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NPIC/PEG (12/82)Copy 64HIP MEDIUM TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS
TARABULUS AIRFIELD, LIBYA
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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: A MAJOR DELIVERY OF HIP MEDIUM TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS HAS BEEN MADE TO THIS AIRFIELD.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: FIFTEEN HIP HELICOPTER FUSELAGE SHIPPING CONTAINERS AND AT LEAST 20 HIP COMPONENT CONTAINERS ARE IN THE MILITARY TRANSPORT SUPPORT AREA. HIP WERE FIRST REPORTED IN LIBYA AT TARABULUS PORT FACILITIES [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED] WHEN THREE HIP FUSELAGE SHIPPING CONTAINERS AND AT LEAST THREE COMPONENT SHIPPING CONTAINERS WERE OBSERVED.

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(SWN) THE HIP IS A MEDIUM-LIFT SOVIET HELICOPTER USED FOR SHORT-RANGE TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS AND CARGO. IN THE ASSAULT ROLE, THE HIP CAN BE EQUIPPED WITH GROUND-ATTACK ARMAMENT AND CAN CARRY UP TO 24 ARMED TROOPS. THE ADDITION OF HIP TO THE LIBYAN INVENTORY WILL ENHANCE THEIR TACTICAL AIR-LIFT CAPABILITY AND AUGMENT THE CURRENT HELICOPTER FORCE WHICH INCLUDES SUPER FRELON, CH-47 AND HIND.

(SWN) TARABULUS AIRFIELD, APPROXIMATELY 14 NM SOUTH OF TARABULUS, SUPPORTS AN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE AND A MILITARY TRANSPORT UNIT.

3. [REDACTED], COORDINATES 32-39-45N 013-09-35E

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