASINGLY COMPETITIVE WORLD ARMS MARKET. [REDACTED]

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE MID-1980S, THE VALUE OF CHINESE ARMS DEALINGS WITH THE THIRD WORLD DROPPED BELOW THE \$1 BILLION MARK. [REDACTED]

DELIVERIES CONSISTED MOSTLY OF ARTILLERY, AIRCRAFT, AND SHORT-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILES [REDACTED] THE UN ARMS EMBARGO ON IRAQ AND THE ABSENCE OF NEW CUSTOMERS ALSO REDUCED ARMS AGREEMENTS. [REDACTED]

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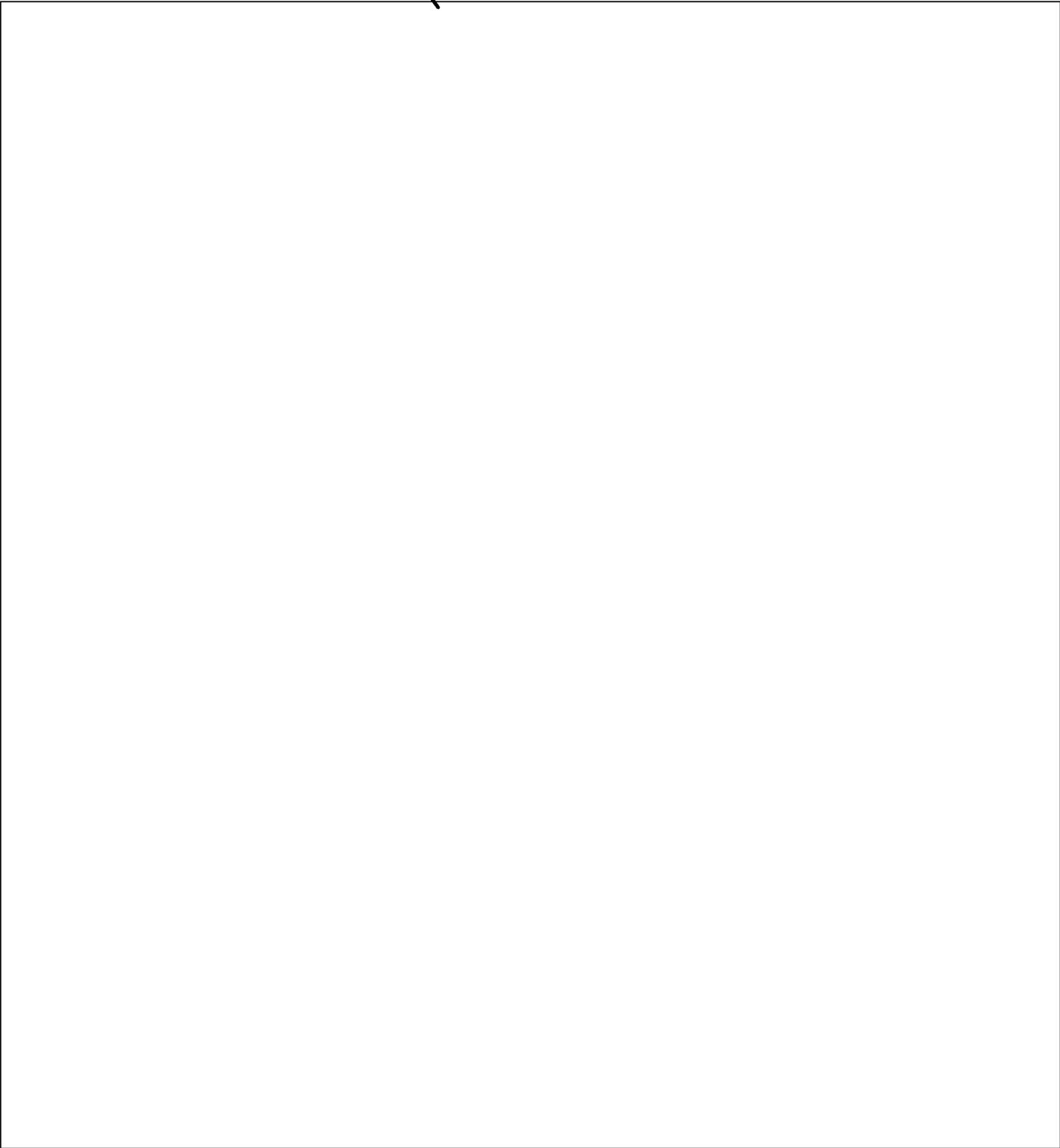
[REDACTED] FALLING CONVENTIONAL ARMS EXPORT EARNINGS--WHICH IN CHINA TYPICALLY SUPPLEMENT THE ARMY'S BUDGET FOR EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES--MAY TEMPT BEIJING TO EXPORT ITEMS THAT VIOLATE THE MISSILE TECHNOLOGY CONTROL REGIME AND TO CONTINUE STALLING ON MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO CONTROL ARMS PROLIFERATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. [REDACTED]

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